



Agenda

Ordinary meeting to be held in the Administration
Centre, Bedourie on
Monday, 21 August 2023 at 9:00am

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of Meeting

2. Acknowledgement Of Country

'I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wangkamadla people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.'

3. Apologies and Leave of Absence

4. Condolences

5. Presentations and Deputations

6. Declarations of Interests in Matters on the Agenda

7. Confirmation of Minutes

- 7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 17 July 2023
- 7.2 Minutes of Special Meeting 20 July 2023
- 7.3 Minutes of Special Meeting 24 July 2023

8. Mayors Business

9. Business Outstanding – Including Conduct Matters and Matters Laying on The Table to Be Dealt With

10. Notices of Motion

- 10.1 Motion to Repeal - [Birdsville Caravan Park and Lodge Accommodation Rates – Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races

11. Officers Reports

- 11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report
- 11.2 Delegation of Local Government Powers to CEO
- 11.3 Regional Arts Development Fund – Bedourie State School (Longreach Educational Trip)
- 11.4 Corporate Services Report
- 11.5 Financial Performance Report – July 2023
- 11.6 Work Health and Safety Report
- 11.7 Community and Economic Development Report
- 11.8 Infrastructure Report
- 11.9 Engineering Report
- 11.10 Coorabulka/Springvale Road - LRRS Road Classification
- 11.11 Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group – Road Hierarchy
- 11.12 Confidential Business – Adjournment into Closed Session

12. Confidential Matters

- 12.1. Birdsville Housing Tender
- 12.2. Intermittent Plant Hire Tender
- 12.3. Trade Services Tender

13. Late Agenda Items

- 13.1. Declaration of Designated Area [Birdsville Races]

10.1 Motion to Repeal - Birdsville Caravan Park and Lodge Accommodation Rates – Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Mike Hayward Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Birdsville Tourist Park and Birdsville Lodge contribute significantly to the Birdsville economy.
Consultation:	Council

Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider a motion to repeal council resolution 2023.06.19-OM-16 [Birdsville Caravan Park and Lodge Accommodation Rates – Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races] moved at the ordinary meeting held 19 June 2023.

Officers Recommendation

That the council resolution 2023.06.19-OM-16 [That Council endorse a 50% discount accommodation rate at the Birdsville Lodge for the Birdsville Race Club, with all other events to be charged in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges Schedule], passed at the meeting of the council held on 19 June 2023 be repealed

Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Local Government Regulation 2012 – Section 262 [Repeal or amendment of resolutions]*

Background Information

A resolution of a local government may be repealed or amended only if notice of intention to propose the repeal or amendment is given to each councilor at least 5 days before the meeting at which the proposal is to be made.

Cr Dare gave notice of his intention to repeal resolution 2023.06.19-OM-16 at the Council workshop held on Tuesday 15 August 2023.

Report

At the ordinary meeting of council held in Birdsville on 20 March 2023, Council gave consideration to a request for the Birdsville Race Club for in-kind support for the 2023 Birdsville Races.

The request for support included exclusive use of the Birdsville Lodge. The request further asked that the Birdsville Race Club be provided rooms at reduced cost, as per previous years, previously \$50.00 per room per night.

Council subsequently resolved to provide the requested in-kind support for the 2023 Birdsville Races (Resolution: 2023.03.20-OM-04).

At the ordinary meeting held 19 June 2019, Council gave consideration to a report from the Interim Director Community and Economic Development that recommended the council endorse a 50% discount accommodation rate at the Birdsville Caravan Park and Lodge for event volunteers, emergency services personnel and respective committee members for the Big Red Bash and the Birdsville Races events.

The resolution of 19 June 2023 is in conflict with the resolution of 20 March 2023 in relation to hire fees involving the Birdsville Race Club.

Financial Implications

Of the total 49 rooms available at the Birdsville Lodge 46 have been reserved for the Birdsville Race Club.

Council traditionally charges the Birdsville Race Club a minimum of 7 nights stay at a discounted rate over the race carnival.

A review of bookings reveals that a majority of rooms are only booked for 3 nights or less with the balance booked for 5 days and 8 rooms booked for stays between 6 and 14 days.

Summary of rooms booked and applicable charges for Birdsville Race Club (minimum 7 day stay).

	Single	Twin	Double	PWD	Caravan Park Delux Cabins	Total
Rooms Available	12	18	15	4	3	52
Rooms Booked	12	18	12	4	3	49
Full Rate	90.00	115.00	115.00	115.00		
Discount Rate	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		
Cost (Min 7 Days)	4,200.00	6,300.00	4,200.00	1,400.00	1,050.00	17,150.00
Extra Days	0	0	23	0		
Additional Cost			2,645.00			2,645.00
Total Cost	4,200.00	6,300.00	6,845.00	1,400.00	1,050.00	19,795.00

Conclusion

The Birdsville Races are scheduled to be held on 1 and 2 September 2023.

The Birdsville Race Club have traditionally booked out all the available rooms at the Birdsville Lodge for a period of 7 days over the race weekend. The rooms have been used to accommodate race committee members, race officials and sponsors.

The chief executive officer has been in contact with representatives from the Birdsville Race Club and it has been agreed that a meeting should be held within a reasonable timeframe following the race meeting to review current responsibilities and associated costs incurred by both the race club and council in relation to the race event.

Whilst there has been some discussion regarding what fees should apply for the use of the Birdsville Lodge, given the short timeframe until the race weekend as well as the race clubs willingness to work with council to review the race processes, it is recommended that council stand by the original resolution of 20 March 2023 for the current year and undertake a review of Birdsville Lodge hire fees for future Birdsville Race Club events prior to the 2024 race meeting.

Attachments

Nil

11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Mike Hayward | Interim Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on matters that do not require a separate or comprehensive report for consideration. Current operational and strategic matters and upcoming matters that may be raised at future meetings are detailed.

Recommendation:

That Council receive the Interim Chief Executive Officer Report and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.

MATTERS FOR COUNCILS' INFORMATION

1. Calendar of Events:

Date	Event	Representatives	Comment
18 Sept	Ordinary Meeting		Bedourie
26-28 Sept	WQAC Conference	Mayor, Dep Mayor, Cr Pursell	Accommodation has been booked and travel arrangements have been confirmed
9 October	Ordinary Meeting		Bedourie
16-18 Oct	LGAQ Annual Conference	Mayor, Dep Mayor, Cr Rowlands CEO	Accommodation has been booked but final travel arrangements need to be confirmed

2. Delegations

At the ordinary meeting of council held 10 May 2021, Council delegated various powers to the Chief Executive Officer on the condition that the CEO exercise professional judgement and to refer decisions back to the council where the decision is one that would reasonably be expected to be better made at the council level.

During the month, the CEO exercised the following delegated powers under section 194 of the *Local Government Act 2009*:

Who	Event	Type	Value
Bedourie Police	Blue Light Disco	In-kind	\$250.00
Bedourie State School	RADF Longreach Trip (6 days)	In-kind	\$2,856.00

3. Reforms to the Office of the Independent Assessor

Advice has been received from the Local Government Association of Qld (LGAQ) that the Deputy Premier has indicated it is his intention to introduce a Bill to the Legislative Assembly to implement reforms to overhaul the Office of the Independent Assessor.

It is the Deputy Premiers intention to introduce a Bill that effect before the end of 2023.

This update follows the announcement that the current Independent Assessor will finish in the role in October this year.

Key proposals contained in the draft Bill include:

Changes in jurisdiction

The Bill proposes changes to the types of complaints that the Independent Assessor (IA) may investigate. The Bill proposes that complaints about former councilors and allegations about private conduct cannot progress. In addition, a breach of a council's acceptable request guidelines will no longer be deemed as misconduct.

The term 'inappropriate conduct' will be changed to 'conduct breach'.

Assessment process

The Bill proposes a new statutory assessment process for complaints. This includes:

- The IA must decide it is in the public interest to proceed in dealing with a matter.
- The IA having alternate ways of dealing with complaints, including warnings, training, or just outright dismissal of a complaint.
- Complaints/notices/information must be made and received within specified timeframes.
- If a councilor has complied with the advice of the Department honestly and without negligence, then the allegation will be dismissed.

Vexatious complaints

A new process will be established to declare a complainant to be a vexatious complainant where the person has submitted three or more complaints to the IA that have been dismissed for being vexatious or not made in good faith. No further complaints will be received by a vexatious complainant unless they have an exemption from the IA.

Inappropriate conduct

The Bill proposes that councils can 'withdraw' an inappropriate conduct allegation at the request of, or with the consent of, the complainant, or where the complainant refuses to cooperate with the investigation of their complaint.

Conflicts of interest

It is proposed to amend the definition of ordinary business to clarify existing exemptions, and to introduce new exemptions for councilor conflicts of interest.

Levelling the playing field for elections

Legislative amendments and amendments to the code of conduct will also clarify that the complaints framework only applies to councilors undertaking their official duties – not personal conduct and not to sitting councilors conducting their campaigns. It will make clear that a sitting councilor conducting ordinary campaign activities should not be subject to a complaint to the IA.

This amendment, in conjunction with the new vexatious complaints process and streamlined assessment process, is designed to ensure a more level playing field during the election.

4. 2024 Local Government Election

Correspondence has been received from the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning advising that, pursuant to section 45(1) of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*, the Minister has approved councils' application to conduct the 2024 quadrennial Local Government election by full postal ballot.

MATTERS FOR COUNCILS' CONSIDERATION

5. Resolutions Register:

The register of outstanding council resolutions is attached for councilors information and comment.

6. Trustee Lease – Bedourie Golf Club

Diamantina Shire Council is the Trustee of land described as Lot 1 on SP226891 being a reserve for sport and recreation purposes.

The reserve was previously leased to the Desert Rivers Development Board, however in August 2022 council resolved to accept a request from the Desert Rivers Development Board to surrender the lease and to enter into a new trustee lease over the land with the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club.

In September 2022, council authorised the chief executive officer to sign the trustee lease that had been negotiated with the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club.

Since that date, due to several factors including the departure of various senior council employees as well as various executive members of the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club, no action has been taken in relation to either of the council resolutions of August and September 2022.

The current situation is that the original lease has never been cancelled, which means that the Desert Rivers Development Board still hold a trustee lease over the land, and the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club are still to elect new board members to replace those that have departed.

Correspondence has been received from the Desert Rivers Development Board advising that as they still hold the lease over the reserve and due to the uncertainty around the Bedourie Golf and Leisure Club committee, they are prepared to continue to manage the clubhouse and associated facilities for the benefit of the Bedourie community and sporting groups.

7. Credit Card Policy

The CEO is currently reviewing council's Credit Card Policy. The policy currently provides for the issue of a corporate credit card to:

permanent employees of Council when it can be demonstrated that the facility is necessary and provides the most effective means of meeting commitments incurred in the course of official council business. Corporate Credit Cards allocation is at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

Following discussions with the mayor, consideration is being given to amending the current policy to include provision for all councilors to be issued with a corporate credit card.

Council has an Expense Reimbursement policy for councilors that allows councilors to claim for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of conducting their duties as elected members.

Councilors may elect to continue to pay for their expenses and then claim back under the Expense Reimbursement Policy or the credit card policy could be amended to allow for the issue of a card to all members. The limit of the card would be set at an amount sufficient to cover estimated costs that a councilor may reasonably incur whilst attending at conferences etc.

The only condition with issuing a card to elected members is that they would be required to obtain a customer reference number from council's financial facility provider; Westpac Bank.

8. Land at Birdsville offer for council to buy back.

Correspondence has been received from Persis Bhandara advising that they are looking at selling their block of land located in Birdsville and are enquiring if Council would be interested in their block of land. Persis Bhandara purchased this block of land at auction run by Council approximately 3 years ago.

Property Description:	L28 SP110060
Location:	7 Mickerie Street, Birdsville Qld
Area:	1000m2
Price Purchase:	\$9,750
Current UCV:	20,000
Rates Balance:	Nil

Attachments:

[Resolutions Register.pdf](#)

11.2 Delegation of Local Government Powers to CEO

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Mike Hayward Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best practice Corporate Governance
Consultation:	Mayor

Summary

The purpose of this report is to review the legislative powers that Council has previously delegated to the Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation

That:

- a) All powers previously delegated to the Chief Executive Officer be repealed;
- b) A working group consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and the Director Corporate Services be established for the purpose of reviewing the delegation register provided by King & Company and to identify those powers that should be delegated to allow for the efficient operation of council business;
- c) The pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, council delegate the powers under Section 194 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the conditions that:
 - i. All applications for grants greater than \$5,000 must be referred to council for determination; and
 - ii. That all grant applications determined by the Chief Executive Officer are to be reported to the next ordinary meeting of council following determination of the application.

Relevant Policy/Legislation

- *Local Government Act 2009 – Section 257 [Delegation of local government powers]*

Background Information

Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 allows a local government to delegate a power under the Act or another Act to the chief executive officer.

Report

The Local Government Association of Qld provide a complete list of all legislation affecting local government. The listing is maintained by King and Company, Solicitors and is reviewed regularly.

The *Local Government Act 2009* allows council to delegate its powers to the Chief Executive Officer. Each power delegated may be subject to conditions.

Section 257 (3) of the Act requires that a delegation to the chief executive officer must be reviewed annually by the local government.

An examination of council minutes has identified that the last time council reviewed delegations to the chief executive officer was over two (2) years ago.

At the ordinary meeting of council held 10th May 2021 council moved the following resolution:

Minute No. 2021.05.10-OM-18**Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Rowlands**

That Council delegate all powers in attached TBA Delegation Listing Council to CEO.docx (the LGAQ/King & Company Council to CEO Delegation Register) to the Chief Executive Officer on the condition that the CEO exercise professional judgement about further delegation of these powers to officers and contractors, and similarly, on the condition that the CEO will exercise professional judgement about referring decisions back to the council where the decision is one where a prudent CEO would reasonably acknowledge that the decision would be better made at the council level, or is of such significance financially, socially or politically that the CEO would expect Council to want to make the decision.

Carried 5/0

This resolution has effectively allowed the Chief Executive Officer to exercise all the powers assigned to council under the various pieces of legislation.

Whilst the resolution does contain the condition that the Chief Executive Officer exercise professional judgement when exercising any of the delegated powers, it is considered that the wording of the resolution could give rise to a situation where the Chief Executive Officer has exercised a power believing that he has exercised professional judgement when doing so; however, council may consider that the matter should have been referred back to council for consideration.

Conclusion

The main purpose of council delegating its powers to the chief executive officer is to improve the efficiency of council decision making. Under normal circumstances any matter requiring a decision of council would need to be considered at an official meeting of council.

Whilst it is appropriate that certain matters be considered by council, some matters often require a decision outside of normal council meeting schedule, for example community requests for assistance.

Given the nature of the majority of Diamantina Shire Council's normal business activities, it is not considered necessary that the chief executive officer has the majority of the powers previously delegated under section 257 of the Act.

It is recommended that council undertake a review of all council's legislative powers to identify those situations where it is considered appropriate to delegate those particular powers to the chief executive officer to enable the efficient and effective operation of council business.

Attachments

Nil

11.3 Regional Arts Development Fund – Bedourie State School (Longreach Educational Trip)

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Richard Cooley Grants Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community groups are supported in their arts and cultural pursuits.
Consultation:	Nil

Summary

This report is to have Approval for Regional Arts Development Funds (RADF) provided to the Bedourie State Schools \$5,000,00 to allow the students of the school the opportunity to discover different arts & culture knowledge as provided in outback QLD in other shires in the region, and to also provide them with opportunities to develop new skills in Arts & Culture related curriculum areas.

Recommendation

That Council approve the request for \$5,000.00 RADF grant to support the Bedourie State School's Longreach educational trip as submitted

Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Nil

Background Information

This school program of the children has been running for 15 plus years and has been previously funded under RADF grants

Report

This project is a stand-alone grant request from the school, as the other Community Grant funds that are proved to the school each year is for the Shire's schools annual splash and arts camp which caters for the primary school children of Bedourie, Birdsville, the Barcoo Shire and our cattle stations.

This grant supports the children of Bedourie so that can travel away on a week's field trip and bond together in a cultural and social basis, which is a much-needed outlet for children who live in a small far remote town

Annually, Diamantina does Splash and Arts camp and Barcoo does athletics and sport camp annually

Financial Implications

The RADF funds has been underspent from previous years with a surplus of \$18,717.52 as at 30 June 2023. The current 2023/2024 RADF funding allocation of \$19,950 is due to be paid in August 2023, along with Council's mandatory contribution of \$2,500, bringing the total available funds for 2023/24 to \$41,167.52.

Council has paid \$10,000 from the 2023/24 RADF budget to the Bedourie State School for the Splash and Arts camp which leaves the remaining balance for the 23/24 FY at \$31,167.52.

Conclusion

There are sufficient funds in the 2023/24 RADF budget to fund the request to support the Bedourie State Schools – Longreach Educational Trip.

Attachments

[RADF Application – Bedourie State School](#)

11.4 Corporate Services Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Vicki Thiel / Michelle Harrison | Director Corporate Services

Summary

This monthly report provides an update from the corporate services area of council on activities for the information and attention of Council that do not require a decision of Council (items requiring a decision of Council will be reported separately).

Officers Recommendation:

That Council receive the Corporate Services Report and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.

Corporate Services

Finance

Key activities included:

- A Finance Coordinator has been appointed to backfill in finance team - Phil Bakker
- Preparations commenced for upcoming final audit in September
- Insurance renewals up-to-date
- BAS is completed for the 22/23FY

Grants

- An updated Table on Council grant applications is attached to this report.

Human Resources

Key activities for July included:

- Matt Allard commenced at Birdsville. Handover was provided by Ian Kuhn who finished as interim director on 25 July.
- Bob Stephens transitioned from interim to permanent director and commenced with Council as Director of Infrastructure Services on 24 July.
- Michelle Harrison appointed on a 6 Month Secondment Contract as Director of Corporate Services on 24 July.
- Kevin Barr was appointed as Works Manager on a 6 Month Secondment Contract
- Phil Bakker was appointed in early August to the finance team to backfill Michelle Harrison
- Ameya Deshmukh was appointed in the position of Executive Assistant until 31 October 2023
- Other positions filled in July:
 - Lee Trask – Property Coordinator,
 - Darren Garrihy - Labourer (Francis Crew)
- Staff annual reviews have been completed by corporate services and community services teams. Infrastructure team annual reviews still underway.

A spreadsheet is attached with staff demographics breakdown for July.

Training

- Geotab training (Navman)
- Playground Safety Inspection Training scheduled for 1-3 August
- Website training (Scheduled for 17 August)
- 4WD training (scheduled for 21-25 August)

Governance

Policy

- Fraud and Corruption Risk Assessment has been completed in preparation for the final audit in September
- Risk Management Framework document was reviewed and will be presented with the Risk Management Policy as a separate report.

Town Planning

- A table on Development Applications is attached to this report.
- Australian Bureau of statistics (Quarterly Building Approvals) submitted during period.

Environmental Health

- Food Licences register audit is being undertaken.

Property Development

- Sale of land at 4 Mickerie St, Birdsville and 28 Wodonga St, Bedourie to The State of Queensland (represented by the Department of Energy and Public Works). Settlement date 14 July 2023.
- Application to acquire part of Lot 6 on SP297079 was submitted on 17/05/2023 (council resolution 2023-04-17-OM-17). Waiting on response from Department of Resources.

Attachments:

[Employee Breakdown](#)

[Grants Register](#)

[Development Applications](#)

11.5 Financial Performance Report – July 2023

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Michelle Harrison | Finance & Administration Manager

Link to Corporate Plan:

Consultation: Nil

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update on Council's overall financial position in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

This report summaries the financial performance and position of the Diamantina Shire Council to provide a snapshot on Council's financial performance to the end of the month prior to the meeting.

While this report complies with statutory obligations, it is also intended to provide additional information to keep Councilors informed in relation to relevant financial matters of Council.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council receive the Financial Performance Report for the period 1 June 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Relevant Policy/Legislation

- *Local Government Regulation 2012 – Section 204 [Financial Report]*

Background Information

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 requires that the local government must prepare a financial report and the report must be presented at each meeting of the local government.

The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local governments budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.

Report

This report presents the financial performance of Council for the month ended 31 July 2023.

The Financial Report compares actual performance to date with Council's 2023-24 Budget Documents and identifies, for Councilor's information, significant variances, or areas of concern.

This report also provides information about additional areas of financial interest to Council.

The financial statements provided within this report are based on presently entered financial data. They are subject to adjustments and are not the final copy of the statements to be provided for audit

Attachment:

[Financial Performance Report – July 2023](#)

11.6 Work Health and Safety Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Thomas Higgs | Safety and Quality Coordinator

Summary

This monthly report provides an update from the safety area of council on activities for the information and attention of Council that do not require a decision of Council (any items requiring a decision of Council will be reported separately).

Officers Recommendation:

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.

Incident Statistics




Date	Type	Incident	Response
May	Environmental Breach	There was a spill of approximately 90 litres of diesel at the Birdsville Depot Fuel Bowser. This incident occurred at 06:30am and the bowser has no lighting	An action has been assigned to install lighting. In addition, this incident was discussed during the HSC meeting at which time an action was assigned to remove the contaminated soil
May	Environmental Breach	Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) debris has been identified around the Trackers Hut behind the Birdsville Courthouse in addition to adjacent land owned by the Queensland Police Service (QPS). This is the subject of a major investigation with the QPS, Queensland Health Public Health Unit (QH PHU) and Department of Environment and Science (DES) all being advised.	SQC had requested assistance from QPS and for them to provide an EHO to oversee the contamination and remediation, unfortunately QPS have decided not to assist council despite council bearing all of the costs and time so far. SQC has advised all parties of the duty to notify DES and also the option for council to issue a Public Health Order on QPS as it is almost certain the contamination and illegal dumping of the waste was from the Police residence shed
June	Property Damage	A cattle grid and adjacent fencing was damaged due to an impact from a Council Contractor's Road Train	The Director Infrastructure Services is currently investigating further
June	Property Damage	Council Toyota Landcruiser sustained damage to the windscreen resulting from gravel being flicked up by a passing vehicle	No further action required – Workshop to assess and repair
June	Property Damage	Council Toyota Prado sustained damage to the front of the vehicle resulting from an impact with a large bird.	No further action required – Workshop to assess and repair

Date	Type	Incident	Response
July	Worker Injury	Worker hit their head on a shelf whilst cleaning in a donga room	There was only first aid treatment conducted at the clinic
July	Worker Injury	Worker slipped on the wet floor in the administration kitchen, signage was in place and the worker knew the floor had just been mopped	Worker was reviewed at the clinic and prescribed an analgesic
July	Worker Injury	Worker slipped whilst accessing the refuse pit at the Birdsville waste site, as the worker slipped the foot made contact with a rusty drum resulting in a cut to the worker's toe	This incident has resulted in a Work Cover claim, however the worker resumed work on Monday 31 st July.

Hazard inspections

Period	Number inspections outstanding at start of period	Number inspections scheduled during period	Number inspections completed during period	Number inspection outstanding at end of period
May	4	11	3	12
June	12	9	1	20
July	20	4	1	23

Standard WHS Metrics

	Target not achieved	Reporting Period	Target	May	June	July
	Needs Review					
	On target					
Lead Indicators – Objective, Continuous Improvement						
Health and safety committee meetings held	Monthly	Per Works Roster	100%	100%	100%	
Site inductions completed on start day	Monthly	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Hazards reported	Monthly	20% Increase	0	0	0	
Appointed and formally trained HSR's	Annually	100%	5 / 7	5 / 7	4 / 7	
WHS alerts issued	Monthly	Qualitative	2	3	2	
Lag Indicators – Objective, ZERO Harm						
Overdue hazards	Monthly	0	60	60	60	
Incidents including near miss	Monthly	0	2	3	3	
Incidents remaining open past 1 week	Monthly	0	18	19	10	

Overdue compliance & audit corrective action requests (negative)	Monthly	9	21	21	26
Lost Time Injury rehabilitation cases – new	Monthly	10% reduction	0	0	1
Lost Time Injury rehabilitation cases – ongoing	Monthly	10% reduction	1	1	2
Regulator Activity – Objective, Legislative Compliance and Continuous Improvement					
Notifiable injuries / dangerous events	Monthly	0	0	0	0
Prohibition notices issued	Monthly	0	0	0	0
Improvement notices issued	Monthly	0	0	0	0
Provisional improvement notices (PINs) issued	Monthly	0	0	0	0
Verbal recommendations from inspectors	Monthly	0	0	0	0

General

We still have 1 ongoing work cover claim, this is the claim that has been ongoing since March 2022, this claim continues to be managed by the SQC in consultation with LGW as part of the Rehabilitation and Return to Work function and LGW. We also had an additional Workcover claim for the worker with the cut toe with the worker returning to work on 31st July 2023

Health and Safety Committee (HSC) meetings are being held every 2 months, the latest meeting was held on Friday 30th June 2023 and minutes have been distributed to all staff and posted on all WHSQ Noticeboards. Next HSC Meeting is scheduled for 18th August 2023.

Changes to the Health and Safety Committee – a member of the ELT will now chair the HSC meetings. Each member of the ELT will take turns at chairing the meetings with the CEO chairing the first meeting.

Attachments:

Nil

11.7 Community and Economic Development Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Matt Allard | Director Community and Economic Development

Summary

This monthly report provides an update from the community and economic development services area of council on activities for the information and attention of Council that do not require a decision of Council (items requiring a decision of Council will be reported separately).

Officers Recommendation:

<i>That Council receive the Community and Economic Development Report.'</i>

Community

Birdsville Tennis Courts

The Birdsville tennis court has undergone an impressive upgrade, now featuring high-quality synthetic grass that promises to enhance the sporting experience for all ages. With this modern enhancement, we anticipate a significant increase in facility usage. Alongside the upgraded court, a range of top-notch equipment will be available for the community to use including racquets, balls, and other sporting gear, elevating the overall sports experience of the precinct.

Birdsville Showers Blocks

During this year's Big Red Bash event, the Birdsville Shower Blocks proved indispensable as they served a remarkable 1730 event patrons. This high level of usage highlighted the facility's essential role and emphasised the need for its presence. Council's Parks and Gardens team admirably managed the shower blocks, while Visitor Centre Staff provided valuable support, ensuring attendee comfort. The Birdsville Shower Blocks played a pivotal part in enhancing the overall event experience, catering to patrons' needs and contributing to the event's success.

2023 Simpson Desert Racing Carnival

As anticipation builds for this year's Simpson Desert Racing Carnival, plans are making steady progress, and Council's dedicated staff are playing an integral role in supporting the organisers. The intricacies of the preparations are coming together, covering a diverse range of aspects to ensure the carnival's success.

From refining race tracks to arranging accommodation that caters to participants and spectators alike, the combined efforts of Council staff and organisers are vital in orchestrating a memorable experience. Collaborative teamwork remains at the forefront as teams work harmoniously, fuelled by their shared commitment to delivering an exceptional event. The undeniable excitement surrounding the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival serves as a testament to the meticulous planning and unwavering dedication, promising an unforgettable occasion where the Bedourie, Birdsville, and Betoota Races unite to create a one-of-a-kind celebration.

Economic Development

Empowering Local Business

Council staff are actively engaging in bolstering local businesses by disseminating valuable information to support the community's economic growth. Through sharing pertinent insights, Council staff play a pivotal role in creating an environment conducive to the success of local enterprises which is an essential role that local government personnel play in fostering a thriving and interconnected business landscape.

Visitor Information Centre July 2023 Statistics – Birdsville

- Email enquiries = **63**
- Phone enquiries = **520**

- Total Number of Visitors = **2710**

It appeared that visitor numbers were lower compared to the figures from July 2022. Staff observations indicated that the presence of wet weather might have influenced this decline. Additionally, the Queensland Traffic map indicated a closure of access to Birdsville-Bedourie, potentially contributing to the decreased attendance.

Visitor Information Centre July 2023 Statistics – Bedourie

- Email enquiries = **51**
- Phone enquiries = **1203**
- Total Number of Visitors = **4761**

The figures from July 2023 at the Bedourie Visitor Information Centre paint a vivid picture of the dynamic environment that kept the staff consistently occupied. Recording a total of 4761 visitors, the centre buzzed with a steady influx of inquiries, needs, and interests. The high level of activity not only highlights the centre's pivotal role as a knowledge and assistance hub but also highlights the staff's commitment and effectiveness in ensuring that every visitor's experience was met with diligence and enthusiasm.

Toowoomba QLD Outdoor Adventure & Motoring Expo

From July 28th to 30th, 2023, the Toowoomba QLD Outdoor Adventure & Motoring Expo took place. Council's Interim Tourism Manager, Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, represented the Region alongside Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) at the event. Her role included both promoting the Region and assisting in managing the OQTA stand. The event attracted a substantial crowd, with a reported total attendance of 15,178 people, averaging around 5,059 attendees per day. Notably, the majority of participants came from Toowoomba and the Southwest region.

The feedback gathered from attendees revealed distinct trends in their preferences:

- Many individuals are in the process of arranging trips to Outback Queensland, with Birdsville being a prominent destination on their itineraries.
- Some attendees are also planning trips to Outback Queensland but perceive Birdsville as being too remote and not meeting their specific preferences.
- There are those who express no interest in exploring the outback and instead are seeking information related to coastal destinations.

Attachments

Nil

11.8 Infrastructure Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Bob Stephen | Director Infrastructure Services
Jodie Girdler | Facilities & Town Services Manager
Bill Dillon | Workshop Coordinator

Summary

This monthly report provides an update from the Infrastructure Services department on activities for the information and attention of Council (items requiring a decision from Council will be reported separately).

Officers Recommendation:

<i>That Council receive the Infrastructure Report.'</i>

Project Management

No work to report this month

Road Construction and Maintenance

Construction crew

The crew has started with emergent work on the Bedourie / Windorah from Monkira to the Boundary, and back to the sealed section heading to Bedourie, they will then move camp to Coorabulka to commence flood damage works in this area

Patrol Crew

Grader Crews have been working on the Bedourie to Windorah and Birdsville to Windorah doing repair work after the Big Red Bash, and in preparation for the Birdsville Races

One crew will then be moving into Carcoory/Stoney Crossing Road and Adria downs road.

Contractors

Cuttaburra was open in time for the Big Red, after bash repair work was carried out on the road under emergent works, Shoulders were graded from Cuttaburra back to Bedourie where required.

Gravel is being carted to Adria Downs Road in preparation for the grader crew

Civil Crew

Civil Crew has been busy erecting new signs and guide posts on the Birdsville/Windorah Road and Bedourie / Birdsville Road

They have also repaired backfill around headwalls and other drainage works on the Bedourie to Boulia Road



Workshop

General maintenance of all vehicles is being continued.

- We have had a large increase on windscreen repairs due to large volumes of event traffic.
- Numerous other repairs on varying pieces' plant

We have recently received the new service truck pictured below.

We are now only waiting on the Split body Tipper which should be here end of the month.



Airports

We recently had the CASA audit, we have not received the report back as yet but comments at the time were quite good. I spent the week with the Auditor going through our manuals and other items a few small changes were indicated but we made most of them on the days which will help when the report comes through.

REX ground control Bedourie, operation as per usual.

Facilities

The number of electrical issues that have been completed is good our outstanding list has been reduced significantly

We have been being kept busy with the toilet blocks along the roadways with the influx of tourist over the event season, so keeping very busy.

Contractor Builder, Bill Knight is back in the Shire and is completing some outstanding tasks

37 Murrawilla Street has just been repainted and is fresh and ready to be used again.

Jason Doyle is our new Facilities Coordinator he started with us 07/08/2023, Jason will be Coordinating the tradesman for Facilities Maintenance, he is a working Coordinator and will be doing a lot of the handy man jobs, door handles, deck painting, small paint jobs small jobs that do not need a builder.

The Housing position has now been filled by Lee Trask she is making headway with the housing we are getting up to date with all the registers and furniture requirements and the housing inspections will be starting next week.

Town Services – Bedourie

Bedourie Town Services are continuing with general maintenance. Fertilising of the lawns has started with the warmer weather arriving.

Staff are receiving a lot of compliments on the tidiness and green scape of the town and the cleanliness of the public facilities.

Swimming Pool maintenance as per usual, usage of the pool and spa has increased as it is a very popular spot for visitors to Bedourie.

With the events and tourist season comes a lot more work for each town to facilitate for the influx of visitors and we are handling that as it comes our way.



Town Services – Birdsville

Birdsville Town Services are continuing with general maintenance.

I would like to say that the Birdsville Town Services Team along with the Civil Crew have done an exceptional job with catering to the influx of visitors over the BRB. Well done team. Council bought the team lunch from the Birdsville Hotel as a thank you for their amazing efforts.

After the Big Red Bash, the team spent a week packing down the town then resuming our usual duties, on top of our usual duties we have been weed spraying, street sweeping, cleaning of council housing to be rented out over the races, slashing the camping area on common, mowing, Gardening, private works at the race track as well as preparations for the Birdsville races.



Attachments

Nil

11.9 Engineering Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Stuart Bourne | Civil Engineer (George Bourne & Associates)

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on matters that do not require a separate or comprehensive report for consideration. Current operational and strategic matters and upcoming matters that may be raised at future meetings are detailed.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council receive the Engineering Report and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

RMPC Contract Value for 2023/24

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Cost to Complete	Comment	Timing
Base Allocation	\$2,041,406.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		Must be completed by 30 June 2024
Herbicide Spot Spraying Declared Plants	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Gravel Resheeting	\$1,328,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	81A Ch 31.3km – 41.4km 80A Ch 138.44km – 144.95km	
Total (Approved)	\$3,385,206.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		

RRUPP Resheeting 80A:

Scope	Value	Spent	Funding Source	Progress	Comment
192.8km – 210.1km (17.3km) West of Cuppa Creek past working west past the Carcoory Stony Crossing Turnoff	\$1,100,000	\$0.00	RRUPP		RRUPP funding of \$1.6million including \$200k contingency with an additional co-contribution from DTMR of \$400k
215.2km – 219.92km (4.72) Roseberth West towards Birdsville	\$300,000	\$0.00	RRUPP		Gravel crushing procurement documents being drafted.
129.4km – 137.46km (8.06km)	\$600,000	\$577,843.55	DTMRs Co-contribution towards RRUPP funding (\$400k) & \$200k contingency from RRUPP if not required. \$400k contribution claimed under 2022/23 RMPC.	Complete	This section is a stretch goal if additional funding is not required to complete the original RRUPP scope
119.4km – 129.4km (10km)	\$600,000	\$514,111.21	RMPC 2022/23	Complete	
Total Approved (40.08km)	\$2,600,000	\$1,091,954.76			

Gravel crushing tender for the remaining resheeting released 19th July closing 2pm 11th August.

Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contracts

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Cost to Complete	Comment
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Old Roseberth South Pave & Seal Ch 136.4km – 146.207km	\$3,493,136.78	\$3,489,090.13	\$0.00	All Works Complete
Bedourie – Birdsville, Pave and Seal. Allans Yards.				\$2.5m scheduled via the ORRTG in 2025/2026. Scope to be confirmed.

Future Unfunded Works

Location	Estimate	Comments
Allans Yards/ Cuttaburra 31.3 - 41.4 (10.1km)	\$5.5m	Design nearly complete - DTMR.
Bedourie – Windorah Pave and Seal, 93C Ch 330.63 - 336.37, 5.74km approx.	\$3m	Design complete - DTMR.
Birdsville – Windorah overtaking opportunity, 80A Ch 199.3 - 204.3, 5km	\$2.5m	Previously tentatively funded by Federal Road Safety but now withdrawn. Design Complete
Birdsville – Windorah overtaking opportunity, 80A Ch 261.3 – 263.634, 2.4km	\$1.2m	Design by DTMR.
Cluny Sandhills – Batter and Drainage Improvements Ch 386.818, 362.89, 358.0, 356.1	\$2,174,700	Submitted to TMR
Farrars Creek Betterment	\$2,665,867	TMR have lodged Betterment application with QRA – Design complete & sent to TMR
Diamantina Channels – Birdsville Culvert Upgrade Betterment	\$1,834,775.90	TMR have lodged Betterment application with QRA – Design pending, requires additional survey to complete
Gumbrie Pave and Seal 80A		Design pending, survey required
80A Shallow Lakes/ Durrie Realignment		Design pending, survey required
93C Mimosa/ Monkira Sandhills Realignment		Design pending, survey required

FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS

Shire Roads Flood Damage – November 2021 'Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 10 November – 3 December 2021' was superseded by the January 2022 event and therefore no submission was lodged for November 2021.

January 2022 'Western Queensland Low Pressure Trough, 19 January – 4 February'. Submission has been approved. \$7,046,714.67. Works to be completed 30th June 2024.

The current focus is on January 2023 emergency works for TMR roads. Works will recommence when the majority of emergency works are completed.

Asset name	Value	Percentage Complete to Date
Adria Downs Access Road	\$ 2,120,194.36	10%
Betoota - Mooraberee Road	\$ 284,656.40	100%
Betoota Access Road	\$ 88,346.74	100%
Cacoory - Stony Crossing Road	\$ 530,015.09	100%
Coorabulka - Shire Boundary Road	\$ 250,280.46	
Coorabulka - Springvale Road	\$ 454,995.60	
Cordillo Access Road	\$ 151,535.60	100%
Davenport Downs - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 17,828.96	
Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road	\$ 3,488.40	
Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road	\$ 468,815.58	
Kamaran Downs Access Road	\$ 13,353.87	
Lake Machattie Detour	\$ 408,113.06	100%
Sandringham - Bedourie Road	\$ 651,497.01	
Sandringham - Ethabuka Road	\$ 577,311.20	

Asset name	Value	Percentage Complete to Date
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$ 184,243.77	
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 335,911.29	
Investigations & And Project Management	\$ 506,127.28	10%
Total	\$ 7,046,714.67	

2023 – Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 2022 – 30 April 2023

Activation requests were submitted for January 2023 & March 2023 flooding events. QRA rolled both into a single event and the activation was extended to cover 20 December 2022 – 30 April 2023.

Damage evidence collection and assessment has been completed and submission has been lodged to QRA. The submission value for the event is below but is still pending approval from QRA.

Asset name	Value	Percentage Complete
Betoota - Mooraberee Road	\$ 252,020.83	
Betoota Access Road	\$ 19,552.69	
Cacoory - Stony Crossing Road	\$ 279,665.03	
Coorabulka - Shire Boundary Road	\$ 142,187.38	
Coorabulka - Springvale Road	\$ 205,120.08	
Cordillo Access Road	\$ 173,177.55	
Davenport Downs - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 455,656.60	
Davenport Downs - Palparara Road	\$ 204,870.44	
Deon's Lookout Access Road	\$ 148,295.30	
Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road	\$ 510,778.45	
Durrie Access Road	\$ 15,965.94	
Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road	\$ 404,482.98	
Inside Track Road	\$ 112,581.62	
Kamaran Downs Access Road	\$ 71,963.80	
Lake Machattie Detour	\$ 379,787.36	
Monkira - Davenport Downs Road	\$ 1,712,365.97	
Roseberth Access Road	\$ 65,954.27	
Sandringham - Bedourie Road	\$ 134,911.06	
Sandringham - Ethabuka Road	\$ 122,968.10	
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$ 391,663.78	
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 407,200.92	
Vaughan Johnson Lookout Road	\$ 232,693.09	
Investigations & And Project Management	\$ 524,697.73	
Total	\$ 6,968,560.97	

Shire Roads Betterment Applications

Betterment applications developed and lodged to QRA. Feedback from QRA is that the applications need further development including design work which has now commenced.

Due to feedback from QRA submission was withdrawn with eligible sites to be resubmitted for reconstruction works. Due to January 2023 event this will be rolled over into the new event to allow additional damage to be claimed.

Location	Estimate	Comment
Site 1 - Coorabulka - Springvale Road Ch 44062	\$970,153.61	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 2 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 4372		Survey Required

Location	Estimate	Comment
Site 3 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 4582		Survey Complete. Design to commence shortly.
Site 5 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5043	\$1,097,442.37	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 6 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5132	\$1,233,284.81	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 7 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5240 – 5330	\$1,757,891.00	Survey & Design Complete. Estimate developed based on design.
Site 8 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5406	\$1,331,485.31	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 10 -Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5521	\$1,885,885.71	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site. Survey Complete. Design underway.
Site 11 -Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5566	\$1,179,624.01	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 12 -Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5696	\$1,179,624.01	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 13 - Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road Ch 65704	\$573,361.51	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 14 - Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road Ch 75655	\$797,868.57	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 15 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 97488		Survey Required
Site 16 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 11132	\$415,922.52	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Survey & Design required to develop detailed estimate for site.
Site 17 - Springvale Diamantina Lakes Ch 47015	\$1,442,101.18	Design & Survey complete.
Site 18 - Springvale Diamantina lakes Ch 47534		Survey Complete. Design & estimate in progress.
Site 19 - Betoota - Mooraberee Road Ch 290 - 315		Survey Required
Site 20 - Betoota - Mooraberee Road Ch 26100 - 26163		Survey Required
Site 21 - Kamaran Downs Access Road Ch 8810 - 8870		Survey Required
Site 22 - Kamaran Downs Access Road Ch 10150 - 10250		Survey Required
Site 23 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 96296 - 96382		Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. This only covered constructing concrete apron.
Site 24 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 96736 - 96768		

Location	Estimate	Comment
Site 25 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 98918 - 98968	\$298,346.40	Design scope to realignment/ reconstruct existing structure. Survey Required.
Site 26 - Davenport Downs - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 47421 - 47812		Survey Required
Site 27 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 26885 - 26900		Survey Required
Site 28 - Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road Ch 93704 - 93729		Survey Required
Site 29 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 5860 - 5900		Survey Required
Site 30 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 6460 - 6500		Survey Required
Site 31 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 7488 - 7520		Survey Required
Site 32 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 28871 - 28919		Survey Required
Site 33 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 28990 - 29010		Survey Required
Site 34 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 31652 - 31695		Survey Required
Site 35 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 38680 - 38720		Survey Required
Site 36 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 42439 - 42595		Survey Required
Site 37 - Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 46497 - 46528		Survey Required
Site 38 - Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 50608 - 50644		Survey Required

OTHER

Project/ Item	Comment
Visits to the Shire	17 th – 18 th June – Council Meeting 20 th – 21 st June – Gravel Pit sample collection 7 th – 11 th August – Gravel Pit sample collection
Bedourie & Birdsville Solar Power Project	Works complete pending communication issues to be resolved. Ergon have engaged a specialist who is investigating the cause of the communications failures. Progress is being made but the nature of the failures and the interfaces is very complex. Site inspection with WHP Electrical was completed in December. Advise is pending from SMA (inverter supplier). Correspondence has been sent to the SMA General Manager – Australasia requesting a prioritized response. TSC was in Birdsville 13 th – 16 th March 2023 to remove 3 inverters and return to the manufacturer for more testing and investigation. TSC have travelled to Bedourie 4 th – 9 th May to assess units and complete list for warranty claim. SMA have started to action the warranty claim.
Mode Design	Initial concepts for Bedourie Council Office & depot site are being progressed. Birdsville hall initial concept approach commenced early July. Council report required for briefs.
Birdsville Water Funding Application	Growing Regions Program EOIs open 5 th July – 1 st August. Applications 1 st November - 12 th December. 50% contribution required. \$500k - \$15m project sizes.
Big Red Road Pave and Seal	All construction works completed. Reseal to take place in September/ October.
Gravel pit materials testing	Samples taken from pit required for RRUPP gravel resheeting. Material samples to be taken progressively over the next few months.

Attachments

[Flood Damage Monthly Status Report](#)

11.10 Coorabulka/Springvale Road - LRRS Road Classification

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Stuart Bourne Civil Engineer (George Bourne & Associates)
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A well-maintained Shire Road network which meets the needs of the road users.• Well maintained community assets with additional facilities as appropriate for the communities
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Diamantina Shire Council• Chief Executive Officer Diamantina Shire Council

Summary

To consider adding the Coorabulka - Springvale Road to the Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS) through the Outback Regional Road Group (ORRTG).

Recommendation:

That the Coorabulka - Springvale Road is submitted to the Outback Regional Roads Group to be added to the Local Roads of Regional Significance register'.

Relevant Policy/Legislation

Nil

Background Information

Previously Council sought to remove the Springvale – Boulia Shire Road, Springvale – Diamantina Lakes Road, Diamantina Lakes to Winton Shire Road, Davenport to Diamantina Lakes and Davenport to Palparara roads from the LRRS register. However, through the ORRTG the neighboring councils did not agree to the removal of the roads that linked with their Council areas or provided continuity between LG areas. Consequently, only the Springvale – Diamantina Lakes Road was removed from the LRRS register at that time.

Extracted from ordinary Council meeting minutes May 15, 2017:

Recommendation

'That Council authorize the Chief Executive Officer to communicate with the ORRTG regarding comments on the current list of LRRS.'

Minute No. 2017.05.15-OM-16

Moved by Cr Cooms and Seconded by Cr Rayment

'That the recommendation be adopted.'

Carried 5/0.

Report

In March 2023 Council resolved to submit the Springvale – Diamantina Lakes Road to be added to the Local Roads of Regional Significance register.

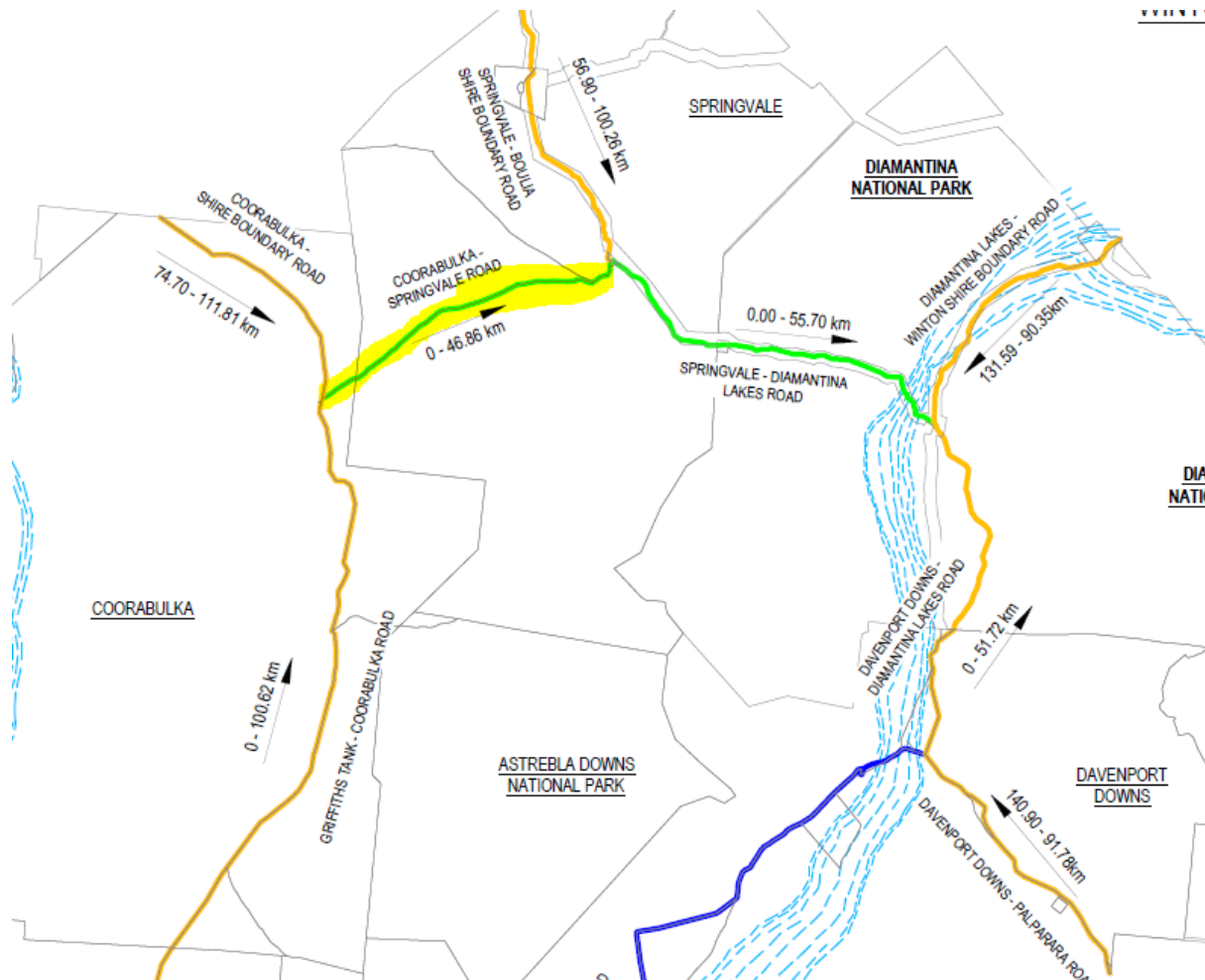
Minute No. 2023.03.20-OM-16

Moved by Cr Murray and Seconded by Cr Rowlands

'That Council authorise the CEO to submit the Springvale – Diamantina Lakes Road to the Outback Regional Roads Group to be added to the Local Roads of Regional Significance register.'

Carried 5/0.

The Coorabulka – Springvale Road increased the tourist loop between Winton & Boulia without backtracking through the Diamantina National Park. The addition of this road to the LRRS register will potentially offer advantages to the road group such as increased funding if future funding is based on LRRS road lengths.



Financial Implications

Nil

Conclusion

Nil

Attachments

[LRRS Change request -Coorabulka/Springvale Road \(ID 465437\)](#)

[SOI Coorabulka/Springvale Road \(ID 465436\)](#)

11.11 Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group – Road Hierarchy

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Office
Author:	Stuart Bourne Civil Engineer (George Bourne & Associates)
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A well-maintained Shire Road network which meets the needs of the road users.Council participates in projects which advance regional co-operation and resource sharing
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group

Summary

This report summaries the differences between the latest version of the ORRTG road hierarchy and investment priority map and the previous version in the Central West Queensland region. There is no change to the status of roads within Diamantina Shire.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council endorse the changes made to the mapping and advise the Outback Regional Road Group

Relevant Policy/Legislation

Nil

Background Information

Nil

Report

The Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG) Strategic Group Quarterly Meeting on 23 May 2023 requested councils to provide feedback on the new road hierarchy and investment priority map (see attachment for the map) in the review at the August Quarterly Meeting. The proposed road hierarchy and funding priority within Diamantina Shire are summarised in the table below.

Table 1 New Road Hierarchy and Funding Priority within Diamantina Shire

Road Name	Start	End	Hierarchy	Funding Priority
State-controlled Roads				
Diamantina Dev. Rd	Bedourie	Boulia	Hierarchy 2	N/A
Diamantina Dev. Rd	Windorah	Bedourie	Hierarchy 2	Priority 2
Eyre Dev. Rd	Intersection with Diamantina Dev. Rd	Birdsville	Hierarchy 2	Priority 1
Birdsville Dev. Rd	Intersection with Diamantina Dev. Rd	Birdsville	Hierarchy 2	Priority 2
Shire Roads				
Big Red Rd			Hierarchy 3	N/A
Lake Machattie Detour Rd			Hierarchy 4	N/A
Coorabulka Rd			Hierarchy 4	N/A
Davenport Downs – Palparara Rd			Hierarchy 5	N/A
Springvale Rd			Hierarchy 5	N/A
Springvale – Diamantina Lakes (new)			Hierarchy 5	N/A
Coorabulka – Springvale Rd (proposed)			Hierarchy 5	N/A

The status of the road hierarchy and funding priority in Diamantina Shire is proposed to remain unchanged compared to the previous issue. However, there are some changes to the status of roads in other Central

West Queensland LGAs, as presented in Table 2 (refer to the attachment for the old map). Some of these changes occurred due to boundary discrepancies with other regions.

Table 2 Comparisons between Old and New Road Hierarchy and Funding Priority in Other LGAs of Central West QLD

Road Name	LGA	Old Hierarchy	New Hierarchy	Old Funding Priority	New Funding Priority
Headingly Rd	BSC	New Addition	Hierarchy 4	New Addition	Priority 3
Selwyn Rd	BSC	Hierarchy 5	Same	New Addition	Priority 3
Toolebuc Rd	BSC	Hierarchy 5	Hierarchy 4	New Addition	Priority 3
Kennedy Dev. Rd	BSC/WSC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 3	Priority 2
Kennedy Dev. Rd	WSC/FSC	Hierarchy 2	Same	New Addition	Priority 2
Richmond – Winton Rd	WSC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 2	Priority 1
Opalton Rd	WSC	New Addition	Hierarchy 3	N/A	N/A
Cransie – Muttaborra Rd	LRC/BRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 1	Priority 2
Thomson Dev. Rd (Longreach – Stonehenge)	LRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 3	Priority 2
Hughenden – Muttaborra Rd	BRC	Hierarchy 5	Hierarchy 4	New Addition	Priority 2
Bowen Downs Rd	BRC	Hierarchy 2	Hierarchy 5	Priority 2	Priority Removed
Muttaborra – Aramac Rd (Between Muttaborra and Intersection with Aramac – Torrens Creek Rd)	BRC	Hierarchy 4	Hierarchy 2	New Addition	Priority 2
Aramac – Torrens Creek Rd	BRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 1	Priority 2
Barcaldine – Aramac Rd	BRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 1	Priority 2
Jericho – Aramac Rd	BRC	Hierarchy 5	Hierarchy 4	N/A	N/A
Clermont Rd	BRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 2	Priority 1
Blackall – Jericho Rd	BTRC/BRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 1	Priority 2
Alpha – Tambo Rd	BTRC	Hierarchy 2	Same	Priority 2	Priority 1
Dawson Dev. Rd	BTRC	Hierarchy 3	Hierarchy 2	N/A	N/A
Lango Rd	BTRC	New Addition	Hierarchy 3	N/A	N/A

Conclusion

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Attachments

[150056-SK2/02 - New ORRTG Central West QLD Hierarchy & Priority Map](#)
[150056-1/01 - Old ORRTG Hierarchy & Priority Map](#)

12 Confidential Business – Adjournment into Closed Session

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer
Author: Mike Hayward | Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan: • Best practice Corporate Governance
Consultation: Mayor

Summary

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, and the Local Government Regulation 2012, in the opinion of the General manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in clause 254J(3) of the Regulation, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

Recommendation

That Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with clause 254J(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 as the items listed come within the following provisions

12.1 Birdsville Housing Tender

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business 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.

12.2 Intermittent Plant Hire Tender

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business 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.

12.3 Trade Services Tender

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business 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.

13.1 Declaration of Designated Area [Birdsville Races]

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Michael Hayward Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The community remains safe and crime free
Consultation:	Cr Dare Mayor Stephan Persell Officer in Charge, Birdsville (Qld Police)

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek council approval to declare various streets and locations in Birdsville to be designated areas under the Liquor Act 1992 for the period of the 2023 Birdsville Races.

Officers Recommendation

1. That pursuant to section 173C of the Liquor Act 1992, council designate those locations identified in schedule 1 below as public places where liquor may be consumed during the Birdsville Race week.
2. The period and times during which the designation is to have effect shall be from 10:00am Wednesday 30th August 2023 until 12:00am (Midnight) Monday 4th September 2023.

Schedule 1: Designated Public Place

Location	From	To
Adelaide Street	MacDonald Street	Vaughan Street
MacDonald Street	Adelaide Street	Burt Street
Town Oval (Tent City)		
Burt Street	Graham Street	MacDonald
Frew Street	Graham Street	Florence Street
Florence Street	Burt Street	Vaughan Street
Graham Street	Burt Street	Vaughan Street
Vaughan Street	Graham Street	Florence Street
Birdsville Airport Carpark		
Eyre Development Road from Vaughan Street to Birdville Racecourse		
Part of the Birdsville Town Common North and South of the Eyre Development Road, between Pelican Point Access Gate and the Birdsville Racecourse		

Relevant Policy/Legislation

- *Liquor Act 1992 – Section 173B [Consumption of liquor in certain public places prohibited]*
- *Liquor Act 1992 – Section 173C [Local Government may designate public places]*

Background Information

Under section 173B(1)(a) of the *Liquor Act 1992* a person must not consume liquor in a public place that is a road or land owned by, or under the control of, a local government.

A person does not commit an offence under section 173B(1)(a) if the place is a designated public place.

Section 173C of the allows that a local government may designate a public place that is in its area as a public place where liquor may be consumed.

The local government may specify the period or times during which the designation is to have effect.

A local government that designates a public place must advertise the designation and must also erect signs that;

- i. Significantly identify the public place as a designated public place; and
- ii. Specify the period or times during which the public place is a designated public place.

Report

The Birdsville Race meeting attracts a large number of visitors to Birdsville for the annual Birdsville Cup race meeting.

The race meeting includes various activities in the days leading up and following to the actual race day.

Historically visitors start to arrive in Birdsville several days prior to the race meeting and a majority leave early in the week following.

The Birdsville Races is an iconic event and has a party atmosphere with the consumption of alcohol a noteworthy part of the celebrations. Given the nature of the event the declaration of a majority of the streets and various locations in Birdsville as designated areas where alcohol may be consumed is seen as an important way of allowing visitors to enjoy their stay.

Consultation with the Officer in Charge, Birdsville Police indicates that the declaration of designated areas actually assists the local Birdsville police with the management of the public consumption of alcohol. The declaration of the majority of streets and public areas as designated areas allows visitors to move between venues and events without unduly breaching the provisions of the Liquor Act.

Conclusion

Given the nature of the Birdsville Race meeting and the fact that council has historically declared the majority of streets and various areas in Birdsville as designated areas, it is recommended that council continue to declare the identified streets and locations as designated areas under the Liquor Act.

Attachments

[Map showing location of proposed designated areas.](#)