



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

Agenda

Ordinary meeting to be held in the Bedourie
Administration Boardroom on
Friday 15 December 2023 at 8:00am

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 20 November 2023

8. Mayors Business

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

- Council land held for Resale (Report held over to January Meeting)

10. Notice of Motion

- Nil

11. Officers Reports

- 11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report
- 11.2 Financial Performance Report – November 2023
- 11.3 Infrastructure Report
- 11.4 Engineering Report
- 11.5 Corporate Services Report
- 11.6 Community and Economic Development Report

12. Confidential Matters

- Nil

13. Late Agenda Items

- 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
15 Dec	Ordinary Meeting		Bedourie Administration Centre
19 Feb 24	State Valuation Service	John Thomas	Video Link – 9:00am
19 Feb 24	Ordinary Meeting		Bedourie Administration Centre

2. Delegations

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

Organisation	Type	Description	Value
Birdsville Social Club	In-Kind	Hire of Birdsville Town Hall (3 Days hire - 30/12/23 to 2/1/24)	\$750.00
Birdville State School	In-Kind	Hire 40 Chairs for Awards Graduation	

Acts currently under review to identify potential Delegation of Powers to CEO:

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

MATTERS FOR COUNCILS' CONSIDERATION

3. Change of Meeting Date – January 2024

The date for the January 2024 ordinary meeting of Council has been scheduled for Monday 15 January 2024.

The following dates are senior staff movements in the lead up to the January meeting:

- CEO – return to work 11th January 2024.
- DIS – return to work 8th January 2024.
- DCS – working through Christmas break.
- DCED – return to work 8th January 2024.
- GBA – return to work 15 January 2024.

Given the short time frame between the planned return to work of senior staff it is recommended that council consider changing the meeting date to allow for officer's reports to be compiled and the agenda prepared and circulated in sufficient time prior to the council meeting.

Recommendation:

Council resolves that the January 2024 ordinary meeting of council be changed to Monday 29th January 2024, commencing at 9:00am; and

That in accordance with section 254B(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, notice of the change of meeting date be published on councils website.

4. Resolutions Register – Canberra Visit

Council have previously moved the following motions in relation to a deputation of council representative to Canberra:

2023.05.15-OM-9	<p>That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Nominate the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Council's representatives on the Canberra visit. 2. The key issues to be to be lobbied for whilst in Canberra are constructing sealed overtaking lanes on the Diamantina Development Road, sealing the Birdsville Development Road, developing the proposed new Birdsville Bore, upgrading Council's television broadcasting technology, and implementing fibre-to-the-premises technology to buildings in Bedourie and Birdsville; and 3. Council seek meetings with Prime Minister Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Hon Catherine King MP, and Minister for Communications Hon Michelle Rowland MP.'
2023.06.19-OM-3	That in addition to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, that Council nominate former Barcoo Shire Council Mayor Bruce Scott as a Council representative on the Canberra visit.

Following discussions with the mayor it is proposed that these resolutions be removed from the Outstanding Resolutions Register. This recommendation is based on the following factors:

- A majority of the key issues to be lobbied have either been addressed or are currently being addressed through other channels:
 - Sealed overtaking lanes – Transport and Resources Committee has recommended that sealed overtaking lanes be installed on Diamantina Development Road
 - Birdsville Bore – The mayor has arranged for site visit by Executive Director, North Region|Water Resource Management to inspect and discuss water issues in Birdsville.
 - Upgrade Television broadcasting technology – funding has been granted under the LCRIP program to upgrade the TV stations.
- Federal Parliament has risen and will not reconvene until 6 February 2024. Given that the caretaker period for the purposes of the 2024 local government elections start on 29 January 2024 a decision to take a deputation to Canberra may be best to leave until after the election.

Recommendation:

Council resolves, that no further action be taken in relation outstanding resolution 2023.05.15-OM-9 and resolution 2023.06.19-OM-3.

MATTERS FOR COUNCILS' INFORMATION**5. Shire Revaluation**

John Thomas (Area Manager, State Valuation Service) have advised that the State Valuation Service would like to provide a formal presentation of the revaluation that is to issue next year to the full council meeting.

Due to the proposed change of date for the January meeting it has been agreed that the State Valuation Service will provide a video link update to council at the February 2024 council meeting.

Meeting date and time has been included in the Calendar of Events in the CEO Report.

6. Wangkamahdla Nation Part B - QUD52/2016

In April 1999, Diamantina Shire Council purchased 5 rural residential lots and land used as a refuse station in the Bedourie Industrial Estate from the State of Queensland. The land is described as Lots 1-5 on SP107130 and Lot 2 on CP904679.

Deeds of grant in fee simple for each of the rural residential lots and the refuse station were issued in 2000.

The State subsequently discovered that native title rights and interests held by the Wangkamadhla People existed in relation to the lots at the time the deeds of grant were made. However, because of an error or oversight at that time, the State did not seek surrender or obtain the consent of the Wangkamadhla People prior to making the grants. The deeds were therefore future acts that did not validly affect native title under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

To resolve the matter the State sought councils' agreement to surrender the freehold land. In exchange for the surrender, the State offered to pay council an amount equivalent to the original price paid by council when it purchased the land, adjusted for the consumer price index. If council accepted the proposal, the State would then progress to determination recognizing the Wangkamadhla people as holding non-exclusive native title rights and interest in relation to the land.

The States proposal was considered at the ordinary council meeting held 26 April 2022 and council subsequently moved the following motion (2022.04.26-OM-11):

That Council:

- (a) Agree in principle to the proposal which the State of Queensland offers to resolve the native title validity of the freehold granted over the Lots 1 – 5 on SP107130 (Rural Residential Lots) and Lot 2 on CP904679 (Refuse Station Lot) as set out in its letter of 11 April 2022, subject to agreement on the consideration payable (the Proposal).*
- (b) Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to:*
 - (i) Negotiate changes to the Proposal with the State, including consideration and ancillary costs payable to Council, on behalf of Council; and*
 - (ii) negotiate the terms on which Council will consent to a determination of native title over the Rural Residential Parcels and to enter into a s 87A Native Title Act Agreement on Council's behalf; and*
 - (iii) enter into and sign all documents and to take all necessary steps on behalf of Council to implement the Proposal.'*

Following the meeting, Councils' legal representatives wrote to the State agreeing in principle to their proposal however the monetary consideration requested by council was considerably higher than that offered by the State. The consideration sought by council took into account the cost of infrastructure and services installed by council to the lots since their purchase from the State.

It is understood that the State rejected councils counter proposal and instead elected to negotiate an ILUA with the Wangkamadhla People to surrender all Native Title Rights and Interest in the agreed area. The parties to the agreement (State and Wangkamadhla) agreed that the Surrender permanently extinguishes all Native Title Rights and Interests in the area of the Surrender.

For the purposes of the ILUA, the agreed area included Lots 1-5 on SP107130 and Lot 2 on CP904679.

In summary, Native Title is now extinguished over Councils freehold parcels and the Bedourie Refuse Tip.

Attachments:

[Outstanding Actions Register](#)

11.2. Financial Performance Report – November 2023

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer
Author: Tracey Lee | Finance Consultant
Link to Corporate Plan: • Long term financial sustainability
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 presents the financial performance of Council for the month ended 30 November 2023.

Officers Recommendation:

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

Relevant Policy/Legislation

Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 requires:

1. The local government must prepare a financial report;
2. The Chief Executive Officer must present the financial report –
 - a) If the local government meets less frequently than monthly – at each meeting of the local government; or
 - b) Otherwise – a meeting of the local government once a month
3. 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.

Background Information

This report summarises 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.

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.

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

Report

Debtors Summary

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	\$48,415.96	\$952.00	\$7,587.06	\$29,482.62	\$86,437.64
Housing		\$289.69	\$1,352.00	\$3,294.00	\$4,935.69
Total	\$48,415.96	\$1241.69	\$8,939.06	\$32,776.62	\$91,373.33

Attachment:

[Financial Performance Report – November 2023](#)

11.3. Infrastructure Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Bob Stephen | Director Infrastructure Services
Jodie Girdler | Facilities and Town Services Manager

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 Infrastructure Report and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.

Town Services

Facilities

Bill Knight has installed additional storage space in the Bedourie Administration Building and finalised alterations to the Bedourie Boardroom. Bill has also completed other outstanding tasks whilst in town and is now on a break over the Christmas period. Bill will not be returning until 2024.

Jason Doyle - Facilities Coordinator is crossing off numerous of the outstanding tasks. We currently have a labourer in this team to assist with the tasks.

Currently we are sourcing the help from DABFAB in Boulia for our plumbing needs.

Housing

We have only had five (5) official housing requests this month, with questions in regard to others.

Name	Current Address	Housing Offered	Comments
Leslie Murray	1/8 Jardine Street Emerald Housing	2/10 Gibber Court	Council Employee
Adele Rowe	30 Graham Street	45 Frew Street	Council Employee Currently waiting on Council to resolve Playgroup issue to see where we are at on this.
David Nichols	8 Jardine Street (living in a caravan)	20 Jardine Street	Community member
Kylie Little	34 Graham Street	3/3 Gibber Court	Community member
Liam Brooker	51 Graham Street Birdsville	1 Mineritchie Street	

Aerodromes

REX ground control Bedourie, operation as per usual.

CASA Audit has been received.

Bedourie ATI & ETI received.

Birdsville ATI & ETI received.

Betoota ACI received.

Town Services – Bedourie

Bedourie Town Services are continuing with general maintenance, Weed spraying, Street sweeping, Fertilising, Cleaning Town facilities and Spa units. Slashing, Mowing and Gardening. Slashing runway strips, cleaning gutters.

Events – Bedourie Christmas tree

Diamantina Shire Council and Community Christmas party

Greg Wills has taken on the position of Town Services Supervisor. We will be advertising two labourer positions One for Birdsville and one for Bedourie

Swimming Pool maintenance as per usual. Maintenance conducted on pool cleaner



Town Services – Birdsville

Birdsville Town Services are continuing with general maintenance, Weed spraying, Street sweeping, Cleaning of council housing and facilities, Mowing and Gardening.

As well as our usual daily tasks our crew have been focused on replacing broken pop-up sprinklers and irrigation repairs to keep to town looking lovely and green in the coming warmer months. As well as weeding, weed spraying, mowing, whipper snipping and hedging to keep the gardens looking neat and tidy, we also have been sanding and oiling the benches at Anzac Park, the gazebo in front of the Warri and the buggy shelter. We learnt some new skills alongside the civil crew boxing out and pouring concrete for the new walkways in Birdsville.

Birdsville Swimming pool have received their new pool cleaner it should be back operational very soon. If not already.



Infrastructure Services

Construction Crew (Michael Gilby (Frog))

The crew have completed the flood damage works in the Coorabulka area, and are in the process of moving camp from Coorabulka to the Alligator camp area on the Birdsville, Windorah Road, they are currently doing a maintenance grade between Birdsville and the Alligator on the Windorah Road

They will commence work on the re-sheet work on Birdsville to Windorah Road, for RMPC contract, after the Christmas break.

We have moved the crew to this area to enable work to continue if we have any flooding over the break.

Patrol Crew (Fred Brown)

The crew have now moved from Adria Downs Road prior to completion due to wet weather in the area stopping work, they have now moved to Cuttaburra to complete 10Km of re-sheet works for RMPC contract. This work will be completed before the Christmas break.

We have several contractors working with this crew to enable the works to be completed before the Christmas break.

We are also tidying up drainage and edges with the scrapper in this area, to enable any flood water to flow quicker.

This crew has also carried out remediation at Roseberth North Floodway, we reduced the floodway to correct design levels, stabilised with cement, ready for seal.

After the Christmas break this crew will be working up towards the Boulia border and Diamantina Lakes area to complete Flood repair work

Civil Crew (Francis Warren)

This crew has been mainly working in Birdsville this month, they have been preparing shuttering for footpaths and pour concrete in footpaths.

They put the new concrete edge in at Roseberth Floodway prior to it being sealed.

They will go back to Birdsville after the Christmas break to complete the footpath work.



Other Works

- Big Red Road -2nd coat seal completed early December; this contract is now completed.
- Roseberth North Floodway has now had primer coat and first seal completed.
- We have completed seal works on McDonald Street in Birdsville, outside the police station and courthouse.

Contractors

Dale Contracting is working on the Sandringham - Bedourie Road on flood repair works and will be in this area until Christmas break.

All other contractors are backing up our crews at the moment.

Contractors will not be starting back at the same time as our own crews, after the Christmas break, we will assess our funding and programme them in if this allows.

A Long term works programme and Funds will be reported at January Council Meeting

Fleet Management

Plant Defects

Total Defects reported Year to Date	Unresolved at start of period	Defects raised during the period	Defects resolved during the period	Total unresolved at end of period
249	108	20	8	120

General maintenance of all vehicles is being continued.

Plant & Equipment

Tenders currently being on for the replacement of plant items.

Attachment:

Nil

11.4. Engineering Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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

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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	\$2,041,046.00	\$1,017,338.70	\$1,023,707.30		Must be completed by 30 June 2024
Herbicide Spot Spraying Declared Plants	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00		
Gravel Resheeting	\$1,328,800.00	\$649,973.00	\$678,827.00	81A Ch 31.3km – 41.4km 80A Ch 138.44km – 144.95km	
Total (Approved)	\$3,384,846.00	\$1,667,311.70	\$1,717,534.30		

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 Gravel crushing procurement documents being drafted.
215.2km – 219.92km (4.72) Roseberth West towards Birdsville	\$300,000	\$0.00	RRUPP		
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 has been awarded to Harris Road Contractors – works have commenced.

Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contracts

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Cost to Complete	Comment
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.
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Future Unfunded Works

Location	Estimate	Comments	Cost To Complete
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 complete	
Gumbrie Pave and Seal 80A		Survey complete & design commenced – on hold until P1 complete	\$50k, Priority 2.
80A Shallow Lakes/ Durrie Realignment		Design pending, survey commenced	\$100k, Priority 1.
93C Mimosa/ Monkira Sandhills Realignment		Design pending, survey required – on hold until P1 complete	\$150k, Priority 3.

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.

Asset name	Value	Percentage Complete to Date
Adria Downs Access Road	\$ 2,120,194.36	100%
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	100%
Coorabulka - Springvale Road	\$ 454,995.60	100%
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	100%
Kamaran Downs Access Road	\$ 13,353.87	100%
Lake Machattie Detour	\$ 408,113.06	100%
Sandringham - Bedourie Road	\$ 651,497.01	100%

Asset name	Value	Percentage Complete to Date
Sandringham - Ethabuka Road	\$ 577,311.20	25%
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$ 184,243.77	
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 335,911.29	
Investigations & Project Management	\$ 506,127.28	60%
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.

The submission value for the event is below and have now been approved by QRA. Works are due to be completed prior to 30th June 2025.

Emergency works and Counter Disaster Operation submissions have been lodged.

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	\$ 199,633.58	
Cordillo Access Road	\$ 168,725.98	
Davenport Downs - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 454,364.13	
Davenport Downs - Palparara Road	\$ 204,870.44	
Deon's Lookout Access Road	\$ 148,295.30	
Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road	\$ 509,095.79	
Durrie Access Road	\$ 15,965.94	
Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road	\$ 387,787.98	
Inside Track Road	\$ 112,581.62	
Kamaran Downs Access Road	\$ 71,963.80	
Lake Machattie Detour	\$ 379,787.36	
Monkira - Davenport Downs Road	\$ 1,705,097.14	
Roseberth Access Road	\$ 65,954.27	
Sandringham - Bedourie Road	\$ 134,911.06	
Sandringham - Ethabuka Road	\$ 122,968.10	
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$ 380,484.72	
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 404,685.98	
Vaughan Johnson Lookout Road	\$ 153,022.68	
Project Management	\$ 514,092.56	
Total	\$ 6,827,714.36	

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	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Site 1 - Coorabulka - Springvale Road Ch 44062	\$970,153.61	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 2 - Diamantina		Design Complete	✓	100%	0

Location	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 4372					
Site 3 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 4582		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 4 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 4844		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 5 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5043	\$1,097,442.37	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 6 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5132	\$1,233,284.81	Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	99%	\$1k
Site 7 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5240 – 5330	\$1,757,891.00	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 8 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5406	\$1,331,485.31	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 10 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5521	\$1,885,885.71	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 11 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5566	\$1,179,624.01	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 12 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 5696	\$1,179,624.01	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 13 - Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road Ch 65704	\$573,361.51	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 14 - Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road Ch 75655	\$797,868.57	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 15 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 97488		Removed from Scope		0%	Refer to 23/24/25
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.		0%	\$25k

Location	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Site 17 - Springvale Diamantina Lakes Ch 47015	\$1,442,101.18	Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 18 - Springvale Diamantina lakes Ch 47534		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	99%	\$1k
Site 19 - Betoota - Mooraberee Road Ch 290 - 315		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 20 - Betoota - Mooraberee Road Ch 26100 - 26163		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 21 - Kamaran Downs Access Road Ch 8810 - 8870		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	95%	\$5k
Site 22 - Kamaran Downs Access Road Ch 10150 - 10250		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	95%	\$5k
Site 23 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 96296 – 96382		Current estimate was developed for original QRA submission. This only overed constructing concrete apron. Design scope to realignment/ reconstruct existing structure. Removed from Scope.		0%	\$0
Site 24 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 96736 - 96768				0%	
Site 25 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 98918 - 98968	\$298,346.40			0%	
Site 26 - Davenport Downs - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 47421 - 47812		On hold pending further assessment	✓		
Site 27 - Diamantina Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 26885 - 26900		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 28 - Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road Ch 93704 - 93729		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	99%	\$1k
Site 29 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 5860 - 5900		Pending survey	✓	0%	\$25k
Site 30 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 6460 - 6500		Pending survey	✓	0%	\$25k
Site 31 - Springvale - Boulia Shire		Pending survey	✓	0%	\$25k

Location	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Boundary Road Ch 7488 - 7520					
Site 32 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 28871 - 28919		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 33 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 28990 - 29010		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 34 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 31652 - 31695		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
Site 35 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 38680 - 38720		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	95%	\$2k
Site 36 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 42439 - 42595		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	95%	\$2k
Site 37 - Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 46497 - 46528			✓	80%	\$5k
Site 38 - Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 50608 - 50644		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	95%	\$2k
PM budget for 2022 event is \$506,127.28. PM budget for the 2023 event is \$514,092.56				CTC	\$124k

OTHER

Project/ Item	Comment
Visits to the Shire	19 th – 20 th November (Birdsville Hall and Council Meeting) 30 th November – 7 th December (Seal Big Red/ Floodway/ FD meetings)
Bedourie & Birdsville Solar Power Project	SMA have started to action the warranty claim. 21 replaced so far in November 23. About 11 more problem sites that need review/ warranty assessment.
Mode Design	Birdsville hall concept community consultation advice has been provided to the Contractor to make amendments to scope of works. Final concept design for Bedourie Council Office has been received along with quantity surveyors estimate. Works have stopped on the Bedourie workshop as request with documentation expected to be packaged by Contractor and received in December.
Big Red Road Pave and Seal	All construction works completed. Reseal completed 4 th December along with Birdsville Courthouse Double/ double kerb seal & Old Roseberth North floodway prime & initial seal of reworked section. TIDS Claim to be lodged this month.
Gravel pit materials testing	Samples taken from pit required for RRUPP gravel resheeting.

	Material samples have been taken progressively over the last few months. All pits have been sampled on DTMR roads and waiting test results (5 more pits waiting on results).
Water Main Air Scouring	The Water Group have procured reservoir cleaning and water main air scouring which will occur in the coming months.

Attachments

Nil

11.5. Corporate Services Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Michelle Harrison | Director Corporate Services

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 Corporate Services Report and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted.

Corporate Services

Finance

Key activities included:

- Resignation of Phillip Bakker as Finance Coordinator
- 22/23 Audit – All final documentation sent through waiting on Final report from the Auditors, Financial Statements due no later than 22nd Dec 2023
- DCS Attended the Local Government Finance Professionals Annual Conference at the Gold Coast.
 - A lot of discussion around future sustainability and Experienced staff shortages
 - The future of AI within Government Departments
 - The importance of a good culture within your workforce

Human Resources

Key activities for October included:

- 3 Resignation – Outside Crew, Finance & Tourism
- Recruitment drive for Tourism started and preparations for an entire Shire Recruitment drive in Dec/Jan

Training

- WH & S Have been undertaking training in the new Management System
- Preparations underway for All staff training week on start up next year.

Governance

Development

- No New Applications for November.

Environmental Health

- Ongoing follow ups for outstanding food licenses

Attachments

Nil

11.6. Community and Economic Development Information Report

Responsible Officer: Mike Hayward | Interim 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).

Recommendation

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

MATTERS FOR COUNCILS' INFORMATION

Outstanding Resolutions Update

Minute No.	Description	Status	Comment
2020.12.14-OM-2	TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS	In progress	29/11/2023 All Birdsville signs have been located. Installation request sent through to Infrastructure services to install remaining Birdsville signage. 30/11/2023 Quote for Bedourie signs have been received and accepted from the original sign supplier, Interactivink. Image for main background to be identified and forwarded to sign supplier. Information received from community identified part of the existing sign in Birdsville near racetrack has fallen down and needs repairing. Request forwarded to Infrastructure Services for assistance. Infrastructure Services have confirmed actions to assess and repair
2021.12.13-OM-6	88FM RADIO IN BEDOURIE AND BIRDSVILLE	In progress	24/11/2023 Investigated equipment and identified issue with arranging and adding content. Contacted original supplier for login details. 07/12/2023 No response to date from broadcast installer. Identified annual licensing costs for APRA/AMCOS which appear to be reasonable. Requested quote and further information.
2022.11.21-OM-13	BIRDSVILLE COURTHOUSE PROPOSAL	In progress	29/11/2023 Requested access to the site and research into training for staff via WHS. Meeting scheduled to discuss further 04/12/2023. 05/12/2023 WHS forwarded enquiry to Office of Industrial Relations for assistance with how to proceed.

Minute No.	Description	Status	Comment
			07/12/2023 Response received from OIR with follow up meeting with ELT scheduled for 11/12/2023
2023.11.20-OM-18	EARLY YEARS SERVICES PROGRAM	In progress	08/12/2023 A new Quality Improvement Plan (Business Plan) has been drafted and sent to Dept of Education for feedback. Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Return is due 28 January 2024 with feedback on drafts due by 14 January 2024.
2023.11.20-OM-20	Christmas Lighting Competition	In progress	30/11/2023 Competition promoted via social media. Research into commercial decorative stock identified unable to meet timeframes for this year. Stock to be purchased in new year.
2023.11.20-OM-21	Town Entrance Signs - Bedourie	In progress	29/11/2023 Requested quote from Interactivink (original sign supplier for the Birdsville Town Entrance signs). 30/11/2023 Quote for Bedourie signs have been received and accepted. Image for main background to be identified and forwarded to sign supplier

Community

Australian Institute of Country Music (AICM) – Song Muster

A recent meeting with the Australian Institute of Country Music centred on the potential introduction of the Song Muster program to our region. The Song Muster program is a distinguished event focusing on songwriting and music, known for its role in fostering musical talents. It offers workshops and collaborative opportunities for aspiring musicians and songwriters, enhancing their skills and creativity. The proposal involves aligning the Song Muster, with the dates leading up to the Big Red Bash and offers a platform for local artists to develop and showcase their talents in songwriting and music, potentially leading to smaller-scale performances in our town centres. The collaboration is anticipated to boost cultural exchange, community engagement, and local tourism by merging the unique cultural experiences of the Song Muster with the vibrancy of the Big Red Bash. This alignment highlights the region's commitment to cultural development and will also enhance our reputation as a hub for musical and artistic talent.

Marketing and Promotions

DRAFT Marketing Campaign – Spirit of Diamantina

A marketing initiative "Spirit of Diamantina" has been created as a strategic campaign to position Diamantina Shire as a premier destination for travellers. The campaign currently has three components:

1. **Marketing Strategy:** This defines 'who' will be targeted in the campaign. This part of the project defines the target demographics, such as nature and cultural enthusiasts, and outlines the methodologies to engage them effectively. It encompasses a multi-faceted approach, integrating advertising, event participation, and collaboration with our local communities. The objective is to enhance Diamantina Shire's visibility and appeal as a travel destination through coordinated marketing efforts.
2. **Content Marketing Plan:** This describes 'how' the target audience will be engaged. Central to the initiative, this plan involves the creation and dissemination of engaging and informative content that highlights the unique attributes of Diamantina Shire. This includes articles, videos, and digital posts designed to captivate potential visitors and encourage exploration of the region. Distribution of this content spans various platforms, including digital channels and social media, ensuring broad and impactful reach.

3. **Campaign Title - "Spirit of Diamantina"**: This represents the 'what' aspect of the campaign. The project's title is deliberately chosen to encapsulate the essence of Diamantina Shire. It aims to evoke an intrigue and attraction towards the region, highlighting its cultural depth, environmental beauty, and the vibrant community life. The title serves as a cohesive element, uniting various marketing endeavours under a singular, identifiable brand.

The "Spirit of Diamantina" campaign is important for several key reasons, especially within the context of destination marketing and regional development:

1. **Economic Impact**: By attracting tourists to Diamantina Shire, the campaign can significantly boost the local economy. Increased tourism leads to higher spending in local businesses, such as hotels, restaurants, and shops, and creates more job opportunities. This economic influx is vital for the growth and sustainability of the local community.
2. **Cultural Preservation and Promotion**: The campaign plays a crucial role in preserving and promoting the unique cultural heritage and natural beauty of Diamantina Shire. By showcasing the region's history, traditions, and natural landscapes, it helps in maintaining these aspects for future generations and raises awareness about their importance.
3. **Community Engagement and Pride**: Engaging the local community in the campaign fosters a sense of pride and ownership. It encourages residents to participate actively in tourism development and ensures that the growth in tourism aligns with the community's values and benefits them directly.
4. **Brand Building and Differentiation**: In a competitive tourism market, establishing a strong and unique brand identity is essential. The "Spirit of Diamantina" campaign helps in creating a distinct and appealing brand for the region, differentiating it from other destinations and making it more memorable to potential visitors.
5. **Sustainable Tourism Development**: The campaign's emphasis on sustainable practices ensures that tourism growth does not come at the expense of the environment or local culture. Promoting responsible tourism practices is crucial in today's environmentally conscious world and helps in ensuring the long-term viability of Diamantina Shire as a tourist destination.
6. **Adaptability to Future Trends**: The flexibility in the campaign's budget and strategy ensures that it can adapt to changing market conditions and trends. This adaptability is key to staying relevant and effective in the dynamic field of tourism marketing.

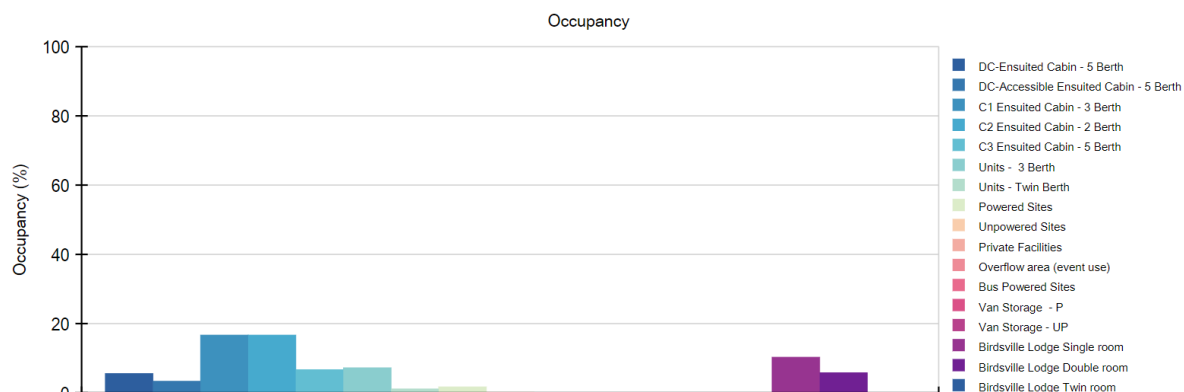
The budget for the "Spirit of Diamantina" campaign is structured to be adaptable, allowing for strategic allocation and reallocation in line with evolving campaign needs and market dynamics. Furthermore, the strategy is designed with a long-term perspective, adaptable to future market trends and audience preferences, ensuring the campaign's relevance and effectiveness in the evolving tourism landscape.

This initiative not only focuses on immediate promotional activities but also ensures adaptability and sustainability for future marketing endeavours that can be used for many years to come.

Tourism & Visitor Services

Birdsville Caravan Park and Lodge

Occ %: Percentage of Area Booked
Gross Revenue: Operational Revenue Calculations
Nett Revenue: Gross Revenue - GST
RevPAR (Revenue Per Available Area): Revenue / Available Area
RevPOR (Revenue Per Occupied Area): Revenue / Used Area
Avg LOS (Average Length of Stay): Used Area / Number of Reservations



The total revenue generated for November 2023 is:

- Gross Revenue: \$12,795.00.00

Analysis

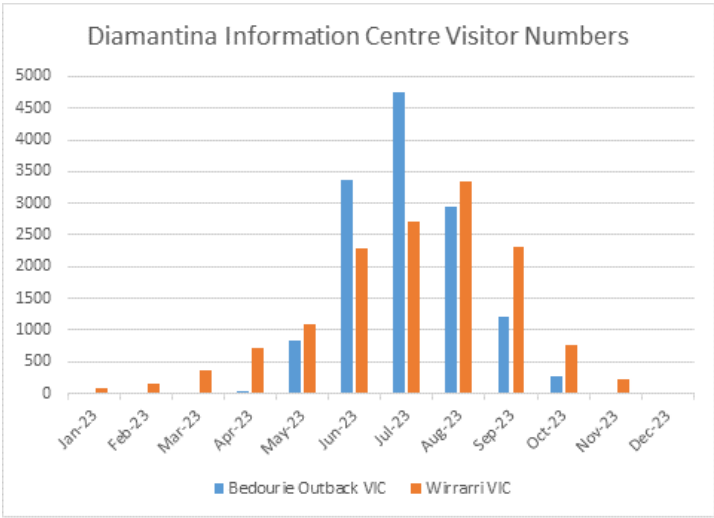
The data for Birdsville Tourist Park and Lodge for November 2023 highlights several key insights:

Diverse Occupancy Rates: Different types of accommodations, such as ensuited cabins, powered sites, and lodge rooms, displayed varying occupancy rates, indicating preferences among visitors.

Revenue Generation: Accommodations with higher occupancy rates, likely premium options like ensuited cabins, contributed more significantly to overall revenue.

Overall Park Performance: The combined occupancy percentages and revenue figures provide an overview of the park's performance in November 2023, reflecting the effectiveness of its diverse accommodation offerings and pricing strategies.

Birdsville and Bedourie Visitor Information Centres



2023	Wurrarri Visitor Information Centre	Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre
Total Visitor Numbers to Date	13,780	Data unavailable

During November, both the Wurrarri and Bedourie Visitor Information Centres (VICs) played vital roles in welcoming visitors and promoting our region.

Visitor Contact Summary (November 2023 – 2022 Comparison)

	Wurrarri Visitor Information Centre		Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre	
	November 2023	November 2022	November 2023	November 2022
Phone	113	166	Data unavailable	135
Email	20	36	Data unavailable	No Data
Total Visitors	232	164	Data unavailable	53

Visitor Distribution

	Wurrarri Visitor Information Centre	Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre
QLD	73	Data unavailable
NSW	22	Data unavailable
VIC	28	Data unavailable

TAS	0	Data unavailable
SA	3	Data unavailable
WA	4	Data unavailable
NT	0	Data unavailable
ACT	2	Data unavailable
Local	94	Data unavailable
International	6	Data unavailable

Analysis

Wirrarrri Visitor Information Centre:

1. **Total Visitors:** The Wirrarrri Visitor Information Centre experienced an increase in total visitors in November 2023, with numbers rising from 164 in November 2022 to 232 in November 2023. This rise in visitor count could be partially attributed to the increased interest in crossing the Simpson Desert later in the season, likely a consequence of the delayed start to the desert season due to flooding. This suggests a flexible and responsive tourist interest adapting to environmental conditions.
2. **Phone and Email Inquiries:** Despite the overall growth in visitor numbers, there was a decline in phone and email inquiries, from 166 to 113 and 36 to 20, respectively, between November 2022 and November 2023. However, it's notable that the Birdsville Tourist Park bookings for the Big Red Bash, which opened on 10 November, did lead to a slight spike in these inquiries. The subsequent decrease might be influenced by the closure of the Simpson Desert, impacting the volume of inquiries. This trend indicates a shift towards more direct or on-site engagement, possibly supplemented by increased utilisation of online resources for information.
3. **Visitor Distribution:** The visitor distribution at the centre largely reflects a regional audience, with the majority coming from Queensland (73), followed by Victoria (28) and New South Wales (22). The absence of visitors from Tasmania and the Northern Territory, and minimal representation from South Australia (3) and the Australian Capital Territory (2), suggests potential areas for targeted marketing. The number of local visitors (94) highlights the centre's appeal within the local community. The presence of international visitors (6), although minor, highlights a global interest in the area, which could be nurtured further.

Attachments

[Content Marketing Plan](#)

[Marketing Strategy](#)

