



NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	General Meeting
Date:	Wednesday 20 August 2025
Location:	Council Chambers, Georgetown
Councillors:	Cr. Hughes Cr. Royes Cr. Tincknell Cr. Ryan Cr. Carroll

**Agenda Attached
(Amended 18 August 2025)**

Mark Watt
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Local Government Act 2009

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

- (a) transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest; and
- (b) sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services; and
- (c) democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement; and
- (d) good governance of, and by, local government; and
- (e) ethical and legal behaviour of councillors, local government employees and councillor advisors.

Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 254J 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 local government 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.
- (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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1 OPENING OF MEETING

2 PRAYER

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

CONDOLENCES: The family of Stevie Harris, a long term Council employee

CONGRATULATIONS: Caitlin and Daniel Pezzotti on their recent marriage

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6 CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation

That Council confirm the minutes of the General Meeting dated 16 July 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2025
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

Agenda General Meeting - Wednesday 20 August 2025

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING 16 JULY 2025

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY 2025

ATTENDANCE

Cr. Laurell Royes
Cr. Ian Carroll
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
Mrs. Kim Williams, Acting Executive Assistant

OPEN GALLERY

The Deputy Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.02am and welcomed all in attendance.

PRAYER

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

APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Condolences: Dick Wakeford – past shire resident and Phil Thompson, Forsayth resident

RESOLUTION

That the apology from Cr Hughes be accepted and leave of absence granted.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.01
4/4

DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 18 June 2025

CORRECTIONS

Cr Ryan:

Correction to Resolution #25.05.14 - That Council:

- 2. Pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council delegate its power to the CEO to award In Kind, Grant & Sponsorship as per the addendum report presented 2. *Request for Community Assistance provided to Community Organisations*.
- Remove 2.1 & 2.2 of the resolution
- Delegation period for events occurring through to June 30, 2026
- Inclusion of the below table of approved *Request for Community Assistance provided to Community Organisations*.

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Table - Request for Community Assistance provided to Community Organisations

		2025-2026 Budget		
	Community Group/Event	In Kind	Sponsorship	Infrastructure
		Granted	Granted	Granted
GEORGETOWN	Georgetown Rodeo Assoc	\$ 2,000.00		
	Georgetown Golf Club	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
	Georgetown Turf Club	\$ 4,000.00		
	Georgetown Bushmans Ball	\$ 1,500.00		
	Georgetown Cricket Club	\$ 2,000.00		
	Georgetown P&C	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
	Georgetown Progress Assoc	\$ -		
	Georgetown Horse & Pony Club	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
	Gulf Stockmans Challenge Club Inc	\$ 2,000.00		
	RFDS Georgetown	\$ -		
	Etheridge Cares	\$ -		
	Pigs & Rigs	\$ 1,000.00		
	Georgetown QCWA Branch	\$ 1,000.00		
	GEORGETOWN	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
EINASLEIGH	Einasleigh Rodeo Assoc	\$ 2,000.00		
	Einasleigh Progress Assoc	\$ 2,000.00		
	Einasleigh Sports Club	\$ 2,000.00		
	EINASLEIGH	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
FORSAYTH	Forsayth All Sports Assoc	\$ 3,000.00		
	Forsayth Gun Club	\$ 100.00		
	Forsayth Primary P & C Association	\$ 100.00		
	Forsayth QCWA Branch	\$ 100.00		
	FORSAYTH	\$ 3,300.00	\$ -	\$ -
MT SURPRISE	Mt Surprise Sport & Rec Inc	\$ 3,000.00		
	Mt Surprise State School	\$ 500.00		
	P & C Mt Surprise State School	\$ 500.00		
	MOUNT SURPRISE	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Cr Royes and Cr Ryan requested clarification on their vote against the motion #25.06.01 pertaining to original motion #25.05.10 is only disputing the acknowledgment and receipt of the Eveleigh Road Report.

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 18 June 2025 be confirmed, as amended.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.02
4/0

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES

#25.06.09 – Cr Tincknell queried the status of dust pad in Einasleigh.
#25.06.09 – Cr Carroll also queried speed limits and signage for the dust pad in Einasleigh.
#25.05.10 – Cr Ryan requested a status update and cost of testing prior to gravel extraction -vs- post construction.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Consideration of a Notice of Motion regarding the recent increase to the Emergency Management Levy (EML).

RESOLUTION

1. Council direct the CEO to write a letter to the relevant authority/Minister to seek relief from any increase of the Emergency Management Levy (EML) due to there being a decrease of services provided for through the levy within the Etheridge Shire Local Government Area.
2. That Council direct the CEO to prepare and submit an LGAQ 2025 Annual Conference Motion seeking relief from any increase of the Emergency Management Levy (EML) due to there being a decrease of services provided for through the levy with the ESC.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.03
4/0

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

1. Mayor's Report

1.1 Mayor's Briefing Report

Consideration of the Mayor's Briefing Report for the period.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.04
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10.12am and reconvened at 10.44am.

2. Chief Executive Officer – Open Session Reports

2.1 Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.05
3/1

Cr. Ryan requested her vote be recorded against the motion.

2.2 Operational Plan 2024/25 – Fourth Quarter Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the fourth quarter Operational Plan for the three-month period ended 30 June 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*.

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RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

LOST
0/4

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council request:

1. A re-review of the 4th Quarter Operational Plan be completed for presentation to Council at the August General Meeting.
2. That the CEO be responsible for tabling all Operational Plan Reviews.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.06
4/0

2.3 Proposed Changes to August and October 2025 General Meetings

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 254B(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to change and notify the following meeting dates:

1. August General Meeting from 20 August 2025 to 27 August 2025; and
2. October General Meeting from 15 October 2025 to 29 October 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

LOST
0/4

2.4 Request for Special Holiday – Etheridge Shire Show Holiday 2026

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to respond to the Office of Industrial Relations by 25 July 2025 to advise of Etheridge Shire Council's request for Friday, 31 July 2026 to be the Etheridge Shire Show Day.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.07
4/0

3. Director of Corporate Services – Open Session Reports

3.1 Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.08
4/0

3.2 Financial Report as at 30 June 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly financial 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.

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RESOLUTION

That Council receives the financial report for the period ended 30 June 2025 pursuant to section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.09
4/0

3.3 Audit Committee Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of a report and meeting minutes from Council's Audit Committee meeting on 17 June 2025.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 17 June 2025, and note the business resolved therein.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.10
3/1

Cr. Ryan requested her vote be recorded against the motion.

4. Director of Engineering Services – Open Session Reports

4.1 Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

LOST
2/0

Cr Royes exercised her casting vote and the motion was lost.

Cr Royes and Cr Ryan requested their vote be recorded against the motion specific to item number #14 of the Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report referring to the item 'Safer Local Roads Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) Funding Application'.

4.2 Report - Road way and borrow pit located on Howlong Station

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the request for clarification on the roadway and borrow pit located on Howlong Station.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Note the contents of the report on the roadway and borrow pit located on 'Howlong' Station and described as Lot 2 on SP242983;
2. That the landowner be advised on the information contained in this report;
3. Direct the CEO to obtain legal advice and report back to Council at the August General Meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.11
4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for afternoon tea at 3.53pm and reconvened at 4.12pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 4.14pm, pursuant to section 254J(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss ESC2024-044 – Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessment of Flood Damaged Assets.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.12
4/0

ATTENDANCE

Kim Williams, Acting Executive Assistant, left the meeting at 4.30pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council re-open the meeting at 5.25pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.13
4/0

5. Closed Session Reports

5.1 ESC 2024_044 - Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessment and Project Management of Flood Damaged Assets.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to tender ESC 2024-044 - Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessments of the Flood Damaged Assets due to the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough January 2025 Event and Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated March 2025 Rain Event.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 224 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, accepts the tender submitted by North Lane Consulting Engineers for Contract 2024-044 being Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessments of the Flood Damaged Assets due to the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough January 2025 Event and Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated March 2025 Rain Event;
2. Awarding of contract includes Project Management; and
3. Resolves that this report, its attachments and all discussions in relation to this matter remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.14
4/0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor	Description
Cr. Royes	Shrimp Creek Access Road - clarification/formalisation of the access to the property
Cr. Tincknell	Breach of contract/Unfair treatment again/Inclement weather
Cr. Tincknell	Old dump Mt Surprise
Cr. Tincknell	Shoulders GDR Einasleigh short cut turn off to bridge
Cr. Tincknell	Code of conduct clause 6.1.6.
Cr. Tincknell	Butchers Paddock
Cr. Carroll	Ninth Street, Forsayth

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell left the meeting at 5.55pm and returned at 5.57pm.

Cr Royes left the meeting at 5.57pm and returned at 5.59pm.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Ryan reported a declarable conflict of interest in relationship with an existing wet and dry hire approved contractor and sought Council's decision to participate in the discussion pertaining to breach of contract/unfair treatment of contractors.

RESOLUTION

That 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. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.15
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 6.20pm, pursuant to section 254J(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to discuss wet and dry hire contracts.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.16
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council re-open the meeting at 7.02pm.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.17
4/0

RESOLUTION

That Council instruct the CEO to present a report to Council regarding an alleged breach of contract relating to the inclement weather and stand down periods during rain events in June/July 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.18
4/0

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Nil

SUGGESTION BOX

Nil

MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.14pm and thanked Councillors and staff for their efforts in recent days. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 August 2025.

Cr. Laurell Royes

DEPUTY MAYOR/CHAIR

6.2 Confirmation of Special Budget Meeting Minutes - 21 July 2025

Recommendation

That Council confirm the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting dated 21 July 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON MONDAY, 21 JULY 2025
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON MONDAY, 21ST JULY 2025
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM**

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Mrs. Kim Williams, Acting Executive Assistant to the CEO

OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8.04am and welcomed all in attendance.

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS

1. Adoption of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council must prepare and adopt an Operational Plan for each financial year and report on the progress quarterly.

RESOLUTION

That Council adopts the 2025/2026 Operational Plan pursuant to and in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as amended.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION#SP25.07.01
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2. Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget Policies

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the following policies for Etheridge Shire Council for adoption as part of the 2025-2026 budget:

- a. ESC – S003 Borrowing Policy
- b. ESC – S004 Investment Policy
- c. ESC – S005 Budget Policy
- d. ESC – S006 Procurement Policy

RESOLUTION

1. That pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S003 Borrowing Policy.
2. That pursuant to Section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S004 Investment Policy.
3. That Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S005 Budget Policy
4. That pursuant to Section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S006 Procurement Policy

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.02
5/0

3. Adoption of 2024-2025 Statement of Estimated Financial Position

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the 2024/2025 Statement of Estimated Financial Position for Council's receipt.

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2024/2025 Financial Year be noted.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.03
5/0

4. Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Annual Budget for 2025/2026 is presented for adoption by Council. The Annual Budget has been developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RESOLUTION

That:

- a) Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, incorporating:
 - i. The statement of Financial Position;
 - ii. The statement of Cashflow;
 - iii. The statement of Income and Expenditure;
 - iv. The statement of Changes in Equity;
 - v. The Long-term Financial Forecast;
 - vi. The Revenue Policy;
 - vii. The Revenue Statement;
 - viii. The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
 - ix. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, is in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget.

as tabled be adopted.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.04
5/0

5. 2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's adoption of statutory rating resolutions for the 2025–2026 financial year, as required under the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The resolutions cover the issue of rates notices, early payment discounts, interest on overdue amounts, concessions for pensioners and not-for-profit organisations, and differential rating categories. It also includes utility and special charges for waste and water services, and the collection of the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy. Adoption of these resolutions will enable Council to lawfully levy and collect rates and charges to support the 2025–2026 Budget.

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to section 104 and 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will issue a rates notice to the owner of the land on which a rate or charge has been applied and furthermore rates notices shall include the date the notice was issued, the date by which time the rate must be paid and any discounts, rebates or concessions applied. Council will issue notices on a yearly basis during the periods 01 July to 30 June in the respective financial year.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.05
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rates levied shall be subject to a discount of 15% if paid within the discount period of 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

- a) all of the rates and charges are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice;
- b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and
- c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.06
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest at the rate of 12.12% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges that remain unpaid after the appointed date for payment (i.e. the date on which the discount period closes) and includes assessments which are making payments of outstanding rates by instalment.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.07
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to sections 119, 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolve to grant a rebate upon the differential general rate, cleansing charge, water base access charge and waste management special charge of \$250.00 per annum above the state government pensioner remission shall be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission and subject to conditions outlined in the S002 Revenue Statement.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.08
5/0

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to sections 119, 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolve to grant varied levels of rating concessions to approved charitable and other not-for-profit community organisations, including not-for-profit sporting bodies, in accordance with the provisions of the S002 Revenue Statement.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.09
5/0

ADVICE

The Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate Services advised Council that failure to levy and collect the Emergency Management Levy may breach Council's legislative obligations under the *Fire Services Act 1990* and may cause reputational risk to Council.

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 114 & 128A of the *Fire Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:

- a) for the full year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 in the August/ September period;
- b) Pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

LOST
3/2

VOTE

Cr Royes, Cr Ryan and Cr Carroll voted in the negative to this resolution.

RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, categorise rateable land into the following rating categories according to description for each proposed rate category and Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs:

Category 2: Rural Land Other - Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.

Category 3: Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence) - All urban residential land, which is the owner's principal place of residence.

Category 4: Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence) - Other urban residential land, not included in any other category, which is not the owner's principal place of residence.

Category 5: Urban Land Vacant - Urban land that is vacant.

Category 6: Rural Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture - Rural land, that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised, in whole or in part, by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a system of large scale intensive cultivation using large amounts of labour and/or high efficiency machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting.

Category 7: Rural Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms - Rural Land that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised in whole or in part by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for the production of electricity from renewable energy sources such as biomass, solar, wind, tidal, wave and water (i.e. hydro-electric).

Category 8: Urban Commercial Land - Rural Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial purpose.

Category 9: Urban Industrial Land - Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for an industrial purpose.

Category 10: Transport Terminals - Land being utilized or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property by trucking, earthmoving or similar providers.

Category 11: Rural Tourism - Rural land in whole or in part, being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for tourism purposes.

Category 13: Extractive >5,000 tonnes - All land used in whole or in part for licensed extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material capable of being extracted is greater than 5,000 tonnes per annum.

Category 14: Mining Claim - Land upon which an approved Mining Tenement and or Mining Claim exists.

- Category 15: Mining Claim (< 5 workers, UV <\$70,000) - Land that is a mine, has less than 5 workers and has an Unimproved Value less than \$70,000.
- Category 16: Mining (> 5 workers, UV <\$70,000) - Land that is a mine has 5 workers or more and has an Unimproved Value less than \$70,000.
- Category 17: Mining (UV =>\$70,000) - Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$70,000 or more.
- Category 18: Work Camps 15-29 - All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of 15 to 29 persons.
- Category 19: Work Camps 30-99 - All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of 30 to 99 persons.
- Category 20: Work Camps 100-200 - All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of 100 to 200 persons.
- Category 21: Work Camps >200 - All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of greater than 200 persons.
- Category 22: Commercial Utility Service Providers <1Ha - Land being utilized or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a Utility Service Provider (i.e. Telstra, Optus, Ergon, Energex) with and has an area less than one (1) Hectare (Ha)
- Category 23: Commercial Utility Service Providers 1-5Ha - Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a Utility Service Provider (i.e. Telstra, Optus, Ergon, Energex) with and has an area of one (1) Hectare but less than five (5) Hectares.
- Category 24: Commercial Utility Service Providers >=5Ha - Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a Utility Service Provider (i.e. Telstra, Optus, Ergon, Energex) with and has an area equal to or greater than five (5) Hectares.
- Category 25: Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha - Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area less than 2,000 Hectares.
- Category 26: Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha - Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 2,000 Hectares but less than 5,000 Hectares.
- Category 27: Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha - Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 5,000 Hectares but less than 25,000 Hectares.
- Category 28: Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <100,000Ha - Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 25,000 Hectares but less than 100,000 Hectares.
- Category 29: Grazing and Agriculture 100,000 - <200,000Ha - Rural land, that is not within any other category, is predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 100,000 Hectares but less than 200,000 Hectares.
- Category 30: Grazing and Agriculture >= 200,000Ha - Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area equal to or greater than 200,000 Hectares.
- Category 31: Major Transmission Site >10MVA - All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part as an electricity substation with a capacity of greater than 10MVA.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.10
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RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves that the differential general rates be made and levied for each differential general rate category, and pursuant to section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the minimum general rate be made and levied for each differential general rate category as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORIES & MINIMUM GENERAL RATES 2025 - 2026

Category	Differential Rate	Minimum General Rate
2 Rural Land Other	2.9567	\$982
3 Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	4.1336	\$757
4 Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence)	4.9760	\$908
5 Urban Land – Vacant	6.0006	\$950
6 Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	0.4318	\$5,563
7 Rural - Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	30.3134	\$14,991
8 Urban Commercial Land	5.3928	\$941
9 Urban Industrial land	6.2916	\$941
10 Transport Terminals	6.2916	\$2,449
11 Rural Tourism	1.5181	\$1,146
13 Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	0.4327	\$12,521
14 Mining Claim	16.3770	\$226
15 Mining (<5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	16.3770	\$771
16 Mining (>5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	16.3770	\$14,587
17 Mining (UV <=\$70,000)	16.3770	\$17,365
18 Work Camps 15-29 Persons	30.3134	\$12,034
19 Work Camps 30-99 Persons	30.3134	\$24,067
20 Work Camps 100-200 Persons	30.3134	\$80,948
21 Work Camps >200 Persons	30.3134	\$161,169
22 Commercial - Utility Service Providers <1Ha	131.9192	\$8,851
23 Commercial - Utility Service Providers 1 – 5Ha	109.2747	\$8,851
24 Commercial - Utility Service Providers >= 5Ha	69.1835	\$8,851
25 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha	0.5188	\$1,122
26 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha	0.3369	\$1,129
27 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha	0.3582	\$1,200
28 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <100,000Ha	0.3770	\$2,858
29 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 100,000 - <200,000Ha	0.5085	\$7,714
30 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture >200,000Ha	0.4318	\$11,155
31 Major Transmission Site >10MVA	109.2747	\$19,163

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #25.07.11
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RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the “Waste Management Special Charge”) of \$270.00, on all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the provision of maintenance and operations of all waste management facilities for the towns of Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.12
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RESOLUTION

Council resolves that:

That pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy cleansing utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

**CLEANSING
CHARGE**

<i>For each house / dwelling unit / improved property</i>	The amount of the charge to be levied is \$684.00 per annum for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day. Additional bins will be charged at \$616.00 per annum
<i>Commercial, industrial of community Facility</i>	The amount of the charge to be levied is \$684.00 per annum for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day. Additional bins will be charged at \$616.00 per annum.
<i>Commercial, industrial of community Facility</i>	The amount of the charge to be levied is \$992.00 per annum for a 900 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day. Additional bins will be charged at \$886.00 per annum

MOVED: Cr. Hughes


SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell


CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.13
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RESOLUTION


Council resolves that:

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services, as follows:

The amount of Water Consumption Charge - Georgetown	
	
Georgetown	Charge per Annum
Per Kiloitre of Use	75.00 cents up to 700 kilolitres per half year
Per Kiloitre of Use	150.00 cents over 700 kilolitres per half year

The amount of Water Consumption Charge- Forsayth	
	
Forsayth	Charge per Annum
Per Kiloitre of Use	108.00 cents up to 500 kilolitres per half year
Per Kiloitre of Use	238.00 cents over 500 kilolitres per half year

The amount of Water Base Charge – Georgetown (1 unit = \$42.92)		
		
	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$429.20
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$429.20
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$858.40
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$1,287.60
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$2,146.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$3,433.60
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$5,365.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$12,017.60
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$13,734.40
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$21,460.00

The amount of Water Base Charge – Forsayth (1 unit = \$42.92)		
		
	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$429.20
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$429.20
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$858.40
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$1,287.60
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$2,146.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$3,433.60
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$5,365.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$12,017.60
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$13,734.40
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$21,460.00

- a. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a \$0.545 / kilolitre consumption charge, for the supply of raw water to the following rate assessments:
- | Assessment | Lot on Plan |
|------------|------------------------|
| 501-50000 | L53 on Plan SP242966 |
| 420-01354 | L1on Plan MPH2268 |
| 522-50000 | L5306 on Plan SP287760 |
| 541-00000 | L196 on Plan OL 149 |
- b. Pursuant to section 102(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is “actually read.”

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP25.07.14
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6. Adoption of the 2025-2026 Fees & Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents Council's proposed Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2025–2026 financial year, developed in accordance with Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Adoption of the schedule ensures financial transparency, consistency in service pricing, and alignment with Council's 2025–2026 Budget. The Fees and Charges will take effect once adopted, unless otherwise stated.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt the 2025-2026 Fees and Charges Schedule as presented as part of the 2025-2026 Budget.

MOVED: Cr. Ryan

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION#SP25.07.15
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CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.18am. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2025.

Cr. Barry Hughes
MAYOR

7 BUSINESS ARISING

Attached is a list of items from previous Council meetings for discussion.

Attachment

1. Business Arising August 2025 [7.1.1]





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Business Arising						
#	Item	Resolution	Officer	Action Taken	Progress	Completed Date
21st July 2025 - Special Budget Meeting						
SP25.07.01	Adoption of the 202-2026 Operational Plan	That Council adopts the 2025/2026 Operational Plan pursuant to and in accordance with Section 174 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> as amended.	CEO	Operational Plan now managed by CEO and prioritised for quarterly reporting through ELT.	Complete	5/08/2025
SP25.07.02	Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget Policies	1. That pursuant to section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S003 Borrowing Policy. 2. That pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S004 Investment Policy. 3. That Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S005 Budget Policy 4. That pursuant to Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves to adopt the ESC – S006 Procurement Policy	DCS	Uploaded to website	Complete	6/08/2025
SP25.07.04	Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget	That: a) Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, incorporating: i. The statement of Financial Position; ii. The statement of Cashflow; iii. The statement of Income and Expenditure; iv. The statement of Changes in Equity; v. The Long-term Financial Forecast; vi. The Revenue Policy; vii. The Revenue Statement; viii. The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and ix. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, is in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget. as tabled be adopted.	DCS		Complete	
SP25.07.05	2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges	Council resolves that: Pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rates levied shall be subject to a discount of 15% if paid within the discount period of 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that: a) all of the rates and charges are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice; b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.	DCS		Complete	
SP25.07.06	2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges	Council resolves that: Pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rates levied shall be subject to a discount of 15% if paid within the discount period of 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that: a) all of the rates and charges are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice; b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.	DCS		Complete	
SP25.07.07	2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges	Council resolves that: Pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest at the rate of 12.12% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges that remain unpaid after the appointed date for payment (i.e. the date on which the discount period closes) and includes assessments which are making payments of outstanding rates by instalment.	DCS		Complete	
SP25.07.08	2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges	Council resolves that: Pursuant to sections 119, 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve to grant a rebate upon the differential general rate, cleansing charge, water base access charge and waste management special charge of \$250.00 per annum above the state government pensioner remission shall be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission and subject to conditions outlined in the S002 Revenue Statement.	DCS		Complete	
SP25.07.09	2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges	Council resolves that: Pursuant to sections 119, 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve to grant varied levels of rating concessions to approved charitable and other not-for-profit community organisations, including not-for-profit sporting bodies, in accordance with the provisions of the S002 Revenue Statement.	DCS		Complete	

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SP25.07.10	2025-2026 Rates & Utility Charges	<p>Council resolves that:</p> <p>That pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, categorise rateable land into the following rating categories according to description for each proposed rate category and Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs:</p> <p>Category 2: Rural Land Other - Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.</p> <p>Category 3: Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence) - All urban residential land, which is the owner's principal place of residence.</p> <p>Category 4: Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence) - Other urban residential land, not included in any other category, which is not the owner's principal place of residence.</p> <p>Category 5: Urban Land Vacant - Urban land that is vacant.</p> <p>Category 6: Rural Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture - Rural land, that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised, in whole or in part, by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a system of large scale intensive cultivation using large amounts of labour and/or high efficiency machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting.</p> <p>Category 7: Rural Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms - Rural Land that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised in whole or in part by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for the production of electricity from renewable energy sources such as biomass, solar, wind, tidal, wave and water (i.e. hydro-electric).</p> <p>Category 8: Urban Commercial Land - Rural Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial purpose.</p> <p>Category 9: Urban Industrial Land - Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for an industrial purpose.</p>	DCS		Complete	
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SP25.07.15	Adoption of the 2025-2026 Fees & Charges	That in accordance with section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council adopt the 2025-2026 Fees and Charges Schedule as presented as part of the 2025-2026 Budget.	DCS		Complete																																																																															

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16th July 2025 - General Meeting						
25.07.02	Consideration of Minutes	Correction to Resolution #25.05.14 - That Council: -2. Pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council delegate its power to the CEO to award In Kind, Grant & Sponsorship as per the addendum report presented 2. Request for Community Assistance provided to Community Organisations. -Remove 2.1 & 2.2 of the resolution -Delegation period for events occurring through to June 30, 2026 -Inclusion of the below table of approved Request for Community Assistance provided to Organisations.	CEO	Minutes amended and in-kind assistance included in budget.	Complete	5/08/2025
25.07.03	Notice of Motions	1. Council direct the CEO to write a letter to the relevant authority/Minister to seek relief from any increase of the Emergency Management Levy (EML) due to there being a decrease of services provided for through the levy within the Etheridge Shire Local Government Area.	CEO	Letter to Minister forwarded. No response to date.	Complete	21/07/2025
		2. That Council direct the CEO to prepare and submit an LGAQ 2025 Annual Conference Motion seeking relief from any increase of the Emergency Management Levy (EML) due to there being a decrease of services provided for through the levy with the ESC.	CEO	LGAQ indicates the proposed motion isn't considered relevant to all councils, and the request would be for the assessment of the levy to be robust and reflect services across the State.	Complete	31/07/2025
25.07.06	2.2 Operational Plan 2024/25 - Fourth Quarter Review	Pursuant to section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council request: 1.A re-review of the 4th Quarter Operational Plan be completed for presentation to Council at the August General Meeting. 2.That the CEO be responsible for tabling all Operational Plan Reviews.	CEO	Report presented to the August General Meeting	Complete	20/08/2025
25.07.07	2.4 Request for Special Holiday – Etheridge Shire Show Holiday 2026	That Council resolves to respond to the Office of Industrial Relations by 25 July 2025 to advise of Etheridge Shire Council's request for Friday, 31 July 2026 to be the Etheridge Shire Show Day.	CEO	Completed and advice provided to Office of Industrial Relations.	Complete	21/07/2025
25.07.11	4.2 Report - Road way and borrow pit located on Howlong Station	4.2 That Council: 1.Note the contents of the report on the roadway and borrow pit located on 'Howlong' Station and described as Lot 2 on SP242983; 2.That the landowner be advised on the information contained in this report; 3.Direct the CEO to obtain legal advice and report back to Council at the August General Meeting.	CEO	Legal advice requested. Awaiting response.	In progress	
25.07.12	Consideration Of Closed Session Reports	RESOLUTION That Council go into closed session at 4.14pm, pursuant to section 254J(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to discuss ESC2024-044 – Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessment of Flood Damaged Assets.	DES	No further action required	Complete	18/07/2025
25.07.13	That Council re-open the meeting at 5.25pm.	That Council re-open the meeting at 5.25pm.	NIL			
25.07.14	ESC 2024_044 - Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessment and Project Management of Flood Damaged Assets.	That Council: 1.Pursuant to section 224 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, accepts the tender submitted by North Lane Consulting Engineers for Contract 2024-044 being Emergent Supervision, Engineering, Damage Assessments of the Flood Damaged Assets due to the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough January 2025 Event and Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated March 2025 Rain Event; 2.Awarding of contract includes Project Management; and 3.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	18/07/2025
25.07.15	<u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>	That pursuant to section 150ER of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , Cr Ryan may participate in the decision despite the conflict of interest.	NIL	No further action required	Complete	25/07/2025
25.07.18		That Council instruct the CEO to present a report to Council regarding an alleged breach of contract relating to the inclement weather and stand down periods during rain events in June/July 2025.	CEO	Review underway	In progress	
21st May 2025 - General Meeting						
25.05.10	4.2 Eveleigh Road Update	That Council: 1. Acknowledges and receives the Eveleigh Road Update; 2. Prepare cost estimate for options for heavy formation grading of Eveleigh Road for further advice to Council; 3. Include in Council's proposed DRFA Scope of Works the future process of gravel extraction including gravel testing.	DES	Report has been prepared for August General Meeting	Complete	6/08/2025
28th April 2025 - Special Meeting						
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	
16th April 2025 - General Meeting						
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	Funds transferred and recorded in Council's Trust Account	Complete	5/08/2025

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19th March 2025 - General Meeting						
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	1. Communicated with QRA and advised that there will no further funding for the additional gravel for the concerned segments. a) No advice from QRA re: gravel testing for local roads. b) Contractor / project manager was directed to use the vanlee road pit. So there is no strong case to blame any one as we did not have soil testing provision. 2. Communicated with project manager and said he was directed by Council to use the vanlee pit. a) The project manager had informed Council regarding the incident by email but not by the person who was involved in the incident. b) Project manager and Council is liable for compliance and quality assurance. 3. DES is waiting for soil test report from the soil test lab. 4. Report has been prepared for August General Meeting.	Complete	5/08/2025
18th December 2024 - General Meeting						
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. Received a service level data and Tender is in process	In progress	
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	Review of Drug & Alcohol Policy completed. Council workshop to be scheduled.	In progress	

8 MAYORAL UPDATE

Item No: 8.1
Subject: Mayrol Update

RECOMENDATION

That Council receives the Mayoral Update as presented.

The Mayor attended meetings and engagements in the time since the last Council meeting, including but not limited to:

Date	Event	Location
16 July	Council General Meeting	Georgetown
18 July	GSD Board Meeting	Teams
21 – 24 July	Developing Northern Australia Summit	Cairns
22 July	Advance Cairns Productivity Roundtable - GSD and Gulf	Teams
28 July	Agricultural Precinct Tour	Etheridge Shire
5 August	Audit Committee Meeting	Georgetown
6 August	Etheridge Shire Irrigation Precinct Project	Teams
7 August	FNQROC 173 rd Board Meeting	Cairns
7 August	TMR Meeting	Cairns
7 August	Moray and Agnew Meeting	Cairns
8 August	Planning Scheme Amendments Workshop	Georgetown

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 10.1
Subject: Chief Executive Officer – Briefing Report July 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

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

UPDATE

The reporting period included substantial time to finalise the budget and ascertain the implications of the Emergency Management Levy (EML) and legal requirements. To date, the intention is to proceed as normal with the levy, subject to written advice from the Department of Local Government.

OPERATIONAL PLAN MATTERS

Operational Plan 2025–2026

- Investigation into required land purchases as part of WIP have commenced.
- New schedule for Community Connect and Councillor Workshops being prepared and will be circulated for Councillors comment.
- Disaster Plan and Sub-Plans have been reviewed with the Disaster Plan to be presented at the September meeting for adoption.
- Training for the new agenda software system is scheduled for the first week in August with the rollout being managed by the current Acting Executive Assistant. End User Training will be scheduled prior to the system being live.

Work Health & Safety

- Health and Safety Committee meeting held during the period
- WHSA role vacated by existing relief officer with permanent role to be re-advertised as soon as possible.
- New relief WHSA services to be provided in early September.
- Drug and Alcohol Policy reviewed and ready for councillor workshop.

PROJECTS

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

Etheridge Agricultural Precinct

- Funding provided under the Regional Economic Futures Fund (REFF) by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI).
- Project Officer undertaking research and inspections within the region, together with engagement with landowner/growers in the Gilbert River, Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth areas.
- Project Officer on-track to meet first milestone being local demand and capability assessment.
- Regular reporting being provided to the Project Committee as per Collaborative Agreement.
- Proposed meeting between DPI, RDA and Etheridge Shire set down in August.

Tourism Master Plan – Griffith University

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

- Design commenced and initial Councillor briefing session completed.
- Final design to be reviewed by Council as part of the early stage of detailed construction design.

North West Queensland Economic Diversification Strategy – Tourism Signage

- Refer separate report seeking Council's formal resolution to commit to the project
- A Draft Project Plan was been submitted to the Department as per the requirements for Milestone #1 and still seeking Council's formal commitment.

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 – no updates on Disaster Ready Fund application.
- ESC.0052 Upgrade Water Assets (Safety Valves Forsayth) – completed.
- ESC.0053 Provide back-up power to critical water infrastructure – completed.
- ESC.0054 Replace fence & fence gates (Mt Surprise & Einasleigh airstrips) – work continuing, with Einasleigh nearing completion.
- ESC.0055 Construct 6 x two-bedroom independent living facility – loan repayment strategy to be presented to Council.

Kidston Hydro & Solar Farm Project

No further discussions regarding a road user agreement (RUD) at this time.

ATTENDANCE DURING PERIOD

A list of attendance during the reporting period for Councils information is as follows:

Date	Event	Location
2 July	LGAQ and Moray & Agnew, ALRC Review of the Future Act Regime - Council Case Study	Teams
2 July	NWQROC Face to-Face Meeting- Etheridge SC	Georgetown
3 July	North West Queensland RRTG Meeting	Georgetown
7 July	Finance Working Group	Georgetown
8 July	Budget Workshop #8	Georgetown
9 July	Mt Surprise Community Connect	Mt Surprise
10 July	Queensland Water Regional Alliance Program (QWRAP) visit to Georgetown	Georgetown
15 July	Workshop - Road Register Review	Georgetown
16 July	General Meeting	Georgetown
21 July	Special Budget Meeting	Georgetown
21 July	Health and Safety Committee Meeting	Georgetown
22-24 July	Developing Northern Australia Conference	Cairns
30 July	LDMG Meeting and training/exercise	Georgetown

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
1 August	Meeting with Department of Natural Resources	Atherton
4 August	Supervisors Meeting	Georgetown
5 August	Audit Committee meeting	Georgetown
5 August	Weekly ELT	Georgetown
6 August	FNQROC	Cairns
8 August	NWQROC	Zoom
8 August	Workshop – Planning Scheme amendments	Georgetown
11 August	Meeting with RDA Australia-Tropical North and Department of Primary Industries (DPI) to discuss funding for the Etheridge Agricultural Precinct Project	Teams
12 August	Mareeba DDMG	Teams
12 August	Monthly DRFA meeting	Georgetown
12 August	Harbour Software Training	Teams
13 August	Community Connect	The Lynd
20 August	General Meeting	Georgetown
26 August	Monthly Staff Meeting	Georgetown
27 August	Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) – Engagement	Teams
28 August	Gulf Savannah Development-Monthly meeting	Teams

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item No: 10.2
Subject: Application for Permanent Road Closure - Welcome Downs Station
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the application to permanently close an unnamed road located adjacent to Welcome Downs and described as Lot 6 on CD14.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to section 99(1) of the *Land Act 1994*, Council offer no objection to the application for a permanent road closure of an unnamed road adjoining Lot 6 Plan CD14.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from the landowner of Welcome Downs seeking views on an application to permanently close a road reserve along the western boundary of the property. The applicant seeks to permanently close the existing road reserve, as depicted on Attachment 1 – Proposal Plan 25_002. The land will be purchased from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development, with the intention to amalgamate the land with existing lots. The land will be used for grazing purposes and is currently covered by a permit to occupy by the landowner.

The primary reason for the application by the landowner is to remove redundant road corridors from the land holdings over a period of time, such that they are closed to prevent mistaken public access through incorrect mapping, access and tidying up disused stock routes. The landowner is concerned about the risks of persons travelling south on the road reserve, towards other privately owned land.

A cadastral surveyor has been engaged by the landowner to assist with the application. The locality of the road to be closed is depicted in Attachment 2 – Locality Plan. The area to be closed is also tertiary stock route, with this classification being regarded as unused stock route.

Views from Council are required to accompany an application for road closure to the Department. The applicant is the owner of the adjoining land, being Welcome Downs, described as Lot 6 on CD14 and is required to seek comments from Council pursuant to the requirements of the *Land Act 1994*.

An internal review of the application has been conducted, with no impacts being identified as part of Council's operations or road network. The road provides no access or connectivity to other roads. No infrastructure exists within the land to be closed.

The classification of the stock route as tertiary indicates no impacts to Council as the stock route is minor or inactive. The characteristics include nil or infrequent recorded use in the past 20 years and it is impractical for use by travelling stock.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 2: A sustainable environment of natural assets, water, wastewater and waste management.

Corporate Outcome 2.5 Industry has sustainable environmental practices.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

No impact to Council's budget.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Land Act 1994

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Asset Management Plan

CONSULTATION

Consult Consultation conducted with surveyor and landowner.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

Summary of risks and opportunities:

Risks

1. Minimal risk identified as part of this decision

Opportunities

1. Increased useable land that is rateable.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposal Plan 25 002 [**10.2.1**]
2. Locality Plan [**10.2.2**]

FOR OPENING NOTIFICATIONS - SEE BACK

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Port No	Farm No	Selector
6	140	Stanley Keough

Space Reserved for Office Notings

SURVEY OFFICE

No. 5/37 L.S.O.

Date 14.11.57

QUEENSLAND

Traverses and Secants

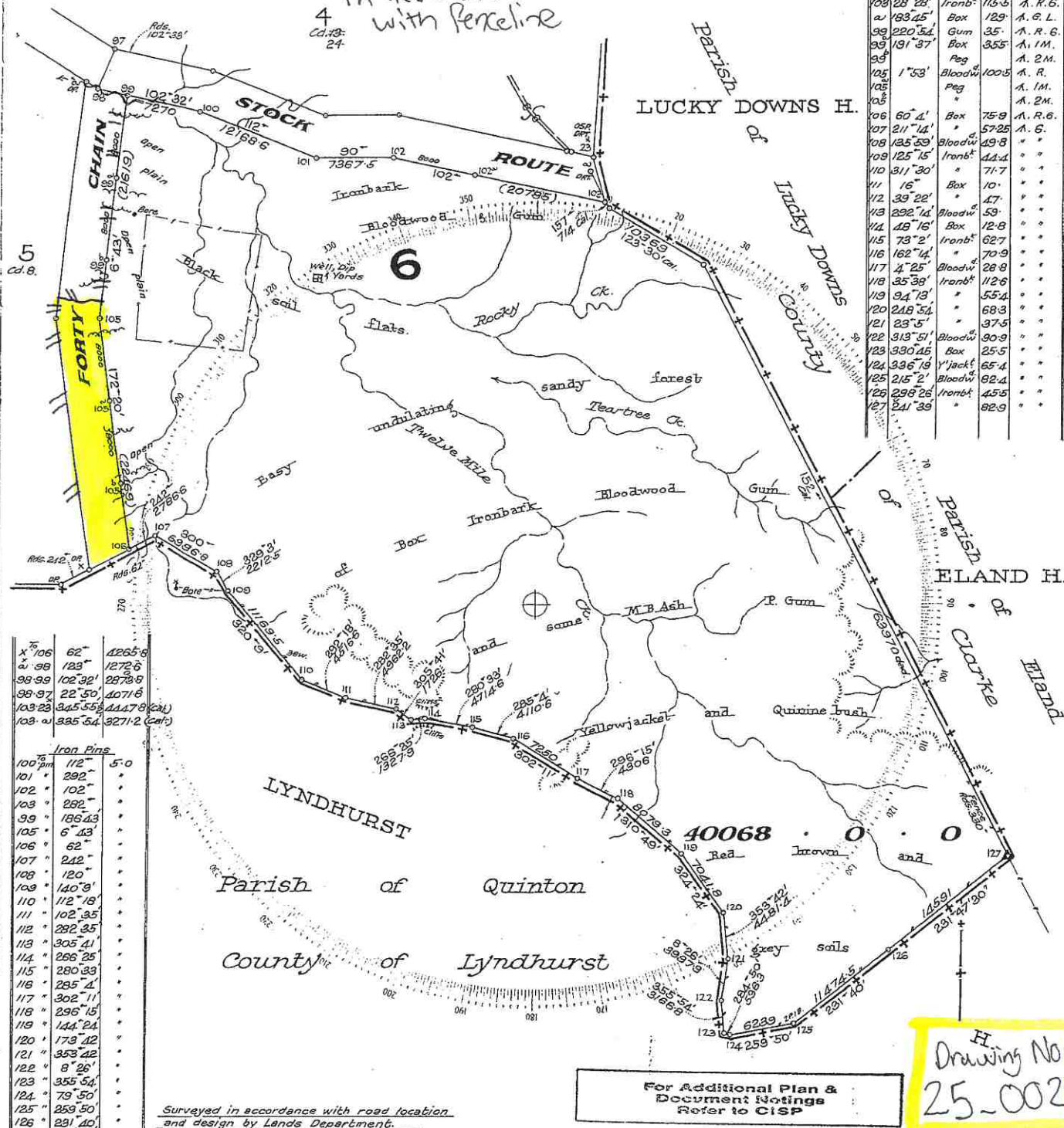
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Road to be closed
Approx 380 ha
in accordance
with Pereline

R.F.P. A. at Stations 103, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115, 116,
117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124,
125, 126, 127.

Reference to Corners

Cor.	Bearing	From	Dist.	Remarks
100	60° 25'	Box	57.7	A. R.
101	185° 2'	Ironb.	46.6	"
102	113° 28'	"	77.4	"
103	336° 35'	Gum	115.8	A. 1M.
104	28° 28'	Ironb.	115.5	A. R. G.
105	183° 45'	Box	129	A. G. L.
106	220° 34'	Gum	35	A. R. G.
107	191° 37'	Box	35.5	A. 1M.
108	"	Peg	"	A. 2M.
109	1° 53'	Bloodw.	100.5	A. R.
110	"	Peg	"	A. 1M.
111	60° 4'	Box	75.9	A. R. G.
112	211° 14'	"	57.25	A. G.
113	135° 59'	Bloodw.	49.8	"
114	125° 15'	Ironb.	44.1	"
115	311° 30'	"	71.7	"
116	16°	Box	10	"
117	39° 22'	"	47	"
118	292° 14'	Bloodw.	53	"
119	48° 16'	Box	12.8	"
120	73° 2'	Ironb.	62.7	"
121	162° 14'	"	70.9	"
122	4° 25'	Bloodw.	28.8	"
123	35° 38'	Ironb.	112.6	"
124	94° 13'	"	55.4	"
125	248° 54'	"	68.3	"
126	23° 5'	"	37.5	"
127	313° 51'	Bloodw.	90.9	"
128	330° 45'	Box	25.5	"
129	336° 19'	"	65.4	"
130	215° 2'	Bloodw.	92.4	"
131	298° 26'	Ironb.	45.5	"
132	241° 39'	"	82.9	"



Adjustments

Port	Reference	Previous Area	Date	Charted
1	100	112	5.0	
2	101	232	"	
3	102	102	"	
4	103	282	"	
5	104	186.43	"	
6	105	6° 43'	"	
7	106	62	"	
8	107	242	"	
9	108	120	"	
10	109	140° 3'	"	
11	110	112° 18'	"	
12	111	102° 35'	"	
13	112	282° 35'	"	
14	113	305° 41'	"	
15	114	286° 25'	"	
16	115	280° 33'	"	
17	116	285° 4'	"	
18	117	302° 11'	"	
19	118	296° 15'	"	
20	119	144° 24'	"	
21	120	173° 42'	"	
22	121	353° 42'	"	
23	122	8° 26'	"	
24	123	355° 54'	"	
25	124	79° 50'	"	
26	125	289° 50'	"	
27	126	231° 40'	"	
28	127	231° 47'	"	

Note: The N.E. boundaries from Stn. 103 to Stn. 127 have been calculated from Compass Survey Plan Cat. No. Lh.1.

I hereby certify that I, in person, made on the 10-10-1957 completed the survey represented by this plan, on which are written the bearings and lengths of the lines surveyed by me, and that the survey has been executed in accordance with the existing regulations of the Surveyor General's Department.

Meridian Observations

Instrument	Date	Lat.	Long.	Observer	Time
Cook	1250	127	19° 7' 27"	10 hr. E.	4° 49' 59"
					4° 51' 20"

Date of Instructions 20-12-56; 56.12.72 P.L.

Date of Transmission of plans &c. 7-11-57

Examined by J. C. 2.58 Calc. Book No. 1255

Voucher No. Payment Adv. Bal.

Charted by J. D. R. 10-3-58

Sales Register Vol. Fol.

PORTION No. 6

PARISH OF UGA

County of Copperfield

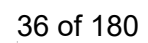
Land Agents Georgetown

District of

Cd. 14

Subtract 1' for C.A.M. 35 of 180

J.F.O'Connor, Staff Surveyor.



Item No: 10.3
Subject: North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the funding requirements for the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project from the QLD Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning.

RECOMMENDATION

That pursuant to the Project Funding Schedule for the Etheridge Shire Tourism Signage Project (the Project) between Etheridge Shire Council and the QLD Department of State Development Infrastructure and Council resolve to:

1. Commit to deliver the Project;
2. Be responsible for funding the Project in excess of the Project funding; and
3. Maintain the signage for its lifetime.

BACKGROUND

The Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning, through the [North West Queensland Economic Diversification Strategy](#), has funding allocated for local governments to expend on new tourism signage. Local governments can receive \$80,000 ex GST to design and install new tourism signage. Etheridge Shire Council's submission to this funding pool was solicited directly by the Department, and the funding submission was approved by the Department in May 2025. Now, work can commence on the Project, subject to Council's approval to proceed with this project as outlined in the above-listed recommendation. A Draft Project Plan has been submitted to the Department as per the requirements for Milestone 1 of the funding agreement, and the Department has requested that Council formalise their commitment to the project by way of a resolution minuted in official Council proceedings.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.
Corporate Outcome No 5.3: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Expenditure included in available Tourism Signage project funding and budgeted pursuant to the Draft Project Plan, as per attachments to this report. All of the funding for this project will come from the State funding, with no co-contribution required by Etheridge Shire Council.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Tourism Signage funding agreement is pursuant to the executed Head Funding Agreement between Etheridge Shire Council and the QLD State Government, in particular Clause 3 of the Head Funding Agreement. Special Condition #2 of the Tourism Signage funding agreement note the responsibility to Council to maintain all rights to access and use land required to undertake the Project and maintain the signage for a minimum period of 5 years after the Project Funding Agreement End Date.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Compliance with ESC – S006 Procurement Policy

CONSULTATION

Collaborate	Actively seek community input into decision-making processes to foster collaboration and partnerships with stakeholders.
Empower	Consultation with residents through community connect to help shape project outcomes.

RISK ASSESSMENT

An assessment of this matter through Council's Enterprise Risk Framework determines a Low Risk decision.

Summary of risks and opportunities:

Risks

1. Delays in commencement of construction due to time spent on selection of preferred supplier.

Opportunities

1. Exceptional tourism outcome for Shire and Region
2. Briefing and project reporting to be provided to Council on a regular basis

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Project Plan [**10.3.1**]



Draft Project Plan

Prepared for requirement 12, Special Condition 1 of Etheridge Shire Council's Funding Agreement under the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Program

Project Name:	Etheridge Shire Tourism Signage Project
Grant Program:	North West Queensland Tourism Signage Program
Reference Number:	D25 50876

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SCOPE OF WORKS

This project involves the design, construction, and installation of a themed interpretive sign adjacent to the Terrestrial (Visitor) Centre in Georgetown. The sign will form a key element of a broader initiative to develop a visitor precinct that showcases the historical, cultural, and geological heritage of Etheridge Shire. Specifically, it will highlight the legacy of the Gulf Cattleman's Association—a significant contributor to the economy and identity of Far North Queensland. The signage will align with the creative theming developed in the "Unearth Etheridge: Stimulating Regional Tourism through Creative Arts and Storytelling" project, funded by the State Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport, and will complement Etheridge Shire Council's Tourism Masterplan by enhancing the visitor experience and reinforcing a cohesive regional identity.

Constructed using high-quality materials such as laser-cut stainless steel and UV-resistant finishes, the sign will be designed to withstand the environmental conditions of Far North Queensland. The project includes all delivery phases—from concept development and stakeholder consultation (including with representative(s) of the Gulf Cattleman's Association) to detailed production drawings, design approval, and onsite installation. This interpretive sign will enrich visitors 'sense of place' and contribute to the activation of Georgetown as a key tourism node along the Savannah Way, ultimately encouraging visitor dispersal throughout regional Queensland and leveraging prior investments in tourism infrastructure and design expertise.

Project Scope and Activities

The project comprises three core stages:

1. Concept Design and Development
 - Design of a high-quality, free-standing interpretive sign (1580mm x 2200mm x 250mm).
 - Community and stakeholder consultation, including with the Gulf Cattleman's Association.
 - Integration of theming from the "Unearth Etheridge" initiative.
2. Signage Fabrication
 - Use of durable materials, including 3mm laser-cut stainless steel, UV-printed panels with gloss laminate, and 10mm welded 3D lettering.
 - Development of detailed production drawings and final artwork for approval.
3. Installation and Project Completion
 - On-site installation, including concrete footings and placement.
 - Photography of installed signage.
 - Final acquittal reporting and maintenance planning.

Indicative timeline

TASK	ESTIMATED START	ESTIMATED END
SUPPLIER PROCUREMENT	16 April 2025	7 June 2025
CONCEPT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT PHASE	8 June	14 August 2025
FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL	15 August 2025	31 August 2025
SIGNAGE FABRICATION PHASE	1 September 2025	31 October 2025
INSTALLATION PHASE	1 November 2025	30 November 2025
PROJECT COMPLETION REPORTING	1 December 2025	15 December 2025

PROJECT BUDGET

Project Cost Summary

The total eligible project expenditure over the life of the project is \$80,000 ex GST. This includes a grant amount of \$80,000 ex GST.

The total budget includes two project elements, as listed in the table below.

Project Element	Description	Total Costs
Interpretative design and project management	Interpretative design and project management include: Concept Design Design Development and Consultation with Client Detailed Production Drawings for Custom Signage Consultation with Council / Cattleman's Association Research and Writing of Content Graphic Design for Council Approval Sourcing of images Project Management of consultation, design and working drawings for approval and fabrication Graphic Design and Preparation of Print-Ready Signage files	\$ 22,775 ex GST
Services	Production of free-standing Interpretive Signage Size - 1580 x 2200 x 250MM Laser cut 3MM stainless steel fully welding frame, painted in 2pac polyurethane Panels welded to the sides with digital	\$ 57,225 ex GST

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Draft Project Plan

Project Budget

	<p>print and 2pac in clear</p> <p>3MM laser cut panel and 6MM laser</p> <p>cut text to bottom section (as per concept provided Dec 2024)</p> <p>All digital prints are to be UV printed</p> <p>with gloss laminate</p> <p>Welded 3D 10MM stainless steel letters</p> <p>Hold down bolts and cage to be concreted into ground for installation</p> <p>Installation onsite (hand dig and rapid set concrete allowed for)</p> <p>Project Management of Fabrication, and Installation of Signage project</p> <p>Allowance for insurance and Engineering if required</p>	
Total		\$80,000 ex GST

PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

All of Etheridge Shire Council's purchases must be carried out in compliance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, in particular Chapter 6 – Contracting, Part 3 – Default Contracting Processes. Accordingly, procurement processes will be governed by Etheridge Shire Council's policy on "Acquisition of Goods & Services and the Carrying Out of the Procurement Principles".

A copy of this policy is attached to the online application form and is also available online at www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1837/esc-s006-procurement-policy

Acquisition of goods and services and carrying out the procurement principles applies to the procurement of all goods, equipment and related services, construction contracts and services contracts (including maintenance).

Council officers must have regard to the following procurement principles in all purchasing activities, which is in accordance with Section 104 (3) of the Local Government Act 2009:

- a) Open and effective competition
- b) Value for money
- c) The development of competitive local business and industry
- d) Environmental protection
- e) Ethical behaviour and fair dealing

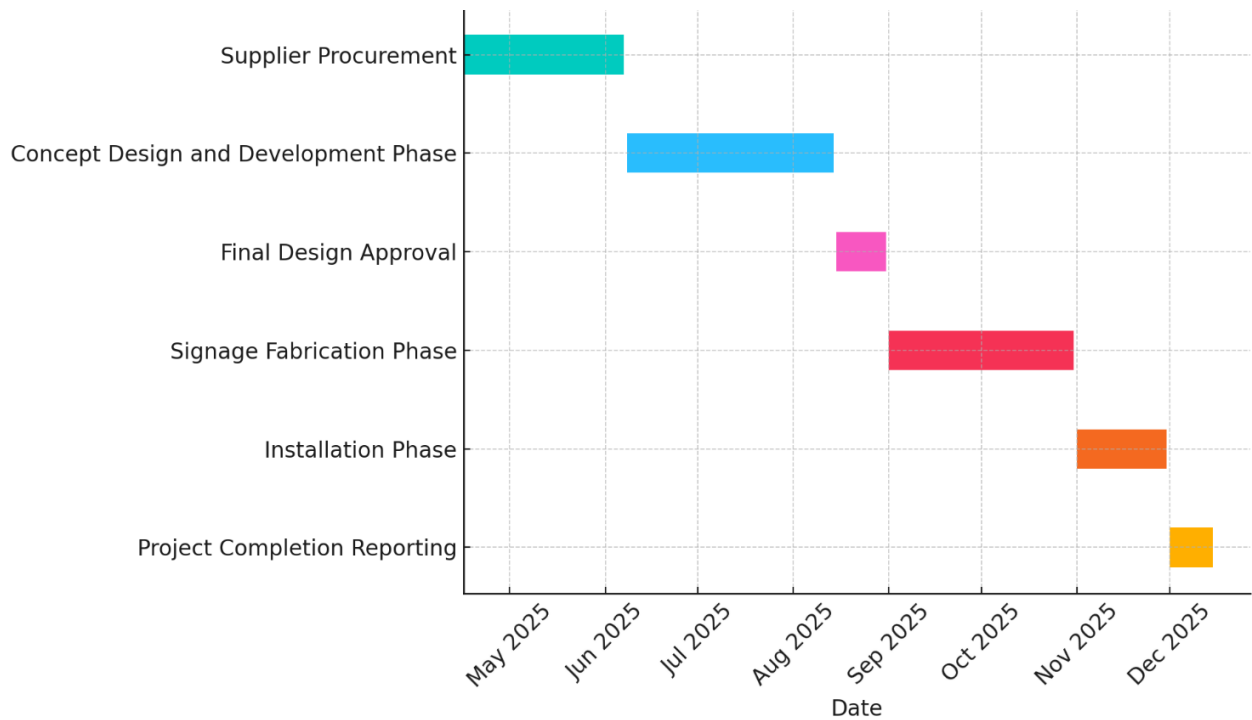
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Etheridge Shire Council has engaged Griffith University to provide project management services for a range of tourism-related developments in Etheridge Shire until 2027. Etheridge Shire Council has been working closely with Griffith University's Institute for Tourism since 2021, to articulate and implement a tourism development strategy for the region. Accordingly, a team of academic and professional staff from Griffith University will manage the administration of this Tourism Signage project on behalf of Etheridge Shire Council.

The project management team is led by Mr Ken Timms and also includes Associate Professor Anna Kralj, Dr Bojana Spasojevic and Dr Lakshi Senevirathna. Mr Timms is responsible for the management and administration of the Tourism Signage project, while A/Prof Kralj and Drs Spasojevic and Senevirathna will oversee the coordination between this Tourism Signage project and other ongoing tourism development projects in the Shire in order to maintain a consistent of theming across the developments and signage.

Griffith University's project management services will assist Council's successful delivery of this Tourism Signage project by coordinating with the multiple stakeholders and project elements in order to complete the project on time and on budget. The Griffith University project management team for this Tourism Signage project can be contacted on Kenneth.timms@griffith.edu.au or projects@etheridge.qld.gov.au.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



PROJECT RISK & LIKELIHOOD

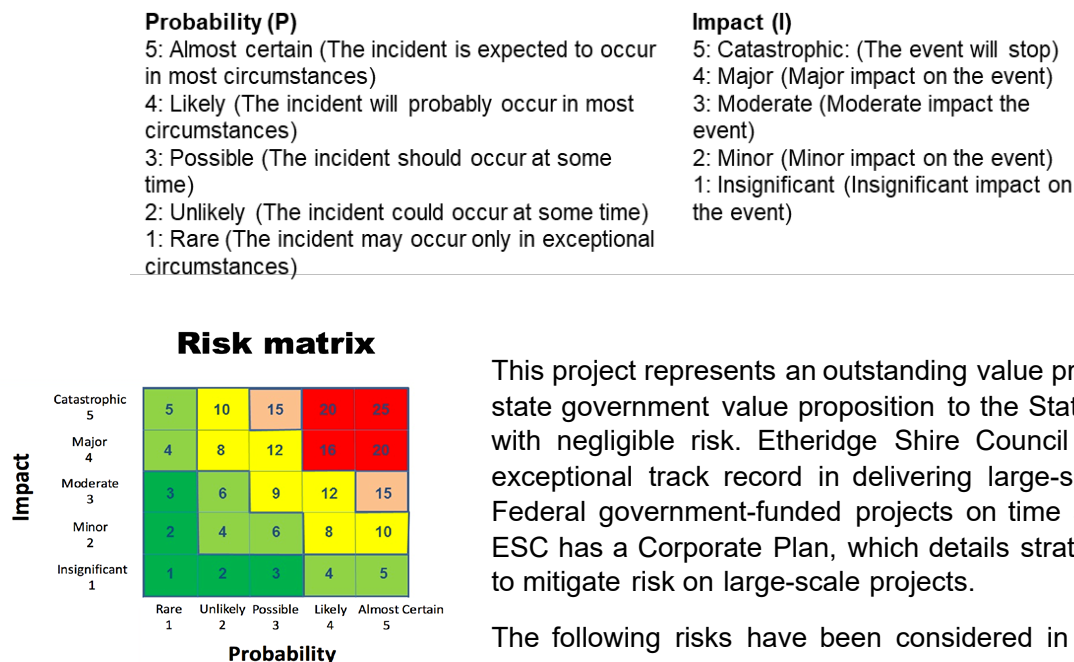
Risk management plans follow a series of steps to mitigate potential risk to the project, which in this case are **unlikely and minor**. These include:

1. Identify the risk
2. Analyse the risk
3. Evaluate the risk
4. Eliminate or Minimise the risk
5. Treat the risk
6. Monitor and review the risk.

Through each of these step's risk to a project from a range of areas can be identified and addressed, such as:

- **Technical:** includes risks based on requirements, the technology being used, interfaces, performance, and quality.
- **Management:** includes any risks that come up from planning, scheduling, estimating, or communication.
- **Organisational:** includes any project dependencies, logistics, resources, budget, etc.
- **External:** includes risks from suppliers, customers, users, contractors.

A risk matrix considers the probability and impact of various risks, as per below image.



This project represents an outstanding value proposition to the state government value proposition to the State Government, with negligible risk. Etheridge Shire Council (ESC) has an exceptional track record in delivering large-scale State and Federal government-funded projects on time and on budget. ESC has a Corporate Plan, which details strategies designed to mitigate risk on large-scale projects.

The following risks have been considered in relation to this proposal, with attendant mitigation strategies detailed.

Management Risk

The primary risk to the project falls is the potential for delayed development and/or approval of plans and iterative improvements, based on the availability of Council representatives and Senior Management. **Mitigation of Management Risk:** The Project Manager will ensure open and frequent communication with Council and its staff in order to limit time to ratification and the approval of plans and iterative improvements. While the delay of approvals would be an inconvenience, it will not affect the project or the ability of the Project Manager to keep the project on track and moving forward. This equates to a very low likelihood risk and a low impact on the standard risk matrix.

Organisational Risk

A secondary risk to the project is that delays may be experienced due to availability of staff to progress to Council documents for ratification and approval. **Mitigation of Organisational Risk:** (1) Suitable ESC staff will be identified during the first three months of the project. Staff will be given specific timeframes and guidelines for the tasks required to ensure their availability during holidays and leave periods. Delegates will be secured in case of extended leave of key staff. (2) The implementation timeline has had contingency time built in to allow for delays. Thus, the organisational risk is a very low likelihood of risk and a low impact on the risk matrix.

External Risk

Delays to consultation with the community and businesses, and the work performed by contracted suppliers are identified as a possible risk. Delays in consultation may be impacted by the availability of business owners and community who work in the tourism industry as the start of the consultation period is in main tourism season and school holidays from April to October. Delays with contracted suppliers are to be anticipated in the current economic and employment climate. Delays could also occur due to weather events or natural disasters. **Mitigation of External Risk:** Extended periods of consultation and contract work are built into the implementation timeline to mitigate the risk. Additionally, contract terms governed by procurement processes will be used to mitigate against supplier delays. Etheridge Shire is affected annually by heavy rains in the wet season and this reality is built into the plans and timing for construction. Thus, a very low likelihood of risk and a low impact on the risk matrix.

11 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 11.1
Subject: Director Corporate Services - Briefing Report July 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

FINANCIAL

2025/2026 Budget

The 2025/2026 Budget was formally adopted, and implementation has commenced. Initial work is focused on aligning operational and capital plans to the adopted budget. Quarterly budget reviews will monitor performance, and early financial reporting indicates expenditure and revenue tracking in line with expectations.

Finance Working Group

The Finance Working Group is progressing key priorities: developing a comprehensive grants register, addressing outstanding audit actions, and implementing the adopted budget with direct reports. Preparations are also underway for the auditors' visit in September, with upcoming requests being coordinated to ensure a smooth and timely audit process.

AUDIT UPDATE

Internal Audit

Council has received the FY2026 Internal Audit Plan, including the defined scope of audits for the year. The plan was presented to the Audit Committee for review and is scheduled for consideration at the August General Meeting, ensuring alignment with Council's governance and risk management priorities.

External Audit

Council is preparing for the final audit visit scheduled for the week beginning 8 September 2025, with sampling and supporting work ongoing. The FY2026 External Audit Plan and interim audit report have been received, identifying one significant deficiency, five new deficiencies, and three unresolved prior-year deficiencies, all under active remediation.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met on 5 August 2025, considering the FY2026 Internal and External Audit Plans and associated reports. The Committee also reviewed the interim external audit report and a broad range of revaluation reports, providing oversight of Council's financial management, asset valuation processes, and audit preparedness.

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 second half of 2025

RADF Advisory Committee

The RADF Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet but did not make quorum. Business was conducted via an email poll to confirm minutes, consider Round 1 Community Fund applications, and set dates for Round 2. These matters are reported separately in the August General Meeting agenda.

CAPITAL PROJECTS (AS PER WIP)

Independent Living Facility (4 units)

Further work is required by Council to finalise documentation for the four other houses including policy and process. Workshop required to assess documentation and legal advice given.

Georgetown Student Hostel Improvements

Funding agreement has been signed and returned to the Department. Council will provide updates as required.

Little Gems Children Centre

Council has begun seeking quotes and concept plans for the building to incorporate additional nursery space and a staff area.

Charleston Dam Fencing

Council is currently liaising with the two neighbouring property owners for quotes to finalise fencing matters to make asset stockproof.

Electronic Noticeboards

Purchase order has been placed for the noticeboards and Council is awaiting delivery.

Community Learning Hubs – Mt Surprise & Forsayth

Site investigation has been completed at both Mount Surprise & Forsayth and concept plans provided. Procurement of equipment is underway.

Cemeteries

- Cemetery Improvements

Requested improvements has exceed budget, therefore requires Councillor workshop

Gilbert River Columbarium Wall

Procurement is currently underway to ensure project is complete by October.

- Mt Surprise & Einasleigh Connectivity Project

Currently seeking quotes for projectors and screens to be fixed in both locations to enable teams and zoom capabilities.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Commercial Lease Negotiations

A report is tabled for Council's consideration at the Closed August General Meeting.

CHHHS Memorandum of Understanding

Council is currently renegotiating the previous draft MOU to including provision of cleaning responsibility and associated costs. This matter requires a Councillor workshop.

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.

Town Commons

The draft versions of Town Common Policy and Einasleigh Town Common Management Plan are awaiting workshop. Further Town Common Management plans will be developed afterwards. The possibility of a Town Common ranger position is awaiting budget consideration and community consultation.

EVENTS AND COMMITMENTS

DATE	ORGANISATION	TOPIC
15/07/2025	ESC	Road Register Review
	ESC	TerrEstrial Design Meeting
16/07/2025	ESC	July General Meeting
18/07/2025	ESC	Charleston Dam Fencing Meeting
21/07/2025	ESC	Special Budget Meeting
	ESC	Health & Safety Representative Meeting
22/07/2025	ESC	Staff Meeting
25/07/2025	ESC	Hostel Meeting
28/07/2025	ESC	RADF Meeting
	Local Buy	Local Buy/Vendor Panel Capacity Building Planning
29/07/2025	ESC	Commercial Property Negotiations
30/07/2025	Griffith	TerrEstrial Planning Meeting
	LDMG	LDMG Meeting
05/08/2025	ESC	Audit Committee Meeting
12 & 13/08/2025	ESC	The Lynd Community Connect
14/08/2025	Local Buy	Vendor Panel Training and Local Business Capacity Opportunities
	GetReady QLD	Strengthening Community Engagement and Disaster Resilience

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item No: 11.2
Subject: Financial Performance as at 31 July 2025
Classification: **Open**
Author: Laurie Hawker, Finance Manager
Authorised By: Renee Bester (Director of Corporate Services),
Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2025 pursuant to, and in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

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

Corporate Plan Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.
Corporate Outcome No 5.3: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

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

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Inform	The community and interested parties external to the organisation are informed by the provision of Financial Reports and other information in a succinct and simple format.
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RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Summary of broad and general risks and opportunities:

Risks:

1. Financial reports are covered by many Laws, regulations and standards and subject to public scrutiny.

2. Ensuring our business focus is strategically oriented to adequately and efficiently predict and cover a reasonable range of possible situations and events.
3. To not be restricted unnecessarily by remoteness and access to resources resulting in Council losing its robustness and sustainable edge.

Opportunities:

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.
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.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cash Position July 2025 [11.2.1]
2. Comparative Data July 2025 [11.2.2]
3. Financial Highlights July 2025 [11.2.3]
4. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate July 2025 [11.2.4]
5. WIP July 2025 [11.2.5]
6. Revenue and Expenditure Summary July 2025 [11.2.6]
7. Balance Sheet Summary July 2025 [11.2.7]
8. Statement Comprehensive Income July 2025 [11.2.8]
9. Statement of Financial Position July 2025 [11.2.9]
10. Statement of Cash Flows July 2025 [11.2.10]

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Cash Position

As at 31 July 2025

	G/L	Actual
Current Assets		
Bendigo Cash at Bank	0300-3000	\$ 445,945
Investments	0300-3005	\$ 9,265,584
22108 Ether Reserve CF	0300-3006	\$ 290,253
22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	0300-3007	\$ 4,168,116
NQRP North Qld Resilience Project	0300-3008	\$ -
Cash on Hand	0300-3020	\$ 1,500
		\$ 14,171,398
Cash back Current Liabilities		
Annual Leave Payable	0500-5300	\$ 550,146
Current LSL Payable	0500-5310	\$ 174,071
Accrued Time-in-Lieu	0500-5230	\$ 71,564
RDO	0500-5240	\$ 7,597
		\$ 803,377
Receivables		
Receivables - Debtors	0300-3200	\$ 189,212
Receivables - Rates	0300-3100	-\$ 84,412
Receivables - Govt Subsidy	0300-3150	-\$ 90
		\$ 104,710
Payables		
Accounts Payable	0500-5200	\$ 320,959
Emergency Fire Service Levy	0500-5220	\$ 17,828
Retentions Current	0500-5299	\$ 87,413
Current Loan - Forsayth Water	0500-5410	-\$ 20
Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	0500-5411	\$ -
		\$ 426,180
Working Capital		\$ 13,046,551

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Comparative Data

June 2025

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Cash Position	14,171,398	10,618,714	18,070,157	16,117,806
Working Capital	13,046,551	11,433,092	16,609,395	15,079,781
Rate Arrears	- 84,412	233,331	88,716	14,130
Current Debtors	189,212	1,199,067	32,457	1,001,616
Current Creditors	320,959	-	765,136	710,820
Current Loan Payable	- 20,280	203,150	13,510	11,705

Etheridge Shire Council

Financial Highlights

As at 31 July 2025

	Actual	Budget	Percentage
Total revenue	538,710	60,890,586	1%

Statements are for 1 month of the financial year and generally would represent 8% of the overall budget.

The recurrent revenue is \$.321M which is due to the receipt of the \$.244M grants revenue including \$.205M Flood Damage grants. There has been little activity for three month of July.

Total expenditure	-	2,095,335	-	53,888,106	4%
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Statements are for 1 month of the financial year and generally would represent 8% of the overall budget.

Expenditure to date for Flood Damage	1,110,357
Expenditure to date for DTMR works	<u>731,870</u>
	<u>1,842,227</u>

Surplus/Deficit

The deficit net operating result is \$-1.556M reflecting activity early in the financial year.

Etheridge Shire Council Monthly Cash Flow Estimate

July 2025

	Revenue	Expenditure
Revenue		
Rates	2,000	
Fees and Charges Billings	44,918	
Own Roads Program Recoveries	-	
Main Roads Invoiced Recoveries	65,132	
Grants Expected	26,250	
Flood Damage NDRRA	100,000	
GST	476,000	
Expenditure		
Payroll		560,000
Operating and Contractor Payables		3,000,000
PAYG-W; GST		140,000
Loan Payments		-
Capital Acq		-
Other		-
	714,300	3,700,000
Cash decrease expected during the next period	2,985,700	

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WIP - July 2025		External Funding Amount	Previous Year (Opening balance)	YTD (Actuals)	Total Expenditure (Actuals)	Current year budget	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET
0400-4150-0000	Land & Land Improvements						
5154-4501-0001	Land Purchase - Shire allocation					50,000.00	50,000.00
			25,093.54	-	25,093.54	50,000.00	75,093.54
0400-4250-0000	Buildings						
3280-4500-0001	Residential Housing - House 8 Bathroom (# Crampton Road)				-	50,000.00	50,000.00
3280-4504-0000	Staff Housing Project (SHP)	3,000,000.00	42,116.82		42,116.82	427,662.78	469,779.60
3280-4505-0000	Independent Living Facility (ILF)	3,000,000.00	12,408.21	1,067.43	13,475.64	12,188.49	24,596.70
3350-4502-0001	Forsyth Depot Improvements - Forsyth Park Depot hard shelter to house				-	48,000.00	48,000.00
3350-4502-0002	Georgetown Depot Improvements - Inverter & installation of solar to depot				-	58,000.00	58,000.00
3412-4500-0001	W4Q (24/27) - Multi-Purpose Centre Mt Surprise	1,580,000.00	4,518.00		4,518.00	787,741.00	792,259.00
3610-4501-0001	FNQRP (24-25) - Coordination Centre (Gtown)	2,000,000.00	4,518.00		4,518.00	600,000.00	604,518.00
3610-4501-0002	FNQRP (24-25) - Housing Project - Independent Living	2,000,000.00	-		-	600,000.00	600,000.00
3610-4501-0003	FNQRP (24-25) - Upgrade water assets	47,830.00	21,958.91		21,958.91	14,349.00	36,307.91
3610-4501-0004	FNQRP (24-25) - Backup power	50,000.00	35,124.94		35,124.94	15,000.00	50,124.94
4011-4501-0000	Georgetown Streets - Georgetown Streetscaping & chairs		3,877.20		3,877.20	16,122.80	20,000.00
5080-4500-0001	Forsyth Transfer Station - Chemical Shed				-	40,000.00	40,000.00
6020-4500-0001	Little Gems Childrens Centre - Renovations including additional nursery space and staff area				-	50,000.00	50,000.00
6030-4500-0000	DOE - Student Hostel - Soft fall area, external power supply and landscaping	44,099.00			-	50,725.00	50,725.00
			1,260,199.06	1,067.43	1,261,266.49	2,769,789.07	4,029,988.13
0400-4255-0000	Growing Regions						
6010-4501-0000	Terrestrial Centre Extension	4,400,000.00	51,139.25	40,810.00	91,949.25	1,452,927.81	1,504,067.06
6010-4502-0000	Cumberland Dam	1,880,000.00	58,252.08	8,215.60	66,467.68	1,016,459.87	1,074,711.95
6010-4503-0000	Einasleigh Peoples' Museum	1,100,000.00	50,953.00		50,953.00	586,302.49	637,255.49
6010-4504-0000	Our Elders Trail	855,000.00	50,953.00		50,953.00	450,042.63	500,995.63
			211,297.33	49,025.60	260,322.93	3,505,732.80	3,717,030.13
0400-4350-0000	Other Structures						-
3135-4500-0001	Einasleigh - Supply and installation of water tanks (2 x 6000 gal/23000l) for				-	50,000.00	50,000.00
3620-4506-0001	RAUP + FNQRP - Airstrip Einasleigh & Mt Surprise - Fencing	900,000.00	160,813.18	166,471.92	327,285.10	881,097.38	900,000.00
4500-4512-0000	Charleston Dam - Fencing		-		-	20,000.00	20,000.00
5151-4500-0000	NWMP Round 2 - Walking path, signage, TO engagement, bush tucker	120,000.00	65,218.15		65,218.15	54,782.00	120,000.15
5151-4501-0000	Griffith Uni Project - Totem structures & boundary signs		530,218.36	14,643.48	544,861.84		530,218.36
5151-4502-0001	All Towns - Electronic Community Notice Boards (SMS)		49,360.15		49,360.15	82,639.85	132,000.00
5151-4502-0002	All Towns - Common Boundary Fencing (shared cost scheme)				-	100,000.00	100,000.00
5151-4503-0001	R2R - Washdown Bay - Electrical Connection	90,000.00	-	14,799.97	14,799.97	90,000.00	90,000.00
5151-4503-0002	R2R - Washdown Bay - Avdata System	4,800.00	-	3,795.46	3,795.46	4,800.00	4,800.00
5151-4503-0003	R2R - Washdown Bay - Pump & Water Tank	18,000.00	-	12,250.00	12,250.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
5151-4504-0000	HVSPP - Wash Down Facility	600,000.00	813,708.30		813,708.30	49,091.70	862,800.00
5151-4504-0001	Georgetown - Truckwash Platform				-	60,000.00	60,000.00
5151-4505-0001	Parks & Gardens - Burtons Reserve - pool fence				-	10,000.00	10,000.00
5151-4508-0000	NWMP Round 5 - Design & construction	100,000.00	68,881.43	24,798.80	93,680.23	-	100,000.00
5152-4500-0001 to 5152-4500-0003	Forsyth - Seating, Signage & Fitness Equipment		-		-	25,000.00	25,000.00
5152-4500-0004	Forsyth - Learning Hubs				-	10,000.00	10,000.00
5152-4500-0005	Walking track - Forsyth to Charleston Dam - signs and basic walkway				-	25,000.00	25,000.00
5154-4500-0000	Mt Surprise - Learning Hubs				-	10,000.00	10,000.00
5163-4500-0001	Cemeteries - Improvements				-	16,587.00	16,587.00
5167-2221-0001	Gilbert River - Cemetery Columbarium Wall				-	10,000.00	10,000.00
			1,730,845.65	236,759.63	1,967,605.28	1,516,997.93	3,137,051.59

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WIP - July 2025		External Funding Amount	Previous Year (Opening balance)	YTD (Actuals)	Total Expenditure (Actuals)	Current year budget	PROJECT LIFE BUDGET
0400-4450-00000	Fleet Plant & Equipment						-
	25-26 replacements (remaining)					3,365,000.00	3,365,000.00
4150-4500-7935	Boat & trailer		20,084.57	20,084.57	40,169.14	16,570.43	40,000.00
			20,084.57	20,084.57	40,169.14	3,381,570.43	3,405,000.00
0400-4550-0000	Furniture & Other Equipment						
1020-2400-0011	GDR - Mango Tree Signage (operational expense)					2,000.00	2,000.00
2060-4500-0000	Mt Surprise & Einasleigh - Projector/screen/teams/zoom capabilities		-		-	10,000.00	10,000.00
			-	-	-	12,000.00	12,000.00
0400-4650-0000	Roads Infrastructure						
3620-4505-0003	Design and reseal for Hayman				-	42,100.00	42,100.00
3620-4505-0016	LRCI Phase 4 - Dust pads Einasleigh	50,000.00	5,573.64	11,183.49	16,757.13	47,113.36	52,687.00
4011-4500-0000	R2R 24-25 - Hayman Street Drainage	90,000.00	4,317.20		4,317.20	85,682.80	90,000.00
4011-4502-0000	QRA - Crucial Access - Sandy Creek culverts (back access road)	3,000,000.00			-	900,000.00	900,000.00
4011-4504-0000	R2R 25-26 - Patricia Road Upgrade - survey & design		5,381.44		5,381.44		5,381.44
4013-4500-0001	Einasleigh - Stormwater drainage works in Einasleigh (200 m x 1 mx 1 m deep including one pipe culvert) Baroota St/Night Cart Lane SEGPART 44087				-	120,000.00	120,000.00
4014-4500-0000	R2R - Mt Surprise Remedial Street drainage	60,000.00	18,026.21		18,026.21		18,026.21
4020-4501-0000	Sign replacement				-	366,600.00	366,600.00
4020-4550-0000	Road realignments (Percyvale Road)	40,000.00	5,672.60		5,672.60	34,327.40	40,000.00
4020-4580-0000	NWQEDS10 - Caseys Rest Lookout	100,000.00	10,441.60		10,441.60	89,558.40	100,000.00
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	16,500.00
4062-4501-0000	Reseals				-	791,678.00	791,678.00
tba	Shire Roads Capital Expenditure & Betterment - Roads, Drainage & Culverts				-	606,847.00	606,847.00
tba	R2R allocation - 25-26	1,213,694.00				-	1,213,694.00
			2,525,184.60	11,183.49	2,536,368.09	3,100,406.96	6,839,285.56
0400-4750-0000	Water Infrastructure						
4011-2222-0001	Georgetown - Riverine clearing program staged to include Sandy Creek (operational expense)					50,000.00	50,000.00
4320-4500-0002	Georgetown Water - Replacement of Meters		8,063.95		8,063.95	5,000.00	13,063.95
4320-4500-0004	Georgetown Water - New Water Connections		9,192.43		9,192.43	5,000.00	14,192.43
4320-4501-0001	Water - Extend water main to Georgetown Cemetery					29,000.00	29,000.00
4320-4501-0002	Water - Georgetown - Main extention - Replace water main Low Street					85,000.00	85,000.00
4340-4500-0002	Forsyth Water - Replacement of meters		3,412.41		3,412.41	-	3,412.41
4340-4500-0004	Forsyth Water - New Water Connection		3,702.09		3,702.09	4,000.00	7,702.09
4340-4504-0003	Water - Forsyth Sixth Street Main upgrade					31,700.00	31,700.00
4340-4504-0004	Water - Forsyth WTP Replace media filters					42,000.00	42,000.00
4500-4506-0001	Charleston Dam Rec Area - Survey Design Playground/ Amenities Fencing		89,660.03		89,660.03	273,339.97	363,000.00
			127,087.52	-	127,087.52	525,039.97	652,127.49
			5,899,792.27	318,120.72	6,217,912.99	14,861,537.16	21,867,576.44

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1000-0001	Governance								
1000-0002	Elected Members								
1000-2000	Councillor Allowances				31,531.57	8%	378,379		
1000-2010	Councillor Superannuation				0.00	0%	0		
1000-2102	Councillor Conference & Deputations				(20.85)	0%	35,000		
1000-2104	Elections				0.00	0%	0		
1000-2174	Sundry Expense				3,470.53	3%	100,000		
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1000-0002	Elected Members	0.00	0%	0	34,981.25	7%	513,379	(34,981.25)	7% (513,379)
1010-0002	Governance								
1010-2000	Executive Salaries and Wages				33,395.70	5%	676,000		
1010-2106	Conference and Training				3,018.90	30%	10,000		
1010-2108	Other Executive Expenses				24,449.32	16%	150,000		
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1010-0002	Governance	0.00	0%	0	60,863.92	7%	836,000	(60,863.92)	7% (836,000)
1020-0002	Economic Development								
1020-1100	Tourism Grants	0.00	0%	150,000					
1020-1200	Donations and Subsidies	0.00	0%	280,000					
1020-1800	Capital Grants	0.00	0%	3,600,000					
1020-2100	Operating Expenses				42,723.10	17%	250,000		
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1020-0002	Economic Development	0.00	0%	4,030,000	42,723.10	17%	250,000	(42,723.10)	-1% 3,780,000
1030-0002	Civic Receptions and Events								
1030-1100	Operating Grants	0.00	0%	0					
1030-2100	Operating Expenses				0.00	0%	0		
1030-2110	Community Contributions				0.00	0%	0		
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1030-0002	Civic Receptions and Events	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
1040-0002	Regulatory Services								
1040-0003	Town Planning								
1040-1300	Fees & Charges Town Planning	1,100.00	11%	10,000					
1040-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0		
1040-2100	Operating Expenses Town Planning				0.00	0%	60,000		
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1040-0003	Town Planning	1,100.00	11%	10,000	0.00	0%	60,000	1,100.00	-2% (50,000)
1041-0003	Building Control								
1041-1300	Fees & Charges Building Control	450.00	23%	2,000					
1041-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0		
1041-2100	Operating Expenses Building Control				0.00	0%	20,000		
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1041-0003	Building Control	450.00	23%	2,000	0.00	0%	20,000	450.00	-3% (18,000)
1042-0003	Environmental Health								
1042-1300	Fees & Charges Environmental Health	2,770.27	31%	9,000					
1042-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0		
1042-2100	Operating Expense Environment Health				6,940.05	23%	30,000		
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1042-0003	Environmental Health	2,770.27	31%	9,000	6,940.05	23%	30,000	(4,169.78)	20% (21,000)

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1043-0003	Local Laws								
1043-1300	Fees & Charges Local Laws	0.00	0%	0					
1043-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	2,600			
1043-2100	Operating Expenses Local Laws			0.00	0%	2,500			
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1043-0003	Local Laws	0.00	0%	0		5,100		0.00	0%
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									(5,100)
1040-0002	Regulatory Services	4,320.27	21%	21,000		115,100		(2,619.78)	3%
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									(94,100)
1050-0002	Disaster Management								
1050-1100	Operating Grant SES Qld Fire/Emergen	0.00	0%	45,000					
1050-1800	Works 4 Qld - Capital Grant	0.00	0%	790,000					
1050-1810	NQRP - North Qld Resilience Project	0.00	0%	2,700,000					
1050-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0%	520			
1050-2100	Operating Expenses			223.14	1%	40,000			
1050-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	5,000			
1050-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	108,396			
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1050-0002	Disaster Management	0.00	0%	3,535,000		153,916		(223.14)	0%
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				223.14	0%				3,381,084
1060-0002	WH&S								
1060-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	62,400			
1060-2112	Safety Clothing			0.02	0%	7,000			
1060-2114	Safety Training			7,425.21	15%	50,000			
1060-2176	Other Operating Expenses			1,713.26	1%	195,000			
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1060-0002	WH&S	0.00	0%	0		314,400		(9,138.49)	3%
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				9,138.49	3%				(314,400)
1000-0001	Governance	4,320.27	0%	7,586,000		2,182,795		(150,549.68)	-3%
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				154,869.95	7%				5,403,205
2000-0001	Corporate								
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2000-0002	General Rates								
2000-1000	General Rates - Urban	0.00	0%	748,000					
2000-1010	General Rates - Rural	0.00	0%	1,560,000					
2000-1020	General Rates - Mining	0.00	0%	411,000					
2000-1040	Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0%	0					
2000-1060	Rates Write off	0.00	0%	0					
2000-1600	Interest on Arrears	135.44	1%	17,000					
2000-1910	Fire Service Levy Commission	0.00	0%	3,000					
2000-2178	Rates Write Off				0.00	0%	1,000		
2000-2180	Rates Discount				0.00	0%	350,000		
2000-2182	Pensioner Rebates				0.00	0%	20,000		
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2000-0002	General Rates	135.44	0%	2,739,000		371,000		135.44	0%
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									2,368,000
2010-0002	General Administration								
2010-1100	Operating Grants FAGS Grant	0.00	0%	3,234,558					
2010-1200	Trainee State Subsidy	0.00	0%	1,400					
2010-1210	ApprenticeState Subsidy	0.00	0%	30,000					
2010-1300	Search Fee	0.00	0%	0					
2010-1600	Interest Revenue	3.16	0%	800,000					
2010-1900	Sundry Receipts	4,491.27	9%	50,000					
2010-1920	LG Workcare Claims	0.00	0%	0					
2010-1930	Fringe Benefits Tax Refunds	0.00	0%	0					
2010-1940	Profit on Sale NC Assets	0.00	0%	0					
2010-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				66,144.56	5%	1,292,000		
2010-2118	Advertising				675.04	1%	60,000		
2010-2120	Audit Fees				4,159.00	4%	100,000		

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2010-2122	Communications			10,031.58	9%	115,000			
2010-2124	Insurances			268,881.83	80%	335,000			
2010-2126	Land Valuation Fees			169.60	2%	10,000			
2010-2128	Legal Expenses			1,287.50	1%	100,000			
2010-2130	Postage			68.82	1%	6,500			
2010-2132	Printing and Stationery			1,658.51	2%	70,000			
2010-2134	Professional Fees			21,146.39	8%	260,000			
2010-2136	Recruitment Expenses			0.00	0%	30,000			
2010-2138	Staff Uniforms			0.00	0%	6,000			
2010-2140	Training and Development			1,143.62	1%	100,000			
2010-2142	Administration Other Expenses			3,950.14	1%	310,000			
2010-2144	Asset Management			0.00	0%	85,000			
2010-2300	Bank Charges			445.86	1%	32,000			
2010-2310	Doubtful Debt			0.00	0%	1,000			
2010-2320	Odd Cents Rounding			(1.29)	0%	500			
2010-2330	Loss on Revaluation			0.00	0%	0			
2010-2400	Maintenance Expenses			1,613.80	3%	53,000			
2010-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	55,531			
2010-2600	Administration on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
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2010-0002	General Administration	4,494.43	0%	4,115,958	13%	3,021,531	(376,880.53)	-34%	1,094,427
2020-0002	Employee Services								
2020-1940	Oncost recovery	234,134.49	11%	2,200,000					
2020-2010	Superannuation			51,565.28	7%	720,000			
2020-2020	Wet Weather			8,958.70	299%	3,000			
2020-2030	Public Holidays			0.00	0%	360,000			
2020-2040	Sick Leave			20,720.87	7%	310,000			
2020-2050	Long Service Leave			5,580.66	8%	72,000			
2020-2060	Workers Compensation			10,057.27	14%	72,000			
2020-2070	Annual Leave			56,637.86	9%	615,000			
2020-2080	Fringe Benefits Tax			10,571.00	20%	52,000			
2020-2610	Superannuation on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2620	Wet Weather on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2630	Public Holidays on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2640	Sick Leave on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2650	Long Service Leave on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2660	Workers Compensation on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2670	Annual Leave on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
2020-2680	Fringe Benefits Tax on Cost			0.00	0%	0			
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2020-0002	Employee Services	234,134.49	11%	2,200,000	7%	2,204,000	70,042.85	<999%	(4,000)
2030-0002	ICT								
2030-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			8,364.54	7%	119,600			
2030-2100	Operating Expenses			32,694.56	13%	250,000			
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2030-0002	ICT	0.00	0%	0	11%	369,600	(41,059.10)	11%	(369,600)
2040-0002	Broadcasting Services								
2040-2100	Operating Expenses			1,195.22	30%	4,000			
2040-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
2040-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	2,550			
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2040-0002	Broadcasting Services	0.00	0%	0	18%	6,550	(1,195.22)	18%	(6,550)
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2000-0001	Corporate	238,764.36	3%	9,054,958	10%	5,972,681	(348,956.56)	-11%	3,082,277
3000-0001	Community								
3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties								
3000-0003	Staff housing								
3000-1400	Rental Income	10,896.00	8%	140,000					

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		31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025	
3000-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				414.34	5%	8,320		
3000-2100	Operating Expenses				0.00	0%	10,000		
3000-2300	Interest on loans				0.00	0%	85,000		
3000-2400	Maintenance Expenses				1,572.56	1%	150,000		
3000-2500	Depreciation				0.00	0%	102,306		
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3000-0003	Staff housing	10,896.00	8%	140,000	1,986.90	1%	355,626	8,909.10	-4% (215,626)
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3001-0003	Other Residentials								
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3001-0003	Other Residentials	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0
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3002-0003	Savannah House								
3002-1400	Rental Income	325.00	3%	10,000					
3002-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0		
3002-2100	Operating Expenses				0.00	0%	2,000		
3002-2400	Maintenance Expenses				0.00	0%	500		
3002-2500	Depreciation				0.00	0%	26,805		
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3002-0003	Savannah House	325.00	3%	10,000	0.00	0%	29,305	325.00	-2% (19,305)
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3003-0003	Demountable Office (Mary St)								
3003-1400	Rental Income - Commercial	4,000.00	8%	48,000					
3003-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0		
3003-2100	Operating Expenses				0.00	0%	1,000		
3003-2400	Maintenance Expenses				0.00	0%	5,000		
3003-2500	Depreciation				0.00	0%	0		
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3003-0003	Demountable Office (Mary St)	4,000.00	8%	48,000	0.00	0%	6,000	4,000.00	10% 42,000
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3004-0003	Independent Living								
3004-1100	Operating Grants	0.00	0%	0					
3004-1300	Aged Care Fees	0.00	0%	70,000					
3004-1800	Capital Grant	0.00	0%	1,200,000					
3004-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0		
3004-2100	Operating Expenses				0.00	0%	60,000		
3004-2300	Interest on loans				0.00	0%	150,000		
3004-2400	Maintenance Expenses				0.00	0%	10,000		
3004-2500	Depreciation				0.00	0%	0		
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3004-0003	Independent Living	0.00	0%	1,270,000	0.00	0%	220,000	0.00	0% 1,050,000
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3000-0002	Commercial Rental Properties	15,221.00	1%	1,468,000	1,986.90	0%	610,931	13,234.10	2% 857,069
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3010-0002	Libraries								
3010-1100	Operating Grants Library	0.00	0%	6,000					
3010-1300	Library and Internet Fees	0.00	0%	0					
3010-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	2,080		
3010-2100	Operating Expenses				45.45	1%	4,000		
3010-2400	Maintenance Expenses				6.10	0%	7,000		
3010-2500	Depreciation				0.00	0%	17,059		
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3010-0002	Libraries	0.00	0%	6,000	51.55	0%	30,139	(51.55)	0% (24,139)
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3020-0002	Community Development								
3020-1100	Operating Grants Arts Qld RADF	26,250.00	100%	26,250					
3020-1110	Operating Grants - State	0.00	0%	0					
3020-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages				6,064.06	7%	88,400		
3020-2100	Operating Expenses				0.00	0%	25,000		
3020-2146	RADF Expenses				0.00	0%	30,000		
3020-2200	Community Assistance Grants				4,072.66	5%	90,000		

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		----- REVENUE -----		----- EXPENDITURE -----		----- SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY) -----			
		31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget		
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3020-2300	Cultural Heritage Support			0.00	0%	100,000			
3020-0002	Community Development	26,250.00	100%	26,250		10,136.72	3%	333,400	16,113.28 -5% (307,150)
3030-0002	Sport & Recreation								
3030-1200	Donation and Subsidy	0.00	0%	0					
3030-1300	Hire Fees	0.00	0%	1,000					
3030-1800	State Capital Grant NWMP River Walk	0.00	0%	200,000					
3030-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			4,810.03	6%	83,200			
3030-2100	Operating Expenses			936.04	1%	100,000			
3030-2400	Maintenance Expenses			128.50	0%	60,000			
3030-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	253,361			
3030-0002	Sport & Recreation	0.00	0%	201,000		5,874.57	1%	496,561	(5,874.57) 2% (295,561)
3040-0002	Halls								
3040-1300	Hall Hire Fees	217.27	4%	5,000					
3040-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			751.53	4%	20,800			
3040-2100	Operating Expenses			709.00	1%	50,000			
3040-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
3040-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	272,499			
3040-0002	Halls	217.27	4%	5,000		1,460.53	0%	343,299	(1,243.26) 0% (338,299)
3050-0002	Medical Centres								
3050-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			215.43	3%	8,320			
3050-2100	Operating Expenses			95.32	0%	40,000			
3050-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
3050-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	1,236			
3050-0002	Medical Centres	0.00	0%	0		310.75	1%	49,556	(310.75) 1% (49,556)
3060-0002	Aerodromes								
3060-1100	Operating Grants - Commonwealth	0.00	0%	0					
3060-1300	Airport Fees	0.00	0%	0					
3060-1800	RAUP - Capital Grants	0.00	0%	765,000					
3060-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	520			
3060-2100	Operating Expenses			0.00	0%	2,000			
3060-2400	Maintenance Expenses			2,821.86	3%	100,000			
3060-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	197,666			
3060-0002	Aerodromes	0.00	0%	765,000		2,821.86	1%	300,186	(2,821.86) -1% 464,814
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre								
3070-1100	Operating Grant - Library	0.00	0%	23,000					
3070-1110	Operating Grant	0.00	0%	3,000					
3070-1300	Admission Fees	11,461.49	57%	20,000					
3070-1500	Sales	14,277.46	36%	40,000					
3070-1800	Capital Grant - Rec & Resilience	0.00	0%	0					
3070-1950	Commission	0.00	0%	0					
3070-1960	Other Income	786.76	10%	7,500					
3070-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			25,085.47	8%	296,400			
3070-2100	Operating Expenses			1,259.19	2%	75,000			
3070-2148	Cleaning Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
3070-2150	First 5 Forever Expense			0.00	0%	3,000			
3070-2200	Cost of Sales			(18.11)	0%	50,000			
3070-2400	Maintenance Expenses			47.09	0%	60,000			
3070-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	137,588			
3070-0002	Terrestrial Centre	26,525.71	28%	93,500		26,373.64	4%	621,988	152.07 0% (528,488)

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		31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget		
3080-0002	Little Gems Child Care Centre								
3080-1200	State Operating -Child Care Subsidy	0.00	0%	0					
3080-1300	Child Care Fees	12,597.90	9%	138,000					
3080-1900	Sundry Receipts	0.00	0%	1,000					
3080-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			27,792.97	6%	468,000			
3080-2100	Operating Expenses			365.97	2%	15,000			
3080-2148	Cleaning Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
3080-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	17,500			
3080-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	22,860			
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3080-0002	Little Gems Child Care Centre	12,597.90	9%	139,000	28,158.94	5%	523,360	(15,561.04)	4% (384,360)
3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel								
3090-1100	State Operating Grants Hostel	0.00	0%	50,000					
3090-1110	Accommodation Fees & Charges	5,166.00	8%	65,000					
3090-1300	Food Fees and Charges	2,012.73	12%	17,000					
3090-1800	Federal Capital Grant Hostel	0.00	0%	40,000					
3090-1900	Sundry Receipts	0.00	0%	0					
3090-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	468			
3090-2100	Operating Expenses			44,433.87	25%	180,000			
3090-2400	Maintenance Expenses			1,210.11	3%	45,000			
3090-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	56,114			
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3090-0002	Georgetown Student Hostel	7,178.73	4%	172,000	45,643.98	16%	281,582	(38,465.25)	35% (109,582)
3100-0002	Cemeteries								
3100-1300	Burial Fee	0.00	0%	3,000					
3100-1800	Capital Grants	0.00	0%	0					
3100-2100	Operating Expenses			0.00	0%	70,001			
3100-2400	Maintenance Expenses			2,788.07	---	0			
3100-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	0			
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3100-0002	Cemeteries	0.00	0%	3,000	2,788.07	4%	70,001	(2,788.07)	4% (67,001)
3000-0001	Community	87,990.61	3%	2,878,750	125,607.51	3%	3,661,003	(37,616.90)	5% (782,253)
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services								
4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds								
4000-1100	Operating Grants	0.00	0%	0					
4000-1200	Donation and Subsidy Cumberland Dam	1,127.55	56%	2,000					
4000-1800	Capital Grant - State	0.00	0%	0					
4000-2100	Operating Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
4000-2400	Maintenance Expenses			22,338.64	5%	420,000			
4000-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	224,253			
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4000-0002	Parks Gardens Reserves and Grounds	1,127.55	56%	2,000	22,338.64	3%	644,253	(21,211.09)	3% (642,253)
4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection								
4010-1100	Operating Grants	0.00	0%	0					
4010-1300	Agistment Fees	3,322.98	9%	38,000					
4010-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			5,082.49	5%	98,800			
4010-2100	Operating Expenses			1,022.40	6%	18,000			
4010-2152	Precept			0.00	0%	17,000			
4010-2154	Pest Management Control			207.99	0%	45,000			
4010-2156	Wild Dog Scalps			282.80	1%	20,000			
4010-2158	Wild Dog Control			0.00	0%	0			
4010-2160	Common Lease			6,442.44	11%	60,000			
4010-2162	Noxious Weeds			873.47	1%	150,000			
4010-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	30,000			
4010-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	409			

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4010-0002	Rural Lands Protection	3,322.98	9% 38,000	13,911.59	3% 439,209	(10,588.61)	3%	(401,209)	
4020-0002	Street Lighting								
4020-2100	Operating Expenses			0.01	0% 11,000				
4020-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0% 5,000				
4020-2500	Depreciation Roads			0.00	0% 1,834				
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4020-0002	Street Lighting	0.00	0% 0	0.01	0% 17,834	(0.01)	0%	(17,834)	
4030-0002	Roads								
4030-0003	Shire Roads								
4030-1100	FAGS Roads	0.00	0% 1,099,116						
4030-1101	Operating Grants	0.00	0% 0						
4030-1800	Capital Grant - HVSPP Washdown Facil	0.00	0% 1,234,118						
4030-1810	Roads to Recovery (R2R)	0.00	0% 986,126						
4030-1820	TIDS Funding	216,828.00	100% 216,828						
4030-1900	Sundry Receipts	0.00	0% 150						
4030-2430	Maintenance Expenses Shire Roads			93,169.67	8% 1,225,000				
4030-2500	Depreciation Roads			0.00	0% 2,827,162				
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4030-0003	Shire Roads	216,828.00	6% 3,536,338	93,169.67	2% 4,052,162	123,658.33	-24%	(515,824)	
4031-0003	Town Streets								
4031-1100	Operating Grants	0.00	0% 0						
4031-1800	Capital Grants DTMR	0.00	0% 0						
4031-2440	Maintenance Expenses Street			5,958.33	1% 654,542				
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4031-0003	Town Streets	0.00	0% 0	5,958.33	1% 654,542	(5,958.33)	1%	(654,542)	
4032-0003	Flood Damage								
4032-1100	NDRRA Operating Grant	205,066.18	1% 21,092,120						
4032-1800	NDRRA Capital Grant	0.00	0% 0						
4032-2450	Maintenance ExpensesNDRRA			1,110,357.64	6% 20,000,000				
4033-1100	NDRRA Operating Revenue FD Feb 2025	0.00	0% 0						
4033-2450	NDRRA Maint Ex Feb 2025			9,673.89	---% 0				
4034-1100	NDRRA Operating Rev FD March 2025	0.00	0% 0						
4034-2450	FD NDRRA Maint Ex March 2025			1,674.90	---% 0				
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4032-0003	Flood Damage	205,066.18	1% 21,092,120	1,121,706.43	6% 20,000,000	(916,640.25)	-84%	1,092,120	
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4030-0002	Roads	421,894.18	2% 24,628,458	1,220,834.43	5% 24,706,704	(798,940.25)	>999%	(78,246)	
4040-0002	Depot and Stores								
4040-1900	Sundry Receipts	0.00	0% 0						
4040-1950	Stores on Costs	6,245.45	5% 125,000						
4040-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0% 0				
4040-2001	Depot Salaries and Wages			21,129.96	3% 673,920				
4040-2002	Stores Salaries and Wages			8,072.06	9% 88,400				
4040-2100	Operating Expenses			3,899.27	2% 230,000				
4040-2164	Stores Write Offs			512.67	---% 0				
4040-2300	Interest on loans			0.00	0% 0				
4040-2400	Maintenance Expenses			1,715.46	6% 30,000				
4040-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0% 105,934				
4040-2600	Stores on Costs			0.00	0% 0				
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4040-0002	Depot and Stores	6,245.45	5% 125,000	35,329.42	3% 1,128,254	(29,083.97)	3%	(1,003,254)	

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		31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget	31 Jul 2025		Budget
4050-0002	Recoverable Works									
4050-0003	Private Works									
4050-1700	Revenue Private Works - GST	1,562.31	1%	200,000						
4050-1750	Private Works - No GST	1,760.97	9%	20,000						
4050-2166	Expense Private Works				4,245.24	2%	180,000			
4050-0003	Private Works	3,323.28	2%	220,000	4,245.24	2%	180,000	(921.96)	-2%	40,000
4051-0003	DTMR									
4051-1700	Revenue DTMR	0.00	0%	14,716,394						
4051-2168	Expense DTMR				731,870.56	5%	14,716,394			
4051-0003	DTMR	0.00	0%	14,716,394	731,870.56	5%	14,716,394	(731,870.56)	---	0
4050-0002	Recoverable Works	3,323.28	0%	14,936,394	736,115.80	5%	14,896,394	(732,792.52)	<999%	40,000
4060-0002	Plant Operations									
4060-1970	Federal Operating Fuel Rebates	11,996.00	10%	120,000						
4060-1980	Sale of Floating Plant	0.00	0%	0						
4060-1990	Plant Hire Revenue	753,397.64	13%	6,000,000						
4060-2000	Salaries and Wages				13,956.79	4%	387,200			
4060-2100	Operating Expenses				5,432.97	1%	450,000			
4060-2400	Maintenance Expenses				109,509.50	5%	2,000,000			
4060-2450	Floating Plant and Loose Tools				212.35	1%	30,000			
4060-2500	Depreciation Plant & Equipment				0.00	0%	865,823			
4060-0002	Plant Operations	765,393.64	13%	6,120,000	129,111.61	3%	3,733,023	636,282.03	27%	2,386,977
4000-0001	Infrastructure Services	1,201,307.08	3%	45,849,852	2,157,641.50	5%	45,565,671	(956,334.42)	-337%	284,181
5000-0001	Utilities									
5000-0002	Water Supply									
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation									
5000-1000	Water ChargesGeorgetown	0.00	0%	311,000						
5000-1010	Consumption ChargesGeorgetown	0.00	0%	120,000						
5000-1020	Bulk Water Sales Georgetown	0.00	0%	0						
5000-1030	Rates Discount Georgetown	0.00	0%	0						
5000-1040	Pensioner Rebates Georgetown	0.00	0%	0						
5000-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0						
5000-1060	Write-Off Georgetown	0.00	0%	0						
5000-1300	Connection Fees Georgetown	0.00	0%	2,000						
5000-1600	Interest on Arrears Georgetown	71.19	7%	1,000						
5000-1800	Capital Grant Georgetown	0.00	0%	0						
5000-2000	Salaries and Wages				0.00	0%	0			
5000-2100	Operating Expenses Georgetown				30,722.65	7%	435,000			
5000-2178	Write-Off Georgetown				0.00	0%	300			
5000-2180	Rates Discount Georgetown				0.00	0%	38,000			
5000-2182	Pensioner Rebates Georgetown				0.00	0%	11,000			
5000-2184	Concessions and Remissions				0.00	0%	1,000			
5000-2400	Maintenance Expenses Georgetown				0.00	0%	15,000			
5000-2500	Depreciation				0.00	0%	444,609			
5000-0003	Georgetown WTP & Reticulation	71.19	0%	434,000	30,722.65	3%	944,909	(30,651.46)	6%	(510,909)

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		31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget		
5001-0003	Forsayth WTP & Reticulation								
5001-1000	Water ChargesForsayth	0.00	0%	89,000					
5001-1010	Consumption ChargesForsayth	0.00	0%	51,000					
5001-1020	Bulk Water Sales Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					
5001-1030	Rates Discount Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					
5001-1040	Pensioner Rebates Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					
5001-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0					
5001-1060	Write-Off Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					
5001-1300	Connection Fees Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					
5001-1600	Interest on Arrears Forsayth	8.97	4%	200					
5001-1800	Capital Grant Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					
5001-2000	Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	0			
5001-2100	Operating Expenses Forsayth			16,829.16	5%	320,000			
5001-2178	Write-Off Forsayth			0.00	0%	500			
5001-2180	Rates Discount Forsayth			0.00	0%	10,000			
5001-2182	Pensioner Rebates Forsayth			0.00	0%	0			
5001-2184	Concessions and Remissions			0.00	0%	1,500			
5001-2300	Interest on Loans			0.00	0%	0			
5001-2400	Maintenance Expenses Forsayth			0.00	0%	0			
5001-0003	Forsayth WTP & Reticulation	8.97	0%	140,200	16,829.16	5%	332,000	(16,820.19)	9% (191,800)
5002-0003	Charleston Dam								
5002-1800	Capital Grant Charleston Dam	0.00	0%	0					
5002-2100	Operating Expenses Charleston Dam			0.00	0%	90,000			
5002-2400	Maintenance Expenses Charleston Dam			354.47	1%	30,000			
5002-0003	Charleston Dam	0.00	0%	354.47	0%	120,000		(354.47)	0% (120,000)
5000-0002	Water Supply	80.16	0%	574,200	47,906.28	3%	1,396,909	(47,826.12)	6% (822,709)
5010-0002	Waste Management								
5010-0003	Georgetown								
5010-1000	Cleansing Charges	0.00	0%	166,000					
5010-1010	Sanitary Dump Charges	0.00	0%	0					
5010-1030	Rates Discount	0.00	0%	0					
5010-1040	Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0%	0					
5010-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0					
5010-1060	Write-Off	0.00	0%	0					
5010-1600	Interest on Arrears	17.74	4%	400					
5010-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			1,241.01	6%	20,800			
5010-2100	Operating Expenses			1,633.24	4%	40,000			
5010-2170	EPA Licenses			0.00	0%	0			
5010-2172	Refuse Tip Expenses			9,254.46	6%	150,000			
5010-2178	Write-Off			0.00	0%	500			
5010-2180	Rates Discount			0.00	0%	0			
5010-2184	Concessions and Remissions			0.00	0%	0			
5010-2400	Maintenance Expenses			54.29	1%	5,800			
5010-2500	Depreciation			0.00	0%	45,348			
5010-0003	Georgetown	17.74	0%	166,400	12,183.00	5%	262,448	(12,165.26)	13% (96,048)
5011-0003	Forsayth								
5011-1010	Sanitary Dump Charges	0.00	0%	14,700					
5011-1020	Waste Management Charges	0.00	0%	250					
5011-1030	Rates Discount	0.00	0%	0					
5011-1040	Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0%	0					
5011-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0					
5011-1060	Write-Off	0.00	0%	0					
5011-1600	Interest on Arrears	0.84	---	0					
5011-1800	Capital Grant Forsayth	0.00	0%	0					

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)									
		REVENUE		EXPENDITURE		SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)			
		31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget		
5011-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			1,562.89	3%	60,000			
5011-2100	Operating Expenses			703.00	5%	15,000			
5011-2172	Refuse Tip Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
5011-2178	Write-Off			0.00	0%	0			
5011-2180	Rates Discount			0.00	0%	0			
5011-2182	Pensioner Rebates			0.00	0%	0			
5011-2184	Concessions and Remissions			0.00	0%	0			
5011-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	1,000			
5011-0003	Forsayth	0.84	0%	14,950	2,265.89	3%	76,000	(2,265.05)	4% (61,050)
5012-0003	Einasleigh								
5012-1010	Sanitary Dump Charges	0.00	0%	10,500					
5012-1020	Waste Management Charges	0.00	0%	0					
5012-1030	Rates Discount	0.00	0%	0					
5012-1040	Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0%	0					
5012-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0					
5012-1060	Write-Off	0.00	0%	0					
5012-1600	Interest on Arrears	5.18	---	0					
5012-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	312			
5012-2100	Operating Expenses			917.30	5%	18,000			
5012-2172	Refuse Tip Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
5012-2178	Write-Off			0.00	0%	0			
5012-2180	Rates Discount			0.00	0%	0			
5012-2182	Pensioner Rebates			0.00	0%	0			
5012-2184	Concessions and Remissions			0.00	0%	500			
5012-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	100			
5012-0003	Einasleigh	5.18	0%	10,500	917.30	5%	18,912	(912.12)	11% (8,412)
5013-0003	Mt Surprise								
5013-1010	Sanitary Dump Charges	0.00	0%	0					
5013-1020	Waste Management Charges	0.00	0%	11,500					
5013-1030	Rates Discount	0.00	0%	0					
5013-1040	Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0%	0					
5013-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0					
5013-1060	Write-Off	0.00	0%	0					
5013-1600	Interest on Arrears	0.17	0%	500					
5013-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	0			
5013-2100	Operating Expenses			0.00	0%	7,511			
5013-2172	Refuse Tip Expenses			0.00	0%	400			
5013-2178	Write-Off			0.00	0%	0			
5013-2180	Rates Discount			0.00	0%	0			
5013-2182	Pensioner Rebates			0.00	0%	0			
5013-2184	Concessions and Remissions			0.00	0%	800			
5013-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
5013-0003	Mt Surprise	0.17	0%	12,000	0.00	0%	8,711	0.17	0% 3,289
5014-0003	Kidston								
5014-1010	Sanitary Dump Charges	0.00	0%	0					
5014-1020	Waste Management Charges	0.00	0%	0					
5014-1030	Rates Discount	0.00	0%	0					
5014-1040	Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0%	0					
5014-1050	Concessions and Remissions	0.00	0%	0					
5014-1060	Write-Off	0.00	0%	0					
5014-1600	Interest on Arrears	0.00	0%	0					
5014-2000	Staff Salaries and Wages			0.00	0%	0			
5014-2100	Operating Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
5014-2172	Refuse Tip Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
5014-2400	Maintenance Expenses			0.00	0%	0			
5014-0003	Kidston	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0% 0

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Etheridge Shire Council (Budget for full year)									
		----- REVENUE -----		----- EXPENDITURE -----		---- SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY) ----			
		31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget	31 Jul 2025	Budget		
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5010-0002	Waste Management	23.93	0% 203,850	15,366.19	4% 366,071	(15,342.26)	9%	(162,221)	
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
5000-0001	Utilities	104.09	0% 778,050	63,272.47	4% 1,762,980	(63,168.38)	6%	(984,930)	
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE		1,532,486.41	2% 66,147,610	3,089,112.35	5% 59,145,130	(1,556,625.94)	-22%	7,002,480	

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	OPENING	-----	YEAR TO DATE	-----	-----	CURRENT BALANCE	-----
	BALANCE	31 Jul 2025		BUDGET	31 Jul 2025		BUDGET
CURRENT ASSETS							
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0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
0300-0002 CASH AND RECEIVABLES							
0300-3000 Bendigo Cash at Bank	852,563.13	(406,618.40)	-123%	329,843	445,944.73	84%	529,843
0300-3005 Investments	13,839,583.65	(4,574,000.00)	57%	(7,970,363)	9,265,583.65	439%	2,111,122
0300-3006 22108 Ether Reserve CF	290,253.39	0.00	0%	270,000	290,253.39	54%	540,000
0300-3007 22821-2024 ILP and Staff Housing	4,168,116.23	0.00	0%	0	4,168,116.23	---	0
0300-3008 NQRP North Qld Resilience Project	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3020 Cash on Hand	1,500.00	0.00	0%	0	1,500.00	100%	1,500
0300-3030 General Fund Bank Error Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3100 Receivables - Rates	(80,890.97)	(3,521.29)	-4%	81,824	(84,412.26)	-33%	252,364
0300-3110 Rates Receivable Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3120 EOY Receipts-Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3130 Allowance for Impairment - Rates	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3150 Receivables - Govt Subsidy	(89.86)	0.00	0%	0	(89.86)	-10%	870
0300-3200 Receivables - Debtors	947,326.40	(758,114.08)	-114%	667,543	189,212.32	14%	1,367,543
0300-3210 Grants Receivable - Roads	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3230 Receivables - Animals	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3240 Bond Receivable	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3250 Debtors Receivable Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3260 EOY Receipts-Debtors	(645,622.31)	645,622.31	---	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3270 Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	70,206
0300-3280 Allowance for Impairment - Debtors	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3290 Debtors Accrual	203,587.89	(203,587.89)	13%	(1,573,325)	0.00	0%	(618,407)
0300-3300 Stores Inventories	401,363.57	128,965.85	147%	87,863	530,329.42	83%	637,863
0300-3310 House & Land - Held for Resale GST	0.00	0.00	0%	(53,093)	0.00	0%	(53,093)
0300-3320 House & Land -Held for Resale Input	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3330 Store Inventory Accruals	102.70	0.00	0%	0	102.70	-17%	(619)
0300-3335 Accrued Plant	(158,478.74)	158,478.74	---	0	0.00	0%	(108,423)
0300-3340 Store Inventory Impairment Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-3400 Contract Receivable	3,520,330.92	0.00	0%	(4,251,181)	3,520,330.92	-83%	(4,231,065)
0390-3000 Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0300-0002 CASH AND RECEIVABLES TOTAL	23,339,646.00	(5,012,774.76)	40%	(12,410,889)	18,326,871.24	>999%	499,704
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	23,339,646.00	(5,012,774.76)	40%	(12,410,889)	18,326,871.24	>999%	499,704
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	23,339,646.00	(5,012,774.76)	40%	(12,410,889)	18,326,871.24	>999%	499,704

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	OPENING BALANCE	----- 31 Jul 2025	YEAR TO DATE ----- BUDGET	----- 31 Jul 2025	CURRENT BALANCE ----- BUDGET
NON-CURRENT ASSETS =====					
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
0400-4000 Land & Buildings - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0400-4050 WIP - Land & Bldgs - Held for Resale	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0400-4100 Land & Land Improvements	1,799,600.00	0.00	0%	334,000	1,799,600.00 74%
0400-4150 WIP - Land & Land Improvements	25,093.54	0.00	0%	(2,370,575)	25,093.54 -1%
0400-4200 Buildings	44,064,377.69	0.00	0%	8,294,295	44,064,377.69 93%
0400-4210 Accum. Dep. - Buildings	(14,805,838.07)	0.00	0%	(928,219)	(14,805,838.07) 112%
0400-4250 WIP - Buildings	1,260,199.06	1,067.43	0%	(308,540)	1,261,266.49 19%
0400-4255 Growing Regions Project - Tourism SW	211,297.33	49,025.60	---	0	260,322.93 ---%
0400-4300 Other Structures	18,512,980.07	0.00	0%	815,167	18,512,980.07 98%
0400-4310 Accum. Dep. - Other Structures	(6,217,362.49)	0.00	0%	1,529,805	(6,217,362.49) 148%
0400-4350 WIP - Other Structures	1,730,845.65	236,759.63	23%	1,025,248	1,967,605.28 92%
0400-4400 Fleet Plant & Equipment	14,574,088.92	0.00	0%	995,237	14,574,088.92 97%
0400-4410 Accum. Dep - Fleet Plant & Equipment	(5,846,605.71)	0.00	0%	307,969	(5,846,605.71) 114%
0400-4450 WIP - Fleet Plant & Equipment	20,084.57	20,084.57	-1%	(3,015,701)	40,169.14 -2%
0400-4500 Furniture & Other Equipment	2,035,514.29	0.00	0%	24,486	2,035,514.29 99%
0400-4510 Accum. Dep - Furniture & Other Equip	(636,930.38)	0.00	0%	(63,211)	(636,930.38) 100%
0400-4550 WIP - Furniture & Other Equipment	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0400-4600 Roads Infrastructure	246,975,792.50	0.00	0%	(9,921,662)	246,975,792.50 108%
0400-4605 Roads Manual adj	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0400-4610 Accum. Dep. - Roads Infrastructure	(43,452,049.27)	0.00	0%	0	(43,452,049.27) 103%
0400-4650 WIP - Roads Infrastructure	2,525,184.60	11,183.49	0%	5,305,219	2,536,368.09 18%
0400-4700 Water Infrastructure	36,533,893.33	0.00	0%	2,812,914	36,533,893.33 95%
0400-4710 Accum. Dep. - Water Infrastructure	(6,126,349.41)	0.00	0%	(280,243)	(6,126,349.41) 103%
0400-4750 WIP - Water Infrastructure	127,087.52	0.00	0%	(22,397)	127,087.52 46%
0400-4800 Heritage Mineral Collection	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0480-4000 Land Improvements	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0480-4100 Land improvements - Accum Depn	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00 0%
0400-0002 NON-CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL	293,310,903.74	318,120.72	7%	4,533,791	293,629,024.46 98%
0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	293,310,903.74	318,120.72	7%	4,533,791	293,629,024.46 98%
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	293,310,903.74	318,120.72	7%	4,533,791	293,629,024.46 98%
TOTAL ASSETS	316,650,549.74	(4,694,654.04)	60%	(7,877,098)	311,955,895.70 104%

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CURRENT LIABILITIES					
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0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES					
0500-5000 Contract Liability	1,139,682.72	0.00	0% (7,313,079)	1,139,682.72	-15% (7,810,644)
0500-5100 Rates Refund Suspense	702.54	0.00	0%	702.54	<999% (8)
0500-5101 Rates receivable In Advance	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5110 Dishonoured Cheques Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5120 Debtors Refund Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5200 Accounts Payable	114,936.70	206,022.13	-55% (373,614)	320,958.83	>999% 17,908
0500-5210 Accrued Expenses	3,068,593.84	(3,055,270.14)	-229% 1,333,716	13,323.70	0% 3,809,893
0500-5220 Emergency Fire Service Levy	17,780.87	47.40	0%	17,828.27	20% 89,195
0500-5230 Accrued Time-in-Lieu	77,115.07	(5,550.98)	-21% 27,033	71,564.09	117% 61,033
0500-5235 Payroll Accrual	171,836.55	(171,836.55)	---% 0	0.00	0% 89,124
0500-5240 RDO	5,429.16	2,167.60	75% 2,878	7,596.76	129% 5,878
0500-5250 Payroll Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5260 Withholding Tax Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5270 Advance Pay Suspense	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5280 General Suspense	405.36	490.16	-16% (3,100)	895.52	-29% (3,100)
0500-5290 GST Suspense	(318,459.93)	(158,444.76)	---% 0	(476,904.69)	---% 0
0500-5295 Input tax GST Account	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5299 Retentions Current	79,492.87	7,920.15	---% 0	87,413.02	---% 0
0500-5300 Annual Leave Payable	519,299.39	30,846.20	-6% (530,045)	550,145.59	-104% (530,045)
0500-5310 Current LSL Payable	174,070.57	0.03	0%	174,070.60	42% 416,018
0500-5400 Current Loan - Workshop	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5410 Current Loan - Forsayth Water	(20.28)	0.00	0%	(20.28)	0% (6,110)
0500-5411 Current ILU Staff Housing 6M	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
0500-5420 Current Loan - Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
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0500-0002 CURRENT PAYABLES AND LIABILITIES TOTAL	5,050,865.43	(3,143,608.76)	46% (6,769,808)	1,907,256.67	-49% (3,860,858)
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0300-0001 ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	5,050,865.43	(3,143,608.76)	46% (6,769,808)	1,907,256.67	-49% (3,860,858)
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,050,865.43	(3,143,608.76)	46% (6,769,808)	1,907,256.67	-49% (3,860,858)

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		BALANCE	31 Jul 2025	BUDGET	31 Jul 2025	BUDGET
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES						
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0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
0600-0002	LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT					
0600-6300	Non-Current LSL Provision	208,085.31	5,580.66	9%	59,704	213,665.97
0600-6310	Non-Current Annual Leave Provision	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00
0600-6401	622265 2024 ILP and Staff House loan	5,792,864.01	0.00	0%	0	5,792,864.01
0600-6410	Non-Current Loans	3,572.88	0.00	0%	0	3,572.88
0600-6500	Non-Current Landfill - Georgetown	1,278,101.64	0.00	0%	428,047	1,278,101.64
0600-6505	Non Current Landfill Old Georgetown	73,522.00	0.00	0%	0	73,522.00
0600-6506	Non Current Landfill Sanitary pits	63,665.00	0.00	0%	0	63,665.00
0600-6510	Non-Current Landfill - Forsayth	232,082.72	0.00	0%	(238,501)	232,082.72
0600-6520	Non-Current Landfill - Einasleigh	179,580.99	0.00	0%	0	179,580.99
0600-6530	Non-Current Landfill - Mt Surprise	238,675.64	0.00	0%	0	238,675.64
0600-0002	LOANS & LIABILITIES NON-CURRENT TOTAL	8,070,150.19	5,580.66	2%	249,250	8,075,730.85
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	8,070,150.19	5,580.66	2%	249,250	8,075,730.85
	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	8,070,150.19	5,580.66	2%	249,250	8,075,730.85
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,121,015.62	(3,138,028.10)	48%	(6,520,558)	9,982,987.52
	NETT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	303,529,534.12	(1,556,625.94)	115%	(1,356,540)	301,972,908.18

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		OPENING	-----	YEAR TO DATE	-----	-----	CURRENT BALANCE	-----
		BALANCE	31 Jul 2025		BUDGET	31 Jul 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%	(666)	39,500,666.35	100%	39,499,334
0700-7100	Current Surplus	0.00	(1,556,625.94)	-22%	7,002,480	(1,556,625.94)	-22%	7,002,480
0700-7200	Accumulated Surplus	49,341,682.80	0.00	0%	2,811,596	49,341,682.80	79%	62,720,033
0700-7300	Asset Reval Reserve - Roads	158,907,707.47	0.00	0%	(8,654,133)	158,907,707.47	106%	149,819,298
0700-7310	Asset Reval Reserve - Land	2,285,251.28	0.00	0%	852,060	2,285,251.28	77%	2,965,060
0700-7320	Asset Reval Reserve - Buildings	25,805,231.73	0.00	0%	3,444,625	25,805,231.73	113%	22,904,625
0700-7330	Asset Reval Reserve - Water	7,420,590.68	0.00	0%	2,794,465	7,420,590.68	73%	10,214,465
0700-7340	Asset Reval Reserve -Other Structure	10,318,749.35	0.00	0%	2,587,030	10,318,749.35	80%	12,905,030
0700-7350	Asset Reval Reserve-Plant	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7360	Asset Reval Reserve-TERMINERAL	488,854.46	0.00	0%	(854)	488,854.46	100%	487,146
0700-7400	Reserve Recurrent Expenditure Grants	53,502.00	0.00	0%	(53,502)	53,502.00	-100%	(53,502)
0700-7410	Capital Grants Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7420	Plant Replacement Reserve	872,351.00	0.00	0%	(872,351)	872,351.00	-100%	(872,351)
0700-7430	Future Capital Works Reserve	7,448,875.00	0.00	0%	(7,448,875)	7,448,875.00	-100%	(7,448,875)
0700-7440	Capital Works Reserves	1,086,072.00	0.00	0%	(1,086,072)	1,086,072.00	-100%	(1,086,072)
0700-7500	Appn: General Revenue for Capital	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7510	Appn: Profit/Loss on Sale NC Assets	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7520	Appn: Profit/Loss on Land Sales	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7530	Appn: Unfunded Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7540	Appn: Constrained Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7550	Appn: Reserve held Future Recur Exp	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7560	Appn: Capital Grants	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7570	Appn: Plant Replacement Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7580	Appn: Future Capital Works Reserve	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-7590	Appn: Capital Works Reserves	0.00	0.00	0%	0	0.00	0%	0
0700-0002	SHIRE CAPITAL & RESERVES TOTAL	303,529,534.12	(1,556,625.94)	-113%	1,375,803	301,972,908.18	101%	299,056,671
0300-0001	ASSETS LIABILITIES & EQUITY TOTAL	303,529,534.12	(1,556,625.94)	-113%	1,375,803	301,972,908.18	101%	299,056,671
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	303,529,534.12	(1,556,625.94)	-113%	1,375,803	301,972,908.18	101%	299,056,671

Etheridge Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended Jun 30 2026

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 25/26</u>
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3	0	3,089,600
Fees and charges	3	40,643	380,000
Interest Income	3 7	528	818,100
Other income	3	7,394	62,650
Rental Income	3 8	15,221	198,000
Sales revenue	3	18,955	14,976,394
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3 4	244,440	29,633,770
Total recurrent revenue		327,181	49,158,514
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4	216,828	11,732,072
Total capital revenue		216,828	11,732,072
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits		(548,139)	(8,125,130)
Materials and services		(1,538,102)	(39,758,633)
Finance Interest Costs		0	(235,000)
Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E	9	0	(5,769,343)
Total recurrent expenses	6 7	(2,086,240)	(53,888,106)
Net Operating Result		(1,542,232)	7,002,480
Other Expenses			
Total other expenses		0	0
Net Capital result		(1,542,232)	7,002,480
Other comprehensive income			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus		0	7,898,206
Total other comprehensive income for the year		0	7,898,206
WIP Cap Exp			
Total WIP (Tsf to Fin Postn)		0	0
Total comprehensive income for the year		(1,542,232)	14,900,686

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 2026

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 25/26</u>
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	14,174,937	16,741,230
Receivables	12	103,954	2,329,445
Contract Assets		3,520,331	3,520,331
Other Current Assets		0	70,001
Inventories	13	530,732	401,363
		18,329,954	23,062,370
Total current assets	2	18,329,954	23,062,370
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4 7	293,629,024	300,596,400
Total non-current assets	2	293,629,024	300,596,400
TOTAL ASSETS		311,958,979	323,658,770
Current Liabilities			
Payables	17	31,736	3,001,346
Contract Liabilities		1,139,683	112,000
Borrowings	21	(20)	262,544
Provisions	18	724,547	711,974
Total current liabilities		1,895,945	4,087,864
Non-current Liabilities			
Borrowings	21	5,796,437	5,374,986
Provisions	18	2,279,294	2,276,510
Total non-current liabilities		8,075,731	7,651,496
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,971,676	11,739,360
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		301,987,302	311,919,410
Community Equity			
Asset revaluation reserve	25	205,226,385	196,709,837
Shire Capital		39,500,666	43,911,392
Retained surplus/(deficiency)		47,799,451	61,837,381
Reserves		9,460,800	9,460,800
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		301,987,302	311,919,410

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 2026

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>Orig. 25/26</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers		1,105,650	22,308,541
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,225,777)	(51,740,674)
Interest received		748	819,100
Rental income		15,221	198,000
Non-capital grants and contributions		206,194	29,436,520
Borrowing costs		0	(235,000)
Net cash - operating activities	23	(4,897,964)	786,486
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		239,005	11,732,824
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(318,121)	10,047,748
Net cash - from investing activities		(79,115)	21,780,572
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		0	262,544
Net cash flow - financing activities		0	262,544
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(4,977,080)	22,829,603
Add cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		(19,152,016)	(19,152,016)
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	3	14,174,937	16,741,230

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

Item No: 11.3
Subject: Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - 5 August 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 211, Council's Audit Committee met on 5th August 2025. A copy of the meeting minutes are provided as a written report about the matters reviewed at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held 5th August 2025, and note the business resolved therein.

BACKGROUND

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

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

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.
Corporate Outcome No 5.3: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Quote Budget & whether it has been approved or requires amendment

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Audit Committee was constituted under the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 and holds meetings accordingly.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

No consultation Required No consultation with the community is required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

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

Opportunities:

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

Mitigation:

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unconfirmed Audit Committee Meeting Minutes 5th August 2025 [11.3.1]



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON TUESDAY, 5th AUGUST 2025
COMMENCING AT 2.00PM

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST 2025 COMMENCING AT 2.00PM**

ATTENDANCE

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

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services (via Teams)
Mr Laurie Hawker, Finance Manager
Mrs Jillian Andersen, Executive Assistant to the CEO

OBSERVERS

Mr James Gaustad, BDO (via Teams)
Mrs Tracey Townsend, Pacifica (via Teams)
Ms Jenisa Lau QAO (via Teams)
Ms Elise Wallace, Australis Asset Advisory Group (via Teams)

1. WELCOME

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 2.00 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies: Mr. Carlos Cortes (Pacifica) and Mr. William Cunningham (QAO)

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – 17th June 2025

RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held at Georgetown on 17th June 2025 be confirmed.

MOVED: Jason Ritchie

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There was no business arising mentioned for comment.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

5.1 Internal Audit Plan FY2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FY2026 Internal Audit Plan has been received and includes the meta data review of prior year recommendations and actions required.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the FY2026 Internal Audit Plan as presented, subject to confirmation of estimated days being in line with budget.

MOVED: Jason Ritchie

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

ACTION: Renee Bester to confirm that the estimated days for 2026 are in line with budget.

5.2 Internal Audit Progress Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Internal Audit Progress Report has been received to report on Councils progress towards achieving the FY2026 Internal Audit Plan.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the Internal Audit Progress Report as presented.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Jason Ritchie

CARRIED
3/0

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

6.1 2025 Audit Committee Briefing Paper

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BDO together with QAO table their Briefing Paper for the Committee's consideration which includes the current status of audit focus areas, the financial statement preparation maturity model and forward workplan.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the 2025 Audit Committee Briefing Paper (Item 6.1), the 2025 External Audit Plan for the period ended 30th June 2026 (Item 6.2) and the 2025 External Audit Interim Report (Item 6.3) as presented.

MOVED: Mayor Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

6.2 2025 External Audit Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received and accepted BDO's proposed 2025 External Audit Plan. The External Audit Plan's purpose was to seek BDO's opinions on the 2025 financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement.

This item was included within the resolution for Item 6.1

ACTION – Jenisa Lau to confirm whether the 7% increase in QAO fees was in line with other Councils.

JR: Suggest Delegation/Procurement Policies are provided to the Audit Committee for review prior to implementation.

JR: Suggest reviewing whether the investment of time and money in response to the handling of cash at the Visitor Information Centre is required.

6.3 2025 External Audit Interim Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council's 2025 Interim Audit Report was prepared by BDO Partner, James Gaustad and was received 29th July 2025.

The interim report includes the results of the interim audit visit conducted the week beginning 7th July 2025, the status of prior year issues and significant deficiencies and deficiencies raised for the current year.

This item was included within the resolution for Item 6.1

Jenisa Lau left the meeting at 2.40pm

6.4 FY24/25 Asset Revaluation Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A comprehensive revaluation of Buildings and Land assets was completed recently in addition to a desktop indexation of the Water, Other Structures and Road Assets. The valuations and indexations were prepared for Financial Reporting purposes in accordance with Australian Accounting standards as of 30th June 2025.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the report and note the contents therein.

MOVED: Mayor Hughes

SECONDED: Jason Ritchie

CARRIED
3/0

6.5 Road Flood Damage Interim Adjustment FY24/25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council's roads networks were damaged during two declared major flood events between December 2024 and March 2025. Flood affected road damage is usually accurately estimated following a wet season by Council's contract Project Manager for flood damage assessments who then process the information and make a claim to the NDRRA for the damage. During 2025 the contract for project management was being put out to tender and the work had not been completed. Council staff in conjunction with BDO Audit team members decided an interim flood damage adjustment should be conducted internally to estimate the amount of the damage to Council road assets so that an estimation could be applied for the 2024-2025 Financial Reports.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the report and note the contents therein.

MOVED: Jason Ritchie

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

Elise Wallace left the meeting at 2.50pm

7. FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR TO DATE

7.1 Financial Report – Year to date 30th June 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 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 a practicable to the end of the month before the meeting held.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the report and note the contents therein.

MOVED: Mayor Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
3/0

8. CEO/DCS UPDATE

8.1 CEO Update

The CEO provided the following verbal update:

1. Inaugural Workplace Health & Safety Committee meeting held with the Terms of Reference adopted and quarterly meetings scheduled.
2. HR Update – recruitment through agencies is due to lack of staff living within the region.

RESOLUTION

That the Audit Committee receive the verbal CEO update and DCS report provided.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Jason Ritchie

CARRIED
3/0

8.2 DCS Update

The DCS tabled their update to the Committee and the report tabled included the following:

1. Audit Committee Workplan Update
2. External Audit Actions Register
3. Internal Audit Actions Register
4. Governance Improvement Action Plan

ACTION: Include the Audit Committee Workplan Update as an agenda item at the start of the meeting. Include summary in report to include closed out or new items in the action registers.

9. CLOSED MEETING WITH AUDIT PRACTITIONERS

Not required.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Cr Royes – raised the matter of legal updates to the Audit Committee and what this consisted of. Cr Royes has concerns about reporting to Councillors of the outcome of external and internal Investigations, the process involved and what is required to be reported to Councillors. The Chief Executive Officer responded and comments were requested from Jason Ritchie and James Gaustad.

Jason Ritchie left the meeting at 3.09pm.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.10pm. These minutes will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mayor Barry Hughes

MAYOR

Item No: 11.4
Subject: RADF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Classification: Open
Author: Caroline Steele, Community Development and Events Officer
Authorised By: Renee Bester (Director of Corporate Services),
Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Round 1 of the 2025/26 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Community Funding Program closed on 30 June 2025 with no applications received by the closing date. Two late applications were subsequently submitted. The scheduled RADF Committee meeting on 28 July 2025 failed to form a quorum, so an email poll was conducted to confirm previous minutes, consider funding recommendations for Round 1, and determine whether to advertise Round 2 of the program. This report seeks Council's endorsement of the Committee's recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to endorse the recommendations of the RADF Advisory Committee, as determined via email poll, to:

1. Receive the minutes of the previous RADF Committee meeting as a true and correct record.
 2. Approve funding for the two late applications for Round 1 of the 2025/26 Community Funds, applying an approximate 16% reduction to requested amounts to align total allocations with the \$12,000 budget.
 3. Advertise Round 2 of the Community Funding Program, opening 1 October 2025 and closing 30 November 2025.
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BACKGROUND

Council's RADF Advisory Committee opened Round 1 of the 2025/26 Community Funds, with \$12,000 available for distribution, on 26 May 2025 and closed the round on 30 June 2025. No applications were received by the closing date. Two late applications were subsequently received, requesting a combined total of \$14,209. To align with the available budget and ensure fairness, the Committee recommended applying an approximate 16% reduction to each request, enabling total allocations to remain within the \$12,000 limit.

Applicants will be able to recover any shortfall from participants if required.

The RADF Committee meeting scheduled for 28 July 2025 failed to form a quorum. Consequently, an email poll was conducted to allow the Committee to vote on three matters:

1. Confirmation of the previous meeting's minutes as a true and correct record (all in favour).
2. Recommendation to Council to grant funding to the two late applicants (vote 4/6 and 6/6).
3. Recommendation to advertise Round 2 of the Community Funding Program, with applications open from 1 October 2025 to 30 November 2025 (all in favour).

Six responses were received, therefore quorum was made and all matters were voted on out of 6.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Recommendations are within RADF Budget limitations.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

No consultation Required No consultation with the community is required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

ATTACHMENTS

1. 20250422 Unconfirmed Minutes - RADF - April 2025 [11.4.1]
2. Poll Results 20250820 [11.4.2]

Agenda General Meeting - Wednesday 20 August 2025
Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 22nd 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 a information session to help committee members understand the processes around RADF Funding.

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 10th 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 26th May 2025 and close on the 30th June 2025.

MOVED: Kelly Bethel

SECONDED: Gill Sheahan

CARRIED: 5:0

GENERAL BUSINESS

Agenda General Meeting - Wednesday 20 August 2025

- 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

4th July 2025 – 9.00 am in Council Chambers

MEETING CLOSURE

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

Agenda General Meeting - Wednesday 20 August 2025

Id	Start time	Completion time	Email	That the	That the RADF committee recommend that the following recipients are granted the stated amount fro	Recomr
1	7/30/2025 11:15	7/30/2025 11:22	anonymous	Yes	Rebecca Wilkie - Mosaic Workshops - \$4248;Rebekah Haase - Photography Workshop - \$7752;	Yes
2	7/30/2025 11:51	7/30/2025 11:51	anonymous	Yes	Rebecca Wilkie - Mosaic Workshops - \$4248;Rebekah Haase - Photography Workshop - \$7752;	Yes
3	7/30/2025 15:47	7/30/2025 15:47	anonymous	Yes	Rebecca Wilkie - Mosaic Workshops - \$4248;Rebekah Haase - Photography Workshop - \$7752;	Yes
4	8/1/2025 14:49	8/1/2025 14:49	anonymous	Yes	Rebekah Haase - Photography Workshop - \$7752;	Yes
5	8/4/2025 8:40	8/4/2025 8:40	anonymous	Yes	Rebecca Wilkie - Mosaic Workshops - \$4248;Rebekah Haase - Photography Workshop - \$7752;	Yes
6	8/4/2025 10:13	8/4/2025 10:14	anonymous	Yes	Rebekah Haase - Photography Workshop - \$7752;	Yes

Item No: 11.5
Subject: Internal Audit FY2026 Plan and Progress Report
Classification: Open
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received the proposed 2025 Internal Audit Plan and the Internal Audit Progress Report. The Internal Audit Plan's purpose was to conduct a meta review of previous years audit findings to assess the status and effectiveness of actions. Council and Pacifica have currently completed milestone 2 out of 5 for the financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to receive the following and note the contents there in:

1. 2025 Internal Audit Plan for the period ended 30 June 2026
 2. Internal Audit Progress Report
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BACKGROUND

The Internal Audit function represents an integral part of ESC's governance framework and is used to ensure the organisations processes are working effectively. Council has a legislated requirement to have an internal audit function that assesses and evaluates the control measures that the organisation has in place.

The FY2026 Plan includes a review of previous years audit findings and how Council have implemented recommendations. Council and Pacifica have completed milestone 1 (Project planning and scope development) and milestone 2 (preliminary meetings held and scope approved).

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.
Corporate Outcome No 5.3: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Council has made a budget allocation for Internal Audit Fees.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

No consultation Required No consultation with the community is required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

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

Mitigation:

1. Implement risk management systems & audit functions

ATTACHMENTS

1. F Y 2026 Internal Audit Plan for the Period Ended 30 June 2026 [**11.5.1**]
2. Internal Audit Progress Report [**11.5.2**]

CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

FY2026 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

JULY 2025

[FOR ENDORSEMENT]





3. Summary of Internal Audit effort – Annual Internal Audit Plan

The Internal Audit activity will comprise the following components:

Internal audit activity – By Type	Description of activity	ESTIMATE - TOTAL DAYS
		FY2026
Designated Project Reviews: Validation of implementation of previous Internal Audit findings [Reports]	This Internal Audit Plan sets out the designated Internal Audit projects to be undertaken in each year. The specific projects chosen to be performed each year reflect the areas of highest interest to Management. These are detailed in Section 3.1. For FY2026 Council has selected validation of the implementation status of Management actions in response to findings raised in previous Audits. [Meta Review of Previous Years' Audit Findings / Recommendations - Internal Audit focus]	10 - 12
Financial Performance and Sustainability	Periodically (monthly or quarterly) examine reports and practices to ensure the reported results accurately reflect the true performance and position of the Council. The work will examine financial state; alert management to risks that require attention; and recommend corrective action.	If required
Probity Advisory & Assurance Services over Large-scale Procurement	Large-scale procurement can carry significant risks to Council. At times, an external independent Probity Advisor may benefit Council to mitigate some of the risks and ensure compliance. Pacifica has an independent Probity Advisory Service available to Council. Our tailored approach covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Fairness and impartiality▪ Confidentiality and security of information and materials▪ Accountability and transparency of process▪ Effective management of conflicts of interest.	If required
Ad hoc Projects	Hot topics are small reviews or investigations into specific activities/areas that are carried out as “Flash Reports”.	If required
Internal Audit Planning and Coordination	The following activities are required to deliver an effective, integrated and credible Internal Audit function at Etheridge Shire Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Formation of the Strategic Internal Audit Plan and Annual Internal Audit Plans in accordance with the Professional Standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors.▪ Preparation for and attendance at (in person or teleconference) Audit Committee Meetings, including Internal Audit Status Reporting to ensure compliance with LGR2012.▪ Liaison with External Auditors and/or third-party assurance providers where appropriate.▪ Meetings with Internal Audit Sponsor or Executive Management as required.	3 - 4
Total Days – Summary of proposed Internal Audit activity		13 - 16

3.1 Proposed projects – FY2026 Annual Internal Audit Plan



The following table represents the project area/s that management and Internal Audit support for delivery in this Internal Audit Plan. For each project, we have included an estimate of the number of days to complete.

INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY – PROJECT WORK		
PROJECT NAME	PROJECT OVERVIEW	Proposed Days
1. Meta Review of Previous Years’ Audit Findings/Recommendations	The objective of this review is to assess the status and effectiveness of management’s actions in response to previously reported internal (and, if relevant and budget allows, certain external audit) observations and recommendations/action plan.	10 - 12
Proposed level of Internal Audit effort – days (Project Days only)		10 - 12

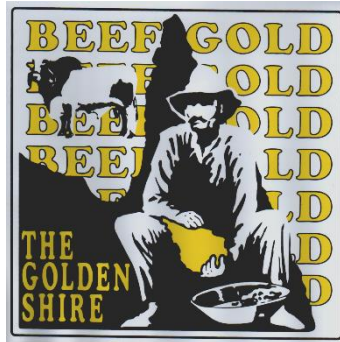
3.2 Alternative Audit Projects (Available for Substitution)

Several alternative projects were considered in developing the above Internal Audit plan. When prioritised the following projects were considered relevant but not as high a priority as the projects selected above. These projects have been captured below as potential substitutable projects if Council wishes to change the direction of the Plan or other risks emerge requiring Internal Audit attention:

- Review of Grants & Subsidies – Grant management practices [Application through to acquittal]
- Works Program Budget Development (Capital & Maintenance budgets)
- Council-run and/or owned enterprises and community service obligations
- Property and Rating – Completeness of revenue
- Asset Management and Asset Accounting
- Fraud and Ethical Conduct Assessment

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

JULY 2025

Distribution

For information:

Audit Committee Members

Chief Executive Officer [Internal Audit Sponsor]

Executive Team



1. Background

The Internal Audit function represents an integral part of Etheridge Shire Council's (Council) governance framework. It is designed to provide the organisation's stakeholders with assurance that business processes are operating appropriately and effectively.

The Internal Audit function is legislatively required to assess and evaluate the control measures the organisation has adopted, or plans to adopt, to manage the operational risks to which the Local Government operations are exposed.

In accordance with Section 207 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Local Government is required to assess compliance with the Annual Internal Audit Plan. To do this Etheridge Shire Council is required to provide its Audit Committee with a status report on Internal Audit work performed and work to be undertaken.

This Internal Audit Progress Report presents an overview of the work performed by Internal Audit to 31 July 2025.

2. Progress of Internal Audit activity to 31 July 2025

The following represents an overview of the status of Internal Audit activity.

2.1 Final reports Issued

- FY2026 Annual Internal Audit Plan – for endorsement

2.2 Draft reports in progress or presented to Management

- Nil

2.3 Fieldwork planned or underway

- Nil

3. Annual Internal Audit Plan

The following five project milestones have been established to track and report internal audit progress to the Audit Committee. The five project milestones are:

1. Project planning and scope development underway
2. Preliminary meeting(s) held / project scope approved
3. Fieldwork underway
4. Draft report in progress or presented to Management
5. Final report issued and considered by Audit Committee

3.1 FY2026 Annual Internal Audit Plan

No.	Project	Status	Project Milestones				
			1	2	3	4	5
1.	Meta Review of Previous Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations – Internal Audit focus	Project Scope approved 29 July 2025. Project to be scheduled.					

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Item No: 11.6
Subject: External Audit FY2026 Plan and Interim Report
Classification: Open
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council received the proposed 2025 External Audit Plan and the Interim Audit Report for the preliminary work completed to the week beginning 7th July 2025. The External Audit Plan's purpose was to seek BDO's opinions on the 2025 financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement. The interim report includes the results of the interim audit visit, the status of prior year issues, significant deficiencies and deficiencies raised for the current year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to receive the following and note the contents there in:

1. 2025 External Audit Plan for the period ended 30 June 2026; and
 2. 2025 External Audit Interim Report.
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BACKGROUND

Council have received the FY2026 Audit Plan, which was also presented to Council's Audit Committee on the 5th August 2025. The Audit Plan outlines how Council, BDO & QAO plan to undertake and fulfil Council's audit requirements.

Financial reporting risks and areas of audit focus include (1) valuation of property, plant and equipment, (2) accounting for impact of severe weather events, (3) recognition of grant revenue, and contract assets and liabilities, (4) occurrence and validity of expenditure, and (5) valuation of landfill rehabilitation provision.

Council's Audit Committee received the Interim Audit Report for review. Furthermore, the interim report is tabled at the August General Meeting of Council as per requirements under the section 213 of the Local Government Regulations 2012.

It should be noted that there was 1 significant deficiency identified, and a further 5 deficiencies raised, and Council are working toward developing and implementing the required processes to resolve these. Furthermore, there are still 3 unresolved deficiencies from prior years.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 5: Best practice corporate governance and organisational excellence.
Corporate Outcome No 5.3: Council provides community leadership through financial sustainability and an open and accountable governance structure.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Council has made a budget allocation for External Audit Fees.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

No consultation Required No consultation with the community is required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

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

Mitigation:

3. Implement risk management systems & audit functions

ATTACHMENTS

1. External Audit Plan 2025 [**11.6.1**]
2. External Audit Interim Report 2025 [**11.6.2**]



2025 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

Etheridge Shire Council

30 June 2025

Mr Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council
41 St George Street
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Dear Mr Watt

2025 External audit plan

We are pleased to present our external audit plan for Etheridge Shire Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

The purpose of our audit is to express opinions on the 2025 financial statements and current year financial sustainability statement.

Our audit does not guarantee that every amount and disclosure in the financial statements is free from error – our aim is to identify material errors and omissions. We target the areas that have the highest risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error. The expected cost for the 2024–25 audit is \$102,750.

Financial reporting risks and areas of audit focus

Valuation of property, plant and equipment – Largest balance in the financial statements, significant judgements required, potential increase in underlying costs, and potentially material impacts of a severe wet season.

Accounting for impact of severe weather events – Accounting for the impact to infrastructure assets and the costs of restoration or replacement requires consideration, and can vary depending on the extent of the damage, and status of any repairs at reporting date. There are still some flood damaged assets for which the damage has not yet been quantified.

Recognition of grant revenue, and contract assets and liabilities – Material grant funding received, judgement required in timing of revenue recognition, delays in completing grant acquittal reporting, errors identified in prior years.

Occurrence and validity of expenditure – Material costs incurred, increases in costs of goods and services, control deficiencies raised in prior years.

Valuation of landfill rehabilitation provision – Financial statement area with significant judgment and material estimates.

Key audit and financial reporting milestones

25 July	Interim management letter to be issued
31 July	Asset revaluations and flood damage assessment due to audit
1 September	Draft financial statements and supporting workpapers to audit
3 October	Closing report due
10 October	Financial statements signed by management and audit report issued

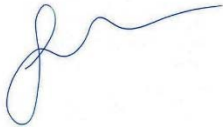
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During the 2024–25-year, Queensland government public sector entities will need to start considering the future impacts of climate-related financial disclosures, and having information assured by the Auditor-General. Your entity is outside of the scope for mandatory reporting but may wish to consider the benefits of voluntarily reporting climate-related disclosures.

Local governments will need to consider the costs and benefits of voluntarily applying the AASB S1 and/or AASB S2 standards.

We look forward to working with you and collaborating to ensure a value-adding and efficient audit experience. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the plan, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4046 0090.

Yours sincerely



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cc. Councillor Barry Hughes, Mayor and Chair of the Audit Committee

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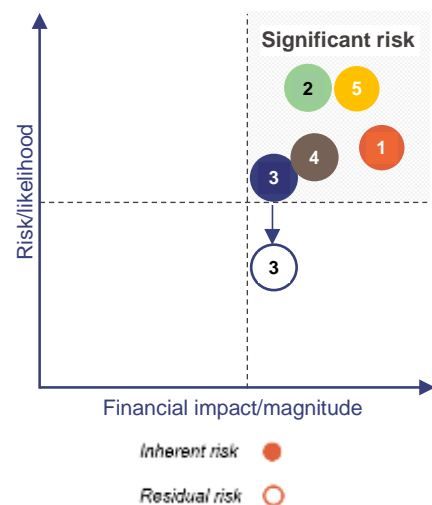
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1. Areas of audit focus

Our external audit plan identified items that present the greatest risk of material error to the financial statements.

This chart displays our assessment of inherent risk, and residual risk, for the identified areas of audit focus. Inherent risk is the risk the item will be misstated without the existence of appropriate internal controls. Residual risk is our assessment of risk after considering the existence of key controls. We assess these risks in terms of both likelihood and the financial impact (magnitude).

Our planned audit response is outlined in the table below.



Risk	Description	Audit response
1	<p>Valuation of property, plant and equipment</p> <p>Valuations contain significant judgements and assumptions. A combination of desktop and comprehensive valuations are due to be performed this year.</p> <p>We understand there has been significant wet season damage to the roads asset class, which is subject to a comprehensive valuation this year.</p> <p>Given the quantum of the balance and qualitative risk factors outlined above, it is considered to carry a significant risk.</p>	<p>We will obtain the desktop and comprehensive valuation reports and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the competency of people involved with performing and reviewing the revaluations. Review managements own assessment of the assumptions used. Assess whether the selection of indices, or application of unit rates are appropriate for the class of assets and have been applied to all assets in each class. Ensure that critical assumptions and inputs within the valuation methodology can be supported with sufficient appropriate evidence. Consider accuracy of data provided to valuers. Check arithmetical accuracy of calculations. Assess whether a significant movement from the previous valuation is an indicator either of impairment or that asset values were materially misstated. Review the accounting treatment of any wet season damage to assets.

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Risk	Description	Audit response
2	<p>Recognition of grant revenue, and contract assets and liabilities</p> <p>Council has various grant funded projects, a number of these are not completed in the same financial year as the funding is received. Judgements are applied in determining the timing and amount of revenue to be recognised. Audit differences were identified in prior year; however, we understand that additional resources have been engaged this year to assist with accounting for grants.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review grant agreements to determine recognition in accordance with AASB 15 or AASB 1058. Review client grants register, and agree revenue, contract assets and contract liabilities to the general ledger. Test a sample of capital grants, reviewing supporting documentation to ensure amounts are appropriately recorded in accordance with AASB 1058. Test reconciliation of capital grant, contract liabilities and work in progress additions. Review the relationship between grant recognition and the completion status of projects.
3	<p>Occurrence and validity of expenditure</p> <p>Council is responsible for the management of large amounts of public funds. There is a risk that expenditure is not a valid business expense and that legislative requirements for medium and large transactions are not adhered to, resulting in non-compliance with the Local Government Act and associated regulations.</p> <p>We had also raised a significant deficiency in the prior year audit regarding the EBA being out of date, and the risk that state wage increases are not being appropriately factored into employee contracts, which could ultimately result in employees being underpaid.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Council's procurement policy against legislative requirements. Assess approval of expenditure in line with financial delegations. Review credit card transactions. Carry out analytical reviews of payroll costs and other expenditure. Assess the design, implementation, and operating effectiveness of controls over initiation, processing, approval and payment of purchases and payroll expenses. Review vendor and employee Masterfile changes controls. Review a sample of large and medium transactions to ensure appropriate procurement processes are adhered to as required by the legislation. Review a sample of new and terminated employees. Review recognition and disclosure of payments to key management personnel. Compare pay rates of a sample of employees against state wage case increases.
4	<p>Valuation of landfill provisions</p> <p>The calculation of landfill provisions is reliant on key estimates and inputs determined and applied by management. As this is an area where management can exercise judgment, it requires special audit attention.</p>	<p>We will obtain the provision calculations and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the independence and competency of the people involved in performing and reviewing the calculations. Assess whether the estimated future costs are reasonable and based on appropriate observable and unobservable inputs. Recalculate the net present value of the future cash flow obligations. Assess whether the obligations factored into the provision calculation are consistent with the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> requirements.

Risk	Description	Audit response
5	<p>Accounting for impact of severe weather events</p> <p>Accounting for the impact to infrastructure assets and the costs of restoration or replacement requires consideration and can vary depending on the extent of the damage and the status of any repairs at reporting date. There is a risk that management have not correctly treated any assets that are damaged to the point where they can no longer deliver services to the community, and a further risk that treatment of costs is not appropriate where repairs have begun but are not complete by reporting date.</p> <p>We note that at the date of this letter, formal assessment of the extent of flood damage to some assets has not yet taken place, so there is a particular risk that accounting for these assets could be incorrect.</p>	<p>We will obtain management's assessment of assets damaged during severe events and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the listing for completeness including discussions with council engineering and operational staff. • Confirm that management have derecognised any assets that can no longer provide service. • For damaged but repairable assets, review management's assessment as to whether repair costs should be capitalised or expensed. • For any capitalised expenditure, ensure that a corresponding portion of the existing asset is written down. • Consider the impact on the fair value of assets at reporting date. • Consider the impact on financial sustainability ratios.

Management override of controls

Management override of controls is a presumed significant risk under auditing standards and is a pervasive risk to the financial statements.

Our strategy will be a combination of controls and substantive-based testing and includes:

- Evaluating and testing key controls over manual journals and the extent of segregation of duties
- Reviewing material accounting estimates and one-off items for management bias
- Assessing transactions with related parties to ensure all occur at arm's length
- Reviewing budget monitoring, including budget contingency and reporting process to manage project costs
- Applying a data-driven approach to journal entry testing.

We will also build an element of unpredictability into our procedures, meaning management will not be aware of all procedures prior to their execution.

Review of information systems

The increased sophistication and integration of information technology (IT) systems that entities use for financial reporting prompted the AUASB to revise the auditing standards, effective from 15 December 2023. The revision aimed to ensure the financial auditor has the appropriate understanding of the risk of material misstatement arising in the IT systems, and can develop the appropriate audit response.

Audit response

Our audit response focuses on the risk of material misstatement due to fraud or error occurring from risks in the information system. In response to these risks, we will assess relevant general information technology controls over key systems, their relevant underlying infrastructures, and information technology application controls. We continue to refine our approach in response to expectations from regulators and the experiences of other organisations.

We have identified PCS as the key system relevant to your financial reporting. Our procedures will include a review of the processes and controls in place to:

- Request, develop, test, and approve changes to key systems
- Manage and secure access to the systems, including to manage system parameters, grant or revoke access, and restrict and monitor usage of high-privileged access
- Manage users with privileged access and monitor their activities

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- Maintain the integrity of the data processed and stored in the systems, including through maintaining backups and managing background system processing
- Support the financial statement process such as workflows, financial delegations, and interfaces.

We will perform our review through discussions with relevant stakeholders, observations, document inspections, and data reviews.

As our approach evolves, we encourage management to reassess these systems and controls to support effective operations and resilience to cyber-attacks. A proactive approach to managing these risks will help to minimise the number of findings, the impact on our wider audit approach, and the risk of an attack causing extensive disruptions.

The implications of a cyber-attack on an audit

We continue to see frequent complex and sophisticated cyber-attacks on our clients. Entities must continually assess cyber risk vulnerabilities and exposures with appropriate oversight and reporting to those charged with governance.

If your entity experiences a cyber-attack up until the date of signing the management certificate, those charged with governance will need to consider whether it is quantitatively or qualitatively material and the implications for the financial statements.

AASB Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgements* provides entities with guidance on making materiality judgements when preparing general purpose financial statements. AUASB Bulletin *The Consideration of Cyber Security Risks in an Audit of a Financial Report* provides some examples of direct and indirect impacts of a cyber security event on financial statements. If a cyber security incident occurs, we will evaluate the impact and may need to adjust our risk assessments, materiality levels, and response procedures.

Materiality

We use materiality to determine the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures for our audit, and to evaluate misstatements. We design our procedures to detect misstatements using the performance materiality level and we report those items that are above the clearly trivial threshold to the audit committee.

Some items are material by their nature; thus, we will consider qualitative factors. We assess these thresholds throughout the audit – they may change if the underlying benchmark or our risk assessments change significantly. Our planning materiality thresholds are disclosed below.

Overall materiality	\$480,000	2024: \$467,000
Performance materiality	\$330,000	2024: \$327,000
Clearly trivial threshold	\$24,000	2024: \$23,000
Specific – property, plant and equipment¹	\$14,500,000	2024: \$14,000,000
Specific clearly trivial threshold	\$1,450,000	2024: \$1,400,000

Note: ¹ Specific materiality is only applicable to the valuation of property, plant and equipment measured under the revaluation model and to the associated asset revaluation surplus balances.

Benchmarks

We have assessed materiality, considering a range of benchmarks. Based on our preliminary assessment of the risks, consistent with the prior period, we have used 1% of total budgeted expenditure as our benchmark for overall materiality.

We have used 5% of the budgeted property, plant and equipment balances for the specific materiality.

Financial sustainability

For the current year financial sustainability statement, we will assess materiality on a mix of qualitative and quantitative factors, including the percentage deviation from the target range.

2. Other considerations

As part of our audit, we may also consider your accountability for the use of public moneys, which includes:

- Compliance with relevant acts, regulations, government policies, and prescribed requirements
- Acts or omissions resulting in a waste of public resources
- The probity and propriety of matters associated with the management of your entity.

Commonwealth certificates

Each year, we are required under the relevant legislation and Commonwealth Government funding arrangement to provide an audit opinion on the following grants:

Grant acquittal	Basis for audit
Roads to Recovery	Part 8 <i>National Land Transport Act 2014</i> Sub section 12(3) <i>National Land Transport (Roads to Recovery Conditions) Determination 2024</i>
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	Section 4 <i>National Land Transport Act 2014</i> <i>Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Guidelines (Phases 3 and 4)</i>

Financial sustainability reports

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works implemented a sustainability framework in 2024, which Councils must report under. The department's framework is available on its website [here](#) and the guide is available [here](#).

The framework categorises councils into tiers and requires variable reporting and benchmarking depending on the tier. Your Council is in tier 7 and is required to report against the following eight metrics. Councils must report the figures on a 5-year rolling basis as well as a single year result. We will audit measures 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9.

#	Type	Measure	Rationale
1	Financial capacity	Council controlled revenue ratio ¹	Capacity to generate revenue internally
2	Financial capacity	Population growth ratio ¹	Population growth/decline pressures on council
3	Operating performance	Operating surplus ratio	Holistic overview of council operating performance
4	Operating performance	Operating cash ratio	Cash operating performance (less depreciation and other non-cash items)
5	Liquidity	Unrestricted cash expense cover ratio	Unconstrained liquidity available to council
6	Asset management	Asset sustainability ratio	Capital renewals program performance
7	Asset management	Asset consumption funding ratio	Extent to which assets are being consumed
9	Debt servicing capacity	Leverage ratio	Ability to repay existing debt

Note: 1 These ratios are for contextual purpose only and we will not be providing an audit opinion on these ratios.

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works: Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline.

Working with internal audit

We will engage with internal audit to understand if there are any impacts on our audit through its reviews.

Management responsibilities

Our audit does not relieve management from its responsibilities to:

- Prepare financial statements in accordance with the applicable reporting framework
- Develop internal controls to prepare financial statements free from material misstatement
- Comply with prescribed legislative requirements
- Provide our auditors full and free access to all documents and property of your entity.

Our independence

We have assessed our audit team for independence in accordance with QAO policy, including compliance with APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*. We believe we are independent and will maintain that independence throughout the audit. We will advise you should our assessment change.

3. Assessing internal controls and process

We are developing assessment tools that will help us better communicate with our clients about the strength of their internal controls, and the areas they can improve. These tools focus on common controls across government entities. Further information on our tools is in our fact sheet: www.qao.qld.gov.au/reports-resources/fact-sheets.

Financial statement preparation maturity model

This year, we will be re-assessing your financial statement preparation maturity using our revised maturity model. We enhanced our financial statement maturity model to:

- Provide more guidance on how to complete it
- Refine the wording to help users understand specific questions
- Add more detail of what higher levels of maturity look like
- Link to other relevant QAO resources, such as our reports to parliament, blogs, and better practice tools.

We will discuss our assessment with management and report the results in our Closing report. We may also include the results in our annual report to parliament on the results of financial audits.

The model outlines the key components that result in high-quality and timely financial reports, providing a maturity assessment for each of the 4 components. It aims to highlight strengths and bring focus to areas of development so entities can reach their desired maturity.

The maturity model is available on our website: www.qao.qld.gov.au/reports-resources/better-practice/financial-statement-preparation-maturity-model-self-assessment.

4. Key financial audit milestones

We have discussed with Laurie Hawker, Finance Manager, to establish the following key reporting deadlines. Strong collaboration will ensure that these deliverables are mutually achievable.

During the outlined audit visit dates below, we have agreed to work on-site with your finance team. Working together in-person helps us ensure an efficient and timely audit process.

Planning and interim	Agreed date
Planning and interim testing visit	Completed - June
External audit plan issued to client	This document
Feedback on proforma financial statements to client	Completed - June
Interim report outlining preliminary audit findings issued to client	25 July
Asset valuations due to audit	31 July
Council assessment of flood damaged assets due to audit	31 July
Asset valuations and flood damage reviewed by audit	15 August
Final	
Year-end visit	8-12 September
Complete draft financial statements to audit	1 September
Audit workpapers provided to audit	1 September
Feedback on draft financial statements to client	12 September
QAO closing report summarising the audit findings issued to client	3 October
Audit committee clearance	7-10 October
Financial statements signed by management	10 October
Audit report including our audit opinion issued to the client	10 October
Final management report outlining the final audit findings issued to the client	24 October
Draft annual report provided to audit	24 October
Feedback on draft annual report to client	31 October

Please report to us any slippages to the time frames as soon as possible. Please sign and return this page to James Gaustad by 31 July.

Name Mark Watt		
Chief Executive Officer	Signed	Date

5. Audit fees

Our proposed audit fee (exclusive of GST) is **\$102,750** (2024: \$96,000). This is based on our planned audit program, including audit of the Commonwealth certificates noted in section 2. We will bill our fee progressively as we complete each stage of our work. The audit fee includes the following components.

Our fee estimate can be affected by:

- The effectiveness of your internal control environment
- The quality of draft financial statements and supporting workpapers
- Significant accounting issues not raised with the audit team during planning
- Whether the milestones are achieved within the agreed time frames
- The availability of your management and staff, and the timeliness of their responses to audit issues.

We will discuss any anticipated variations to our fee with you during the audit.

6. Climate-related financial disclosures

Climate-related financial disclosures are an emerging reporting area for all entities. We have assessed that your entity is not subject to a mandatory reporting regime and has the flexibility to determine whether to prepare climate-related financial disclosures. Please immediately advise us if you disagree with our assessment.

All clients should have regard to the risks and opportunities that climate change may have on their operations and consider how it impacts their financial statements. We are working with Queensland Treasury as it develops a framework for whole-of-government and external agency reporting (where applicable).

Queensland Treasury is currently evaluating how it will apply the standards and report on a whole-of-government basis. This includes entities that are outside of the Corporations Act (such as departments and statutory bodies), and those captured under the Corporations Act.

Queensland Treasury and QAO will provide more information to accountable officers in the near future.

How QAO is preparing to provide assurance

As required by the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, QAO will provide any required auditing services for your climate-related financial disclosures.

We are developing an assurance methodology that is in accordance with the international auditing standard ISSA 5000 *General requirements for sustainability assurance engagements*. Our methodology will also be compliant with the AUASB's upcoming Australian-equivalent assurance standard.

Our methodology will enable us to audit emissions models and climate-related financial disclosures. It also identifies when and how we will access specialist skills.

We will pilot our methodology with selected agencies over the 2024–25 year. This will allow us to improve our methodology before entities start preparing reports. We will advise you if we intend to pilot our methodology with your entity. We will report on the results of our pre-assurance work and share the wider learnings from other entities where we have undertaken pre-assurance work.

How we are working with you

Your entity is not included in the scope of the Commonwealth legislation. Therefore, you are not a mandatory reporting entity. We will work with you to identify the most appropriate reporting framework, and the timing of when you should be reporting under that framework. Whether you are voluntarily adopting the AASB S1 *General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information* or the AASB S2 *Climate-related Disclosures*, the impact on your entity and your audit may be large. Detailed planning and collaboration between QAO and your teams will ensure we are both prepared for when you commence reporting.

7. Responding to your feedback on our performance

Client service and audit quality are priorities for us. We value our relationship with you, your team and Council as a whole. We have mechanisms in place to ensure our audit activities are effective, comply with quality requirements, and are of value to you.

Each year, we engage an independent research provider to survey our clients on our engagement, audit process, and reporting. Your feedback in the 2024 client survey provided valuable insights. In response, we will:

- Continue to strive for audit efficiencies by working with you early on complex accounting areas
- Include non-finance staff such as Director of Engineering in discussions around asset accounting considerations
- Use analytical procedures and tests of control rather than detailed substantial testing where appropriate.

At the end of the audit, we will ask for your feedback again. This will enable us to embed the actions that are value adding and improve where our services haven't met your expectations.

We ask that you seek input from all of your staff involved with the audit when completing the survey at the end of the audit. We noted that verbal discussions with your staff following the 2024 survey were not consistent with the ratings given in the completed survey.



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2025 INTERIM REPORT

Etheridge Shire Council

29 JULY 2025

Barry Hughes
Mayor
Etheridge Shire Council

Dear Mr Hughes

2025 Interim report

We present our interim report for Etheridge Shire Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2025. This report details the results of our interim work performed to 27 June 2025. Under section 213 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, you must present a copy of this report at your Council's next ordinary meeting.

Results of our interim audit

In this phase, we assessed the design and implementation of your internal controls relevant to the financial report, and whether they are operating effectively. We assessed the key controls we intend to rely on in auditing your financial statements. We're pleased to report that nine audit issues were resolved since the prior year audit, with one more resolved pending audit verification. Our audit does not assess all controls that management has implemented across the organisation.

Significant deficiencies:

- 1 raised in the current year, relating to ex-gratia payments.

Deficiencies:

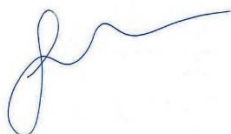
- 5 raised in the current year, relating to compliance with procurement policies, Council's annual report, publication of meeting minutes, and cash receipting software.
- 3 unresolved from prior years.

Based on the results of our testing completed to date and the resolution of prior year issues, we have determined your internal control environment does support an audit strategy where we can rely upon your entity's controls.

Refer to section 1 [Status of issues](#) and section 2 [Matters previously reported](#) for further details.

I'd like to thank your team for the positive engagement over our interim testing. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the audit report, please contact me on 4046 0090 or Will Cunningham on 3149 6000.

Yours sincerely



James Gaustad
Partner

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cc. Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

1. Status of issues

Internal control issues

The following table identifies the number of deficiencies in internal controls and other matters we have identified. Details of the deficiencies we identified during our interim audit are outlined further in this section. Refer to section 2 [Matters previously reported](#) for the status of previously raised issues.

Year and status	Significant deficiencies	Deficiencies	Other matters*
Current year issues	1	5	-
Prior year issues – unresolved	-	3	-
Total issues	1	8	-

Note: *Queensland Audit Office only tracks resolution of other matters where management has committed to implementing action.

The following section details control deficiencies and other matters identified as at 27 June 2025. It includes a response from management.

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



S Ex-gratia payment

25IR-1

Observation

Audit raised a significant deficiency in the 2024 audit after an ex-gratia payment was made without a policy being in place. A policy has since been developed in 2025 and adopted by Council; however, an ex-gratia payment of \$13,165 was approved by Council resolution (refer to minutes of general Council meeting on 19 February 2025) prior to the policy being adopted.

Legal advice was obtained by Council regarding the potential payment in 2025, which confirmed that Council was not liable for any payment relating to the claim against Council. Council voted not to accept the legal advice and voted to pay the claim against Council as an ex-gratia payment.

Implication

Council has made an unbudgeted payment of Council funds, despite legal advice confirming that Council was not liable for any payment. There is a lack of transparency over how Council reached this decision, and how the payment is a valid use of public funds.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that any future claims against Council are considered within the adopted Ex-Gratia Payments policy. We recommend that where payments are made contrary to legal advice, detailed documentation is retained around how the decision to make the payment is made.

Management response

Council acknowledges the finding and accepts the Queensland Audit Office's recommendation.

In relation to the ex-gratia payment approved on 19 February 2025, Council considered the specific circumstances of the matter and resolved to approve the payment although legal advice confirmed that Council was not legally liable for the payment.

Council recognises the importance of policy-based decision-making and has since adopted an Ex-Gratia Payments Policy in 2025 to guide future decisions in a consistent, transparent, and accountable manner. The policy outlines the criteria, authorisation requirements, and documentation standards for all future ex-gratia payments.

Moving forward, Council will ensure that any consideration of ex-gratia payments occurs within the framework of the adopted policy. Where a decision is made that is contrary to legal advice, Council will ensure comprehensive documentation is retained to clearly articulate the rationale for the decision, including minutes of Council discussion and resolution, including reference to Council's obligations under section 254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Responsible officer: CEO

Status: Resolved

Action date: 30 August 2025



Non-compliance with procurement policy and LG regulation

25IR-2

Observation

We identified one example of non-compliance with Council's own policies, which are based on the requirements in the Local Government Regulation, paragraphs 224 to 237. While using suppliers from LocalBuy or other pre-qualified panels can exempt Council from standard procurement procedures including the requirement to obtain written tenders for contracts over \$200,000, this exemption only applies to the specific services for which the supplier has been pre-approved.

A supplier was engaged for labour hire services without quotes or tender being sought, as Council staff incorrectly assumed that the supplier was listed under Local Buy's "Recruitment: Temporary & Labour Hire Services (LB334)" category. The supplier was only approved under Local Buy for "Traffic Management Services (LB325)".

This supplier was awarded several contracts totalling a combined value of approximately \$710,000 for labour hire services that were not traffic management services.

Implication

Council has not complied with its own policies or the Local Government Regulation, which means that contracting principles have not been followed. This could result in contracts being entered into that do not provide the highest quality goods or services, or best value for money.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that Council review its processes to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation regarding obtaining tenders for large contracts over \$200,000 and obtaining quotes for medium contracts between \$15,000 and \$200,000.

We would recommend the Council put steps in place to ensure that Local Buy supplier classifications are reviewed when filling out the "Procurement Checklist and Quotation Requirement".

Management response

Council acknowledges the audit finding and accepts the recommendation provided.

This instance of non-compliance arose due to an administrative oversight in the procurement process, where it was incorrectly assumed that the supplier was pre-qualified under the relevant Local Buy panel for labour hire services. While the supplier was pre-qualified under Local Buy's Traffic Management Services (LB325) panel, they were not pre-approved under the Recruitment: Temporary & Labour Hire Services (LB334) panel at the time of engagement.

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Council has reviewed the procurement process and taken corrective action to reduce the risk of similar issues occurring in the future. Specifically:

- The Procurement Checklist and Quotation Requirements form has been updated to require verification of the supplier's exact panel classification prior to engagement.
- Procurement and relevant operational staff have been reminded of the importance of checking specific Local Buy categories and documentation before relying on any procurement exemptions.

Council remains committed to ensuring transparency, value for money, and compliance with all legislative requirements in its procurement activities.

Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

Status: Resolved

Action date: 30 August 2025



Annual report errors

25IR-3

Observation

The 2024 annual report adopted by Council contained material errors, and material inconsistencies with the information included in Council's financial statements.

Auditing standard ASA 720 *The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information* requires the auditor to review reports that will be presented with the audited financial statements, in order to identify any material inconsistencies between the financial statements and the other information. The 2024 annual report was only provided to audit for review on the day of the Council meeting after the auditor followed up with Council staff when the draft had not been provided to audit.

Implication

Council staff had not provided the annual report to audit for review with sufficient time for errors to be corrected before adoption, as staff were not aware of the requirement for audit review of the annual report. These errors were identified by audit review and corrected in the final version that is published on Council's website; however, the version provided by staff to Councillors for adoption contained the errors.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that a detailed review of the annual report is carried out by Council staff to ensure accuracy, and consistency with the financial statements. Once that review has been carried out, the draft must be provided to audit with sufficient time to review so that any changes can be made before presenting to Council for adoption.

Management response

Council acknowledges the finding and accepts the Queensland Audit Office's recommendation.

The 2024 Annual Report was provided to audit later than required, resulting in insufficient time for a thorough audit review prior to its presentation to Council for adoption. This was due to a lack of awareness among staff of the auditor's role under ASA 720, which requires review of other information presented alongside the financial statements.

Since the audit, Council has implemented the following actions to address this issue:

- The Annual Report preparation timeline has been revised to include an explicit step for providing the draft to the external auditor for review at least two weeks prior to the scheduled Council meeting.
- A checklist has been developed to ensure internal consistency between the annual report and audited financial statements.
- Relevant staff involved in the compilation and approval of the Annual Report have been briefed on audit requirements and reporting standards, including the obligations under ASA 720.

Council is committed to continuous improvement in governance and reporting, and will ensure that future Annual Reports are accurate, consistent, and compliant with audit expectations.

Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

Status: Resolved

Action date: 30 August 2025



Non-compliance with delegation policy

25IR-4

Observation

Purchases of goods and services are required to be authorised by two Council representatives within their delegation thresholds. We identified one example where an invoice for services over \$100,000 was approved by an employee with a delegation of \$100,000, and a further two examples where an invoice for services over \$50,000 were authorised for approval by an employee who had a \$50,000 delegation limit. In all three cases the underlying purchase order had been approved within the appropriate delegation; however, the manual approval of invoices for payment was not within approved delegations.

Implication

Council has not complied with its delegations policy, resulting in invoices being approved for payment by staff who did not have the authority to do so. This could result in purchases being made that do not provide the highest quality goods or services or best value for money.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that Council review its existing processes and incorporate appropriate safeguards to ensure that staff with the appropriate delegations are approving payments.

Management response

Council acknowledges the Queensland Audit Office's observation and appreciates the opportunity to clarify the current practice in relation to financial delegations and invoice approvals.

As noted, in all identified cases, the original purchase orders were approved within the appropriate delegation limits in accordance with Council's Financial Delegations Register. The subsequent approval of invoices for payment was undertaken by the officer most familiar with the delivery of the goods or services in line with internal procedures that prioritise verification of satisfactory completion before payment.

Council's current interpretation is that the financial delegation applies to the approval of the purchase commitment—that is, the requisition or purchase order—and that the invoice approval serves as an operational confirmation rather than a financial re-approval. This approach ensures that the person with direct knowledge of the completed work confirms the invoice, while the expenditure itself remains within an already approved delegation.

Council acknowledges that the relevant section of the Procurement Policy may not clearly differentiate between the approval of a financial commitment and the verification of invoice payment. To address this, Council will:

- Review and consider updating the Delegations section of the Procurement Policy to clearly state that the delegation limit applies at the point of initial purchase commitment (i.e. requisition or purchase order approval), and that subsequent invoice approval may be undertaken by staff with operational responsibility for verifying receipt of goods or services.
- Ensure that all relevant staff are informed of any policy clarifications or procedural updates.

Council remains committed to maintaining strong governance and ensuring that procurement and payment processes are both efficient and compliant.

Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

Status: Work in progress

Action date: 31 December 2025

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Council meeting minutes

25IR-5

Observation

A special Council meeting was held on 11 February 2025. The minutes of the meeting were not approved by Council until three meetings later in April 2025. The minutes of the meeting were also not made available on Council's website until June 2025 after it was identified by audit that they were not available.

Implication

Council has not complied with sections 254F(4) and 254F(6), which state respectively that the minutes of a meeting must be approved at the next Council meeting, and that minutes must be made publicly available within ten days after the meeting.

QAO recommendation

We recommend that procedures in place to ensure that minutes of both ordinary and special meetings are correctly approved and made publicly available.

Management response

Council acknowledges the finding and accepts the recommendation.

The delay in approving the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 11 February 2025, and the subsequent delay in publishing those minutes on Council's website, was an administrative oversight and not in accordance with sections 254F(4) and 254F(6) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

To address this, Council has taken the following corrective actions:

- Internal procedures for the preparation, approval, and publication of Council meeting minutes have been reviewed and updated to clearly distinguish statutory timeframes for both ordinary and special meetings.
- Administrative staff have been reminded of their obligations under the Regulation, and further procedural training will be scheduled to reinforce legislative compliance.

Council is committed to improving transparency and accountability in its decision-making processes.

Responsible officer: Chief Executive Officer

Status: Resolved

Action date: 31 July 2025



Oversight of receipting software - TerrEstrial

25IR-6

Observation

We identified that there are very limited restrictions and oversight over the cash receipting software at the TerrEstrial Visitor Centre and Mineral Collection. The software does not have access restrictions in place. Although its functions are limited to sales and inventory management, all users have unrestricted access, including the ability to add or remove users, void transactions and print reports.

The software is installed on the reception computer at the TerrEstrial Visitor Centre and does not support remote or web-based access. Additionally, there are no individual user accounts assigned to the IT Officer, Senior Financial Officer (SFO) or Finance Manager (FM) preventing them from accessing reports offsite. This limits their oversight and review capabilities.

There is a reasonably high turnover of staff, particularly during peak tourist season, and any staff working in receipting are granted access to the software. 121 of 180

Implication

The total amount of sales through TerrEstrial is not material and cash sales are a very small portion of this; however, there is a risk that staff could process then reverse cash transactions with little chance of being identified. **O recommendation**

We recommend that Council reviews the risk over theft of cash sales at TerrEstrial, and consider what controls could be put in place if required.

Management response

Council acknowledges the audit finding and appreciates the Queensland Audit Office's recommendation.

Council recognises that while the total sales through the TerrEstrial Visitor Centre are not material, and cash sales represent only a small portion, the current configuration of the cash receipting software does present a risk due to lack of user access restrictions and oversight capabilities.

To address this risk, Council will undertake the following actions:

- Explore options to enhance software controls, including implementing user-specific access rights to restrict functions such as adding/removing users, voiding transactions, and printing reports.
- Investigate possibilities to enable remote access to receipting reports for designated officers (IT Officer, Senior Financial Officer, and Finance Manager) to improve oversight and monitoring.
- Introduce or reinforce cash handling procedures and training for staff, particularly considering the seasonal turnover and temporary staff engagement.
- Implement regular supervisory review and reconciliation of cash receipting activities to detect and prevent irregular transactions.

Council is committed to strengthening internal controls and safeguarding public funds in all operational areas.



Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

Status: Work in progress








Action date: 31 December 2025

2. Matters previously reported





The following table summarises the status of deficiencies, financial reporting issues, and other matters previously reported to you.

Ref.	Rating	Issue	Status
22CR-1		Chart of accounts requires amendment The chart of accounts did not enable Council to accurately track and record grant revenue, capitalised expenditure and prepare accurate financial statements.	Resolved Revision to general ledger chart of accounts is complete. Recoverable works and flood damage are now assigned separate GL numbers for revenue and expense enabling easy tracking of grant revenue and expenditure.
21CR-2		Management of capital grants No comprehensive grants register detailing relevant details including recognition method applicable to the funding. Errors identified in current and prior year financial statements were material.	Resolved pending audit verification Grants register is now being used which includes revenue for each grant and is regularly updated with expenditure. The register is used as the basis for contract asset and liability calculations at EOFY. If no material errors in 2025 grant accounting, this will be marked as resolved.

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Ref.	Rating	Issue	Status
21CR-3		Job costing and chart of accounts The structure of the chart of accounts makes it difficult to determine whether each contract and sub-contract generated a surplus or a loss.	Resolved Revision to job costing is complete. Recoverable works and flood damage are now assigned separate GL numbers for revenue and expense, enabling easy tracking of grant revenue and expenditure.
24CR-1		Ex-gratia payments Council paid an ex-gratia payment to a former employee in the 2024 financial year without a policy being in place for ex-gratia payments.	Resolved Ex-gratia payments policy developed and adopted by Council in March 2025; however, refer to new issue raised in 2025 regarding ex-gratia payments made in 2025 before policy adopted and made against legal advice. Refer to 25IR-1 in Section 1 above.
21CR-4		IT general controls and policies A number of IT policies were outdated or did not include key elements to ensure adequate management of the IT environment. The computer, email and internet policy remained out of date at the date of the audit visit.	Resolved User accounts and permissions within network and PCS environments has been reviewed. IT Policy adopted in 2025.
22CR-3		Contracts over \$200,000 not disclosed on Council's website We identified contracts which were not disclosed on Council's website in the 2022 financial year. <i>Update: We identified one example of a contract over \$200,000 in the 2024 financial year that was not disclosed on the Council website.</i>	Resolved Transaction listing is reviewed monthly to ensure all contractual arrangements exceeding \$200,000 are disclosed. Audit work did not identify any arrangements not disclosed.
23IR-1		Improve financial reporting by strengthening month-end and year-end processes A number of material balances are not being accrued and adjusted on a regular basis including accruals, contract assets and liabilities, asset capitalisations and clearance of work in progress. This issue is common across a number of Councils and was included in the report to parliament in 2023.	Work in progress Some material balances are still not updated until end of financial year, namely contract assets and liabilities, and asset capitalisations. The new grant register should make it possible to track actual revenue and expenditure on all grants on a more regular basis. Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services Original Action date: 31 March 2024 Updated Action date: 30 June 2025 Revised Action date: 30 Sept 2025
23IR-2		Review of recruitment policy Recruitment policy does not have a requirement to assess, obtain or document criminal history checks or to verify qualifications of prospective employees.	Resolved Policy update approved in 2025, including positions that would require criminal history checks.
23IR-3		Insufficient risk management and governance procedures Risk register is out of date and governance procedures are limited.	Work in progress Risk register remains out of date; however, updating it has been flagged as a high priority. Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services

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Ref.	Rating	Issue	Status
			Action date: 30 June 2024 Updated action date: 31 December 2024 Revised Action date: 30 June 2026
23IR-4		Policies out of date We had previously raised a deficiency regarding policies being out of date on Council's website. We had marked this as resolved as work had been done to update policies; however, there are still some policies that are out of date.	Work in progress Some policies remain out of date. Responsible officer: Director of Corporate Services Action date: 30 June 2024 Updated action date: 30 June 2025 Revised Action date: 31 December 2025
23-CR4		Credit card policy is out of date, and recognition of credit card transactions is not timely The credit card policy has not been renewed since 2004. Credit card transactions are not recorded until the card balance is paid.	Resolved Credit card policy has been adopted by Council in July 2024. Credit card transactions are reviewed fortnightly. Credit card transactions are recorded at the date of the transaction.
23-CR6		Employee termination checklists incomplete We identified examples of termination checklists that had sections not completed and/or were not signed or dated. We identified further examples of this in the current year (2023-24) audit.	Resolved New form has been adopted and used for all terminations.
24IR-1		Lack of review of system users We identified a lack of review of user accounts in both Windows and the accounting software Practical.	Resolved User accounts and permissions within network and PCS environments has been reviewed.

3. Climate-related financial disclosures

The following developments have occurred in relation to climate-related financial disclosures.

- The Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) has published a timetable that outlines when entities reporting under the *Corporations Act 2001* need to obtain assurance over their climate-related disclosures. The timetable is in ASSA 5010 *Timeline for Audits and Reviews of Information in Sustainability*. It's available on the AUASB website in summary form [here](#), and as a standard [here](#).

As a non-mandatory reporting entity, your entity does not need to prepare climate-related financial disclosures in compliance with AASB S2 *Climate-related Disclosures* and have this audited under the ASSA 5010 timetable noted above. Your entity may choose to voluntarily report against AASB S2. We strongly encourage you to engage with us prior to making this decision. Planning to develop a valuable report is a significant commitment.

It is also an important decision to determine the level of assurance you will seek to support your climate-related financial disclosures. ASSA 5010 may provide you with a guide on current industry practice. It reflects a mix of limited and reasonable assurance over time. Because the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than in a reasonable assurance engagement, the procedures we will perform in a limited assurance engagement will vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Our assurance engagement plan for the following year will provide more details on our approach should you voluntarily report against AASB S2.

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- The AUASB has issued the assurance standard ASSA 5000 *General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements*. We will undertake our assurance engagements under this standard. It is based on the international standard ISSA 5000 *General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements*.

We have developed a methodology to ensure our audits are compliant with ASSA 5000. This includes developing a framework to determine if, or when, we need to engage subject matter experts; and how to assess the in-house or out-sourced subject matter experts you have engaged.

- At the Queensland Treasury and QAO technical audit update in February 2025, Queensland Treasury shared its update. While its proposed framework does not apply to your organisation, it may help inform your future decisions on whether, and when, you may wish to prepare climate-related financial disclosures.

The slide pack is available on our website here: www.qao.qld.gov.au/reports-resources/events

We will share thematic findings from our readiness assessment for all public sector entities who meet the Group 1 requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001* in our reports to parliament on the results of financial audits for 2025.



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Item No: 11.7
Subject: Material Change of Use - Tourist Park and Reconfiguration
Classification: Open
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received an Impact Assessable application for Material Change of Use and Reconfiguration (Access Easement) in November 2024. Public Notification resulted in two submissions, with two additional early submissions not carrying appeal rights.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve:

In accordance with the Planning Act 2016 as amended, the applicant be notified that the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – (Tourist Park) and Reconfiguration (Access Easement) on a site located at 17 to 19 Garland Street Mount Surprise, being Lot 4 MPH 33843, Lot 1 MPH 33341 and Lot 2 SP251177, is approved subject to the conditions detailed below.

BACKGROUND

A. ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

1. The development shall be undertaken substantially in accordance with the submitted documentation and Amended Concept Plan, prepared by Gilvear Planning, except where modified by any conditions below, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate:

(Amended) Concept – Site Plan	Gilvear Planning	Job Number: J001714	Dated 09/07/2025
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- New Internal Layout Plans are to be provided for the endorsement of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate, showing the removal of the laundry facilities, prior to the building and plumbing permits being issued for the re-siting of the ablution building, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
2. Any future work on the site shall be carried out generally in accordance with any relevant Council requirements and State legislation and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
3. If unactioned, this development approval lapses six (6) years after the day that the development approval takes effect, unless extended under the Planning Act 2016.
4. Should any of the Council's assets be damaged during the construction of any new associated works, the cost of the reinstatement of all such assets shall be met by the applicant/proponent, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
5. Compliance is required with the Site Classification and Wastewater Management System report, prepared by Earth Test, dated June 2025 and any other relevant State legislation or requirements, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

In particular, the following applies:

- Based on full water reduction fixtures and no laundry facilities the calculated flow for a holiday park is reduced from 100L/Person/Day to 33.3L/Person/Day.

- Based on AS/NZ 1547:2012 Table J1, the minimum capacity of the all-waste septic tank required is 3000L and the tank must be fitted with an effective outlet filter.
- The existing 3000L all-waste septic tank installed on the site is connected to a 1 x 30m x 1.5m wide conventional trench system. This all-waste septic tank discharging into conventional trenches is considered suitable for the site.
- The existing system is within 50m of an existing bore, which is required to be capped and decommissioned.
- A new water bore is required to be installed and used and be located greater than 50m from the existing Land Application Area (LAA).
- Full water-reduction fixtures must be used to ensure the integrity of the existing septic system
- If the existing system shows any sign of failure, the Tourist Park will be temporarily closed until the proposed system, specified by Earth Test, is installed, in compliance with an approved Plumbing Permit.
- Bollards are to be installed at 1.5 metre intervals, around the existing LAA to protect it from Tourist Park and other onsite vehicular traffic.
- If a new septic system is installed in the future, the new LAA, shown on the Earth Test Site Plan, is also to be protected with bollards, spaced at 1.5 metre intervals.

All work to be undertaken, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

6. Given the lack of capacity in the existing Septic system, no laundry facilities are permitted in association with the Tourist Park development. However, should the septic system be replaced, in accordance with Earth Test specifications, laundry facilities may be provided, subject to a letter from Earth Test to Council, confirming the new system has capacity to service the Tourist Park and guest laundry facilities, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive officer or delegate.
7. The proposed development must comply with Schedule 14 of Subordinate Local Law (Administration) 2014:
 - (a) the operator must provide at least one disabled toilet facility within the caravan park; and
 - (b) the operator must provide a rubbish disposal site at appropriate distances from any tent/caravan/RV site; and
 - (c) the operator must not locate or permit to be located accommodation at any place within the caravan park other than on a site approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the local government; and
 - (d) the operator must not locate or permit to be located more than one accommodation on a site at any one time; and
 - (e) the operator must not locate or permit to be located accommodation closer than three (3) metres to any other accommodation; and
 - (f) the operator must not cause, suffer or permit accommodation to be occupied by more persons than such accommodation is designed to accommodate.

To the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

8. The site and the development are required to discharge stormwater to a lawful point of discharge, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
9. A potable water supply system is to be provided to the development with details of the tank capacity endorsed by Council, prior to commencement of the use and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
10. The onsite internal access driveway is to connect to the State access and the internal access driveway and visitor parking spaces are to be hardstand/sealed and line marked (directional

and car parking) prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

11. Signage is to be provided at the Park entrance to guide vehicles entering and exiting the site with 6 x 10km maximum speed limit signs strategically placed along the internal, circular one-way driveway.

A sign is to be placed adjacent to the one-way entry/exit point at the Park frontage, alerting visitors to the Park to be aware that children walk along the site frontage to the nearby primary school.

A sign must also be erected at the site entry/exit point advising that -In the case of bushfire, the site is to be evacuated.

Any Park identification signage located at the front boundary is limited to a freestanding sign with a maximum face area of 2m² and does not include any product advertising.

To the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

12. Landscaping of 10% of the Park site area, being 640m² is required to the site frontage and side and rear boundaries of the Park, to include shrubs and trees endemic to the local area at 2 metre spaces, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
13. Perimeter screen fencing, 1.8 metres in height, is required to side, rear and part front boundaries of the Park site area (a return of 15 metres to screen the tent area and a return that extends to the internal driveway on the southern side of the Easement to minimise impacts from traffic entering the roadhouse site) of the Park, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
14. The maximum number of tent sites is limited to five (5) each with a minimum area of 60m² and all five (5) tent sites are to be demarcated on the ground in the location shown on the Amended Site Plan with a minimum setback of 2.5 metres from the side boundary with Lot 1, by boundary pegs and reflective numbering. Each site must be capable of accommodating a vehicle and a tent, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
15. The maximum number of Caravan/RV sites is limited to ten (10) each with a minimum area of 145m² and all ten (10) sites are to be demarcated on the ground in the location shown on the Amended Site Plan with a minimum setback of:
- 4.0 metres from the side boundary with Lot 1,
 - 2.0 metres from the rear boundary; and
 - 1.5 metres from the side boundary with Lot 2;
- by boundary pegs and reflective numbering, with each site capable of accommodating a vehicle/caravan/RV and any ancillary awnings etc., prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
16. The existing ablution building is to be re-sited to facilitate the movement of Tourist Park vehicles on site, as shown on the Amended Site Plan, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
17. Night lighting is to be provided to illuminate the ablution building, the amenities building, visitor car parking and the vehicular entrance to park, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.
18. Lot 1 MPH33341 and Lot 4 MPH33843 are required to be amalgamated to contain the Tourist Park, and the Plan of Survey must include an Access Easement on the new lot, benefitting adjoining Lot 2 SP251177 (roadhouse/post office site).

The new Plan of Survey, is to be endorsed by Council and lodged with the State Government, prior to commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer or delegate.

BACKGROUND

APPLICANT: Gerald Fitzgerald
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APPLICATION: Material Change of Use – Tourist Park and Reconfiguration - Access Easement

ADDRESS: 17 to 19 Garland Street Mount Surprise

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lot 4 MPH 33843, Lot 1 MPH 33341 and Lot 2 SP251177

ZONE: Township Zone -Residential & Commercial Precincts

SUBMISSIONS: Four (4) with two (2) not 'properly made'.

APPENDICES: Appendix 1 Concept Plan

INTRODUCTION

In November 2024, an Application for Material Change of Use (MCU) and Reconfiguration (Access Easement) was lodged with Council. The Application is Impact Assessable against the Planning Scheme and Public Notification of the Application was required.

During Public Notification two (2) submissions were received. In addition, two (2) submissions were received in November 2024, before the Public Notification Period commenced. These submitters were advised to re-submit during the Public Notification period but did not so and therefore have no Appeal rights.

The Application is reported to Council and recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

SITE AND LOCALITY

Originally the site of the proposed development was comprised of two lots (Lots 1 & 4) with an area of 6,400m². However, due to the requirement by both the State and Council, in Information Requests, to ensure lawful access, which currently traverses over Lot 1, to the adjoining roadhouse and post office site, on Lot 2 SP251177, the Application was amended, to incorporate adjoining Lot 2 SP251177, which will ultimately benefit from an Access Easement over part of Lot 1.

The site now comprises three lots (Lots, 1, 2 & 4) with an area of 10,706m². However, no Tourist Park development is proposed on Lot 2 (area 4,306m²). Lot 2 has only been included (as a reconfiguration component- Access Easement) to facilitate lawful access to the roadhouse and post office site.

Lot 1 contains a roofed carport structure, which is to be utilised in the Tourist Park development.

Lot 4 contains two buildings; the larger building is proposed to be used in the Tourist Park development as a kitchen and storage building and the smaller building is to be used as a laundry and bathroom. The site also contains a septic system and water tanks that are proposed to be used for the Tourist Park development.

Lot 2 contains the operating roadhouse and post office and no changes to this operation are proposed, in association with the Tourist Park development.

All lots have frontage to Garland Street with current vehicular access to and from the Roadhouse/post office site traversing Lot 1.

The site is serviced by reticulated power supply and telecommunications but does not have a reticulated water or sewer supply.

The site adjoins the Mount Surprise State School to the west, vacant Reserve land to the south and residential development to the east, refer Site` Plan, below.



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development is for a Tourist Park comprising the following:

- maximum of 10 unpowered sites for caravans/motorhomes in an area of 1,470m²;
- maximum of 5 unpowered camping (tent) sites in an area of 310m²;
- guest amenities comprising a shower and toilet block, laundry (now excluded), kitchen maintenance and storage area; and
- four (4) informal visitor spaces.

The camping area is setback 2.5 metres from the side boundary.

The caravans/motorhomes area is setback:

- 2 metres from the rear boundary with the Reserve;
- 4 metres from the eastern boundary, which adjoins residential development, in order to protect residential amenity; and
- 1.5 metres from the western boundary.

An Amended Concept Plan is attached at Appendix 1.

Earth Test has prepared an effluent disposal report and makes the following observations and recommendations:

- Based on full water reduction fixtures and no laundry facilities the calculated flow for a holiday park is reduced from 100L/Person/Day to 33.3L/Person/Day.
- Based on AS/NZ 1547:2012 Table J1, the minimum capacity of the all-waste septic tank required is 3000L and the tank must be fitted with an effective outlet filter.
- There is an existing 3000L all-waste septic tank installed on the site and connected to 1 x 30m x 1.5m wide conventional trench. Its installation history is unknown, but it has been in service and shows no sign of failure.
- The existing system is within 50m from existing bore, which shall be capped and rendered useless, and a new bore will be installed and used and be located greater than 50m from the Land Application Area (LAA).
- Full water-reduction fixtures must be used to ensure the integrity of the existing septic system
- An all-waste septic tank discharging into conventional trenches is considered suitable for the site.
- It is recommended that the existing system be used and if any sign of failure occurs, the proposed system specified by Earth Test shall be installed.
- Bollards are required to be installed around the existing LAA to protect it.

Subordinate LOCAL LAW 1 (ADMINISTRATION) 2014

Schedule 14 – Operation of caravan parks

Council's Subordinate Local Law No: 1- (SLL) outlines conditions that are usually imposed on Caravan Park approvals.

A Tourist Park by definition, refer below, is a Caravan Park.

USE TERM	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES	NOT INCLUDED
Tourist park	<i>Tourist park</i> means the use of premises for— (a) holiday accommodation in caravans, self-contained cabins, tents or other similar structures; or (b) amenity facilities, a food and drink outlet, a manager's residence, offices, recreation facilities for the use of occupants and their visitors, or staff accommodation, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).	Camping ground, caravan park, holiday cabins	Relocatable home park, tourist attraction, short-term accommodation, non-resident workforce accommodation

SLL states:

The conditions that will ordinarily be imposed on an approval are that—

- (a) *the operator must provide at least one disabled toilet facility within the caravan park; and*
 (b) *the operator must provide a rubbish disposal site at appropriate distances from any site; and*
 (c) *the operator must not locate or permit to be located accommodation at any place within the caravan park other than on a site approved by the chief executive officer of the local government; and*
 (d) *the operator must not locate or permit to be located more than one accommodation on a site at any one time; and*

- (e) the operator must not locate or permit to be located accommodation closer than three (3) metres to any other accommodation; and
- (f) the operator must not cause, suffer or permit accommodation to be occupied by more persons than such accommodation is designed to accommodate.

Any approval will be conditioned accordingly.

The Reconfiguration component of the Application is required for an Access Easement that will legalise the existing vehicular access to the adjoining Roadhouse/Post office site to remain in its current location, traversing Lot 1. Any approval will be conditioned accordingly.

TOWN PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The proposed development requires assessment against the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme 2020.

Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme 2020

Under the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme, the site is included in the Township Zone and Lot 4 is in the Residential Precinct and Lots 1 and 2 are in the Commercial Precinct.

A Tourist Park is Impact Assessable on land zoned Township located in either the Residential Precinct or the Commercial Precinct. Assessment is required against the relevant provisions of the Strategic Framework, the Township Zone Code and the General Development Code.

An assessment of the proposed development, against the relevant provisions is outlined below.

Strategic Framework

The Strategic Framework (SF) sets the policy direction for the Planning Scheme and guides development in the local authority area. Specifically, it seeks to ensure that development is strategically located in a safe and efficient manner and makes a positive contribution to the community and landscape of the Shire and preserves the relaxed outback lifestyle and character of the Shire.

Mt Surprise is designated Urban on the Strategic Framework Map and there is an expectation that a mix of urban purposes will establish in the township.

Mt Surprise currently has several Caravan Parks of varying sizes:

- Discovery Park, comprising 100 caravan sites, 34 cabins, tent sites and various ancillary facilities, such as a camp kitchen, laundry, kiosk, mini-golf, swimming pool and dump point on a site of 3.64 hectares, with an associate tour business to Undara Lava Tubes. Both powered and unpowered sites are available for caravans, Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and campers. The Caravan Park is located at the eastern entry to the town, is well vegetated and offers a shady stay at Mt Surprise along the Savannah Way.
- Mt Surprise Tourist Park and Motel, comprising a range of accommodation types, including powered sites, camp sites, shared facility cabins and ensuite motel, with swimming pool & spa, laundry facilities, 2 x BBQ areas and a café/restaurant for meals and takeaways.
- Planet Earth Adventures, comprising unpowered and powered sites and camping sites with laundry facilities, BBQ facilities, camp kitchen, electric car charging station and shop.
- In the vicinity there are also camping grounds at O'Briens Creek, Talaroo, Undara and several free camps.
- The proposal to establish another modest Tourist Park, comprising a maximum of 10 caravan/RV unpowered sites and a maximum of 5 unpowered camping sites, with no laundry facilities, centrally located within the township accords, in broad terms, with the land use policy direction and the strategic intent outlined in the SF.

Township Zone Code

The purpose of the Township zone is to provide for:

- (a) small to medium urban areas in a rural area;
- (b) a variety of uses and activities to service local residents, including, for example, business, community, education, industrial, open space, recreation, residential or retail uses or activities;
- (c) tourist attractions and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area.

Etheridge Shire Council's purpose of the Township zone is to also provide for the urban development of Georgetown as the community and service centre of the shire, and the urban development of the smaller townships of Mount Surprise, Forsayth and Einasleigh. The Township zone aims to:

- (a) maintain the character and amenity of Etheridge Shire's townships;
- (b) provide for the continuation of existing infrastructure and community uses such as schools, halls, medical and recreation facilities;
- (c) allow for tourist uses where these can be successfully integrated into the character and fabric of the townships;
- (d) protect Etheridge Shire's heritage buildings and places and the historic amenity of the townships;
- (e) ensure that development provides an appropriate level of infrastructure;
- (f) locate development in areas where bushfire and flood risks are low;
- (g) facilitate economic development in the general Township zone and commercial and industrial precincts by:
 - i. providing for a wide range of industrial uses where they do not conflict with sensitive land uses;
 - ii. providing consolidated areas for commercial activities along the main streets;
 - iii. promoting re-use of existing heritage and character buildings.

The purpose of the zone code will be achieved through the following outcomes:

- (a) a range of uses including residential, retail, business, government, education, industrial, community, tourist facilities, recreation and open space are supported in the zone and its precincts in appropriate locations which do not impact on neighbouring uses;
- (b) residential uses are protected from non-residential uses by buffering and design techniques that limit the impacts of non-residential uses;
- (c) development provides a high level of amenity through appropriate setbacks, site coverage, hours of operation, consideration of impacts on neighbouring properties, building design and positive contributions to the streetscape;
- (d) industrial land uses are protected from encroachment by incompatible land uses.

The purpose of the zone will also be achieved through the following additional precinct outcomes:

- (a) *Commercial precinct:*
 - i. This precinct promotes and consolidates commercial, service and retail uses that service the shire;
 - ii. New developments create an attractive and pedestrian-based built form that achieves a high standard of design and blends with the existing character and streetscape of the township;
 - iii. New commercial buildings make provision for on-site handling of goods, car parking for staff and clients, landscaping and shade areas in keeping with the existing streetscape;

(b) Residential precinct:

- i. This precinct supports predominantly dwelling houses on residential lots where lot size is consistent with existing township character;
- ii. Home based-businesses are supported where uses are subordinate from the primary residential use, do not detract from the residential amenity of the area, and do not undermine the viability of the nearby Commercial and Industrial precincts;
- iii. Residential dwelling choices are provided in the zone including dual occupancy, multiple dwelling, and retirement housing. These are established in locations with appropriate access to infrastructure and facilities, where the design complements the existing township character, and where the density of development is generally consistent with the density achieved through existing residential development in the precinct;

The proposed development complies with the Purpose of the Township Zone and the Zone and Precinct Outcomes sought in the Code and will provide an additional modest tourist accommodation choice in Mt Surprise, which is likely to appeal to those travellers wanting an overnight stay in a convenient main-street location, adjacent to the roadhouse/post office.

The following Township Zone Code Performance outcomes apply:

Performance outcomes	Acceptable outcomes
P03 Tourist accommodation is provided in locations where serviced with existing infrastructure, and where it: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is complementary to the existing character of the area; (b) does not have an adverse impact on residential amenity; (c) Contributes to the quality and diversity of accommodation experiences available within the area. 	A03 No Acceptable Outcome provided.

AND

P05 Where adjoining a residential use, non-residential uses are located and designed to avoid privacy impacts on the residential use.	A05 Non-residential uses are designed and oriented to avoid overlooking of habitable room windows or private outdoor recreation areas of any adjoining residential use; OR Screening or opaque windows are provided where any direct views are available.
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AND

P06 Non-residential uses are compatible with, and complementary to, adjoining residential uses and do not impact on existing levels of residential amenity including air quality, noise and lighting.	A06.1 A non-residential use does not involve an Environmentally Relevant Activity.
	A06.2 No adverse impacts occur from the development on adjoining residences with regards to noise, dust, vibration, light, odour and traffic generation.

CAN BE CONDITIONED TO COMPLY – the proposed development is low key. It is proposed to site three (3) caravan/RV sites in proximity to the common boundary with the dwelling house on adjoining

Lot 1 MPH33843, which is located to the rear of the lot; and the 5 camping sites are also proposed to be sited in proximity to this common boundary but located toward the site frontage.

To protect the residential amenity and privacy of the existing dwelling house a screen fence should be required to be erected along the common boundary. Any approval will be conditioned accordingly.

Commercial Precinct

P010 New uses developed in the precinct do not detract from the precinct's predominant commercial nature.	AO10 No Acceptable Outcome provided.
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COMPLIES -the Tourist Park use is considered to be suitable commercial activity to operate adjacent to the roadhouse.

Residential Precinct

Residential precinct	
P011 New development is located and designed to contribute to the residential amenity and character of the area.	AO11 No acceptable outcome is prescribed.

CAN BE CONDITIONED TO COMPLY – Screen planning will be required along the frontage and side boundaries of Tourist Park on Lots 1 & 4. Any approval will be conditioned accordingly.

In summary, the proposed development complies with the relevant provisions of the Township Zone Code.

General Development Code

The purpose of the General development code is to ensure that development is complementary to Etheridge Shire and is located, designed and managed in a safe and efficient manner.

The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:

- (1) Development has a safe and practical site layout;
- (2) Development does not detract from the shire's streetscapes, is complementary to the scale of neighbouring uses, and contributes to the character of the locality;
- (3) Development conserves and protects local heritage places and items, Aboriginal cultural heritage, and safeguards archaeology and archaeological potential;
- (4) An appropriate level of servicing and infrastructure is provided to new development and it is connected to Council infrastructure where available;
- (5) The site layout protects the amenity of the area including residential, industrial and commercial uses, allows sufficient areas for parking, manoeuvring and landscaping on the site, and allows for safe and efficient access and egress;
- (6) Assets of the Council are protected;
- (7) Non-resident workforce accommodation is appropriately located to protect the amenity of the locality, is well serviced and designed, and is operated in a manner that will not detract from existing uses;
- (8) Development in a natural hazard area is avoided or mitigated to protect people and property and enhance the community's resilience to natural hazards;
- (9) Development is located to protect and enhance matters of national, state and local environmental significance, landscape values and ecological connectivity;
- (10) The stock route network and function of aviation facilities are protected.

The proposed development is compliant with the Purpose of the Code, as it will be located in the township area of Mt Surprise and is a low-key scale and form of development.

The following Performance Outcomes apply:

Site layout	
PO5 The size and bulk of new buildings associated with development: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) maintains and enhances the intended local character of the location (zone and/or precinct); (b) avoids over-development of the site; (c) results in development at a consistent scale, siting and intensity to nearby development. 	AO5 Total development on the site has a maximum site cover as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Township zone (where not in a precinct) - 50% (b) Township zone (Commercial precinct) - 85% (c) Township zone (Residential precinct) - 50% (d) Township zone (Industrial precinct) - 40% (e) Township zone (Rural residential precinct) – 10% (f) Rural zone – no acceptable outcome prescribed.
Building design and amenity	
PO6 The height of development: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) maintains the overall low rise scale and character of development in Etheridge Shire; (b) reflects the intended form, function and character of development in the respective zone or precinct; (c) integrates with existing surrounding development without introducing adverse amenity impacts. 	AO6 The height of development does not exceed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Township zone (where not in a precinct) – 10m; or (b) Township zone (Commercial and Residential precincts) – two (2) storeys or 8.5m; or (c) Township zone (Industrial and Rural Residential precincts) – 15m; or (d) Rural zone – no acceptable outcome provided.

COMPLIES – Site cover (PO5/AO5) maximum 50% - designated areas for caravans/RV's and tents and existing buildings do not exceed 50%.

COMPLIES – Building design and amenity (PO6/AO6) maximum 2 storeys or 8.5 metres – proposed 1 storey and significantly less than 8.5 metres.

COMPLIES – (PO8/AO8) Any outdoor lighting proposed will comply with the Australian Standard.

<p>PO10 Landscaping is provided to enhance the visual appeal of development and soften the appearance of the built form. The majority of landscaping is to be undertaken on the principal street frontage of the development.</p>	<p>AO10.1 Except in the Rural zone, a minimum of 10% of the total development area is landscaped.</p> <p>AO10.2 Landscaping includes vegetation and is provided: (a) at the front of the development in the general Township zone and the Industrial precinct of the Township zone; or (b) at the front of the development in the Commercial precinct of the Township zone if the development has been set back from the front boundary.</p>
<p>Access</p>	
<p>PO11 The development has safe, legal and practical access to a public road.</p>	<p>AO11 The development is provided with: (a) direct access to a gazetted road reserve; or (b) access to a gazetted road via a formal access arrangement registered on the title.</p>
<p>Access, Manoeuvring and Parking</p>	
<p>PO12 The proposed development accommodates sufficient car parking on site to meet the peak parking demand of the use at any point in time.</p>	<p>AO12 Car parking is provided at rates as per table 6.3.1.2.</p>
<p>PO13 The proposed driveway and/or invert crossings is clear of all impediments.</p>	<p>AO13 All invert crossings and driveways are clear of street furniture, gully pits, man holes, power poles, street trees and bus stops by a minimum distance of 1m.</p>

COMPLIES – PO10/AO10.1 –10% of the site is available for landscaping.

COMPLIES – PO11 /AO11 – direct vehicular access is provided to/from Garland Street.

COMPLIES – PO12/AO12 – Carparking is provided with each caravan/RV and camping site and 2 visitor spaces are designated.

COMPLIES – PO13/AO13 – clear vehicular access will be provided.

<p>PO14 The location of driveways does not create a danger to the safety and efficiency of existing intersections.</p>	<p>AO14.1 Driveway access is from the secondary lower order road where located on a corner allotment.</p> <p>AO14.2 The minimum distance of a driveway from an intersection of one street with another is 6m.</p>
<p>PO15 The design of access, parking and manoeuvring within the site: (a) is adequate for the type and volume of traffic generated by the use; (b) does not adversely impact on the traffic network external to the site; (c) caters for safe pedestrian access; (d) provides appropriate parking space/s and access for people with a disability.</p>	<p>AO15.1 Vehicle crossovers and driveways are designed in accordance with 'Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Regional Development Manual'.</p> <p>AO15.2 Disabled access is provided in accordance with the <i>Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010</i>.</p> <p>AO15.3 Car parking and manoeuvring areas are designed in accordance with: (a) AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities; (b) Austroads AP-34/95 - Design Vehicles and Turning Path Templates.</p>
<p>Infrastructure and Services</p>	
<p>PO16 The development is supplied with an appropriate level of infrastructure to service the intended use.</p>	<p>AO16 Premises within the Township zone are connected to telecommunications and have electricity supply. OR In the Rural zone telecommunications and electricity supplies are provided and designed and installed to supplier standards.</p>
<p>PO17 All development has an adequate supply of potable water and can provide for appropriate treatment and disposal of effluent and other waste water.</p>	<p>AO17.1 In the Township zone, all development is connected to Council's reticulated water supply network in accordance with 'Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Regional Development Manual'; OR In the Rural zone, a potable water supply is provided.</p> <p>AO17.2 An effluent disposal system is provided in accordance with ASNZ 1547 On-Site Domestic Wastewater Management (as amended).</p>
<p>PO18 Stormwater is collected and discharged to ensure no impacts on adjoining land owners, Council or State infrastructure, while also ensuring environmental values of waters in the shire are maintained.</p>	<p>AO18 Stormwater drainage is provided in accordance with 'Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Regional Development Manual'.</p>
<p>Council Assets</p>	
<p>PO19 Development does not adversely impact on Council infrastructure.</p>	<p>AO19 All proposed structures and buildings are clear of any Council easements and underground infrastructure located within the site boundaries.</p>

COMPLIES – PO14.

COMPLIES – PO15. CONDITION

COMPLIES – PO16.

COMPLIES – PO17. CONDITION.

COMPLIES – PO18 - will drain to a lawful point of discharge. CONDITION

COMPLIES – PO19 CONDITION.

Wastewater	
PO24 Wastewater discharge to a waterway is avoided or managed in a way that maintains ecological processes, riparian vegetation, waterway integrity, and downstream ecosystem health.	AO24 Wastewater from development is not discharged to a waterway; OR Where wastewater discharge to a waterway is unavoidable, a Wastewater Management Plan (WWMP) is submitted and implemented which: (a) provides a waste management hierarchy that minimises wastewater discharge to waterways by re-use, recycling, recovery and treatment for disposal to sewer, surface water and groundwater; (b) is prepared by a suitably qualified person and addresses: i. wastewater type; ii. climatic conditions; iii. water quality objectives (WQOs); iv. best-practice environmental management.

COMPLIES – the effluent disposal system will comply with the relevant Australian Standards.

PO28 Development is located and designed to incorporate a bushfire defendable space	AO28.1 No new development is located within the bushfire prone area;
from hazardous vegetation to facilitate access for firefighting and emergency vehicles, and safe evacuation to reduce risk to people and property.	OR Development is separated from hazardous vegetation by a distance that achieves a radiant heat flux level at any point on the building or envelope respectively that does not exceed: (a) 10kW/m ² where involving a vulnerable use; or (b) 29kW/m ² otherwise. Note: The radiant heat levels and separation distances are to be established in accordance with method 2 set out in AS3959 – 2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas. Where a separation distance is proposed to be achieved by utilising existing cleared developed areas external to the site, certainty must be established (through tenure or other means) that the land will remain cleared of hazardous vegetation.
	AO28.2 Buildings or building envelopes are separated from adjacent buildings or building envelopes by a distance of 8m or as far as practically possible
PO29 Development in a bushfire prone area makes adequate provision of water supply for fire-fighting requirements.	AO29 For Class 1 and Class 10a buildings located outside a reticulated water supply area a minimum water supply of 5,000 litres is available: (a) from a water tank with 50mm camlock fittings (ball and valve) or from a pool or dam; (b) at a pumpable distance for the Rural Fire Brigade from the development; OR For all other buildings located outside a reticulated water supply area no acceptable outcome is provided.

COMPLIES – PO28 - The site has minimal vegetation and the temporary caravans/RV's and tent can be moved from the site in the case of fire and fire breaks exist with space and good access for emergency services and evacuation.

CAN BE CONDITIONED TO COMPLY – PO29.

REFERRAL AGENCIES

Referral of the MCU/RAL Application was required as the site abuts a State Controlled Road.

By letter dated 03 June 2025, the State imposed four (4) conditions on the approval:

1. Road access, sited in accordance with Layout Plan and in compliance with TMR Standard Rural Property Access drawing.
2. No direct vehicular access permitted to/from Lot 4.
3. Remove existing property access Lot 4.
4. Provide an Access Easement on Lot 1 benefiting Lot 4 and Lot 2.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

During the Public Notification period two (2) submissions were received; one from the Department of Education and one from Ms Janette Sturgess (daughter of Mt Surprise resident, Ms Marie Prince).

The following issues were raised and a comment on the issues raised, is included below.

Department of Education

- The Department wants details of the measures that will be implemented to define the property boundary between the proposed development and the school and also the southern boundary.
- The Department recommends security fencing, preferably Colourbond panels for privacy, or acoustic timber fencing.

COMMENT

Mt Surprise State School shares a common boundary with the Roadhouse/Post Office site (Lot 2), it will not share a common boundary with the Tourist Park (Lots 1 & 4).

It is proposed to require screen fencing along the entire length of the common boundary of the dwelling to the east, along the southern boundary and along the western boundary up to the new Access Easement. This will contain the site of the Tourist Park within Lots 1 & 4 and protect the residential amenity of the adjoining resident.

Ms Janette Sturgess

- There is no need for additional Tourist Park development.
- Crime will increase if it goes ahead.
- The Tourist Park is nearby a school, also a post office, this is high risk and will create security and safety concerns, which are of primary concern.
- Privacy and noise complaints may escalate.
- Public Notification sign was not immediately obvious.

COMMENT

The proximity of the site, next to the roadhouse and post office is 'a good fit' in land use planning terms. This is a modest development that is likely to attract tourists/travellers, driving through and not necessarily tourist staying for a longer period of time that may recreate in the town, or seek to live semi-permanently in a Caravan Park.

A Tourist Park, of this scale and type, with no laundry facilities and unpowered sites, will appeal to those travellers passing through and wanting a central location in town for convenience to local services.

The Tourist Park will be contained on site with screen fencing and it is not expected to attract undesirables who will cause safety, security or noise concerns in the town.

Two (2) Submissions were received in November 2024, outside the submission period and are therefore, 'not properly made'. However, they are considered below for completeness.

Mt Surprise Primary School – Ms Shannon Zohl – President of the P&C Committee (and parent)

- Grave concerns for the safety of the children due to the current condition of the mesh fencing separating the school from the Tourist Park.
- Increased traffic also raised safety concerns, as current signage is inadequate.
- Have proper processes been followed?
- Is this Tourist Park needed?

COMMENT

As above, in response to the fencing issue and need.

Additional signage at the site entrance can be conditioned to improve public awareness, for children and residents, of traffic accessing the Tourist Park.

The proponent has engaged professionals to progress the project through the necessary approval process, which have all be followed.

Mt Surprise Primary School - Ms Brooke Chudleigh, Principal

- A Caravan Park will allow people to park close to the school fence/oval and watch the students, with potential dire consequences if undesirable people take advantage of this location.
- Already have problems with children engaging with strangers staying in the caravan park on the school's western boundary.
- Proximity of tents, caravans/RV's to the side boundary with the school can be problematic.
- Locational and safety measures for the children are paramount,

COMMENT

It is proposed to screen fence the two (2) lots that comprise the Tourist Park, which will provide good separation to the school. There will be no caravans, RV's, or tents in close proximity to the school's eastern side boundary.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The proposed development is recommended for approval as it will provide a modest, centrally located Tourist Park in Mt Surprise that is well located on National Highway 1, and close to local services, for travellers/tourists passing through, who are just looking for an overnight stay.

There is, general, compliance with the relevant Codes of the Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme 2020:

- Township Zone Code; and
- General Development Code.

In summary, the proposed development complies with the Planning Scheme and is recommended for approval, subject to reasonable and relevant conditions.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No.3: A diversified economic development ensures a prosperous Shire.
Corporate Outcome 3.1 A variety of land and housing options for the community.
Corporate Outcome 3.2 A diversified economic base: rural, tourism, mining and support services.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Consult Public notification was undertaken

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment Outcome: Low

Risks:

1. Appeal of decision
2. Reputational and community risk
3. Non-compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

Opportunities/Mitigation:

1. The assessment aligns with the Planning Scheme and Planning Act and it has been clearly documented how submissions were considered. Conditions have been set that are reasonable, relevant and enforceable.
2. Submissions have been responded to and it was clearly communicated that early submissions would be considered but do not have appeal rights.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Amended Site Plan [11.7.1]



Cemetery

Agenda General Meeting - Wednesday 20 August 2025

Garland Street



Legend

- Subject Site
- Caravan / RV Parking
(Max. 10) 1,880m²
- Tents
(Max. 5) 310m²
- Visitor Parking (informal)
x4 Spaces
- Internal Access Track (Informal)
- Easement
(Burdens Lot 1 on MPH33341;
Benefits Lot 2 on SP251177)
- Bathroom

Proposal Plan

SCALE:	1:500 @ A3	CLIENT:	G FITZGERALD
COORDINATE SYSTEM:	EPSG:7855 / GDA2020	DATE:	144 of 180 2025
JOB NUMBER:	J001714		



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12 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 12.1
Subject: Director Engineering Services - Briefing Report July 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

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

TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

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

HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM (HVSPP)

Electrical works and Avdata system for automatic payment system

- Power connection application has been submitted.
- Avdata system received the system, and installation will be processed soon
- Water tank installed
- Pump and power connection in progress

DRINKING WATER FACILITY FOR PUBLIC IN GEORGETOWN

Discussion for 2025/2026 budget consideration in progress.

WORKS IN MOUNT SURPRISE

- Pipe for the driveways in progress
- Pedestrian crossing in front of school:
 - Draft plan completed
 - Meeting with TMR is in progress
- Relocation of 60 KMPH sign - Progress

STAFF HOUSING

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

- Waiting for Ergon to connect power
- Fencing will be installed in September 2025

REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM ROUND 9 (RAUP 09)

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

- Einasleigh Air strip fencing project: 90 % completed
- Mount Surprise Air strip fencing project: Not started yet

CHARLSTON DAM

- Weekly inspection on going
- Annual Emergency Action Plan (EAP) revision is in progress

REGIONAL ECONOMIC FUTURES FUND (REFF) – NORTHWEST QUEENSLAND MINERALS PROVINCE (NWMP) TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

- The site has been inspected by the Ewamian People Aboriginal Corporation
- Georgetown River Walk (NWMP-0005) – Gravel River Walk of 800 m x 2.4 m completed on 29th June 2025
- Waiting advice from Ewamian People Aboriginal Corporation for plants type and signage .

NORTHWEST QUEENSLAND ECOBOIC DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGY (NWQEDS10)

Upgrade Casey's Rest Lookout

- Received TMR's approval
- Received one quotation

FORSAYTH TRANSFER STATION

Contacted contractor for the cardboard collection. Assessment is in progress.

DRFA WORKS – ZONE 5 – BY CONTRACTOR

Screening of gravel in Oak Park 7 and Rosella Pit 2, Rosella Pit 3 completed.

GEORGETOWN AND FORSAYTH LAND FILL

The frequencies to pick and push up the rubbish within the land fill area has been increased from 2 to 3 times a week effective from 4th June 2025

GEORGETOWN FORSAYTH ROAD

Waiting for CRC funding approval.

SAFER LOCAL ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SLRIP) TRANCHE 3 FUNDING APPLICATION

Following the council request to withdraw or change of scope of works of the project, DES contacted the SLRIP officer and received advice that council can change the scope of works after funding application approval but should be in the same location.

LRCIP PHASE 4

Dust pad completed.

CRUCIAL ACCESS FUNDING

Sandy Creek Bridge - Air strip Back Road

- Engineering survey and soil test completed
- Preparation of tender documents is progress

ATTENDANCE OF EVENTS

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

1 July 2025	Interview panel	Depot
7 July 2025	DRFA Managers' meeting & Independent Living Project Review	Depot
8 July 2025	Budget workshop	Council board room
9 July 2025	Community Connect and Budget Review meeting	Mount Surprise
15 July 2025	Special Budget meeting	Council board room
15 July 2025	DRFA meeting	Shepherded Services office

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16 July 2025	Council meeting	Council board room
18 July 2025	DRFA meeting	Depot
21 July 2025	Manager's meeting	Georgetown
21 July 2025	Guardian IMS training	MS Teams
22 July 2025	DRFA meeting	Depot
24 July 2025	FNQ RQMP meeting	MS Teams
25 July 2025	FNQ RRTG TC meeting	Cairns
29 July 2025	DRFA meeting	Depot
1 August 2025	DRFA meeting	MS Teams
4 August 2025	Manager's meeting	Depot
6 August 2025	RWMP meeting	MS Teams
7 August 2025	TMR meeting	Cairns
12 August 2025	DRFA meeting	MS Teams
12 August 2025	ELT meeting	MS Teams
14 August 2025	DRFA monthly meeting	MS Teams
15 August 2025	FNQ Water Alliance meeting	MS Teams
19 August 2025	ELT meeting	Council board room
20 August 2025	Council meeting	Council board room
26 August 2025	DRFA meeting	Depot
28 August 2025	RWMP meeting	MS Teams
29 August 2025	DRFA meeting	Depot

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item No: 12.2
Subject: Eveleigh Road - Geotechnical Investigation
Classification: Open
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to geotechnical test result of the road materials on Eveleigh Road.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

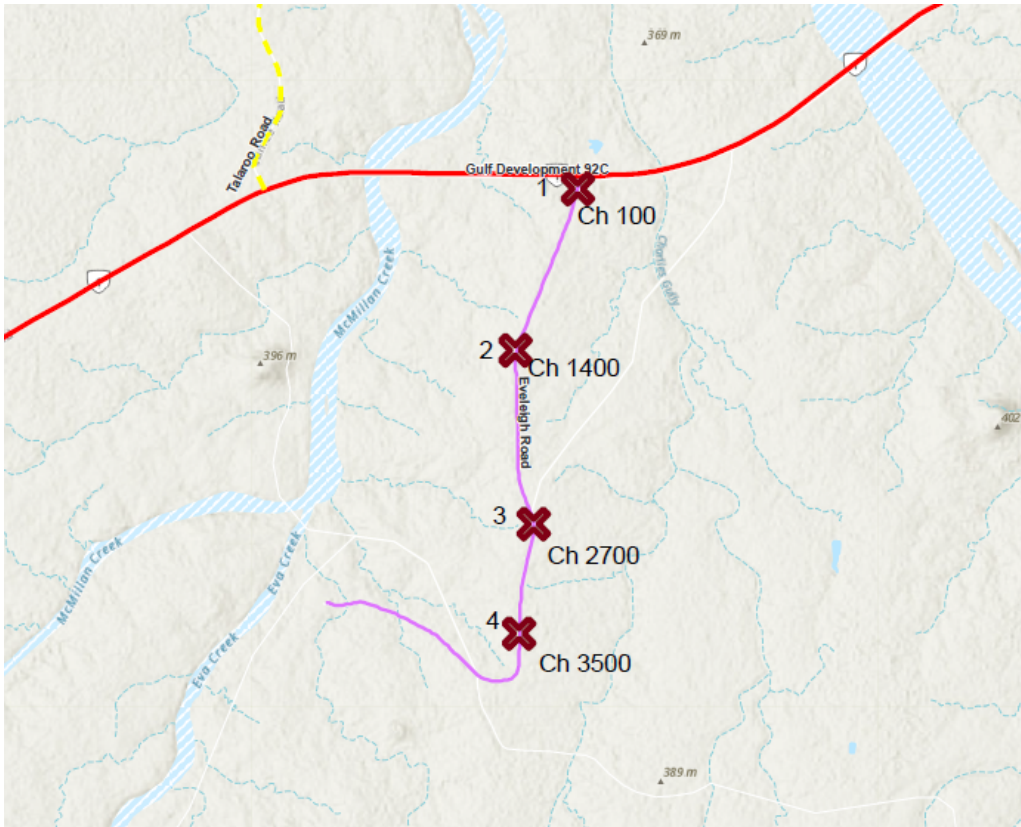
1. Note the geotechnical test results of the existing pavement of the Eveleigh Road; and
2. Accepts that there is no further action required.

BACKGROUND

The Earth Test was engaged to conduct a geotechnical site investigation at Eveleigh Road. The field work and Laboratory test was done on 26/06/2025. This report presents the geotechnical investigation results including sub surface soil profile with interpreted geotechnical properties of the assessed subsurface lithology and recommendation on pavement composition design for the road. A site plan showing the road and borehole locations is presented in the attachments.

The scope of works consisted of four (4) soil tests borings to depth of approximately 1 m below the existing road surface. The locations of the soil tests are:

- Chainage 100 m, 0.5 m Left hand side of the centre line
- Chainage 1400 m, 0.7 m Left hand side of the centre line
- Chainage 2700 m, 0.1 m Right hand side of the centre line
- Chainage 3500 m, 0.1 m Left hand side of the centre line.



Findings

a. Soil Profile

The encountered soil profiles are presented in the borehole logs in Attachment 1 and tabulated in detail in Table 1 below.

Table 1

S.no	Material	Bore hole 1 – Chainage 100	Bore hole 2 – Chainage 1400	Bore hole 3 – Chainage 2700	Bore hole 4– Chainage 3500	Description
1	Sandy gravel silt, pale brown, Low PI, Fill, Dry	0-400 mm	0-150 mm	0-150 mm	0-100 mm	Firm /Stiff
2	Silt, Brown Low PI	400-500 mm	150-300 mm	150-200 mm	100-200 mm	Firm /Stiff
3	Silt, Brown Low PI		300-500 mm	200-500 mm	200-250 mm	Firm /Stiff
4	Silt, Brown Low PI				250-500 mm	Firm /Stiff

b. California Bearing Ratios

The laboratory test results detailing the index properties and California Bearing Ratios of representative in situ subgrade materials are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2

Bore holes Number	Bore hole – Chainage (m)	Depth (mm)	Soil type	CBR *%)	MDD	OMC	Swell
1	100	400	Sandy Silt	3.5	1.97	11.5	0.5
2	1400	400	Sandy Silt	4.5	2.02	9.5	0.5
3	2700	400	Sandy clay	11	2.02	9	0
4	3500		Sandy Gravel	35	2.06	9.5	0

Note: MDD = Maximum Dry Density, OMC= Optimum Moisture Content, CBR = California Bearing Ratio

For the purpose of designing the pavement composition for the roadways on this type of site (between chainage 100 m to 2500 m), the existing material should be mixed with chemical or good gravel to bring its CBR values up (at least 15). The depth of gravel required is approximately 200 mm thick.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 1: A sustainable transport network that meets the community needs.
Corporate Outcome No. 1.1: Shire rural roads are all weather, town streets are bitumen with footpaths, kerb, channeling and drainage.

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

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Asset Management Policy

CONSULTATION

No consultation Required No consultation with the community is required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

Summary of risks and opportunities:

Risks

1. The road cannot be used during wet weather.

Opportunities

1. The road condition can be improved to make all weather road by sheeting of 200 mm good gravel and by constructing good table drains.

ATTACHMENTS

1. B H 1 Eveleigh Rd 05062025 [**12.2.1**]
2. B H 2 Eveleigh Rd 05062025 [**12.2.2**]
3. B H 4 Eveleigh Rd 05062025 [**12.2.3**]
4. CB R- W- T L-25-00580-1-1 [**12.2.4**]

Geotechnical Borehole Log Eveleigh Road Investigation

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PROJECT NUMBER SI 502-25	DRILLING DATE 05/06/2025	COORDINATES CH100, 0.5 LHS CL
PROJECT NAME Pavement Depth Investigation	DRILLING COMPANY Earth Test	COORD SYS
CLIENT Etheridge Shire Council	DRILLER Gavin Negri	SURFACE ELEVATION FSL
ADDRESS Eveleigh Road, Mt Surprise	DRILLING METHOD Solid Flight Auger	LOGGED BY Gavin Negri
	TOTAL DEPTH 1.0	CHECKED BY GN

COMMENTS

Depth (m)	Dynamic Cone Penetrometer AS1289.6.3.2	Samples	Is Analysed?	Graphic Log	Material Description	Additional Observations
					Sandy Gravelly SILT, Pale Brown, Low PI, FILL, Dry	
0.5					Sandy SILT, Brown, with Gravel, Low PI, Dry	
1					Termination Depth at: 0.6 m	

Geotechnical Borehole Log Eveleigh Road Investigation

Agenda General Meeting - Wednesday 20 August 2025

PROJECT NUMBER SI 502-25	DRILLING DATE 05/06/2025	COORDINATES CH1400, 0.7 RHS CL
PROJECT NAME Pavement Depth Investigation	DRILLING COMPANY Earth Test	COORD SYS
CLIENT Etheridge Shire Council	DRILLER Gavin Negri	SURFACE ELEVATION FSL
ADDRESS Eveleigh Road, Mt Surprise	DRILLING METHOD Solid Flight Auger	LOGGED BY Gavin Negri
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					Sandy SILT, Dark Brown, Low PI, Dry	
0.5					Sandy Silty GRAVEL, Brown, Quartz Gravel, Low PI, Dry	
1					Termination Depth at: 0.6 m	

PROJECT NUMBER SI 502-25	DRILLING DATE 05/06/2025	COORDINATES CH3500, 0.1 LHS CL
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CLIENT Etheridge Shire Council	DRILLER Gavin Negri	SURFACE ELEVATION FSL
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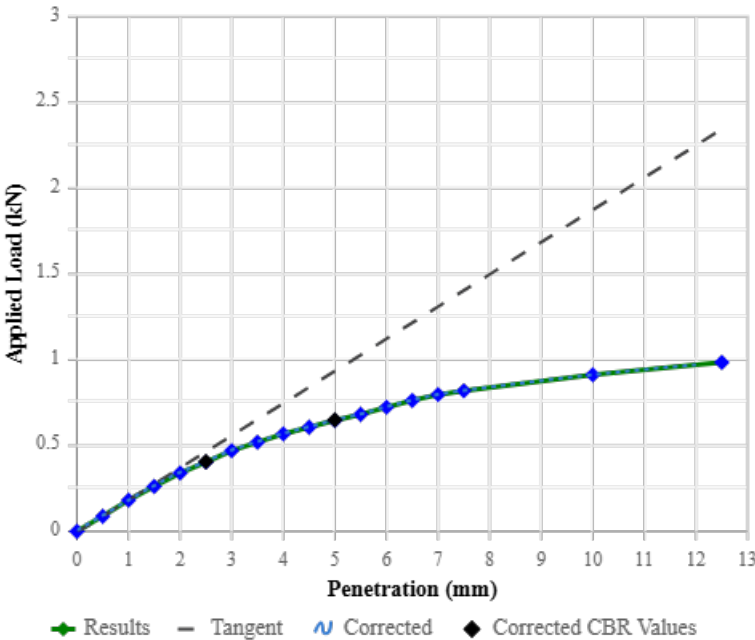
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					Sandy SILT, Brown, Soft, Low PI, Dry	
					Sandy Clayey SILT, Dark Brown, Firm, with Gravel, Low PI, Dry	
					Sandy Gravelly SILT, Brown, Firm, Low PI, Moist	
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1					Termination Depth at: 0.6 m	

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Sample Details

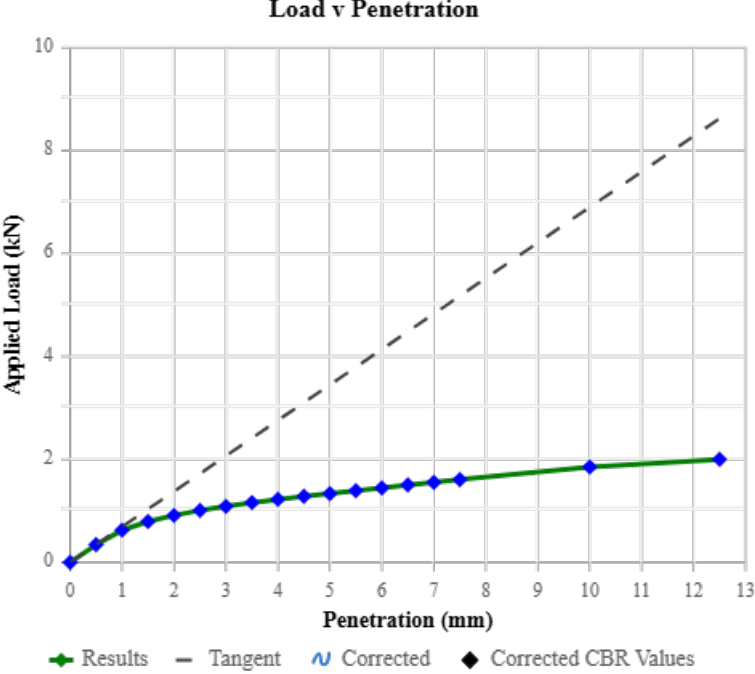
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Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	100
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Pavement	Easting	
Material Name	Sandy Clayey GRAVEL	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	White, Sandy CLayey GRAVEL	Elevation (m)	

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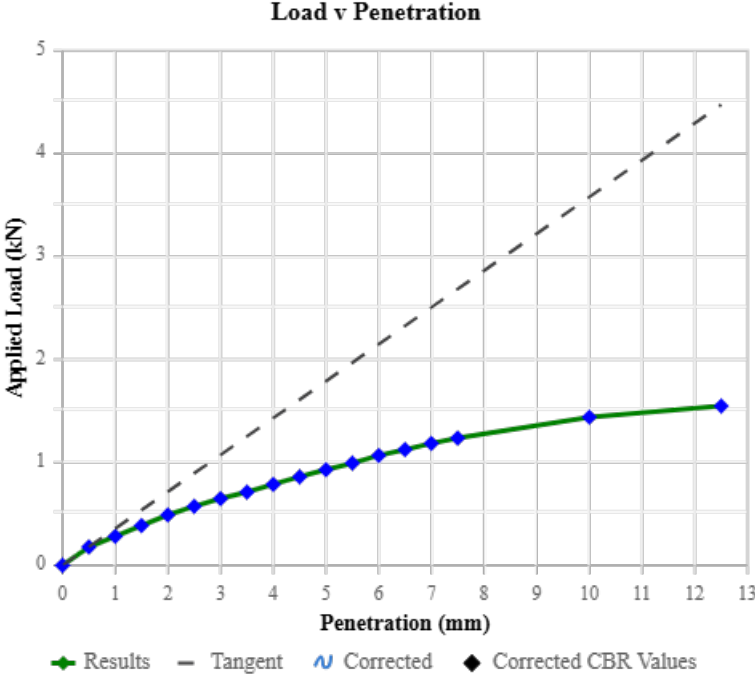
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Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	100
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Insitu	Easting	
Material Name	Sandy CLAY	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	Sandy CLAY, Brown	Elevation (m)	

Test Results		Load v Penetration
CBR Value (%)	8	<div>Load v Penetration</div>  <p>Applied Load (kN)</p> <p>Penetration (mm)</p> <p>Results Tangent Corrected Corrected CBR Values</p>
CBR Value at 2.5mm (%)	8	
CBR Value at 5.0mm (%)	7	
Maximum Dry Density (t/m³)	1.97	
Optimum Moisture Content (%)	10.0	
Dry Density before Soaking (t/m³)	1.97	
Density Ratio before soaking (%)	100.0	
Moisture Content before Soaking (%)	10.2	
Moisture Ratio before soaking (%)	100.0	
Dry Density after Soaking (t/m³)	1.96	
Density Ratio after soaking (%)	99.5	
Swell (%)	0.5	
Moisture Content of Top 30mm (%)	14.1	
Moisture Content of Remaining Depth (%)		
Compactive Effort	Standard	
Surcharge Mass (kg)	4.5	
Period of Soaking (Days)	4	
CBR Moisture Content Method	AS 1289.2.1.1	
Plasticity Method	Visual/Tactile Assessment	
Sample Curing Time (h)	24.0	

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Sample Details

Sample Id	S-TL-25-01488	Location	Pavement
Test Method Name	AS 1289.6.1.1 California Bearing Ratio	Lot Number	Eveleigh
Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	1400
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Pavement	Easting	
Material Name	Sandy Clayey GRAVEL	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	White, Sandy CLayey GRAVEL	Elevation (m)	

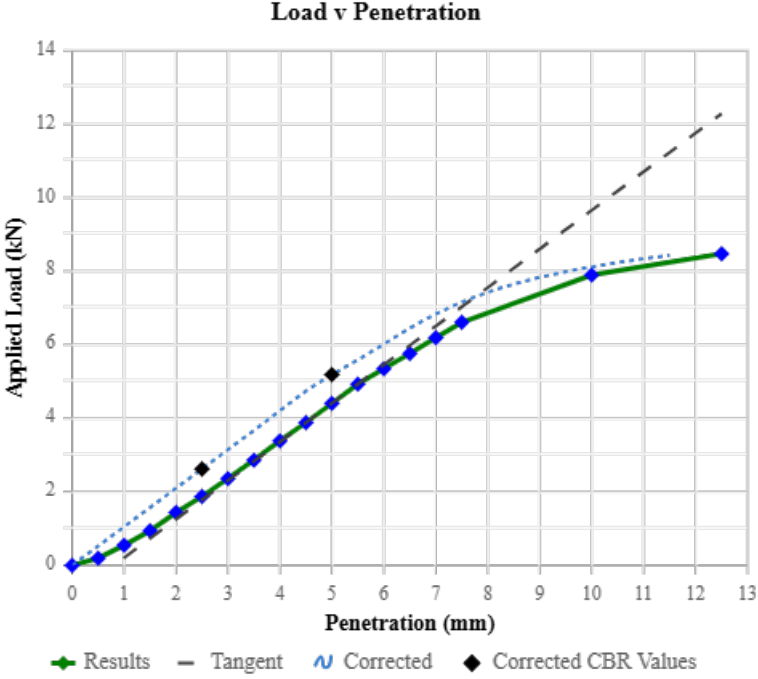
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Sample Details

Sample Id	S-TL-25-01489	Location	-250mm FSL
Test Method Name	AS 1289.6.1.1 California Bearing Ratio	Lot Number	Eveleigh
Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	1400
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Insitu	Easting	
Material Name	Clayey SAND	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	Clayey SAND, Brown, with Gravel	Elevation (m)	

Test Results		Load v Penetration
CBR Value (%)	25	<div>Load v Penetration</div> 
CBR Value at 2.5mm (%)	20	
CBR Value at 5.0mm (%)	25	
Maximum Dry Density (t/m³)	2.18	
Optimum Moisture Content (%)	8.0	
Dry Density before Soaking (t/m³)	2.10	
Density Ratio before soaking (%)	96.5	
Moisture Content before Soaking (%)	8.1	
Moisture Ratio before soaking (%)	104.0	
Dry Density after Soaking (t/m³)	2.11	
Density Ratio after soaking (%)	97.0	
Swell (%)	-0.5	
Moisture Content of Top 30mm (%)	10.1	
Moisture Content of Remaining Depth (%)		
Compactive Effort	Standard	
Surcharge Mass (kg)	4.5	
Period of Soaking (Days)	4	
CBR Moisture Content Method	AS 1289.2.1.1	
Plasticity Method	Visual/Tactile Assessment	
Sample Curing Time (h)	2.0	

Notes and Comments

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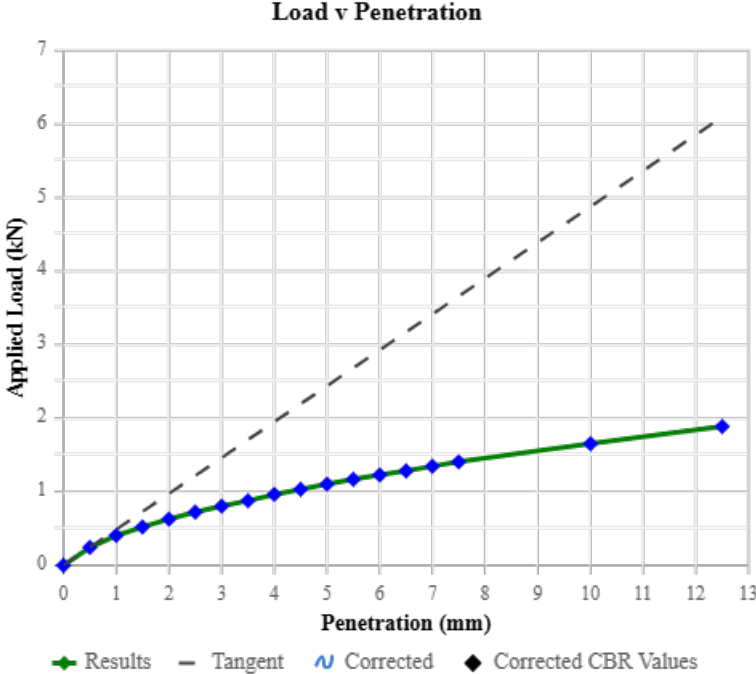
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Test Method Name	AS 1289.6.1.1 California Bearing Ratio	Lot Number	Eveleigh
Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	2700
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Pavement	Easting	
Material Name	Sandy Clayey GRAVEL	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	White, Sandy CLayey GRAVEL	Elevation (m)	

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CBR Value (%)	11	<div><h3>Load v Penetration</h3><table border="1"><caption>Data points from the Load v Penetration graph</caption><thead><tr><th>Penetration (mm)</th><th>Applied Load (kN)</th><th>Series</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0.3</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>0.6</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>1.0</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>1.3</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>1.7</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>2.1</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>2.5</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>2.8</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>3.5</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>12.5</td><td>3.9</td><td>Results</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>2.1</td><td>Corrected CBR Values</td></tr><tr><td>7.5</td><td>2.7</td><td>Corrected CBR Values</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>3.5</td><td>Corrected CBR Values</td></tr></tbody></table></div>	Penetration (mm)	Applied Load (kN)	Series	0	0	Results	1	0.3	Results	2	0.6	Results	3	1.0	Results	4	1.3	Results	5	1.7	Results	6	2.1	Results	7	2.5	Results	8	2.8	Results	10	3.5	Results	12.5	3.9	Results	5	2.1	Corrected CBR Values	7.5	2.7	Corrected CBR Values	10	3.5	Corrected CBR Values
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Sample Id	S-TL-25-01491	Location	-250mm FSL
Test Method Name	AS 1289.6.1.1 California Bearing Ratio	Lot Number	Eveleigh
Date Tested	Tuesday, 01 July 2025	Chainage Value (m)	2700
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Insitu	Easting	
Material Name	Sandy CLAY with Gravel	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	Sandy CLAY, with Gravel, Pale Brown	Elevation (m)	

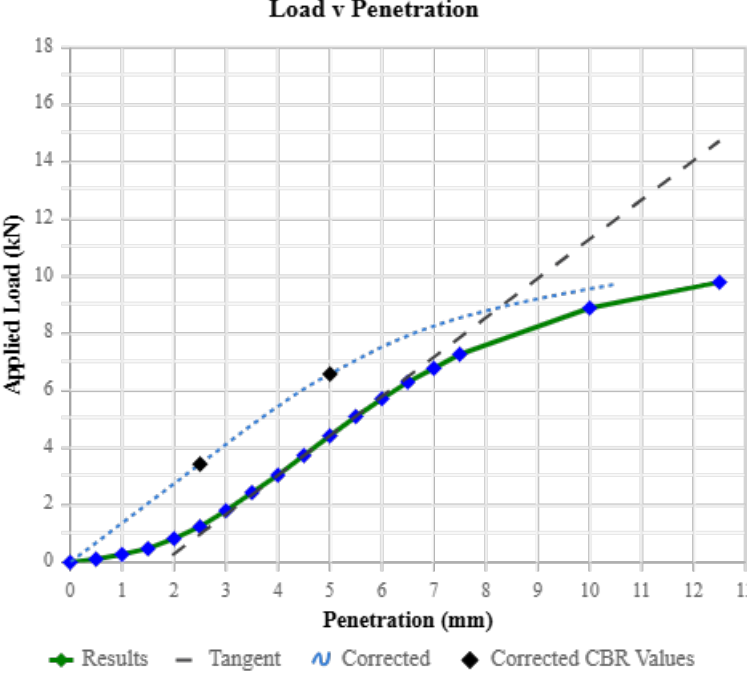
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Sample Details

Sample Id	S-TL-25-01492	Location	Pavement
Test Method Name	AS 1289.6.1.1 California Bearing Ratio	Lot Number	Eveleigh
Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	3500
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Pavement	Easting	
Material Name	Sandy Clayey GRAVEL	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	White, Sandy CLayey GRAVEL	Elevation (m)	

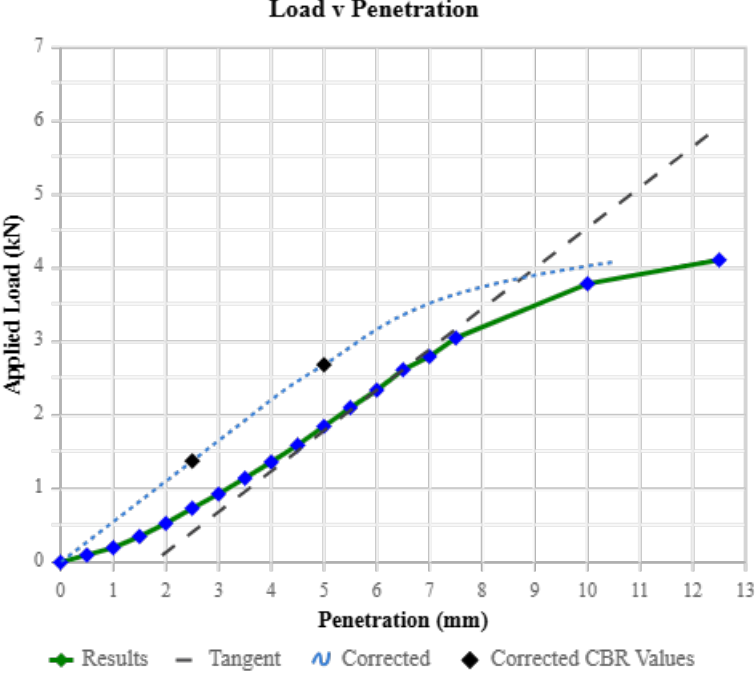
Test Results		Load v Penetration
CBR Value (%)	35	<div><p>Load v Penetration</p></div>
CBR Value at 2.5mm (%)	25	
CBR Value at 5.0mm (%)	35	
Maximum Dry Density (t/m³)	2.06	
Optimum Moisture Content (%)	9.5	
Dry Density before Soaking (t/m³)	2.06	
Density Ratio before soaking (%)	100.0	
Moisture Content before Soaking (%)	9.6	
Moisture Ratio before soaking (%)	100.0	
Dry Density after Soaking (t/m³)	2.06	
Density Ratio after soaking (%)	100.0	
Swell (%)	0.0	
Moisture Content of Top 30mm (%)	10.5	
Moisture Content of Remaining Depth (%)		
Compactive Effort	Standard	
Surcharge Mass (kg)	4.5	
Period of Soaking (Days)	4	
CBR Moisture Content Method	AS 1289.2.1.1	
Plasticity Method	Visual/Tactile Assessment	
Sample Curing Time (h)	26.0	

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Sample Id	S-TL-25-01493	Location	-250mm FSL
Test Method Name	AS 1289.6.1.1 California Bearing Ratio	Lot Number	Eveleigh
Date Tested	Monday, 30 June 2025	Chainage Value (m)	3500
Date Sampled	26/06/2025	Offset	0
Sampling Method	AS 1289.1.2.1 Clause 6.4b - Sampling from layers - compacted	Offset From (m)	Centerline
Sample Preparation	AS 1289.1.1	Elevation (m)	
Material Source	Insitu	Easting	
Material Name	Clayey SAND	Northing	
Soil Aggregate Description	Clayey SAND, Brown	Elevation (m)	

Test Results		Load v Penetration
CBR Value (%)	14	<div>Load v Penetration</div> 
CBR Value at 2.5mm (%)	10	
CBR Value at 5.0mm (%)	14	
Maximum Dry Density (t/m³)	2.07	
Optimum Moisture Content (%)	11.0	
Dry Density before Soaking (t/m³)	2.00	
Density Ratio before soaking (%)	96.5	
Moisture Content before Soaking (%)	11.3	
Moisture Ratio before soaking (%)	102.5	
Dry Density after Soaking (t/m³)	2.00	
Density Ratio after soaking (%)	97.0	
Swell (%)	0.0	
Moisture Content of Top 30mm (%)	14.0	
Moisture Content of Remaining Depth (%)		
Compactive Effort	Standard	
Surcharge Mass (kg)	4.5	
Period of Soaking (Days)	4	
CBR Moisture Content Method	AS 1289.2.1.1	
Plasticity Method	Visual/Tactile Assessment	
Sample Curing Time (h)	26.0	

Item No: 12.3
Subject: Road Register 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Preparation and ongoing maintenance of a current Road Register is the Council's statutory requirements. The register includes road name, its hierarchy and type of roads and will be available for inspection by the public.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept and implement the Road Register August 2025 version.

BACKGROUND

Council is responsible for local roads within the Shire; this excludes arterial roads and intersections to arterial roads. Council maintained roads are listed on the Road Register. The Road Register also defines the hierarchy of each road. The inspection frequencies and maintenances are carried out based on their hierarchy. Council has reviewed the Road Register in July 2025 (Attachment 1 Road Register 2025).

Council's Asset Management Plan Roads (AMPR) sets the level of service, inspection intervals.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Aim No. 1: A sustainable transport network that meets the community needs.
Corporate Outcome No. 1.1: Shire rural roads are all weather, town streets are bitumen with footpaths, kerb, channeling and drainage.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

The existing Road Register will be reviewed in 2029 (standard four-year term). It is recommending Council to allocate a budget in 2028/2029 financial year to review the Road Register.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is Council's responsibility to maintain the roads to provide safe access to all road users.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Asset Management Policy

CONSULTATION

Consult Consultation has been undertaken with the Executive Leadership Team, Elected Members and the relevant property owners.

RISK ASSESSMENT

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

Risks

1. Road Register provides overview of the road network. Road Register is crucial in road network information.

Opportunities

1. Road capital works programs can be prioritised and apply for fundings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Road Register - August 2025 [**12.3.1**]

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Road Register 2025



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Sum of Length (m)				Surface Type					
Road Name	Road ID	Hierarchy	Locality	Formed	Sealed	Unformed	Unsealed	Grand Total	Hyperlink
Abingdon Downs Road	1039	4A	Georgetown				104,421	104,421	Map Link
Agate Creek Gemfields Road	1066	5B	Forsayth				10,371	10,371	Map Link
Agate Creek Road	1059	4A	Forsayth				30,215	30,215	Map Link
Airstrip Back Road	1005	9A	Georgetown				638	638	Map Link
Amburlee Station Road	1116	5B	Georgetown				540	540	Map Link
Atkinson Street	9080	9B	Mount Surprise				315	315	Map Link
Ballynure Road	3014	5B	Lyndhurst				9,001	9,001	Map Link
Ballynure South Station Road	3113	5B	Lyndhurst				15,847	15,847	Map Link
Baroota Street North	9022a	9B	Einasteigh		245			245	Map Link
Baroota Street South	9022	9B	Einasteigh		372			372	Map Link
Beverley Hills Road	2001	5A	Einasteigh				19,041	19,041	Map Link
Beverley Hills Road	2001	5B	Einasteigh				23,105	23,105	Map Link
Big Reef Dam Road	1065	5B	Forsayth				712	712	Map Link
Big Reef Road	1064	5B	Forsayth				214	214	Map Link
Blackrock Road	1008	5B	North Head				11,313	11,313	Map Link
Blancourt Road	1019	5B	Georgetown				2,780	2,780	Map Link
Bloodwood Lane	<Null>	9A	Georgetown		243			243	Map Link
Cabana Road	2030	5C	Mount Surprise				5,904	5,904	Map Link
Carnes Road	1024	5B	Georgetown				18,600	18,600	Map Link
Carpentaria Downs Road	2004	5B	Einasteigh				1,404	1,404	Map Link
Chadshunt Road	1010	5B	Gilbert River				4,413	4,413	Map Link
Charleston Cemetery Road	1168	5B	Forsayth				1,642	1,642	Map Link
Charleston Dam Access Road	1074	5B	Forsayth				2,831	2,831	Map Link
Charleston Dam Road	1058	4A	Forsayth				1,834	1,834	Map Link
Cobbold Gorge Road (sealed)	1060	2	Forsayth		8,357		8,357	8,357	Map Link
Cobbold Gorge Road (unsealed)	1060	2	Forsayth				36,539	36,539	Map Link
Collins Street	9051	9B	Georgetown		304			304	Map Link
Commerical Waste Rd	9201	9A	Georgetown				1,502	1,502	Map Link
Conjuboy Road	2015	5B	Conjuboy				3,944	3,944	Map Link
Conjuboy Station Road	2115	5B	Conjuboy				397	397	Map Link
Coolabah Court	<Null>	9A	Georgetown		52			52	Map Link
Copperfield Dam Road	3001	5B	Einasteigh				17,876	17,876	Map Link
Copperfield Gorge Rec Road	3007	9B	Einasteigh				300	300	Map Link
Council Private access (old dump access)	1038	5C	Georgetown				407	407	Map Link
Cox Lane	9025	9B	Mount Surprise				136	136	Map Link
Cox Lane	9025	9B	Mount Surprise		76			76	Map Link
Crampton Street	9012	9B	Georgetown		665			665	Map Link
Crampton Street	9012	9B	Georgetown				90	90	Map Link
Creek Street	9212	9B	Georgetown		141			141	Map Link
Crystall Lane	9880	9B	Mount Surprise				238	238	Map Link
Cumberland Road	1030	5B	Georgetown				191	191	Map Link
Cumberland Street	9010	9B	Georgetown		727			727	Map Link
Curralle Road	1267	5C	Forsayth				867	867	Map Link
Dagworth Road	1245	5B	Abington Downs				47,423	47,423	Map Link
Dagworth Telstra tower access	9200	5C	Abington Downs				786	786	Map Link
Daintree Road	9021a	9B	Einasteigh		238			238	Map Link
Daintree Road (South)	9021b	5C	Einasteigh				791	791	Map Link

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Road Name	Road ID	Hierarchy	Locality	Formed	Sealed	Unformed	Unsealed	Grand Total	Hyperlink
Dells Hole Road	1073	5B	Forsayth	9,528				9,528	Map Link
Dulthara Road	3031	5A	Gilberton				27,412	27,412	Map Link
Dulthara Road	3031	5B	Gilberton				47,751	47,751	Map Link
Eighth Street	9881	9B	Forsayth		233			233	Map Link
Einasteigh Dump Access Road	2000	9A	Einasteigh				799	799	Map Link
Einasteigh Road	1071	2	Einasteigh		68,324			68,324	Map Link
Ellendale Road	2033	5B	Einasteigh				13,527	13,527	Map Link
Eveleigh Road	2031	5B	Einasteigh				5,428	5,428	Map Link
Fifth Street	9019	9B	Forsayth		695			695	Map Link
First Street	9016	1	Forsayth		389			389	Map Link
First Street (East)	9016	9B	Forsayth		234			234	Map Link
Firth Street	9887	9A	Mount Surprise	264				264	Map Link
Flat Creek Road	1054	5A	North Head				11,697	11,697	Map Link
Flat Creek Road	1054	5B	North Head				16,652	16,652	Map Link
Forest Home Road	1017	5A	Georgetown				5,276	5,276	Map Link
Forest Home Road	1017	5B	Georgetown				6,320	6,320	Map Link
Forest Home Road	1017	5C	Georgetown				2,880	2,880	Map Link
Forsayth Airstrip Road	7200	5B	Forsayth		183			183	Map Link
Forsayth Amentities Access	9020	9A	Forsayth		127			127	Map Link
Forsayth Clinic cul-de-sac	9022_2	9B	Forsayth		34			34	Map Link
Forsayth Dump access	1036	5A	Forsayth				108	108	Map Link
Forsayth Transfer Station Access Road	1080	5A	Forsayth		200			200	Map Link
Fourth Street	9018	9B	Forsayth		592			592	Map Link
Garnet Street	9026	9B	Mount Surprise		225			225	Map Link
Garnet Street	9026	9B	Mount Surprise				111	111	Map Link
Georgetown Airstrip Road	1035	9A	Georgetown		1,994			1,994	Map Link
Georgetown Cemetery Road	9001	9B	Georgetown		983			983	Map Link
Gilberton Road	3009	4A	Einasteigh				77,369	77,369	Map Link
Gilberton Road	3009	5A	Einasteigh				4,479	4,479	Map Link
Gilberton Station Road	3038	5B	Gilberton				2,319	2,319	Map Link
Glenmore Road	3022	5B	Gilberton				1,152	1,152	Map Link
Goldsmith Road	1063	5A	Forsayth				6,068	6,068	Map Link
Goldsmith Station Road	1063	5B	Forsayth				9,609	9,609	Map Link
Green Hills Road	1027	5A	Georgetown				24,816	24,816	Map Link
Green Hills Station Road	1127	5B	Georgetown				439	439	Map Link
Green Hills Trail (North)	1106	5C	Northhead			883		883	Map Link
Green Hills Trail (South)	1108	5C	Northhead	7,063				7,063	Map Link
Green Street	9013	9B	Georgetown				232	232	Map Link
Green Street	9013	9B	Georgetown		163			163	Map Link
Greens Park Carpark	9218	9B	Georgetown		208			208	Map Link
Gum Flat Road	3016	5B	Gilberton				427	427	Map Link
Haldane Lane	9205	9B	Georgetown		234			234	Map Link
Haldane Street	9007	9B	Georgetown		1,133			1,133	Map Link
Haldane Street	9007	9B	Georgetown				45	45	Map Link
Hayman Street	9204	9B	Georgetown		467			467	Map Link
Heliman Road	1028	5B	Northhead	11,706				11,706	Map Link
Heritage Park	9211	9B	Georgetown		219			219	Map Link
High Street	9006	9B	Georgetown		1,095			1,095	Map Link
Howlong Station Road	1056	5B	Forsayth				1,393	1,393	Map Link
Huonfels Road	1029	5A	Georgetown				13,945	13,945	Map Link

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Road Name	Road ID	Hierarchy	Locality	Formed	Sealed	Unformed	Unsealed	Grand Total	Hyperlink
Industrial Street	9015	9B	Georgetown		500			500	Map Link
Inorunie Road	1001	5B	Gilbert River				12,045	12,045	Map Link
Iona Road	3017	5C	Gilberton				10,276	10,276	Map Link
Ironhurst Road	1041	5B	Georgetown				729	729	Map Link
Jenkins Creek Road	1067	5B	Forsayth				4,522	4,522	Map Link
Keldi Flats Road	1016	5B	Gilbert River				642	642	Map Link
Kellys Road	1012	5B	Gilbert River				2,799	2,799	Map Link
Kidston Airstrip Road	9202	5B	Einasseigh				756	756	Map Link
Kidston Cemetery Road	3137	5B	Kidston	1,674				1,674	Map Link
Kidston Road	3010	2	Einasseigh				30,323	30,323	Map Link
Kungaree Road	1150	5C	Georgetown			3,497		3,497	Map Link
Kurrajong Court	<Null>	9A	Georgetown				79	79	Map Link
Kutchera Road	1015	5B	Georgetown				40,104	40,104	Map Link
Kutchera Road	1015	5C	Georgetown	20,167				20,167	Map Link
Kutchera Road	1015	5C	Georgetown	22,136				22,136	Map Link
Lake Carlo Road	1003	5B	Gilbert River				12,741	12,741	Map Link
Lanes Creek Road	1043	5B	Georgetown				3,113	3,113	Map Link
Langolovale Road	1007	5B	Gilbert River				734	734	Map Link
Little River Road	1105	5B	Gilbert River	1,732				1,732	Map Link
Littleton Dam Road	1101	5B	Gilbert River	1,292				1,292	Map Link
Littleton Road	1002	5B	Gilbert River				8,769	8,769	Map Link
Lochlea Road	2010	5B	Conjuboy				1,000	1,000	Map Link
Long Gully Road	9206	5B	Forsayth				416	416	Map Link
Lornevale Road	1053	5B	Forsayth				2,578	2,578	Map Link
Low Street	9004	9B	Georgetown		995			995	Map Link
Lyndhurst Road	3120	5B	Lyndhurst				237	237	Map Link
Maitland Downs Road	2009	5B	Lyndhurst				1,811	1,811	Map Link
Malacura Road	1109	5B	Georgetown				265	265	Map Link
Mango Plantation Access Road	1006	5B	Gilbert River				603	603	Map Link
Marlow Close	9052	9A	Georgetown		83			83	Map Link
Mary Street	9008	9B	Georgetown		223			223	Map Link
Mistletoe Road	1047	5B	Georgetown				5,973	5,973	Map Link
Mount Hogan Road	3116	5B	Gilberton	155				155	Map Link
Mount Little Road	1004	5B	Gilbert River				9,949	9,949	Map Link
Mount Surprise Refuse Tip Access Road (North)	2025	5B	Mount Surprise				478	478	Map Link
Mount Surprise Rodeo Grounds Access Road	2024	5B	Mount Surprise				1,260	1,260	Map Link
Mount Surprise Rodeo Grounds Access Road (North)	2024a	5B	Mount Surprise				654	654	Map Link
Mount Surprise Station Road	2027	5B	Mount Surprise				498	498	Map Link
Mount Talbot Road	1070	5B	Forsayth				9,201	9,201	Map Link
Mount Turner Road	1031	5B	Georgetown				2,906	2,906	Map Link
Munic Street	9207	9B	Georgetown		176			176	Map Link
Mywyn Road	2005	5B	Einasseigh				3,975	3,975	Map Link
Namuel Road	1033	5B	Georgetown				1,532	1,532	Map Link
Narrawa Road	1099	5B	Einasseigh				1,993	1,993	Map Link
Neem Tree Road	1020	5B	Gilbert River				1,280	1,280	Map Link
Ninth Street	<Null>	9B	Forsayth				250	250	Map Link
Normanton Street	9009	9B	Georgetown		885			885	Map Link
North Head Road	1057	5A	Forsayth				17,524	17,524	Map Link
North Head Station Road	1057	5B	Forsayth				13,301	13,301	Map Link
North Street (Gulf Developmental Road 92B)	9003	1	Georgetown		764			764	Map Link

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Oak Park Race Course Access Road	3027	5B	Lyndhurst				6,439	6,439	Map Link
Oak Park Road	3021	3	Lyndhurst				45,515	45,515	Map Link
Oak Park Road	3021	3	Lyndhurst				7,430	7,430	Map Link
Oak Park Road	3021	3	Lyndhurst			239		239	Map Link
Oak Park Road	3021	3	Lyndhurst				16,994	16,994	Map Link
Oak Park Road	3021	3	Lyndhurst		411			411	Map Link
Oak Valley Station Road	3029	5B	Lyndhurst				3,525	3,525	Map Link
Oakleigh Road	3005	5B	Einasleigh				16,565	16,565	Map Link
O'Brien's Creek Road	2028	9B	Mount Surprise				37,505	37,505	Map Link
O'Brien's Creek Road	2028	9B	Mount Surprise			3,702		3,702	Map Link
Old Kidston Township Road	3006	5A	Einasleigh				2,790	2,790	Map Link
Old Kidston Township Road	3006	5B	Einasleigh				1,139	1,139	Map Link
Old Robinhood Road	1062	5B	Forsayth				6,290	6,290	Map Link
Ooralat Road	2029	5B	Mount Surprise				10,999	10,999	Map Link
Ortona Road	3018	4B	Gilberton				47,042	47,042	Map Link
Ortona Station Road	3300	5B	Gilberton				534	534	Map Link
Paddy's Road	1009	5A	Gilbert River				39,152	39,152	Map Link
Paddy's Station Road	1009	5B	Gilbert River				18,406	18,406	Map Link
Paramount Road	1021a	5B	Georgetown				333	333	Map Link
Patricia Road (continuation/replace through to Crampton Road)	9220	9B	Georgetown				717	717	Map Link
Percyvale Road	3015	5B	Gilberton				12,481	12,481	Map Link
Percyvale Station Road	3136	5C	Forsayth	33,151				33,151	Map Link
Perryvale Road	3008	5B	Gilberton				11,571	11,571	Map Link
Prestwood Road	1023	5B	Georgetown				1,618	1,618	Map Link
Racecourse Road (Einasleigh)	1098	9B	Einasleigh				1,076	1,076	Map Link
Racecourse Road (Georgetown)	1037	9B	Georgetown				1,608	1,608	Map Link
Red Rock Road	9884	5B	Einasleigh	447				447	Map Link
Riverview Road	1021	5B	Georgetown				3,423	3,423	Map Link
Robin Hood Road	1055	4B	Forsayth				33,261	33,261	Map Link
Robin Hood Station Road	1055	5B	Forsayth				492	492	Map Link
Rockdale Road	1034	5B	Georgetown				1,320	1,320	Map Link
Rocky Springs Road	2023	5C	Mount Surprise				2,404	2,404	Map Link
Rocky Springs Station Road	2123	5B	Mount Surprise	2,526				2,526	Map Link
Rocky View Road	1014	5B	Gilbert River				1,330	1,330	Map Link
Rosella Plains Road	2013	5A	Conjuboy				15,073	15,073	Map Link
Rosella Plains Road	2013	5B	Conjuboy				28,793	28,793	Map Link
Routh Camp Track	1050	5C	Georgetown	2,125				2,125	Map Link
Routh Road	1049	5B	Georgetown				4,902	4,902	Map Link
Rungulla Road	3121	5C	Gilberton				5,491	5,491	Map Link
Schaffers Street	9014	9B	Georgetown			143		143	Map Link
Second Street (Einasleigh)	9024	9B	Einasleigh			136		136	Map Link
Second Street (Forsayth sealed)	9021	9B	Forsayth			346		346	Map Link
Second Street (Forsayth unsealed)	9021	9B	Forsayth				214	214	Map Link
Seventh Street	9021_3	9B	Forsayth				223	223	Map Link
Shire Hall Car Park	9216	9B	Georgetown			80		80	Map Link
Short Street	2213	9B	Georgetown			247		247	Map Link
Sirron Road	1069	5A	Forsayth				1,309	1,309	Map Link
Sirron Road	1069	5B	Forsayth				4,840	4,840	Map Link
Sirron Station Road	1077	5B	Forsayth				500	500	Map Link
Sirron Station Road	1077	5C	Forsayth				726	726	Map Link

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Six Mile Road	3037	5B	Gilberton				3,706	3,706	Map Link
Sixth Street (North)	2214	9B	Forsayth				440	440	Map Link
Sixth Street (South)	2214a	9B	Forsayth				127	127	Map Link
Soda Creek Road	2003	5B	Einasseigh				3,681	3,681	Map Link
South Head Road	1061	5B	Forsayth	12,836				12,836	Map Link
South Street	9011	9B	Georgetown		333			333	Map Link
South Street	9011	9B	Georgetown		345			345	Map Link
Spring Creek Road	2014	5B	Conjuboy				904	904	Map Link
Springfield Road (Savannah Way Alternate)	2021	2P	Mount Surprise				12,334	12,334	Map Link
St George Street	9002	1	Georgetown		906			906	Map Link
St George Street	9002	9A	Georgetown		231			231	Map Link
Stockman Creek Road	2002	5B	Einasseigh				1,230	1,230	Map Link
Strathmore Road Sealed	1013	2	Gilbert River		8,179			8,179	Map Link
Strathmore Road Unsealed	1013	2	Gilbert River				48,619	48,619	Map Link
Talaroo Road	1052	2P	Talaroo				9,971	9,971	Map Link
Terrestrial Carpark	9219	9A	Georgetown				108	108	Map Link
Terrestrial Loop	9210	9B	Georgetown				92	92	Map Link
The Garden Road	9203	5B	Einasseigh				1,061	1,061	Map Link
The Garden Road	9203	5B	Einasseigh		82			82	Map Link
The Lynd Road	2008	5B	Conjuboy				493	493	Map Link
The Oaks Road	3003	5B	Einasseigh				5,124	5,124	Map Link
Third Street (Forsayth)	9017	9B	Forsayth		388			388	Map Link
to Telstra Tower (Routh)	1100	5C	Georgetown			894		894	Map Link
Tortlinger Road	1011	5B	Gilbert River				45,336	45,336	Map Link
Townley Road	1157	5B	Northhead				292	292	Map Link
Undara Road	2018	2	Mount Surprise		14,110			14,110	Map Link
Vanlee Station Road	1051	5B	Talaroo				54,677	54,677	Map Link
Vanlee-Dagworth Road	1051	5C	Talaroo				17,147	17,147	Map Link
Watch Hill Road	2007	5B	Lyndhurst				8,372	8,372	Map Link
Welcome Downs Road	2011	5B	Lyndhurst				7,657	7,657	Map Link
Welfern Road	3011	5B	Lyndhurst				700	700	Map Link
Werrington Road	3023	5B	Lyndhurst				11,936	11,936	Map Link
Western Creek Road	1048	5B	Northhead	200				200	Map Link
Whitewater Road	2020	5B	Mount Surprise				626	626	Map Link
Wirra Wirra Road	1079	5B	Forsayth				1,371	1,371	Map Link
Yaramulla Road	2017	5C	Mount Surprise				7,567	7,567	Map Link
Grand Total				127,003	122,657	5,274	1,499,800	1,754,733	

13 CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 13.1
Subject: Commercial Property Lease Negotiations
Classification: Closed
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services
Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Item No: 13.2
Subject: Administrative Action Complaint – Tender Process for Einasleigh and Mt Surprise Airport Fencing
Classification: Closed
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer
Authorised By:

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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Item No: 13.3
Subject: Awarding of Tender ESC2025-008 - Supply of Quarry Products and Concrete
Classification: Closed
Author: Allan (Jack) Parry, Infrastructure Services Operations Manager
Authorised By: Raju Ranjit (Director of Engineering Services),
Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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Item No: 13.4

Subject: Awarding of Tender ESC2025-014 DRFA Concrete Works for Various Floodways Under 2023/2024 Flood Event

Classification: Closed

Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services

Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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Item No: 13.5

Subject: Awarding of Tender ESC2025-017 DRFA Road Repairs with Sealing, Stabilisation and Road Edge Repair 2023/2024 Event

Classification: Closed

Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services

Authorised By: Mark Watt (Chief Executive Officer)

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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14 GENERAL BUSINESS

15 FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The below items are for information only:

1. DGB N 25-446 DG Dept Local Government Water and Volunteers 08082025 [**15.1.1**]
2. CTS 16045-25 DG Department of Primary Industries 04082025 [**15.1.2**]

Our ref: CTS 16529/25
DGBN25/446

Mr Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council

Email: mark.watt@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Watt

The Queensland Government has established the *Local Government Depreciation Taskforce* (the Taskforce) to explore opportunities to enhance depreciation outcomes for councils.

I am pleased to advise that Mr Neil Castles has been appointed to lead the Taskforce, supported by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (the department). The Taskforce will engage with councils, Queensland Government agencies, and the broader local government sector to identify opportunities to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils.

The Taskforce will deliver its final report for consideration to the Honourable Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers by 31 December 2025. It will focus on working collaboratively with councils across four key areas, including financial management and reporting, asset management, grants and funding, and capability and capacity building. Mr Castles will be in touch shortly to outline how councils can participate in this important work.

More information about the Taskforce, its objectives and scope are available on the department's website at www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/depreciationtaskforce.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Deanne Stewart, Acting Executive Director, Local Government Division in the department on (07) 3452 7875 or email at deanne.stewart@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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Local Government Depreciation Taskforce

Terms of Reference

Background

The Queensland Government is committed to working in partnership with Queensland's councils to deliver an empowered, strong and sustainable local government sector.

To support the achievement of this objective, at the 2024 State Election, the Queensland Government committed to partner with stakeholders to form a taskforce to review and consider opportunities to enhance depreciation outcomes across the areas of financial management and reporting; asset management; grants and funding; and capability/capacity building.

Strategic context

Queensland's 77 councils are responsible for delivering the local infrastructure and services that make local communities great places to live.

Queensland local governments are responsible for managing large infrastructure assets and depreciation of these assets, in accordance with international accounting standards, represents a significant proportion of councils' operating expenses.

Councils' operating results and overall financial sustainability are impacted by depreciation. For many councils, assets are funded through capital grants and this income is not reflected in councils' operating income, but the depreciation for these assets is classified as an operating expense.

Asset management capability remains a challenge for many local governments, particularly in the areas of asset valuations and long-term asset management planning. Improving these areas across the sector can effectively manage the impacts of depreciation.

Purpose

The Local Government Depreciation Taskforce (the Taskforce) is established to provide advice to the Queensland Government about the challenges faced by local governments in effectively managing depreciation and present opportunities, within the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Accounting standards (IAS) to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils' financial sustainability.

Responsibilities

The Taskforce's main objective is to identify the challenges for local governments in managing depreciation, present opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation on council's sustainability and enhance stakeholder awareness of the implications of depreciation on investment decisions. The Taskforce should achieve this by providing advice, including the making of recommendations effecting local governments addressing depreciation challenges, for consideration by the Queensland Government.

The Taskforce's Recommendations should aim to achieve the main outcomes, being:

- present opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation on council sustainability;
- enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments;
- provide responses to the challenges of asset management for local governments;
- increased understanding in the sector on the implications of depreciation on investment decisions for capital assets and grant funding;
- enhanced awareness of the effects of depreciation on local governments financial sustainability.

Recommendations made by the Taskforce:

- must provide a clear evidence base to support the proposed course of action including analysis on how the recommendation will support the main outcomes; and
- should identify responsible levels of government for implementation and delivery.

Scope

The Taskforce will make recommendations about opportunities to reduce the impact of depreciation on councils across the following key areas:

- Local government sustainability - opportunities to reduce the impacts of depreciation to enhance the long-term sustainability of Queensland's local governments.
- Council operations – understanding the impacts of depreciation including:
 - o the implications of depreciation on investment decisions for capital assets and grant funding;
 - o opportunities to improve asset management for the sector
- Project delivery - identification of depreciation challenges for the sector and enhanced stakeholder awareness of depreciation.

Additionally, the Taskforce will seek input from key stakeholders and include information in its final report about opportunities in the following areas:

- identifying challenges faced by local governments in effectively managing depreciation
- present opportunities, within relevant accounting bodies to reduce the impacts of depreciation on councils, which may include recommendations to the AASB.
- consider interjurisdictional approaches to local government depreciation.
- enhancing awareness of depreciation, including the impacts of depreciation on local government's financial performance and sustainability.

The Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers (the Minister) may ask the Taskforce to consider other matters.

Consultation

To deliver on its purpose and responsibilities the Taskforce will engage and consult widely with stakeholders, the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Queensland Treasury (QT), Queensland Audit Office (QAO), Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC), Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Local Government Finance Professionals (LGFP), Local Government Managers Association (LGMA), and the Red Tape Reduction Taskforce on the effects of depreciation on local governments. Other identified interested parties and jurisdictions may also be consulted.

Key deliverables

The Taskforce will deliver a final report to the Minister by 31 December 2025.

The Taskforce will also deliver a draft report to the Executive Steering Committee by 31 October 2025.

Within 30 days of establishment, the Taskforce must provide a Delivery Plan to the Executive Steering Committee for endorsement.

Membership and Resources

The Taskforce will be led by Mr. Neil Castles.

The Taskforce will be supported by a secretariat and project team provided by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV).

Governance and Reporting

The Taskforce reports to the Minister.

The Taskforce will receive strategic oversight and advice from the Local Government Depreciation Executive Steering Committee (ESC), chaired by the Director-General of DLGWV. The ESC is responsible for:

- endorsing the Taskforce's delivery plan and monitoring progress in delivery of activities,
- reviewing and advising on draft and final reports
- setting the strategic direction for the Taskforce in delivering on these Terms of Reference, or other matters as directed by the Minister.

Timeframes

The Taskforce is established for the period June to December 2025.

The Taskforce's establishment may be extended or amended by the Minister.

Our ref: CTS 16045/25

4 August 2025

Mr Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer
Etheridge Shire Council
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Dear Mr Watt

I am writing to you regarding the Queensland Government's ambitious target to increase primary production output to \$30 billion by 2030. To support this goal, we have been consulting with industry and other stakeholders since February 2025 to develop a 25-year blueprint that outlines the vision, priorities, and values for achieving this growth.

When released, *Primary Industries Prosper 2050* (Prosper 2050) will represent the first whole-of-supply-chain cross-commodity plan for Queensland's primary industries in over a decade. This plan will be supported and implemented through a series of five-year regional-based action plans (RAPs), with the first series to be developed over the coming months.

The RAPs will be shaped by local priorities and will likely include a range of priorities that will be of interest to Local Governments, such as land use planning, local biosecurity land and pest management, and local workforce solutions. As such, I invite you to consider nominating an officer from your Council to be seconded (full time or part time) into one of the North, Central or South regional Prosper 2050 teams for three months to co-design action plans with officers from the Departmental of Primary Industries. This is a key opportunity for Local Government to be directly involved in the development of the draft RAPs for public consultation.

Involving Local Government officers, along with industry and government stakeholders, in a co-design approach to developing the RAPs will foster collaboration, enabling stakeholders to address long-standing issues and create new regional growth opportunities to boost primary industry production across the State.

For further information, or to nominate an officer to work with the department, please contact Ms Sarah Goswami, Program Executive, Prosper 2050 in the Department of Primary Industries, on 0435 641 475 or email at sarah.goswami@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Bolton', written over a large, simple, hand-drawn triangle.

Graeme Bolton
Director-General
Department of Primary Industries

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