



NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 16TH April 2025

Location: Council Chambers,
Georgetown

Commencing: 9.00am

Councillors: Cr Hughes
Cr Royes
Cr Tincknell
Cr Ryan
Cr Carroll

Agenda Attached

Mark Watt
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Local Government Act Qld 2009

Section 4(2) of the *Local Government Act Qld 2009* state that the local government principles are:

- a) Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest
- b) Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services
- c) Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement
- d) Good governance of, and by, local government
- e) Ethical and legal behavior of councilors and local government employees

Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 254(J) Closed meetings:

- (1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.
- (2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.
- (3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters –
 - a) The appointment, dismissal or discipline of a chief executive officer
 - b) Industrial matters affecting employees
 - c) The local government's budget
 - d) Rating concessions
 - e) Legal advice obtained by the Council or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government
 - f) Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or group of individuals
 - g) Negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government
 - h) Negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
 - i) A matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State
 - j) An investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act.
- (4) However, a local government or a committee of a local government must not resolve that a part of a local government meeting at which a decision mentioned in section 150ER(2), 150ES(3) or 150EU(2) of the Act will be considered, discussed, voted on or made to be closed.
- (5) A resolution that a local government meeting be closed must –
 - a) State the matter mentioned in subsection (3) that is to be discussed; and
 - b) Include an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed. meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the
 - c) meeting is closed.
- (6) A local government or a committee of a local government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a local government meeting, or a part of a local government meeting, that is closed.

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND SIGNING OF THE ATTENDANCE BOOK
2. PRAYER
3. APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS
4. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
5. CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025
COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025
COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes (Teams)
Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Ian Tincknell
Cr. Seven Ryan
Cr. Ian Carroll

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Gemma Bethel, Executive Assistant
Karen Luck, Executive Assistant

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1:01pm and welcomed all in attendance.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 1:04pm, pursuant to section 254J (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss the following items:

1. Tender ESC 2024-044-Emergent Supervision, Engineering and Damage Assessment of the Flood Damaged Assets in Anticipated Wet Season 2024/2025

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Carroll

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP24.02.01
5/0**

ATTENDANCE

Mark Watt left the meeting at 1:42pm and returned at 1:43pm

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 1:52pm.

MOVED: Cr Ryan

SECONDED: Cr Carroll

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP24.02.02
5/0**

1. *Tender ESC 2024-044-Emergent Supervision, Engineering and Damage Assessment of the Flood Damaged Assets in Anticipated Wet Season 2024/2025*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the tender ESC 2024-044 – Emergent Supervision, Engineering and Damage Assessment of the Flood Damaged Assets in Anticipated Wet Season 2024/2025

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender submitted by Shepherd Services Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-044, Emergent Supervision, Engineering and Damage Assessment of the Flood Damaged Assets in Anticipated, Wet Season 2024/2025 for amount of \$ 202,310 ex GST in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and local preference, and
2. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

LOST
1/4

Cr Ryan, Cr Royes, Cr Tincknell, and Cr Carroll requested that their votes be recorded against the above motion.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:07pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025.



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH 2025
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH 2025**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes
Cr. Ian Carroll
Cr. Laurell Royes (via Teams)
Cr. Seven Ryan
Cr. Ian Tincknell

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Ms Karen Luck, Executive Assistant

OPEN GALLERY

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:01am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRAYER

“We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen”.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Condolences:

Nil

Congratulations:

Council wishes to congratulate Caitlin Tansey and Tristan Gillett on the birth of their daughter Jaycee Cherie Gillett born on 2nd March 2025.

Apologies:

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 19th February 2025

AMENDMENTS

Item #6 – Tender ESC 2024-024 – Replacement of security fencing in Mt Surprise and Einasleigh Airstrips. Cr Royes advised of an oversight in declaring a conflict of interest when considering this matter in her role as Secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club and is self-reporting as part of adopting the minutes.

Item #9 - Request Review of Decision – Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas. Cr Carroll noted he had declared that he had no conflict of interest in the matter which was self-reported in conjunction with the CEO. Minutes to be amended accordingly.

General Business – Cr Royes enquired of First Street Forsayth requesting that exact wording be included when presented in the minutes.

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 19th February 2025 be confirmed, as amended.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.01
5/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

Cr Ryan

#25.02.09 - Tender for Gravel Screening.

#25.02.08 - Claim for Compensation – status.

Cr Royes

#25.02.14 - Statement of reasons, what's the status of this matter, is it closed?

#25.02.03 - Request a copy of minute changes of Operational Plan adjustments.

#25.02.04 - Request a copy of Budget Review adjustments.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer

1. Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.02
4/1

Cr Ryan requested her vote be recorded against the motion.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Corporate Services

2. Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.03
5/0

3. Financial Performance as at 28th February 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly finance report is required to be presented to Council stating the progress made in relation to the budget for the period of the financial year as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting held.

RESOLUTION

That Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 28 February 2025 pursuant to, and in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.04
4/1

Cr Royes requested her vote be recorded against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:50am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 11:15am

4. Final Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025-2030

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council published the draft Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025-2030 on 4th February after being adopted at the January 2025 General Meeting. There was no feedback received from the community during the 30 day public notice period. The final copy is therefore unchanged.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to adopt the final Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025 – 2030 as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.05
5/0

5. Policy Adoption – Ex-Gratia (Special) Payments Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the adoption of the Ex-gratia (Special) Payments Policy. The initiative was raised as a solution to a significant deficiency found during the FY23/24 External Audit.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to adopt the Ex-gratia (Special) Payments Policy, as amended.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.06
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Director of Engineering Services

6. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.07
5/0

7. *Eveleigh Road Condition*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates a request from Council to provide a detailed report on the condition of the Eveleigh Road.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the report on the condition of the Eveleigh Road, as presented with the following actions to be taken:

1. Communications with QRA including
 - a. Advice regarding gravel selection and testing
 - b. In the instance of unsuitable material who is responsible for enforcement for quality assurance purposes
2. Communications with the project manager including
 - a. Failure to report incidents in workplace to Council
 - b. Outline role in compliance and quality assurance
3. A further report including findings with consideration of degradation to Council assets to be reported back to Council

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.08
5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:24pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 12:55pm

8. *Survey Feedback and Forsyth Transfer Station Operation Opening Days and Hours*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Ryan and Cr Carrol declared Conflict of Interest with Cash for Cans as they are both non-executive members of the Forsyth All Sports Cub and decided to remain in the meeting and vote in on the matter.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the Forsyth Transfer Station Operation survey feedback.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Note and accepts the outcomes of the survey for the Forsyth Transfer Station Operation.
2. Accept the proposal, as amended, for the Forsyth Transfer Operation to open on an unsupervised trial basis on Monday and Wednesday 7am to 2pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.09
5/0

9. *Stormwater Drainage – Atkinson Street, Mount Surprise*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the storm water drainage in Atkinson Street, Mount Surprise

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Note and accepts the report on Storm water drainage in Atkinson Street, Mount Surprise.
2. Accept the option 2 in the report being drainage H – alignment 1264 at the cost of \$31,600.00.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.10
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF OTHER REPORTS

10. Projects for Country Roads Connect Program

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to Standing Orders, Council consider other business including report “Projects for Country Roads Connect Program” tabled for Council’s consideration.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.11
5/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the nomination of projects for the Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Receive and authorise to apply for funding for Country Roads Connect Program following projects
 - a. Reconstruction and sealing of the Forsayth Road (Road Id 6704) of 7.57 km in length, 8 m seal width with 9 m formation with few major structures for \$ 22 million.
 - b. Reconstruction of Reinforced Cement Concrete of 20 m long on the Georgetown Airstrip Road for \$ 1.6 million.
 - c. Reconstruction and sealing of the Georgetown Airstrip Road (Sandy Creek) including 25 m long box culvert for \$ 2.5 million.
 - d. Re sealing work on Forsayth Einasleigh Road of 32 km for \$ 1.8 million.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

LOST
RESOLUTION
0/5

RESOLUTION

That Council nominate for funding under the Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program for reconstruction and sealing of the Forsayth Road (Road Id 6704) applying for \$1.5 million.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.12
5/0

11. QRA – Crucial Access Links

RESOLUTION

That Council consider other business including funding nominations for the “Crucial Access Links Program” tabled for Council’s consideration.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.13
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council nominate for funding under the “Crucial Access Links Program” for reconstruction and sealing of the Georgetown Airstrip Road (Sandy Creek) for \$ 2.5 million.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.14
5/0

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2:32pm, pursuant to section 254J (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss Tender, ESC 2024-048 – Mill and Fill Roadworks Project – Roads 92B, 92C, 98C, 99A and 99B.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.15
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolves to re-open the meeting at 2:40pm.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.16
5/0

12. Tender, ESC 2024-048 – Mill and Fill Roadworks Project – Roads 92B, 92C, 98C, 99A and 99B

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the tender ESC 2024-048 – Mill and Fill Roadworks Project – Roads 92B, 92C, 98C, 99A and 99B (Etheridge Shire).

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender submitted by Pioneer North Queensland Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2024-048, Mill and Fill Roadworks Project – Roads 92B, 92C, 98C, 99A, and 99B (Etheridge Shire) for \$466,603.50 including GST in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and local preference; and
2. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.03.17
5/0

DEPUTATION – STATE RECOVERY COORDINATOR

The Mayor suspended standing orders for a deputation with Andrew Cripps, State Recovery Co-ordinator, North Queensland flood event.

ATTENDANCE

Andrew Cripps, Drew Alexion and Siobhan Hessing entered the meeting @ 3:05pm and departed the meeting @ 3:59pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Royes	Request for an update on MOU Hinterland Health Service, Qld Health.
Cr Royes	Payment to local subcontractors, invoices outstanding.
Cr Royes	Costing on First Street Forsayth.
Cr Royes	Update on Old Robinhood Road.
Cr Royes	Update on Flat Creek Road.
Cr Royes	Grant Register status
Cr Royes	Notice of motions, suggestions on process for Agenda for Councillors.
Cr Carroll	Boundary fence from Bald Knob and Einasleigh.
Cr Carroll	Forsayth All Sports access road.
Cr Ryan	Forsayth Georgetown Road, Grader grass on side of road.
Cr Ryan	Cemetery exclusion fencing may be an option given the feral animal infestation. Need a temporary solution.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:42pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2025.

Cr. Barry Hughes
MAYOR

Business Arising				
#	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress
19th March 2025 - General Meeting				
25.03.06	That Council resolve to adopt the final (as amended) Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025 – 2030.	DCS	Published	Complete
25.03.07	That Council resolve to adopt the Ex-gratia (Special) Payments Policy as amended.	DCS	Registered and published	Complete
25.03.09	That Council receive the report on the condition of the Eveleigh Road, as presented with the following actions to be taken: 1.Communications with QRA including a.Advice regarding gravel selection and testing b.In the instance of unsuitable material who is responsible for enforcement for quality assurance purposes 2.Communications with the project manager including a.Failure to report incidents in workplace to Council b.Outline role in compliance and quality assurance 3.A further report including findings with consideration of degradation to Council assets to be reported back to Council	DES	under Investiagation	In progress
25.03.10	That Council: 1. Note and accepts the outcomes of the survey for the Forsayth Transfer Station Operation. 2. Accept the proposal, as amended, for the Forsayth Transfer Operation to open on an unsupervised trial basis on Monday and Wednesday 7am to 2pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm.	DES	Organising to open the Transfer station	In progress
25.03.11	That Council: 1. Note and accepts the report on Storm water drainage in Atkinson Street, Mount Surprise. 2. Accept the option 2 i.e Drainage H – alignment 1264 at the cost of \$ 31,600.00	DES	The site is too wet at this stage . Will be carried out when the site gets dry.	In progress
25.03.13	That Council nominate for funding under the Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program for reconstruction and sealing of the Forsayth Road (Road Id 6704) applying for \$1.5 million.	DES	Sumbitted the application on 4th April 2025.	Complete
25.03.14	That Council consider other business including funding nominations for the "Crucial Access Links Program" tabled for Council's consideration.	CEO	Noted project nominated as per resolution 25.03.15	Complete
25.03.15	That Council nominate for fundings under the "Crucial Access Link Program" for reconstruction and sealing of the Georgetown Airstrip Road (Sandy Creek) for \$ 2.5 million	DES	CEO has submittied the application	Complete
25.03.18	That Council: 1. Accepts the tender submitted by Pioneer North Queensland Pty Ltd for Contract ESC 2024-048, Mill and Fill Roadworks Project – Roads 92B, 92C, 98C, 99A, and 99B (Etheridge Shire) for \$ 466,603.50 including GST in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and local preference, and 2. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.	DES	Contract has been awareded	Complete
19th February 2025 - General Meeting				
25.02.08	Council resolves to not accept the advice from LGM and additional legal opinion, and offer Mr Terry an ex gratia payment of \$13165.44 based on the information provided for the legal opinion did not match the known facts of the event on 28 April 2024.	CEO	Delay in getting creditor forms from claimant and payment now approved for processing.	Complete
25.02.09	That Council accept the tender of Terry Family Developments Pty Ltd to screen the gravel on ground to the values of \$1,056,035.75 (Ex. GST) Zone 1: 104,753 tons @ \$435,307.95 Zone 2: 82,625 tons @343.350.70 Zone 3: 66748 tons @ \$ 277.377.10	DES	Re submitting the report in April Council meeting	In progress

25.02.12	That pursuant to section 228(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council approve the release of a Request for Expressions of Interest for Tender for the Terrestrial Centre Upgrade on the following basis and circumstances: 1. It is in the public interest for Council to invite expressions of interest before inviting written tenders; 2. A Tender EOI process will allow for enhanced specification of the details of the Terrestrial Centre Upgrade prior to entering a contract with the successful bidder which will lead to greater capacity to complete the Upgrade to the Council's satisfaction within the required timeframe and budget limits; 3. Council is required to provide evidence in support of Milestone #1 (due February 7th 2025) of the Growing Regions funding agreement that it has prepared and issued tender processes for the design and construction phase of the Terrestrial Centre Upgrade; 4. A funding payment of \$3,000,000 from the funding provider to Etheridge Shire Council is conditional on the successful completion of the Milestone #1 requirements;	CEO		Complete
22.02.13	Council resolves to receive the report term lease 0/222075 on land described on Lot 8 on SP189943, reserve for Township Purposes	CEO		Complete
25.02.14	1. That Council decide not to review the decision and uphold its previous action, including providing a statement of reasons as requested by the application pursuant to section 254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012. a. The Charleston Dam Recreation Area is incomplete b. Native Title negotiations remain incomplete c. The original intent of funding for CD was primarily water security	CEO	Response letter sent to claimant	Complete
18th December 2024 - General Meeting				
24.12.19	That Council request the CEO to seek governance advice on Council organizational issues impacting on Council's performance.	CEO	Governance advice being obtained with further updates to follow.	In progress
	Council resolved that the Road Register be given priority for review prior to considering tenders for the up-coming flood damage pick up.	CEO	Road register review underway, with further workshop to occur followed by Council report	In progress
20th November 2024 - General Meeting				
24.11.10	That Council receives reports and accepts the tender documents and scope of works, as amended.	DES	Working on the level of services	In progress
24.11.11	That Council receive and agree to apply for TIDS funding for Forsayth Road (state-controlled road) for \$3.3 million to reconstruct and seal the 1.84 km from Chainage 23.43 km to Chainage 25.27 km	DES	Draft submission has been made to RRTG portal and will be discussed in Feb RRTG meeting	In progress
Outstanding Business				
14th August 2024 - General Meeting				
24.08.07	That Council resolve to defer the matter of the Drug and Alcohol Policy (A012) to a future meeting/workshop.	CEO	Further review pending commencement of WHSA.	In progress

GENERAL MEETING: April 2025

Mayor and Councillors
Etheridge Shire Council
PO Box 12
Georgetown QLD 4871

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: March 2025

Update

Welcome to the April 2025 CEO Briefing Report.

During the reporting period considerable time was devoted to post disaster recovery and debrief. This includes collating information for the debrief and further information for Andrew Cripps, North Queensland Disaster Coordinator.

Operational Plan Matters

Operational Plan 2024–2025

- A third quarter review to be presented to Council as part of this agenda towards implementation of the Operational Plan 2024-2025.
- Council has purchased a new agenda software system, to be rolled out over the next 3-months. Councillors are advised that End User Training is scheduled the week commencing 26 May. Further details to be provided closer to the date.

Work Health & Safety

- WHSA role to be re-advertised.
- In the meantime, Council is engaging with Peak Services to provide relief personnel for approximately 3-months.
- Health & Safety Representative Training conducted during the period.

Projects

I am currently working on the following projects and below is an update for the reporting period:

Etheridge Agg Precinct

- Funding provided under the Regional Economic Futures Fund (REFF) by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, being the Etheridge Shire Council Irrigation Precinct Development – North West Queensland.
- Ongoing meetings with Greg Mason, DAFF.
- Recruitment process commenced with applications closing on Friday 18 April 2025.

Tourism Master Plan – Griffith University

Growing Regions Program – Developing Tourism Along the Savannah Way (Aust. Government)

- Milestone #1 Requirement Form submitted and awaiting payment.
- Griffith University commenced project management – See separate briefing report #01

North West Queensland Economic Diversification Strategy – Tourism Signage

- Grant application conditionally approved in March; funding agreement is currently being drafted for execution
- See also Griffith University briefing report #01.

NWQROC - North Queensland Resilience Program

Update on the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) and the Australian Government North Queensland Resilience Program (NQRP) projects as follows:

ESC.0051 - Combined SES Operations & Training Centre

- Griffith University has now submitted an application to the Disaster Ready Fund - Round Three 2025-2026 to support NQRP funding.

ESC.0052 – Upgrade Water Assets (Safety Valves Forsayth)

- Project being managed by the Director of Engineering Services (DES).
- Ongoing updates included in DES Briefing Report.

ESC.0053 – Provide back-up power to critical water infrastructure

- Project being managed by the Director of Engineering Services (DES).
- Ongoing updates included in DES Briefing Report.

ESC.0054 – Replace fence & fence gates (Mt Surprise & Einasleigh airstrips)

- Project being managed by the Director of Engineering Services (DES).
- Ongoing updates included in DES Briefing Report.

ESC.0055 – Construct 6 x two-bedroom independent living facility

- Further report to be presented to Council to consider financing loan options.

Milestone #1 Payments of thirty percent (30%) are now due and subject to approval. The above projects will be included in Council's Grants Register.

Kidston Hydro & Solar Farm Project

Ongoing discussions regarding a road use agreement (RUD) in conjunction with the Director of Engineering Services and the Mayor.

Attendance of Events

A list of attendance during the reporting period for Council's information is as follows:

Date	Event	Location
3 March	Meeting with Greg Mason, DPI	Teams
4 March	QPS moderation meeting	Teams
5 March	Community Connect	Georgetown
6 March	Etheridge LDMG Debrief	Georgetown
11 March	LGAQ Civic Leaders reception - Parliament House	Brisbane
12-13 March	LGAQ Civic Leaders	Brisbane
18 March	LGAQ Executive Leaders Update	Georgetown
18 March	Meeting with Peak Services	Georgetown
19 March	General Meeting	Georgetown
21 March	Meeting with Sonja Johnson, Tropical North RDA	Teams
26 March	Meeting with All Energy P/L - REFF Funded Project	Georgetown

Upcoming Events

A list of upcoming events for the next reporting period for Council's information is as follows:

Date	Event	Location
3 April	Meeting with Dam Regulator – Charleston Dam EAP	Georgetown
9 April	Community Connect & Councillor Workshop	Einasleigh
11 April	Latara Motel Business Dinner	Georgetown
15 April	Monthly DRFA Meeting	Georgetown
16 April	General Meeting	Georgetown
24 April	LGAQ Briefing to CEO	Brisbane
29 April	Visit by Local Government Workcare (LGW) Angela Weldon	Georgetown
30 April	Budget Meeting	Georgetown

Regards,
Mark Watt
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



General Meeting **16th April 2025**

Subject	Operational Plan 2024/25 - Third Quarter Review
Classification	Open
Author	Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the third quarter Operational Plan for the three month period ended 31 March 2025, being a written assessment of Council's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan, pursuant to section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receive the third quarterly progress report on Council's progress towards implementing its Operational Plan 2024/25.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to prepare and adopt an annual Operational Plan as part of its suite of Financial Planning documents. Council adopted its Operational Plan at its Budget Meeting held 28th July 2024. Section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, requires Council to report on Council's progress towards implementing its Operational Plan.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 5: Best Practice corporate governance and organisational excellence:

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing engagement through community connect sessions	Consider feedback and community views on Council's performance
Inform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

1. Inaccurate or outdated data
2. Overlooking stakeholder alignment
3. Resource misallocation

Mitigation:

1. Set regular review intervals to update the plan with current data
2. Establish clear communication to keep the community informed and involved.
3. Conduct a realistic resource assessment as part of approving and implementing the plan

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ATTACHMENTS

Third Quarter Operational Plan 2024/25 - Assessment



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

2024 - 2025

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Introduction

Welcome from Mayor

Welcome to Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan.

The Operational Plan is an important document within Council's Strategic Planning Framework. Its purpose is to identify the specific actions and outcome Council wishes to achieve in the immediate 12 months, as part of our journey to achieving our stated Mission and Goals in our Corporate Plan.

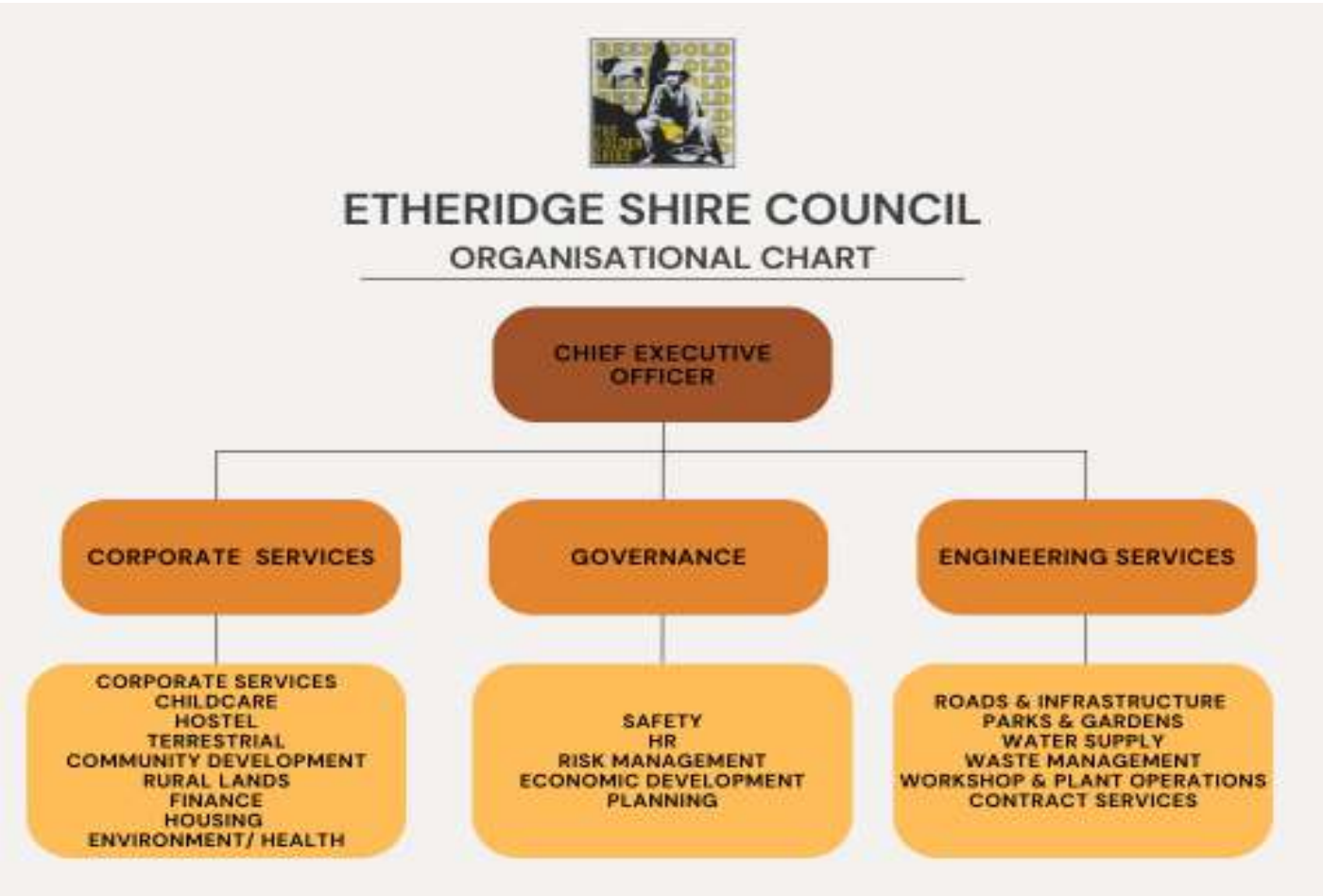
Council has developed its 2024/2025 Operational Plan in conjunction with its Annual Budget. It has also been heavily influenced by other key strategic planning documents such as:-

- Council's Long Term Financial Plan;
- Asset Management Plans
- Regional Plans (Queensland State Government NQ Regional Plan), NWQROC biosecurity Plan, others

As the Operational Plan "operationalizes" Council's medium to long-term corporate strategy, it guides Council's Management and staff in their day to day functions. To ensure Council's workforce deliver Council's desired strategy, the Chief Executive Officer is charged with the responsibility of providing a quarterly update on the Operational Plan's implementation. Each quarterly report is displayed on Council's website, as a "Score-card" on our performance.

I would therefore encourage Shire ratepayers, residents & other stakeholders to take an interest in our Journey Toward reaching our longer-term Strategic goals.

Cr Barry Hughes
Mayor



Corporate Aim No. 1: A Sustainable Transport Network That Meets Community Needs

Strategic Outcome: Shire Rural Roads are all Weather, Town Streets are Bitumen with Footpaths, Kerb, Channelling and Drainage

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council’s road assets.	DES	Develop and implement a shire roads intervention level policy	Jun-25	Policy adopted by Council and Implemented	Workshop for road register to be scheduled
	DES	Identify the current status of shire rural roads and town streets	Apr-25	Updated road register	Workshop for road register to be scheduled
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on Towns Streets	May-25	Program implemented	Budget has been allocated to maintain the town streets
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on Rural Roads	May-25	Program implemented	Budget has been allocated to maintain the rural roads
	DES	Implement maintenance programs on bridges, floodway’s, drainage etc.	May-25	Program implemented	The 10 year floodways upgrade will be implemented once the road register is approved.
	DES	Actively source materials for future road works	Monthly	There are no shortages of materials required to undertake Flood Damage works	Discussion with DAF is in progress. Ongoing issues including road reserve issues, gravel and funding overruns.
There are no shortages of materials required to undertake Council works				Team will find a source prior to the commencement of works .	
Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for roads, incorporating road train access and drainage.	DCS	Funded road depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement capital programs on Towns Streets	May-25	Program implemented	Capital programs on town streets will be updated once the road register is approved.
	DES	Implement capital programs on Rural Roads	May-25	Program implemented	Capital programs on rural roads will be updated once the road register is approved.
	DES	Implement capital programs on bridges, floodways, drainage etc.	May-25	Program implemented	Capital programs will be updated once the road register is approved.
Lobby for adequate funding to enable the repair of the shire road network affected by natural disaster.	DES	Implement reinstatement program for NDRRA	May-25	Works are programmed and under budget	Work in progress
Work with regional groups and our communities to upgrade Local Roads of Regional Significance.	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Attendance to regional FNQRRTG meetings	On going

Strategic Outcome: Transport and Main Roads is Committed to Developing a Network that is Fully Sealed to Road Train Route Standard

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Maintain relationship with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to undertake road construction and maintenance (Road Train Routes).	DES	Implement TMR programs for RMPC & NDRRA	Feb-25	Contract TMR works on track and under budget	Contract TMR works on track and under budget
	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives to lobby for increased commitment to Main Roads Network	Monthly	Attendance to FNQRRTG regional meetings	On going
	DES	Create an audit of TMR infrastructure in the Shire (list of km of Gravel, single line bitumen and narrow/ problem bridges)	Nov-24	Audit presented to Council	Information are available .
Continue to lobby to raise the national profile of the Georgetown to Forsayth, Kennedy, Gulf and Gregory Development Roads and Bridges and for additional funding for high priority widening and sealing.	DES	Implement TMR upgrade programs	Jun-25	TMR contracts awarded to Council and completed on time and within budget	Received a contract

Strategic Outcome: There are Multiple Public Transport Options

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council’s airports and airfield assets.	DES	Implement maintenance programs for airports	Mar-25	Annual maintenance program implemented	Fencing will start from End of April 2025
	DCS	Funded airport depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP and indexed valuation
	DES	Implement capital program for airports	Annually	Program implemented	Capital works for Mount Surprise and Einasleigh are in progress .
Advocate for improved airfield infrastructure and services.	DES	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Quarterly	Attendance at FNQRRTG regional meetings	Attendance at FNQRRTG regional meetings
Advocate for improved rail and bus services	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Annually	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	In addition to ROC meetings, attendance at Cairns Community Cabinet.

Corporate Aim No. 2: A Sustainable Environment of Natural Assets, Water, Waste Water and Waste Management

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Water and Waste Water Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council’s water and waste water assets.	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water networks	Oct-24	Maintenance program developed and implemented	Replacent of AC Pipe in front of SES building in progress
	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water treatment plants	Dec-24	Maintenance program developed and implemented	For budget consideration
	DES	Develop and implement a water and waste water intervention level policy	Jun-25	Policy developed and presented to Council	ESC does not have waste water system
Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program to deliver good quality, reliable water and waste water supplies for all communities	DCS	Funded water depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement Capital programs for the water networks	Annually	Program developed and implemented	Capital works will be presented every year as per available budget
	DES	Improvement of the Water Treatment Plants at Georgetown and Forsayth	Dec-24	Upgrade Forsayth WTP operations	Finding of funding source to upgrade the Forsayth and Georgetown WTP in progress.
Water Reservoirs are operating and environmentally compliant	DES	Implement maintenance programs for the water reservoirs	Mar-25	Program developed and implemented	Maintenance repairs have been undertaken when required.
	DES	Charleston Dam is completed and operational	Oct-24	Charleston Dam online and operational. Further that the Dam Regulator requirements are meet.	EAP 2025 submission in progress
Lobby for adequate funding to enable the repair and maintenance of shire water and waste water network affected by natural disaster or other events	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Advocated at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings, particularly the FNQ Water Alliance.

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Waste Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
An asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council’s collection and waste management facilities throughout shire	DES	Implement waste collection and disposal programs at each town	Jun-25	Strategy presented to Council for adoption	Council is working with RRTG waste management group to develop a strategy. Forsayth Transfer Station not complete and community consultation being undertaken
	DCS	Funded depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation charged in line with AMP
	DES	Implement the Regional Waste Strategy programs at each facility	Jun-25	Strategy is implemented and regular attendance at FNQWaste regional meetings.	Working with FNQROC and NWQROC on a regional waste strategy
	DCS	Effective education program and encourage recycling, reuse and reduction of community waste	Jan-25	Successful media campaign held	Council share campaigns from both Clean Up Australia Day & Keep Australia Beautiful. Council also communicating use of Forsayth Transfer Station

Strategic Outcome: Best Practice Natural Environment and Pest Management

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Develop Council’s Biosecurity Plan in consultation with landowners and other stakeholders to reduce the impact of existing and emerging pests.	DCS	Implement works program for biosecurity	Jun-25	Plan adopted by Council	Biosecurity Committee collaborating to develop draft Biosecurity Plan.
In partnership with the community and external agencies, promote and support best practice management of the natural environment.	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Advocated at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.
Minimise the potential of disease outbreaks through implementation of an integrated mosquito management program.	DCS	Implement program as required	Ongoing	Program developed and adopted by Council	Program will be implemented as required with consultation with EHO and fogging contractor.

Strategic Outcome: An Energy Efficient Shire

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Support of renewable energy & carbon reduction programs and Council's carbon footprint	CEO	Identify the current status of Council's renewable energy portfolio	Jan-25	Council Status recognised	CEO hosted recent visit by represenatives of the Department of State Development, under the Reginal Economic Future Fund (REFF).
	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Half Yearly	Attendance at FNQROC Climate Resilience Waste regional meetings	Visit to Etheridge by All Energy, under REFF, reviewed Council's power loads and electrical infrastrucure with a view to recommending improvements and future funding.

Strategic Outcome: Industry has Sustainable Environmental Practices

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Companies and industries are environmentally compliant	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Bi-Monthly	Advocated at regional meetings	CEO attendance achieved

Corporate Aim No. 3: A Diversified Economic Development Ensures a Prosperous Shire

Strategic Outcome: A Variety of Land and Housing Options for the Community

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Maintain a compliant planning scheme that supports the future development of our shire	DCS	Implement the planning scheme	May-25	Planning applications processed	Processed as required.
	DCS	Review and update planning scheme	Dec-24	Plan review and presented to Council	Planning scheme due for renewal. Council has applied for \$100k grant to assist with the cost of this. Will take approximately 12 months to review. Will hear if successful by end of May 2025.
Review and update the asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's housing stock	DES	Implement maintenance program for Council housing	Ongoing	Maintenance program implemented	implements a maintenance program inline with annual budget considerations.
	DCS	Funded depreciation for asset replacement	May-25	AMP updated	Depreciation inline with AMP. Building and land revaluations to be reviewed in FY25/26
Advocating for the release of State Land for future development across the shire	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government representatives	Monthly	Deputation with DOR representatives	Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) being reviewed and reported on.
	CEO	Promote residential, rural residential and industrial subdivisions throughout shire as land become available and demand increases.	Monthly	Successful media campaign held	Awaiting funding opportunity for hosuing development.

Strategic Outcome: A Diversified Economic Base: Rural, Tourism, Mining and Support Services

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Facilitate the development and marketing of a distinctive regional image.	CEO	Review and update shire marketing image	Jun-25	Strategy developed and adopted by Council	Ongoing
Support community development to expand and meet the growing needs of the region through infrastructure, income diversification and advocacy	CEO	Develop and implement a Tourism Plan by consulting with all relevant stakeholders	Feb-25	Adopted Plan reviewed by Council	Pending
	CEO	Area Promotion	Monthly	Successful Media Campaign Held	Not yet commenced
	CEO	Review the TerrEstrial VIC Business Plan, with a view to identify latent opportunities and extending the tourist experience to include interactive activities.	Apr-25	Business case developed and adopted by Council	Pending
Support skills development (youth, business, industry)	DCS	Develop and implement a community skills development program	Dec-25	Program implemented	Continued support of capacity buidling programs within the Shire. Council also renewed Scholarship Policy and annual program
	DCS	Review procurement policy and monitor the outcomes	Half Yearly	Outcome report presented to Council for consideration	Completed as part on annual budget.
Advocate for the development of the Etheridge Agriculture Precinct and associated agricultural industries	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Monthly	Attendance at FNROQ & NWQROC regional meetings	Ongoing

Corporate Aim No. 4: Quality Social Infrastructure Makes the Shire a Desirable Place to Live

Strategic Outcome: An Active Community with a Variety of Recreational Activities

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's parks, garden and recreational facilities	DES	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for parks, garden and recreational facilities	Jun-25	Program developed and implemented	on going
	DES	Maintain the public conveniences	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	On going
	DES	Maintain the Shire's Cemeteries.	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	Temp fence in GT completed recently.
	DES	Maintain Swimming Pool as a safe and attractive venue.	Monthly	Facilities meet expectations	On going
Establishment suitable recreational activities/facilities at water reservoirs	CEO	Construct recreation facilities at Charleston Dam to encourage activity based tourism.	Apr-25	Project complete	Budgeted but works not commenced
	CEO	Continue our partnership with Department to further enhance the visitor experience on the Copperfield Dam, including construction of recreation facilities to encourage activity based tourism.	Monthly	Attendance at FNROC & NWQROC regional meetings	Deferring and removal in future operational plans
Enhance and improve the aesthetics of each town.	DES	Review and implement Georgetown beautification plan	May-25	Project approved and underway	To be discussed in ELT
	DES	Review beautification plans for Einasleigh, Forsayth and Mt Surprise	Jun-25	Plan presented to Council for consideration	Working with TMR for funding

Advocate for funding for additional sport and recreation infrastructure.	CEO	Review Council's sport and recreation long term plan	Apr-25	Status of current plan considered and reviewed	Not yet commenced
	CEO	Attend regional meetings and meet with government and industry representatives	Monthly	Attendance at FNROC & NWQROC regional meetings	Advocate for funding and consider partnership with Griffith University to seek funding.

Strategic Outcome: An Invigorated Community with a Variety of Multi-Aged Services

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council’s Health, Aged Care, Child Care facilities	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Social facilities	May-25	Program developed and implemented	Not yet commenced. Require external opinion
	CEO	Advocate to State and Federal Governments, supporting residents to address social inequity, disadvantage, livelihoods and general well-being.	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.
	CEO	Partner with state government agencies to improve social conditions and liveability.	Monthly	Attendance at FNQROC & NWQROC regional meetings	CEO and Mayor attend and advocate at these meetings.
Ensure that services to the community for child care, youth hostel and aged care are provided.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient use of the 'Georgetown Hostel'	Mar-25	Current strategy review and updated	Planning meeting scheduled for Qtr 4
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of the childcare business, including after school care	Mar-25	Current strategy review and updated	Afterschool care unable to be incorporated within daycare operations. Possible improvements include increasing potential cot space.
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for youth programs for leadership, recreation, entertainment and healthy socialization	Feb-25	Current strategy review and updated	Ongoing in consultation
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of programs for seniors	Jan-25	Current strategy review and updated	Ongoing in consultation with Etheridge Cares
Construct care facilities to retain citizens in the community.	DCS	Develop plans to build aged care facilities.	Mar-25	Completion	Project currently progressing as per amended schedule
	DCS	Develop plans to build special care facilities.	Jun-25	Overall strategy developed for Consideration	No appetite. Remove from future Op Plans
Advocate and facilitate the provision and improvement of central and remote health services.	CEO	Meet with government lobbying for health concerns, including a doctor to the region, aged care and respite and palliative care support.	Monthly	Attendance to regional meetings	Representations made regarding Georgetown Clinic and staff resources.
Advocate and facilitate for improvements in educational services to be provided within the shire	CEO	Attend Schools and meet with representatives of the school and P&Cs	Half yearly	Attendance to meetings	Relationship and onging contact maintained.
Advocate for sufficient policing and emergency service facilities	CEO	Meet with government representatives	Quarterly	Attendance to DDMG meetings	Representations made to Minister for Police regarding permanent officer for Georgetown, including recruitment.

Strategic Outcome: A Culturally Aware Community

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the monitoring, maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's social infrastructure	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Social Infrastructure	Jun-25	Program developed and implemented	Not yet commenced. Require external opinion
Provide libraries, as learning and information centres	DCS	Review and implement strategies for library service	Jan-25	Strategy is reviewed and implemented	Georgetown library space has been renewed to allow for extended computer stations included BYOD
Engage with and support local arts and cultural groups.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for engaging with arts and cultural groups	Ongoing	Strategy is reviewed and implemented	RADF Program continues
Build and strengthen the Shire's identity through the support and provision of a variety of events and branding our corporate image.	DCS	Support volunteers, community groups and events	Ongoing	Community assistance policy is reviewed and implemented	Community assistance Grants applications opened in Feb and closed 31st March.
Encourage local historians to preserve and promote local history and heritage.	DCS	Support important social milestones on appropriate anniversary dates.	Ongoing	Community calendar of events is developed and supported	CDEO provides support to the community.

Strategic Outcome: A Variety of Modern Communication Mechanisms Available for the Whole Shire

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Improve co-operation and communication with relevant stakeholders and all levels of government in the strategic planning of future community infrastructure.	DCS	Develop and maintain a current advocacy plan for the provision of telecommunication services, telemetry and media.	Ongoing	Plan is developed and Implemented	In progress
Review and update the comprehensive asset management strategy to support the maintenance, replacement and enhancement of Council's communication assets.	DCS	Maintain radio re-transmission services for Mt Surprise, Forsayth and Einasleigh.	Monthly	Services are operational	Fully operational
	DCS	Assist a commercial entity to introduce local radio services.	Jun-25	Options are considered and implemented	Currently FM radio available in all towns. 4KZ declined offer.

Corporate Aim No. 5: Best Practice Corporate Governance and Organisational Excellence

Strategic Outcome: Council Provides Community Leadership Through Financial Sustainability and an Open and Accountable Governance

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Councillors take a leadership role in the community, serve as a role model and provide strategic direction for the continued growth and development of the region.	CEO	Review and implement Council's strategic plans	Monthly	Delegations from the monthly Council meetings	Ongoing
	CEO	Attend local and regional meetings with community, government and industry representatives	Monthly	Opportunities to attend regional meeting is given	Training and regional meeting attendance opportunities provided to councillors.
Pursue and nurture an environment of honesty and integrity in which elected members, managers and staff work together in a spirit of trust and teamwork.	CEO	Adopt appropriate governance structures and make appropriate delegations.	Sep-24	Organisational structure is reviewed	Governance review by CEO yet to commence.
	CEO	Ensure the administration of the region is governed through open and transparent decision-making and reporting processes.	Mar-25	Meetings and legislative requirements are met	Ongoing
	DCS	Develop and implement a comprehensive, sustainable and funded, 10-year Capital Works Program for Corporate Assets	May-25	AMP is updated	Ongoing
	DCS	Maintain compliance with legislation, local laws, policies	Monthly	Local Laws, policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis for compliance	Governance improvement plan is progressing.
Actively participate in the membership of regional development and other organisations in order to achieve mutual regional priorities.	CEO	Actively participate in the regional organisations and statutory supported planning instruments	Monthly	Attendance to regional meetings	Regional Plan review continuing.
	CEO	Build the Council's data analytic capability.	Apr-25	Statistical data is collected	Ongoing

Strategic Outcome: Effective Communication Between Council and the Community Across the Community

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Using appropriate media, promote civil and respectful discussion and participation in relevant issues.	CEO	Branding of Shire	Monthly	Media channel are used to promote Council operations	Updated website being developed. Branding an ongoing matter.
Disseminate accurate and relevant information within the organization, the community and other relevant audiences.	CEO	Review of Council communication mechanisms	Dec-25	Current communication processes are reviewed and report to Council for consideration	Not yet commenced
Review the current practice of holding consultation meetings throughout the Shire and distribution of newsletter 'Inform' to maximise effective community engagement.	CEO	Council will embrace exceptional customer service, valuing staff and promoting ethical standards of practice, supported by clear policies and strategies;	Monthly	Item is raised at every Council meeting to ensure compliance	Ongoing

Strategic Outcome: Council Operations Support Quality Service Provision and Good Governance

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Ensure the transparency of Council's financial operations and performance and promote awareness within the community of Council's financial management and other strategies.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council administration and finances sections	Jun-25	Number of issues raised	Every opportunity taken to increase available funding opportunities.
	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council's internet and internal technology capabilities.	Jun-25	capabilities of the system is reviewed and reported to Council	Microsoft training completed in March. Website renewal scheduled for Qtr 4
	DCS	Review and implement a fair and equitable rating system	May-25	Review is undertaken and outcomes are reported to Council for their consideration	FY25/26 rates to be workshopped in Qtr 4
Pursue opportunities for external income sources to enhance financial capacity beyond traditional methods	CEO	Review Council's strategies / operations to reduce costs to Council	Monthly	Report to Council on options of gaining additional revenue sources	External and new inclone sources considered on an ongoing basis.
Ensure the efficiency of procurement and stores activity.	DCS	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of the procurement and stores sections	Oct-24	Undertake a review of processes and if required implement an improvements	Ongoing review
Ensure the efficiency of depot and engineering administration	CEO	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Councils depot and engineering sections	Ongoing	Review current practices and report back to Council on possible improvements	Staff resources for current TMR projects managed as per project needs.
	DES	Effective works program to better utilize alignments between all funding.	Fortnightly	Works programs will be updated fortnightly in Council web site	On going
Maintain a profitable fleet business and manage contractor hire arrangements.	DES	Review and implement strategies for an efficient operation of Council's Plant Fleet	Annually	AMP for Council plant and machinery is reviewed and implemented	Fleet report has been reviewed . DES is in process to develop a Fleet Asset management Plan.
	DES	utilisation of plants effectively and monitoring contractor's performance in regular basis.	Ongoing	Satisfactory Utilisation hours and project completion within the set time frame and costs	On going
	DES	Develop a Plant Replacement and upgrade schedule and maintain the operational capacity of plant.	Jun-25	An annual plant for plant replacement is presented to Council, including a 10 year replacement Program	Will reviewed soon

Strategic Outcome: Desirable Staffing Balance that Reflects Council and Community Expectations

Strategies	Officer	Actions	Comp Date	KPI	3rd Quarter
Develop, review and implement a staffing strategy to the efficiency of Council operations	CEO	Review and implement strategies to increase the capacity of Council	Oct-24	As apart of the organisational review.	Recruitment for DAFF project underway.
Provide accountable, professional, responsible, timely and accessible services to external and internal customers that reflect the values of the organization.	DCS	Review and implement strategies to for customer services	Dec-24	The current process for customer requests and complaints is review and any outcome is presented to Council for consideration	Full version of Snap Send Solve implemented. ELT are revieweing internal policies for customer service and seeking training options.

Strategic Outcome: Council is Effective in Attracting and Retaining Qualified, Experienced and Committed Staff

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>
Ensure Councillors and staff are provided with relevant learning and personal development opportunities to achieve stated strategic priorities and corporate objectives.	CEO	Promote a drug free environment.	Monthly	Outcomes from testing is considered	Compliance and no substantial issues arising.
	CEO	Review and implement strategies for an efficient training and development programs	Monthly	A training needs analysis is developed	Ongoing
Implement effective HRM strategy throughout the organisation.	CEO	Review HRM practice for Council.	Dec-24	An annual review is undertaken of current practices	Ongoing
Develop and implement organisation well-being programs.	CEO	Well-being program is part of a HRM review.	Dec-24	An annual review is undertaken of current practices	Not yet commenced
Develop and implement proactive WHS and enterprise risk strategies to reduce threats to the Council and the community.	CEO	Promote and support a safe and healthy work environment in which the importance of family and work/life balance is recognised.	Feb-25	Annual review is favourable and incidents are minimised	Enterprise Risk Management Plan identified for review.

Strategic Outcome: Council if Effective in Planning, Preparing and Responding to Natural Disasters

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Comp Date</u>	<u>KPI</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>
Ensure a preparedness to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies and engage in planning activities aimed at minimising the impact of such disasters on the community.	CEO	Advocate for improved weather information infrastructure in the region (stream gauge stations, rainfall gauge stations and radar).	Dec-24	Suitable weather forecasting is place.	LDMG Debrief completed and awaiting Action Plan.
Maintain a compliant, resourced disaster management plan	CEO	Review and update disaster management plan	Dec-24	Get ready is successful	Completed.

GENERAL MEETING: April 2025

Mayor and Councillors
Etheridge Shire Council
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Councillors,
I present my report for the period of: March 2025

Financial

1. 2025/2026 Budget

As Council travel to the different communities throughout the first half of 2025, please take the opportunity to begin future budget discussions. A budget schedule has been provided, and calendar save the dates will be sent. Some changes may occur between now and then, but I will try minimising these. Budget workshops are set to begin with Councillors in late April, and with communities throughout May.

2. Finance Working Group

The finance working group are currently attending to budget preparation, third quarter budget review analysis and draft grants register.

Audit Update

3. Internal Audit

Council has received the Final Management Report for Tender Evaluation and Contracts Management, and it will be presented to the next Audit Committee meeting scheduled for 8th April 2025.

4. External Audit

Council have confirmed with BDO for the Interim Audit to occur in the week beginning 23rd June 2025 and final audit in the week beginning 8th September 2025.

5. Audit Committee

The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 8th April 2025.

Council Projects

6. Council Facility Keyless Entry System

Council has appointed Natashka to be the team project lead. Natashka has finished the development of the website. The contractor was due back on site second week in February to finalise installation however we have been advised in February, and again in March that the visit will be delayed due to weather. This visit has been rescheduled to end of April 2025.

7. Independent Living Facility – Housing Infrastructure Grant

Preston Law is currently in the process of drafting tenancy guidelines, agreements and policies. Council is currently advertising as per Department guidelines to satisfy the funding requirements. Project build complete (refer DES). Workshop required urgently for application approval process.

8. Snap Send Solve Roll Out

The program is live, and Council are promoting across their media channels. Council's IT & Records team are doing some personalisation on Council's end for reporting purposes. Updates on actionable items will now be reported on via the Information Bulletin.

9. Electronic Noticeboards

Council has received three quotations; however, all are over current Capex budget. The NWMP Grant Application was declined. Currently seeking further grant opportunities to fund electronic signage. Council is still undergoing investigations into best option for SMS messaging.

10. Commercial Lease Negotiations

Council have received the market appraisal of the property and begun negotiations with the current tenant. No response has been received at the time of this report; however, the CEO is on leave. Will provide Council with a verbal update if required.

11. Lot 4 on CD35 (Lynd Medical Centre)

Council have addressed all obligations including final payment by 2nd October 2024 and are awaiting confirmation from Department of Resources of finalisation. The survey plan was registered with Titles Qld on 11th March 2025. Department of Resources will now create Unallocated State Land (used to be Crown Land). Once complete, the Governor will be briefed before Council is issued with the Title Deed. Estimate completion advised by Department of Resources is mid-May. Stock proof fencing has been completed around the Lynd Medical Centre.

12. Sustainable Destinations Project

Council has received the 2025 Audit & recertification process. The audit timeline will be communicated once confirmed with the auditor. ELT will progress with Council regarding any budgetary considerations required for future memberships.

13. CMS Transition

LGAQ are currently our host for CMS (3 websites – 2 active being Council and Unearth Etheridge). LGAQ advised late last year that their contract with Jadu had expired, and they had finalised the tender process and were moving to Granicus, therefore we are getting a new website provider. I will be liaising to have the transition completed by 30 June.

14. Community Learning Hubs – Mt Surprise & Forsayth

Council have begun preliminary discussions with suppliers; however further site investigations are required and will be completed throughout early 2025.

15. Biosecurity Advisory Committee

Local Law Amendment – No further action taken. CEO to provide further advice.
ESC Biosecurity Plan – Awaiting next Biosecurity Advisory Committee meeting.

Events & Commitments

DATE	ORGANISATION	TOPIC
19/03/2025	ESC	March General Meetings
20/03/2025	ESC	DRFA Meeting
27/03/2025	NWMP	Grant catch-up
02/04/2025	ESC	Little Gems & TerrEstrial visit
08/04/2025	ESC	Audit Committee Meeting
09/04/2025	ESC	Monthly Community Connect – Einasleigh
10/04/2025	CHHHS	MOU Discussions

Thankyou kindly,
Renee Bester
Director of Corporate Services

General Meeting 16th April 2025

Subject	Financial Performance as at 31-03-2025
Classification	Open
Author	Laurie Hawker, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a monthly finance report is required to be presented to Council stating the progress made in relation to the budget for the period of the financial year as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting held

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025 pursuant to, and in accordance with, the Local Government Regulation 2012 (s204).

BACKGROUND

The monthly financial report of Council provides a snapshot of Council's financial performance (Profit and Loss), financial position (Balance Sheet) and cash flow for the reporting period.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate aim No 5 :Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.

Strategy No 5.3.1 ensure transparency of Council's financial operations and performance and promote awareness within the community of council's financial management and other strategies.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Budget or resource considerations contained within this report. The Annual budget is provided with the Financial Report for information purposes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a financial report to the Council's monthly meeting. The financial report is to be as close to the last day of the month of the reporting period as possible.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Advise if called

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	NA
Inform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Summary of broad and general risks and opportunities:

- Risk 1- Financial reports are covered by many Laws, regulations and standards and subject to public scrutiny.
- Risk 2- Ensuring our business focus is strategically oriented to adequately and efficiently predict and cover a reasonable range of possible situations and events.
- Risk 3 – To not be restricted unnecessarily by remoteness and access to resources resulting in Council losing its robustness and sustainable edge.

- Opportunity 1- As a responsibility, the Financial Reports are an excellent method to provide information to external parties and stake holders including ratepayers, the public and other interested parties in a simple and easy to understand format.
- Opportunity 2 – Being optimally positioned as a strong, well managed and prominent Far North Queensland mid-sized Council to make best use of any opportunities and possibilities available.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Laurie Hawker – Finance Manager

Date:03-04-2025

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Financial Reports

Etheridge Shire Council
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PCS Balance Sheet Summary
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PCS Statement of Financial Position
PCS Statement of Cash Flows

Etheridge Shire Council

Cash Position

As at 31 March 2025

	Actual
Current Assets	
Bendigo Cash at Bank	\$ 753,046
Investments	\$ 11,749,053
22108 Reserve Cash Acc	\$ 284,762
22821 2024 ILP Staff Housing 6Mil	\$ 4,050,837
Cash on Hand	\$ 1,500
	\$ 16,839,198
Cash back Current Liabilities	
Annual Leave Payable	\$ 469,932
Current LSL Payable	\$ 182,996
Accrued Time-in-Lieu	\$ 7,371
RDO	\$ 7,090
Restricted cash - grants received not yet spent less grants receivable	\$ 1,075,000
	\$ 1,742,389
Receivables	
Receivables - Debtors	\$ 542,468
Receivables - Rates	\$ 12,058
Receivables - Govt Subsidy	-\$ 160
	\$ 554,366
Payables	
Accounts Payable	\$ 172,562
Emergency Fire Service Levy	\$ 131,571
Retentions Current	\$ 973,747
Current Loan - Forsayth Water	\$ 7,022
ILU Staff Housing	
	\$ 1,284,903
Working Capital	\$ 14,366,272

Comparative Data

As at 31 March 2025

		2024-25		2023-24		2022-23
Cash Position	\$	16,839,198	\$	16,994,686	\$	3,393,556
Working Capital	\$	14,366,272	\$	17,466,545	\$	2,776,126
Rate Arrears	\$	12,058	\$	227,837	\$	121,055
Current Debtors	\$	542,468	\$	1,309,719	\$	20,752
Current Creditors	\$	172,562	\$	260,099	\$	39,199
Current Loan Payable	\$	7,022	\$	3,710	\$	884

Etheridge Shire Council
Financial Highlights
As at 31 March 2025

	Actual	Budget	Percentage
Total revenue	\$ 53,159,908	\$ 58,736,697	91%

Statements are for 9 months of the financial year and generally would represent 75% of the overall budget.

The Recurrent revenue is \$53.159M which is mainly due to the receipt of \$41 million grants revenue including \$33 million Flood Damage grants and \$7.2 million of FAGS grants. No Flood Damage revenue was received in March.

Total expenditure	-\$ 38,882,272	-\$ 47,663,013	82%
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Statements are for 9 months of the financial year and generally would represent 75% of the overall budget.

Roads flood damage expenditures are the major cash outflow of Council at \$26.966M. The change from the previous month was \$391k, DTMR expenditures were \$2.858M an increase of approximately \$558k.

Surplus/Deficit

\$ 14,277,636

The surplus net operating result is reflecting high revenue cash inflows. Due to wet season restrictions of works cash outflows are relatively low for the same period. Consequently the Cash position and the Surplus is slightly skewed in a positive direction.

Monthly Cash Flow Estimate

As at 31 March 2025

	Revenue	Expenditure
Revenue		
Rates	\$ 45,000	
Fees and Charges Billings	\$ 165,000	
Own Roads Program Recoveries	\$ -	
Main Roads Invoiced Recoveries	\$ 309,705	
Grants Expected	\$ 22,500	
Flood Damage NDRRA	\$ -	
GST	\$ 177,000	
Expenditure		
Payroll		\$ 540,000
Operating and Contractor Payables		\$ 2,000,000
PAYG-W; GST		\$ 30,000
Loan Payments		\$ -
Capital Acq		\$ -
Other		\$ -
	<u>\$ 719,205</u>	<u>\$ 2,570,000</u>
Cash decrease expected during the next period	<u>-\$ 1,850,795</u>	

WIP - March 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
0400-4150-0000 Land & Land Improvements							
Completed projects							
3255-4500-0000	Land purchase - Purchase of Lynd medical centre land & surveying costs		16,034.42	9,059.12	25,093.54	16,034.42	156%
			16,034.42	9,059.12	25,093.54	16,034.42	156%
0400-4250-0000 Buildings							
3610-4501-0001	FNQRP (24-25) - Coordination Centre (Gtown)	2,000,000.00		4,518.00	4,518.00	200,000.00	2%
3610-4501-0002	FNQRP (24-25) - Housing Project - Independent Living	2,000,000.00			-	-	0%
3280-4504-0000	Staff Housing Project (SHP)	3,000,000.00	50,655.70	2,376,608.55	2,427,264.25	3,100,000.00	78%
3280-4505-0000	Independent Living Facility (ILF)	3,000,000.00	1,119,497.87	2,145,757.76	3,265,255.63	3,522,065.00	93%
3412-4500-0001	W4Q (24/27) - Multi-Purpose Centre Mt Surprise	1,580,000.00		4,518.00	4,518.00	1,580,000.00	0%
6010-4501-0000	Growing Regions - Terrestrial Centre Extension	4,400,000.00		186.25	186.25	4,653,750.00	0%
6010-4502-0000	Growing Regions - Cumberland Dam	1,880,000.00		7,270.00	7,270.00	2,133,750.00	0%
6010-4503-0000	Growing Regions - Einasleigh Peoples' Museum	1,100,000.00			-	1,353,750.00	0%
6010-4504-0000	Growing Regions - Our Elders Trail	855,000.00			-	1,108,750.00	0%
6030-4501-0000	DOE - Hostel - Re-roof, drainage & flooring	50,000.00		112,643.20	112,643.20	113,410.00	99%
Carried forward projects 25-26							
4011-4501-0000	Georgetown Streets - Georgetown Streetscaping & chairs			3,877.20	3,877.20	20,000.00	19%
Completed projects							
3080-4501-0000	Aged Care Facilities - Advisory		86,798.12		86,798.12	86,798.12	100%
3295-4500-0000	Demountable office - Relocation		3,251.19		3,251.19	3,251.19	100%
3350-4502-0003	Depot - Septic installation		9,136.40		9,136.40	9,136.40	100%
3411-4500-0001	W4Q (21/24) - Georgetown - Streetscaping	400,000.00	366,670.20		366,670.20	400,000.00	92%
3411-4500-0002	W4Q (21/24) - Georgetown Sports Centre	270,000.00	114,393.31	34,846.56	149,239.87	270,000.00	55%
3411-4500-0003	W4Q (21/24) (LRCI3) - Einasleigh - Drainage improvement	250,000.00	213,312.55	9,165.14	222,477.69	250,000.00	89%
3411-4500-0004	W4Q (21/24) - Fors/Gtown - Water Telemetry	100,000.00				-	
3411-4500-0005	W4Q (21/24) - Rural Addressing	100,000.00	39,603.45	78,306.76	117,910.21	100,000.00	118%
3411-4500-0006	W4Q (21/24) - Forsyth Cemetery Fencing	40,000.00				-	
3620-4500-0001	LRCI 3 - Forsyth Transfer Station	500,000.00	569,004.97	26,737.78	595,742.75	575,000.00	104%
3620-4500-0002	LRCI 3 - Gtown Sports center - Parking & drainage	45,602.00	45,452.61		45,452.61	45,602.00	100%
3620-4500-0003	LRCI 3 - Reseals 2	400,000.00	428,053.23		428,053.23	400,000.00	107%
3620-4500-0004	LRCI 3 - Industrial estate	40,000.00	6,024.00	3,451.25	9,475.25	262,888.00	4%
3620-4500-0005	LRCI 3 - Storm water drainage - Forsyth	240,000.00	252,644.99		252,644.99	240,000.00	105%
3620-4500-0006	LRCI 3 - Reseal Baroota Street Einaslei	52,000.00				-	
3620-4500-0007	LRCI 3 - Reseal Terrestrial carpark	40,000.00	9,036.95		9,036.95	40,000.00	23%
5030-4500-0001	Einasleigh - Upgrade Eins Common Stock Yrds		112,975.54		112,975.54	112,975.54	100%
6010-4506-0001	Terrestrial - Ducted airconditioning replacement		34,305.68		34,305.68	34,305.68	100%
			3,460,816.76	4,807,886.45	8,268,703.21	20,615,431.93	40%
0400-4350-0000 Other Structures							
3620-4506-0001	RAUP + FNQRP- Airstrip Einasleigh & Mt Surprise - Fencing	900,000.00		11,652.75	11,652.75	900,000.00	1%
4500-4512-0000	Charleston Dam - Fencing				-	20,000.00	0%
5151-4500-0000	NWMP Round 2 - Walking path, signage, TO engagement, bush tucker	120,000.00	65,218.15		65,218.15	120,000.00	54%
5151-4501-0000	Griffith Uni Project - Totem structures & boundary signs		448,134.28	21,420.02	469,554.30	448,134.28	105%
5151-4502-0001	All Towns - Electronic Community Notice Boards (SMS)					80,000.00	0%
5151-4504-0000	HVSPP - Wash Down Facility	600,000.00	200,368.91	433,475.35	633,844.26	750,000.00	85%
5152-4500-0004	Forsyth & Mt Surprise - Learning Hubs					20,000.00	0%
5163-4500-0001	Cemeteries - Improvements			13,413.44	13,413.44	30,000.00	45%
6010-4502-0001	Terrestrial - Security upgrade		36,807.48		36,807.48	36,807.48	100%

WIP - March 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
Carried forward projects 25-26							
5152-4500-0000	Forsayth - Seating, Signage & Fitness Equipment					25,000.00	0%
Completed projects						-	
4011-4502-0000	Gtown - Town Fence			27,646.52	27,646.52	-	
4140-4506-0001	Depot - Self bunded Ad blue tank		21,535.41	3,286.09	24,821.50	21,535.41	115%
5151-4507-0000	PTIIP- Mount Surprise Bus Stop	45,000.00	15,994.72	57,911.62	73,906.34	90,000.00	82%
			788,058.95	568,805.79	1,356,864.74	2,541,477.17	53%
0400-4450-00000 Fleet Plant & Equipment						-	
	Caravan compass GIS 21 ft					100,000.00	0%
	Caravan roadster vacationer					100,000.00	0%
	Caravan Industrial 2 Man					100,000.00	0%
	Caravan Traymark industrial					100,000.00	0%
	Caravan Traymark industrial					100,000.00	0%
	24-25 replacements (remaining)					812,272.67	0%
Completed projects							
4150-4500-1380	Prado			76,458.46	76,458.46	76,458.46	100%
4150-4500-1385	Prado			76,458.47	76,458.47	76,458.47	100%
4150-4500-2510	16,000 L Water Tank (Cartage)			83,834.00	83,834.00	83,500.00	100%
4150-4500-2625	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Tipper			328,329.48	328,329.48	362,000.00	91%
4150-4500-2630	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Truck			328,329.48	328,329.48	362,000.00	91%
4150-4500-2635	Fuso Shogun 8 Wheeler - Truck			328,329.48	328,329.48	362,000.00	91%
4150-4500-2650	Fuso FV51 Hooklift			118,608.92	118,608.92	118,608.92	100%
4150-4500-3165	Mower			7,701.48	7,701.48	7,701.48	100%
	Plant Sales		-	400,909.08	400,909.08	-	
				947,140.69	947,140.69	2,761,000.00	34%

WIP - March 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
0400-4550-0000	Furniture & Other Equipment						
2060-4500-0001	Georgetown Stadium & Pool - Keyless Entry		22,477.55	7,228.80	29,706.35	29,706.35	100%
			22,477.55	7,228.80	29,706.35	29,706.35	100%
0400-4650-0000	Roads Infrastructure						
3620-4505-0002	LRCI Phase 4 - Recon & Seal Oak Park Road	79,698.00				79,698.00	0%
3620-4505-0003	LRCI Phase 4 - Design and reseal for Hayman	42,100.00				42,100.00	0%
3620-4505-0004	LRCI Phase 4 - Einas Forsayth Rd Ch 9480-18960	68,094.00		68,094.00	68,094.00	68,094.00	100%
3620-4505-0005	LRCI Phase 4 - Cleaning Road Grids	7,900.00		7,572.67	7,572.67	7,900.00	96%
3620-4505-0006	LRCI Phase 4 - Install hip roof MultiPurp Cen	100,000.00		111,057.23	111,057.23	100,000.00	111%
3620-4505-0007	LRCI Phase 4 - Design & Reseal Undara Road	133,447.00		125,917.28	125,917.28	133,447.00	94%
3620-4505-0009	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of Media filter in Water Treatment Plant	50,000.00		59,344.93	59,344.93	50,000.00	119%
3620-4505-0011	LRCI Phase 4 - Supply and installation of waste transfer bins.	80,000.00		81,768.27	81,768.27	80,000.00	102%
3620-4505-0012	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of 4 x 1650 mm diameter reinforced concrete pipe- Kidston road @ ch 25.850 km	56,500.00		3,714.80	3,714.80	56,500.00	7%
3620-4505-0013	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of 4 x 1200 mm diameter reinforced concrete pipe @ ch 26.175 km	55,000.00		7,429.60	7,429.60	55,000.00	14%
3620-4505-0014	LRCI Phase 4 - Replacement of 4 x 1050 mm diameter reinforced concrete pipe @ ch 26.398 km	66,000.00			-	66,000.00	0%
3620-4505-0015	LRCI Phase 4 + QRA - Construction of box culvert and concrete floodway at Granite Creek on Gilberton Road	248,000.00		202,303.54	202,303.54	248,000.00	82%
3620-4505-0016	LRCI Phase 4 - Dust pads Einasleigh	50,000.00			-	50,000.00	0%
3620-4505-0017	LRCI Phase 4 - Queenslander Creek upgrade	238,369.00		238,369.01	238,369.01	238,369.00	100%
	Mt Surprise Remedial Street drainage (budget review pending)					198,000.00	0%
3620-4505-0018	Install road name signage & inspect all road signs in Shire (maintenance - to be adjusted in April 2025)			32,388.60	32,388.60	-	#DIV/0!
4011-4500-0000	R2R 24-25 - Hayman Street Drainage	90,000.00	3,413.60	903.60	4,317.20	93,413.60	5%
4011-4504-0000	R2R 25-26 - Patricia Road Upgrade - survey & design			5,381.44	5,381.44	-	
4012-4500-0000	R2R 24-25 - Resealing work in First street 22/23 survey/design & construction	50,000.00	10,332.92	21,041.57	31,374.49	60,332.92	52%
4012-4501-0000	R2R 24-25 - Cleaning Road Grids	8,500.00				8,500.00	0%
4014-4500-0000	R2R - 24-25 - Mt Surprise - Drainage - various	252,000.00		234,288.37	234,288.37	246,500.00	95%
4020-4500-0000	LRCI Phase 2 - Sealed Services - Forsayth - Einasleigh Rd Reseal	286,549.00	437,049.58	371,743.00	808,792.58	437,049.58	185%
4020-4550-0000	Road realignments (Percy vale Road)	40,000.00		5,672.60	5,672.60	-	#DIV/0!
4020-4560-0000	R2R - Eins-For Rd Ch 32.57-33.27 R2R		7,890.61		7,890.61	7,890.61	100%
4020-4570-0000	R2R 23-24 - Big Joe Bridge Einasleigh R2R - Asphalt work	150,000.00		433.18	3,890.96	3,890.96	100%
4020-4580-0000	NWQEDS10 - Caseys Rest Lookout	100,000.00		3,714.80	3,714.80	100,000.00	4%
4040-4500-0000	TMR BRP - Queenslander Creek upgrade	800,000.00	44,269.63	1,065,398.62	1,109,668.25	1,000,000.00	111%
4060-4500-0010	Replacement of 4 nos - 375 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Dulthara road at chainage 38.152 km	-	4,572.17		4,572.17	4,572.17	100%
4060-4500-0011	Replacement of 4 nos - 375 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Dulthara road at chainage 45.1 km	-	4,512.07		4,512.07	4,512.07	100%
4060-4500-0014	Replacement of 4 nos - 450 mm diameter Pipe culvert in North head road at chainage 21.10 km	-	2,587.32		2,587.32	2,587.32	100%
4060-4500-0015	Replacement of 4 nos - 450 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Vanlee road at chainage 9.46 km	-	1,260.60		1,260.60	1,260.60	100%
4060-4500-0018	R2R 24-25 - Replacement of 4 nos - 450 mm diameter Pipe culvert in Gilberton road at chainage 51.80 km	16,500.00			-	16,500.00	0%
4060-4500-0019	R2R 24-25 - Pipe Replace Lake Carlo	28,900.00		16,663.20	16,663.20	28,900.00	58%
4060-4503-0000	Floodways (Granite Creek)	-		8,383.40	8,383.40	-	
4061-4504-0000	Reseals - Georgetown		195,454.65		195,454.65	654,454.65	30%

WIP - March 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
Completed projects							
4013-4501-0001	Cap Imp - Etheridge River - Remove vegetation			44,864.65	44,864.65	50,000.00	90%
4020-4535-0000	TIDS + QRA - Forsayth Einasleigh 24-25 - 27.767 KM - 32.267 KM Survey & design - 32.267 k - 37.10 km	1,891,464.32	3,167,100.37	2,625,523.95	5,792,624.32	5,302,027.42	109%
4020-4530-0000							
4020-4565-0000							
4020-4540-0000	Forsayth-Eins cap works - sign replacement		170,643.58		170,643.58	170,643.58	100%
4060-4500-0001	R2R - Kidston Road R2R		106,373.80	19,164.08	125,537.88	106,373.80	118%
4060-4500-0002	R2R - Agate Creek Road R2R		191,784.35	12,550.00	204,334.35	191,784.35	107%
4060-4500-0003	R2R - Oakleigh Station Road R2R		3,012.00		3,012.00	3,012.00	100%
4060-4500-0016	R2R - Carpentaria Downs Station Rd		14,890.58		14,890.58	14,890.58	100%
4060-4500-0017	R2R - Conjuboy Road		17,255.25		17,255.25	17,255.25	100%
4060-4501-0000	Floodways		161,298.14		161,298.14	161,298.14	100%
4061-4504-0008	R2R 24-25 - Re sealing work in Hayman Street	6,424.00		6,449.60	6,449.60	6,424.00	100%
4061-4504-0009	R2R 24-25 - Re sealing work in Colin Street	8,887.00		8,921.03	8,921.03	10,000.00	89%
4061-4504-0010	R2R 24-25 - Re sealing work in Cumberland Street	19,261.00		19,337.94	19,337.94	19,338.00	100%
4061-4504-0011	R2R 24-25 - Re sealing work in Crampton Road	38,377.00		45,056.02	45,056.02	38,377.00	117%
4063-4500-0001	Reseals - Mt Surprise - Cox Lane		12,802.19		12,802.19	12,802.19	100%
4063-4500-0002	Reseals - Mt Surprise - Garnet Street					-	
4063-4500-0003	R2R 24-25 - Reseals - Mt Surprise - Undara Road	8,063.00		8,063.00	8,063.00	8,063.00	100%
4065-4500-0000	Reseals - Oak Park		27,184.96		27,184.96	27,184.96	100%
			4,587,146.15	5,461,513.98	10,048,660.13	10,282,946.75	98%
0400-4750-0000 Water Infrastructure							
4320-4500-0002	Georgetown Water - Replacement of Meters		6,769.74	1,294.21	8,063.95	6,769.74	119%
4320-4500-0004	Georgetown Water - New Water Connections		7,996.66	1,195.77	9,192.43	7,996.66	115%
4340-4500-0002	Forsayth Water - Replacement of meters		1,621.28		1,621.28	1,621.28	100%
4340-4500-0004	Forsayth Water - New Water Connection		2,311.05	1,391.04	3,702.09	2,311.05	160%
Carried forward projects 25-26							
4500-4506-0001	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Survey Design Playground/ Amenities Fencing		85,373.05	4,286.98	89,660.03	363,000.00	25%
Completed projects							
4500-4506-0002	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Fencing (perimeter)		150,357.45	3,012.00	153,369.45	150,357.45	102%
4320-4501-0008	Georgetown Water - Landfill Standpipe		15,631.88		15,631.88	15,631.88	100%
4500-4508-0000	Charleston Dam - Water supply pipelines		13,056.61		13,056.61	13,056.61	100%
			283,117.72	11,180.00	294,297.72	560,744.67	52%
			9,157,651.55	11,812,814.83	20,970,466.38	36,807,341.29	57%

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		31 Mar 2025		Budget	31 Mar 2025		Budget	31 Mar 2025	Budget

1000-0001	Governance								
1000-0002	Elected Members	0.00	0%	0	389,642.80	77%	503,000	(389,642.80)	77% (503,000)
1010-0002	Governance	0.00	0%	0	668,394.78	83%	810,000	(668,394.78)	83% (810,000)
1020-0002	Economic Development	220,142.00	9%	2,440,000	117,940.64	47%	250,000	102,201.36	5% 2,190,000

1040-0002	Regulatory Services								
1040-0003	Town Planning	3,180.00	32%	10,000	64,779.68	108%	60,000	(61,599.68)	123% (50,000)
1041-0003	Building Control	1,178.70	59%	2,000	0.00	0%	200	1,178.70	65% 1,800
1042-0003	Environmental Health	1,881.00	21%	9,000	13,398.34	45%	30,000	(11,517.34)	55% (21,000)
1043-0003	Local Laws	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	5,000	0.00	0% (5,000)

1040-0002	Regulatory Services	6,239.70	30%	21,000	78,178.02	82%	95,200	(71,938.32)	97% (74,200)
1050-0002	Disaster Management	2,700,072.52	199%	1,360,000	130,979.97	85%	153,500	2,569,092.55	213% 1,206,500
1060-0002	WH&S	0.00	0%	0	240,921.92	79%	305,000	(240,921.92)	79% (305,000)

1000-0001	Governance	2,926,454.22	77%	3,821,000	1,626,058.13	77%	2,116,700	1,300,396.09	76% 1,704,300

2000-0001	Corporate								
2000-0002	General Rates	2,455,508.58	91%	2,705,000	390,905.46	91%	430,000	2,064,603.12	91% 2,275,000
2010-0002	General Administration	6,251,992.97	92%	6,805,192	2,064,249.91	76%	2,734,000	4,187,743.06	103% 4,071,192
2020-0002	Employee Services	1,936,200.02	88%	2,200,000	1,617,779.90	75%	2,155,000	318,420.12	708% 45,000
2030-0002	ICT	0.00	0%	0	271,205.94	74%	365,000	(271,205.94)	74% (365,000)
2040-0002	Broadcasting Services	0.00	0%	0	4,794.68	73%	6,600	(4,794.68)	73% (6,600)

2000-0001	Corporate	10,643,701.57	91%	11,710,192	4,348,935.89	76%	5,690,600	6,294,765.68	105% 6,019,592

3000-0001	Community								
3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties								
3000-0003	Staff housing	99,636.00	71%	140,000	246,587.50	48%	517,000	(146,951.50)	39% (377,000)
3002-0003	Savannah House	2,925.00	73%	4,000	20,980.51	72%	29,000	(18,055.51)	72% (25,000)
3003-0003	Demountable Office (Mary St)	37,000.00	77%	48,000	1,288.15	21%	6,000	35,711.85	85% 42,000
3004-0003	Independent Living	0.00	0%	1,200,000	107,391.66	---	0	(107,391.66)	-9% 1,200,000

3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties	139,561.00	10%	1,392,000	376,247.82	68%	552,000	(236,686.82)	-28% 840,000

3010-0002	Libraries	1,450.00	24%	6,000	33,881.41	113%	30,000	(32,431.41)	135% (24,000)
3020-0002	Community Development	26,250.00	100%	26,250	129,530.40	39%	330,000	(103,280.40)	34% (303,750)
3030-0002	Sport & Recreation	50.00	5%	1,000	328,809.79	67%	494,000	(328,759.79)	67% (493,000)
3040-0002	Halls	1,145.45	23%	5,000	244,327.40	71%	343,000	(243,181.95)	72% (338,000)
3050-0002	Medical Centres	0.00	0%	0	23,748.79	48%	49,200	(23,748.79)	48% (49,200)
3060-0002	Aerodromes	135,000.00	30%	450,000	224,822.70	75%	300,500	(89,822.70)	-60% 149,500
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre	107,183.20	9%	1,160,000	357,003.20	56%	641,000	(249,820.00)	-48% 519,000

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		31 Mar 2025		Budget	31 Mar 2025		Budget	31 Mar 2025		Budget
3080-0002	Little Gems Child Care Centre	85,645.61	62%	139,000	407,062.82	81%	505,500	(321,417.21)	88%	(366,500)
3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel	105,799.96	42%	250,000	183,217.66	49%	371,450	(77,417.70)	64%	(121,450)
3100-0002	Cemeteries	3,319.62	166%	2,000	34,093.57	114%	30,000	(30,773.95)	110%	(28,000)
3000-0001	Community	605,404.84	18%	3,431,250	2,342,745.56	64%	3,646,650	(1,737,340.72)	807%	(215,400)
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services									
4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds	2,318.30	58%	4,000	513,944.09	80%	644,000	(511,625.79)	80%	(640,000)
4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection	31,185.88	82%	38,000	224,630.50	52%	435,500	(193,444.62)	49%	(397,500)
4020-0002	Street Lighting	0.00	0%	0	6,582.72	37%	18,000	(6,582.72)	37%	(18,000)
4030-0002	Roads									
4030-0003	Shire Roads	3,853,065.72	92%	4,177,136	2,613,158.01	64%	4,075,000	1,239,907.71	>999%	102,136
4031-0003	Town Streets	22,500.00	11%	198,000	127,277.20	19%	654,542	(104,777.20)	23%	(456,542)
4032-0003	Flood Damage	33,203,516.21	103%	32,252,193	27,250,105.98	83%	32,879,049	5,953,410.23	-950%	(626,857)
4030-0002	Roads	37,079,081.93	101%	36,627,329	29,990,541.19	80%	37,608,591	7,088,540.74	-722%	(981,263)
4040-0002	Depot and Stores	73,191.53	59%	125,000	713,644.39	64%	1,114,000	(640,452.86)	65%	(989,000)
4050-0002	Recoverable Works									
4050-0003	Private Works	103,034.09	47%	220,000	69,069.52	38%	180,000	33,964.57	85%	40,000
4051-0003	DTMR	3,274,757.61	69%	4,753,901	2,880,739.09	119%	2,418,901	394,018.52	17%	2,335,000
4050-0002	Recoverable Works	3,377,791.70	68%	4,973,901	2,949,808.61	114%	2,598,901	427,983.09	18%	2,375,000
4060-0002	Plant Operations	4,815,140.98	68%	7,120,000	2,404,955.13	67%	3,596,000	2,410,185.85	68%	3,524,000
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services	45,378,710.32	93%	48,888,230	36,804,106.63	80%	46,014,992	8,574,603.69	298%	2,873,237
5000-0001	Utilities									
5000-0002	Water Supply									
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation	423,560.70	101%	420,100	601,394.77	70%	860,300	(177,834.07)	40%	(440,200)
5001-0003	Forsayth WTP & Reticulation	117,854.81	101%	117,200	276,940.52	102%	272,000	(159,085.71)	103%	(154,800)
5002-0003	Charleston Dam	0.00	0%	0	17,016.86	14%	120,000	(17,016.86)	14%	(120,000)
5000-0002	Water Supply	541,415.51	101%	537,300	895,352.15	71%	1,252,300	(353,936.64)	50%	(715,000)
5010-0002	Waste Management									
5010-0003	Georgetown	154,039.64	102%	150,400	176,890.43	63%	281,300	(22,850.79)	17%	(130,900)
5011-0003	Forsayth	15,562.05	104%	14,950	12,293.35	16%	76,000	3,268.70	-5%	(61,050)
5012-0003	Einasleigh	11,398.19	109%	10,500	12,665.44	67%	18,885	(1,267.25)	15%	(8,385)
5013-0003	Mt Surprise	12,201.07	102%	12,000	6,147.69	71%	8,711	6,053.38	184%	3,289
5010-0002	Waste Management	193,200.95	103%	187,850	207,996.91	54%	384,896	(14,795.96)	8%	(197,046)

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	31 Mar 2025		Budget	31 Mar 2025		Budget	31 Mar 2025		Budget
5000-0001 Utilities	734,616.46	101%	725,150	1,103,349.06	67%	1,637,196	(368,732.60)	40%	(912,046)
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE	60,288,887.41	88%	68,575,822	46,225,195.27	78%	59,106,138	14,063,692.14	149%	9,469,683

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		OPENING	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT BALANCE	
		BALANCE	31 Mar 2025	BUDGET	31 Mar 2025	BUDGET
CURRENT ASSETS						
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0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES					
0300-3000	Bendigo Cash at Bank	404,731.88	348,313.85	106%	329,843	753,045.73
0300-3005	Investments	4,926,978.73	6,822,074.35	-86%	(7,970,363)	11,749,053.08
0300-3006	22108 Ether Reserve CF	276,656.08	8,105.97	3%	270,000	284,762.05
0300-3007	22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	5,008,847.75	(958,011.03)	---	0	4,050,836.72
0300-3008	NQRP North Qld Resilience Project	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3020	Cash on Hand	1,500.00	0.00	0%	0	1,500.00
0300-3030	General Fund Bank Error Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3100	Receivables - Rates	170,021.19	(157,963.01)	-193%	81,824	12,058.18
0300-3110	Rates Receivable Adjustment	53,229.56	(53,229.56)	---	0	0.00
0300-3120	EOY Receipts-Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3130	Allowance for Impairment - Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3150	Receivables - Govt Subsidy	188.02	(348.01)	---	0	(159.99)
0300-3200	Receivables - Debtors	1,199,067.33	(656,599.63)	-98%	667,543	542,467.70
0300-3210	Grants Receivable - Roads	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3230	Receivables - Animals	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3240	Bond Receivable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3250	Debtors Receivable Adjustment	547,667.00	(547,667.00)	---	0	0.00
0300-3260	EOY Receipts-Debtors	(41,643.60)	41,643.60	---	0	0.00
0300-3270	Prepaid Expenses	119,508.68	(119,508.68)	---	0	0.00
0300-3280	Allowance for Impairment - Debtors	(114,875.98)	114,875.98	---	0	0.00
0300-3290	Debtors Accrual	2,332,503.35	(2,332,503.35)	148%	(1,573,325)	0.00
0300-3300	Stores Inventories	475,095.41	(15,026.61)	-17%	87,863	460,068.80
0300-3310	House & Land - Held for Resale GST	0.00	0.00	0%	(53,093)	0.00
0300-3320	House & Land -Held for Resale Input	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3330	Store Inventory Accruals	0.00	102.70	---	0	102.70
0300-3335	Accrued Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3340	Store Inventory Impairment Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-3400	Contract Receivable	3,520,330.92	0.00	0%	(4,251,181)	3,520,330.92
0390-3000	Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0300-0002	CASH AND RECEIVABLES TOTAL	18,879,806.32	2,494,259.57	-20%	(12,410,889)	21,374,065.89
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	18,879,806.32	2,494,259.57	-20%	(12,410,889)	21,374,065.89

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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	18,879,806.32	2,494,259.57	-20% (12,410,889)	21,374,065.89	166% 12,910,593
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
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0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
0400-4000 Land & Buildings - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0400-4050 WIP - Land & Bldgs - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0400-4100 Land & Land Improvements	2,104,888.62	0.00	0%	2,104,888.62	100%
0400-4150 WIP - Land & Land Improvements	16,034.42	9,059.12	0%	25,093.54	85%
0400-4200 Buildings	34,155,541.64	0.00	0%	34,155,541.64	87%
0400-4210 Accum. Dep. - Buildings	(12,277,332.23)	(752,083.16)	81%	(13,029,415.39)	106%
0400-4250 WIP - Buildings	3,460,816.77	4,803,991.29	<999%	8,264,808.06	117%
0400-4255 Growing Regions Project - Tourism SW	0.00	7,456.25	---	7,456.25	---
0400-4300 Other Structures	18,131,875.21	0.00	0%	18,131,875.21	100%
0400-4310 Accum. Dep. - Other Structures	(5,726,207.07)	(370,309.93)	-24%	(6,096,517.00)	106%
0400-4350 WIP - Other Structures	788,058.94	573,274.02	56%	1,361,332.96	122%
0400-4400 Fleet Plant & Equipment	14,033,606.72	0.00	0%	14,033,606.72	100%
0400-4410 Accum. Dep - Fleet Plant & Equipment	(5,435,756.64)	(776,663.02)	-252%	(6,212,419.66)	114%
0400-4450 WIP - Fleet Plant & Equipment	0.00	947,140.69	-31%	947,140.69	189%
0400-4500 Furniture & Other Equipment	2,035,514.29	0.00	0%	2,035,514.29	100%
0400-4510 Accum. Dep - Furniture & Other Equip	(574,371.21)	(46,962.23)	74%	(621,333.44)	108%
0400-4550 WIP - Furniture & Other Equipment	22,477.55	7,228.80	---	29,706.35	66%
0400-4600 Roads Infrastructure	239,453,196.57	0.00	0%	239,453,196.57	100%
0400-4605 Roads Manual adj	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0400-4610 Accum. Dep. - Roads Infrastructure	(40,830,044.76)	(2,137,653.01)	---	(42,967,697.77)	102%
0400-4650 WIP - Roads Infrastructure	4,587,146.14	5,461,513.98	103%	10,048,660.12	119%
0400-4700 Water Infrastructure	36,518,261.45	0.00	0%	36,518,261.45	103%
0400-4710 Accum. Dep. - Water Infrastructure	(5,694,874.02)	(323,710.81)	116%	(6,018,584.83)	106%
0400-4750 WIP - Water Infrastructure	283,117.72	6,893.02	-31%	290,010.74	97%
0400-4800 Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0480-4000 Land Improvements	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0480-4100 Land improvements - Accum Depn	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	285,051,950.11	7,409,175.01	163%	292,461,125.12	99%
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	285,051,950.11	7,409,175.01	163%	292,461,125.12	99%

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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	285,051,950.11	7,409,175.01	163%	4,533,791	292,461,125.12	99%	296,007,750
TOTAL ASSETS	303,931,756.43	9,903,434.58	-126%	(7,877,098)	313,835,191.01	102%	308,918,343
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES							
0500-5000 Contract Liability	1,139,682.72	0.00	0%	(7,313,079)	1,139,682.72	-229%	(497,565)
0500-5100 Rates Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	(8)
0500-5101 Rates receivable In Advance	53,229.56	(53,229.56)	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5110 Dishonoured Cheques Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5120 Debtors Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5200 Accounts Payable	0.00	31,876.42	-9%	(373,614)	31,876.42	8%	391,522
0500-5210 Accrued Expenses	5,091,933.46	(5,091,933.46)	-382%	1,333,716	0.00	0%	2,476,177
0500-5220 Emergency Fire Service Levy	31,857.99	99,712.96	367%	27,195	131,570.95	212%	62,000
0500-5230 Accrued Time-in-Lieu	63,830.68	(55,915.59)	-207%	27,033	7,915.09	23%	34,000
0500-5235 Payroll Accrual	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	89,124
0500-5240 RDO	16,051.10	(10,234.33)	-356%	2,878	5,816.77	194%	3,000
0500-5250 Payroll Suspense	0.00	240,364.53	---	0	240,364.53	---	0
0500-5260 Withholding Tax Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5270 Advance Pay Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5280 General Suspense	0.00	259.36	-8%	(3,100)	259.36	---	0
0500-5290 GST Suspense	0.00	(164,638.28)	---	0	(164,638.28)	---	0
0500-5295 Input tax GST Account	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5299 Retentions Current	0.00	973,747.19	---	0	973,747.19	---	0
0500-5300 Annual Leave Payable	504,405.27	(28,211.82)	5%	(530,045)	476,193.45	---	0
0500-5310 Current LSL Payable	294,856.73	(113,867.67)	-165%	69,018	180,989.06	52%	347,000
0500-5400 Current Loan - Workshop	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5410 Current Loan - Forsayth Water	13,560.90	(6,538.44)	67%	(9,810)	7,022.46	190%	3,700
0500-5411 Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	189,589.20	(189,589.20)	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-5420 Current Loan - Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(4,368,197.89)	65%	(6,769,808)	3,030,799.72	104%	2,908,950
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(4,368,197.89)	65%	(6,769,808)	3,030,799.72	104%	2,908,950

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 75% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2025

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	OPENING BALANCE	----- YEAR TO DATE ----- 31 Mar 2025		BUDGET	----- CURRENT BALANCE ----- 31 Mar 2025		BUDGET
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,398,997.61	(4,368,197.89)	65%	(6,769,808)	3,030,799.72	104%	2,908,950
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES							
=====							
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT							
0600-6300 Non-Current LSL Provision	137,347.65	53,980.24	90%	59,704	191,327.89	110%	174,000
0600-6310 Non-Current Annual Leave Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0600-6401 622265 2024 ILP and Staff House loan	5,780,427.90	153,960.09	---	0	5,934,387.99	---	0
0600-6410 Non-Current Loans	3,572.88	0.00	0%	0	3,572.88	0%	5,981,751
0600-6500 Non-Current Landfill - Georgetown	1,278,101.64	0.00	0%	428,047	1,278,101.64	73%	1,747,000
0600-6505 Non Current Landfill Old Georgetown	73,522.00	0.00	0%	0	73,522.00	---	0
0600-6506 Non Current Landfill Sanitary pits	63,665.00	0.00	0%	0	63,665.00	---	0
0600-6510 Non-Current Landfill - Forsayth	232,082.72	0.00	0%	(238,501)	232,082.72	---	0
0600-6520 Non-Current Landfill - Einasleigh	179,580.99	0.00	0%	0	179,580.99	138%	130,315
0600-6530 Non-Current Landfill - Mt Surprise	238,675.64	0.00	0%	0	238,675.64	79%	300,458
0600-0002 LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT TOTAL	7,986,976.42	207,940.33	83%	249,250	8,194,916.75	98%	8,333,524
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,986,976.42	207,940.33	83%	249,250	8,194,916.75	98%	8,333,524
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,986,976.42	207,940.33	83%	249,250	8,194,916.75	98%	8,333,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,385,974.03	(4,160,257.56)	64%	(6,520,558)	11,225,716.47	100%	11,242,474
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	288,545,782.40	14,063,692.14	<999%	(1,356,540)	302,609,474.54	102%	297,675,869

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 75% of year elapsed. To Details. Excludes committed costs)

Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2025

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		OPENING	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT BALANCE			
		BALANCE	31 Mar 2025	BUDGET	31 Mar 2025	BUDGET		
COMMUNITY EQUITY								
=====								
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES							
0700-7000	Shire Capital Account	39,500,666.35	0.00	0%	(666)	39,500,666.35	100%	39,500,000
0700-7100	Current Surplus	0.00	14,063,692.14	149%	9,469,683	14,063,692.14	149%	9,469,683
0700-7200	Accumulated Surplus	42,874,488.91	(0.00)	0%	2,811,596	42,874,488.91	84%	50,969,805
0700-7300	Asset Reval Reserve - Roads	158,907,707.47	0.00	0%	(8,654,133)	158,907,707.47	100%	158,473,431
0700-7310	Asset Reval Reserve - Land	2,113,661.06	0.00	0%	852,060	2,113,661.06	100%	2,113,000
0700-7320	Asset Reval Reserve - Buildings	17,460,264.12	0.00	0%	3,444,625	17,460,264.12	90%	19,460,000
0700-7330	Asset Reval Reserve - Water	7,420,590.68	0.00	0%	2,794,465	7,420,590.68	100%	7,420,000
0700-7340	Asset Reval Reserve -Other Structure	10,318,749.35	0.00	0%	2,587,030	10,318,749.35	100%	10,318,000
0700-7350	Asset Reval Reserve-Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7360	Asset Reval Reserve-TERMINERAL	488,854.46	0.00	0%	(854)	488,854.46	100%	488,000
0700-7400	Reserve Recurrent Expenditure Grants	53,502.00	0.00	0%	(53,502)	53,502.00	---%	0
0700-7410	Capital Grants Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7420	Plant Replacement Reserve	872,351.00	0.00	0%	(872,351)	872,351.00	---%	0
0700-7430	Future Capital Works Reserve	7,448,875.00	0.00	0%	(7,448,875)	7,448,875.00	---%	0
0700-7440	Capital Works Reserves	1,086,072.00	0.00	0%	(1,086,072)	1,086,072.00	---%	0
0700-7500	Appn: General Revenue for Capital	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7510	Appn: Profit/Loss on Sale NC Assets	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7520	Appn: Profit/Loss on Land Sales	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7530	Appn: Unfunded Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7540	Appn: Constrained Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7550	Appn: Reserve held Future Recur Exp	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7560	Appn: Capital Grants	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7570	Appn: Plant Replacement Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7580	Appn: Future Capital Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7590	Appn: Capital Works Reserves	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES TOTAL	288,545,782.40	14,063,692.14	366%	3,843,006	302,609,474.54	101%	298,211,919
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	288,545,782.40	14,063,692.14	366%	3,843,006	302,609,474.54	101%	298,211,919
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	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	288,545,782.40	14,063,692.14	366%	3,843,006	302,609,474.54	101%	298,211,919

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income		
Revenue		
Recurrent revenue		
Rates, levies and charges	3	2,779,874
Fees and charges	3	198,090
Interest Income	3 7	373,702
Other income	3	54,071
Rental Income	3 8	139,561
Sales revenue	3	3,427,565
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3 4	41,455,437
Total recurrent revenue		<u><u>48,428,299</u></u>
Capital revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	4,731,608
Total capital revenue		<u><u>4,731,608</u></u>
Expenses		
Recurrent expenses		
Employee benefits		(5,420,547)
Materials and services		(29,082,519)
Finance Interest Costs		(185,767)
Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E	9	(4,407,382)
Total recurrent expenses	6 7	<u><u>(39,096,215)</u></u>
Net Operating Result		<u><u>14,063,692</u></u>
Other Expenses		
Total other expenses		<u><u>0</u></u>
Net Capital result		<u><u>14,063,692</u></u>
Other comprehensive income		
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>0</u></u>
WIP Cap Exp		
Total WIP (Tsf to Fin Postn)		<u><u>0</u></u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u>14,063,692</u></u>

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 24/25</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	16,839,198	8,741,500
Receivables	12	554,366	1,826,328
Contract Assets		3,520,331	4,461,587
Other Current Assets		0	70,206
Inventories	13	460,172	440,958
		21,374,066	15,540,579
Total current assets	2	21,374,066	15,540,579
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4 7	292,461,125	305,684,329
Total non-current assets	2	292,461,125	305,684,329
TOTAL ASSETS		313,835,191	321,224,908
Current Liabilities			
Payables	17	1,226,912	3,056,532
Contract Liabilities		1,139,683	11,809,000
Borrowings	21	7,022	3,700
Provisions	18	657,183	347,000
Total current liabilities		3,030,800	15,216,232
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	21	5,937,961	5,981,751
Provisions	18	2,256,956	2,351,773
Total non-current liabilities		8,194,917	8,333,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES		11,225,716	23,549,756
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		302,609,475	297,675,152
Community Equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	25	196,709,827	198,272,192
Shire Capital		39,500,666	39,500,000
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		56,938,181	59,903,438
Reserves		9,460,800	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		302,609,475	297,675,630

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

Etheridge Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers		16,876,126
Payments to suppliers and employees		(45,140,421)
Interest received		375,193
Rental income		139,561
Non-capital grants and contributions		41,317,809
Borrowing costs		(185,767)
Net cash - operating activities	23	<u>13,382,502</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		4,696,706
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(11,809,101)
Net cash - from investing activities		<u>(7,112,395)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings		(42,168)
Net cash flow - financing activities		<u>(42,168)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		6,227,939
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		10,618,714
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	3	<u>16,839,198</u>

The above Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.



General Meeting 16th April 2025

Subject	Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 8th April 2025
Classification	Open
Author	Renee Bester

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 211, Council's Audit Committee met on 8th April 2025. A copy of the meeting minutes are provided as a written report about the matters reviewed at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 8th April 2025, and note the business resolved therein.

BACKGROUND

Council constituted an Audit Committee in 2022, and under s211 of the *Local Government Regulations*, has requirements including:

- (1) *The audit committee of a local government must—*
 - (a) *meet at least twice each financial year; and*
 - (b) *review each of the following matters—*
 - (i) *the internal audit plan for the internal audit for the current financial year;*
 - (ii) *the internal audit progress report for the internal audit for the preceding financial year including the recommendations in the report and the actions to which the recommendations relate;*
 - (iii) *a draft of the local government's financial statements for the preceding financial year before the statements are certified and given to the auditor-general under [section 212](#) ;*
 - (iv) *the auditor-general's audit report and auditor-general's observation report about the local government's financial statements for the preceding financial year; and*
 - (c) *as soon as practicable after a meeting of the committee, give the local government a written report about the matters reviewed at the meeting and the committee's recommendations about the matters.*
- (2) *At a meeting of the audit committee—*
 - (a) *a quorum is at least half the number of members of the committee; and*
 - (b) *either—*
 - (i) *the chairperson presides; or*
 - (ii) *if the chairperson is absent, the member chosen by the members present as chairperson for the meeting presides.*
- (3) *The audit committee may, for performing its functions under subsection (1) (b) , seek information or advice from the person who has carried out the internal audit.*
- (4) *The chief executive officer must present the report mentioned in subsection (1) (c) at the next meeting of the local government.*

The Audit Committee has now met three times this year and are progressing well considering through business as required.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.

Corporate Outcome No. 5.1: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Internal and External Audits are budgeted for within the 2024/25 year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Audit Committee was constituted under the Local Government Act & Regulations and holds meetings accordingly.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Inform	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

1. Lack of oversight on financial reporting
2. Poor risk management
3. Non-compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

Opportunities:

1. Improved governance practices
2. Strengthened Internal Audit functions & risk management frameworks

Mitigation:

1. Regular financial reporting to full Council
2. Implement risk management systems

Report Prepared By:

Renee Bester

Date: 8th April 2025

Report Authorised By:

Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 8th April 2025

ATTACHMENTS

Audit Committee Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes – 8th April 2025



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL 2025
COMMENCING AT 11.30 AM

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL 2025
COMMENCING AT 11.30 AM**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Barry Hughes
Cr. Laurell Royes (via Teams)
Mr. Jason Ritchie, Audit Committee Member (via Teams)

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

OBSERVERS

Mr. James Gaustad, BDO (via Teams)
Mr. Andy Smith, Pacifica (via Teams)
Ms. Jenisa Lau, QAO (via Teams)
Mr. William Cunningham, QAO (via Teams)

WELCOME

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.33am and welcomed all in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Apologies:

Partial apology for Andy Smith who is required to leave the meeting at 12.15pm.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, 27th November 2024

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held at Georgetown on Monday 27th November 2024 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Jason Ritchie

CARRIED
3/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

REPORTS

Final Report – Tender Evaluation & Contracts Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pacifica have prepared the Final Report for Tender Evaluation & Contract Management Review and is tabled for the committee's receipt. The report includes the results of the audit and management responses.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the report for Tender Evaluation & Contract Management Review.

MOVED: Mayor Hughes

SECONDED: Jason Ritchie

CARRIED
3/0

QAO Audit Committee Briefing Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

QAO presented an Audit Committee Briefing Paper for the committees receipt.

ATTENDANCE

Andy Smith left the meeting at 12.16pm.

CEO/DCS UPDATE

DCS Update

1. Information – Insights on audit committees in local government
2. Audit Committee Workplan Update
3. Audit Actions Register

GENERAL BUSINESS

Jason Ritchie

- External Audit Plan query
- 2025 Internal Audit Plan

CLOSED MEETING WITH AUDIT PRACTITIONERS

ATTENDANCE

Renee Bester & Mark Watt left the meeting at 12.27pm.

RESOLUTION

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.28pm for discussion with Audit Practitioners.

MOVED: Jason Ritchie

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

RESOLUTION

The Mayor re-opened the meeting again at 12.45pm.

MOVED: Mayor Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

ATTENDANCE

Mark Watt & Renee Bester returned to the meeting at 12.45pm.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.50pm. These minutes will be confirmed at the next meeting scheduled for early May.

Cr. Barry Hughes

MAYOR



General Meeting 16th April 2025

Subject	RADF Advisory Committee Minutes
Classification	Open
Author	Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Regional Art's Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting was held 10th March 2025, in Georgetown. The minutes of this meeting were forward to Councillors as a flying minute and are tabled for Council's review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 10th March 2025, and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

BACKGROUND

Council constituted the RADF Advisory Committee to assist in the development of representation of residents throughout Etheridge Shire with regard for Art's and Cultural Strategies.

The RADF Advisory Committee meet throughout the year to make recommendations to Council regarding:

- RADF Funding allocations
- Shire's Arts & Cultural priorities

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 4: Quality social infrastructure make the shire a desirable place to live
Corporate Outcome No. 4.3: A culturally aware community

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil. RADF activities are funded through State Government funding allocated in July each year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Please consult Council's Community Engagement Policy in conjunction with the IAP2 Spectrum for guidance.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Summary of risks:

- Council may not be able to fully exhaust all funding allocated.

Report Prepared By:

Report Authorised By:

Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

Date:

Date:

ATTACHMENTS

Include attachments such as:

- Unconfirmed RADF Advisory Committee minutes (10/03/2025)

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Monday, 10th March 2025
Council Chambers, Georgetown

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Opening of Meeting

Cr Tincknell opened the meeting at: 9:08am

Declarations

Nil

Attendance & Apologies

Members Present: Cr Tincknell (Chair), Jennay Delacour Coates.

Secretary: Gemma Bethel

Apologies: Katie Jones

Gallery: Josie Prior (via Teams).

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1. 1. Recommendation

The Minutes of the Advisory Committee (RADF) Meeting held at Council Boardroom, Georgetown on 13th December 2024 be confirmed as being true and correct

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2. Recommendation

That the RADF committee accepts the open membership applications from Andrea Kernan, Kelly Bethel & Gill Sheahan.

That the RADF committee accepts the youth membership applications for Sascha Young & Josie Prior.

That the RADF Committee amend its Terms of Reference to include youth members as part of quorum.

3. Recommendation

That the RADF committee thank the applicants of the Round 2 RADF Community Funding Stream for their application

That the RADF committee awards the following funding to the following applicants:

Applicant	Project	Amount Awarded
Terry Family Developments	Forsayth By Night Tours	\$15,000

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for 9.00am on 7th April 2025.

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting 9:16am.



DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES – BRIEFING REPORT

GENERAL MEETING: April 2025

Mayor and Councillors
Etheridge Shire Council
PO Box 12
Georgetown, QLD 4871

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: March 2025

1. Transport Main Roads

- A permanent electronic road closure sign for Lynd Roadhouse- TMR is working on internet issues
- Log Creek and Somerset Creek - Electronic warning signs – TMR is working on the internet issues

2. Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSPP)

- Georgetown washdown bay – Sealing work to be done

3. Drinking water facility for public in Georgetown

- Drinking water tap in Georgetown: Still waiting for formal quotation from Dispenser supplier and will be discussed in Community Connect workshop in near future.

4. Drainage works in Mount Surprise (ESC Funding)

- Work in progress

5. Independent Living Facility & Staff Housing

The Work Progress of the ILH (Independent Living Houses) Project is as follows:

Remaining works

- Footpath – to be done
- Land scaping – Completed except turf. Turf seed will be spread out after completion of the footpath work.

The Work Progress of the SHP (Staff Housing Precinct) Project is as follows:

Remaining works

- Electrical works from Main network to houses - work in progress
- Fencing – in progress
- Landscaping - In progress
- Drainage works – in progress

6. Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10

- Tender evaluation and Council Reporting stage

Note: Completion of the Project duration has been extended till End of August 2025.

7. NWQROC - North Queensland Resilience Program

ESC.0052 – Upgrade Water Assets (Safety Valves Forsayth)

- Project has been scheduled in August 2025

ESC.0053 – Provide back-up power to critical water infrastructure

- Waiting for quotations for a Generator set for Georgetown water reservoir

ESC.0054 – Replace fence & fence gates (Mt Surprise & Einasleigh airstrips)

- Tender will be awarded after April 2025 Council meeting

8. Grant application

Grant Program	Projects applied for	Amount applied for
Category E Funding – Crucial Access Links Program	Reconstruction and sealing Georgetown Airstrip Road (bypass road) and box culvert over the Sandy Creek	\$ 3 million
Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program	Reconstruction and Sealing of Forsayth Road (Road ID 6704) – 1.835 km Upgrade.	\$1.93 Million
TIDS	Reconstruction and Sealing of Forsayth Road (Road ID 6704) – 1.835 km Upgrade	\$ 1.4 Million

8. Charleston Dam

- Weekly inspection on going
- Annual Emergency Action Plan (EAP) in review stage

9. Calendar of Event

Previous Month

3.3.25 – Managers meeting
5.3.25 – Community Connect Meeting - Georgetown
11.3.25 – DRFA meeting
12.3.25 – Workshop - Georgetown
17.3.25 – Managers meeting
19.3.25 – Council meeting
21.3.25 – RRTG – TC Meeting
25.3.25 – DRFA Catch up meeting via MS Team
26.3.25 - DRFA meeting
26.3.25 – Zone 5 contract prestart meeting viz MS Team
27.03.25 – Gulf Civil issues meeting
28.03.25 – DRFA meeting via MS Team

Next Month (April 025)

2.4.25 – Contractor (Gulf Civil) prescribed notice review meeting via MS Team
3.4.25 – Charleston Dam EAP meeting with Dam Regulator in Georgetown
3.4.25 – Site meeting in Einasleigh re: Drainage issues
4.4.25 – Meeting with Gulf Civil
9.4.25 – Community Connect Meeting in Einasleigh

11.4.25 – Field Force 4 meeting
14.4.25 – Managers meeting
15.4.25 – DRFA meeting
16.4.25 – Council meeting
23.4.25 – Budget meeting
24.4.25 – RWMP Technical Committee meeting in Cairns
28.4.25 – Managers meeting
30.4.25 - Meeting with TMR re: GDR project at 8am
30.4.25 – Budget workshop

Regards

Raju Ranjit
Director of Engineering Services

General Meeting	16 April 2025
Subject	Washdown Bay Project Status and Additional Works
Classification	Open
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the washdown bay project status and additional works.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive the report on the washdown bay project status.
2. That Council approve an additional works for power connection and Advaita Control System at the Washdown Bay – Airport Strip Road (Bypass Road) in Georgetown, and
3. That additional works, amounting to \$90,000.00 (electrical works and Avdata system) be referred to the next quarterly budget review.

BACKGROUND

The Washdown bay construction project was funded by HVSP and Council. All civil works except the sealing work have been completed.

The truck wash plays a crucial role in maintaining regulatory compliance and ensuring the safety of the truck drivers and other road users. Trucks that carry hazardous materials or transport food products are subject to stringent hygiene and cleanliness standards set by government authorities.

In order to use the washdown bay facility effectively and efficiently, it is recommended to set up a charging system to charge fees to customers through an efficient centralised billing system.

In relation to the auto payment system, there are various methods of the system such as Isobel, Av data system etc. From discussions with the other users and supplier, the Av data system has been found the most suitable systems for ESC washdown bay facility.

To operate any smart payment system, it requires power and Wi-Fi. The power connection and automatic payment system were not in the approved scope of works of the washdown bay construction project and must be considered as an additional works.

Council has requested Av data Australia for a quotation for the system. The system reduces the administrative load as all aspects of the billing and payment collection process are taken by care by Av data. The system has setup a path for single payments to receive each month and the system is very simple as users need to carry a single key and receive monthly account covering their use of any truck washes in the system.

Prices below are for a single outlet configuration.

1 x MACS*Plus* unit: \$2,250.00

1 x single outlet control panel: \$550.00

1 x M2M wireless modem: \$585.00

Freight charges passed on at cost.

TOTAL hardware cost excluding GST: \$3,385.00 plus freight

Additionally, the estimated cost to connect the power at site is \$75,000.00

So, the total cost for the additional works (electrical and Av data system) is 90,000 (In. 20 % contingencies)

Project Financial Status:

The total expenditure of the project as of 31st of March is \$633,844.26 and the total Project life budget: \$750,000.00.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 1: A Sustainable Transport Network That Meets Community Needs

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

The total estimated cost for the additional works (electrical works and AV data system) is \$90,000.00 that can be covered under the present approved budget subject to Council's approval for the additional works. The work will be carried out by external contractors.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Asset Management Policy

CONSULTATION

The team is required to consult with relevant stakeholders if requires during the works.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
No consultation required	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Consult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Involve	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Collaborate	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Empower	<input type="checkbox"/>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low/Medium/High/Extreme – Medium

Please provide below a summary of risks and opportunities including review of likelihood and consequences and how mitigated if high risk.

Summary of risks and opportunities:

- Risk 1: Users will use more water than requires if not controlled
- Opportunity 1: Enable customers to pay for their truck / car wash quickly, securely, and conveniently,
- Opportunity 2: Manage transactions and improve operational efficiency.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. AV data system information

Avdata Truckwash Control System – Pricing guide

Pricing from 1 July 2024. Prices may be changed without notice and are subject to annual review.

Hardware	Description	Price (Ex GST)
Controller with control panel	MACSPlus controller (1 outlet)	\$2,800
	MACSPlus controller (2 outlets)	\$2,950
	MACSPlus controller (3 outlets)	\$3,100
	MACSPlus controller (4 outlets)	\$3,250
	Additional controllers	Price on application
Modem	M2M wireless modem	\$585
	SIM card supplied by Avdata (optional)	\$18 per month
Access keys	National Truckwash System key	\$22 each ¹

Service	Description	Fee (Ex GST)
Billing Service	Billing process is managed by Avdata, including: processing and storage of usage data received from truckwash facility, maintenance of database of key-holder contact details, calculation of usage charges, invoicing of and payment collection from truckwash users, and monthly forwarding of payment to the facility owner. Facility owner can access usage data and customer details at any time via a secure website login.	10% of total amount billed to users ² Minimum monthly fee applies Additional processing fee applies for customer payments made by credit card
Additional Access Management Service (e.g. for saleyard gate)	Avdata maintains database of keyholders permitted to use a facility associated with the truckwash (e.g. saleyard gate, ablution block etc.) which is operated using a MACS controller and control panel. Avdata receives and stores usage data and makes the collated information available to the facility owner via a secure website login.	Special rate for National Truckwash System facilities \$32.60 per month for each MACS unit. ²
De-register key	Remove access privileges for specified key	None

Notes:

- Delivery is normally 3-4 weeks from lodgement of order.
- Installation of equipment is the responsibility of the client. Avdata will provide technical support by phone during business hours.

¹ Keys may be re-sold to truckwash users; recommended price for National Truckwash System key is \$35.00 (ex-GST).

² Some technical support over the phone is included; additional support or support for specialised applications can be arranged (charged on a time and materials basis).

National Truckwash System

Specifications for text on new control panel

Use this form to specify the customised engraving on your new control panel.

Section 1 – Owner and location details

Truckwash owner/Council name:

Name of Truckwash location and address:

Avdata Location Code (if known):

Contact name for this order:

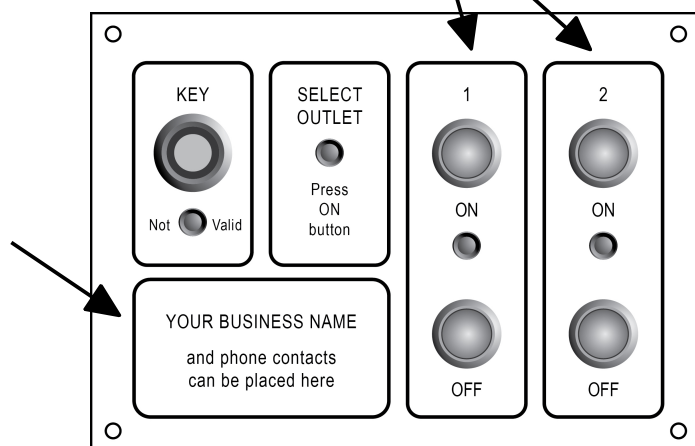
Phone: Email:

Section 2 – Plate details

Use boxes and checkboxes below to specify details for engraving on your control panel. These would normally include the name of the Council or business which owns the truckwash, a contact phone number, and a label for each outlet control¹.

- ☐ Use outlet numbers
- ☐ Use other labels:
(max 9 characters for each)

FOR KEYS AND ENQUIRIES
PHONE
 AVDATA NATIONAL TRUCKWASH SYSTEM



Section 3 – Authorisation for engraving

Avdata is hereby authorised to supply a control panel engraved as specified in Section 2.

Please quote Purchase Order #

Signature: Date:

Name:

Position:

Phone: Email:

¹Illustrated panel has 2 outlets – your panel will be supplied as specified in your order and may have fewer or more outlet controls than shown.



Avdata Truckwash Control System

Overview and installation planning

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1. Introduction

The National Truckwash System is a network of truckwash facilities at which access is controlled and monitored through the use of specialised electronic 'keys'. The National Truckwash System was established by Avdata in 1993 with the support of the saleyard and transporters associations, and enables transporters to receive a single monthly account for their use of truckwash facilities at saleyards and other sites across Australia. Over 8,000 keys are currently being used to access truckwashes in the network.

Owners of National Truckwash System truckwashes are generally local councils or business owners. Installation of Avdata's computerised control systems allows them to limit and monitor who has access to their facilities, and to charge fees to customers of those facilities through an efficient centralised billing system. Administrative load is reduced because all aspects of the billing and payment collection process are taken care of by Avdata – there is just a single payment to receive each month. And the system is extremely attractive to transporters because they only need to carry a single key and receive one monthly account covering their use of any truckwashes in the system.

1.1. About this guide

This document will provide an introductory guide to how the National Truckwash System operates and what you will need in order to become part of this network of facilities. Professional advice should be sought from your appropriately licensed engineer, plumber and electrician regarding installation and safety requirements for your specific circumstances.



Compliance with all relevant regulations, including those associated with plumbing and electrical installations and workplace health and safety issues, is the responsibility of the facility owner.

1.2. Other useful information

If you decide to install an Avdata Truckwash Control System then we recommend that you also consult the other Avdata publications listed below.

Existing Avdata clients can access these documents by logging in to WebView (<http://members.avdata.com.au>) and choosing 'Information sheets' under the 'Miscellaneous' menu. Alternatively, contact Avdata to request a copy.

<i>Avdata Truckwash Control System – Instructions for installation and use</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed instructions for installing and connecting your MACS<i>Plus</i> controller, control panel and modem.• Instructions for connecting the MACS<i>Plus</i> unit to the equipment which is to be controlled.• Recommended post-installation checks (technical and administrative).• Overview of equipment use.• Summary of ongoing responsibilities of facility owner.
<i>Maintenance and Troubleshooting for MACS-based Systems</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information to help you with looking after your system and with working out what action to take if problems occur.
<i>Avdata Control Systems – Guide for Administrators</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information about administration of access keys.• Guide to using Avdata's online WebView interface.

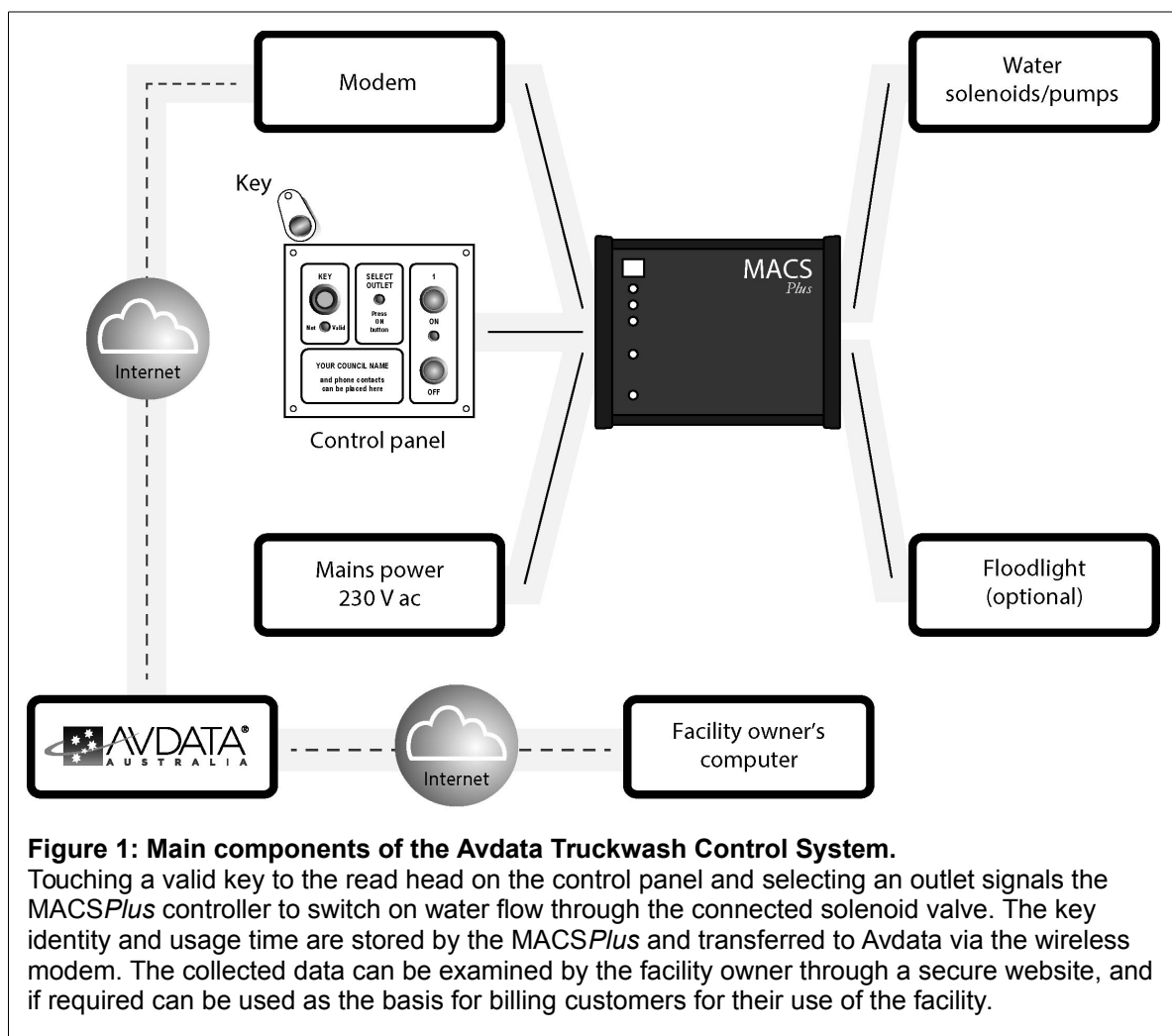
2. Truckwash Control System – overview

The parts of an Avdata Truckwash Control System are summarised in Figure 1. Avdata supplies the MACS*Plus* controller (described in Section 2.1), a customised control panel, and a wireless modem. Flow from the water outlet in the truckwash bay is controlled via a solenoid valve (not supplied) installed in the supply line and connected to the controller. Usage is generally recorded as the length of time for which the outlet was switched on (although a flow meter could be included if more accurate records of water use are required).

Operation of the truckwash requires an electronic 'key'. When the key is touched against a read head on the control panel it is read by the controller. If the key is valid, the user can switch on the chosen outlet and water flow begins.

Each key is identified and recorded by the electronic controller each time it is used. The MACS*Plus* unit communicates with Avdata's systems over the Internet via the wireless modem. Records of truckwash use can then be examined, customers can be billed for their use, and access privileges for keys can be managed securely online.

Use of additional equipment such as floodlights or access gates can also be controlled as part of the system.



2.1. Avdata Monitoring and Access Control System Plus (MACSPlus)

The electronic controller for the system is the Avdata Monitoring and Access Control System Plus (MACSPlus). This purpose-built unit is essentially a small computer with a number of inputs and outputs, each of which can be set up to perform a different role as required.

In addition to being the basis of the Avdata Truckwash Control System, MACS and MACSPlus controllers are also used across Australia in a variety of other applications. These include Avdata Water Management Systems (in which they enable control of access to facilities such as standpipes and effluent discharge systems) as well as in systems controlling access to doors, gates, winches, sporting field lights and other equipment.

MACSPlus controller

Features of the Avdata MACSPlus controller include:

- Recognition of iButton® devices as keys to uniquely identify customers.
- Up to four outlet relays, each of which can be connected to a pump, solenoid etc. to control water flow in a truckwash bay.
- An extra relay (e.g. for floodlighting), which can be set to turn on while any outlet is in use and then turn off after a fixed time.
- Plug-in connections for simple installation.
- Supplied with a pre-fabricated, plug-in control panel.
- Operation from regular 230 V AC mains power, or alternative sources such as solar power when required.
- Time-out capacity to turn off the water flow if a user forgets to press the OFF button.
- Storage of a circular time-stamped log of events, which can be analysed for reporting and/or billing purposes.
- Recording of key usage (including attempts to use invalid keys) and outlet operating time and can count meter pulses if a flow meter is connected.
- Capacity to manage large numbers of keys (over 12,000) and events.
- Internal battery for memory backup in case of power interruption.
- Recognition of a range of commands for management of keys, data logging and other functions.
- Automatic connection (via the connected modem) to Avdata's central system to exchange data.
- Capacity to enter commands and extract data via the connected modem.
- Communications error checks.
- Switch-operated override mode.



Access keys

The keys issued to customers and recognised by the controller are iButton® devices, which are about the size of a watch battery.

- Each key stores a unique identification number.
- Keys are simple and rugged, and are not affected by dirt, water, oil or magnetic fields.
- Keys are mounted on metal tags stamped with an easily readable number; an Avdata database keeps track of the tags and serial numbers.

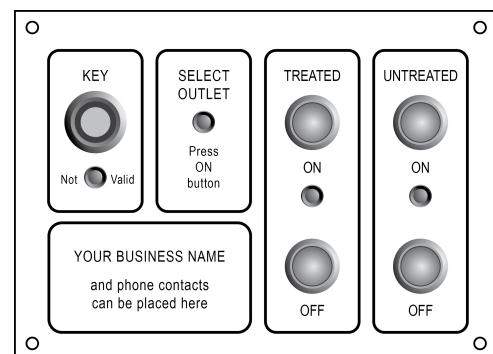


Two types of key are available. National Truckwash System keys simply record truckwash usage associated with the key and can be set up to allow use at all of the facilities in the National Truckwash System or at specified truckwashes only. 'Prepaid' keys may be used in the same way as prepaid phone cards, allowing a customer to pay in advance for specified amounts of time at a particular truckwash. See page 14 for further details about key use.

Control panel

Users access the facilities via a control panel. The panel is made from heavy gauge aluminium plate and is engraved to suit the requirements of the application and number of outlets. It can include customised labelling and contact details, and is fitted with:

- A stainless steel contact (the 'read head') on which the keys are touched to be read.
- ON and OFF buttons for each outlet that are designed to be resistant to weather and vandalism.
- High intensity LEDs to indicate the result of a key being read and status of outlets; e.g. whether the key can be used at this truckwash facility, which bay (outlet) is in use, and when credit is low for a prepaid key.



Tracking usage

When a user's key has been recognised as valid by the MACS*Plus* controller and they press the ON button for an outlet, the following takes place:

- A time-stamped entry is stored in the controller's log to identify the key and the outlet.
- Counting is commenced for the outlet timer.
- The controller keeps track of the remaining allowed usage if the key is a prepaid key; an LED on the control panel will flash when credit is low, and the controller will turn the outlet off if the pre-purchased time limit is reached.
- When the user presses the OFF button (or the controller time-out function turns the outlet off), a time-stamped entry is stored in the log recording the time.

The log data can be extracted from the controller, and analysed to determine which key was used and the times at which the outlet was turned on and off. If customers are to be charged,

then this information provides the basis for calculation of charges that can then be entered into a billing system (see page 15).

Floodlights

Floodlights can also be operated by the same controller that is controlling truckwash operation. The appropriate controller relay contact will be closed (switching the light on) whenever any outlet is operating, and the light remains on for a set period (3 to 5 minutes) after all outlets are turned off. This contact could be used in conjunction with a daylight sensor so that the floodlights would be turned on only at night, saving on power costs.

Use of MACS*Plus* to control other equipment

A MACS or MACS*Plus* controller can also be used to switch on and off other electronically operated equipment such as access gates, doors, winches etc. Use of this additional equipment can then be controlled and recorded using the same (or other) electronic keys as those used to operate your truckwash bay outlets. (Note that these functions would normally require installation of another controller unit(s) in addition to the one used to control operation of the truckwash).

3. Setup and installation considerations

Installation of your Truckwash Control System will require planning of construction, plumbing and wiring and purchase of additional hardware to suit your needs. Avdata can supply general advice, but it is your responsibility to ensure that your system design and installation satisfies all necessary regulations and safety requirements.

3.1. Notes on truckwash design

The design notes provided below should be considered when building or modifying a truckwash. You may also wish to seek input from livestock transporters who will be using the truckwash.

Truck access and bays

- Where possible, truck access should be drive-through. This is particularly important if B-doubles or road trains will use the facility.
- Bays should be large enough to accommodate the whole of the washable body with appropriate overhangs. Routine trailers are likely to require a bay around 18 m long and 5 m wide, plus an allowance for separation and splash protection. The length will need to be supplemented by drainage collection areas, which could add up to 10 m. Additional length will be required for B-doubles or road trains.
- The slope of the bays is critical not only for drainage of the pavement but also for drainage of the trucks. A longitudinal grade of 5% is generally recommended, with a cross fall to suit pavement drainage.
- Experience indicates that the number of bays should be a minimum of one bay for each 25,000 cattle or 250,000 sheep sold per year.

Water supply and outlets

- Water would be drawn from the commercial supply or from a storage or recycling pond. In the latter case consideration must be given to regulatory and health issues.
- Outlet pressure of 500 to 1000 kPa is recommended – a booster pump may be necessary. Outlets should accept 32 mm hose fittings as standard.
- Solenoid control valves and backflow prevention devices (and possibly other equipment such as pressure cutouts etc.) will be required for water flow control – see page 12 for additional notes on these.

Effluent disposal

- Appropriate treatment and/or disposal of effluent will be required. This may be a significant operating cost.

Lighting

- Flood lighting should be provided for night operation. Costs can be minimised by connecting the lights to the same controller used to control access to the facility (see page 8).

3.2. Equipment supplied by Avdata

The MACSP^{Plus} controller, outlet control panel, modem and access keys are supplied by Avdata. Some details you will need to consider regarding set up and installation of these items are noted below. To order, please contact Avdata.

MACSP^{Plus} controller and wireless modem

Installation requirements include:

- The controller and connected modem each require a power supply (see page 11).
- The controller and modem should be located inside a suitable housing (not provided by Avdata) located near the water outlet. The housing must be designed to keep the equipment dry – that is, to be not only weather-proof but also to exclude water spray generated during use of the facility. Appropriate locations include a meter box or inside a shed or other building.
- The housing should be secured to prevent unauthorised access (e.g. to prevent vandalism or switching of the unit to override mode).
- The MACSP^{Plus} controller is supplied in a box designed for wall mounting which is approximately 110 mm high, 150 mm wide and 60 mm deep.
- Sufficient clearance must be allowed around the installed units for connector plugs, power supply connections and appropriate air flow. Provision of extra space may be useful to allow for possible future equipment changes.
- The controller and modem are electronic devices and should be protected against temperature extremes, pests, moisture and dust.
- There must be consistent mobile phone network coverage at the proposed installation site if data transfer via the modem is to be successful. This can be confirmed by looking at the signal strength on a mobile phone that uses your proposed network provider. If you suspect that there may be issues with signal strength then please contact Avdata to discuss options.
- Wireless modems typically use an aerial, which may be mounted discretely overhead or on a building and wired to the modem. A standard aerial is supplied with the modem; if this is insufficient for your circumstances then you will need to source an alternative from another supplier.
- You will need to purchase a mini SIM card with an Internet data plan (see further details on page 13), or arrange for Avdata to supply a SIM card (monthly fee applies).

Avdata supplies...

- Control panel
- MACSP^{Plus} controller (plugs into 230 V AC mains supply)
- Wireless modem (plugs into 230 V AC mains supply)
- Access keys (to order)

Avdata does not supply...

- Truckwash bay
- Plumbing fixtures and fittings (including manual valve(s), strainer(s), back-flow preventer(s), solenoid valve(s), hose connections)
- Associated electrical components
- 230 V AC power supply
- Cabling and trenching
- Control box or other equipment housing
- Reliable mobile phone coverage at the site (for data transfer via the supplied modem)
- SIM card and Internet data plan
- Other equipment specific to your installation (e.g. pumps, floodlights, daylight sensors etc.)

Outlet control panel

The outlet control panel (illustrated on page 7) is approximately 135 mm high. For a one-outlet controller the panel is approximately 145 mm wide; the panel width increases by 40 mm for each additional outlet, up to a maximum of about 270 mm (for a four-outlet controller). The panel is supplied with a pre-wired cable and plug for connection into a socket on the MACSP*lus* controller. The standard cable is 1.8 m long – this length will be supplied unless Avdata is advised that a longer cable is required (to a maximum of 10 m). The outlet control panel can be engraved with the name of your organisation and contact details.

The control panel would normally be mounted on the surface of a wall or housing box. Sealant must be used to ensure that water cannot reach the components at the rear.

We suggest that signage be posted near the control panel to explain the new access arrangements to your customers.

Power supply considerations

The MACSP*lus* controller and wireless modem are powered from the 230 V AC mains and should be protected from transient spikes, surges, lightning etc. Avdata can supply a surge protector suitable for reducing the risk of equipment damage under normal conditions. If your locality is particularly subject to such problems then you should consult your local electrician about appropriate protection.

The controller and modem are each supplied with a transformer that plugs into a mains power socket. Please ensure that these connections are secure, and that transformers cannot fall out of their power sockets as a result of vibration or accidental contact etc.

Solar power can be used as an alternative to mains power (for example, if your installation is in a remote location). Contact Avdata for further details about this option.

3.3. Equipment not supplied by Avdata

Items and services that are not supplied by Avdata and will need to be sourced locally include: truckwash bay construction and associated drainage and effluent treatment measures, all plumbing fixtures and fittings, associated electrical works (e.g. solenoids and contactors), 230 V AC mains or alternative power supply, cabling, trenching, housing, pumps, floodlights and daylight sensors (if used). SIM card and Internet access can be arranged through Avdata or purchased separately. Notes regarding some of these items are provided below.

Avdata does not endorse or recommend any particular equipment or supplier for these additional items and services. However, we can arrange for you to make contact with other users of our systems if you wish to discuss specific equipment choices with them and/or see an existing system in operation.

Solenoid valves

A solenoid valve allows the flow of water to be turned on and off by the *MACSPlus* controller – when power is supplied to the solenoid the water is on, and when power is removed the water is shut off. The type of solenoid valve that is normally used for irrigation purposes has generally been found to be suitable.

The *MACSPlus* unit is fitted with relays that have switched contacts that open and close, switching the solenoid on and off. Note that the *MACSPlus* relays provide contact closure only – the controlled equipment will require separate connection to a power supply for operation.



Note

The *MACSPlus* relay contacts are rated for low voltage applications (2 A at 24 V AC/DC) and must NOT be directly connected to a 230 V AC supply.

If equipment with a higher voltage and/or current rating is to be connected to the *MACSPlus* then appropriate external relays or contactors with high voltage/current contacts must be connected so that they are operated by the controller's relays.

Backflow preventers

A backflow preventer may be required to prevent flow of potentially contaminated water back into the water supply. The type of backflow prevention valve that is normally used for irrigation purposes is generally suitable. It is your responsibility to ensure that your choice of components and installation satisfies any relevant regulations.

SIM card

If mobile phone coverage is available at your site then you can either obtain a SIM card through Avdata (for a monthly fee) or purchase an **Internet-enabled mini SIM card** for the modem.

If you decide to purchase your own SIM card, please make sure that it is 'mini' size and tell your chosen network provider (e.g. Telstra, Optus, Vodafone etc.) that you require:

- an account or plan with a data allowance of at least 1 GB per month (normally sufficient for transfer of MACSP*lus* data); and
- any message bank, diversion or SMS features permanently deactivated (not just turned off).

You will also need to turn off any activation PIN (or “SIM lock”). This can be done by inserting the SIM card into a normal mobile phone and turning off this feature via the appropriate menus.

We recommend that you arrange to send the activated SIM card to Avdata prior to dispatch of your ordered equipment. We can then test communications and send your modem to you with the SIM card already installed.

3.4. Other points to consider

Avdata recommends that you consult your plumber about appropriate measures for avoiding problems related to water hammer.

The MACSP*lus* system will not operate without power. Avdata recommends that a manual override be incorporated into your system design if operation may be required during a power failure.



Compliance with all relevant regulations, including those associated with engineering, plumbing and electrical installations and workplace health and safety issues, is the responsibility of the facility owner.

4. System management

Becoming part of the National Truckwash System means that you don't have to deal with the detail of billing and fee collection associated with use of your facility. Avdata collects and processes the necessary data, maintains a database of keyholders, calculates charges, generates and sends invoices to customers, processes payments and answers queries from transporters.

Avdata's central system manages the MACS*Plus* controller by regular communications (multiple times each day) through the connected wireless modem. During each of these communication sessions, logged data is extracted to guard against data loss, the status of individual keys is updated, limits associated with any prepaid keys are updated, the clock is checked, and communications are rescheduled.

4.1. Operation of Keys

National Truckwash System keys

When your truckwash becomes part of the National Truckwash System, transporters who already hold a National Truckwash System key will be able to access your facility. They will be charged for their use of your truckwash at your specified rate, and the money collected will be forwarded to you in your monthly payment.

You may also wish to have some National Truckwash System keys available for local customers who do not yet have access to the system. You would purchase a specified number of these pre-activated keys from Avdata, provide them to customers (usually by selling them), and use supplied "Sale of key" forms to tell Avdata the name and address of each customer (so that they can be invoiced for their use of truckwashes in the System).

Avdata can remove the access of a particular key at any time if required (e.g. if a key is lost or a customer has failed to pay bills).

'Prepaid' keys

Although they are not often used by National Truckwash System facilities, prepaid keys are also available if required. For example, they may be useful for a low-frequency local customer, or if a particular customer has had a history of problems with bill payment.

The facility owner can order prepaid keys from Avdata, specifying the amount of time and the truckwash at which each key can be used. If appropriate, access can also be limited to a specified outlet (e.g. if different outlets operate at different flow rates). The owner then sells these keys to customers, allowing them to use the truckwash at the associated location until the limit on the key is reached.

A warning light will flash on the control panel to alert the user when credit associated with the key is low.

Customers can 'recharge' their prepaid keys by contacting Avdata and using a credit card.

Some facilities also accept payments directly from customers to 'recharge' their keys. If your facility chooses to do this then your staff will need to accept the payment and then record the transaction through Avdata's online WebView interface.

'Management' keys

One 'management' key will be supplied by Avdata with each MACS*Plus* controller. This key will operate the facility without generating any usage charges. Additional management keys can be purchased from Avdata if required.

4.2. Online access to data using WebView

Facility owners can use Avdata's WebView site to examine customer account and usage details and/or to add credit to prepaid keys. Access over the Internet requires a login identity and password provided by Avdata.

Reports of usage at your truckwash can be viewed and/or downloaded, including:

- Usage at each outlet;
- Usage for each key; and
- Remaining allowed usage times for a prepaid key.

4.3. Avdata Billing Service

Avdata routinely extracts the event log from your MACS*Plus* controller(s) and constructs a history of usage for each key, including which outlet was used, date and time of use, and elapsed time. The entire billing process is then undertaken on your behalf by Avdata: key usage will be matched to individual customers, charges calculated, invoices issued, payments from customers collected and receipted, and overdue accounts followed up. A single monthly report and payment will then be forwarded to you as the facility owner.

5. Getting started

The list below provides some brief prompts that may be helpful in planning your Truckwash Control System installation. Each client's requirements will be unique, and this list is not intended to be comprehensive. You are welcome to contact Avdata at any stage in the planning and installation process to discuss your requirements.

- ❑ Decide how many truckwash bays will be included in your system. Each *MACSPlus* controller (with control panel and modem) can control up to four water outlets in close proximity. When placing your order with Avdata you will need to tell us how many controllers you require and how many outlets will be controlled by each one.
- ❑ Identify who will do the hardware installation, which will require plumbing and electrical expertise. You may want to discuss requirements with them before ordering equipment.
- ❑ Use the information in this guide to consider siting and equipment needs. For example:
 - Is mains power available, or will you need to install a suitable alternative (e.g. solar power)?
 - What additional plumbing and electrical components will be required and where can they be obtained? Examples include valves, backflow preventers, pipes, connections, external relays, surge protectors, cabling etc.
 - What type of housing will be used to protect and secure the *MACSPlus*, and where will the control panel be located?
 - What customised engraving will be required on the control panel?
 - Is there reliable mobile phone coverage at the site? (If not, be sure to consult Avdata about whether the installation is feasible). Which telecommunications provider will provide the mini SIM card and data plan for the modem?
 - What signage will be needed to explain the new access system to your customers?
- ❑ Does your planned installation satisfy all relevant safety and other regulatory requirements?
- ❑ Decide on the rate at which you want customers to be charged for using your truckwash.
- ❑ Decide whether you will need to purchase additional keys. If so, how many do you need and of what kind (National Truckwash System keys, management keys, prepaid keys, or a combination).
- ❑ Contact Avdata to obtain current pricing details and order forms.

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6. Glossary

National Truckwash System key	A key that allows a transporter to use facilities that are part of the National Truckwash System and subsequently be billed for that use.
Avdata P/L	Company which manufactures and sells the <i>Monitoring and Access Control System Plus</i> (MACSPlus) and manages the National Truckwash System on behalf of the <i>facility owners</i> .
Control panel	Panel with which the truckwash <i>user</i> interacts. Each panel contains a <i>read head</i> for access <i>keys</i> , status LEDs, and one or more push buttons (if required).
Customer	The entity that has financial responsibility for use of a <i>key</i> . In many cases this will be the <i>user</i> .
Facility owner	The owner of the <i>truckwash</i> at which the MACSPlus is installed. Note that a facility owner may operate several <i>truckwashes</i> .
Key	An electronic button attached to a labelled <i>key tag</i> , which is identified by the <i>read head</i> on the <i>control panel</i> and (if found to be valid) allows water to be delivered at the truckwash bay.
Key tag	Metal tag attached to a <i>key</i> . The term is sometimes also used to refer to the number engraved on the tag which uniquely identifies the <i>key</i> in the Avdata database.
MACSPlus	Electronic controller supplied by Avdata (the Avdata Monitoring and Access Control System Plus) to control and record events at a <i>truckwash</i> . These units are also used in other applications (e.g. in Avdata Water Management Systems and to control access to electrically operated equipment such as gates, lights, winches etc.).
Outlet	An access point through which water is delivered to a <i>truckwash bay</i> . Outlets are usually numbered on the <i>control panel</i> from 1 to 4. Note that use of a <i>key</i> may be restricted to certain outlets. Also usage from different outlets can be charged at different rates.
Prepaid key	A <i>key</i> that allows use of a specified <i>truckwash</i> up to a defined time limit. Note that a prepaid key credit is assigned to one particular <i>truckwash</i> . Usage associated with a prepaid key is normally paid for in advance.
Read head	The contact point on the <i>control panel</i> that reads the identity of a <i>key</i> that is touched against it.
Solenoid valve	An electronically controlled valve. When power is supplied to the solenoid water is allowed to flow through it, and when power is removed the water flow is shut off.
Truckwash	A facility at which water is supplied for purposes of cleaning large vehicles. A truckwash may have more than one <i>truckwash bay</i> .
Truckwash bay	An area with design features (size, surface, drainage, effluent control etc.) such that it is appropriate for washing down large vehicles. A truckwash bay can have more than one water <i>outlet</i> (e.g. <i>outlets</i> with recycled or non-recycled water, or with water supply at different pressures).
User	The person who holds a <i>key</i> and uses it to access a <i>water point</i> . In many cases this person will also be the <i>customer</i> .

7. MACS Specification

Designed and made in Australia

Processor	24 MHz CPU, 4K RAM, 1 to 4 Mbytes Flash data memory (build option).
Power Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auto-sensing AC or DC input. 10 to 22 V AC (RMS) or 10 to 31 V DC. Reverse polarity protected. Onboard self-resetting fuse.• Rectified power output. Onboard self-resetting fuse.
Real-time clock	Battery backed temperature compensated clock.
Serial Interfaces	Two independent. Both either 5-wire RS232 or 2-wire RS-485.
External Interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two sets, each consisting of: 2 LEDs, switch, switched power, iButton® ReadHead.• One set consisting of: 6 LEDs, 8 switches, switched power, iButton® ReadHead.
Relays	5 total, 4 SPST Normally open, 1 SPDT, 24 V AC/DC 2 A.
Digital Inputs	5 digital inputs, 4 of which can also be used as pulse counter inputs.
Temperature Sensor	Internal, range exceeds –15° to +85°C.
Interface Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All interface signals protected by 600 W bi-directional protection diodes.• Relays fitted with 100 V bi-directional protection diodes.• RS232 and RS485 designed for +/-15 kV Human Body Model.• Power input and outputs protected with 1.5 A self-resetting fuses on power inputs and outputs.
In-circuit programming	Programmed through onboard J-Tag header or remotely over network.
Identification Number	Unique 64-bit identification number.
Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screen-printed aluminium.• 106 x 144 x 63 mm maximum overall dimension excluding mounting bracket and cables.
Standard Operating Modes	One or more of each of the following modes can be operated simultaneously and independently.

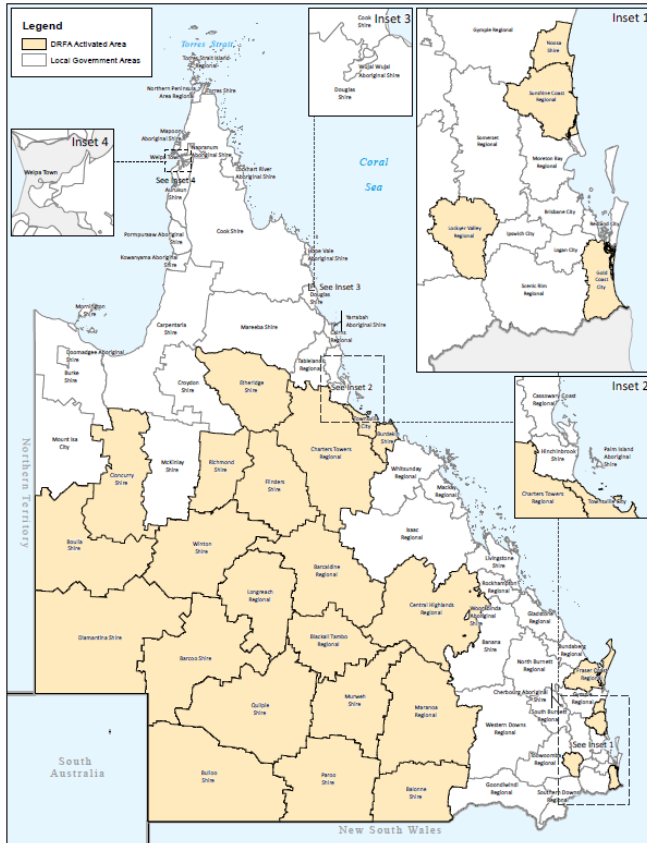


- Water management role (1 to 4 outlets).
- Truckwash control (1 to 4 bays).
- 1-way Gate/Door (uses 1 control panel for 1-way access through a controlled gate).
- 2-way Gate/Door (uses two control panels for entry and exit through a controlled gate).
- Additional modes on request.
- All modes can use time-based schedules, database authentication and event logging as required.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements event
Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding
Commencing 21 March 2025 (V15)



The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and state and territory (state) governments, through which the Australian Government provides financial assistance to support state governments with disaster recovery costs.

In response to the disaster, assistance has been activated for the area formally defined as:
“Communities within Western Queensland affected by Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding Commencing 21 March 2025”

DRFA assistance measures (activated by the Queensland Government)

- Counter Disaster Operations
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets
- Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme
- Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme
- Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producer
- Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer
- Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business
- Disaster Assistance (Not-For-Profit Organisation) Loans
- Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-For-Profit Organisation



Local Government Area	Counter Disaster Operations	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Reconstruction of Public Assets	Disaster Assistance Loans for:			Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for:			Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for:		
					Not-for-Profit Organisations	Primary Producers	Small Businesses	Not-for-Profit Originations	Primary Producers	Small Businesses		Not-for-Profit Organisations	Primary Producers	Small Businesses
Balonne Shire Council	10/04/2025			10/04/2025		05/04/2025			05/04/2025		05/04/2025			
Barcaldine Regional Council	31/03/2025	10/04/2025 ¹	10/04/2025 ²	31/03/2025										
Barcoo Shire Council	26/03/2025	27/03/2025	27/03/2025	26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Blackall – Tambo Regional Council	31/03/2025			31/03/2025										
Boulia Shire Council	25/03/2025			25/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
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Burdekin Shire Council	28/03/2025			28/03/2025										
Central Highlands Regional Council	28/03/2025			28/03/2025										
Charters Towers Regional Council	10/04/2025			10/04/2025										
City of Gold Coast	01/04/2025													
Cloncurry Shire Council	04/04/2025			04/04/2025										
Diamantina Shire Council	26/03/2025			26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
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Flinders Shire Council	28/03/2025			28/03/2025										
Fraser Coast Regional Council	01/04/2025													
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	10/04/2025													
Longreach Shire Council	26/03/2025	29/03/2025	29/03/2025	26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Maranoa Regional Council	01/04/2025			01/04/2025										
Murweh Shire Council	02/04/2025			02/04/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
Noosa Shire Council	31/03/2025			31/03/2025										
Paroo Shire Council	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	28/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025
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Richmond Shire Council	02/04/2025			02/04/2025										
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	01/04/2025			01/04/2025										



Townsville City Council	02/04/2025			02/04/2025									
Winton Shire Council	26/03/2025	27/03/2025	27/03/2025	26/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	30/03/2025	27/03/2025	04/04/2025	04/04/2025

¹ For defined areas, for more information refer to www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp
² For targeted addresses, for more information refer to www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp
For Essential Services Safety and Reconnection and Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme application process and eligibility, refer to Community Recovery website, refer to www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp

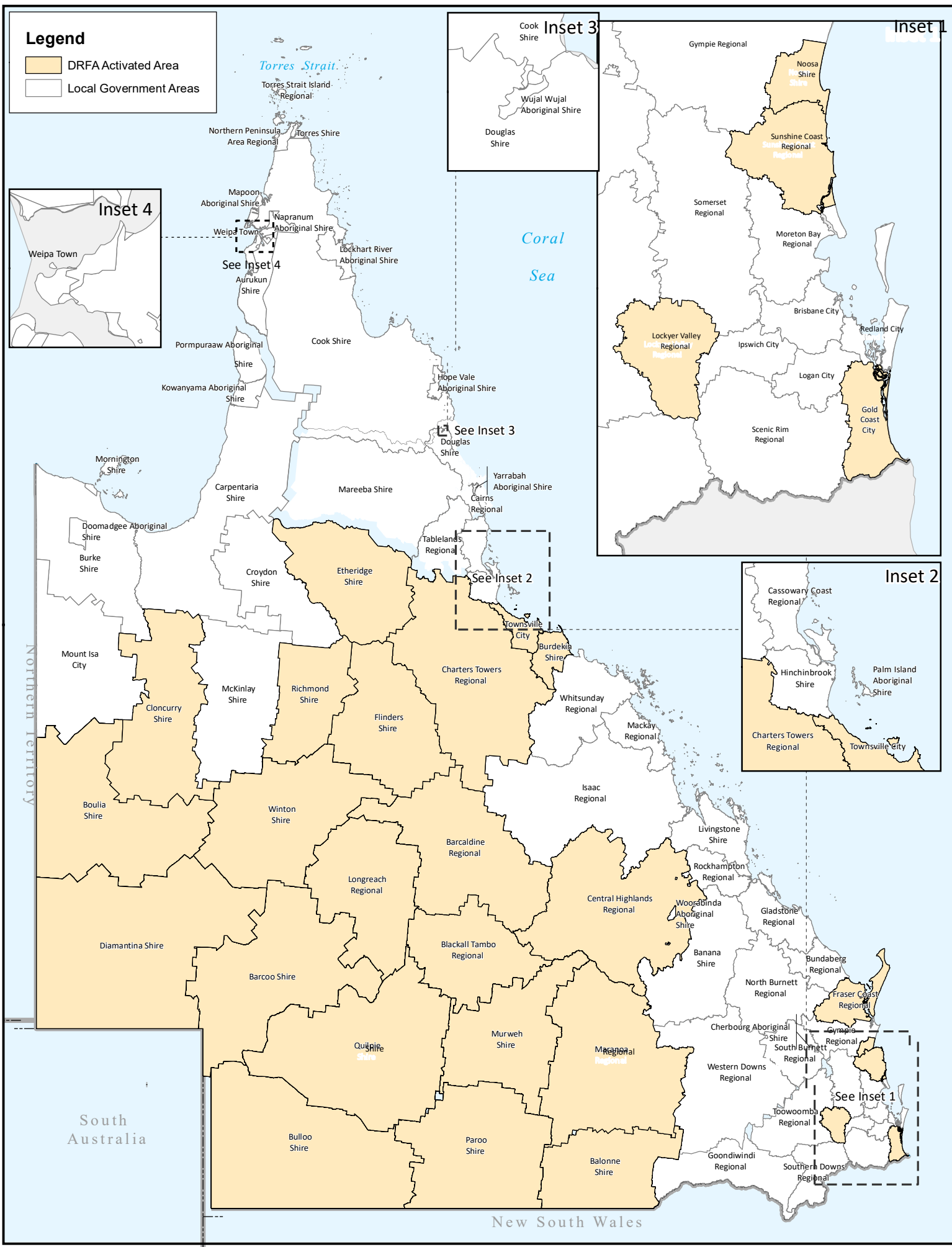


DRFA Exceptional Circumstance Relief Packages

DRFA Category	Package Type	Assistance Measure
C	Community Relief Fund	To provide timely support to impacted councils to ensure that community members and primary producers can remove waste, clean properties, conduct carcass removal activities and progress with their recovery.
C	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers	To assist primary producers directly with immediate reinstatement activities, such as repairs to infrastructure, purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace fencing, purchase and transport livestock and other costs associated with the recovery process.
C	Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Small Business and Not-for-Profit Organisation	To assist small business and not-for-profit organisations with clean-up and repair/restore flood damaged assets, including damage to equipment, flooring and walls in premises and undertake immediate recovery related activities.
D	Coordinated Emergency Fodder Support Package	To assist primary producers with the extraordinary costs of undertaking immediate and emergency livestock welfare activities.
D	Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program	To assist primary producers who rely on exclusion fencing to operate their businesses to re-establish their network of exclusion fencing to promote short, medium and longer term recovery needs.

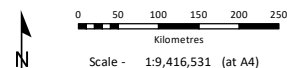
Legend

- DRFA Activated Area
- Local Government Areas



DRFA Activation Summary (15)

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DRFA ASSISTANCE MEASURES ACTIVATED

Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme

To alleviate personal hardship and distress.

- **Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant** – provides assistance as a contribution to support people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate essential needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation.
- **Essential Services Hardship Assistance** – provides assistance for people directly impacted by an eligible disaster to meet their immediate needs where they have experienced the loss of one or more essential services for more than five days.
- **Essential Household Contents Grant** – provides a contribution towards replacing or repairing essential household contents, such as beds, linen and whitegoods that have been lost or damaged by an eligible disaster.
- **Structural Assistance Grant** – provides a contribution towards repairs or replacement of a dwelling damaged by an eligible disaster, to return it to a safe, habitable and secure condition.

Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme

To assist residents with the inspection and reconnection of essential services that have been damaged by an eligible disaster. The scheme provides financial assistance to individuals and families as a contribution towards safety inspections of and repairs to residential essential services (i.e. electricity, gas, water and sewerage) damaged by an eligible disaster.

Contact Community Recovery on 1800 173 349 or www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp

Assistance for state and local governments:

Counter Disaster Operations

To assist local governments and state agencies to undertake activities that alleviate personal hardship and distress, address the immediate needs of individuals and protect the general public, immediately prior to, during or immediately after an eligible disaster.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.gra.qld.gov.au

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (including Emergency Works and Immediate Reconstruction Works)

- **Emergency Works** – to assist local and state governments to undertake urgent activities necessary following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an eligible essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.
- **Immediate Reconstruction Works** – to assist local and state governments to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.

- **Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets** – to assist local and state governments to reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function.

Contact Queensland Reconstruction Authority on 1800 110 841 or www.qra.qld.gov.au

Assistance for primary producers:

- **Disaster Assistance (Primary Producer) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist primary producers whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.
- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producer** – Concessional interest rate loans to primary producers who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.
- **Freight Subsidies for Primary Producer** – To assist primary producers impacted by an eligible disaster with the transport of livestock, fodder or water for livestock, building, fencing equipment or machinery to the primary producer's home property.

Contact Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority on 1800 623 946 or www.qrida.qld.gov.au

Assistance for small business:

- **Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist small business whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to recover and return to viable operations.
- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business** – Concessional interest rate loans to small business who have suffered a significant loss of income as a result of an eligible disaster by providing the essential working capital required to continue business operations.

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Assistance for not-for-profit organisations:

- **Disaster Assistance (Not-for-Profit Organisation) Loans** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations whose assets have been significantly damaged by an eligible disaster, to repair or replace the damaged assets.
- **Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-for-Profit Organisation** – Concessional interest rate loans to assist not-for-profit organisations that have suffered a significant loss of income as a consequence of an eligible disaster, by providing a concessional loan for essential working capital required to continue operations.

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