



## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Barcaldine Council Chambers, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine

To be held at 8:30am

#### **Councillors**

Rob Chandler (Mayor)

Milynda Rogers (Deputy Mayor)

Kim Williams

Vanessa Howard

Linda Penna

Bob O'Brien

Tom Gleeson

#### **Officers**

Shane Gray (Chief Executive Officer)

Paula Coulton (District Manager – Aramac and Muttaborra)

Jenny Lawrence (District Manager – Barcaldine)

Daniel Bradford (Director of Corporate and Financial Services)

Karyn Coomber (District Manager – Alpha and Jericho)

#### **In Attendance**

Debbie Young (Minute Secretary)

#### **Deputations**

Nil

Please find attached the agenda for the General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at the Barcaldine Council Chambers, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine commencing at 8:30am.

Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer

**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Our Vision** – A positive, sustainable and innovative regional council.

**Our Mission** – To provide excellence for the community.

**Prayer**

Almighty God

We acknowledge that we have a responsibility to look after your creation, especially this region we call Barcaldine Regional Council.

We are conscious that our decisions are going to affect deeply the people we have come here to serve.

Assist us to exercise respect for Councillors, staff and for the people of our region.

Help us in this meeting to act wisely, justly and intelligently in all our deliberations.

Thank you Lord for the privilege of both leading and serving and assist us to do these well.

Amen

**Condolences**

Mr Keith Bedolf, Mr William McDonell, Mr Charles Gleeson of Alpha and Mrs Jeanette Lawson of Barcaldine.

**Apologies**

**Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners**

**Declarations of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest**

**Declarations of Declarable Conflicts of Interest**

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item No:** 3.2.1  
**Subject Heading:** 2024 Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly  
Author and Title: Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: Mayor Chandler received an email and date claimer from the Chair of the Remote Area Planning and Development Board regarding the 2024 Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly, to be held in Mount Isa on 4 and 5 September 2024.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council endorse the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2024 Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly in Mount Isa.**

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**Background**

The Mayor is in receipt of an email and date claimer (see below) from the Chief Executive Officer of the Remote Area Planning and Development Board regarding the 2024 Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly, to be held in Mount Isa on 4 and 5 September 2024.

Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Chief Executive Officers are invited to attend.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Mayor
- Remote Area Planning and Development Board

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Travel and accommodations costs – yet to be determined

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil identified

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil identified

WESTERN QUEENSLAND  
ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS  
ASSEMBLY

# MOUNT ISA

4-5 SEPTEMBER 2024



## DATE CLAIMER

Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Chief Executive Officers are invited to attend the 2024 WQAC Assembly in Mount Isa

The WQAC is a collaboration of the three regional organizations of councils in Western Queensland established in 2020 covering 63 percent of the State and including 24 local governments.

The WQAC Assembly 2024, the fifth event of its kind, will:

- Provide a timely **advocacy platform** for Western Queensland ahead of the 2024 State Election
- Continue to focus on addressing the **regional priority issues** of Housing, Roads, Connectivity and Sustainability
- Provide an opportunity to engage with **State and Federal Members/Senators** (in government and opposition) and key Director Generals
- Grow **networks and relationships** to promote and represent Western Queensland

A comprehensive program is in development and registrations will open in coming months, however, to avoid disappointment, we invite you to date claim 4-5th September 2024 in diaries now and secure your accommodation requirements – view accommodation options [HERE](#) and please remember to quote **WQAC 24** when making your booking. This date claimer is extended to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs of the WQAC Council members, with alternate delegates welcome to attend to a maximum of three (3) per council.

We look forward to welcoming you to this signature event for Western Queensland.

**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item No:** 3.2.2  
**Subject Heading:** Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council  
**Author and Title:** Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: Mayor Chandler received an email and letter from the Secretariat of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council seeking representative nominations.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council endorse the following officer/s: .... and Councillor ... as the Barcaldine Regional Council representatives of the Local Government Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Champions Network.**

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**Background**

The Champions Network was formed by the Prevention Council and the Local Government Association of Qld to support local government authorities leading a place-based response to domestic and family violence in the workplace/across communities and to promote the sharing of practice, learnings, resources and tools.

In 2023, following a presentation by members of the Prevention Council; Shane Gray, Adele Bintley and Mayor Dillon nominated to represent Barcaldine Regional Council on the Champions Network.

Mayor Chandler received an email and attachment (see below), from the Co-Chairs of the Prevention Council seeking a recommitment to the Champions Network and the details of up to three representatives of our organisation.

Champion Network Meetings have been scheduled (virtually via TEAMS) for 16 July and 2 October 2024, commencing at 10am to 11.30am.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 1: Community

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Mayor
- Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil identified

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**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil identified

Good morning Mayor Chandler

Please see attached a letter from the Co-Chairs of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council.

This letter has been cc'd to Shane Gray (CEO), Adele Bintley, Debra Young, Cr Kim Williams, Cr Vanessa Howard, Cr Linda Penna, Cr Thomas Gleeson, Cr Robert O'Brien, and Cr Milynda Rogers.

We look forward to your response.

**Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council Secretariat**

**Law & Justice Policy**

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

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Our ref: LG2024/AS

12 April 2024

Cr Robert Chandler  
Mayor  
Barcaldine Regional Council

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Dear Mayor Chandler

Congratulations on your election as Mayor of Barcaldine Regional Council. The Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council values our relationship with Barcaldine Regional Council and we hope that this will continue under your leadership.

As you are no doubt aware, domestic and family violence continues to be an alarming social issue affecting all communities in Queensland.

If we are to create generational and cultural change, we need to change the collective mindset that it happens somewhere else to someone else.

In reality, domestic violence occurs in all neighbourhoods and anyone can be a victim, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, economic status or sexual orientation.

The people experiencing and perpetrating this harm include those who live in your local government area and given the extent of domestic and family violence it is also likely that some are employees of your Council.

In 2023, following a presentation by members of our Prevention Council, Shane Gray, Adele Bintley, Debra Young and former Mayor Dillon nominated to represent Barcaldine Regional Council as members of our Local Government Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Champions Network (the Champions Network).

The Champions Network was formed by the Prevention Council and the Local Government Association of Queensland to support local government authorities leading a place-based response to domestic and family violence in the workplace and across communities, and to promote the sharing of practice, learnings, resources and tools.

This highly effective form of primary prevention, which relies on shared understanding and consistent messaging, is essential to bringing about the grass-roots shift in attitudes and behaviour required to achieve cultural change to prevent domestic and family violence.

Our goal is to assist your Champions Network representatives (Champions) in identifying appropriate actions (suited to your Council's needs and resources) and to provide tools and support to help guide you to achieve those goals.



Given the recent election, we are writing to seek your Council's continued involvement on the Champions Network, and to confirm who your Champions will be this term.

Your chosen Champions would ideally be individuals who are positioned to help lead the change you want to see within and outside your organisation, making your commitment to domestic and family violence relevant within the workplace and across the community. This can include yourself, your CEO, or other elected officials or leaders within the organisation.

Champion network meeting for the rest of 2024 will be conducted virtually via MS Teams on the following dates:

- 10am to 11.30am, 23 April 2024
- 10am to 11.30am, 16 July 2024
- 10am to 11.30am, 2 October 2024

In summary and to progress your ongoing commitment we request that you advise:

1. recommitment to the Champions Network, and
2. the details of up to three representatives of your organisation who will represent your Council on the Champions Network, including their email addresses (ideally ahead of the 23 April meeting).

We look forward to continuing this important work with you.

Yours sincerely



Ms Vanessa Fowler OAM  
Co-Chair  
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council



Mr Bob Atkinson AO APM  
Co-Chair  
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council

cc: Shane Gray (CEO), Adele Bintley, Debra Young, Cr Kim Williams, Cr Vanessa Howard, Cr Linda Penna, Cr Thomas Gleeson, Cr Robert O'Brien, Cr Milynda Rogers

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item No:** 3.2.3  
**Subject Heading:** **Australian Workers Heritage Centre Kerbside Disability Access**  
**Author and Title:** Jenny Lawrence, District Manager  
Barcaldine  
**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to rectification work to kerbside disability access in front of Australian Workers Heritage Centre.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council agrees to rectification work to correct the issue with accumulation of water and debris at kerbside disability ramp access and stairs in front of Australian Workers Heritage Centre by Council employees, for approximate cost of \$11,700.00.**

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**Background**

As reported to April Council meeting and resolution to investigate issue from accumulation of water and debris at kerbside disability ramp access and stairs at the front of the entrance to the Australian Workers Heritage Centre, I advise that discussion was had with Manager of Engineering – he provided the attached diagrams to overcome the issue.

Diagrams provided to Council carpenter for costing. Carpenter estimates costs to be \$11,700.00: being for wages, concrete, tack tiles and handrails realignment.

**Link to Corporate Plan** – Theme 3: Transport

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Manager of Engineering, Council Carpenter and District Manager Barcaldine.

**Policy Implications** – Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

There is no funding in the 2023–24 budget for this work.

**Risk Management Implications**

Accumulation of water and debris could cause injury to users.

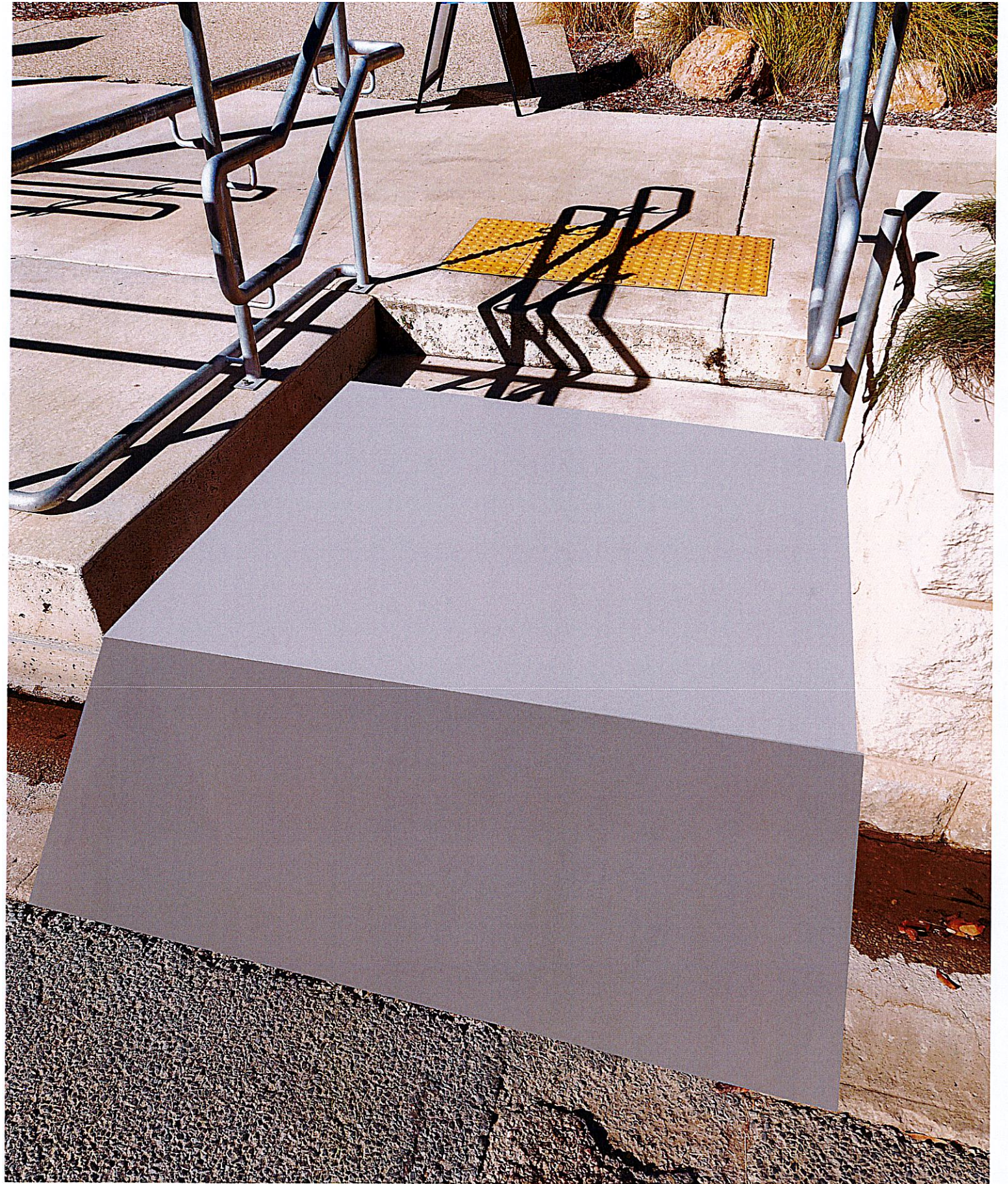
**Asset Management Implications** – Nil

**Legal Implications** – Public Liability claim in the case of injury.











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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024

**Item No:** 3.2.4

**Subject Heading:** Lease Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated

**Author and Title:** Jenny Lawrence, District Manager  
Barcaldine

**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration of the conditions of Lease to Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated over land known as 41388 Landsborough Highway Barcaldine – Lot 1 on SP104445.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council agrees to conditions of Lease to Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated over land known as 41388 Landsborough Highway Barcaldine – Lot 1 on SP104445, with change of Term of Lease to be initial 30 years with option of three by 30 years.**

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**Background**

At its meeting on 15 August 2023, Barcaldine Regional Council (The Council) adopted to offer Lease to Barcaldine Clay Target Club Incorporated (The Club) over land known as 41388 Landsborough Highway Barcaldine – Lot 1 on SP104445 for initial term of 10 years, commencing 1 September 2023 with option of three by ten years. Lease was drawn up by Council Solicitors in accordance with instructions as per resolution 241 of 15 August 2023.

The Club has reviewed Lease and has responded with requests to change the term of lease from 10 years to 30 years and amendments/request to remove conditions in the schedule, as per attached marked up Lease.

The Club is seeking security of tenure arrangements since the Council purchased land for the purpose of development.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 1: Community

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer, District Manager Barcaldine

**Policy Implications** – Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications** – Nil

**Risk Management Implications** – Nil

**Asset Management Implications** – Nil

**Legal Implications** – No implications to Council identified

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item No:** 3.2.5  
**Subject Heading:** NRMA Electric Vehicle Charging Station Location  
**Author and Title:** Jenny Lawrence, District Manager  
Barcaldine  
**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to approve location for installation by NRMA of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council approves the installation by NRMA of EV Charging Station at site on road reserve on the northern side of Wilga Street Barcaldine, as per diagram.**

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**Background**

NRMA are looking to install a fast EV charging station in Barcaldine and is requiring location with visibility to the travelling public. They had identified several locations using maps, following visit to Barcaldine and consultation - the site on Wilga Street was deemed to be suitable, other locations on Oak Street would have reduced parking areas which in tourist season is at a premium.

Location on Wilga Street:



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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 3: Transport

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Representatives from NRMA
- Director of Corporate and Financial Services
- District Manager Barcaldine

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

There is no cost to Council

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil, responsibility of owner

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024

**Item No:** 3.2.6

**Subject Heading:** **Masterplans – Barcaldine Showground and Racecourse and Barcy Rec Park**

**Author and Title:** Jenny Lawrence, District Manager  
Barcaldine

**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for adoption of Masterplans for Barcaldine Showground and Racecourse and Barcy Rec Park.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council adopts Masterplans for Barcaldine Showground and Racecourse and Barcy Rec Park as presented by architect to meeting on 24 April 2024.**

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**Background**

Architect presented final Masterplans to Council meeting on 24 April 2024.

Masterplan as presented to Council for Barcy Rec Park was circulated to members of Barcy Rec Park User Group for comment. With no feedback or comments for changes, Masterplans are presented to Council for adoption.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 1: Community

1.9 Provide facilities and support for travelling shows, exhibitions, sports and recreation.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director Corporate and Financial Services
- District Manager
- Barcy Rec Park User Group

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

No increase in budgeted costs

**Risk Management Implications**

There is no risk to Council at this time

**Asset Management Implications – Nil**

**Legal Implications**

No implications to Council

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024

**Item No:** 3.2.7

**Subject Heading:** Land Purchase – 90 and 94 Lord Street, Muttaborra

**Author and Title:** Paula Coulton, District Manager –  
Aramac and Muttaborra

**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: Council has received an email requesting to purchase 90 and 94 Lord Street, Muttaborra.*

**Officer’s Recommendation: That Council does not agree to sell 90 and 94 Lord Street, Muttaborra for the proposed offer and agrees to advertise the lots: 607 and 606 CM162 for sale to the open public.**

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**Background**

Barcaldine Regional Council’s 2023-2024 Operational Plans Key Strategy in Economy is to implement planning frameworks and land releases to enable development. Council’s action is to identify land available across each township that may be utilised for development across the region.

Lord Street Muttaborra offers potential for development. It is connected to water and has the ability to be connected to sewerage. The road is gravel and is located directly adjacent to the Muttaborra recreation grounds, each lot is 4047m<sup>2</sup> (1 acre).

Council is in receipt of an email seeking to purchase 90 Lord Street (L607 CM162 – 4047m<sup>2</sup>) and 94 Lord Street (L606 CM162 – 4047m<sup>2</sup>), Muttaborra for the sum of \$7,500.

Over the past two years there has been a noticeable increase in enquiries to purchase land in Muttaborra. Previous sales includes Council’s sale in May 2023 – 82 (4047m<sup>2</sup>) and 86 Lord Street (4047m<sup>2</sup>) for \$7,500. Other sales in the area include a 4047m<sup>2</sup> block for \$15,000 in May 2024.

Council consideration is required.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 4: Economy

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Director Corporate and Financial Services

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications** – Increase in land sales budget

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**From:** [Takoda Clarke](#)  
**To:** [Paula Coulton](#)  
**Subject:** Offer on 90 and 94 Lord Street Muttaborra  
**Date:** Friday, 31 May 2024 6:00:22 PM

You don't often get email from takodaclarke@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi Paula I would like to make a combined offer of \$7500 on 90 and 94 Lord Street please.

Kind regards Takoda Clarke



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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024

**Item No:** 3.2.8

**Subject Heading:** Muttaborra State School Parents and Citizens Association

**Author and Title:** Paula Coulton, District Manager –  
Aramac and Muttaborra

**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: Council has received an application for community assistance from the Muttaborra State School Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association, seeking a donation towards the purchase of a Generator for the Muttaborra State School. The application has been assessed under Council's Community Grants Policy and due to its request value, requires consideration from Council.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council agrees to support the Muttaborra State School P&C Association by way of a donation for the amount of \$3,000.00.**

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**Background**

Barcaldine Regional Council has made a clear and firm commitment to supporting communities across the region. The Community Grants Policy outlines the process for both Council and the Community Group seeking support.

Council is in receipt of an application under this policy requesting support for the Muttaborra State School P&C Association. The Muttaborra State School P&C is seeking a cash donation from Council (\$3,000) for the acquisition and installation of a generator at the Muttaborra State School.

This school is a critical hub for Muttaborra; providing education, resources and support for students, staff and residents.

Muttaborra consistently suffers from power outages, both planned and unplanned and it has been highlighted they are in urgent need of a reliable backup power source. In term 1 alone, Muttaborra has lost power 10 times, which averages out to one power outage per week.

The total cost of the generator is \$17,160 plus installation and freight, totalling \$19,760. The Muttaborra State School P&C are contributing \$4,000.00; \$5,000.00 from School Priority Scheme and a Grant from the Variety Bash: \$8,000.00, has also been received.

Under the Community Grants Policy, the assessment score for the application was 70 and the Muttaborra State School is eligible for funding under this policy.

Council consideration is required.



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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

5.7: Continue listening to our communities to identify opportunities for improvement.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Director Corporate and Financial Services
- Murrumbidgee State School

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

\$3,000.00 from the Community Assistance Budget



# MUTTABURRA STATE SCHOOL

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Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May

Dear Shane Gray,

I am writing to request funding for the acquisition and installation of a generator for Muttaborra State School. Our school serves as a critical hub for our community, providing education, resources, and support to students, staff, and residents. However, recent events have underscored the vulnerability of our infrastructure to power outages, highlighting the urgent need for a reliable backup power source. As you are aware, our town experiences many planned and unplanned power outages. In 2023, I documented over 20 power outages- 60% were unplanned due to bushfires, storms or floods causing issues to power lines. When we have bushfires-we lose power more often as power poles come alight and we have lost power for several days. Currently, in 2024, Term 1 we lost power 10 times - which is a power outage per week.

## **Reasons for Need:**

-Emergency Preparedness: A generator is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff during emergencies, such as severe weather events, natural disasters, or unexpected power grid failures. In the event of a power outage, having a generator will enable us to maintain essential operations, including lighting, heating or cooling, communication systems, and refrigeration for perishable goods.

-Continuity of Learning: Power outages disrupt the learning environment and can lead to significant academic setbacks. With a generator in place, we can minimize disruptions to teaching and learning activities, ensuring that our students have uninterrupted access to educational resources, technology, and instructional support, even during extended outages.

-Community Resource Centre: Muttaborra State School could serve as a designated emergency shelter and community resource centre during crises. A generator would enable us to fulfill this role by providing a safe and functional space for community members in need of assistance, including access to power for medical equipment, charging stations for electronic devices, and temporary shelter accommodations.

-Protection of Equipment: Power fluctuations and outages pose a risk to our valuable equipment, including computers, servers, laboratory instruments, and audiovisual systems. A generator equipped with surge protection and voltage regulation capabilities would help safeguard these assets, minimizing the risk of damage and costly repairs.



# MUTTABURRA STATE SCHOOL

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## Budget Breakdown:

Generator Unit: Generator DIESEL SILENT ISUZU FORWARD 40KVA 3 PHASE STAMFORD \$17 160

Installation Costs: \$2000 for cage, cement and change over switch

Freight: \$560

School contribution: \$4000

Total Requested Amount: We have successfully gained \$8000 from the variety bash grant but require another \$6000 to afford this generator. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

By investing in a generator for Muttaborra State School, you will not only enhance the resilience of our school infrastructure but also contribute to the safety, continuity of learning, and community well-being. We are committed to leveraging this investment to its fullest potential and to serving as responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

Thank you for considering our grant proposal. We welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sharley McGovern

Principal

07 46587 289

# Request for Assistance (Grants to Community Organisations)

Use this form if you are a community organisation and request financial assistance. ID \_\_\_\_\_ Box \_\_\_\_\_  
Please ensure you have read the Community Grants Policy before completing this form. All answers and bank statements must be provided as per the policy

## Organisation Information

Organisation Name

Mttaburra State School P & C

Postal Address

42 Sword Street

Is your organisation registered for GST?  Yes  No

ABN

Is your organisation incorporated?  Yes  No

If no, name of sponsoring organisation

Does your organisation have outstanding debts with Barcaldine Regional Council?  Yes  No

Name of Bank

Account Number

BSB

A recent copy of the organisation bank statement is attached.

## Grant information

Date assistance is required by 22/6/24

Type of assistance:

Cash donation Estimated dollar amount of assistance: \$3000

Donation to be used for:

In-kind assistance Estimated dollar amount of assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistance requested for:

Fee waiver Estimated dollar amount of assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver for:

Plant Hire Estimated dollar amount of assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Items requested:

Description/amount of assistance requesting

Financial contribution to support purchase of LG40IS generator 40 KVA from able sales. Current cost is just under \$20 000. We have no access to a generator when we lose power and unable to provide support and access to students for online lessons and access to a climate controlled environment.

Main location of activity for this project, event and/or activity

Alpha  Jericho  Barcaldine  Aramac  Mttaburra

**How will the community benefit from this assistance?**

Power outages can pose safety risks, particularly during severe weather events or other emergencies. A generator helps keep the school environment safe and secure by ensuring lighting, heating, and essential systems remain operational. Schools often serve as emergency shelters during natural disasters or other crises. A generator allows the Muttaborra school to provide a safe, powered refuge for community members in need, offering access to essential services like heating, cooling, and communication. Having a reliable power source at our school can boost community morale, demonstrating a commitment to the welfare and resilience of the community. It can serve as a symbol of preparedness and support.

**How will your organisation benefit from this assistance?**

A generator ensures that education can continue uninterrupted during power outages. This is especially important for maintaining regular school operations, conducting exams, and keeping students engaged in learning. Reliable power helps maintain the school's operational efficiency, reducing costs associated with disruptions and equipment damage caused by power surges or outages. This financial stability can translate into better resource allocation for educational program. A generator ensures that essential services such as heating, cooling, and refrigeration (for food and medicines) remain operational, contributing to the overall health and well-being of students and staff. In summary, funding a generator for our school can provide a range of benefits that extend beyond the educational environment, enhancing community safety, resilience, and quality of life.

**How will your organisation support local businesses with the delivery of this project, activity or event?**

We have used a local electrician- N & D Electrical to complete the works of the changeover switch and also a circuit test on the generator strength needed to keep the school operational. A local builder- Berts Building company has been contracted to lay the cement pad for the generator position as well as future creation of a cage for security and safety. We will use a local frieght company of Wyton's Transport to transport the generator from Brisbane to Longreach and finally to Muttaborra.

**Demonstrate that attempts have been made to raise funds from other sources by providing details and outcomes of attempts e.g. raffles, funding raising initiatives, other grants or subsidies applied for. Describe your current and future plans for your existing funds.**

\$8000 successful grant from variety bash

\$5000 unsuccessful grant through school priority scheme

Current \$4000 school contribution will go towards concreting area, change over switch and cage for security and protection

**Have you received assistance in this financial year from Council?** Yes  No

**If yes, what is the dollar value of assistance?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How will your organisation acknowledge Barcaldine Regional Council?**

Certificate of recognition and recognition on school FB page

Signature

Date

*J. Nor*

**Lodgement of your application**

MAIL Post to 'PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725' or fax to 07 4651 1778

IN PERSON Visit any BRC Administration Office from 8.00am to 4.30pm  
Monday to Friday

Alpha	43 Dryden Street
Aramac	35 Gordon Street
Barcaldine	71 Ash Street

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Approved  Not approved

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DM Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item No:** 3.2.9  
**Subject Heading:** Lease Barcaldine Aged Care Incorporated  
**Author and Title:** Jenny Lawrence, District Manager  
Barcaldine  
**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: This report is presented to Council for consideration to renew Lease with Barcaldine Aged Care Incorporated.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council agrees to renewal of Lease with Barcaldine Aged Care Incorporated for premises located at 71 Beech Street Barcaldine, Lot 2 SP197794, as per Clause 6 Term of Lease option two by three years.**

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**Background**

Lease was executed and came into effect 1 February 2021 for an initial term of three years, expiry 1 February 2024 and option to renew for two by three years. The building is occupied by programs under Community Care Services and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Council explored options to relocate services to The Willows. Following inspections of both premises by program staff, it was found that The Willows would not be a suitable option due to storage security and the privacy requirements of clients.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 2: Services

2.1 Continue providing support programs to our vulnerable residents and advocate for improved ageing/living in place opportunities.

**Consultation**

- Director Corporate and Financial Services
- Human Resources Manager
- NDIS Community Care Services Officer
- District Manager Barcaldine

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications - Nil**

**Risk Management Implications - Nil**

**Asset Management Implications - Nil**

**Legal Implications - No implications to Council**



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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item No:** 3.2.10  
**Subject Heading:** Regional Arts Development Fund Applications  
**Author and Title:** Lilli Kay, Community Engagement  
Coordinator  
**Classification:** (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, reporting on the Regional Arts Development Fund Assessment Outcomes.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council accepts the Committee recommendations to approve the following three applications, pending annual funding being received in July 2024:**

- 1. ARC Circus for the amount of \$5,000 for a Bee Story Regional Development Tour.**
- 2. Barcaldine Cultural Association for the amount of \$1,700 for a Pastel Workshop.**
- 3. Muttaborra Sculpture Festival and Qld Country Womens Association Muttaborra for the amount of \$13,598 for the Reuse/Recycle Sculpture Festival Workshop.**

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**Background**

One Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) application was received on 30 April 2024 from ARC Circus for a Bee Story Regional Development Tour and assessed by the RADF Committee as follows:

1. A Project with total project cost of \$9,985 and a RADF contribution of \$5,000.

The applicant was eligible for funding under the RADF criteria and the application met the assessment considerations under category 2: Building Cultural Community Capacity.

Workshop to be delivered on 18 and 19 October 2024 in Barcaldine and Aramac (for the 2024 Garden Expo.)

One RADF application was received on 3 June 2024 from Barcaldine Cultural Association for a Pastel Workshop on 10-11 August 2024 and assessed by the RADF Committee as follows:

2. A Project with total project cost of \$2,500 and a RADF contribution of \$1,700.

The applicant was eligible for funding under the RADF criteria and the application met the assessment considerations under category 2: Building Cultural Community Capacity.

Workshop to be delivered on 11 and 12 August 2024 in Barcaldine.



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One RADF application was received on 21 May 2024 from Muttaborra Sculpture Association and Qld Country Women's Association Muttaborra for a Muttaborra Reuse/Recycle Sculpture Festival Workshop and assessed by the RADF Committee as follows:

3. Muttaborra Reuse/Recycle Sculpture Festival Workshop with a total project cost of \$22,348 and a RADF contribution of \$13,598.

The applicant was eligible for funding under the RADF criteria and the application met the assessment considerations under category 2: Building Cultural Community Capacity.

Workshop to be delivered between 25 July and 30 September 2024.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 1: Community

**Consultation (internal/external)**

RADF Committee

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Total of \$20,298 for all three projects

**Risk Management Implications**

Reputational only

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.3.1  
**Subject Heading:** Financial Performance Report  
Author and Title: Daniel Bradford, Director Corporate and Financial Services  
Sara Milligan, Accountant  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a finance report to present at each monthly meeting of the local government. The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.*

*The purpose of the report is to promote sound financial management and accountability by presenting the Council's budget performance as of 31 May 2024.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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**Background**

Council adopted the 2023/2024 Budget in June 2023. The budget has been reviewed on a quarterly basis, with the latest review completed in May. The report provides information and tracks Council's year-to-date revenue, expenditure and cash position. It also includes financial statistical information relevant to Council's operations.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

We will have a safe, engaged, proud and performing council and workforce that is inclusive, innovative, ethical and trusted by all levels of government.

**Consultation**

Executive Management Team and District Managers

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

There are a number of matters highlighted in this report which have an impact on the financial position of Council. Where there are significant variations, Officers seek to reduce the impacts and look to address these in the quarterly budget reviews.

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**Risk Management Implications**

The recommendation in this report has no direct impact on enterprise risk, however it does provide information that should be used to assist in the management of risks identified. The regular monitoring and interrogation of the finances does act as a mechanism of control for financial risk.

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

This report is a requirement as set out in the Local Government Regulation 2012.

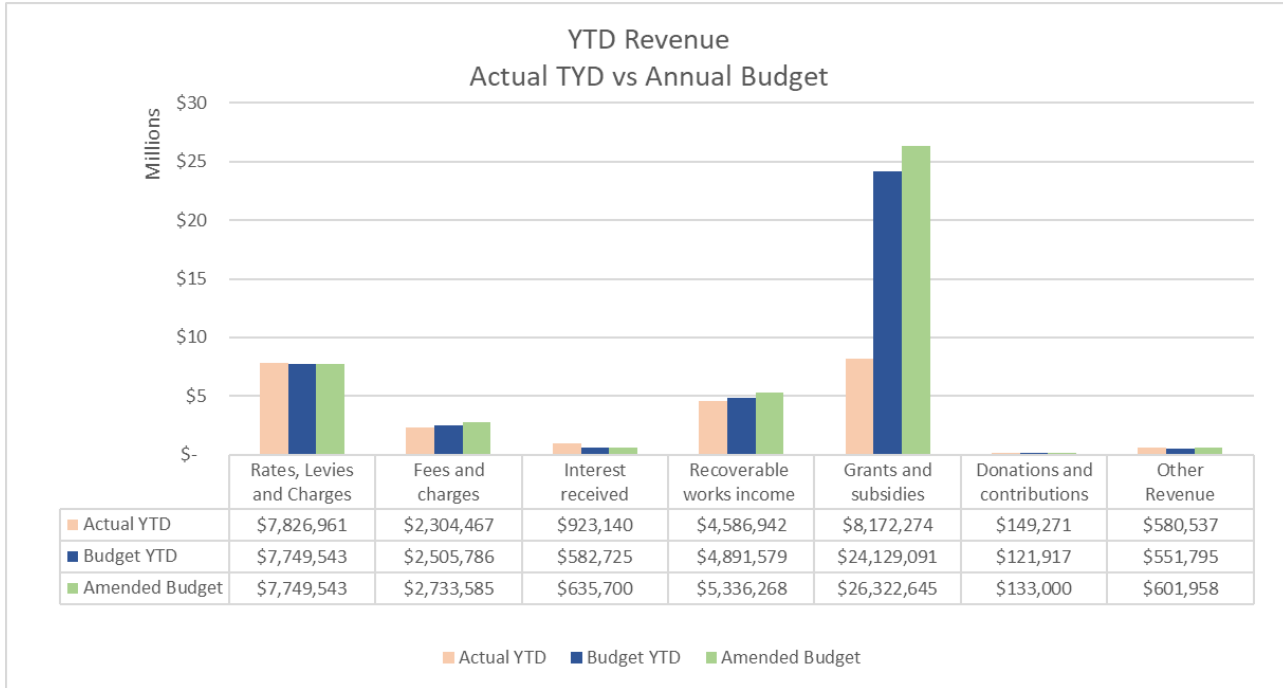
**Financial Attachments**

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**Financial Performance as at 31 May 2024**

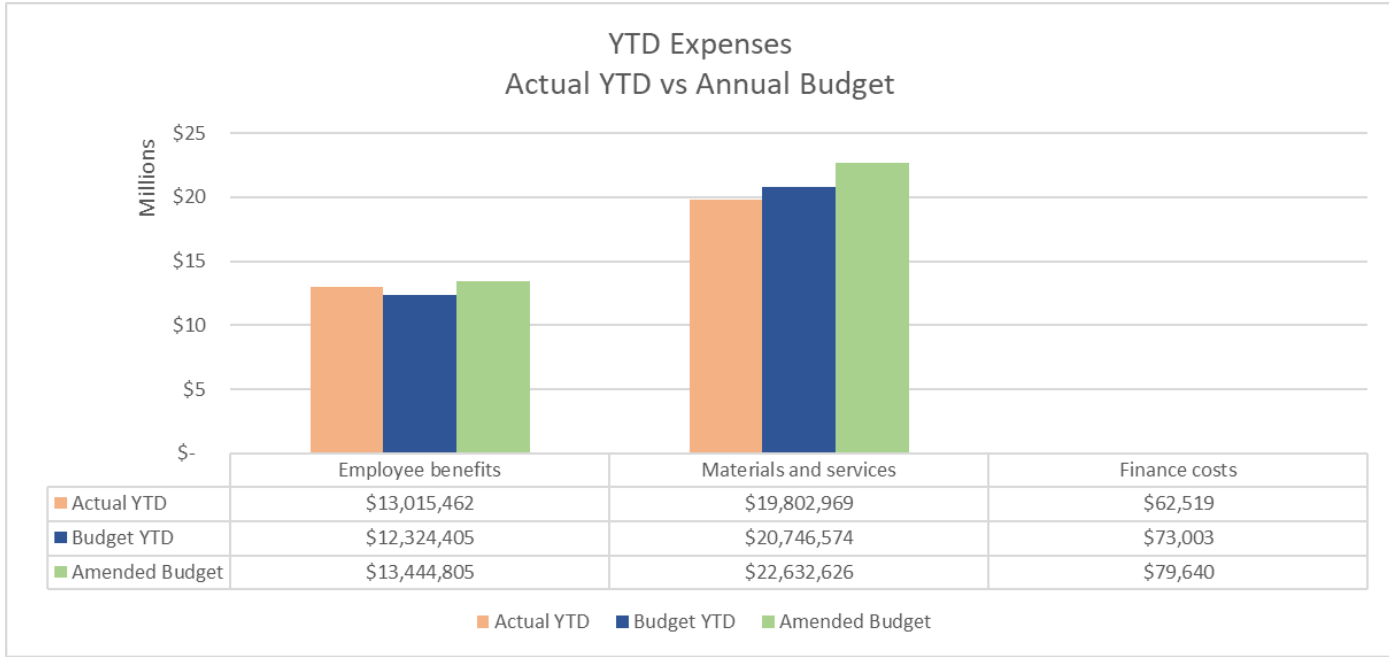
	Year to Date			Full Year
	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000	Amended Budget \$'000
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Rates, Levies and Charges	7,827	7,750	77	7,750
Fees and Charges	2,304	2,506	(202)	2,734
Rental Income	441	486	(45)	530
Interest Received	923	583	340	636
Recoverable Works Income	4,587	4,891	(304)	5,336
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	8,321	24,250	(15,929)	26,455
Other Revenue	139	66	73	72
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>24,542</b>	<b>40,533</b>	<b>(15,991)</b>	<b>43,513</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Employee Benefits	13,015	12,324	691	13,444
Materials and Services	19,803	20,747	(944)	22,633
Finance Costs	63	73	(10)	80
Depreciation	2,779	6,714	(3,935)	7,324
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>35,660</b>	<b>39,858</b>	<b>(4,198)</b>	<b>43,481</b>
<b>Operating Profit/(Loss)</b>	<b>(11,118)</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>(11,793)</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Capital Revenue and Expenses</b>				
Capital Revenue	5,923	6,837	(914)	7,458
Capital Expenses	82	46	36	50
<b>Net Capital Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>6,005</b>	<b>6,791</b>	<b>(877)</b>	<b>7,408</b>
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>(5,113)</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>(12,671)</b>	<b>7,440</b>

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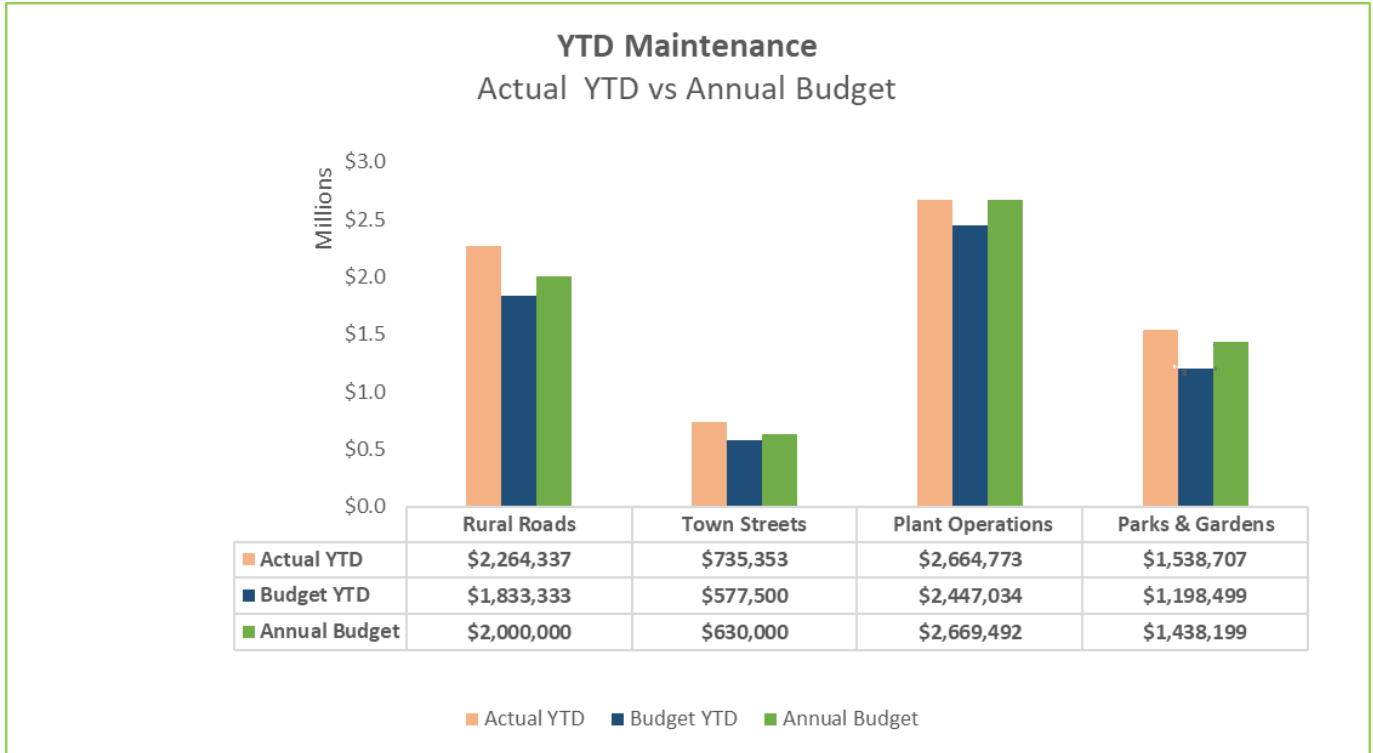
- Rates, Levies and Charges have now been fully issued for the 2024 Financial Year. This has performed very well against budget estimates.
- Fees and Charges performing in line with expectations. We do expect this to return to budgeted figures as the tourism season starts.
- Recoverable Works Income is now trending in line with expectations, this has seen an improvement from previous months.
- Grants and Subsidies are running under budget. Funds have been received in advance, but the works have not yet started so the revenue has not been recorded. Flood Damage accounts for a significant amount of this funding. Due to works being completed lower than benchmark rates, costs are low and as a result revenue as well. Adjustments have been recommended in the Budget Review 3 report to reflect this outlook.
- Interest is performing above budgeted expectations, the variance between actuals and budget is due to the large amount of cash currently invested in Qld Treasury Corporation and the increase in interest rates.

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- Impacts from the state wage increase have been applied and see wages now slightly above budget.
- Materials and Services are under budget. Delivery has begun on majority of the submissions. However, Officers expect this to result in a significant shortfall when measured against original estimates. This will be reviewed as part of Budget Review 3.

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- All maintenance programs are trending higher than expected for the 2024 financial year, with rural roads progressing well ahead of budget. The labour cost increases are having a small impact on these results as they are largely delivered with day labour.
- There was a large amount of work carried out on Rural Roads in the first half of the financial year, this has levelled out now that flood damage works have begun.
- Town Streets, Plant Operations and Parks and Gardens are all tracking slightly over year to date budget.

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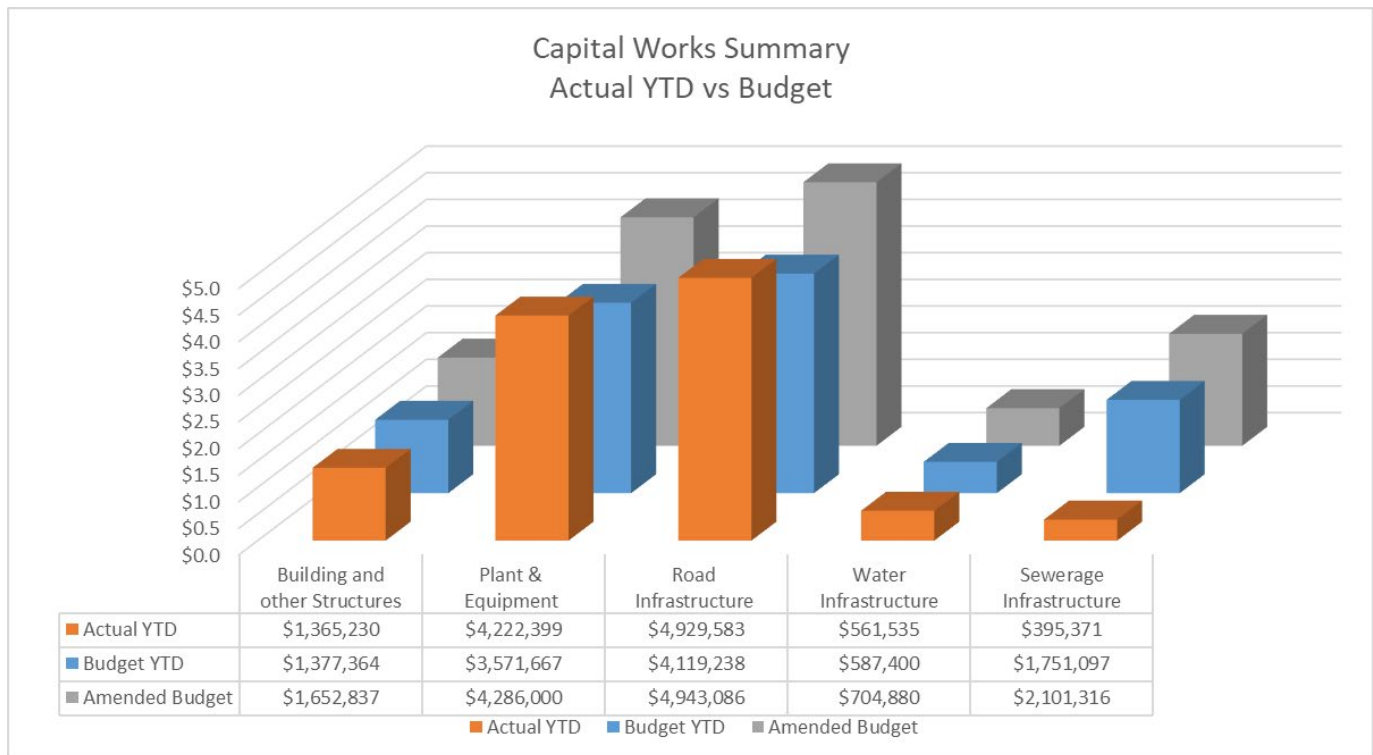
**Financial Position as at 31 May 2024**

	Monthly Balances				Full Year
	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	Movement MTD	Amended Budget
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash	22,337	21,264	16,691	(4,573)	30,601
Receivables	9,330	7,110	7,609	499	5,072
Other	714	960	873	(87)	420
	32,381	29,334	25,173	(4,161)	36,093
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>					
Property, plant & equipment	394,643	394,593	394,593	-	400,971
Other	12,627	14,818	15,792	974	5,873
	407,270	409,411	410,385	974	406,844
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>439,651</b>	<b>438,745</b>	<b>435,558</b>	<b>(3,187)</b>	<b>442,937</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	19,648	18,764	17,077	(1,687)	11,928
Borrowings	141	141	141	-	3
Provisions	1,558	1,527	1,536	9	1,568
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	21,347	20,432	18,754	(1,678)	13,499
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>					
Borrowings	2,330	2,330	2,330	-	2,349
Provisions	1,117	1,117	1,117	-	1,178
	3,447	3,447	3,447	-	3,527
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>24,794</b>	<b>23,879</b>	<b>22,201</b>	<b>(1,678)</b>	<b>17,026</b>
<b>Net Community Assets</b>	<b>414,857</b>	<b>414,866</b>	<b>413,357</b>	<b>(1,509)</b>	<b>425,911</b>
<b>Community Equity</b>					
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Retained surplus/(deficit)	195,316	195,328	193,818	(1,510)	206,371
Asset revaluation surplus	219,541	219,541	219,541	-	219,540
<b>Total Community Equity</b>	<b>414,857</b>	<b>414,869</b>	<b>413,359</b>	<b>(1,510)</b>	<b>425,911</b>



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- Cash at Bank has seen a decrease due to no significant amounts being received for the month of May. June should see a large increase with the Federal Assistance Grant up front payment.
- The large cash balance is offset by the large trade and other payables line item which recognises the significant amount of funding we have received for contracted works not yet completed, particularly around Flood Damage and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI4) programs.
- Receivables is still quite high with rates being issued in March.



- Plant has a large list of new items that have been purchased this financial year with a large number already arrived.
- Buildings and other structures are working through projects quite well with some savings identified being applied to other projects to have them completed.
- Sewerage remains a concern with clear future costs to complete these projects still being determined. Rectification works to deal with construction issues at the Barcardine Sewerage Treatment Plant are being undertaken to take the project to a state which current projects can then be considered closed out.

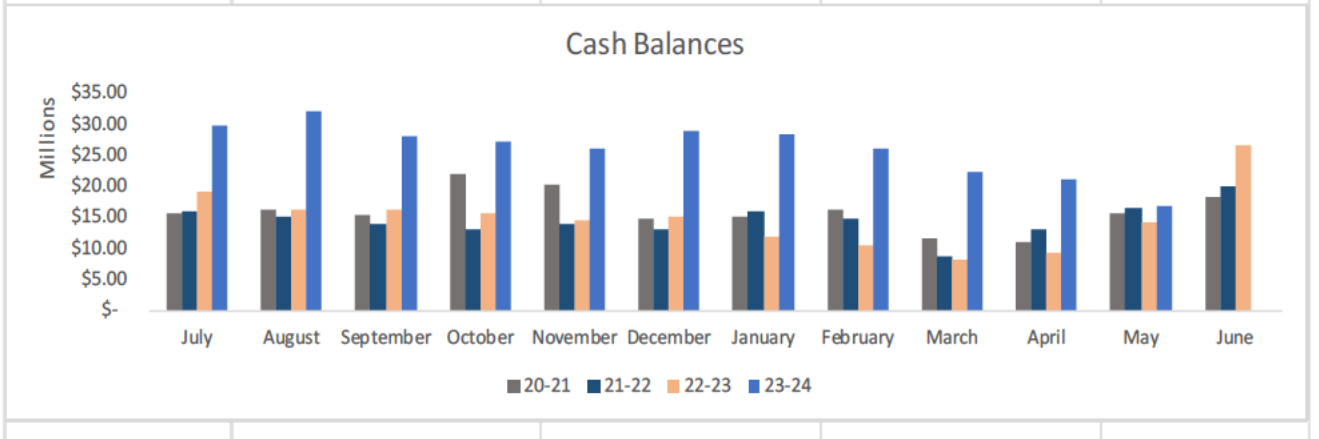
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Financial Report to a Meeting of Barcaldine Regional Council

Held on 19 June 2024

Cash Position as at 31 May 2024

			May-24	Apr-24
<b>Cash at Bank</b>				
Operating Accounts- BOQ		\$	405,437	\$ 228,631
QTC Investments Acc		\$	16,285,556	\$ 21,035,556
		\$	<b>16,690,993</b>	\$ <b>21,264,187</b>

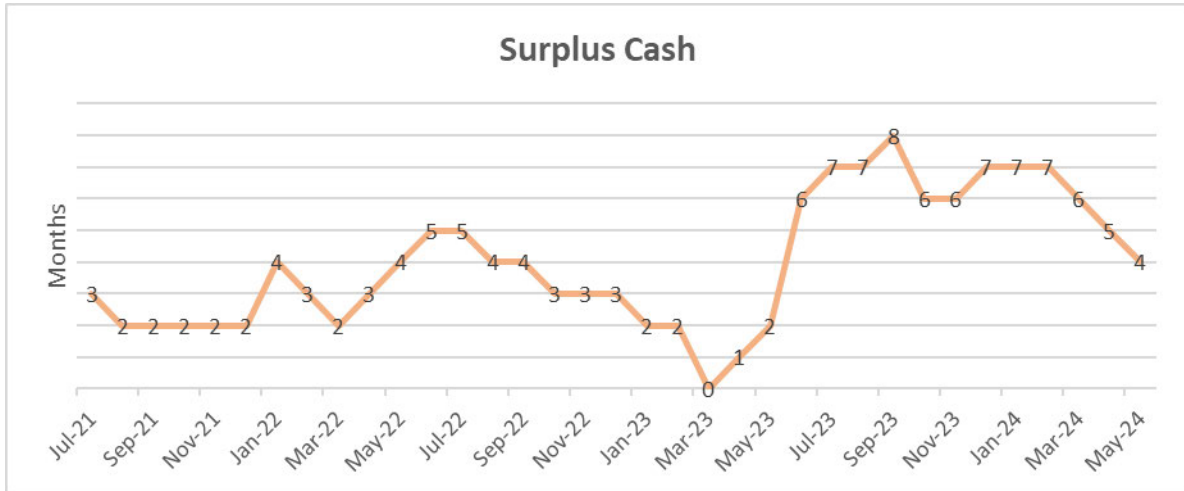


The Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio is an indicator of the unconstrained liquidity available to Council. The target for this Council based on the Financial Management Sustainability Guideline is four months. Council this month sees the ratio reduce to 0.47 months, with \$1.4million in unrestricted cash. The restricted cash is primarily made up of Flood Damage packages for the Aramac, Alpha and Barcaldine region.

Month	Cash	Restricted	Unrestricted	Operating Expenses excl Depreciation & Finance Costs	Ratio (Months)
				YTD	
Jul-23	\$ 29,836,549	14,877,930	14,958,619	2,114,948	7.07
Aug-23	\$ 31,967,701	17,083,727	14,883,973	4,508,115	6.60
Sep-23	\$ 28,119,364	16,567,061	11,552,302	6,249,918	5.55
Oct-23	\$ 27,159,969	13,385,514	13,774,454	11,906,956	4.63
Nov-23	\$26,152,330	13,569,132	12,583,197	15,063,317	4.18
Dec-23	\$28,992,163	18,797,968	10,194,194	17,827,702	3.43
Jan-24	\$28,356,494	18,688,194	9,668,299	19,788,518	3.42
Feb-24	\$26,030,668	18,322,410	7,708,257	22,254,939	2.77
Mar-24	\$22,337,203	17,690,626	4,646,576	25,271,596	1.65
Apr-24	\$21,264,187	16,646,567	4,617,619	28,633,330	1.61
May-24	\$16,690,993	15,281,905	1,409,087	32,818,431	0.47

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Alternatively, a view of Council’s surplus cash with due consideration for liabilities being resolved can be seen below. With this calculation Council would have four months of surplus cash, this has been sitting stable since June 2023 when the prepaid Federal Assistance Grant was received.



The current Cash outlook is expected to increase in June with work continuing in the Flood Damage space and the Federal Assistance Grant payment expected in June. It should be noted, the cash position expects to remain in a strong position with considerable growth in the balance compared to this point in time in previous years.

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**Statement of Cash Flow as at 31 May 2024**

	Year to Date			Full Year
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Amended Budget
<i>YTD cash flows</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Receipts from customers	29,396	41,277	(11,881)	45,029
Payments to suppliers and employees	(34,145)	(32,981)	(1,164)	(35,979)
Interest paid	(63)	(73)	10	(80)
Interest received	923	583	340	636
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>(3,889)</b>	<b>8,805</b>	<b>(12,695)</b>	<b>9,606</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(11,762)	(11,627)	(135)	(12,684)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	666	458	208	500
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	5,818	6,837	(1,019)	7,458
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities</b>	<b>(5,278)</b>	<b>(4,332)</b>	<b>(946)</b>	<b>(4,726)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	(392)	(486)	94	(530)
<b>Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities</b>	<b>(392)</b>	<b>(486)</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>(530)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>(9,559)</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>(13,547)</b>	<b>4,350</b>
Cash at beginning of reporting period	26,250	24,063	2,187	26,251
<b>Cash at end of reporting period</b>	<b>16,691</b>	<b>28,051</b>	<b>(11,360)</b>	<b>30,601</b>

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.3.2  
**Subject Heading:** Community Care Services Report  
Author and Title: Sarah Milligan – Accountant  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Community Care Services financial progress. The financial performance of the business unit broken up into the care packages provided by Council.*

**Officer’s Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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**Background**

Council provides community care programs across the region. This report provides a financial update on the performance on each program. A general summary of each program is below:

Community Home Support Program (CHSP) is currently showing a strong result of where we are year to date: we have now received 90% of funding for the year for CHSP, with some of these funds sitting in revenue received in advance. It should be noted that Council runs several programs under CHSP. The new business plan prepared recently for CHSP outlines how the funding needs to be allocated across activities for the 2025 Financial Year. CHSP should expend all grant funding before the end of the Financial Year with several large Home Modifications still waiting commencement.

The Home Care Packages are currently showing a positive result with some work still to be carried out before the end of the financial year.

Home Assist Secure has work commencing for smoke alarms, however we are not expecting to spend the full amount of funding received this financial year.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) continues to show good numbers, with 73 participants. Currently sitting at a loss of \$13,459 which is expected to end on a positive result for the financial year.

Programs with funding available over and above actual year-to-date expenditure are reviewed closer to the end of the year, even post 30 June 2024 in some cases. Treatment of these additional funds could see grants handed back, transferred to other programs or carried forward to the next financial year. These are on a case-by-case basis.

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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 2: Services

Our townships continue to be provided with compliance and sustainable water, sewerage and waste services. In the absence of other alternative providers, we continue to provide quality community support services on a cost-neutral basis.

**Consultation**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Most of the programs are run on a cost-recovery basis. There is an opportunity to run the NDIS program at a profit into the future. Currently it is tracking to have a small profit before overheads are included.

**Risk Management Implications**

The recommendation in this report has no direct impact on enterprise risk, however, does provide information that should be used to assist in the management of risks identified.

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

**Tables and Program Summaries**

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Barcaldine Regional Council - Community Services Business Unit						
Financial Performance Reports						
For the period 1 July 2023 to	31-May-24					
% of year lapsed	92%					
	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	Projected Annual \$	Annual Budget \$	YTD Variance %	Projected Annual Variance %
<b>DIRECT INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>						
<i>Income</i>						
CHSP	858,250	772,292	924,655	842,500	11%	10%
Home Care Packages	207,229	125,583	211,000	137,000	65%	54%
Home Assist/Secure	75,627	144,375	167,563	157,500	-48%	6%
NDIS	1,476,013	1,677,500	1,624,411	1,830,000	-12%	-11%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,617,118</b>	<b>2,719,750</b>	<b>2,927,629</b>	<b>2,967,000</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<i>Expenditure</i>						
CHSP	740,314	695,172	887,572	758,370	6%	17%
Home Care Packages	193,891	119,258	213,000	130,099	63%	64%
Home Assist/Secure	75,282	141,647	83,500	154,524	-47%	-46%
NDIS	1,489,471	1,543,958	1,621,578	1,684,318	-4%	-4%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,498,959</b>	<b>2,500,035</b>	<b>2,805,651</b>	<b>2,727,311</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>NET DIRECT PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>118,160</b>	<b>219,715</b>	<b>121,979</b>	<b>239,689</b>	<b>-46%</b>	<b>-49%</b>
<i>Indirect Costs</i>						
Administrative Overheads	160,862		208,350			
Depreciation	7,789		8,497			
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>- 50,492</b>		<b>- 94,868</b>			

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Barcaldine Regional Council - Community Services Business Unit						
Program: Commonwealth Home Support Program						
Financial Performance Reports						
For the period 1 July 2023 to		31-May-24				
CHSP	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	* Projected Annual \$	Annual Budget \$	YTD Variance %	Projected Annual Variance %
<b>DIRECT INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
CHSP Grants	730,432	650,833	756,336	710,000	112%	7%
CHSP Workforce Retention	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
Grants QCSS	-	18,333	-	20,000	-100%	-100%
Contributions CHSP	120,193	91,667	160,000	100,000	31%	60%
Contributions MOW	7,625	11,458	8,319	12,500	-33%	-33%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>858,250</b>	<b>772,292</b>	<b>924,655</b>	<b>842,500</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Workforce Retention	-	0	-	-	0%	0%
Personal Care	7,543	28,040	10,000	30,589	-73%	-67%
Transport	34,509	55,917	40,000	61,000	-38%	-34%
Domestic Assistance	101,482	77,917	115,000	85,000	30%	35%
Home maintenance	-	26,583	-	29,000	-100%	-100%
Home modifications	283,688	198,917	350,000	217,000	43%	61%
Meals	9,640	11,458	10,517	12,500	-16%	-16%
Meals on wheels	823	6,875	2,500	7,500	-88%	-67%
Nursing	1,936	36,581	7,500	39,907	-95%	-81%
Social Support-group	57,190	63,250	84,000	69,000	-10%	22%
Social Support-individual	36,986	54,542	40,348	59,500	-32%	-32%
Case Management	9,821	2,753	10,714	3,003		
Client Care coordination	61,951	84,792	70,000	92,500	-27%	-24%
QCSS wages		4,583	-	5,000	-100%	-100%
QCSS operating		13,750	-	15,000	-100%	-100%
Coord & Super - Community	134,744	29,215	146,993	31,871	361%	361%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>740,314</b>	<b>695,172</b>	<b>887,572</b>	<b>758,370</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Direct profit/Loss before overheads</b>	<b>117,935</b>	<b>77,120</b>	<b>37,083</b>	<b>84,131</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>-56%</b>
<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
Administrative overheads	52,609		57,392			
Depreciation	7,789		8,497			
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>57,537</b>		<b>-28,806</b>			



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Barcaldine Regional Council - Community Services Business Unit						
Program: Home Care Packages						
Financial Performance Reports						
For the period 1 July 2023 to 31-May-24						
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	* Projected	Annual	YTD	Projected
HOME CARE PACKAGES	\$	\$	Annual \$	Budget \$	Variance %	Annual Variance %
<b>DIRECT INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>						
<i>Income</i>						
Grants	206,482	114,583	210,000	125,000	80%	68%
Return unexpended grants			-	-		
Contributions	747	11,000	1,000	12,000	-93%	-92%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>207,229</b>	<b>125,583</b>	<b>211,000</b>	<b>137,000</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>54%</b>
<i>Expenditure</i>						
Regional HC Wages	159,001	55,000	174,000	60,000	189%	190%
Regional HC Packages - operating	13,331	59,583	15,000	65,000	-78%	-77%
Coord & Super - Community	21,559	4,674	24,000	5,099	361%	371%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>193,891</b>	<b>119,258</b>	<b>213,000</b>	<b>130,099</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Direct profit/Loss before overheads</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>6,326</b>	<b>- 2,000</b>	<b>6,901</b>	<b>111%</b>	<b>-129%</b>
<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
Administrative overheads	12,625		13,773			
Depreciation						
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>712</b>		<b>- 15,773</b>			

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Barcaldine Regional Council - Community Services Business Unit						
Program: Home Assist/Secure						
Financial Performance Reports						
For the period 1 July 2023 to 31-May-24						
HOME ASSIST/SECURE	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	* Projected Annual \$	Annual Budget \$	YTD Variance %	Projected Annual Variance %
<b>DIRECT INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Grants	75,282	136,583	167,149	149,000	-45%	12%
Grants- SAA program	-	-	-	-		
Unexpended grant return (est 20/21)	-	-	-	-		
Contributions	345	7,792	414	8,500	-96%	-95%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>75,627</b>	<b>144,375</b>	<b>167,563</b>	<b>157,500</b>	<b>-48%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Direct wages	2,139	45,833	2,500	50,000	-95%	-95%
Operating costs	49,788	90,750	55,000	99,000	-45%	-44%
SAA Grant expended	-	-	-	-		
Coord & Super - Community	23,356	5,064	26,000	5,524	361%	371%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>75,282</b>	<b>141,647</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>154,524</b>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>-46%</b>
<b>Direct profit/Loss before overheads</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>84,063</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>-87%</b>	<b>2725%</b>
<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
Administrative overheads	4,949		5,399			
Depreciation	-		-			
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>- 4,604</b>		<b>78,664</b>			

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Barcaldine Regional Council - Community Services Business Unit						
Program: NDIS						
Financial Performance Reports						
For the period 1 July 2023 to		31-May-24				
NDIS	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	* Projected Annual \$	Annual Budget \$	YTD Variance %	Projected Annual Variance %
<b>DIRECT INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
Fees - Plan Set-up	9,541	5,500	10,408	6,000	73%	73%
Fees - Plan administration	57,870	100,833	63,131	110,000	-43%	-43%
Fees - support coordination	55,799	104,500	60,872	114,000	-47%	-47%
Care packages	1,352,803	1,466,667	1,490,000	1,600,000	-8%	-7%
Contributions		-		-		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,476,013</b>	<b>1,677,500</b>	<b>1,624,411</b>	<b>1,830,000</b>	<b>-12%</b>	<b>-11%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Direct assistance wages	17,947	59,492	19,578	64,900	-70%	-70%
Plan participant claims	1,341,932	1,377,382	1,460,000	1,502,599	-3%	-3%
Coordination & Supervision	129,592	107,084	142,000	116,819	21%	22%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,489,471</b>	<b>1,543,958</b>	<b>1,621,578</b>	<b>1,684,318</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Net Direct Profit/Loss</b>	<b>- 13,459</b>	<b>133,542</b>	<b>2,833</b>	<b>145,682</b>	<b>-110%</b>	<b>-98%</b>
<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
Administrative overheads	96,117		128,155			
Depreciation						
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>- 109,575</b>		<b>- 125,323</b>			

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.3.3  
**Subject Heading:** Project Progress Report  
Author and Title: Daniel Bradford, Director Corporate and Financial Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: Council has adopted a Capital Works Program for 2023/2024 financial year at its budget meeting in June 2023. At the meeting Council also adopted a list of special operating projects for this financial year. This report is a progress summary of each project to the end of March 2024.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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### **Background**

Attached is a report on the progress towards implementation of the 2023/2024 Capital Works and Operating Projects. Capital Projects from the 2023 financial year that are still to be completed have been carried forward and are reflected in this report.

For the month of March, we did complete the following projects. These were:

- Alpha Showgrounds Lights Renewal
- Rural Addressing Signage
- Craven Road Sealing
- Jericho Automated Teller Machine has been installed
- Four Utes were delivered
- Flood Damage 2023 Texas Road Package
- Flood Damage 2023 Aramac-Jericho Road Package
- Flood Damage 2023 Alpha Package (25 of 68 roads completed):
  - Craven Road (Northern End)
  - Islay Plains
  - Eka Road
  - Locharnoch Road
  - Hotspur Road
- Flood Damage 2023 Barcaldine Package (17 of 47 roads completed):
  - Barcaldine Downs Road.

Additionally, as the year progresses, some projects begin to be identified as deferred or determined to be not proceeding. A list of these projects is below:

- Sounds and Video Equipment – no clear scope of work to be undertaken has been developed and no apparent need for this project at this current point in time.
- Flood Cameras – this was a funded project jointly between Qld Reconstruction Authority (QRA), Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Council. This project has been on the books for a number of years and extended withdrawal of funding and funding deadlines, saw this project not completed by December 2023.

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QRA are keen for this to progress in the future and we are working with them to bring a new project forward in the future.

- Barcaldine Showground Fence – this project is not proceeding due to unclear scope and funding allocated for the project.
- Jericho Showgrounds Facilities Renewal – after consultation with some users, it is unclear of what the desired outcome is at this point. The thought is to defer this project for the time being and it can be added to next year’s program once user group consultation has been completed.
- Sewerage Mains and Manhole Relining is not proceeding this financial year, on advice from staff about the clarity of the scope of works. It is recommended these projects are carried forward.
- Jericho Water Treatment Plant Maintenance works – resourcing in this area has been challenging. This is an operational project that will be delayed and likely not commence to very early next financial year.
- Water Cart and Trailer – not proceeding as funding has been reallocated to acquire three fuel trailers to replace three units tagged out as unsafe. This change also allows for a larger discussion around Council’s approach to gravel and water carting.
- Gravel Crossings: Muttaborra – this has been deferred as locations need to be determined. Funding is as part of the LRCI4 which can be delayed to next financial year. With current work schedules, this is a fair representation of when work can be completed.
- Stagmount Road Floodways – to be completed next financial year.
- Willow Street Kerb and Channelling – to be completed by staff early next financial year.
- Gordon Street Rehabilitation – this project has been deferred with a larger scope of works now required due to rapid deterioration of road and footpaths within the business area of Aramac. Planning and understanding of this project is currently on the way.
- Housing Renewal Program – much of the planned works in this program has had to be reclassified as operational. This program has partially been spent to conclude the 2022/2023 carried forward program, however a scope of works for this program will be carried forward to 2024/2025.

Please see report attached detailing actual cost updates for each project. Please note that many of the special operating projects are not tracking costs directly for these changes to operating activities. Detailed updates are included in the officer’s reports.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

We will have a safe, engaged, proud and performing council and workforce that is inclusive, innovative, ethical and trusted by all levels of government.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Executive Management Team, District Managers and Project Managers

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**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Projects are itemised and budgeted accordingly.

**Risk Management Implications**

The recommendation in this report has no direct impact on enterprise risk, however does provide information that is a control for project management risks. This report provides oversight, ongoing monitoring and management of projects.

**Asset Management Implications**

Capital Works projects result in the asset constructed or purchased being added to Council's asset register. This then flows on to costs of ongoing maintenance and depreciation.

**Legal Implications**

Nil

# Attachment 1

Capital 2022/2023 Carried Forwards									
Corporate Goal	No. Of Projects	No. Completed	% Completed	Budget	Spent	Commitments	Total	Variance	
Communities	8	5	63%	\$ 1,383,000	\$ 1,062,589	\$ 101,489	\$ 1,164,078	\$	218,922
Services	27	19	70%	\$ 5,960,160	\$ 6,850,109	\$ 1,109,023	\$ 7,959,131	-\$	1,998,971
Transport	7	6	86%	\$ 2,650,000	\$ 2,572,486	\$ 162,764	\$ 2,735,250	-\$	85,250
Economy	4	2	50%	\$ 1,220,000	\$ 118,210	\$ 40,394	\$ 158,604	\$	1,061,396
Governance	2	0	0%	\$ 510,000	\$ 114,597	\$ 18,686	\$ 133,283	\$	376,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>\$ 11,723,160</b>	<b>\$ 10,717,990</b>	<b>\$ 1,432,355</b>	<b>\$ 12,150,345</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>427,185</b>

Project	Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed Cost	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Funding Source
<b>Carry Forward Projects 2023</b>											
<b>Community Halls</b>											
Chambers	Sound and Video Equipment	Barcaldine	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	0%	Not Proceeding	1/09/2023	30/06/2024	Council
<b>Swimming Pools</b>											
Swimming Pool	Upgrade Pool	Barcaldine	\$ 500,000	\$ 410,930	\$ 21,843	\$ 67,227	82%	In Progress		30/06/2024	W4Q
<b>Showground</b>											
Barcaldine Showground Upgrades	Toilets and Grandstand	Barcaldine	\$ 250,000	\$ 237,733	\$ 4,880	\$ 7,387	95%	Complete		31/12/2023	LRCIP 3
Alpha Showgrounds Upgrades	Lights , Electricity and Sound	Alpha	\$ 160,000	\$ 216,583	\$ 74,766	-\$ 131,348	135%	Complete	1/05/2023	30/06/2024	LRCIP 3
Jericho Showground Upgrades	Mens Shed	Jericho	\$ 50,000	\$ 61,681		-\$ 11,681	123%	Complete		31/01/2024	LRCIP 3
Aramac Showground Upgrades	Parking	Aramac	\$ 50,000	\$ 19,653		\$ 30,347	39%	Complete	1/12/2023	31/01/2024	LRCIP 3
Muttaborra Rec ground Upgrades	Toilets	Muttaborra	\$ 73,000	\$ 116,010		-\$ 43,010	159%	Complete		30/09/2023	LRCIP 3
<b>Emergency Services</b>											
Priority Flood Cameras		Regional	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	0%	Not Proceeding			QRA/TMR/Council
<b>GOAL 1: COMMUNITIES TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,383,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,062,589</b>	<b>\$ 101,489</b>	<b>\$ 218,922</b>	<b>77%</b>				

Project	Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion
<b>Carry Forward Projects 2023</b>										
Admin Office Upgrades	Renovation	Barcaldine	\$ 350,000	\$ 18,889	\$ -	\$ 331,111	5%	Not Proceeding	1/01/2024	30/06/2024
Council Housing	Special Maintenance	Regional	\$ 160,000	\$ 95,708	\$ 18,686	\$ 45,607	60%	In Progress	1/05/2023	31/03/2024
<b>GOAL 5: GOVERNANCE - TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 510,000</b>	<b>\$ 114,597</b>	<b>\$ 18,686</b>	<b>\$ 376,717</b>	<b>22%</b>			

	Project	Location	Budget Cost	Actuals	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Funding Source
<b>Carry Forward Projects 2023</b>											
<b>Water</b>											
	Water Mains	Regional	\$ 250,000	\$ 37,910		\$ 212,090	15%	In Progress			Council
	Acacia Street Bore	Barcaldine	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,154,702	\$ 311,759	-\$ 566,461	128%	Complete	1/07/2022	31/12/2023	LRCIP2 / Council
	Solar Panels Acacia St - Fencing	Barcaldine	\$ 25,000		\$ -	\$ 25,000	0%		1/01/2024	30/06/2024	Council
	SCADA and Telemetry System	Regional	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,040,111		-\$ 240,111	130%	Complete	1/07/2022	30/06/2024	Loan
<b>Sewerage</b>											
	Sewerage Treatment Plant - Stage 1 - Reuse Water Treatment	Barcaldine	\$ 910,000	\$ 1,399,312	\$ 50,673	-\$ 539,985	154%	In progress			W4Q-Covid \$600,000
	Sewerage Treatment Plant - Trickling Filter	Barcaldine	\$ 785,000	\$ 1,251,906	\$ 145,535	-\$ 612,441	159%	In progress			LGGSP \$622,000
<b>Waste Management</b>											
	Landfill Site Rehabilitation	Aramac	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,532		-\$ 532	101%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/09/2023	Council
	SCADA and Telemetry System	Regional	\$ 400,000	\$ 464,443	\$ -	-\$ 64,443	116%	Complete	1/07/2022	30/06/2024	Loan
<b>Plant and Workshops</b>											
	Plant Replacement 2022/2023 Program	Regional	\$ 1,790,160	\$ 1,401,193	\$ 601,056	-\$ 212,089	78%	Partially Complete	1/07/2022	31/12/2023	
<b>GOAL 2: SERVICES</b>			\$ 5,960,160	\$ 6,850,109	\$ 1,109,023	-\$ 1,998,971	115%				

	Project	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Funding Source
<b>Carry Forward Projects 2023</b>											
	Aramac-Jericho Road	Aramac	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,016,398	\$ 9,434	-\$ 125,833	113%	Complete		30/04/2024	LRCIP 3
	Beech Street (Acacia to Boree)	Barcaldine	\$ 400,000	\$ 466,649		-\$ 66,649	117%	Complete		31/08/2023	TIDS/R2R
	Stagmount Road	Aramac	\$ 100,000	\$ 12,946	\$ -	\$ 87,054	13%	Deferred	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	R2R
	Rural Addressing Signage	Regional	\$ 100,000	\$ 92,065	\$ -	\$ 7,935	92%	Complete		30/04/2024	LRCIP 3
	Narbethong Road	Barcaldine	\$ 400,000	\$ 378,702		\$ 21,298	95%	Complete		30/04/2024	LRCIP 3
	Craven Road	Alpha	\$ 650,000	\$ 505,725	\$ 153,330	-\$ 9,055	78%	Complete		30/04/2024	R2R
	Box street (Ash to Elm)	Barcaldine	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	100%	Complete	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	R2R/TIDS
<b>GOAL 3: TRANSPORT - TOTAL</b>			\$ 2,650,000	\$ 2,572,486	\$ 162,764	-\$ 85,250	97%				

	Project	Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Funding Source
<b>Carry Forward Projects 2023</b>												
<b>Agriculture</b>												
	Dip Yards	Upgrades	Alpha	\$ 50,000	\$ 36,121	\$ -	\$ 13,879	0%	Complete	1/04/2023	30/06/2024	Council
<b>Economic</b>												
	Barcaldine Renewable E Zone	Contribution	Regional	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,033	\$ -	\$ 989,967	0%	In Progress			Council
<b>Tourism</b>												
	Alpha Gates	Entrance Gate	Alpha	\$ 70,000	\$ 72,056		-\$ 2,056	103%	Complete	1/03/2023	30/09/2023	W4Q 22-24
	Public Rest Area	Sculpture Trail	Regional	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 40,394	\$ 59,606	0%	In Progress	1/12/2023	30/06/2024	LRCIP 3
<b>GOAL 4: ECONOMY - TOTAL</b>				\$ 1,220,000	\$ 118,210	\$ 40,394	\$ 1,061,396	10%				



Capital projects 2023/2024									
Corporate Goal	No. Of Projects	No. Completed	% Completed	Budget	Spent	Commitments	Total	Variance	
Communities	18	12	67%	\$ 954,500	\$ 336,780	\$ 63,010	\$ 399,791	\$ 554,709	
Services	45	22	49%	\$ 4,879,800	\$ 2,930,393	\$ 1,838,140	\$ 4,768,533	\$ 111,267	
Transport	13	4	31%	\$ 3,363,000	\$ 1,377,646	\$ 214,321	\$ 1,591,968	\$ 1,771,032	
Economy	0	0	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Governance	2	1	50%	\$ 328,000	\$ 84,195	\$ -	\$ 84,195	\$ 243,805	
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>\$ 9,525,300</b>	<b>\$ 4,729,015</b>	<b>\$ 2,115,472</b>	<b>\$ 6,844,487</b>	<b>\$ 2,680,813</b>	

Capital Projects	Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed Cost	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion	Funding Source
<b>Community Buildings Program</b>											
	Barcaldine Recreation Park Stage 3	Barcaldine	\$ 804,500	\$ 144,869	\$ 21,170	\$ 543,968	18%				
	Alpha Showgrounds Lights Renewal	Alpha	\$ 415,000	\$ 415,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%	Procurement	1/10/2023	30/06/2024	Sport & Rec Grant
	Alpha Office Switchboard Replacement	Alpha	\$ 75,000	\$ 45,644	\$ 21,170	\$ 8,185	61%	Complete	1/09/2023	30/04/2024	
	Aramac Town Hall Bathroom	Aramac	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,635	\$ -	\$ 365	99%	Complete	1/07/2023	31/08/2023	
	Barcaldine Goods Shed Refurb/Upgrade	Barcaldine	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%	Procurement	1/05/2024	30/06/2024	
	Barcaldine Pool BBQ & Tables	Barcaldine	\$ 39,500	\$ 57,492	\$ -	\$ -17,992	146%	Complete	1/07/2023	31/08/2023	Community Contribution
	Barcaldine Pool Canteen Renewal	Barcaldine	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,111	\$ -	\$ -2,111	121%	Complete	1/09/2023	30/04/2024	
	Barcaldine Showgrounds Fence	Barcaldine	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,986	\$ -	\$ 5,014	50%	Complete	1/09/2023	30/04/2024	
	Barcaldine Showgrounds Fence	Barcaldine	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	0%	Not Proceeding	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	
	Jericho Showgrounds Facilities Renewal	Jericho	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	0%	Deferred	1/09/2023	30/06/2024	
<b>Anzac Memorial Enhancement Program</b>											
	Alpha Anzac Park Upgrade	Alpha	\$ 50,000	\$ 38,996	\$ 273	\$ 10,731	78%				
	Aramac Anzac Memorial	Aramac	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,052	\$ 273	\$ 13,675	30%	In Progress	1/01/2024	31/03/2024	
			\$ 30,000	\$ 32,944	\$ -	\$ -2,944	110%	Complete	1/01/2024	31/03/2024	
<b>Cemetery Fencing Program</b>											
	Alpha Cemetery Fence	Alpha	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,411	\$ 41,567	\$ 7,022	3%				
	RSL Memorial at Cemetery	Barcaldine	\$ 44,308	\$ -	\$ 40,280	\$ 4,028	0%	In Progress	1/09/2023	31/03/2024	
			\$ 5,692	\$ 1,411	\$ 1,287	\$ 2,994	25%	Complete	1/07/2023	31/03/2024	
<b>Community Equipment Replacement Program</b>											
	Alpha Showgrounds Pump Replacement	Alpha	\$ 130,000	\$ 103,833	\$ -	\$ 26,167	80%				
	Aramac Pool Cleaner Replacement	Aramac	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%	Procurement	1/07/2023	31/12/2023	
	Barcaldine Pool Cleaner Replacement	Barcaldine	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,326	\$ -	\$ 674	92%	Complete	1/07/2023	31/08/2023	
	Cemetery Shoring Equipment	Barcaldine	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,229	\$ -	\$ 2,771	83%	Complete	1/07/2023	8/09/2023	
	TV Equipment Replacement	Regional	\$ 22,000	\$ 15,678	\$ -	\$ 6,322	71%	Complete	1/08/2023	31/12/2023	
	Aramac Camping Grounds Caravan Sites	Aramac	\$ 70,000	\$ 67,600	\$ -	\$ 2,400	97%	Complete	1/09/2023	31/12/2023	
			\$ 50,000	\$ 47,672	\$ -	\$ 2,328	95%	Complete	29/02/2024	30/03/2024	
<b>GOAL 1: COMMUNITIES TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 954,500</b>	<b>\$ 336,780</b>	<b>\$ 63,010</b>	<b>\$ 572,463</b>	<b>35%</b>				

Capital Projects		Location	Budget Cost	Actuals	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Comp	Funding Source
<b>Water</b>											
	Generator - Alpha WTP	Alpha	\$ 60,000	\$ 25,382		\$ 34,618	42%	In Progress	1/09/2023	30/06/2024	
	Jericho WTP Renewal	Jericho	\$ 30,000			\$ 30,000	0%	Procurement	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	
<b>Sewerage</b>											
	Sewerage Manholes Relining	Regional	\$ 96,000			\$ 96,000	0%	Deferred			
	Sewerage Mains Relining	Regional	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,515		\$ 148,485	1%	Deferred	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
<b>Plant and Workshops</b>											
	Plant Replacement Program	Regional	\$ 4,286,000	\$ 2,655,864	\$ 1,838,140	-\$ 208,004	62%	Partially Complete	1/07/2023	30/06/2024	
	Workshop 75T Press	Regional	\$ 17,800	\$ 15,294		\$ 2,506	86%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/09/2023	
	Workshop 6 Post Vehicle Hoist	Aramac	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000	\$ -	\$ -	100%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/09/2023	
	Workshop Tyre Safety Cage	Aramac	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,095		-\$ 95	101%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/09/2023	
<b>Waste Management</b>											
	Barcaldine Landfill Fencing	Barcaldine	\$ 150,000	\$ 142,243		\$ 7,757	95%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/09/2023	
<b>GOAL 2: SERVICES</b>			\$ 4,879,800	\$ 2,930,393	\$ 1,838,140	\$ 111,267	60%				

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<b>Rural Road and Town Streets</b>											
	Cattle Crossloading Facility	Alpha	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000	0%	Procurement	1/10/2023	31/03/2024	LRCIP 4
	Craven Road Sealing	Alpha	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000		\$ -	100%	Complete		30/04/2024	TIDS
	School Pickup Upgrade	Barcaldine	\$ 65,000	\$ 46,296		\$ 18,704	71%	Complete	1/12/2023	31/01/2024	State Gov
<b>Regional Floodway Upgrade Program</b>											
	Tumbar Road - Sunday Creek	Jericho	\$ 60,000			\$ 60,000	0%	In Progress	1/11/2023	28/02/2024	LRCIP 4
	Stagmount Road Floodways x2	Aramac	\$ 200,000	\$ 12,946	\$ -	\$ 187,054	6%	Deferred	1/11/2023	28/02/2024	R2R
	Gravel crossings - various	Muttaborra	\$ 40,000			\$ 40,000	0%	Deferred	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	LRCIP 4
<b>Sealing Rural Roads Program</b>		Regional									
	Star Downs Road Sealing	Alpha	\$ 800,000	\$ 63,795	\$ 29,935	\$ 706,270	8%	In Progress	1/01/2024	30/06/2024	LRCIP 4
	Town Streets Reseal Program	Regional	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,078,471	\$ 56,864	\$ 64,665	90%	Complete	1/09/2023	30/04/2024	R2R
<b>Town Streets Upgrade and Renewals</b>											
	Box Street K & C	Barcaldine	\$ 100,000	\$ 20,328	\$ 11,713	\$ 67,959	20%	In Progress	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	TIDS
	Willow Street K & C	Barcaldine	\$ 350,000	\$ 7,810	\$ 7,810	\$ 334,380	2%	Deferred	1/02/2024	30/06/2024	R2R
	Gordon Street Rehabilitation	Aramac	\$ 200,000			\$ 200,000	0%	Deferred	1/03/2024	30/06/2024	R2R
<b>Pathways</b>											
	Booker Street	Aramac	\$ 100,000		\$ 108,000	-\$ 8,000	0%	Pre-construction	1/01/2024	30/04/2024	LRCIP 4
	Porter Street	Aramac	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000		\$ -	100%	Complete	1/09/2023	1/01/2024	
<b>GOAL 3: TRANSPORT - TOTAL</b>			\$ 3,363,000	\$ 1,377,646	\$ 214,321	\$ 1,771,032	41%				

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Council Housing											
	Housing Renewal Program		Regional	\$ 250,000	\$ -		\$ 250,000		Deferred	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	IT Equipment Replacement Program		Corporate	\$ 78,000	\$ 84,195		-\$ 6,195	108%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
<b>GOAL 5: GOVERNANCE - TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 328,000</b>	<b>\$ 84,195</b>		<b>\$ 243,805</b>	<b>26%</b>			

Operational Projects 2023/2024									
Corporate Goal	No. Of Projects	No. Completed	% Completed	Budget	Spent	Commitments	Total	Variance	
Communities	6	2	33%	\$ 555,500	\$ 80,048	\$ -	\$ 80,048	\$ 475,452	
Services	6	2	33%	\$ 665,000	\$ 104,528	\$ 22,361	\$ 126,889	\$ 538,111	
Transport	7	0	0%	\$ 46,747,832	\$ 8,742,622	\$ 3,896,848	\$ 12,639,470	\$ 34,108,362	
Economy	1	1	100%	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 9,450	\$ 9,450	\$ 12,550	
Governance	8	5	63%	\$ 828,750	\$ 190,043	\$ -	\$ 190,043	\$ 638,707	
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>\$ 48,819,082</b>	<b>\$ 9,117,241</b>	<b>\$ 3,928,659</b>	<b>\$ 13,045,900</b>	<b>\$ 35,773,182</b>	

Special Operating Projects		Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed Cost	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion
Community Support											
	School Awards Night		Regional	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,264		\$ 236	84%	Complete	1/10/2023	31/12/2023
Parks Gardens and Open Spaces											
	Jericho Sprinkler System Repairs		Jericho	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	0%	Not Proceeding	1/08/2023	30/06/2024
Sports and Recreation											
	Barcaldine Rec Park Drainage		Barcaldine	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,229		\$ 12,771	36%	Complete	1/07/2023	31/05/2024
	Masterplan of Showgrounds and Rec Park		Barcaldine	\$ 80,000	\$ 71,555		\$ 8,445	89%	In Progress	1/07/2023	31/05/2024
Showgrounds											
	Alpha Showgrounds Maintenance		Alpha	\$ 30,000			\$ 30,000	0%	Procurement	1/01/2024	30/04/2024
Distaster Management											
	Flood Study and Action Plan	Aramac, Alpha and Jericho	Regional	\$ 414,000			\$ 414,000	0%	Procurement	1/09/2023	30/06/2023
<b>GOAL 1: COMMUNITIES TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 555,500</b>	<b>\$ 80,048</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 475,452</b>	<b>14%</b>			

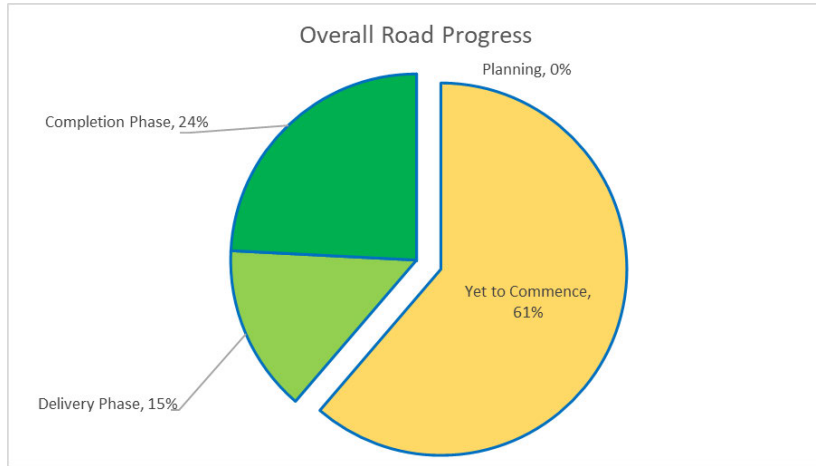
Operating Projects		Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion
	ATM - Jericho Post Office		Jericho	\$ 22,000		\$ 9,450	\$ 12,550		Complete	1/06/2023	31/03/2024
<b>GOAL 4: ECONOMY - TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 22,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,450</b>	<b>\$ 12,550</b>	<b>0%</b>			

Special Operating Projects		Location	Budget Cost	Actuals	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion
<b>Water</b>										
	Jericho WTP Maintenance Works	Jericho	\$ 250,000			\$ 250,000	0%	Deferred	1/08/2023	30/06/2024
	Air Scouring of Water Mains	Regional	\$ 100,000	\$ 101,944		-\$ 1,944	102%	Complete	1/08/2023	31/12/2023
	Water Reservoir Cleanout	Regional	\$ 60,000	\$ 2,584	\$ 22,361	\$ 35,055	4%	Contract Awarded	1/08/2023	30/06/2024
<b>Sewerage</b>										
	Aramac STP Design	Aramac	\$ 95,000			\$ 95,000	0%	Planning	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	Imhoff Tank Replacement	Aramac	\$ 30,000			\$ 30,000	0%	Procurement	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	Pump Well Vac and Clean	Aramac	\$ 10,000			\$ 10,000	0%	Complete	1/01/2024	30/06/2024
<b>Plant and Workshops</b>										
	Fuel Monitoring System	Regional	\$ 120,000			\$ 120,000	0%	Procurement	1/01/2024	30/06/2024
<b>GOAL 2: SERVICES</b>			\$ 665,000	\$ 104,528	\$ 22,361	\$ 538,111	16%			

Special Projects		Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Start	Expected Completion
<b>Flood Damage</b>										
	Flood Damage - Texas Road	Jericho	\$ 2,448,532	\$ 2,688,836	\$ 159,567	-\$ 399,871	110%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	Flood Damage - Aramac-Jericho Road	Jericho	\$ 2,280,646	\$ 2,199,903	\$ 1,023,724	-\$ 942,981	96%	Complete	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	Flood Damage - Aramac Muttaborra	Aramac	\$ 14,115,969	\$ 332,981	\$ 396,121	\$ 13,386,866	2%	In Progress	1/01/2024	30/06/2025
	Flood Damage - Barcaldine Area	Barcaldine	\$ 6,459,685	\$ 900,394	\$ 453,114	\$ 5,106,178	14%	In Progress	1/07/2023	30/06/2025
	Flood Damage - Alpha, Jericho Area	Alpha	\$ 13,324,788	\$ 2,376,669	\$ 1,686,072	\$ 9,262,047	18%	In Progress	1/07/2023	30/06/2025
	Flood Damage - Aramac Region Part 2		\$ 7,936,408	\$ 243,839	\$ 178,249	\$ 7,514,320		In Progress	1/01/2024	30/06/2025
	Flood Damage - Beech Street	Barcaldine	\$ 181,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,804		Next Year	1/07/2024	30/06/2025
<b>GOAL 3: TRANSPORT - TOTAL</b>			\$ 46,747,832	\$ 8,742,622	\$ 3,896,848	\$ 34,108,362	19%			

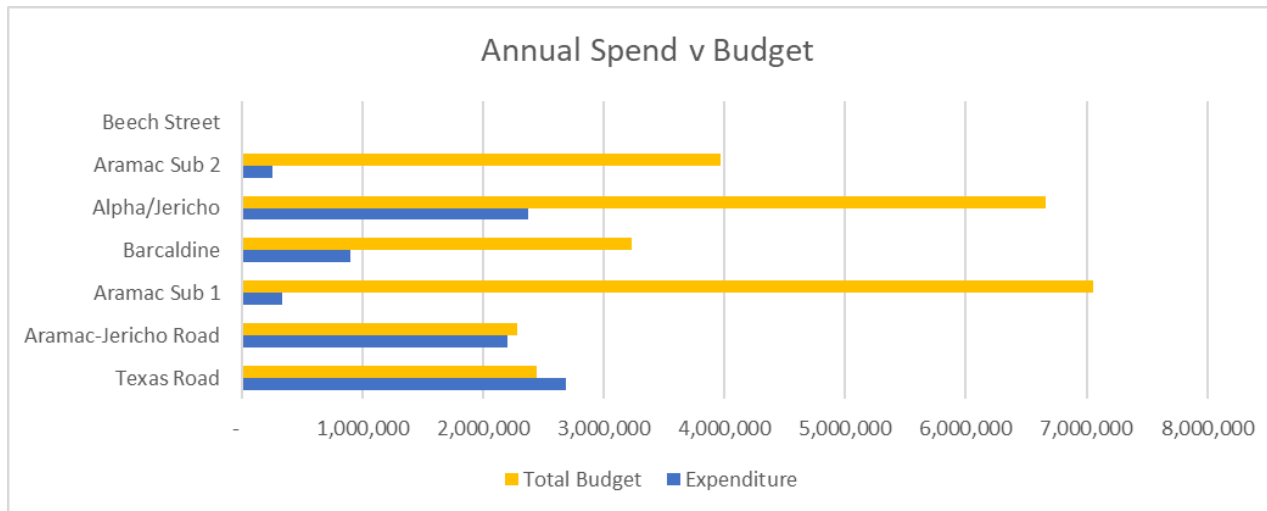
Special Operating Projects		Description	Location	Budget Cost	Actual Cost	Committed	Variance	Action	Project Status	Expected Completion	Expected Completion
<b>Administration</b>											
	New Enterprise System	Corp/Financial Services	Corporate	\$ 400,000		\$ 10,114	\$ 389,886		Procurement	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	Apprentice and Trainees	HR	Corporate	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000		Complete	1/10/2023	30/06/2024
	Training and Development Program	HR	Corporate	\$ 40,000			\$ 40,000		In Progress	1/10/2023	30/06/2024
	CCTV Maintenance	IT	Barcaldine	\$ 30,000	\$ 11,038	\$ 1,810	\$ 17,152		Complete	1/01/2024	30/06/2024
	Managed IT Services	IT	Corporate	\$ 130,000	\$ 129,639		\$ 361		Complete	1/08/2023	30/06/2024
	Council Promotional Activities	Media & Communication	Corporate	\$ 70,000	\$ 40,309		\$ 29,691		In Progress	1/07/2023	30/06/2024
	Local Government Election	Office of the CEO	Corporate	\$ 100,000			\$ 100,000		Complete	1/01/2024	30/04/2024
	Staff Get Together	Office of the CEO	Corporate	\$ 8,750	\$ 9,058		-\$ 308		Complete	1/09/2023	31/12/2023
<b>GOAL 5: GOVERNANCE - TOTAL</b>				\$ 828,750	\$ 190,043		\$ 626,783	23%			

## Flood Damage Works Delivery – January 2023 Event



Submission No.	Flood Damage Package	Total Program	Expenditure	Commitments	Total
BarRC.0020.2223G	Texas Road	2,448,532	2,688,836	159,567	2,848,403
BarRC.0021.2223G	Aramac-Jericho Road	2,280,646	2,199,903	91,011	2,290,914
BarRC.0023.2223G	Aramac Sub 1	14,115,969	332,981	396,121	729,103
BarRC.0024.2223G	Barcaldine	6,459,685	900,394	453,114	1,353,507
BarRC.0025.2223G	Alpha/Jericho	13,324,788	2,377,043	1,684,501	4,061,544
BarRC.0027.2223G	Aramac Sub 2	7,936,408	253,839	178,249	432,088
BarRC.0028.2223G	Beech Street	181,804	-	-	-
		46,747,833	8,752,996	2,962,563	11,715,559

Status of Roads	No. of Roads
Delivery YTD	0
For 2024/2025	1
For Tender	59
Council Crew Delivery	54
Mixed Delivery	0
Tender Awarded	9
In Progress	18
Work Complete	45
Finance Closed Out	0



Flood Damage Overall Progress	
Planning	0%
Yet to Commence	61%
Delivery Phase	15%
Completion Phase	24%



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AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING 19 JUNE 2024**

Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.4.1**  
**Subject Heading: Regional Council Business**

*Summary: Items to be tabled on the day.*

**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.5.1  
**Subject Heading:** Councillor Information Correspondence  
Author and Title: Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling a list of significant and relevant correspondence for Councillor's Information.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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**Background**

The following correspondence has been received up to 11 June 2024:

1. Email regarding the Federal Budget.
2. Email regarding the Works for Queensland Program.
3. Email regarding changes to the value of a penalty unit.
4. Email regarding Financial Management Overview.
5. Email regarding McArthur Local Government National Remuneration Report 2023-2024.
6. Email regarding Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.
7. Letter regarding Unsuccessful Application for Unallocated Water Release.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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**1. Email regarding the Federal Budget.**



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## **Initial 2024/25 Federal Budget overview and reaction**

The clock is ticking on the Albanese Government's election promise of a "fair increase" to Financial Assistance Grants with the commitment to councils still not met in this year's Federal Budget.

The LGAQ welcomes significant road funding increases through the Roads to Recovery program and Black Spot program, which were announced in December 2023 after the infrastructure pipeline review. It is pleasing to see the Queensland allocation is locked in across the forward budget estimates.

So too is new money to extend the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program and the Regional Airports Program for an additional two rounds.

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**What this year's Federal Budget means for councils and local communities**

- As per the announcement in December, Roads to Recovery funding will rise gradually from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year, and Black Spot funding will increase from the current annual commitment of \$110 million to \$150 million per year. The long-standing Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program are now merged under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.
- Roads to Recovery (Queensland's share):
  - FY 24/25: \$132.2 million
  - FY 25/26: \$162.7 million
  - FY 26/27: \$193.2 million
  - FY 27/28: \$203.4 million
  - (compared to \$109.5 million in FY23/24)
- Black Spot Program (Queensland's share):
  - FY 24/25: \$26.5 million
  - FY 25/26: \$28.5 million
  - FY 26/27: \$28.5 million
  - FY 27/28: \$32.4 million
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- Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (Queensland's share):
  - FY 24/25: \$43.3 million
  - FY 25/26: \$43.3 million
  - FY 26/27: \$43.3 million
  - FY 27/28: \$44.3 million
- Financial Assistance Grants will continue to increase across the forward estimates, with Queensland's share increasing from \$653.1 million in 2024/25 to \$739.2 million in 2027/28. However, as a proportion of overall Commonwealth taxation revenue (including GST), this equates to only 0.51% in comparison to 0.5% last year. This remains far from a 'fair increase' as promised by Labor federally and is a long way short of the sector's call for FA Grants to return to at least one per cent of federal taxation.



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- The \$236 million in funding secured in last year's Federal Budget for additional flood warning infrastructure will start hitting the ground, with \$7 million allocated to 170 Queensland projects in 2024/25.
- National Water Grid funding will continue to flow after being re-shaped in the first budget from the current Federal Government, with \$61.7 million available in FY 24/25, \$72.1 million in FY 25/26 and \$62.3 million in FY 26/27 for Queensland. This represents around 17 percent of the national funding allocation, which the LGAQ contends is not a fair share of funding for water infrastructure for our state.
- The funding tap for the popular Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) will be turned off in 2026/27, with funding only allocated until 30 June 2026. \$48.7 million is allocated in the FY24/25 budget, with \$50.5 million allocated in FY25/26 for Queensland.
- While the Northern Territory has secured specific additional funding for First Nations housing supply, the LGAQ's advocacy to reduce overcrowding in our First Nations communities will continue because there is no specific and dedicated federal program for Queensland in this year's budget.
- The LGAQ strongly welcomes additional funding of \$101.9 million over five years from 2024/25 to extend the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program and the Regional Airports Program for two additional rounds, and to continue the Remote Aerodrome Inspection Programme to improve aviation safety and access at remote airstrips and regional airports.
- The LGAQ looks forward to more details to come of a new \$50 million pilot program to boost mobile coverage on regional highways.

Kind regards,

**Alison Smith**

Chief Executive Officer

Local Government Association of Queensland

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# Federal Budget 2024 - 25



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The following information is a longer-form analysis of the 2024/25 Federal Budget – complemented by the member EDM which was released on Budget night.



## Federal Budget 2024 - 25



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# Federal Budget 2024 - 25

What we asked for	What was announced	Next steps
Restoring Financial Assistance Grants to at least one per cent of Federal taxation revenue.	<p>In 2024-25 the Australian Government will provide <b>\$3.271b</b> in Financial Assistance Grants funding.</p> <p>The Financial Assistance Grants as a proportion of Commonwealth Tax Revenue in 2024-25 is therefore estimated to be <b>0.51%</b>. This is a slight increase from <b>0.5%</b> in the 2023-24 Budget.</p>	<p>The LGAQ will continue to remind the Federal Government of its 2022 election commitment of a “fair increase” to FA Grants, particularly in lead up to an upcoming Federal election. As well, we will seek certainty on the timing of FA Grant bring-forward payments.</p> <p>The LGAQ will also highlight the critical need for an increase to FA Grants in our upcoming submission to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry on Local Government Sustainability. Our cost shifting research will also back in these calls.</p> <p>Urgent and direct advocacy through ALGA also continues in relation to the timing of the next payment round, so that councils can forecast and plan their upcoming budgets and operations.</p>
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to be made permanent and at \$500m per year.	The funding tap for the popular Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) will be	The LGAQ will continue to advocate for the ‘community infrastructure’ aspect of this funding program to continue.







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	<p>turned off in 2026/27, with funding only allocated until 30 June 2026. \$48.7million is allocated in the FY24/25 budget, with \$50.5 million allocated in FY25/26 for Queensland.</p>	<p>This forms part of our engagement and our upcoming submission to the Federal Parliamentary Inquiry on Local Government Sustainability.</p>
<p>Increase housing supply in First Nations communities by allocating \$100 million per year.</p>	<p>This request has not been met in this Budget. While there is funding for general housing supply initiatives, there is no specific and dedicated funding program that is targeted at First Nations communities.</p>	<p>While the Northern Territory has secured specific additional funding for First Nations housing supply, Queensland did not. The LGAQ’s advocacy to reduce overcrowding in our First Nations communities will continue because there is no specific and dedicated federal program for Queensland in this year’s budget.</p>
<p>\$3 million towards building a reliable Flood Warning Network by including moderate and low priority gauges in the new national system.</p>	<p>The \$236 million in funding secured in last year’s Federal Budget for additional flood warning infrastructure will start hitting the ground.</p>	<p>\$7 million has been allocated to 170 Queensland projects in 2024/25.</p>
<p>\$200 million per year towards protecting the Great Barrier Reef.</p>	<p>Reef restoration - Reef Guardian Councils projects – There is no increase to the original commitment of \$17.5 million over three years to assist councils deliver reef action plans.</p> <p>Overall funding decline from the 2023/24 budget by around</p>	<p>For those councils outside of the Reef Guardian Councils Program, there are reduced funding opportunities to deliver activities that support Reef health (based on reduced budget amount from 2023/24 FY).</p>





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	\$15 million per year - was included in the 2023/24 forward estimates.	The LGAQ will continue its advocacy on the benefits of partnership with Reef catchment councils on practical initiatives that protect the Great Barrier Reef.
\$180 million per year to secure Queensland's water supply.	National Water Grid funding will continue to flow after being re-shaped in the first budget from the current Federal Government, with \$61.7 million available in FY 24/25, \$72.1 million in FY 25/26 and \$62.3 million in FY 26/27 for Queensland.	This represents around 17 percent of the national funding allocation, which the LGAQ contends is not a fair share of funding for water infrastructure for our state.
\$200 million per year towards Betterment or Resilient Roads or Asset funding to be budgeted annually to allow a continuous focus to upgrade vulnerable or disaster susceptible assets to resilient assets.	No specific investment into betterment infrastructure funding. However, under the new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (\$200 million per year) areas of focus include addressing emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs, with focus areas such as safety, productivity, bridge renewal, resilience (betterment) and sustainability.	The LGAQ will continue these discussions with Minister Murray Watt to identify further opportunities for disaster mitigation and betterment funding.  This ask is also part of our upcoming 2024 State Election platform.
\$10 million over five years to enable local government to negotiate and review Indigenous Land Use Agreements to ensure they meet the ongoing needs of the	This request was not met in this Budget. Councils will continue to be disadvantaged in the negotiation of ILUAs impacting the provision of housing and vital economic	The LGAQ will continue to strongly advocate for this request, including during upcoming meetings with the Minister and at the Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF).



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<p>community, traditional owners and local governments.</p>	<p>and community infrastructure.</p>	
<p>Increase investment in housing resilience and disaster preparedness through a new \$300 million (over three years) State/Federal jointly funded Housing Resilience Program, to include all Queensland communities that have experienced extraordinary levels of rainfall and flooding and are prone to flood risk.</p>	<p>This request has not been met in this Budget.</p>	<p>The LGAQ will continue to pursue opportunities to raise this issue with both the State Government and Federal Government, particularly in the context of insurance availability and affordability.</p>
<p>Biosecurity:  \$10 million to fund local governments to manage Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) over the next four years.  \$10 million over four years to fund the continued employment of a National Feral Pig Coordinator and the employment of a National Rabbit Coordinator, provide administrative support and resources, as well as funding to deliver regional planning/capacity building workshops, and funding for the trialling of on-ground</p>	<p>This Budget included an increase in investment to the Agriculture 2030 – Biosecurity – for reduction and prevention activities to reduce the economic and environmental burden of established feral animals, pests and weed from by \$3.4 million to \$8.726 million in 2024/25 (offsets the abandonment of the Pest and Weed Animal Management (\$2.7 million in 2023/24)).  Additional resources available for established invasive species management in the 2024/25 (not linked to any species).</p>	<p>Whilst there is an increase in funding, there is no specific details where the funding will be targeted at this stage.  The LGAQ will continue to work with the Department to identify how Queensland councils can access these new funding opportunities.</p>



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<p>regional pilot control programs.</p>		
<p>Enhance koala conservation activities with additional funding of \$5 million over three years to support Queensland councils in delivering the National Recovery Plan for the Koala.</p>	<p>There is no koala specific funding in this Budget.</p> <p>Saving Native Species Grants is approx. \$50 million in 2024/25, which is effectively no change from the 2023/24 budget.</p>	<p>Koala funding opportunities are expected to continue to be available for local governments. The LGAQ will continue to keep member councils across these opportunities.</p>
<p>A partnership with both State and Federal governments to develop and resource an expert Security Operations Centre for local government authorities as a shared services concept to improve cyber security management.</p>	<p>The Federal Government has not provided funding to support councils uplift their local government capacity.</p>	<p>We will continue to advocate this issue to the State and Federal governments. The LGAQ has also advanced discussions with the National Cybersecurity Coordinator to advance our case for an expert Security Operations Centre (SOC) for local government.</p>



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## Other general issues and news from the 2024/25 Federal Budget

### Infrastructure allocations for Queensland

- As per the announcement in December, Roads to Recovery funding will rise gradually from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year, and Black Spot funding will increase from the current annual commitment of \$110 million to \$150 million per year. The long-standing Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program are now merged under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

### Roads to Recovery (Queensland's share)

- FY 24/25: \$132.2 million
- FY 25/26: \$162.7 million
- FY 26/27: \$193.2 million
- FY 27/28: \$203.4 million
- (compared to \$109.5 million in FY23/24)

### Black Spot Program (Queensland's share)

- FY 24/25: \$26.5 million
- FY 25/26: \$28.5 million
- FY 26/27: \$28.5 million
- FY 27/28: \$32.4 million
- (compared to \$26.5 million in FY23/24)

### Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (Queensland's share)

- FY 24/25: \$43.3 million
- FY 25/26: \$43.3 million
- FY 26/27: \$43.3 million
- FY 27/28: \$44.3 million





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## Transport

- The LGAQ strongly welcomes additional funding of \$101.9 million over five years from 2024/25 to extend the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program and the Regional Airports Program for two additional rounds, and to continue the Remote Aerodrome Inspection Programme to improve aviation safety and access at remote airstrips and regional airports.
- A new Active Transport Fund with \$100 million committed over four years to fund the construction of bicycle and walking paths throughout Australia. Commences in July 2025.

## Connectivity

- The LGAQ looks forward to more details to come of a new \$50 million pilot program to boost mobile coverage on regional highways.

## Housing and Homelessness Support

- An additional \$1 billion has been made available in this Budget to States and Territories to deliver significant housing-enabling infrastructure projects, including those in regional Australia, taking the Government's total investment in the Housing Support Program to \$1.5 billion. Important to note that \$1 billion is to be made available in 2023/24 financial year.
- This investment exceeds ALGA's ask of \$750 million but looks to be funding to States and Territories rather than local government directly and also allocated to 2023/24 financial year. The \$1 billion is in addition to the existing HSP streams, which are providing \$500 million from 2023-24 to 2024-25 to fund enabling infrastructure, community amenity and planning capability.
- National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness – \$423.1 million (over five years from 2024-25) in additional funding to State and Territory governments for social and affordable housing under a new National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness. Total funding of \$9.3 billion over five years from 2024-25.
- Social and affordable housing – The Federal Government will provide \$1.9 billion in concessional finance to support community housing providers and other charities to deliver social and affordable housing under the Housing Australia Future Fund and the National Housing Accord. The Government is also expanding the Affordable Housing Bond Aggregator program by increasing Housing Australia's liability cap by \$2.5 billion to \$10.0 billion. The aim is to help support the delivery of 40,000 social



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and affordable dwellings that has previously been committed to under the Housing Australia Future Fund and National Housing Accord.

- Housing research and data – \$19.7 million over six years from 2024–25 to support housing research, fast-track feasibility studies on the release of Commonwealth land to support social and affordable housing and maintain Treasury’s capability to develop, advise on and implement housing policy and programs.
- Construction workforce to support housing supply – \$88.8 million (over three years from 2024-25) to grow the pipeline of construction workers through 20,000 additional fee-free TAFE and pre-apprenticeship places.
- Commonwealth Land Release – The Government will undertake feasibility studies on a number of surplus Commonwealth-owned land holdings to determine their suitability for release as housing to support the 1.2 million new, well-located homes target under the Accord. No funding allocated, policy response only.

## First Nations Support and Development

- \$777.4 million over five years from 2023–24 (and \$255.5 million per year ongoing) to establish the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program, which will create 3,000 jobs in remote Australia and support income support recipients move into paid employment.
- \$68 million over four years from 2023–24 to support First Nations digital inclusion. Funding includes:
  - \$40 million over four years from 2023–24 to roll out community Wi-Fi in remote communities.
  - \$22 million over three years from 2024–25 to establish a First Nations Digital Support Hub and a network of digital mentors to increase access to online services and improve digital literacy and online safety among First Nations people.
  - \$6 million over three years from 2024–25 to expand the Australian Digital Inclusion Index to improve national data collection on First Nations digital inclusion.
  - \$15 million over four years from 2024–25 to partner with First Nations people and communities to support connection to Country through the management of drought and climate risks.



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- \$26.1 million over three years from 2024–25 for 11 First Nations water infrastructure projects, including ten construction projects and one business case. We are still determining how many of those projects will be in Queensland.
- \$18.2 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$2.2 million per year ongoing) to develop a new First Nations education policy and engage with First Nations stakeholders
- \$53.8 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$17.8 million per year ongoing) to establish two new First Nations language centres, increase funding for existing language centres and for community language learning to increase the number of First Nations language speakers.

## Circular Economy and the Environment

- \$23 million to deliver the Federal Government's circular economy policy, program and legislative function. No dedicated funding for councils (or anyone else) as further circular economy funding is dependent on this framework being finalised.
- The Government will provide a further \$40.9 million over two years from 2024–25 to continue implementing the Nature Positive Plan. Includes funding to commence the Nature Repair Market - a holistic environmental market that local governments can access to support NRM activities, and funding to progress EPBC Act 1999 legislative reforms - of which our members are seeking greater involvement/a fairer approach to.
- Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund - Additional \$4.3 million in partnership in Queensland over two years.
- Recycling Modernisation Fund - Continuation of the RMF with an additional \$74 million over three years spread over a number of eligible streams. Allocations for individual states are yet to be determined.

## Family and Domestic Violence Prevention

- The Federal Government will provide additional funding of \$44.1 million in 2024–25 to support the National Legal Assistance Partnership and Family Violence Prevention Legal Services, including one-year indexation supplementation to the funding for Legal Aid Commissions, Community Legal Centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait



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Islander Legal Services, and additional funding to reduce community legal sector pay disparity.

## Protecting our Natural Resources

- Future Drought Fund - \$519.1 million over eight years from 2024–25 for initiatives that provide improved support to farmers and communities to manage drought and adapt to climate change, including \$132.0 million over eight years from 2024–25 to continue the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs model to support activities to address the challenges of drought and climate variability in local areas.
- Regional cooperation initiative on carbon sequestration - The Government will provide \$32.6 million over four years from 2024–25 to establish regulatory frameworks and bilateral instruments to better support heavy industry to reduce emissions to meet Paris Agreement commitments, both in Australia and overseas. This includes moving carbon dioxide to suitable and secure geological storage sites (i.e. similar to the carbon capture and storage project proposed for the GAB).
- Sustaining Water Functions - \$32 million over four years from 2024–25 to extend the terminating Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience program to deliver water saving projects and improve water security in the region.

## Energy and Decarbonisation

- Making Australia a Renewable Energy Superpower - \$19.7 billion over 10 years to invest in priority industries for the renewable energy transition as well as export markets and on-shore processing facilities for critical minerals and alternative energy.
- \$20.7 million over seven years from 2024–25 (and \$0.4 million per year ongoing from 2031–32) to improve community engagement and social licence outcomes through permanent establishment of the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, development of voluntary national developer standards with the support of the Clean Energy Regulator, and the development of a regulatory reform package to realise community benefits in regional communities affected by the energy transition.
- The Federal Government will provide \$399.1 million over five years from 2023–24 (and an additional \$616.8 million from 2028–29 to 2034–35 and \$93.4 million per year ongoing) in additional resourcing for the Net Zero Economy Authority (the Authority), the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, and the Fair Work Commission to promote orderly and positive economic transformation



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associated with decarbonisation to ensure Australia, its regions and workers realise the benefits of the net zero economy.

- Improving the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme - The Government will provide an additional \$48.0 million over four years from 2024–25 to implement further reforms to the Australian Carbon Credit Unit scheme as part of the Government’s response to the Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units. These reforms will establish the Carbon Abatement Integrity Committee to oversee the new proponent led method development process and strengthen integrity, provide enhanced transparency measures - potentially reducing the reported socio-economic challenges facing South West Queensland communities.

## Disaster Support -

- \$138.7 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$18.9 million per year ongoing) to improve Australia’s preparedness to respond to all-hazard disasters and resilience to natural hazards. This measure builds on the 2023–24 Budget measure titled Disaster Support. Funding includes:
  - \$73.3 million over four years from 2024–25 (and \$18.9 million per year ongoing) to further uplift the National Emergency Management Agency’s capacity to support Australians before, during and following a disaster.
  - \$35.0 million over two years from 2024–25 to support the National Aerial Firefighting Centre to bolster the national aerial firefighting fleet and to undertake a review to identify cost-effective options for long-term aerial capability.
  - \$26.8 million over three years from 2024–25 to maintain the national emergency management stockpile of disaster response resources.
  - \$3.6 million in 2024–25 to provide targeted mental health support to emergency service workers.



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**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING 19 JUNE 2024**  
**2. Email regarding the Works for Queensland Program.**

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 4:12:35 PM

**To:** Shane Gray <[Shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Correspondence to Barcaldine Regional Council from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works – Our ref: MBN24/348

[REDACTED]

Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

Kind regards

**Executive Services Unit**

Department of Housing, Local Government,  
Planning and Public Works

Our reference: MBN24/348



13 May 2024

Department of  
**Housing, Local Government,  
Planning and Public Works**

Mr Shane Gray  
Chief Executive Officer  
Barcaldine Regional Council  
shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Gray

I am writing to you about the recently announced \$300 million 2024-27 Works for Queensland (W4Q) program.

The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works has announced an amount of \$1,680,000 under the 2024-27 W4Q program has been made available to the Barcaldine Regional Council (the council). The Minister has also written to your mayor about the W4Q program allocation.

The 2024-27 W4Q program budget has been increased to \$300 million, making it the largest round of the W4Q program to be rolled out. It will support councils to deliver infrastructure, maintenance and capital works projects that are focused on essential services and economic development outcomes. These projects are to be supported by documents which demonstrate the need for the project and will support the long-term sustainability.

Additionally, it is important to note that the 2024-27 W4Q program also allows councils to direct up to 20 per cent of their allocation towards planning projects, and up to five per cent of their allocation towards capability development projects.

The 2024-27 W4Q program guidelines are available on the department's website at: <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-councils/grants/current-programs/works-for-queensland-program>.

The council has until 5 July 2024 to provide its list of nominated projects for assessment and endorsement, with announcements expected from September 2024. Departmental officers from the Local Government Division will be in contact shortly to provide further information on the application process for the program.

The Head Funding Agreement executed by the council and the Queensland Government along with a specific 2024-27 W4Q Project Funding Schedule will govern the delivery of endorsed projects.

The council will have until 30 June 2027 to deliver endorsed projects.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Hannan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joshua Hannan  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Local Government Division**

**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING 19 JUNE 2024**  
**3. Email regarding changes to the value of a penalty unit.**

[REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 1:44 PM

Subject: Upcoming changes to the value of a penalty unit and the maximum interest rate on overdue rates and charges

[REDACTED]  
Good afternoon

I want to take this opportunity to update you on upcoming changes regarding the value of a penalty unit and the maximum interest rate which can be charged on overdue rates and charges.

**Value of a Penalty Unit**

The value of a penalty unit will increase to \$161.30 commencing from 1 July 2024.

This means that the value of a penalty unit for most offences under both state legislation and local laws will become \$161.30.

For more information regarding the value of a penalty unit, refer to <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/for-councils/laws/value-of-a-penalty-unit> or the department's internal portal for councils, *LG Central*.

**Maximum Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges**

From 1 July 2024, the new maximum interest rate of 12.35 per cent for overdue rates and charges for the 2024-25 financial year will apply. It is important to remember that councils must make a resolution at their budget meeting setting the actual rate to be charged.

You can find out more about the interest rate on overdue rates and charges via the department's website at: <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/local-government/finance/interest-rate-on-overdue-rates-and-charges> or the department's internal portal for councils, *LG Central*.

Regards

**Joshua Hannan**

Local Government Division

Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works

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**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING 19 JUNE 2024**

**4. Email regarding Financial Management Overview.**

Good morning,

On behalf of QTC, congratulations on your election to the position of Mayor.

At QTC we focus on the financial success of local government as an important part of the economic and financial performance of the State. We work with local governments, as well as Government Owned Corporations, State departments and agencies, statutory bodies as well some educational institutions. Our work spans many areas of financial services including borrowings, investments, foreign exchange and providing financial and commercial advice. We manage Queensland's borrowing program by raising funds with institutional investors in the domestic and global financial markets. We do this in the most cost-effective way to ensure the lowest possible borrowing costs for our various clients.

The attached pack—the Financial Management Overview for Local Government Councillors—provides you with an overview of QTC's services and capabilities and information regarding our loan and investment products, and financial services.

We trust these provide you with valuable insights on how QTC can support the financial objectives of the Council and the communities you serve.

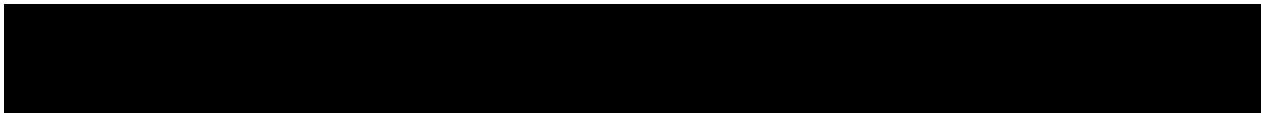
Please do not hesitate to contact the QTC Team if you or Council officers would like more information. We look forward to meeting you at upcoming local government industry events.

Thanks and regards,



**Leon Allen**

Chief Executive Officer  
Queensland Treasury Corporation





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Information current as at March 2024.

The information provided in these QTC product overviews has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs. Because of that, you should, before acting on the information, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. QTC regularly reviews its financial products and the information contained in these QTC product overviews is subject to change. QTC does not accept any liability or responsibility whatsoever for any loss incurred by the use or misuse of the information provided.



**Welcome and congratulations to all newly elected and returning local government members on the endorsement that you have received to be leaders in your communities.**

Queensland's local governments play a critical role in our communities and at QTC we focus on the financial success of the State. We work with the Queensland Government Owned Corporations, Departments and Statutory Bodies, including Local Governments and educational institutions. Our work spans all areas of financial business, including borrowings, investments, foreign exchange and providing financial and commercial advice. We manage the State's borrowing program by raising funds with institutional investors in the domestic and global financial markets. We do this in the most cost-effective way to ensure the lowest borrowing costs for our government clients.

QTC has worked closely with Local Governments for many years and we understand the challenges many face. We appreciate that the 77 councils are not all the same, and there isn't a one size fits all model. We are your financial partners and are keen to understand your individual businesses and see them succeed.

In recent times, we have worked closely with Local Governments on projects including the Business Improvement Program for regional councils, capability assessments, housing reviews and assisting with the review of the Federal Assistance Grants methodology arrangement just to name a few.

Working closely with councils, QTC has helped deliver positive community outcomes in a financially responsible way for many years and has a deep understanding of the unique demands of both urban and remote regional centres.

To assist you, QTC, in partnership with universities, offers a range of contemporary, cost effective workshops that cover subjects directly relevant to financial management in local government and the public sector, such as developing and evaluating business cases, project and asset management and service planning. We encourage you to take advantage of these services as they will assist you in achieving your objectives in service of your community.

Please do not hesitate to contact the QTC Team if you would like more information and they look forward to meeting you at upcoming local government industry events.



**Leon Allen**

Chief Executive Officer  
Queensland Treasury Corporation



## Key takeaways

- 1 Council's role and responsibility is enduring, please look beyond the immediate need and spend, and consider the long-term impacts when making financial decisions.
- 2 Long-term forecasting will help you manage the risk of uncertainty.
- 3 Don't be afraid to ask questions – there are no wrong questions.



This information sheet is a summary of the main points from the 30 minute “Financial Management Overview for Local Government Councillors” induction video. Access this video using either the QR code provided below or refer to the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Work’s (DHLGPPW) LG Central portal for more information.

### 1 Introduction

- The start of a new term provides an opportunity for new and returning Councillors to think strategically about the legacy that you will leave for your community.
- Strategic thinking requires long-term vision and planning.

### 2 Financial sustainability

- If you can understand how challenges affect your council you can adequately plan to mitigate the impact of them.
- Important to note that no one ratio paints the whole picture.
- Both quantitative and qualitative factors should be considered.

### 3 Financial statements

- Information in the financial statements is used to make financial, business and economic decisions by a range of stakeholders.
- There are three types of financial statements, including:
  - Statement of Comprehensive Income
  - Statement of Financial Position
  - Statement of Cash Flows
- Being able to read financial statements at a high-level and ask Council management any questions you may have is an important role for a Councillor.

### 4 Budget and long-term forecasts

- Forecasting can help your council manage the risk of uncertainty.
- Budget is short term – up to one year. A long-term forecast is for a period of at least 10 years.
- A budget is an outline of expectations for what a council wants to achieve for a particular period.
- Compare budget to what was actually achieved – identify and explain material variances.
- Looking at historical trends will help you understand whether the assumptions underlying the long-term forecast are reasonable.
- Important for Councillors to ask any questions of management.
- Important to have up-to-date asset management plans that form the basis of the capital expenditure forecast and support long-term forecasts.
- The initial cost of an asset is only one part of the total cost – consider the whole-of-life costs (ie, ongoing operating and maintenance, refurbishment, rehabilitation and disposal costs).

### 5 Learn more

- Login to the DHLGPPW LG Central portal to re-watch the Financial Management Overview module.
- Or, access the video using the QR code on the right.
- Visit [clients.qtc.com.au/education](https://clients.qtc.com.au/education) for more learning opportunities.



## Our mission

To protect and advance Queensland's financial interests

We combine our financial and commercial expertise with detailed knowledge of government priorities to provide tailored and sustainable advice and impactful outcomes for our clients.

### Advisory services

QTC is uniquely positioned to work with both State Government and Local Government to address sector-wide challenges and support sustainability.

The work is focused on finance and risk management.

Working in partnership with government across portfolio areas to support key priorities and address sector-wide challenges, QTC provides pragmatic advice to identify and analyse emerging issues, including:

- supporting complex issues and identifying future-focussed solutions through project management and risk analysis
- supporting the development of sustainable operating models, including operational and investment opportunities, and
- providing a diverse set of financial and commercial skills that complement government's expertise.

### Local government strategic themes

-  Financial Management
-  Risk Management
-  Asset Management
-  Project Delivery
-  Public Sector Governance

## QTC's Local Government services leverage an experienced team and a strong track record.

Government Owned Corporations, Health, Education and Justice, Industry, Investment and Commercial and **Local Government and Strategic Operations**—a dedicated team offering combined advisory, treasury management and education services



### Cash Management

Help manage clients' surplus cash

- QTC Cash Fund – strong relative returns for short term investments > 30 days
- Fixed Rate Deposits – provide certainty of return
- Working Capital Facility – Deficit and surplus facility to manage short term cash fluctuations



### Debt Management

Help manage clients' borrowings and interest rate risks

- Portfolio Linked Loans – for large borrowings
- Fixed Rate Loans – provide certainty
- Variable Rate Loans – provide flexibility



### Financial and Credit Analysis

Help clients understand their financial strengths and financing capabilities

- Credit assessment
- Borrowing Capacity Assessments
- Surplus Cash Analysis
- Financial forecasting
- Treasury policy reviews



### Foreign Exchange, Commodities and Green Bonds

- Help clients manage FX and commodity risks in a cost-effective manner
- Help clients identify and report assets eligible for QTC Green Bond issuance



### Education Services

Capability uplift training for new and returning elected members through an education program delivered in partnership with The University of Queensland.



### Economic research

Help clients and stakeholders understand the global and Australian economic and financial markets landscape



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## Portfolio Linked Loan

QTC's Portfolio Linked Loan is a low-cost loan for clients with large borrowing requirements. It provides the extra flexibility and transparency required to strategically align your interest rate risk objectives with business objectives and meet other specific needs. We construct a dedicated debt portfolio for you with particular financing instruments designed to meet your unique funding profile.

### Recommended for

#### Clients needing:

- Large borrowings (\$100 million+), between 12 months and into perpetuity
- A high level of cost certainty (with the ability to smooth exposure to the interest rate cycle)

### Key features

- Low cost loan
- Repayments can be principal and interest or interest only
- You can have more than one Portfolio Linked Loan
- The funding arrangements are regularly rebalanced to a target profile or modified duration (set by you)
- You provide a mandate for the management of your underlying portfolio

## Fixed Rate Loan

QTC's Fixed Rate Loan is designed to provide clients with increased cost certainty and more accurate budget forecasting for the life of the borrowings. You have the ability to fix your interest rate for a period of up to 10 years for interest only loans or 20 years for principal and interest loans.

### Recommended for

- Clients with borrowing requirements of more than 12 months
- Clients seeking greater interest rate security and certainty regarding future principal and interest repayments by reduced exposure to market fluctuations
- Suitable for local governments.

### Key features

- Interest rate and loan repayments are determined at start of loan, based on loan term and repayment profile

### Repayment terms

- Principal and interest
- Interest only with bullet payment, or
- Interest only for a set period then principal and interest to loan maturity
- Standard repayment frequency is quarterly in arrears

## Variable Rate Loan

QTC's Variable Rate Loan offers a variable interest rate, where the interest rate charged on the outstanding balance varies as market interest rates change.

### Recommended for

- Clients with borrowings wanting a variable rate exposure

### Key features

#### Maximum loan term

- 10 years (or evergreen by agreement)
- Loan term set when facility is established (in the case of multiple drawdowns eg, for a construction loan)

#### Repayment terms

- Repayment options are:
  - Interest only with bullet payment
  - Capitalised interest
- Principal repayments allowed

Information current as at 25 March, 2024.

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Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) helps government organisations innovate, transform and lead to advance Queensland's economic and financial position. As Queensland's central financing authority, QTC provides a range of investment and borrowing products to the State and its public sector entities, including local governments, that can be tailored to suit your needs. Contact your QTC representative for more information.

## Capital Guaranteed Cash Fund

QTC's Capital Guaranteed Cash Fund (Cash Fund) provides you with strong relative returns for short-term investments (greater than 30 days). We provide security from market volatility by guaranteeing 100 per cent of your capital invested in the Cash Fund\*, which ensures your deposits are preserved. Our experienced investment team actively manages the Cash Fund, monitoring the market to take advantage of investment opportunities as they arise.

The Cash Fund has consistently outperformed the sector benchmark, the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index.

### Strategy

The Cash Fund pools the deposits of all our clients and provides access to a wider range of investments than available to you individually. The resulting investment diversity reduces the risk associated with exposure to one investment or to a small group of investments. It also allows a significant proportion of funds to be invested in less-liquid but higher-yielding investments, which improves the overall return.

Typically, the Cash Fund invests in medium-term floating rate notes, discount securities and cash. The Cash Fund is invested in high quality investment grade short and long-term instruments.

### Recommended for

- Clients investing surpluses for terms greater than 30 days, yet requiring fast access to their funds if unexpected needs arise
- Clients seeking a strong relative return

### Key features

- Same day access to funds up to specified limits
- Capital guaranteed investment (including any capitalised interest)

## Fixed Rate Deposits

Our Fixed Rate Deposits allow you to invest funds at a fixed interest rate for an agreed term, depending on your needs and capacity to invest. Terms are generally between one month and three years. The facility offers competitive interest rates and market linked returns.

### Strategy

Leveraging the State of Queensland's strong credit rating and guarantee over our securities, Fixed Rate Deposits provide you with a high level of investment security as well as market-competitive interest rates.

A deposit can be redeemed prior to maturity subject to the prior written consent of QTC and the payment of any additional loss or costs incurred by QTC as the result of the early withdrawal.

### Recommended for

- Clients with longer-term cash surpluses that are unlikely to be required in the shorter term
- Local governments, government-owned corporations and other statutory authorities with surplus funds and an investment horizon of between one month and three years (subject to investment approvals)

### Key feature

- Known rate of return for a pre-specified period

\*Subject to QTC's Terms and Conditions.  
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## Working Capital Facility

Our Working Capital Facility combines a low-cost overdraft facility with an interest earning cash management facility, allowing you to manage short-term deficit and surplus balances through one account.

### Strategy

This facility is suitable for managing the timing and uncertainty of your cash flow receipts and payments, while assuring that any cash surpluses accrue interest. It also offers low cost of debt and same-day access to funds (subject to borrowing approvals).

### Recommended for

- Clients looking to manage cashflows over their operating cycle through borrowing funds or investing surpluses. It is suitable for local governments, government-owned corporations and statutory authorities

### Key feature

#### Maximum loan term

- Subject to regular review. The facility should not be used as a permanent source of borrowing



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## Foreign Exchange (FX) with QTC

### Providing access to wholesale market FX rates

QTC clients have access to exclusive FX rates with no wire or bank fees, via the QTC Dealing Desk or QTC's online FX platform powered by NAB. At QTC we focus on providing value, looking for new ways to save money and increase budget certainty for the State of Queensland.

### Identifying opportunities to save with FX in procurement

QTC has identified an easy way for Government entities to reduce costs and help achieve budget certainty within procurement. Recent QTC client case studies have found significant margins added into AUD pricing for goods sourced from overseas (including Australian resellers).

Contact QTC to find out more about wholesale rates and easily managing risk for tenders in a foreign currency.

### Specialised help for your needs through QTC's FX Dealing Desk

QTC is committed to making FX easy with a team of FX specialists available to help work out how much your organisation could save with our services. We offer complimentary margin analysis and demonstrations to step you through the benefits of our products and services.

### Simple and secure transactions with QTC FX Online

QTC FX Online powered by NAB makes FX easy, providing a secure and simple way to make international payments while delivering value for money on every transaction. With QTC FX, you can make FX payments to multiple suppliers and deal in over 35 currencies while also managing forward contract hedging online.

Reach out to our FX specialists on 07 3842 4733 or [fxdesk@qtc.com.au](mailto:fxdesk@qtc.com.au)

## Supporting Queensland's public sector through specialist development

For more than a decade, the QTC Education Program has delivered leading financial education and training courses to the Queensland public sector. In 2017, QTC joined forces with the University of Queensland Business School to expand and strengthen the QTC Education Program in an innovative education partnership.

The QTC Education Program delivers a range of benefits to the Queensland public sector, including access to:

- a suite of contemporary financial courses, contextualised for the Queensland public sector
- tailored courses, which can be delivered to any location across Queensland
- world-leading, industry-current facilitators
- specialist academic and program administration expertise

### Custom courses

Our courses complement our borrowing, investment and advisory services. They are tailored for the public sector and offer a unique whole-of-State overlay.

We can work with your organisation to develop and deliver high-impact, tailored training solutions and courses, which can be delivered in our Brisbane CBD venue or at your premises, anywhere in Queensland.

Topics include Central Treasury Management, Developing and Evaluating Business Cases, Foreign Exchange, Project and Change Management, as well as Financial Decision Making, Managing Assets and Funding and Investment Instruments for the Public Sector.

### Webinars

The QTC Education Program offers free live webinars exclusively to Queensland's public sector employees. Our webinars provide new learners a trial experience of our education offerings and returning learners the opportunity to expand on their existing knowledge.

Our webinars are also available later on-demand. Explore the wide range of free business, financial, asset, and treasury management webinars by visiting our website.

Visit [clients.qtc.com.au/education](https://clients.qtc.com.au/education) to enrol in courses, or learn more about our Education Program. Alternatively, contact our education team to discuss tailored course options.



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Specialist



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**JO EDMONDS**  
Manager



QTC works across the whole of government on a wide variety of projects. Our corporate advisors assist our Queensland public sector clients to identify and understand key value drivers to optimise services, performance and cost.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact your QTC representative.





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**5. Email regarding McArthur Local Government National Remuneration Report  
2023–2024.**

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 11:19 AM

**To:** Shane Gray <[Shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** McArthur Local Government National Remuneration Report 2023/24

*Dear Shane,*

*Thank you for your Council's participation in the 2023/2024 McArthur Local Government National Remuneration Survey. Your contribution has been invaluable in helping McArthur provide our 22<sup>nd</sup> National Local government Remuneration Report, sourced from 202 Councils across Australia and providing data for 12,503 positions.*

*We are delighted to provide your Council's complimentary copy of the survey and hope it can significantly contribute to your overall HR and business planning activities. As a genuine contribution to the Australian Local Government Sector, we are confident this report will provide a day to day reference for in-depth analysis of relevant and reliable quantitative national salary data.*

*We also encourage you to consider further targeted benchmarking services offered through our HR consulting team. Our McArthur HR Consulting team work closely with many Local Government Councils and their Executive teams across the country, delivering dependable remuneration data analysis specific to their unique requirements. If you are looking for additional tailored reports for your organisation's specific needs, please call our office today.*

*A growing number of Councils are now utilising our tailored remuneration analysis services to ensure:*

- Accurate, market-competitive reward and recognition structures*
- More effective sourcing and recruitment ROI*
- Informed and relevant retention strategies, and*
- Service Stability through growth and change.*

*If you would like to know more about how we can assist you reach out with an email or connect via our website at [Tailored HR Consulting Solutions by McArthur Talent Architects | McArthur](#)*

*Many thanks again for your contribution this year. Your ongoing commitment to our research is greatly appreciated and if you require any further information, please feel free to call or email me directly.*

**Warm regards**

*Sean*

**Sean Callanan**

General Manager

**Please note – survey document is 155 pages, please contact the Executive Support Coordinator if you would like a copy.**

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**6. Email regarding Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.**

[REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:00 AM

**To:** Shane Gray <[Shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:Shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Correspondence to Mr Shane Gray from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works Our ref: MBN24/44

[REDACTED]

Good morning

Please find attached correspondence from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

Kind regards

**Executive Services Unit**

Department of Housing, Local Government,  
Planning and Public Works



Our reference: MBN24/44



11 June 2024

Department of  
**Housing, Local Government,  
Planning and Public Works**

Mr Shane Gray  
Chief Executive Officer  
Barcaldine Regional Council  
shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Gray

I am writing to you about the recently announced 2024-28 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP), which will provide up to \$115 million to Queensland councils.

The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works, has recently announced the release of the program and has written to your Mayor.

The 2024-28 LGGSP will support councils to deliver priority infrastructure projects that support safe, liveable and prosperous local communities and sustainable councils, with \$10 million available for planning projects.

Councils are invited to submit applications for up to two infrastructure projects and one planning project using the eGrant portal for the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) by **9 August 2024**. For most projects, a subsidy of 60 per cent of the eligible project costs will be provided.

Under the 2024-28 LGGSP a two-stage application methodology will be used. This approach is focused on ensuring approved projects are best placed to be delivered on time and budget.

- Stage 1 applications will open on **12 June 2024** and are required to be submitted by **9 August 2024**.
- Successful Stage 1 infrastructure project applications will be granted in-principle approval and progress to Stage 2.
- Stage 2 applications provide councils with the opportunity to demonstrate that proposed projects can be successfully completed within the program funding period and on budget. Stage 2 applications can be submitted any time between late September 2024 and 31 May 2025.

More information on project eligibility and the project assessment process can be found in the 2024-28 LGGSP Guidelines available on the department's website at: [2024-28 LGGSP Funding Guidelines](#).

Councils are encouraged to consult with the department's regional advisor prior to submitting a project application.

The Head Funding Agreement executed by the council and the Queensland Government along with a specific 2024-28 LGGSP Project Funding Schedule will govern the delivery of endorsed projects. Council will have until 30 June 2028 to deliver the approved projects.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joshua Hannan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joshua Hannan  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Local Government Division**

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**7. Letter regarding Unsuccessful Application for Unallocated Water Release.**

Reference: 083/0030265  
Client Reference: 221196



Department of  
**Regional Development,  
Manufacturing and Water**  
7 June 2024

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Attn: Mr Shane Gray  
Chief Executive  
Officer 71 Ash Street  
**BARCALDINE QLD 4725**

Email: [shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:shaneg@barc.qld.gov.au)

Dear Mr Gray,

**Re: Unsuccessful Application - GABORA Western Queensland unallocated water release**

I refer to the application made by Barcaldine Regional Council on 1 April 2022 in respect to the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers (GABORA) Western Queensland unallocated water release, for a water licence with a maximum volume of 80 megalitres (ML) per annum from the Hutton Groundwater Unit Eromanga Hutton Sub-area of the Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017.

I am writing to notify you that your application has been **refused** based on the following findings:

The application does not satisfy the evaluation criterion outlined in the 'Terms of Sale' which relates to the 'protection of flows to groundwater-dependent ecosystems' under the GABORA Water Management Protocol.

- Chapter 3 of the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017 defines *proposed additional take*, as the proposed annual take of water, additional to any existing authorised take of water, in megalitres per water year, from a proposed location.

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At the point of take at either (GDA2020 Lat: -23.5588822; Long: 145.2787535 (RN69904)) or (GDA2020 Lat: -23.5566147; Long: 145.293222 (RN93744)), the cumulative drawdown on water levels for groundwater-dependent ecosystems exceeds the 400mm threshold when assessed for the minimum proposed additional take of 50ML.

The application does not satisfy the evaluation criterion outlined in the 'Terms of Sale' which relates to the 'protection of existing water licences and particular authorisations' under the GABORA Water Management Protocol.

- Chapter 4 of the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017 defines *proposed take*, in relation to a decision about a water licence, as the proposed annual take of water, including any currently granted take of water, in megalitres per water year, from a proposed location.

At the point of take at either location (GDA2020 Lat: -23.5588822; Long: 145.2787535 (RN69904)) or (GDA2020 Lat: -23.5566147; Long: 145.293222 (RN 93744)), the minimum separation distance required for the proposed take of 1440ML (1360ML to take under existing authorisations 622966 and 622967 plus applied maximum volume of 80ML) in the Eromanga Hutton would impact existing entitlement holders.

Should you wish to discuss the matters outlined in the letter further please contact the GAB UAW team on email [uaw.gabora@rdmw.qld.gov.au](mailto:uaw.gabora@rdmw.qld.gov.au) or by telephone 07 4529 1394.

Yours sincerely



Sam Tarlinton  
**Director, Monitoring and  
Compliance Water Resource  
Management  
North Region**

## Decision Notice

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### Granting of unallocated water from the General Reserve of the Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017

This Decision Notice is given in accordance with section 114(4)(c) and 114(5) of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act) in respect of the decision to grant a water licence under a process in a Plan or Regulation.

#### Background Matters

On 31 March 2022, the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water initiated the release of unallocated water from the general reserve of the Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017 totalling 4,545 megalitres (ML) in parts of the Cadna-owie, Hooray, Springbok Walloon, and Hutton groundwater areas underlying Western Queensland through a fixed price sale process.

Barcaldine Regional Council submitted an application on 1 April 2022 for a minimum volume of 50 megalitres and a maximum volume of 80 megalitres of water from the Eromanga Hutton groundwater subarea under Lot 80 on CP860113 and Lot 9 on RY182 for Irrigation, Industrial and Renewable Energy Purposes.

#### Decision

I am an officer of the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water delegated by the chief executive to exercise the power of the chief executive under section 114 of the Act. I have decided to REFUSE the above application and provide the following information about my decision.

#### Evidence or Other Material on Which Findings of Fact Were Made

In making findings of fact in relation to this decision, I considered the following evidence or other material:

- The *Water Act 2000*
  - Sections 40 and 114
- The Water Regulation 2016
  - Part 2, Division 2, Subdivision 2: Processes for releasing unallocated water
- The Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017
  - Part 4, Division 2, Subdivision 2: Processes for releasing unallocated Water
- Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017
  - Chapter 3: Protection of flows to Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems
  - Chapter 4: Protection of Existing Licences and particular authorisation
- Queensland Globe
- Terms of Sale – Fixed Price Unallocated Water Release: Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other regional Aquifers) 2017 – Western Queensland groundwater unit area. Dated December 2021.
- The departmental assessment completed on 31 January 2024.
- Queensland Government Native Title Work Procedures Annexure 7.1
- *Human Rights Act 2019*.

## Findings on Material Questions of Fact

My findings of fact in this matter are:

- The application was made 1 April 2022 and was considered conforming under Section 1.6, Schedules 2 and 3 of the Terms of Sale.
- In accordance with the Terms of Sale, the availability of water within a given aquifer was considered. There is a sufficient volume of unallocated water remaining in the Eromanga Hutton Groundwater Sub-area to grant the maximum volume of 80 ML stated in the application.
- The application does not satisfy the criteria of the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017, Chapter 3 – Protection of flows to groundwater-dependent ecosystems.
- Chapter 3 of the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017 defines *proposed additional take*, as the proposed annual take of water, additional to any existing authorised take of water, in megalitres per water year, from a proposed location.
- At the assessed point of take (GDA2020 Lat: -24.8812245 Long: 145.9005995 (RN50344)), the cumulative drawdown for springs in the Hutton groundwater unit Eromanga Hutton Sub-area exceeds 400mm for the minimum applied *proposed additional take* of 50 ML.
- The application does not satisfy the criteria of the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017, Chapter 4 – Protection of existing licences and particular authorisations.
- Chapter 4 of the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017 defines *proposed take*, in relation to a decision about a water licence, as the proposed annual take of water, including any currently granted take of water, in megalitres per water year, from a proposed location.
- The minimum separation distance required for the *proposed take* of 1440ML (1360ML to take under existing authorisations 622967 and 622966 plus maximum volume applied of 80ML) in the Eromanga Hutton from either proposed location would impact existing entitlement holders.

## Reasons for the Decision

Having regard to the material and findings referred to above, I have decided to refuse the granting of this authority, in accordance with the requirements of the *Water Act 2000* and the *Water Plan (Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers) 2017*.

The reasons for my decision are:

- The application was conforming with the requirements outlined in the Terms of Sale.
- The application did not satisfy the criteria under Chapter 3 - Protection of flows to groundwater-dependent ecosystems in the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017.
- The application did not satisfy the criteria under Chapter 4 - Protection of existing licences and particular authorisations in the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Management Protocol 2017.



Sam Tarlinton  
**Director, Monitoring and Compliance**  
**Water Resource Management**  
**North Region**



**BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.5.2  
**Subject Heading:** Planning and Development Report  
Author and Title: Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the monthly Planning and Development Report.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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**Background**

The planning and development report for the month consists of two elements:

1. A list of town planning, building, water and sewerage applications.
2. A report from Council's town planners – Reel Planning.

The full details of development applications are available on Council's website.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

We will have a safe, engaged, proud and performing council and workforce that is inclusive, innovative, ethical and trusted by all levels of government.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Reel Planning

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

- Planning fees received
- Assessment costs.

**Risk Management Implications**

Low risk – information report only

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications - Nil**

**Summary list of town planning, building, water and sewerage applications.**

Date		Fees	Development Type	Development Detail	Value of work	Location	
17.04.2024	C/F	\$35,579.79			\$3,337,102.00		
12.12.2023		\$85.00	Building	Dwelling	\$1,500,000.00	Barcaldine	
15.03.2024		\$792.00	Building	Shed	\$15,000.00	Barcaldine	
12.04.2024		\$85.00	Building	Re-Roofing	\$92,863.87	Muttaburra	
22.04.2024		\$0.00	Building	Carport (LG)	\$15,000.00	Barcaldine	
23.04.2024		\$85.00	Building	Replacement Stewards Tower	\$328,203.00	Barcaldine	
29.04.2024		\$85.00	Building	Restumping of Dwelling & Carport	\$10,900.00	Barcaldine	
16.05.2024		\$408.00	Plumbing	Plumbing for Dwelling	\$0.00	Barcaldine	
03.06.2024		\$2,254.00	Building	Restumping of Dwelling	\$8,760.00	Barcaldine	
		<b>\$39,373.79</b>	<b>17 April 2024 to 11 June 2024</b>			<b>\$5,307,828.87</b>	
		\$52,587.50	2022-23 Financial Year			\$2,316,652.00	
		\$45,692.00	2021-22 Financial Year			\$4,215,938.78	
			2020-21 Financial Year			\$3,639,135.00	
			2019-20 Financial Year			\$5,454,721.91	
			2018-19 Financial Year			\$2,220,655.58	

## MONTHLY REPORT (MAY 2024)

This information report provides a monthly update on the planning services that Council provides to support planning and development activity across the local government area.

### 1. DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

No new applications have been received since the last monthly report. One application is currently under assessment.

1.1	Council reference:	DA592223
	Application:	Development Application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use - Service Station
	Property description:	270 Ballyneety Road, Aramac and formally described as Lot 3 on SP335304
	Day application was made:	6 June 2023
	Category of assessment:	Code
	Public notification be required:	No
	Applicant:	Noel Nicholas Dickson
	Status:	Not properly made

An application has been made by Noel Nicholas Dickson for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Service Station over land at 270 Ballyneety Road, Aramac (Lot 3 on SP335304).

The proposal involves an existing unmanned fuel pod that dispenses both diesel and unleaded petrol. The unmanned fuel pod is located between the 'The Lake' camping area and the Ballyneety road reserve.

The site is in the Rural Zone, within which the proposed Service Station, where the total use area is below 150m<sup>2</sup>, is subject to Code assessment and therefore will not require public notification.

The application is not considered properly made, as it is unclear from the application material whether the fuel pod is located in the road reserve or on the applicant's lot. Council is awaiting a response from the applicant regarding the location of the fuel pod.

The following customer requests were received since the last monthly report:

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
14/05/24	Landowner	<u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding an extension to a dwelling house.  <u>Planning details</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The site is in the Township zone</li><li>The site is affected by the Flood hazard overlay.</li></ul>	Closed

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The building work is assessable against the planning scheme due to the site being affected by the flood overlay</li> <li>• The extensions will need to be 600mm above the flood level</li> <li>• A Code assessable development application will need to be lodged with Council.</li> </ul>	
23/05/24	Business operator	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding converting an existing shop into a café.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is in the Township zone</li> <li>• The site is affected by the Flood hazard overlay</li> <li>• The proposal only involves minor internal building work.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A café is defined as a Food and drink outlet</li> <li>• Converting the use from a Shop to a Food and drink outlet is classified as a Material change of use</li> <li>• Due to the minor nature of the works, Council may be able to consider an exemption certificate.</li> </ul>	Closed
23/05/24	Business operator	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding establishing a new café.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is in the Township zone.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the proposal can comply with the Home-based business use code it will be accepted development</li> <li>• Accepted development means a development application is not required</li> <li>• Where not able to comply with the Home-based business use code, the use will be defined as a Food and drink outlet</li> </ul>	Closed

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Food and drink outlet is Code assessable in the Township zone</li> <li>• A Code assessable development application would need to be lodged with Council.</li> </ul>	
23/05/24	Landowner	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding converting an existing building into a café/tourist centre.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is in the Commercial precinct of the Township zone.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where involving the reuse of an existing building and not involving more than minor building work would be accepted development and not require an approval for the following uses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shop</li> <li>○ Food and drink outlet (café)</li> <li>○ Tourist attraction</li> <li>○ Office</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As the proposal is likely to be considered one of the above uses, a development approval is not required.</li> </ul>	Closed
23/05/24	Business operator	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding establishing a self-storage business.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is in the Industrial precinct of the Township zone.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-storage is defined as a Warehouse</li> <li>• A Warehouse is Code assessable where not being carried out in an existing building</li> <li>• A Code assessable development application will need to be lodged with Council.</li> </ul>	Closed
29/05/24	Perspective purchaser	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding establishing a service station.</p>	Closed



PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A specific site has not been selected.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting a new service station is known as a material change of use</li> <li>• A material change of use requires the lodgement of a development application with Council for assessment</li> <li>• A service station is subject to Code assessment in both the Township zone and the Industrial precinct</li> <li>• Code assessment is the lowest level of assessment and generally supportable where meeting the relevant codes</li> <li>• The proposal should demonstrate it is serving a local need and that it will not impact on local amenity (noise, lighting, odour, traffic etc.).</li> </ul>	
31/05/24	Landowner	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u></p> <p>Council received a request regarding caring for several dogs on a site.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is in the Township zone.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the dogs are owned by the landowner, then it would not be defined as Animal keeping</li> <li>• As the proposal is not for Animal keeping, a development application is not required</li> <li>• A local law approval or licence may be required.</li> </ul>	Closed
04/06/24	Landowner	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u></p> <p>Council received a request regarding realigning boundaries.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The site is in the Township zone</li> <li>• The site adjoins a State-controlled road.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realigning boundaries is defined as reconfiguring a lot</li> </ul>	Closed

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconfiguring a lot in the Township zone is subject to Code assessment</li> <li>A Code assessable application will be required to be lodged with Council</li> <li>Referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency will not be required provided the total number of lots does not increase and there is no new or changed access to the State-controlled road.</li> </ul>	
05/06/24	Private entity	<p><u>Details of Enquiry</u> Council received a request regarding establishing various charging stations.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various sites are being considered.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice given</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A charging station is not considered to be building work or a material change of use, therefore not being captured by the planning scheme</li> <li>The location of any charging station should take the flood hazard overlay into account.</li> </ul>	Closed
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Nil			
SURVEY PLAN APPROVALS			
Nil			



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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.5.3**  
**Subject Heading: Workplace Health and Safety Report**  
 Author and Title: Monica Ferreira, Administrative Support  
 Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Work Health and Safety Administration Support Officer, presenting a report on Council's Work Health and Safety.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

**Background**

The table and associated graphs below represent Barcaldine Regional Council incidents involving injuries to personnel reported from 1 July 2023 through to the most recent reported incident date.

The correlated data indicates that across the region, body stressing has been the major contributor of injuries to employees, followed by being hit by moving objects. The Workplace Health and Safety Department is working closely with Departmental Leaders, Managers and Supervisors to bring awareness of manual handling requirements to their workers through prestart conversations and during task allocation.

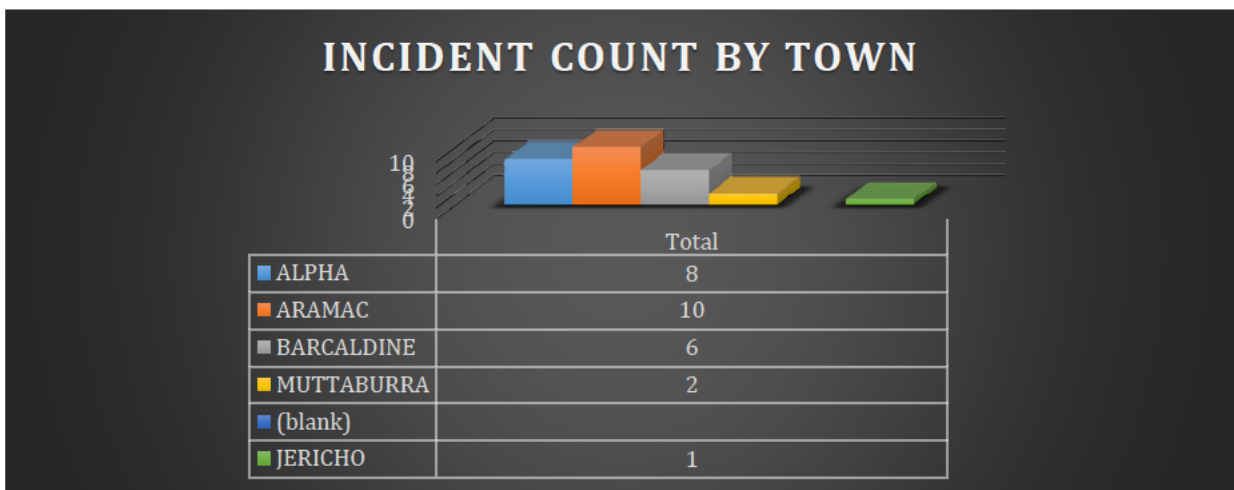
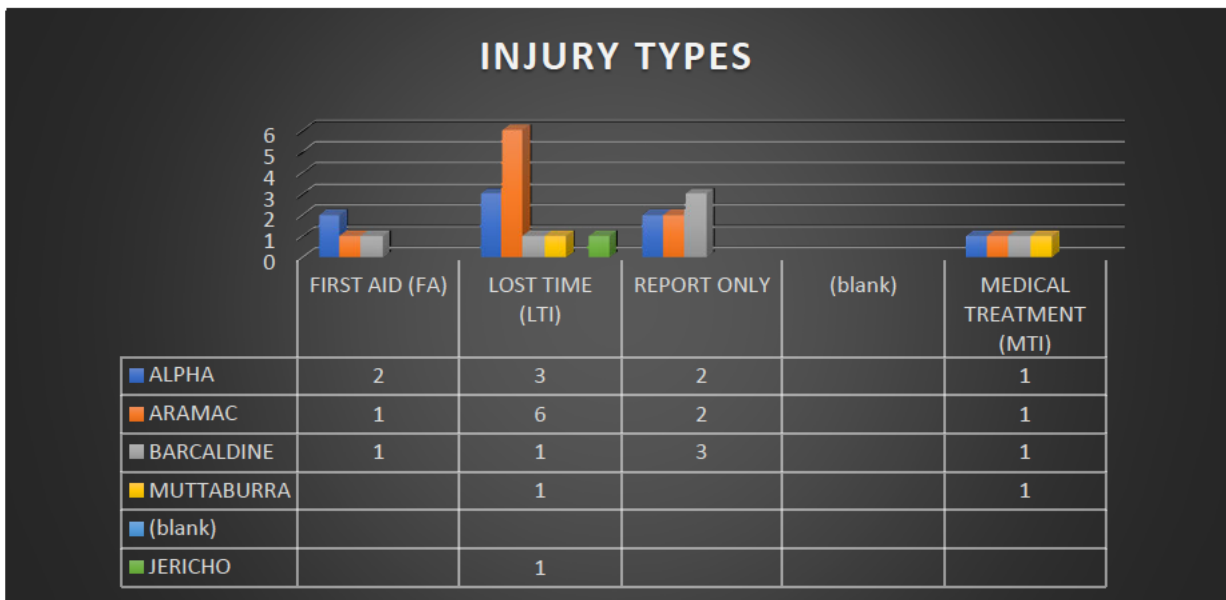
**Personnel incidents reported 01/07/2023 – 07/06/2024**

Date	Location	Outcomes	Injury Type
20/05/2024	Barcaldine	Injury	Report Only
10/05/2024	Alpha	Injury	Medical Treatment
09/05/2024	Aramac	Injury	Medical Treatment
01/05/2024	Aramac	Injury	Report Only
29/04/2024	Barcaldine	Injury	Medical Treatment
24/04/2024	Alpha	Non-Injury	Report Only
03/04/2024	Barcaldine	Injury	Lost Time incident
20/03/2024	Aramac	Injury	Lost Time Incident
19/03/2024	Barcaldine	Injury	Lost Time Incident
19/03/2024	Muttaborra	Injury	Medical Treatment
11/03/2024	Jericho	Non-Injury	Report Only
04/03/2024	Jericho	Injury	Lost Time Incident
15/02/2024	Aramac	Injury	Lost Time Incident
05/02/2024	Alpha	Injury	First Aid
29/01/2024	Aramac	Injury	Lost Time Incident
29/01/2024	Aramac	Injury	First Aid
24/01/2024	Aramac	Non-Injury	Report Only
22/01/2024	Aramac	Injury	Lost Time Incident

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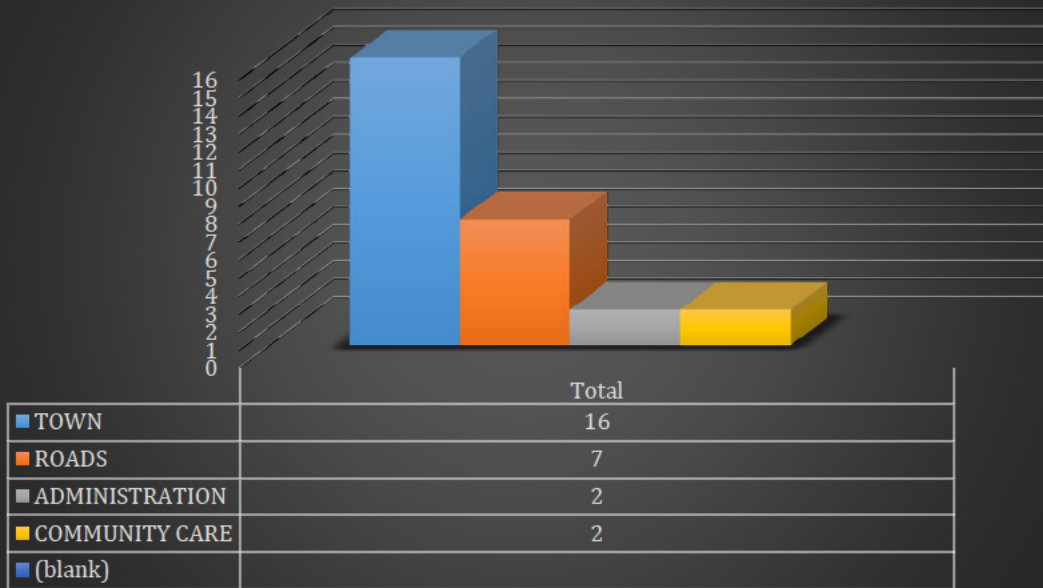
18/01/2024	Alpha	Injury	Report Only
12/12/2023	Barcaldine	Injury	Report Only
08/11/2023	Aramac	Injury	Lost Time Incident
03/11/2023	Barcaldine	Injury	Lost Time Incident
25/10/2023	Alpha	Injury	Lost Time Incident
28/09/2023	Aramac	Injury	Report Only
29/08/2023	Aramac	Injury	Lost Time Incident
18/08/2023	Alpha	Injury	Report Only
01/08/2023	Muttaborra	Injury	Lost Time Incident
31/07/2023	Barcaldine	Injury	First Aid
18/07/2023	Barcaldine	Injury	Report Only
07/07/2023	Alpha	Injury	First Aid

**Incident graph 01/07/2023 – 07/06/2024**



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**INCIDENT DEPARTMENTS**



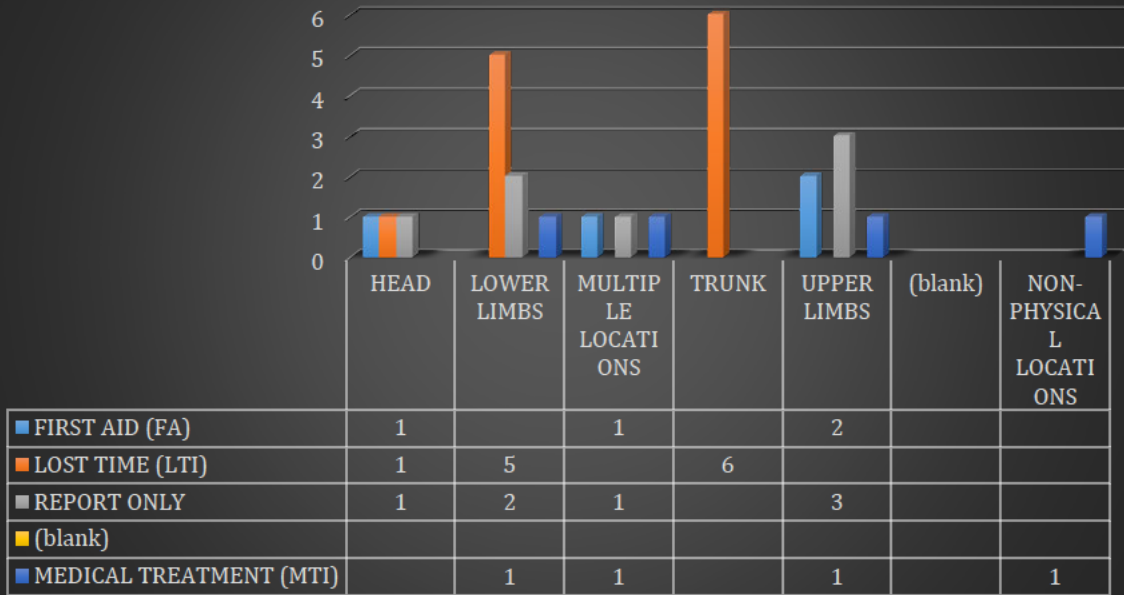
**INCIDENT MECHANISM**

Mechanism	Total
Body Stressing	12
Falls, Trips And Slips Of A Person	4
Being Hit By Moving Objects	3
Being trapped between stationary and moving objects	1
Being bitten by an animal	1
Mental Stress	1
Chemicals And Other Substances	1
Drowning/immersion	1
Falls from a height	1
Hitting moving objects	1
Insect and spider bites and stings	1
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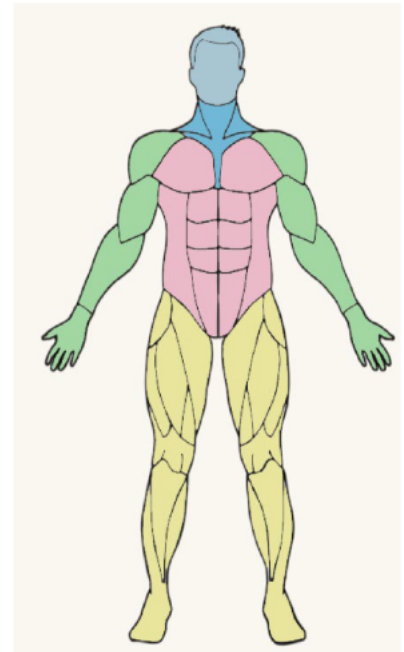
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**INJURIES BY BODY LOCATION**



**Injuries by body location**

HEAD	3
NECK	0
TRUNK	6
UPPER LIMBS	6
LOWER LIMBS	8
MULTIPLE LOCATIONS	3



The Workplace Health and Safety Department just completed the external audit and awaiting the report. The Department will continue to visit various facilities, update registers, as well as undertake inspections of all sites.

The Work Health and Safety Team continues to provide support to workers and officers; through communication, mentoring, guidance and advice.

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Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Leadership Team
- Workers

**Policy Implications**

Implementation of Council Safety Management System documentation

**Budget and Resource Implications**

- \* Insurance claims
- \* Lost time injuries – Workers Compensation

**Risk Implications**

No major incidents

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.5.4**  
**Subject Heading: Environmental Health Officer Report**  
Author and Title: Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling the Environmental Health Officer Report for Councillor Information.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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**All Council areas:**

- Draft Food Business Application Form sent to all Council areas for editing and approval - ongoing
- Draft Temporary Food Business Application Form - editing stage
- Draft Caravan Park Inspection Proforma - editing stage
- Inquiry sent to all Councils regarding public pool water testing, referencing: Subordinate Local Laws 1, Prescribed Activity/s.

**Instrument of appointment:**

- Completed: Blackall, Barcaldine, Longreach, Winton and Barcoo
- Requires signature: Boulia
- Waiting on reply: Diamantina.

**Other Actions/Tasks:**

- Organised personal computer files for job tasks - completed
- Revising Food Business Application Form - completed and waiting on approval
- Revising Food Business Inspection Form - completed.

**Food Premises**

**Blackall:**

- Food Safety Program assessment, as part of application - complete
- Food Safety Inspections were carried out, minor issues were noted and raised with operators
- Edited Food Business Application Form - completed and approved
- Emails and phone consultation
- Food Business Application assessment.

**Barcaldine:**

- Phone calls/emails
- Food Business Applications assessments
- Conducted inspections of Food Business, minor issues were noted and raised with operators - ongoing

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- Assessed and approved Temporary Food Licenses
- Edited Inspection Proforma - current
- Information/letter – Operating Without a Food License
- Emails and phone consultation.

**Diamantina:**

- Advice given regarding food related information document
- Assessed and approved Temporary Food Licenses
- Information/letter – Operating Without a Food License
- Emails and phone consultation.

**Barcoo:**

- Edited Inspection Proforma - current
- Food Business Application Proforma - edited and approved.

**Longreach:**

- Emails and phone consultation
- Edited Inspection Proforma - current
- Food Business Applications assessments
- Conducted inspections of Food Business, minor issues were noted and raised with operators - ongoing
- Complaint
- Phone calls/emails.

**Boulia:** Emails – food business related.

**Winton:** Food Business Application Proforma - edited and approved.

**Local Laws**

**Blackall:**

- Commercial Use of Roads (risk assessment and approvals)
- Overgrown allotment assessments.

**Barcaldine:** Accommodation discussion – ongoing.

**Environmental Management/Public Health**

**Blackall:**

- Information request sent to D.E.S. regarding resources for waste facilities. Response received: link to grants, no grants currently available, no resources available.
- Asbestos factsheet – draft stage (will be used for all Councils).

**Barcaldine:** Complaint – accommodation related. (*Public Health Act* was the most relevant legislation).

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**Boulia:** Disaster Management Meeting.

**Waste Management**

**Barcardine:** Landfill site – estimated site, life span calculation method – information only.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

- Environmental Health Officer
- Remote Area Planning and Development Board

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Low risk – information report only

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil



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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.5.5**  
**Subject Heading: Economic Development Report**  
Author and Title: Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Chief executive Officer, tabling the monthly Economic Development Report.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

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**Background**

The monthly progress report on the economic development projects that Council is pursuing is attached below.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 4: Economy

**Consultation (Internal/External)**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Remote Area Planning and Development Board Senior Regional Development Manager

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

As per budget

**Risk Management Implications**

- Low risk that developments do not meet community expectations
- Moderate risk that developments do not receive funding

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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**Economic Development**  
**June 2024**

**Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone (BREZ)**

- State Government approval from Treasury for Barcaldine Regional Council (BRC) to purchase the land has been received
- Professor Ross Garnaut attended the May Day Celebrations
- Draft funding agreement is being finalised with State Government
- Trunk infrastructure work aiming to begin later in 2024.

Background

- BREZ is a renewable energy precinct being developed in Barcaldine
- Partnership between BRC and Zen Energy (nee Sunshot Energy) through Professor Ross Garnaut, more information on Ross can be found here: <https://www.rossgarnaut.com.au/>
- Project received \$7M in state funding for trunk infrastructure in 2023, more information on the funding announcement can be found here: <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/98543> and here: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-19/barcaldine-renewable-energy-zone-ready-to-build/102491746>
- If any councilors would like more information, please contact me and I can forward.

**Remote Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) Power Grid (RPG)**

- RAPAD continues to discuss a funding submission to the Queensland Department of Energy and Clean Energy Jobs for initial works to be undertaken for IAS and other works.
- RAPAD lead; with members of VisIR, Queensland Government and other leading energy companies undertook a mission to the USA in May to investigate and learn from how the decarbonisation transition is occurring in the USA, specifically Texas and Nevada; which have similar climate, geography and politics, so lessons for communities can be brought back to maximise the benefit to the central west. Final report will be available mid-June. If council would like me to come and provide more information to them, happy to, please let me know when.

Background

- RAPAD councils have identified the transition to a diversified economy as a potential economic enabler for the region.
- Central Western Queensland has a comparative advantage in the production of traditional and new/renewable energy with existing projects such as the BREZ, RAPAD Power Grid, upcoming RAB project, the enabling role of the government-owned Barcaldine power station and the regions "almost infinite solar resources" highlighted

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in the recent State Government Supergrid Infrastructure Blueprint.

- RAPAD approached Joseph and John O'Brien, founders of VisIR in early 2023 to discuss and validate how best the central west could benefit from the decarbonisation transition currently underway in Queensland. For noting, Visir was approached as they founded and developed the \$5 billion CopperString 2023 transmission network that will extend approx. 1000km from Townsville to Mount Isa: <https://www.powerlink.com.au/projects/copperstring-2032>.
- The opportunity for Barcaldine and the central west is the large comparative advantage it offers through the provision of vast clean energy opportunities as well as the BREZ development currently underway. RPG will complement the BREZ development, not compete with it by providing it to increase in scale.
- RPG aims to provide 930km of transmission infrastructure from Hughenden to Barcaldine to Gladstone.
- Joseph and John O'Brien have visited Barcaldine and the region several times in 2023 and 2024 discussing the project with landholders, Indigenous groups and council.
- Project is likely to take 4–5 years to deliver, noting it is in year one currently.
- RAPAD, BRC, VisIR Memorandum of Understanding announced RAPAD Power Grid in late 2023: <https://rapad.com.au/publications/councils-partner-on-900km-western-power-grid-to-secure-clean-energy-jobs-and-growth/>.
- More information can be found here: <https://rapad.com.au/publications/rapad-power-grid-overview/> and here: <https://www.rapadpowergrid.com.au/>.
- Of key importance to this projects' success is to ensure we understand how our region and its communities can best benefit from their delivery, projects aim is to deliver long term sustainable social and economic benefits to the region.

As always happy to come and brief council on any matters they wish or have raised.

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.6.1  
**Subject Heading:** Mayor's Information Report  
 Author and Title: Councillor Rob Chandler, Mayor  
 Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Mayor, tabling his information report to Council.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

TOPIC	ACTIVITY
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Special Council</li> <li>• Regional Area Planning and Development Power Grid</li> <li>• Regional Area Planning and Development Board</li> <li>• Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone</li> <li>• Qld Beef Corridors</li> <li>• Qld Reconstruction Authority</li> <li>• Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive</li> <li>• Remote Employment Services Qld</li> <li>• Drive Inland Videos</li> <li>• Outback Trailblazer</li> <li>• Local Authority Waste Management Action Committee</li> </ul>
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civic Leaders Summit</li> <li>• 60 &amp; Better lunch to acknowledge thirty years</li> <li>• 100 Year Commemoration of the Barcaldine Clock</li> </ul>
Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works – Local Government Division – Induction</li> <li>• Three Budget</li> <li>• Qld Treasury Corporation Induction</li> </ul>

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE		
DATE	RECIPIENT	SUBJECT
14 June 2024	Mr Jack Bennett	90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Invitation

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Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

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**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Low

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil



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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.6.2**  
**Subject Heading: Chief Executive Officer’s Information Report**  
 Author and Title: Shane Gray, Chief Executive Officer  
 Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer, tabling his information Report to Council.*

**Officer’s Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

Councillor Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget workshops for 2024-25.</li> <li>• Information sessions on Projects, Funding and Operations.</li> <li>• Enterprise Risk Management review and organisational health check update.</li> </ul>
Barcaldine Renewable Energy Zone (BREZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing options discussions with government departments.</li> <li>• Monthly updates: Department, Council and Zen/SunShot.</li> <li>• Ongoing discussions with legal advisors, Town Planners and Surveyors.</li> </ul>
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qld Beef Corridors (Beef Road) associated Steering Committee (QBCC) Councils: Isaac, Central Highlands, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Banana. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to represent QBCC on panel for selection of contractor for project.</li> <li>• CEO responding to Regulator on findings and compliance issues.</li> <li>• Meeting with Department of Transport and Main Roads: various projects; including Barcaldine-Aramac Road, Beef Roads, Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC), Traffic Advisory Group.</li> <li>• Ongoing Work Health and Safety (WHS) Qld reporting.</li> <li>• LGW WHS audit and close out meeting.</li> <li>• The Department of Environment officers visited the Sewage Treatment Plant and Landfill sites to follow up on progress.</li> </ul>
Councils Safety Management Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing with implementation of WHS management system – ongoing.</li> <li>• Incident reviews and reporting requirements.</li> <li>• External LGW Audit completed 7 June with report due in coming weeks. Auditor was supportive of the documentation and the implementation of the Safety Management System.</li> <li>• Compliance checks including updating Tag and Test, Verification of Competencies, First Aid etc.</li> <li>• Health and Safety Representative meeting.</li> </ul>

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Human Resources and Change Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council continues recruiting with advertising across various platforms, housing remains an ongoing challenge.</li> <li>• Training and development opportunities ongoing.</li> <li>• Staff reviews completed.</li> <li>• Interim Director of Works, Mr Lee Busby commences on Monday 17 June 2024. The Director of Works position will be advertised in the coming months.</li> </ul>
Refuse Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transition to Barcaldine new landfill continues.</li> <li>• Fence installation at Barcaldine Landfill completed.</li> <li>• All landfills being monitored.</li> </ul>
Operational Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visits to Aramac, Muttaborra, Alpha and Barcaldine offices and depots.</li> <li>• Street Sweeper, scheduled service plan developed for towns. Notices to be included in Gazette to inform residents.</li> <li>• Road condition monitoring using RACAS ongoing.</li> <li>• Work crews active: maintenance, flood damage, RMPC and Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme.</li> <li>• Staff training opportunities continue, operational and strategic.</li> </ul>
Business Improvement Planning Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councils Corporate Risk and Business Improvement presented to Councillor Workshop.</li> <li>• Organisational review/health check updated and approved, including training and information sessions for Council and staff.</li> <li>• Review of reporting templates and internal checks as per the Health Check Review.</li> <li>• Staff Project Management training completed.</li> <li>• Improved Software for Community Care Services implemented.</li> </ul>

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Nil

**Policy Implications - Nil**

**Budget and Resource Implications - Nil**

**Risk Management Implications - Information report only**

**Asset Management Implications - Nil**

**Legal Implications - Nil**

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.6.3**  
**Subject Heading: Alpha/Jericho District Report**  
 Author and Title: Karyn Coomber, District Manager  
 Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month, in and around the Alpha and Jericho District.*

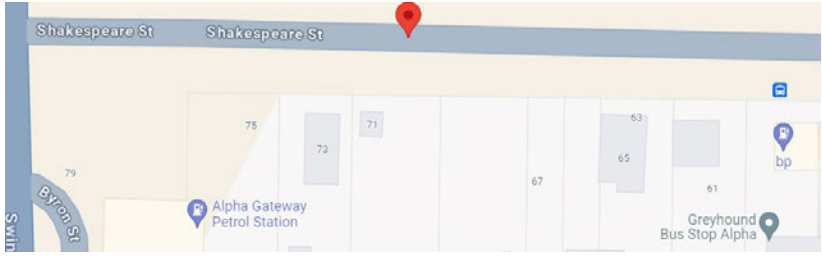
**Officer’s Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

**Background**

This report has been prepared for the purpose of providing Councillors and the community with a summary of the operational activity currently across our region. This report focuses on the area of Alpha and Jericho. Please see the table below for key activities that have occurred, in progress or now complete.

<b>Community Events, Donations and Support</b>	
Alpha State School	Presented prizes from the recent arts competition at the school parade.
Jericho Tourism	RA62202324 – Jericho Tourism. Support by way of a fee waiver for the operation of the Jericho Drive-in. Total value: \$86.00.
Alpha Netball Association	RA57202324 – Alpha Netball Association. Ready Set Go Program, fee waiver. Total value: \$400.00. Assessment criteria score: 75.
<b>Project Management</b>	
Light Upgrade Alpha Showgrounds	The upgrade to the lights at Alpha Showground was completed on Sunday 26 May. I attended the testing of the lights which have made a huge difference to the arena. The contractor has provided the handover documents and recommended that the light-emitting diode drivers located at the bottom of each pole be added to the Barcaldine Regional Council Flood Plan.
Alpha Cemetery Fencing	The Alpha Cemetery fencing has been completed.
Settlers Park Shade Sails	Shade and Sail have advised that they are endeavouring to install the replacement shade sails over both the Skate Park and Playground by Friday 21 June.
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station	NRMA reviewed four possible sites in Alpha to install an EV Charging Station. The Senior Works Supervisor and I made them aware of the potential flood issues at three of the four sites. Since the initial meeting, they have advised that their preference would be the road reserve on Shakespeare Street outlined below: Shakespeare Street Road Reserve Alpha QLD 4724 (Council)

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	<p>  <a href="#">4 Shakespeare St - Google Maps</a></p>  <p>They advised the next steps for them will be reviewing any design hurdles that they will need to overcome but they believe this site to be the most appropriate. They will then begin producing engineering reports, reviewing them against their internal hurdles (flood zone), complete and send across site concept plans and issue a Letter of Intent.</p>
<p>Jericho Automated Teller Machine (ATM)</p>	<p>Update to status of ATM at Jericho:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10/06/24 - Armaguard conducting Site Risk Assessment and collecting empty cash cassettes</li> <li>• 13/06/24 - Armaguard installing Cencon Lock</li> <li>• 24/06/24 - ATM will be cashed.</li> </ul> <p>Once cashed, NEXT will conduct final checks and confirm ATM is fully functional and ready for use.</p>
<p>Alpha Daycare Centre</p>	<p>The Expression of Interest/Tender has been advertised for the Alpha Daycare facility. Applications close Tuesday 16 July. I have been contacted by one potential company for further information.</p>
<p>Jericho State School</p>	<p>Special Report.</p>
<p>Alpha and Jericho Pool Leases</p>	<p>Special Report.</p>
<p>Budget Workshop – Question On Notice (Councillor Gleeson)</p>	<p>The budget request of \$50k for the renewal/upgrade to the Alpha Dip yards. There is enough steel to cover an area of 58m long by 19m deep. The budget request will cover labour costs to install the new steel rails (\$30k) and incidental costs (\$20k) that might arise. Incidental costs would be placing the troughs that are in the yards onto cement platforms to assist in the cleaning process. Once that area is completed, there would still be an area 58m by 13m of wooden yards to be replaced with steel, that would be the last of the wooden yards. Materials to finish this area would cost \$31,000 – this figure is based on the latest costings we have. Labour roughly \$30,000; total \$61,000. This is not in the current budget however, if it was to be completed at the same time the labour costs would decrease.</p>

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<b>Operational Management</b>	
Alpha Cultural Group Councillor Howard Question On Notice	Met with the ladies at 'The Hut' and in consultation with them, we will connect the rainwater tank to the sink and complete the plumbing works. Agreed at this stage not to install a hot water system due to the small amount of use it would currently have.
Rural Lands Officer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional 1080 baiting finished until October, 38 properties baited - mainly pig baits as landholders reporting plenty of dogs and pigs. 3,200kg meat baited, a few scalps coming in.</li> <li>• Dingo DNA sent away to researcher.</li> <li>• Local Government Association of Qld forum attended in Blackall.</li> <li>• Dip/scratch cattle, spraying of a handful of horses.</li> <li>• Airport checks at Alpha and Jericho.</li> <li>• Mowing of overgrown allotments on due entry notices.</li> <li>• Two wandering dog notices and registering of dogs letters sent.</li> <li>• Currently updating Stock Route Policy and Town Common Policy.</li> <li>• January to December 2023 numbers, total cattle: 8,725 head scratched and dipped. 67 horses sprayed and cleared.</li> <li>• January to 31 May 2024 cattle numbers: 2,558 scratched and dipped and six horses sprayed and cleared.</li> <li>• 2000 head of cattle to do in the next 10 days.</li> </ul>
Town Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alpha cemetery fence has been completed.</li> <li>• Installation of new garden beds at the Alpha cemetery.</li> <li>• Painted tables and chairs at Redbank.</li> <li>• Cleaned up trees from gutter edging in both Alpha and Jericho township in readiness for the Street Sweeper.</li> <li>• Mowing of overgrown allotments in Alpha.</li> <li>• Fresh edging around Chessboard and repairs to cracked tiles.</li> <li>• Alpha Show – ensuring grounds were in good condition.</li> <li>• Commenced Water Meter Reading for Alpha and Jericho.</li> </ul>
<b>Meetings/Trainings</b>	
Alpha Tourism	Attended the Alpha Tourism monthly meeting.
Arvin Brdarevic – NRMA	Reviewing possible sites in Alpha for EV Charging Station.
Vanessa Suthers – Qld Rail	Review expired lease – Alpha Beautification Corridor.
Local Government Managers	Community Services Village Exchange.



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Australia (LGMA) Webinar	
LGMA Inspire Conference	Attend LGMA Inspire Conference in Brisbane – 11 and 12 June.
Vicki Revett – Community Care Analyst	Meeting with Vicki in relation to the Community Care Services building and the current state of the facility.
Adele Bintley – Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee meetings.</li> <li>• Regular catch up.</li> </ul>
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget workshops.</li> <li>• Regular catch up.</li> </ul>

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

As above

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil – information report only

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number: 3.6.4**  
**Subject Heading: Aramac/Muttaborra District Report**  
 Author and Title: Paula Coulton, District Manager  
 Classification: (if confidential) N/A

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month, in and around the Aramac and Muttaborra District.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

**Background**

This report has been prepared for the purposes of providing Councillors and the community with a summary of the operational activity currently occurring across our region. This report focuses on the area of Muttaborra and Aramac. Please see the table below for key activities that have occurred, in progress or now complete.

<b>Community Events, Donations and Support</b>	
Aramac State School Parents and Citizens Association	Request for assistance – Aramac Cook Book: \$500 – score 65.
Muttaborra State School	Request for assistance – assistance with a purchase of generator – separate report attached.
Muttaborra Turf Club	Thank you for your assistance.
Muttaborra Stock Show Society	Thank you for your assistance.
<b>Project Management</b>	
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Projects</b>
Sculpture Trail Toilet	Near completion, awaiting installation of the water tank.
<b>2023-2024 Capital Works</b>	
Anzac Memorial Enhancement Program	Landscaping to be completed.
Aramac Town Hall Bathroom Upgrade	Contract carpenter disengaged with Council. Hold over for next budget.
<b>Operational Management</b>	
Meetings/Training	Corporate Financial Services meeting, Human Resources meeting, Council meeting, Budget meetings, Rural Lands Officer meeting, meeting with the

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	Department of Transport and Main Roads, Qld Treasury Corporation meeting, Envisio training, Aramac Community Development Association meetings, Muttaborra Community Development Association meeting.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muttaborra zero vacancies</li> <li>• Aramac eight vacancies – five houses, three units.</li> </ul>
Library/Information Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loans – 30</li> <li>• Returns – 90</li> <li>• Daily reports – 18</li> <li>• Senior citizens craft day every Monday morning</li> <li>• Visitor count – locals: 130, tourists: 244</li> <li>• Changes to Harry Redford Gallery ongoing.</li> </ul>
Rural Lands Officer	<p>Currently studying Certificate IV in Investigations through PEAK services.  Horse troughs at Showground completed.  1080 completed on three properties.  Muttaborra Common audit being conducted in July.  Spraying of stock routes, reserves and commons ongoing.  Meeting with Rural Lands Officer's and District Managers.</p> <p><b>Stock Routes Capital works projects</b>  Mildura enhancement project – near completion, waiting on troughs.</p>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	
Risk Assessment	1080 baiting risk assessments, Stock Route Management risk assessments, Spraying of town area risk assessment.
<b>Relationship Building</b>	
Aramac Community Development Association	Discussions regarding the Aramac Town Reunion, local traffic street closure.
Muttaborra Sculpture Festival Committee	Continued support to the Sculpture Festival in July.
Smart Services Australia	Qld Government Agency Program draft agreement 24-25.
Queensland Ambulance Service - Aramac	Hand over of three Automated External Defibrillators to Council.
Department of Transport	Contact made to Department of Transport (TMR) in relation to lighting the Monument on Lodge Street. TMR advised they are seeking funding to make the monument safer in a 25-26 submission and this will include lighting.

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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

As above

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.6.5  
**Subject Heading:** Barcaldine District Report  
 Author and Title: Jenny Lawrence, District Manager  
 Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: This report provides an update on the Council activities that have occurred over the last month in and around the Barcaldine District.*

**Officer’s Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

**Background**

This report has been prepared for the purposes of providing Councillors and the community with a summary of the operational activity currently occurring across our region. This report focuses on the area of Barcaldine. Please see the table below for key activities that have occurred, in progress or now complete.

**Quote:** “Please don’t judge people. You don’t know what it took someone to get out of bed, look and feel as presentable as possible and face the day. You never truly know the daily struggles of others” – Karen Salmansohn.

<b>Community Events, Donations and Support</b>	
Barcaldine Campdraft Association Incorporated	Assistance to the value of \$1,000.00; in-kind for water to water arena during draft 8 to 14 July – score 70.
Barrels 4 A Cause	Assistance to the value of \$812.00; in-kind and plant hire for water for arena and waiver of hire fee for generator for event 5 to 7 July – score 70.
Barcaldine Pastoral, Agricultural, Horticultural Society Incorporated – Show	In-kind assistance to the value of \$556.00 for the hire and delivery of cattle yard panels and pins for show cattle sale.
Meeting 13 May 2024 – Resolution 126 Response	Tables of requests for assistance for 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 financial year attached separately.
<b>Project Management</b>	
<b>Capital Works Projects 2022–23</b>	
Swimming Pool Upgrade W4Q	The painting of the pools is complete with contractor to come back to complete joint sealing works. Work is scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2024.
<b>Capital Works Projects 2023–24</b>	

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Barcaldine Rec Park Stage 3	Tender awarded for supply only of shade structures, order sent to supplier. VendorPanel tender has be recalled for the change of scope to concrete footpath to include concrete work for shade structures, closing Monday 17 June 2024.
Barcaldine Showground Fence	Project withdrawn, work to be scoped for 2024-2025 budget.
Cemetery Shoring Equipment	Completed.
<b>Special Operating Projects 2023-24</b>	
Barcaldine Rec Park Drainage	Completed.
Masterplans Rec Park and Showground	Plans for adoption, June meeting.
<b>Operational Management</b>	
Tourist Information Centre	We are seeing a few more travellers coming through and staying overnight with the cooler change.
Sixty & Better	Separate report.
Library	First 5 Forever program continues, well supported.
Rural Lands Officer (RLO) and Local Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular checks of Barcy Red tracks.</li> <li>- Spraying of weeds on town common and stock routes.</li> <li>- New trough installed on town common.</li> <li>- DNA sample kits (6) from department for wild dogs for determining if pure or cross breeding.</li> <li>- Catch up with District Manager. Discussions on Stock Route Management Plan, Town Common Policy review, working alone, baiting in each area, camlocks on water facilities, water facility agreements and each RLO briefed on what is happening in their patch.</li> <li>- RLO reported that three properties baited in the Barcaldine area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Laws</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Checking around town for overgrown and unsightly properties, logging photos in teams. Letters issued to owners.</li> <li>- Checking complaints re wandering dogs.</li> </ul>
Carpenter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed replacement floor on deck at main office.</li> <li>- Assisted with repairs to channel and kerb work on Box Street.</li> <li>- Apprentice is attending TAFE.</li> <li>- Installing plaques at cemetery.</li> <li>- Repair works at saleyards.</li> <li>- Linemarking at depot yard.</li> </ul>



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Meetings/Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fortnightly check-in meetings with Human Resources.</li> <li>- Corporate/Finance regular meeting.</li> <li>- Fortnightly check-in with direct manager.</li> <li>- Weekly meetings with Rural Lands Officer and Carpenter to discuss work schedules/plans.</li> <li>- Met with representatives of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.</li> <li>- Budget workshops.</li> <li>- Visit from representative Localbuy.</li> <li>- Saleyards audit in respect of Residue Minimisation Plan on sections of yards.</li> <li>- Works for Qld information session.</li> <li>- ASIC renewals for members of the public.</li> <li>- Met with representatives from Department of Tourism and Sport at Rec Park to go through funding works. They are happy with progress. While in town they checked other works, they liked the new amenities block at the showground.</li> <li>- Attended introduction meeting with Work Health and Safety (WHS) auditor.</li> <li>- One on one meeting with WHS auditor.</li> <li>- Qld Reconstruction Authority (QRA) resilience workshop. Representative for QRA visited the area.</li> <li>- Local Government Managers Australia Community Village – Zoom meeting.</li> </ul>
Parks and Gardens	<p>Keep in regular contact with Town Supervisor to discuss/report any work needed in town streets and parks and gardens. Work with supervisor to ensure expectations of community are met. Staff member approached me with ideas that he had for Oak Street garden beds, advised acting supervisor that approved for him to proceed. The parks and gardens staff assist with tasks around the administration office and rental properties.</p>
Pool	<p>Final funded works in progress. Watering has been ceased until painting work completed.</p>
Barcaldine Showground/ Racecourse	<p>Spoke to acting town supervisor about enhancing garden bed at entry to showground. Watering of the sports oval and racecourse is being monitored due to ongoing reports of condition.</p>
<b>Relationships Building</b>	
World War I Memorial Clock Celebrations	<p>Attended celebrations on Saturday 25 May. It was great to see descendants of soldiers present.</p>

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Opera Qld	Attended performance, 83 people enjoyed a great night of entertainment.
60 & Better	Attended lunch at The Willows for soft celebration of 30 years.



**BARCALDINE 60 & BETTER PROGRAM**

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- 1. Activities:** average numbers for group activities for May – based on people signing the attendance book and coordinator’s notes.

Tai Chi	Exercises	Croquet	Meeting	Hoy Bingo	Morning Tea	Talks
6	4	3	11	10 12	8	12

**2. Cent Sale.** The Cent Sale was held on Saturday 18 May at Barcaldine Town Hall. It was a most successful event with over 60 people paying to come in. There was a wide variety of prizes and people of all ages in attendance.

**3. Tai Chi Workshop.** To keep my registration and qualifications current, I attended a workshop in Roma to update my skills, knowledge and certificates.

**4. 60 & Better 30<sup>th</sup> Year Lunch.** This was an informal get together with participants providing the food and Brett Harvey providing music.

**5. Re-imagining Ageing.** Council on the Ageing is hosting a forum in Longreach on Tuesday 18 June. It is about changing demographics, age-friendly/ageing well concepts and the need to explore options for health, transport, personal safety, care and other concerns. There will be discussion about what is working and what changes could help people to age well. People will be encouraged to share their views and experiences.

**6.. Coordinator’s Leave.** The Queensland Rural and Remote Clinical Network is holding a forum in Brisbane on Wednesday 19 June. As a rural and remote health consumer representative, I have accepted an invitation to attend. To attend the forum and empowering consumers in healthcare discussion the next day, I have asked for leave. The leave would extend until Tuesday 25 June.

Jean Williams

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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 1: Community

Theme 5: Governance

**Consultation (internal/external)**

District Manager - Barcaldine

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Management Implications**

Nil

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil

Request for Assistance Barcaldine District Manager 2022-2023								
				Cash	In-Kind	Fee Waiver	Plant Hire	Total
16/01/2023	Barcaldine Amateur Swim Club	Barcaldine Amateur Swim Club	Oasis Swimming Carnival	\$500.00				\$500.00
9/02/2023	Barcaldine Junior Rugby League	Barcaldine Junior Rugby League	Central West Junior League	\$500.00				\$500.00
21/02/2023	Barcaldine Cultural Association	Barcaldine Cultural Association	Assistance with Annual Insurance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
21/03/2023	Barcaldine Womens Show Aux	Barcaldine Womens Show Aux	Annual Barcaldine PA & H Show	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

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				Cash	In-Kind	Fee Waiver	Plant Hire	Total
3/08/2023	Barcaldine Golf Club Inc	Barcaldine Golf Club Inc	Central West Golf Open	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
31/07/2023	Barcaldine Rifle Club Inc	Barcaldine Rifle Club Inc	Annual Gun Shoot	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
23/08/2023	Barcaldine Athletics Club Inc	Barcaldine Athletics Club Inc	Junior Coaching Clinic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
1/11/2023	Desert Uplands Committee	Desert Uplands Committee	Annual General Meeting Venue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77.50	\$0.00	\$77.50
21/12/2023	Leading in the Central West Inc	Leading in the Central West Inc	Training Sessions Recharging Volunteers		\$215.00			\$215.00
9/01/2024	Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club	Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club	Outback Oasis Swimming Carnival	\$200.00				\$200.00
24/01/2024	Barcaldine Cricket Association Inc	Barcaldine Cricket Association Inc	Australia Day Cricket	\$300.00	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.00
7/03/2024	Outback Trailblazer	Outback Trailblazer	Reunion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$314.00	\$0.00	\$314.00
5/03/2023	Barcaldine Women's Show Aux	Barcaldine Women's Show Aux	Annual Barcaldine Show	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
14/03/2024	Barcaldine Cultural Association Inc	Barcaldine Cultural Association Inc	Maintenance Assistance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
21.03.2024	Barcaldine Girl Guides	Barcaldine Girl Guides	Assistance Insurance	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00





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Council Meeting Date: 19 June 2024  
**Item Number:** 3.6.6  
**Subject Heading:** Community Engagement Coordinator  
 Author and Title: Lilli Kay, Community Engagement Coordinator  
 Classification: (if confidential)

*Summary: From the Community Engagement Coordinator, submitting the Information Report.*

**Officer’s Recommendation: That Council receive the report.**

<b>Events</b>	
Do We Need Another Hero	83 People attended the Qld Opera performance of Do We Need Another Hero at Barcaldine Town Hall on Wednesday 22 May 2024. Show was a combination of lots of music genres and audience was very happy with the performance.
Pop Up Shop	During May, the shop at 111 Oak Street, Barcaldine was converted into a pop in and pop up shop – firstly open for community to come and meet councillors and discuss RADF questions and applications. This was possible through great support from local businesses who willingly provided mirrors, curtains and other furniture pieces at no cost to create the space. This was followed by the pop-up lingerie shop for Small Business month which proved very successful for women with ladies coming from Longreach, Blackall and across the region. ABC Western Qld attended and interviewed with the story, airing on Monday 10 June 2024 on local and national radio and ABC Western Facebook.
Small Business Dinner	A function was held at the Landsborough Lodge Motel on Friday 17 June 2024 for Small Business Month. The venue only had capacity for 30 guests and it was a pleasant evening with continued talk about the business owners forming a regional business group. A survey to ascertain interest in perhaps forming a Chamber of Commerce was circulated to invite their comments and hear what the business community are interested in.
100-year Commemoration of the Barcaldine War Memorial Clock	The Commemoration was held on Saturday 25 May 2024 with approximately 150 people at the clock ceremony and 100 joining in the celebrations in the Town Hall. Attendance by the much loved four Light Horses from Roma and Brisbane was well received. A slideshow was played in the hall and copies have been sent to those descendants who were unable to attend. The event was a culmination of planning that began in February 2024, completion was only possible through great community support and the combined input by the working group represented by Council staff,

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	Barcaldine Returned Services League Sub-branch and Barcaldine Historical Society. The event was covered by both the ABC and later in the Longreach leader.
Millinery Workshop	The Outback Milliner held a Millinery workshop at Alpha on Saturday 25 May 2024 with four ladies attending. On Sunday 26 May 2024, she held a leather workshop at Aramac with nine participants. Both communities were appreciative of the opportunity to learn new skills.
Roald Dahl's The Twits	Over 170 people (mostly school children) attended the Barcaldine Shire Hall for an energetic performance of The Twits. Reviews were that the show was great, a real crowd pleaser.
<b>Work in Progress</b>	
Melbourne International Festival Comedy Roadshow	Currently 100 people have booked. Tree of Knowledge Festival will be operating a bar and providing pre-sold food. Numbers expected to increase. Comedian Dane Simpson will hold a Deadly Funny workshop, exclusive to Indigenous performers at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre in the afternoon preceding the show and a Class Clowns workshop on Wednesday at the Barcaldine school.
<b>Tourism</b>	
Drive Inland Video	Consultation is underway with representatives from all towns to assist with the production of a local video about their town. Working Group will meet on 13 June to confirm dates.
Facebook	Explore the Barcaldine Region Facebook page has grown with 139 followers. Word is that this is a quieter tourist season so effort being made to really promote everything we have here and to engage visitors to like our page and encourage others to come here.
<b>Social Media</b>	
Council Facebook	Audience continues to grow with 41 new followers in the last month. The top three posts in the past few months have been: 1. Seeking Descendants of the Clock (which reached 29,320 people). 2. Thank you to the Tree of Knowledge Committee (which reached 27,880 People) and 3. Temporary Closure of the Barcaldine Rec Park Water Activities (which reached 27,464).
<b>Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program</b>	
RADF Applications	There have been three RADF applications received this month as follows: 1. ARC Circus for A Bee Story Regional Tour at Aramac and Barcaldine on 18-19 October 2024. 2. Barcaldine Cultural Society for \$1,700 for a Pastel Skills Workshop on 10-11 August 2024. 3. Muttaborra Sculpture Festival for \$13,598 on 26-28 July 2024.

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	<p>These applications have been sent to the current four members of the RADF committee for their information and comment as they cannot be approved as the committee does not have a majority. They need approval by Council due to the incoming 2024 committee not yet being confirmed, thus preventing normal process by the committee. The Muttaborra Sculpture Festival is also requesting an amount that is almost one-third of the yearly allocation so would need additional funding from Council in order to allow sufficient funding to be available for other applications during 2024-2025.</p>
RADF Update	<p>There have been seven applications for the 2024-2026 RADF Committee. The RADF protocols state that the committee is to comprise of a minimum of five people and a maximum of seven, comprising three to five community representatives and two to three Council appointed members. RADF Protocol dictates that it is a two-year period. Given the number of applications and because there are regular situations with the current committee where there has been a conflict of interest with approvals, it is requested that selection of the 2024-2026 RADF Committee be workshopped with Council on 26 June 2024.</p>
<b>Council Relations</b>	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clock Commemoration Meetings on Fridays at Returned Services League</li> <li>• Alpha Rodeo</li> <li>• Alpha Show</li> <li>• Small Business Friendly meetings with new businesses</li> <li>• Barcaldine State School with Light Horse visiting</li> <li>• St Josephs School with Light Horse visiting</li> <li>• Gretchen Hayman at Central West Aboriginal Corporation (CWAC) regarding Deadly Funny Workshop</li> <li>• CWAC regarding NAIDOC week</li> <li>• Mayor Chandler regarding Drive Inland videos Barcaldine Show.</li> </ul>
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio advertisement prepared for Melbourne International Comedy Club</li> <li>• Longreach Leader advertisement for Melbourne International Comedy Club.</li> </ul>

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Theme 1: Community

Theme 4: Economy

**Consultation (internal/external)**

As noted above

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**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Implications**

Low risk – report of activities only

**Asset Management Implications**

Nil

**Legal Implications**

Nil