



# NOTICE OF MEETING

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<b>Meeting:</b>	General Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 21 May 2025
<b>Location:</b>	Council Chambers, Georgetown
<b>Commencing:</b>	9.00am
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr Hughes Cr Royes Cr Tincknell Cr Ryan Cr Carroll

## Agenda Attached

(amended 21 May 2025)

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.

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# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025  
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Barry Hughes  
Cr. Ian Carroll  
Cr. Laurell Royes  
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 9:00am and welcomed all in attendance.

<b><i>PRAYER</i></b>
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“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.”

<b><i>DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</i></b>
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**Cr Royes** declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda item #7 – RADF Advisory Committee Minutes as her daughter, Josie Prior, has applied to be a member of this committee. I do not consider that this conflict will affect my ability to make decisions in the interest of the community.

**Cr Royes** declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Agenda item #8 – DES Briefing Report, Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10 as she is the secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club which shares a boundary with the Einasleigh Airstrip. Also, my family operates a fencing business.

**Cr Royes** declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Open Session Agenda item #8 – DES Briefing Report, NWQROC North Queensland Resilience Program [ESC.0054 – Replace fence & fence gates (Mt Surprise & Einasleigh airstrips)] she is the secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club which shares a boundary with the Einasleigh Airstrip. Also, my family operates a fencing business.

**Cr Royes** declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Closed Session Agenda item #12 – ESC 2025-029 – Gravel Screening for Zones 1,2 & 3 – DRFA Works as Bolwarra Enterprises is a related party on my register of interest.

**Cr Ryan** declared a declarable conflict of interest in Open Session Agenda item #7 – RADF Advisory Committee Minutes as her daughter, Sascha Young, is a Youth Appointee of this committee.

<b><i>APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS</i></b>
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**Condolences:**

Nil

**Congratulations:**

Nil

**Apologies:**

Nil

## ***CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES***

### **Special Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

#### **RESOLUTION**

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held at Georgetown on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be confirmed, as amended.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Tincknell

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.01**  
**5/0**

### **General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

#### **CORRECTIONS**

#25.03.01 – Amend mover of motion to Cr Tincknell.

#25.03.05 – Include approval limit for CEO of \$15,000.00 to Ex-gratia Payment Policy.

#### **RESOLUTION**

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be confirmed, as amended.

**MOVED:** Cr. Carroll

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.02**  
**5/0**

## ***BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES***

#25.03.09 – Cr Royes – Survey Feedback and Forsayth Transfer Station Operation Opening Days and Hours.

#24.12.19 – Cr Royes – Resolution, Flood Damaged Roads Restoration Zone 5

#24.11.10 – Cr Royes – Einasleigh and Mt Surprise Town Maintenance – Tender Document and Scope of Works.

Cr Carroll – Received flyer for transfer station opening

#25.03.07 – Cr Ryan – DES Briefing Report

#25.03.11 – Cr Ryan – Project for Country Roads Connect Program

Cr Tincknell – Update on Eveleigh Road

Cr Tincknell – Hold up on Transfer Station opening

## ***CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS***

### ***Mayor's Report***

#### ***1. Mayor's Briefing Report***

Pursuant to Standing Orders, the Mayor sought consideration of a report for the period, as circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION**

That Council acknowledges and receives the Mayor's Briefing Report, as tabled.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.03**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council accept the transfer of funds \$65,000.00 from The Gulf Cattleman's Association Inc. to be placed into the Trust Account and to be utilized in partnership with Etheridge Shire Council to create a bronze statue commemorating and recognising the cattleman's contribution to the grazing industry across Queensland's Gulf Savannah Region.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.04**  
**5/0**

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:07am

Council resumed the meeting at 10:34am

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**2. Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report**

**RESOLUTION**

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Carroll

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.05**  
**4/1**

Cr Ryan requested her vote be recorded against the motion.

**3. FY 24/25 Operational Plan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Review**

**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*.

**RESOLUTION**

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.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.06**  
**5/0**

**Director of Corporate Services**

**4. Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report**

**RESOLUTION**

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Tincknell

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.07**  
**5/0**

## **5. Financial Performance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly finance report is required to be presented to the Council stating the process 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 is held.

### RESOLUTION

The Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025 pursuant to section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

**MOVED:** Cr. Carroll

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.08**  
**5/0**

## **6. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### 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.

### RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.09**  
**5/0**

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:31pm  
Council resumed the meeting at 1:11pm

## **7. RADF Advisory Committee Minutes**

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes has a declarable conflict of interest with the following agenda item being that her daughter, Josie Prior, has applied to be a member of this committee. I do not consider that this conflict will affect my ability to make decisions in the interest of the community.

### RESOLUTION

Pursuant to section 150ER of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr Royes may participate in the decision despite the conflict of interest.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.10**  
**3/0**

Cr Ryan has a declarable conflict of interest with the following agenda as her daughter, Sascha Young, is a Youth Appointee of this committee.

### RESOLUTION

Pursuant to section 150ER of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr Ryan may participate in the decision despite the conflict of interest.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.11**  
**4/0**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Regional Art's Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting was held 10th March 2025, in Georgetown. A quorum was unable to be formed at this time, and the Chair convened business after the meeting via telephone on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. A flying minute was forwarded on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Cr Ryan & Cr Royes declared a conflict of interest and took no further part in the flying minute decision. Three responses were received in favour of the flying minute for the confirmation of RADF Minutes. These were tabled for Council's review.

### RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.12**  
**3/2**

Cr Ryan and Cr Royes requested their votes be recorded against the motion.

## ***CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS***

### ***Director of Engineering Services***

#### ***8. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report***

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes declared a prescribed conflict of interest in agenda items #6 and #7 of DES Briefing Report, she is the Secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club which shares a boundary with the Einasleigh Airstrip. Her family also operates a fencing business.

Cr Royes left the meeting at 2:47pm and returned at 2:50pm.

### RESOLUTION

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

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.13**  
**5/0**

Cr Royes left the meeting at 3:07pm.

### RESOLUTION

That Council note that the tender for Mt Surprise and Einasleigh fencing to be considered at a subsequent meeting.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.14**  
**4/0**

Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 3:09pm.

### RESOLUTION

That Council approve that the North West Minerals Province Tourism Infrastructure Project - Georgetown Riverwalk location be confirmed for commencement at the Forsayth Road towards the Rodeo Grounds.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.15**  
**4/1**

Cr Ryan requested her vote be recorded against the motion.

## **9. Washdown Bay Project Status and Additional Works**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

### RESOLUTION

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.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**LOST**  
**0/5**

### RESOLUTION

1. That Council seeks an extension from the Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) and Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSPP).
2. That the Director of Engineering Services present a report including budgetary variations for LRCIP.
3. The report to include additional works and components required to complete the Washdown Bay.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.16**  
**5/0**

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:37 pm.

Council resumed the meeting at 3:44 pm.

## **CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

### RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 3:44pm, pursuant to section 254J (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss a Request to Waive Interest Grant Discount on Overdue Rates, Etheridge Shire Council - University Scholarship Program and ESC 2025-029 – Gravel Screening for Zones 1, 2 & 3 – DRFA Works, and a contract matter.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.17**  
**5/0**

### RESOLUTION

Council resolves to re-open the meeting at 5:08pm.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.18**  
**5/0**

## **10. Request to Waive Interest Grant Discount on Overdue Rates**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request to waive interest and grant discount on assessment 00441-00000-000.

### RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to not write off accrued interest and grant discount on assessment 00441-00000-000 to the value of \$10,845.35 due to the following reasons:

- It is the rate payer's responsibility to update addresses on file.
- The ratepayer confirmed receiving the rates notice on 23rd September 2024 (prior to discount expiry date).



- Discount is only granted where it can be established that the non-payment of rates by the due date was due to circumstance beyond the ratepayer's control.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.19**  
5/0

## **11. Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program 2025**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council introduced a University Tertiary Scholarship program for Etheridge Shire. Council recently reviewed the policy to continue supporting the Scholarship Program with Council providing a \$5,000.00 scholarship towards the successful applicant's full-time studies. Applicants must meet eligibility guidelines set out in the policy and nominations closed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to award the 2025 Etheridge Shire Council University Tertiary Scholarship to Celine Dixon.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.20**  
5/0

## **12. ESC 2025-029 – Gravel Screening for Zones 1,2 & 3 – DRFA Works**

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Closed Session Agenda item #11– ESC 2025-029 – Gravel Screening for Zones 1,2 & 3 – DRFA Works as Bolwarra Enterprises is a related party on my register of interest.

Cr Royes left the meeting at 3:50pm

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of tenders received for the gravel screening for 2024 -2026 DRFA works ESC 2024\_029 for Zones 1, 2 and 3.

### RESOLUTION

1. That Council resolve to bring the previously presented matter, being the Tender for Gravel Screening for 2024-2026 DRFA Works 2024-029, off the table from the February General meeting for consideration and
2. That Council accept the tender of Terry Family Developments Pty Ltd to screen the gravel on ground to the value of \$1,056,035.75 (Ex.GST), consisting of Zone 1: 104,753 tons @ \$435,307.95, Zone 2: 82,625 tons @ \$34,350.70 and Zone 3: 66,748 tons @ \$277,377.10.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #25.04.21**  
3/1

Cr Ryan requested her vote be recorded against the motion.  
Cr Royes returned to the meeting at 4:15pm

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Royes	Drainage safety Daintree Street Einasleigh.
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Cr Carroll	Terrestrial Centre toilet.
Cr Carroll	Little Gems cot space.
Cr Carroll	Einaleigh Common draft management plan.
Cr Carroll	Goldsmith and Dells Hole Roads.
Cr Ryan	Contaminated Gravel – Invasive weed incursions – Zone 3 – Bought for \$6M
Cr Ryan	Shepherds Services – Building Approvals and Council minutes agreeing to establishment of building on St George Street (as per request in April 2024, May, June, July, August – conveniently removed from Sept. GB onwards).
Cr Ryan	Re-establishment plans – Georgetown Cemetery. Assistance for families to re-establish graves.
Cr Ryan	Georgetown Refuse Tip – General Maintenance, upkeep, continuity plan.
Cr Ryan	Committee Reports – Audit Committee – requesting reports be attached to the agenda.
Cr Carroll	Forsyth walking track.
Cr Carroll	Gym equipment.

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:53pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2025.

Cr. Barry Hughes  
MAYOR



# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN  
ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025  
COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

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**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN  
ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025  
COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

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

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:29am and welcomed all in attendance.

**RESOLUTION**

That pursuant to 254C of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that the meeting proceed as Councilors are agreeable to waiving the notice of the Meeting and Agenda being less than 2 days, as follows:

- Due to oversight by the CEO to provide notice and agenda items.
- All business to be considered including non-urgent matters.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.01  
5/0**

***DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST***

**Cr Royes** declared a prescribed conflict of interest in the closed agenda item being ESC 2024-024 Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips, as she is Secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club Inc which shares a common boundary fence with the Einasleigh Airstrip and my related party operates a contract fencing business.

**Cr Ryan** may have a perceived conflict in Agenda Item #1 due to a potential applicant being a relative.

**RESOLUTION**

Pursuant to section 150ER of *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr Ryan may participate and vote in agenda Item #1.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #SP25.04.02  
4/0**

***APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS***

Nil

***BUSINESS ARISING***

**RESOLUTION**

That Council immediately amend the Unconfirmed December Minutes as per the resolution in January to include the following amendments:

- Item #11 be recorded as procedural motion moved by Cr Royes and voted upon.
- Item #11 should be resolution 24.12.20.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.03**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS**
**1. Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to Council's requirements to undertake damage assessments and project management resulting in the declared events being the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 226 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, tenders be called for Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management to cover the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

**LOST 1/4**

Crs Royes, Ryan and Carroll requested their votes be recorded against the motion. Mayor Hughes requested to have his vote recorded as an affirmative vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:54pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:24 pm.

**2. Third Quarter Budget Review 2024-2025**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must have an annual budget as part of its suite of financial planning documents. Council's budget was adopted on 28th July 2024 and compiled with the requirements of section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

A review of Council's budget has been completed as of 31st March 2025. It is proposed that Council amend its budget to address any organisation change that has occurred since its adoption. Section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* allows Council to amend its budget any time before the end of the financial year.

RESOLUTION

That Council, in accordance with section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, amend its 2024-2025 budget, as recommended.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That consideration of the Third Quarter Budget Review 2024-2025 lay on the table pending further information.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.04**  
**5/0**

### 3. **Draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is currently preparing the FY2025-2026 annual budget in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, including budget priorities from Councillors, Executive Management Team and the Corporate Plan Objectives (2025-2029). A draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan has been developed based on community consultation undertaken in late 2024 for the Corporate Plan. The Operational Plan is the basis upon which the annual budget is formed for Council's operations for the 2025-2026 Financial Year.

#### RESOLUTION

That Council receive the Draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan and refer to the budget workshop.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.05**  
**5/0**

#### REQUEST FOR MOTION

Cr Royes sought permission from the chair to move a motion without notice as it pertains to item #1 on the agenda being consideration of tenders for damage assessments and project management resulting in the declared events being the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Orders, the Chair allowed the motion to be moved.

#### MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

That Council investigate an alternate DRFA Management structure pursuant to the strategic intent of Council's discussion on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.06**  
**5/0**

#### MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Considering Council's alternative DRFA management strategic intent, tenders be called for Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management to cover the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.07**  
**5/0**

### **CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes declared a prescribed Conflict of Interest as she is the Secretary of the Einasleigh Race Club Inc which shares a common boundary fence with the Einasleigh Airstrip and my related party operates a contract fencing business.

#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Royes left the meeting at 3:13pm

#### RESOLUTION

That Council go into Closed Session at 3:14pm, pursuant to section 254J(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss Tender ESC 2024-024: Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Tincknell

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.08**  
4/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolved to come out of closed session at 3:40pm.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.09**  
4/0

#### **4. Tender ESC 2024-024: Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strip**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the tender of the ESC 2024-024: Replacement of security fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Steele Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-024- Replacement of security fencing at Mount Surprise for \$364,202.52 (ex-GST) in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and section 4C of Council's Procurement Policy relating to the development of competitive local business and industry.
2. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Steele Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-024- Replacement of security fencing at Einasleigh Air Strip for \$413,600.92 (ex-GST) in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and section 4C of Council's Procurement Policy relating to the development of competitive local business and industry.
3. Signs and seals the contracts in the form proposed; and
4. 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. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.10**  
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:41 pm.

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 3:52 pm.

#### **5. Third Quarter 2024-2025 Budget Review**

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Council resolve to bring the previously presented matter being the Budget Review 2024/25, off the table.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.11**  
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council, in accordance with section 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, amend its 2024/2025 budget with the following recommendations:

<b>WIP - March 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Review</b>	
Forsayth & Mt Surprise – Learning	- 10,000.00
Forsayth – Seating, Signage & Fitness Equipment	25,000.00

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LRCI Phase 4 – Recon & Seal Oak Park Road (Bagstowe Homestead)	- 79,698.00
Recon & Sealing – Oak Park Road Bridge to Intersection (ch 23.8km to 25.30km excl bridge)	
LRCI Phase 4 – Design and reseal for Hayman	- 42,100.00
Mt Surprise Remedial Street Drainage (LRCI Variation Req.)	60,000.00
Electronic Noticeboards (LRCI Variation Req.)	52,000.00
Washdown Bay Electrical Works (LRCI Variation Req.)	90,000.00
Washdown Bay Avdata System (LRCI Variation Req.)	4,800.00
Washdown Bay Pump & Water Tank (LRCI Variation Req.)	18,000.00

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.12**  
**5/0**

**6. Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council considered its decision in agenda item #1 – Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025, and sought to record its decision that was inconsistent with the recommendation.

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to 254H *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council record its decision for not following the recommendation in agenda item#1 in the report. The reason being that the recommendation was not aligned with the background information listed.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #SP25.04.13**  
**5/0**

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:24pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025.



## 6. Business Arising

#	Item	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress	Completed Date
<b>28th April 2025 - Special Meeting</b>						
SP25.04.03	Business Arising	That Council immediately amend the Unconfirmed December Minutes as per the resolution in January to include the following amendments: - Item #11 be recorded as procedural motion moved by Cr Royes and voted upon. - Item #11 should be resolution 24.12.20.	CEO	Seconder required for the motion Minutes to be amended and uploaded to website	In progress	
SP25.04.04	2. Third Quarter Budget Review 2024-2025	That consideration of the Third Quarter Budget Review 2024-2025 lay on the table pending further information.	CEO		Complete	Apr-25
SP25.04.05	3. Draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan	That Council receive the Draft FY2025-2026 Operational Plan and refer to the budget workshop.	CEO	Scheduled for 22nd May 2025	Complete	May-25
SP25.04.06	Motion Without Notice	That Council investigate an alternate DRFA Management structure pursuant to the strategic intent of Council's discussion on 26th February 2025.	CEO		In progress	
SP25.04.07	Motion Without Notice	Considering Council's alternative DRFA management strategic intent, tenders be called for Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management to cover the North and Far North Tropical Low – commencing 29 January 2025 and the Western Queensland Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding – commencing 21 March 2025.	DES	Tenders being prepared for release through Local Buy	In progress	
SP25.04.10	4. Tender ESC 2024-024: Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strip	That Council: 1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Steele Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-024- Replacement of security fencing at Mount Surprise for \$364,202.52 (ex-GST) in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and section 4C of Council's Procurement Policy relating to the development of competitive local business and industry. 2. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Steele Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2024-024- Replacement of security fencing at Einasleigh Air Strip for \$413,600.92 (ex-GST) in accordance with the contract provisions, schedule of rates and section 4C of Council's Procurement Policy relating to the development of competitive local business and industry. 3. Signs and seals the contracts in the form proposed; and 4. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.	DES	Tender awarded and contract executed	Complete	May-25
SP25.04.12	5. Third Quarter 2024-2025 Budget Review	That Council, in accordance with section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, amend its 2024/2025 budget with the following recommendations:  WIP - March 2025 – 3rd Quarter Budget Review Forsyth & Mt Surprise – Learning – 10,000.00 Forsyth – Seating, Signage & Fitness Equipment – 25,000.00 LRCI Phase 4 – Recon & Seal Oak Park Road (Bagstowe Homestead) – 79,698.00 Recon & Sealing – Oak Park Road Bridge to Intersection (ch 23.8km to 25.30km excl bridge) LRCI Phase 4 – Design and reseal for Hayman – 42,100.00 Mt Surprise Remedial Street Drainage (LRCI Variation Req.) – 60,000.00 Electronic Noticeboards (LRCI Variation Req.) – 52,000.00 Washdown Bay Electrical Works (LRCI Variation Req.) – 90,000.00 Washdown Bay Avdata System (LRCI Variation Req.) – 4,800.00 Washdown Bay Pump & Water Tank (LRCI Variation Req.) – 18,000.00	DCS	Actioned and will show in Financial Statements as at 30th April 2025	Complete	May-25
SP25.04.13	6. Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025	Pursuant to 254H Local Government Regulation 2012, Council record its decision for not following the recommendation in agenda item#1 in the report. The reason being that the recommendation was not aligned with the background information listed.	CEO	No further action required	Complete	Apr-25
<b>16th April 2025 - General Meeting</b>						
25.04.02	Consideration of Minutes - General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 19th March 2025	That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 19th March 2025 be confirmed, as amended. Corrections: #25.03.01 – Amend mover of motion to Cr Tincknell. #25.03.05 – Include approval limit for CEO of \$15,000.00 to Ex-gratia Payment Policy.	EA	Amend minutes to reflect corrections identified at the meeting and upload to website	In progress	
25.04.04	1. Mayor's Briefing Report	That Council accept the transfer of funds \$65,000.00 from The Gulf Cattleman's Association Inc. to be placed into the Trust Account and to be utilized in partnership with Etheridge Shire Council to create a bronze statue commemorating and recognising the cattleman's contribution to the grazing industry across Queensland's Gulf Savannah Region.	CEO		In progress	
25.04.06	3. FY 24/25 Operational Plan – 3rd Quarter Review	That pursuant to section 174(3) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , Council receive the third quarterly progress report on Council's progress towards implementing its Operational Plan 2024/25.	CEO	Upload review to website		
25.04.14	8. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report	That Council note that the tender for Mt Surprise and Einasleigh fencing to be considered at a subsequent meeting	DES	Approved in special meeting held on 28/4/2025	Complete	Apr-25
25.04.15	8. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report	That Council approve that the North West Minerals Province Tourism Infrastructure Project - Georgetown Riverwalk location be confirmed for commencement at the Forsyth Road towards the Rodeo Grounds.	DES	Received quotations and work in progress	Complete	May-25
25.04.16	9. Washdown Bay Project Status and Additional Works	1. That Council seeks an extension from the Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) and Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSP). 2. That the Director of Engineering Services present a report including budgetary variations for LRCIP. 3. The report to include additional works and components required to complete the Washdown Bay.	DES	Has been submitted for variation request	Complete	Apr-25
25.04.19	10. Request to Waive Interest Grant Discount on Overdue Rates	That Council resolve to not write off accrued interest and grant discount on assessment 00441-00000-000 to the value of \$10,845.35 due to the following reasons: - It is the rate payer's responsibility to update addresses on file. - The ratepayer confirmed receiving the rates notice on 23rd September 2024 (prior to discount expiry date). - Discount is only granted where it can be established that the non-payment of rates by the due date was due to circumstance beyond the ratepayer's control.	DCS	Ratepayer advised of outcome	Complete	May-25

25.04.20	11. Etheridge Shire Council – University Scholarship Program 2025	That Council resolve to award the 2025 Etheridge Shire Council University Tertiary Scholarship to Celine Dixon.	CEO	Applicant advised of outcome	Complete	May-25
25.04.21	12. ESC 2025-029 – Gravel Screening for Zones 1,2 & 3 – DRFA Works	1. That Council resolve to bring the previously presented matter, being the Tender for Gravel Screening for 2024-2026 DRFA Works 2024-029, off the table from the February General meeting for consideration and 2. That Council accept the tender of Terry Family Developments Pty Ltd to screen the gravel on ground to the value of \$1,056,035.75 (Ex.GST), consisting of Zone 1: 104,753 tons @ \$435,307.95, Zone 2: 82,625 tons @ \$34,350.70 and Zone 3: 66,748 tons @ \$277,377.10	DCS	Contract has been awarded	Complete	May-25
<b>19th March 2025 - General Meeting</b>						
25.03.05	4. Final Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025-2030	That Council resolve to adopt the final (as amended) Strategy for Culture & the Arts 2025 – 2030.	DCS	Published	Complete	Apr-25
25.03.06	5. Policy Adoption – Ex-Gratia (Special) Payments Policy	That Council resolve to adopt the Ex-gratia (Special) Payments Policy, to include an approval limit of \$15,000 for the CEO.	DCS	Registered and published	Complete	Apr-25
25.03.08	7. Eveleigh Road Condition	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 investigation	In progress	
25.03.09	8. Survey Feedback and Forsyth Transfer Station Operation Opening Days and Hours	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 Station Operation to open on an unsupervised trial basis on Monday and Wednesday 7am to 2pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm.	DES	Opened the FTS from 24/4/2025	Complete	Apr-25
25.03.10	9. Stormwater Drainage – Atkinson Street, Mount Surprise	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	Will be commenced soon.	Complete	May-25
25.03.12	10. Projects for Country Roads Connect Program	That Council nominate for funding under the Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program for reconstruction and sealing of the Forsyth Road (Road Id 6704) applying for \$1.5 million.	DES	Submitted the application on 4th April 2025.	Complete	Apr-25
25.03.13	11. QRA – Crucial Access Links	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	Mar-25
25.03.14	11. QRA – Crucial Access Links	That Council nominate for funding under the “Crucial Access Link Program” for reconstruction and sealing of the Georgetown Airstrip Road (Sandy Creek) for \$ 2.5 million	DES	CEO has submitted the application	Complete	Mar-25
25.03.17	12. Tender, ESC 2024-048 – Mill and Fill Roadworks Project – Roads 92B, 92C, 98C, 99A and 99B	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 awarded	Complete	May-25
<b>19th February 2025 - General Meeting</b>						
25.02.08	3. Legal Opinion – Claim for Compensation	Council resolves not to accept the advice from LGM and additional legal opinion and offer D & D Terry an ex gratia payment of \$13,165.44 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	May-25
25.02.09	4. Tender for Gravel Screening for 2024-2026 DRFA Works ESC 2024-029	That the matter of tender for gravel screening for 2024-2026 DRFA Works lie on the table as further information is required involving pit/gravel suitability, soil testing and carting requirements	DES	Contract has been awarded	Complete	May-25
25.02.12	7. Expressions of Interest for Terrestrial Centre Upgrade Tender	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 is has prepared and issued tender processes for the design and construction phase of the Terrestrial Centre Upgrade; 4. A funding payment of \$3,000,000.00 from the funding provider to Etheridge Shire Council is conditional on the successful completion of the Milestone #1 requirements.	CEO		Complete	May-25
25.02.13	8. Term Lease 0/222075	Council resolves to receive the report term lease 0/222075 on land described on Lot 8 on SP189943, reserve for Township Purposes.	DES		Complete	
25.02.14	9. Request Review of Decision – Commercial Use of Council Controlled Areas	That Council decide not to review the decision and uphold its previous action, including providing a statement of reasons as follows pursuant to section 254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012: 1. Stage 1 of the Charleston Dam Recreation Area is incomplete; 2. Native Title negotiations remain incomplete; 3. The original intent of funding for Charleston Dam was primarily water security.	DES	Response letter sent to claimant	Complete	May-25
<b>18th December 2024 - General Meeting</b>						
24.12.19	14. Flood Damaged Roads Restoration Zone 5	That Council request the CEO to seek governance advice on Council organisational issues impacting on Council’s performance.	CEO	Governance advice being obtained with further updates to follow.	In progress	
24.12.20	11. Road Register Review	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	9. Einasleigh and Mt Surprise Town Maintenance – Tender Document and Scope of Works	That Council receives reports and accepts the tender documents and scope of works, as amended.	DES	Draft Service Level reports being prepared under new format and will be presented to Council in draft form.	In progress	
24.11.11	10. Project for TIDS Funding	That Council receive and agree to apply for TIDS funding for Forsayth Road (state-controlled road) for \$1.5 million to reconstruct and seal the 1.84 km from Chainage 23.43 km to Chainage 25.27 km	DES	Submitted	Complete	May-25
14th August 2024 - General Meeting						
24.08.07	5. Review of Drug & Alcohol Policy	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	

## 7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – BRIEFING REPORT

**GENERAL MEETING:** 21 May 2025

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

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: April 2025

### 1. Update

Welcome to the May 2025 CEO Briefing Report.

The reporting period included Easter and I also attended LGAQ House for a CEO Briefing, which was extremely beneficial. The other main focus during the period was the Etheridge Agricultural Project and the Growing Regions Project.

### 2. Operational Plan Matters

#### Operational Plan 2024–2025

- Work continuing on implementation of the Operational Plan 2024-2025
- The build and set-up of the new agenda software system has commenced and should be available in the next 2-months. Councillors are advised that End User Training will be delayed owing to staff issues. Further dates to be provided to Councillors

#### Work Health & Safety

- WHSA role to be re-advertised
- A relief WHSA has commenced duties through Peak Services, being engaged for a 3-month period. Tasks include an overview of Council's Work Health and Safety Management System (WHSMS). Council needs to meet the requirements of the National Self-Insurer OHS Management System as part of LGW self-insurance scheme

### 3. Projects

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

#### Etheridge Agricultural Precinct

- Funding provided by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) under the Regional Economic Futures Fund (REFF)
- Letter sent to Adam West, Regional Director, DPI, seeking variation to change the name of the project to NW33 – Etheridge Shire Council Agricultural Precinct Development – North West Queensland
- Ongoing meetings with Greg Mason, DPI
- Recruitment process underway with interviews being arranged as soon as possible. Five (5) applications received

#### Tourism Master Plan – Griffith University

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

- Milestone #1 payment received
- Griffith University undertaking project management – See separate briefing report #02

##### *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 #02

#### 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%) have been paid. 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.

### **4. Attendance of Events**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
3 April	Meeting with Dam Regulator – Charleston Dam EAP	Georgetown
8 April	Audit Committee Meeting	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
28 April	Special Meeting	Georgetown
29 April	Visit by Local Government Workcare (LGW) – Angela Weldon & Ian Barton	Georgetown
30 April	Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) Meeting with Department of Housing	MS Teams

### **5. Upcoming Events**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
6 May	Travel – NWQROC	Travel
7-8 May	NWQROC Face-to-face	Mount Isa
9 May	Travel – NWQROC	Travel
13 May	Andrew Cripps, North Queensland Disaster Coordinator	Georgetown
14 May	Community Connect & Councillor Workshop	Oak Park
15 May	Meeting with Department of Primary Industries – Gravel sale permits and Endorsed Quarry Areas (EQAs)	Georgetown
19 May	LGAQ Governance Training – Alison Smith & Kim Driver	Georgetown
20 May	Meeting with Tammy Parry, State Development	Georgetown

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
21 May	General Meeting	Georgetown
22 May	Budget Workshop #2	Georgetown
27 May	Community Budget Sessions (Einasleigh, Mt Surprise & Forsayth)	Various
28 May	Budget Workshop #3	Georgetown
29 May	Budget Workshop #4	Georgetown

Regards,  
Mark Watt  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**GENERAL MEETING: 21 May 2025**

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

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: April 2025

**Financial****1. 2025/2026 Budget**

Council is currently in the process of preparing the 2025/2026 budget and has scheduled numerous Councillor workshops and visits to each of the communities as part of this effort. These visits are intended to engage with residents, gather feedback and ensure local priorities are considered in the upcoming budget. Community input will help shape funding decisions and guide planning for the year ahead.

**2. Finance Working Group**

The finance working group are currently attending to budget preparation and draft grants register.

**Audit Update****3. Internal Audit**

The Finance Working Group is currently reviewing due dates for outstanding audit actions and assessing Council's priorities to present back to the Audit Committee. This process aims to ensure timely completion of audit requirements and alignment of financial planning with the Council's strategic goals.

**4. External Audit**

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

**5. Audit Committee**

The next Audit Committee meeting was to be scheduled for May, but conflicting calendars between committee members and advisors has caused delays.

**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 has completed works (wireless connection, security cameras and door locking) in the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025. One more visit is required to complete the project which is scheduled for June 2025.

**7. Independent Living Facility – Housing Infrastructure Grant**

Preston Law has drafted tenancy guidelines, agreements and policies which have been submitted to the Department for approval. Council is currently advertising as per Department guidelines to satisfy the funding requirements. Project build complete (refer DES). Draft policies will be provided to Council as a matter of urgency to progress this matter and further to finalise application 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 be reported on via the Information Bulletin from June 2025 as currently staff are on leave and have not completed the required training.

**9. Electronic Noticeboards**

Council resolved to include an additional \$52,000 of LRCI funds to finalise this project, however the application was rejected. Further correspondence has been sent to Councillor regarding reallocation of LRCI funding to allow for Council own source funds to finalise this project. 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. The CEO has returned from leave and negotiations are scheduled.

#### 11. Lot 4 on CD35 (Lynd Medical Centre)

Council have addressed all obligations including final payment by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and are awaiting confirmation from Department of Resources of finalisation. The survey plan was registered with Titles Qld on 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Predicted signing of the deed is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. 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

Council have begun preliminary discussions with suppliers. Site investigation has been completed at Mount Surprise. Still awaiting concept plans from suppliers for Council approval.

#### 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 scheduled for July 2025.

#### Events & Commitments

DATE	ORGANISATION	TOPIC
16/04/2025	ESC	April General Meeting
22/04/2025	RADF	RADF Meeting
28/04/2025	ESC	Special Meeting
29/04/2025	LGMS	Council Briefing Update
07/05/2025	ESC	Biosecurity Advisory Committee Meeting
13/05/2025	QRA	Andrew Cripps Meeting
14/05/2025	ESC	Oak Park Community Connect Meeting

Thankyou kindly,  
Renee Bester  
Director of Corporate Services





<b>General Meeting</b>	21 May 2025
<b>Subject</b>	Financial Performance as at 30 April 2025
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Author</b>	Megan Alexanderson, Acting 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 30 April 2025 pursuant to, and in accordance with, the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (s204).

## BACKGROUND

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

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2029

Corporate Aim 5 – Governance: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.

Strategy 5.3.1: Ensure transparency of Council's financial operations and performance and promote awareness within the community of Councils 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 Councils 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

There are no policy implications for this report.

## CONSULTATION

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

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Summary of broad and general risks and opportunities:

- Risk 1 – Financial reports are covered by 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.

<b>Report Prepared By:</b>	<b>Report Authorised By:</b>
Megan Alexanderson, Acting Finance Manager	Renee Bester, Director Corporate Services
Date: 01/05/2025	Date: 08/05/2025

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Capital Funding Detail – WIP Report
2. Revenue and Expenditure Budget
3. Balance Sheet Summary
4. Statement of Comprehensive Income
5. Statement of Financial Position
6. Statement of Cash Flows
7. Financial Reports

WIP - April 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
<b>0400-4150-0000 Land &amp; Land Improvements</b>							
<b>Completed projects</b>							
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%
			<b>16,034.42</b>	<b>9,059.12</b>	<b>25,093.54</b>	<b>16,034.42</b>	<b>156%</b>
<b>0400-4250-0000 Buildings</b>							
3610-4501-0001	FNQRP (24-25) - Coordination Centre (Gtown)	2,000,000.00		4,518.00	4,518.00	2,000,000.00	0%
3610-4501-0002	FNQRP (24-25) - Housing Project - Independent Living	2,000,000.00			-	2,000,000.00	0%
3610-4501-0003	FNQRP (24-25) - Upgrade water assets	47,830.00			-	47,830.00	0%
3610-4501-0004	FNQRP (24-25) - Backup power	50,000.00			-	50,000.00	0%
3280-4504-0000	Staff Housing Project (SHP)	3,000,000.00	50,655.70	2,536,225.06	2,586,880.76	3,100,000.00	83%
3280-4505-0000	Independent Living Facility (ILF)	3,000,000.00	1,119,497.87	2,208,614.68	3,328,112.55	3,522,065.00	94%
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		51,139.25	51,139.25	4,653,750.00	1%
6010-4502-0000	Growing Regions - Cumberland Dam	1,880,000.00		58,252.08	58,252.08	2,133,750.00	3%
6010-4503-0000	Growing Regions - Einasleigh Peoples' Museum	1,100,000.00		50,953.00	50,953.00	1,353,750.00	4%
6010-4504-0000	Growing Regions - Our Elders Trail	855,000.00		50,953.00	50,953.00	1,108,750.00	5%
<b>Carried forward projects 25-26</b>							
4011-4501-0000	Georgetown Streets - Georgetown Streetscaping & chairs			3,877.20	3,877.20	20,000.00	19%
<b>Completed projects</b>							
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) - Forsayth Cemetery Fencing	40,000.00				-	
3620-4500-0001	LRCI 3 - Forsayth Transfer Station	500,000.00	569,004.97	29,566.23	598,571.20	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 - Forsayth	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%
6030-4501-0000	DOE - Hostel - Re-roof, drainage & flooring	50,000.00		112,749.20	112,749.20	113,410.00	99%
			<b>3,460,816.76</b>	<b>5,124,386.21</b>	<b>8,585,202.97</b>	<b>24,399,851.93</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>0400-4350-0000 Other Structures</b>							
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	61,435.01	509,569.29	448,134.28	114%
5151-4502-0001	All Towns - Electronic Community Notice Boards (SMS)					132,000.00	0%

WIP - April 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
5151-4504-0000	<b>HVSPP</b> - Wash Down Facility	600,000.00	200,368.91	502,548.72	702,917.63	862,800.00	81%
	Washdown Bay - Electrical Connection					90,000.00	0%
	Washdown Bay - Avdata System					4,800.00	0%
	Washdown Bay - Pump & Water Tank					18,000.00	0%
5152-4500-0004	<b>Mt Surprise</b> - Learning Hubs					10,000.00	0%
5152-4500-0000	<b>Forsayth</b> - Seating, Signage & Fitness Equipment					25,000.00	0%
5163-4500-0001	<b>Cemeteries</b> - Improvements			13,413.44	13,413.44	30,000.00	45%
6010-4502-0001	<b>Terrestrial</b> - Security upgrade		36,807.48		36,807.48	36,807.48	100%
<b>Carried forward projects 25-26</b>							
5152-4500-0004	<b>Forsayth</b> - Learning Hubs					10,000.00	0%
<b>Completed projects</b>						-	
4011-4502-0000	<b>Gtown</b> - Town Fence			27,646.52	27,646.52	-	
4140-4506-0001	<b>Depot</b> - Self bunded Ad blue tank		21,535.41	3,286.09	24,821.50	21,535.41	115%
5151-4507-0000	<b>PTIIP</b> - Mount Surprise Bus Stop	45,000.00	15,994.72	57,911.62	73,906.34	90,000.00	82%
			<b>788,058.95</b>	<b>677,894.15</b>	<b>1,465,953.10</b>	<b>2,819,077.17</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>0400-4450-00000 Fleet Plant &amp; Equipment</b>						-	
	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%
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	24-25 replacements (remaining)					546,391.93	0%
<b>Completed projects</b>							
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%
4150-4500-4155	Multi Tyre Roller - Trade 4138			265,880.74	265,880.74	265,880.74	100%
	Plant Sales			-	400,909.08	-	
				<b>1,213,021.43</b>	<b>1,213,021.43</b>	<b>2,761,000.00</b>	<b>44%</b>

WIP - April 2025		External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
<b>0400-4550-0000</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; Other Equipment</b>						
2060-4500-0001	Georgetown Stadium & Pool - Keyless Entry		22,477.55	7,228.80	29,706.35	29,706.35	100%
			<b>22,477.55</b>	<b>7,228.80</b>	<b>29,706.35</b>	<b>29,706.35</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>0400-4650-0000</b>	<b>Roads Infrastructure</b>						
3620-4505-0004	LRCI Phase 4 - Resealing work on Einasleigh to Forsayth Rd Ch 16.48km to 26.00 km	189,892.00		68,094.00	68,094.00	189,892.00	36%
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%
3620-4505-0016	LRCI Phase 4 - Dust pads Einasleigh	50,000.00			-	50,000.00	0%
	R2R - Mt Surprise Remedial Street drainage					60,000.00	0%
	Council Surplus funds					198,000.00	
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	-	
4014-4500-0000	R2R - 24-25 - Mt Surprise - Drainage - various	252,000.00		234,288.37	234,288.37	246,500.00	95%
4020-4550-0000	Road realignments ( Percy vale Road )	40,000.00		5,672.60	5,672.60	-	
4020-4580-0000	NWQEDS10 - Caseys Rest Lookout	100,000.00		3,714.80	3,714.80	100,000.00	4%
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%
4061-4504-0000	Reseals - Georgetown		195,454.65	-	195,454.65	654,454.65	30%
<b>Carried forward projects 25-26</b>							
3620-4505-0002	LRCI Phase 4 - Recon & Seal Oak Park Road/Bagstowe Homestead	79,698.00				79,698.00	0%
	Recon & Sealing - Oak Park Road Bridge to Intersection (Ch 23.8km to 25.30km excl bridge)					618,200.00	0%
3620-4505-0003	LRCI Phase 4 - Design and reseal for Hayman	42,100.00				42,100.00	0%
<b>Completed projects</b>							
3620-4505-0005	LRCI Phase 4 - Cleaning Road Grids	7,900.00		7,572.67	7,572.67	7,900.00	96%
3620-4505-0017	LRCI Phase 4 - Queenslander Creek upgrade	352,250.00		238,369.01	238,369.01	352,250.00	68%
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%
3620-4505-0015	LRCI Phase 4 + QRA - Construction of box culvert and concrete floodway at Granite Creek on Gilberton Road	175,304.00		175,304.00	175,304.00	248,000.00	71%
4060-4503-0000	Floodways (Granite Creek)	-		35,382.94	35,382.94	-	
4012-4500-0000	R2R 24-25 - Resealing work in First street 22/23 survey/design & construction	27,374.00	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%
4013-4501-0001	Cap Imp - Etheridge River - Remove vegetation			44,864.65	44,864.65	50,000.00	90%
4020-4500-0000	LRCI Phase 2 - Sealed Services - Forsayth - Einasleigh Rd Reseal ch.16.48 km to 26 km	286,549.00	437,049.58	371,743.00	808,792.58	437,049.58	185%
4020-4560-0000	R2R - Eins-For Rd Ch 32.57-33.27		7,890.61		7,890.61	7,890.61	100%

WIP - April 2025			External Funding Amount	PREVIOUS YEARS (Opening balance)	YEAR TO DATE (ACTUALS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (ACTUALS)	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET	%
4020-4570-0000	R2R 23-24 - Big Joe Bridge Einasleigh R2R - Asphalt work		150,000.00	3,457.78	433.18	3,890.96	3,890.96	100%
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%
4060-4500-0010	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%
4060-4500-0016	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%
4060-4500-0019	R2R 24-25 - Pipe Replace Lake Carlo		28,900.00		16,663.20	16,663.20	28,900.00	58%
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	5,429,125.38	10,016,271.53	11,196,825.75	89%
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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	1,305.20	2,926.48	1,621.28	181%
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	12,485.20	295,602.92	560,744.67	53%
						-	-	
				9,157,651.55	12,473,200.29	21,630,851.84	41,783,240.29	52%

Revenue and Expenditure Summary									
	REVENUE			EXPENDITURE			SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
	31 May 2025	Budget		31 May 2025	Budget		31 May 2025	Budget	
1000-0001 Governance									
1000-0002 Elected Members	0.00	0	0%	444,971.25	503,000	88%	(444,971.25)	88%	(503,000)
1010-0002 Governance	0.00	0	0%	760,459.32	810,000	94%	(760,459.32)	94%	(810,000)
1020-0002 Economic Development	3,220,142.00	3,440,000	94%	120,413.50	250,000	48%	3,099,728.50	97%	3,190,000
1040-0002 Regulatory Services									
1040-0003 Town Planning	3,180.00	10,000	32%	74,167.08	60,000	124%	(70,987.08)	142%	(50,000)
1041-0003 Building Control	1,178.70	2,000	59%	0.00	200	0%	1,178.70	65%	1,800
1042-0003 Environmental Health	1,881.00	9,000	21%	34,586.25	30,000	115%	(32,705.25)	156%	(21,000)
1043-0003 Local Laws	0.00	0	0%	0.00	5,000	0%	0.00	0%	(5,000)
1040-0002 Regulatory Services	6,239.70	21,000	30%	108,753.33	95,200	114%	(102,513.63)	138%	(74,200)
1050-0002 Disaster Management	2,700,072.52	2,724,349	99%	144,286.79	153,500	94%	2,555,785.73	99%	2,570,849
1060-0002 WH&S	0.00	0	0%	257,490.64	305,000	84%	(257,490.64)	84%	(305,000)
1000-0001 Governance	5,926,454.22	6,185,349	96%	1,836,374.83	2,116,700	87%	4,090,079.39	101%	4,068,649
2000-0001 Corporate									
2000-0002 General Rates	2,455,458.92	2,705,000	91%	392,848.21	430,000	91%	2,062,610.71	91%	2,275,000
2010-0002 General Administration	6,508,319.06	6,805,192	96%	2,246,855.42	2,744,000	82%	4,261,463.64	105%	4,061,192
2020-0002 Employee Services	2,266,692.42	2,200,000	103%	1,897,807.42	2,155,000	88%	368,885.00	828%	45,000
2030-0002 ICT	0.00	0	0%	318,852.98	365,000	87%	(318,852.98)	87%	(365,000)
2040-0002 Broadcasting Services	0.00	0	0%	6,106.24	6,600	93%	(6,106.24)	93%	(6,600)
2000-0001 Corporate	11,230,470.40	11,710,192	96%	4,862,470.27	5,700,600	85%	6,368,000.13	106%	6,009,592
3000-0001 Community									
3000-0002 Commercial Rental Properties									
3000-0003 Staff housing	114,100.00	140,000	82%	261,463.40	367,000	71%	(147,363.40)	65%	(227,000)
3002-0003 Savannah House	3,575.00	4,000	89%	23,183.83	29,000	80%	(19,608.83)	78%	(25,000)
3003-0003 Demountable Office (Mary St)	49,636.37	48,000	103%	1,289.09	6,000	21%	48,347.28	115%	42,000
3004-0003 Independent Living	0.00	1,200,000	0%	157,489.51	150,000	105%	(157,489.51)	-15%	1,050,000
3000-0002 Commercial Rental Properties	167,311.37	1,392,000	12%	443,425.83	552,000	80%	(276,114.46)	-33%	840,000
3010-0002 Libraries	2,460.00	6,000	41%	39,102.65	30,000	130%	(36,642.65)	153%	(24,000)
3020-0002 Community Development	26,250.00	26,250	100%	151,604.99	330,000	46%	(125,354.99)	41%	(303,750)
3030-0002 Sport & Recreation	50.00	1,000	5%	363,829.43	494,000	74%	(363,779.43)	74%	(493,000)
3040-0002 Halls	1,145.45	5,000	23%	270,534.02	343,000	79%	(269,388.57)	80%	(338,000)
3050-0002 Medical Centres	0.00	0	0%	25,857.55	49,200	53%	(25,857.55)	53%	(49,200)
3060-0002 Aerodromes	135,000.00	450,000	30%	251,428.93	300,500	84%	(116,428.93)	-78%	149,500

		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)	
		31 May 2025	Budget	31 May 2025	Budget	31 May 2025	Budget
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre	113,807.53	160,000	411,926.56	641,000	(298,119.03)	(481,000)
3080-0002	Little Gens Child Care Centre	96,067.57	139,000	443,350.86	505,500	(347,283.29)	(366,500)
3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel	129,752.49	250,000	234,583.47	371,450	(104,830.98)	(121,450)
3100-0002	Cemeteries	3,319.62	2,000	46,933.28	50,000	(43,613.66)	(48,000)
3000-0001	Community	675,164.03	2,431,250	2,682,577.57	3,666,650	(2,007,413.54)	(1,235,400)
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services						
4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds	2,318.30	4,000	575,895.11	644,000	(573,576.81)	(640,000)
4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection	40,313.66	38,000	304,224.97	435,500	(263,911.31)	(397,500)
4020-0002	Street Lighting	0.00	0	8,395.87	18,000	(8,395.87)	(18,000)
4030-0002	Roads						
4030-0003	Shire Roads	4,997,050.84	5,879,565	2,885,374.76	4,075,000	2,111,676.08	1,804,565
4031-0003	Town Streets	22,500.00	198,000	146,505.04	654,542	(124,005.04)	(456,542)
4032-0003	Flood Damage	33,517,548.84	33,799,157	27,613,721.76	32,879,049	5,903,827.08	920,108
4030-0002	Roads	38,537,099.68	39,876,722	30,645,601.56	37,608,591	7,891,498.12	2,268,131
4040-0002	Depot and Stores	83,996.25	125,000	826,963.14	1,114,000	(742,966.89)	(989,000)
4050-0002	Recoverable Works						
4050-0003	Private Works	105,258.42	220,000	74,910.25	180,000	30,348.17	40,000
4051-0003	DTMR	3,378,312.54	4,753,901	3,488,301.43	2,418,901	(109,988.89)	2,335,000
4050-0002	Recoverable Works	3,483,570.96	4,973,901	3,563,211.68	2,598,901	(79,640.72)	2,375,000
4060-0002	Plant Operations	5,256,705.31	7,120,000	2,709,244.50	3,596,000	2,547,460.81	3,524,000
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services	47,404,004.16	52,137,623	38,633,536.83	46,014,992	8,770,467.33	6,122,631
5000-0001	Utilities						
5000-0002	Water Supply						
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation	423,759.82	420,100	676,072.69	860,300	(252,312.87)	(440,200)
5001-0003	Forsayth WTP & Reticulation	117,882.14	117,200	310,325.02	272,000	(192,442.88)	(154,800)
5002-0003	Charleston Dam	0.00	0	18,067.27	120,000	(18,067.27)	(120,000)
5000-0002	Water Supply	541,641.96	537,300	1,004,464.98	1,252,300	(462,823.02)	(715,000)
5010-0002	Waste Management						
5010-0003	Georgetown	154,093.40	150,400	199,174.63	281,300	(45,081.23)	(130,900)
5011-0003	Forsayth	15,564.49	14,950	15,168.74	76,000	395.75	(61,050)
5012-0003	Einisleigh	11,413.55	10,500	13,709.19	18,885	(2,295.64)	(8,385)
5013-0003	Mt Surprise	12,201.55	12,000	7,260.71	8,711	4,940.84	3,289





	OPENING BALANCE	31 May 2025	YEAR TO DATE 31 May 2025	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 May 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	225,356.37	68%	329,843	630,088.25	315%
0300-3005 Investments	4,926,978.73	7,871,426.10	-99%	(7,970,363)	12,798,404.83	127%
0300-3006 22108 Ether Reserve CF	276,656.08	11,443.99	4%	270,000	288,100.07	107%
0300-3007 22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	5,008,847.75	(871,653.80)	---	0	4,137,193.95	---
0300-3008 NQRP North Old Resilience Project	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0	0%
0300-3020 Cash on Hand	1,500.00	0.00	0%	0	1,500.00	100%
0300-3030 General Fund Bank Error Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0	0%
0300-3100 Receivables - Rates	170,021.19	(221,544.53)	-271%	81,824	(51,523.34)	-30%
0300-3110 Rates Receivable Adjustment	53,229.56	(53,229.56)	---	0	0.00	0%
0300-3120 EOY Receipts-Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3130 Allowance for Impairment - Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3150 Receivables - Govt Subsidy	188.02	(398.43)	---	0	(210.41)	-24%
0300-3200 Receivables - Debtors	1,199,067.33	(590,451.54)	-88%	667,543	608,615.79	87%
0300-3210 Grants Receivable - Roads	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3230 Receivables - Animals	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3240 Bond Receivable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3250 Debtors Receivable Adjustment	547,667.00	(547,667.00)	---	0	0.00	0%
0300-3260 EOY Receipts-Debtors	(41,643.60)	41,643.60	---	0	0.00	0%
0300-3270 Prepaid Expenses	119,508.68	(119,508.68)	---	0	0.00	0%
0300-3280 Allowance for Impairment - Debtors	(114,875.98)	114,875.98	---	0	0.00	0%
0300-3290 Debtors Accrual	2,332,503.35	(2,332,503.35)	148%	(1,573,325)	0.00	0%
0300-3300 Stores Inventories	475,095.41	17,899.02	20%	87,863	492,994.43	90%
0300-3310 House & Land - Held for Resale GST	0.00	0.00	0%	(53,093)	0.00	0%
0300-3320 House & Land -Held for Resale Input	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3330 Store Inventory Accruals	0.00	102.70	---	0	102.70	-17%
0300-3335 Accrued Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3340 Store Inventory Impairment Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-3400 Contract Receivable	3,520,330.92	0.00	0%	(4,251,181)	3,520,330.92	>999%
0390-3000 Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0300-0002 CASH AND RECEIVABLES TOTAL	18,879,806.32	3,545,790.87	-29%	(12,410,889)	22,425,597.19	174%
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	18,879,806.32	3,545,790.87	-29%	(12,410,889)	22,425,597.19	174%

(Accounts: 0300-0001-0000 to 5014-2400-0000. All report groups. 86% 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	31 May 2025	YEAR TO DATE 31 May 2025	BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 May 2025	BUDGET
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	18,879,806.32	3,545,790.87	-29%	(12,410,889)	22,425,597.19	174%
NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
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ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
0300-0001						
0400-0002						
0400-4000						
0400-4050						
0400-4100						
0400-4150						
0400-4200						
0400-4210						
0400-4250						
0400-4255						
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0400-4605						
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0400-4650						
0400-4700						
0400-4710						
0400-4750						
0400-4800						
0480-4000						
0480-4100						
0400-0002	285,051,950.11	7,750,925.28	171%	4,533,791	292,802,875.39	99%
NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL						
0300-0001	285,051,950.11	7,750,925.28	171%	4,533,791	292,802,875.39	99%
ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL						

	OPENING BALANCE	31 May 2025	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET	31 May 2025	CURRENT BALANCE
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	285,051,950.11	7,750,925.28	171%	4,533,791	292,802,875.39	99% 296,007,750
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TOTAL ASSETS	303,931,756.43	11,296,716.15	-143%	(7,877,098)	315,228,472.58	102% 308,918,343
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CURRENT LIABILITIES						
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ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
0300-0001						
CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES						
0500-0002	1,139,682.72	0.00	0%	(7,313,079)	1,139,682.72	-229% (497,565)
0500-5000	Contract Liability	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% (8)
0500-5100	Rates Refund Suspense	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5101	Rates receivable In Advance	(53,229.56)	---	0	0.00	0%
0500-5110	Dishonoured Cheques Refund Suspense	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5120	Debtors Refund Suspense	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5200	Accounts Payable	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5210	Accrued Expenses	5,091,933.46	-33%	(373,614)	123,525.01	32% 391,522
0500-5220	Emergency Fire Service Levy	31,857.99	-382%	1,333,716	0.00	0% 2,476,177
0500-5230	Accrued Time-in-Lieu	63,830.68	135%	27,195	68,509.89	110% 62,000
0500-5235	Payroll Accrual	0.00	-53%	27,033	49,417.97	145% 34,000
0500-5240	RDO	16,051.10	0%	0	0.00	0% 89,124
0500-5250	Payroll Suspense	0.00	-369%	2,878	5,445.11	182% 3,000
0500-5260	Witholding Tax Suspense	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5270	Advance Pay Suspense	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5280	General Suspense	0.00	-23%	(3,100)	721.36	---
0500-5290	GST Suspense	0.00	---	0	(224,395.09)	---
0500-5295	Input tax GST Account	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5299	Retentions Current	0.00	---	0	24,900.03	---
0500-5300	Annual Leave Payable	504,405.27	4%	(530,045)	482,850.78	---
0500-5310	Current LSL Payable	294,856.73	-169%	69,018	178,533.26	51% 347,000
0500-5400	Current Loan - Workshop	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0500-5410	Current Loan - Forsayth Water	13,560.90	102%	(9,810)	3,511.76	95% 3,700
0500-5411	Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	189,589.20	---	0	0.00	0%
0500-5420	Current Loan - Plant	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
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CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(5,546,294.81)	82%	(6,769,808)	1,852,702.80	64% 2,908,950
0300-0001						
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ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	7,398,997.61	(5,546,294.81)	82%	(6,769,808)	1,852,702.80	64% 2,908,950

	OPENING BALANCE	31 May 2025	YEAR TO DATE 31 May 2025	TO DATE BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE 31 May 2025	BALANCE
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,398,997.61	(5,546,294.81)	82%	(6,769,808)	1,852,702.80	64% 2,908,950
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES						
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ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
0300-0001						
LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT						
0600-0002	137,347.65	59,630.50	100%	59,704	196,978.15	113% 174,000
0600-6300	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%
0600-6310	5,780,427.90	83,434.15	---	0	5,863,862.05	---
0600-6401	3,572.88	0.00	0%	0	3,572.88	0%
0600-6410	1,278,101.64	0.00	0%	428,047	1,278,101.64	73% 5,981,751
0600-6500	73,522.00	0.00	0%	0	73,522.00	---
0600-6505	63,665.00	0.00	0%	0	63,665.00	---
0600-6506	232,082.72	0.00	0%	(238,501)	232,082.72	---
0600-6510	179,580.99	0.00	0%	0	179,580.99	138% 130,315
0600-6520	238,675.64	0.00	0%	0	238,675.64	79% 300,458
0600-6530						
0600-0002	7,986,976.42	143,064.65	57%	249,250	8,130,041.07	98% 8,333,524
LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT TOTAL						
0300-0001	7,986,976.42	143,064.65	57%	249,250	8,130,041.07	98% 8,333,524
ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL						
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,986,976.42	143,064.65	57%	249,250	8,130,041.07	98% 8,333,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,385,974.03	(5,403,230.16)	83%	(6,520,558)	9,982,743.87	89% 11,242,474
NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	288,545,782.40	16,699,946.31	<999%	(1,356,540)	305,245,728.71	103% 297,675,869

		OPENING BALANCE	YEAR TO DATE		CURRENT BALANCE	
			31 May 2025	BUDGET	31 May 2025	BUDGET
COMMUNITY EQUITY						
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0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES					
0700-7000	Shire Capital Account	39,500,666.35	0.00	0%	39,500,666.35	100%
0700-7100	Current Surplus	0.00	16,699,946.31	119%	16,699,946.31	119%
0700-7200	Accumulated Surplus	42,874,488.91	(0.00)	0%	42,874,488.91	84%
0700-7300	Asset Reval Reserve - Roads	158,907,707.47	0.00	0%	158,907,707.47	100%
0700-7310	Asset Reval Reserve - Land	2,113,661.06	0.00	0%	2,113,661.06	100%
0700-7320	Asset Reval Reserve - Buildings	17,460,264.12	0.00	0%	17,460,264.12	90%
0700-7330	Asset Reval Reserve - Water	7,420,590.68	0.00	0%	7,420,590.68	100%
0700-7340	Asset Reval Reserve -Other Structure	10,318,749.35	0.00	0%	10,318,749.35	100%
0700-7350	Asset Reval Reserve-Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7360	Asset Reval Reserve-TERMINERAL	488,854.46	0.00	0%	488,854.46	100%
0700-7400	Reserve Recurrent Expenditure Grants	53,502.00	0.00	0%	53,502.00	---
0700-7410	Capital Grants Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7420	Plant Replacement Reserve	872,351.00	0.00	0%	872,351.00	---
0700-7430	Future Capital Works Reserve	7,448,875.00	0.00	0%	7,448,875.00	---
0700-7440	Capital Works Reserves	1,086,072.00	0.00	0%	1,086,072.00	---
0700-7500	Appn: General Revenue for Capital	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7510	Appn: Profit/Loss on Sale NC Assets	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7520	Appn: Profit/Loss on Land Sales	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7530	Appn: Unfunded Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7540	Appn: Constrained Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7550	Appn: Reserve held Future Recur Exp	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7560	Appn: Capital Grants	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7570	Appn: Plant Replacement Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7580	Appn: Future Capital Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0700-7590	Appn: Capital Works Reserves	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
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0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES TOTAL	288,545,782.40	16,699,946.31	198%	305,245,728.71	101%
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0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	288,545,782.40	16,699,946.31	198%	305,245,728.71	101%
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		288,545,782.40	16,699,946.31	198%	305,245,728.71	101%
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		288,545,782.40	16,699,946.31	198%	305,245,728.71	101%
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# Etheridge Shire Council

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>Amend. 24/25</u>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Recurrent revenue</b>			
Rates, levies and charges	3	2,777,002	2,892,325
Fees and charges	3	219,657	316,600
Interest Income	3 7	619,197	668,100
Other income	3	66,862	84,150
Rental Income	3 8	167,311	192,000
Sales revenue	3	3,537,479	5,053,901
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3 4	41,486,253	42,621,085
<b>Total recurrent revenue</b>		<b>48,873,762</b>	<b>51,828,161</b>
<b>Capital revenue</b>			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	9,193,746	11,522,278
<b>Total capital revenue</b>		<b>9,193,746</b>	<b>11,522,278</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Recurrent expenses</b>			
Employee benefits		(6,089,167)	(6,336,250)
Materials and services		(30,142,504)	(35,285,463)
Finance Interest Costs		(232,352)	(240,000)
Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E	9	(4,887,214)	(5,801,300)
<b>Total recurrent expenses</b>	6 7	<b>(41,351,238)</b>	<b>(47,663,013)</b>
<b>Net Operating Result</b>		<b>16,716,270</b>	<b>15,687,426</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
<b>Total other expenses</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Capital result</b>		<b>16,716,270</b>	<b>15,687,426</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus		0	(8,437,607)
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>(8,437,607)</b>
<b>WIP Cap Exp</b>			
<b>Total WIP (Tsf to Fin Postn)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>16,716,270</b>	<b>7,249,819</b>

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>Amend. 24/25</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	18,176,524	10,552,985
Receivables	12	558,322	1,826,328
Contract Assets		3,520,331	20,116
Other Current Assets		0	70,206
Inventories	13	493,097	440,958
		<b>22,748,274</b>	<b>12,910,593</b>
<b>Total current assets</b>	2	<b>22,748,274</b>	<b>12,910,593</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	4 7	292,799,020	296,007,750
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	2	<b>292,799,020</b>	<b>296,007,750</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>315,547,294</b>	<b>308,918,343</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	17	350,622	3,055,815
Contract Liabilities		1,139,683	(497,565)
Borrowings	21	3,512	3,700
Provisions	18	661,384	347,000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>2,155,201</b>	<b>2,908,950</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	21	5,867,435	5,981,751
Provisions	18	2,262,606	2,351,773
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>8,130,041</b>	<b>8,333,524</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>10,285,242</b>	<b>11,242,474</b>
<b>NET COMMUNITY ASSETS</b>		<b>305,262,052</b>	<b>297,675,869</b>
<b>Community Equity</b>			
Asset revaluation reserve	25	196,709,827	198,272,431
Shire Capital		39,500,666	39,500,000
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		59,590,759	65,023,230
Reserves		9,460,800	0
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY</b>		<b>305,262,052</b>	<b>302,795,661</b>

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>	<u>Amend. 24/25</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Receipts from customers		17,773,307	22,881,345
Payments to suppliers and employees		(48,506,160)	(59,011,461)
Interest received		620,887	669,100
Rental income		167,311	192,000
Non-capital grants and contributions		41,337,351	42,423,835
Borrowing costs		(232,352)	(240,000)
<b>Net cash - operating activities</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11,160,345</b>	<b>6,914,819</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		9,147,953	11,469,528
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(12,634,284)	(10,335,091)
<b>Net cash - from investing activities</b>		<b>(3,486,331)</b>	<b>1,134,437</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(116,204)	(9,810)
<b>Net cash flow - financing activities</b>		<b>(116,204)</b>	<b>(9,810)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>7,557,809</b>	<b>8,039,445</b>
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		10,618,714	17,923,505
<b>Cash and cash equivalents - closing</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18,176,524</b>	<b>10,552,985</b>

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

## Etheridge Shire Council

### Cash Position

As at 30 April 2025

	G/L	Actual
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bendigo Cash at Bank	0300-3000	\$ 951,325
Investments	0300-3005	\$ 12,798,405
22108 Ether Reserve CF	0300-3006	\$ 288,100
22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	0300-3007	\$ 4,137,194
NQRP North Qld Resilience Project	0300-3008	\$ -
Cash on Hand	0300-3020	\$ 1,500
		<b>\$ 18,176,524</b>
<b>Cash back Current Liabilities</b>		
Annual Leave Payable	0500-5300	\$ 482,851
Current LSL Payable	0500-5310	\$ 178,533
Accrued Time-in-Lieu	0500-5230	\$ 49,418
RDO	0500-5240	\$ 5,445
		<b>\$ 716,247</b>
<b>Receivables</b>		
Receivables - Debtors	0300-3200	\$ 608,616
Receivables - Rates	0300-3100	-\$ 50,084
Receivables - Govt Subsidy	0300-3150	-\$ 210
		<b>\$ 558,322</b>
<b>Payables</b>		
Accounts Payable	0500-5200	\$ 424,037
Emergency Fire Service Levy	0500-5220	\$ 68,510
Retentions Current	0500-5299	\$ 24,900
Current Loan - Forsayth Water	0500-5410	\$ 3,512
Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	0500-5411	\$ -
		<b>\$ 520,958</b>
<b>Working Capital</b>		<b>\$ 17,497,640</b>

## Etheridge Shire Council

### Comparative Data

April 2025

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Cash Position	18,176,524	14,431,222	1,706,431	13,153,212
Working Capital	17,497,640	13,799,509	713,735	11,716,274
Rate Arrears	- 50,084	190,702	102,071	64,486
Current Debtors	608,616	216,196	53,648	806,592
Current Creditors	424,037	209,550	413,158	137,170
Current Loan Payable	3,512	3,710	884	3,989

## Etheridge Shire Council

### Financial Highlights

As at 30 April 2025

	Actual	Budget	Percentage
<b>Total revenue</b>	58,067,508	63,350,439	92%

Statements are for 10 months of the financial year and generally would represent 83% of the overall budget.

The recurrent revenue is \$48.783M which is due to the receipt of the \$41.486M grants revenue including \$33.209M Flood Damage grants and \$7.817M of FAGS grants

<b>Total expenditure</b>	- 41,351,238	- 47,663,013	87%
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Statements are for 10 months of the financial year and generally would represent 83% of the overall budget.

Expenditure to date for Flood Damage	27,613,722
Expenditure to date for DTMR works	3,488,301
	<u>31,102,023</u>

#### Surplus/Deficit

The surplus net operating result is \$16.716M reflecting strong early positive cash flows.

## Etheridge Shire Council Monthly Cash Flow Estimate

April 2025

	Revenue	Expenditure
<b>Revenue</b>		
Rates	16,000	
Fees and Charges Billings	12,398	
Own Roads Program Recoveries	-	
Main Roads Invoiced Recoveries	499,340	
Grants Expected	781,056	
Flood Damage NDRRA	308,153	
GST	194,476	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Payroll		560,000
Operating and Contractor Payables		3,000,000
PAYG-W; GST		140,000
Loan Payments		-
Capital Acq		-
Other		-
	<u>1,811,423</u>	<u>3,700,000</u>
Cash decrease expected during the next period	<u>1,888,577</u>	



<b>General Meeting</b>	21 May 2025
<b>Subject</b>	RADF Advisory Committee Minutes – 22 April 2025
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Author</b>	Caroline Steele, Community Development and Events Officer

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Regional Art's Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting was held 22 April 2025, in Georgetown. The minutes of this meeting are tabled for Council's review.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to receive the unconfirmed minutes of the RADF Advisory Committee Meeting held 22 April 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.

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2029

Corporate Aim 4 – Social: Quality social infrastructure makes 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

N/A

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

## CONSULTATION

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

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

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

Report Prepared By:	Report Authorised By:
Caroline Steele, Community Development and Events Officer	Renee Bester, Director Corporate Services
Date: 09/05/2025	Date: 09/05/2025

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Unconfirmed RADF Advisory Committee Minutes 22 April 2025

**Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**  
**Council Chambers, Georgetown**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Opening of Meeting**

Cr Tincknell opened the meeting at: 9.05am

He welcomed all the new committee members and explained the meeting as an information session to help committee members understand the processes around RADF Funding.

**Acknowledgement to Country**

*"We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice and traditions, of their people."*

**Declarations**

*Nil*

**Attendance & Apologies**

Members Present: Cr Tincknell (Chair); Andrea Kernan; Gill Sheahan; Kelly Bethel; Sascha Young

Advisor & Secretary: Caroline Steele & Renee Bester

Apologies: Katie Jones; Jennay Delacour-Coates; Josie Prior

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

*The Minutes of the Advisory Committee (RADF) Meeting held at Council Boardroom, Georgetown on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were unable to be confirmed due to no previous members in attendance to confirm.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**Outstanding matters:**

NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NIL

**NEW BUSINESS**

Renee Bester gave the committee an overview of RADF Funding and the role of committee members in the distribution of funding. There was an amount of money left unspent from the last round and Renee explained the process to roll the money over into the next round of RADF Funding.

**1. Recommendations:**

That the Committee move to roll the remaining funds of \$4650 to the next financial years funding.

**MOVED: Gill Sheahan**

**SECONDED: Andrea Kernan**

**CARRIED: 5:0**

**2.**

That Council advertise the Community Funding Program Round 1, for the FY25/26 open on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and close on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**MOVED: Kelly Bethel**

**SECONDED: Gill Sheahan**

**CARRIED: 5:0**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Cr Tincknell advised the committee, that the Gulf Cattlemen's Association had donated \$60,000 to be held in Trust by Etheridge Shire Council to be used to create a sculpture to reflect the contribution of the cattle industry to the Shire and for the committee to consider this contribution as something that can be built on with RADF Funding.
- Cr Tincknell also advised that previous members had ideas around holding a festival within Etheridge Shire with funding from Arts Queensland, they hadn't developed a plan of how this vision would look, he was open to it staying on the agenda and for current members to consider ways to move towards achieving a festival.
- Members discussed ideas for workshops, the following were discussed:
  - Wrought Iron: Streetscape beautification
  - Youth Camp: Horse school etc close to an annual event
  - Millinery Course: Close to Bush Races or Einasleigh Races

## **FUTURE MEETING**

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 9.00 am in Council Chambers

## **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting 10.00 am.

<b>General Meeting</b>	21 May 2025
<b>Subject</b>	Biosecurity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Author</b>	Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Biosecurity Advisory Committee met on 7th May 2025 and the unconfirmed meeting minutes are tabled for Councils receipt.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Biosecurity Advisory Committee minutes and adopt the recommendations made by the committee.

#### BACKGROUND

Council established a Biosecurity Advisory Committee in January 2022 to assist in the Shire Biosecurity measures including providing feedback on the draft Regional Biosecurity Plan and developing a subordinate, Shire Biosecurity Plan. A Terms of Reference was adopted in February 2022 for the Biosecurity Advisory Committee

#### LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Aim 2: A sustainable Environment of natural assets, water, wastewater and waste management.

Outcome 2.3: Best practice natural environment and pest management.

#### BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Allocated for within current year budget

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Advisory Committee's governance must be compliant with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### CONSULTATION

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
<b>No consultation required</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nil	Recommendations of the committee will be enacted once endorsed by Council.
<b>Inform</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Consult</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Involve</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Collaborate</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Empower</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

#### RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Summary of risks and opportunities:

- Risk 1: Failure to act on advice may lead to spread of pests, diseases or invasive species harming local agriculture, biodiversity and environment
- Risk 2: Local landholders, industry and community groups may lose trust in Council's commitment to effective biosecurity measures.

#### **Report Prepared By:**

**Renee Bester**

**Date: 13/05/2025**

#### **Report Authorised By:**

**Mark Watt**

**Date: 13/05/2025**

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Biosecurity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025





## Biosecurity Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Attendance:** Cr Seven Ryan, Tom Saunders via Teams, Warren Bethel via phone, Kristy Bethel

**Secretary:** Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

**Apologies:** Michael Furber, Lyn French

**Meeting opened:** 9.00 am

### Chair Welcome:

The Chair welcomed the committee and gave an overview of the trajectory of the committee for the future year.

### Previous Unconfirmed Minutes:

That the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be confirmed. A copy of the minutes was not included in the agenda and provided by email.

**Moved:** Cr. Seven Ryan

**Seconded:** Tom Saunders

**CARRIED**

**4:0**

### Agenda Items:

1. That the Etheridge Shire Biosecurity Advisory Committee recommend that the contaminated gravel stockpile, known as the second gravel stockpile near the old Dump at Forsayth (-18.580450 S, 143.589355 E), be used only on the Forsayth-Georgetown Road and is required to be sealed. If the gravel is unusable, it is to be classified as contaminated.

**Moved:** Cr. Seven Ryan

**Seconded:** Warren Bethel

**CARRIED**

**4:0**

2. The Director of Corporate Services briefed the committee on the current status of the survey regarding Wild Dog Control (Baiting & Trapping) and will collate responses and refer to the committee.
3. The Chair advised that the Shire's Biosecurity Plan will be the focus of the next meeting convened by the committee in July 2025. That the Biosecurity Advisory Committee recommend Council trial the use of trappers in its Wild Dog program in 2024/2025.
4. The committee requested the Director of Corporate Services to report on Councils Weed & Pest Management Calendar for FY2025/2026
5. The committee discussed Council's use of drone spraying which may be referred to during future budget considerations.

### General Business

Warren Bethel – Request to invite Julie Nicolosi, Gulf Savannah NRM be invited to attend the next Biosecurity Advisory Committee meeting.

### Next Meeting

Scheduled for July 2025 (date TBA)

**Meeting Closure:** 9.45am

## 9.1 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – BRIEFING REPORT

**GENERAL MEETING:** 21 May 2025

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

Councillors,

I present my report for the period of: April 2025

### 1. Transport Main Roads

- Permanent electronic road closure sign for Lynd Roadhouse – TMR is petitioning for funding and will be updated within the next 6 to 8 weeks.
- Log Creek and Somerset Creek – Electronic warning signs – TMR is petitioning for funding and will be updated within next 6 to 8 weeks.

### 2. Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSPP)

- Georgetown washdown bay – Sealing work completed.
- Electrical works and Avdata system for automatic payment system to be done.

### 3. Drinking Water Facility for Public 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 will be completed by 30 May 2025.

### 5. Independent Living Facility & Staff Housing

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

#### Remaining works

- Footpath is expected to be completed by the end of May 2025.
- Landscaping – Completed except turf as turf seed will be spread 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 – waiting for quotations.

### 6. Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10

- Contract has been awarded.

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 to commence 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)

- Contract has been awarded.

## 8. Charleston Dam

- Weekly inspections are ongoing.
- Annual Emergency Action Plan (EAP) has been submitted before the due dates.

## 9. Upcoming Events

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
3 June	Weekly Finance meeting	Council Chambers
9 June	Manager's meeting	Depot
10 June	Weekly Finance meeting	Council Chambers
11 June	Community Connect meeting	Oak Park
11 June	Special Budget meeting	Council Chambers
12. June	Budget workshop	Council Chambers
17 June	Weekly Finance meeting	Council Chambers
18 June	Council General meeting	Council Chambers
19 June	Special Budget meeting	Council Chambers
23 June	Manager's meeting	Depot
24 June	Staff meeting	Council Chambers
26 June	RWMP Technical Committee meeting	MS Team

Regards,  
Raju Ranjit  
Director of Engineering Services



<b>General Meeting</b>	21 May 2025
<b>Subject</b>	Eveleigh Road Update
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Author</b>	Raju Ranjit, Director Engineering Services

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to exploring options to improve the quality of road materials on Eveleigh Road.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the options to improve the quality of road materials on Eveleigh Road.

## BACKGROUND

This report relates to the consideration of the Eveleigh Road condition considered at the 19 March 2025 General meeting and placed on the table for further report including findings with consideration of degradation to Council assets.

In relation to the concerns raised in the General meeting, DES has consulted with QRA and Project Manager. Following are the response received.

**QRA:**

The submitted rates include for good gravel and testing is permitted if it is required.

**Project manager:**

- Imported gravel from the approved gravel pit and had been used the gravel for other flood restoration without any issues.
- Received an email on 6 November 2024 from Shepherd Services regarding the incident but not formal incident report from the person who was involved in the incident.

Regarding no 3 in the resolution # 25.03.08 refer attached report from Shepherd Services (Attachment 1).

Etheridge Shire Council is currently exploring options to improve the quality of road material on Eveleigh Road. The following methods have been considered to achieve this goal.

The primary method, which would be implemented over several years, involves importing quarry material for all future Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) works. As part of this approach, Council may undertake soil testing to assess the current in-situ material. This information would be used to collaborate with a suitable quarry to develop a material blend that meets the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) specifications while accounting for the existing road surface material.

An alternate method for consideration involves Council carrying out maintenance / Capital Expense re-sheeting works concurrently with DRFA obligations. Should this approach be adopted, Council would be responsible for supplying the required re sheeting material by quarry or Shire borrow pits and contributing a portion of the labour and plant necessary to bring Eveleigh Road up to the required depth and standard. This approach will see the desired results sooner as opposed to option one.

Council could also consider re-sheeting Eveleigh Road in stages as part of the road maintenance program.

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim 1 – Roads/Transport: A Sustainable Transport Network that Meets Community Needs

## BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There are several funding sources for upgrading the route from the government. They are:

- Commonwealth Government – SLRIP, Roads to Recovery (RTR) and FAGS
- State Government – LRIP

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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## CONSULTATION

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

## RISK ASSESSMENT

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

Summary of risks and opportunities:

Risk 1 – Medium if not improved road condition before coming wet weather.

### **Report Prepared By:**

### **Report Authorised By:**

Raju Ranjit, Director Engineering Services

Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 07/05/2025

Date: 13/02/2025

## ATTACHMENTS

Shepherd Services Eveleigh Road Inspection Report



Project Management Services

Etheridge Shire  
Council

DRFA Project

2023 Flood Damage Restoration  
Works management  
23004

Eveleigh Road Report



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Project Management Services

## **Etheridge Shire Council DRFA – Eveleigh Rd Report May 2025**

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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>EVELEIGH ROAD REPORT</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	12/05/2025
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Clinton Mervis, Regional Project Manager SHEPHERD Services
<b>ISSUED TO:</b>	Etheridge Shire Council
<b>FILE REF:</b>	ESC23004



## Previous Condition

### Post-Rain Road Condition Summary:

The road surface becomes slippery and boggy after rainfall due to the presence of fine particles and loose material. These elements bind together when wet, forming mud and creating slushy, unstable driving conditions. Observations indicate a high clay content in the subgrade beneath the running surface. This clay-rich subgrade retains moisture, further contributing to the saturation and instability of the roadway. As a result, the running course is highly susceptible to adverse weather, significantly reducing its structural integrity and usability during wet conditions.

### February 2021







February 2023







February 12, 2023 3:12 pm  
-18.227049, 143.983601  
2031 | Eveleigh Road | 3780.0



February 12, 2023 3:20 pm  
-18.227608, 143.982918  
2031 | Eveleigh Road | 3870.0





## Material Selection

### Material Sourcing and Quality Control – Eveleigh Road:

Available records indicate that construction material for Eveleigh Road has historically been sourced from Vanlee Pits 1, 2, and 3. As part of the reconstruction process, these pits are inspected prior to use, and visual assessments of material quality are conducted before any material is moved for application.

Throughout construction activities, ongoing visual checks are performed on both the stockpiled material and the gravel being incorporated into the works. Any material found to be unsuitable during these assessments is excluded from use in the reconstruction of the road.

## Inspection Report

Inspection report attached for Eveleigh Road



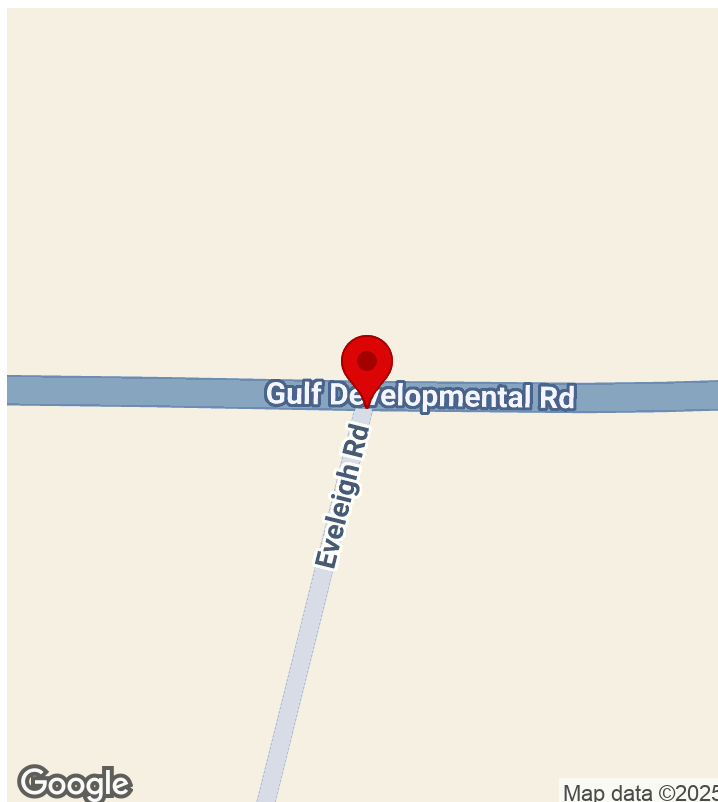
# Etheridge QRA FY22/23

Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 2022 - 30 April 2023 | Submissions: 29,28,31,33,34,35,39



## Zone 2, DM18897, Eveleigh Road, 10

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### LOCATION

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### PROJECT

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## Site Details

Submission	ESC.0034.2223G.REC
Zone	Zone 2
Mars Line ID	224
Site ID	DM18897
Logical Order	
Road Name	Eveleigh Road
Road ID	2031

## Damage Details

Treatment	T14_Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of imported material
Start Chainage	10
End Chainage	290
Length (m)	280
Width (m)	6
Depth (m)	0.075
Qty	126
Unit	m3

## Variation

Has Variation	No
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## Superintendent Safety Sign-off

Superintendent Witness SWMS/EMP/Prestart	
Superintendent Signature	

## Inspection Test Plan - Line Items

### 1-Setout Works and Field Lot Identification - HOLD POINT

1-Setout of Works & Identify Lots	
1-Constructor Remarks	
1-Constructor Signature	
1-Superintendent Remarks	Completed Satisfactorily





1-Superintendent Signatures	
1-Sign-off Date	July 10, 2023
1-NCR	

Work in Progress Photos

WIP Photo Date	September 19, 2024
Photos (WIP)	
Contractor Completion Photos	

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300-Photos every 100m from Start Chainage





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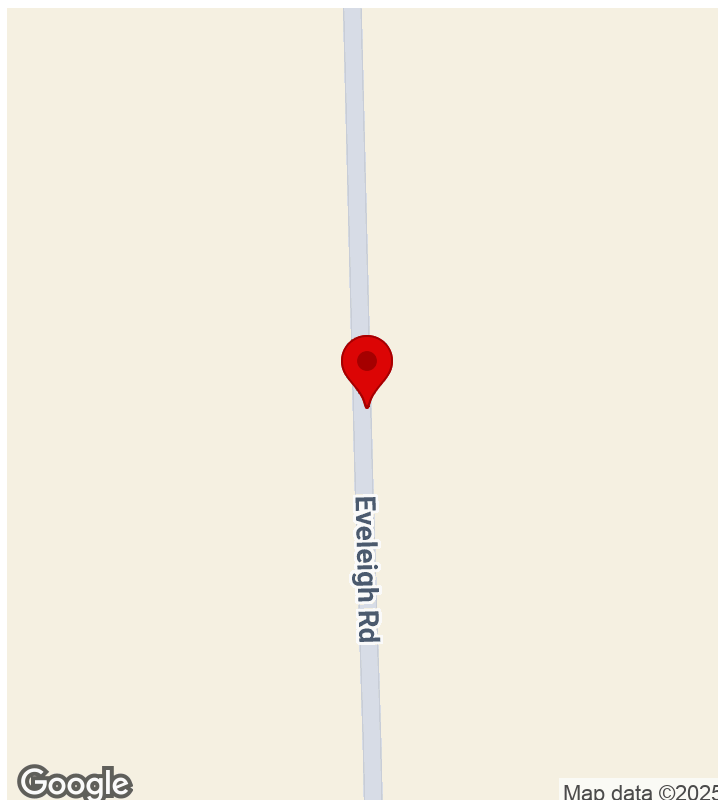
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### LOCATION

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## Site Details

Submission	ESC.0034.2223G.REC
Zone	Zone 2
Mars Line ID	229
Site ID	DM20965
Logical Order	
Road Name	Eveleigh Road
Road ID	2031

## Damage Details

Treatment	T14_Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of imported material
Start Chainage	1940
End Chainage	2140
Length (m)	200
Width (m)	6
Depth (m)	0.075
Qty	90
Unit	m3

## Variation

Has Variation	No
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1-Superintendent Signatures	
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1-NCR	

Work in Progress Photos

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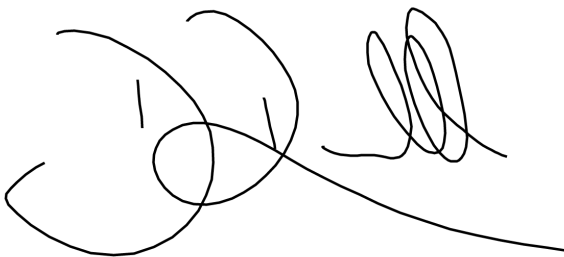




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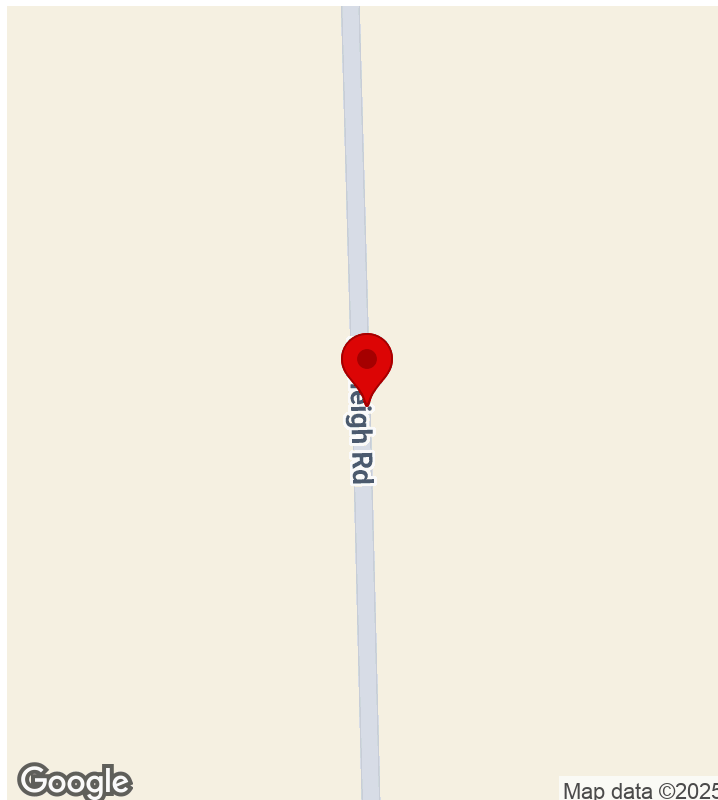
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### STATUS

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### LOCATION

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Submission	ESC.0034.2223G.REC
Zone	Zone 2
Mars Line ID	227
Site ID	DM18871A
Logical Order	
Road Name	Eveleigh Road
Road ID	2031

## Damage Details

Treatment	T13_Heavy formation grading
Start Chainage	1690
End Chainage	1940
Length (m)	250
Width (m)	
Depth (m)	
Qty	250
Unit	m

## Variation

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1-Sign-off Date	July 10, 2023
1-NCR	

Work in Progress Photos

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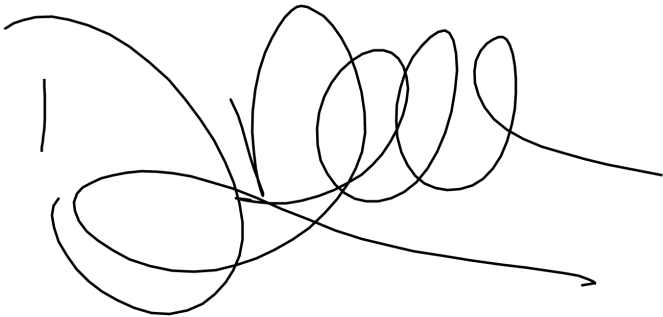




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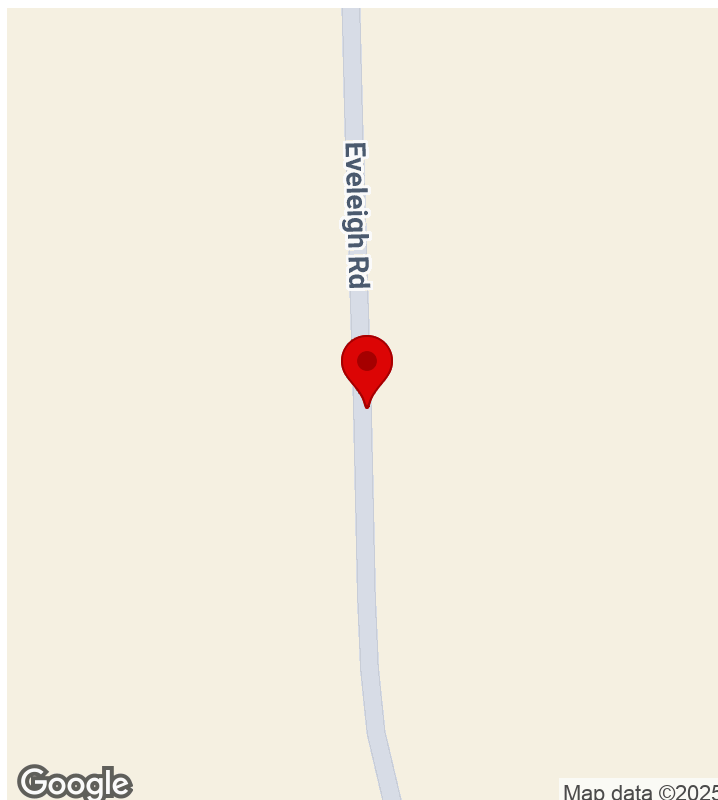
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### LOCATION

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### PROJECT

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## Site Details

Submission	ESC.0034.2223G.REC
Zone	Zone 2
Mars Line ID	228
Site ID	DM18871B
Logical Order	
Road Name	Eveleigh Road
Road ID	2031

## Damage Details

Treatment	T13_Heavy formation grading
Start Chainage	2140
End Chainage	2230
Length (m)	90
Width (m)	
Depth (m)	
Qty	90
Unit	m

## Variation

Has Variation	No
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1-NCR	

Work in Progress Photos

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Photos (WIP)



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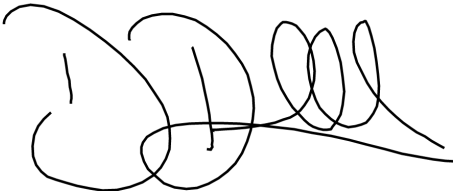
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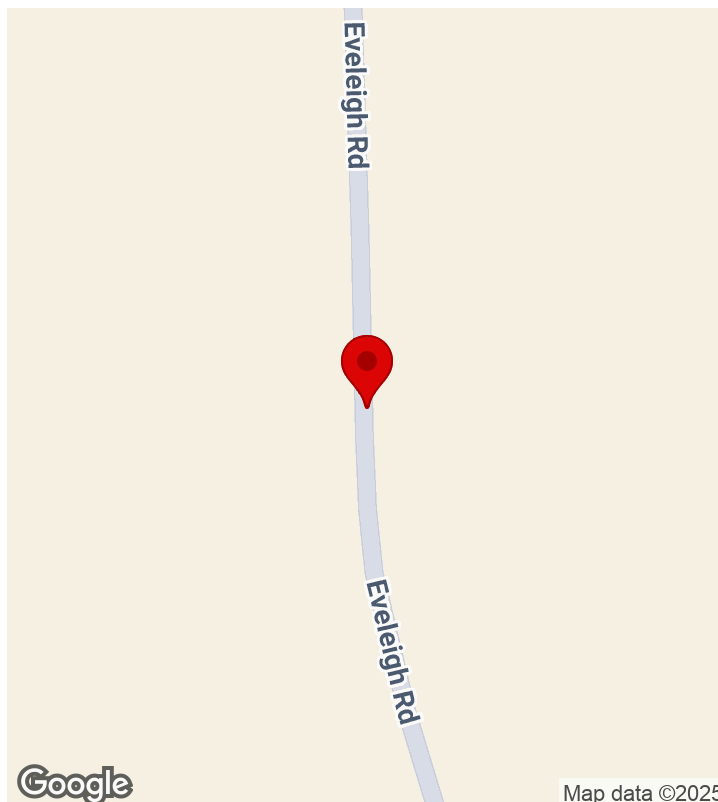
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## Site Details

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Zone	Zone 2
Mars Line ID	230.1
Site ID	DM18872A
Logical Order	
Road Name	Eveleigh Road
Road ID	2031

## Damage Details

Treatment	T14_Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of imported material
Start Chainage	2230
End Chainage	2470
Length (m)	240
Width (m)	6
Depth (m)	0.075
Qty	108
Unit	m3

## Variation

Has Variation	No
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Superintendent Signature	

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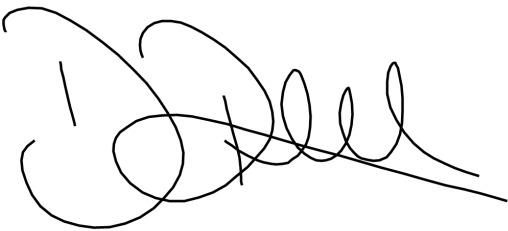




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<b>General Meeting</b>	21 May 2025
<b>Subject</b>	Gravel Extraction from the Agate Creek Fossicking Area - Ortona Road
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Author</b>	Raju Ranjit - Director of Engineering Services

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the investigation of gravel extraction from the Agate Creek Fossicking Area for the flood restoration works on the Ortona Road.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Gravel Extraction from the Agate Creek Fossicking Area - Ortona Road report.

## BACKGROUND

The Ortona Road has several segments that had been impacted by the 2023 flood event. Based on the information available on the Etheridge Shire Council map, the boundary pegs for the gravel pit were marked on the ground. The extracted gravel was used for the flood works located at chainage between 1300m and 1400m on the Ortona Road (Attachment 1).

Council received a notification from a resident that the gravel pit is located within the Agate Creek Fossicking Area. A surveyor was engaged to investigate and check the fossicking area boundary on site.

From the investigation, it has been revealed that the boundary of the fossicking ground boundary is 30m from the current road centreline and the gravel pit is completely inside the Fossicking Area (Attachment 2).

Consultation with the Department of Resources, has revealed that information in the Queensland Globe and Council's mapping are only indicative information and can be out by a fair way, but Council has the authority to utilise the forest product as per the *Forestry Act 1959*. The *Fossicking Act 1994* provides some limitations on safety and authorises licenced individuals to fossick within the Fossicking ground. The gravel pit was re shaped and made safe as per *Forestry Act 1959*.

The Agate Creek Fossicking Area (Attachment 3) is designated under the *Fossicking Act 1994*. Schedule 2 of the *Fossicking Regulation 2019* defines the Agate Creek Fossicking Area as:

*"land south of Forsayth shown on plan no. MP36674 (other than land covered by mining claims 30027 and 30028 and land contained in MHPL1551), with an area of about 4,526ha". (Attachment 4).*

Unfortunately, the surveyor engaged to undertake survey work for the location of the gravel pit relative to the road corridor was unable to complete this element of the survey. As such, a new cadastral surveyor, Brian Lane, has been engaged to complete this survey work. Once completed, a further report will be provided to Council.

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2029

Corporate Aim 1 – Roads/Transport: A sustainable transport network that meets community needs.

## BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

The cost for the investigation was \$4,180.00. Costs will be applicable for further survey work to determine the exact location of the gravel pit in relation to the road corridor.

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

*Forestry Act 1959*  
*Fossicking Act 1994*

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

## CONSULTATION

Consultation with the resident who identified the incorrect placement of the gravel pit was undertaken prior to the field survey being conducted.

Consultation	Tick	Policy Consideration	Action
<b>No consultation required</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	Consulted with relevant staff
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## RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Summary of risks and opportunities:

Risk 1 – DAF may issue fines if it is determined that the gravel pit is outside the Road reserve.

Risk 2 – Risk to gravel on private land.

Opportunity 1 – Cost effective by using local gravel.

Opportunity 2 – Establish legal position of gravel extraction.

### **Report Prepared By:**

### **Report Authorised By:**

Raju Ranjit, Director Engineering Services	Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Date: 07/05/2025	Date: 13/05/2025

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Flood Work Area Map – Ortona Road
2. AME Surveys Pty Ltd Agate Creek Fossicking Area Survey Map
3. Agate Creek Fossicking Area Locality Map
4. Cadastral Survey MP36674



# Etheridge Shire Council



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Chainage 100m (2022)

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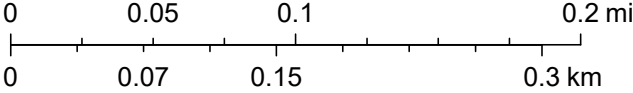
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Road Centreline

Fossicking area

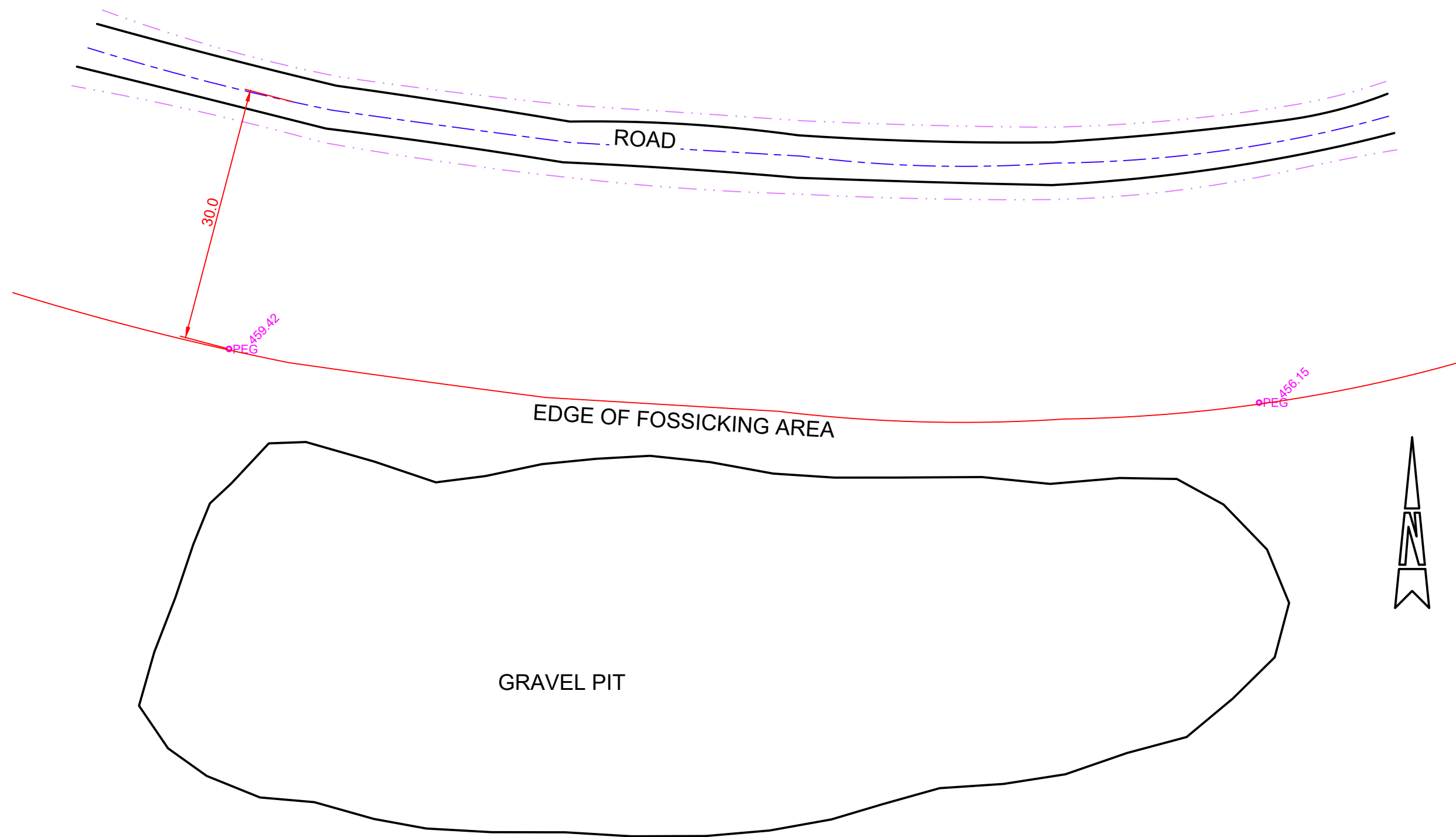
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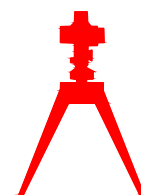


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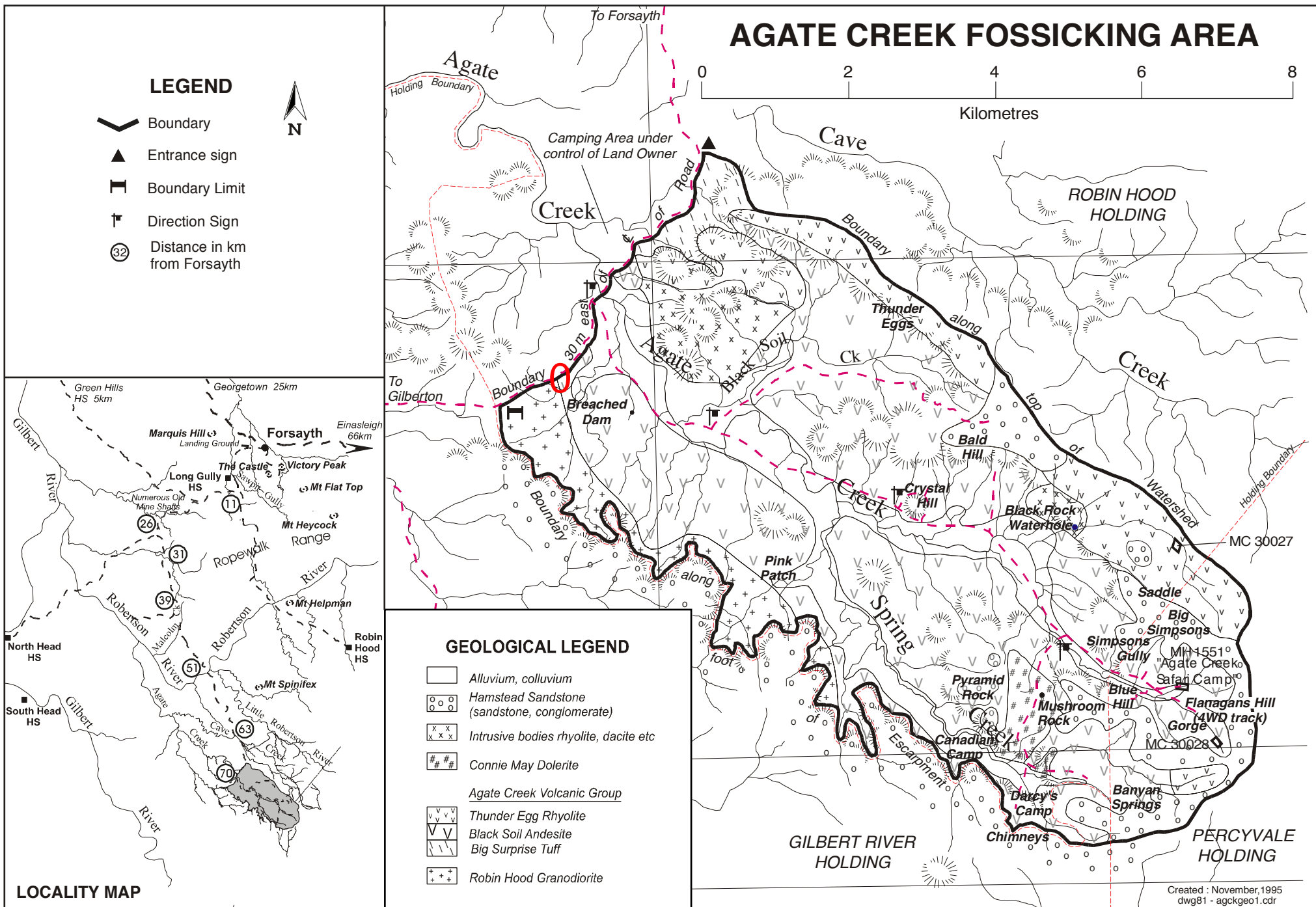
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CLIENT:	ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL





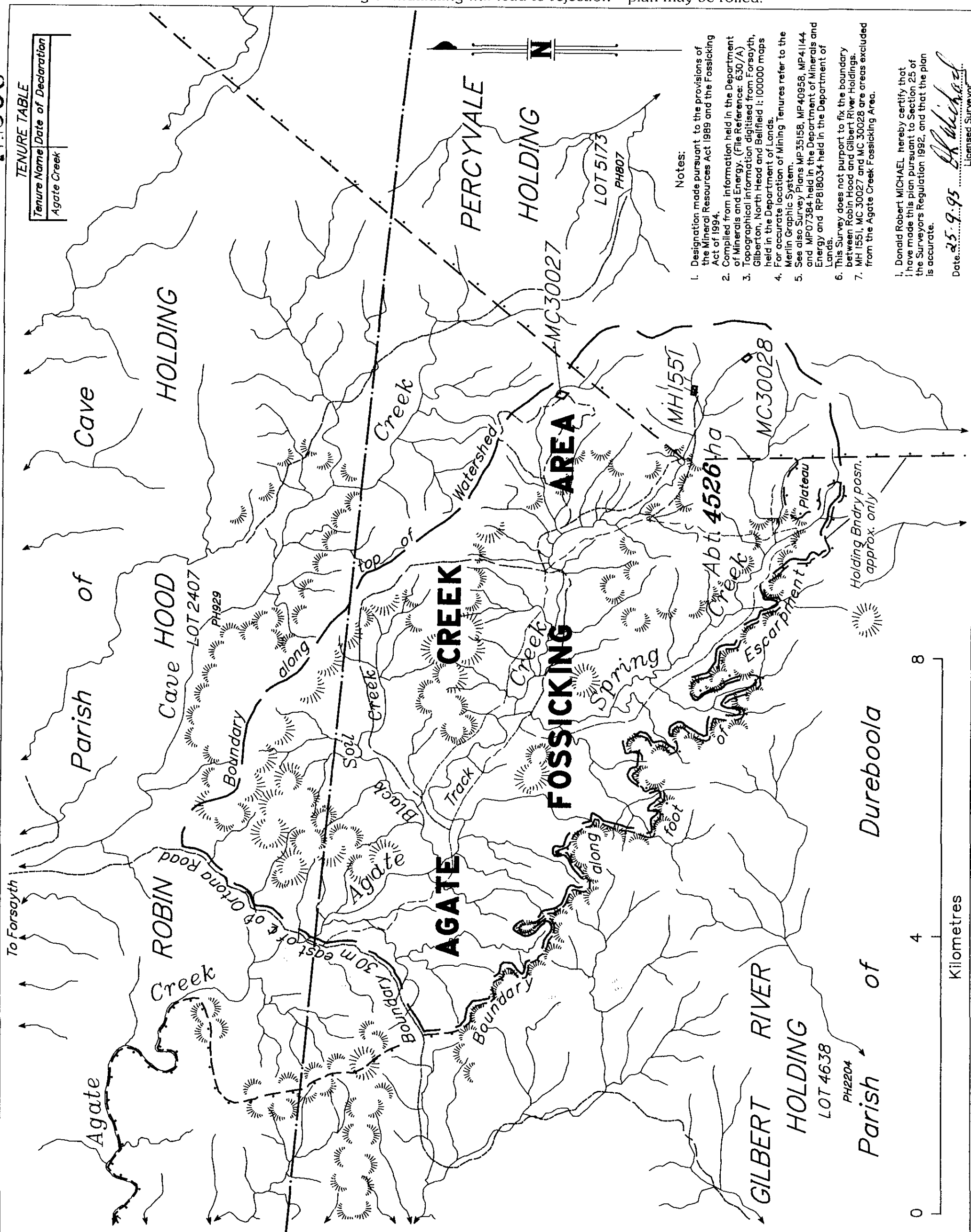
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TENURE TABLE	
Tenure Name	Date of Declaration
Agate Creek	



- Notes:
1. Designation made pursuant to the provisions of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and the Fossicking Act of 1994.
  2. Compiled from information held in the Department of Minerals and Energy. (File Reference: 630/A)
  3. Topographical information digitised from Forsayth, Gilberton, North Head and Bellfield 1:100000 maps held in the Department of Lands.
  4. For accurate location of Mining Tenures refer to the Merlin Graphic System.
  5. See also Survey Plans MP35158, MP40958, MP41144 and MP07384 held in the Department of Minerals and Energy and RP818034 held in the Department of Lands.
  6. This Survey does not purport to fix the boundary between Robin Hood and Gilbert River Holdings.
  7. MH1551, MC30027 and MC30028 are areas excluded from the Agate Creek Fossicking Area.

I, Donald Robert MICHAEL, hereby certify that I have made this plan pursuant to Section 25 of the Surveyors Regulation 1992, and that the plan is accurate.

Date: 25.9.95 *DR Michael*  
Licensed Surveyor

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hereby certify that I/the company have surveyed the land shown in this plan (either personally or by \_\_\_\_\_)

for whose work I/the company accept responsibility, that the plan is accurate, that the survey was performed in accordance with the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and the Regulations made thereunder, and that the survey was completed on \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Surveyor	Date
<i>J. S. Bell</i>	26.9.95

CATALOGUED	APPROVED	REGISTERED
21.9.95	25.9.95	

Chief Surveyor

PWL SURVEYED BY	
RECORDED ON MTDB	
LOCALITY	
LAT. S	12° 01' 45"
LONG. E	143° 36' 04"
FIELD NOTES LODGED	
FILE REF	DRAWN
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<b>MINING RESOURCES PLAN</b> <b>AGATE CREEK FOSSICKING AREA</b>	
PARISH <b>es. CAVE &amp; DUREBOOLA</b>	
COUNTY <b>Victor</b>	
MINING DISTRICT <b>Georgetown</b>	
MERIDIAN	SCALE
Approx. True	Approx. 1:50000
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**10. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**12. FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**13. SUGGESTION BOX**

**14. CONCLUSION**