



Ordinary Council Meeting

AGENDA

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

20 November 2024

9.00am



140 years working for Murweh Shire

Troy McQueen (35 years), Gavin Russell (36 years), John Holley (38 years) and David Small (31 years)



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Murweh will be held in the Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville on 20, November 2024 at 9.00am.

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1 OPENING PRAYER

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting - 16 October 2024



Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Wednesday, 16 October 2024

9.00AM



Get Ready Qld Week – Augathella, Morven & Charleville

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr R Eckel, Cr P Alexander, Cr T Sommerfield, Cr M Ebsworth

IN ATTENDANCE: B Scott (CEO), J Barton (Director Engineering Services), J Kronk (Director Corporate Services), R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services).

1 OPENING PRAYER

Irene Francis delivered a prayer for the guidance of Council.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr M Ebsworth declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as she has a professional relationship with a tenderer.

Cr P Alexander declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as he has a close family relationship with a tenderer.

Cr T Sommerfield declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as she has a close family relationship with a tenderer.

Cr S Radnedge declared a Declarable Conflict of Interest in relation to item 11.8 as he has a close family relationship with a tenderer.

4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST

Cr Ebsworth provided the CEO with an update for her Register of Interests.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 240/24

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
 Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 September 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1 CHARLEVILLE HISTORIC SITE PALM TREE

RESOLUTION 241/24

Moved: Cr P Alexander
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. Due to the likely loss of Charleville’s last remaining palm tree at the historical Wool Scour site on the Morven Road, that Council procures two established palm trees for planting at this site; and
2. That Council approaches the Charleville schools and invites them to be involved in the placing of a time capsule at the site of the palm trees to mark this occasion; and
3. That the Charleville community be consulted as to the possible preservation of the remains of the last palm tree for its historic value to the community.

CARRIED

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS’ INFORMATION

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

Presented for the information of Councillors.

1. **CEO AC John Bosnjak Letter Compendium.**
2. **CEO Consultation open on draft State Code for secondary dwellings.**
3. **CEO Murweh Shire Council Dedication of public use land as unallocated state land.**
4. **CEO Fact sheet Dedication of public use land as unallocated state land.**
5. **CEO Jake Ellwood QRA CEO Flood Risk Management Program.**
6. **CEO Letter to Chief Executive Officers - 2024-27 W4Q projects approval.**
7. **CEO Public Holidays 2025 Murweh Shire Council.**
8. **CEO Right to Information Regulation 2009 (RTI Regulation) and Information Privacy Regulation 2009.**
9. **CEO Consultation paper - Sunset Review of RTI and IP Regulations 2009.**
10. **CEO The Queensland Parliamentary Supermarket Pricing Select Committee.**
11. **Charleville - Changemaker Workshop - Flyer.**

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10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 242/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.2 TOURISM REPORTS - SEPTEMBER 2024
<p>RESOLUTION 243/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the September Tourism Reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.3 CHARGES FOR 2025 TOURISM FACILITIES																																									
<p>MOTION</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council sets the admission fees for the Cosmos Centre and WWII attractions as below for the 2025 tourism season, effective 1 April 2025;</p>																																									
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The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:44 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 11:10 AM.

Director of Corporate Services, Mr J Kronk joined the meeting at 11:10AM.

10.4 INVITATION TO 2024 QUEENSLAND TOURISM WEEK
<p>RESOLUTION 244/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor, Cr Shaun Radnedge, or his delegate, at the Queensland Tourism Week from Wednesday 13 November to Friday 15 November.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

10.5 CHARLEVILLE SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL DONATION
<p>RESOLUTION 245/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council supports the Charleville Swimming Club with a donation of \$1200.00 to be used for the purchase of medals and prizes for their annual Swimming Carnival.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024
<p>RESOLUTION 246/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 September 2024, including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash Position 2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate 3. Comparative Data 4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual 5. Road Works – budget vs actual 6. Capital Funding Detail 7. Rates Summary 8. Income Statement September 2024 9. Balance Sheet September 2024 10. Financial Statements Actual September 2024 <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025 QUARTER ONE REPORT**RESOLUTION 247/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council as per section 174 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, receives the First Quarter Review of outcomes of the Operational Plan 2024-25.

CARRIED**11.3 QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL PROPOSAL 2025****RESOLUTION 248/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That Council accepts the proposal from Queensland Music Festival to the maximum value of \$35,000 (\$30,000 cash plus \$5,000 in-kind) for the hosting of the Qld Music Trails – 2025 Outback Trail event in Charleville.

CARRIED**11.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT****RESOLUTION 249/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander
Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED**11.5 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT****RESOLUTION 250/24**

Moved: Cr R Eckel
Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

That Council receives and notes the Planning Monthly Report.

CARRIED**11.6 WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT****RESOLUTION 251/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield
Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Council receives the report from the Workplace Health and Safety section.

CARRIED

Manager of Regulatory Services Ms K Crosby joined the meeting at 12:26 PM.

11.7 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024
<p>RESOLUTION 252/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for September 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

11.8 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - LEASE LAND
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council enters into a lease agreement with each applicant as assessed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mulga Research Paddock (92 OR290) - \$10,000.00 per annum – Peter Melano - three years with an option of a further 3 yrs due to initial clearing and maintenance of fences; and 2. 4 Mile Pocket (77 OR313) - \$6750.00 per annum - Grant & Joelee Sullivan– Grazing of cattle family business; and 3. Gowrie Xing (126 OR328) - \$7,000.00 per annum – Paul Casey - Base to test feasibility of a cultural/nature based tourism enterprise, trial nursery for indigenous bush tucker; and 4. Showground paddock - \$960.00 per annum – Les Baker - grazing of horses 5. Each individual lease agreement must be executed by the applicant within thirty days from the issued date; and 6. All fees must be paid in advance either annually or monthly; and 7. Any lease fee that is not paid within thirty days from invoice issue date Council has the discretion to cancel the lease agreement and readvertise the land for lease.
<p>RESOLUTION 253/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>With the loss of a quorum due to multiple conflicts of interest, Council resolves to delegate authority to the CEO to deal with the matter of report 11.8 and enter into the lease arrangements on behalf of Council in line with the Officer’s Recommendation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

Manager of Regulatory Services Ms K Crosby leaves the meeting at 12:45 PM
 Director of Corporate Services Mr J Kronk leaves the meeting at 12:49 PM
 Director of Engineering Services Mr J Barton enters the meeting at 12:49 PM

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 254/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.2 PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR - APRIL 2024 FLOOD DAMAGE MUSC-2
<p>RESOLUTION 255/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council delegates authority to the CEO to enter into a Contract with Suffcon Pty Ltd for April 2024 Flood Restoration Delivery (flood damage works) for Package MuSC-2 on the Noorooloo, Shelbourne, Merrigang and Bilbie Park roads.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.3 RECOMMENDATION FOR PURCHASE OF 1 X NEW JOB TRUCK
<p>RESOLUTION 256/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council approves the purchase of 1 x Isuzu FTS 139-260 4x4 Auto Crew job truck, fitted with TWE tray for the total value of \$370,686.12 (EX GST) from Black Truck & Ag (Toowoomba).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.4 PROCUREMENT OF SEALING CONTRACTOR - ADAVALE ROAD TIDS
<p>RESOLUTION 257/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council engages Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd for sealing works on Adavale Road (TIDS Project 8000-4001) at an estimated cost of \$263,048.63 Ex. GST as per quote QTW24-03418 received 1 October 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

12.5 ASSET AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
<p>RESOLUTION 258/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council approves the draft <i>Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee Terms of Reference</i> attached and appoints a committee in accordance with the terms of reference; and 2. With Plant forming part of the <i>Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee Terms of Reference</i>, that Council agrees to dissolve the Advisory Plant Committee that was established at the 20 October 2023 Council Meeting. 3. That Council appoints Cr P Alexander as Chair and Cr R Eckel as the Member of the Asset and Infrastructure Advisory Committee. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

Director of Engineering Services Mr J Barton leaves the meeting at 2:03 PM

13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil

14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

Director of Community and Health Services Mr R Ranson joins the meeting at 2:04 PM

14.1 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 259/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the September Community and Health Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

14.2 SEPTEMBER MONTHLY LIBRARY REPORT
<p>RESOLUTION 260/24</p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the September Charleville Library Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

Director of Community and Health Services Mr R Ranson leaves the meeting at 2:16 PM

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 261/24
 Moved: Cr P Alexander
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth
 That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:
16.1 Sale of Land Augathella
 This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulations, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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

RESOLUTION 262/24
 Moved: Cr M Ebsworth
 Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield
 That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

16.1 SALE OF LAND AUGATHELLA

RESOLUTION 263/24
 Moved: Cr P Alexander
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth

1. That Council commence an expression of interest process for the land described as Lot 31 SP110484 located at 44 Bendee Street, Augathella.; and
2. The Council request that confirming tenders guidelines be established with tenderers needing to include the price submitted for the land, the intended use of land, and development conditions around the timing of the differing stages of their development.

CARRIED

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:30 PM.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Correspondence received post the October Council Meeting that will be of interest to Councillors.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. CEO Deputy Commissioner Disaster and Emergency Management QPS S L Chelepy SES Arrangements [↓](#)
2. CEO EY Letter to Councils REX Announcement. [↓](#)
3. CEO IGEM Capability Review. [↓](#)
4. IGEM Capability Review Process Fact Sheet. [↓](#)
5. CEO Letter to Murweh Shire Council - Australian Defence Force General Operations Notice [↓](#)
6. CEO MSC thank you from the Langlo Bush Fire Brigade. [↓](#)
7. CEO State Archivist - Public Records Act 2023 - Obligations as Chief Executive. [↓](#)



**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
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24 October 2024

Bruce Scott OAM
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council

Dear Bruce

Over the last 10 months the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has visited 76 local councils through facilitated Local Government Disaster and Emergency Management Roundtables. Our objective was to better understand current disaster management in local governments to help determine priorities for disaster management under the new disaster and emergency management arrangements for QPS.

I'd like to thank you and your colleagues for your commitment to these discussions and for your frank and fearless feedback. As promised, we will invite you to attend an online presentation on 6 November 2024, at which we will replay what we've heard from these roundtable discussions and provide an update on our priorities and actions to address matters raised.

While the presentation will summarise the range of topics that were raised throughout the Roundtable, in the interim, we would like to immediately commence work to address common themes and concerns raised by councils, on the following **SES financial and asset management matters**:

1. Infrastructure

- There is appetite for Councils to continue to provide accommodation facilities for SES volunteers, with a view to identify opportunities to partner with QPS on future strategic accommodation options which benefit all stakeholders.
- Greater clarity on the usage and management of accommodation facilities is required.

2. Vehicles

- Clarity is required on vehicle ownership, control, insurance, and maintenance, and engagement approaches between SES and local councils.

3. Vessels

- Concerns were raised on workplace health and safety risks borne by Councils associated with the required maintenance of vessels used by SES.

- Councils are supportive of discussions to transfer ownership, control, and maintenance of SES vessels to the State.

4. Equipment

- The different standards and supply of critical equipment across the state network was raised, with concerns on quality and suitability of equipment available.

5. Execution of renewed agreements (MOUs) with SES

- Concerns persist in relation to the ambiguous nature of the existing MOUs between SES and local councils.
- The lack of standardisation and variable nature of state funding arrangements remains an area of concern.

To progress this important work, we would like to continue our engagement through a targeted survey on the above matters, followed by subsequent engagements shaped around the responses received.

Jack Bruce (bruce.jack@police.qld.gov.au) will be in touch in the coming weeks to progress this work and I'm seeking your ongoing commitment to continue to work collaboratively with us to analyse the above matters and to find practical solutions to achieve our common objectives. Many Councils have offered access to key personnel such as CFOs and we would welcome these direct contacts if available.

Yours sincerely



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12 November 2024

**Regional Express Holdings Limited (Administrators Appointed) (“Rex”)
Air Partners Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
Regional Express Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
Rex Airlines Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
Rex Investment Holdings Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
(collectively “the Rex Group”)**

Update to Councils and Residents

As you are aware, Adam Nikitins, Justin Walsh and I were appointed Voluntary Administrators over the Rex Group on 30 July 2024.

Since our appointment, Rex has continued to operate its regional network, which offers critical connectivity to remote and regional communities across Australia.

Today, the Australian Government announced an \$80m loan facility to support the Rex network and their intention to extend the Federal Government Regional Flight Booking Guarantee.

We have also announced our intention to apply to the court for an extension of the Voluntary Administration through to 30 June 2025 and a business improvement plan.

This plan represents a significant investment in the performance of the Rex business which will benefit your residents, including improving reliability and capacity, as well as investing in business improvement strategies.

Importantly, we will continue to operate the business as we have been, while investing in the business improvement plan to increase reliability and capacity on Rex’s regional routes.

The extension we are requesting will strengthen the regional business while repositioning it for a new owner.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the business improvement plan and sale process. I’d like to thank you again for your support and patience during this process.

Please feel free to share this letter with your stakeholders as an update on our progress, and don’t hesitate to get in touch with your Rex contacts or the Administrators team at rex@au.ey.com with any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Freeman'.

Sam Freeman
Joint and Several Voluntary Administrator

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Good afternoon,

As you are aware, the Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management (the Office) has several functions under section 16C of the *Disaster Management Act 2003* (the Act) to review and assess the effectiveness of disaster management across all three levels of the disaster management system. Capability reviews are one of the assurance activities used to fulfil these functions.

For example, in 2021 the Office conducted a capability review utilising a collaborative process to evaluate the capability of the disaster management system in the Roma Disaster District in response to a locust plague scenario. This review piloted the updated capability review methodology which involved all three levels of Queensland's disaster management arrangements, and included an evaluation of plans, a desktop exercise, and a capability self-assessment. Please refer to the attached factsheet for further information on the capability review process.

The Office wants to ensure that future capability reviews are relevant to the disaster management sector. Therefore, **we want to hear from you!** We are keen to identify themes of interest to you and develop a forward program of capability reviews which may be undertaken in FY2024-25 and/or FY2025-26.

Is there a disaster event, location or scenario that the Office could focus on for a capability review?

If so, would your local government be keen to participate in the next or any future capability reviews?

Please provide any suggestions for future capability review themes/topics to Marissa.Anderson@igem.qld.gov.au by **Thursday 7 November 2024** or if you would like to discuss further, please contact me on 0409 118 495.

Kind regards,

Jo Beadle

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Capability Review Process

Overview

The Office of the Inspector-General of Emergency Management (the office) has functions under Section 16C of the Disaster Management Act 2003 (the Act) for reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of disaster management across all three levels of the disaster management system. IGEM also has a function to work with entities to identify and improve capabilities.

Capability reviews are one of the assurance activities used to fulfil these legislated functions. IGEM capability reviews are forward focused and directed toward disaster events that Queensland has less experience in managing. The office's contemporary methodology for capability reviews involves all three levels of Queensland's disaster management arrangements, and includes an evaluation of plans, an exercise, and a capability self-assessment.

Background

In line with the Inspector-General of Emergency Management's strategic vision to drive continuous improvement in disaster management, the capability review process was updated to ensure it remains contemporary, looks forward to include emerging risks, state issues and themes, and aligns to the Standard.

The updated process retains the original intentions, while expanding the assessment to include all three levels of the disaster management system (from local through to the State), examining broader impacts across local and district boundaries. This ensures a comprehensive approach with the intention to, over time, review the capability of the whole disaster management system, including all entities with a primary, lead or supporting role under the Queensland State Disaster Management Plan (QSDMP).

Purpose

The purpose of a capability review is to:

- assess the capability of the disaster management arrangements to manage a disaster event as prescribed in the *Act*
- identify observations, findings and insights and collaboratively develop a continuous improvement strategy if opportunities for improvement are identified.

Objectives

Upon completion of the capability review, it is anticipated that:

- roles and responsibilities for managing the disaster event are clearly documented and understood
- plans at the local, district and state level are integrated, collaborative and appropriate (fit for purpose)
- decision points and triggers are identified and incorporate learnings from other events
- a collaborative approach to manage a disaster event is embedded
- observations and insights are shared across the sector to drive continuous improvement.

Process

The review will be collaboratively designed and delivered involving entities from local, district and state level of the disaster management system.

The following process aims to assess capability for a cross-section of the disaster management system. The key steps are shown below (yellow – collaborative approach; blue – IGEM).

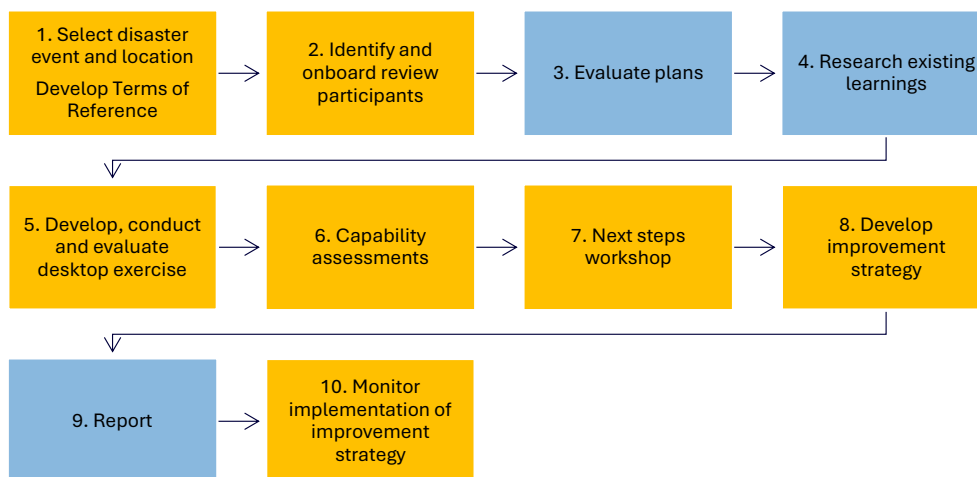


Figure 1: Capability review process.



16 October 2024

Our Reference: CCF/1868 DOC24/38644

Bruce Scott OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Murweh Shire Council

By email only: ceo@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Scott

RE: Australian Defence Force General Operations Notice

As part of ongoing work with the Australian Defence Force (ADF), the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) recently sent a road manager request seeking consent for the *Australian Defence Force Class 1 and 3 Heavy Vehicle Exemption Notice* (which supports routine ADF movements) to applicable Local Government Road Managers in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, and South Australia.

At the request of the Department of State Growth, Tasmania and the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland, this notice was not sent to your local government. The Tasmanian and Queensland agencies have advised the NHVR that they will be working with local governments in your respective states on independent regimes to facilitate access for these Defence vehicles.

It is anticipated the *Australian Defence Force Class 1 and 3 Heavy Vehicle Exemption Notice* will be released in November 2024 and we will advise all local governments when this has been published.

The release of this notice is one of several measures introduced by the NHVR and the ADF to streamline access instruments to support legal and timely Defence movements. Earlier this year you would have received a request to provide consent for the *Defence Assistance to the Civil Community Notice (DACC)*, which enables ADF asset deployment in emergencies such as natural disasters and pandemic situations.

The DACC notice has received more than 90 per cent of consents from state and local government road managers and will be published mid-October for use by ADF personnel. This notice is applicable across approved state and local government areas in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory and Queensland (local government roads in Queensland).

The NHVR remains committed to a safe and efficient heavy vehicle industry. If you require any further information about the *Australian Defence Force Class 1 and 3 Heavy Vehicle Exemption Notice*, please contact the NHVR on 136 487 or through your NHVR Stakeholder Engagement Officer.

Yours sincerely

Steven Miller

Steven Miller
Director Service Delivery

Canegrass

25 Oct 2024

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Chief Executive Officer

Murweh Shire Council

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Dear Bruce

On behalf of the Western Langlo Bush Fire Brigade, I write to express our thanks to the Murweh Shire Council for the assistance Council roadworkers provided at the recent bushfires on Warilda.

The grader and water tanker were imperative in preventing the initial fire from spreading further south in its early stages, especially given the quick, professional operation by council employees and the contractor. Once initial phone calls were made and assistance approved, council employees joined the team, and we were able to fight the fire much more effectively.

All the road crew currently on the Adavale Road site have since expressed interest in the condition of the fires and concern for the welfare of the people who were involved.

The Western Langlo Bush Fire Brigade says thank you once again to the Murweh Shire Council and the Adavale Road work crew. Please pass on our appreciation to the workers involved.

Regards

John Sommerfield.

Fire Warden - Western Langlo Bush Fire Brigade

Dear Mr Scott

A modernised Public Records Act was passed by Queensland Parliament in late 2023 which strengthens the legislative framework, affecting your obligations as Chief Executive (CE). The new **Public Records Act 2023** (the Act) **commences on 5 December 2024** and signifies a significant step forward in:

- **Enhancing transparency:** the Act promotes pro-disclosure of public records, and balances access with protecting records based on the sensitivity of the information
- **Promoting accountability:** by requiring records to be made and kept, showing why decisions were made or actions taken, and through monitoring, auditing and reporting
- **Preserving Queensland's legacy:** by helping protect the significant digital records of Queensland and safeguarding important historical information for future generations
- **Recognising** the special interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and providing the foundation for managing these public records for future generations.

As CE, you are responsible for your public authority's recordkeeping and ensuring compliance with the Act. More detail on the key changes in the Act are outlined on the [Public Records Act](#) page of the QSA website.

To prepare for commencement of the Act on 5 December 2024, there are a number of actions that I recommend public authorities take, including:

- **Continue to comply with the [Records governance policy](#) until new mandatory standards are issued**
- **Ensure** that delegate details for making decisions about access to public records in QSA's custody are up to date. Please use [this form](#) to update your public authority's delegate details.
- **Ensure** delegates understand the new requirements relating to access requests, including the need to make access decisions within 35 business days
- **Review and update** policies, procedures and other documents to reflect the new Act
- **Refer** to the QSA advice on recordkeeping during [Machinery of Government \(MoG\) changes](#) and the Public Sector Commission [MoG Handbook](#)
- **Ensure** key officers attend the final information webinar prior to commencement of the Act on [14 or 18 November 2024](#).

It is important to note that **current disposal authorisations issued by the State Archivist remain effective** for the management of the records of your public authority. Additionally, any restricted access periods for records that have already been transferred to QSA will continue to apply.

QSA is consulting with all public authorities on the development of mandatory standards to support compliance with the Act. These consultation sessions provide an opportunity to understand and help shape recordkeeping requirements that will apply to your public authority.

Consultation workshops on the first proposed mandatory standard about making and keeping public records will be held between **20-28 November (online and in person, Brisbane CBD)**. More information including how to register, can be found on the [QSA News, events and](#)

[consultations page](#). Additional consultation on mandatory standards will occur in early to mid-2025 prior to seeking government approval later in 2025.

If you require any additional information, please contact Rachael Rangihaeata, Director, Policy & Assurance, Government Records on 07 303 76752 or by email at Rachael.Rangihaeata@archives.qld.gov.au.

Kind regards,
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I acknowledge the traditional custodians on the land on which I walk, I work, I live and I respect. I acknowledge all of their Elders past and present

10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Author: Mayor
Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council approves the Mayor’s travel as presented and notes the Mayor’s Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence.

BACKGROUND



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MAYOR’S REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2024

Date	Meeting
October	
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October General Council Meeting • Aged Housing Meeting (Murweh Shire)
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWROC weekly catch up
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Brisbane – to attend LGAQ Annual Conference with CEO • Darling Downs and South West Council of Mayors
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWROC AGM, WQAC Leadership Meeting • Attend LGAQ Conference
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend LGAQ Annual Conference, Insurance Panel Presentation
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend LGAQ Annual Conference • Attend OQTA AGM & General Meeting (Brisbane)
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Deputy Director-General – Andrew Hopper regarding the Change Room Project Charleville Showgrounds • Meeting with Premier’s Chief of Staff regarding Housing • Meeting with Queensland Ruby League – Change Room Project
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWROC Leadership weekly catch up
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Telstra & NBN State Managers – Digital Planning
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OQTA Board Meeting • Meeting with Area Manager for TAFE – Kate Venables

November	•
1	• SWROC Leadership meeting
4	• SWROC Face to Face Meeting in Charleville
5	• SWROC Face to Face Meeting in Charleville
6	• Murweh CEO Briefing
7	• Meeting QMF Planning for Event for 2025
8	• Housing meeting for Murweh
11	• Remembrance Day at Charleville Town Hall • SWROC Leadership Meeting
12	• Travel to Brisbane for Tourism Week Events
13	• Meeting with Suncorp Insurance, Risk Pricing in Murweh • Destination IQ for Tourism
14	• Destination IQ for Tourism
19	• SWROC Tourism Managers meeting • Healthy Ageing Men’s week lunch • Queensland Law Reform – About Resources in Murweh
20	• November General Council Meeting

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mayor ADAQ and AMAQ Fluoride Correspondence Murweh. [↓](#)
2. Mayor Position statement - Fluoridation - 2024 [↓](#)
3. Mayor LGAQ Annual Conference - Thank You Letter. [↓](#)
4. Photo LGAQ Annual Conference Pannel Session [↓](#)
5. Mayor Message from the Land Access Ombudsman. [↓](#)



6 November 2024

Councillor Shaun Radnedge
Mayor
Murweh Shire Council

Email: ceo@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor

We seek your explicit support to ensure water fluoridation is available to benefit your community.

Dental caries (tooth decay) remain the most common preventable chronic disease in Queensland, especially in children. Poor oral health is proven to contribute to a greater risk of other conditions such as heart disease, stroke, uncontrolled diabetes, respiratory diseases and mental illness.

This has a massive financial cost on the entire community and continues to drain public health resources. Doctors and dentists also continue to be distressed by increasing rates of preventable tooth decay and the widening dental health gap between patients living in areas where community water fluoridation is not available.

Thankfully, fluoridation is widely considered one of the safest and most cost-effective preventative strategies against dental caries. It has been available in Australia for 70 years and across Queensland since 2007 when it was implemented to combat childhood rates of tooth decay up to 30% higher than the national average.

In 2012, however, this vital public health service was delegated to local councils. Since then, Queenslanders' access to fluoridated water has declined from 90% to nearly 70% with children and remote and First Nations communities impacted the most.

These ill-conceived decisions were made despite the wealth of sound evidence to support water fluoridation at the recommended levels as safe and effective. Conversely, there is no scientific evidence to support the many extreme and unfounded claims of fluoride's adverse outcomes on general health.

It is essential that Gympie Regional Council acts in the interests of the community it was elected to serve by ensuring its decisions are based on accurate and up-to-date scientific information, including in relation to fluoridation. To assist, our organisations offer your Councillors a professional briefing from dentists and doctors about water fluoridation. Additional information can also be accessed on [ADAQ's website here](#).

We reiterate our call for all Queenslanders to have access to the benefits of fluoridated drinking water, regardless of where they live and would welcome an opportunity to discuss this important issue with you further.



Yours sincerely

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Dr Jay Hsing
President
ADAQ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Yim'.

Dr Nick Yim
President
AMA Queensland

Enc: ADAQ Statement on Water Fluoridation in Queensland

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Position Statement – Water Fluoridation

PURPOSE

ADAQ's official position on fluoridation of public water supplies.

This position is an integral part of ADAQ's vision for all Queenslanders to enjoy excellent oral health regardless of where they live. It is based on the overwhelming evidence about the safety of regulated fluoridation in the Australian context.

This document briefly details the history and *status quo* of fluoridation in Queensland and includes useful messages to reassure the public.

POSITION STATEMENT

About 90% of the Australian population has access to fluoridated water, but only about 72% of Queenslanders do. Community fluoridation is one of the simplest, safest and most inexpensive preventative health measures known to unquestionably work at every life stage.

ADAQ supports the re-introduction of state government-led water supply fluoridation in Queensland now. The Queensland government should reverse the 2012 changes to the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*.

While these changes are legislated, ADAQ urges all local councils who do not currently fluoridate their water supplies to consider doing so as a priority, for the immediate benefit of their constituents.

Sufficient funding should be made available to local government as soon as possible, to fund construction or maintenance of fluoridation plants and training for qualified operation staff. The state government should commit to support Councils' fluoridation capital costs and promote fluoridation where it's currently not provided.

Local councils should be supported in the design and procurement for new infrastructure, performing checks and testing, training personnel, and inform their constituents on the benefits of fluoridation. Any infrastructure grants should be tied to the requirement to maintain or implement water fluoridation in the most appropriate way for the type of water supply and local characteristics.

ADAQ is open to work with Queensland Health and other public health stakeholders on a public education campaign to inform Queenslanders and their local councillors about the safety and efficacy of fluoridated water, and debunk harmful myths.

OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES

ADAQ's vision is for all Queenslanders to enjoy excellent oral health. Everyone deserves access to ethical and effective dental care, driven by clinical excellence.

All Queenslanders should be able to access fluoridated water, regardless of age, social status, or where they live.



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Community fluoridation is one of the cornerstones of modern preventive dentistry.

It is ethical to fluoridate community water, because it provides an undisputed oral health benefit to all social groups (NHMRC 2017; UNESCO, 2008;52).

State and local governments have a responsibility to make decisions that provide the best possible community health outcomes.

However, as with other public health measures, fluoridation decisions should rest with the state department of health: councils do not have public health expertise to make an informed decision on behalf of their communities.

Individual choice is never impinged by mandatory community fluoridation as people can still choose to not drink from water supplies.

CONTEXT

- The current *Guidelines for use of fluorides in Australia* (The Guidelines; Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health, 2019) identify fluoride use as essential to dental caries prevention. The Guidelines recommend the following:
 1. *Water fluoridation should be continued as it is an effective, efficient, socially equitable and safe population approach to the prevention of caries in Australia.*
 2. *Water fluoridation should be extended to as many non-fluoridated areas of Australia as possible, supported by all levels of Government.*
 3. *The level of fluoride in the water supply should be within the range 0.6–1.1 mg/L.*
 4. *For people who choose to consume bottled or filtered water containing fluoride, manufacturers should be encouraged to market bottled water containing approximately 1.0 mg/L fluoride and water filters that do not remove fluoride. All bottled water and water filters should be clearly labelled to indicate the concentration of fluoride in water consumed or resulting from the use of such products.*
 5. *People in non-fluoridated areas should obtain the benefits of fluoride in drinking water using bottled water with fluoride at approximately 1 mg/L.*
- The Australian Government's National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) has supported community water fluoridation since 1952. The latest *Public Statement* on fluoridation was released in 2017 and confirms the evidence that water fluoridation can reduce tooth decay incidence by up to 44% in kids, and about 25% in adults. (NHMRC, 2017).
- Community Water Fluoridation is recognised in the foundation areas of the current *National Oral Health Plan 2015-2024*:

Community water fluoridation is a cost-effective and equitable means of increasing exposure to the protective effects of fluoride, thereby reducing tooth decay across the population, and subsequently reducing pain, suffering and costs to individuals and



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government, The impact of community water fluoridation on tooth decay is supported by overwhelming scientific evidence, and recognised by health and professional organisations as one of the most important public health interventions. (p.7)

(...) Given the substantial oral health disparities and inequalities in access to dental care that can exist and the improved design and reducing cost of fluoridation plants, extending coverage to smaller communities may be appropriate. (p.23)

- Most health organisations in Australia and internationally, including the World Health Organisation, and the FDI World Dental Federation, continue to support and encourage water fluoridation as a public health measure. This support is based on a substantial body of scientific evidence from studies around the world. The following organisations publicly support water fluoridation in Australia: all branches of the Australian Dental Association, Australian Medical Association (AMA), Public Health Association of Australia, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Australasian Academy of Paediatric Dentistry, National Rural Health Alliance.
- Queensland Health supports fluoridation; however, the current Palaszczuk Government has so far fallen short of committing to mandatory fluoridation, to reverse the 2012 changes to legislation that put back decision-making to local councils.
- A 2011 Queensland Government factsheet quoted that: *for each \$1 invested in water fluoridation, the estimated saving for an individual is between \$12.60 – \$80.00, with greatest benefit to the most disadvantaged.*
- In 2019, AMAQ estimated the reintroduction of water fluoridation would cost less than \$1 per person. However, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) disputed this estimate because it did not allow for capital costs.
- LGAQ's official position remains that councils should be allowed to decide on the issue, in consultation with their communities. However, in Australia oral health is a state government responsibility; therefore, should fluoridation be made compulsory, relevant capital and recurrent costs should be fully funded by the state.

REGULATION & STATUS QUO ON WATER FLUORIDATION IN QUEENSLAND

The legislative framework for water fluoridation in Queensland is comprised of the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008* (the Act), the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, and the *Water Fluoridation Regulation 2020* (the Regulation). Queensland Health is the government agency responsible for the administration and enforcement of the water fluoridation legislative framework.

The object of the Act is to promote good oral health in Queensland by the safe fluoridation of public potable water supplies. The Regulation prescribes the key requirements relating to the addition of fluoride, and the monitoring of fluoride in reticulated water. This legislative framework was introduced in 2008 and, at that time, prescribed mandatory fluoridation of all water supplies serving at least 1,000 people.



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Subsequent amendments to the Act in late 2012 removed the mandatory requirement, instead allowing local governments to determine whether it is in the best interests of their communities to add, not add, or cease to add fluoride to water supplies in their area.

Currently, 51 out of 77 local government areas in Queensland are without fluoridated supplies. These include major populated areas in SEQ such as: Cairns, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay.

The following councils in Queensland **do not** fluoridate water. Available data shows corresponding higher rates of dental decay.

Bundaberg Regional Council	Livingstone Shire Council
Burdekin Shire Council	Mackay Regional Council
Cairns Regional Council	Mount Isa City Council
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	North Burnett Regional Council
Charters Towers Regional Council	Paroo Shire Council
Cloncurry Shire Council	Rockhampton Regional Council
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council	South Burnett Regional Council
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Southern Downs Regional Council
Gladstone Regional Council	Tablelands Regional Council
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Whitsunday Regional Council

Five councils have naturally high levels of fluoride (Artesian waters basin), which in some cases exceeds safe fluoride levels:

Bulloo Shire, Diamantina, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire, McKinlay Shire and Quilpie Shire.

The prescribed fluoride concentration is specified in Section 4 of the Water Fluoridation Regulation 2020 and is modulated to account for naturally occurring fluorides and for higher exposure in hotter parts of Queensland where people would drink more water routinely (source: Seqwater). As follows:

water supply in local government area listed in Schedule 1, part 1:	0.6 mg/L.
water supply in local government area listed in Schedule 1, part 2:	0.7 mg/L.
water supply in local government area listed in Schedule 1, part 3:	0.8 mg/L.

Queensland Health updated its *Water Fluoridation Code of Practice* (the Code) in October 2021. The Code details the criteria fluoridation facilities and water suppliers must meet to ensure safe and effective operation. In the Code, it is mentioned that: *Water fluoridation is a very effective public health measure that results in true cost savings as it saves more money than it costs to implement and operate in the majority of communities.* (p.6)

Seqwater is the state government bulk water supply authority. It adds fluoride to the water of the most populated areas of Queensland, under direction of councils.

The local councils serviced by Unitywater (Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Noosa) have all elected to fluoridate. (Source: [Unitywater](#)).

In 2019, The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) confirmed that fluoridated water is an ‘excluded good’ for the purposes of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, thus clarifying that



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state and territory governments are responsible for regulating fluoride in reticulated supplies as public health measure. (source: TGA [media releases](#)).

HISTORICAL NOTES

The effects of fluoride on oral health were first noted in 1901 by American dentist Frederick McKay in Colorado Springs, US.

Fluoride has been added to drinking water for over 75 years. In Australia, Tasmania was the first state to begin fluoridation in Beaconsfield, in 1953, followed by NSW in 1956.

In Queensland, the *Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1963* maintained local governments' full decision powers, thus failing to lift fluoridation uptake

A colourful debate had dragged on in the Sunshine State throughout the 1950s and 1960s. There were genuine social concerns which have been summarised by dental historians as: *sheep, climate and sugar*: fluoridated water would be bad for the sheep, subtropical climates changed fluoride absorption, and the thirsty work of cane cutters would put them in danger of excess intake (Akers & Foley, 2012. Akers & Porter, 2004).

Water fluoridation in Queensland was mandated by the state government only in 2008 (for water supplies serving more than 1000 people).

ADAQ was heavily involved in reviewing the proposed legislation and battling misinformation campaigns from anti-fluoridationists.

The legislation was amended in 2012, with decision-making responsibility and funding handed back to local government authorities 'on behalf of their communities', on an 'opt-in/opt-out' basis. As a result, many councils opted out on account of unsustainable financial burden due to capital and ongoing costs of maintaining plants and qualified staff.

The Queensland Government claimed to 'have taken onboard the views of the community'. At the time, Premier Campbell Newman did not deny that it was mainly a cost-saving move for his government, and pointed critics to the wide availability of fluoride through toothpaste and tablets. According to RTI released documents, the Queensland Fluoridation Capital Assistance Program (QFCAP) costs to 2011, amounted to \$131 million.

Some councils had already received funding for fluoridation infrastructure by 2012, and in some case built, when they decided against fluoridation on behalf of their communities. In 2020, *The Australian's* Sarah Elks estimated that councils in Cairns and Rockhampton each received nearly \$2 million for fluoridation equipment only to turn off supplies in 2013.

Many SEQ councils decided against opting-out only because they would have to bear the costs of removing their supplies from the main network.

Some councils initially started out fluoridation but subsequently stopped. This is the case of Hinchinbrook Shire Council in North Queensland, which started fluoridation in 2013 and voted against it in 2017.

By then, rates of tooth decay in Queensland started showing a lower prevalence in fluoridated areas. This was picked up by dental professionals moving practices between fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas and is evidenced formally in many studies. For



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example, the *Queensland Child Oral Health Survey 2010-2012* found children in Townsville had the lowest prevalence of tooth decay in the state. Townsville had been steadily fluoridated since 1964.

Since the Act was amended in 2012, smaller and low-cost sodium fluoride saturator systems were developed which make fluoridating small water supplies more economical. In NSW, the Mendooran water supply is fluoridated for the benefit of just 400 (source: NSW Health, 2015).

In 2016, Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk made a public commitment to support Councils' fluoridation capital costs¹. However, her government had previously confirmed that there were no plans to reverse back the 2012 changes. Moreover, there is to date no evidence that consultation with health stakeholders or councils has happened since the 2016 commitment on the subject.

The issue of fluoridation is resurfacing in the media slowly after the COVID-19 pandemic, here in Queensland and in other states.

FLUORIDATION MYTHS

Fluoride is a naturally occurring substance that filters from rocks to water sources.

Scientific evidence to date has consistently debunked all anti-fluoridation arguments and conspiracy theories on the effects of fluoride on human health and the environment.

After over 75 years of water fluoridation, there are many studies worldwide that prove that children growing up in unfluoridated areas have higher dental decay rates than those who had access to fluoridated water, regardless of fluoride toothpaste availability (see for example, Armfield 2005).

The dangers of over-exposure to fluoride are low. High levels of fluorosis from naturally occurring fluoride are not as prevalent in Australia as in some Northern Hemisphere countries. Regulations already allow for modulating maximum allowed amounts. Moreover, high fluoride products are age restricted in Australia.

Reported increases in the prevalence of fluorosis in recent years are likely due to inadvertent ingestion of topical fluorides from toothpastes (Do & Spencer, 2015; Do, L. et al., 2017).

A recent UQ study by Professor Loc Do provides some reassurance on the topic of neurotoxicity. The study found that: *exposure to fluoridated water during the first 5 years of life was not associated with altered measures of child emotional and behavioural development and executive functioning.* (Do et al., 2023).

¹ The original media statement can be viewed here: [Premier to support Council fluoridation capital costs - Ministerial Media Statements](#).



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TERMINOLOGY

Fluoridation means here the controlled addition of prescribed forms of fluoride to drinking water for the purposes of oral health benefit. In Queensland, the prescribed fluoride compounds are: fluorosilicic acid (H_2SiF_6), sodium fluoride (NaF) and sodium fluorosilicate (Na_2SiF_6). Fluoride is added by dosing to achieve prescribed concentration, or blending, where the source water contains naturally occurring fluoride.

Fluoride concentration refers to the concentration of fluoride ion in water.

Fluoridation facilities include buildings and equipment for dosing or blending prescribed fluoride, including associated storage and safety equipment.

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ADAQ acknowledges the Traditional Owners across Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay respect to all First Nations Peoples and their Elders, past, present and emerging.



Every Queensland
community deserves
to be a liveable one

30 October 2024

Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge
Mayor
Murweh Shire Council

By email: shaun_radnedge@murweh.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor Radnedge,

RE: Thank you for participating in the 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference

On behalf of the LGAQ Board, its Policy Executive and staff, I write to sincerely thank you for being a speaker at our 128th Annual Conference held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre from 21-23 October 2024.

Our conference brought together all 77 councils from across Queensland, and provided several days of valuable connections, learnings and discussions for all who attended. This year, we were pleased to welcome some 1100 people in total across the week – and I wanted to thank you for being one of them.

I especially wanted to thank you for being a presenter in the session ‘Don’t leave local communities behind with insurance’.

Your comments and the examples you provided were extremely important in helping to illustrate the extent of this problem within our communities, and the advocacy that Queensland councils are undertaking.

As a memento, please find **attached** a photo from your plenary session.

Once again, I hope that you enjoyed engaging with local councils from across Queensland, and that you benefitted with some valuable connections and discussions. Thank you for being such an important part of our annual event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Smith', written in a cursive style.

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MESSAGE FROM THE OMBUDSMAN

Support for your community

Dear Cr Radnedge

Congratulations on your re-election to mayor of Murweh Shire Council. As Land Access Ombudsman I look forward to continuing to offer support for your community where I can.

The Office of the Land Access Ombudsman provides free, independent dispute resolution service for landholders and resource companies in conflict over existing conduct and compensation agreements (CCAs) and make good agreements (MGAs). Our aim is to provide a faster, more efficient alternative to legal action, and to help repair and preserve the working relationship between the two parties so that they can move forward productively.

We operate independently of Government and our activities are not performed under any direction.

My team are always available by phone or email to assist your constituents in the agriculture and resource industries. We also travel out into regional Queensland from time to time to talk with people on the ground. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you and your fellow councillors in person. In the meantime, if there's a particular matter you would like to discuss I would welcome a phone call. Your insight into land access issues in your region would be much appreciated. If you'd like to arrange a time, please send me an email on jane.pires@lao.org.au.

For more information you can visit our [website](#) or view our '[Land Access Map](#)' which shows where we fit in Queensland's land access environment. Please let me know if you'd like further copies sent for display in council facilities.

Congratulations again on another term. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Pires

Land Access Ombudsman

10.2 PRESENTATION OF 2024 FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the 2024 Final management report for Murweh Shire Council - noting that the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) has issued an unmodified audit opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements.

BACKGROUND

Presentation of Auditor-General's observation report to Council relating to the audit of financial statements 2023-2024.

PURPOSE

Section 213 – Local Government Regulation 2012

Presentation of Auditor-General's observation report

- (1) This section applies if the Auditor-General gives the mayor of a local government a copy of the Auditor-General's observation report about an audit of the local government's financial statements.
- (2) An Auditor-General's observation report, about an audit of a local government's financial statements, is a report about the audit prepared under section 54 of the Auditor-General Act 2009 that includes observations and suggestions made by the Auditor-General regarding matters arising out of the audit process.
- (3) The mayor must present a copy of the report at the next ordinary meeting of the local government.

DISCUSSION

The outcome of the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 is detailed in the final management report.

SPECIFIC POINTS TO NOTE***Overall result:***

Queensland Audit Office (QAO) issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements.

Two issues were identified in 2023-2024

Internal control issues:

- 24CR-1 Council does not have an ex-gratia and special payments policy
- 24CR-2 Financial delegations for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the CEO and Directors
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Financial reporting issues:

- There were no financial reporting issues identified when the interim report was issued.

Interim audit other improvement opportunities:

- Maturity of Procurement and Contract Management Processes

Prior Year issues:

All resolved.

Financial Risks:

Nil

Environment Risks:

Nil

Social Risks:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the final management report 2023-2024 for Murweh Shire Council

Attachment:

Final Management Report 2023-2024 for Murweh Shire Council

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **2024 Final Management Report - Murweh Shie Council** [↓](#)



Murweh Shire Council

4 November 2024



Councillor Shaun Radnedge
Mayor
Murweh Shire Council

Dear Mr. Radnedge

Final management report for Murweh Shire Council

We have completed our 2024 financial audit for Murweh Shire Council. QAO has issued an unmodified audit opinion on your financial statements.

The purpose of this report is to update you on any matters that have arisen since we presented our interim report to you on 24 May 2024.

Reporting on issues identified after the closing report

I can confirm that we have not identified significant issues since the presentation of our closing report to you. The issues and other matters we have formally reported to management and an update on management's actions taken to resolve these issues is included as Appendix A.

Please note that under section 213 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, you must present a copy of this report at your council's next ordinary meeting.

Report to parliament

Each year, we report the results of all financial audits and significant issues to parliament.

We intend to include the results of our audit of Murweh Shire Council in our report to parliament *Local Government 2024*. We will comment on the results of our audit, any significant internal control issues, and the overall results for the sector, including major transactions and events. We will discuss the proposed report content with your entity contact and continue to consult as we draft it. Formally, entities have an opportunity to comment on our report, and for these comments to be included in the final version tabled in parliament.

Audit fee

The final audit fee for this year is \$76,000, exclusive of GST. This fee is higher than the \$72,050 estimated in our external audit plan. We have discussed the key factors contributing to the fee variation with your Director of Corporate and Community Services. In summary, these matters related to a variation in fees for the audits of Council's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) grant acquittals for Phases 3 and 4.

We would like to thank you and your staff for your engagement in the audit this year.

If you have any questions about this report or would like to discuss any matters regarding our services and engagement, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 3222 8444.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel Colwell".

Daniel Colwell
Engagement Partner

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Appendix A1 – Status of issues

Internal control issues

This section provides an update on the significant control deficiencies and other matters we have identified since our interim report. It includes a response from management.

Our risk ratings are as follows. For more information and detail on our rating definitions, please see the webpage here: www.qao.qld.gov.au/information-internal-controls or scan the QR code.



D Deficiencies

24CR-1 Council does not have an ex-gratia and special payments policy

Observation

In 2023-24, council paid total ex-gratia payments of \$5,390. While the ex-gratia payments were approved by an authorised delegate according to the financial delegation rules, Council does not currently have an ex-gratia and special payments policy.

Auditor-General recommendation No. 2 in *Report 11: 2023-24 State Entities 2023* advocates for all entities to implement robust policies and procedures to ensure ex-gratia and special payments are appropriate, defensible and transparent.

Implication

As an ex-gratia payment involves the use of public monies, it is important that it is appropriately supported and defensible. Without an approved policy and supporting guidance, there is an increased risk of potential misuse and/or waste of public monies.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that council develops a robust ex-gratia and special payments policy. The policy should:

- Specify when an ex-gratia / special payment is appropriate and how it should be made
- Who is authorised to approve the payment (generally approved in a council meeting by the Councillors by passing a resolution)
- What constitutes appropriate documentation to support the payment, including:
 - (a) The reason and nature of the payment
 - (b) Delegated approval
 - (c) The amount, along with documentation to support the calculation and determination of the payment.

Management response

Management agrees with the recommendations.

Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

Status: Work in progress

Action date: 30 June 2025

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D Deficiencies (continued)

24CR-2 Financial delegations for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the CEO and Directors

Observation

Council identified payments made to a former senior executive totalling \$4,261 relating to reimbursements of expenditure that had not been appropriately approved. Council’s current Financial Delegation policy does not prescribe financial delegations for the approval of expenditure reimbursements claimed by the Chief Executive Officer or Directors.

Implication

Without specific financial delegations for expenditure reimbursement claims made by senior executives, there is a risk that inappropriate expenditure may be paid or that expenditure is approved by a person without appropriate knowledge of the claim.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that council consider revising the Financial Delegation policy to include the following:

- All expenditure reimbursements for Directors must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer; and
- All expenditure reimbursements for the Chief Executive Officer must be approved by the Mayor.

Management response

Management agrees with the recommendations.

Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

Status: Work in progress

Action date: 30 June 2025

Financial reporting issues

This section provides an update on the financial reporting issues we have identified since our interim report. It includes a response from management, where applicable.

Our risk ratings are as follows. For more information and detail on our rating definitions, please see the webpage here: www.qao.qld.gov.au/information-internal-controls or scan the QR code.



There were no financial reporting issues identified since our interim report.

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Appendix A2 – Matters previously reported

The following table summarises all control deficiencies, financial reporting issues and other matters that have previously been raised but are not yet resolved. The listing includes issues from our reports this year and those issues raised in prior years.

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Internal control issues			Financial reporting issues		
S	D	O	H	M	L
Significant deficiency	Deficiency	Other matter	High	Medium	Low

Internal control issues

Ref.	Rating	Issue	Status
23CR-1	D	<p>Issuance Letter of Formal Role Changes</p> <p>During control testing performed over Council's payroll cycle, audit identified two instances where no formal role change letters have been issued. Though no formal role change letters have been issued, audit have confirmed that the responsibilities had been transferred to the employee next in charge.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>No formal role change letters are issued, however in the absence of a responsible officer, emails are sent to appoint specific employees to acting positions.</p> <p>Responsible officer: Human Resources Manager Action date: 30 June 2024</p>
24IR-1	O	<p>Maturity of Procurement and Contract Management Processes</p> <p>We noted from our discussions with management that Council are aware of the QAO's procure-to-pay maturity model, put forward by the QAO as part of their recommendations to councils from <i>Local Government 2022 (Report 15: 2022/23)</i>, but have not yet applied it to Council's procurement and contract management processes.</p>	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Council should identify their desired level of maturity and compare this to the maturity level that best represents their current practices. This assessment will assist management to identify and implement practical improvement opportunities for their procurement and contract management processes.</p> <p>Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services Action date: 30 June 2025</p>

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Appendix A3 – Climate-related financial disclosures

Next year audit planning considerations	Potential effect on your reporting obligations	Potential effect on your audit
<p>In June 2023, the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) issued its first 2 standards – IFRS S1 <i>General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information</i> and IFRS S2 <i>Climate-related Disclosures</i>.</p> <p>In October 2023, the AASB released Exposure Draft SR1 <i>Australian Sustainability Reporting Standards (ASRS) 1 General requirements for disclosure of Climate-related Financial Information</i> for public feedback.</p> <p>The AASB’s approach is to take a ‘climate first’ approach, and is proposing that references to sustainability in the ISSB standards be replaced with ‘climate related’ in the Australian equivalents.</p> <p>In-scope entities will need to prepare a new, standalone sustainability report and have it audited.</p>	<p>In January 2024, the Australian Treasury issued proposed legislation as to how it intends to mandate application of climate related financial disclosures (and applicable assurance requirements) to entities reporting under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>. Queensland Treasury will determine the application to Queensland public sector entities that aren’t reporting under the Corporations Act, such as departments and statutory bodies.</p> <p>Murweh Shire Council is not included in the scope of the Commonwealth legislation. Therefore, you are not a mandatory reporting entity and will need to follow the guidance from Queensland Treasury.</p>	<p>We will work with management to assess Queensland Treasury requirements and guidance, as applicable.</p>



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10.3 MEETING PROCEDURE POLICY**Author: Chief Executive Officer****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers and adopts the Meeting Procedure Policy as presented.

BACKGROUND

Under section 150F of the LGA, the chief executive of the department of local government must make model procedures for local government and committee meetings. These procedures must be adopted and if the local government adopts other procedures, they must not be inconsistent with the model procedures.

The model meeting procedures include the following:

- the process for the chairperson to lead and manage local government meetings
- the process for how the chairperson of a local government meeting may deal with unsuitable meeting conduct by a councillor
- the process for how the councillors at a local government meeting may deal with the unsuitable meeting conduct by the chairperson
- the process for how a suspected conduct breach by a councillor, that is referred to the local government by the Independent Assessor (IA), must be dealt with at a local government meeting
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- the process for dealing with a loss of quorum due to the number of councillors with a COI
- procedures for closing local government meetings to the public.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the model meeting procedures is to set out certain procedures to ensure all the local government principles are reflected in the conduct of local government meetings, standing and advisory committee meetings as defined in the Local Government Act 2009 (LGA), Local Government Regulation 2012 (LGR), the City of Brisbane Act 2010 (COBA) and the City of Brisbane Regulation 2012 (COBR). However, model meeting procedures do not apply to meetings of the local government's audit committee.

It is not intended that the model meeting procedures would deal with all aspects of meeting conduct but only those required to strengthen public confidence in local government to chair meetings and deal with the conduct of councillors, conflict of interest of councillors, loss of quorum and closed meetings.

MEETING PRINCIPALS

Local government meetings must adhere to the following principles:

- Transparent and effective processes and decision making in the public interest
- Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective service
- Democratic representation, social inclusion, and meaningful community engagement
- Good governance of, and by the local government
- Ethical and legal behaviour of councillors, local government employees and councillor advisors.

APPLICATION

A local government must either adopt the model meeting procedures or prepare and adopt other procedures for the conduct of its local government meetings, standing and advisory committee meetings.

A local government's meeting procedures and standing orders must be consistent with the model meeting procedures. If there is any inconsistency with the documents, then the local government is taken to have adopted the model meeting procedures to the extent of the inconsistency.

To assist local governments the Department has published best practice example **standing orders** that local governments can choose to adopt. These are published on the departmental website.

A local government must conduct its meetings in a manner that is consistent with either the model meeting procedures, or its own standing orders provided they are consistent with clauses 1-10 of the model meeting procedures.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.
- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Draft Meeting Prodecure Policy** [↓](#)



Meeting Procedure Policy

Policy No:	GOV - 15
Council Resolution Ref:	
Date Adopted:	
Review Date:	
Version No:	1
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer

Purpose

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Background

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The model meeting procedures include the following:

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Processes

1. Process for the Chairperson

This clause applies to local government meetings, and local government committee meetings. For the purposes of this clause local government meetings are ordinary and special meetings. This section does not apply to Brisbane City Council where the Chair of Council, elected by councillors, presides over each BCC meeting.

Under section 12(4) of the LGA the mayor has extra responsibilities in addition to those which all councillors have. The mayor is the chairperson, leading and managing local government meetings, including managing the conduct of participants at the meeting. The mayor may delegate another councillor to perform the mayor's extra responsibilities including acting as chairperson when the mayor is absent or temporarily incapacitated. Alternatively, if the mayor has not delegated a councillor to undertake responsibilities as chairperson, under the provisions of section 165 of the LGA, the deputy mayor acts for the mayor during the absence or temporary incapacity or when the office of mayor is vacant.

- 1.1. The mayor will be the chairperson at a local government meeting at which the mayor is present.
- 1.2. If the mayor is absent from a local government meeting, the meeting will be chaired by the councillor to whom the mayor has delegated their responsibility to chair the meeting.
- 1.3. If the mayor is absent or unavailable to chair the meeting, and has not delegated another councillor to do so, the deputy mayor will be the chairperson.
- 1.4. If the office of mayor becomes vacant the deputy mayor acts as mayor and chairperson of the local government meetings
- 1.5. If the mayor and the deputy mayor are both prevented from chairing the meeting because of absence or temporary incapacitation, and no other councillor has been delegated the responsibility or appointed to act as chairperson, the local government may by resolution appoint one of the councillors present at the meeting to act as chairperson for the duration of the meeting.
- 1.6. The local government may appoint the chairperson for a committee. This chairperson will preside over meetings of the committee. The mayor is a member of each standing committee but not necessarily a member of every advisory committee. The mayor is not necessarily the chairperson of committee meetings.
- 1.7. If the chairperson of a committee is absent or unavailable to chair, another councillor who is chosen by the councillors present, will be chairperson of the committee meeting.
- 1.8. Before proceeding with the business of the local government meeting, the chairperson at the meeting will undertake the acknowledgement and/or greetings deemed appropriate by the local government.



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Note: Section 12 of the LGA does not prescribe that other councillors have the responsibility of chairing local government meetings. Other councillors cannot assume the chairperson role except when they are delegated by the mayor to perform the extra responsibilities of a mayor or a resolution has been passed by the councillors present to select a councillor to act as chairperson of a particular meeting, because the mayor, a delegated councillor and the deputy mayor are unavailable. The provision for the mayor to delegate the responsibility to be chairperson to another councillor caters for the possibility that the mayor will not be the chairperson of a particular local government meeting because the mayor has, for example, a conflict of interest in a matter, or will be absent or incapacitated for that meeting.

2. Process for Dealing with Unsuitable Meeting Conduct by a Councillor in a Meeting

The conduct of a councillor is unsuitable meeting conduct if the conduct happens during a local government meeting and contravenes a behavioural standard of the **Code of Conduct for Councillors**. When dealing with an instance of unsuitable meeting conduct by a councillor, the following procedures must be followed:

- 2.1. The chairperson must reasonably believe that the conduct of a councillor during a meeting is unsuitable meeting conduct.
- 2.2. If the chairperson decides the unsuitable meeting conduct has occurred, the chairperson may consider the severity of the conduct and whether the councillor has had any previous warnings for unsuitable meeting conduct issued. If the chairperson decides the conduct is of a serious nature or another warning is unwarranted, the chairperson can make an order in relation to the conduct under 1.7 below.
- 2.3. If the chairperson decides unsuitable meeting conduct has occurred but is of a less serious nature, the chairperson may request the councillor take remedial action such as:
 - 2.3.1. Ceasing and refraining from exhibiting unsuitable meeting conduct
 - 2.3.2. Apologising for their conduct
 - 2.3.3. Withdrawing their comments.
- 2.4. If the councillor complies with the chairperson's request for remedial action, no further action is required.
- 2.5. If the councillor fails to comply with the chairperson's request for remedial action, the chairperson may warn the councillor that failing to comply with the request could result in an order being issued.
- 2.6. If the councillor complies with the chairperson's warning and request for remedial action, no further action is required.
- 2.7. If the councillor continues to fail to comply with the chairperson's request for remedial action or the chairperson decided a warning was not appropriate under 1.5, the chairperson may make one or more of the orders below:
 - 2.7.1. An order reprimanding the councillor for the conduct
 - 2.7.2. An order requiring the councillor to leave the meeting, including any area set aside for the public and stay out for the duration of the meeting.
- 2.8. If the councillor fails to comply with an order to leave and stay away from the meeting, the chairperson can issue an order that the councillor be removed from the meeting.
- 2.9. Any councillor aggrieved with an order issued by the chairperson can move a motion of dissent for parts 1.1, 1.7 and 1.8 above.
- 2.10. Following the completion of the meeting, the chairperson must ensure the minutes of the meeting record the information about unsuitable meeting conduct (see note):

Note: Details of any order issued must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The local government's chief executive officer (CEO) is advised to ensure details of any order made is updated in the local government's councillor conduct register. If it is the third or more order made within a 12- month period against a councillor, or the councillor has refused to comply with an order issued to leave the meeting, these



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matters are dealt with at the next local government meeting as a conduct breach. The local government is not required to notify the independent assessor (IA) about the conduct; and may deal with the conduct under section 150AG as if an investigation had been conducted.

3. Process for Dealing with Unsuitable Meeting Conduct by a Chairperson in a Meeting

- 3.1. If a councillor at the meeting reasonably believes that the conduct of the chairperson during the meeting is unsuitable meeting conduct, the councillor will raise the matter in the meeting by point of order.
- 3.2. The chairperson may correct their unsuitable meeting conduct or if they do not properly correct their behaviour, the councillor may move a motion that the chairperson has engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct (a seconder for the motion is required). Councillors present, excluding the chairperson, must decide by resolution if the conduct is unsuitable meeting conduct.
- 3.3. The chairperson has a declarable conflict of interest in the matter and must leave the place where the meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, during the debate and vote on the matter. If the chairperson wishes to remain in the meeting, the eligible councillors must make a decision and follow the procedures set out in part 5 below.
- 3.4. For the debate and vote on the motion, a councillor other than the councillor that moved the motion, is to act as the chairperson.
- 3.5. If the original chairperson remains in the meeting, on the condition that they will not vote on the matter as determined by the eligible councillors, the chairperson can put forward their reasoning about their conduct and respond to questions through the acting chairperson from the eligible councillors.
- 3.6. The acting chairperson of the meeting will preside over the meeting while the councillors present at the meeting vote on whether the chairperson has engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct (the acting chairperson will have a casting vote on the resolution if required).
- 3.7. If it is decided that the chairperson has engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct the councillors can make an order reprimanding the chairperson for the conduct.
- 3.8. Once the councillors make a decision, the chairperson returns to the meeting (unless they have been permitted to remain in the meeting) and is informed of the decision by the acting chairperson.
- 3.9. The chairperson then resumes the role of chairperson, and the meeting continues.

Note: Details of any reprimand order is recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The local government's chief executive officer (CEO) is advised to ensure details of any order made is updated in the local government's councillor conduct register. For conduct of a chairperson, at local government meetings that is part of a course of conduct leading to a reprimand order for unsuitable meeting conduct being made against the chairperson, on three occasions within a period of 12 months, the conduct that led to the orders being made, taken together, becomes a conduct breach. If the conduct of a councillor, including a chairperson, at the meeting becomes a conduct breach; in accordance with section 150J of the LGA, and is a conduct breach under section 150K(2)(b) and (3) of the LGA, the local government is not required to notify the IA about the conduct; and may deal with the conduct under section 150AG as if an investigation had been conducted. It may be dealt with at the next local government meeting.

3. Meeting Procedures for Dealing with a Suspected Conduct Breach including that which has been Referred to a Local Government by the Independent Assessor

Under chapter 5A, part 3, division 3A of the LGA, the IA must make a preliminary assessment and consider dismissing a complaint, notice or information before taking other action if satisfied that particular circumstances apply. If the IA assesses that a matter is a suspected conduct breach it must refer the matter to the local government. The IA refers the councillor's suspected conduct breach to the local government by giving a referral notice.



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Note: Conduct breach is conduct that contravenes a behavioural standard of the code of conduct for councillors, or a policy, procedure or resolution of the local government; or the conduct contravenes an order of the chairperson of a local government meeting for the councillor to leave and stay away from the place at which the meeting is being held; or an instance of a suspected conduct breach that may arise from circumstances described in the above Note at end of clause 2. Process for Dealing with Unsuitable Meeting Conduct by a Chairperson in a Meeting, in this document.

- 4.1. In relation to matters referred by the IA to the local government, the local government may decide not to start or discontinue an investigation if the complainant withdraws the complaint, or consents to the investigation not starting or discontinuing, or the complainant does not provide extra information when requested, or there is insufficient information to investigate the complaint, or the councillor vacates or has vacated their office as a councillor.

Note: The local government investigation must be conducted in a way that is consistent with the local government's investigation policy. An investigation report must be prepared to assist the councillors in deciding on the outcome under section 150AG of the LGA. Before debating a matter to decide on the outcome, a summary investigation report (with redactions) must be prepared and made publicly available under section 150AFA of the LGA on or before the day and time prescribed by regulation. However, this section does not apply in relation to a decision by the Establishment and Coordination Committee under the COBA.

- 4.2. The local government must decide in a local government meeting, whether the councillor has engaged in a conduct breach. Unless in accordance with section 150AG of the LGA, it has delegated responsibility for this decision to the mayor under section 257(2)(a), or to a standing committee section 257(2)(b) of the LGA or section 238(2)(a), (b) or (c) of the COBA.
- 4.3. When dealing with an instance of a suspected conduct breach which has been referred to a local government by the IA:
- 4.3.1. The local government must be consistent with the local government principle of transparent and accountable decision making in the public interest by deciding the outcome of an investigation of a suspected conduct breach in an open meeting of the local government. However, where the matter requires debate a local government may close all or part of a meeting to the public, if considered necessary, to discuss an investigation report under the CBR section 242J, or the LGR section 254J.
 - 4.3.2. No resolution for a decision can be made in the closed session. The matter must be decided in an open session of the meeting or at a later meeting.
 - 4.3.3. Where a local government makes a decision about a conduct breach matter at a local government meeting that is inconsistent with a recommendation made about that matter in an investigation report, a statement of the reasons for the inconsistency must be included in the minutes of the meeting under CBR section 242H and the LGR section 254H.
 - 4.3.4. The subject councillor has a declarable conflict of interest in the matter and must declare the conflict of interest. The eligible councillors at the meeting can decide by resolution that the subject councillor may remain in the meeting (unless they decide otherwise), during the debate about the investigation report and may answer questions put to the subject councillor through the chairperson in relation to the evidence or written submission provided by the councillor to the local government.
 - 4.3.5. The subject councillor who has a declarable conflict must leave the place where the



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meeting is being held, including any area set aside for the public, during the vote on whether they have engaged in a conduct breach and what, if any, penalty to impose if the councillor is found to have engaged in a conduct breach.

- 4.3.6. If the complainant is a councillor, that councillor has a declarable conflict of interest in the matter and if so, must follow the declarable conflict of interest procedures in clause 5. If the complainant councillor who has a conflict of interest, wishes to remain in the meeting during the debate and vote on the matter, the other eligible councillors (do not have a COI in the matter) must decide how to deal with the conflict of interest under clause 5. The complainant councillor can be ordered to leave the meeting place, or conditions may be applied to allow that councillor to participate in either the debate, the vote, or the decision on any disciplinary action to be applied.
- 4.3.7. After making a decision under section 150AG of the LGA, the local government must make the full investigation report, publicly available within 10 business days after the decision is made, with redactions of the name of the complainant and any witnesses but including the name of a councillor or the CEO of the local government if they were complainants, and any councillor who declared a COI in the matter.
- 4.4. If the local government has lost quorum due to the number of conflicted councillors or another reason, the local government must do one of the following:
 - 4.4.1. Delegate deciding the matter under section 257 of the LGA to the mayor or a standing committee, or under section 238 of the COBA, to the mayor or the Establishment and Coordination Committee, or a standing committee, whichever is the most appropriate in the circumstances or
 - 4.4.2. Decide, by resolution, to defer the matter to a later meeting or
 - 4.4.3. Decide, by resolution, not to decide the matter and take no further action in relation to the matter unless this Act or another Act provides that the local government must decide the matter.

Note: A local government cannot decide to take no further action on a decision about a conduct matter because a decision is required under the LGA. In order to reach a decision when a loss of quorum has occurred, the matter can be deferred to a later meeting when a quorum can be maintained, or the conflicted councillors may apply to the Minister for permission to participate in the decision.

The local government should establish a standing committee under section 264 of the LGR to deal with decisions about conduct breach matters that must be delegated. The standing committee must be in existence before receiving the referral notice from the IA, in circumstances where there is no quorum to decide a matter under sections 150AEA or 150AG of the LGA due to conflicts of interest. The standing committee will decide about matters relating to the mayor's conduct. While section 12(4)(f) of the LGA provides that the mayor has the extra responsibility of being a member of each standing committee, the mayor could not be a decision-making member of a standing committee dealing with decisions about the mayor's conduct because of the mayor's conflict of interest in the matter. The eligible councillors who are members of the committee will decide the matter.

- 4.5. If it is decided that the subject councillor has engaged in a conduct breach, then the councillors must decide what penalty or penalties from the orders detailed in clause 4.6, if any, to impose on the councillor. In deciding what penalty to impose the local government may consider any previous conduct breach of the councillor and any allegation made in the investigation that was admitted, or not challenged, and that the local government is reasonably satisfied is true.



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- 4.6. The local government may order that no action be taken against the councillor or make one or more of the following:
- 4.6.1. An order that the councillor make a public apology, in the way decided by the local government,
 - 4.6.2. An order reprimanding the councillor for the conduct breach
 - 4.6.3. An order that the councillor attend training or counselling to address the councillor's conduct, including at the councillor's expense
 - 4.6.4. An order that the councillor be excluded from a stated local government meeting
 - 4.6.5. An order that the councillor is removed, or must resign, from a position representing the local government, other than the office of councillor, (for example that the councillor is ordered to resign from an appointment representing the local government on a state board or committee)
 - 4.6.6. An order that if the councillor engages in the same type of conduct again, it will be treated as misconduct
 - 4.6.7. An order that the councillor reimburse the local government for all or some of the costs arising from the councillor's conduct breach.
 - 4.6.8. A local government may not make an order in relation to a person who has vacated their office as a councillor.
- 4.7. The subject councillor, and where relevant, the complainant councillor, must be invited back into the place where the meeting is being held once a decision has been made, and the chairperson must advise them of the decision made by the local government and if relevant any orders made by resolution.
- 4.8. The minutes of the meeting must reflect the decision, and any orders made. A notice must be given to the IA as soon as practicable about the decision and the reasons for the decision and if an order is made under section 150AH the details of the order.

5. Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any prescribed conflict of interest on matters to be discussed at a local government meeting, standing or advisory committee meeting (other than ordinary business matters prescribed in section 150EF of the LGA or section 177C of the COBA. When dealing with a prescribed conflict of interest, councillors must abide by the following procedures,

- 5.1. A councillor who has notified the chief executive officer in writing of a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter to be discussed in a local government meeting must also give notice during the meeting at the time when the matter is to be discussed.
- 5.2 A councillor who first becomes aware of a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter during a local government meeting must immediately inform the meeting of the conflict of interest.
- 5.3. When notifying the meeting of a prescribed conflict of interest, the following particulars must, at a minimum, be provided:
 - 5.3.1. If it arises because of a gift, loan or contract, the value of the gift, loan, or contract
 - 5.3.2. If it arises because of an application for which a submission has been made, the matters the subject of the application and submission
 - 5.3.3. The name of any entity, other than the councillor, that has an interest in the matter
 - 5.3.4. The nature of the councillor's relationship with the entity mentioned in 5.3.3 that has an interest in a matter
 - 5.3.5. Details of the councillor's and any other entity's interest in the matter.
- 5.4. The councillor must then leave the place of the meeting, including any area set aside for the public,



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and stay away while the matter is being discussed and voted on, unless the subject councillor has written notice of approval from the Minister to participate in the matter.

- 5.5. Once the councillor has left the area where the meeting is being conducted, the local government can continue discussing and deciding on the matter at hand.

6. Declarable Conflict of Interest

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any declarable conflict of interest on matters to be discussed at local government meetings and standing or advisory committee meetings that might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest (other than the interests prescribed under section 150EO of the LGA and section 177L of the COB, and ordinary business matters prescribed in section 150EF of the LGA and section 177C of the COBA).

- 6.1. A councillor may raise their personal interests in a matter at the meeting to canvas the view of the other councillors prior to deciding to declare a conflict of interest. If the other councillors suspect the personal interest might be a conflict of interest, the other councillors may disclose their suspicion and the processes under section 150EW of the LGA or section 177T of the COBA applies.
- 6.2. When dealing with a declarable conflict of interest, a councillor must abide by the following procedures:
- 6.2.1. A councillor who has notified the chief executive officer in writing of a declarable conflict of interest in a matter to be discussed at a local government meeting must also give notice during the meeting at the time when the matter is to be discussed.
- 6.2.2. A councillor who first becomes aware of a declarable conflict of interest in a matter during a local government meeting must inform the meeting of the conflict of interest.
- 6.3. When notifying the meeting of a declarable conflict of interest, a councillor should provide sufficient detail to allow the other councillors to make an informed decision about how best to manage the declarable conflict of interest in the public interest. The following minimum details must be provided:
- 6.3.1. The nature of the declarable conflict of interest
- 6.3.2. If it arises because of the councillor's relationship with a related party
- the name of the related party and
 - the nature of the relationship of the related party to the councillor and
 - the nature of the related party's interest in the matter.
- 6.3.3. If it arises because of a gift or loan from another person to the councillor or a related party:
- the name of the other person and
 - the nature of the relationship of the other person to the councillor or related party and
 - the nature of the other person's interest in the matter and
 - the value of the gift or loan and the date the gift or loan was made.
- 6.4. After a councillor has declared a conflict of interest, the councillor should consider leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed unless they have reasons why their participation would improve making the decision in the public interest.
- 6.4.1. If the councillor chooses not to leave the meeting, the councillor may advise the other councillors of their reasons for seeking permission to participate in making the decision.
- 6.4.2. The other eligible councillors at the meeting must then decide, by resolution, whether the Councillor can participate in the decision making in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter, or whether the councillor should not participate in the decision and leave



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- the place of the meeting while the matter is decided by the eligible councillors. The eligible councillors may impose conditions on the councillor under a decision to either participate or leave the meeting e.g., may stay for the debate but must leave for the vote.
- 6.4.3. The councillor must comply with any decision or condition imposed by the eligible councillors. The councillor must not participate in the decision unless authorised in compliance with section 150ES of the LGA or section 177P of the COBA or under an approval by the minister for local government under section 150EV of the LGA or section 177S of the COBA.
- 6.4.4. In deciding on whether a councillor may participate in a decision about a matter in which the councillor has a declarable conflict of interest, only councillors who do not themselves have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter are eligible to participate in the decision making. The decision may be made even if the number of those councillors is less than a majority or do not form a quorum for the meeting consistent with section 150ET of the LGA and section 177Q of the COBA.
- 6.5 The councillor who is the subject of the decision may remain in the meeting while the debate is occurring and can participate by answering questions from the chairperson to assist the eligible councillors in making their decision. The subject councillor must not vote in making the decision but may remain in the meeting while the vote on the matter takes place and the decision is declared by the chairperson, on whether the councillor may remain in the meeting and participate in deciding the matter in which the councillor has a declarable conflict of interest.
- 6.6 When deciding whether a councillor may participate in the decision making on a matter in which the councillor has a declarable conflict of interest, the eligible councillors should consider the circumstances of the matter including, but not limited to:
- 6.6.1. How does the inclusion of the councillor in the deliberation affect the public trust
 - 6.6.2. How close or remote is the councillor's relationship to the related party
 - 6.6.3. If the declarable conflict of interest relates to a gift or other benefit, how long ago was the gift or benefit received
 - 6.6.4. Will the benefit or detriment the subject councillor or their related party stands to receive from the decision have major or minor impact on them
 - 6.6.5. How does the benefit or detriment the subject councillor stands to receive compare to others in the community
 - 6.6.6. How does this compare with similar matters that the local government has decided and have other councillors with the same or similar interests decided to leave the meeting
 - 6.6.7. Whether the subject councillor has unique skills, knowledge or expertise that might help make the best decision in the public interest?
- 6.7 If the eligible councillors cannot decide whether the subject councillor has a declarable conflict of interest, then they are taken to have decided that the councillor must leave and stay away from the meeting while the eligible councillors discuss and vote on the matter.
- 6.8 A decision about a councillor who has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter applies in relation to the councillor for participating in the decision, and subsequent decisions, about the same matter unless there is a change to the councillor's personal interests and/or the nature of the matter being discussed. If the eligible councillors decide that the councillor can act in the public interest on the matter, then the councillor may participate in the meeting and be involved in processes occurring outside of a local government meeting about the same matter e.g., workshops.
- 6.9 In making the decision about the councillor's conflict of interest in a matter, it is irrelevant how the subject councillor intended to vote on the issue or any other issue (if known or suspected).
- 6.10. A councillor does not contravene the above procedures if the councillor participates in a decision



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under written approval from the Minister as prescribed in section 150EV of the LGA or section 177S of the COBA.

7. Reporting a Suspected Conflict of Interest

- 7.1. If a councillor at a meeting reasonably believes or suspects that another councillor has a personal interest in a matter that may be a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest, and that councillor is participating in a decision on that matter, the councillor who believes or suspects this, must immediately inform the chairperson of the meeting of their belief or suspicion, and the facts and circumstances that led to their belief or suspicion.
- 7.2. The chairperson should ask the relevant councillor with the suspected personal interest whether they have any prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter. If the councillor agrees they have a conflict of interest, the councillor must follow the relevant procedures above.
- 7.3. If the councillor believes they do not have a conflict of interest, they must inform the meeting of that belief and their reasons for that belief.
- 7.4. The eligible councillors must then decide whether the councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest, a declarable conflict of interest or that the councillor does not have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter. If the meeting decides the councillor has a conflict of interest, the councillor must follow the relevant procedures above. If a councillor with a declarable conflict of interest wants to participate in the decision despite the declarable conflict of interest, then the eligible councillors must make a decision about the councillor's participation.
- 7.5. If the councillors cannot reach a decision about the conflict of interest, or the subject councillor's participation in the matter despite a declarable conflict of interest, then they are taken to have determined that the councillor must leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while the eligible councillors discuss and vote on the matter. This decision will continue to apply in relation to all subsequent decisions about the same matter, where the conflict of interest remains unchanged.
- 7.6. If the belief or suspicion of a COI relates to more than one councillor. Clause 6 of these procedures must be complied with in relation to each councillor separately.

8. Loss of Quorum

- 8.1. In the event where one or more councillors leave a meeting due to a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in a matter that results in a loss of a quorum for deciding the matter, all the councillors including the conflicted councillors must resolve to:
 - 8.1.1. Delegate the consideration and decision on the matter, pursuant to section 257 of the LGA or section 238 of the COBA unless the matter cannot be delegated
 - 8.1.2. Defer the matter to a later meeting
 - 8.1.3. Not to decide the matter and take no further action in relation to the matter unless the LGA or another Act provides that the local government must decide the matter.
- 8.2. The local government must not delegate a decision to an entity if the entity, or a majority being at least half of its members, has a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter.
- 8.3. The local government must not delegate a power that an Act says must be decided by resolution of the local government under section 257(3) of the LGA or section 238(3) of the COBA.
- 8.4. The local government may by resolution delegate a power under section 257 of the LGA or section 238 of the COBA to:
 - 8.4.1. The mayor or chief executive officer, or
 - 8.4.2. A standing committee, or joint committee of the local government, or



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- 8.4.3. The chairperson of a standing committee or joint standing committee of the local government – does not apply to Brisbane City Council, or
- 8.4.4. Another local government for a joint government activity.
- 8.4.5. The Establishment and Coordination Committee – only applies to Brisbane City Council
- 8.5. The local government may only delegate a power to make a decision about a councillor's conduct under section 150AE or 150AG of the LGA pursuant to section 257(2) of the LGA, to:
 - 8.5.1. The mayor or
 - 8.5.2. A standing committee
 - 8.5.3. If it is a decision about the conduct of the mayor, the decision must be delegated to a standing committee.
- 8.6. A local government may only delegate a power to make a decision about a councillor's conduct pursuant to section 238(2) of the COBA, to:
 - 8.6.1. The mayor, or
 - 8.6.2. The Establishment and Coordination Committee, or
 - 8.6.3. A standing committee of the local government. If it is a decision about the conduct of the mayor, the decision must be delegated to a standing committee.
- 8.7. The Minister for Local Government may, by signed notice give approval for a conflicted councillor to participate in deciding a matter in a meeting including being present for the discussion and vote on the matter, if there is a loss of quorum and deciding the matter cannot be delegated, subject to any conditions the Minister may impose.

Note: Refer to note under 3.4

9. Recording Prescribed and Declarable Conflicts of Interest

- 9.1. When a councillor informs a meeting that they or another councillor have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in a matter, the minutes of the meeting must record all the relevant details of how the conflict of interest was dealt with, being (see section 150FA of the LGA or section 177X of the COBA):
 - 9.1.1. The name of any councillor and any other councillor who may have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest
 - 9.1.2. The particulars of the prescribed or declarable conflict of interest provided by the councillor
 - 9.1.3. The actions taken by a councillor after informing the meeting that they have, or they reasonably suspect another councillor has a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest
 - 9.1.4. Any decision then made by the eligible councillors
 - 9.1.5. Whether the councillor with a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest participated in or was present for the decision under ministerial approval
 - 9.1.6. The local government's decision on what actions the councillor with a declarable conflict of interest must take and the reasons for the decision
 - 9.1.7. The name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter and how each voted.
- 9.2. If the councillor has a declarable conflict of interest the following additional information must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting when the meeting is informed of a councillor's personal interest by someone other than the councillor:
 - 9.2.1. The name of each councillor who voted in relation to whether the councillor has a declarable conflict of interest, and how each of the councillors voted.
- 9.3. Where a decision has been made under clause 5 above – the minutes must include:



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- 9.3.1. The decision and reasons for the decision, and
- 9.3.2. The name of each eligible councillor who voted, and how each eligible councillor voted.

10. Closed Meetings

- 10.1. A local government meeting, standing committee meeting and advisory committee meeting may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors and members consider it necessary to discuss any of the following matters pursuant to section 254J (3) of the LGR or section s242J(3) of the COBR:
 - 10.1.1. Appointment, dismissal, or discipline of the CEO or, in the case of Brisbane City Council only, also for senior executive employees
 - 10.1.2. Industrial matters affecting employees
 - 10.1.3. The local government's budget, which does not include the monthly financial Statements
 - 10.1.4. Rating concessions
 - 10.1.5. Legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government, including for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government
 - 10.1.6. Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals
 - 10.1.7. 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
 - 10.1.8. Negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967
 - 10.1.9. A matter that the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or a formal agreement with the Commonwealth or State
 - 10.1.10. A matter relating to the consideration of an investigation report for an investigation of a conduct breach given to the local government under the LGA chapter 5A, part 3, division 5.
- 10.2. A local government meeting, standing and advisory committee meetings cannot resolve that a meeting be closed where the meeting is informed of a councillor's personal interest in the matter by another person and the eligible councillors at the meeting must decide by resolution whether the councillor has a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest in the matter.
- 10.3. Further, the meeting must not be closed if a quorum is lost due to the number of conflicted councillors who leave the local government meeting, and the local government must resolve to:
 - 10.3.1. Delegate the consideration and decision on the matter, pursuant to section 257 of the LGA or section 238 of the COBA unless the matter cannot be delegated:
 - 10.3.2. Defer the matter to a later meeting when a quorum may be available
 - 10.3.3. Not to decide the matter and take no further action in relation to the matter unless the LGA or another Act provides that the local government must decide the matter.
- 10.4. None of the above will be considered, discussed, voted on or made during a closed session.
- 10.5. If a closed session includes attendance by teleconference, the councillor/s attending by teleconference must maintain confidentiality by ensuring no other person can hear their conversation while in the closed meeting (a failure to do so could be a contravention of section 171(3) of the LGA or section 173(3) of the COBA).
- 10.6. To take a matter into a closed session the local government must abide by the following:
 - 10.6.1. Pass a resolution to close all or part of the meeting
 - 10.6.2. The resolution must state the matter to be discussed, an overview of what is to



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- be discussed and why the meeting should be closed while the matter is considered (see clause10.1)
- 10.6.3. If it is known in advance, the agenda should clearly identify that the matter may be considered in closed session, and an explanation of why the councillors at the meeting may consider it necessary to take the issue into closed session must be stated.
- 10.6.4. Not make a resolution while in a closed meeting (other than a procedural resolution).

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Chief Executive Officer			
Date:	xx/03/2023	Signature:	

10.4 RETREAT CARAVANS FAMILY GROUP

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Retreat Caravans Family Group use of the Charleville Showgrounds for their 1 – 3 June 2025 Tag Along Event - noting that the size of the group is too large to be accommodated at the local caravan parks and the presence of the group will enhance the local economy.

BACKGROUND

The Charleville Visitor Information Centre has been approached by the Retreat Caravans Family Group seeking permission to use the Charleville Showgrounds for their 1 – 3 June 2025 Tag Along Event.

The Retreat Caravans Family Group Tag Along Event is planned for May/June 2025 from Wentworth NSW to Longreach Western Queensland.

The Retreat Caravans Family Group are in the planning stages for this event & are interested in putting Charleville on the list for the group to visit.

The Retreat Caravans Family Group Tag Along Event are planning be in Charleville on Sunday 1st June & leaving Tuesday 3rd June 2025, staying for 2 nights.

At this point in time, they have approximately 30 caravans (but could increase to 40 caravans) interested in coming along for this trip, and are looking for a location with power and water that they could use to stay for this period.

From the Retreat Caravans Family Group Tag Along Event correspondence, they have been in touch with local caravan parks that could accommodate this tour but are having trouble finding a location to suit their needs.

The Retreat Caravans Family Group Tag Along Event are hoping that the Murweh Shire Council would consider the use of the Charleville Showground for this group during their stay in Charleville.

CONSULTATION

This information will be provided with the report at the meeting.

RISKS

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

2.2.2 Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Retreat Caravans Family Group** [↓](#)

Hi,

We are the administrators for the **Retreat Caravans Family Group**, (this is a FB book group with over 3,600 members from all over Australia) & are planning our Get Togethers for 2025.

We are at doing a **Tag Along Event** in May/June **2025** from **Wentworth NSW to Long Reach Western Queensland** & are in the planning stages for this event & are interested in putting **Charleville** on the list for the group to visit. We will be in Charleville on **Sunday 1st June & leaving Tuesday 3rd June 2025**, staying for 2 nights. At this point in time, we have approximately 30 caravans interested in coming along for this trip & looking for a site with power & water that we could stay at. We have been in touch with local caravan parks that could fit us in & are having trouble trying to find a place to suit our needs. We are hoping that the council could open the Charleville Showground for our group during our stay in your town, is this something Murweh Council would be able to do for our group?

Could you supply us with some information about your town & what the group can do around the area etc. We usually have between 25 to 40 caravans attend our get togethers but with this being a little bit different we may have to put a limit on numbers able to attend.

Would it be possible for us to have powered sites, how big are your sites, approx. cost per night per van, is the showground pet friendly etc? Do you have any discounts for a group booking? Most of the vans are between 8m up to 10.5m in length, would your park be able accommodate vans of this size?

Thanking you in advance for any information you could give us,

Best regards,
Phil & Lyn Deaves
0437 882 065

10.5 DFV SOUTH WEST FORUM 2025 - STRENGTHENING THE SOUTH WEST THROUGH INNOVATIONS, SUPPORT AND EDUCATION

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide sponsorship and support the DFV South West Forum 2025 - Strengthening the South West through Innovations, Support and Education to the value of \$1,000.00 and in kind support of a waiver the venue hire.

BACKGROUND

Murweh Shire Council has been in conversations with Lifeline Darling Downs & South West Queensland Ltd Manager and staff, and Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service Charleville Support Worker regarding the need to support Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) support and intervention programs.

These discussions have brought to light the express needs of families in crisis with more support and public information needed for DFV situation awareness as well as the need for additional discrete crisis accommodation.

As Councillors are cognisant, Lifeline and Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service have been proactive in keeping the awareness of DFV in the publicly facing environment with events and displays calling out this dreadfully harmful and insidious social plague - that goes mostly unseen seen by the general public.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL

As the attached correspondence from Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service informs: that the planning is underway for Charleville to be the Host for a Domestic Violence Forum from 25th - 26th November 2025.

The event has been named DFV South West Forum 2025 - Strengthening the South West through Innovations, Support and Education, and aims to address the unique challenges of rural and remote communities in the SW Region by exploring collaborative approaches to DFV prevention and support.

The event organisers are requesting that Council support the DFV South West Forum 2025 - Strengthening the South West through Innovations, Support and Education with either financial or in-kind support to assist with the Forum.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

ATTACHMENTS

1. **CEO - DFV South West Forum 2025 - Strengthening the South West through Innovations, Support and Education.docx** [↓](#)

Good Morning,

I am writing this email to Murweh Shire Council in regards to Charleville Hosting the Domestic Violence Forum from 25th - 26th November 2025.

We have now named the Forum - DFV South West Forum 2025 - Strengthening the South West through Innovations, Support and Education

The DFV Forum aims to address the unique challenges of rural and remote communities in the SW Region by exploring collaborative approaches to DFV prevention and support. Focusing on three key areas: Health, Legal and Education - the forum aims to highlight both successes and gaps in current practices.

By fostering collaboration across these sectors, the forum aims to build stronger, more responsive DFV support systems to the region. Sharing our knowledge, experiences, challenges and solutions whilst working in Rural Remote Communities.

The Forum will bring around 150 or more people to our Community, to hold the Forum we require a suitable venue to accommodate.

I have tentatively booked the Charleville Race Course Complex from 24th - 27th November which would allow a day before and day after for bump in and bump out.

Our working committee is seeking any support either financial or in-kind support to assist with the Forum.

Murweh Shire Council logo would then be placed on advertising & promotional material.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to further discuss my email.

Kind Regards

Donna Mitchell

Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service

Charleville Support Worker

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0428 600 677

11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY

11.1 FINANCIAL REPORT - PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

Author: Accountant

Authoriser: Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 October 2024, including;

1. Cash Position
2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate
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BACKGROUND

Overview

In accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a financial report summarising Council's actual performance against budgeted performance must be provided to Council.

This report provides information to Council regarding actual financial performance for the month ended 31 October 2024 against the Budget FY24/25 as adopted by the Council.

Highlights of this month's Financial Report:

Report - Period Ending 31 October 2024

Revenue

Total revenue of \$ 23 M to 31 October represents 51 % of the total budget of \$44.8 M.

These statements are for 4 month of the financial year and generally would represent 33 % of the overall budget.

Actual revenue year to date is ahead at 51 % as FAGs which was normally received at the end of the 23/24 financial year was received in July 2024. A total of \$2.8M of grants revenue were received during the month of October, mainly from DRFA/QRA and Work for Queensland 24-27.

Expenses

Total expenditure of \$ 11.9 M to 31 October represents 29 % of the total budgeted expenditure of \$ 40.9 M.

Actual expenses of 29 %, which is still below the year-to-date budget of 33 %.

Outcome

There is currently a cash balance of \$ 8.8 M, versus last month’s balance of \$ 6.2 M.

Restricted cash – grant not yet spent: \$ 2.7 M (last month \$ 3.2 M). Restricted cash includes the loan balance of \$497K.

Actual unrestricted/surplus cash: \$ 6M (last month \$ 2.9 M).

The total cash balance is sufficient to cover restricted cash.

The net cost to operate the Council’s tourism facilities at the end of October were \$ 458,252 compared with the YTD budget of \$ 393,960. Net cost to Council has increased by 64 K (budget vs actual).

Payments to Bilby fund for tickets sold less management fees are now up to date.

Capital Works

See the Capital Funding Report 2024 – 25 for details of all projects.

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1. Cash Position as at 31 October 2024

CASH AT BANK			
Operating Account			\$468,450
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS			
National Bank of Australia			\$ -
QTC Cash Fund			\$8,343,767
		Total	\$ 8,812,217
The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors.			
Cash backed Current Liabilities (AL,LSL,SL,RDO)			\$2,165,120
Restricted cash - grants/loan received not yet spent			\$2,766,085
			\$ 4,931,205
Balance of estimated rates/other debtors - estimated creditors :			
	(\$5,502,228 - \$619,900)	\$ 4,882,329
Plus cash surplus/(deficit)	\$	8,812,217 - \$ 4,931,205	\$ 3,881,012
Working Capital		Total	\$ 8,763,340

2. Monthly Cash flow Estimate: - November 2024

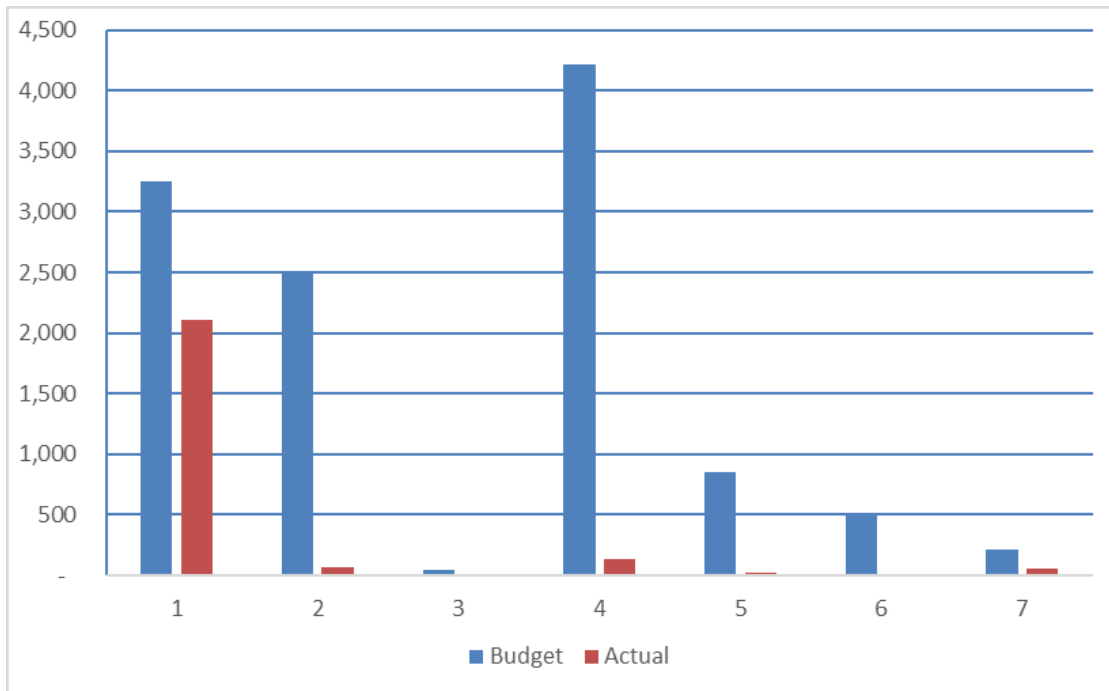
Cash Flow Estimate			
Receipts		Expenditure	
Rates	\$1,200,000	Payroll	\$880,000
Fees & Charges	\$25,000	Creditor Payments	\$1,200,000
Debtors	\$100,000	Loan Payments	\$0
Grants/Claims/Loan QTC	\$500,000	Lease Payments	\$0
Total	\$1,825,000	Total	\$2,080,000
Therefore cash is expected to decrease by		\$255,000	in the period.

3. Comparative Data for the month of 31 October 2024

Comparative Year	2024	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Cash position	\$ 8,812	\$ 8,469	\$ 10,013
Working capital	\$ 8,763	\$ 6,950	\$ 4,564
Rate arrears	\$ 2,129*	\$ 2,457	\$ 1,018
Outstanding debtors	\$ 678	\$ 491	\$ 84
Current creditors	\$ 435	\$ 867	\$ 528
Total loans	\$ 3,374	\$3,573	\$2,774

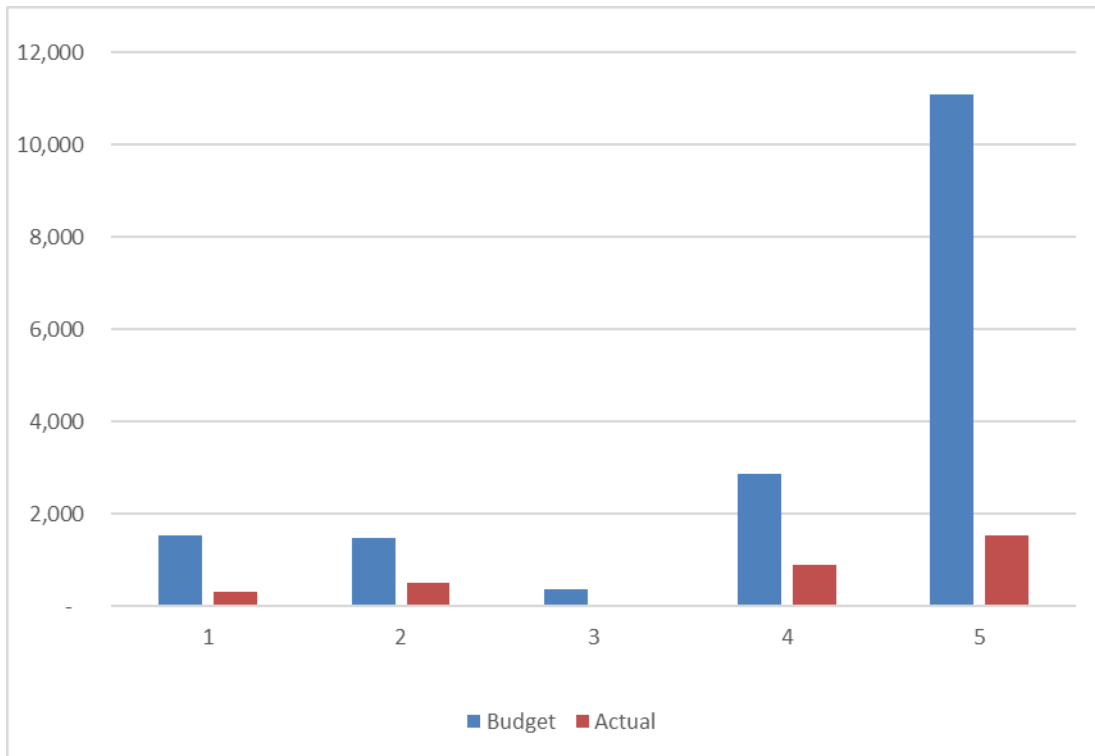
*Net of rates paid in advance of \$ 252,415.

4. Capital Funding: Year to 31 October 2024



	Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Actual \$(000)	% of Budget Expended
Total Capital Funding	\$11,579	\$2,390	20.64%
1 Buildings / Other Structures	\$3,252	\$2,112	64.97%
2 Plant & Equipment / Furniture & Fittings	\$2,500	\$71	2.85%
3 Airport Upgrade	\$50	\$0	0.00%
4 Roads & Drainage Infrastructure	\$4,216	\$134	3.17%
5 Water & Sewerage Infrastructure	\$850	\$17	2.03%
6 Office/Other Equip	\$500	\$5	0.97%
7 QTC - Loan Redemption	\$211	\$51	24.06%

5. Road Works Expenditure: Year to 31 October 2024



		Budget \$(000)	Expended YTD Actual \$(000)	% of Budget Expended
	Total Road Expenditure	\$17,390	\$3,279	19%
1	Rural Roads	\$1,532	\$326	21%
2	Town Streets	\$1,495	\$512	34%
3	Private Works	\$380	\$0	0%
4	RMPC Works	\$2,884	\$910	32%
5	Flood Damage	\$11,100	\$1,531	14%

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **WIP October 2024-25** [↓](#)
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2023-24

Projects											
Asset Class/GL Number	Job Number	Project Description	Funding source	30/06/2024 Balance carry over projects	Actual year to date 2024-25	% of 2024-25 budget	Budget Project Costs 2024-25	Responsible Officer	Officers update, ie % of completion, what's been done, commitments, etc	Project Status (traffic lights)	Progress (%)
Land Clearing											
0215-4000-0	1500-0040	Aurora Estate	Housing Support Program (Fed)	\$ 11,341	\$0	0.00%	\$578,584	DES	Design underway		
Sub total				\$ 11,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 578,584				
Airport											
242-4000-0	8000-3609	Charleville Airport Masterplan	Grants W4Qld	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	DES	Contract awarded. Delivery by 30 June 2025.		
Sub total				\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50,000				
Buildings											
360-4000-0	8000-1750	Executive Housing	Loan	\$ -	\$502,085	50.21%	\$1,000,000	CEO	Settlement occurred on 13 August for the purchase of 9 High St Charleville for \$530,000. Council is looking at the market to purchase another house.		
	8000-2589	Governance and Risk Capability Improvements	General	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	DCS / John Nicholson	This project will be changed in budget review.		
	8000-2590	Council Facility Infrastructure Program	SES/Council	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$250,000	DES	Augathella works depot materials and asbestos removal in planning.		
	8000-2591	King Edward Park Precinct Masterplan	W4Qld 21-24	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	DCS / John Nicholson	No action as yet		
	8000-2592	Cosmos Upgrade	Dept Tourism & Sport	\$ -	\$634	0.40%	\$158,601	DCS / John Nicholson	Contract signed with Xzibit. Schedule of works being drawn up		
	8000-2593	Construct amenities to support Multi-sport at Charleville Showgrounds-Dept of Tourism/sport	Dept Tourism & Sport	\$ -	\$2,088	0.36%	\$578,289	DES	Procurement abandoned and 6 month EOT requested from sport and rec to pursue more funding.		
	8000-2594	Charleville Showgrounds – Full Canteen Upgrade LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	\$ 5,200	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	DCS	TBA		
	8000-2953	Charleville Racecourse Upgrades LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	\$ 5,200	\$857	0.26%	\$336,089	DCS	Quotes for A/C replacement in progress		
	8000-2954	Charleville Cosmos Centre- Air Conditioning LRCIP 4	LRCIP 4	\$ 1,820	\$5,781	5.78%	\$100,000	DES	Contract awarded. Delivery by 30 November 2024.		
Sub total				\$12,220	\$511,445		\$2,672,979				
Plant Clearing Account											
445-4000-0	8000-1200	Plant Purchase	General	\$ -	\$71,282	2.85%	\$2,500,000	DES	Ongoing.		
Sub total				\$ -	\$71,282		\$2,500,000				
Road Infrastructure											
525-4000-0	8000-2305	Kerb and Channel annual renewals	General	\$ 31,460	\$6,367	4.24%	\$150,000	DES	Program under development.		
	8000-2310	Box culvert BOM to RFDS	General	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$20,000	DES	JRB met with Phil to discuss scope at end of September. Will program with maintenance crew.		
	8001-3040	Footpath renewals	General	\$ 144,588	\$27,377	13.69%	\$200,000	DES	Program under development.		
	8000-4001	R2R/TIDS project - Adavale Rd	R2R/TIDS	\$ 6,651	\$6,835	0.33%	\$2,095,000	DES	4.5km of road sealed. Expect to have another 2.5km sealed before Christmas 2024.		

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	8000-3999	R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Rural 500K	R2R	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$500,000	DES	TBA - May be reallocated to town reseals.		
	8000-3998	R2R - Resheeting & Reseals - Town \$500K	R2R	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$500,000	DES	Meeting with reseal contractor 12/11/2024 to discuss program and costs.		
	8000-3024	Town Street Rehabilitation Program	Grants W4Qld	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	DES	Reseal prep works, to be completed in advance of reseals.		
	8000-4076	Old Tambo Road - Augathella	LRCIP 4	\$ 235,206	\$1,699	0.77%	\$220,000	DES	Complete.		
	8000-3016	Charleville Alfred Street	LRCIP 4	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$117,467	DES	Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.		
	8000-3020	Charleville Edward Street (1)	LRCIP 4	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$74,000	DES	Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.		
	8000-3021	Charleville Edward street (2)	LRCIP 4	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	DES	Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.		
	8000-3022	Augathella stormwater drainage- Main Street	LRCIP 4	\$ 18,124	\$91,431	70.33%	\$130,000	DES	Nearing completion.		<div style="width: 70%;"></div>
	8000-3023	Charleville Hood Street	LRCIP 4	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$60,000	DES	Reseal project - to be packaged up with R2R sealing works.		
	Sub total			\$436,029	\$133,708		\$4,216,467				
Water Infrastructure											
555-4000-0	8000-5254	Charleville water renewals	General	\$ 100,421	\$4,118	2.06%	\$200,000	DES	Program under development.		<div style="width: 2%;"></div>
	8000-5260	Morven water renewals	General	\$ 14,807	\$13,137	8.76%	\$150,000	DES	Brunell St mains scoped for full replacement in coming months.		<div style="width: 8%;"></div>
	8000-5252	Augathella water renewals	General	\$ 21,058	\$0	0.00%	\$150,000	DES	Program under development.		
	8000-5270	Water and Sewerage CA & Programming	Grants W4Qld	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	DES	Us of W4Q funds to prioritise work locations and assist with planning renewals based on condition and risk.		
	Sub total			\$ 136,286	\$ 17,256		\$ 600,000				
Sewerage Infrastructure											
585-4000-0	8000-5350	Augathella sewerage renewals	General	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	DES	Program under development.		
	8000-5360	Charleville sewerage renewals	General	\$ 60,351	\$0	0.00%	\$150,000	DES	Program under development.		
	Sub total			\$ 60,351	\$0	0.00%	\$250,000				
Outback Tourism BBRF											
360-4000-0	8000-2680	Outback Museum of Australia	Building Better Regions	\$ 5,205,775	\$1,600,974	0.00%	\$0	John Nicholson	Stage 1 completion and sign off in progress		<div style="width: 30%;"></div>
				\$ 5,205,775	\$ 1,600,974		\$ -				
Equipment Clearing Account											
597-4000-0	8000-1782	Computers Renewals	General	\$ 16,647	\$4,862	19.45%	\$25,000	DCHS	Ongoing, but need to check if any renewals have been incorrectly allocatged to 1210-0230-0001		<div style="width: 19%;"></div>

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Asset Class/GL Number	Job Number	Project Description	Funding source	30/06/2024 Balance carry over projects	Actual year to date 2024-25	% of 2024-25 budget	Budget Project Costs 2024-25	Responsible Officer	Officers update, ie % of completion, what's been done, commitments, etc	Project Status (traffic lights)	Progress (%)
	8000-1790	IT/Finance and Records System	General	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$100,000	DCHS	Still on hold. Finance system not being updated for minimum of 2 years. Decision has been made to proceed with implementation of MAGIQ record management system		
	8000-1794	Dental Equipment	General	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$50,000	John Nicholson	Purchased replacement scanner		<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>
	8000-1796	Emergency Generator	Other State/Other Federal	\$ -	\$0	0.00%	\$325,000	CEO	Council was unsuccessful in obtaining Disaster Ready Funding (DRF) for these emergency generators.		
	Sub total			\$ 16,647	\$4,862	0.00%	\$500,000				
	Total Capital			\$5,878,649	\$2,339,527	\$0	\$11,368,030				
Loan repayments		Current Loans Payments	General	\$ -	\$50,801	24.08%	\$211,000		Second quarter payment due in December 2024.		<div style="width: 10%; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050;"></div>
	Sub total				\$50,801	24.08%	\$211,000				
	GRAND TOTAL			\$5,878,649	\$2,390,328	20.6%	\$11,579,030				

STATEMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

31 October 2024



	ARREARS 30 JUNE 2024	LEVIES	INTEREST	RECEIPTS	DISCOUNT	WRITE OFFS	PENSIONER STATE	PENSIONER COUNCIL	BALANCE
<i>Charleville</i>	\$254,137.23	\$753,451.21	\$5,807.84	\$467,625.50	\$48,682.78	\$64.67	\$19,465.35	\$36,200.00	\$441,357.98
<i>Augathella</i>	\$33,389.59	\$85,400.85	\$826.89	\$46,499.68	\$5,355.25	\$0.55	\$3,904.60	\$8,000.00	\$55,857.25
<i>Morven</i>	\$16,249.83	\$42,773.93	\$475.31	\$25,523.82	\$2,817.08	\$0.00	\$1,790.40	\$3,800.00	\$25,567.77
Total Urban	\$303,776.65	\$881,625.99	\$7,110.04	\$539,649.00	\$56,855.11	\$65.22	\$25,160.35	\$48,000.00	\$522,783.00
<i>Rural</i>	\$216,194.65	\$1,471,578.98	\$5,648.08	\$879,033.58	\$93,507.97	\$99.30	\$3,404.74	\$5,609.48	\$711,766.64
TOTAL GENERAL	\$519,971.30	\$2,353,204.97	\$12,758.12	\$1,418,682.58	\$150,363.08	\$164.52	\$28,565.09	\$53,609.48	\$1,234,549.64
CLEANSING	\$134,075.22	\$411,893.50	\$3,039.85	\$278,262.35	\$27,595.65	\$129.51	\$5,740.62	\$0.00	\$237,280.44
SEWERAGE	\$148,490.09	\$485,832.53	\$3,336.20	\$354,901.22	\$35,165.20	\$39.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$247,552.66
WATER	\$277,807.43	\$638,973.00	\$6,547.72	\$449,662.28	\$43,707.30	\$745.05	\$76.20	\$0.00	\$429,137.32
WATER CONSUMPTION	\$22,412.34	\$194,047.55	\$0.00	\$140,601.75	\$0.00	\$6.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,851.79
C.E.D.	\$20,758.40	\$50,071.50	\$286.16	\$34,149.22	\$3,121.40	\$2.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,843.25
LEGAL FEES	\$5,483.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$483.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
LAND CHARGES	\$753.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$753.50
TOTALS	\$1,129,751.94	\$4,134,023.05	\$25,968.05	\$2,676,743.06	\$259,952.63	\$1,087.36	\$34,381.91	\$53,609.48	\$2,263,968.60
STATE EMERGENCY LEVY									\$117,958.29
TOTAL CURRENT & ARREARS									\$2,381,926.89

Current Year	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years +	Interest	
\$1,407,880.16	\$441,461.83	\$189,079.24	\$97,260.04	\$45,972.44	\$51,776.24	\$148,496.94	\$2,381,926.89
RATES PAID IN ADVANCE							\$252,415.37
NET OUTSTANDING AS PER RATES GL							\$2,129,511.52

Murweh Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Oct 24 Actual \$000	Jun-25 Budget \$000
Revenue		
Operating revenue		
Net rates, levies and charges	3,817	7,926
Fees and charges	1,453	3,368
Interest received	181	465
Sales revenue	1,135	3,614
Other income	2	67
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	13,646	22,767
Total operating revenue	20,234	38,207
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,435	6,515
Total revenue	22,669	44,722
Capital income		
Total Capital Income	-	106
Total income	22,669	44,828
Expenses		
Operating expenses		
Employee benefits	3,290	9,880
Materials and services	5,814	23,507
Finance costs	44	102
Depreciation and amortisation	2,753	7,474
Total operating expenses	11,901	40,963
Net result	10,768	3,865

Murweh Shire Council Statement of Financial Position

	Oct 24 Actual	Jun-25 Budget
	\$000	\$000
Assets		
Current assets		
Externally restricted component	2,766	2,077
Unrestricted component	6,046	1,401
Cash and cash equivalents	8,812	3,478
Trade and other receivables	3,037	1,643
Inventories	1,024	854
Contract Assets	2,524	2,353
Other current assets	-	253
Total current assets	15,397	8,581
Non-current assets		
Property, plant & equipment	426,107	433,058
Total non-current assets	426,107	433,058
Total assets	441,504	441,639
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,704	2,819
Contract Liabilities	2,268	2,670
Borrowings	159	218
Provisions	1,060	1,155
Total current liabilities	5,191	6,862
Non-current liabilities		
Borrowings	3,215	2,990
Provisions	2,485	2,903
Total non-current liabilities	5,700	5,893
Total liabilities	10,891	12,755
Net community assets	430,613	428,884
Community equity		
Asset revaluation surplus	289,682	282,325
Retained surplus	140,931	146,559
Total community equity	430,613	428,884

Murweh Shire Council Statement of Cash Flows

	Oct 24 Actual \$000	Jun-25 Budget \$000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	5,696	15,423
Payments to suppliers and employees	(11,329)	(32,827)
Interest received	181	465
Non-capital grants and contributions	13,646	22,768
Borrowing costs	(44)	(105)
Other cash flows from operating activities	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	8,150	5,723
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(4,034)	(11,368)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	106
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,435	6,515
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(1,599)	(4,747)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(51)	(211)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(51)	(211)
Total cash flows		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	6,500	765
Opening cash and cash equivalents	2,312	2,713
Closing cash and cash equivalents	8,812	3,478

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 (Accounts: 0100-0001-0000 to 5490-2000-0000. All report groups. 35% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)
 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year) Financial Year Ending 2025 Printed(TOMASO): 06-11-2024 8:33:44 AM

	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Oct 2024		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Oct 2024		BUDGET
CURRENT ASSETS							
=====							
0100-0001	CURRENT ASSETS						
0105-3000	Cash at Bank - General Account	346,045.32	120,034.81	---	0	466,080.13	129% 362,046
0110-3000	Cash on Hand	1,570.00	0.00	0%	0	1,570.00	100% 1,570
0115-3000	QTC - Cash Investments	1,963,949.65	6,379,817.06	---	0	8,343,766.71	67% 12,441,156
0116-3000	NAB - Term Deposits	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0117-3000	Cash: Cosmos Centre Float	500.00	0.00	0%	0	500.00	100% 500
0118-3000	Cash: Visitor Info Centre	300.00	0.00	0%	0	300.00	100% 300
0120-3000	Accounts Receivable - Rates	863,151.95	1,285,737.66	---	0	2,148,889.61	315% 681,304
0121-3000	Acct Rec - Rates EOY Receipts	331,780.93	(331,780.93)	---	0	0.00	0% 340,463
0127-3000	Provision for Doubtful Rates	(165,032.94)	0.00	0%	0	(165,032.94)	---
0130-3000	Stores and Materials	347,337.91	13,576.88	---	0	360,914.79	126% 286,340
0132-3000	Inventory - Cosmos Centre	109,909.83	0.00	0%	0	109,909.83	121% 90,799
0140-3000	Prepaid Expenses	262,316.75	(262,316.75)	---	0	0.00	0% 253,896
0147-3000	Accrued Revenue - General	239,932.54	141,009.00	---	0	380,941.54	45% 844,919
0148-3000	Contract Assets	2,524,218.85	0.00	0%	0	2,524,218.85	163% 1,546,068
0150-3000	Workers Compensation Receivable	26,850.03	137.82	---	0	26,987.85	166% 16,255
0155-3000	Accounts Receivable - Debtors	661,921.57	15,630.12	---	0	677,551.69	195% 347,106
0156-3000	Accts Rec - Debtors EOY Receipts	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 50,093
0160-3000	Provision for Doubtful Debts	(16,022.98)	0.00	0%	0	(16,022.98)	10% (166,333)
0165-3000	GST Receivable/Suspense	120,648.21	(137,076.29)	---	0	(16,428.08)	-18% 92,526
0170-3000	Industrial Land for Resale	1,156,028.41	0.00	0%	0	1,156,028.41	100% 1,156,028
0171-3000	Provision for Obsolescence	(603,028.40)	0.00	0%	0	(603,028.40)	89% (679,028)

0100-0001	CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	8,172,377.63	7,224,769.38	---	0	15,397,147.01	87% 17,666,008

	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	8,172,377.63	7,224,769.38	---	0	15,397,147.01	87% 17,666,008

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 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year) Financial Year Ending 2025 Printed(TOMASO): 06-11-2024 8:33:44 AM

		OPENING	YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE			
		BALANCE	31 Oct 2024			31 Oct 2024		BUDGET	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS									
=====									
0200-0001	NON-CURRENT ASSETS								
0200-4000	Land at Cost	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0205-4000	Land for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0210-4000	Land at Valuation	3,171,500.00	0.00	0%	0	3,171,500.00	101%	3,125,500	
0211-4000	Land Improvements at Valuation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0215-4000	Land Clearing Account	43,954.91	(4,429.65)	---	0	39,525.26	99%	40,005	
0217-4000	WIP - Land Improvements	11,340.50	13,500.00	2%	578,584	24,840.50	4%	584,125	
0221-4000	Aerodrome Landing Strip at Cost	442,570.92	(135,069.70)	---	0	307,501.22	69%	442,571	
0231-4000	Aerodrome Landing Strip at Valuation	15,096,088.25	135,069.70	---	0	15,231,157.95	102%	14,914,494	
0241-4000	Accum Depn - Aerodrome Landing Strip	(4,113,424.37)	(79,262.67)	---	0	(4,192,687.04)	108%	(3,876,338)	
0242-4000	WIP - Aerodrome Upgrade	65,004.65	0.00	0%	50,000	65,004.65	12%	560,005	
0300-4000	Buildings at Cost	9,565,476.65	(5,785,190.74)	---	0	3,780,285.91	33%	11,580,681	
0310-4000	Buildings at Valuation	66,691,293.25	5,785,190.74	---	0	72,476,483.99	123%	58,882,901	
0320-4000	Accum Depn - Buildings	(27,493,120.43)	(401,378.33)	---	0	(27,894,498.76)	114%	(24,434,721)	
0330-4000	Other Structures at Cost	9,177,241.80	(6,031,041.83)	---	0	3,146,199.97	34%	9,240,442	
0340-4000	Other Structures at Valuation	1,126,787.22	6,533,127.14	---	0	7,659,914.36	>999%	317,374	
0350-4000	Accum Depn - Other Structures	(2,657,190.44)	(52,416.79)	---	0	(2,709,607.23)	115%	(2,352,495)	
0360-4000	WIP - Buildings	5,398,716.71	1,556,917.42	73%	2,136,890	6,955,634.13	66%	10,526,238	
0370-4000	WIP - Other Structures	1,680,299.19	280,050.63	52%	536,089	1,960,349.82	62%	3,140,049	
0380-4000	Parks at Cost	2,039,532.75	(1,328,550.74)	---	0	710,982.01	38%	1,889,533	
0381-4000	Accum Depn - Parks	(6,971,966.45)	(148,777.85)	---	0	(7,120,744.30)	117%	(6,075,158)	
0382-4000	WIP - Parks	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0383-4000	Parks at Valuation	15,778,029.88	1,328,550.74	---	0	17,106,580.62	129%	13,213,417	
0400-4000	Equipment and Furniture Fittings	3,331,783.20	0.00	0%	0	3,331,783.20	61%	5,444,671	
0410-4000	Accum Depn - Equipment and FF	(1,786,228.14)	(50,602.33)	---	0	(1,836,830.47)	45%	(4,115,060)	
0411-4000	Plant	17,403,311.53	71,282.12	---	0	17,474,593.65	116%	15,112,174	
0415-4000	Accum Depreciation - Plant	(7,545,959.16)	(414,926.35)	---	0	(7,960,885.51)	113%	(7,072,664)	
0420-4000	Furniture and Fittings	2,112,888.28	0.00	0%	0	2,112,888.28	---	0	
0430-4000	Accum Depn - Furniture and Fittings	(2,478,710.10)	0.00	0%	0	(2,478,710.10)	---	0	
0445-4000	Plant Clearing Account	0.00	0.00	0%	2,500,000	0.00	0%	6,010,000	
0500-4000	Road Infrastructure at Cost	19,724,780.11	(6,270,201.78)	---	0	13,454,578.33	105%	12,765,204	
0510-4000	Road Infrastructure at Valuation	337,260,867.14	6,270,201.78	---	0	343,531,068.92	100%	341,996,801	
0520-4000	Accum Depn - Road Infrastructure	(73,291,576.49)	(1,197,903.36)	---	0	(74,489,479.85)	107%	(69,811,812)	
0525-4000	WIP - Road Infrastructure	515,391.79	908,875.34	22%	4,216,467	1,424,267.13	20%	7,216,759	
0530-4000	Water Infrastructure at Cost	2,966,549.60	(882,091.41)	---	0	2,084,458.19	73%	2,843,162	
0540-4000	Water Infrastructure at Valuation	36,795,201.08	882,091.41	---	0	37,677,292.49	116%	32,549,093	
0550-4000	Accum Depn - Water Infrastructure	(17,595,492.99)	(212,046.34)	---	0	(17,807,539.33)	105%	(16,947,117)	
0555-4000	WIP - Water Infrastructure	171,828.29	350,983.25	58%	600,000	522,811.54	38%	1,390,000	
0560-4000	Sewerage Infrastructure at Cost	844,013.02	(254,694.72)	---	0	589,318.30	70%	844,013	
0570-4000	Sewerage Infrastructure at Valuation	36,499,152.78	254,694.72	---	0	36,753,847.50	142%	25,844,983	
0580-4000	Accum Depn - Sewerage Infrastructure	(20,065,748.92)	(174,541.17)	---	0	(20,240,290.09)	139%	(14,582,674)	
0585-4000	WIP - Sewerage Infrastructure	697,160.88	341,170.29	136%	250,000	1,038,331.17	12%	8,717,998	

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		OPENING	YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE			
		BALANCE	31 Oct 2024			31 Oct 2024		BUDGET	
0586-4000	WIP - Aurora Estate Stage 2	12,067.70	0.00	0%	0	12,067.70	100%	12,068	
0587-4000	WIP - Aurora Estate Stage 3	24,682.00	0.00	0%	0	24,682.00	100%	24,682	
0588-4000	WIP State Gov - Bradleys Gully Div	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0589-4000	WIP - Industrial Estate	7,800.00	0.00	0%	0	7,800.00	100%	7,800	
0595-4000	Residential Land Resale (NCA)	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0596-4000	Right of Use Assets	221,275.59	0.00	0%	0	221,275.59	100%	221,276	
0596-4001	Accumulated Amortisation	(221,275.59)	0.00	0%	0	(221,275.59)	100%	(221,276)	
0597-4000	Equipment Clearing Account	145,011.69	17,508.60	4%	500,000	162,520.29	20%	813,871	
0599-4000	Landfill Asset	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
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0200-0001	NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	424,800,908.28	1,306,088.12	11%	11,368,030	426,106,996.40	97%	440,782,575	
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	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	424,800,908.28	1,306,088.12	11%	11,368,030	426,106,996.40	97%	440,782,575	
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	TOTAL ASSETS	432,973,285.91	8,530,857.50	75%	11,368,030	441,504,143.41	96%	458,448,583	
CURRENT LIABILITIES									
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0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES								
0600-5000	Accounts Payable	21,465.87	413,121.90	---	0	434,587.77	---	0	
0605-5000	Accrued Expenses - All	1,196,088.26	(1,186,290.26)	---	0	9,798.00	1%	1,729,514	
0610-5000	Fire Services Levy Payable	149,683.97	35,628.18	---	0	185,312.15	624%	29,675	
0612-5000	Contract Liabilities	3,360,065.43	(1,091,895.00)	---	0	2,268,170.43	85%	2,670,045	
0613-5000	Prepaid Rates	331,780.93	(331,780.93)	---	0	0.00	0%	340,463	
0614-5000	Unearned Revenue	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0615-5000	PAYG Payable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0625-5000	Payroll Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0630-5000	Wages Advance	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0632-5000	RDO & Toil Accumulated	17,234.51	3,311.15	---	0	20,545.66	197%	10,424	
0635-5000	Stock Routes Fees Payable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0636-5000	Finance Lease - Current	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0640-5000	Office Extension Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0645-5000	Cosmos Centre Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0650-5000	Medical Centre Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	49,790	
0660-5000	Morven Rail Current Loan	62,356.87	(15,328.35)	-25%	61,739	47,028.52	26%	182,522	
0665-5000	Plant Replacement Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0666-5000	Plant Replacement No 2 Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	
0670-5000	Residential Current Loan	51,077.99	(12,093.23)	-22%	54,691	38,984.76	31%	124,861	
0671-5000	Flood Mitigation Current Loan	48,626.40	(11,798.75)	-25%	47,637	36,827.65	26%	140,478	
0672-5000	Airport Upgrade Current Loan	47,883.07	(11,580.92)	-25%	46,933	36,302.15	26%	137,066	
0675-5000	Annual Leave payable	963,006.46	105,766.59	---	0	1,068,773.05	113%	944,655	

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	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE				
	31 Oct 2024	31 Oct 2024		31 Oct 2024				
0680-5000	Long Service Leave Payable	1,064,178.44	(4,276.28)	---	0	1,059,902.16	97%	1,095,363
0685-5000	Sick Leave Payable	0.00	15,899.01	---	0	15,899.01	8%	208,053
0690-5000	Land Rebate Holding Account	(7,000.00)	0.00	0%	0	(7,000.00)	100%	(7,000)
0697-5000	Salary Sacrifice Deduct - Before Tax	335,449.54	23,948.24	---	0	359,397.78	140%	256,296
0698-5000	Salary Sacrifice Deduct - After Tax	(345,695.43)	(17,866.84)	---	0	(363,562.27)	140%	(259,997)
0699-5000	Suspense Account: General Account	153,505.73	(172,851.24)	---	0	(19,345.51)	-30%	64,584
0600-0001	CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	7,449,708.04	(2,258,086.73)	<999%	211,000	5,191,621.31	67%	7,716,792
	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,449,708.04	(2,258,086.73)	<999%	211,000	5,191,621.31	67%	7,716,792
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES								
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0700-0001	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0700-6000	Non-Current Long Service Leave	213,769.76	0.00	0%	0	213,769.76	123%	174,470
0701-6000	Finance Lease - Non current	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0740-6000	Office Extension Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0745-6000	Cosmos Centre Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0750-6000	Medical Centre Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0760-6000	Morven Rail Non-Current Loan	759,718.81	0.00	0%	0	759,718.81	92%	821,458
0765-6000	Plant Replacement Non-Current Loan	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0766-6000	Plant Replacement No 2 Non-Current	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0770-6000	Residential Develop Non-Current Loan	903,786.78	0.00	0%	0	903,786.78	95%	953,025
0771-6000	Flood Mitigation Non-Current Loan	929,109.23	0.00	0%	0	929,109.23	95%	976,746
0772-6000	Airport Upgrade Non-Current Loan	622,171.16	0.00	0%	0	622,171.16	93%	669,104
0780-6000	Landfill Restoration Provision	2,271,434.19	0.00	0%	0	2,271,434.19	81%	2,788,439
0700-0001	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL	5,699,989.93	0.00	0%	0	5,699,989.93	89%	6,383,242
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,699,989.93	0.00	0%	0	5,699,989.93	89%	6,383,242
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,149,697.97	(2,258,086.73)	<999%	211,000	10,891,611.24	77%	14,100,034
	NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	419,823,587.94	10,788,944.23	97%	11,157,030	430,612,532.17	97%	444,348,549

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MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year)							
	OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE 31 Oct 2024		BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 Oct 2024		BUDGET
COMMUNITY EQUITY							
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0800-0001	EQUITY						
0800-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL						
0805-7000	Retained Surplus	47,026,755.59	0.00	0%	0	47,026,755.59	100% 47,026,756
0807-7000	Retained Surplus-Cosmos	(1,275,671.18)	0.00	0%	0	(1,275,671.18)	100% (1,275,671)
0810-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - Roads	199,528,539.56	9,934.71	----	0	199,538,474.27	100% 199,517,879
0811-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - W & S	35,573,444.76	3,167.50	----	0	35,576,612.26	139% 25,625,035
0812-7000	Asset Reval Res - Bldgs & Structures	41,164,376.05	6,834.51	----	0	41,171,210.56	112% 36,683,835
0813-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve-Land	762,322.33	0.00	0%	0	762,322.33	106% 716,322
0815-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve Aerodrome	12,631,866.21	1,242.43	----	0	12,633,108.64	100% 12,631,866
0816-7000	Asset Revaluation Reserve - Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
0820-7000	Current Surplus / Deficit	0.00	10,767,765.08	279%	3,864,963	10,767,765.08	279% 3,864,963
0825-7000	Year End Surplus/Deficit	84,411,954.62	0.00	0%	0	84,411,954.62	80% 104,998,180
0800-0002 SHIRE CAPITAL TOTAL		419,823,587.94	10,788,944.23	279%	3,864,963	430,612,532.17	100% 429,789,165
0830-0002	RESERVES						
0800-0001	EQUITY TOTAL	419,823,587.94	10,788,944.23	279%	3,864,963	430,612,532.17	100% 429,789,165
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	419,823,587.94	10,788,944.23	279%	3,864,963	430,612,532.17	100% 429,789,165

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		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)				
		31 Oct 2024	Budget	31 Oct 2024	Budget	31 Oct 2024	Budget			
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT									
1100-0002	CORP GOVERNANCE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	181,169.65	31%	586,368	(181,169.65)	31%	(586,368)
1300-0002	DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	17,500	46,977.18	51%	92,705	(46,977.18)	62%	(75,205)
1500-0002	HUMAN RESOURCES SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	500	81,684.60	26%	313,040	(81,684.60)	26%	(312,540)
1000-0001	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	0.00	0%	18,000	309,831.43	31%	992,113	(309,831.43)	32%	(974,113)
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES									
2100-0002	REVENUE SUB PROGRAM	9,185,987.15	75%	12,257,668	0.00	0%	0	9,185,987.15	75%	12,257,668
2200-0002	STORES OPERATION SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	16,999.81	12%	137,800	(16,999.81)	12%	(137,800)
2300-0002	ADMINISTRATION SUB PROGRAM	144,970.73	72%	200,000	1,172,281.76	36%	3,228,612	(1,027,311.03)	34%	(3,028,612)
2400-0002	FINANCE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	31,428.68	33%	94,614	(31,428.68)	33%	(94,614)
2500-0002	ONCOSTS SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	278,316.74	-669%	(41,600)	(278,316.74)	-669%	41,600
2600-0002	LIBRARY SUB PROGRAM	37,720.18	204%	18,500	100,442.90	31%	325,590	(62,722.72)	20%	(307,090)
2700-0002	AERODROMES SUB PROGRAM	147,268.42	37%	400,000	381,135.93	38%	1,013,918	(233,867.51)	38%	(613,918)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO									
2800-0003	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2,482,014.50	66%	3,754,741	133,724.86	24%	563,198	2,348,289.64	74%	3,191,543
2805-0003	COUNCIL HOUSING	0.00	0%	1,000	38,373.26	22%	171,848	(38,373.26)	22%	(170,848)
2815-0003	CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	30,000.00	112%	26,775	60,760.83	30%	201,775	(30,760.83)	18%	(175,000)
2820-0003	TOURISM & PROMOTION									
2855-0004	TOURISM AND PROMOTION	1,078,811.84	47%	2,300,163	1,606,219.69	44%	3,678,990	(527,407.85)	38%	(1,378,827)
2820-0003	TOURISM & PROMOTION	1,078,811.84	47%	2,300,163	1,606,219.69	44%	3,678,990	(527,407.85)	38%	(1,378,827)
2800-0002	AREA PROMOTION/DEVT SUB PRO	3,590,826.34	59%	6,082,679	1,839,078.64	40%	4,615,811	1,751,747.70	119%	1,466,868
2000-0001	CORPORATE SERVICES	13,106,772.82	69%	18,958,847	3,819,684.46	41%	9,374,745	9,287,088.36	97%	9,584,102
3200-0001	HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES									
3200-0002	SPORT, REC & COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
3200-0003	SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES									
3200-0004	PARKS GARDENS & RESERVES	12,009.64	40%	30,000	660,954.33	36%	1,814,361	(648,944.69)	36%	(1,784,361)
3220-0004	RACECOURSE	2,312.74	7%	31,000	103,585.10	37%	282,478	(101,272.36)	40%	(251,478)
3240-0004	SWIMMING POOLS	0.00	0%	0	168,410.47	47%	361,880	(168,410.47)	47%	(361,880)
3200-0003	SPORTS & RECREATION FACILITIES	14,322.38	23%	61,000	932,949.90	38%	2,458,719	(918,627.52)	38%	(2,397,719)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
3260-0004	TELEVISION, CCTV and WIFI	0.00	0%	0	44,967.74	28%	161,119	(44,967.74)	28%	(161,119)

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MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year)										
		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
		31 Oct 2024	Budget	31 Oct 2024	Budget	31 Oct 2024	Budget			
3270-0004	HALLS & CENTRES	5,189.94	9%	60,500	152,809.68	36%	422,833	(147,619.74)	41%	(362,333)
3280-0004	SHOWGROUNDS	9,886.84	33%	30,000	90,144.61	33%	275,000	(80,257.77)	33%	(245,000)
3290-0004	CEMETERIES & MEMORIALS	15,570.62	31%	50,000	63,778.29	29%	218,400	(48,207.67)	29%	(168,400)
3320-0004	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	0.00	0%	0	95,052.39	42%	227,061	(95,052.39)	42%	(227,061)
3330-0004	AGED CARE	29,718.03	30%	100,000	41,112.05	25%	167,170	(11,394.02)	17%	(67,170)
3260-0003	COMMUNITY FACILITIES	60,365.43	25%	240,500	487,864.76	33%	1,471,583	(427,499.33)	35%	(1,231,083)
3200-0002	SPORT, REC & COMMUNITY FACILITIES	74,687.81	25%	301,500	1,420,814.66	36%	3,930,302	(1,346,126.85)	37%	(3,628,802)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM									
3410-0003	COMMUNITY HEALTH	13,940.00	107%	13,000	60,028.13	63%	96,000	(46,088.13)	56%	(83,000)
3435-0003	ANIMAL CONTROL	18,394.70	30%	61,700	51,949.60	19%	267,999	(33,554.90)	16%	(206,299)
3460-0003	RESERVES	0.00	0%	0	70,451.07	25%	281,000	(70,451.07)	25%	(281,000)
3475-0003	STOCK ROUTES	0.00	0%	150,000	202,740.33	31%	655,000	(202,740.33)	40%	(505,000)
3400-0002	ENVIRONMENTAL SUB PROGRAM	32,334.70	14%	224,700	385,169.13	30%	1,299,999	(352,834.43)	33%	(1,075,299)
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM									
3500-0004	CHARLEVILLE REFUSE MANAGEMENT	347,932.68	50%	694,218	317,992.75	35%	911,040	29,939.93	-14%	(216,822)
3540-0004	MORVEN REFUSE MANAGEMENT	13,747.93	50%	27,337	12,557.82	26%	47,959	1,190.11	-6%	(20,622)
3570-0004	AUGATHELLA REFUSE MANAGEMENT	30,997.14	50%	61,575	11,838.52	28%	41,980	19,158.62	98%	19,595
3500-0002	REFUSE MANAGEMENT SUB PROGRAM	392,677.75	50%	783,130	342,389.09	34%	1,000,979	50,288.66	-23%	(217,849)
3200-0001	HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	499,700.26	38%	1,309,330	2,148,372.88	34%	6,231,280	(1,648,672.62)	33%	(4,921,950)
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES									
4100-0002	ENGINEERING OFFICE SUB PROGRAM	0.00	0%	0	1,486,085.46	35%	4,290,319	(1,486,085.46)	35%	(4,290,319)
4200-0002	BUILDING & PLANNING SUB PROGRAM	28,570.92	27%	104,000	113,448.09	45%	249,600	(84,877.17)	58%	(145,600)
4300-0002	PLANT OPERATIONS SUB PROGRAM	15,300.69	7%	225,600	(329,123.42)	108%	(304,591)	344,424.11	65%	530,191
4400-0002	PRIVATE WORKS ACTIVITIES	4,152,040.36	59%	7,005,185	817,177.95	24%	3,406,772	3,334,862.41	93%	3,598,413
4500-0002	OTHER ROAD ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	3,564,498.64	25%	14,303,960	2,446,519.62	17%	14,008,488	1,117,979.02	378%	295,472
4000-0001	ENGINEERING SERVICES	7,760,410.61	36%	21,638,745	4,534,107.70	21%	21,650,588	3,226,302.91	<999%	(11,843)
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES									
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM									
5100-0003	CHARLEVILLE WATER	662,701.08	42%	1,570,192	368,381.79	50%	736,398	294,319.29	35%	833,794
5200-0003	MORVEN WATER	41,001.00	31%	130,288	77,294.45	44%	176,800	(36,293.45)	78%	(46,512)
5300-0003	AUGATHELLA WATER	94,633.49	51%	186,286	66,591.15	43%	153,804	28,042.34	86%	32,482
5390-0003	WATER DEPRECIATION	0.00	0%	0	213,784.01	33%	654,106	(213,784.01)	33%	(654,106)

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 MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL (Budget for full year) Financial Year Ending 2025 Printed(TOMASO): 06-11-2024 8:35:27 AM

		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		31 Oct 2024	Budget	31 Oct 2024	Budget	31 Oct 2024	Budget
5100-0002	WATER SUPPLY ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	798,335.57	42% 1,886,766	726,051.40	42% 1,721,108	72,284.17	44% 165,658
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM						
5400-0003	CHARLEVILLE SEWERAGE	456,647.19	50% 919,692	142,805.32	31% 459,414	313,841.87	68% 460,278
5450-0003	AUGATHELLA SEWERAGE	47,372.82	49% 96,462	42,991.95	32% 135,200	4,380.87	-11% (38,738)
5490-0003	SEWERAGE DEPRECIATION	0.00	0% 0	177,629.05	45% 398,431	(177,629.05)	45% (398,431)
5400-0002	SEWERAGE ACTIVITIES SUB PROGRAM	504,020.01	50% 1,016,154	363,426.32	37% 993,045	140,593.69	608% 23,109
5100-0001	WATER & SEWERAGE SERVICES	1,302,355.58	45% 2,902,920	1,089,477.72	40% 2,714,153	212,877.86	113% 188,767
	TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	22,669,239.27	51% 44,827,842	11,901,474.19	29% 40,962,879	10,767,765.08	279% 3,864,963

11.2 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24 & SIGNED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023-24

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Annual Report 2023-24 including the signed Financial Statements 2023-24.

BACKGROUND**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Annual Report 2023-24 which includes the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Discussion

As required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, Section 182:

- (1) A local government must prepare an annual report for each financial year.
- (2) The local government must adopt its annual report within 1 month after the day the auditor-general gives the auditor-general's audit report about the local government's financial statements for the financial year to the local government.
- (3) However, the Minister may, by notice to the local government, extend the time by which the annual report must be adopted.
- (4) The local government must publish its annual report on its website within 2 weeks of adopting the annual report.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

The signed financial statements have been attached to this report. The formatted Annual Report will be provided in hard copy.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **2023-2024 MSC Annual Report** [↓](#)

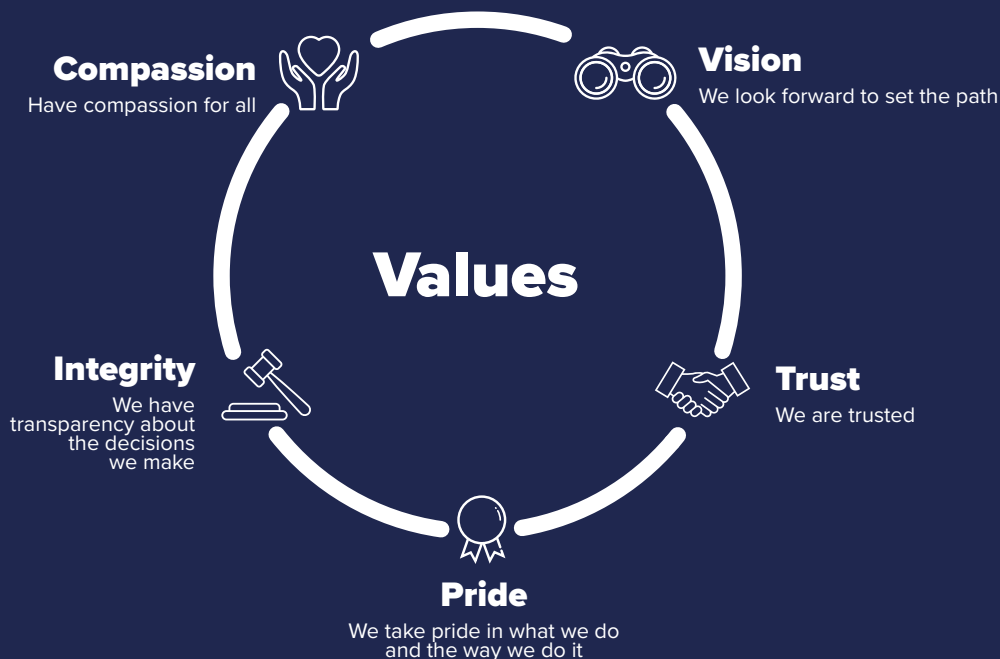


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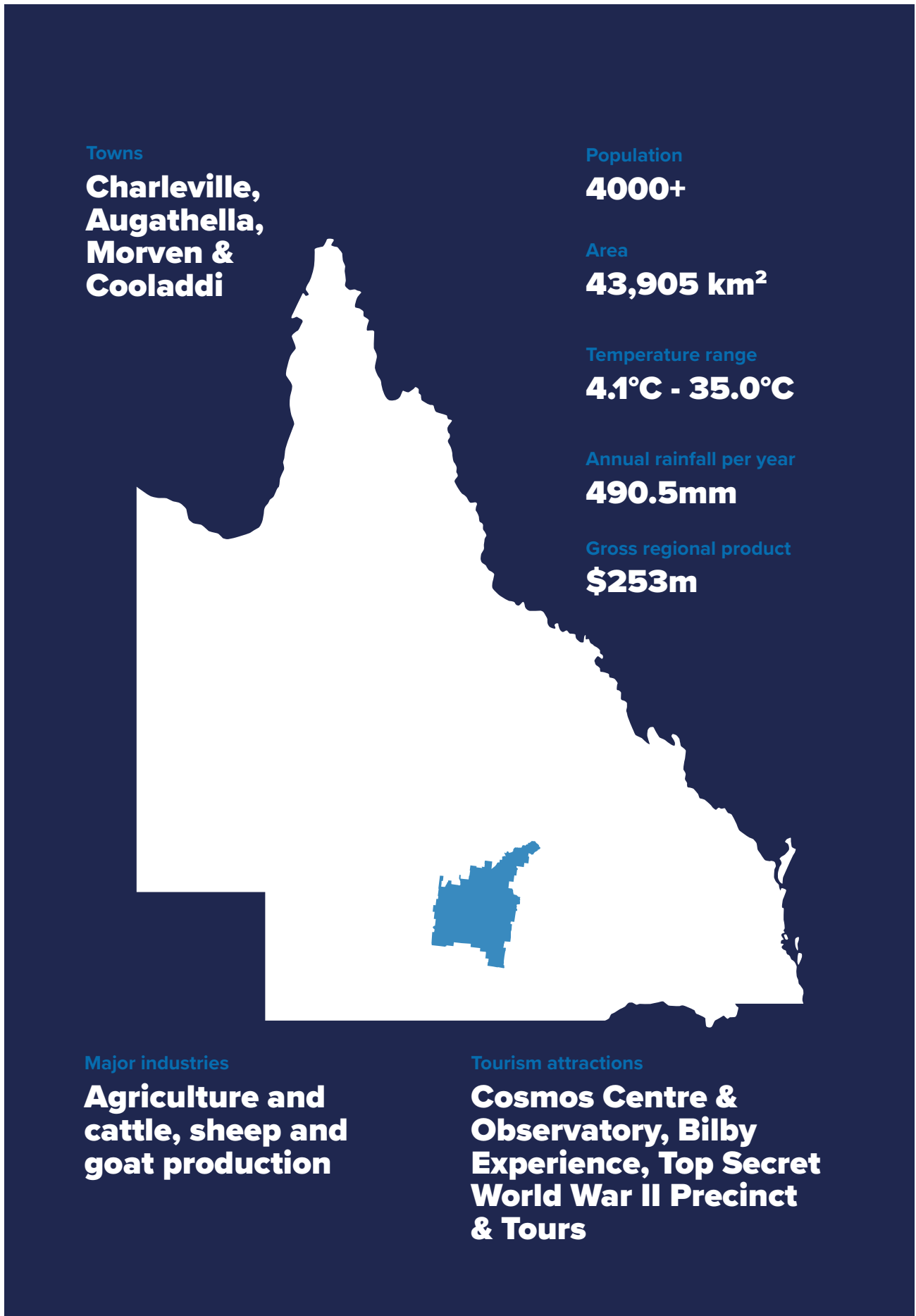
The Murweh Shire covers 43,905 square kilometres of Queensland’s Outback. Over 4,000 people reside in the Shire primarily in the towns of Charleville, Augathella, Morven and Cooladdi. The Shire is situated on the Great Artesian Basin.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing is by far the largest industry in terms of business numbers in Murweh Shire accounting for 49.1% of the total businesses in the region. Cattle and sheep production account for most of these businesses.

The Shire enjoys a low unemployment rate of just 2.0% which compares favourably against the State (4.8%) and National (5.1%) averages. The average mean maximum temperature of Charleville ranges from 19.5°C in July to 35.0°C in January. The average mean minimum temperature ranges from 4.1°C in July to 21.7°C in January. Average annual rainfall in Charleville is 490.5 mm per year with January typically being the wettest month (72.9mm).



¹ Murweh Shire Council 2023-2024 Annual Report







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Message from the Mayor

2023-24 is my fifth Mayoral message for the Murweh Shire Council annual report. This year also included the quadrennial local government election. I take this opportunity to thank those Councillors that have served in the previous term of Council including Cr McKellar and Cr Taylor. I would also like to welcome Cr Ebsworth and Cr Sommerfield who have commenced their first term on Council following the election earlier in the year.

In relation to the operations of Council this last year. Operating grants have been significantly reduced this year. This is due to the timing of the payment of the Financial Assistance Grant from the Federal Government. Now that this adjustment to timing has been made we expect this to now continue and this amount to then normalise from year to year. Capital Grants of almost \$10M were received during the year to assist with funding of projects across the Shire.

Significant capital investment of \$13M this financial year has again been at the forefront of Council due largely to the additional funding provided by both the Federal and State Governments through the W4Q, LRCIP, Building Better Regions Fund and the Local Government Grants and Subsidies program. These grants enable the Council to undertake much-needed infrastructure upgrades and renewals such as the Mt Tabor and Adavale Road upgrades and Charleville Swimming Pool Filter replacements.

These programs and projects have been realized through the Grant process and our communities continue to benefit as a result.

On the Tourism front, Council has continued its commitment to continue to build on what's been developed while ensuring our assets are maintained for the enjoyment, use and benefit of our residents and visitors.

Hosting events is a key element to promotion of our Shire and all it has to offer. Great events such as the Outback Sounds Music Festival hosted in conjunction with Queensland Music Trails as well as the Outback Masters Golf drew a crowd and put a spotlight on our unique part of Queensland.

As Mayor, I feel extremely honoured to represent the Shire Community and to keep pushing forward with vigour and enthusiasm to achieve more than we ever thought we could.

As an organisation the Murweh Shire Council is working together to bring ideas and projects to life that benefit all our residents and to seek new opportunities to take the Shire on a road to continuous improvement.

Council was again pleased to help with many minor projects and events run by the numerous clubs and organisations and their tireless volunteers across the Shire.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our Chief Executive Officer and Council staff for their assistance and efforts during the year as this fine organisation could not run as smooth with out their input.

Cr. Shaun Radnedge

Mayor



Major projects

Highlights of some of the major projects undertaken in the 2023-2024 financial year include –

Outback Museum of Australia	\$4.7 M
Charleville weighbridge	\$674 K
Charleville Airport Museum	\$251 K
Alfred St Public Toilet	\$163 K
Works at Racecourse complex	\$160 K
Augathella CED scheme	\$232 K
Charleville Sewerage treatment plant	\$318 K
Plant replacement	\$2.9 M

Roadworks

Mount Tabor Road	\$1.8 M
Footpath renewals	\$145 K
Old Tambo Road	\$235 K
Flood levee	\$408 K
Rural Road Maintenance	\$1.5M
Town Streets Maintenance	\$1.7M





Chief Executive Officer’s Report

In July 2023 Murweh Shire Council adopted a \$54.4 million budget for the 2023/24 financial year. This included capital expenditure of \$25.1 million, operating expenditure of \$29.1 million and loan repayments of \$211,118.

This was a considerable capital works budget for Murweh Shire Council to manage in a global and national inflationary environment and a domestic labour and material constrained economy.

Some of the major projects for the 2023-24 financial year included:

Charleville Sewage Treatment Plant replacement	\$6,179,354
Augathella Common Effluent Disposal treatment plant	\$1,952,619
Construction of the Outback Museum of Australia	\$6,005,206
Charleville Weighbridge construction	\$395,000
Flood levee remediation work	\$400,000
Water renewals	\$525,000

During the 2023-24 financial year Murweh Shire Council has grown its workforce capacity and has filled a number of vacant senior positions including the Director of Corporate Services and the Director of Engineering Services. Council is also in the fortunate position to have three engineers with RPEQ recognition in both civil and structural engineering.

The appointment of these senior positions has lessened Council’s reliance on contractors and has increased its ability to comply with the organisation’s statutory responsibilities,

manage its budget, and to develop and deliver projects with a high level of confidence.

Council sees workforce retention and attraction as its key risk in meeting administrative requirements, the provision of services and project delivery. Whether that is in good governance and compliance, managing relationships with community and government, administrating Queensland State Government departmental and agency contracts, refined project management, or the programming and delivery works on our Council owned assets.

Council is of the opinion that it needs to invest in its workforce and continue the path of a home-grown workforce where possible. Council has partnered with the Charleville State High School in a career expo, and the Department of Transport and Main Roads in an indigenous careers field day to introduce school leavers and young indigenous persons to the local government and the Department of Transport and Main Roads roles and career pathways.

The escalation in cost of material and labour since the COVID 19 Pandemic and governments pump priming the economy with cash and public works initiatives have impacted on project delivery and cost overruns. This is particularly apparent in projects that were priced in 2021 for delivery in 2023-24 in line with funding programs - where Council has had to absorb significant cost overruns.

Murweh Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Shaun Radnedge is a fierce advocate for his shire first and foremost. But also for the greater Darling Downs and South West region, and the broader Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) - between the councils of the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC), the Central West Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) and the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC). The 24 councils represented by the WQAC has a unique capacity to come

together and respond to a common issue or threat, a problem to solve that is impacting on the collective, or have a common policy position at a macro level with either the state or federal governments or industry.

Council is an active member of several groups including:

- The South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC);
- The Darling Downs South West Queensland Council of Mayors (DDSWQCOM);
- The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC); and
- The Outback Queensland Tourism Authority (OQTA)

The 2023-24 financial year was plagued with natural disaster events that damaged buildings and critical infrastructure, disrupted business continuity, and essential community services.

In December 2023, Charleville lost power supply for 19 hours. This event tested Council and the broader community's resilience and ability to respond to a prolonged loss of supply event. There is no emergency generators in situ at the Council Administration or Works Depot and council lost communications and IT. Four of Council's six water supply bores were offline and the sewage treatment pump stations were not set up for emergency generator connections. Charleville lost its mobile communications, and all small businesses and fuel stations were stranded with no EFTPOS and no fuel available to the public.

On 25 December 2023 and 5 January 2024 Charleville was hit by very severe windstorms which damaged public and private sector infrastructure across the community from fallen trees and the wind shear. Council invested a good amount of labour and financial resources in removing selected dangerous trees from the community and restoring public confidence in the safety of the town.

In early April the Murweh Shire was impacted by very heavy rains in the upper catchment of the Warrego, Nive and Ward Rivers and the Angellala Creek. These rain events primed the river and creek systems and resulting in many road closures, flooding and substantial damage to the Council local road network. The ensuing downstream flooding caused by the convergence of these river and creek systems above Charleville resulted in a significant flood event at Charleville. The April 2024 flood event peaked at 6.72m and was the 3rd highest flood event since the devastating 1990 flood that inundated Charleville. Fortunately, the flood levee system that was constructed post the 1990 flood protected the town of Charleville and really demonstrated the importance and

effectiveness of these mitigation works.

Murweh Shire Council recognises that its own sourced revenue is very low as a per cent of the Council's total budget. Council is also acutely aware of the challenges in the ability for it to increase its own sourced revenue due to its low population base, being a traditional grazing agricultural economy, and lack of available natural resources to support a mining or hydrocarbon industry type economies.

Council has invested heavily in tourism to assist the communities to grow their respective economies by the introduction of additional hospitality and accommodation services. With Council 's investment in tourism and events, we have seen good growth in the visitor market. This conscious effort to tap into the tourism and visitor industry is part of Council's long-term community sustainability strategy. This investment unfortunately comes at a significant cost to Council - and it is Councils desire to bring this investment to a cost neutral position over time.

Council is extremely reliant on Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) and tied project funding grants for much of its investment in new infrastructure and renewal of existing critical assets. Council has seen a modest growth in its FA Grants allocation in the last couple of years of which we are very grateful for and appreciated. Council is always looking to where savings can be made, or efficiencies gained without impacting on its services to the community and its obligations to the upkeep of its assets. Getting this balance requires Council to have good policies and a consistent approach to the ways in which Council assists community groups and community requests.

Council respects and values its cross agency, departmental and sister local government relationships. Without the trust and a good working environment with Queensland State and Australian Government departments, fellow local governments and the many non-government organisations - we could not achieve or do our communities justice. Council is ever grateful for the support it receives for all sectors, and firmly believe that all organisations need to be in a position to be able reach out for assistance when necessary or provide support if requested.

The March 2024 Queensland Local Government Elections provided the Murweh Shire Council and communities with a good mix of sitting councillors and newly elected councillors. Council is also privileged to have gender diversity in the new council with the election of two female councillors.

I have to thank the Murweh Shire Council Councillors (both past and present) for their commonsense approach to their roles and responsibilities. Our Councillors are amazing advocates for their three communities of Augathella,

Charleville and Morven as well as the surrounding agricultural sector. These people work hard, are invested in their communities and are forward thinking in their strategic direction and decision making. The Councillors are also not afraid of the tough decisions, and I sincerely hope that the operational arm of Council is always providing our Councillors with the information they need to be confident and make the best decisions on behalf of their communities.

I also have to thank the Murweh Shire Council senior staff for the leadership, guidance and nurturing they provide to our workforce and the community. These people are responsive to their respective roles and responsibilities, are pragmatic toward their decision making, value their respective Teams and believe in their role in the community.

Murweh Shire Council has an incredible Team around it, and I cherish every day the culture and calibre of our workforce. Everyone of us is but a small piece of the larger machine. But that machine is so reliant on every piece functioning being happy and supported in their role. I am very proud of our Team and enjoy coming to work every day to be part of it – thank you.

It would be remiss in not mentioning the financial and accounting support Council receives from C Alexander and Associates. Claire Alexander and her Team have supported Murweh Shire Council for a very long time which has resulted in consistency in financial management and excellent audit outcomes.

Local governments are wile creatures, and change is sometimes not easy – but I am very proud to say that the Murweh Shire approach to doing things better and easier is incredible. We are blessed with a fantastic workforce who approach their work with diligence and respect and have a good amount of fun along the way – of which I am very grateful and cherish my role in the organisation.

In closing, 2023-24 has been a challenging year for Murweh Shire Council in trying to meet community expectations, our corporate responsibility, be responsible fiscal managers, and to stabilize or workforce.

Some of Council's major challenges going forward are around land and housing supply, maintaining and renewal of critical assets including water supply security, sewage treatment infrastructure, our 2,700kms of shire road network, the Charleville Airport, buildings and general public infrastructure (town halls, swimming pool, Charleville Racecourse and Showgrounds etc..) maintaining the flood levees in Augathella and Charleville to name just a few identified risks.

From a community advocacy perspective, Council has working very hard on behalf of its communities to address

the extreme rises in insurance premiums. Residents of Charleville have provided Council with copies of their insurance premiums where they have experienced rises of up to 400 per cent. Council has represented its communities at the Australian Government level in appearing before a Senate Select Committee on the Impact of Climate Risk on Insurance Premiums and Availability and has spoke strongly on this issue at every opportunity.

We know Council needs to start with the basics to do its job properly, so in 2024-25 Council will be focused on maturing its asset management plans for all asset classes, completing master plans for critical infrastructure, managing our costs and minimising waste, and making sure that we recover our cost where appropriate.

I am very happy to say, Murweh Shire Council as an organisation is trying very hard to be a good corporate citizen and public administrator, become financially sustainable in the long-term, able to retain and attract our workforce and other essential services professionals to our communities, continue to support and grow our tolerance for diversity, have a strong and enduring ethos and culture, look after our vulnerable persons and maintain a safe environment for all citizens to thrive.

Bruce Scott OAM

Chief Executive Officer





Section 1
Legislative
Compliance

Legislative Compliance

Local Government Regulations 2012

Particular resolutions - S185, S250 (1) and S 206 (2)

There were no resolutions made during 2023/24 financial year pertaining to S 185 and S 206 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Councillors - S 186 (1) (a) (c)

Statistics of meeting attendance and remuneration for each individual Councillor 2023-2024.

Cr Shaun Radnedge

Ordinary Meetings	12
Special Meetings	3
Meetings Attendance Fee	-
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$114,801
Employer Superannuation	\$13,776

Cr Peter Alexander - Deputy Mayor from April 24

Ordinary Meetings	12
Special Meetings	3
Meetings Attendance Fee	\$14,350
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$45,258
Employer Superannuation	\$7,153

Cr Robert Eckel - Councillor from April 24

Ordinary Meetings	12
Special Meetings	3
Meetings Attendance Fee	\$4,783
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$59,240
Employer Superannuation	\$7,683

Cr Paul Taylor - Finished March 24

Ordinary Meetings	9
Special Meetings	2
Meetings Attendance Fee	\$14,350
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$28,700
Employer Superannuation	\$5,166





Councillors

Cr Teri Sommerfield, Mayor Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge, Cr Michael McKellar, Cr Robert Eckel, Deputy Mayor Cr Peter Alexander, M Cr Michael McKellar and CEO Bruce Scott.

Cr Michael McKellar - Finished March 24

Ordinary Meetings	9
Special Meetings	2
Travel Allowance	\$2,700
Meetings Attendance Fee	\$14,350
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$28,700
Employer Superannuation	\$5,033

Cr Michell Ebsworth - Started April 24

Ordinary Meetings	3
Special Meetings	1
Travel Allowance	
Meetings Attendance Fee	\$4,783
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$9,567
Employer Superannuation	\$1,722

Cr Teri Sommerfield - Started April 24

Ordinary Meetings	3
Special Meetings	1
Travel Allowance	
Meetings Attendance Fee	\$4,783
Remuneration Gross Payment	\$9,567
Employer Superannuation	\$1,579

S 186 (1) (d) the total number of the following during the financial year -

(i) orders made under section 150I(2) of the Act;	Nil
(ii) orders made under section 150AH(1) of the Act;	Nil
(iii) decisions, orders and recommendations made under section 150AR(1) of the Act; and	Nil

S 186 (1) (e) the total number of the following during the financial year -

(i) the name of each councillor for whom a decision, order or recommendation mentioned in paragraph (d) was made;	Nil
(ii) a description of the unsuitable meeting conduct, inappropriate conduct or misconduct engaged in by each of the councillors;	Nil

S 186 (1) (e) the total number of the following during the financial year -

(iii) a summary of the decision, order or recommendation made for each councillor; and	Nil
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S 186 (1) (f) the number of each of the following during the financial year -

i) complaints referred to the assessor under section 150P(2)(a) of the Act by local government entities for the local government;	Nil
ii) matters, mentioned in section 150P(3) of the Act, notified to the Crime and Corruption Commission;	Nil
iii) notices given under section 150R(2) of the Act;	Nil
iv) notices given under section 150S(2)(a) of the Act;	Nil
v) decisions made under section 150W(1)(a), (b) and (e) of the Act;	Nil
vi) referral notices accompanied by a recommendation mentioned in section 150AC(3)(a) of the Act;	Nil
vii) occasions information was given under section 150AF(4)(a) of the Act;	Nil
viii) occasions the local government asked another entity to investigate, under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act for the local government, the suspected inappropriate conduct of a councillor;	Nil
ix) applications heard by the conduct tribunal under chapter 5A, part 3, division 6 of the Act about whether a councillor engaged in misconduct or inappropriate conduct.	Nil

Administrative Action Complaints - S 187

The following is a brief summary of the Council adopted policy "Administrative Action Complaints Management Policy and Procedures".

The policy is broken down into three stages:

- (i) Preliminary procedures
- (ii) Complaint process
- (iii) Review by Ombudsman or other complaints entities

It is the Council's intent to provide a level of customer service

that does not attract complaints, but acknowledges the rights of persons to provide feedback, both positive and negative, on its services and / or to lodge a complaint about a decision or other action Council takes.

The complaints process has been instituted to ensure that, to the greatest practical extent, any complaint is dealt with fairly, promptly, professionally, in confidence subject to any legal requirement, and in a manner respectful to the complainant.

Administrative complaints made during the financial year	Nil
Number of complaints resolved under the complaints management process	Nil
Number of complaints not resolved under the complaints management process	Nil
The number of administrative action complaints under paragraph (a) (iii) that were made in a previous financial year.	Nil

Overseas travel - S 188

There was no overseas travel in 2023/2024.

Grant Expenditure to Community Groups - S 189

In accordance with section 189 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the following information is provided concerning expenditure on grants to community organisations. The Council does not operate discretionary funds.

Description	Amount
Expenditure on grants to community organisations	\$72,248
In kind donations and contributions	\$43,160
Total	\$115,408

Other Contents - S 190

Corporate and Operational Plans

Council is required to adopt a Corporate Plan to guide Council’s decision making. This document establishes the framework and identifies goals, objectives and strategies to be pursued by Council to meet the aspirations and needs of the community. The plan is developed in consultation with the community and can be revised at any time during the life of the plan to ensure council is following its strategic direction.

The Operational Plan is prepared annually and outlines Council’s work program for the next financial year including costs and completion timelines, this document is subject to quarterly reviews and must be consistent with the Council’s

Corporate Plan.

In accordance with legislative requirements, Council reviewed the operational plan on two occasions relevant to the financial period. Council generally receives a written assessment of the implementation of the operational plan at the end of each quarter.

Other contents - S 190 (1) (a) (b) (c)

The annual report for a financial year must contain the following information

(a) the chief executive officer’s assessment of the local government’s progress towards implementing its 5-year	Refer to Section2 Outcomes of the Operational Plan 2023-2024
(b) particulars of other issues relevant to making an informed assessment of the local government’s operations and performance in the financial year;	Refer message from the Mayor and CEO p5 -8
(c) an annual operations report for each commercial business unit;	N/A
d) details of any action taken for, and expenditure on, a service, facility or activity -	
(i) supplied by another local government under an agreement for conducting a joint government activity; and	Nil
(ii) for which the local government levied special rates or charges for the financial year;	Nil

Invitation to Change Tenders - S 190 (1) (e)

Council did not issue invitations to change any tenders under section 228(7) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* during 2023-2024.

Registers and Public Documents - S 190 (1), (f)

Item	Description	Access
Register of personal interests of Councillors and Senior Officials	To record certain financial and other personal interests of relevant individuals.	Councillor’s interests are available on Council’s website
Investment Register	Record details of Council’s investments	Available to any person, included in the monthly financial report, available on Council’s website.





Item	Description	Access
Register of Local Planning Policies	To record the current policies as set by Council	Available to any person
Register of Delegations of Authority by Council.	To record all powers delegated by the Local Government or the Chief Executive Officer's delegated powers.	Available to any person
Register of Delegations of Authority by the CEO.	To record all powers delegated by the CEO.	Available to any person
Councillor Conduct Register	To record all Councillor Conduct	Available to any person
Asset Register	To record all assets that Council owned	High level information included in the financial statements. Available to any person
Preferred Suppliers Register	To record Council's Preferred Supplier list	Available to any person
Register of Local Laws	To record all local laws set by Council	Available to any person
Register of Policies	To record the current policies as set by Council	Available to any person
Register of Roads	To record the details of the shire roads.	Available to any person
Contract Register	To record the details of all contracts.	Available on Council's website
Register of Legal Documents	To hold a record of all legal documents.	Available to any person
Register of Cost-Recovery Fees	To record all charges levied by Council.	Available on Council's website
Building Application Register	To record the details of all applications.	Available to any person
Cemetery Register	To record all burial sites	Available to any person
Corporate & Operational Plan	To document the goals and strategies set by Council for the period specified in each plan.	Available on Council's website
Annual Report	To document the financial position and report on attainment of goals specified in the Corporate Plan and Operational Plan.	Available on Council's website

Concessions for Rates and Charges Granted by Council - S 190 (1), (g)

- (i) A 10 % discount on rates and charges excluding interest, fire levy and excess water charges if paid by the due date
- (ii) Age pensioners in receipt of a full pension and having a Commonwealth Government Concession Card receive a

remission up to \$400.00 per annum

Council considers requests from Community organisations for the waiver of fees for the use of community facilities

Internal Audit - S 190 (1), (h)

Council extended Crowe Horwath (Australia) Pty Ltd as its provider of internal audit services from 2023 to 2026.

A three year program has been developed for 2025-2027.

Two internal audits were completed during 2023-2024.

Competitive Neutrality - S 190 (1), (i) (j)

Council has not been required to issue any investigation notices in the financial year under section 49 of the competitive neutrality complaints procedures as per the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Council has not been required to respond to any Queensland Productivity Commission recommendations as per section 52 (3).

Senior Staff Remuneration (Local Government Act 2009 S 201)

The total of all remuneration packages payable in 2023-24 to the senior management of the Council was \$ 646,953.

Band	Number of employees
Under \$100,000	3
\$100,000 to \$200,000	3

Public Sector Ethics Act 1994 - S 23

Council has implemented the code of conduct and undertaken regular education, training and review of procedures.

Local Government Act 2009

Identifying beneficial enterprises - S 41

A local government's annual report for each financial year must contain a list of all the beneficial enterprises that the local government conducted during the financial year. Nil

Identifying significant business activities - S 45

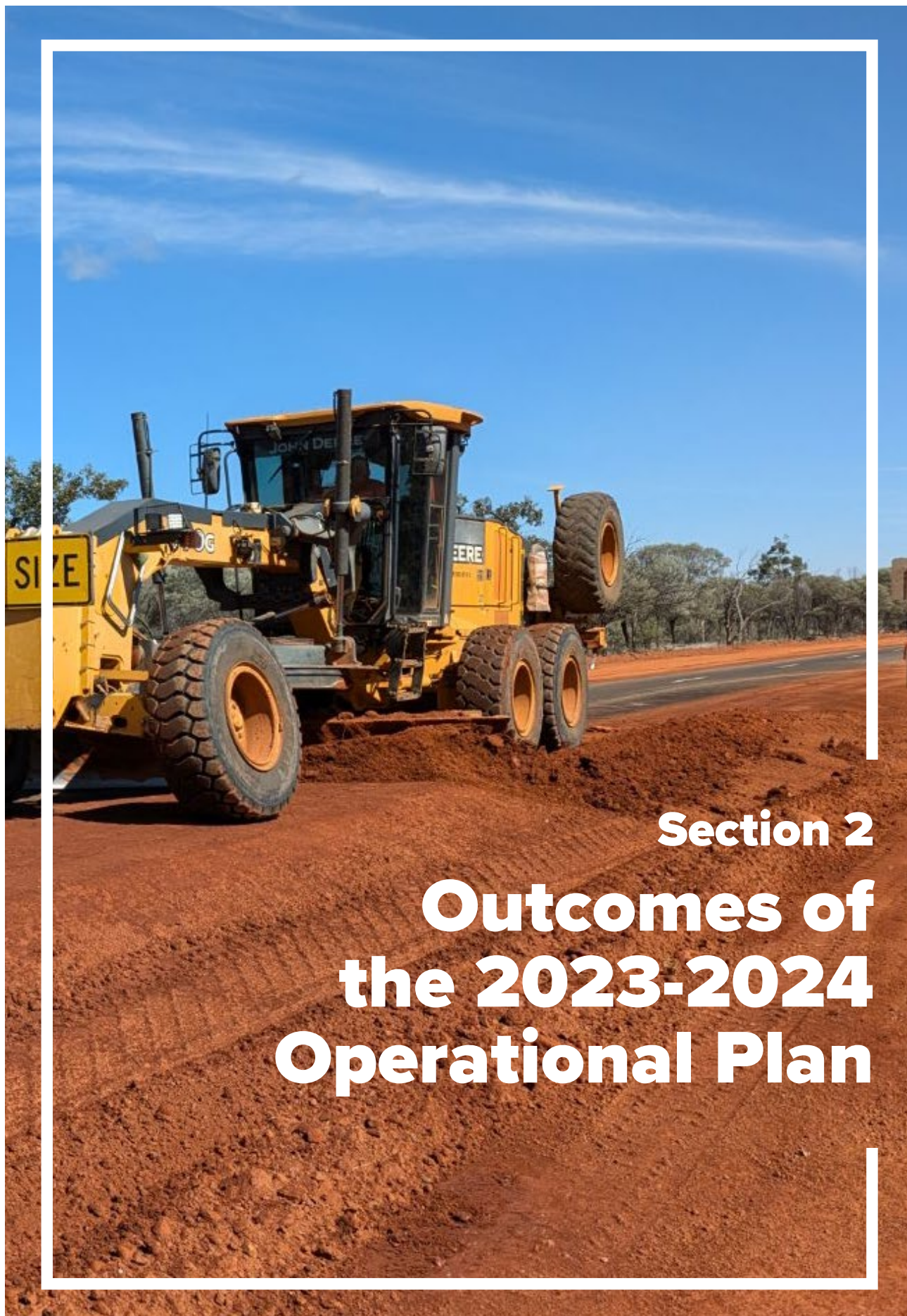
A local government's annual report for each financial year must—

- (a)contain a list of all the business activities that the local government conducted during the financial year; and Nil

Identifying significant business activities - S 45
A local government's annual report for each financial year must—

- (b) identify the business activities that are significant business activities; and Nil
- (c) state whether or not the competitive neutrality principle was applied to the significant business activities, and if the principle was not applied, the reason why it was not applied; and Nil
- (d) state whether any of the significant business activities were not conducted in the preceding financial year, i.e. whether there are any new significant business activities. Nil





Section 2
Outcomes of
the 2023-2024
Operational Plan

Outcomes of the 2023-2024 Operational Plan

1. LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE					
PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	DELIVERY ACTIONS	IMPACT	UPDATE & OUTPUTS
1.1. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS	1.1.1. Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs.	Leadership and proactive community and stakeholder engagement to identify, monitor and address community needs, opportunities, and emerging trends.	Targeted community consultation sessions.	Increased community engagement and participation rates.	Council has engaged the services of a local media and communications person. This will provide better and more up-to-date communications and information to the community. Council has held a community meeting in Augathella.
			Annual Reporting to community a) Corporate Plan Progress and b) Annual Report.	Increased community awareness.	Annual Report 22-23 completed. Published on the Council website.
1.2. COMMUNICATION	1.2.1. Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies.	Foster relationships within council and with the community to manage expectations that are appropriate, realistic, and achievable. Accountable and transparent planning, implementation, review, and reporting mechanisms at all levels.	Bi-monthly Council newsletter for community distribution.	Increased community awareness.	Newsletter distributed as planned.
			Shire promotion and community updates via social media and Mayor weekly updates.	Increased community awareness.	With a local media person, Council is exploring ways in which it can get its messaging out to the community on differing platforms so the whole community is included.
1.3. SYSTEMS AND CAPACITY	1.3.1. Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.	Governance and corporate planning processes and management address responsibilities, risks, and security, and optimise opportunities.	Shire promotion and community updates via social media and Mayor weekly updates.	Increased community awareness.	Mayoral updates continue to be key focal point. Supported by Facebook and website Posts
			Rates, charges, subsidies, grants, fees, donations and contributions collected and received within statutory obligations.	"Improved cashflow. Full Compliance."	Second half yearly rates and cahrges 23-24 were issued in March 2024
			Administration of the revenue and debt policies to achieve budget forecasts and minimise borrowing costs, debt collection and bank charges.	Improved financial position.	Second budget review presented and adopted May 2024 council meeting
			10 year Financial Sustainability Report reviewed annually.	Improved financial sustainability.	Second budget review presented and adopted May 2024 council meeting
			Administrative overheads recovered and distributed over operations through oncost rates applied to job costing system.	Improved financial position.	Second budget review presented and adopted May 2024 council meeting



1.LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE			
	New financial system adopted and maintained. Staff training conducted. Contract: delivery with IT Vision.	Improved accountability and operational efficiency.	Project not going ahead. Move to expense 30 June 2024
	Internal audit functions provided for.	Full Compliance.	Creditors review finalised in June 2024. Internal Audit Plan 24-25 signed off - Council and Crowe Horwath.
	External audit completed.	Full Compliance.	Audited FS 22-23 completed and signed 23 October 2023. Unqualified audit issued.
	Councillor training and skills development.	Improved Councillor governance skills.	Training undertaken
	Customer service standards maintained and processes followed for customer complaints.	Improved customer service standards.	On Going. Meetings commenced with Snap Send Solve on improving workflows for task requests
	Customer service obligations and requirement standards achieved. Staff training implemented according to the training needs analysis.	Improved customer service standards. 90% employee induction completed	Council ELT is continuing to refine its customer management processes. Council is considering a new records management system to better manage complaints and requests.
	Increased connectivity to improve administrative functions in Augathella and Morven.	Improved customer service standards.	Regional connectivity and WIFI installation completed.
	Enterprise Risk Management System is maintained, and Risk Register is reviewed annually.	Improved risk management.	Included in the internal audit plan 2024-25
	WH&S System is maintained, and annual audit undertaken.	"Risk management. No major incidents."	Initial rollout of Safety Champion planned for completion in July 24.
To demonstrate compliance to all concerned parties	Accredited Roadworks Quality Assurance System (QRAS) maintained, and audited annually.	"Revenue opportunities."	Proposing Murweh Shire Council abandon ISO9001 accreditation.
Attract, retain, and empower a capable, skilled, and fully complemented workforce.	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement in place and implemented.	"Staff retention. Workforce morale. Financial certainty for Council."	Certified agreement operative date: 29 September 2022 – Nominal expiry date: 29 September 2025
	Human Resource provisions are adequately resourced and staff are well trained and informed.	"Staff retention. Service Standards achieved."	On going provision of HR services across directorates
	Retain appropriately qualified and skilled staff to deliver services across all teams.	Fully complemented workforce.	On going
	Staff training framework is maintained and implemented.	Staff capability and skills.	Staff training is maintained and implemented.

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Council facilities, assets, plant and resourcing meet operational requirements.	Employment satisfaction survey undertaken once per annum, and strategies to improve outcomes identified and implemented.	"Staff retention. Staff empowered."	Survey completed
	Provide and maintain housing for senior staff.	100% senior staff positions filled.	Current leases maintained for senior staff housing
	Asset Management System is maintained and Asset Management Plans implemented for all assets.	"100% compliant assets. Reduced long-term maintenance costs."	Update of AMP is currently work in progress
	Construction plant is adequately resourced and maintained to meet requirements.	Plant availability and hire income maximised.	Budget adopted July 2023
	Contract civil works for other agencies and funding programs.	"Increased revenue. Maximise use of resources."	RMPC continuing 23-24. REEF Widening contract CN-18506 has reached financial completion.
	Stock control and procurement management standards maintained	Full Compliance.	

2. CORE SERVICES

PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	DELIVERY ACTIONS	IMPACT	UPDATE & OUTPUTS
2.1. DISASTERS	2.1.1. No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters.	Disaster risk planning, reduction and preparedness with partner agencies and community.	MSC Disaster Management Plan is reviewed annually and implemented.	Risk management.	LDMG Meeting and review of the High Risk Weather Season held in May and the Charleville DDMG Meeting held in June.
		Mitigation works, disaster response and recovery.	SES is adequately funded and resourced, training needs analysis undertaken, and training is conducted by the local controller.	SES teams are prepared and in state of readiness.	Council has been engaged with the SES Local Controller and staff, and continues to be supportive of SES operations and resourcing.
			Flood mitigation maintenance of river channels in/around Charleville and Cool Burning Program.		Budget 23-24, on going ops and mtce conducted. Flood levee remediation works completed

2.2 PUBLIC LANDS	2.2.1. Stock routes are well maintained for stock movement and regulated use.	Stock route planning, coordination, and implementation with stakeholders.			
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	2.2.2. Town reserves and public lands are well maintained for community access and recreational use.	Improvement and maintenance activities.	Stock route facilities maintained, review water facility options in collaboration with adjacent landholders.	Full Compliance.	Draft water agreements complete - to be reviewed by Dept Resources.
	2.2.3. All public lands are actively managed to support riverine and ecosystem health and landscape connectivity.	Advocacy to resource increasing responsibilities.	Continue solar panel upgrade in line with Council three year forward plan, funded through Dept. Resources capital funding scheme	Reduced maintenance costs.	Update three year rolling capital works plan complete. Awaiting review by Dept Resources for next years capital works preliminary approval.

			Town Reserves and riverine areas maintained to reduce known hazards. Continue cool burning program.	Hazard and safety impacts minimised.	Cool burn maps have been presented to Qld Fire Services - consulted with Environmental Officer and Stock Route Officers regarding possible burning of identified areas.
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2.3 BIOSECURITY

		Resource the implementation of priority actions and responsibilities in the Biosecurity Plan.	Active management of pest animals in the shire, conduct coordinated baiting campaigns April/ May and October/ November.	"Minimise impact of pests. Improve sustainable Agriculture."	Two stock route officers completed training so as they can administer Fluroacetate (1080) solution. Adhoc baiting has continued - information notifying landholders of adhoc baiting capabilities in August edition of the Messenger.
			Pursue funding and resourcing opportunities in collaboration with key stakeholders to fulfill biosecurity obligations	"Improved implementation. Cost recovery."	Limited funding resources in last quarter.

2.4. ROADS	2.4.1. Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities.	Asset management plan for priority and strategic maintenance and developments.	Road and street infrastructure maintenance works carried out according to the works program schedule.	"Improved safety. Cost efficiencies."	Budget 23-24, on going ops and mtce undertaken
		Policy direction for resource cost share investment for private benefit infrastructure.	Road and street infrastructure improvement works carried out according to the works program schedule.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget 23-24, on going ops and mtce undertaken
			Rural Roads upgrade works conducted.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget adopted July 2023.
			Town Streets upgrades and reseal works conducted.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget adopted July 2023.
			Bridge structures inspected and assessed on annual basis and event based as required.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Comprehensive valuation completed 30 June 2023

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			Culverts and Floodways upgrade works conducted.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget adopted July 2023.
			Kerb and Channel upgrade works conducted.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget adopted July 2023.
			Footpaths works conducted.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget adopted July 2023.
			Levee Bank inspections and annual maintenance works conducted.	"Improved standards. Improved safety."	Budget adopted July 2023.
			New Charleville Weighbridge for public access.	Support local business and industry.	Project started.
			Prepare policy relating to resource cost share investment for private benefit infrastructure.	Cost share equality.	Not started

2.5 WASTE

	2.5.2. All recoverable resources are diverted from landfill.	Waste transfer centre.	Continue resource recovery options in collaboration with community.	Environmental Health.	Continued representation on South West Region Waste Management forum. Council leading study on an Intermodal rail hub, to include waste as a commodity to be transported.
	2.5.3. Community is encouraged and supported to reduce waste, reuse, and recycle.	Community recycling collection facilities.	Implement and monitor landfill operation and maintenance in accordance with agreement.	Improved waste management facility condition.	Design complete for an internal transfer station - limited budget to implement at this time. Continual upgrade of the landfill site and internal roads, together with signage. Office building has been relocated closer to the entrance of the facility for ease of visitor access.
			Landfill operation and maintenance.	Improved waste management facility condition.	Augathella refuse site is stock proof, with a new grid installed at the entrance. Morven refuse site pushed and covered to eliminate bird hazard.
		Education and communication of waste reduction strategies and recycling services, and illegal dumping and compliance.	Education and communication to the community about the Charleville waste facility upgrades, and recycling programs in the Bi-monthly newsletter and social media.	"Environmental Health. Health and safety."	No further communication provided to the community in this quarter.
2.6. WATER AND SANITATION	2.6.1. Water supply and storages are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, delivery, and sustainability.	Leverage resources for the upgrade of Augathella and Charleville sewerage treatment facilities.	Storage and supply of urban water maintained, monitoring and inspection schedule conducted of reservoirs, mains and services, and repaired and replaced where required.	"Full Compliance. Health and safety."	Condition assesment completed for Bores #1, #2 & #3, water meter replacements and mains replaced where required

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2.6.2. Sewerage treatment and water re-use supply are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, and delivery for human and environmental health.	Asset management and service delivery excellence.	Upgrade water mains in Morven, Charleville and Augathella	Health and safety.	Budget 2023-24
2.6.3. Public access to potable water and sanitation.	Communicate availability of water access points for travellers.	Water supply monitoring schedule conducted with testing and treatment levels maintained across major towns. Option for replacement of Charleville inground reservoir critical.	Full compliance.	Concrete slab completed. UV installation scheduled for 24th August 2024.
		Sewerage treatment plant and ponds operating to standard, monitoring and testing schedule conducted and action plan implemented.	Full Compliance.	Premise' selected as designer/ constructor of Charleville STP and Augathella CED. Will have interim solution design completed by 23rd August 2024
		Sewerage reticulation operating efficiently, monitoring and inspection schedule conducted of pump stations, mains and services, and repaired and replaced where required.	Full Compliance.	Budget 23-24, on going ops and mtce conducted.
		Upgrade pump stations and mains as per Asset Management Plan.		Budget 23-24.

3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	DELIVERY ACTIONS	IMPACT	UPDATE & OUTPUTS
3.1. HEALTH AND WELLBEING	3.1.1. Health and wellbeing services and facilities meet community needs and expectations.	Continue support for critical health services and advocate to meet current gaps in our communities.	<p>Conduct annual inspections of licensed premises to ensure compliance with Food Safety legislation.</p> <p>Ensure keeping of animals in the town area is in accordance with MSC Local Laws.</p> <p>Resource and staff immunisation clinics for childhood and other vaccination programs.</p>	<p>All premises compliant.</p> <p>"Less dog attacks. Reduced community complaints."</p> <p>100% childhood immunisation.</p>	<p>Adhoc inspections of registered food business undertaken, in change over process and to provide up to date information to new owners/managers. Annual inspections completed in September/October prior to issue of license.</p> <p>Urban allotment inspections continues within each community. Six letters have been sent to land owners, with one being actioned by Council. Six staff completed snake handling and transport training - procedure needs to be completed for Council to continue this practice.</p> <p>Council no longer providing immunisation clinics. Responsibility has reverted to Queensland Health.</p>

3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Well maintained facilities, services, and experiences offered, that enhance the sports, recreation, arts, and cultural profile.	Aged care units are maintained and operated to a high standard of safety and reflect community expectations.	"Standards maintained. Compliance."	Ongoing maintenance occurs as client advises Council, or when a change in resident for the unit.
	Maintain service levels and resource libraries in Augathella, Charleville and Morven, and implement initiatives where applicable.	"Increased library use. Increased education under 5."	Storywalks installed at Charleville and Augathella. Morven to be installed once Department of Main Roads have completed works on Warrego highway through Morven.
	Arts and culture projects are developed and completed, with two rounds advertised, assessed and delivered in accordance with funding guidelines and Council policy.	Contribute to arts and culture profile.	100% complete
	Operate the Art Gallery in Charleville, with the Charleville Art Gallery Committee, to coordinate exhibitions and displays.	Contribute to arts and culture profile.	WOW exhibition in place. Queensland Regional Art Awards finalists exhibition arriving September 2024
	Public Art concepts are considered when presented to Council.	Contribute to arts and culture profile.	Support remains ongoing.
	Community Assistance is offered to community organisations for sponsorship and fee waivers.	Community assistance support.	Moving to two community Assistance rounds of funding. Once allocated funds exhausted for financial year, that's it. No guarantee that requests for Council assistance will be entertained between rounds.
	In partnership with Progress Associations, promote, assess applications and distribute funds collected from Donation Boxes to worthy causes in line with Council policy.	Community assistance support.	On going
	Maintain and enhance all parks for continued public use and enjoyment.	Increased utilisation.	Budget 23-24, on going ops and mtce of parks
	Graham Andrews Park new toilet block.	Increased utilisation.	Completed 22-23
	Maintain and enhance sporting facilities and showgrounds to a safe standard for continued public use and enjoyment.	Increased utilisation.	Budget 23-24, on going ops and mtce.
	Upgrade Racecourse in conjunction with Queensland Racing to improve facilities.	"Standards maintained. Increased utilisation."	Budget 23-24,
	Maintain and enhance the pool condition and operation to a high level of health and safety and reflect community expectations. Pool filters in urgent need of replacement.	"Safety. Standards maintained. Increased utilisation."	New filters have arrived and installation scheduled for 12th August 2024.

3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING					
			Upgrade Swimming Pool infrastructure, including replacement/upgrade of the Toddler Pool.	Increased utilisation.	Budget 23-24, see project below
			Public halls, cultural centre and medical practitioner facilities maintained, in conjunction with Augathella and Morven Progress Associations.	Increased utilisation.	Ongoing
			Community housing are maintained and upgraded to an acceptable standard.	Standards maintained.	Budget 23-24, see project below
			Cemeteries maintained and enhanced to a high standard and reflect community expectations.	Standards maintained.	On going ops and mtce. Budget 23-24, see projects below
			Charleville Lawn cemetery beams upgrade.	Improved services.	Budget 23-24, see project below
3.2. SOCIAL PROTECTION	3.2.1. Safety and protection strategies meet community needs and expectations.	Collaborate with stakeholders to deliver community safety and protection strategies.	Installation of street lighting and cameras for public safety.	Improved public safety.	Budget 23-24, see project below
3.3. EDUCATION	3.3.1. The education needs of the community are represented and pursued.	Collaborate with education and training stakeholders to advocate for further education pathways and options locally.	Appointment of apprentices, trainees and school-based traineeships	Employment opportunities	Traineeship and apprentices appointments continuing
		Pursue representation and advocacy opportunities that support childcare, pre-school, student retention, school completion, special needs support, training, apprenticeships, and vocational and higher education.	Advocate and collaborate to secure further education and training pathways locally	Employment and training opportunities	Traineeship and apprentices appointments continuing
3.4. CONNECTION TO COUNTRY	3.4.1. Preservation and recognition of the traditions and cultures of Aboriginal people and their ongoing custodianship of country.	Connection to country, interests, and rights of traditional owners are recognised, and support Aboriginal people to benefit culturally, socially, and economically.	Community liaison with Traditional Owners to support a collaborative, inclusive and respectful relationship. Progress Reconciliation Action Plan.	Improved relationships.	None for the quarter
			Negotiate Land Tenure relating to Native Title Freehold, protecting Council interests and land management outcomes with respects to cultural heritage.		None for the Quarter.

4. EMPOWERED FUTURE					
PRIORITY	CORPORATE PLAN GOALS	CORPORATE PLAN STRATEGIES	DELIVERY ACTIONS	IMPACT	UPDATE & OUTPUTS
4.1. GROWTH	4.1.1. Encourage and facilitate targeted population retention and growth, underpinned by liveability and employment opportunities.	<p>Pursue regional strategies that address affordable and accessible housing.</p> <p>Ensure sufficient and appropriate land availability for residential and industrial developments.</p>	Industrial and residential land is developed (as per industrial land below).	Provide for housing development.	Budget 23-24, see projects below. Council is now in a position to seek external funding for the development of Aurora Estate and prepare the Bollon Rd Industrial land for sale.
4.2. INDUSTRY	4.2.1. Facilitate certainty and security, underpinned by industry diversity, resilience, and capability.	Proactively overcome identified barriers to encourage industry diversification, innovation, and investment.	Planning and building certification services maintained, and development approvals in accordance with regulatory frameworks.	Non compliance issues minimised.	On going provision of certification services. Monthly site visits
		Town planning is proactive and development friendly.	Regular compliance inspections conducted, and building approvals in accordance with regulatory frameworks.	Non compliance issues minimised.	Ongoing provision of building inspection. Monthly site visits - increase if inspectors are required for building work.
		Empower local leadership of business development and growth.	In partnership with DSDTI and SWQROC pursue Economic Development Strategies for Murweh Shire that respond to economic drivers and opportunities and guides development.	Economic growth.	Shire visits from Australian trade and Investment Department. Ongoing links with SWQROC . Ongoing scoping of new economic drivers.
		Establish a value proposition that positions Murweh as a preferred place to do business.	Economic Development Officer pursues economic development opportunities, grants and private investment, and support community organisation pursuits and capacity.	Economic growth.	Successful grants include \$520,000 for new changing rooms to give community capacity to increase active participation in sport. Funding applications to roll out renewable energyh projects.
			Active representation and partnerships with strategic organisations including LGAQ, South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), and Western Queensland Alliance, and links with Government Departments in relation to emerging trends, economic development outcomes and prospects and tourism.	Economic growth.	Ongoing participation and meetings with regional bodies and peak bodies.
			Promote campaigns to support local businesses throughout the Shire.	Support local business and industry.	On hold this quarter to complete projects and deadlines.

4. EMPOWERED FUTURE

	Industrial land is developed, available and released for sale in the three communities. Resolve land tenure matters with NRME to free up land for development.	Support local business and industry.	Council has applied through the Australian Government Housing Support program for funding to plan the development of Aurora Estate. The Bollon Rd Industrial land will be put for sale as soon as possible in the 2024-25 F/Y.
Enhance Murweh's position as a leading tourism destination.	Develop a Tourism Strategy that identifies key drivers and opportunities and guides strategies for tourism market development and value return to the community.		Tourism Manager appointed and has started the position. The development of a Tourism Strategy can now be progressed. This will require external support to complete.
	Proactively encourage and support other organisations to pursue tourism ventures and products.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Council continues to work with the OQTA, TEQ and tourism operators to improve the local and regional tourism experience.
	Continued support, development and promotion of the Cosmos Centre.	"Increased visitors. Increased sales."	The Cosmos Centre Manager is continually exploring ways to improve the facility and content experience by attendance at conferences and engaging with astronomers from other areas.
	Maintain service levels and resources for Visitor Information Centres in the three communities.	"Increased visitors. Increased sales."	The Cosmos Centre Manager is continually exploring ways to improve the facility and content experience by attendance at conferences and engaging with astronomers from other areas.
	Charleville VIC renovations completed, including flooring and painting.	"Safety and compliance standards. Increased utilisation."	Complete
	Operate the Bilby Centre in partnership with the Save the Bilby Fund.	Contribute to tourism profile.	The working relationship with Council and the Save the Bilby Fund operators continues to work well with continuing strong tourism numbers. The transfer of booking funds to the Save the Bilby Fund is working well, and an adjustment will be made at the of each F/Y.
	"Charleville Airfield Museum is established in partnership with the Charleville Airfield Committee to oversee the build. Project: Building Better Regions Fund for build."	Contribute to tourism profile.	Budget 23-24, see project below
	Identify new tourism experiences as either a new product or the enhancement of an existing product.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Ongoing.
	Build collaboration between MSC, industry groups, tourism operators and community groups.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Ongoing. Partnerships maintained.
	RSL exhibition completed for Brisbane Line Interpretive building and WWII Interpretive display.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Complete

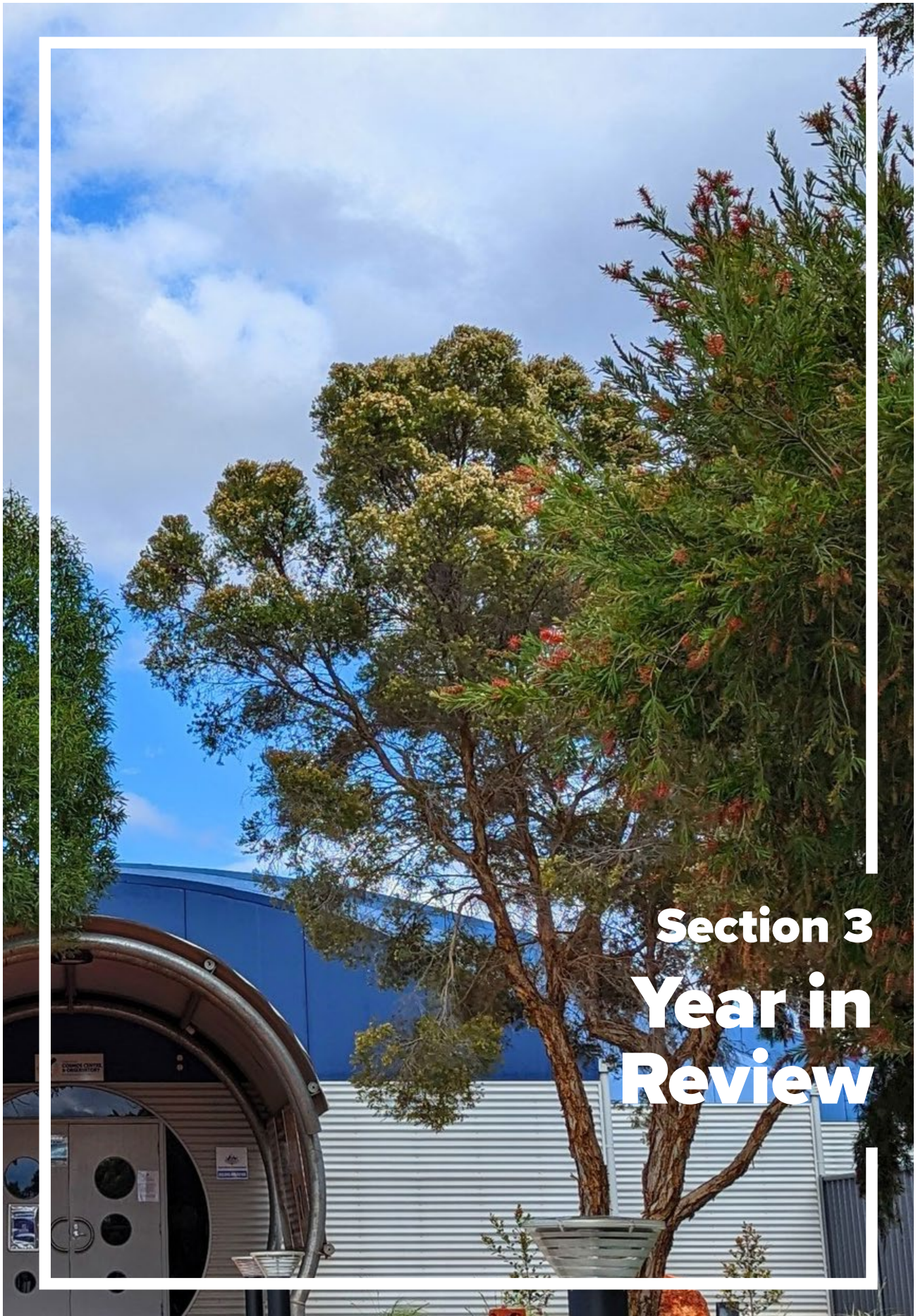
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			Tourism Precinct continued development from the Tourism Precinct Strategy, in collaboration with Universities. Including the new Outback Museum of Australia.	Contribute to tourism profile.	Budget 23-24, see projects below. Council is providing an application to the Australian Government Regional Precinct and Partnerships Program for the next stage of the OMoA.
		Enhance Murweh's position as a leading tourism destination			Budget 23-24, refer to various tourism projects
4.3. SUPPLY CHAIN AND SERVICES	4.3.1. Supply chain infrastructure and service meet current and future industry needs and community expectations.	Continue to build and enhance air, rail, road capacity, connectivity, and utilisation.	Maintain service levels, staffing and resourcing of aerodromes to accommodate regional passenger airlines in Charleville and sealed light aircraft aerodrome in Augathella.	"High service levels. Increased utilisation."	On going ops and mtce. Budget 23-24, see projects below
			Upgrade the main apron including hard stand for aircraft parking, seeking funding from programs that may become available.	Safety and compliance standards.	Completed in prior year
			Café in the Mulga at the Charleville Airport Terminal is achieving business goals and adequately staffed.	"Service and utilisation of airport facilities. Financial viable business."	On going provision of café services at the airport
		Continue to build and enhance connectivity and communication networks.	"Finalise rollout of 5 new towers and high speed internet capacity."	Improved mobile and data coverage, accessibility and speeds.	Completion for Morven and Augathella communities
			Free visitor Wi-Fi access is available in the communities and CCTV camera coverage is extended.	Improved data accessibility.	Completed
			Radio and television rebroadcast facilities available in communities.	Improved Rebroadcast accessibility.	Completed
4.4. CIRCULAR ECONOMY	4.4.1. Encourage adoption of circular economy principles and practices.	Identify and communicate key opportunities to reduce waste and improve supply chain efficiencies within current industries and new developments.	Continue collaboration with other Local Governments to develop and implement waste management strategies to secure funding for capital upgrade.		Continue to work with Darling Downs and South West Waste group to implement strategies that will benefit this region. Working with this group regarding the recent guidelines released by Department of Environment & Science - challenges for south west local governments to implement requirements.
4.5. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY	4.5.1. Visionary and encouraging approach to enhance alternative energy.	Encourage and attract opportunities for alternative energy generation and supply.	Solar power sources connected to Council building.	Reduced energy costs.	Awaiting funding decision
		Encourage energy efficiency and self-sufficiency.	Actively seek opportunities for alternative energy supply initiatives.	"Reduce emissions. Increase climate resilience."	On going advocacy and initiatives with SWROQ
4.6. CLIMATE CHANGE	4.6.1. Encourage holistic and integrated approaches to climate change action and markets.	u Seek to understand climate change actions, opportunities, risks, and benefits for the local community.	Partner to the Climate Resilient Communities Program and pursue opportunities for climate change initiatives.	"Reduce emissions. Increase climate resilience."	Addressing non compliancy needed for certification

4. EMPOWERED FUTURE

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> u Exercise leadership and planning to influence appropriate adoption of initiatives locally. 	<p>Representation and partnerships with South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC), LGAQ and Western Queensland Alliance in relation to economic outcomes and prospects and tourism.</p>		<p>Ongoing representation and workshops</p>	
4.7.	LANDSCAPES	4.7.1. Embrace the unique landscape, and its ecosystems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> u Continue to support species recovery and protection efforts. u Embrace community connection and promote environmental protection of the Shire's unique landscapes and ecosystems. 	<p>Support Bilby recovery through arrangements with the Bilby Centre in partnership with the Save the Bilby Fund.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities to improve Biodiversity management with participation in Biodiversity and Carbon credit trading programs.</p>	<p>Contribute to biodiversity recovery.</p> <p>"Improved biodiversity. Leveraged resources."</p>	<p>Ongoing promotion, administration of online bookings for shows, and provision of guides for the shows</p> <p>Continue advocacy and lobbying, no new opportunities in this quarter.</p>





Tourism

Tourism in Murweh ended October 2023 with the onset of the hot weather and began late March 2024 which generally coincides with Easter or the first term school holidays.

Murweh Shire saw our highest number of visitors in July 2023 with 6002 people visiting the Visitor Information Centre (VIC). Over the tourist season, we continued to see another large number of group bookings at the Cosmos Centre, The WWII Secret Base and the Bilby Experience attractions.

The 2024 tourism season started later than usual due to adverse weather conditions, where the region received much more wet weather than is considered normal for that time of the year which resulted in many impassable roads and sodden campgrounds. Undoubtedly, the weather conditions caused many tourists to delay or cancel their travel plans during this period.

To promote the region and announce that Murweh was open for business, the Tourism, Marketing and Events Team undertook a marketing campaign which included a filmed promotional video. This video was shared across our social media platforms and filtered through to various media houses giving great exposure to the market. Murweh Shire was lucky to be able to enlist the support of local videographer Mr Pete Murray to produce this video and commentary. This campaign was greatly successful, as it was after this promotion, that we began to see the travelers and visitors emerge in Murweh Shire.

A large portion of travelers this year were elderly retired people, with the exception of over the 2024 September school holidays – where the Visitor Information Centre saw a large increase in the number of young families.

On two occasions throughout the year, the showgrounds were opened to accommodate an overflow from the caravan parks - and again confirming that tourist numbers were on the incline.

Throughout the year coordinators from the tourism team traveled to expos and events where they shared what Murweh Shire tourism and small businesses has to offer to the visitor market.

At these events the tourism coordinators also gained knowledge on how other shires are managing their tourism businesses.

The learnings from these events enable tourism coordinators to share the knowledge and ideas gained from other regions with the Murweh tourism staff, and collectively they are continually developing the tourism industry in Murweh Shire to be first class experiences.

The Tourism Team are a little unsure how the tourist season is shaping for the 2024-25, with some major attractions and events being cancelled. But are continuously working extremely hard

on the Murweh Shire product development to ensure another wonderful tourism season ahead.

Events

The primary goal of Council in organizing and hosting events is to foster a strong, connected, and vibrant community. Through these events, the Council aims to enhance the quality of life for residents, promote local culture and encourage diversity and inclusion from new cultures constantly entering the landscape, and stimulate economic activity by boosting our tourism profile.

It is our mission, through running events, to build a welcoming and inclusive environment that showcases the unique character and strengths of the region while contributing to its sustained growth and prosperity.

Throughout 2024, the Murweh Shire Council hosted and supported a range of events; here is a summary of our major events and key highlights from the year:

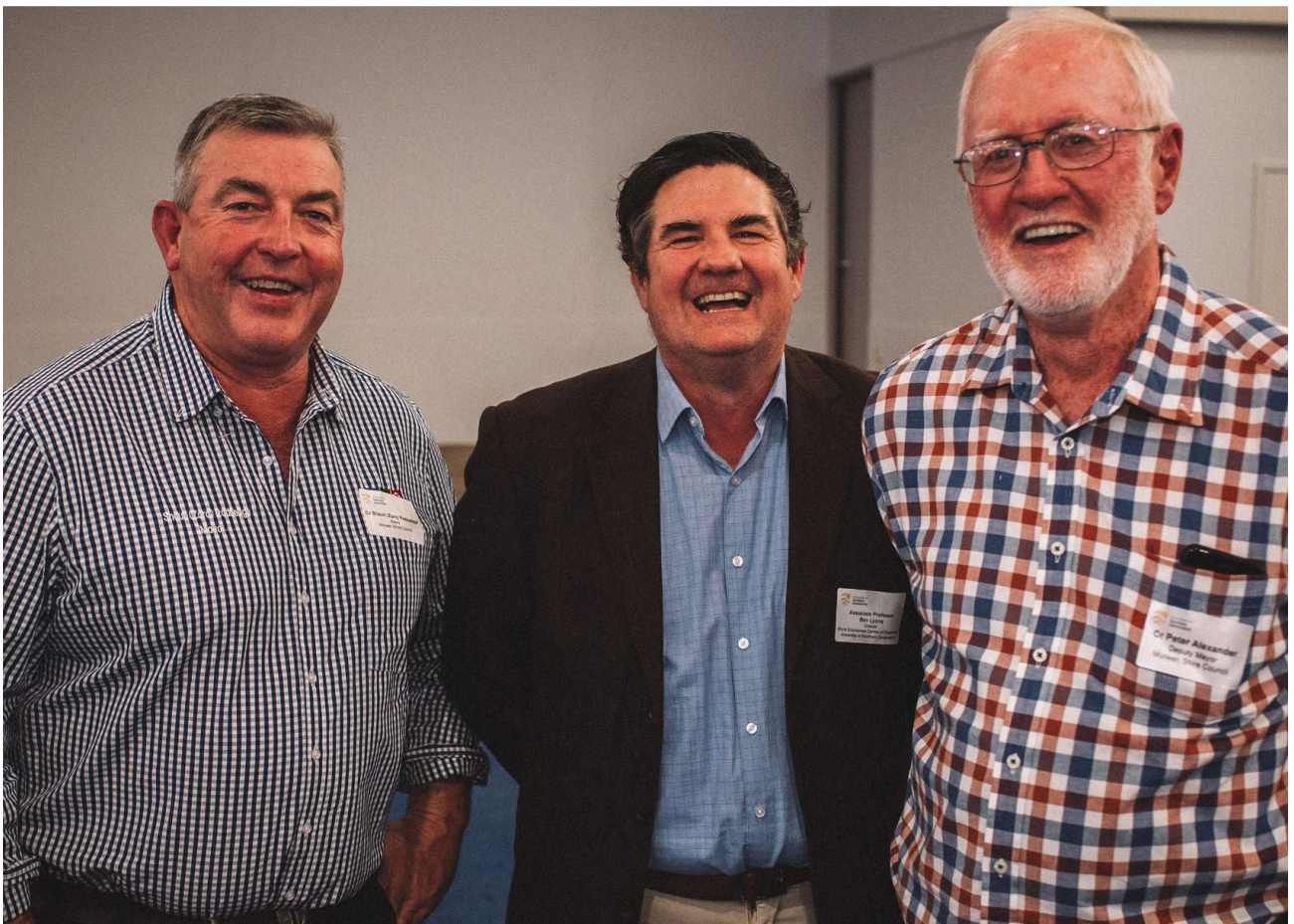
Our year started with vibrant Australia Day celebrations at the Charleville Showgrounds. Families enjoyed an afternoon filled with fun activities and games, fostering community spirit. The award ceremony honored local winners and outstanding community members. The event concluded with a fireworks display which is always a treat for the community.

In April, Murweh Shire Council collaborated with Business Chamber Queensland to host “Business Connect”, a networking event aimed at empowering local businesses with valuable connections and insights.

April also saw us welcoming the Queensland Music Festival (QMF) Outback Sounds back to the region, providing an evening of live music that brought together locals and visitors in celebration of regional arts and culture.

As part of our commitment to supporting mental health and well-being, we co-hosted the Managing Risk - Mental Health at Work workshop in May. This event, in collaboration with Mind, Science, and My Health, provided tools and strategies for creating mentally healthy workplaces, helping business owners and employees manage stress and build resilience.

In June, we once again focused on local businesses by hosting a “Small Business Connect” event in association with Queensland Small Business Commissioner Dominique Lamb. Dominique’s presence also enabled us to host the Mayor’s Leadership Morning Tea, where students from surrounding schools in the Shire were invited to meet with the Mayor, Councillors and Dominique Lamb, for a morning event which was very interesting for our future leaders.



Also in June, we hosted Picnic in the Park – a community event with food trucks, live music and activities for children. Stall holders and community organisations such as Aussie Helpers came on board to create a more engaging environment.

The Outback Golf Masters in July, in Charleville, brought a touch of sporting prestige to the Murweh Shire. This event was not only a fun and competitive weekend for golf enthusiasts but also a great way to attract visitors to our region, contributing to local tourism and business growth.

September was a particularly busy month, with two significant events. First, on September 8th, we celebrated National Bilby Day at the Charleville Visitor Centre, with fun and games and an “open door” to visit the Bilbies. This event raised awareness about bilby conservation efforts and engaged families in interactive learning.

Our signature event, Wings on the Warrego, also took place in September, a first for the Shire, and one of the most anticipated events of the year. It was a major highlight that showcased Murweh Shire’s unique appeal and aviation history, and we plan to grow this event to become a household feature for the Shire and bolster our tourism sector thus bringing economic growth.

In November, we hosted the SWQROC (South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils) Mayors and CEOs for a two-day forum at the Cosmos Centre. A great opportunity to showcase our tourism and conferencing offering to regional leaders and peers.

To end the year, we will host our much-loved Christmas Lights Competition and Tour, celebrating the holiday season and fostering community spirit. This annual tradition brings families together, spreads festive cheer, and showcases the creativity of our residents.

Beyond hosting events, the Murweh Shire Council actively supported a wide range of community activities in various ways. This included both monetary and in-kind contributions, as well as promotional and marketing support. Notable community events we supported include:

- Augathella Easter Weekend events
- 2024 Southwest Career Expo
- Two Variety Bashes that traveled through Charleville
- The Self Care, We Care Multicultural Festival
- The Christmas Street Party

These events, among others, allowed us to build stronger community ties, promote cultural diversity, and support economic development.

In conclusion, the Murweh Shire Council’s 2024 event lineup reflects our commitment to fostering community engagement,

supporting local businesses, and celebrating our region’s unique culture. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue enhancing our event offerings to meet the evolving needs of the Murweh Shire; some exciting events for 2025 will include the 35 Year Flood Commemoration held in May, and the first Domestic Violence Forum which will be hosted in Charleville and supported by Council.

Economic Development

Economic Development is an important part of Council business and operational functions. It focuses on the Shire’s well-being and future sustainability, securing support and external funding for projects that help our communities to stay healthy, feel safe and to grow while providing infrastructure and facilities to attract investment, employment, and exports for the shire.

The 2023 -2024 financial year has seen the completion and operation of many projects and the scoping of plans for future development and improvements for the Shire. These developments and plans spread across many sectors and include Tourism, Facilities, Community well-being, Safety, Industry, Transport and Connectivity. These are all projects that could not be delivered without extra financial assistance from State and Federal Governments.

Major projects embarked on, and some completed during the financial year include: -

Tourism

Through the Federal government Building Better Regions funding, we have seen this year:-

- The opening of the new Charleville Airfield museum
- Opening of Stage 2 of the Charleville WWII Secret Base extension and RSL section
- And completion of the first stage of the new Outback Museum of Australia at Charleville’s tourism precinct.

There will also be an internal upgrade of the Cosmos Centre through funding received from the Queensland Building Bush Tourism funding.

We continue to operate and maintain the free public WiFi service and have now completed the global Earth Check Audit to provide the Shire and tourism facilities Sustainable Destination Certification to promote Eco Tourism within the Shire.

Cluster Fencing

With funding received from Queensland’s Feral Pest Initiative, Council has subsidised 400 kms of predatory proof fencing enclosing 230 hectares of land and aimed at protecting the Shire’s livestock industry from wild dog attacks.

Data Connectivity

The installation and connection of optic fibre cable to households within a radius of Augathella and Morven CBD for faster internet speeds has now all been completed with funding received from the NBN Connectivity funding and with contribution from Council budgets.

Community Infrastructure

Recent funding received from the Queensland Government’s Minor Infrastructure Fund in this financial year has enabled Council to proceed with the design and construction of a new changing room facility at the Charleville showgrounds.

Community Safety

Strategic additions have been made this year to Charleville’s camera network with links installed to the Charleville Police Station for monitoring purposes

External funding has also been received to enhance SES equipment and preparedness for regional disasters.

Community Health

Queensland State Government funding is currently being rolled out for the design and renewal of the Charleville Sewage Treatment Plant to increase capacity for future growth and increased tourism

Queensland State Government Funding being rolled out for the design and construction of a new Common Effluent Distribution system in Augathella to replace ageing infrastructure and to prepare for future increase in capacity

Welcome to Charleville

The annual Welcome to Charleville is an important and popular multicultural event in February to welcome newcomers to the town, and we are grateful for the continued financial support from the Queensland Government Multicultural Affairs Department in hosting the event

Future Sustainability

Council continues to contribute to a nationwide academic study in relation to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its uses in remote areas. Murweh shire is the only Council involved and will be used as a future testing area for any new technology.

Council has also received funding from the Queensland Government’s Regional Economic Futures Fund and we will be conducting a major study on Rail freight and on the



feasibility of locating an Intermodal Freight Hub in both Charleville and Roma.

Stock Route

The November 2023 coordinated baiting program did not go as planned, due to a malfunction in the cold room infrastructure. Council has since updated the cooling system, so as future coordinated programs can be undertaken in collaboration with landholders. Council is looking to increase landholder participation, and is reviewing the implementation of Murweh's Wild Dog Advisory committee to assist with this process. A total of 278 wild dog scalps were presented for payment during the annum, 18 pups, 102 females and 158 males.

Council has received funding from Department of Resources to upgrade four stock route water facilities on the primary stock route. The facilities received new tank, stock troughs and aprons, solar pumps and fencing – Upgraded Water Facilities included Glengary, Biddenham, Westlyn and Rosemount. These upgrades are in line with Council's Bio-Security and Stock Route Management Plan to upgrade water facilities with solar. These upgraded facilities will improve water access for travelling stock, with near-by landholders having the option to undertake water agreement should

Control of noxious weed

An annual program for weed spraying by two full time employees targeting the following pest plants, Mother of Millions, Mimosa, Hudson Pear, Tiger Pear, Harissia Cactus and Coral Cactus.

Governance

A Local Government Management officer has provided assistance and undertaken an audit of Council's governance processes to bring any policies and procedures into line with legislative requirements. This has been a beneficial process and ensures Council meets its obligations.

Aerodromes

Once again Council supported the Royal Flying Doctor service to hold their annual fund raising ball in the old airport Hangar at the Charleville Airport. This event brings a number of people to Charleville, and is a very successful event raising funds for a critical

service, that provides medical treatment to a broader community.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service celebrated eighty (80) years of service from the Charleville airport in November 2023. The formal evening showcased the history of the service from inception to today's operations, which included the initial Royal Flying Doctor base being located on the Old Cunnamulla Road, neighbouring the School of Distance Education learning centre. Today, the base and aircraft work from the Charleville Airport, with the Flying Doctor Service building a new base in 2015.

Each annum, CASA undertake an audit of the Charleville airport to ensure the infrastructure meets the requirements of a licensed airport. A few minor rectification requirements were identified and completed to ensure the safety of aviators that use this facility.

Morven and Augathella airports are used by local aviators and or for emergency purposes. Due to each of these airfields being on a major highway, Council is lobbying Government for improvement of Infrastructure for service delivery.

Food and Beverage Services

Council has consolidated its café services to one café, which operates out of the Charleville Airport terminal. The facility also undertakes minimal catering projects.

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS)

The Murweh Shire Council Safety Management System has been maintained, and reviewed against workplace targets.

To Demonstrate compliance, and continuous improvement and provide overall actions for reducing the risk of workplace injury, illness, and disease, Murweh Shire Council commenced the use of a digital Safety Management System Platform called Safety Champion.

On an overall review of WHS accomplishments this past year, we are continuously striving to improve, comply, and implement better systems of Workplace Health and Safety.

Animal Control

Inspections of all premises with approved Animal permits has been completed during this annum – more than two dogs/excess dog permit, and horse permit approval premises.

Continual monitoring of dogs, and registrations is undertaken in accordance with the State Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) legislation. Residents are reminded that this legislation requires all dogs over the age of 12 weeks to be microchipped and registered if they are not working dogs – please note that there is specific requirements for a dog to be identified as a working dog. Microchipping allows ease owner identification of a dog when found by others. New 'Life time' dog registrations ceased as at 30 June 2023, due to this type of registration not meeting the requirements of legislation. Council will continue to honour this category of dog registration for the next ten years.

Dog attacks notified to Council has reduced over the year which is pleasing to report. Roaming dogs remain a priority to ensure the community is safe for all users, with suitable natured dogs that are not reclaimed by their owner, rehomed. Council officer's collaborated with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries by undertaking the survey Strong dog laws – Safer Communities.

Vegetation management on urban allotments has been a prime focus, due to a number of snakes being captured within the town area. Maintaining vegetation growth reduces the likelihood of vermin harbour.

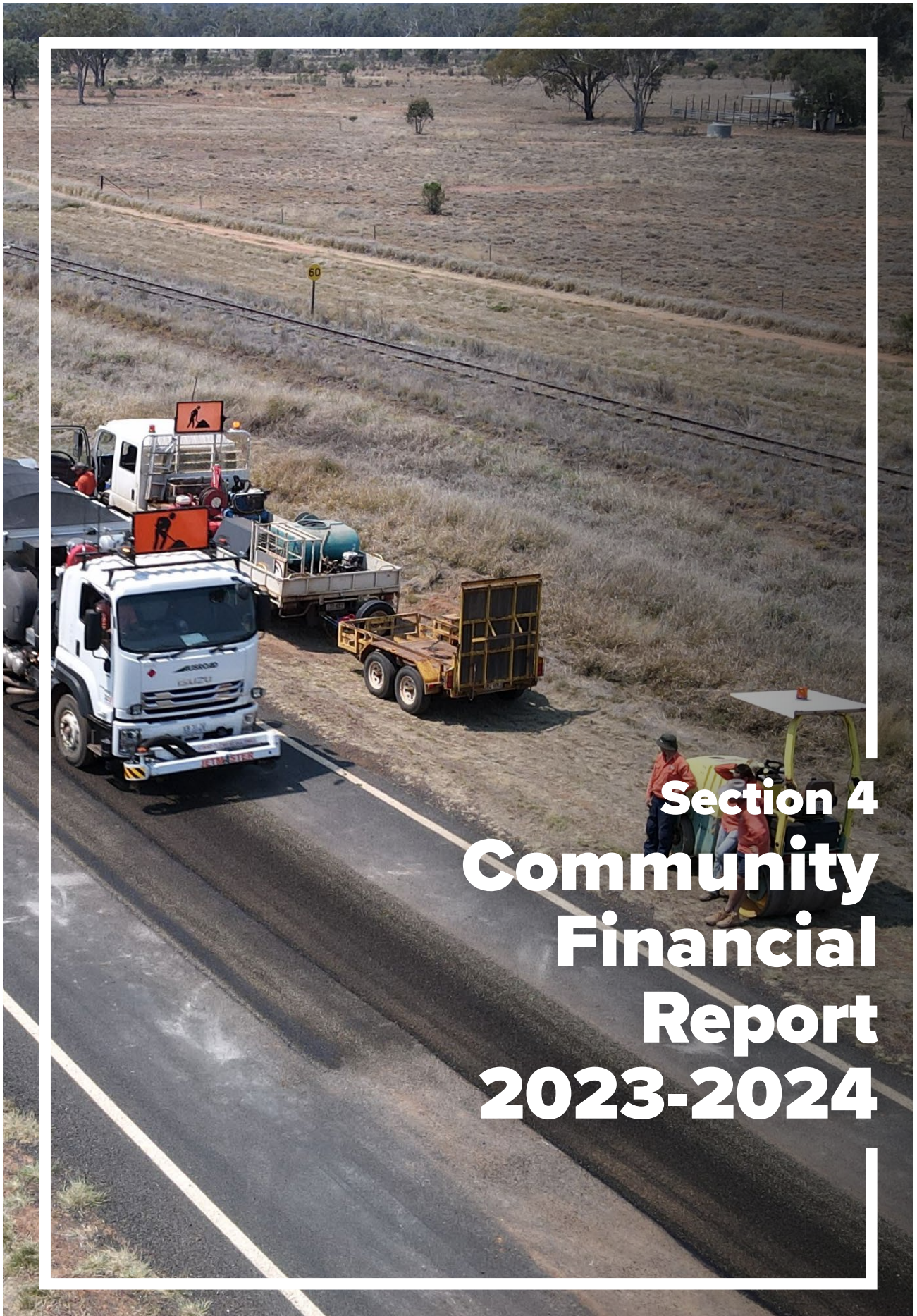
Charleville Waste Facility

Council is an inaugural member of the Darling Downs and South West Waste Management group which has a Waste Management Plan, providing a road map for local governments within the Region to work together to achieve waste management practices that will meet the requirements of the State's Waste Management and Resource Recovery strategy.

Further development of the Charleville Waste facility has continued with consolidation of waste types that will provide further air space, allowing for waste to be delivered to site for numerous years to come.

Over the next twelve months, Council is hoping to develop a waste management plan for all three towns which will have three phases – 5 year, 10 year, and 20 years. This will assist to improve waste management practices, and reducing the need to find more land for waste services.





Community Financial Report

(Section 184 Local Government Regulation 2012)

The community financial report aims to simplify Council's official financial statements by providing a visual representation of our financial performance for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Each report in Council's financial statements provides information on a specific aspect of our financial performance, with the statements collectively providing a profile of the financial performance and wealth of Council.

This community financial report consists of four key statements:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income

which measures how Council performed in relation to income and expenses during the financial year. This statement illustrates how money received from Council operations is spent.

Council achieved a net loss of \$ 3.6 million compared with 2022-23 profit of \$ 3.3 million . The decrease in net result is largely due to the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) 24-25 not received during 23/24 financial year.

There was an increase in employee benefits but a decrease in materials and services due to enterprise bargaining agreement increase and flood damage works including inflationary cost increase.

Revenue	2023-2024 \$'000	2022-2023 \$'000
Rates, Levies and Charges	7,342	6,947
Fees and Other Income	3,159	3,135
Interest & Investment Revenue	463	404
Grants & Contributions - Operating	7,204	20,831
Sales & Recoverable Works	4,627	5,773
Total Revenue	22,795	37,090
Expenses		
Employee Benefits	9,300	8,910
Materials and Services	19,526	22,643
Finance Costs	281	216
Depreciation and Amortisation	7,549	7,277
Total Expenses	36,656	39,046
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(13,861)	(1,956)
Capital Grant/Other Capital Income	9,640	6,014
Capital Expenses	573	790
Net Result	(3,648)	3,268

Revenue Sources

Where does our money come from?

Throughout the 2023-24 financial year Council earned \$ 23.0 million in operating revenues.

The most significant contributors to revenue include:

Operational grants, subsidies contributions and donations	\$7.2 million
Rates, levies and utility charges	\$7.3 million
Recoverable works	\$4.6 million

32% of total revenue comes from operating grants and subsidies which includes the Financial Assistance Grants of \$403,000.

Operating Expenses

Where does our money go?

Council incurs operating expenses in the provision of goods and services to our community.

Key operating expenses during the 2022-23 financial year were:

Employee benefits	\$9.3 million (25.0%)
Materials and services	\$19.5 million (53.0%)
Depreciation and amortisation	\$7.5 million (20.6%)

2. Statement of Financial Position

Position measures what we own (our assets), what we owe (our debts) and our net worth at the end of the financial year 30 June 2024.

Total Assets – What we own

The major components of our assets include:

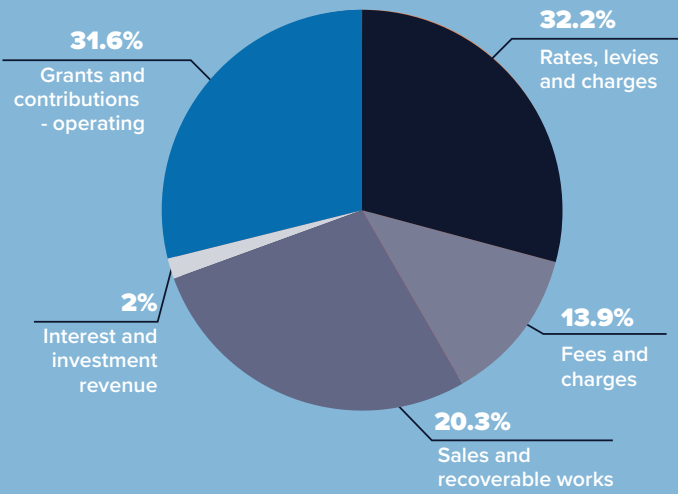
Property, plant and equipment	\$424.8 million
Cash	\$2.2 million
Trade and other receivables & inventories	\$4.5 million

Total Liabilities – What we owe

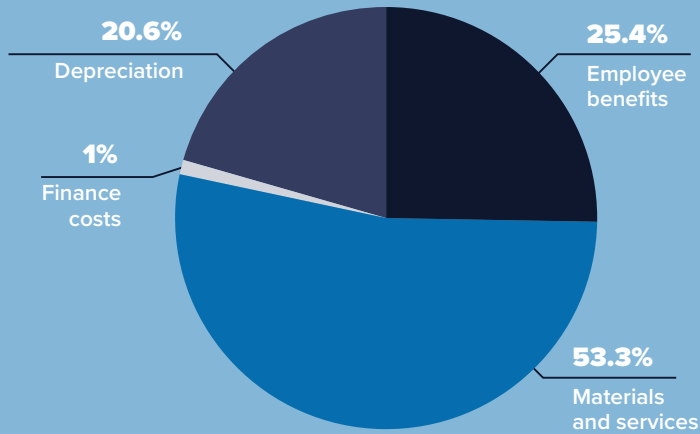
The major components of our liabilities include:

Loans	\$3.4 million
Trade & other payables	\$ 2.8 million
Provisions	\$3.5 million
Contract liability	\$3.4 million

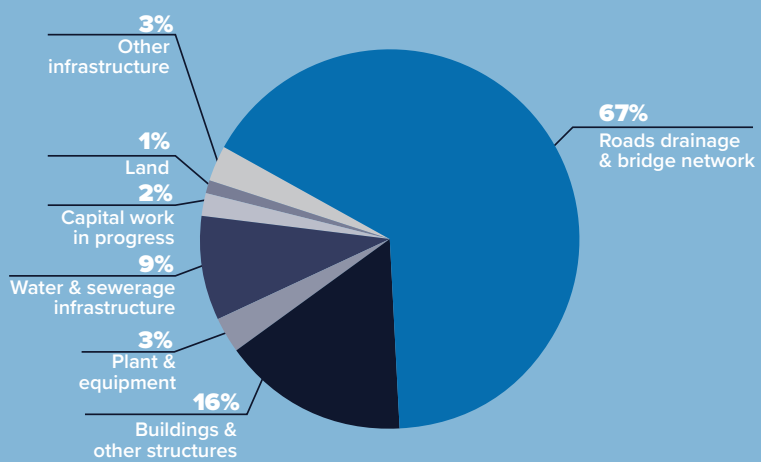
Operating Revenue



Operating Expenses



Property Plant & Equipment



Cash Balance



Capital Works Completed

During the financial year, total borrowings paid to Queensland Treasury Corporation were \$209,000.

As shown in the above graph, road network assets represents 67% of Council's total assets followed by water and sewerage of 9%.

3. Statement of Changes in Equity

The statement of changes in equity measures the changes in our net wealth and shows the movements in our retained earnings and asset revaluation surplus. In the 2023-24 financial year council's net worth increased by \$ 10.8 million, mostly attributable to the comprehensive valuation of water and sewerage infrastructure.

4. Statement of Cash Flows

This statement outlines how much cash we received and spent throughout the year. The closing balance reflects how much cash Council had at year end

The table below shows a comparison of how much we received and paid in each type of activities between 2023-24 and 2022-23 financial years.

Cashflow Summary	2023-2024 \$'000	2022-2023 \$'000
Opening Cash Balance	12,806	8,419
Net Cashflow from Operating Activities	(7,564)	3,037
Net Cashflow from Investing Activities	(2,721)	540
Net Cashflow from Financing Activities	(209)	810
Closing Cash Balance	2,312	12,806

As shown in the graph on page 43, Council's cash position in 2022-23 have decreased by \$ 10.4 million compared to that of prior year. This was due to the delayed receipt of the Financial Assistance Grants..

During the financial year 2023-24, Council have completed capital projects to the value of \$7.5 million. These include:

Aerodrome landing strip projects totalling	\$181,000
Road, drainage and bridge network projects of	\$2.2 million
Buildings and other structures	\$2.2 million
Replacement of plant and equipment	\$3.0 million

Council was able to deliver these projects with funding assistance received from Commonwealth and State governments. In 2023-24, Council recorded capital grants of \$ 9.64 million.

Financial sustainability ratios

Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover ratio

indicates the unconstrained liquidity available to the council to meet ongoing and emergent financial demands.

Target: greater than 4 months

The ratio for 2023-2024 is a **negative .44** which is outside of the target range

Operating surplus ratio

indicates the extent to which operational revenues raised cover operating expenses.

Target: no benchmark as for contextual purposes only

The ratio for 2023-2024 is a **negative 61%** which is outside of the target range

Operating cash ratio

measure council's ability to cover its core operational expenses

Target: greater than 0%

The ratio for 2023-2024 is a **negative 26%** which is outside of the target range

Asset sustainability ratio

indicates the extent to which assets are being replaced as they reach the end of their useful lives.

Target: greater than 90%

The ratio for 2023-2024 is **54%**.

Asset consumption ratio

measures the extent to which the council's infrastructure assets have been consumed compared to what it would cost to build a new asset with the same benefit to the community.

Target: greater than 60%

The ratio for 2023-2024 is **73%**.

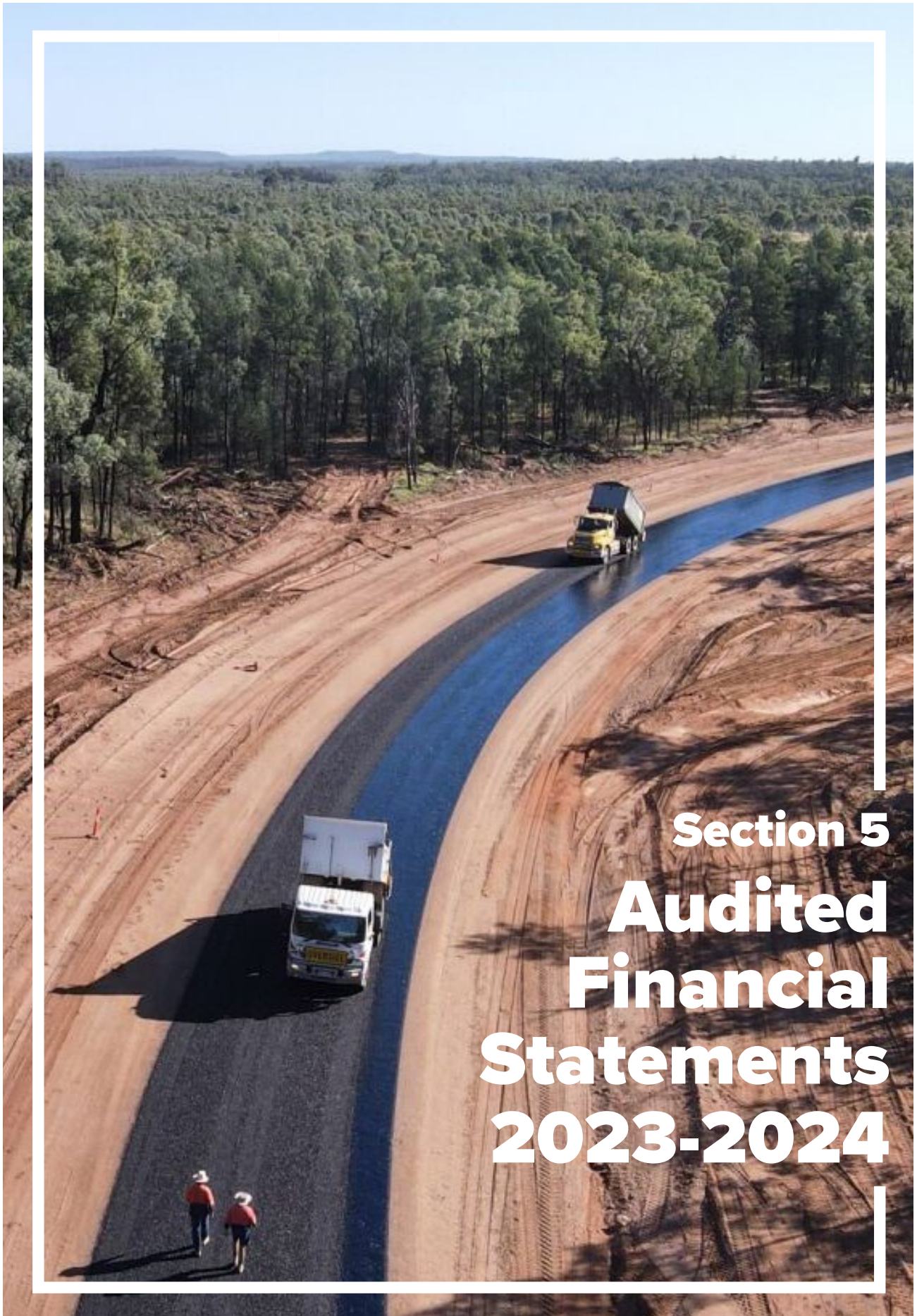
Leverage ratio

indicates council's ability to repay its debts.

Target: not greater than 0-3 times

Council has a **negative .57** ratio, which means that Council has the ability to increase its loan borrowing. In the case of this particular ratio, a negative ratio is a strength.







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Financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$ 000's	2023 \$ 000's
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3(a)	7,342	6,947
Fees and charges	3(b)	3,159	3,136
Interest received		463	277
Sales revenue	3(c)	4,599	5,773
Other income		28	127
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(a)	7,204	20,830
Total recurrent revenue		<u>22,795</u>	<u>37,090</u>
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4(b)	9,640	6,014
Total revenue		<u>32,435</u>	<u>43,104</u>
Total income		<u>32,435</u>	<u>43,104</u>
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	6	(9,300)	(8,910)
Materials and services	7	(19,526)	(22,643)
Finance costs		(281)	(216)
Depreciation and amortisation			
Property, plant and equipment	10	(7,549)	(7,275)
Right of use assets		0	(2)
Total recurrent expenses		<u>(36,656)</u>	<u>(39,046)</u>
Capital income/(expenses)	5	573	(790)
Total expenses		<u>(36,083)</u>	<u>(39,836)</u>
Net Result		<u>(3,648)</u>	<u>3,268</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	16	14,484	(21,250)
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>14,484</u>	<u>(21,250)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>10,836</u></u>	<u><u>(17,982)</u></u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and information about these financial statements.

Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$ 000's	2023 \$ 000's
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	2,312	12,806
Trade and other receivables	9	2,063	1,400
Contract assets	15	2,524	2,353
Inventories	25	1,010	854
Other assets		264	253
Total current assets		8,173	17,666
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	416,027	401,739
Work in Progress	10	8,773	3,259
Total non-current assets		424,800	404,998
Total assets		432,973	422,664
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	2,816	3,317
Borrowings	13	210	213
Provisions	14	1,064	1,095
Contract liabilities	15	3,360	2,670
Total current liabilities		7,450	7,295
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	13	3,215	3,420
Provisions	14	2,485	2,963
Total non-current liabilities		5,700	6,383
Total liabilities		13,150	13,678
Net community assets		419,823	408,986
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	16	289,661	275,176
Retained surplus		130,162	133,810
Total community equity		419,823	408,986

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Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Asset revaluation surplus	Retained surplus	Total
Note	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Balance as at 1 July 2023	275,176	133,810	408,986
Net result		(3,648)	(3,648)
<i>Other comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	16 14,484	-	14,484
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>14,484</u>	<u>(3,648)</u>	<u>10,836</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>289,660</u>	<u>130,162</u>	<u>419,822</u>
Balance as at 1 July 2022	296,426	130,542	426,968
Net result		3,268	3,268
<i>Other comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Decrease in asset revaluation surplus	16 (21,250)	-	(21,250)
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>(21,250)</u>	<u>3,268</u>	<u>(17,982)</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>275,176</u>	<u>133,810</u>	<u>408,986</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and information about these financial statements.

Murweh Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$ 000's	2023 \$ 000's
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		17,297	16,643
Payments to suppliers and employees		<u>(32,204)</u>	<u>(33,146)</u>
		(14,907)	(16,503)
Interest received		463	277
Borrowing cost		(281)	(217)
Non-capital grants and contributions		7,161	19,480
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	20	<u>(7,564)</u>	<u>3,037</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(13,189)	(8,153)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5(a)	266	178
Capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		<u>10,202</u>	<u>8,515</u>
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		<u>(2,721)</u>	<u>540</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	13	-	1,000
Repayment of borrowings	13	(209)	(188)
Repayments made on leases (principal only)		-	(2)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		<u>(209)</u>	<u>810</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		<u>(10,494)</u>	<u>4,387</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year		12,806	8,419
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	8	<u>2,312</u>	<u>12,806</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and information about these financial statements.

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1 Information about these financial statements**1.A Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

These financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes and complies with Australian Accounting Standards as applicable to not-for-profit entities.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the revaluation of certain classes of property, plant and equipment.

1.B Constitution

Council is constituted under the Queensland *Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

1.C Currency

The Council uses the Australian dollar as its functional currency and its presentation currency.

1.D New and Revised Accounting Standards adopted during the year

Council adopted all standards which became mandatory effective for annual reporting period beginning on 1 July 2023, none of the standards had a material impact on reported position, performance and cash flows.

The adoption of the revisions to AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements resulted in disclosure of material accounting policy information only rather than significant accounting policies. This means that accounting policy information is disclosed only if it relates to material transactions, other events or conditions and: a) Council has changed accounting policy during the reporting period and this change resulted in a material change to the information in the financial statements. b) Council chose (or was mandated to use) the accounting policy from one or more options permitted by Australian Accounting Standards. c) the accounting policy was developed in accordance with AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors in the absence of an Australian Accounting Standard that specifically applies. d) the accounting policy relate to an area for which a Council is required to make significant judgements or assumptions in applying an accounting policy, and the Council discloses those judgements or assumptions in the financial statements. e) the accounting required for them is complex and users of the entity's financial statements would otherwise not understand those material transactions, other events or conditions.

1.E Standards issued by the AASB but not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations which are not effective at 30 June 2024. Council when conducting the comprehensive valuation of water and sewerage at 30 June 2024 has adopted the requirements of the Standards AASB 2022-10 *Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*. The application did not have material impact on the reported financial position or performance.

1.F Estimates and Judgements

Councils make a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. These are based on the best information available to Council at the time, however due to the passage of time, these assumptions may change and therefore the recorded balances may not reflect the final outcomes. The significant judgements, estimates and assumptions relate to the following items and specific information is provided in the relevant note.

Valuation and depreciation of property, plant and equipment - Note 10

Provisions - Note 14

Contingent liabilities - Note 17

Financial instruments and financial risk management - Note 22

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1 Information about these financial statements**1.G Rounding and Comparatives**

The financial statements are in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 or, where that amount is \$500 or less, to zero, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative information is generally restated for reclassifications, errors and changes in accounting policies unless permitted otherwise by transition rules in a new Accounting Standard/Comparative information is prepared on the same basis as prior year.

1.H Volunteer Services

Council currently do not have volunteer services that it receives.

1.I Taxation

Council is exempt from Commonwealth taxation except for Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST). The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

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2 Analysis of Results by Function**2(a) Components of Council functions**

The activities relating to the Council's components reported on in Note 2(b) are as follows :

A Corporate ServicesCorporate governance

The objective of corporate governance is for Council to be open, accountable, transparent and deliver value for money community outcomes. This is part of the Corporate Services function and includes strategic and operational planning, risk management, legal and administrative support. The Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer are included in corporate governance.

Finance and information

Finance and information provides professional finance and information services across all of Council. This function is a part of the Corporate Services function and includes internal audit, budget support, financial accounting and information technology services. The goal is to provide accurate, timely and appropriate information to support sound decision making and meet statutory obligations.

B Engineering Services

Includes construction and maintenance of shire and state controlled roads, stormwater drainage, footpaths, bicycle ways, other private works, street lighting, plant management, engineering development and design.

C Health / Environmental Services

The goal of Health and Environmental Services is to ensure Murweh is a healthy, vibrant, contemporary and connected community. Health and Environmental Services provides well managed and maintained community facilities and ensures the effective delivery of cultural, health, welfare, environmental and recreational services.

The goal of the waste management program is to protect and support our community and natural environment by sustainably managing refuse. The function provides refuse collection and disposal services, mosquito and other pest management programs.

The sub-functions include animal control, pest control, health regulation and compliance, immunisation, environmental monitoring, river management, parks and gardens maintenance, refuse collection and disposal, waste management, swimming pools, racecourse complex, halls and centres, showgrounds, cemeteries, public conveniences, and aged care housing management.

D Water and Sewerage Services(i) Water Services

The goal of this program is to support a healthy, safe community through sustainable water services.

(ii) Sewerage Services

This function protects and supports the health of our community by sustainably managing sewerage infrastructure.

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- 2 Analysis of results by function (continued)
 (b) Income and expenses defined between recurring and capital are attributed to the following functions:

Year ended 30 June 2024	Gross program income						Total income	Gross program expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurring operations	Net result	Assets
	Recurring		Grants		Capital			Recurring	Capital				
	2024	Other	2024	Other	2024	Other							
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Corporate services	622	7,131	7,013	-	9,323	17,989	(573)	9,323	(2,143)	5,443	86,049		
Engineering services	5,944	4,749	2,252	-	12,945	6,087	-	17,989	(7,296)	(5,044)	306,611		
Health/Environmental Services	638	1,109	56	-	1,803	6,087	-	6,087	(4,340)	(4,284)	-		
Water and Sewerage	-	2,602	319	-	2,921	2,684	-	2,684	(82)	237	40,313		
Total Council	7,204	15,591	9,640	-	32,435	36,656	(573)	36,083	(13,861)	(3,648)	432,973		

Year ended 30 June 2023	Gross program income						Total income	Gross program expenses		Total expenses	Net result from recurring operations	Net result	Assets
	Recurring		Grants		Capital			Recurring	Capital				
	2023	Other	2023	Other	2023	Other							
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Corporate services	9,606	6,786	3,568	-	19,960	10,659	790	11,449	5,733	8,511	89,639		
Engineering services	10,730	5,871	2,446	-	19,047	19,415	-	19,415	(2,814)	(368)	302,380		
Health/Environmental Services	489	977	-	-	1,466	6,286	-	6,286	(4,820)	(4,820)	-		
Water and Sewerage	-	2,631	-	-	2,631	2,686	-	2,686	(55)	(55)	30,645		
Total Council	20,825	16,265	6,014	-	43,104	39,046	790	39,836	(1,956)	3,268	422,664		

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
3 Revenue		
(a) Rates, levies and charges		
<p>Rates and annual charges are recognised as revenue when the Council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts which is the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.</p>		
General rates	4,563	4,231
Water	1,229	1,813
Water consumption, rental and sundries	467	6
Sewerage	1,061	1,028
Garbage charges	791	641
Total rates and utility charge revenue	<u>8,111</u>	<u>7,719</u>
Less: Discounts	(660)	(667)
Less: Pensioner remissions	(109)	(105)
	<u><u>7,342</u></u>	<u><u>6,947</u></u>

(b) Fees and charges

Revenue arising from fees and charges is recognised at a point in time when or as the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods/services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service or in some cases, the customer is required to pay on arrival, for example entry to cosmos centre. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences is recognised at the time that the licence is granted rather than the term of the licence.

Revenue from infringements is recognised on issue of infringement notice after applying the expected credit loss model relating to impairment of receivables for initial recognition of statutory receivables.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
Aerodrome landing and usage fees	344	387
Cemetery fees	52	54
Cosmos centre entry and souvenir sales	765	718
Rental income	271	269
Town planning and building fees	13	13
Agistment fees	47	71
Visitor information and WWII fees	1,016	967
Miscellaneous	651	657
	<u><u>3,159</u></u>	<u><u>3,136</u></u>

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
3 Revenue (continued)		
(c) Sales revenue		
<p>The sale of goods is recognised at a point in time that the customer obtains control of the goods, generally at delivery. Revenue from services is recognised when the service is rendered.</p> <p>Revenue from contracts and recoverable works generally comprises a recoupment of material costs together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees. This revenue and the associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity based on costs incurred at the reporting date. Where consideration is received for the service in advance it is included in contract liabilities and is recognised as revenue in the period when the service is performed. There are no contracts in progress at the year end. The contract work carried out is not subject to retentions.</p> <p>Rendering of services</p> <p>Contract and recoverable works</p>		
	4,599	5,773
	4,599	5,773

4 Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

Grant income under AASB 15

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations the revenue is recognised when each performance obligations is satisfied.

The performance obligations vary in each agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the satisfaction of the contract performance obligation.

Grant income under AASB 1058

Where Council receives an asset for significantly below fair value, the asset is recognised at fair value, related liability (or equity items) are recorded and income then is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

Capital grants

Where Council receive funding under an enforceable contract to acquire or construct a specified item of property, plant and equipment which will be under Council's control on completion, revenue is recognised as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed. For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred.

Donations and contributions

Where assets are donated or purchased for amounts significantly below fair value, the revenue is recognised at fair value when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

Donations and contributions are generally recognised on receipt of the asset since there are no enforceable performance obligations.

Physical assets contributed to Council by developers in the form of road works, stormwater, water and wastewater infrastructure and park equipment are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control of the asset and there is sufficient data in the form of drawings and plans to determine the approximate specifications and values of such assets. Non-cash contributions with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds are recognised as non-current assets. Those below the thresholds are recorded as expenses.

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4 Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations (continued)		2024	2023
		\$	\$
		000's	000's
(a) Operating			
General purpose grants		403	13,578
State and commonwealth governments subsidies and grants		6,801	7,252
		<u>7,204</u>	<u>20,830</u>
(b) Capital			
Capital revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets.			
Commonwealth and State governments subsidies and grants		9,640	6,014
		<u>9,640</u>	<u>6,014</u>
(c) Timing of revenue recognition for grants, subsidies, contributions and donations			
Revenue recognised at a point in time		3,342	12,758
Revenue recognised over time		13,502	14,087
		<u>16,844</u>	<u>26,845</u>
5 Capital income/(expenses)			
a) Gain/(Loss) on disposal of non-current assets			
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		266	178
Less: Written down value of property, plant and equipment		(198)	(264)
Total capital income/(expenditure)		<u>68</u>	<u>(86)</u>
b) Provision for restoration of land			
Adjustments to refuse restoration provision	14	<u>631</u>	<u>(704)</u>
c) Impairment of assets			
Impairment of Synergysoft software implementation		(126)	-
Net capital income/(expense)		<u>573</u>	<u>(790)</u>
6 Employee benefits			
Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.			
Total staff wages and salaries		6,633	5,992
Councillors' remuneration		363	351
Termination payment		5	6
Annual, sick and long service leave entitlements		1,834	2,101
Superannuation	18	<u>1,073</u>	<u>1,032</u>
		9,908	9,482
Less: Capitalised employee expenses		<u>(608)</u>	<u>(572)</u>
		<u>9,300</u>	<u>8,910</u>
Councillor remuneration represents salary, and other allowances paid in respect of carrying out their duties.			
Total Council employees at the reporting date:		Number	Number
Elected members		5	5
Administration staff		47	48
Depot and outdoors staff		104	102
Total full time equivalent employees		<u>156</u>	<u>155</u>

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7 Materials and services	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as Council receives the goods or services.		
Advertising, marketing and promotion	72	74
Audit services*	57	74
Communications and IT	717	808
Contractors	1,131	1,167
Donations paid	190	281
Insurance	465	404
Staff training	181	153
Repairs and maintenance - (Including repairs to flood damaged roads)	13,947	14,392
Lease/Rental housing - operating costs	182	173
Subscriptions and registrations	116	165
Tourism facilities	2,279	2,175
Other materials and services	189	2,777
	<u>19,526</u>	<u>22,643</u>

*Total audit fees quoted by the Queensland Audit Office relating to the 2023-24 financial statements are \$ 72,050 (2023: \$72,100).

8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows include cash on hand, all cash and cheques receipted but not banked at the year end, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts.

National Bank of Australia - operating		346	362
Queensland Treasury Corporation		1,964	12,441
Cash on hand		2	3
Balance per Statement of Financial Position		<u>2,312</u>	<u>12,806</u>
Cash and cash equivalents		2,312	12,806
Less: Externally imposed restrictions on cash	15 b	<u>3,360</u>	<u>2,670</u>
Unrestricted cash*		<u>(1,048)</u>	<u>10,136</u>

*Due to timing of receipt of the 2023-24 and 2024-25 general purpose financial assistance grant.

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use.

Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date relate to the following cash assets:

Unspent government grants and subsidies		3,360	2,670
Total externally imposed restrictions on cash assets		<u>3,360</u>	<u>2,670</u>

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9 Trade and other receivables

Receivables are amounts owed to Council at year end. They are recognised at the amount due at the time of sale or service delivery. Settlement of receivables is required within 30 days after the invoice is issued.

Debts are regularly assessed for collectability and an allowance is made, where appropriate, for impairment. All known bad debts are written-off at the end of reporting period. If an amount is recovered in a subsequent period it is recognised as revenue.

The impairment loss is recognised in finance costs. The amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
Current		
Rateable revenue and utility charges	1,195	1,022
Other debtors	1,049	544
Loss allowance	<u>(181)</u>	<u>(166)</u>
	<u><u>2,063</u></u>	<u><u>1,400</u></u>

Interest is charged on outstanding rates at a rate of 11.64 % (2023: 8.17%) per annum. No interest is charged on other debtors.

There is no concentration of credit risk for rates and utility charges, fees and other debtors receivable.

Movement in accumulated impairment losses (other debtors) is as follows:

Opening balance at 1 July	(166)	(128)
Additional impairments recognised	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(38)</u>
Closing Balance at 30 June	<u><u>(181)</u></u>	<u><u>(166)</u></u>

Ageing of receivables and the amount of any impairment is disclosed in the following table:

Subject to impairment		
Not past due	1,007	522
Past due 31-60 days	4	14
Past due 61-90 days	38	8
Total gross carrying amount	<u>1,049</u>	<u>544</u>
Loss allowance	<u>(181)</u>	<u>(166)</u>
Total	<u><u>868</u></u>	<u><u>378</u></u>
Not subject to impairment		
Rates and Utility charges	<u>1,195</u>	<u>1,022</u>
	<u><u>2,063</u></u>	<u><u>1,400</u></u>

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10 Property, plant and equipment

Council - 30 June 2024	Note	Land		Aerodrome landing strip		Road, drainage and bridge network		Buildings and other structures		Plant and equipment		Water and sewerage infrastructure		Work in progress		Total
		Fair value \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Cost \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Cost \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Cost \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Cost \$'000		
		3,125	15,357	354,763	95,124	20,555	62,082	3,259	554,265							
	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,189	13,189							
	16	46	-	-	-	7,077	-	(126)	(802)							
		-	181	2,224	2,177	2,967	-	-	22,146							
		3,171	15,538	356,987	104,378	22,846	77,105	8,773	588,798							

Accumulated depreciation and impairment

Opening balance as at 1 July 2023	-	3,873	69,812	32,863	11,188	31,530	-	149,266
Depreciation expense	-	237	3,490	1,663	1,102	1,057	-	7,549
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	(479)	-	-	(479)
Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus	-	-	(9)	2,596	-	5,075	-	7,662
Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June	-	4,110	73,293	37,122	11,811	37,662	-	163,998

Total written down value as at 30 June 2024

	3,171	11,428	283,694	67,256	11,035	39,443	8,773	424,800
Land: Not depreciated		15 - 120	10 - 120	10 - 120	5 - 20	10 - 140	WIP: Not depreciated	

Range of estimated useful life in years

Additions comprise	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Renewals	-	-	2,711	538	-	205	-	3,454
Other additions	29	-	-	6,059	3,069	578	-	9,735
Totals	29	-	2,711	6,597	3,069	783	-	13,189

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10 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Council - 30 June 2023	Note	Land	Aerodrome landing strip	Road, drainage and bridge network	Buildings and other structures	Plant and equipment	Water and sewerage infrastructure	Work in progress	Total
		3,220	15,897	366,110	87,648	20,194	58,211	3,333	554,612
		-	-	-	-	-	-	8,148	8,148
	5	(95)	-	-	-	(621)	-	(118)	(834)
	16	-	(540)	(16,220)	5,652	-	3,446	-	(7,662)
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	4,873	1,824	982	425	-	(8,104)
		3,125	15,357	354,763	95,124	20,555	62,082	3,259	554,264

Accumulated depreciation and impairment

Opening balance as at 1 July 2022	-	3,456	56,695	29,313	10,604	-	28,786	-	128,855
Depreciation expense	-	240	3,479	1,535	1,035	-	986	-	7,275
Reclassification between asset classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-	(451)	-	-	-	(451)
Revaluation adjustment to asset revaluation surplus	-	177	9,638	2,015	-	-	1,758	-	13,588
Accumulated depreciation as at 30 June	-	3,873	69,812	32,863	11,188	-	31,530	-	149,267

Total written down value as at 30 June 2023

	3,125	11,484	284,951	62,261	9,367	-	30,552	3,259	404,998
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Range of estimated useful life in years

Land: Not depreciated	15 - 120	10 - 120	10 - 120	5 - 20	10 - 140	WIP: Not depreciated
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Renewals

	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	-	182	3,136	872	-	425	4,615

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10 Property, plant and equipment (continued)**10 (a) Recognition**

Plant and equipment, buildings and other structures with a total value of less than \$5,000, and infrastructure assets with a total value of less than \$10,000 are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of property, plant and equipment are capitalised.

Replacement of a major component of an asset, in order to maintain its service potential, is treated as the acquisition of a new asset. However, routine operating maintenance, repair costs and minor renewals to maintain the operational capacity and useful life of the non-current asset is expensed as incurred.

Expenditure incurred in accordance with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements on road assets is analysed to determine whether the expenditure is capital in nature. The analysis of the expenditure requires Council engineers to review the nature and extent of expenditure on a given asset. For example, expenditure that patches a road is generally maintenance in nature, whereas a kerb to kerb rebuild is treated as capital. Material expenditure that extends the useful life or renews the service potential of the asset is capitalised.

Land under the roads and reserve land which falls under the *Land Act 1994* or the *Land Title Act 1994* is controlled by the Queensland State Government and not recognised in the Council financial statements.

10 (b) Measurement

Property, plant and equipment assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or fair value (as shown in the table above) less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

Cost is determined as the fair value of consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition. Direct labour, materials and an appropriate portion of overheads incurred in the acquisition or construction of assets are also included as capital costs.

Property, plant and equipment received in the form of contributions, for significantly less than fair value or as offsets to infrastructure charges are recognised as assets and revenue at fair value.

10 (c) Depreciation

Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and commissioned ready for use, at which time they are reclassified from work in progress to the appropriate property, plant and equipment class.

Land, work in progress, road formations and formation work associated with the construction of dams, levee banks and reservoirs are not depreciated.

Depreciation, where applicable, is calculated on a straight-line basis such that the cost of the asset less its residual value is recognised progressively over its estimated useful life to Council. Management believe that the straight-line basis appropriately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

The useful life of leasehold improvements is the shorter of the useful life of the asset or the remaining life of the lease.

Where assets have separately identifiable components, these components have separately assigned useful lives.

Depreciation methods, estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where necessary to reflect any changes in the pattern of consumption, physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence, or management intentions.

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10 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The ranges of useful lives adopted for each class of asset are disclosed on the preceding pages.

10 (d) Impairment

Property, plant and equipment held at cost is assessed for indicators of impairment annually. If an indicator of possible impairment exists, the Council determines the asset's recoverable amount. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

10 (e) Valuation**(i) Valuation processes**

Council's valuation policies and procedures are set by the executive management team which comprises the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Corporate Services and Director of Engineering Services. They are reviewed annually taking into consideration an analysis of movements in fair value and other relevant information.

Non-current physical assets measured at fair value are revalued, where required, so that the carrying amount of each class of asset does not materially differ from its fair value at the reporting date. This is achieved by engaging independent, professionally qualified valuers to determine the fair value for each class of property, plant and equipment assets at least once every 3 years. This process involves the valuer physically sighting a representative sample of Council assets across all asset classes and making their own assessments of the condition of the assets at the date of inspection.

In the intervening years, Council uses internal engineers and asset managers to assess the condition and cost assumptions associated with all infrastructure assets, the results of which are considered in combination with an appropriate cost index for the region. Together these are used to form the basis of a management valuation for infrastructure asset classes in each of the intervening years. With respect to the valuation of the land and improvements, buildings and major plant asset classes in the intervening years, management engage independent, professionally qualified valuers to perform a "desktop" valuation. A desktop valuation involves management providing updated information to the valuer regarding additions, deletions and changes in assumptions such as useful life, residual value and condition rating. The valuer then determines suitable indices which are applied to each of these asset classes

An analysis performed by management has indicated that, on average, the variance between an indexed asset value and the valuation by an independent valuer when performed is not significant and the indices used by Council are sound. Further details in relation to valuers, the methods of valuation and the key assumptions used in valuing each different asset class are disclosed below.

Any revaluation increment arising on the revaluation of an asset is credited to the appropriate class of the asset revaluation surplus, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrement for the class previously recognised as an expense. A decrease in the carrying amount on revaluation is charged as an expense to the extent it exceeds the balance, if any, in the revaluation surplus of that asset class.

On revaluation, accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of remaining useful life. Separately identified components of assets are measured on the same basis as the assets to which they relate.

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In accordance with AASB 13 fair value measurements are categorised on the following basis:

- Fair value based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1)
- Fair value based on inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability (Level 2)
- Fair value based on unobservable inputs for the asset and liability (Level 3)

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year, nor between levels 2 and 3.

Council's policy is to recognise transfers in and out of the fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

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10 (f). Property, plant and equipment

Valuation techniques used to derive fair values

Asset class and fair value hierarchy (\$000)	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)	Other interim revaluation adjustment
Land (level 2) 2024: \$3,171 2023: \$3,125	Market value	30 June 2021	Shepherd Services	Input used is a rate per square metre or rate per hectare of land area basis. Where an active market can be established for land assets and are not subject to restrictions, the likely methodology is typically considered a level 2.	Nil	Desktop valuation
Aerodrome landing strip (level 3) 2024: \$11,428 2023: \$11,484	Current replacement cost	30 June 2023	Shepherd Services	CRC was measured by reference to the lowest cost at which the gross future economic benefits of the asset could currently be obtained in the normal course of business. Where existing assets were over designed, had excess capacity, or were redundant an adjustment was made so that the resulting valuation reflected the cost of replacing the existing economic benefits based on an efficient set of modern equivalent assets to achieve the required level of service output within the Council's planning horizon.	Nil	Nil
Road, drainage and bridge network (level 3) 2024: \$283,694 2023: \$284,951	Current replacement cost	30 June 2023	Shepherd Services	CRC was calculated by reference to asset linear and area specifications, estimated labour and material inputs, services costs, and overhead allocations. Council assumes that pavements are constructed to depths of 15 cms for high traffic areas and 10 cms for lower traffic locations. Council also assumes that all raw materials can be sourced from the local Quarry. For internal construction estimates, material and services prices were based on existing supplier contract rates or supplier price lists and current labour wage rates. All direct costs were allocated to assets at standard usage quantities according to recently completed similar projects. Where no unit rates could be practically determined for assets, the lump sum current construction costs is used.	Nil	Nil
Buildings and other structures (level 3) 2024: \$67,256 2023: \$82,281	Current replacement cost	30 June 2022	Shepherd Services	Specialised buildings were valued using the cost approach using professionally qualified registered valuers. The approach is based on determining the replacement cost of the modern equivalent and then adjusting for the level of consumed future economic benefit and impairment. In accordance with the depreciation requirements of the Property, Plant and Equipment standard, "complex assets" are componentised and depreciated separately. These assets were classified as having been valued using level 3 valuation inputs.	7.44%	Nil
Water and sewerage infrastructure (level 3) 2024: \$39,443 2023: \$30,552	Current replacement cost	30 June 2024	Insight Asset Services	CRC was calculated based on expected replacement costs. In all cases the assets were disaggregated to component level to ensure a reliable measure of cost and service capacity and deterioration of estimated remaining life based on local operating conditions.	Nil	Nil

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11 Transactions with related parties

(a) Transactions with associates

In 2023-24, Murweh Shire Council paid the amount of \$ 58,300 (2023:\$ 54,598) membership fee to the South West Regional Organisation of Councils (SWROC). The Council is a controlling member of the organisation.

(b) Transactions with key management personnel (KMP)

Key Management Personnel (KMP) are persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Council, directly or indirectly. At Murweh Shire Council KMP's are considered to include the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors.

The compensation paid to KMP comprises:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Short-term employee benefits	929,779	1,303,207
Post-employment benefits	91,946	133,090
Long-term benefits	23,740	(119,795)
Termination payments	4	-
Total	\$1,045,469	\$1,316,502

(c) Transactions with other related parties

Other related parties include the close family members of KMP and any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members. Close family members include a KMP or their close family members, spouse, child and dependent of a KMP or their spouse.

Details of transactions between council and other related parties are disclosed below.

(i) Murweh Shire Council purchased materials and services from entities controlled by key management personnel.

These transactions were on arm's length basis and were in the course of normal council operations

Details of Transaction	2024 \$	2023 \$
Purchase of maintenance services	332,612	248,933
Purchase of hardware materials	76,524	107,674
Purchase of printing services	-	15,748
Purchase of other goods**	245,511	31,579
Key management personnel services provided by a related party*	336,297	-
Total	\$990,944	\$403,932

*Payments made to LG Services Group Pty Ltd for the services provided by Mr Bruce Scott who acted in the interim Chief Executive position from 1 September 2023. These amounts have been excluded from the KMP remuneration disclosures in (b) above.

** The increase is mainly relating to the purchase of spare parts and consumables from a related party of the interim CEO.

Council employs 156 (2023: 155) staff, of which none (2023: None) are close family member of a KMP.

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11 Transactions with related parties (continued)**(d) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed**

Most of the entities and people that are related parties of council live and operate within the Murweh Shire Council.

Therefore, on a regular basis ordinary citizen transactions occur between Council and its related parties.

Some examples include:

- Payment of rates
- Use of swimming pool
- Dog registration
- Borrowing books from a council library

Council has not included these types of transaction in its disclosure, where they are made on the same terms and conditions available to the general public.

(e) Outstanding balances

There were no outstanding balances relating to transactions with related parties at year-end.

(f) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

Council does not make loans to or receive loans from related parties. No guarantees have been provided.

(g) Commitment to/from other related parties

Council had not entered into any contractual commitments with related parties at year end other than remuneration contracts with KMP in their roles as KMP of the Council.

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
12 Trade and other payables		
Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.		
Liabilities are recognised for employee benefits such as wages and salaries, sick, annual and long service leave in respect of services provided by the employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using the present value of remuneration rates that will be paid when the liability is expected to be settled and includes related on-costs.		
As Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the annual leave beyond twelve months after the reporting date, annual leave is classified as a current liability.		
Current		
Creditors and accruals	1,521	1,823
Prepaid rates	332	340
Accrued employee benefits	963	1,154
	<u>2,816</u>	<u>3,317</u>

13 Borrowings		
Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs by applying the effective interest method. Thereafter, they are measured at amortised cost. Principal and interest repayments are made quarterly in arrears.		
All borrowings are in \$AUD denominated amounts and interest is expensed as it accrues. No interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment dates vary from 2022 to 2036. There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the period.		
In accordance with the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out council's planned borrowings for the next nine years. Council's current policy is to only borrow for capital projects and for a term no longer than the expected life of the asset. Council also aims to comply with the Queensland Treasury Corporation's borrowing guidelines and ensure that sustainability indicators remain within acceptable levels at all times.		
All borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.		
Current		
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	210	213
	<u>210</u>	<u>213</u>
Non-current		
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	3,215	3,420
	<u>3,215</u>	<u>3,420</u>
Loans - Queensland Treasury		
Opening balance at beginning of financial	3,633	2,821
Loan draw downs during year	-	1,000
Principal repayments	(208)	(188)
Book value at end of financial year	<u>3,425</u>	<u>3,633</u>

The QTC loan market value at the reporting date was \$ 3,017,787(2023: \$ 3,241,463). This represents the value of the debt if Council repaid it at that date.

No assets have been pledged as security by the Council for any liabilities, however all loans are guaranteed by the Queensland Government. There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the 2024 or 2023 financial years.

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14 Provisions	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	000's	000's
Long Service Leave		
<p>The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increases in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employee remaining in the Council's employment or other associated employment which would result in the Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The interest rates attaching to Commonwealth Government guaranteed securities at the reporting date are used to discount the estimated future cash outflows to their present value. The provision is discounted using the Commonwealth Bond yield rates published on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning website.</p> <p>Where employees have met the prerequisite length of service and council does not have an unconditional right to defer this liability beyond 12 months long service leave is classified as a current liability. Otherwise it is classified as non-current.</p> <p>Refuse dump restoration</p> <p>A provision is made for the cost of restoring refuse dumps where it is probable the Council will be liable, or required, to do this when the use of the facilities is complete.</p> <p>The provision for refuse restoration is calculated as the present value of anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the dump sites, decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites. The calculation of this provision requires assumptions such as application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. Because of the long-term nature of the liability, the most significant uncertainty in estimating the provision is the costs that will be incurred. The provision recognised for dump sites is reviewed at least annually and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Changes in the provision due to either time, discount rate or expected future costs are treated as a capital expense or capital income in the reporting period to which they relate. Management original estimates that all three sites will be closed in 2024 and the restoration works will occur after closure. However due to testing of pits undertaken across the whole area, the recent estimated closure date for the Charleville site is 2039. Recent assessment undertaken for Morven and Augathella indicates that due to very little waste has been delivered to the site, the recent estimated closure date is 2034. Post-closure maintenance and on-going monitoring will be carried out over the subsequent 30 years.</p>		
Current		
Long service leave	1,064	1,095
	<u>1,064</u>	<u>1,095</u>
Non-current		
Refuse restoration	2,271	2,788
Long service leave	214	175
	<u>2,485</u>	<u>2,963</u>
Details of movements in refuse provision:		
Refuse restoration		
Balance at beginning of financial year	2,788	2,019
Increase in provision due to unwinding of discount	114	66
Movement in provision due to increase in discount rate	(35)	(82)
Increase/(Decrease) in provision*	<u>(596)</u>	<u>785</u>
Balance at end of financial year	<u>2,271</u>	<u>2,788</u>

*Due to change in timing of the present value of forecast expense and change in escalation rate.

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15	Contract balances	2024	2023
		\$	\$
		000's	000's
a	Contract assets	2,524	2,353
	The contract assets mainly relate to the disaster recovery works.		
b	Contract liabilities		
	Funds received upfront to construct council controlled assets	3,168	2,404
	Non-capital performance obligations not yet satisfied (including deposits received in advance)	192	266
		3,360	2,670
	Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year		
	Funds received upfront to construct council controlled assets	567	801
	Non-capital performance obligations not yet satisfied	266	1,276
		833	2,077
c	Satisfaction of contract liabilities		
	The contract liabilities in relation to capital grants relate to funding received prior to the work being performed since revenue is recognised as Council constructs the assets. Council expects to recognise the contract liability as income in the next financial year.		
d	Significant changes in contract balances		
	The significant movements in contract assets and contract liabilities that have occurred during the year was due to flood damage works, Building Better Regions and Local Infrastructure and Community funding and Local Government Subsidy Program.		

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16 Asset revaluation surplus

The asset revaluation surplus comprises adjustments relating to changes in value of property, plant and equipment that do not result from the use of those assets. Net incremental changes in the carrying value of classes of non-current assets since their initial recognition are accumulated in the asset revaluation surplus. Increases and decreases on revaluation are offset within a class of assets.

Where a class of assets is decreased on revaluation, that decrease is offset first against the amount remaining in the asset revaluation surplus in respect of that class. Any excess is treated as an expense.

When an asset is disposed of, the amount reported in surplus in respect of that asset is retained in the asset revaluation surplus and not transferred to retained surplus.

	2024 \$ 000's	2023 \$ 000's
Movements in the asset revaluation surplus were as follows:		
Opening balances	275,176	296,426
Net adjustment to non-current assets at end of period to reflect a change in		
Land	46	-
Buildings and other structures	4,481	3,638
Road, drainage and bridge network	9	(25,859)
Water and sewerage infrastructure	9,948	1,688
Aerodrome landing strips	-	(717)
Closing balances	289,660	275,176

Asset revaluation surplus analysis

The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus comprises the following asset categories:

Land	762	716
Buildings and other structures	41,164	36,684
Road, drainage and bridge network	199,529	198,519
Water and sewerage infrastructure	35,574	25,625
Aerodrome landing strips	12,632	12,632
	289,661	275,176

17 Contingent Liabilities

Local Government Mutual

The Council is a member of the local government mutual liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or it is unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises.

As at 30 June 2024 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

Local Government Workcare

The Council is a member of the Queensland local government worker's compensation self-insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's workers compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is \$ 243,657 (2023: \$216,745)

18 Superannuation

The Council contributes to the LGIAsuper Regional Defined Benefits Fund (the scheme), at the rate of 12% for each permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the LGIAsuper trust deed and may be varied on the advice of an actuary. The Regional Defined Benefits Fund is a complying Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation and is also governed by the *Local Government Act 2009*. The scheme is managed by the LGIAsuper trustee as trustee for LGIAsuper trading as Brighter Super.

The scheme is a pooled defined benefit plan and it is not in accordance with the deed to allocate obligations, plan assets and costs at the Council level.

Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future contribution rate obligations, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.

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18 Superannuation (continued)

Murweh Shire Council may be liable to the scheme for a portion of another local governments' obligations should that local government be unable to meet them. However the risk of this occurring is extremely low and in accordance with the LGIA super trust deed changes to council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.

The last completed actuarial assessment of the scheme as required under Superannuation Prudential Standard 160 was undertaken as at 1 July 2022. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2022, the net assets of the scheme exceeded the vested benefits and the scheme was in a satisfactory financial position as at the valuation date." The measure of vested benefits represents the value of benefit entitlements should all participating employees voluntarily exit the scheme. The Council is not aware of anything that has happened since that time that indicates the assets of the scheme are not sufficient to meet the vested benefits, as at the reporting date.

No changes have been made to prescribed employer contribution which remain at 12% of employee salary or wages and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.

The next triennial actuarial review is not due until 1 July 2025.

The most significant risks that may result in LGIA super increasing the contribution rate, on the advice of the actuary, are:
Investment risk- The risk that the scheme's investment returns will be lower than assumed and additional contributions are needed to fund the shortfall.

Salary growth risk - The risk that wages or salaries will rise more rapidly than assumed, increasing vested benefits to be funded.

	2024 \$ 000's	2023 \$ 000's
Superannuation contributions made to the Regional Defined Benefits Fund	19	27
Other superannuation contributions for employees	1,054	1,005
Total superannuation contributions paid by Council for employees	6 1,073	1,032

19 Trust funds held for outside parties

Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities

	2024 \$ 000's	2023 \$ 000's
Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities	41	34

Funds held in the trust account on behalf of outside parties include those funds from the sale of land for arrears in rates, deposits for the contracted sale of land, security deposits lodged to guarantee performance and unclaimed monies (e.g. wages) paid into the trust account by the Council. The Council performs only a custodian role in respect of these monies and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are not considered revenue nor brought to account in the financial statements.

20 Reconciliation of net operating surplus for the year to net cash inflow from operating activities

Net operating result	(3,648)	3,268
Non-cash operating items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	7,549	7,277
Investing and development activities:		
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of non-current assets	(68)	86
Capital (income)/expense	(630)	790
Capital grants and contributions	(10,202)	(8,515)
Impairment of Synergysoft software implementation	126	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/ decrease in receivables	(664)	(199)
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	(156)	23
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets	(171)	(468)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(502)	(172)
(Increase)/ decrease in other assets	(11)	(23)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	690	1,010
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	122	(40)
	(692)	131
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(7,564)	3,037

21 Events after the reporting period

There were no material adjusting or non-adjusting events after the balance date.

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22 Financial instruments and financial risk management

Murweh Shire Council has exposure to the following risks arising from financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk

This note provides information (both qualitative and quantitative) to assist statement users to evaluate the significance of financial instruments on the Council's financial position and financial performance, including the nature and extent of risks and how the Council manages these exposures.

Financial risk management

Murweh Shire Council is responsible for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework, together with developing and monitoring risk management policies.

Council approves policies for overall risk management, as well as specifically for managing credit, liquidity and market risk.

Council's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced, to set appropriate limits and controls and to monitor these risks and adherence against limits. The Council aims to manage volatility to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

The Council oversees how management monitors compliance with the Council's risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Council. The Council is assisted in its oversight role by the internal audit. Internal audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Council.

Murweh Shire Council does not enter into derivatives.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. These obligations arise principally from the Council's investments and receivables from customers.

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of credit counterparty ability to meet payment obligations. The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure.

Investments in financial instruments are required to be made with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) or similar state/ commonwealth bodies or financial institutions in Australia, in line with the requirements of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

No collateral is held as security relating to the financial assets held by Murweh Shire Council.

The carrying amounts of financial assets at the end of the reporting period represent the maximum exposure to credit risk for the Council.

		2024	2023
		\$	\$
		000's	000's
Cash and cash equivalents	8	2,312	12,806
Rateable revenue and utility charges	9	1,195	1,022
Other debtors	9	868	378
Total		4,375	14,206

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22 Financial instruments and financial risk management (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

The Council may be exposed to credit risk through its operating account with the National Australia Bank and investments in the QTC Cash Fund. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio that invests with a wide range of high credit rated counterparties. Deposits with the QTC Cash Fund are capital guaranteed. Working Capital Facility deposits have a duration of one day and all investments are required to have a minimum credit rating of "A-", therefore the risk of the counterparty not having capacity to meet its financial commitments is low.

Trade and other receivables

In the case of rate receivables, the Council has the power to sell the property to recover any defaulted amounts. In effect this power protects the Council against credit risk in the case of defaults.

In other cases, the Council assesses the credit risk before providing goods or services and applies normal business credit protection procedures to minimise the risk.

The Council does not require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables. The Council does not have trade receivables for which no loss allowance is recognised because of collateral.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Council will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

The Council's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Council's reputation.

Murweh Shire Council is exposed to liquidity risk through its normal course of business and through its borrowings with QTC.

Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient undrawn facilities, both short and long term, to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows.

The following table sets out the liquidity risk in relation to financial liabilities held by the Council. It represents the remaining contractual cashflows (principal and interest) of financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period, excluding the impact of netting agreements.

		0 to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Amount
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2024						
Trade and other payables	12	2,816	-	-	-	2,816
Loans - QTC	13	311	1,244	2,687	4,242	3,425
		3,127	1,244	2,687	4,242	6,241
2023						
Trade and other payables	12	3,317	-	-	-	3,317
Loans - QTC	13	320	1,244	2,998	4,562	3,633
		3,637	1,244	2,998	4,562	6,950

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22 Financial instruments and financial risk management (continued)

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk

Murweh Shire Council is exposed to interest rate risk through investments and borrowings with QTC and NAB. The Council has access to a mix of variable and fixed rate funding options through QTC so that interest rate risk exposure can be minimised.

Sensitivity

Sensitivity to interest rate movements is shown for variable financial assets and liabilities based on the carrying amount at reporting date.

The following interest rate sensitivity analysis depicts what effect a reasonably possible change in interest rates (assumed to be 100 basis points or 1% p.a.) would have on the net result and equity, based on the carrying values at the end of the reporting period. The calculation assumes that the change in interest rates would be held constant over the period.

	Net carrying amount	Effect on Net Result		Effect on Equity	
		1% increase	1% decrease	1% increase	1% decrease
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Council 2024					
QTC cash fund	1,964	20	(20)	20	(20)
NAB cash account	346	3	(3)	3	(3)
Loans - QTC	(3,425)	(34)	34	(34)	34
Net total	(1,115)	(11)	11	(11)	11
2023					
QTC cash fund	12,441	124	(124)	124	(124)
NAB cash account	362	4	(4)	4	(4)
Loans - QTC	(3,633)	(36)	36	(36)	36
Net total	9,170	92	(92)	92	(92)

23 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from finance activities

	As at 30 June 2023	New loans	Cash flows principal net of interest	As at 30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Borrowings	13 3,633	-	(208)	3,425
	3,633	-	(208)	3,425
	As at 30 June 2022	New loans	Cash flows principal net of interest	As at 30 June 2023
Borrowings	13 2,821	1,000	(188)	3,633
Lease liability	2	-	(2)	-
	2,823	1,000	(190)	3,633

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24 Commitments for expenditure

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Contractual commitments		
Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:		
Garbage collection contract and IT Services		
- Within one year	398	-
- One to five years	1,195	-
	<u>1,593</u>	<u>-</u>

The garbage contract expired at 30 June 2023 and was renewed in July 2023.

Capital commitments

Commitment for the purchase of plant and construction of the following assets contracted for reporting date but not recognised as liabilities:

Plant replacement	431	2,169
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25 Inventory

Stores and merchandise items are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value and include, where applicable, direct material, direct labour and an appropriate portion of variable and fixed overheads. Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average cost except for land where the costs are allocated to the relevant parcel.

Inventories held for distribution are:

- goods to be supplied at nil or nominal charge and
- goods to be used for the provision of services at nil or nominal charge.

These goods are valued at cost, adjusted, when applicable, for any loss of service potential.

Land acquired and developed by Council with the intention of reselling it (with or without further development) is classified as inventory. This land is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Proceeds from the sale of this land will be recognised as sales revenue on the signing of a valid unconditional contract of sale.

Council developed the Industrial Land Estate which was completed in the 2020/21 financial year. The main purpose of this initiative is not to gain profits but rather stimulates the general economic activity in the shire.

Land held for resale	1,156	1,156
Less: Provision for net realisable value	(603)	(679)
	<u>553</u>	<u>477</u>
Stores and materials	457	377
	<u>1,010</u>	<u>854</u>

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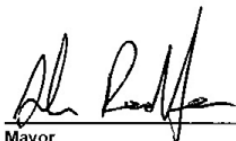
for the year ended 30 June 2024

Management Certificate
For the year ended 30 June 2024

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared pursuant to Sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (the Regulation)* and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with Section 212 (5) of the Regulation we certify that:

- (i) the prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
- (ii) the general purpose financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 30 present a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.



Mayor
Councillor S Radnedge



Chief Executive Officer
Bruce Scott

Date: 11, 10, 2024

Date: 11, 10, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the councillors of Murweh Shire Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Murweh Shire Council.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information and the certificate given by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the council's financial position as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report** section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The councillors are responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Murweh Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was the current year financial sustainability statement, current year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios and long-term financial sustainability statement.



My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the councillors for the financial report

The councillors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The councillors are also responsible for assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is intended to abolish the council or to otherwise cease operations of the council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with s. 40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2024:

- a) I received all the information and explanations I required
- b) I consider that, the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts were complied with in all material respects.



Prescribed requirements scope

The prescribed requirements for the establishment and keeping of accounts are contained in the *Local Government Act 2009*, and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The applicable requirements include those for keeping financial records that correctly record and explain the council's transactions and account balances to enable the preparation of a true and fair financial report.

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Lisa Fraser
as delegate of the Auditor-General

15 October 2024

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Murweh Shire Council

Current financial sustainability statement

for the year ended 30 June 2022

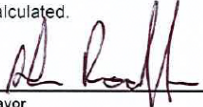
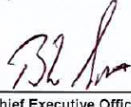
Murweh Shire Council Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement For the year ended 30 June 2024					
Type	Measure	Target (Tier 6)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
			Council		
Audited ratios					
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	> 4 months	(0.44)	2.6%	Delayed receipt of Financial Assistance Grant
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	N/A	-61%	-21%	Delayed receipt of Financial Assistance Grant
	Operating Cash Ratio	> 0%	-26%	6%	Delayed receipt of Financial Assistance Grant
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	> 80%	54%	84%	
	Asset Consumption Ratio	> 60%	73%	77%	On target
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0-3 times	(0.57)	0.47	Delayed receipt of Financial Assistance Grant

Note 1 Basis of preparation
 The current year financial sustainability statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024*. The amounts used to calculate the reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Certificate of Accuracy
 For the year ended 30 June 2024

This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the regulation).

In accordance with Section 212 (5) of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.

 _____ Mayor Councillor S Radnedge	 _____ Chief Executive Officer Bruce Scott
Date: 11/10/2024	Date: 11/10/2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of Murweh Shire Council

Report on the Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying current-year financial sustainability statement of Murweh Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2024, comprising the statement, explanatory notes, and the certificate of accuracy given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s.212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in my opinion, in all material respects, the current-year financial sustainability statement of Murweh Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been accurately calculated.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current-year financial sustainability statement* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the statement in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 which describes the basis of accounting. The current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 for the purpose of fulfilling the council's reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Regulation 2012. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The councillors are responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial sustainability statement and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Murweh Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 was the general-purpose financial statements, current-year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios, and the long-term financial sustainability statement.



My opinion on the current-year financial sustainability statement does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the general purpose financial report.

In connection with my audit of the financial sustainability statement, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial sustainability statement and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the councillors for the current-year financial sustainability statement

The councillors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current-year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012. The councillors responsibility also includes such internal control as the councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the statement that is accurately calculated and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current-year financial sustainability statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the current-year financial sustainability statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this statement.

My responsibility does not extend to forming an opinion on the appropriateness or relevance of the reported ratios, nor on the council's future sustainability.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of material accounting policy information used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council.



I communicate with the council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Fraser".

15 October 2024

Lisa Fraser
as delegate of the Auditor-General

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Murweh Shire Council
Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement - Contextual Ratios
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 6)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
			Council		
Contextual ratios (unaudited)					
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	Contextual	46%	35%	
	Population Growth*	Contextual	-4.6%	-2.4%	
Asset Management	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio*	N/A	N/A	N/A	


Note 1 Basis of preparation

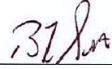
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Certificate of Accuracy
For the year ended 30 June 2024

These financial sustainability statements – comprising the current year financial sustainability statements(contextual ratios) has been prepared pursuant to section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement (contextual ratios) has been accurately calculated.


 Mayor
 Councillor S Radnedge
 Date: 11/10/2024


 Chief Executive Officer
 Bruce Scott
 Date: 11/10/2024

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 for the year ended 30 June 2024

Murweh Shire Council
Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement
 For the year ended 30 June 2024

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 6)	Actuals as at 30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029	30 June 2030	30 June 2031	30 June 2032	30 June 2033	30-Jun-34
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	Contextual	46%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	31%	31%	31%	31%	2%
	Population Growth	Contextual	-4.6%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%	-0.81%
Asset Management	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	NA											
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than 0%	-6.1%	-7%	-8%	-7%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-3%	0.3%	0.9%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	-26%	13%	13%	14%	15%	15%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	-0.44										
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	54%	80%	80%	80%	80%	120%	70%	70%	70%	80%	80%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	73%	73%	73%	73%	73%	72%	73%	72%	72%	74%	73%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to x 3 times	-0.57	0.67	0.57	0.48	0.40	0.33	0.28	0.22	0.18	0.13	0.11

Not applicable until 2026/27


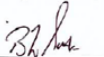
Not applicable for long-term sustainability statement

Council measures revenue and expenditure trends over time as a guide to future requirements and to make decisions about the efficient allocation of resources to ensure the most effective provision of services. Council ensures that its financial management strategy is prudent and that its long-term financial forecast shows a sound financial position whilst also being able to meet the community's current and future needs.

Murweh Shire Council

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for the year ended 30 June 2024

Certificate of Accuracy For the long-term financial sustainability statement prepared as at 30 June 2024	
These financial sustainability statements – comprising the long-term financial sustainability statements – has been prepared pursuant to section 178 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (the Regulation).	
In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that the the long-term financial sustainability statement have been accurately calculated.	
 _____ Mayor Councillor S Radnedge	 _____ Chief Executive Officer Bruce Scott
Date: 11/10/2024	Date: 11/10/2024





11.3 FIN-011 NON-CURRENT ASSETS, REVALUATION AND DEPRECIATION POLICY

Author: Director of Corporate Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council review and adopt the draft Non-Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy as presented.

BACKGROUND

Council is responsible for the management of infrastructure and assets on behalf of the Murweh Shire Council community. Council recognises that these assets must be appropriately managed so that they can continue to deliver services to the community in a timely and sustainable manner.

Section 180 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that non-current physical assets are to be recorded in Council's asset register.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the capture, recognition and control of Council's non-current assets based on legislative requirements and in support of effective asset management.

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with:

- Contract Accountant
- Director of Corporate Services

Financial Risks

Inconsistent accounting treatment of Non-Current Asset valuation or depreciation can lead to misstatement of assets within the financial statements of Council.

Environmental Risks

Nil

Social Risk

Nil

Legal Risk

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **FIN-011 Non Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy** [↓](#)



Murweh Shire Council

Non-Current Assets, Revaluation and Depreciation Policy

Policy No:	FIN-011
Council Resolution Ref:	
Date Adopted:	20 November 2024
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Review Date:	November 2027
Version No:	4

1. Purpose

Section 180 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that non-current physical assets are to be recorded in Council's asset register.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the capture, recognition and control of Council's non-current assets based on legislative requirements and in support of effective asset management.

This policy applies to all asset accounting related activities for items of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets as disclosed in Council's Statement of Financial Position. This policy will apply to all Council activities.

2. Commencement of Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other non-current assets policies of Council (whether written or not).

3. Application

Objective

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Maintain compliance with prescribed legislation and Australian Accounting Standards;
- Ensure accounting principles are followed when identifying, recognising, recording and valuing Council's property, plant and equipment;
- Ensure all processes undertaken in relation to the content of this policy are appropriately documented and defensible to external audit;
- Ensure all asset movements are recorded in the financial asset register on a timely basis;
- Ensure that Council's asset register is the point of truth for financial asset management; and
- Ensure that asset values are indexed between years of full revaluation where construction unit rates have changed materially.

Definition and Recognition of Assets

- Assets are "items which provide a future economic benefit or service potential that are controlled by Council and arise as a result of past transactions or events". Non-Current Assets are those assets that have a useful life of more than one year and are part of the operating capacity of Council.
- Materiality thresholds are listed below for different classes of assets. If an asset has a current replacement value which is under the thresholds listed, the asset should be charged to expense.

Maintenance of, and Improvements to, Non-Current Assets

- A distinction is made between maintenance and improvements in relation to Non-Current Assets. Improvements will be treated as additions to an asset (that is, an increase in asset value); whereas maintenance will be treated as expense in the year is carried out.
- A significant improvement to an existing asset will be classed as capital and can be defined as extending the asset’s economic life beyond what was originally estimated, or increasing the asset’s capacity, function or efficiency – or all three.
- Where replacement of a large portion of a separately identified asset is required, even though the useful life or capacity of the total asset has not been changed, that expenditure is regarded as capital.
- Expenditure incurred to ensure than an asset continues to operate at its normal capacity until the conclusion of its useful life is to be regarded as maintenance and charged to an operating account in the period it is incurred. Typical expenses include repair and routine operating costs, minor renewals, etc. Costs incurred in repairing failures in plant, equipment or property will be charged to an operating account.

Materiality Threshold for Recognition of Non-Current Assets

- Individual thresholds will be set for different classes of assets. The relevant classes and the corresponding thresholds are as follows:

Asset Class	Threshold
Land (including parks)	\$1
Land Improvements	\$ 5,000
Buildings and Other Structures	\$ 5,000
Plant and Equipment	\$ 5,000
Furniture and Fittings	\$ 5,000
Road Infrastructure	\$10,000
Water Infrastructure	\$10,000
Sewerage Infrastructure	\$10,000
Intangible Assets	\$ 5,000

Cost Base of Non-Current Assets

- The cost base of purchased Non-Current Assets shall include the following components:
 - Purchase Consideration
 - Duty/Taxes
 - Freight
 - Installation Costs (including labour and on costs)
 - Other Incidental costs (design, legal costs, etc) incurred in making the item ready for use
- The cost base of self constructed assets shall include the following components:
 - Direct Materials
 - Direct Services (Architectural, surveying, engineering design etc)
 - Direct Labour
 - On costs
 - An appropriate proportion of administrative and engineering overheads
- The cost base of assets acquired for no consideration shall include the current written down replacement value of the asset, plus any additional costs incurred to get the asset into a suitable state ready for use and are recognised at fair value.

Recognition of Non-Current Assets

- All Non-Current Assets shall be recognised by Council in the Statement of Financial Position, when and only when, the following two conditions are satisfied:
 - a) it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset will eventuate; and
 - b) the asset possesses a cost or other value that can be measured reliably. “Measured reliably” in this context means measured without undue bias or error.

- Non-Current Assets are often made up of several components. Council will recognise individual components only where they are large either in dollar value or size, or where components can in a practical sense be seen as performing a separate function or have a materially different useful life..
- Council has control over the asset.

Classification of Non-Current Assets

- Within the Analysis by Function Note in the annual financial statements, Council will report Non-Current Assets according to their function or activity.
- The Statement of Financial Position in the annual financial statements will also disclose assets by type.

Definition of Non-Current Asset Types

Each individual item within an asset type will be recorded separately in the Asset Register for identification and depreciation. The following is the list of asset classes in the general ledger.

- a) *Land*
- b) *Buildings*
- c) *Other Structures/Park Assets*
- d) *Aerodrome Landing Strip*
- e) *Plant and Equipment, Motor Vehicles*
- f) *Furniture and Office Equipment*
- g) *Road Infrastructure*
- h) *Water Infrastructure*
- i) *Sewerage Infrastructure*
- j) *Capital Work in Progress*
- k) *Intangible Assets*

Non-Current Assets under construction at the end of a period should be recognised and recorded as “capital work in progress”. Depreciation will not be charged in respect of a Non-Current Asset until it is available for use.

Intangible Assets

Council should identify its intangible assets and record them separately as Intangibles under Non-Current Assets. An intangible asset, as per *AASB 138 Intangibles*, is an identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance.

An intangible asset is capable of being separated or divided from the entity and sold, transferred, licenced, rented or exchanged, either individually or together with a related contract, asset or liability. Common examples of intangibles for Council.

Under the new reporting requirement on Software as a Service (SaaS) arrangements which works through the cloud delivery model, Cloud software license agreements can be recognised as an intangible asset if both of the following principles are met:

- Council has the contractual right to take possession of the software at any time during the hosting period without significant penalty.
- It is feasible for Council to either run the software on its own hardware or contract with another party unrelated to the vendor to host the software.

Non-Current Assets Acquired via Leasing Arrangements

Where Council acquires a physical non-current asset via a financing lease arrangement having the characteristics outlined in the Accounting Standard *AASB 117 ‘Leases’*, Council will recognise both a non-current asset and a liability in accordance with that standard.

The non-current asset will be amortised over the useful life of the asset where ownership is expected to pass to Council at the end of the lease term. Where ownership is not expected to pass to Council, the non-current asset will be amortised over the term of the lease.

Assets acquired under a finance lease are subject to the same revaluation requirements as assets that are owned or otherwise controlled by the Council.

Revaluation of Non-Current Assets

Council shall value its major infrastructure such as roads, water and sewerage, buildings and other structures based on a revaluation basis. For plant or equipment, Council shall use the cost basis approach in valuing these assets.

The basis described above is in line with the requirements of *AASB 116 – Property, Plant and Equipment, the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012*.

For all assets other than those valued at cost, non-current assets valuations should be reviewed at least once each financial year to ascertain if there has been a material movement in fair value (depreciated replacement cost/market value) since the last financial year.

A full revaluation of all applicable asset classes should be undertaken at least once every five years. However, when an asset class has significant and volatile changes in fair value a revaluation should be undertaken on a more frequent basis.

If there has been no material movement of fair value, indices/desktop updates, either supplied by a qualified valuer or internal qualified staff, may be applied for the intervening years until a full revaluation is undertaken. There must be sufficient evidence retained that the index used is robust, valid and appropriate to the asset class. If an index is not applied in the prior year the index will then be cumulative.

The following table shows the proposed schedule of comprehensive asset revaluation by Asset Class.

Asset Class	Frequency
Roads Infrastructure	Every third year following last valuation – 2025/26
Water and Sewerage Infrastructure	Every third year following last valuation – 2026/27
Buildings, Other Structures, Parks and Land	Every third year following last valuation – 2024/25

If an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, the entire class of property, plant and equipment to which that asset belongs shall be revalued. Complex asset components are measured on the same basis as the assets to which they relate, e.g. Building asset class is valued at fair value therefore each building component is valued at fair value.

With regard to the Fair Value Measurement of non-current assets the aged care properties and the Council owned housing will be valued at level 2 while all other non-current assets will be valued at level 3.

Accounting for Revaluation

When an asset is revalued, the accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the gross carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of the remaining useful life.

Changes in the carrying amount of an asset due to a revaluation are accounted for in accordance with AASB 116.

If the carrying amount of a class of assets is increased as a result of a revaluation, the net revaluation increase shall be recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the

heading of revaluation surplus. However, the net revaluation increase shall be recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it reverses a net revaluation decrease of the same class of assets previously recognised in profit or loss.

If the carrying amount of a class of assets is decreased as a result of a revaluation, the net revaluation decrease shall be recognised in profit or loss. However, the net revaluation decrease shall be recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any credit balance existing in any revaluation surplus in respect of that same class of asset. The net revaluation decrease recognised in other comprehensive income reduces the amount accumulated in equity under the heading of revaluation surplus.

When an asset is disposed of, the amount reported in the asset revaluation surplus in respect of that asset is retained in the asset revaluation surplus and not transferred to retained surplus.

Materiality

Materiality plays an essential part in the decision-making process and preparation of the financial statements. This is because information contained or omitted from the financial statements can impair its usefulness to users.

Materiality is a concept which requires professional judgment. An omission or misstatement of an item is material if, individually or collectively, it would influence the economic decisions of users of the financial statements or the accountability of management or governing body.

In assessing materiality, the size and nature of the omission or misstatement are usually evaluated together. The surrounding circumstances should also be considered.

As guidance in considering materiality thresholds the following can be used:

- a) an amount equal to or greater than 10% of the appropriate base may be presumed to be material;
- b) an amount equal to or less than 5% of the appropriate base amount may be presumed to be not material; and
- c) an amount between 5% and 10% requires judgment.

Asset Impairment

All non-current assets including intangible assets are to be reviewed on an annual basis for indicators of impairment by asset custodians as detailed in the asset responsibility matrix.

Where the fair value of the asset exceeds the recoverable amount it is recorded as an impairment loss. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Where assets have been revalued at fair value there should not be any impairment loss as the recoverable amount should be equal to the fair value.

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except where the asset is at fair value. When there is an impairment loss on a revalued asset the impairment loss is offset against the asset revaluation surplus of the relevant asset class to the extent available. Any remaining loss is then expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Determination of Residual Values

“Residual Value” represents the amount of fair value of an asset which would not be subject to depreciation. This could occur when Council intends to dispose of the asset by way of trade-in or sale at the end of its programmed service life and this is the estimated value it is expected to return.

Residual values apply particularly to Plant and Equipment, Furniture and Office Equipment, some buildings and other structures. Because of the nature of the replacement of the assets, residual values do not apply to Roads, Water or Sewerage Infrastructures.

The determination of Residual Values is done in consultation with Council’s valuers and from its own operational experiences.

Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All physical Non-Current Assets, with the exception of land, will be depreciated according to the depreciation rates approved by Council from time to time

- o Depreciation is to be calculated and charged to expense each month.
- o Council adopts the straight-line method of depreciation.
- o Depreciation is charged when the asset is first put into use or is ready for use. Depreciation will cease when the asset is disposed of, or becomes obsolete.
- o Assets which have been fully depreciated but are still in use will require reassessment of useful life and fair value.

Disclosure in the Financial Report

If non-current assets are stated as revalued amounts, the following will be disclosed:

- a) The effective date of the revaluation;
- b) Whether an independent valuer was involved;
- c) The methods and significant assumptions applied in estimating the item's fair values;
- d) The extent to which the item's fair values were determined directly by reference to observable prices in an active market or recent market transactions on arm's length terms or were estimated using other valuation techniques; and
- e) The revaluation reserve, indicating the change for the period and any restrictions on the distribution of the balance to shareholders.

Disposal, Derecognition of Non-Current Assets or Work in Progress not continuing

An asset is written-off when destroyed, scrapped, lost or stolen and recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. When consideration is received in the form of proceeds or trade-in, the asset is to be disposed in the financial asset register and a gain or loss on sale recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Derecognition should be accounted for in the same financial year in which the asset was removed from service.

Actual costs relating to discontinued projects are to be accounted for as capital expense in the year it is decided not to go ahead with the project.

The cost of demolition or removal of the old asset can be capitalised as site preparation costs of the new asset only if there is:

- No provision for restoration of the old asset; and
- Prior to demolition a formal Council commitment to demolish and build on the site of the old asset, e.g. Council meeting minute.

4. Variations

Murweh Shire Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

5. Audit and Review

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or as required by changes to process of legislation, relevant Standards and industry best practice.

6. References & Related Documents

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Australian Accounting Standards (AASB) and Interpretations

11.4 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Author: Human Resource Manager
Authoriser: Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

BACKGROUND

Current Recruitment:

WHS Advisor
 Part Time Library assistant

Resignation/Retirement:

Labourer

Overtime:

Pay Period	Dates	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount
26-1	1/06/24 to 28/06/24	714	35,848	938	48,024
2-3	29/6/24 to 26/7/24	631	32,526	854	43,203
4-5	27/7/24 to 23/8/24	735	37,563	621	33,131
6 -7	24/8/24 to 20/9/24	667	34,920	717	26,965
8-9	21/9/24 to 18/10/24	774	41,207	737	38,500
10-	19/10/24 to 15/11/24	696	37,595		

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

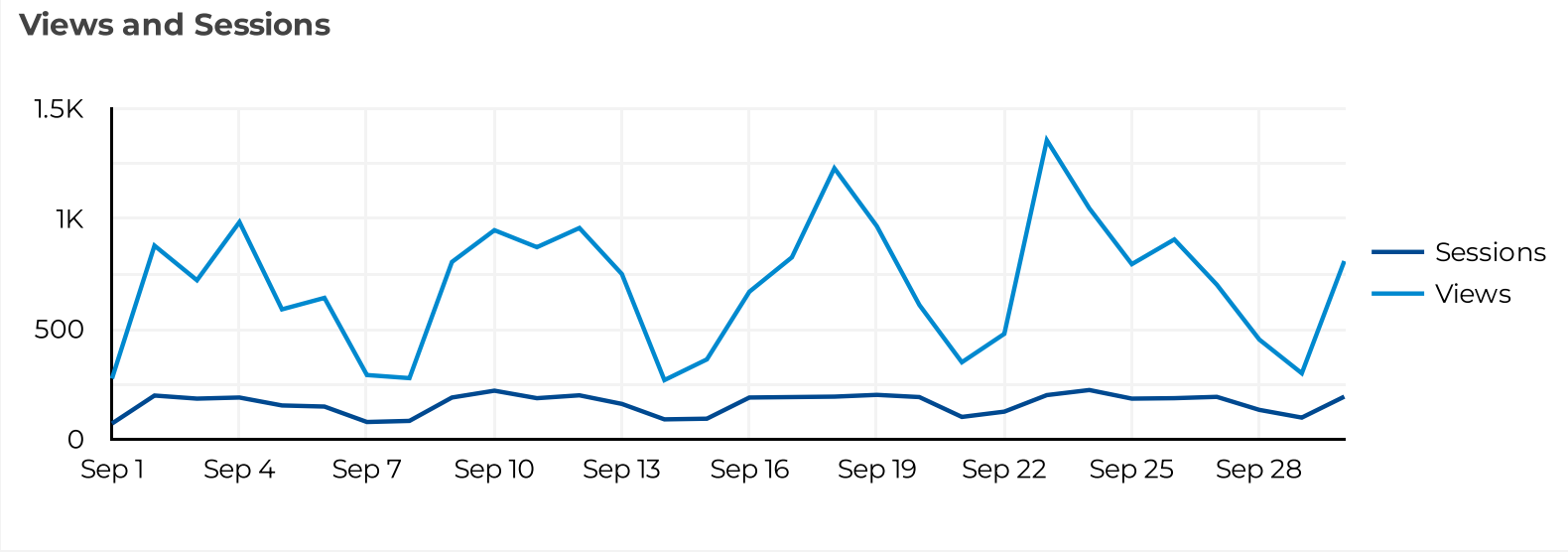
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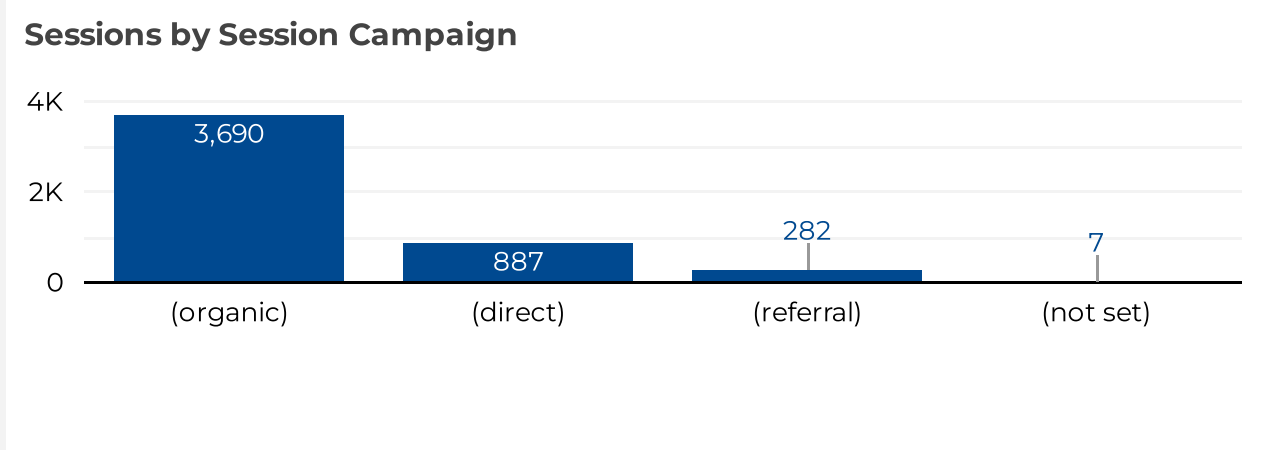
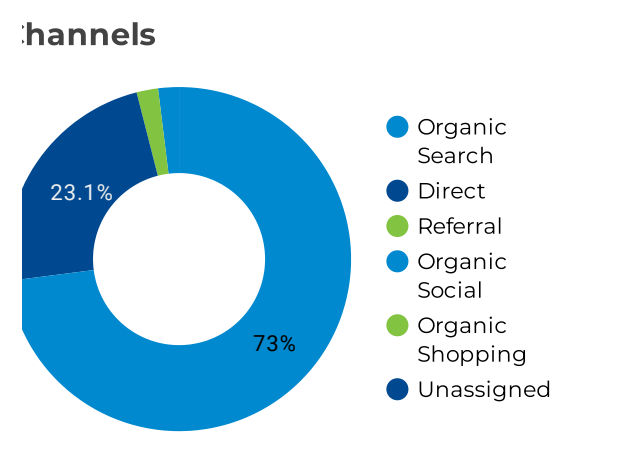
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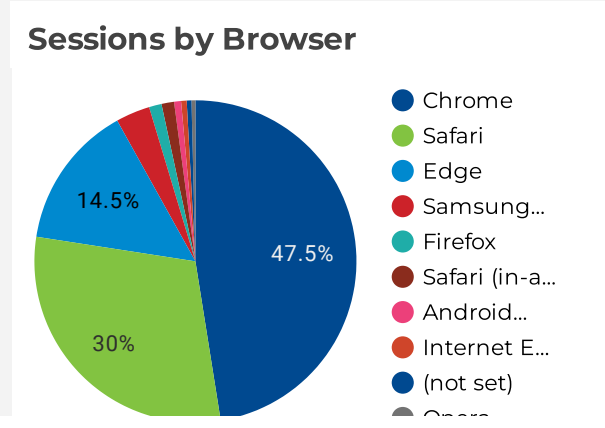
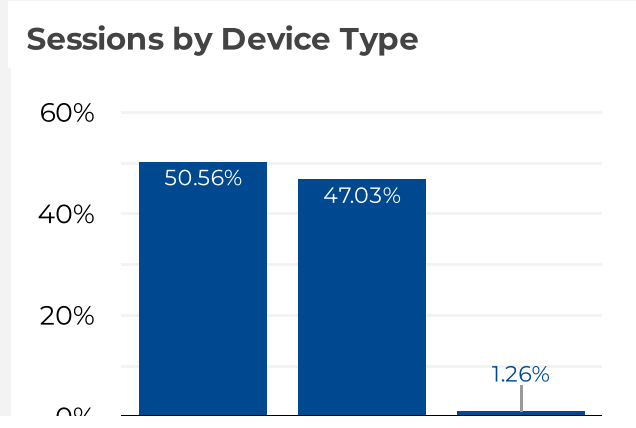
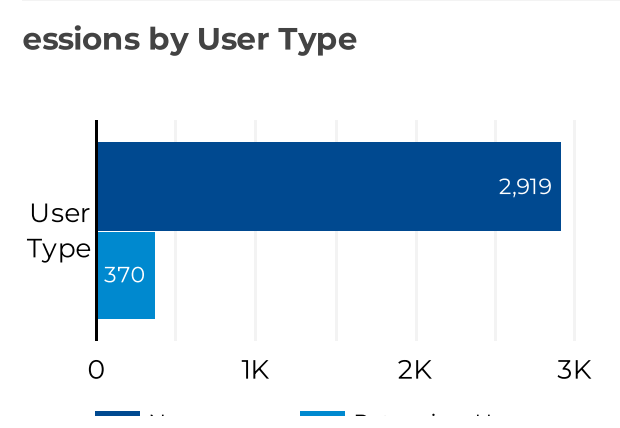
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7.	/about-council/agendas-and...	420
8.	/facilities/swimming-pool	340
9.	/business-planning-tourism	320
10.	/community-services	310



Top 10 Referral Sources

Rank	Session source	Sessions	Views
1.	google	3,380	13,700
2.	(direct)	887	3,600
3.	bing	292	1,800
4.	m.facebook.com	47	1,100
5.	statics.teams.cdn...	37	400
6.	au.search.yahoo.c...	33	1,100
7.	galaxy.lgaq.digital	27	300
8.	l.facebook.com	21	100
9.	lm.facebook.com	19	100





Murweh Shire Council

Monthly report summary

This period: 2024-10-01 to 2024-10-31
 Last period: 2024-09-01 to 2024-09-30

Total Reports

This Period	Last Period	% Change
10	8	25%

Customer Satisfaction Score

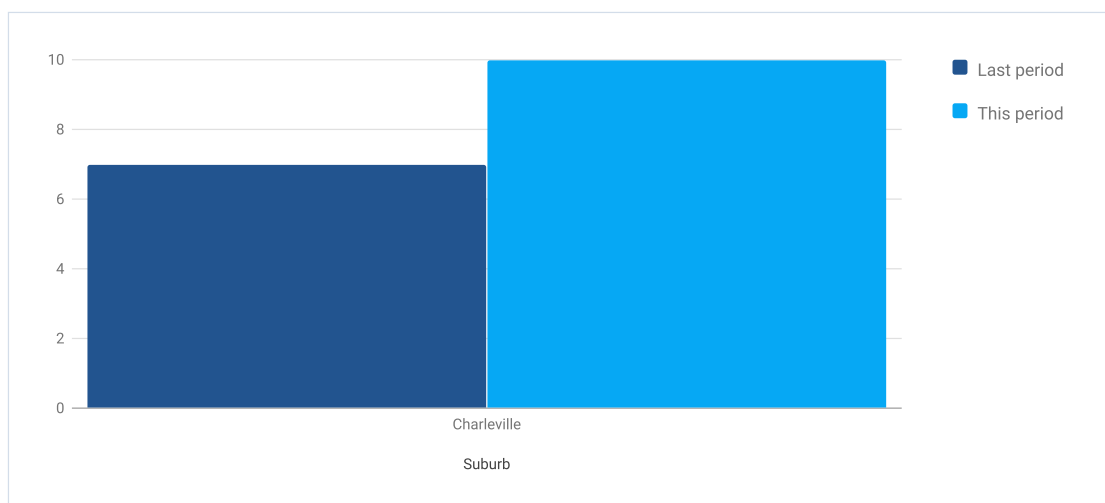
Customer Satisfaction Score (out of 5) provided by Snap Send Solve users for your authority.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Murweh Shire Council	5.0	N/A*	N/A
Similar sized council average(state based)	4.0	4.1	-2%
State average	3.6	3.6	0%

Reports by Top 5 Suburbs

Total reports received by suburb for the period.

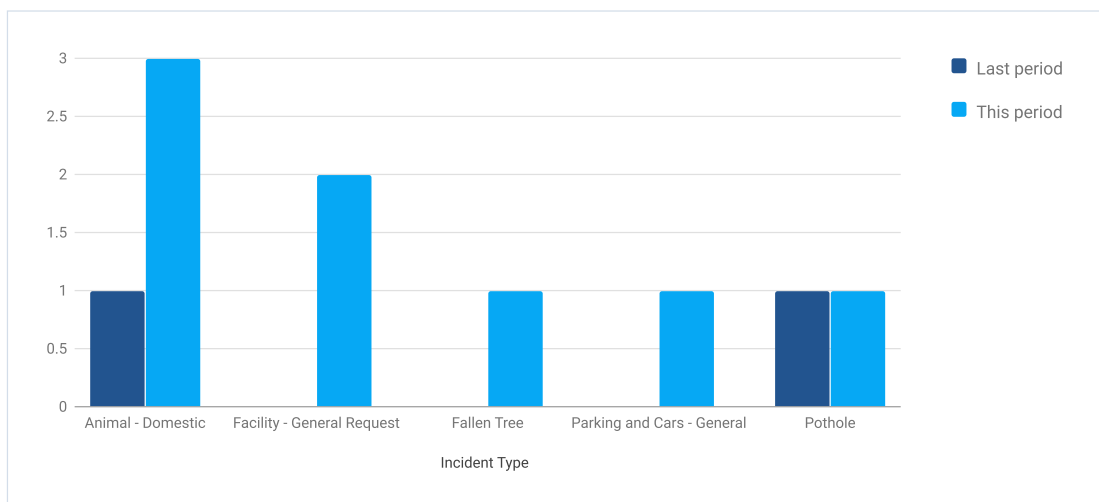
	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Charleville	10	7	43%



Reports by Top 5 Incident types

Total reports received by Incident type for the period.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Animal - Domestic	3	1	200%
Facility - General Request	2	0	N/A
Fallen Tree	1	0	N/A
Parking and Cars - General	1	0	N/A
Pothole	1	1	0%



Reports by Top 5 Suburbs and Top 5 Incident types (This period)

	Animal - Domestic	Facility - General Request	Fallen Tree	Parking and Cars - General	Pothole
Charleville	3	2	1	1	1

Reports Triaged

Total reports received by your Authority that have been triaged to other authorities by your Customer Service team.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change

Reports Sent to Other Authorities

Total reports sent by Snap Send Solve users to other Authorities within your boundary, that your Authority is not responsible for.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Telstra	2	0	N/A

NA* - There is no comparison data for this period

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11.5 WHS REPORT

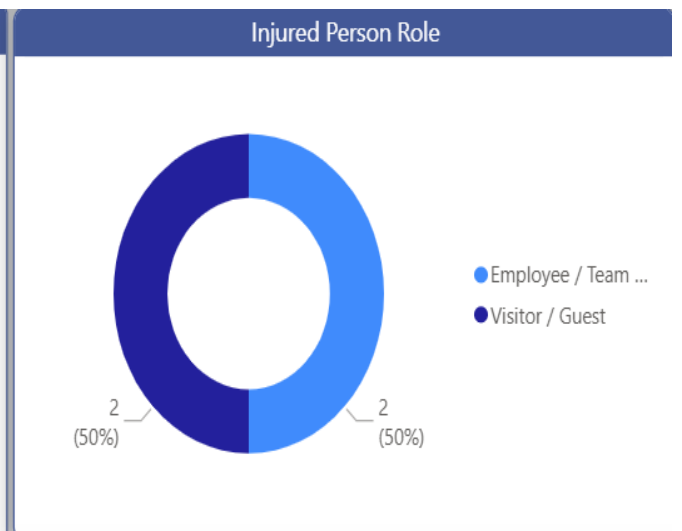
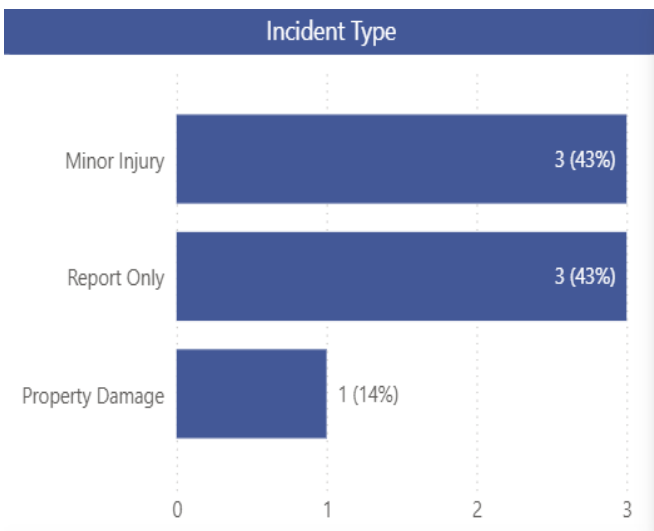
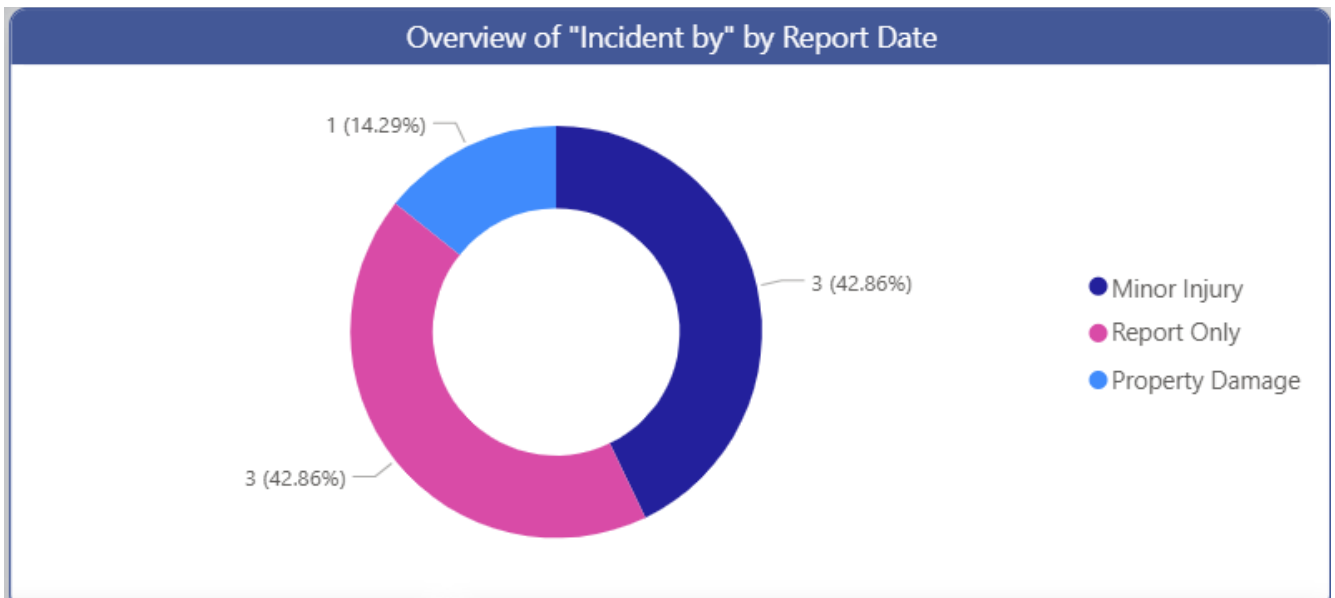
Author: Administration
Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council receives and notes the report from the Workplace Health and Safety section.

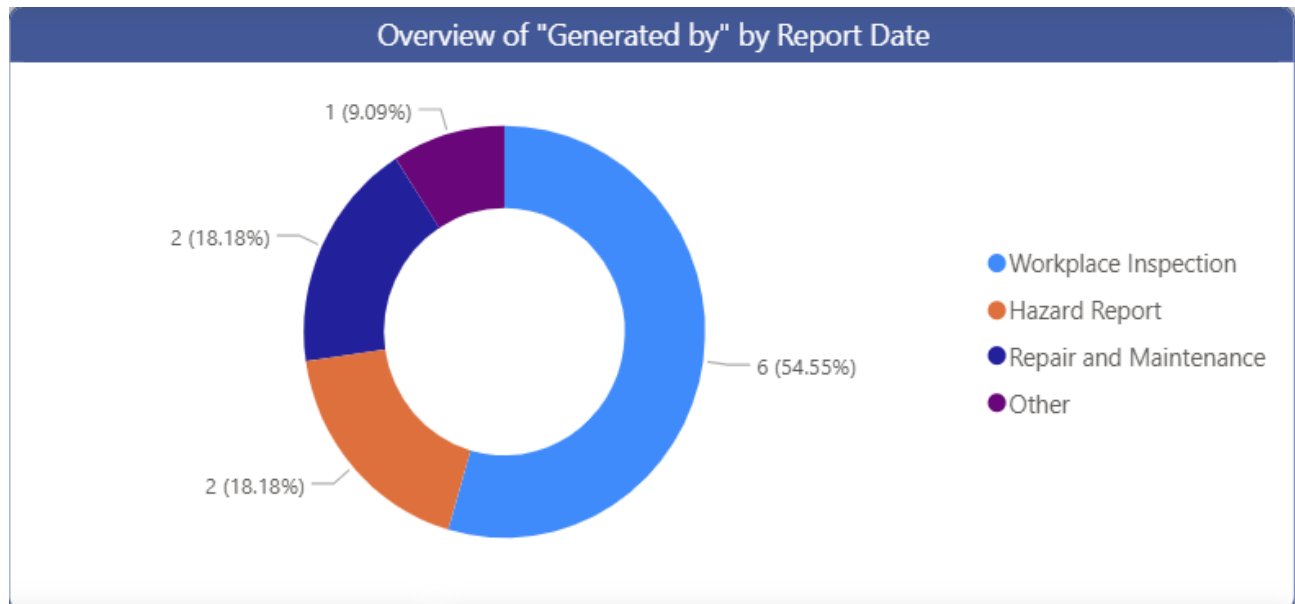
BACKGROUND

INCIDENT REPORTS (since last report)

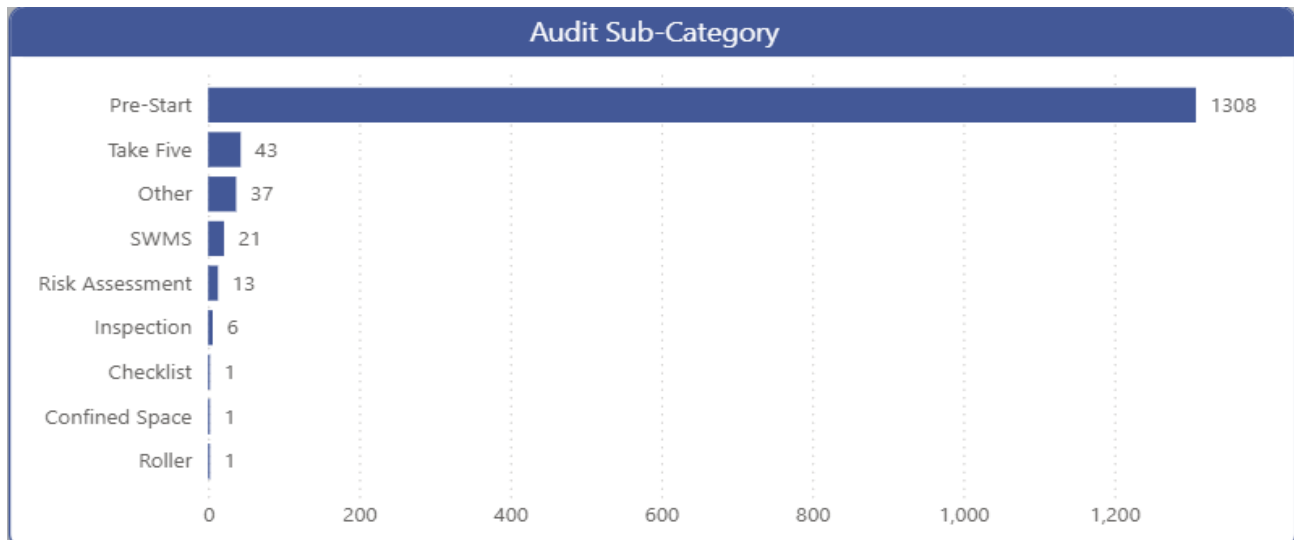
INC0027	2024-11-06	Property Damage	2024-12-04	stone pierced fuel tank on water truck
INC0026	2024-11-02	Property Damage	2024-11-30	Driving on highway hit plane turkey and smashed windscreen.
INC0025	2024-10-24	Minor Injury	Closed	Bee got [redacted] on right right forearm in the job truck
INC0024	2024-10-19	Minor Injury	2024-11-16	slip and fall
INC0023	2024-10-19	Minor Injury	2024-11-16	Slip and fall
INC0022	2024-10-16	Report Only	Closed	Continuing from reported incident earlier in the day. The young girl returned with a dog and little boy to see the same girl waiting to be collected by a relative.
INC0021	2024-10-16	Report Only	Closed	Two young girls were in the the Railway Station foyer and had an altercation. Punches were thrown from the younger lady.
INC0020	2024-10-14	Property Damage	Closed	grader reversed into front of work Ute, no one injured, no one near vehicle at time
INC0019	2024-09-28	Report Only	2024-10-26	Working at Showgrounds for wings on Warrego event and an unrestrained dog kept running out at the atv . The dog run into back wheel of atv .



HAZARD/ACTION



Checklists/Inspections



Takes 5's as above for total.

8 have been submitted through Safety Champion in the last month.

19 have also been handed in and entered manually to be recorded.

Name	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24
Total	53	21	33	19

Test & Tagging of Electrical Equipment

The contractor has completed the Test and Tagging of electrical equipment in Morven and Augathella. Charleville to be done in the coming weeks

First Aid Kit inspections

First Aid Kits are to be inspected commencing the 13.11.2024 with Morven being first then continuing onto Charleville. Augathella kits to be brought into Charleville to be inspected.

ALCOHOL & DRUG TESTING

Portable Alcolizer to be posted away for calibration in early December.

SAFETY CHAMPION

We are still working hard in the background of Safety Champion to develop the system to suit our Shire Council. Informal Training has been ongoing and conducted on various work area sites.

Councils Safety Consultant will be on site from the 25.11.2024 for approximately a month to assist with Safety Champion

WHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Last meeting held: 20.08.2024

Next meeting: December 2nd

Think Safe

Work Safe

Home Safe

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.6 TOURISM REPORTS OCTOBER 2024

Author: Tourism Manager
Authoriser: Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council receives and notes the reports from the Tourism section.

BACKGROUND

[Visitor Information Centre](#)

Visitor Numbers for October 2024

Charleville Visitor Information Centre seen an 14.43% increase in visitor numbers for October compared to the same period last year.

Charleville Visitor Information Centre seen an 85.66% decrease in visitor numbers compared to the previous month.

This year a large portion of tourist are concession holder compared to recent covid years who were young families.

Charleville Visitor Information Centre Monthly Statistics

Charleville VIC Walk in Stats													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	230	159	285	1333	1893	2150	2896	1666	1737	158	303	123	12933
2020	193	201	186	0	24	606	1333	1351	2183	1236	657	340	8310
2021	367	266	1134	3543	2086	6972	7169	3393	5040	2758	982	750	34460
2022	670	332	1311	3544	3433	6313	6703	4713	4660	2234	1022	544	35479
2023	677	656	1184	2947	4290	6582	6002	4646	4206	1665	695	411	33961
2024	525	506	1103	2537	3929	5213	6678	5024	4807	1924			

Charleville VIC Phone Stats													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	103	91	125	159	139	156	206	223	219	131	92	37	1681
2020	83	138	111	59	78	199	101	153	277	183	149	40	1571
2021	124	84	325	461	652	1222	344	384	490	366	188	152	4792
2022	147	170	318	526	666	998	1019	725	554	349	255	109	5836
2023	159	206	314	488	800	1075	1010	709	666	454	238	147	6266
2024	271	242	383	747	631	1055	1263	1008	581	403			

Information Packs Sent Out													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2019	16	25	14	9	8	14	6	9	5	1	4	1	112
2020	3	6	5	5	3	8	4	0	0	0	2	2	38
2021	8	12	15	13	6	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	61
2022	0	7	9	10	5	9	6	16	5	4	1	0	72
2023	4	8	6	3	7	6	2	1	0	2	0	0	39
2024	0	7	4	10	3	9	6	1	4	4			

Bilby Report

Bilby Experience Pax													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2021			231	1749	1559	1334	2928	1334	2418	1334	272	270	13429
2022	178	0	547	1633	1606	2515	2777	1890	1992	876	270	0	14284
2023	76	105	288	1159	1442	2454	2144	1656	1730	543	180	0	11777
2024	10	51	342	845	1054	1832	2221	1838	1717	545			

Bilby Experience Shows													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2021	0	0	15	72	61	101	102	48	64	37	23	19	542
2022	21	0	43	60	60	74	73	60	66	47	13	11	528
2023	8	11	26	58	64	75	59	55	64	32	21	0	473
2024	3	6	29	51	49	47	71	68	65	40			

Transport

Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 9 people - Queensland Rail Tickets.

Charleville Visitor Information Centre booked for 6 people - Greyhound Tickets.

Charleville Visitor Information Centre had N/A enquiries about Rex Airline.

Charleville Visitor Information Centre Update

For the month of October, the Charleville Visitor Information Centre were busy welcoming people through the doors and supporting them with everything Charleville and Murweh.

2025 group bookings are looking busy for next year.

We continued to ask guests to leave reviews on the internet about the VIC & Bilby Experience.

No update about the Railway Station cleaning. QRail have been contacted about broken toilet seat.

Murweh garden crew continue to do a terrific job on the front garden/path island. Assisted in maintaining the weeds at the end of the building and drains.

Telstra attended to the broken cover to an entrance hole near garden island.

2x incidents reported for physical abuse between 2 customers.

Trade Famil to our local attractions for future ticket sales to international customers.

Morven and Augathella Visitor Information Centre Reports

Augathella VIC

The Augathella Visitor Information Centre had a total of 48 people visit for the month of October.

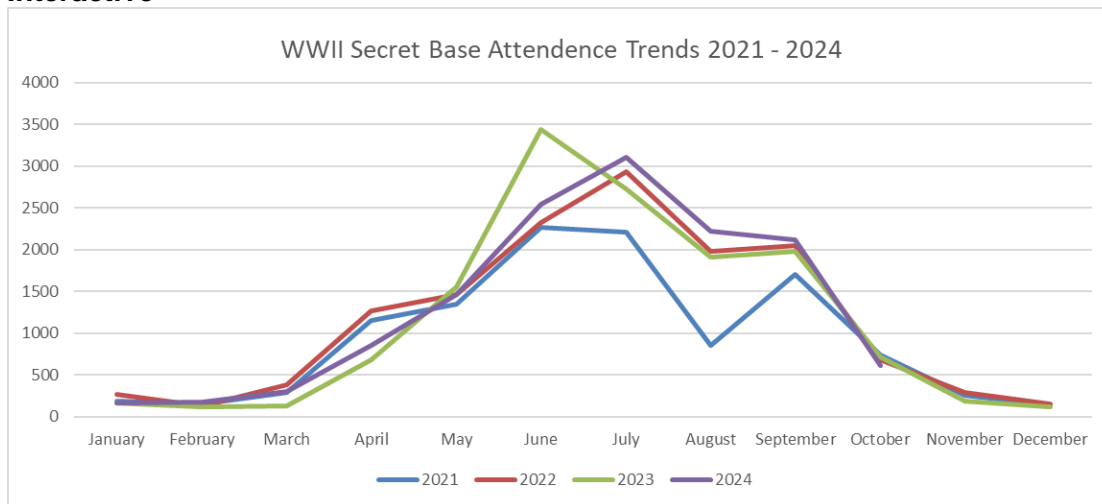
Morven VIC

The Morven Visitor Information Centre is closed, 4th October 2024 until 1st April 2025.

[WWII EOM Report - October 2024](#)

Interactive

Exhibit:



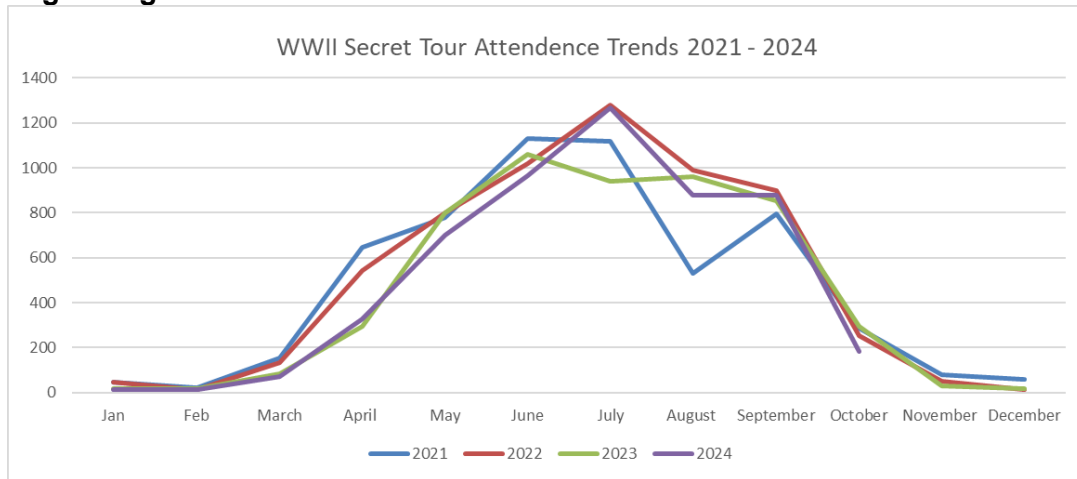
WWII Secret Base monthly	2021	2022	2023	2024	% growth
January	186	262	158	158	0%
February	145	124	115	169	47%
March	290	379	122	303	148%
April	1154	1268	679	856	26%
May	1350	1461	1553	1459	-6%
June	2262	2329	3436	2545	-26%
July	2206	2931	2727	3104	14%
August	852	1984	1912	2225	16%
September	1705	2053	1974	2117	7%
October	741	677	709	613	-14%

In October, we welcomed 613 guests – down 14% compared to last year. This dip makes sense as we’ve hit our typical seasonal slowdown, with the summer heat kicking in and travellers reducing costs ahead of the holiday season.

We've reduced our staffing back to our off-season model, running with just two full-timers. This setup helps us keep costs in check while still showcasing the facilities and experience.

Tag-a-long

Tour:



WWII Tour monthly	2021	2022	2023	2024	% growth
Jan	47	46	19	15	-21%
Feb	23	15	17	15	-12%
March	153	133	83	71	-14%
April	647	543	294	329	12%
May	777	801	800	699	-13%
June	1129	1018	1061	967	-9%
July	1119	1281	942	1266	34%
August	532	991	961	879	-9%
September	794	899	853	878	3%
October	286	254	296	185	-38%

Tag-along tours saw a 38% drop in numbers, which we expected after scaling back from three daily tours to just one 8AM slot to help visitors beat the heat.

We took this opportunity to test out a new 4PM tour this month, and it's been a hit! It brought in 25% of our total tour visitors, with great feedback from guests who loved the more flexible timing. The later option is really working for people's travel schedules and we will go ahead with the afternoon tours to increase the tag-a-long tour numbers where possible.

General:

October's lower visitor numbers gave us the perfect opportunity to focus on improving the exhibit and developing new experiences for our guests.

Maintenance & Upgrades:

- Completed a deep clean of all tour areas and safety inspections
- Fixed up our interactive displays, including both physical repairs and tech updates
- Rebuilt and improved the Norden Bomb Sight Stand in the vault

Future Growth Plans:

- Successfully trialled our new 4PM tour slot (Results as above)
- Started work on a grant application to bring items from the prestigious Syd Beck collection in Mareeba to our exhibit.(Proposal prepared)

- Building partnerships with others within the military history space to join established military history trails and create shared educational programs aimed at increasing school visitation. We're working with the following:
 - George Hatchman – WWII Historian based in Amberley, currently working with the Lord Mayor in Brisbane on a plane search and discovery project, created the Western Downs Military Trail and liaising across South West QLD to create an educational program.
 - David & Julia Hinds, Rhonda Heathwood – Worked with George to create their military trail to Possum Park and are interested in us joining and expanding the trail past Miles to Charleville.
 - Ray Hynes, Howard Hobbs – Assisting in developing the exhibit and enhancing our current product including future developments.

We're at the early stages of these product developments and will be continuously moving forward with these during the off season.

Cosmos Centre

This report outlines the notable activities, engagement, and progression at the Charleville Cosmos Centre.

The Tourism Manager made the decision to start our off-season earlier this year than previous years. We entered off-season hours after October 4th, instead of the end of October. These hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30-4:30pm, re-opening 30 minutes before our night tours, if any. Some weekends already had bookings which we honoured as to not disappoint guests that already booked.

While there was a reduction of total visitors by nearly 25% compared to October 2023, there was only a 10% reduction in revenue, not including merchandise. This would be in part due to the slight price increase of our Planetarium movies to last year, and slightly more guests attending our premium Small and Personal tours. This is a good outcome considering that most weekends were closed compared to last year the same month.

The Tourism team is exploring a new booking system that will open many opportunities in the trade industry, create an excellent guest experience, and reduce cost of wages and of the booking system itself. We hope to have an outcome decided by November as to whether we can implement a new system before our next season kicks off, or if we stick with our current system for another season.

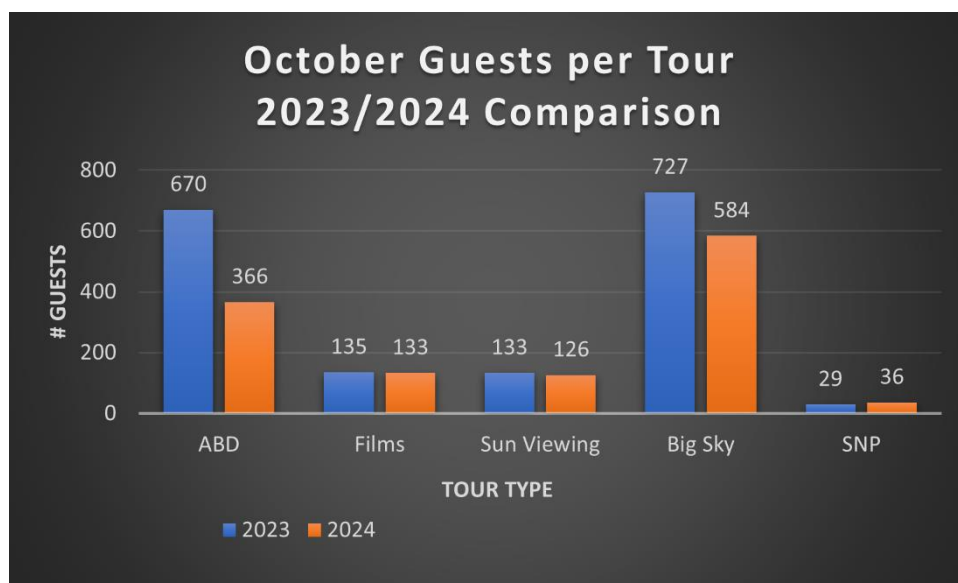


Figure 1: "ABD" is Astronomy by Day - interactive exhibit | "Films" are the Planetarium movies | "Big Sky" is the Big Sky Observatory – our main night tour | "SNP" is the Small and Personal tour with the 30" telescope.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11.7 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - OCTOBER 2024**Author: Manager Regulatory Services****Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for October 2024.

STOCK ROUTE

Water Facilities Maintenance/Repairs

All stock route water facility troughs have been pressure cleaned this month. This process assists to remove algae growth, providing clean drinking water should the need arise for travelling stock.

The Yo Yo water facility turkey nest pipe has been replaced. Due to the pipe wanting to fall over, which was placing pressure on the infrastructure. Replacement should eliminate this casual factor.



Redesign the lay of the turkey nest pipe

Council received notification that cattle were grazing the nature reserve to the south west of Charleville. Seventeen head of cattle were found on the nature reserve. These animals had broken the fence where the stock route officers had recently repaired same. The owner has received correspondence, seeking cooperation to retain their stock on their own land.

An extra three horses have been identified on the Morven reserve. Council are following up on the possible owners of these animals, seeking removal from the reserve.

Wild Dog Control

Twenty-two percent (22%) of landholders submitted 6,750kg meat orders for participation in the November baiting program, with a Roma supplier awarded the contract to supply. Council sent four emails seeking quotes for the supply of meat for its coordinated baiting campaign, with only two suppliers providing information.

Correspondence was sent via surface mail to all landholder rates addresses. A follow-up email was sent to each who had placed a meat order, four days prior to the commencement of Council's coordinated program. Council has received notification of at least one landholder not receiving the original correspondence.

The following scalps have been presented for this year, with 10 scalps presented for this month

Male 81

Female 57

Total Scalps for the year 138

Total expenditure for the year \$6,900.00

BIOSECURITY

A Tiger Pear bio control bug has been released at Yarronvale. Spraying of Harissia Cactus and mother of millions has been completed on the Cooladdi Reserve.



Bio control bug inserted into Tiger Pear at Yarronvale.

Employees installed a cover on the western side, over the cold room motor prior to use in the November coordinated baiting. The system seems to be working well and has the capacity to freeze the meat quickly if required.



Cover over the cold room motor

The stock route supervisor spent a couple of days learning how to monitor and maintain the Disaster Management infrastructure – flood gauges and rain gauges. In time, it is expected that procedures maybe developed, so as Council do not lose this knowledge within the organisation.

AERODROME

The senior airport reporting officer has been away on annual leave for the month of October, with the recently appointed airport reporting officer and casual employees completing the work at site. The electronic doors have been inspected, as they have not been consistent in operation due to damage done when the facility was broken into 2022/23. The Company have been requested to send a quote to Council for repairs, as well as replacement of the batteries.

Café in the Mulga will be closing for the Council shut down period – Friday 20 December through to Monday 6 January 2025. Opening hours may be reduced during January 2025 as the co-ordinator will be away on annual leave for the month.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Water samples have continued during the month, with Morven water being treated, as the UV system is not currently operational. Test results have met the drinking water guidelines.

Cat trapping continues within the urban areas, with five sites being identified and monitored. Five dogs have been rehomed for this month, and three have been put down as these dogs were not suitable for rehoming purposes.

Stable permit applications will be inspected prior to approvals being granted. This ensures that each registered site is large enough for the number of animals being housed, and the process implemented by the applicant meets the requirements of the Local Law. A number of applicants believe that the approvals are transferable, which is not in line with the requirements of the Local Law – this information will be conveyed to the applicant at inspection time.

Food licence inspections have commenced. To date, one premises is required to have another inspection completed in December.

Footpath approval inspections are being undertaken. At this time, licences are not being issued until an inspection has been completed. This allows for 'face to face' discussions to occur for any remediation activities.

LOCAL LAW

Issue Permit Approval

Council has recently been notified that Department of Transport and Main Roads will be erecting a number of School Zone electronic and static signs – Charleville State School, St. Mary's School and Charleville State High School – Wills Street, Partridge Street, Watson Street Eyre Street

- a) Two electronic School Zone speed signs to be erected on Partridge Street
- b) Two static School Zone speed signs to be erected on Partridge Street
- c) A number of the current signs will be removed
- d) Four new signs to be erected on Watson Street – two will be electronic

This work, to be undertaken by Axent, and is expected to commence 1 December 2024 and conclude by 30 March 2025. Work will be undertaken during the hours of 9am to 2pm.

A work permit will be issued in accordance with *Murweh Shire Council Subordinate Local Law No. 1.2 Commercial Use of Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads) 2012*.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Charleville Waste Facility

An audit of the Charleville Waste facility contractor was completed week commencing 28 October 2024. There are three waste streams that require attention – green waste, tyres and concrete. Quotes are being obtained from relevant organisations, to understand budgetary impacts to reduce and or eliminate stock piles.



Status of site where customers drop off waste – signage provides direction, together with person at gate house giving directions.



Site boundary line with reserve. Very little blown waste in reserve – cleaned up from last inspection.



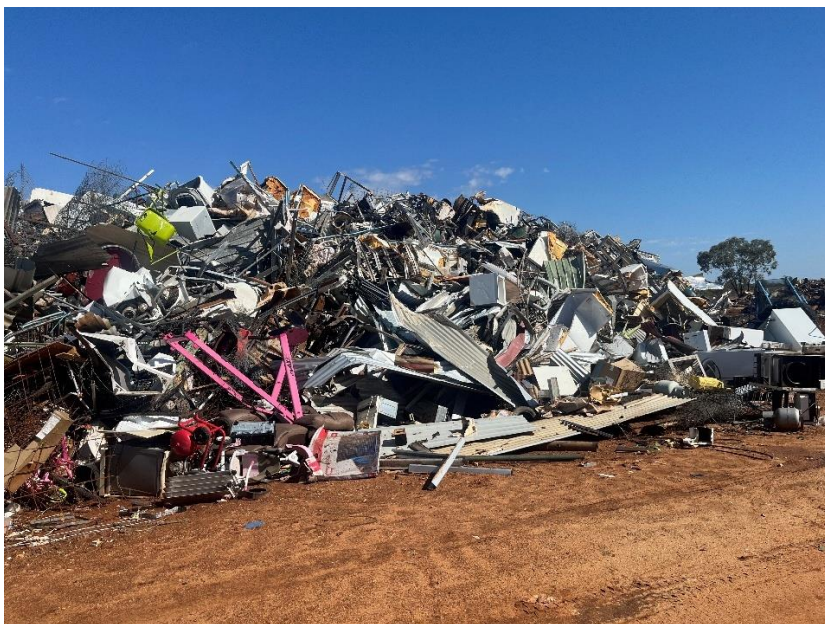
Concrete stock pile – one of three



Green waste stock piles



Tyre stock pile – growing each week



Steel stock pile

The contractor has been advised that the following process will be put into place, so as Council can continue to plan how waste management is undertaken at site.

Information from the test pit program will form crucial data for future design development, forward planning of the site, waste management, key performance indicators that are required for the proposed transfer station and landfill.

Such forward planning will assist with annual financial planning, together with outcomes that Council wish to achieve, providing factual data for proposed Capital Work Projects resulting in Life and Asset Management forecasting that Council is required to report during its financial audit process.

This information will also assist with collaborative work that maybe undertaken with other local governments in the south west, inline with the waste management roadmap developed and approved by South West ROC.

Whilst on site, a review of the Augathella and Morven waste facilities was undertaken, so as preliminary forecast planning can be done for Council. This planning will assist during budget deliberations and further development of waste within the Region. The following photographs were taken during site visits.

Augathella Waste Facility



General waste



Tyres pile



Possible waste pit in front of soil pile

Concern for the amount of air space at this facility. May require drill of test pits to identify how much space is available and plan for the future. A number of roads through site, possible free air space for landfill.



Possible waste pit – not sure air space under stock pile.

Morven Waste Facility

There is a considerable amount of land at the Morven Waste Facility. However, there is no plan for future cells or capital works projects at this site.



Builders waste, steel etc within one pile



Site not compacted and or covered – loose material can litter and cause environmental damage. Stock graze the reserve in close proximity to the waste site.



Concrete waste



Small stock pile of tyres at site



Unwanted plants can be a risk

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES

12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

Author: Director Engineering Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Services Report.

BACKGROUND

Executive Update

Correspondence

- Suggestions for improvement at Graham Andrew's Park as per **Attachment 1** Email.

General

- Upcoming Council NASCO auction running in 2 weeks time from the 25 November to 28 November. Including 3 x utes, mower and a wide range of miscellaneous items.

Local Roads

- Suffcon have commenced flood damage work on Wellwater Road on 08/10/2024.
- Remaining flood damage pickup from the April 2024 event is nearing completion and we expect to have more work packages in the coming months for civil construction contractors to tender for.
- Reseal program under development.

TIDS

- Work on Adavale Road continuing – 4.5km sealed. Expecting to have at least another 2.5km sealed before Christmas.

TMR

- Roadtek still will be completing placement upgrade works in Morven into the new calendar year.
- Council has approached Roadtek to price laying asphalt in front of the Morven Museum (not received yet).
- Council has entered into a conditional agreement to complete \$252,714.66 of flood damage works on behalf of TMR on the State Controlled Network.

Works for Queensland (W4QLD)

- Project scoping underway
- Augathella Works Depot will be the first construction project.

Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program - Phase 4

- Augathella Truck Wash scope variation approved. Construction underway late November.
- Augathella drain lining works progressing well and nearing completion
- Cosmos AC upgrade expected to be completed by late November 2024
- Clearing of Augathella airstrip expected to be completed by late November 2024
- Scope of works for Charleville Racecourse painting to be developed and offered to private contractors

Local Shire Roads

A summary of the capital works and maintenance activities on Local Shire Roads are listed below.

Road Name	Activity Name	Chainage From (km)	Chainage To (km)	Remarks
Adavale Road	Gravel Resheeting	86,160.00	90,630.00	
Adavale Road	Bitumen Sealing	86,160.00	90,660.00	Completed 10mm double/double seal-AMC7/C170
Balmacarra Road	Inspections	0.00	15,480.00	Racas run category 3 MG
Biloola Road	Inspections	0.00	7,880.00	Racas run category 1
Black Ward Road	Inspections	0.00	43,620.00	Racas run category 3 MFG
Blackburn Road	Inspections	0.00	8,450.00	Racas run category 3
Bollon Road	Guide Post maintenance	6,730.00	55,990.00	Replacing 40 old guidepost with new ones
Cooladdi Langlo Road	Table Drain & Floodway Mtce	67,520.00	67,520.00	Dig and build Turkey's nest for water storage for road works
Glenbrook Road	Inspections	0.00	18,850.00	Racas run category 3
Killarney Road	Guide Post maintenance	330.00	40,750.00	Replacing old 40 guidepost with new guide post
Laguna Road	Inspections	0.00	40,050.00	Racas run category 3 MG
Langlo Mt Morris Road	Inspections	9,190.00	9,190.00	All signs checked
Nebine Road	Inspections	0.00	115,410.00	Racas run category 3 PG and some MG
New Farm Road	Inspections	0.00	2,310.00	Racas run category 2
Norah Park Road	Inspections	0.00	31,510.00	Racas run category 1
Ouida Road	Inspections	0.00	690.00	Racas run category 1
Rocky Road	Inspections	0.00	11,050.00	Racas run category 3 PG
Wellwater Road	Install Signs			
Wellwater Road	Install Signs			
Wongalee South Road	Inspections	0.00	1,590.00	Racas run category 3 MG
Wyandra Boatman Road	Inspections	0.00	25,610.00	Racas run category 3 PG



Adavale Road Sealing (TIDS/R2R Project)

Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC)

October 2024 Maintenance Works on National Highways and State Controlled Roads

Location	Activity Name	Chainage From (km)	Chainage To (km)	Quantity	Costs (\$)
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Call Outs Required As Normal Defects	19.49	19.49	4,101.00	4,101.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	97.19	104.40	282.00	11,844.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	99.82	102.55	731.00	30,702.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Gravel Supply - Heavy Shoulder Grading	97.19	97.89	200.00	8,400.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	92.82	102.55	10.00	93,000.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	97.19	104.40	8.00	74,400.00
Diamantina Dev Road (Charleville - Quilpie)	Heavy Shoulder Grading - Rural	97.19	97.89	2.00	18,600.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Inspections for Forward List of Works	0.01	78.40	2,850.00	2,850.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Pavement Repairs Gravel (Mechanical) Minor	72.57	72.57	30.00	6,000.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Rest Area Servicing	0.01	78.40	12,162.00	12,162.00
Mitchell Highway (Charleville - Augathella)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	72.57	72.57	2,474.00	2,474.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Edge Repair with Emulsion/Aggregate	135.38	135.38	5.00	7,500.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Pavement Repairs Gravel (Mechanical) Minor	150.12	150.12	25.00	5,000.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	135.38	135.38	2,431.00	2,431.00
Mitchell Highway (Cunnamulla - Charleville)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	150.12	150.12	1,917.00	1,917.00
Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)	Hand Mowing	0.01	86.91	2,000.00	14,000.00
Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)	Herbicide Spraying	0.01	86.91	4,300.00	21,500.00
Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)	Pavement Repairs Gravel (Mechanical) Minor	49.30	49.30	32.00	6,400.00
Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)	Tractor Slashing, Rural	0.01	86.91	86.91	30,592.32
Warrego Highway (Morven - Charleville)	Traffic Control Jet Patcher	49.30	49.30	1,811.00	1,811.00

Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Inspections for Forward List of Works	67.44	92.60	3,040.00	3,040.00
Warrego Highway (Mitchell to Morven)	Rest Area Servicing	67.44	92.60	4,448.00	4,448.00
				TOTAL	\$363,172.32

RMPC 24-25 Works Expenditure

Schedules	Allocated Budget	UpToDate Expenditure	Remaining
Schedule 1 (National Highways)	\$ 649,210.00	\$ 159,516.00	\$ 489,694.00
Schedule 2 (Other State Controlled Roads)	\$ 2,534,750.00	\$ 951,131.32	\$ 1,583,618.68
Schedule 4 – Invasive Plants & Animals (National Highways)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,000.00
Schedule 4 – Invasive Plants & Animals (Other State Controlled Roads)	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,000.00
Schedule 5 – Fire Risk Management (National Highways)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,000.00
Schedule 6 – Fire Risk Management (Other State Controlled Roads)	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,000.00
Schedule 7 – Surface Correction (Other State Controlled Roads)	\$ 116,846.00	\$0.00	\$116,846.00
TOTALS	\$ 3,380,806.00	\$ 1,110,647.32	\$ 2,270,158.68



Shoulder works on 93A Diamantina Development Road (Charleville-Quilpie)

Water & Sewerage

Maintenance works carried out in October 2024.

Water Works

Charleville

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	3
Repair Water Mains	5
Meters Replaced/ checked	15
Pump Station Faults	8
Water Bore Maintenance	Bores 3-5
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment: Replace Pump #2 in Pine Street. Logged for power surge in Pine Street.

Installed 11 new hose taps at Showgrounds.

New flow meter at Bore 5.

Bore 3 new wet end.

Replaces seals on pump for irrigation line for racetrack.

Replaced acid and chlorine pumps at swimming pool.

Morven

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	6
Repair Water Mains	3
Meters Replaced/ checked	5
Pump Station Faults	0
Water Bore Maintenance	3
Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment: Replaced water meter at Caravan Park

Vacced fire hydrants out all over Morven.

Augathella

Activities	Completed
Service Line Breaks	3
Repair Water Mains	5
Meters Replaced/ checked	10
Pump Station Faults	5
Water Bore Maintenance	0

Disconnections	0
New Connections	0

General Comment: Replaced bore pump at Shire yard.

Sewerage Works

Charleville

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	6
Service Line Chokes	4
Pump Station Faults	5
Toilet Faults	5
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	3

General Comment: Nil.

Morven

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	0
Pump Station Faults	0
Toilet Faults	3
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	0

General Comment: Nil.

Augathella

Activities	Completed
Main line Chokes	0
Service Line Chokes	0
Pump Station Faults	0
Toilet Faults	2
New Connections	0
Unblock Sewer House / Main Connections	0

General Comment: Nil.

Electrical

Works completed by Council's Preferred Supplier's for Electrical Services, **Charleville Refrigeration and Electrical (CRE), Brayley's Electrical and Patto's Electrical.**

Activity	Charleville	Augathella	Morven
Patto's Electrical			
Isolate power to smoke alarm circuits and remove old alarms at Charleville Camp. Replace with new alarms that comply with QFES standards.	✓		
Morven Camp hot water rewire			✓
Check out cold room at Morven Rec Grounds and wire up new hot water system.			✓
Check out lights at Morven Info Centre			✓
Repair Christmas tree lights			✓
Check AC at Unit 6 Delta Court	✓		
Attend pool site as per Richard Ranson's request and perform electrical works as per Jay Lindsay's instructions.	✓		
Call out to Charleville Truck Wash with no power. Tested and found broken plug in the control box repaired and tested OK.	✓		
Install new cold room refrigeration unit as per quote at the Morven Rec Grounds.			✓
Replace light at Charleville Town Hall.	✓		
Charleville Refrigeration & Electrical			
Replace heat bulb in bain-marie at Charleville Racecourse Complex	✓		
Light repair at Charleville VIC	✓		
Brayley Electrical			
Investigate gate not shutting at Augathella Aerodrome		✓	

Building

Activity	Charleville	Augathella	Morven
Install roller doors & motors at Bore 5 disinfection shed	✓		
Erect loop panel fence around Racecourse aircons	✓		
Fix ramp at 209 Alfred Street aged housing	✓		
Fix broken window & gate at Racecourse Complex	✓		
Fix door in jockeys' room	✓		
Erect 15m chain wire fence around new pool filters	✓		
Cut and weld fence for East Street stabilising	✓		
Install Bore 5 PA door	✓		
Prep camp floor for oil maintenance	✓		
Cut and concrete ramps depot offices	✓		
Erect 20m colour bond fence for new pool filters	✓		
Fix door at Augathella Library		✓	

Town Maintenance

Activity	Charleville	Augathella	Morven
Grave Digging	1	0	0
Edge Break			
Pothole Patching			
Repair Seal Defects			
Bitumen Sealing (Reseal)			
Heavy Patching/Pavement Repair			
Gravel Resheeting			
Table Drain & Floodway Maintenance			
Clear Culverts			
Subsurface Drains			
Slashing	✓	✓	✓
Hand Mowing	✓	✓	✓
Clearing	✓	✓	✓
Weed Spraying	✓	✓	✓
Maintain Signs			

Guidepost Maintenance	✓		
Footpath Works			
Line Marking			
Kerb & Channel			
Street Furniture Maintenance			
Riverwalk Maintenance	✓	✓	
Litter Collection	✓	✓	✓
Pit Maintenance	✓	✓	✓
Dead Animals			
Other			
Works Requests	✓	✓	✓
Playground Inspections	✓	✓	✓
Clean BBQs			
Slash Gully			
Plant Flowers	✓	✓	✓
Fix Sprays in Park	✓	✓	✓
Water pots in Main Street	✓	✓	✓
Mow Ovals & Parks	✓	✓	✓
Service Plant	✓	✓	✓
New Signs			

Completed Town Works

- General town maintenance in all three towns.
- Kerbside collection was completed in all three towns.
- Black wattle poisoned at back of Shire yard and weeds in water at Ward River sprayed with Round Up Bi- Active.

Workshop

MSC WORKSHOP MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 2024	
SAFETY	Zero incidents and zero accidents
WORK CARRIED OUT ON VEHICLES	
Unit 674	Replaced phone signal booster aerial
Unit 655	Replaced battery
Unit 661	Inspected impact damage
Unit 654	Carried out service and replaced beacons
Unit 681	Carried out service
Unit 670	Carried out service and repaired power steering oil leak
Unit 664	Carried out service
Unit 668	Carried out service
Unit 663	Carried out service
Unit 680	Carried out service
Unit 657	Replaced crane lift bolts
Unit 677	Carried out service
Unit 656	Carried out service
WORK CARRIED OUT ON GRADERS	
Unit 116	Repaired hydraulic oil leak
Unit 117	Repair A/C wiring and clean evaporator
Unit 114	Replaced wheel lean cylinder bushes, replaced windscreen and carried out service
Unit 118	Carried out service
WORK CARRIED OUT ON TRUCKS	
Unit 50	Replaced condenser and fan belts
Unit 49	Replaced front shackle bushes, repaired water pump
Unit 34	Replaced cylinder head, replaced upper timing cover gasket and replaced UHF aerial
Unit 39	Replaced engine mounts, removed and reseal front differential
Unit 38	Remove and clean radiator, flush coolant
Unit 33	Replaced clutch cable, replace bin door release valve and replace brake booster
Unit 2	Carry out service
Unit 51	Carry out service
Unit 44	Carry out service
WORK CARRIED OUT ON TRAILERS	
Unit 332	Replace torque rod bushes and repair load cover
Unit 412	Repair side marker and bracket
Unit 331	Repair damaged wiring and replaced ring feeder
Unit 476	Replaced spring eye bushes

WORK CARRIED OUT ON NAVMAN	
Unit 116	Replaced GPS aerial
Unit 673	Carried out new install
WORK CARRIED OUT MOWERS AND TRACTORS	
Unit 569	Replaced deck pulley and replaced deck shoot
Unit 589	Carried out service and replaced deck belts
Unit 190	Replaced PTO clutch
Unit 183	Replaced A/C blower motors, carried out service and replaced beacon lights
Unit 174	Carried out service, replaced rear PTO seal and resealed rear lift cylinders
Unit 175	Clean evaporator, replaced front crank seal, replaced air filter lid, replaced radio aerial and replaced beacon lights
Unit 194	Replaced front park and indicator lights
Unit 591	Carried out service, replaced drive belts replaced drive fan
Unit 582	Replaced air filter housing
WORK CARRIED OUT ON MISCELLANEOUS	
Unit 164 Backhoe	Repaired A/C, replaced A/C blower motor and carried out 4000hr service
Unit 165 Backhoe	Resealed bucket cylinders
Unit 467 Profiler	Repaired wiring, replaced solenoid and replaced pressure reducing valve
Unit 490 Jetter	Replaced ignition switch, replaced lance, fit Anderson plug and repaired pressure reducing valve
Unit 212 ATV	Carried out service and replaced battery
Unit 205 Twin Drum Roller	Replaced fuel and hydraulic oil leaks
Unit 203 Multi Tyre Roller	Carry out service and repair A/C compressor bracket
Unit 176 Excavator	Repair coolant leak and flush coolant
Unit 201 Multi Tyre Roller	Carried out 500hr service
Unit 178 Backhoe	Carried out throttle adjustment
Unit 330 Vac Trailer	Carried out service
Unit 177 Backhoe	Replaced heater tap and repaired A/C
PLAN FOR NOVEMBER	
Carry out planned plant maintenance. Continue organising workshop, continue with plant replacement tendering, quoting and ordering. Start preparing for Christmas shutdown.	

Murweh Shire Flood Restoration Works – October Report

Monthly Progress Report



Project Name	Murweh Shire September 22, January 24 and April 24 Flood Restoration Delivery		
Date	6 November 2024	Report Period	October 2024
Project Manager	Russell Hood		
Reporting To	Bruce Scott Jacob Barton Troy McQueen		

1.	Current Status
	<p>Overall progress for the Sept 22 event from the 22-23 year to the end of October 2024 as reported to QRA is 74%. There are 115 damage sites remaining under the Sept 22 event, primarily as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavy formation grading and areas of gravel top-up on Mt Tabor and Khyber Roads; - Sealed Road pavement repairs in Charleville town and on Biddenham, Khyber and Nebine Roads. <p>This work must be completed prior to 30 June 2025.</p> <p>Overall progress for the Jan and April 24 events from the 23-24 year to the end of October 2024 as reported to QRA is 12% for the 4 submissions that are approved to date. All damage assessment for these events is complete and development of submissions ready for lodging with QRA is currently being finalised.</p>
2.	Delivery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sections of grading and gravel top-up were completed on Biloola Road for the Sept 22 event. o Sections of grading are being finished this week on Glenbrook Road for both the Sept 22 and April 24 events. o Sections of grading and gravel top-up were completed on Greenstead Road for the April 24 event. o Sections of grading and gravel top-up are in progress on Wellwater Road for the April 24 event. o Gravel has been ordered for Noorooloo and Shelbourne Roads for the April 24 event and will be carted by Council this month ahead of Suffcon commencing works on these roads in December. o Gravel has been ordered for Biddenham Road pavement repairs for the Sept 22 event and will be carted by Council onto 3 x stockpile pads commencing this month.
3.	Submissions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All submissions under the Sept 22 event are approved and the total funding for this event including project management, contingencies and escalation is \$11,783,608. o 4 submissions are approved for the Jan and April 24 events and another 4 submissions have been lodged to date. The total value of these 8 submissions lodged to date including project management, contingencies and escalation is \$7,776,891. A further 8 submissions are currently in development with the total estimated cost for both the Jan and April 2024 events approx. \$15M.
4.	Overall Program Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sept 22 event overall program progress is 74% to end of October 2024. o Jan & April 24 events overall program progress is 12% to end of October 2024.
5.	Budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Total claimed expenditure for the Sept 22 event to end of September 2024 - \$6,800,633 o Estimated cost to complete - \$2,358,650 o Estimated final cost - \$9,159,283
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Total claimed expenditure for the Jan & April 24 events to end of October 2024 - \$392,911 o Estimated cost to complete - \$2,821,936 (4 approved submissions only) o Estimated final cost - \$3,014,847 (4 approved submissions only)

Monthly Progress Report



Enginfra Consulting
Engineers and Project Managers

6.	Reporting and Final Close-outs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o QRA monthly progress reports and payment claims have been lodged with QRA on 6/11/2024. o Payment claims are being made each month where expenditure of a submission exceeds 30% upfront payment. Where submissions have reached 90% completion, no further payments will be made until the final close-out of the submission is done, when the final 10% will be paid. o Submission MuSC.0031.2223C has been completed and the final close-out submission has been lodged with QRA with all completion photos and financial transactions. The final cost for this submission was \$745,265. o Submission MuSC.0038.2223C has been completed and the final close-out submission has been lodged with QRA with all completion photos and financial transactions. The final cost for this submission was \$700,593. o Submission MuSC.0034.2223C has been completed and the final close-out submission has been lodged with QRA with all completion photos and financial transactions. The final cost for this submission was \$528,678. o Submission MuSC.0032.2223C has been completed and the final close-out submission has been lodged with QRA with all completion photos and financial transactions. The final cost for this submission was \$717,861. o Submission MuSC.0040.2223C has been completed and the final close-out submission will be lodged with QRA with all completion photos and financial transactions in November 2024. The final cost for this submission was \$1,014,051.
7.	Potential Risks and Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Only works from the approved submissions for the Jan and April 24 events is being delivered to minimise Council's risk of undertaking work that is not approved. There is sufficient approved work to keep ahead of the contractors currently engaged.

SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENT FLOOD RESTRATION

Asset / road name	Recommended Value	Claimed Expenditure	% Complete	Timing
Alfred Street	\$5,372.92	\$865.00	5%	Nov-24
Belrose Road	\$31,830.77	\$27,117.50	100%	
Gowrie Crossing Road	\$25,823.14	\$1,270.13	5%	Nov-24
Greenstead Road	\$171,245.26	\$70,137.50	100%	
River Street	\$7,234.47	\$0.00	0%	Dec-24
Wellwater Road	\$1,218,192.93	\$693,926.17	100%	
Wills Street	\$5,425.84	\$0.00	0%	Dec-24
Bilbie Park Road	\$53,510.90	\$50,569.20	100%	
Bollon Road	\$520,837.10	\$256,735.00	100%	
Merrigang Road	\$10,828.06	\$8,710.00	100%	
Newstead Road	\$71,104.80	\$49,391.00	100%	
Noorooloo Road	\$731,306.49	\$266,560.52	100%	
Shelbourne Road	\$8,525.31	\$5,300.00	100%	
Old Tambo Road	\$551,237.37	\$674,629.44	100%	
Allendale Warrah Road	\$132,020.06	\$89,820.00	100%	
Borea Road	\$87,368.78	\$27,590.00	100%	
Clara Creek Road	\$208,600.87	\$113,257.00	100%	
Gundare Road	\$81,060.69	\$79,595.00	100%	
Joylands Road	\$11,166.96	\$12,922.50	100%	
Meigunya Access Road	\$35,189.61	\$34,420.00	100%	
Newholme Road	\$26,085.76	\$25,547.50	100%	
Ouida Downs Road	\$78,642.22	\$62,912.20	100%	
Valeravale Road	\$22,106.68	\$21,165.00	100%	
Woolabra Road	\$7,025.92	\$6,800.00	100%	
Balmacarra Road	\$38,245.44	\$35,525.00	100%	
Burrandilla Road	\$149,646.56	\$140,714.50	100%	
Croxdale Road	\$28,296.81	\$24,671.00	100%	
Lass O Gowrie Road	\$9,671.37	\$1,813.00	100%	
Lyons Road	\$7,697.09	\$6,925.00	100%	
Middle Creek Road	\$106,181.16	\$77,477.10	100%	
Pinnacle Road	\$1,345.45	\$1,840.00	100%	
Red Ward Road	\$332,964.12	\$155,500.02	100%	
Rhylstone Road	\$10,606.95	\$6,061.72	100%	
Wardsdale Road	\$227,531.32	\$178,892.78	100%	
Albury Road	\$15,962.30	\$7,440.00	100%	
Blackburn Road	\$31,199.02	\$29,325.00	100%	
Coolaman Road	\$4,820.47	\$2,550.00	100%	
De Warra Road	\$2,720.85	\$2,390.00	100%	
Dillalah Bridge Road	\$799.14	\$6,423.23	100%	Abutment Repair
Dundee Road	\$13,174.04	\$10,180.00	100%	

Fortland Road	\$29,203.76	\$26,930.00	100%	
Glenbrook Road	\$36,417.91	\$37,675.93	90%	In progress
Guestling Road	\$115,672.05	\$111,765.00	100%	
Gunnawarra Road	\$17,746.81	\$14,590.00	100%	
Hythe Road	\$159,137.92	\$158,135.00	100%	
Killarney Road	\$118,983.48	\$120,754.18	100%	
Murweh Road	\$85,055.84	\$84,600.00	100%	
Nebine Community Rd	\$108.97	\$0.00	100%	
Nebine Road	\$264,545.58	\$236,884.86	85%	Nov-24
Nebine Shortcut Road	\$1,995.29	\$1,700.00	100%	
No 7 Block Road	\$8,188.49	\$0.00	100%	
Wallal Riversleigh Road	\$171,519.79	\$136,470.00	100%	
Wheatleigh Road	\$86,010.23	\$44,045.00	100%	
Wyandra Boatman Road	\$30,881.72	\$0.00	100%	
Yanna Bridge Road	\$35,495.27	\$30,600.00	100%	
Biloola Road	\$92,498.59	\$55,781.59	100%	
Cooladdi Access Road	\$5,233.38	\$8,094.33	100%	
Cooladdi Langlo Road	\$331,521.85	\$279,791.73	100%	
Doobiblah Road	\$85,569.86	\$36,708.50	100%	
Glenallen Road	\$23,399.29	\$15,409.00	100%	
Langlo Mt Morris Road	\$276,833.03	\$88,591.50	100%	
Loddon East Road	\$17,045.81	\$11,316.00	100%	
Loddon West Road	\$26,043.65	\$34,196.24	100%	
Merrigol Road	\$16,636.57	\$15,673.00	100%	
Monamby Road	\$23,042.44	\$8,368.54	100%	
Nimboy Road	\$85,048.52	\$126,777.35	100%	
Norah Park Road	\$40,624.68	\$45,138.48	100%	
Old Quilpie Road	\$122,010.67	\$83,415.27	100%	
Old Ward Road	\$2,949.98	\$2,600.00	100%	
Ouida Road	\$2,176.68	\$0.00	100%	
Riccartoon Road	\$23,095.99	\$18,090.00	100%	
Wiringa Road	\$20,060.09	\$19,864.50	100%	
Wooyenong Road	\$58,252.00	\$26,148.00	100%	
Yarronvale Road	\$74,590.05	\$31,877.00	100%	
Adavale Road	\$340,190.93	\$280,979.62	100%	
Biddenham Road	\$1,935,722.62	\$162,185.91	10%	Nov-24
Cargara Road	\$10,701.98	\$13,930.52	100%	
Caroline Crossing Road	\$101,681.91	\$93,859.00	100%	
Cavanagh Street	\$46,493.95	\$34,081.20	100%	
Khyber Road	\$143,120.50	\$72,883.61	50%	Jan-25
Laguna Road	\$233,614.12	\$185,939.00	100%	

Main Street	\$442.93	\$426.48	100%	
Mt Tabor Road	\$199,990.73	\$14,027.62	10%	Jan-25
Raincourt Road	\$100,063.28	\$49,107.00	100%	
Oxford Downs Road	\$194,507.62	\$117,655.00	100%	
Perola Park Road	\$19,877.89	\$14,150.00	100%	
Project Management	\$886,998.48	\$582,448.37	65%	
Total	\$11,783,608.18	\$6,800,633.34	92%	
Weighted Percentage Complete from QRA Progress Report			74%	

JANUARY & APRIL 2024 EVENTS FLOOD RESTORATION

Asset / road name	Recommended Value	Claimed Expenditure	% Complete	Timing
Belrose Road	\$63,546.60	\$23,683.93	25%	In progress
Greenstead Road	\$65,942.09	\$15,257.87	25%	In progress
Wellwater Road	\$631,164.95	\$215,770.69	35%	In progress
Adavale Road	\$7,830.18	\$2,048.45	25%	Dec-24
Bollon Road	\$141,167.76	\$0.00	0%	TBC
Caroline Crossing Road	\$10,198.89	\$15,965.36	100%	
Meigunya Access Road	\$4,535.42	\$0.00	0%	TBC
Mt Tabor Road	\$612,785.06	\$0.00	0%	TBC
Bilbie Park Road	\$5,055.99	\$0.00	0%	Jan-25
Merrigang Road	\$4,333.71	\$0.00	0%	Dec-24
Noorooloo Road	\$827,761.61	\$0.00	0%	Dec-24
Shelbourne Road	\$58,393.88	\$0.00	0%	Dec-24
Bakers Bend Road	\$11,809.01	\$0.00	0%	Mar-25
Croxdale Road	\$35,933.60	\$0.00	0%	Apr-25
Glenbrook Road	\$8,125.68	\$0.00	0%	In progress
Guestling Road	\$21,487.93	\$0.00	0%	Jan-25
Hythe Road	\$101,140.03	\$0.00	0%	Feb-25
Murweh Road	\$16,789.01	\$0.00	0%	Jan-25
Palmers Road	\$9,570.26	\$0.00	0%	Mar-25
Wallal Riverleigh Road	\$105,415.74	\$0.00	0%	Mar-25
Wheatleigh Road	\$32,311.17	\$0.00	0%	Feb-25
Yanna Bridge Road	\$13,007.69	\$0.00	0%	Jan-25
Project Management	\$228,069.41	\$120,185.00	10%	Exp \$175,137.88
Total	\$ 3,016,375.67	\$ 392,911.30	10%	
Weighted Percentage Complete from QRA Progress Report			12%	

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. **Email Re: Suggestions for Graham Andrew's Park** [↓](#)
- 2. **Engineering Services Costing Report** [↓](#)

From: john johns <pmandjcjohns@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Saturday, 26 October 2024 11:30 AM
To: CEO <ceo@murweh.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Some items to be submitted at the next Council Meeting please

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Forgot to attach the duck feeding sign

Regards

Pat Johns



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On Saturday, October 26, 2024, 11:28 am, john johns <pmandjcjohns@yahoo.com.au> wrote:

Hi

I have a few suggestions for Graham Andrews Park and would appreciate it if they could be mentioned at the next meeting.

I appreciate how lucky the town is to have such a beautiful place to go and would like to see it enhanced if possible.

Firstly, it would be great if a few signs such as the one attached could be erected around the duck area to make people aware of what ducks can and cannot eat. I know I was feeding the ducks the wrong food till someone told me what they could eat and I am sure others would be doing the same.

Secondly, it would be fantastic if another play area, complete with shade, toilet, lighting, seating and a barbecue could be constructed. Quite often the playground is full which is great and shows its well utilised but it leaves little space for some of us others to enjoy it. I feel a second play area would be used just as much as the present one. It could be erected near the day care centre or if put near the football ground (I think it is) it would enhance the facilities available for people and families attending events in that area as there are really no facilities there.

Thirdly, could the dog waste bags be put at the two ends of the parking bay opposite the council depot so there is more than one place to obtain the bags. I was not aware there were any for many months as I always entered from a different place from the waste bag location and feel others may also do this.

Fourthly, the inclusion of the story path is an awesome idea, it not only involves literacy but sees children motivated to walk as they read page by page. It would be nice to have a few more stories on the different paths for different lengths of pathway and if aimed at different ages it would encourage literacy and exercise in the other age groups.

In closing, I would like to thank the council for including the suggestions in the council meeting,

Regards

Pat Johns

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MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL ENGINEERING SERVICES COSTING SUMMARY

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND FLOOD DAMAGE

Road No	Road Name	Routine Maintenance Expenditure	ORA May 2022 Flood Damage Expenditure	ORA Sep 2022 Flood Damage Expenditure	ORA Jan 2024 (REPA) Flood Damage Expenditure	ORA Apr 2024 (EW) Flood Damage Expenditure	ORA Apr 2024 (REPA) Flood Damage Expenditure
4001	Adavale Road	\$ 22,115	\$ -	\$ 210,775	\$ -	\$ 6,497	\$ -
4002	Alice Downs Road	\$ 279	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4003	Allambie Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4004	Allendale - Warrah Road	\$ 3,185	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4005	Armadilla Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4006	Bakers Bend Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4007	Balmacarra Road	\$ 382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4008	Bannermans Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4009	Barngo Road	\$ 2,967	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4010	Biddenham Road	\$ 9,551	\$ -	\$ 9,308	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4011	Bilbie Park Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4012	Biloola Road	\$ 2,139	\$ -	\$ 55,546	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4013	Blackburn Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4014	Loddon Road Black Tank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4015	Black Ward Road	\$ 472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4016	Boggarella Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4017	Belrose Road	\$ 444	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,684
4018	Burrandulla Road	\$ 444	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4019	Albury Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4020	Caldervale - Khyber Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4021	Auburnvale Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4022	Calowie Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4023	Cargara Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4024	Caroline Xing Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4025	Clara Creek Road	\$ 569	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4026	Cooladdi Access Road	\$ 2,289	\$ -	\$ 6,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4027	Cooladdi-Langlo Crossing	\$ 27,638	\$ -	\$ 29,964	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -
4028	Cooladdi-Yarronvale Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4029	Coolamon Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4030	Croxdale Road	\$ 68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4031	Cunno Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4032	Derbyshire Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4033	De Warra Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4034	Dilallah Bridge Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4035	Doobiblah Road	\$ 1,418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4036	Dundee Road	\$ 316	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4037	Durella Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4038	Fortland Road	\$ 385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4039	Glenallen Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4040	Glenbrook Road	\$ 17,989	\$ -	\$ 37,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 842
4041	Greenstead Road	\$ 472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,258
4042	Guestling Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4043	Gundare Road	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4044	Gunnawarra Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4045	Hillgrove Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4046	Hoganthulla Road	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4047	Hythe Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4048	Joylands Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4049	Khyber Road	\$ 8,534	\$ -	\$ 72,884	\$ -	\$ 1,541	\$ 2,647
4050	Killarney Road	\$ 28,300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 2,904	\$ 0
4051	Laguna Road	\$ 12,390	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4052	Langlo River Road	\$ 71,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,377
4053	Maruga Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4054	Maryvale Road	\$ 382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4055	Merrigang Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4056	Merrigol Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4057	Middle Creek Road	\$ 1,079	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4058	Mona Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4059	Mt Maria Road	\$ 728	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4060	Meigunyah Access road	\$ 981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4061	Mt Tabor Road	\$ 11,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4062	Murweh Road	\$ 486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4063	Narrga (Raincourt) Road	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4064	Nebine Road	\$ 20,450	\$ -	\$ 6,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,612
4065	Nebine Bollon Shortcut	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4066	Nebine Comm. Ctr Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4067	New Farm Road	\$ 435	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4068	Newholme Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4069	Newstead Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4070	Nimboy Road	\$ 534	\$ -	\$ 8,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4071	Nooraloo Road	\$ 5,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4072	Norah Park Road	\$ 40,923	\$ -	\$ 40,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4073	No 7 Block Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4074	Old Charleville Road	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4075	Old Quilpie Road	\$ 520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4076	Old Tambo Road	\$ 10,917	\$ 7,572	\$ 470,692	\$ -	\$ 4,923	\$ -
4077	Orange Tree Xing Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4078	Ouida Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4079	Ouida Downs Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4080	Oxford Downs Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4081	Perola Park Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4082	Pinnacle Road	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4083	Red Ward Road	\$ 2,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4084	Rhystone Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4085	Rocky Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4086	Rosebank Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4087	Roslin Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4088	Rose Park Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4089	Rosewood Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4090	Shelbourne Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
4091	Sherwood Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4092	Loddon Road West	\$ 472	\$ -	\$ 27,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4093	Tantellon road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4094	Tregote Road	\$ 444	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4095	Uabba Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4096	Urana Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4097	Valeravale Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4098	Wallal-Riversleigh Road	\$ 2,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -
4099	Wardsdale Road	\$ 3,330	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4100	Waterford Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4101	Wellwater Road	\$ 10,243	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 215,771
4102	Wheatleigh Road	\$ 10,673	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4103	Winneba Road	\$ 259	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4104	Wiringa Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4105	Wongalee South Rd	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4106	Wongalee North Rd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4107	Wongamere Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4108	Woolabra	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4109	Wooyanong Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4110	Boatman Wyandra Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4111	Red Lane Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4112	Borea Access Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4113	Clara Access Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4114	Caledonia Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4115	Wintara Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4117	Riccartoon Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4118	Yanna Bridge Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4119	27 Mile Gardens Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4120	Bollon Road	\$ 16,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4121	Breakaway Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4122	Claren Park Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4123	Colombo Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4124	Cooladdi Pump Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4125	Creswell Access Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4128	Lango Hall Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4129	Lasso Gowrie Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4130	Rosemount Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4131	Aronfield Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4132	Monamy Park Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4133	Northview Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4134	Palmer Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4135	Lyons Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4136	Percival Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4137	Rainmore Road	\$ 405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4138	Westlyn Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4139	Old Ward Road	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 356,577	\$ 7,572	\$ 982,354	\$ 0	\$ 15,865	\$ 277,190
Budget		\$ 1,531,507	\$ 429,375				
Percentage Expended			2%				
Percentage through Year			33%				

PLANT MAINTENANCE

Item	2023-2024 Expenditure	2024-2025 Expenditure
Wages	\$ 449,406	\$ 174,604
Parts	\$ 956,318	\$ 299,735
Tyres & Tubes	\$ 161,242	\$ 61,077
Fuels & Oils	\$ 1,034,997	\$ 359,520
Registration	\$ 101,651	\$ -
Wages (supervision)	\$ 268,791	\$ 93,662
Consumables	\$ 35,746	\$ 17,429
Insurance	\$ 72,700	\$ 62,460
Total Expenditure	\$ 3,080,850	\$ 1,068,487
Budget Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 3,061,628
Percentage Expenditure		35%
Revenue to Date		\$ 1,808,304
Budget Revenue		\$ 4,337,205
Percentage Revenue		42%
Percentage through Year		33%

URBAN STREET MAINTENANCE

Item	2023-2024 Expenditure	2024-2025 Expenditure
Augathella Street Lighting	\$ 17,526	\$ 1,079
Morven Street Lighting	\$ -	\$ 296
Charleville Street Lighting	\$ 36,718	\$ -
Augathella Street Maintenance	\$ 315,283	\$ 91,934
Morven Street Maintenance	\$ 147,729	\$ 31,062
Charleville Street Maintenance	\$ 836,915	\$ 298,698
Augathella Street Cleaning	\$ 39,415	\$ 20,489
Morven Street Cleaning	\$ 33,702	\$ 11,273
Charleville Street Cleaning	\$ 325,794	\$ 122,272
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,753,081	\$ 577,103
Budget	\$ -	\$ 1,495,265
Percentage Spent		39%
Percentage through Year		33%

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Item	2023-2024 Expenditure	2024-2025 Expenditure
Augathella Public Facilities Maintenance	\$ 56,224	\$ 23,398
Morven Public Facilities Maintenance	\$ 55,635	\$ 25,480
Charleville Public Facilities Maintenance	\$ 83,651	\$ 36,598
Total Expenditure	\$ 197,000	\$ 85,527
Budget	\$ -	\$ 182,000
Percentage Spent		47%
Percentage through Year		33%

PARKS AND GARDENS MAINTENANCE

Item	2023-2024 Expenditure	2024-2025 Expenditure
Augathella Parks & Garden	\$ 135,226	\$ 41,037
Morven Parks & Garden	\$ 135,611	\$ 52,010
Charleville Parks & Garden	\$ 733,414	\$ 330,843
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,004,252	\$ 423,890
Budget	\$ -	\$ 1,038,808
Percentage Spent		41%
Percentage through Year		33%

WATER & SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE

Item	2023-2024 Expenditure	2024-2025 Expenditure
Charleville		
Charleville Water Pump Maintenance	\$ 86,172	\$ 27,427
Charleville Water Telemetry Maintenance	\$ 31,203	\$ 38,538
Charleville Water Retic Maintenance	\$ 492,532	\$ 225,203
Charleville Water Meter Maintenance	\$ 12,942	\$ 17,218
Charleville Sewerage Treatment Maintenance	\$ 16,348	\$ 4,934
Charleville Sewerage Pump Station Maintenance	\$ 38,550	\$ 13,619
Charleville Sewerage Retic Maintenance	\$ 116,033	\$ 28,999
Augathella		
Augathella Water Pump Maintenance	\$ 58,680	\$ 36,468
Augathella Water Telemetry Maintenance	\$ 3,590	\$ -
Augathella Water Retic Maintenance	\$ 53,404	\$ 16,916
Augathella Water Meter Maintenance	\$ 7,780	\$ 6,666
Augathella Sewerage Treatment Maintenance	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,144
Augathella Sewerage Pump Station Maintenance	\$ 22,150	\$ 12,063
Augathella Sewerage Retic Maintenance	\$ 3,902	\$ 87
Morven		
Morven Water Pump Maintenance	\$ 57,705	\$ 20,667
Morven Water Telemetry Maintenance	\$ 3,406	\$ 320
Morven Water Retic Maintenance	\$ 57,853	\$ 14,673
Morven Water Meter Maintenance	\$ 3,554	\$ 3,517
Morven Rail Hub Water Maintenance	\$ 19,122	\$ 4,912
Morven Sewerage Works	\$ 9,387	\$ 9,244
Capital Works		
Augathella Water Renewals	\$ 21,058	\$ -
Morven Water Renewals	\$ 14,807	\$ 13,137
Charleville Water Renewals	\$ 100,421	\$ 4,118
Augathella Sewerage	\$ -	\$ -
Charleville Sewerage	\$ 60,351	\$ -
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,293,090	\$ 499,871
Budget	\$ -	\$ 2,411,616

12.2 HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION TENDER SUBMISSION

Author: Project Manager - Flood Damage Restoration

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, includes the following late submission onto the preferred supplier arrangement for the hire of plant and equipment for flood damage restoration work in 2024-25, commencing from 1 July 2024 at the rates submitted under this arrangement:

- HBS Earthmoving (QLD) Pty Ltd

BACKGROUND**Purpose**

To establish a preferred supplier arrangement for the hire of plant and equipment to undertake flood restoration works on Council roads during the 2024/25 financial year, with an option to extend for a further twelve (12) months into 2025/26.

Discussion

Flood damage restoration works have been scoped arising from declared heavy rainfall and flood events in January and April 2024. To achieve the timely delivery of these restoration works, it is planned to utilise contractors to work independently in some areas, as well as supplementing Council's Day Labour crews as needed.

The initial preferred supplier panel was accepted by Council on 21 June 2024. A submission by HBS Earthmoving was submitted on the 16 August 2024. The tender was assessed for compliance with the tender requirements and it is recommended that the contractor be included on the preferred supplier panel for flood damage restoration work.

Consultation

The late submission was assessed for compliance by Council's flood damage Project Manager in consultation with the Director Engineering Services.

Financial Risks

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement does not guarantee or commit Council to any minimum amount of work to any suppliers, therefore carries no financial risk. The works being undertaken by the contractors included under this preferred supplier arrangement will be flood damage restoration and approved for funding prior to engagement.

Environmental Risks

Nil

Social Risk

Local and regional suppliers that have undertaken works for Council previously have provided submissions under this arrangement, have been assessed against the requirements of the tender specifications and compliant suppliers have been recommended to be included in the preferred supplier arrangement.

Legal Risk

The establishment of a preferred supplier arrangement is a valid and legal contracting method under section 233 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.
- 2.1.1 No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12.3 8 X UTILITY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – TENDER JT1.24-25

Author: Director Engineering Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the quote from Sedilli Pty Ltd (Trading as South West Ford) for the purchase of 7 x Ford Ranger XL Dual Cab with steel tray and 1 x Ford Ranger XL Dual Cab with alloy tray/canopy combination to the value of \$512,210 (ex GST).

BACKGROUND**Purpose**

To replace 8 x Utility Vehicles as per the Plant Replacement Schedule.

Discussion

PROVEN PERFORMANCE – Ford is a proven brand. Murweh Shire Council's recent Ford Ranger's purchased have been meeting our requirements with no issues.

AFTER SALES SERVICE – Ford is the only product that has a dealership in town offering complete service for parts, warranty and servicing.

OPERATOR USEABILITY- The Ford Ranger meets all of Murweh Shire Councils OWS and operational requirements.

WARRANTY – Ford warranty package is 5 years and unlimited km's.

Consultation

2 businesses replied to a request for tender (via Vendor Panel).

The received tenders were assessed by a selection panel in accordance with Council’s Procurement Policy and the selection criteria set out in the tender documentation. The conforming tenders and the final weighting scores are tabled below (ranked from highest to lowest):

RANK	TENDERED VEHICLES	EVALUATION SCORE
1	8 x Ford Ranger	270
2	8 x Toyota Hilux	176

Financial Risks

N/A

Environmental Risks

N/A

Social Risk

The Director of Engineering Services (DES) has a declared conflict of interest with the owner of South West Ford. The DES was not on the assessing panel, which was instead chaired by Council’s Workshop and Fleet Supervisor.

Legal Risk

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. South West Ford Quote** [↓](#)

Response from:

Response ID: VPR749899
 Created Date: Tuesday 01 October 2024 08:19 AM
 Posted Date: Tuesday 01 October 2024 08:46 AM
 Response reference: None provided
 Response via: Vehicles

Business: **BLACK TOYOTA**

Validated Business Name: BASW PTY LTD

ABN **63601452199**

Location: 43 Drayton St
 Dalby, Queensland 4405
 Australia

Contact:
Contact Name: Brant Hurlock
Position: Fleet Manager
Main Phone: 0746699600
Mobile Phone: 0459698131
Email: fleet@blacktoyota.com.au

Web Site: None provided

Description: Motor Dealer for new Toyota Hyundai VW & Great Wall

Docs attached by the list admin to this supplier: None...

Compliance Details:

Success History Historically Successful This supplier has been successful with buyers from the Shire of Murweh.

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 Ethical Sustainable and responsible sourcing of products & services
 Governance Policies and procedures demonstrating accountability, integrity & equality



Selection Status:

Your decision Undecided

Your personal notes:

None added

Your attachments to this response

None provided

Suppliers response:

8x 4x4 auto Dual Cabs



BLACK TOYOTA

Response to :

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 8 MOTOR VEHICLES

Reference Number : VP429297

Response posted on 01/Oct/2024 08:46 AM

Response Reference: None provided

Response ID: VPR749899

Response created by:

Brant Hurlock (fleet@blacktoyota.com.au)

Response posted via the Vehicles

[Murweh Shire Council](#)

LV8.24-25

Supplier provided pricing

Price EXCLUDING Tax:	\$ 543,330.13 AUD
Tax component:	\$ 53,615.37 AUD
TOTAL PRICE:	\$ 596,945.50 AUD
These prices are:	Estimated
Comments:	7x dual Cabs with trays @ \$74052.01 each inc gst 1 x dual Cab with tray and canopy @\$78581.51 each inc gst

Invoicing Details

If successful, the supplier will invoice with the following details

Business Name:	BLACK TOYOTA
Business Number:	63 601 452 199 (ABN)

Suppliers Attachments

The supplier has attached 1 document to this response. You can find it in this zip file under
'/Responses/BLACK_TOYOTA/VPR749899/Response Docs/'

Response Details as at Tuesday 19 October 2024 09:37 AM UTC

Request ID: **VPR750207**
Supply and delivery of 8 Motor Vehicles

Supplier: **Sedilli Pty. Ltd.**
 Business Number: **ABN 99 010 567 496**
 Location: **50-54 Alfred St Charleville, Queensland 4470 Australia**

These prices are **Fixed**

The following comments were added : None provided.

Quoted items

Product	RC	D%	#	Unit Price	Tax	Total Price
1 MOTOR VEHICLE			7 x	\$63,670.00	\$44,569.00	\$490,259.00
2 MOTOR VEHICLE			1 x	\$71,370.00	\$7,137.00	\$78,507.00
3 MOTOR VEHICLE			1 x	\$66,020.00	\$6,602.00	\$72,622.00
					\$58,308.00	\$641,388.00

Quoted items - Detailed View

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ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES

DATE: 31/10/2024		ASSESSOR: SHANE CARR									
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and delivery	Serviceability	Operational Features	Warranty	Resale	Maintenance parts costs	Average fuel consumption	TOTAL SCORE			
ASSESSMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	MAX 100			
Ford Ranger 4x4 Dual Cab	30	25	5	10	0	10	10	90			
Toyota Hilux SR 4x4 dual cab	25	20	5	10	0	0	0	60			

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES

DATE: 31/10/24		ASSESSOR: Ryan Car								
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and delivery	Serviceability	Operational Features	Warranty	Resale	Maintenance parts costs	Average fuel consumption	TOTAL SCORE	MAX 100	
ASSESSMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10			
Ford Ranger 4x4 Dual Cab	30	25	5	10	0	10	10	90		
Toyota Hilux SR 4x4 dual cab	25	15	5	10	0	0	0	55		

ASSESSMENT PANEL SCORES

DATE: 31/10/2024		ASSESSOR: Troy McQueen							
VEHICLE MODELS	Price and delivery	Serviceability	Operational Features	Warranty	Resale	Maintenance parts costs	Average fuel consumption	TOTAL SCORE	
ASSESSMENT WEIGHT OUT OF 100	0 - 30	0 - 25	0 - 5	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	0 - 10	MAX 100	
Ford Ranger 4x4 Dual Cab	30	25	5	10	0	10	10	90	
Toyota Hilux SR 4x4 dual cab	26	20	5	10	0	0	0	61	

Utes	Price	Resale	Servicing parts costs 100,000km @current prices	Average fuel cost over 100,000kms @\$2 per litre	Delivery	Warranty	WLC COST
Ford Ranger	\$63,670 tray back \$66,520 Canopy	Not supplied	\$700	\$7600	3-5 months	5 years Unlimited km's	
Toyota Hilux	\$66,504.50 tray back \$70,622.23 Canopy	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	Not Supplied	12-16 weeks	5 years Unlimited km's	

12.4 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN STREET RESEAL CONTRACTOR

Author: Director Engineering Services
Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council engages Austek Asphalt Services under state arrangement CN-23570, in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012 s235(f), for resealing town streets within the Murweh Shire to the value of \$1,203,513.74 (GST Inc.)

BACKGROUND

Purpose

Appoint a civil construction contractor to reseal town streets.

Discussion

TMR went to open tender and received prices from 5 contractors in August 2024 for resealing services. Austek Asphalt Services were the successful tenderer based on price only criteria. Council approached Austek Asphalt Services with the intention of saving establishment costs and undertaking reseals while a reseal contractor was in the local area completing works for TMR.

Tender Details - Accepted

No :	CN-23570MIC (CO)1	Regions :
Description :	VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN SOUTH WEST DISTRICT - 2024/2025 Western Reseal Program - Offers are invited from TMR prequalified sealing contractors for bitumen resurfacing works within South West District on the State Controlled Network - Minor Infrastructure Contract - Construct Only	Federal Electorates :
Closing Date/Time :	29/08/2024 14:00 AEST	State Electorates :
PQC Level :		Local Authorities :
Tender Category :	Contractor	

This Tender has been accepted

Tender Type: Open
 Successful Tenderer(s)

Austek Asphalt Services	Accepted Date: 24/09/2024
32 Grice Street Clontarf QLD 4019	Accepted Amount (incl GST): \$6,383,561.62

Number of tenders received: 5

Schedule of Tenders Received

Tenderer	Tender Sum	Comment
Austek Asphalt Services	\$6,383,651.62	Price on opening \$6,383,650.90
Colas Queensland Pty Ltd	\$6,724,668.60	
RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd	\$6,794,944.18	
Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	\$7,458,380.46	
BORAL ASPHALT	\$7,494,467.99	

Tender Assessment

Austek tendered a rate to Murweh Shire Council of ~\$4.11/m² for resealing town streets (see attached mapping), inclusive of all establishment, materials, labour and traffic control.

Austek tendered a rate to TMR (state network) of ~\$3.95/m² (corrected for bitumen rise and fall).

The 4% increase in tendered rate for Murweh Shire Council works has been considered and assessed as reasonable given the lower productivity through town streets (compared to highways) on account of more complex traffic interactions at intersections and reduced site lengths requiring more frequent changes to traffic management.

Austek's original tendered price was 5.3% less than the tenderer that scored second. Therefore, the 4% increase in rate offered to Murweh Shire Council (c.f. rate offered to TMR for highway sealing) has been assessed as still providing good value for money. It is unlikely that calling an open tender would result in a lower rate.

Consultation

TMR (South West District) has approved Murweh Shire Council to engage with their appointed reseal contractor.

Austek Asphalt Services advised they can complete the sealing works before 20 December 2024.

Financial Risks

Bitumen prices have risen 4.7% since August 2024. Delaying appointment and procuring a reseal contractor through an open market tender is likely to result in a higher cost per square meter and delay delivery until the end of February/March 2024.

Environmental Risks

N/A

Social Risk

N/A

Legal Risk

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

2.4.1 Road and street infrastructure investment is strategic and effective to accomplish maintenance priorities and development opportunities

2.1.1 No loss of life or property, critical infrastructure is protected, and economic impacts are minimised from natural disasters

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Austek Asphalt Services offer letter** [↓](#)
2. **Reseal Map** [↓](#)



Murweh Shire Council

16th November 2024

Re: Charleville FY24/25 Reseal Program

Dear Jacob,

Please find our attached Tender submission for **Charleville FY24/25 Reseal Program** as per your request.

Please note the following:

We will attend site as per the Shire Councils requirements

The Austek Group is a growing Pavement Surfacing business with a highly trained and diversified workforce that employs locally based employees. All available products and services are sourced from within the local areas that we work in.

We are proposing to source product and services in the Murweh Shire Council region (or directly adjoining council regions) to supply associated services such as the supply of Aggregate, Traffic Control, Accommodation, Mechanical services and Fuel.

We are an entity of the MGH group Maas Group Holdings, A regionally based company who's head office is located in Dubbo NSW and has extensive Quarrying and regional businesses throughout Regional NSW & QLD.

We have the capability to establish and undertake this work as required and have an excellent record supplying this council with the products and services outlined in this request.

Austek Roads has been established for over 14 years and has been involved in Civil, Asphalt and Bitumen Sealing works for this period.

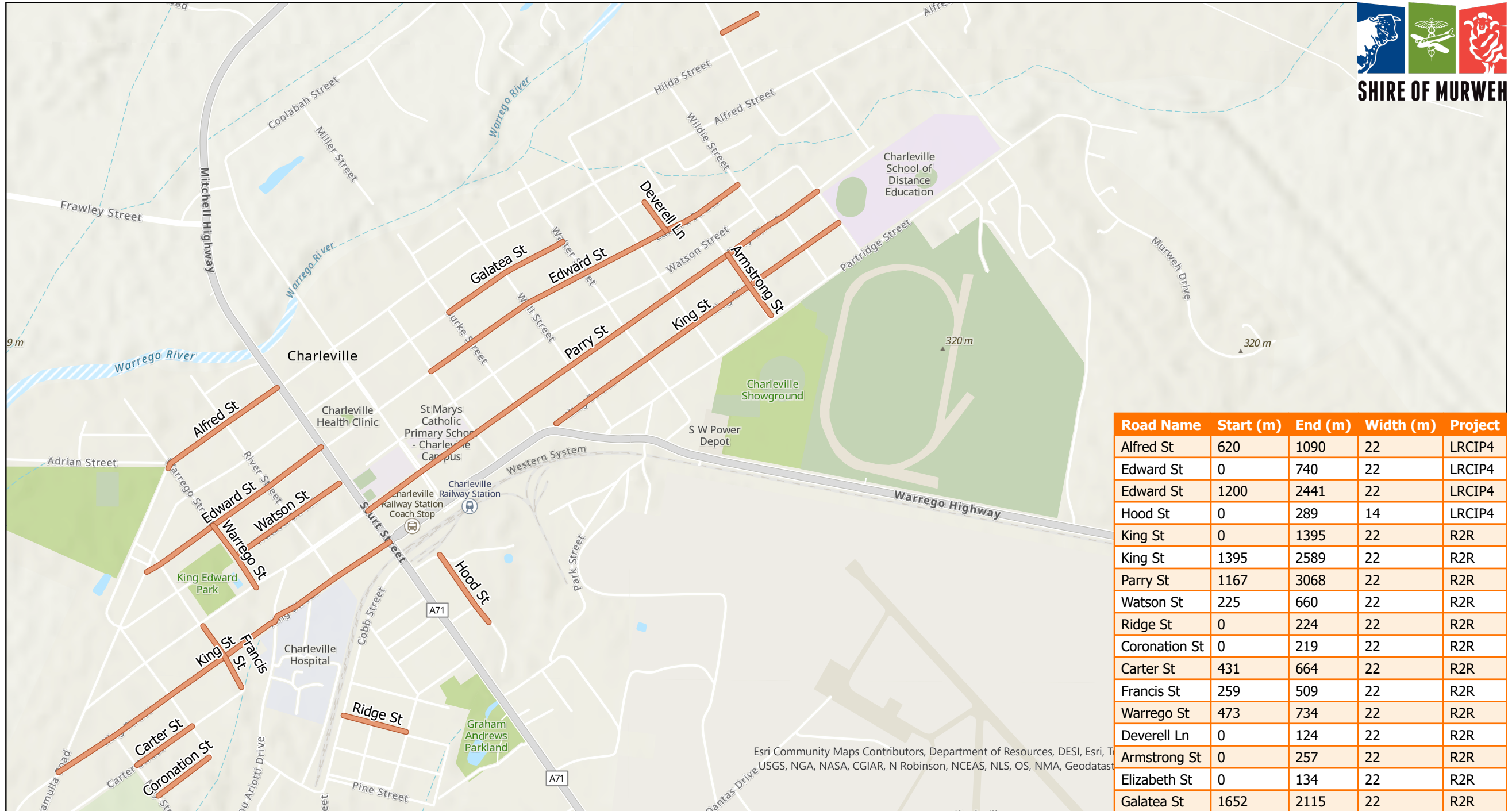
Should you require any further clarification of the attached please contact me on 0437 002 779

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McLeod", written over a white background.

Dean McLeod
Regional Manager – Spray Seal & Asphalt

ABN: 28 629 433 978
32 Grice Street, Clontarf QLD 4019 Ph: 07 3883 4528
www.austekasphalt.com.au



Road Name	Start (m)	End (m)	Width (m)	Project
Alfred St	620	1090	22	LRCIP4
Edward St	0	740	22	LRCIP4
Edward St	1200	2441	22	LRCIP4
Hood St	0	289	14	LRCIP4
King St	0	1395	22	R2R
King St	1395	2589	22	R2R
Parry St	1167	3068	22	R2R
Watson St	225	660	22	R2R
Ridge St	0	224	22	R2R
Coronation St	0	219	22	R2R
Carter St	431	664	22	R2R
Francis St	259	509	22	R2R
Warrego St	473	734	22	R2R
Deverell Ln	0	124	22	R2R
Armstrong St	0	257	22	R2R
Elizabeth St	0	134	22	R2R
Galatea St	1652	2115	22	R2R

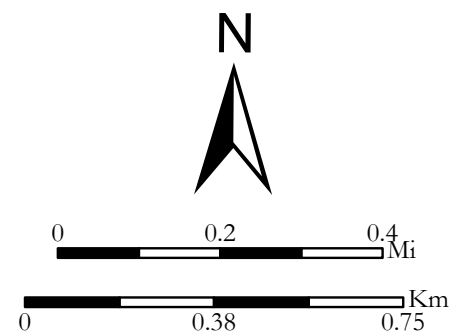


Charleville FY24/25 Reseals

- All binder C170 (1.3L/m² nominal)
- 10mm aggregate (130m²/m³ nominal)

2024

Coordinate System: TMR Lambert Conformal Conic



13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT OCTOBER 2024

Author: Director Economic Development

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the October Economic Development Report.

BACKGROUND

1. PROJECT UPDATES

Outback Museum of Australia

This is the final project of the Building Better Regions Funding that Council was successful in obtaining in 2022. The facility will be financially acquitted at the end of the year as a completion of the funded Stage1 of the facility. All the essential and costly works of development have been completed, including power, water, sewerage and data. The second stage will focus on increasing the number of enclosed spaces and installation of displays, equipment and technology.

Cluster Fencing

310 kms of the subsidised 411kms installation has currently been completed by the five cluster Associations of Loddon, Reynella; Yanna; Myendetta and Nive. Loddon has been granted an extension of time for completion by October 2025.

Cosmos Centre Upgrade

Schedule of works, priorities and costs on updates and refurbishment within the Centre's main building is being finalised. Project plan and contract has been completed and Xzibit been appointed under Section 231 (2) Exception for contractors on an approved contracts list. Xzibit has been involved with the previous design of facilities within the Tourism Precinct and schedules of work are currently being determined. Xzibit will conduct an onsite inspection on the 27th & 28th November.

Earth Check Destination Sustainability Certification.

All documentation has been prepared and submitted to EarthCheck for auditing and hopefully the awarding of Silver Certification as a sustainable destination. Part of the certification process includes the posting of all the sustainable documentation on Council's website. The link for this is: - <https://www.murweh.qld.gov.au/services/sustainabletourism>

Inter Modal Freight Hub Study - Rural Economic Futures Fund

Intermodal Rail Freight Study (Charleville & Roma Terminals). Scoping of project in progress to include Freight data, Future demand, Capacity constraints, Decarbonisation, Productivity, Sustainability. A business case will also be produced to create a working model with emphasis on value added services, employment, training opportunities, cost efficiencies and price of freight.

The Tenders received have been excellent and are currently being evaluated

2. FUNDING PROJECTS BEING PREPARED

- Charleville Airport: - Upgrade to Taxiways and Apron areas.

3. FUNDING SUBMISSIONS AWAITING CONFIRMATION

- Community Energy Upgrade Program - (Solar Installations)
- Queensland Remembers Fund - for the restoration of the Charleville Memorial area at the town hall. Work requirements currently being prioritised and costed
- Stage 2 of the Outback Museum project.
- Country University Centre for Charleville.

4. FUNDING APPROVED

- Welcome to Charleville 2025

5. GENERAL

- Project reporting, budgets and authorisations.

6. MEETINGS

- Department of Industry, Science & Resources. AI vehicle research
- Department of State Development
- Sunshine Coast University – Strategy for regional employment
- Charleville Neighbourhood Centre
- SW Waste Group
- Maranoa Council – Intermodal Freight Study
- Local Business Awards Discussion

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13.2 INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION- AUGATHELLA

Author: Director Economic Development

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

FOR DISCUSSION

1. That Council be involved in progressing installation of an EV charging station in Augathella
2.
 - a) That Council land be made available for the purpose
 - b) That Council encourages private enterprise to progress installations
3. Possible Zoning issues
4. Identification of any Council land that may be suitable for installation.

BACKGROUND

The Land Acquisition Manager for NRMA recently contacted Council to gauge interest in establishing an EV charging station in Augathella.

NRMA has set its target on becoming the largest and most connected network in Australia, rolling out approximately 230 stations per year.

To establish a station, they would ideally be looking for a site with off-street parking in a location close to a highway. NRMA will take responsibility for all Capital and Operational expenses, design, installations, upgrades and ongoing maintenance.

Purpose

To provide a boost for tourism and provide the opportunity for motorists to stop in Augathella and become part of Queensland's Electric Super Highway.

Discussion

- To discuss whether Council would prefer to make Council land available for the purpose, or to encourage private enterprise to become involved.
- To identify potential land suitable for installations

Consultation

NRMA letter seeking Council's interest.

Financial Risks

Nil. NRMA will take care of all installations, designs, upgrades and maintenance.

Environmental Risks

Nil. This is technology being installed to reduce the carbon footprint to zero by 2050.

Social Risk

Nil

Legal Risk

The Department of Public Works in their Electric Charging Infrastructure Report, addresses regulatory requirements and considerations in Section 2.2

https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/410671/EV-Charger-Infrastructure-Program-Town-Planning-Advice.pdf

A key consideration for Augathella, and for NRMA, may be the secure supply of electricity as there may be capacity issues with the electricity network in Augathella. Section 2.2 does advise that EV charging stations should be located near a higher capacity transmission network infrastructure and that EV charging stations often require Bluetooth and/or Wi-Fi connections.

Zoning

Section 3.5 of the report considers land use considerations, and whether the EV charging station is a Material Change of Use. In most cases installations are considered ancillary to an existing use.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. NRMA proposal [↓](#)

Dear Murweh Regional Council

Attention:

Cr Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge, Mayor

Mr Bruce Scott OAM, CEO

Mr John Nicholson, Director of Economic Development

My name is Arvin Brdarevic, Land Acquisition Manager at the NRMA and we want to establish our Electric Vehicle charging network in **Augathella** to provide this important amenity to the residents and visitors to your LGA as the consumer take-up of EVs accelerates.

NRMA have committed to become the operator of Australia's largest and most connected EV charging network. We have the ambition to deliver 220-250 sites by Q4 of 2025 calendar year which is underpinned by co-funded programmes with the Federal and QLD & NSW State government and a further 250+ sites within a 5 year time horizon which will be based around our Metro/Urban strategy. **Augathella** will be a part of our Federal Highways program and will be the location for a 4 bay DC Fast Charging 300kW site which NRMA & The Federal Government believe will be the future standard of public use EV charging infrastructure on highways that is demanded by drivers.

We note that typically the ideal site for NRMA's needs is off street parking (or the potential for this with capital works at our cost which is likely in this case) that is proximate to amenities within the location that our customers can utilize during the charging dwell time and/or within close proximity to the Highway. **All capital and on-going operational expenses, including design, infrastructure upgrades, engineered solutions hardware procurement & build, power, on-going maintenance and monitoring costs will be covered by the NRMA.**

This partnership will be twofold, providing a boost in tourism and an opportunity for drivers to specifically stop within your LGA while their cars charge on site. I note that we are currently in the process of delivering electric vehicle charging on private and Council owned/controlled sites throughout all States. Our existing network has been enabled under License to Occupy arrangements with both Councils and private site partners. We would be keen to explore the viability of this arrangement should there be interest from you to progress site discussions.

I would be very happy to meet with you or your colleagues to discuss any aspect of the above information. Are there any Council owned/controlled sites that would potentially be feasible from your and Council's perspective?

I look forward to hearing from you when suitable and note that I will likely be **visiting the area in the coming month.**

Regards,

Arvin Brdarevic

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14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

14.1 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

Author: Director Community & Health Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council receives and notes the October Community and Health Services Report.

BACKGROUND

Charleville Swimming Pool

October Report

Patron Numbers October entries – 2,970

Season Passes currently sold – 108

Lessons & Bookings
<p>School Swimming groups have begun. Distance Education swim school 3 days and St Mary’s weekly swimming groups attending. State primary school have booked lessons for a week leading up to their carnival in November.</p>
<p>Learn to Swim groups have been successful. Running on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Four casual employees for learn to swim classes. 2 Junior casual employees to run the kiosk in the afternoons during swimming lessons. Numbers on the waitlist for LTS are growing. Looking at offering more lesson times to cater for the children needing lessons.</p>
<p>Development Squad, Mini Squad and Senior Squad occurring on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Great numbers attending and some amazing PB’s being set at club night.</p>
<p>Vital Health have booked in Hydro classes at the pool on Wednesdays with the Physiotherapists teaching the classes. Insurance and qualifications have been submitted to Eileen and Jay.</p>
<p>Suzie Jackson is using the facility for private Learn to Swim sessions and NDIS clients. Insurance and Qualifications have been submitted to Eileen and Jay.</p> <p>Suzie will also be bringing a client who has had 2 medical episodes while in the water last year, resulting in emergency services being contacted. Suzie has approached us to bring this client again however guidelines are to be followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Client to stay in the shallow end, - Suzie to be within arm’s reach of client at all times, - supervise to look for signs of any symptoms of ill health. - Only bring client into facility when two lifeguards (Jay and Eileen) are on site. <p>Suzie mentioned that “The Sticks” employees are wanting to bring clients however do not have CPR or first aid qualifications or appropriate aquatic qualifications. We have advised that they are not to bring clients without these qualifications and appropriate insurance.</p>

Adult Squad numbers are at 10-13 swimmers on Monday and Wednesday mornings
Eileen has been approached by Augathella State School and Swimming committee to coach/teach school swimming lessons term 1 next year. As well as squad lessons. Time availability will be an issue. However, will be considered in next year's planning.

Maintenance and Repair
Ryan Carr has informed us that the chemical storage shed can be cleaned out with old items being taken to the refuse tip.
Oxygen Tank Regulator is not functioning properly. Needs to be replaced
Pelican disabled chair for 50m pool is not functioning. Electrician has inspected and recommends a new chair be installed. Jay has obtained quotes for this and sent to Murweh Shire. Seeking update on the progress or any information regarding this. Public members have enquired about using it. A funding application for the purchase of a new chair has been submitted.
Some areas of the pool fencing have been fixed by Council where it has been broken due to rust and screws missing. Two gates to the pool open inwards (Dean Gallegos has reported that this is not recommended for pool fencing and should be of priority to change)
First aid kit has been replaced by council with new stock
New defibrillator pads have been provided.
Electrical socket for pace clock replaced by electrician.
Outer perimeter fence near park has lifted allowing access into pool facility.
Chemical Storage in water park plantroom is un-bunded, requires a self- bunded spill tray
Matting has arrived for the slip areas around the water park that have been high risk areas for children.
Spill kits in plant room and chemical storage shed need upgrading. Richard has ordered replacement spill kits, Thank you!
Fencing to the Filters and chemical tank has been replaced with a gate being installed for access from Kiosk. Thank you!
Eileen and Jay have purchased 3 new hoses and fittings, hose Reels and 5 x 50L bins for the facility. We would like to purchase more for the facility is council is able to assist with this.
Rear Security fence completed to limit access to plant room. Currently no pad lock. Need MSC to supply keyed alike padlock
New Gym flooring has been purchased through fundraising money for the swimming club shed. Dry land exercises to commence with squad training for older kids.
Waterpark plant room door has been modified to limit chances of being locked in on entry if door closed. Thanks 😊
Swimming club enquired about moving the shipping container beside the shed at the end of the pool. Seeking approval for this?
Repaired leak along King Edward Park fence. Other pop-up sprinklers need replacing. Is council able to provide more sprinklers?
Electrical works completed in Kiosk- new power points, repaired damaged power points
Awaiting quote for new split system air conditioner for Kiosk.
Fold up chairs that are utilised around the pool and for carnivals and events are rusty. Recommend to purchase plastic chairs to replace them in the future.
We would like to build a garden bed on the nature strip along the boys toilet block??

Public and Council Feedback
Members of the public have commented positively about how well the grounds and facilities are looking and the positive environment and 'vibe' of the Charleville Pool.
Members of the public are utilising the outdoor lounge chairs regularly. Are we able to purchase more of these chairs for use by the public?

Closures
3 closures from the hours of 8:00am- 4:00pm due to Ergon planned power outage. Advertised on Facebook at the pool facility.
1 closure for full day on a Sunday due to Ergon planned power outage. Advertised on Facebook and at pool facility.
Public Holiday change in hours 5:30am-7:30am, 3:00-6:00pm Monday 7 th October. Advertised on Facebook and at Pool Facility.
November Melbourne Cup Holiday Hours 5:30am-7:30am 9:00am- 12:00pm
Upcoming carnival Closure to the public:
- Charleville Club Carnival 16/11/2024
- State Primary Carnival 22/11/2024 8:00pm – 3:00pm
- Charleville Distance Ed carnival 28/11/24 12:00pm – 3:00pm
- St Mary's Carnival 29/11/2024 8:30am – 1:30pm
- High School Hire for rewards session 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Month	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027
September	1065		
October	2970		
November			
December			
January			
February			
March			
April			
TOTAL	4035		

Art Gallery



November saw the opening of the “go BIG” exhibition. More than fifty members of the community gathered for the opening on the 6th of November.

The Charleville Art Group saw the project through from conception to opening night.

The goal of the project was to push artists out of their comfort zone and exhibit works of art much larger than they usually produce.



“go BIG” will remain on display for approximately 6 weeks and will be the final exhibition for 2024.

Libraries

As an addendum to this month’s library report, all Story Walk boards have been installed. Following very positive feedback regarding the project, quotes have been sought for the installation of a second story walk in Graham Andrews Park.

Meetings attended

- 15th October – South West Primary Care Pilot Program – Progress meeting.
- 22nd October – South West Primary Care Pilot Program – Progress meeting.
- 8th November – Charleville Neighbourhood Centre – AGM & fortnightly meeting.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies
- 2.6.1 Water supply and storages are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, delivery, and sustainability
- 2.6.2 Sewerage treatment and water re-use supply are managed to achieve the highest standard of quality, efficiency, and delivery for human and environmental health.
- 2.6.3 Public access to potable water and sanitation.
- 3.1.1 Health and wellbeing services meet community needs and expectations

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14.2 LIBRARY OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT

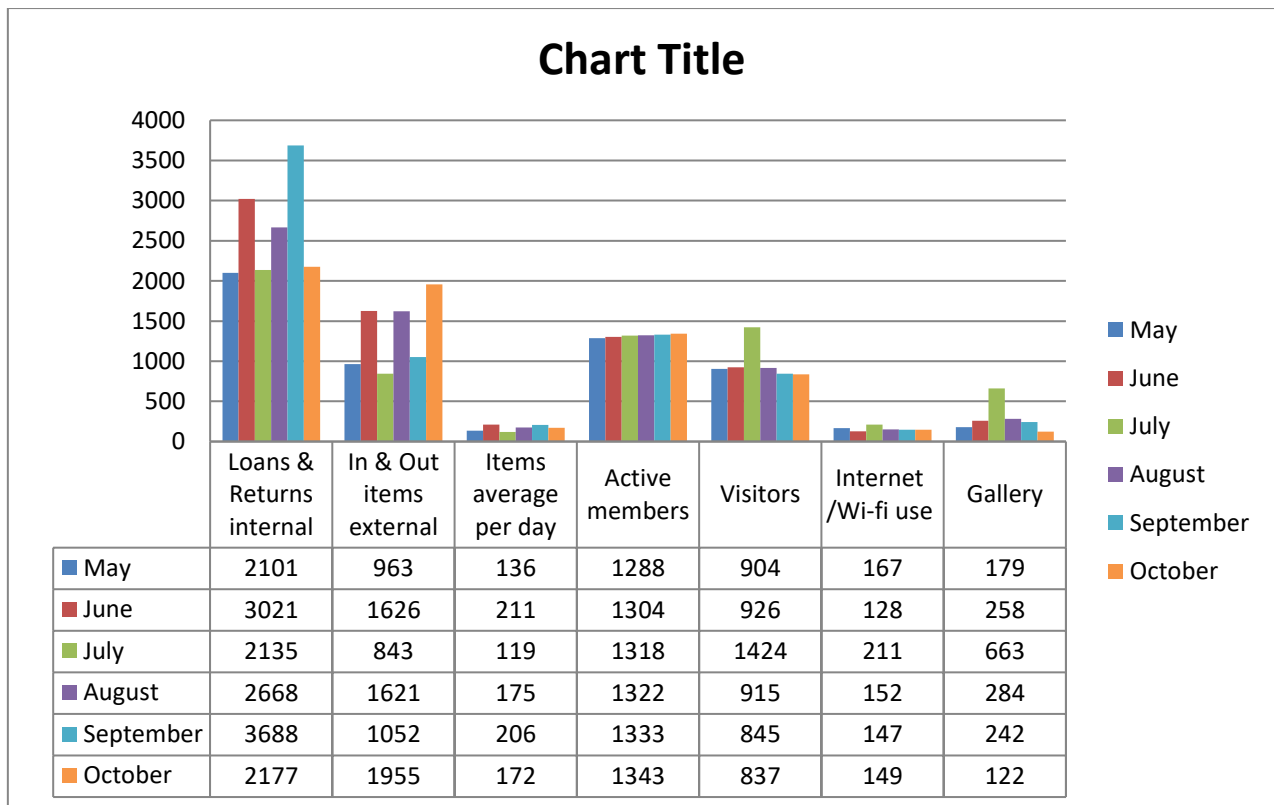
Author: Charleville Librarian
Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council receives and notes the October Monthly Library Report.

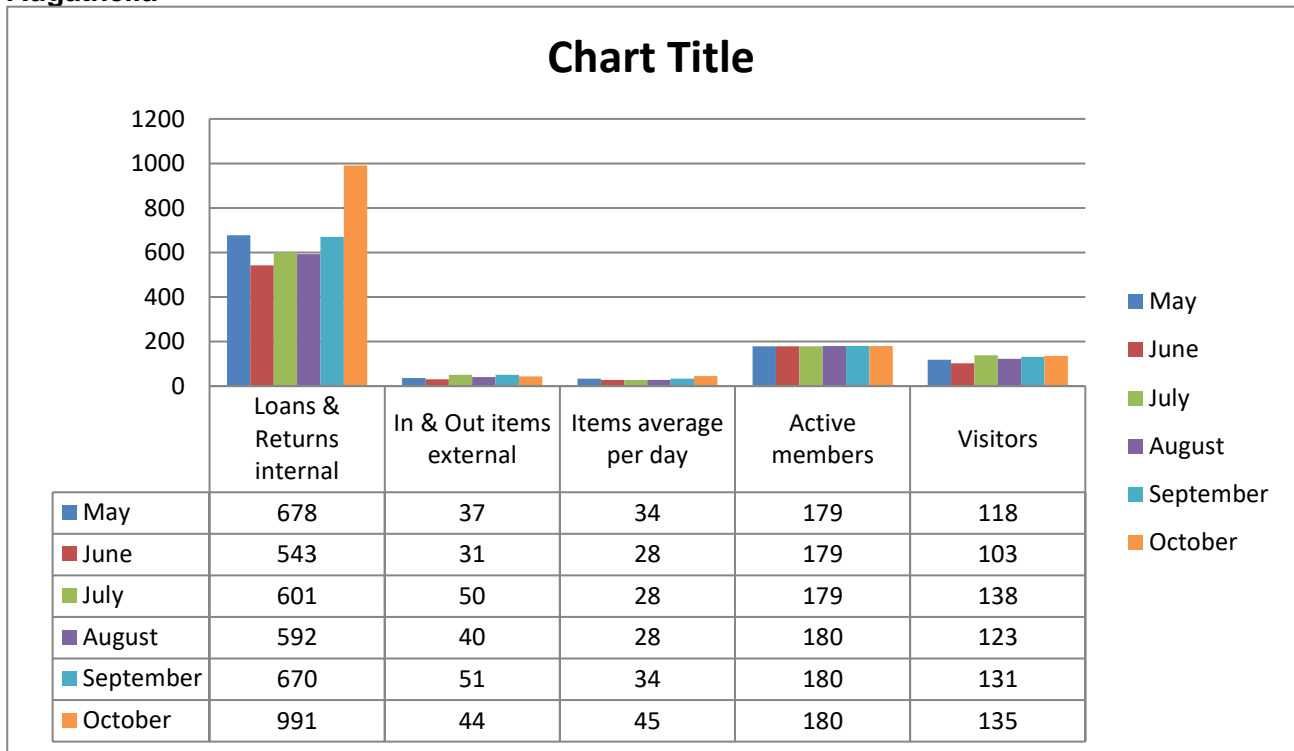
BACKGROUND

Report for October 2024 – Charleville / Augathella & Morven

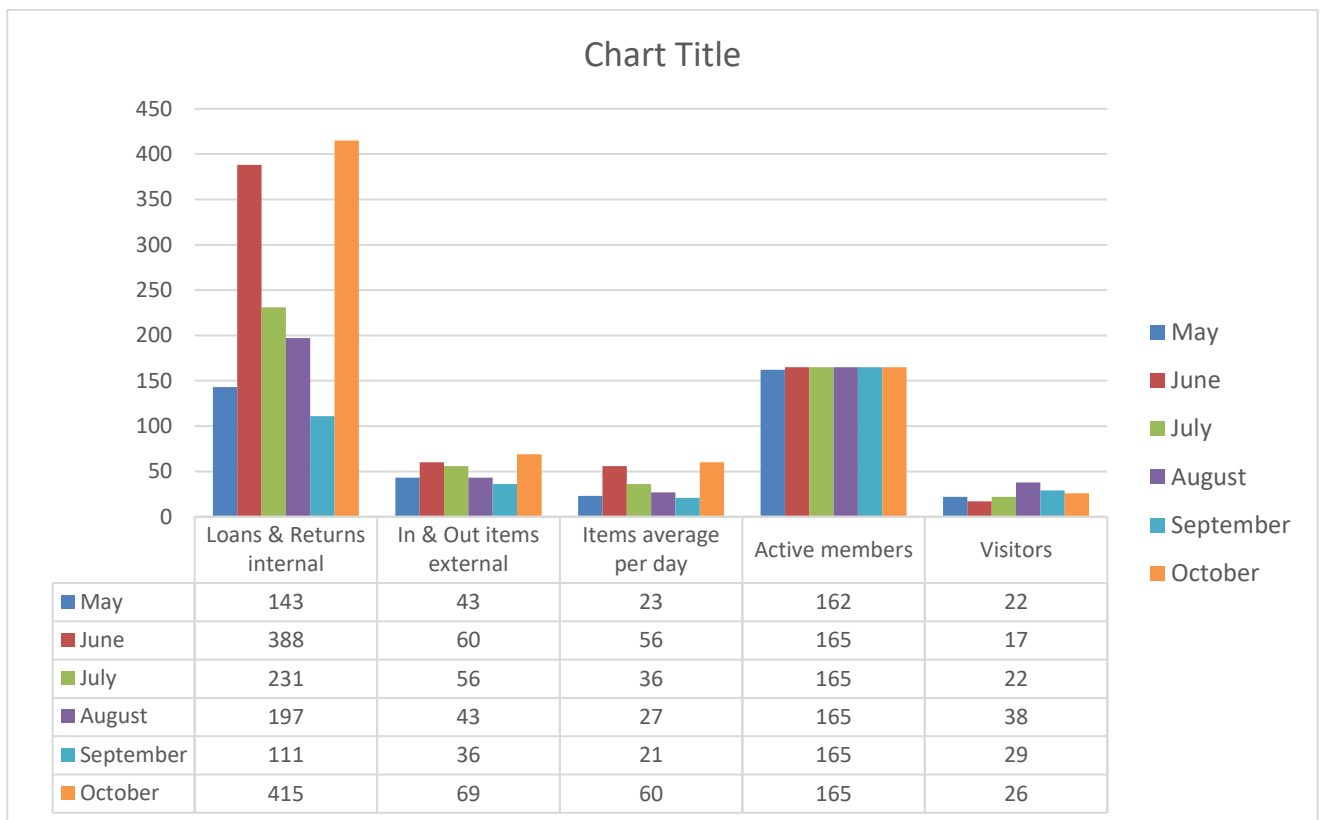
Charleville



Augathella



Morven



Operational Information

Charleville Library

Halloween is a great time to do passive programming in the library as children can come in and do these activities on their own (such as a Halloween scavenger hunt).

With the addition of a part time staff member, it will be easier to set up more programming (passive and guided) throughout 2025, particularly during school holidays.



Throughout October we have culled a significant amount of our book collection and gone through the catalogue to do a major re-refresh of the collection and order more recent releases for our patrons. The shelf end displays have been updated to be more eye catching and showcase some of our collection of thrillers, fiction, nonfiction, DVD's, picture books and Manga (see pictures below).



- Library visitors – 837 visitors
- Current Library Memberships – 1343 (10 new members added in October)

Library Leader Program

Danielle has been accepted into the Library Leadership Program. This program is six months' worth of *"industry events, professional development, mentoring and network building"*.

The first week of the Library Leader program included attending the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Information Futures Summit, Library tours, matching of mentors to participants and the **Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)** mini conference. The summit had delegates from over seventy different countries, it was an incredible opportunity to network, to explore what libraries mean on an international scale and how we can take the ideas presented and implement them on a smaller scale.

The project being undertaken is expanding on the Storywalk opening event, making it bigger while also increasing marketing and developing more partnerships within the community. This Storywalk opening project will be held in February 2025 and will be done in all three towns in the Murweh Shire. The aim is to create an event that is more accessible to families in the community, promotes the Storywalk, the library and to encourage both early literacy and physical movement.

The mentor selected by the State Library of Queensland is Michaela Cronan who is the Ipswich Children's Library programs team leader. She has a wealth of experience in running programs for seven different libraries and her support and advice will be extremely helpful for this Storywalk project. There will be monthly catchups with our mentor and with the State Library and library leader group.

❖ <https://plconnect.slq.qld.gov.au/library-leaders-program>

❖ *"In developing the next generation of library leaders State Library in partnership with Queensland Public Library Association (QPLA) is investing in the development and support of library staff and managers interested in progressing and building their careers within public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs)."*



First5 Forever

A statewide program providing strong early literacy foundations for all Queensland children aged 0-5 years.

Morven & Augathella

Nikki will not be able to continue running the Morven Storytime however we have found someone to take over her sessions. With the new part time position in Charleville, we are looking to include monthly Storytime sessions in Augathella as part of the First 5 Forever duties.

Charleville

Five more Storytime sessions left for the Charleville library in 2024.

Story walks Project

The department of main roads has been contacted regarding the roadworks to get their schedule for Chris to access the area for the Morven Storywalk. Chris is hoping to get down on Tuesday the 5th of November (as it will be quiet) to put in the final Storywalk.

Most of the resources have been sourced and purchased using the strategic priorities grant, we are waiting on storage from the hardware shop and three items from Modern Teaching Aids (MTA).

These twelve books “promote strong early literacy foundations through a range of subjects and styles: the amusing antics of Queensland’s faunal emblem, the koala; educational aids such as counting and alphabet books; stories of belonging; journeys of discovery; true-life tales; and much more”.

Story walks are a fun, educational activity, which allows us to promote literacy, physical activity, and the resources that our communities have in a fun way along popular walking routes.

Mulga Lands Gallery – 122 people visited the Mulga Lands Gallery.

Morven Library

**Statistics compiled by Morven library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph.*

Our book exchange from Brisbane was shelved in the middle of this month, accounting for the inflated returns figures for this month.

Augathella Library

**Statistics compiled by Augathella library staff and sent to Charleville Library for monthly report for the graph.*

October was an average month for the library. An exchange was completed. Stats are on par with previous months.

The Augathella Experience and Visitor Information is starting to wind down after a busy season.

I believe when the new signs are erected the Experience centre will be even busier as a lot of tourists are unaware it is open.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 1.1.1 Council has in place strategic decision-making frameworks to identify, prioritise, and meet current and future needs .
- 1.3.1 Council has in place operational systems and capacity to deliver strategic priorities and core operations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14.3 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - PAYMENT OF GRANT WRITER

Author: Director Community & Health Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council contributes \$4000 towards the costs incurred by the Charleville Swimming Club in their successful funding application for new starting blocks for the Charleville Swimming Pool.

BACKGROUND

The Charleville Swimming Club has approached Council for financial assistance to help cover the costs of a professional grant writer.

Discussion

The Charleville Swimming Club engaged a grant writer to assist with their application for new starting blocks. The existing blocks are an old design and do not offer the features found in contemporary designs. This places young swimmers at a disadvantage as when competing in state trials they are starting their swims on a style of starting block that they are not familiar with.

The club has been successful in their funding application but were unprepared for the \$9000 charged by the grant writer. The funding guidelines do not cover the cost of grant writing. Consequently, the club have respectfully asked if Council might assist with a contribution of \$4000.

Financial Risks

This has not been budgeted for and there has been no council assistance application from the club. That said, the new starting blocks will ultimately add substantially to the value of the pool which is a council-owned facility.

Environmental Risks

Nil

Social Risk

Nil.

Legal Risk

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14.4 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - AUGATHELLA CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION

Author: Director Community & Health Services

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council contributes \$400 prizemoney towards the Christmas Light Competition: or

That Council recommends prizemoney is funded from honesty box donations.

BACKGROUND

Augathella Progress Association have asked if Council would be prepared to offer \$400 as prizemoney in the 2024 Christmas light competition.

Discussion

As part of their Christmas in the Park festivities on the 14th of December, the Augathella Progress Association will be announcing the winners of the 2024 Christmas light competition, and they have asked if Council would consider donating \$400 in prizemoney.

Financial Risks

Records indicate that no financial assistance has been allotted for this event. Another option may be to utilise some of the honesty box funds for prizemoney.

Environmental Risks

Nil

Social Risk

Nil

Legal Risk

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

1.2.1 Council has in place effective whole of community communication and engagement strategies

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 CLOSURE