



# Agenda

Ordinary meeting to be held in the Bedourie  
Administration Boardroom on  
Thursday 25 January 2024 commencing at 9:00am

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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### **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 15 December 2023

### **8. Mayors Business**

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

9.1 Council land held for Resale.

### **10. Notice of Motion**

- Nil

### **11. Officers Reports**

- 11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report
- 11.2 Birdsville Lodge
- 11.3 RFDS Doctors Day Schedule
- 11.4 Infrastructure Report
- 11.5 Engineering Report
- 11.6 Betoota Dump Point
- 11.7 Birdsville Airport - Aquaplaning Risk Assessment
- 11.8 Unallocated Base TIDs for 2024/2025
- 11.9 Corporate Services Report
- 11.10 Financial Performance Report – December 2023
- 11.11 Birdsville Dunes Golf Club – Reimbursement Public Liability Insurance
- 11.12 Request for Support– Birdsville Dunes Golf Club
- 11.13 Community and Economic Development Report

### **12. Confidential Matters**

- Nil

### **13. Late Agenda Items**

- Nil

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## 9.1 Council Land Held for Resale

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Michael Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	•
Consultation:	• King & Co   Solicitors

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to identify council owned vacant land that is surplus to the council's needs and to consider the method by which council will dispose of vacant council land that is identified for resale.

### Officers Recommendation

Council resolve, that the following parcels of vacant council owned land be held for future council development:

***List of land held for council purposes to be determined at the meeting.***

Council resolve, that the following parcels of vacant council owned land be held for resale:

***List of land held for resale to be determined at the meeting.***

Council resolve, for the purposes of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 227, that until further reviewed, council will invite written tenders when considering disposal of vacant council land held for resale.

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

#### Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 236(1)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the **Regulation**) allows council to dispose of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction if the asset has previously been offered for sale by tender or auction but not sold and is sold for more than the highest tender or auction bid that was received.

In addition to section 236(1)(a), section 236(3) of the Regulation requires that council may only dispose of land or an interest in land if the consideration for the disposal would be equal to or more than the market value of the land.

Section 236(4) of the Regulation allows council to dispose of land without complying with section 236(3), if the land is disposed of to:

- A government agency; or
- A community organization; or
- A person whose restored enjoyment of the land is consistent with Aboriginal tradition or Island custom; or
- The Minister exempts the local government from complying with section 227 [Valuable non-current asset contract – tenders or auction needed first]

### Background Information

At the October 2023 meeting, during discussions in relation to the Birdsville Housing Tender, Council considered the need to identify those parcels of vacant council owned land, in both Bedourie and

Birdsville, that need to be held for future council housing needs and those parcels that could be offered for sale.

A report detailing vacant council owned land was presented to the ordinary meeting of council held 20 November 2023. The report contained various details including the date that land had previously been offered for sale as well as the post-auction sale prices that had been set by council resolutions 2020.02.17-OM-11 and 2021.02.15-OM-13.

The council considered the report and the exemptions allowed under section 236 and resolved that the matter lay on the table for further consideration at the December 2023 council meeting.

## Report

The council has previously held auctions for the sale of vacant residential and industrial council land in Bedourie and Birdsville on 22 November 2019 and 20 November 2020.

Following both auctions, the council resolved to apply the exception under section 236(1)(a) of the Regulation, to those parcels of land that were not sold at auction.

Not all land offered for sale at the auctions attracted a bid and it appears that the previous council resolutions simply applied the reserve price for each parcel as the post auction sale price and not the highest price received as required under section 236(1)(a) of the Regulation.

It also appears that no consideration was given to the requirement under section 236(3) which requires that council may only dispose of land or an interest in land if the consideration for the disposal would be equal to or more than the market value of the land.

The CEO has sought legal advice from King & Co, Solicitors in relation to the disposal of land previously offered for sale by auction.

King & Co have confirmed that, to apply the exemption under section 236(1)(a), both of the following criteria must be met:

- a bid needs to be received for every individual parcel of land that council wish to apply the exemption to; and
- a current market valuation is required for each individual parcel of land that is being offered for sale.

## Conclusion

It is recommended that the council consider reviewing the method by which it disposes of vacant land held for resale.

The current practice of offering land for sale by auction and then seeking to apply the exemptions under section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* is not compliant due to the following factors:

1. most of the land offered for sale by auction is passed in without receiving a bid.
2. The council does not have current market valuations for all land held for resale.

Section 227 of the Regulation allows council to dispose of a valuable non-current asset (land) if it first:

- invites written tenders; or
- offers the asset for sale by auction.

Given the issues impacting on using the auction method to dispose of land, the council may wish to consider offering land for sale by tender.

The following method of disposal of land using the tender method is considered to be more efficient and allows greater flexibility when council receives requests to purchase land that may not have been previously offered at auction:

1. The council receives a request to purchase vacant council land.
2. The council invites tenders for the sale of the land in accordance with section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
3. Council accepts tender most advantageous to it having regard to the sound contracting principles:
  - a. Value for money; and
  - b. Open and effective competition; and

- c. The development of competitive local business and industry; and
- d. Environmental protection; and
- e. Ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

If council disposes of land by inviting tenders instead of auction, then there is no requirement to consider market value when considering the sale of the land, although council may wish to undertake a market valuation for the purposes of establishing a guide to the value of land when considering the sound contracting principles.

The State Valuation Service is currently undertaking a revaluation of the shire and they have advised that they can provide a market valuation of council land held for resale for a nominal price.

The CEO has provided the State Valuation Service representatives with the complete list of land held for resale as presented to the November 2024 and requested that they provide market valuations for the parcels identified.

## **Financial Implications**

Previous auctions of land held for resale have cost more than \$15,000 per auction. The cost of inviting tenders only involves the preparation of the relevant documentation, and possible advertisement in a paper circulated locally. The cost to use the tender method is estimated to cost less than \$1,500 per event.

## **Attachments**

Map of Vacant Council Owned Land

- [Birdsville Residential](#)
- [Birdsville Industrial](#)
- [Bedourie Residential](#)
- [Bedourie Industrial](#)

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## 11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Mike Hayward | Interim Chief Executive Officer

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the 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.

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## MATTERS FOR COUNCILS' INFORMATION

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### 1. Calendar of Events:

Date	Event	Representatives	Comment
19 Feb 24	State Valuation Service	John Thomas	Video Link – 9:00am
19 Feb 24	Ordinary Meeting		Bedourie Administration Centre
1 May 24	Councilor Induction Training	DSDLGIP	

### 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
Nil			

### 3. The Chief Operating Officer Recruitment

LG Services Group (previously Mason Blackadder) have been engaged to undertake the recruitment process for the position of Chief Operating Officer.

The recruitment campaign commenced on Friday 5 January and finishes on Monday 5 February.

The position has been advertised through the following employment links:

- Council Jobs
- LinkedIn Jobs
- LinkedIn post by LGSG
- Local Govt Job Directory
- Seek Local Region
- Seek Brisbane
- Seek Sydney
- Seek Melbourne

There has been a good initial response with 56 requests for job packages received to date. Of the total job packages sent, LGSG have stated that they have received 5 applications for the position to date.

### 4. Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference

The Australian Local Government Association Annual Conference, the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), will be occurring in Canberra from 2 to 4 July 2024 at the National Convention Centre. In addition, the Federal Government has again offered to host Mayors at the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) on 5 July 2024.

As a result, ALGA is now calling for councils to submit motions for the 2024 NGA. Attending this Conference to debate policy motions that will be considered by the ALGA Board, the NGA is an opportunity to shape the federal advocacy agenda that ALGA will undertake on behalf of Australian local governments.

The theme of our 2024 NGA will be “Building Community Trust”. ALGA is seeking motions that align with this theme and identify opportunities for new federal programs and policies that will support councils to build trust, both in our communities and as a local delivery partner for the Australian Government.

Motions are to be submitted online at [www.alga.com.au](http://www.alga.com.au) and close Friday 29 March 2024.

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## MATTERS FOR COUNCILS’ CONSIDERATION

### 5. Dingo Baiting Program

At the November 2023 ordinary meeting, Cr Morton advised that there had been a noticeable increase in the number of wild dogs (Dingoes) in the shire area and enquired if council had any plans in relation to facilitating a baiting campaign.

The council discussed the matter and due to recent changes in legislation dealing with the use of 1080 poison, it was decided to defer a decision pending further advice in relation to the matter.

The CEO has been in contact with Joshua Dyke from Local Government Association Qld (LGAQ) and the LGAQ have provided the following information.

*Due to the Queensland Government’s 1080 supply being exhausted and the introduction of the Medicines and Poisons Act 2019 (Qld), local governments are now required to purchase their own 1080 from commercial suppliers if they wish to continue 1080 baiting activities in their local government area ([ACTA](#) or [PAKS](#)).*

*Similar to the past, local government officers still require to obtain an approval to store and use 1080, however training is now provided by a third party – [Ballistics](#) (not Qld Government as in the past) (cost is approx. \$1,500/officer). There are difficulties in getting Ballistics to regional areas to train 1 or 2 officers, and thus, there are some backlogs with training and officers are usually required to travel away for a week to complete.*

*A major change from the previous 1080 regulations, however, is the ability for local governments to engage landholders to assist in 1080 campaign delivery. Specifically, these include two allowances:*

- 1. The first allowance is for landholders to be **trained AND supervised** by a local government authorised person to assist injecting meat baits during a local government run baiting event. The training provided by the local government authorised person is informal and **DOES NOT** allow the landholder to use (and store) local government 1080 inventory without being under the direct supervision of the local government authorised person (i.e. the landholder can’t conduct a 1080 baiting even by themselves using local government 1080 inventory).*
- 2. The second allowance, and highlighted below, is for a landholder, who holds the relevant competencies (through a third party training provider), to be listed as an authorised person under a local government’s entity approval through their ‘Substance Management Plan’ (SMP) (same as how local government officers are be listed) (the SMP is mandatory for a local government to receive an entity approval (it is essentially a risk based document to reduce the likelihood of 1080 incidents)). In this instance, a landholder, who is listed as an authorised person under a local government’s SMP, can store and use local government 1080 concentrate and deliver 1080 local government-led baiting events independent of a council officer’s supervision, however in compliance with the SMP.*

*At the moment there are two approvals that local government officers can obtain for the storage/use of 1080 concentrate, being an individual license (i.e. the individual is an authorised person and not the local government) and an entity approval (where the local government is an authorised entity, allowing the local government to authorise individuals who can operate under their approval (through the SMP)). Depending upon which way Diamantina Shire Council would like to conduct their baiting programs will determine which license you should apply for. If option 2 is your preferred option, you will need to apply for an entity approval.*

Queensland Health is in the process of developing a factsheet to assist local governments in understanding the new framework. I will forward this when I hear more.

In addition to the above, landholders can also:

- a. access pre-manufactured 1080 baits without any approval/involvement from local governments. Landholders do need to gain an approval from Queensland Health, however once they have gained, they can purchase premanufactured baits from most rural stores. For more information, including a link to the Queensland Health pre-manufactured 1080 permit application.

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/licences/medicines-poisons/poisons/invasive-animal-control/landholder-authorisations>

- b. access liquid 1080 concentrate with approval from Queensland Health. Two prerequisites for landholders to obtain liquid 1080 concentrate is that they must have completed the Ballistics training (see above) and must be able to prove that they cannot participate in their local government's 1080 baiting campaigns (i.e. the local government no longer delivers the service, or they are too far away to participate).

Previously, the state government supplied 1080 to local authorities under a MOU at no cost in return for council conducting baiting campaigns. Since the introduction of the Medicines and Poisons Act 2019 (Qld) the state will not longer provide 1080 to local government and subsequently the MOU no longer has effect.

This means that council can now choose whether they want to continue delivering 1080 baiting services, as well as being able to charge for their time in delivering 1080 baiting campaigns. With the changes to the Act, commercial suppliers are now available in Queensland and thus, local governments can choose to direct landholders to commercial suppliers, or, start charging for their time to deliver the campaigns.

The following link provides information in relation to Commercial baiting operators being able to enter the market -<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/licences/medicines-poisons/poisons/invasive-animal-control/commercial-baiting-operators>).

Attached are factsheets that provide further clarity around councils not being the sole 1080 baiting supplier.

- [Medicines and Poisons Act 2019 – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Future supply of 1080 and new 1080 training requirements – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Commercial baiting operators](#)

## 6. Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

Enterprise bargaining agreements are agreements made between the employers and employees that set out the terms and conditions of employment.

To make an enterprise agreement, there are rules about the process that employers, employees, and their representatives must follow. There are also rules about what must be included in an enterprise agreement so that it can be approved by the Commission.

Agreements have to meet the [Better Off Overall Test \(BOOT\)](#). This is a test to make sure the agreement leaves employees better off than the minimum award entitlements.

If an enterprise agreement or another registered agreement applies to employees in a workplace, no award will apply to those employees. However:

- the base pay rate in the agreement can't be less than the base pay rate in the award.
- the [National Employment Standards](#) still apply
- any terms about [outworkers](#) in the award still apply.

Enterprise agreements and other registered agreements apply until they are terminated or replaced.

Diamantina Shire Council does not have an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement with the workforce.

The council currently has an HR Policy that contains a majority of conditions that could easily be transferred to and EBA.

The current HR policy is due for review, and it is considered that this may be an appropriate time to consider replacing the HR policy with an EBA.

## Attachments:

[Outstanding Actions Register](#)



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## 11.2 Birdsville Lodge

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer  
Author: Michael Hayward | Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Link to Corporate Plan: 

- Long-term financial sustainability.

  
Consultation: 

- King & Company | Solicitors

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise the council on the progress to date in relation to the disposal of the Birdsville Lodge and to seek councils' direction in relation to further action to the disposal of the asset.

### Officers Recommendation

For councils' consideration
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### Relevant Policy/Legislation

Local Government Regulation 2012

Section 227 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (**the Regulation**) provides that council cannot enter a valuable non-current asset contract unless it first:

- a) Invites written tenders; or
- b) Offers the asset for sale by auction.

Section 236 of the Regulation identifies various exemptions that allow council to enter a valuable non-current asset contract.

- Section 236(1) provides that council may dispose of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction if:
  - the asset has previously been offered for sale by tender or auction but not sold; and
  - is sold for more than the highest tender or auction bid received.
- Section 236(3) provides that council may only dispose of land or an interest in land if the consideration for the disposal would be equal to, or more than, the market value of the land or the interest in land, including the market value of any improvements on the land.

### Background Information

At the ordinary meeting held 18 September 2023, the council moved the following resolution.

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Moved: Cr Pursell</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr Murray</b>
That council offer the Birdsville Lodge for sale;		
The CEO be directed to make enquiries in relation to the conditions identified in the funding Head Agreement with respect to the disposal of the asset		
The Mayor be authorised to make enquiries with those persons who submitted tenders when the Birdsville Lodge was last offered for sale and		
All offers received will be referred back to council for consideration.		
<b>Minute No:</b>	<b>2023.09.18-OM-05</b>	<b>Carried: 4/0</b>

### Report

The following timeline sets out the process to date in relation to councils' decision to dispose of the Birdsville Lodge.

12 December 2022	Council resolved to offer the Birdsville Lodge for sale
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9 January 2023	Tenders closed – two (2) tenders received but only the tender received from Birdsville Hotel (\$1.3M) was conforming.
20 March 2023	The council considered the tenders and subsequently declined to accept the tender.  The mayor was authorised to liaise with the tenderer (Birdsville Hotel) to negotiate a better price. Negotiations were unsuccessful.
April 2023	Council resolved to list the lodge for sale with a listing price of \$3M
September 2023	Council resolved to authorise the mayor to make enquiries with those persons who submitted tenders when lodge was last offer for sale (Birdsville Hotel)
8 October 2023	Birdsville Hotel submitted an offer to buy Birdsville Lodge for \$1.2M, conditional upon: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Being able to lease the Birdsville Lodge for 2 years, commencing 1 February 2024, for a rental of \$85,000 per annum; and</li> <li>➤ Payment of the purchase price of \$1.25 million on 31 January 2026.</li> </ul>

As part of councils Building asset management planning process, the Birdsville Lodge was valued by Matthew Ward, Senior Consultant Valuer, APV on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and was listed as:

- Replacement Cost - \$1,940,952
- Fair Value - \$1,746,857

## Financial Implications

Nil

## Conclusion

Councils' legal representatives, King & Co Solicitors, have been consulted in relation to the sale of the Birdsville Lodge and the application of sections 236(1) and 236(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and they have confirmed that that council is unable to proceed with the sale.

King and Co provided the following advice in relation to the matter:

### Question

*Is the Council able to sell Birdsville Lodge, in accordance with the 8 October 2023 offer, without being required to go to tender or auction?*

### Answer

*In short, the answer is "No".*

*This is because the relevant exception, namely, section 236(1)(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 ("the Regulation"), prescribes 3 pre-conditions that need to be established for the exception to apply, only one of which has been met.*

*The first pre-condition is the requirement (prescribed by section 236(1)(a)(i) of the Regulation) for Birdsville Lodge to have been previously offered for sale by tender or auction, but not sold. This precondition has been met.*

*The second pre-condition is the requirement (prescribed by section 236(1)(a)(ii) of the Regulation) for the sale price to be more than the highest tender bid previously received. The 8 October 2023 offer is less than the previous highest tender bid. This precondition has not been met.*

*The third pre-condition is the requirement (prescribed by section 236(3) of the Regulation) for the sale price to be equal to, or more than, the market value of the land or the interest in land, including the market value of any improvements on the land. This precondition has not been met. Section 236(5) of the Regulation states that, for section 236(3), a written report about the market value of land or an interest in land from a valuer registered under the Valuers Registration Act 1992 who is not an employee of the local government is evidence*

*of the market value of the land or the interest in land. Council presently does not possess the necessary market valuation, as defined.*

## **Attachments**

Nil

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### 11.3 RFDS Doctors Day Schedule

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Michael Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>access to fully operational medical and pharmacy facilities run by a quality service provider offering affordable access to onsite general practitioners and other health professionals.</li></ul>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cindy Barkhuizen   Director of Nursing [Bedourie PHC]</li></ul>

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#### Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the council that the RFDS Doctors Day Schedule has been changed and to seek councils comment in relation to the changed schedule.

#### Officers Recommendation

For councils' consideration
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#### Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Nil

#### Background Information

The RFDS Doctor Days have traditionally been held on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.

The council's work force has previously worked a 10/4 roster which allowed them to access the RFDS service during their break.

#### Report

Correspondence has been received from the Bedourie Primary Health Centre advising that the RFDS Doctors Day Schedule has been changed and as from the start of the 2024 calendar year, RFDS visits will alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesday as opposed to the previous visitation days of Friday.

The Bedourie Primary Health Centre has further advised that feedback from the community is that the new schedule does not allow them adequate access to the RFDS service.

A majority of Bedourie community members either work for the council or live out of town and due to work commitments will find it difficult to access the service during the mid-week.

The Bedourie Primary Health Centre is seeking the council's insights and/or feedback regarding how these changes might impact on the council's worker and the current rostering arrangements.

#### Financial Implications

Nil

#### Conclusion

Nil

#### Attachments

[Bedourie Primary Health Centre email.](#)

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## 11.4 Infrastructure Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the 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.

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## TOWN SERVICES

### Facilities

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

Maintenance work has been carried out at the pool on the block paving to remove all the undulations on the paths and around the pool.

Currently we are sourcing the help from DABFAB in Boulia for our plumbing needs, we had pump problems at Birdsville on the water system, this has been temporarily fixed, and parts have been ordered, aiming early February for permanent fix.

### Housing

No change to housing applications in December.

### 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 over the Christmas break with skeleton crew with general maintenance, Weed spraying, Street sweeping, Fertilising, Cleaning Town facilities and Spa units. Slashing, Mowing and Gardening.

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. This is with a skeleton crew over the Christmas break.

As the town has been quiet over the past 3 months our Birdsville Parks and Gardens Team has been busy getting a few new projects underway, we levelled the ground and spread out grass seed at one of the communal BBQ areas in the Caravan Park, We dug holes and installed our new iron flowers in the main street, We installed new shade cloth on our greenhouse and set up a sprayer irrigation system, we also sanded back all wooden tables and benches in town giving them a new coat of oil and gave the fire hydrants a fresh coat of paint with new reflective stickers.

Birdsville Swimming pool have received their new pool cleaner it should be back operational very soon. We have issue with pool pump, new pump on order will be installed early February.



## **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

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### **General**

We have had some weather events during the Christmas break resulting in some damage to roads, GBA are applying for emergent works, we have recorded all damaged areas and are pursuing funds for repair.

We have had a grader crew on the Birdsville Windorah Road to make safe.

Big Red Road - Job now completed.

We will be holding safety inductions and other training week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024, this will include all outdoor staff and contractors. Invites will be sent out mid-January 2024.

### **Construction Crew (Michael Gilby (Frog))**

This crew is on holiday until 29<sup>th</sup> January, they will commence work on the resheet on Birdsville to Windorah Road on their return.

### **Patrol Crew (Fred Brown)**

Fred and other crew members worked over the Christmas break to ensure any emergency work was attended to, they are also working on the Bedourie to Windorah Road,

### **Civil Crew (Francis Warren)**

This crew is on holiday until 29<sup>th</sup> January on their return they will be completing footpath in Birdsville.

### **Contractors**

No contractors working during Christmas break,

### **Vehicle Tracking System**

We have been trialing a tracking system from Geotab, as our current system Navan, runs on 3G, and this will no longer be available by mid 2024 (Telstra upgrade to 4G), Navman have an upgrade available to enable us to continue with them.

We have had quotes on both systems, and evaluated the capabilities of each product, they are both able to satisfy our requirements.

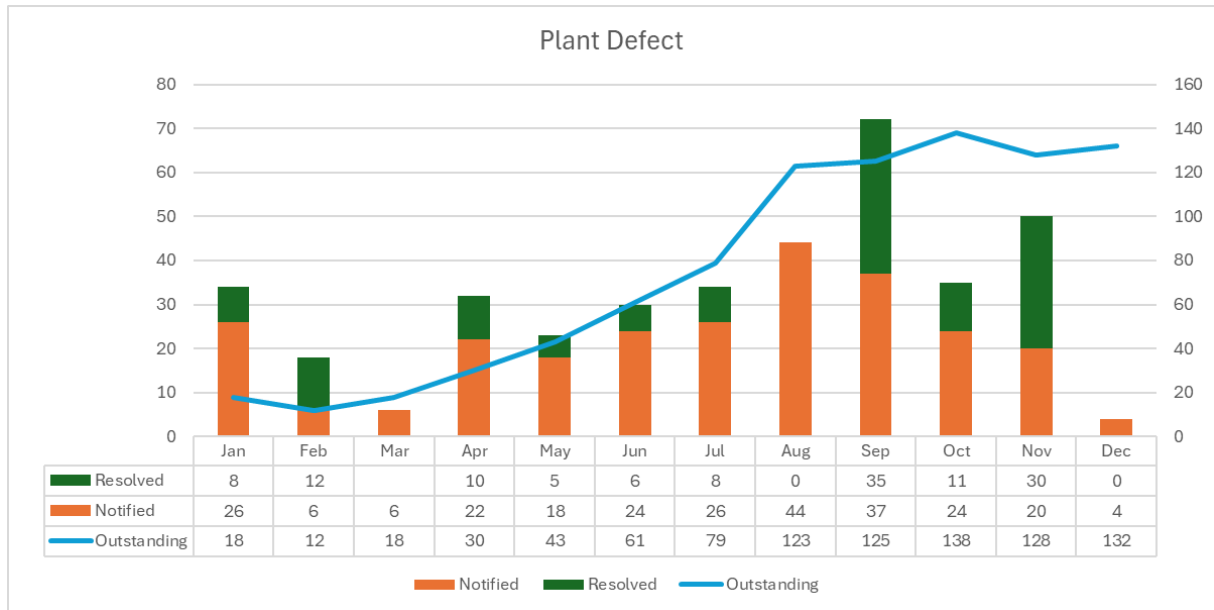
We have decided to stick with Navman as the upgrade is cheaper than a new full system, this is mainly due to the fact with the current system we can utilise some of the hardware already in use. The upgrade to the Navman system will be in the region of \$50,000.00

## Workshop

General maintenance of all vehicles is being continued I have been working on submitting a report on a monthly basis, of the status of Defects raised by plant operators and staff through our electronic system Plant Assessor, we are still working on improving this report in the coming months,

Based on the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and up to the end December 2023, we have the following information :

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
257	128	4	0	132



## Plant & Equipment

Tenders currently being on for the replacement of plant items.

Multi Tyre Roller  
 Set of three side tippers and Dollys  
 2 x Pig Trailers  
 Car Trailer  
 4 x Twin cab Utes  
 1 x Plumbers Ute single cab  
 2 x Graders

## 11.5 Engineering Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Stuart Bourne | Civil Engineer (GBA Consulting Engineers)

### Summary

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### 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	\$2,041,046.00	\$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 Works complete to be claimed	
<b>Total (Approved)</b>	<b>\$3,384,846.00</b>	<b>\$1,667,311.70</b>	<b>\$1,717,534.30</b>		

### RRUPP Resheeting 80A:

Scope	Value	Spent	Funding Source	Progress	Comment
192.8km – 210.1km (17.3km) West of Cuppa Creek 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 crushed.
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	
<b>Total Approved (40.08km)</b>	<b>\$2,600,000</b>	<b>\$1,091,954.76</b>			

Gravel crushing has been completed.



## 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.

## 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, unfunded	
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 & sent to TMR	
Gumbrie Pave and Seal 80A		Survey complete – on hold	\$50k, Priority 2.
80A Shallow Lakes/ Durrie Realignment		Survey Completed	\$100k, Priority 1.
93C Mimosa/ Monkira Sandhills Realignment		On hold	\$150k, Priority 3.

## FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS

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

Asset name	Value	Percentage Complete to Date
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%
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,046,714.67</b>	

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,827,714.36</b>	

### 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 Lakes - Winton Shire Boundary Road Ch 4372		Design Complete	✓	100%	0
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	\$1,179,624.01	Design Complete	✓	100%	0

Location	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Boundary Road Ch 5696					
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%	
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 covered constructing concrete apron. Design scope to realignment/ reconstruct existing structure. Removed from Scope.		0%	\$0
Site 24 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road				0%	

Location	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Ch 96736 - 96768	\$298,346.40				
Site 25 - Monkira - Davenport Downs Road Ch 98918 - 98968				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%	0
Site 30 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 6460 - 6500		Pending survey	✓	0%	0
Site 31 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 7488 - 7520		Pending survey	✓	0%	0
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

Location	Construction Estimate	Comment	Survey	Design Status	Cost To Complete
Site 35 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 38680 - 38720		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	99%	\$2k
Site 36 - Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road Ch 42439 - 42595		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	99%	\$2k
Site 37 - Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 46497 - 46528			✓	99%	\$5k
Site 38 - Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road Ch 50608 - 50644		Final updates required from engineers review of drawing set.	✓	99%	\$2k
PM budget for 2022 event is \$506,127.28. PM budget for the 2023 event is \$514,092.56				CTC	\$24k

## OTHER

Project/ Item	Comment
Visits to the Shire	15 <sup>th</sup> December Council Meeting
Bedourie & Birdsville Solar Power Project (86 Sites total)	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. Organising meeting with Ergon to discuss system resilience/ cost sharing and overall ongoing viability of the works.
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 January.
Big Red Road Pave and Seal	All construction works completed. Reseal completed 4 <sup>th</sup> December along with Birdsville Courthouse Double/ double kerb seal & Old Roseberth North floodway prime & initial seal of reworked section. TIDS Claim lodged.
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.
Birdsville Housing	Contract awarded to Kent Constructions for 3 x 3 bedroom houses for \$2,216,160 + gst. Construction drawings are being prepared. Prestart meeting to be organised. Building approval yet to be submitted. Anticipated commencement on site 11 <sup>th</sup> March.

## Attachments

Nil

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## 11.6 Betoota Dump Point

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Stuart Bourne   Civil Engineer [GBA Consulting Engineers]
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Well maintained community assets with additional facilities as appropriate for the communities</li><li>• Town Planning scheme which will meet community needs and growth into the future.</li><li>• The Shire's image as being clean, and green is enhanced.</li><li>• Effective waste management practices.</li></ul>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mike Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer</li><li>• Bob Stephen   Director of Infrastructure Services</li><li>• Cr Rob Dare   Mayor</li></ul>

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to assess options and make a recommendation for a Dump Point in the Betoota area.

### Officers Recommendation

Council resolve, to approach the Department of Transport and Main Roads to consider the installation of a dump point to complement the existing rest area on the Birdsville Developmental Road (80A Chainage 111.1 – Serpent Rest Area).

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

- *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

### Background Information

The Betoota Hotel has requested a caravan dump point be installed for tourists to dispose of waste at Betoota. There is an ageing public drop toilet located in Betoota installed by Main Roads before the town was bypassed, however this facility is not suitable to be used as a dump point. Existing dump points exist at Birdsville and Windorah. Any public amenities (such as a dump point) installed at Betoota will be required to be funded and serviced/maintained by Council.

### Report

Two options have been investigated, a new dump point at Betoota and a new dump point co-located at the existing 'Serpent' rest area amenities on the Birdsville Developmental Road.

#### 1. Option for Dump Point at Betoota

The dump point location could be within the road reserve, above flood level and just outside of town to minimize nuisance, alternatively the dump point could be located on lot 104 DO4 where the existing public drop toilet is located.

The installation will require a gravel pullover area, dump point unit/ septic tank/ transpiration drain, small, elevated water tank and hose for wash down and bollards. Directional signage will be required on approaches.

A significant risk for this option is that by putting a small non-potable water tank in Betoota this may become the default 'water supply' for Betoota which will require regular replenishment and may be accessed by other users not limited to dump point wash down.

All costs for this site are by DSC including maintenance costs.

#### 2. Option for Dump Point at the 'Serpent' Rest area on Birdsville Developmental Road

This option considers a dump point co-located in the DTMR road reserve adjacent to the existing 'serpent' rest stop. This rest stop is 9km west of Betoota. The advantage of this site is that this established rest area already has a suitable pullover area and is more accessible to the travelling public.

The blue information signage exists but will need a dump point supplementary sign.

As this is a DTMR facility it is likely that DTMR will be able to fund the construction and maintenance works through existing programs (such as RMPC).

## Financial Implications

The dump point located in Betoota is likely to cost \$145k + GST to install plus \$43k + GST in annual inspections/ servicing and maintenance.

Betoota Dump Point: Construction Budget Estimate			
Description	Amount		
Establishment/Disestablishment	\$ 20,000.00		
Design	\$ 5,000.00		
Procurement	\$ 10,000.00		
Project Management	\$ 10,000.00		
Contingency	\$ 10,000.00		
Construct gravel pull over pad (100m x 10m x 0.2m)	\$ 50,000.00		
Purchase and Install small water tank and frame	\$ 10,000.00		
Install Dump point inc concrete slab surround, septic tank and transpiration drain	\$ 20,000.00		
Install bollards inc concrete	\$ 5,000.00		
Signage	\$ 5,000.00		
Subtotal	\$ 145,000.00		
GST	\$ 14,500.00		
Total	\$ 159,500.00		
Betoota Dump Point: Maintenance Budget Estimate per year			
Description	Rate	Unit	Total/yr
Weekly inspection, clean (peak season April - September) 1 day Cleaner and Car per inspection	\$ 950.00	24	\$ 22,800
Monthly inspection, clean (off peak season) 1 day Cleaner and Car per inspection	\$ 950.00	6	\$ 5,700
Water tank top up (assume filled in conjunction with other rest area water tanks)	\$ 1,250.00	12	\$ 15,000
		Subtotal	\$ 43,500.00
		GST	\$ 4,350.00
		Total	\$ 47,850.00
* Excessive water use may require additional top ups.			

Construction/ maintenance and servicing costs for the dump point co-located with the 'Serpent' rest area would be funded by DTMR but would require an approval process to allocate an appropriate budget. The process is likely to be managed by DTMR staff directly.

## Risk Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	The remote location may see costs in installation and servicing/ maintenance increase.	Medium
Economic	Medium	Nil	
Technology	Medium	Nil	
People	Medium	Each service/ clean will require one staff member nearly a full day due to travel, could potentially be offset with other cleaning tasks.	Medium
Legal and Compliance	Low	Nil	
Environmental	Medium	Nil	
Workplace and Public Safety	Low	Nil	
Service Delivery	Medium	The provision of additional services to Betoota will require additional resources to service and maintain. The dump points intended use is for the travelling public, however this facility could easily exceed its capacity if it is servicing a large number of users, for example a caravan park.	Medium



Political	Medium		
Asset	Medium	The provision of a dump point hose down water supply may be perceived as the default water supply for Betoota resulting in excessive usage and required replenishment.	Medium
Reputation	Medium	Nil	

## Conclusion

Nil

## Attachments

[DumpEzy Information Brochure](#)  
[Serpents Rest stop Dump Point](#)  
[Betoota Dump Point](#)

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## 11.7 Birdsville Airport - Aquaplaning Risk Assessment

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Michael Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Airports and services that meet tourism and community growth needs.</li></ul>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mike Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer</li><li>Bob Stephen   Director of Infrastructure Services</li></ul>

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### Summary

To provide a detailed assessment outlining the risk of aircraft aquaplaning at Birdsville Airport from the current surface defects on the runway and to use this report to assist CASA in closing out current concerns. Costings for an asphalt overlay have been prepared by a Quantity Surveyor.

### Officers Recommendation

That Council accept the Aquaplaning Risk Assessment provided by JJ Ryan dated 01 November 2023 and that the report is passed onto CASA to assist in resolving the outstanding Non-Compliance Notice 715139 related to the 'bird baths' on the Birdsville runway.

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Manual of Standards Part 139

### Background Information

At the ordinary meeting held 18 September 2023, council moved the following resolution:

<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Moved: Cr Murray</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr Dare</b>
That council undertake a risk assessment in relation to the water ponding of the Birdsville Airstrip and that the risk assessment be presented to council for consideration prior to further discussion with CASA.		
<b>Minute No: 2023.09.18-OM-26</b>		<b>Carried: 4/0</b>

### Report

An Inspector from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) undertook an inspection of the Birdsville Airport on the 18/8/2016 and issued a Non-Compliance Notice to Council due to a small amount of standing water in 'bird baths' along the outer edges of the runway.

The ponding water is caused by pavement shape loss. There is no easy method to correct this shape loss other than full rehabilitation of the runway or an asphalt overlay. Both options are high cost and will require significant input from grant sources to allow completion.

In order to assess the risk to aircraft until such time as grant funding can be allocated JJ Ryan Consulting Pty Ltd have been engaged to prepare an engineering risk assessment (which is attached). In addition, a Quantity Surveyor has prepared costing reports as part of a Growing Regions Program for funding.

### Financial Implications

Two Asphalt overlay options have been considered. The Q300 option is a basic asphalt overlay (60mm average thick) which will correct the surface depressions but will not provide a structural layer to support larger aircraft. The Q400 layer (130mm average thickness) will increase the pavement strength and allow larger aircraft such as the Q400 (unrestricted) and the BAE146 under pavement concession. Pricing for both options has been provided:

Exc GST	Q300 (60mm thk)	Q400 (130mm thk)
Greg White APES Upgrade Report (2020)	\$7.5m	\$14m
Tim Rawkins Qld Quantity Surveyors Estimate (2024)	\$12m	\$18m
Boral Budget Price (2023)	\$13.2m+	

+ Lots of exclusions in Boral price, need to add shoulders/ light raising/ line-marking.

## Risk Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	High costs with large variability from different estimates	High
Economic	Medium	Nil	
Technology	Medium	Nil	
People	Medium	Nil	
Legal and Compliance	Low	Aquaplaning of aircraft	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	
Workplace and Public Safety	Low	Nil	
Service Delivery	Medium	Nil	
Political	Medium	Nil	
Asset	Medium	Nil	
Reputation	Medium	Nil	

## Conclusion

JJ Ryan Consulting Pty Ltd have concluded that the 'bird baths' present a low risk. This Memo may be used to further consult with CASA in order to close out the Non-Compliance Notice 715139.

The financial costs are significant with substantial variation across sources.

## Attachments

- [Birdsville Airport Upgrade Project – Aquaplaning Risk Assessment](#)
- [CASA – Non-Compliance Notice: 715139](#)

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## 11.8 Unallocated Base TIDs for 2024/2025

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Stuart Bourne   Civil Engineer [GBA Consulting Engineers]
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council maintains its sole invitee status for all Department of Main Roads (DMR)</li><li>• Town Planning scheme which will meet community needs and growth into the future.</li><li>• Well maintained community assets with additional facilities as appropriate for the communities</li><li>• A well-maintained Shire Road network which meets the needs of the road users</li></ul>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mike Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer</li><li>• Bob Stephen   Director of Infrastructure Services</li><li>• Cr Rob Dare   Mayor</li></ul>

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek the councils' direction in relation to the apportionment of base TIDs allocation for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years.

### Officers Recommendation

Council resolves, that the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group are advised of the following Base TIDS allocations:

2024/25	\$150,000 for Birdsville town street reseals (\$150,000 to be matched by Council)
2025/26	\$150,000 to be added to the approved TIDS project to pave and seal the Bedourie – Birdsville Road (Allans Yards) \$2,377,275
2026/27	\$150,000 to be added to the approved TIDS project to pave and seal the Bedourie – Birdsville Road (Allans Yards) in 2025/26

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Nil

### Background Information

The TIDS Base Allocation is a nominal amount of annual funding that is managed through the Roads Group. This Base Allocation is supplementary to the prioritized TIDS project funds.

Historically this annual Base Allocation has been added to existing approved TIDS projects, in some cases small one-off projects have been completed. The Road Group would like to have the base allocation details 12 months in advance to enable effective planning if required.

### Report

Through the Outback Regional Roads Group, Council is allocated a Base TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme) allocation of \$150,000 per annum to be used for transport related infrastructure projects.

Previously this allocation has been added to TIDS projects (the 2023/24 allocation was added to the Big Red Road project to complete the topcoat seal in December 2023).

There is currently \$150,000 to allocate for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27. The council may change the project allocation in the future should circumstances change.

The ORRG forward works program for TIDs has allocated \$2,377,275 towards the Bedourie/Birdsville Road (Allans Yard) pave and seal project.

It is recommended that council consider allocating the Base TIDs allocation for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 on the following basis:

Year	Project	Base TIDs Allocation
2024/25	Birdsville town street reseals	\$150,000
2025/26	Bedourie – Birdsville Road (Allans Yards)	\$150,000
2026/27	Seal the Bedourie – Birdsville Road (Allans Yards)	\$150,000

### **Financial Implications**

TIDS spent on Local Government roads must be matched 50/50.

### **Conclusion**

Nil

### **Attachments**

Nil

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## 11.9 Corporate Services Report

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Michelle Harrison | Director Corporate Services

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the 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.

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## CORPORATE SERVICES

### Finance

Key activities included:

- WIP Re-reconciliations started – expected to be completed by end of January 2024
- 22/23 Audit – Extension applied for to December 31, 2023 – QAO approved extension until 31st January 2024 – Waiting for update from Auditors.
- Final clean and tidy of the Bedourie Office for end of year

#### Debtors Summary

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	\$9,213.40	\$165,000.00	\$5,237.22	\$42,983.08	\$825,614.14
Housing	\$3,452.62	\$3,076.40	\$2,031.00	\$2,555.69	\$5,682.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,666.02</b>	<b>\$168,076.40</b>	<b>\$7,268.22</b>	<b>\$45,538.77</b>	<b>\$227,083.47</b>

### Grants

- No changes or updates for December

### Human Resources

Key activities for December included:

- Courtney Thomas finished with Council.
- Awaiting final decision from LGAQ about wage increase, expecting final approval in late January 2024

A spreadsheet is attached with staff demographics breakdown for December.

### Training

- Preparations started for re-induction week early February 2024

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## GOVERNANCE

### Policy

- Policy reviews are ongoing, looking at outsourcing some policy reviews.

### Town Planning

- No new or updates to applications

**Environmental Health**

- Audit completed on outstanding Food Licenses; Business Owners have been contacted.

**Property Development –**

- No new applications for December

**Attachments:**

[Employee Breakdown](#)

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## 11.10 Financial Performance Report – December 2023

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer  
Author: Tracey Lee | Finance Consultant  
Link to Corporate Plan: • Long term financial sustainability  
Consultation: Nil

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### Summary

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

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.

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 December 2023 to 31 December 2023.*

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

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

### Background Information

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 requires the local government to prepare a financial report and the Chief Executive Officer must present the financial report at each meeting of the local government.

The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's 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 December 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 copies of the statements to be provided for audit.

### Attachment:

[Financial Performance Report – December 2023](#)



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## 11.11 Birdsville Dunes Golf Club – Reimbursement Public Liability Insurance

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Michael Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financially viable and strongly supported traditional social events</li></ul>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nil</li></ul>

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from Birdsville Dunes Golf Club for reimbursement of expenses paid in relation to Third Party Public Liability Insurance.

### Officers Recommendation

Council resolves, in accordance with resolution 2019.04.16-OM-18, to reimburse the Birdsville Dunes Golf Club the amount of \$1,092.85 being the amount of costs incurred in relation to public liability insurance for the Golf Club and Voluntary Workers.

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Community Grants Policy
- Local Government Regulation 2012

### Background Information

The council has previously reimbursed not-for-profit clubs for public liability insurance and rider personal insurances.

At the ordinary meeting held 16 April 2019, council moved the following resolution:

**Minute No. 2019.04.16-OM-18**

**Moved Cr Cooms, Seconded Cr Cramer**

**“That Council:**

- 1. Write to all local clubs to advise that Council will reimburse not for profit clubs within the Shire for public liability insurance costs associated with running a community event to a maximum amount of \$3,000 per event, on receipt of a tax invoice without the need to apply under the community grants program;**
- 2. Approve a grant allocation of \$7,000 from 2018-19 RADF to the Bedourie State School for the Splash’n’Arts camp 2019 on the condition that the school seek a funding contribution from Barcoo Shire Council and that they provide evidence of appropriate insurance to cover the event activities;**
- 3. Approve a grant allocation of \$5,300 from the 2018-19 RADF to the Betoota Race Club for the Betoota Races entertainment;**
- 4. Advise the Betoota Social Club to seek a letter of support from Bev Morton to use the Health Trust fund to reimburse the ambulance fees upon presentation of a tax invoice to Council together with the suppliers tax invoice the club has paid; and**
- 5. Advise the Birdsville State School that their application for \$4,840 has not been approved and provide information on alternative funding opportunities.’**

**Carried 4/0.**

### Report

Birdsville Dunes Golf Club has provided details of their public liability insurance cover and is seeking reimbursement of the premium amount of \$1,092.85 (GST incl.) in line with council resolution 2019.04.16-OM-18.

The Birdsville Dunes Golf Club has provided copies of public liability insurance coverage for both the club and voluntary workers.

## **Financial Implications**

Nil

## **Conclusion**

Section 194 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 provides that a local government may give a grant to a community organisation only-

- a) If the local government is satisfied-
  - a. The grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and
  - b. The community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local governments community grant policy; and
- b) In a way that is consistent with the local government's community grants policy.

Council has recently approved a similar reimbursement to the Desert Rivers Development Board for public liability insurance in accordance with resolution 2019.04.16-OM-18

## **Attachments**

[Birdsville Dunes Golf Club](#)

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## 11.12 Request for Support– Birdsville Dunes Golf Club

Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Michael Hayward   Interim Chief Executive Officer
Link to Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financially viable and strongly supported traditional social events</li></ul>
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nil</li></ul>

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from Birdsville Dunes Golf Club for In-kind support to assist with hosting of the 2024 Queensland Outback Masters Golf tournament.

### Officers Recommendation

Council resolves to approve the Birdsville Dunes Golf Club request for In-kind support in the amount of \$6,117.00

### Relevant Policy/Legislation

- Community Grants Policy

### Background Information

Councils Community Grants Policy outlines Councils role in supporting the community.

The purpose of the policy is to extend the community's capability to conduct activities, create opportunities for community capacity building, develop and maintain sustainable community infrastructure and to build strong partnerships for community benefit.

To be eligible for a grant under the policy, an applicant must:

- operate within the Diamantina Shire or be able to demonstrate that the project is in the public interest and provide local community benefits within Diamantina Shire.
- applicants may be individuals, business or not for profit organization.

The policy also outlines project eligibility criteria and lists expenditure that are ineligible.

### Report

The Birdsville Dunes Golf Club will be hosting the Outback Queensland Masters (OQM) 2024 and have requested support for In-kind "Facility Hire" and "Plant Hire" to assist in hosting the event.

In-Kind support is sought for the duration of the OQM being 4 days from Thursday 13 June to and including Sunday 16 June 2023 and includes:

- Tables and Chairs
- Grandstands
- Small Generator – Catering and lighting
- Large Generator – Stage
- Gas Gun (bird deterrent)
- Community Bus (assist volunteers, participants and spectators to return to accommodation facilities)
- Trailer flood lighting

Additional plant and equipment may be required closer to the event as discussions are still ongoing with OQM.

The club is also seeking approval to allow OQM participants to camp near the golf course on the Simpson Desert National Park Road over the competition period. The Club requests approval to utilize the area on the reserve adjacent to the Birdsville Dunes golf /club entrance (previously utilized by Big Red Bash campers during wet weather).

## Financial Implications

The cost of in-kind support is estimated at:

Equipment	Rate	Qty	Days/Hrs	Amount
Tables	\$10.85 per day	35	4	\$1,519.00
Chairs	\$1.15 per day	250	4	\$1,150.00
Grandstand	\$52.00 per day	2	4	\$ 416.00
Tower Light with Generator	\$52.00 per day	3	4	\$ 624.00
Generator > 50KVA (estimate 6 hrs per day)	\$25.00 per hr.	6	4	\$ 600.00
Generator < 50 KVA (estimate 6 hrs per day)	\$15.00 per hr.	6	4	\$ 360.00
Gas Gun	No set fee	-	-	\$0.00
Community Bus (estimate 12hrs per day)	\$22.00 per hr.	12	4	\$1,056.00
Community Bus (estimate 100km per day)	0.98 per Km	100	4	\$ 392.00
<b>Total Estimated In-Kind Support</b>				<b>\$6,117.00</b>

## Conclusion

The application meets the criteria for assistance under councils Community Grants Policy

## Attachments

[Birdsville Dunes Golf Club  
Facility Hire Application  
Plant Hire Application](#)

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## 11.13 Community and Economic Development Information Report

Responsible Officer: Mike Hayward | Interim Chief Executive Officer

Author: Matt Allard | Director Community and Economic Development

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### 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.
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### 1. Outstanding Resolutions Update

Minute No.	Description	Status	Comment
2020.12.14-OM-2	Town Entrance Signs	In progress	<p>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.</p> <p>18/01/2024 Confirmed with Infrastructure services to programme the sign installation week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024.</p>
2021.12.13-OM-6	88fm Radio In Bedourie And Birdsville	In progress	<p>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.</p> <p>12/12/2023 Reply from APRA advised that the type of license required from them is dependent on the radio communications license the Australian Communications and Media Authority has granted Council. Further investigation to be completed.</p> <p>10/01/2024 Staff reported of continuous attempts to be in contact with NCOM have failed.</p>
2022.11.21-OM-13	Birdsville Courthouse Proposal	In progress	<p>07/12/2023 Response received from OIR with follow up meeting with ELT scheduled for 11/12/2023.</p> <p>18/12/2024 Staff confirmed Environmental &amp; Laboratory Solutions are coming to Birdsville 29 &amp; 30 January 2024 to complete an inspection and emu pick of asbestos around the Courthouse. They will complete the works and provide an updated management plan for the courthouse so the courthouse can be open to the public. The courthouse will not be reopened until the management plan is approved and all departments are aware of the asbestos requirements for this site.</p>

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.  20/12/2023 Meeting held with Dept of Education to discuss Quality Improvement Plan and was requested to use their plan instead. Meeting scheduled for 12/01/2024  12/01/2024 Changed meeting date and requested extension on providing Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Return which is now due 12 February 2024
2023.11.20-OM-20	Christmas Lighting Competition	In progress	24/12/2024 Judges assessed competitors and winners identified  19/01/2024 Announcement of Winners via social media. Process to be closed out once winners details are confirmed on Councils finance system.
2023.11.20-OM-21	Town Entrance Signs - Bedourie	In progress	18/12/2023 Requested mock-up from sign supplier to be drafted for Council. No response  19/01/2024 Email response from sign supplier advised that supplier is overseas and will not be back into the office until 22/01/2024

## 2. Christmas Lights Competition

The Christmas lights competition in Bedourie and Birdsville was a festive highlight, featuring creative and vibrant displays from numerous competitors. In Bedourie, the winners were Katrina & Greg Wills, recognized for their outstanding decoration efforts. In Birdsville, Joel Blyth & Aniela Braun won in the resident category, while the Birdsville Hotel triumphed in the business category, both contributing to a dazzling festive atmosphere in their community. The event not only brought festive cheer but also showcased the creativity and community spirit of Bedourie and Birdsville residents and businesses.

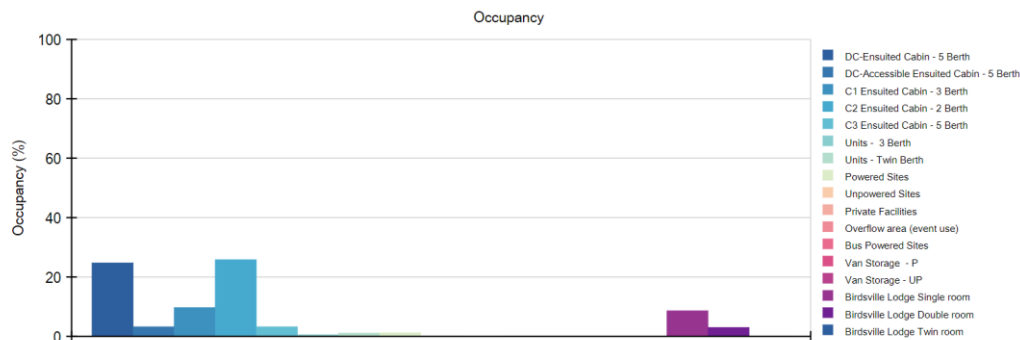
Congratulations to the everyone who participated as it was a very close competition.

## 3. DRAFT Marketing Campaign – Spirit of Diamantina

The "Spirit of Diamantina" marketing campaign is a strategic initiative to position Diamantina Shire as a top destination for travellers. The campaign has three core components: a targeted marketing strategy, a content marketing plan, and the cohesive campaign title. Key objectives include boosting the local economy, preserving and promoting cultural heritage, engaging the community, establishing a unique brand identity, encouraging sustainable tourism, and maintaining adaptability to future trends. Discussions and distribution of the campaign materials have commenced, and the feedback has been very positive, identifying a promising start to this comprehensive and dynamic marketing effort.

#### 4. Birdsville Caravan Park and Lodge

Occ %: Percentage of Area Booked  
Gross Revenue: Operational Revenue Calculations  
Nett Revenue: Gross Revenue - GST  
RevPAA (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 December 2023 is:

- Gross Revenue: \$12,537.00.00

#### Analysis

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

**Diverse Occupancy Rates:** Different accommodation types showed varying levels of popularity, indicating visitor preferences for specific options such as ensulted cabins, powered sites, or lodge rooms.

**Revenue Generation:** Accommodations with higher occupancy, likely premium options, contributed more significantly to the park's overall revenue, highlighting the financial impact of these preferred accommodations.

**Overall, Park Performance:** The combined data on occupancy and revenue provides an overview of the park's operational effectiveness for December 2023, reflecting the success of its varied accommodation offerings and pricing strategies.

#### 5. Birdsville and Bedourie Visitor Information Centres

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

##### 5.1. Visitor Contact Summary (December 2023 – 2022 Comparison)

	Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre		Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre	
	December 2023	December 2022	December 2023	December 2022
Phone	32	152	40	74
Email	8	26	12	31
Total Visitors	60	115	98	36

##### 5.2. Visitor Distribution

	Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre	Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre
QLD	13	45
NSW	4	5
VIC	7	7
TAS	0	0
SA	0	0
WA	2	0
NT	2	0
ACT	0	0
Local	31	41
International	1	0

## Analysis

### 5.3. Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre:

- **Phone and Email Contacts:** In December 2023, both phone inquiries and email inquiries significantly decreased compared to December 2022. Phone calls decreased from 152 to 32, and email inquiries decreased from 26 to 8.
- **Total Visitors:** The total number of visitors also decreased from 115 in December 2022 to 60 in December 2023. This indicates a notable decline in visitor engagement during this period.

### 5.4. Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre:

- **Phone and Email Contacts:** Similar to Wirrarri, Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre experienced a decrease in phone inquiries and email inquiries in December 2023 compared to the previous year. Phone calls decreased from 74 to 40, and email inquiries reduced from 31 to 12.
- **Total Visitors:** However, despite the decrease in inquiries, the total number of visitors increased significantly from 36 in December 2022 to 98 in December 2023. This could suggest that the centre effectively converted inquiries into physical visits during this period.

### 5.5. Visitor Distribution:

- At Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre, the majority of visitors in December 2023 were local (31), with only 1 international visitor. There were minimal visitors from other Australian states.
- Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre in December 2023 received most of its visitors from Queensland (45), with limited visitors from New South Wales and Victoria. There were no international visitors during this period.

In summary, both visitor centres experienced a decrease in phone and email contacts in December 2023 compared to December 2022. However, Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre managed to attract a significantly higher total number of visitors during this period. Understanding the reasons behind these trends and exploring strategies to maintain or improve visitor engagement could be valuable for both centres.