



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Monday, 17 August 2026

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on

Date: Monday, 17 August 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

**Location: Diamantina Shire Council's Administration
Centre**

17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829

**Julianne Meier
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING**2 ATTENDANCE****3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE****3.1 Leave of Absence****3.2 Apologies****4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wangkamahdla 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.

5 CONDOLENCES**6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Reference is made to Section 150EI and Section 150EJ of the Local Government Act 2009. Specifically, the obligation of Councillors when they first become aware they have a conflict of interest to make the Chief Executive Officer aware in writing or if in a meeting, ensure they declare immediately.

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The amended minutes for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 July 2026 have been provided for confirmation under Section 9 of this agenda.

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 July 2026 have been provided for council's information. One of the resolutions intended to adopt a Policy was not worded correctly. Prior to the minutes being confirmed an amendment has been recommended for consideration.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 Amendment of the Unconfirmed Minutes - Council Meeting held 20 July 2026

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY:	Juanita Warner
AUTHOR(S):	Juanita Warner, Governance Manager
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Amended Unconfirmed Minutes - OCM 21 July 2026 ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Council's approval to amend the unconfirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 July 2026 to accurately record Council's resolution relating to the adoption of the New HR Policies.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held 20 July 2026 in relation to the HR Policies to replace the existing resolution with the following:

That Council:

- (i) adopts the Ex-Gratia Payment Policy as presented; and
- (ii) adopts the Sexual Harassment Policy as presented.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 July 2026, council considered a report regarding the adoption of two HR Policies.

The recommendation contained within the agenda stated:

'That Council consider adoption of the two policies as presented'.

The recommendation was read by the Mayor and carried without amendment.

DISCUSSION

Following the July 2026 Ordinary Meeting, advice was sought from the Department of Local Government regarding the working of the resolution relating to the HR Policies.

The Department advised that, as the recommendation contained in the agenda, was read verbally and then voted on by Council without amendment, the recommendation became the resolution of Council.

The Department further advised that, as the minutes of the meeting have not yet been confirmed, Council may amend the unconfirmed minutes, under section 254F of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* should it wish the official record to reflect its intended decision.

This report does not seek to question the validity of the original recommendation. Rather it provides Council with the opportunity to amend the unconfirmed minutes to clearly record the adoption of the HR Policies, consistent with Council's intended outcome.

‘That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Ex-Gratia Payment Policy as presented; and*
- 2. Adopts the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy as presented’.*

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

4.2 Is engaged with its residents.

A connected, informed and engaged community that actively participates in shaping the future of the Shire

POLICY

Standing Orders for Council and Standing Committee Meetings

LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulation

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

There are no financial resourcing implications in the adoption of this recommendation.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
HR and Safety Manager
Department of Local Government

RISK MANAGEMENT

The amendment is consistent with section 254F of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which provides for amendments to unconfirmed minutes prior to confirmation.

Failure to amend the minutes may result in ambiguity regarding Council's resolution and the status of the Human Resources Policies.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The amended unconfirmed minutes must be approved by resolution prior to confirmation.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

A new report to be presented to Council presented again, with the recommendation written more clearly.



AMENDED UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Held at Diamantina Shire Council's
Administration Centre
17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 on
20 July 2026 at 9:00am**

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

20 July 2026

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9:14am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Damien Watson	Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson
Cr Damian Clarke	Councillor (Teams)
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Mr Brent Reeman	Director Infrastructure
Mr Stuart Bourne	Partner, GBA Consulting
Ms Dana Livne	Executive Assistant

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Ms Jade Nacario, Director Corporate Services.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Francis Murray acknowledged the Wangkamahdla People, Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present. He extended that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present at the meeting.

5 CONDOLENCES

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Morton informed the meeting that he has a conflict of interest in the matter - Item 12.3.5 - Community Grant Request Betoota Race Club. The nature of the interest is that Cr Morton is the President of the Betoota Race Club. Cr Morton declared he will leave the meeting place and not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

At 9:18am Juanita Warner, Governance Manager entered the meeting.

8.1.1 Confirmation of Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The amended unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 June 2026, and the Special Budget Meeting held on 16 June 2026 are presented to Council for adoption.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/164

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council:

1. Notes the administrative amendments identified in the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 June 2026 and the Special Budget Meeting held on 16 June 2026.
2. Resolves that the administrative amendments, including:
 - (a) Correction of resolution numbering;
 - (b) Correction of formatting and table of contents errors;
 - (c) Correction of the recording of resolutions relating to confidential business to ensure compliance with legislative requirements; and
 - (d) Correction of minor typographical and administrative errorsBe incorporated into the final minutes prior to confirmation;
3. Confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 June 2026, as a true and correct record of the proceedings; and
4. Confirms the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on 16 June 2026, as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

5/0 CARRIED

8.1.2 Correction to Confirmed Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Council's approval to correct the official record of the confirmed minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 January 2026, Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 February 2026, Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 March 2026, Special Council Meeting held on 28 April 2026, Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 May 2026 and Special Council Meeting held on 15 June 2026 following the identification of administrative errors and omissions.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/165

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

1. That Council notes:
 - (a) That minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 January 2026 were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 February 2026;
 - (b) That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 16 February 2026 were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 March 2026;
 - (c) That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 16 March 2026 were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 April 2026;
 - (d) That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 28 April 2026 were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 May 2026;
 - (e) That the minute of the Special Council Meeting held on the 4 June 2026 were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 15 June 2026;
 - (f) That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 18 May 2026 were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 June 2026
2. That Council resolves that the official record be corrected as follows:
 - (a) The Meetings recorded as 'Extraordinary Council Meeting' are corrected to 'Special Council Meeting'
 - (b) The resolution numbering relating to the matters considered in closed sessions be recorded as part of the official record of the meetings;
 - (c) The resolution numbering for the January, February, March, May and June 2026 Ordinary Council Meetings are amended to ensure numbering is in sequence; and
 - (d) The resolution numbering for the April and June Special Meetings are amended to ensure the numbering is in sequence.
3. That Council resolves that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and be permanently linked to the previously confirmed minutes to ensure complete and accurate record of Council proceedings.

5/0 CARRIED

At 9:28am Juanita Warner, Governance Manager left the meeting.

9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Mayoral Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/166

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

5/0 CARRIED

It was noted that the Mayor did not attend the event listed as Birdsville Business Group Monthly Catch Up on 25 June 2026 in the 'Meetings, Events and Conferences Attended' section of the Mayor's Report. The report will be amended accordingly.

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

10.1 Correspondence from Birdsville Dunes Golf Club

RESOLUTION CNL/26/167

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Correspondence from Birdsville Dunes Golf Club report , and that Council discuss the matters raised therein.

5/0 CARRIED

Council agreed to provide assistance as soon as possible to ensure venues are restored in time for upcoming events. Council noted the Community Relief fund and Sport and Recreation Funding, and agreed to take photographic evidence prior to any work commencing to be utilised for future funding opportunities.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Engineering Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/168

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.1.2 Birdsville Rehab Works

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To outline the procurement, assessment and award of the RFT2025-017 Birdsville Pavement & Rehabilitation Works.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/169

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council That Council resolves to:

1. Award contract RFT2025-017 Birdsville Pavement & Rehabilitation Works to NQ Estimating & Civil Services Pty Ltd for the value of \$1,752,898.12 (excl GST).
2. Delegates authority under s 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation this contract/ arrangement.

5/0 CARRIED

12.1.3 Modifications to Existing Fencing - Betoota Town Common

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider options for modifications to the existing fencing on the town common at Betoota.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/170

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council notes both requests but pauses any fencing works until further information is known regarding the future landfill site fencing requirements as required under the Environmental Authority.

5/0 CARRIED

12.1.4 Infrastructure Services Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/171

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.1.5 June Operational Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/172

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the June Operational Report

5/0 CARRIED

12.1.6 Workshop and Fleet Services – June 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/173

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Workshop and Fleet Services – June 2026 report.

5/0 CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT at 12:02pm the meeting adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 12:34pm.

12.1.7 Tyre Stockpile - Bedourie**RESOLUTION CNL/26/174**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Tyre Stockpile - Bedourie report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.1.8 Housing Report**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council requires more staff housing to meet its needs and the ability to start to retire older housing stock that require regular maintenance. This will also encourage private housing ownership. The RAF funding for the Bedourie Subdivision has savings that could potentially be used to build a house on the new estate.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/175

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

1. That Council receives and notes the Affordable Housing Options Report and authorises council to develop a specification for the supply of housing to be put to the market in the form of an Expression of Interest; and
2. Council notes that the Residential Activation Fund Round 1 terms and conditions allow for any savings from the Bedourie Subdivision to be retained by Council if a new house is built in the estate within 18 months.

5/0 CARRIED

A report on the Sustainable Communities Deed to be provided to the next Council meeting.

At 12:45 Stuart Bourne, GBA Consulting left the meeting.

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate

12.2.1 Corporate Services Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/176

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.2 Finance Report - June 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/177

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - June 2026 report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.3 June 2026 Town Planning and Development Activity Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/178

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the June 2026 Town Planning and Development Activity Report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.4 Amendment to Fees and Charges 2026/2027 - Caravan Park Fees

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has assumed responsibility for the operation of the Bedourie and Birdsville Caravan Parks. As a result, the 2026–2027 Fees and Charges Schedule requires amendment to include the applicable fees for the operation of these facilities. Adoption of the amended Fees and Charges Schedule will provide an authorised pricing framework for the ongoing management of both caravan parks.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/179

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council:

1. Adopts the amended 2026/2027 Fees and Charges Schedule incorporating the fees and charges for the Bedourie Tourist Park and the Birdsville Tourist Park as presented.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.5 Housing Application 23 Bilby Street, Birdsville

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a housing application for consideration.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/180

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council:

1. Approves the housing application and agrees to apply the fees and charges for rent of 23 Bilby Street, Birdsville for the duration for the tenancy by:
 - d) Applying the non-commercial fortnightly rent for a 3 Bedroom Council house.

5/0 CARRIED

At 1:20pm Juanita Warner, Governance Manager entered the room.

12.2.6 Governance Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/181

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.7 Queensland Councillor Code of Conduct

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Queensland Councillor Code of Conduct has been updated by the Queensland Government and took effect on 1 July 2026. The Code establishes the standards of conduct and ethical behaviour expected of all councillors in Queensland.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/182

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council:

1. Acknowledges and endorses the Queensland Councillor Code of Conduct made under S150D of the *Local Government Act 2009*, effective from 1 July 2026;
2. Adopt the Queensland Councillor Code of Conduct as the standard of conduct for elected members of Diamantina Shire Council;
3. Repeal any previously adopted Councillor Code of Conduct that has been superseded by the updated Queensland Councillor Code of Conduct; and
4. Publish the updated Queensland Councillor Code of Conduct on Council's website and make it available to all Councillors.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.8 Model Meeting Procedures and Standing Orders for Council and Standing Committee Meetings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers has released updated Model Meeting Procedures and Standing Orders for Council and Standing Committee Meetings following amendments to the *Local Government Act 2009* introduced by the *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2006*. Council is required to adopt the updated Model Meeting Procedures or ensure their own Standing Orders are consistent with them. The revised Standing Orders have also been updated to reflect these legislative amendments and contemporary meeting practices.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/183

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council:

1. Repeals the Model Meeting Procedures Policy;
2. Repeals the Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures;
3. Adopts the Standing Orders for Council and Standing Committee Meetings;
4. Adopts the Model Meeting Procedures;
5. Notes that both documents have been updated by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers following amendments introduced by the *Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026*; and
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make administrative amendments necessary to maintain legislative consistency where those amendments do not change the intent.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.9 Repeal of Councillor Complaints Investigation Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to repeal the Councillor Complaints Investigation Policy following the amendments to the Local Government Act 2009 that commenced on 1 July 2026, removing the legislative requirements for Councils to maintain an Investigation Policy.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/184

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council:

1. Repeal the Councillor Complaints Investigation Policy; and
2. Note that Council has no outstanding Conduct Breach Referrals made by the Office of the Independent Assessor prior to 1 July 2026 requiring the continued operation of the Policy.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.10 Internal Audit Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Internal Audit Policy. The Policy has been developed to establish Council's commitment to maintaining an independent and effective Internal Audit Function in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The Audit and Risk Committee has considered the Policy and recommended its adoption by Council.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/185

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council adopts the Internal Audit Policy as presented.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.11 Internal Audit Charter

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Internal Audit Charter. The Charter has been developed to establish the authority, responsibilities, independence and operating framework of Council's Internal Audit function in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and contemporary governance practices. The Audit and Risk Committee has considered the Charter and recommended its adoption by Council.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/186

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council adopts the Internal Audit Charter as presented.

5/0 CARRIED

12.2.12 Council Enterprise Risk Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Suite has been comprehensively reviewed and updated to strengthen Council's governance framework and align with ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management – Guidelines. The Audit and Risk Committee has endorsed the ERM Policy, Enterprise Risk Management Framework and Risk Appetite Statement for Council adoption. Adoption of the ERM Suite will provide Council with a consistent and integrated approach to identifying, assessing, managing and reporting risk across the organisation.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/187

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council:

1. Adopts the updated Enterprise Risk Management Policy as presented;
2. Adopts the updated Enterprise Risk Management Framework as presented; and
3. Adopts the Risk Appetite Statement as presented.

5/0 CARRIED

At 2:00pm Juanita Warner, Governance Manager left the room.

ADJOURNMENT At 2:00pm the meeting adjourned for a short break and reconvened at 2.16pm.

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 Communities Directorate Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/188

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.3.2 Tourism

RESOLUTION CNL/26/189

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Tourism report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.3.3 Community Coordinator Monthly Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/190

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Community Coordinator Monthly Report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.3.4 RAPAD Childcare Alliance Forum

RESOLUTION CNL/26/191

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council receives and notes the RAPAD Childcare Alliance Forum report.

5/0 CARRIED

At 2:30pm Cr Kerry Morton left the meeting due to Conflict of Interest in Item 12.3.5.

12.3.5 Community Grant Request - Betoota Race Club

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on Community Grant request received in the past month.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/192

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council approves the Community Grant request from the Betoota Race Club for in kind support for Council to transport starting gates from Bedourie to Betoota, to the value of \$15,000.00.

4/0 CARRIED

At 2:36pm Councillor Kerry Morton returned to the meeting.

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/193

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.4.2 Grant Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/194

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

That Council discuss and provide input on the priority project list developed by Council Officers and receive and note Grant Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

12.4.3 Council Land for Sale

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to inform Council of the requests to purchase Council land.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/195

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council note the Land for Sale report.

5/0 CARRIED

Councillors agreed that all Council-owned land offered for sale shall not be sold for an amount less than the advertised listing price published on Council's website.

12.4.4 Special Holidays 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983*, Local Governments are invited to request special holidays to be observed during the following year for districts in their area.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/196

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council:

1. Request through the Office of Industrial Relations, the following date to be observed as a Special Holiday in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983*:
 - a) Melbourne Cup Day – 2 November 2027.

5/0 CARRIED

At 3:06pm Alona Gilhang entered the room.

12.4.5 HR New Compliance Policies

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council new HR workplace compliance policies noting there is no current same policy in effect.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/197

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council:

1. Adopts the Ex-Gratia Payment Policy as presented; and
2. Adopts the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy as presented.

5/0 CARRIED

14.1 Diamantina Shire Council Executive Remuneration Review

RESOLUTION CNL/26/198

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Diamantina Shire Council Executive Remuneration Review report.

5/0 CARRIED

At 3:30pm Alona Gilhang, HR Manager, left the room.

At 3:30pm Joanne Fiorenza, WHS Coordinator, entered the room.

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RESOLUTION CNL/26/199

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:

14.2 WHS Monthly Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - b of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with industrial matters affecting employees.

14.3 Disaster Management Reform

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - i of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

5/0 CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 3:30pm.

At 3:35pm Joanne Fiorenza, WHS Coordinator, left the room.

14 Resume in Open Session

RESOLUTION CNL/26/200

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That council resume in open session and note the Mayor's report on Confidential Resolutions.

5/0 CARRIED

The meeting was reopened to the public at 3:37pm.

14.2 WHS Monthly Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/201

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the WHS Monthly Update report.

5/0 CARRIED

14.3 Disaster Management Reform

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) preparation of a statewide response to the federal governments proposed changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Framework and to seek Council's approval to lodge an individual submission on behalf of Council to the Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/202

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council:

1. Endorse the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) preparation of a statewide response to address concerns and consequences of the federal government's proposed changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Framework; and
2. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer make a formal submission to NEMA regarding the proposed DRFA changes.

5/0 CARRIED

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillors discussed recent maintenance issues and noted that recurring failures may be linked to the lack of consistent systems and processes, particularly during periods of staff turnover. It was agreed that staff should start utilising the Skytrust system to support maintenance management and administrative workflows.

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 17 August 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3:50pm.

10 MAYORAL UPDATE

10.1 Mayoral Update

REPORT TYPE: Mayoral Report

AUTHOR(S): Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer

AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Mayor's Report.

MEETINGS, EVENTS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Date	Event	Location
21 July	Councillors Workshop	Bedourie
21 July	Plant Standing Committee	Bedourie
23 July	Cuttaburra Detailed Design Consultation with TMR	Bedourie
24 - 25 July	Meeting with Stephen Smith - Director of Regional Development – to discuss funding opportunities for Regional Airports	Birdsville
27 July	Meeting with Regional Director Central Queensland, State Development & Diamantina Shire Council to discuss opportunities, priorities, and challenges for Council	Bedourie
29 July	Birdsville Business Group Monthly Catch Up Business Owners and Operators in Birdsville and Betoota discussion about events, ideas and opportunities.	Teams
30 July	Meeting with Department of Housing and Public Works to discuss housing in Diamantina Shire Council	Teams
1 August	Meeting with the Hon. David Littleproud MP	Birdsville
4 August	RAPAD, DSC & Queensland Ambulance Services meeting to discuss Sustainable Ambulance Coverage for Remote Community Events	Teams
5 August	Desert Champions Way - Stakeholder Catch Up	Teams
11 August	Meeting with MRAC	Boulia
13 August	Annual Local Resilience Action Plan Review with Queensland Reconstruction Authority	Teams

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Date	Meeting	Location
18 August	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Bedourie
18 August	Councillor Workshop	Bedourie
25 August	RAPAD Meeting (Face to Face)	Brisbane
25 – 27 August	WQAC Bush Councils Assembly	Brisbane
25 August	ORRTG Strategic Group Quarterly Meeting	Brisbane

Date	Meeting	Location
26 August	Country Universities Centre RAPAD Central West Queensland Board Meeting	Brisbane
15 September	Plant Standing Committee	Bedourie
17 – 18 September	Birdsville Courthouse Opening	Birdsville
21 September	September Council Meeting	Bedourie
22 September	Councillors Workshop	Bedourie
2 October	RAPAD Meeting (--Virtual)	Teams
7 October	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Bedourie
19-21 October	LGAQ Conference	Cairns
6 November	RAPAD Meeting (Virtual)	Teams
17 November	Plant Standing Committee Meeting	Birdsville
1-2 December	RAPAD Meeting (Face to Face)	Brisbane
2 December	Friends of RAPAD (Face to Face)	Brisbane

11 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

11.1 Outstanding Action Items List

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Executive Office
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
Juanita Warner, Governance Manager
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: 1. Actions Register August 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Outstanding Action Items List report.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

The attached report is generated by Infocouncil and contains all the outstanding action items from Council Meeting resolutions.

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Council 18/01/2021	Bourne, Stuart	New Item	Oasis Bore - Complete water licence transfer application form for the Oasis Bore and enter negotiations with owners of 'Roseberth' and 'Adria Downs' for access.
RESOLUTION 2021.01.18-OM-4 That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to complete the relevant water licence transfer application form for the Oasis Bore, enter negotiations with owners of 'Roseberth' and 'Adria Downs' for access to this bore and negotiate with Department of Transport and Main Roads the repair of this bore. 28 May 2026 10:32am Livne, Dana 6/5/2026 – Jason Reberger is on extended long service leave from the department until the end of 2026 and unlikely to return to the department. Kent Morris 0427 507 238 is acting in his role and provided a verbal update to myself. The Department can only transfer this asset if it is compliant. On the 27th Nov 2025 Robbie Vinnicombe from Longreach, Dept Water visited the site to undertake testing and an inspection. He noticed a new leak and determined that testing couldn't be safely completed. He has raised the issue with Stockroutes who can no longer progress the business case for transfer until this is resolved and have now scheduled logging of the bore in 26/27 FY to determine what the issue is and gather more data about the bore condition. The logging will include down hole camera/ collar locations/ calliper (casing thickness) and Gamma testing for condition of grout behind casing. This logging will determine the condition of the bore and what is required to fix it. If the bore can be easily fixed the transfer will then be able to be completed. If the fix is more involved further discussions will be required. Suggest follow up again in early 2027. 06/05/2026 EA to CEO emailed DIS and Infrastructure Admin requesting information. , 12/8/25 Stu spoke to Jason Reberger to follow up. Jason hopes to inspect Oasis bore in the coming months and then prepare the business case to transfer. Waiting on Jason Reberger from the department. 17/4/25 No response from Jason Reberger re March request, followed up with Daniel Larsen and Susan Waldron also from the Department. Susan Waldron no longer with Department. Followed up with Kent Morris (stockroutes) who was aware of the job but referred back to Jason Reberger as the correct contact. Contacted Jason Reberger by phone (0407 546 475) 17/4/25, update as follows - Stockroutes has no interest in this bore and will likely plug if Council don't take it over. Jason understands that Council and Main Roads need this bore for road maintenance purposes. Jason tried to get transfer completed with Leon Love however senior executives within the Department refused to approve the transfer business case as the bore at that stage was damaged. Now that the bore has been refurbished, Jason to inspect the bore in 2025 and have it logged by a contractor. Jason will then prepare another business case to transfer to Council. Upon approval of business case Jason will approach Council with the transfer documentation, possibly late 2025 or early 2026. 11/03/25 Repairs completed. Water licence transfer stalled. Following up with Jason Reberger from Dept Resources who had previously been in contact with previous CEO's with no outcome to date. They will reply as soon as possible. Limited details seem to be available.			

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12/01/25 No response from Department. DCS will follow up with correspondence. 14/11/24 Enquires made and awaiting information with Dept 21/10/24 To be reviewed and status advised by DSC 5/9/24 No further update by DCS 14/8/24 To be reviewed by DCS 12/09/23 No further updates at this time. MD checking on status of transfer 15/08/23 VT checked with previous DIS Adam Whitfield who advised repairs were completed 6/3/23 Department has advised that repairs should have been completed, DCS will check 8/2/23 Still in progress and working with all parties to get agreement 18/1/23 Agreement should be completed by end of Feb 2/12/22 CSD contacted McInnes Wilson, ongoing 15/11/22 No further progress to report 13/9/22 Unsure about this I have only been briefed on Bus stop bore 8/7/22 Have followed up with Jason Reberger from Department. 1/5/22 Water drill on site 1 May, yet to see any transfer documents for the bore Stuart Bourne: Stu Bourne inspected bore on 16/6/26, no leaks were visible, contrary to advice by the Department. Photos taken and email sent to Kent Morris on 16/6/26 advising of the situation. Followed up with phone call on the 16/6/26 and 24/6/26 with no response.		

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Council 15/08/2022	Meier, Julianne	Executive Office	Draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan
RESOLUTION 2022.08.15-OM-12 'That Council note the feedback provided by Reconciliation Australia, and approve that the next draft of the Reflect RAP be resubmitted to Reconciliation Australia with the suggested changes implemented after being presented to the Diamantina Shire Council RAP Working Group.' 28 May 2026 11:29am Livne, Dana 06/05/2026 EA to CEO emailed Reconciliation Australia requesting advice on best option to progress for a small remote council with limited resources. 3/7/25 Project to delayed until 26/27 as it has not been identified as a priority in the 25/26 operational plan due to a significant amount time required to finalise the plan. Officers plan to progress this item in 26/27 financial year as a priority. 10/3/25 Reassigned to Director Communities to progress. 6/3/23 Delayed as ILUA with a party is being actioned 15/2/23 Draft being finalised 18/1/23 EA still chasing up 2/12/22 EA still chasing up 12/11/22 EA is chasing this up 12/9/22 EA is currently implementing suggested changes for comment from the working group. Not planned to progress in 26/27, as will require a budget. CEO to discuss appetite to progress with Council, could possibly be in teh 27/28 budget. (Doc ID's 239088. 239089.239090. 239105. 239109. 239118. 239123 - 239144. 239146 - 239159. 239163 - 239165. 244326)			

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Council 17/04/2023	Bourne, Stuart	New Item	Lobbying for Increased Bedourie and Birdsville Water Allocation
RESOLUTION 2023.04.17-OM-9 'That the Queensland Government be lobbied to increase the bore water license allocation for Bedourie & Birdsville and apply for a river water allocation in Birdsville.' 28 May 2026 11:55am Livne, Dana 9/4/26 Bedourie pipework to utilize Heat Exchanger water from the pool warming system is complete and now running through the spa. This should save 100-150ML per year of water use. Recordings to be taken for 12 months to demonstrate savings and then document to the department to accompany the additional water application. 28 May 2026 11:55am Livne, Dana 13/3/26 Birdsville Bore Allocation approved, environmental flow 160ml, total allocation 503ml. Birdsville River Historical Entitlement 150ml, approved to continue taking water in the interim pending Departmental advice regarding further requirements. Bedourie Bore Allocation additional 150ml pending pipework to be complete in pool spa area and subsequent meter readings. 28 May 2026 11:55am Livne, Dana 28/7/2025 Birdsville river allocation – waiting on department for ‘grandfather’ allocation approval, Birdsville bore wetland entitlement – correct form submitted waiting on Department feedback/ approval, Bedourie town water entitlement – pending pipework and valve works to be undertaken 28 May 2026 11:55am Livne, Dana 4/7/2025 Birdsville River Allocation: Scott Stevens from the Dept advised that the Dept will grant a licence to ‘grandfather’ the historic river water take. Nothing further required from council at this stage. Council may continue to extract as required., Birdsville Bore Wetland Entitlement: Incorrect form provided by the Dept, correct form now supplied. Details updated and pending submission. 160ML requested., Birdsville Town Water Entitlement: The 343ML is sufficient, no changes required., Bedourie Town Water Entitlement: Current allocation of 150ML is likely insufficient, the Dept expects that an additional 100ML could be available for Bedourie however more confidence in water useage is required, non return valve works and plumbing works required in pool/ spa area to confirm meter readings required before application can advance for increasing allocation. Pending plumbing works., Refer to email from Scott Stevens 8th May 2025 for additional details. 28 May 2026 11:55am Livne, Dana 10/4/2025 Report submitted to Department for approval. 28 May 2026 11:56am Livne, Dana 10/3/25 Daniel Larsen has requested the billabong report to help justify the Birdsville environmental flows. GBA have advised at the meeting in December it sounded like he would be right with the Bedourie allocation. So when they are happy with the environmental justification GBA propose a cover letter with the report to hopefully get both allocation increases. The report has been provided to Daniel.			

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28 May 2026 11:56am Livne, Dana

14/2/25 e-mailed Dept Council is keen to progress with the allocation increases and has prepared the attached draft document to be used to support the environmental allocation in Birdsville for your teams review.

28 May 2026 11:56am Livne, Dana

3/12/24 Met with Daniel Larsen Dept RDMW. Daniel confirmed that sufficient justification has been provided for 150ML increase for Bedourie to be processed. The best way to process the increase for Birdsville is that the environmental flow is to be a separate allocation on top of the current 343ML for Birdsville. Next steps:, - Complete environmental flow justification report (nearly complete), - Teleconference with Daniel and Team to finalise approach and issue draft report for feedback, - Prepare correspondence and issue final report.

28 May 2026 11:56am Livne, Dana

12/3/24 Correspondence sent to DRDMW with amended allocations based on the meeting with Ingrid and her team in Birdsville. In mid-March 2024, 1 of 2 Ecological studies of the Birdsville Billabong was undertaken. The second study will be held later in the year to observe 'drier' conditions. This study will be documented to support the environment flows into the billabong - correspondence and report to be sent to the Department Dec 24. , 18/01/24 Response from DRDMW received. Additional information currently being compiled to support application.

28 May 2026 11:56am Livne, Dana

5/6/23 Letters requesting higher water allocations sent to DRDMW. Waiting on response, 4/5/23 No progress

24 Jun 2026 11:16am Livne, Dana

Stuart Bourne: New water savings techniques has resulted in the spa being cooler. An amended design has been completed for the water from the Pool HEX to be reused as cooling pond top up water (an additional line is required to be run to the pond). When works are complete this will result in similar water savings however requires a CAPEX budget to undertake the works. Bedourie water allocation application on hold until the works are completed and 12 months of data collected to demonstrate water savings.

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Council 17/06/2024	Meier, Julianne	Executive Office	DSC Historical Communication Project
RESOLUTION 2024.06.17-OM-19 That the Diamantina Shire Council endorses the Historical Communication Project proposal by LG Services Group Pty Ltd and authorises the commencement of the project as outlined in the attached proposal. 29 May 2026 8:45am Livne, Dana 9/4/26 CEO received DRAFT document for review, then returned to LGSG with comments. Document provided to Communities team for additional feedback as well. Scott advised the main document is quite mature and near complete but is lacking the indices, tables and data to be included at the rear of the document. LGSG liaising with Stuart Bourne to finalise. 29 May 2026 8:45am Livne, Dana 8/8/25 DCM is searching for information, seeking to contact Scott Mason for further details. 29 May 2026 8:45am Livne, Dana 3/7/25 The DCM to provide update to Council at July 25 meeting to recommend this matter be completed in-house now the Communities team has been better resourced. 25 Jun 2026 8:35am Livne, Dana CEO Julianne Meier e-mailed LGSG for an update on progress.			

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Council 15/07/2024	Girdler, Jodie	New Item	Other Business: Cemetery Upgrade
RESOLUTION 2024.07.15-OM39 That in liaison with the relatives of the deceased, that Council install concrete slabs and plinths for all interments greater than 12 months at its Bedourie and Birdsville Cemeteries. 07 Aug 2026 11:48am Livne, Dana Jodie Girdler, Facilities and Town Services advised no changes have been made at this stage, as Council is awaiting responses from families. Jodie has arranged for Marketing to include the item in Council Desert Yarns to help raise awareness among families. 29 May 2026 11:49am Livne, Dana 11/03/25 Project will be restarted once Technical Project Officer commences. Parks and gardens are carrying out inventory at both cemeteries to establish numbers and contact families to enable us to plan the works.			

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Council 19/08/2024	Atkinson, Jo-Ann		Land Sales Betoota
RESOLUTION 2024.08.19-OM-11 That Council resolve, for the purposes of section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to approve administrative procedures required to enable the invitation of written tenders for the sale of the following parcels of vacant council owned land: - Lot 602IA111 Plan D04 Betoota Access Road, Betoota - Lot 603IA111 Plan D04 Betoota Access Road, Betoota - Lot 103IA78 Plan D04 Betoota Access Road, Betoota - Lot 104IA79 Plan D04 Betoota Access Road, Betoota. 29 May 2026 11:55am Livne, Dana 17/11/2025 Report tabled at 17 November 2025 OCM, item 12.2.7 Betoota – Sale of Diamantina Shire Council-Owned Land. Council resolution CNL/25/278 was "that the report lay on the table and comes back to a future meeting of Council" 29 May 2026 11:57am Livne, Dana 13/8/25 King and Co are assisting with Tender preparations for proposed lots., 11/3/25 Sales progressing in Betoota. Review of land sales may occur at upcoming Council Workshop in April 2025., 5/9/24 Sales progressing with first stage being the request to develop an urban address system for Betoota. 25 Jun 2026 8:34am Livne, Dana 3 lots identified for sale and tender documents prepared, but consideration as to whether to more lots could be sold.			

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Council 11/08/2025	Meier, Julianne	Confidential Reports	ILUA over Lot 6 on SP297079
RESOLUTION CNL/25/191 1. That Council resolves to: (a) Commence the negotiation of an indigenous land use agreement between the Council, the Mulligan River Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (MRAC) on behalf of the Wangkamahdla native title holders and the State of Queensland (the ILUA) to secure the surrender of native title over:			

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(i) part of the Bedourie Township Reserve, being land described as part of Lot 6 on SP297079 (Lot 6) with an area of approximately 5.58 hectares in the position shown on Map: 240211 in Attachment 1 (the Map); <i>and</i> (ii) facilitate the future acquisition of freehold over State land to be identified by Council within the Wangkamahdla determination area. (the ILUA) (b) That Council approach the Department of Resources (DoR) to assist in the negotiation of the ILUA. (c) That if an ILUA is not registered by 3rd January 2027, Council considers its options to address the native title implications of the Project, including the compulsory acquisition of native title. (d) That Council delegate to the CEO the power to negotiate and to reach in principle agreement on the terms of an ILUA on behalf of Council with the decision to enter into a final agreement to be subject to a further Council resolution. 14 Aug 2025 4:17pm Warner, Juanita Commence the negotiations of an ILUA with MRAC 14 Aug 2025 4:19pm Warner, Juanita Approach Dept of Resources to assist in the negotiation of the ILUA 14 Aug 2025 4:20pm Warner, Juanita If ILUA not registered by 03/01/27, Council consider options to address the native title implications of project - including compulsory acquisition 13 Mar 2026 11:41am Meier, Julianne - Email Meeting attended in Brisbane with MRAC and QSNTS to progress an ILUA. Some projects may progress in meantime subject to conditons. Holding Redlich progressing documents with parties, future meetings will be required. 13 Mar 2026 11:46am Meier, Julianne - Email To be progressed with CNL/25/300 in first instance. Following outcomes further reporting to be provided to council. 25 Jun 2026 8:32am Livne, Dana Holding Redlich have drafted an ILUA and CHMP and provided these in DRAFT to QSNTS to allow time for review prior to the August meeting. MRAC had initially suggested the board planned to meet in Bedourie the week commencing 10th August. However they have requested the meeting take place in Boulia on the 11th August. TBC at this stage. 28 Jul 2026 2:46pm Livne, Dana Meeting with MRAC and Council scheduled for 11 August 2026.		

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Council 17/11/2025 RESOLUTION CNL/25/267 That Council receives and notes the Replacement of Cold Room Cooling System - Bedourie Community Hall report. 11 Mar 2026 1:02pm Reeman, Brent - Email Purchase order has been raised. Electrician will complete job when roads are open. 11 Mar 2026 1:03pm Reeman, Brent - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Reeman, Brent from 01 December 2025 to 30 April 2026 - Flooding 11 Mar 2026 1:07pm Mathieson, Lorraine - Email Purchase order has been created for electrician to complete the work once roads are open. 29 Jul 2026 8:42am Livne, Dana Brent Reeman, Director Infrastructure advised 80% complete, initial electrician did not finalise the job, so an alternative refrigeration mechanic is being sourced. 07 Aug 2026 9:23am Livne, Dana Jodie Girdler, Facilities and Town Services Manager advised project is still waiting on special parts.	Reeman, Brent	Infrastructure Services Directorate	Replacement of Cold Room Cooling System - Bedourie Community Hall

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Council 17/11/2025 RESOLUTION CNL/25/293 1. That Council: (a) Notes this report. (b) Notes that The State of Queensland (Represented by the Queensland Police Service) is seeking to formalise arrangements radio transmission equipment installed at the water supply reserve at 1 Frew Street, Birdsville by entering into a lease over reserve land. The proposed lease relates to a small server rack installed in part of the Communications Building and antenna and associated fixtures installed on part of the Water Tower Building on Lot 30 on SP 112844, comprising areas to be determined by survey or site plan.	Meier, Julianne	Executive Office	Lease to The State of Queensland (QPS) - Birdsville Water Supply Reserve

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(c) Notes that, in accordance with section 236(1)(b)(i) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> ('LGR'), Council may dispose of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction if the disposal is for the purpose of a lease to a government agency. (d) Resolves, pursuant to section 236(2) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (Qld), that the exception under section 236(1)(b)(i), allowing disposal of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction for the purpose of a lease to a government agency, applies to Council in this instance. 2. That Council resolves: (a) to dispose of an interest in part of the Communications Building and part of the Water Tower Building Lot 30 on SP 112844 comprising areas to be determined by survey or site plan for the purpose of granting a lease for radio transmission equipment to The State of Queensland (Represented by the Queensland Police Service) on terms including a rent to be determined by Council for a period of ten (10) years. 3. That Council resolves: (a) pursuant to section 257 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (Qld), that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to progress, negotiate, finalise, and otherwise deal with all matters that arise in connection with the lease to The State of Queensland (Represented by the Queensland Police Service). 13 Mar 2026 11:36am Meier, Julianne - Email Council to provide a copy of its resolution/minutes approving the granting of the lease and the s 236 LGR exception (as per the report to Council). Council to procure a cadastral surveyor to prepare a plan of survey for the site, as required for registration. Preston Law to advise on native title. Matter in progress.	
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Council 17/11/2025	Bourne, Stuart	Infrastructure Services Directorate	Kerb Removal
RESOLUTION CNL/25/263 That Council endorse the construction of pram ramps, at the corner of Spinifex and Eyre Streets and corner of Eyre and Kepler Streets, Bedourie and any other identified areas to ensure disabled access can be provided. 11 Mar 2026 1:04pm Mathieson, Lorraine - Email 11/3/26 (Stuart Bourne) Works proposed for addition to 26/27 Budget considerations, possibly funded under 26/27 discretionary TIDS through DTMR 50/50. Pending approval 25 Jun 2026 9:24am Livne, Dana Stuart Bourne: pram ramps funded under Bedourie Subdivision, contractor engaged, to be completed end July 26. 29 Jul 2026 8:45am Livne, Dana 28/7/26 Stuart Bourne, GBA Consulting advised all (3) pram ramps now completed.			

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Council 17/11/2025	Atkinson, Jo-Ann	Corporate Services Directorate	Betoota – Sale of Diamantina Shire Council-Owned Land
RESOLUTION CNL/25/278 Moved: Cr Kerry Morton Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke That the report lay on the table and comes back to a future meeting of Council. 13 Mar 2026 11:11am Meier, Julianne - Email All documentation prepared, however only 3 lots initially proposed to sell. Currently preparing tenure of all lots in Betoota, planning to put report to Council workshop in April to confirm lots identified for sale.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 17/11/2025	Bourne, Stuart	Confidential Reports	Freehold of Lots 1,2 and 6 on SP340136
RESOLUTION CNL/25/300 Moved: Mayor Francis Murray Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton That Council note the Freehold of Lots 1, 2 and 6 on SP340136 Report. 11 Mar 2026 1:02pm Mathieson, Lorraine - Email 11/3/26 (Stuart Bourne) Tony Morcom has completed the survey applications which have been signed and submitted to the department DNRM/ SLAM (State Land Asset Management) 07 Apr 2026 2:05pm Mathieson, Lorraine - Email 7/4/26 Survey applications submitted – no further update at this point 25 Jun 2026 9:22am Livne, Dana Stuart Bourne spoke to Tony M today and the plans have been lodged. They are likely to sit with the department now for 1-2 years before hear back. Nothing more on the Council side for us to do at the moment. 29 Jul 2026 8:46am Livne, Dana Stuart Bourne, GBA Consulting advised 28th July 2026 – no further action.			

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Council 16/02/2026	Meier, Julianne	Corporate Services Directorate	Endorsement of Housing Study
RESOLUTION CNL/26/028 That Council receive the report, and: 1. Endorse the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document (Attachment 1) 2. Approve the use of the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document as the basis for preparing the planning scheme amendment. 3. Approve the use of the Housing Study and Planning Scheme Review document to engage with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning regarding the planning scheme amendment.			

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Council 15/06/2026	Atkinson, Jo-Ann	Corporate Services Directorate	Amendment to Aerodrome Parking Fees - 2026/2027 Fees and Charges Schedule						
RESOLUTION CNL/26/137									
1. That Council amend the 2026/2027 Fees and Charges Schedule adopted under Resolution CNL/26/015 on 18 May 2026.									
(a) That the aerodrome Parking Fees section be replaced with the following fees, effective from 1 July 2026.									
<table><tr><th>Fee Description</th><th>Unit</th><th>Fee</th></tr><tr><td>Reserved GA Hardstand</td><td>Per metre of tie-down cable per annum</td><td>\$175.50</td></tr></table>				Fee Description	Unit	Fee	Reserved GA Hardstand	Per metre of tie-down cable per annum	\$175.50
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Reserved GA Hardstand	Per metre of tie-down cable per annum	\$175.50							
(b) That all other fees and charges adopted under Resolution CNL/26/015 remain unchanged.									

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Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 16/03/2026 RESOLUTION CNL/26/066 That Council 1. Applies the exemption prescribed by section 236(1)(a) of the Local Government Regulation to allow it to dispose of the property without a tender or auction process; 2. Disposes of the property to the prospective purchasers for \$28,000 (GST inclusive); and 3. Delegates to the CEO the power and functions to do all things, and sign all necessary documents, to give effect to this disposal.	Meier, Julianne	Confidential Reports	Sale of Council Property Lot 5 on SP 107130

Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 20/04/2026 RESOLUTION CNL/26/071 Council resolves to 1. Accept the variation pricing received from NQES Industries for additional works, of \$343,317.34 excluding GST, and 2. Seek funding opportunities to cover the cost of over runs. 25 Jun 2026 8:29am Livne, Dana Meeting to discuss 29th June 2026 with Dept. CEO & Brent Reeman, Director Infrastructure to identify next steps. 29 Jul 2026 8:46am Livne, Dana Stuart Bourne, GBA Consulting advised 28th July 2026 – pumps arrived at plumbers depot, awaiting HEX, to be onsite late August 07 Aug 2026 8:53am Livne, Dana Council waiting on delivery of bigger pump system and bigger heat exchanger.	Bourne, Stuart	Infrastructure Services Directorate	Birdsville Cooling Pond Additional Works Variation

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Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 18/05/2026 RESOLUTION CNL/26/004 Moved: Mayor Francis Murray Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson That Council seek to have a new landfill at Betoota added to the existing Environmental Authority. 25 Jun 2026 9:23am Livne, Dana Stuart Bourne: DA for landfill being prepared, on track to be lodged to SARA end July 26. 29 Jul 2026 8:46am Livne, Dana Stuart Bourne, GBA Consulting advised 28th July 2026 – DA prepared currently in workflow for submission to regulator.	Bourne, Stuart	Infrastructure Services Directorate	Betoota Landfill

Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 20/07/2026 RESOLUTION CNL/26/175 1. That Council receives and notes the Affordable Housing Options Report and authorises council to develop a specification for the supply of housing to be put to the market in the form of an Expression of Interest; and 2. Council notes that the Residential Activation Fund Round 1 terms and conditions allow for any savings from the Bedourie Subdivision to be retained by Council if a new house is built in the estate within 18 months. 28 Jul 2026 4:37pm Livne, Dana EA emailed Brent Reman request for update. 29 Jul 2026 8:44am Livne, Dana Brent Reeman, Director Infrastructure advised the matter is in progress. Specifications for and EOI are being developed.	Reeman, Brent	Infrastructure Services Directorate	Housing Report

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Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 20/07/2026	Meier, Julianne	Confidential Reports	Disaster Management Reform
RESOLUTION CNL/26/202			
That Council:			
1. Endorse the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) preparation of a statewide response to address concerns and consequences of the federal government's proposed changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Framework; and			
2. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer make a formal submission to NEMA regarding the proposed DRFA changes.			
28 Jul 2026 1:52pm Livne, Dana			
The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer made a formal submission to NEMA regarding the proposed DRFA changes on 21 July 2026.			

Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 20/04/2026	Meier, Julianne	Corporate Services Directorate	Annual Valuation 2027
RESOLUTION CNL/26/081			
That Council do not support the Valuer-General in undertaking a valuation of the Diamantina Shire area to be effective on 30 June 2027.			
22 Apr 2026 11:24am Mathieson, Lorraine - Email			
22/04/26 response drafted LM.			

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Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 20/07/2026	Gilhang, Alona	Executive Office	HR New Compliance Policies
RESOLUTION CNL/26/197 That Council consider the adoption of the two policies as presented. 04 Aug 2026 1:35pm Livne, Dana Presenting policy to ELT on August 19, 2026.			

Meeting	Officer/ Director	Section	Subject
Council 20/07/2026	Gilhang, Alona	Confidential Reports	Diamantina Shire Council Executive Remuneration Review
RESOLUTION CNL/26/198 That Council receives and notes the Diamantina Shire Council Executive Remuneration Review report. 04 Aug 2026 1:34pm Livne, Dana Council is currently sourcing quotes. Once the quote is finalised Council will progress to the next stages of engagement. Once the report review is completed, the service provider will be invited to present to Council in September.			

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 OFFICER REPORTS

13.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

13.1.1 Engineering Update

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Stuart Bourne, Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

RMPC 2025/26 – all claims drafted and pending Docusign and DTMR approval and payment

RMPC Contract Value for 2026/27

Item	Contract Value	Amount Claimed	Comment	Timing
Base Allocation 26/27	\$2,386,389.00		Resheeting works and other schedules to follow.	
New Shelter (6mx6m) for Deons Lookout	\$50,000.00		New schedule – verbal agreement received, shed to be ordered	
Monkira - small phone cell at rest area				To be completed by (DTMR) Dec 2026
Overtaking Opportunities – signing & delineation (roads 80A, 81A, 93D & 93C)	TBC		Sign supply by DTMR, Installation only. Some signs missing.	
	\$2,386,389.00			

Main Roads Minor Works Performance Contracts

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Cost to Complete	Comment
Bedourie – Birdsville, Pave and Seal. Allans Yards.	Package A - \$500k (crushing and mobilization and sidetrack) Package B – construction phase	Precon: \$107k Package A: \$500k Package B: \$1,983,218.87		\$2.5m scheduled via the ORRTG in 2025/2026. Preconstruction - Complete Package A - Complete Package B – Complete Final claim drafted pending Docusign and to be submitted
Allans Yards Stage 2 (Cuttaborra stage 1)	Letter of Intent received.	\$2,285,714.65		Chg 35.4-38.3, skip 500m over Allans Yards pipes. Works complete. Final claim drafted pending Docusign and to be submitted
Cuttaborra Betterment, works to be undertaken June 2026-June 2028.				Design scheduled for completion end of June 2026. Re-design to be undertake by DTMR post community consultation. Feedback supplied requesting lowering of Allans Yards area.
25O Restoration Submission	Contract executed CN-26007	\$1,119,308.72 (claim to be drafted)	\$3,481,351.13 + GST	Contract signed. Pre-start completed. Completion date 11 th December 2026. Grading & gravel works on 80A & 93C complete.
25O Complimentary Works	TBC			TBC – floodway works on the Birdsville-Windorah pending remaining budget from 25O Restoration works.

FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS**2023 – Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 2022 – 30 April 2023**

Works complete; the acquittal has been completed. Betterment stage acquittal completed.

Final Outcome from QRA (2023 REPA)

DSC.0020.2223G.REC	
Original QRA Approved Value	\$ 6,812,288.03
Total Expenditure Submitted	\$ 7,910,140.18
Approved Expenditure Value	\$ 7,854,527.82
Ineligibles (plant rates/ overheads and oncosts)	\$ 55,612.36
Total Payment to date (From MARS)	\$ 6,125,389.23
Final Payment - figure to be confirmed at endorsement	\$ 1,729,138.59

All works from the 2023 event have now been acquitted.

2024 – Tropical Cyclone Kirrily, associated rainfall and flooding, commencing 25 January 2024.

QRA approved the restoration works submission for \$3,813,650.91

Shire Roads Emergency works claim for \$403,900.79 approved and paid.

Submission for the Bedourie Racecourse Road has been approved. Value of works currently estimated to be \$75,869.82 works complete and acquittal being prepared.

Submission for the Bedourie Industrial Area has been approved. Value of works currently estimated to be \$19,828.43 – works completed – acquittal lodged.

QRA approved EOT to the 31st of December 2026.

Asset name – DSC.0027.2324U.REC	Value	Percentage Complete
Adria Downs Access Road	\$ 763,460.34	50%
Betoota - Mooraberee Road	\$ 10,193.53	100%
Betoota Access Road	\$ 148,028.08	100%
Carcoory - Stony Crossing Road	\$ 389,592.56	95%
Coorabulka - Shire Boundary Road	\$ 157,190.09	100%
Coorabulka - Springvale Road	\$ 336,320.30	100%
Cordillo Access Road	\$ 51,478.58	100%
Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road	\$ 366,644.30	95%
Inside Track Road	\$ 22,109.19	100%
Kamaran Downs Access Road	\$ 140,925.25	100%
Lake Machattie Detour	\$ 322,407.93	100%
Sandringham - Bedourie Road	\$ 536,201.26	25%
Sandringham - Ethabuka Road	\$ 41,763.15	25%
Sandringham Access Road	\$ 5,801.16	
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$ 222,620.43	100%
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 10,559.16	100%
Project Management	\$ 288,355.60	95%
Total	\$ 3,813,650.91	

Western QLD Surface Trough & Associated Rainfall & Flooding 21 March 2025.

Activation approved. This will involve Emergency and Restoration works and will supersede the recent Jan/Feb 2025 event.

Emergency works claim completed \$1,504,486.40 approved by the QRA. Acquittal completed.

Restoration works submission has been completed and lodged to QRA. Value approved for \$10.1 million in mid Feb 26. Works to be completed June 2027.

DTMR damage for this event has been approved as 25O. Refer to the table below.

CN - 26007 25O Restoration Works

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Comment	Timing
80A - 80A25o26	\$469,563.11	\$251,515.30	Works in progress	Grading & gravel works complete
81A - 81A25o26	\$481,509.1	\$0.00	Works in progress	

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Comment	Timing
81B - 81B25o26	\$243,715.69	\$0.00	Works in progress	
93C - 93C25o26	\$1,736,815.34	\$867,793.43	Works in progress	Grading & gravel works complete
93D - 93D25o26	\$549,747.89	\$0.00	Works in progress	
Total	\$3,481,351.13	\$1,119,308.73		

March 2025

Asset name – DSC.0038.2425T.REC	Value	Percentage Complete
Adria Downs Access Road	\$1,608,261.70	10%
Betoota - Mooraberee Road	\$398,549.69	5%
Betoota Access Road	\$152,761.04	
Big Red Road	\$455,812.93	
Carcoory - Stony Crossing Road	\$1,081,104.40	25%
Coorabulka - Shire Boundary Road	\$345,101.72	
Coorabulka - Springvale Road	\$310,415.20	50%
Davenport Downs – Diamantina Lakes Road	\$434,013.10	
Davenport Downs – Palparara Road	\$617,276.36	
Diamantina Lakes – Winton Shire Boundary	\$147,375.15	
Griffiths Tank – Coorabulka Road	\$728,631.33	35%
Lake Machattie Detour	\$548,745.66	25%
Racecourse Road	\$97,732.05	85%
Sandringham - Bedourie Road	\$161,523.46	
Sandringham - Ethabuka Road	\$1,372,911.78	5%
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$366,238.29	5%
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$515,349.47	
Project Management	\$760,750.34	5%
Total	\$10,102,553.67	

Old Diamantina Crossing:

The floodway restoration of Old Diamantina Crossing has been lodged to the QRA on the 12th of November 2025. The scope of works includes a full replacement of the existing structure with an at grade floodway as well as tidy up the approaches and install new signage. The QRA have advised that the proposal will be approved at a width of 5m wide and not the planned 8m wide. Approval received from the QRA on the 17th of February 2026 to the value of \$852,828.87 ex GST. Contract has been signed by NQ Estimating and Civil Services to the value of \$610,389 ex GST. Prestart meeting completed. Works will commence when water level drops. Extension of time approved by QRA until December 2026. Works to breach the old crossing have commenced. A rock breaker is required to excavate areas of bulk fill concrete.

Bedourie Flood Levee Enhancements (DRF Rd3):

Funding has been secured from QRA to improve the existing flood protection system in Bedourie – Total Project Value \$1,231,190.00. Design has been completed, and procurement completed. The works involves:

- A small concrete nib (varying between 100-200mm high) on the levee in areas that are low – due to settlement, to achieve RL89.0 (200mm above 1974 flood level)
- Replace existing pipe in the industrial area levee with a box culvert and one way flap valve

- Reseal bitumen surface
- Stockpile emergency bunding material in a convenient location to be used when required for major flood events
- Fix scours to existing levee and clear back regrowth vegetation growing on the levee banks

Final NEMA approval received, works can commence.

At the March council meeting, NQES Industries was awarded the concrete and culvert related works. Possible design review based on feedback from JJ Ryan when the Bedourie Flood Study – draft report due end August.

North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather commencing 24 December 2025.

Activated 13/01/2026. This event is to be extended to cover the western rainfall and flooding in Feb/ March 2026.

Counter Disaster Operations First and Final: \$483,793.21. Submission withdrawn to be updated with additional stores charges and is to be relodged (drafted pending Docusign and submission).

Pick-up nearly complete 95% of those roads. Roads remaining to be picked up:

- Davenport Downs – Diamantina Lakes Road
- Davenport Downs – Palparara Road
- Monkira Davenport Downs Road

DTMR Emergency Works claim is drafted pending Docusign and submission. There will be a second and final claim when Cuttaburra works are completed. Forecast claim value is \$776,032.32 for claim 1. Final claim due September for Cuttaburra section.

OTHER

Project/ Item	Comment
Visits to the Shire	19 th – 23 rd July – CM and Cuttaburra inspections and meetings. 28 th -30 th July – 25O inspections. 4 th - 5 th Aug – 25O Inspections. 3 rd – 7 th Aug Betoota Access Rd Survey.
Bedourie & Birdsville Solar Power Project (86 Sites total)	Ongoing troubleshooting for identified sites. Batteries have been commissioned at Bedourie Ergon power station in Feb 2026 with testing to be finalised in Sept 2026 to reduce curtailment. The first tests of ‘generators off’ have been successful. Next teleconference 19 th August.
Water Allocation Increases	Birdsville bore allocation increase for environmental flow to Billabong (160ML) approved. Total 343ML+160ML=503ML. Birdsville river historical entitlement (150ML), approved to continue taking water in the interim, Department will release the draft Water Entitlement Notice in August 2026 for Council feedback. Bedourie bore allocation increase requested (150ML), pipework to recycle pool HEX water completed. Temperature of spa can be increased with a valve bypass and additional water saved at the Bedourie cooling pond.
Birdsville Cooling Pond	The National Water Grid Funding application has been approved (\$2m NWG/ \$2m DSC) with the funding acquittal now submitted. (Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing, and Water). Additional works are needed for the cooling ponds. NQES variations approved (\$343,317.34 ex GST). Works scheduled for September – waiting on HEX.
Flood Study's	Birdsville: Project funding approved by QRA. Funding \$125k.

Project/ Item	Comment
	Bedourie: Project funding approved by QRA. Funding \$75k JJ Ryan engaged to undertake both models concurrently with assistance from a QRA appointed independent assessor. Initial model & data compilation completed. Community consultation session conducted for Bedourie & Birdsville. Gauge survey has been completed. Estimated completion Sept 2026. EOT approved – 31 st Dec 2026.
Betoota Dump	Concept plans have been prepared to accompany the landfill application and the MCU. Application has been submitted.
Residential Activation Fund (Rd1) Bedourie Subdivision	Bedourie Residential Activation Project (Funding \$2,716,557). Expected completion date 30/11/2026. Works complete. Minor defects outstanding.
Residential Activation Fund (Rd2)	RAF Round 2 application submitted for planning stage for subdivision blocks in Birdsville (\$417k). Application unsuccessful.
Koolivoo & Lake Machattie Lookouts	CH clearances completed. Landholder agreements required, design and DTMR approval for Lake Machattie required. Land to be excised. Survey application has been prepared however landholder agreement letters are required to complete the submission.
Floodway Depth Markers	The Flood gauge at Bedourie Bridge has been completed.
Birdsville Oval River Water Supply research	Research required into options for billabong water supply for Birdsville oval to reduce demand on cooled town water supply.
Various Birdsville Streets Rehab RFT	The below miscellaneous street works will be contracted together: • DSUP Funding approved \$50,000 from TMR (DSC matched) for sealing Birdsville airport carpark. • EOT approved, completion date now 31 December 26. • RTR will fund rehab of Burt St outside of pub. • RMPC will fund Adelaide st rehab failures in area of school. • REPA March 2025 will fund rehab on Big Red road. • Birdsville airport apron rehab will be done at the same time, funding to be confirmed. • Works to be completed by Dec 2026. • Quotation process complete for Gravel crushing & stockpiling. • Tender process complete for Pavement & rehabilitation works. Awarded to Nq Estimating and Civil Services at the July council meeting for \$1,752,898.12 (ex GST). Contract signed and pre-start meeting scheduled mid-August.

Attachments

Nil

13.1.2 Infrastructure Services Report

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Brent Reeman, Acting Director Infrastructure Services
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

July has been a very busy period, with road crews returning to full operations, major projects progressing, event delivery and preparation, community consultation, caravan park maintenance and council road runs consuming a lot of time and resources.

A strong focus has been on ensuring the upcoming race events are well prepared for and key facilities are fully functional and well presented. Early preparation has allowed the crews and contractors to commence works in a timely and planned way to avoid last minute issues and disorganisation. The preparation for these events, particularly following rain events, does put pressure on other day to day work priorities and in some cases requires supplementary contractor resources to deliver the work.

Community consultation has been a high priority, with feedback and engagement through the TMR visit to inspect the Cuttaburra crossing, consultation on the proposed Birdsville footpath, event preparation with the community clubs, underwing camping and the council road trip engagement.

An alternative to full underwing camping has been proposed and is presented in this agenda for discussion under the report titled *Birdsville Aerodrome Event Camping Report*.

Following from engagement with Sean Dillon MP and extensive negotiations with the QRA, Diamantina Shire has been activated for the Sport and Recreational Facilities component of the Community Recovery Fund. This means the following nominal amounts have been allocated to complete works at these facilities.

Asset	Damage	Repair Cost (\$)
Impacted Sport and Recreation Assets		
Bedourie Racecourse	- Running track requires repairs and surrounding areas need grading and slashing - Water damage from storm water pipes in racecourse shed (refer photos).	\$115,000
Birdsville Racecourse	Running track needs repairs and surrounding areas need grading and slashing	\$30,000
Birdsville Sports Centre	Retaining wall at the Sports Centre has collapsed due to scouring and undermining from overland flows and	\$50,000

Asset	Damage	Repair Cost (\$)
	accumulation of water behind the wall as a direct result of the heavy rainfall and TC events early in 2026.	
Betoota Racecourse	Fix scours and replace sand	\$30,000

Project Summary Status Update

Project Title	Funding Source	Project Budget	Status
Staff Housing Refurbishment	W4Q	\$542,000	Many key items ordered and projects underway. Some delays due to materials not being able to be delivered. House painting quote was awarded to Paint On Qld, with a start date of 17 August.
Birdsville Courthouse restoration	Not yet identified	TBC	The application for a Heritage Exemption certificate for the restoration works has been accepted. Officers are continuing to seek funding opportunities. A specialised stone building contractor conducted an inspection of the Courthouse in late February and has produced a tender spec once funding is secured. Project estimate from the contractor is \$250k. An additional \$50k has been received as a grant to remove the concrete slabs around the courthouse and fix drainage issues. Awaiting availability of a contractor to perform the work. Some additional maintenance and signage work has been completed.
Betoota Race Club Shed	W4Q	\$100,000	Works almost complete with some alterations required to make it more suitable for a serving bar.
Cemetery Landscaping	W4Q	\$160,000	Community consultation was held in Birdsville in late February. Grave sites that may be impacted by earthworks have been surveyed and pegged. Physical works will commence when time allows. Contractor pre-start inspection has occurred and commencement is imminent.
Air Conditioning design Bedourie & Birdsville Community Halls	W4Q	\$30,000	Airconditioning and Insulated ceiling design inspections completed, and initial designs received. Tender specifications have been developed. Looking for funding opportunities. A bid is being prepared for the current DRF round for the Birdsville Hall.
Birdsville Sports Centre Air Conditioning design	W4Q	\$20,000	Has been included in Contractor design for Community Halls A/C.

Project Title	Funding Source	Project Budget	Status
Old Diamantina Crossing	QRA	\$1,500,000	Approval received from the QRA on the 17 th of February 2026 to the value of \$852,828.87 ex GST. Contract has been signed by NQ Estimating and Civil Services to the value of \$610,389 ex GST. Causeway has been breached to allow water level to drop.
Birdsville Hall Kitchen & frontage	W4Q	\$150,000	Kitchen – community consultation occurred on 23 February and changes to the concept design will be made based on the feedback received. New oven has been delivered.
Birdsville Bronco Branding Kitchen & Amenities	W4Q	\$100,000	Concept plans within Master plan - community consultation occurred on 23 February and changes to the concept design will be made based on the feedback received. Electrician has been tasked with decommissioning existing kitchen.
SES Shed	SES	\$86,000	Shed has been ordered with an expected delivery date of August. The build quote was higher than expected so alternatives are being sought.
Birdsville Hall Flooring replacement	W4Q	\$30,000	Aust Hardwood Timber Flooring has been delivered and is being stored for a nominal 12-month before install.
Family Day Care Upgrade - Bedourie	W4Q	\$38,000	Completed
Family Day Care Upgrade - Birdsville	W4Q	\$40,000	Completed
Airport - Birdsville - Microsurface Treatment	RAUP	\$1,000,000	Waiting on RAUP Round 12.
Bedourie Subdivision Roads & Footpath	RAF	\$2,716,557	Completed
Sewer - Birdsville - Replace/Repair identified blockages (CCTV Sewer Survey Priorities)	DSC Shire	\$100,000	Planning Stage.
Sewer - Bedourie - Replace/Repair identified blockages (CCTV Sewer Survey Priorities)	DSC Shire	\$50,000	Planning Stage.
Bedourie Industrial Estate Land Acquisition	DSC Shire	TBD	Pending ILUA negotiations.

Project Title	Funding Source	Project Budget	Status
Birdsville Airport car park sealing	DSUP	\$50,000	In conjunction with Burt St sealing funded by TMR (\$50,000). Tender assessment presented to Council at July OCM.
New Housing	RAF savings	\$300,000	Decision paper presented to July OCM. EOI being developed.

13.1.3 Works Operational Report July 2026

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Brent Reeman, Acting Director Infrastructure Services Robert Wiles, Works Manager
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. AET Diamantina Shire 627K Operator Training Overview ↓

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Works Operational Report July 2026 report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

The cold, dry weather and wind are drying the country out, which has allowed all work crews to finally start making headway and achieve some much-needed production without having to go back and repair completed works due to wet weather.

There are currently 4 camps in use: the Maintenance Crew Camp, new 3 Room Camp, Patrol Camp and the Construction Crew Camp. The Construction Crew Camp at Alligator will undergo a maintenance check during the first half of August to prepare the camp for mobilisation to Cuttaburra, with this estimated to take place at the beginning of September.

Five days of scraper training have been completed with 3 members of the workforce. The training was provided by Australian Earth Training and was of a very high standard. While there are now 3 operators trained in the operation of a twin-powered open bowl scraper, as with any machine it will take hours in the seat to become highly skilled operators. However, an extremely good grounding has been provided through the training received. At this point, one operator will be the primary operator, with the other two rotating where project commitments allow. Over time this will provide the Shire with 3 competent operators and ensure full value is gained from the investment in the training.

Some clean-up work has been carried out on the racecourse, flattening out wet mounds and removing material from under the running rail and outside rail. Rolling and drying of the material will continue when and where required. During the last week of August, or the first week of September depending on how dry the track is, the stabiliser will be run around the full length of the track at a width of 30 m and a depth of 100 mm to 150 mm to provide a consistent surface across the entire track, as there is one 1600 m race. Trial cuts will be undertaken between the 1700 m and 1800 m mark on the outside edge to establish exactly what depth will provide a cushioning surface with no clods and that does not bog the horses down.

Maintenance Crew

- Coorabulka-Griffiths Tank 2025 event estimate finished 31/8/2026
- Then Bedourie-Windorah any remaining 2025 event and RMPC 26/27

Patrol Graders

- Davenport-Palparara Rd
- Davenport-Diamantina Lakes

- Diamantina Lakes-Winton Shire
- Monkira-Davenport

Construction Crew

- RMPC Birdsville-Windorah finish 11/8/2026
- Cacoory-Stony 2025 event start carting gravel 6/8/2026

Bedourie-Birdsville Road

- Emergent work 2026 event & complete 2025 event start 3/8/2026 estimated finish 31/8/2026
- Works crew made up of 2 contractors and personal from the civil crew

Adria Road

- Gravel carting finished 3/8/2026, grader roller and water truck finish 19/8/2026

Sandringham-Bedourie-Ethabuka

- 2024 Event Start pushing gravel on 10/8/2026
- 2024 Event Start carting gravel on 17/8/2026
- Estimated finish 11/9/2026

Civil Crew

- Cleaning up at Bedourie racecourse (July)
- 2026 emergent work Bedourie-Birdsville patching (July)
- RMPC 26/27 Bedourie-Boulia patching, rest areas cleaned up (July)
- Training on scraper (July)
- Civil Crew carried out inspections Birdsville racecourse, power boards & water
- Civil Crew and Works Manager will continue checking and supporting works at Birdsville
- 2 grids to clean out Carcoory-Stony
- 1 new grid to go in Carcoory-Stony
- 2026 emergent work Bedourie-Birdsville
- 2025 Event RMPC Bedourie-Birdsville







Diamantina Shire - Scraper Operator Training

July 2026



Australian Earth Training was engaged by Diamantina Shire Council to deliver Scraper Operator Training to three cleanskin scraper operators. The training was conducted over five consecutive days, from 20 to 24 July 2026.

A blended learning approach, incorporating both classroom theory and practical machine operation, was utilised throughout the program to develop the candidates' knowledge and operating proficiency. Training was conducted during daylight hours, with favourable weather conditions experienced throughout the delivery.

Candidates in attendance were:

Liam Brooker
Connor Weirman
Anthony Thomas

Australian Earth Training ABN 88619 329412
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Theory

During the theory session some of the topics covered included:

- Scraper Terminology
- G.E.T
- Restricted Visibility
- Implement Controls
- Integrated Technologies
- Seat setup
- Braking Systems (service, parking and retarder)
- Brake System Test
- Retarder Guideline Chart
- Floor Controls
- Secondary Steering
- Caterpillar Warning Categories
- Scraper Application Topics of
 - Scraper Cycles of Load, Haul, Dump and Return
 - Avoiding Roll Over Situations
 - Tyre Preservation
 - In The Cut
 - Straddle Loading
 - On The Fill
 - Chain Dumping
 - On The Haul
 - Stockpile Management
 - Safe Park Up

Example Theory Slides

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1 2 3 4

Sequence Assist

1. Ready to Dig
2. Ready to Haul
3. Ready Bowl Unload
4. Ready to Return

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Scraper Terminology

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Scraper Application.....

Some contributing factors-

- Complacency-you and others
- Soft edges
- Carrying your bowl to high
- Haul roads (wet to dry)
- Turning uphill whilst articulated
- Not backing off the rear engine when approaching a corner

If you get into situation that is out of your control. STOP, lower your bowl and wait for assistance.

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Brake System Test.....

Service Brake Holding Ability Test

1. Start the tractor engine
2. Raise the bowl
3. Disengage rear engine transmission
4. Apply service brake and release the parking brake
5. With engine at idle and service brake applied, move the transmission control to the SECOND SPEED position
6. Gradually increase the engine RPM. The service brake should prevent machine movement when the engine is running at 1200 RPM or less

If the machine moves with the engine RPM less than 1200 RPM. Park it and notify workshop

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Walkaround Inspection

Following completion of the theory component, a group walkaround inspection was conducted with all candidates. The purpose of the session was to familiarise candidates with the machine, reinforce safe operating practices, and outline the daily inspection requirements expected prior to operation.

Cab familiarisation was conducted with each candidate, including the location and function of all primary controls, gauges, and safety systems. Correct start-up procedures were demonstrated and reinforced, along with key scraper terminology used throughout the training program.

Areas of focus during the walkaround inspection included:

- Isolation Point
- Jumpstart Receptacle
- G.E.T Inspection
- Fluid Locations - Tractor
- Fluid Locations – Scraper
- Grease System
- Battery Locations
- Tyre Inspection
- Fuel tank Location
- Bowl Inspection
- Apron Inspection
- Ejector Gate Inspection
 - Including Guide Rollers
- Cab Familiarisation of
- Floor Controls
 - Diff Lock
 - Service Brake
 - Accelerator Pedals
- Steering Wheel Console
- Retarder Lever
- Cabin Switches and Their Functions
- Monitoring Platform Orientation
- Integrated Technologies
- Implement Controls
- Shifting Cane
- Seat Adjustment

The group inspecting the Ejector Gate Guide Rollers and the various other items of the Scraper power pack.





Practical Training

Two practical training areas were utilised throughout the program. The first was located within the Diamantina Shire Industrial Estate, where candidates were tasked with removing failed sections of road pavement (soft spots) and backfilling them with stockpiled material. The second was a large, open pad near the airport, which provided a controlled environment for developing fundamental operating skills.

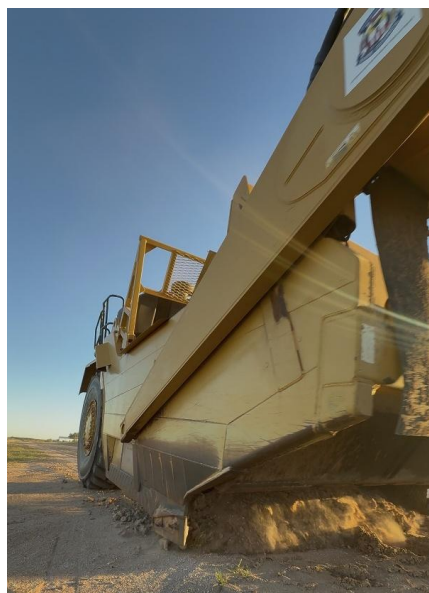
Due to the unique characteristics of a scraper-including articulated steering, oscillation, and twin-engine operation-it is important that cleanskin operators are not overloaded with information during their initial practical experience. As such, the practical component commenced with the fundamentals of machine operation before introducing bowl functions.

Candidates were initially instructed to simply drive the scraper, without engaging the bowl. Exercises focused on driving in straight lines, left and right turns, retarder application and release, controlled stopping and reversing, and performing tight turns at low speed. This allowed each candidate to become familiar with the machine's handling characteristics, steering response, and overall feel before progressing to more complex tasks.

Training then followed a building-block approach, with additional skills introduced progressively as each candidate demonstrated competence and confidence. Throughout the practical component, discussions centred on selecting the appropriate gear and travel speed to safely and efficiently complete each task.

The first bowl exercise involved light grading, enabling candidates to develop cutting-edge depth perception while gaining an understanding of how to establish and maintain a level working surface.

Bowl grading exercises.



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Candidates then progressed to removing the soft spots within the Industrial Estate by boxing out the failed road surface. The excavated material was placed into an adjacent stockpile before suitable replacement material was imported and used to reinstate the affected areas. Each candidate completed the exercise multiple times, allowing them to practise machine positioning, cut consistency, material handling, and coordination of the scraper's various functions in a real-world operating environment.



Boxing out soft spots at the Industrial Estate.

Loading from the stockpile at the Industrial Estate.





On Wednesday morning, training relocated to the pad adjacent to the airport. The ground conditions were ideal for the candidates to further develop their loading and dumping techniques in a controlled environment.

Each candidate demonstrated the ability to safely and competently load, haul and unload the scraper while effectively utilising the machine's integrated Sequence Assist technology. Sequence Assist semi-automates the loading, hauling, dumping and return phases of the scraper's working cycle, allowing candidates to focus on machine positioning, cut quality and overall operating technique.

Throughout the practical component, candidates were encouraged to adopt the straddle loading technique and progressively advance the cut in a clean, consistent and efficient manner. Equal emphasis was placed on maintaining a tidy fill area through the use of the chain dumping methodology, reinforcing the importance of producing a safe, well-organised worksite.

Strategies to promote effective surface drainage were also discussed, highlighting the importance of maintaining appropriate crossfall and directing water away from the work area to minimise future pavement deterioration.

Safe travel practices were reinforced throughout the training, with particular emphasis placed on keeping the bowl as close to the ground as practicable while travelling to maximise machine stability and minimise unnecessary machine movement.

Clean, consistent cuts on display.



Sequence Assist supporting efficient operation in action. Full bowls!



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As the training progressed, the practical exercises became progressively more challenging to further develop each candidate's confidence, machine control and spatial awareness.

To improve depth perception and machine placement, a slalom course was established where candidates were required to manoeuvre the scraper through a series of traffic cones in both the forward and reverse directions without contacting any cones. A dedicated reversing exercise was also established, requiring candidates to accurately reverse the scraper into a designated area while maintaining machine alignment and control. Candidates were encouraged to utilise both the offside mirror and the reversing camera as complementary aids, while continuing to conduct effective all-round observations.

Throughout these exercises, a strong emphasis was placed on safe decision-making. Candidates were continually reminded that if they were ever uncertain about a manoeuvre or the surrounding environment, they should stop the machine, reassess the situation and only proceed when it was safe to do so.

The practical component culminated with each candidate successfully constructing and trimming their own batters. This exercise combined the skills developed throughout the program, including machine positioning, bowl control, grade awareness and material placement. During the exercise, the operational limitations of scrapers when working on slopes were discussed, with particular emphasis placed on ensuring batter slopes did not exceed a 3:1 gradient to maintain safe machine operation.



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**Summary**

Over the course of the five-day program, each candidate demonstrated not only a genuine willingness to learn, but also the ability to consistently apply the knowledge and practical skills delivered throughout the training. Their attitudes, professionalism and attentiveness were exemplary, contributing to a positive learning environment and allowing the program to progress ahead of expectations.

By the conclusion of the training, all candidates had demonstrated the fundamental skills required to safely operate a scraper and complete the practical tasks to the required standard. While continued seat time and operational experience will naturally further develop their proficiency, I have no concerns that, given the opportunity, each candidate will evolve into a safe, productive and competent scraper operator.

Acknowledgement

Australian Earth Training would like to thank Diamantina Shire Council for the opportunity to deliver this training program.

Special thanks are extended to the Diamantina Shire Council team, led by Mr Robert Wiles and Mr Josh Oehm, whose planning, organisation and daily support ensured the program ran smoothly from start to finish.

Finally, I would like to thank the wider Diamantina Shire team for the hospitality and professionalism shown throughout my time on site. It was greatly appreciated and contributed to an enjoyable and successful training program.

For further clarification, information, or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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13.1.4 Facilities Maintenance and Town Services Report

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Infrastructure Services
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AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Facilities Maintenance and Town Services Report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Executive Summary

I am waiting on the pool engineer to come back to me on what they recommend for the pool issues, they had not responded and I contacted them again on 27th July with a reply saying they would send me an email and quote. The initial consultation was it needs to be condemned. But they are willing to come out and assess the pool to see if there is some way to fix the issues. I have rung numerous companies they either do not deal with this kind of issue as its too big, or we are too far out and do not service these areas. A lot of people are of the opinion that the pool is so old it has come to the end of its life.

I have contacted Australin Pool Resurfacing who done the fibre glass work in 2019, they asked a few questions and what they have asked is, is it in the expansion joints and yes, it is. I have sent them photos of the problem areas, and they will get back to me with information and quote to reline the problem areas. After this number of years, it is normal for the fibre glass to get stiff and wear.

Works for Qld – Works are progressing, a bit slowly as we only have the one builder and some of the tasks can only be done by a builder. Another issue is delays in receiving stock. I have spoken to suppliers, and they have been holding stock until they get full orders, I have asked for these orders to be expedited and send what they have so we can start on the jobs.

We have recently had a meeting with Works Team and Town Services Teams to plan for the upcoming events and all the logistics of getting all required items to the different towns when they are needed for each event. Organising for the events does cost Council a lot of time and money. On long hauls to Betoota would it be better if Council purchased what we need for the event and have a container to store the items in, this will save time and money and wear and tear on items in the long run.

A community member is starting Cash for Cans in Bedourie and is wondering if Council would mind them utilising a Council block to put the container on. They would like to put the container on the block behind the Hotel on the corner of Murrawilla and Nappa Street.

We are having visitors use the taps at the Caravan Park to wash their vehicles and vans down, does Council want to advertise the washdown bay at the Industrial estate.

We are building up the facilities team again, we now have a member of the team in Birdsville who is an electrician, so can handle most of electrical tasks, he does not do air conditioners or fridges, however. We have a Maintenance Supervisor starting in Bedourie in August, this will allow us to continue closing out jobs.

Projects

Bronco Branding Kitchen – Ordered materials they should be delivered this week to start the works. Funded

Bronco Branding ablution block – quoted by builder to set in place legally as how it is now, is non-compliant. Purchase order done. Funded

Birdsville Hall Kitchen and Front area – Spoken to Builder to and sent information to make a start, stoves have been ordered. Tracked order today in Mount Isa, they will come the rest of the way on Kenlach.

Garage for 5 Coolabah Court, being delivered to Birdsville from Bedourie so a start can be made. Birdsville builder to complete.

Daycare houses, Birdsville Complete, Bedourie not far off. New tasks keep coming up constantly.

1 Miniritchie Street Roof – works have been started and I have been informed it should be complete Friday 31st August.

Work office Industrial estate. Complete.

38 Eyre Street, reseating roof to be completed. Waiting on blinds these were ordered in April by past employee and was never processed they are being made now.

8 Spinifex Court – Garage installation, quote from Carpenter received in review.

Painting –11 and 13 Jardine internal walls and external trimmings, 5 Coolabah Court internal and external, 6 Artesian Street trimmings, 23 Bilby Street. Paint on Qld was successful. Purchase orders completed.

45 Frew Street, fencing to be measured and completed

10 Spinifex Court, fencing to be completed

11 Kepler Street, fencing to be completed

3 Lignum Court, fencing to be completed

23 Eyre Street, fence the right-hand side of yard. To be completed

5 Lignum Court, blinds ordered and getting made.

45 Frew Street, New Floor coverings. To be completed

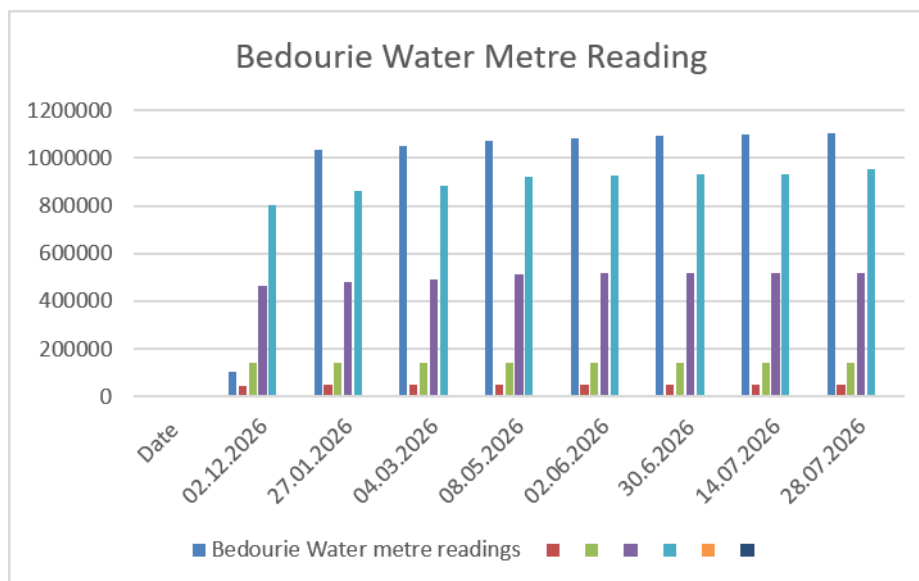
11 Jardine Street, Soffits need repairing. Minor

13 Jardine Street, Soffits need repairing. Minor

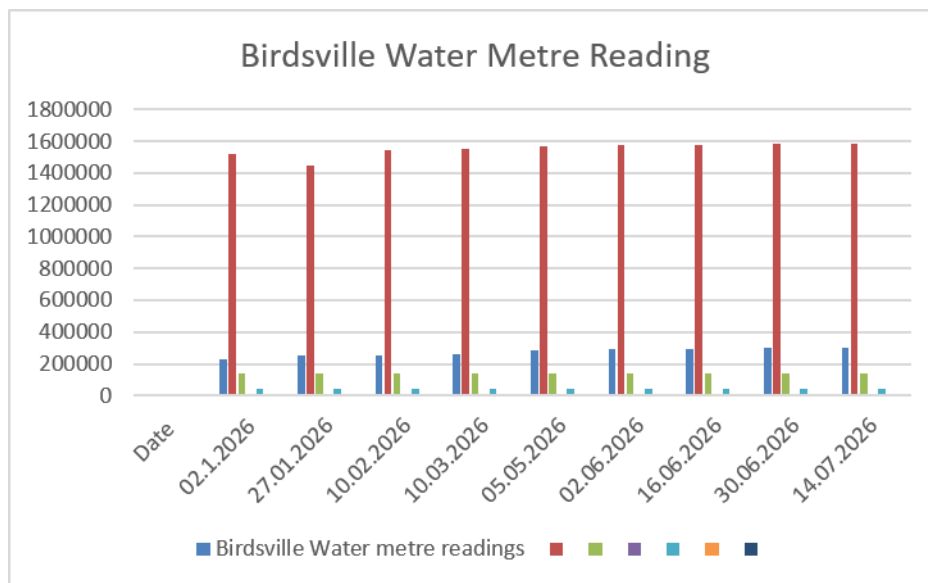
34 Jardine Street, Veranda and landing rails, sanding and painting

1/9 Gibber Court – rear screen door new rollers shower screen needs replacing.

Finalising the current, outstanding orders, to get a view on what we have. New orders to start being processed next week for the completion of tasks.

Town Meter Readings - Bedourie

Bedourie Water metre readings							
Date	Bore head, Master Meter @old bore	Cluny Meter	Kamaran/ Racetrack meter	Pool heat exchanger overflow to creek	Bedourie Town /Industrial meter	Temp – into pond	Temp – out of pond
02.12.2026	101756	44940	140286	466060	805932	43	34
27.01.2026	1037069	47743	142007	481289	863306	44	36
04.03.2026	1048361	48245	142336	491819	886456	44	36
08.05.2026	1072241	48446	142665	515290	923130	44	24
02.06.2026	1082395	48495	142720	515640	926831	44	23
30.6.2026	1092975	48533	142759	515688	930331	44	25
14.07.2026	1099498	48554	142814	515743	933974	44	24
28.07.2026	1103303	48562	142830	516345	956439	44	23

Town Meter Readings - Birdsville

Birdsville Water metre readings							
Date	Town Supply	Meter base of reservoir – Bore	Meter base of reservoir – River	Industrial Area meter	Racecourse meter - headworks	Ground Level Reservoir - Temp	Town Supply - Temp
02.1.2026	224453	1518503	139622	5213	39810	42	40
27.01.2026	249830	1450151	140369	5219	39810	34	33
10.02.2026	252066	1541901	140399	5223	39810	46	36
10.03.2026	263196	1552858	140455	5313	39810	32	26
05.05.2026	282851	1569881	140623	5339	39810	21	22
02.06.2026	289628	1575337	140628	5340	39810	29	28
16.06.2026	293887	1578169	140629	5344	39810	27	25
30.06.2026	298146	1581001	140630	5348	39810	29	28
14.07.2026	302406	1583834	140630	5351	39810	26	24

MONTHLY WATER TESTING**E coli and Coliform – March - June****Birdsville – Negative****Bedourie – Negative**

Housing Requests November/December 2025

Current Address	Town and Bedrooms required	Comments	Suggested house	Status
15 Kepler Street Bedourie	Bedourie	Currently living with sister Contractor request for 2/6 Lignum		Waiting list

Vacant housing:**Birdsville**

- 44 Jardine – 3 – Bedroom house, repairs due to movement
- 42 Jardine Street – 3 – bedroom house, back packers for Caravan Park.
- 1/9 Gibber Court – 1 - bedroom Unit
- 11 Jardine Street 2-bedroom unit – Casual Events Coordinator whilst event season on.
- 2/6 Jardine Street 1-bedroom unit
- 20 Jardine Street 2-bedroom house

Bedourie

- Spa Unit 4 – Motel unit
- Spa Unit 6 – Motel Unit
- 5 Lignum Court, 3 Bedroom – Building supervisor
- 11 Kepler Street 2-bedroom – Projects officer
- 7 Eyre Street 2-bedroom
- 8 Spinifex Court 3-bedroom
- 6 Spinifex Court 3-bedroom – Fleet administration

Aerodromes

Birdsville Aerodrome - all functions working well. Birdsville runway still an issue with low spots and runway becoming wavy to land.

Both Airports are having wildlife issues; Birds have increased due to flooding. Extra works needed to assist with bird fright to try and remove them from the runway. NOTAM's (Notice to airman) are issued. Bird strike sent to ASTB, no ground evidence of bird strike although plane was grounded on Friday 24th July.

AIMS (Airport Industry Management Support) have been engaged for Birdsville races operations.

Town Services - Bedourie

Ongoing – Depot, parks & playgrounds, Town Streets, Garbage Collection & Landfill maintenance, Irrigation, Swimming pool, Racecourse grounds, Washdown bay, Cemetery, Outdoor playgroup area, Lawn mowing, Snipping, weed control, Community Hall, Caravan Park and event set ups.

Ongoing – Cleaning, scheduled daily cleaning this schedule includes, bond cleans, general accommodation, health clinic housing (Wodonga St) clean, and the Spa units.

The Caravan Park has taken some time with cleaning and groundskeeping to get back to its clean and tidy state. The showers were orange from the water and the grounds were overgrown, but the team have worked hard to bring things back.

Swimming pool – Pool test good, pool crack causing loss of water, investigation into possible resolution for this issue. Looking into getting it relined in problem areas from a fibre glass company.

Refuse collection – As per usual dump is being tidied on the Tuesday of each week.

The toilets at the Lookout and 4 miles on the Boulia Road have all been cleaned and snipped. We had some great help from the Civil Crew to clean up the toilets at the Cuttaburra and the lookout to do some snipping thank you to the team. Number 3 and Monkira toilets have been cleaned.

The team cleaned the vacant block behind the hotel again, so it is nice and tidy. Corner of Murrawilla and Nappa Street.

Enhancing current green spaces around town with new plants.

Slashed the new estate area and it will be added to our regular slashing routine now too.

Slashing and mowing town streets keeping things tidy.

Prepping for delivering and setting up for our race carnival season.

Corner of Murrawilla and Nappa / New Estate





New Estate



Bedourie Caravan Park



Wash Down Bay



Town Service – Birdsville

Ongoing – Depot, parks & playgrounds, town Streets, garbage collection & landfill maintenance, irrigation, swimming pool, racecourse grounds, washdown bay, cemetery, lawn mowing, snipping, weed control, community hall and event set ups.

Ongoing – Cleaning, scheduled daily cleaning this schedule includes, bond cleans, general accommodation cleans including 23 Bilby and the Airport Dongas.

The team have been working great getting on top of areas that have become overgrown with weeds after all the recent rain fall in the last couple of months along with venue / house bookings and general upkeep of DSC services. The team have been through somewhat of a ripple at the start of the month with large amounts of sick leave from the flu season and are coming back on track in preparation for our next large event. The team have a busy month ahead.

The team have engaged in various community engagements this month whether a small amount of aerating for clinic, working bees with Bronco, camel races, hall bookings and house requests for staff training along with taking other areas such as the tourist park and golf course.

Slashing and weed mitigation will be our top priority in the coming months with town common and golf course slashing, weed control in and around town when prepping for the Betoota and Birdsville races.

A couple of dog complaints had come through to the team at the start of the month and have since placed a dog catch cage on the property. The cage has had zero catches, and no further complaints have been submitted.

We have new plant life going in along with projects progressing like turfing the info centre and transplanting to various properties and assets around town such as the tourist park deluxe lodge, new daycare, residents' houses and many other areas. This month we had seen some new plant life and irrigation placed up at the cemetery (discussed with key stakeholders) to fix areas that had been slashed over along with plants added to Airport and gardens such as Anzac and Jardine.

Road closure via the new police officer, we have seen 2 this month, one with Ringer's Ride for a Cure and one for an incident involving a tanker full of avgas on the T intersection near racetrack.

We have welcomed the new facilities team member to Birdsville along with his partner who operates the family daycare and picks up hours at the café on Graham Street, the young couple are enjoying their time in Birdsville and are fitting in well.

Pelicans, we have seen several birds pass away which have been fished off the riverbanks, a Pelican 17kilo had been shipped to Charleville to DPI for testing with negative bird flu result, we are still monitoring this moving forward.

ANZAC Park



Jardine Park



Birdsville Caravan Park

The park lower levels have finally dried out and the team are currently working through back log of overgrown areas, The lower level has had large areas slashed with Brendan booked in to use excavator to remove large clearing of reeds at back of caravan park. Mulch has been ordered from Bedourie for entrance and am currently working in with park to find suitable arrangements to clean top half without disrupting operations. We are looking at utilising from 10am to 2pm (check in / out) time to have this area completed, back areas are still being worked on. The managers house gate is set to be re-welded by contractor on Thursday as new manager and grounds man arrive Monday 3rd August, Park staff are moving to 42 Jardine street which has just been cleaned and made up for them 29.07.26

Birdsville Caravan Park



View from Water Tower Birdsville



13.1.5 Workshop and Fleet Services Monthly Report - July 2026

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Josh Oehm, Workshop Manager Brent Reeman, Acting Director Infrastructure Services
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Workshop and Fleet Services Monthly Report - July 2026 report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Workshop and Fleet Services continued to experience a high operational workload throughout July 2026, completing a total of 43 fleet servicing, repair and defect rectification activities across Council's vehicle and plant fleet. Maintenance activities were undertaken both within the workshop and in the field to minimise operational downtime.

The continued transition back to a proactive preventative maintenance has begun to improve maintenance scheduling and fleet availability. The implementation of Skytrust maintenance management has significantly improved the scheduling of preventative maintenance, defect reporting and work planning, allowing daily, weekly and monthly reporting capabilities. The inclusion of photographic defect reporting has also enhanced workshop response times by enabling staff to attend breakdowns with the required parts and equipment.

Fleet Maintenance Performance

Month	Completed Fleet Services/Repairs/Defects
December 2025	42
January 2026	114
February 2026	58
March 2026	52
April 2026	22
May 2026	44
June 2026	58
July 2026	43

Maintenance Overview

During July, Workshop and Fleet Services continued to focus on improving fleet reliability through preventative maintenance and defect management.

Key activities included:

- Continued identification and rectification of outstanding defects carried over from previous reporting periods.
- Ongoing implementation of scheduled maintenance within Skytrust, with current plant now programmed for preventative maintenance. Remaining fleet continue to be entered into the system.

- Weekly preventative maintenance reports are now being generated to improve maintenance planning and scheduling.
- Defect reports submitted through Skytrust are being reviewed and actioned as a priority, improving response times and reducing equipment downtime.
- Reinforcement of preventative maintenance practices to reduce future breakdowns and minimise operational disruption.

Major Works

P1509 & P1510 – Caterpillar 140M Graders

Major defects identified during inspections continue to be addressed.

Repairs have commenced on P1509, with the scope of works increasing following further faults identified during machine disassembly. P1509 is nearing completion with only a few minor jobs left before returning to work. Repairs to P1510 remain scheduled following completion of current works.

P5009 – Caterpillar CW34 Roller

Final drive assemblies were dismantled after significant metal contamination was identified during routine servicing.

Replacement parts have been ordered, and repairs will recommence upon delivery.

Parts have arrived as of the 03.08.26, repairs to machine have commenced.

Plant Replacement and Procurement

Kubota tractor

Black Truck an Agg was accepted as the supplier for a new Kubota Tractor for Bedourie Parks and Gardens, new tractor will be delivered the week of the 03.08.26.

Water Tankers (2)

- Tender evaluation has been completed.
- Contract awarded to Western Truck Group (Tri-Star).
- Estimated delivery: September 2026.

Refuse Collection Vehicle

- Tender evaluation has been completed.
- Contract awarded to Black Truck and Ag.
- Estimated delivery: October 2026.

2026/27 Fleet Replacement Program

Vehicle and plant specifications are currently being developed for Council's 2026/27 replacement program.

Specifications will be reviewed by operational staff prior to being forwarded to Procurement for the preparation of Requests for Tender (RFT) and Requests for Quotation (RFQ).

Operational Challenges

Workshop operations continue to be affected by several ongoing constraints:

Maintenance Backlog

Historical maintenance backlogs continue to require significant workshop resources, although progress is being made through improved scheduling and preventative maintenance practices.

Resource Capacity

Current operational demand continues to exceed available internal workshop resources, resulting in the continued engagement of external contractors to assist with maintenance activities.

Parts Availability

Extended lead times for specialised parts continue to impact repair completion timeframes for some fleet assets. Freight reliability has shown gradual improvement during the reporting period, assisting with the timely delivery of components.

Outlook

The continued implementation of Skytrust and the return to structured preventative maintenance scheduling is expected to further improve fleet reliability and maintenance planning over coming months. Workshop staff will continue to focus on reducing the existing maintenance backlog while supporting operational service delivery and progressing major repair projects and fleet replacement initiatives.

Capital Works Budget Variation Request – Plant Replacement and Additional Plant Acquisition

Following the adoption of the 2026/27 Capital Expenditure Budget, an operational review has identified two priority plant items that require urgent consideration due to operational, safety and asset condition concerns.

1. Emulsion Trailer Replacement

The Civil Construction Crew's existing emulsion trailer is approximately 18 years old and has reached the end of its effective service life. The trailer is outdated, requires increasing levels of maintenance, and presents a growing risk of significant repair costs. Of particular concern is the deteriorating condition of the emulsion tank, which has the potential to leak emulsion under pressure, creating a workplace health and safety risk.

To maintain operational capability and ensure compliance with safety requirements, it is recommended that funding be allocated for the replacement of the existing emulsion trailer. Current market pricing for a suitable replacement trailer is estimated to be between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

2. Tri-Axle Dog Trailer Acquisition

The Civil Construction Crew currently relies on one of Council's two drop deck trailers, subject to availability, to transport a small twin drum roller used for pavement patching activities. Observations by supervisory staff have identified that the current loading and unloading process presents an unacceptable safety risk.

Alternative options, including a dedicated trailer to be towed by the Isuzu patching truck, were investigated. However, this option is not practical as the trailer would interfere with the truck's permanently fitted Kokel patching box, which is required for normal patching operations. In addition, transporting the roller on a conventional trailer behind a Toyota Landcruiser or Hilux would exceed the towing capacity and legal weight limits of those vehicles.

Following consultation with the Civil Construction Crew, the preferred solution is the acquisition of a tri-axle dog trailer featuring a 9-metre deck, full-width loading ramps, and rubber ramp surfaces. This configuration will provide a significantly safer loading and unloading process for the twin drum roller while also improving operational efficiency.

The proposed trailer will have additional operational benefits by enabling the transport of a range of other plant and equipment. The front folding ramp design will also facilitate efficient loading of equipment such as the skid steer directly into the tipper body, increasing the trailer's versatility across multiple work activities.

Recommendation

That Council consider including the purchase of:

- one replacement emulsion trailer (estimated cost \$90,000–\$100,000); and
- one tri-axle dog trailer, (estimated cost \$100,000-\$120,000)

within the 2026/27 Capital Works Program through a budget variation or other appropriate funding mechanism, to address identified safety risks, improve operational efficiency, and replace ageing plant that has reached the end of its useful service life.

13.1.6 Birdsville Aerodrome Event Camping

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY:	Brent Reeman
AUTHOR(S):	Brent Reeman, Acting Director Infrastructure Services
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Special Event Zone application ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the May 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting a resolution was passed supporting the reintroduction of “Underwing Camping” for the Birdsville Races. Various options were considered in 2023 however were not progressed. The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s support in establishing an alternative Airside Camping zone as a trail for the 2026 Birdsville Races.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the implementation of a trial airside camping zone utilising the Special Event Zone process for the 2026 Birdsville Races.

BACKGROUND

The Birdsville Races has historically been Birdsville's largest tourism event and a significant contributor to the local economy and aviation tourism. For many years, the event attracted a strong self-fly market, with underwing camping becoming a unique and well-established feature for pilots and passengers arriving by aircraft.

In 2019, underwing camping ceased due to changes in aviation safety requirements, compliance obligations and regulatory standards. Camping within the operational airside area was no longer considered appropriate, with increasing operational requirements and costs, together with the impacts of COVID-19, also contributing to Council's decision not to continue the arrangement from 2020. The decision was met with disappointment from many members of the aviation community and the local business community.

DISCUSSION

At the May 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting a resolution was passed supporting the reintroduction of “Underwing Camping”.

To progress Council's resolution, consultation was undertaken on 29 July 2026 with the Birdsville Hotel and Birdsville Aviation. Stakeholders agreed that underwing camping could not continue in its previous form but supported developing a compliant alternative that retained the unique experience of "camping on the strip."

The preferred option is a designated fenced camping area adjacent to the aerodrome. Campers will have access to toilet facilities within the airport terminal and the public amenities adjacent to the Wirrarri Centre.

A soft launch is proposed during the 2026 Birdsville Races to assess operational requirements, gather user feedback and determine ongoing demand. No formal marketing campaign is proposed, with attendance expected to rely primarily on word-of-mouth promotion.

Should the trial demonstrate sufficient demand, Council may consider future investment in permanent infrastructure, including relocation of the permanent fence and investigation of changes to the airside boundary arrangements to support a formal Birdsville Base Camp concept.

Following consultation, discussions were held with Airport Industry Management Support regarding the operational and regulatory requirements for the proposed trial.

A Special Event Zone application has been submitted, together with a site plan identifying the proposed camping area and the temporary fencing required to separate the camping zone from operational airport areas.

Subject to the necessary approvals being obtained, the soft launch will proceed during the 2026 Birdsville Races.

Remaining Requirements and Operational Considerations

To enable the revised event camping arrangement to proceed, the following infrastructure and operational requirements have been identified:

- Council has temporary fencing available to establish the designated camping area and separate the site from operational airport areas. The fencing will be installed prior to the event and removed following the event, with no additional cost anticipated.
- A dedicated passenger access gate fitted with a keypad lock will be required to provide controlled access to the camping area. The gate will remain as a permanent installation to support future event camping.
- Existing event security will be utilised during the event period to monitor the camping area and respond to any operational or safety concerns.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.

Airside event camping will help support visitor numbers for major events.

POLICY

N/A

LEGISLATION

Airports Act 1996 and Airports Regulations 2024.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

The financial investment for a trial SEZ will be minimal as existing resources and equipment will be utilised. A PAX gate with a keypad lock will need to be installed at the approximate cost of \$2,000 ex GST

CONSULTATION

Birdsville Aviation, Birdsville Hotel, AIMS.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks have been identified as part of the Special Event Zone application process and will managed in line with the obligations set out in the application.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

In time for the Birdsville Races commencing 1 September.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Full underwing camping was considered however due to the compliance obligations and the expense involved it was not considered feasible.

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Application for a Special Event Zone (SEZ)

Any **orange text** provided below is intended to assist you with your application and should be deleted prior to submission.

Part A: Applicant details (SEZ Manager)	
<i>As the applicant, you are the special event zone manager and are responsible to ensure the specialised controls proposed in the event zone application are active whenever the Zone is in force.</i>	
1. Name	Brent Reeman
2. Position	Director of Infrastructure
3. Organisation	Diamantina Shire Council
4. Postal address	17 Herbert Street, Bedourie QLD 4829
5. Telephone number	0428 197 177
6. Email	Brent.Reeman@Diamantina.qld.gov.au

Part B: Proposed event details			
<i>Please tailor your application to this specific event. Applicants should not reuse past applications without first performing a comprehensive review and updating all necessary information.</i>			
1. Application type	Airside Event Zone ☒	Landside Event Zone ☐	Airside & Landside Event Zone ☐
2. Airport where proposed event will be held	Birdsville Airport		
3. Event name	Birdsville Base Camp - Races 2026		

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4. Describe the proposed zone and the activities that will occur in the zone.	The purpose of this application is to allow Council to repurpose some of its airport land as a temporary camp site to try to reinvigorate the declining self-fly market. The Birdsville Races has historically been the single biggest tourism attraction that brings visitors to Birdsville. Over recent years the total number of attendees has been in decline, particularly in the self-fly sector. Up until 2019, aside from the races, underwing camping was the main attraction luring general aviation to the event. With the impact of COVID and rising costs for Council to facilitate underwing camping, Council made the decision to suspend camping from 2020. The intent this year is to test the waters to determine if there is still an appetite for underwing camping during the Races at Birdsville. This year is proposed as a soft start, with no designated marketing campaign, relying primarily on word of mouth. If it appears to generate enough interest Council will consider investing on moving the permanent fence and re-gazetting the airside boundary permanently for future years. This will allow Council to formalise this Birdsville Base Camp concept and advertise it accordingly. The proposed SEZ will be located within the existing airport airside boundary fence line, which is a designated security-restricted area during operational periods. The SEZ will be used only for pilots of light aircraft and their passengers for the purpose of camping. No aircraft parking or aviation activity will occur within the zone. The airside–landside interface will be delineated by a temporary fence, providing a clear and controlled separation between the camping area and the secure airside boundary. A sample picture of a single panel of the proposed fencing follows. The SEZ will be enclosed by a combination of temporary fencing and the existing boundary fence, supported by signage identifying designated areas, safety requirements, and access conditions.
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5. Alternative security controls	The SEZ is reserved to self-fly visitors only. These campers will be required to leave the airside through the existing personnel gate and enter the SEZ from landside. SEZ access will be restricted via a single locked landside gate. A Register for those arriving by air to camp will be maintained by the airport ARO who will be on-site for all arrivals and departures. Those on the register will be given the code to a combination padlock. Security personnel will be onsite for the event, and random security patrols will be conducted throughout the day and night to ensure compliance with all safety rules and to monitor behaviour. Access to airside during operational periods will still require a valid ASIC, unless the individual is accompanied by a pilot who holds an ASIC and is authorised to escort them in accordance with airport security requirements. The airside gate will remain locked at all times as normal and will only be opened by Diamantina Shire Council, or their delegates and the airline rep. These personnel will supervise any authorised airside movements to ensure compliance with security protocols and maintain the integrity of the restricted area. The temporary airside fence will be inspected three times daily by the aerodrome reporting officers, with each inspection recorded in the aerodrome's reporting logs. These controls differ from standard arrangements by introducing: • Camping facilities for self-fly visitors only • A register for all aircraft pilots and their passengers wanting to access the SEZ • Introduction of a locked landside gate to access the SEZ area • Additional signage clearly identifying the access and egress points as well as the SEZ boundary • Council airside approved vehicle access only permitted in the SEZ • Prohibition of fires within the SEZ • Randomised security patrols and compliance checks • Temporary fencing and enhanced signage • Controlled SEZ and airside access • Scheduled temporary fence inspections recorded in aerodrome logs ASIC-based airside entry, including pilot-escort provisions during operational periods remains the same.
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6. Will weapons be present for any reason in the proposed event zone?	No weapons will normally be present within the SEZ. The only exception to this rule would be for Queensland Police should they be required. Random security checks may be conducted by the security personnel to ensure compliance with this requirement. No individuals, staff, campers, or visitors will be permitted to carry or store weapons within the SEZ or any surrounding controlled areas.	
	Yes ☒ <i>Please provide details in Part C.</i>	No ☐
7. Period/s in which the proposed special event zone will be in force. <i>Note: Outside of the times the SEZ is in force, the security measures per the airport operator's TSP will apply.</i>	The activity will be conducted within the defined Special Event Zone (SEZ) for the duration of the approved event period. All operational timelines, including start and end dates and daily start/finish times, incorporate the required bump-in and bump-out activities necessary to safely establish, operate, and dismantle the temporary SEZ infrastructure. • Bump-in: Commences 1 September 2026 at 10:00. Diamantina Shire Council airport staff will finalise the erection of the temporary fencing and associated infrastructure, including bunting and signage. Bump-in continues until the SEZ is fully established, all safety controls are in place, and the temporary airside fence has been inspected and approved by Diamantina Shire Council Director of Infrastructure, or their delegate. • Event Operations: Daily activities will occur continuously from 10:00 on 2 September 2026 until 10:00 on 6 September 2026. The SEZ will only be active and required during this defined operational period. • Airside Boundary Reinstatement: The airside boundary will be reinstated to standard conditions on 6 September 2026 at 10:00. • Bump-out: Begins 8 September 2026 at 10:00 and concludes once all temporary infrastructure has been removed and the area has been returned to normal aerodrome operating conditions.	

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8. Estimated number of persons expected to attend the event held in the proposed event zone.	For this year (2026) we consider that at most 6x 4-6 seater aircraft might take up the camping option, giving a maximum of 36 campers potentially in the zone. Also entering the SEZ at varying times will be the dedicated Security team that will be in town for the event. They will enter the SEZ to carry out patrols at irregular times. The Airports ARO's may also enter the zone if required, to respond to any issues that require intervention.
9. Explanation of how the estimated number of persons was calculated.	This estimate was achieved based on local knowledge gained over the last 5 years of Races and discussions with pilots around the removal of prior camping privileges.
10. If you are not the airport operator, you must provide details of the consultation undertaken with the airport operator.	Attached ☐ Provide written correspondence with the airport operator that demonstrates consultation with, and endorsement of, the proposed zone.

Part C: Security
<i>SEZ applicants must ensure that all risk mitigation strategies and associated security measures are commensurate to the complexity of the event and the number of expected visitors.</i>
1. Set out detailed measures that will be taken to manage and mitigate the following security matters:

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a) How the boundaries of the event zone will be delineated	The airside–landside interface will be delineated by a temporary fence, establishing a clear separation between the camping area and the controlled airside boundary. A photo of a single panel of the temporary fencing follows: 
b) Adequate management and supervision of the event zone/s	Council will have 3x AROs in residence at the airport located donga's for the duration of the SEZ. They will be on duty dawn till dusk and on call for all aircraft movements 24/7. They will maintain an ongoing watch over the SEZ area, particularly when aircraft movements are occurring. Event security personal will also be onsite to monitor activities and complete random patrols of the SEZ.

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c) Controlling the movement of people, goods and vehicles within the event zone.	Access to the SEZ will be through a locked gate. Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorised personnel will ensure a person requesting access is a legitimate self-fly camper on the SEZ register before providing the combination to the access padlock. Vehicle access to the SEZ will be restricted to approved personnel, authorised vehicles, and their occupants only. All other vehicles will be prohibited from entering the zone unless formally approved. Emergency personnel and emergency service agencies will have the combination padlock code and retain access to the SEZ via landside as required for any operational response. A private security company will provide an irregular presence at the SEZ.
d) Restricting access to the event zone (unauthorised movement of persons in or out of the zone from landside and/or airside).	Only self-fly campers will be permitted to enter and exit the SEZ; via the designated landside access point shown on the plan that follows. As the SEZ is a camping-only area located within the airside boundary but not itself a restricted zone, campers may move in and out without formal screening, provided they remain on the landside side of the temporary fence. The SEZ Manager, supported by Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorised staff and local security, will ensure that only invited or authorised participants enter the SEZ by monitoring access points, conducting periodic checks, and overseeing general activity within the zone.

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e) Prevent weapons or prohibited items from entering the event zone	Weapons and prohibited items will not be permitted within the SEZ unless carried by Queensland Police. No formal sterile-area screening will be undertaken, as the SEZ is not a secure or controlled aviation zone. Any item identified as unlawful under Queensland legislation will be confiscated or escalated to police. A pre-event briefing will be delivered to all staff and contractors, covering: • Prohibited items • Airport-specific security obligations • Reporting and escalation procedures • Requirements for managing suspected unlawful possession Temporary signage will be installed at SEZ entry points clearly stating that weapons and prohibited items are not permitted. Signage will reference Queensland legal obligations and direct guests to security personnel for clarification.
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f) Ensure the security and prevent interference with nearby regular passenger transport services (RPT), airside security zone (SRA), active runways, taxiways, landside security zones, unattended and display aircraft.	Birdsville has one main apron and one parking bay which is 55 m's from the nose wheel / marshallers parking line to the closest corner of the SEZ. Only two (2) RPT's (REX using S340's) are scheduled during the proposed SEZ period. One on the Thursday and one on the Friday. 3x aerodrome reporting officers (ARO's) are on duty for all aircraft movements and are responsible for aviation related safety and security. This includes dealing with any possible aviation issues arising from having the SEZ active. The SEZ will not foreseeably impact RPT operations. The zone is positioned entirely outside the RPT apron, and all activities remain on the landside side of the temporary airside boundary. No activity will interfere with aircraft movements, passenger processing, or apron safety requirements. Restricting Unauthorised Access to the RPT Apron and RPT Services will be prevented through continuous monitoring by Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorized staff, who will be onsite at all times. These personnel will manage aircraft operations including parking and the transit of crew and passengers off airside. The temporary airside fence and locked airside gate ensure that no SEZ participant can enter the RPT apron or any airside operational area. The SEZ does not enter or transit through the airside Security Restricted Area (SRA). It remains fully landside, separated by a temporary fence and controlled access gate. Because the SEZ is not located within the SRA and does not require movement through a secure zone, no aviation-security screening measures are required under the Aviation Transport Security Regulations. If any future activity required movement through the SRA, screening procedures consistent with the airport's Transport Security Program (TSP) would be implemented and managed by authorised personnel.
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g) The notification methods to other aviation industry participants that the zone is in force and/or ceases to be in force.	While it is unlikely that aviation industry participants will be affected by the operation of the SEZ, those who are, or who may be affected, will be formally notified when the zone comes into force and when it ceases to be in force. Notifications will be issued through established airport communication channels to ensure all relevant parties are aware of the SEZ's operational status. Notifications will be provided to: • Charter and general aviation operators • Queensland Police Service • Emergency services and response agencies • Any other aviation participants scheduled to operate during the event period The SEZ Manager and Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorized staff, will distribute notifications via: • Direct email or phone communication to known operators • Operational briefings to on-site personnel A final notification will be issued once the SEZ is dismantled and the airside boundary has been reinstated to standard conditions, confirming that normal airport operations have resumed without SEZ-related restrictions.
h) Unattended items being left in the event zone.	Unattended items within the SEZ will be identified through continuous monitoring by Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorized personnel. Any item found without an identifiable owner will be treated as a potential risk and investigated immediately. To ensure no unattended items remain within the SEZ, regular sweeps of the camping area and surrounding access points will be conducted throughout the event period. Security personnel will check for bags, equipment, or personal belongings left unattended and will escalate any suspicious items in accordance with airport safety and security procedures. A final inspection sweep will be conducted prior to the SEZ being released back to normal operations. This inspection will be undertaken by Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorized staff, ensuring the area is clear of all items, temporary infrastructure, and any potential hazards. Once the area is confirmed safe and free of unattended items, the airside boundary will be reinstated to standard conditions.

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i) Managing a broader airport emergency during the proposed event period.	Emergency management within the SEZ will be Diamantina Shire Council authorised personnel. Clear procedures will be in place to ensure the safe evacuation of all SEZ participants if required. The primary emergency assembly point for SEZ participants will be the carpark located behind the terminal, accessible via the designated landside gate. This assembly point is suitable for rapid evacuation and is positioned away from aircraft movement areas and operational hazards. Campers will be briefed on arrival regarding emergency procedures, including: • The location of the assembly point • How to evacuate via the landside gate • Who will lead and coordinate the evacuation • How instructions will be communicated during an emergency Airport staff will conduct ongoing monitoring of the SEZ and will initiate evacuation procedures if required. In the event of an emergency, staff will guide participants to the assembly point and ensure all individuals are accounted for. A final safety inspection will be conducted by Council's airport staff before the SEZ is returned to normal operations, confirming that the area is safe, clear of hazards, and suitable for reopening.
2. Additional security matters:	
a) Explain how the security risks for this SEZ were identified.	A risk assessment was undertaken in discussion with airport specialists, council staff and event organisers. Appropriate mitigations were identified and will be implemented for all identified hazards. No previous events, threats, or security-related incidents have occurred at Birdsville, ever. Despite this, security risks will still be proactively identified and managed to ensure the safe operation of the SEZ. These measures ensure that any potential risks are identified early and that appropriate controls are implemented to maintain the safety and security of the SEZ, airport operations, and all participants.

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b) Other than those previously detailed, are there any additional security matters relevant to this SEZ?	If alcohol is present within the SEZ, responsible service of alcohol (RSA) obligations will apply, and security personnel will monitor behaviour, intoxication levels, and compliance with RSA requirements. Any breaches will be escalated to Qld Police as appropriate. As the SEZ is designated for camping only, no aircraft will be present within the zone. Security monitoring within the SEZ will therefore focus solely on camper behaviour, compliance with safety rules, and maintaining the integrity of the temporary airside boundary
c) What measures will be taken to manage and mitigate the security risks identified in 2b?	The SEZ will be a camping area provided only for the self-fly attendees. Land side security personal will be onsite to monitor activities Diamantina Shire Council airport-authorized personnel will conduct and monitor the proposed Temporary airside fence
<i>The Secretary may request further information. Failure to adequately describe risks and mitigation measures may result in the Secretary refusing to consider the application until the applicant provides the requested information.</i> <i>Until such time as the SEZ has been approved, existing security measures per the airport operator's TSP still apply.</i>	

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Part D: Maps	
Maps must be clear and legible. If access to the proposed SEZ requires participants to transit through an airside area, the transit route must be incorporated into the SEZ and clearly shown on the map; otherwise, standard ASIC display requirements apply. Attach the following maps:	
1. A whole of airport map depicting the zone/s location within the airport boundary;	Attached ☒ Must show the airside/landside boundary. Must clearly depict the SEZ location.
2. Zoomed in map/s depicting the zone boundary with the entry and exit points. This map must show the airside/landside boundary.	Attached ☒ Must clearly mark all entry and exit points. Must show the airside/landside boundary if present. Must show airside transit route (where applicable).

Part E: Obligations	
An aviation industry participant who applies to the Secretary for a special event zone (the applicant), is considered the special event zone manager. You are responsible to ensure the specialised controls proposed in the event zone application are active whenever the Zone is in force. It is an <i>offence</i> if the event zone is in force and the SEZ manager: - fails to delineate the boundaries of the zone - fails to notify relevant aviation industry participants of either or both of the following: (i) when the zone is in force; (ii) when the zone ceases to be in force. - allows unauthorised movement into or out of the zone For further information, refer to the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005 - Subdivision 3A.2.2—Requirements for airside special event zones - Subdivision 3A.2.3—Offences relating to airside special event zones - Subdivision 3A.3.2—Requirements for landside special event zones - Subdivision 3A.3.3—Offences relating to landside special event zones Under s79 of the Aviation Transport Security Act 2004 (the Act), Aviation Security Inspectors have the authority to enter and inspect a security-controlled airport or any area, building or vehicle under the control of an aviation industry participant.	
Applicant Name	Brent Reeman <i>Brent Reeman</i>
Date	30/07/2026

Submit
Submit the completed and signed application form and all attachments to national.coordinator@homeaffairs.gov.au Applications must be submitted to the Department with reasonable notice (ideally at least 28 days) before the planned commencement date.

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Attachment I – Map showing Airside boundary and SEZ location.



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Attachment 2 – View of the SEZ including airside egress and SEZ access in relation to airside boundary.



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13.2 Corporate Services Directorate

13.2.1 Finance Report - July 2026

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY:	Jade Nacario
AUTHOR(S):	Abdul Shaid, Senior Finance Consultant
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ATTACHMENTS:	1. Finance report July 2026 attachment ↓

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - July 2026 report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presentation of the financial report for 31 July 2026 as required under section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012. The report is presented for noting and indicates whether Council is progressing satisfactorily against its current budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The monthly finance reports are prepared in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 s204.

The contents of the report include:

1. Key Highlights
2. Operating Result
3. Cash Position
4. Trade and Receivables
5. Investments
6. QTC Loans
7. Sales, contracts and Recoverable works
8. Fleet and plant.

1. Key Highlights

The key highlights are presented below; refer to the relevant sections of the report for more detailed information.

- Operating result indicated a loss of **(\$1,414,426)**. Refer to Item 2.

The major factors that contributed to the operating results are:

Factors	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comments
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(1,414,426)	(4,068,000)	2,653,574	Council budget an operating loss for 2026-27. Relatively higher loss during the period is due to the rates that still to be levied in August 2026.
Depreciation	631,389	7,796,000	(7,164,611)	Depreciation is in line with Council's budgeted depreciation for 2026-27.
Interest Income	39,533	251,000	(211,467)	Council's interest from investment is in line with budget.
Materials and Services	1,217,259	32,293,000	(31,075,741)	Council expects to accelerate its spending the coming months.

- Cash Position

The current cash balance is **\$8,870,475** reflecting a fair position. For detailed information, please refer to item 3.

The calculated net cash available after restrictions for operational purposes is **\$8,870,475** which represents **2.56** months of cover. This is below the minimum cash cover target of 4 months for Tier 7. The amount is same as the actual cash due to contract assets is higher than the contract liabilities.

2. Operating Result

The comprehensive income statement operating result indicated a net deficit of **(1,414,426)**. This is the net of **\$ 1,232,652** in recurrent revenue and **\$2,647,078** in recurrent expenditure.

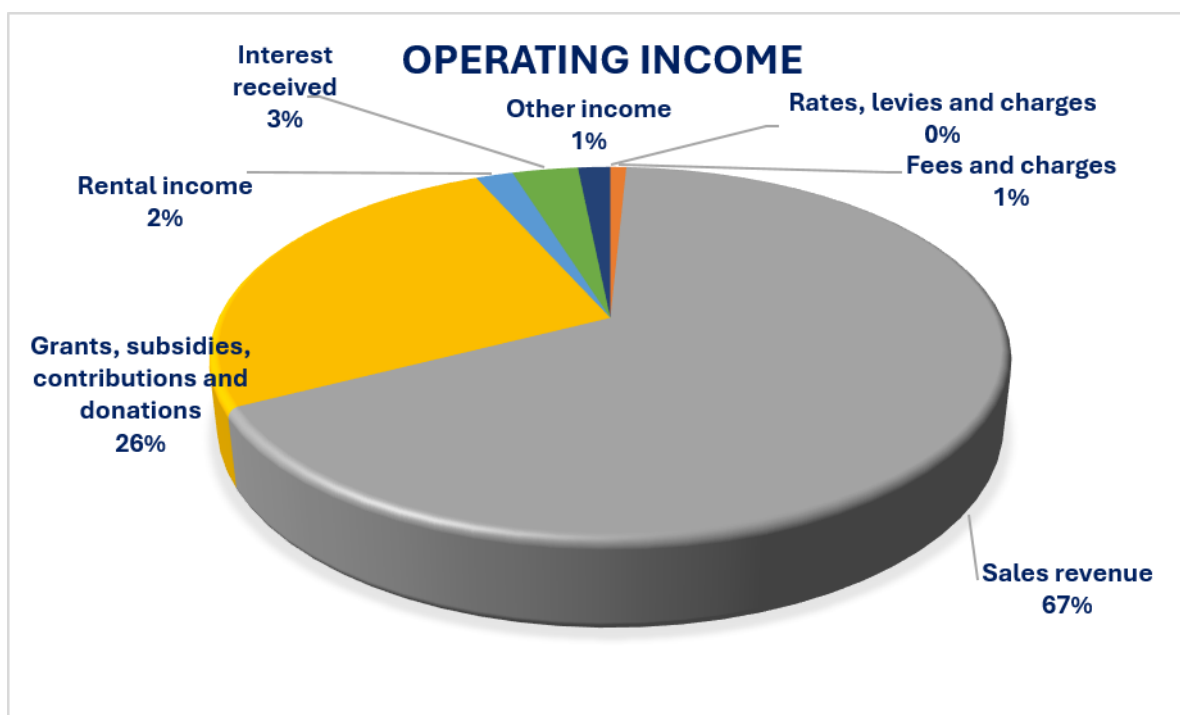
	Actual	Budget	%	Comments
Operating Income	1,232,652	45,110,000	3%	Lower income is due to the minimal operating expenditure of funded programs for the period and rates still to be levied in August 2026.
Operating Expenditure	2,647,078	49,178,000	5%	Lower income is due to the minimal operating expenditure of funded programs
Operating Result	(1,414,426)	(4,068,000)	35%	

- Operating EBITDA

Operating Earnings Before Income Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) is at **(\$765,299)**. EBITA is the financial measure that showed how much profit (loss) the Council made from its core operations, before factoring in costs that don't directly relate to running its day-to-day operation

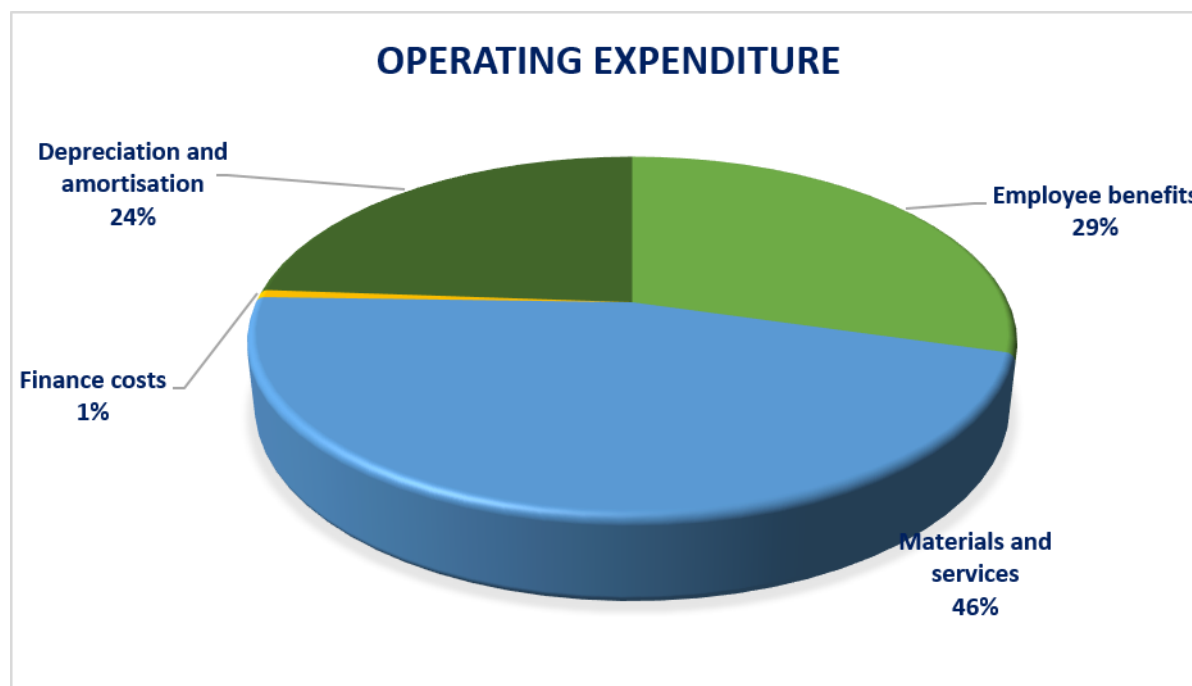
- Operating Income

Revenues from operations for July 2026, which is 3% of the budgeted income mainly due to the above explanation.



	Actual	Budget	%	Comments
Rates, Levies and Charges	-	1,369,000	0%	Rates are levied once a year. Council in the process of issuing the levies for 2026-27.
Fees and Charges	9,563	374,000	3%	Minimal receipt during the period. Expected to increase in coming months.
Sales Revenue	820,935	18,922,000	4%	Minimal works carried for TIDS and RMPC jobs during the period.
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	320,899	23,253,000	1%	80% of FAGS 2026-27 allocation was received and recognised in June 2026. The amount this period consists of revenue recognised in relation to the QRA projects.
Rental Income	22,313	825,000	3%	Rental income consists of income from Council's housing.
Interest Income	39,533	251,000	16%	Interest is relatively higher due to higher cash balance during the period.
Other Income	19,409	116,000	17%	Mainly consists of airport and tourism related revenues within the expected budget.

- Operating Expenditure



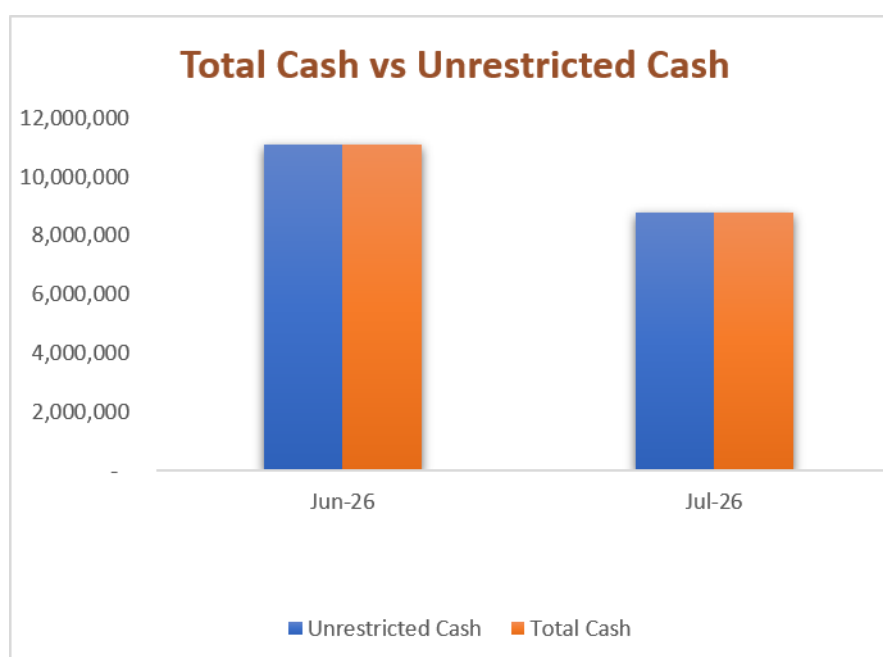
	Actual	Budget	%	Comments
Employee Benefits	780,692	8,857,000	9%	Within Council expected budget.
Materials and Services	1,217,259	32,293,000	4%	Materials and Services expenditure is lower than the budget.
Finance Costs	17,738	232,000	8%	Within Council expected budget.
Depreciation	631,389	7,796,000	8%	Within Council expected budget.

3. Cash Position

Council's cash balance of **\$ 8,770,475** is expected to generate additional interest revenue. However, it is important to note that this figure is subject to several external restrictions, primarily related to contract liabilities - funds received for grant funded projects and has not been spent. The graph below illustrates the total cash held (orange columns) compared to the unrestricted cash available for Council operations expenditures (blue columns).

	Jun-26	Jul-26
Unrestricted Cash	11,108,189	8,770,475
Total Cash	11,108,189	8,770,475

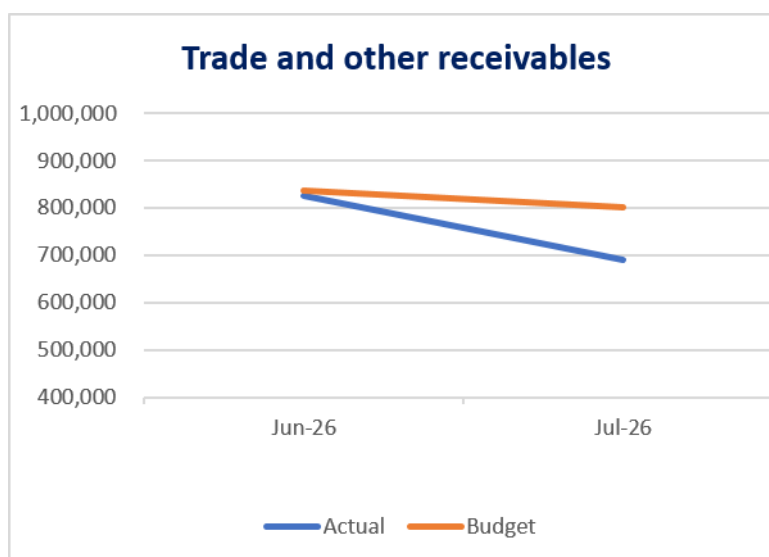
**Unrestricted cash were calculated by offsetting the total grant received from grant providers whether there is a right of offset.*



4. Trade and Receivables

The graph below shows Council's trade and receivables balance of \$690,559 compared with the forecast year-end balance of \$800,000. The variance largely reflects the timing of receipts, with most outstanding balances relating to State Government agencies and therefore carrying a low collectability risk.

The forecast figure represents the expected receivables position at year end rather than the balance at the reporting date. The Finance Team has continued to apply Council's debt recovery policy to support timely collection and minimise the risk of financial loss.



5. Investments

In accordance with Council's Investment Policy, available funds were invested with Queensland Treasury Corporation. The table below outlines the investment performance for the month of July 2026.

Investment Account	Financial Institutions	Funds Available Balance	July 2026 Interest Income	YTD Interest Earned
QTC General Fund	QTC	\$7,540,478	\$39,459	\$39,459

6. QTC Loans

Council has four fixed-rate loans outstanding with Queensland Treasury Corporation.

Loan	Rate	Quarterly Repayment	Book Value as at 31 July 2026	Maturity Date
Caravan Park (Loan 1 – 30.43%)	3.05%	11,720	404,303	June 2036
Housing Loan 2022 (Loan 2)	4.61%	19,195	870,866	June 2042
Optic Fibre (Loan 1 – 69.57%)	3.05%	26,790	921,755	June 2036
Birdsville Water Project 2025 (Loan 3)	5.28%	37,748	1,955,110	June 2045
Birdsville Housing Project (Loan 4)	5.28%	20,307	977,355	June 2045
		115,760	5,129,389	

7. Sales Contracts and Recoverable Works

Council's financial performance during the reporting period has been positively influenced by the Engineering team's timely submission of periodic claims. This proactive approach led to better management of revenue from recoverable works, thereby contributing to the Council's overall financial position. Timely claims have not only driven revenue growth but have also enhanced cash flow predictability, facilitating the faster recovery of project-related costs. This stability in cash flow has enabled the Council to maintain liquidity and effectively allocate resources for future projects and operational priorities.

The table below provides a detailed breakdown of revenue and expenditure related to Main Roads activities:

Sales Contracts and Recoverable Works	Actual July 2026	Budget	Variance (Actual vs Budget)
Income			
TIDS and other main roads recoverable works			
Contract Revenue Incl. Rmpc & Mwpc	135,965	15,250,000	1%
	135,965	15,250,000	1%
RMPC			
Contract Revenue Incl. Rmpc & Mwpc	684,970	3,572,125	19%
Total income	820,935	18,822,125	4%
Expenses			
TIDS and other main roads recoverable works			
Salaries & Wages	24,017	625,000	4%
Labour On Costs	-	567,080	0%
Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)	66,920	2,445,144	3%
Contractors - Road Works	10,730	9,182,222	0%
Contractors - Others	6,559	-	0%
Consultants	12,632	677,444	2%
Stores On Costs	-	12,554	0%
	120,858	13,509,445	1%
RMPC			
Salaries & Wages	66,415	500,000	13%
Consultants	13,556	160,000	8%
Contractors - Road Works	11,392	970,000	1%
Contractors - Others	77,344	-	0%
Stores Issues	24,377	-	0%
Telephone	-	200	0%
Labour On Costs	-	65,000	0%
Stores On Costs	3,656	1,011	362%
Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)	395,695	1,275,000	31%
Subscriptions/Licences/Memberships	16,427	-	0%
	608,862	2,971,211	20%
TIDS and other main roads recoverable works net result	15,107	1,740,555	1%
RMPC net result	76,108	600,914	13%

The financial outcomes and operational efficiencies achieved during the period demonstrate the effectiveness of the Council's strategies in contract management and cost recovery.

** Accrued revenue for the year includes the estimated 12.5% profit under the TMR arrangement.*

8. Fleet and Plant

Fleet Management	Actual July 2026	Budget	Variance (Actual vs Budget)
Income			
Other Fees & Charges	47	1,000	5%
Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)	1,082,916	8,500,000	13%
Operating Grants - State Government	-	120,000	0%
	1,082,963	8,621,000	13%
Expenses			
Salaries & Wages	44,981	390,471	12%
Materials	52,003	765,000	0%
Service Contracts	18,826	145,000	13%
Consultants	200	55,000	0%
Contractors - Others	28,561	575,000	5%
Subscriptions/Licences/Memberships	107,389	62,000	0%
Stores Issues	73,135	1,200,000	0%
Consumables	224	102,000	0%
Travel - Flights, Accommodation, Meals Etc	245	85,000	0%
Freight	1,394	45,000	0%
Electricity	-	20,000	0%
Telephone	-	400	0%
Labour On Costs	-	255,452	0%
Stores On Costs	10,970	135,461	0%
Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)	12,649	100,615	13%
Insurance Premiums	-	95,000	0%
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	185,019	1,462,158	13%
Depreciation - Other Plant & Equipment	7,765	93,180	8%
	543,361	5,586,738	10%
Fleet Management net result	539,602	3,034,262	18%

The Fleet and Plant operation yields a positive result and slightly above the expected for the period.

- Operating Income: **\$1,082,963** (13% of the budgeted **\$8,621,000**)
- Operating Expenditure: **\$543,361** (10% of the budgeted **\$5,586,738**)

Management is closely monitoring plant utilisation and cost recovery and implements corrective actions to continually improve revenue recovery and financial performance through the financial year.

These measures support Council's commitment to prudent financial management, operational effectiveness, and sustainable service delivery.

POLICY

N/A

LEGISLATION*Local Government Regulation 2012, section 204:*

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, at 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 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.

*Local Government Act 2009***FINANCE AND RESOURCES**

The report identifies how Council is tracking against the adopted operational and capital budgets for the financial year.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team and Managers.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk is considered low, and Council will be advised if major items deviate from the adopted budget and forecasts. Council management remains vigilant, engaging in proactive risk management as part of daily operations to ensure that any emerging issues are promptly identified and addressed, further safeguarding the Council's financial stability and strategic objectives.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

Finance reports are assessed monthly, and any irregularities are managed within budget, and variances are reported to Council.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

N/A



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual 31-Jul-26	Budget 30-Jun-27	Actual vs Budget %
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	-	1,369,000	● 0%
Fees and charges	9,563	374,000	● 3%
Sales revenue	820,935	18,922,000	● 4%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	320,899	23,253,000	● 1%
Total recurrent revenue	1,151,397	43,918,000	● 3%
Other income			
Rental income	22,313	825,000	● 3%
Interest received	39,533	251,000	● 16%
Other income	19,409	116,000	● 17%
	81,255	1,192,000	● 7%
Total operating revenue	1,232,652	45,110,000	● 3%
Capital income			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	825,915	9,614,000	● 9%
Capital income	3,479	-	● 0%
Total revenue	829,394	9,614,000	● 9%
Total income	2,062,046	54,724,000	● 4%
Expenses			
Operating expenses			
Employee benefits	780,692	8,857,000	● 9%
Materials and services	1,217,259	32,293,000	● 4%
Finance costs	17,738	232,000	● 8%
Depreciation and amortisation	631,389	7,796,000	● 8%
Total operating expenses	2,647,078	49,178,000	5%
Total expenses	2,647,078	49,178,000	● 5%
Net result	(585,032)	5,546,000	● -11%
Operating result			
Operating revenue	1,232,652	45,110,000	● 3%
Operating expenses	2,647,078	49,178,000	● 5%
Operating result	(1,414,426)	(4,068,000)	● 35%

Key Points:

1 Operating EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation): -\$765,299



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 July 2026

	Actual 31-Jul-26	Budget 30-Jun-27	Actual vs Budget %
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8,770,475	14,940,000	59%
Trade and other receivables	690,559	800,000	86%
Inventories	1,561,850	1,089,000	143%
Contract Assets	4,261,420	2,000,000	213%
Other financial assets	-	210,000	0%
Total current assets	15,284,304	19,039,000	80%
Non-current assets held for sale	517,000	662,000	78%
Total current assets	15,801,304	19,701,000	80%
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	182,878,382	187,679,000	97%
Total non-current assets	182,878,382	187,679,000	97%
Total assets	198,679,686	207,380,000	96%
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	705,351	1,174,000	60%
Contract Liabilities	3,457,617	4,000,000	86%
Borrowings	271,637	385,000	71%
Provisions	576,186	576,000	100%
Other liabilities	92,953	-	0%
Total current liabilities	5,103,744	6,135,000	83%
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	4,857,753	4,260,000	114%
Provisions	92,443	80,000	116%
Total non-current liabilities	4,950,196	4,340,000	114%
Total liabilities	10,053,940	10,475,000	96%
Net community assets	188,625,746	196,905,000	96%
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	111,071,891	111,072,000	100%
Retained surplus	77,553,855	85,833,000	90%
Total community equity	188,625,746	196,905,000	96%



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of Cash Flows

for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual 31-Jul-26	Budget 30-Jun-27
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	2,429,927	21,182,000
Payments to suppliers and employees	(26,030,413)	(37,659,000)
Interest received	39,533	251,000
Rental income	22,313	825,000
Non-capital grants and contributions	9,476,284	23,253,000
Borrowing costs	(17,738)	(232,000)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(14,080,094)	7,620,000
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(1,973,931)	(13,374,000)
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	12,639,932	9,614,000
Net cash outflow from investing activities	10,666,001	(3,760,000)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(212,910)	(457,000)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(212,910)	(457,000)
Total cash flows		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(3,627,003)	3,403,000
Opening cash and cash equivalents	12,397,478	11,537,000
Closing cash and cash equivalents	8,770,475	14,940,000



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result %
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	(Actual vs Budget)
Community Services							
Caravan Parks & Lodge Accommdations	6,752	40,250	(33,498)	171,000	453,362	(282,362)	● 12%
Community Development	-	226	(226)	-	1,500	(1,500)	● 15%
Community Donations	-	-	-	-	146,678	(146,678)	● 0%
Community Events	-	63,050	(63,050)	8,000	388,651	(380,651)	● 17%
Community Housing	540	7,681	(7,141)	75,000	1,166,572	(1,091,572)	● 1%
Community's Admin & Support	3,000	30,945	(27,945)	15,000	354,610	(339,610)	● 8%
Libraries	-	2,345	(2,345)	40,000	53,125	(13,125)	● 18%
Museums & Heritage	141	1,305	(1,164)	1,500	82,600	(81,100)	● 1%
RADF	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	22,000	(2,000)	● -1000%
Tourism	-	4,376	(4,376)	(40,000)	1,029,000	(1,069,000)	● 0%
Visitor Information	2,460	81,707	(79,247)	100,000	853,216	(753,216)	● 11%
Youth Development	-	9,139	(9,139)	95,365	273,923	(178,558)	● 5%
Community Services total	32,893	241,024	(208,131)	485,865	4,825,236	(4,339,371)	5%



Diamantina Shire Council **Statement of income and expenditure by program** for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result %
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	(Actual vs Budget)
Corporate Services							
Cash Management	-	-	-	-	11,000	(11,000)	0%
Communication Services	-	-	-	-	32,000	(32,000)	0%
Corporate	-	47,267	(47,267)	1,500	942,186	(940,686)	5%
Council Controlled Land	-	-	-	-	17,300	(17,300)	0%
Environmental Health	-	7,487	(7,487)	2,500	15,000	(12,500)	60%
Financial Services	39,459	59,009	(19,550)	250,000	699,850	(449,850)	4%
Human Resources	-	123,650	(123,650)	-	669,867	(669,867)	18%
Information Technology	-	12,444	(12,444)	-	610,000	(610,000)	2%
Insurance	-	-	-	-	406,225	(406,225)	0%
Rates Management	74	-	74	996,600	29,500	967,100	0%
Stores & Purchasing	-	210,644	(210,644)	-	248,013	(248,013)	85%
Taxation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Wages On-Costs	177,599	135,749	41,850	4,600,000	2,063,060	2,536,940	2%
Workplace Health & Safety	-	30,068	(30,068)	-	443,149	(443,149)	7%
Corporate Services Total	217,132	626,318	(409,186)	5,850,600	6,187,149	(336,549)	122%



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result %
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	(Actual vs Budget)
Governance Services							
Councillors	-	32,341	(32,341)	-	466,007	(466,007)	7%
Development Services	-	220	(220)	71,000	105,000	(34,000)	1%
Disaster Management	-	8,256	(8,256)	-	8,659	(8,659)	95%
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	151,464	(151,464)	0%
Funded Program	-	2,340	(2,340)	7,338,322	-	7,338,322	0%
Governance	-	165,067	(165,067)	-	923,359	(923,359)	18%
Regional Coordination	-	43,136	(43,136)	-	96,000	(96,000)	45%
Governance Services total	-	251,360	(251,360)	7,409,322	1,750,489	5,658,832	-4%



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result %
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	(Actual vs Budget)
Infrastructure Services							
Airport	13,237	17,587	(4,350)	153,000	923,203	(770,203)	● 1%
Animal Control	-	-	-	-	785	(785)	● 0%
Asset Management	-	-	-	-	219,318	(219,318)	● 0%
Cemeteries	-	237	(237)	-	11,057	(11,057)	● 2%
Community & Sporting Facilities	77	15,095	(15,018)	11,000	297,117	(286,117)	● 5%
Community Centres & Halls	295	2,882	(2,587)	500	394,333	(393,833)	● 1%
Council Housing	21,773	243,702	(221,929)	750,000	819,442	(69,442)	● 320%
Emergency Service Facilities (SES)	-	1,006	(1,006)	17,000	10,255	6,745	● -15%
Facilities Maintenance	-	48,971	(48,971)	-	560,692	(560,692)	● 9%
Fleet Management	1,085,799	544,030	541,769	8,621,000	5,593,738	3,027,262	● 18%
Health Care Facilities	-	-	-	-	147,135	(147,135)	● 0%
Infrastructure And Related Services	-	45,400	(45,400)	-	808,308	(808,308)	● 6%
Landfill	-	1,067	(1,067)	-	44,179	(44,179)	● 2%
Main Roads Flood Damage*	-	108,486	(108,486)	1,000,000	889,486	110,514	● -98%
Minor Works Performance Contracts (MWPC)	-	-	-	-	5,250	(5,250)	● 0%
Parks & Gardens	-	20,799	(20,799)	-	896,659	(896,659)	● 2%
Pest And Stock Route Management	-	-	-	-	26,500	(26,500)	● 0%
Private Works	-	2,578	(2,578)	-	6,872	(6,872)	● 38%
Public Conveniences	-	1,891	(1,891)	-	178,130	(178,130)	● 1%
RMPC	684,970	608,862	76,108	3,572,125	2,971,211	600,914	● 13%



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 31 July 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result %
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	(Actual vs Budget)
Infrastructure Services							
Road Maintenance	-	248,637	(248,637)	841,370	3,466,100	(2,624,731)	● 9%
Roads To Recovery (R2R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	● 0%
Safety & Quality	-	-	-	-	12,000	(12,000)	● 0%
Sewerage Schemes	-	7,920	(7,920)	70,100	189,010	(118,910)	● 7%
Shire Roads Flood Damage (SRFD)**	-	664,551	(664,551)	14,703,000	14,812,890	(109,890)	● 605%
Showgrounds/Racecourse	-	21,566	(21,566)	-	247,968	(247,968)	● 9%
Stormwater	-	-	-	-	190	(190)	● 0%
Swimming Pools	127	9,235	(9,108)	100	223,408	(223,308)	● 4%
Television & Radio Transmission Stations	-	12,000	(12,000)	-	33,527	(33,527)	● 36%
TIDS*	135,965	8,659	127,306	150,000	150,000	-	● 0%
Town Common	-	9,231	(9,231)	-	20,290	(20,290)	● 45%
Town Depot	-	19,618	(19,618)	-	372,204	(372,204)	● 5%
Town Streets	-	70,171	(70,171)	-	529,564	(529,564)	● 13%
Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-	● 0%
Waste Management	-	4,314	(4,314)	66,600	13,309	53,291	● -8%
Water Schemes	-	42,421	(42,421)	237,000	449,998	(212,998)	● 20%
Infrastructure Services Total	1,942,243	2,780,916	(838,673)	30,192,795	35,324,129	(5,131,334)	● 16%

* Accrued revenue for the year includes the estimated 12.5% profit under the TMR arrangement.

Diamantina Shire Council Capital Expenditure for the period ended 31 July 2026								
	BAU	Fleet	QRA	RMPC	TMR Rec Works	Total	Budget	Actual vs Budget %
Operating Income	Actual	Actual						
Rates, levies and charges	-	-				-	1,369,000	0%
Fees and charges	9,516	47				9,563	374,000	3%
Sales revenue	(946,951)	-		684,970	1,082,916	820,935	18,922,000	4%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	320,899	-	-		-	320,899	23,253,000	1%
Rental income	22,313	-				22,313	825,000	3%
Interest received	39,533	-				39,533	251,000	16%
Other income	19,409	-				19,409	116,000	17%
Total Income	(535,281)	47	-	684,970	1,082,916	1,232,652	24,150,577	5%
Operating Expenses								
Employee benefits	733,336	44,981	-	2,422	(47)	780,692	8,857,000	9%
Materials and services	714,882	(777,320)	664,551	606,440	8,706	1,217,259	32,293,000	4%
Finance costs	17,738					17,738	232,000	8%
Depreciation and amortisation	438,605	192,784				631,389	7,796,000	8%
Total expenses	1,904,561	(539,555)	664,551	608,862	8,659	2,647,078	29,246,999	9%
Operating Result	(2,439,842)	539,602	(664,551)	76,108	1,074,257	(1,414,426)	(5,096,423)	28%

 Diamantina Shire Council Liquidity Analysis as at 31 July 2026		
	30-Jun-26	30-Apr-26
General Accounts		
Cash at Bank - Westpac	1,146,049	556,008
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth BV CP	42,215	42,215
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Wirrarri Centre	219	219
Cash Held Trust Funds	41,514	41,514
Investment - QTC	7,540,478	8,013,111
Total balance held in banks (incl Reserves)	8,770,475	8,653,067
Liquid assets and liabilities		
Receivables	690,559	329,731
Payables	-705,351	-579,173
Contract balance	803,803	-1,285,326
	789,011	-1,534,768
Net liquid assets	9,559,486	7,118,299
QTC Borrowings		
Borrowings	-5,129,390	-5,191,202
Total balance QTC borrowings	-5,129,390	-5,191,202
Net Council Position after Borrowings and all Restrictions	4,430,096	1,927,097
TRUST		
Trust Accounts		
Cash Held Trust Funds	41,564	41,564
Total balance held in trust	41,564	41,564

 Diamantina Shire Council Sustainability Ratios as at 31 July 2026					
Type	Measure	Overview	Target (Tier 7)	Actual YTD	Council Narrative
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	The operating surplus is an indicator of the extent to which operating revenues generated cover operational expenses. Any operating surplus would be available for capital funding or other purposes.	0% to 10%	-114.75%	Below target due to timing of FA Grants and seasonal TMR claims. Budgeted to improve slightly by year-end.
	Operating Cash Ratio	The operating cash ratio is a measure of a council's ability to cover its core operational expenses and generate a cash surplus excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs.	Greater than 0%	-62.09%	The result is below the target, but it is budgeted to improve by year-end, implying that planned revenue increases or cost reductions are expected to restore positive cash flow.
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	The unrestricted cash expense cover ratio is an indicator of the unconstrained liquidity available to a council to meet ongoing and emergent financial demands, which is a key component to solvency. It represents the number of months a council can <u>continue operating based on current monthly expenses.</u>	Greater than 4 months	2.56	The result is above the target, improved at year-end, implying that planned revenue increased which restored positive cash flow. During the reporting period, unrestricted cash was offset by net contract balance of all grants regardless of right of offset.
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	The asset sustainability ratio approximates the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by a council are being replaced as <u>they reach the end of their useful lives.</u>	Greater than 90%	-	No data available at reporting date to assess asset replacement rate.
	Asset Consumption Ratio	The asset consumption ratio approximates the extent to which council's infrastructure assets have been consumed compared to what it would cost to build a new asset with the same benefit to the <u>community.</u>	Greater than 60%	-	Awaiting full data to evaluate asset consumption against replacement cost.
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	The leverage ratio is an indicator of a council's ability to repay its existing debt. It measures the relative size of the council's debt to <u>its operating performance</u>	0 to 3 times	6.70	Council's borrowings are 7 times its earnings before depreciation (EBITDA), indicating manageable debt levels relative to earnings.
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	Council controlled revenue is an indicator of a council's financial flexibility, ability to influence its operating income, and capacity to <u>respond to unexpected financial shocks.</u>	No target as contextual measure	0.78%	Council-controlled revenue reflects financial independence. Tier 7 Councils area not measured against a target.
	Population Growth	Population growth is a key driver of a council's operating income, service needs, and infrastructure requirements into the future.	No target as contextual measure	0.74%	The latest population estimates available on the Queensland Government Statistician's Office was published on the 1st September 2023

Diamantina Shire Council

Capital Expenditure

for the period ended 31 July 2026

Diamantina Shire Council

Capital Projects

Data updated: 9/07/2026

Project Description	Asset Class	Type	Project Sponsor	Project Lead	Funding Body	Financial Year Budget Yr 25-26						Total Expenditure				
						Expense Budget	Project Grant Funding	Asset Sale / Trade-In	Loan	Reserves	Council Contrib'n	C/F Balances	Current Year Actuals	Purchase Orders	Life to Date Expense	Stage of Completion
12 Wodonga Street - New blinds	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	12,000	12,000				0					
Buildings - Bedourie SES Shed	Buildings	U	DIS	Jodie Girdler	SES	62,418	62,418				0	28,218	0		28,218	5%
Buildings - Birdsville - Bronco Branding Kitchen and Amenities	Buildings	N	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	100,000	100,000				0	1,695	174	24,844	26,713	5%
Buildings - Birdsville Courthouse - Refurbishment	Buildings	R	DIS	Vacant	DSC	327,262	327,262				0		8,450		8,450	
Buildings - Birdsville Courthouse - Drainage	Buildings	R	DIS	Vacant	DETSI	93,150	50,000				43,150				0	
Buildings - Community Hall, Birdsville - Refurbishment Kitchen	Buildings	R	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	150,000	150,000				0			13,820	13,820	15%
Buildings - Multipurpose Centre, Bedourie - Design	Buildings	U	DIS	Julianne Meier							0				0	
Buildings - Sports Centre, Birdsville - Airconditioning Design	Buildings	U	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	9,867	9,867				0		11,163		11,163	50%
5 Collibah Ct BV - Garage/Carport	Buildings	U	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	21,136	21,136				0	11,900	0		11,900	25%
38 Eyre St BD Replace Roof & Ceiling	Buildings	U	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	31,042	31,042				0	16,897	375	2,902	20,174	
8 Spinifex Ct BD - Garage	Buildings	U	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	24,884	24,884				0	10,116	0		10,116	
Other - Cemetery Beautification & Drainage work, Birdsville	Buildings	N	DIS	Vacant	W4Q	159,778	159,778				0	2,422	0	60,500	62,922	
CapEx - 3 Lignum Court, Bedourie - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	40,000	40,000				0				0	
CapEx - 2/6 Jardine Street, Birdsville - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	23,000	23,000				0				0	
CapEx - 45 Frew Street, Birdsville - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	71,900	71,900				0		498		498	
CapEx - 10 Spinifex Court, Bedourie - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	35,000	35,000				0				0	
CapEx - 11 Jardine Street, Birdsville - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	19,760	19,760				0	5,240	0		5,240	
CapEx - 13 Jardine Street, Birdsville - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	23,000	23,000				0				0	
CapEx - 5 Lignum Court, Bedourie - Housing Upgrades	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	23,000	23,000				0				0	
CapEx - 5 Coolibah Court	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	23,000	23,000				0				0	
CapEx - 1/6 Jardine Street	Buildings	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	23,000	23,000				0				0	
Wirrari Renovations	Buildings	R	DCM	Patrice Bradenb	DSC	50,000	0				50,000				0	
Bedourie Industrial Estate Land Acquisition	Land	N	CEO	Julianne Meier	DSC	70,506	0				70,506	62,946	1,820		64,766	
Other - Sandhill Project (Walking Track)	Other	N	DIS	Brent Reeman	DSC	10,000	0				10,000				0	
Other - Town Common Fencing - Bedourie	Other	R	DIS	Vacant	DSC	32,011	0	0	0	0	32,011	18,518	0		18,518	10%
DSUP - Birdsville Airport Carpark	Other	N	DIS	Stuart Bourne	DSUP						0				0	
Bedourie Levee Bank - 1.2M (QRA DRF Round 3)	Other	U	GBA	Stuart Bourne	QRA						0				0	
14 Mickerie Street Birdsville fencing	Other	N	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	24,000	24,000				0				0	
11 Kepler Street Bedourie fencing	Other	N	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	12,000	12,000				0				0	
Buildings - Carport kits for maintenance area storage	Other	N	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	20,000	0				20,000				0	
Carport in front of Garage 12 Wodonga Street	Other	N	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	10,000	10,000				0				0	
Carport in front of Garage 6 Merri Street	Other	N	DIS	Jodie Girdler	W4Q	10,000	10,000				0				0	
Tip Fencing Bedourie and Birdsville	Other	N	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	50,000	0				50,000				0	
Plant - Garbage Compactor	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	343,000		30,000			313,000			0	0	15%
Plant - Tractor	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	131,000		20,000			111,000				0	30%
Plant - End Tipper / Water Tank	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	186,000		20,000			166,000				0	15%
Plant - End Tipper / Water Tank	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	186,000		20,000			166,000				0	15%

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Capital Expenditure

for the period ended 31 July 2026

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Capital Projects

Data updated: 9/07/2026

Project Description	Asset Class	Type	Project Sponsor	Project Lead	Funding Body	Financial Year Budget Yr 25-26						Total Expenditure				
						Expense Budget	Project Grant Funding	Asset Sale / Trade-In	Loan	Reserves	Council Contrib'n	C/F Balances	Current Year Actuals	Purchase Orders	Life to Date Expense	Stage of Completion
Roads - R2R - Grid Replacement - Grid Repairs / Replacement - allowan	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	RTR	97,660	97,660				0	2,340			2,340	1%
Roads - R2R - Burt St Rehab and Birdsville Airport Carpark	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	RTR	100,000	100,000				0				0	15%
P1553 - Loader/Heavy Wheel - CAT 962H IT	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	500,000		126,000			374,000				0	
P1815 - Truck - Isuzu - NQR 87 -190 4x2 - Garbage Compactor	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	343,000		66,000			277,000				0	
P634 - Trailer - Dual Axle - Roadwest Transport (Pump 1415)	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	10,000		1,400			8,600				0	
P903 - Water Tanker - Tri Axle Trailer - Moore	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	30,000		0			30,000				0	
P1206 - Buggy - Yamaha 700cc ATV	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	25,000		3,600			21,400				0	
P1093 - Utility - Hilux - Dual Cab 4x4	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	70,000		18,800			51,200				0	
P1095 - Utility - Hilux - Dual Cab 4x4	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	70,000		18,800			51,200				0	
P1096 - Utility - Hilux - Dual Cab 4x4	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	70,000		18,800			51,200				0	
P1002 - Utility - Landcruiser Workmate - Dual Cab 4x4	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	0		31,500			-31,500				0	
P1085 - Utility - Landcruiser Workmate - Dual Cab 4x4	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	0		24,100			-24,100				0	
P1080 - Utility - Hilux SR - Single Cab - 4x4 with Service Body	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	60,000		19,800			40,200				0	
P1015 - Toyota Landcruiser Prado GX	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	90,000		50,000			40,000				0	
P1016 - Toyota Landcruiser Prado GX	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	90,000		50,000			40,000				0	
P1135 - Wagon - Landcruiser Prado GX	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	90,000		35,300			54,700				0	
P1425 - Pump - 6" - Kubota FSR 150/V2203 on Trailer-P 1426	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	90,000		1,500			88,500				0	
Scissors Lift	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	80,000		0			80,000				0	
Plant - Small Plant - Allowance for Minor Plant	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	25,000		0			25,000				0	
Sale of Stabilizer	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC			162,900			-162,900				0	
Plant - P1132	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC			35,300			-35,300				0	
Plant - P5005 Roller Padfoot CAT								10,000			-10,000				0	
Other Plant to Sell and Not Replace	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC						-40,000				0	
Stormwater - Bedourie - Structure Replacement (CCTV Survey Priorities Roads	Roads	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	100,000					100,000				0	
Birdsville Subdivision	Roads	N	GBA	Stuart Bourne	DSC	0					0	45,840			45,840	5%
Bedourie Subdivision Roads and Foothpaths	Roads	N	GBA	Stuart Bourne	RAF	2,716,557	2,716,557				0	1,847,520	448,169		2,295,689	95%
Old Diamantina Crossing Floodway replacement	Roads	R	GBA	Stuart Bourne	QRA	1,500,000	1,500,000				0	47,843	1,255	610,389	659,487	6%
Flood Risk Management Program - DSC.0024.2122B.WPF	Roads	N	GBA	Stuart Bourne	QRA	24,150	24,150				0		0		0	85%
Flood Risk Management Program - DSC.0031.2122B.WPF	Roads	N	GBA	Stuart Bourne	QRA	14,950	14,950				0		0		0	85%
Bedourie Levee Bank - 1.2M (QRA DRF Round 3)	Roads	R	GBA	Stuart Bourne	QRA	1,231,190	1,231,190				0				0	0%
Stormwater - Bedourie - replace pit 1/1 cnr Eyre and Nappa - obstructic	Roads	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	30,000	30,000				0				0	
Foothpaths Birdsville red footpath - Jardine st	Roads	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	50,000	25,000				25,000				0	
Birdsville airport access road (DTMR DSUP \$50k funding)	Roads	U	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	100,000	50,000				50,000				0	
Birdsville Town Streets (shape Billabong blvd where water ponds, Rehal	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	200,000	200,000				0				0	
Big Red Rd - Reseal (10mm) 1.8 - 10km (51,189m2)	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	220,040	220,040				0				0	
Big Red Rd - Reseal (10mm) 10 - 19.06km (52,862m2)	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	207,949	207,949				0				0	

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Capital Expenditure

for the period ended 31 July 2026

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Capital Projects

Data updated: 9/07/2026

Project Description	Asset Class	Type	Project Sponsor	Project Lead	Funding Body	Financial Year Budget Yr 25-26						Total Expenditure				Stage of Completion
						Expense Budget	Project Grant Funding	Asset Sale / Trade-In	Loan	Reserves	Council Contrib'n	C/F Balances	Current Year Actuals	Purchase Orders	Life to Date Expense	
Cacoory - Stoney Crossing Reseal - Reseal (10mm) 3km	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	108,000	108,000				0				0	
Rural Shire Roads Maintenance (allowance)	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	400,000	400,000				0				0	
Shire Roads Maintenance - Not eligible for FD	Roads	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	100,000	100,000				0				0	
Betoota Access roads (x2) pave and seal - Design	Roads	N	DIS	Stuart Bourne	R2R	50,000	50,000				0				0	
Wip - Birdsville - Rising Main Duplication Ps1 To Ponds	Sewer	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	120,000					120,000	1,183	1,314		2,496	
Wip - Bedourie - Rising Main Replacement (30M Front Of Pool)	Sewer	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	30,000					30,000	1,183			1,183	
Sewer - Bedourie - Replace/Repair identified blockages (CCTV Sewer Su Sewer		R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	50,000					50,000	0			0	
Sewer - Birdsville - Replace/Repair identified blockages (CCTV Sewer Su Sewer		R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	50,000					50,000				0	
Sewer - Birdsville - Replace PS1 pumps (2) and control replaced in 2013 Sewer		R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	DSC	100,000					100,000				0	
Water - Bedourie Bore - Main airscouring	Water	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	DSC	30,000					30,000				0	
Water - Birdsville Bore - Main airscouring (Water Group - every 3 years)	Water	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	DSC	30,000					30,000				0	
Water - Birdsville Bore - Variation	Water	R	DIS	Stuart Bourne	DSC	343,000	52,100				290,900				0	
															0	
Lake Lookouts - Machattie	Buildings	R	DIS	Brent Reeman	DSC						0				0	
Lake Koolivo & Mippia	Buildings	R	DIS	Brent Reeman	DSC						0				0	
Deons Lookout Shelter	Buildings	R	DIS	Brent Reeman	TMR						0				0	
											0				0	
CED Pump station 2 new electrical board and pumps	Sewer	R	DIS	Jodie Girdler	DSC	95,000	0				95,000				0	
Cement mixer for skid steer in Birdsville	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	5,000	0				5,000				0	
Standard bucket for Bedourie Skid steer	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	8,000	0				8,000				0	
Auger attachment for Birdsville skid steer	Plant & Equip.	R	DIS	Josh Oehm	DSC	12,000	0				12,000				0	
															0	

	Expense Budget	Project Grant Funding	Asset Sale / Trade-In	Loan	Reserves	Council Contrib'n	C/F Balances	Current Year Actuals	Purchase Orders	Life to Date Expense
Buildings	1,323,197	1,230,047	0	0	0	93,150	76,488	20,659	102,066	199,213
Plant & Equip.	2,514,000	0	753,800	0	0	1,720,200	0	0	0	0
Water	403,000	52,100	0	0	0	350,900	0	0	0	0
Sewer	445,000	0	0	0	0	445,000	2,366	1,314	0	3,679
Roads	7,250,496	7,075,496	0	0	0	175,000	1,943,543	449,424	610,389	3,003,355
Other	168,011	56,000	0	0	0	112,011	18,518	0	0	18,518
Land	70,506	0	0	0	0	70,506	62,946	1,820	0	64,766
	12,174,211	8,413,643	753,800	0	0	2,966,768	2,103,860	473,217	712,455	3,289,532

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QRA Claims Report

as at 31 July 2026

Grants	Contract Name	Funding Body	Approved Contract				Claim in Progress (submitted)	Outstanding Expenses to Claim	Available to spend	Ineligible	Status Completion Percentage	Notes
			Value	Budget	Expense to Date	Payments Received						
QRA DSC.0017.2122F.REC	2020 REPA - Rural Roads	QRA	5,944,395	5,944,395	6,527,394	5,937,570	-	-	-	589,824	100%	Acquitted and Closed
QRA DSC.0020.2223G.REC	2023 REPA - Rural Roads	QRA	6,812,288	6,812,288	8,462,534	6,125,389	1,784,751	-	-	-	100%	Acquitted and Closed
QRA DSC.0031.2122B.WPF	Bedourie Flood Study	QRA	74,750	74,750	46,608	39,681	6,927	-	28,142	-	80%	
QRA DSC.0024.2122B.WPF	Birdsville Flood Study	QRA	120,750	120,750	57,721	61,652	5,310	-	63,029	-	80%	
QRA DSC.0027.2324U.REC	Kirilly 2024 REPA Rural Roads	QRA	3,813,651	3,813,651	2,693,361	1,891,931	80,212	-	1,120,290	-	60%	
QRA DSC.0032.2425B.EWK	July 2024 Emergency Works	QRA	653,389	-	726,874	653,389	-	-	-	-	100%	Acquitted and Closed
QRA DSC.0035.2425L.EWK	January 2025 Emergency Works	QRA	219,181	-	220,231	163,408	-	-	-	-	100%	Acquitted and Closed
QRA DSC.0028.2324U.REC	Kirilly 2024 REPA - Bedourie Racecourse	QRA	75,870	75,870	87,254	61,323	25,931	-	-	-	90%	Claim submitted, payment pending acquittal
QRA DSC.0029.2324U.REC	Kirilly 2024 REPA - Bedourie Industrial F	QRA	19,828	19,828	8,121	4,461	3,659	-	-	-	100%	Claim submitted, payment pending acquittal
QRA DSC.0023.2223G.REC	2023 Betterment Floodways	QRA	394,588	394,588	394,588	380,217	14,371	-	-	-	100%	Aquitted, waiting for finalisation from QRA
Community Relief Fund 25	Community Relief Fund 25	QRA	-	-	321,593	-	321,593	-	-	64,000	100%	Acquittal in progress
QRA DSC.0038.2425T.REC	2025 REPA - Rural Roads	QRA	10,102,554	10,102,554	391,777	3,030,766	-	-	9,710,776	-	0%	
QRA DSC.0037.2425T.REC	Old Diamantina Crossing	QRA	852,829	852,829	49,098	254,686	47,843	-	803,731	-	0%	
QRA DSC.0036.2425T.EWK	March 2025 Emergency Works	QRA	1,626,593	-	1,626,735	1,497,061	-	-	-	129,674	100%	Acquitted and Closed
QRA - 2026 Emergency Works	Koji 2026 Emergency Works	QRA	-	-	658,396	-	-	564,712	-	-	100%	Upon approval, no QRA code yet
QRA DSC.0034.2425T.CDO	March 2025 Counter Disaster Operatio	QRA	117,223	-	117,223	110,489	-	-	-	6,735	100%	Acquitted and Closed
			30,832,768		22,401,907	20,212,024	2,290,596	564,712	11,725,968	790,232		

Other Grants Claims Report

Grants	Contract Name	Funding Body	Approved Contract Value	Budget	Expense to Date	Payments Received	Claim in Progress (submitted)	Outstanding Expenses to Claim	Available to spend	Ineligible	Status	Notes
											Completion Percentage	
Residential Activation Fund	New Bedourie Subdivision	RAF	2,716,557	2,716,557	1,572,270	2,173,246	-	-	1,144,287		70% Estimated Completion date is on or before 30 June 2026	
			-	-	-	-	1,144,287	-				
			2,290,595.90		564,711.93	12,870,255.02	790,232.16					



Diamantina Shire Council
Sales and Recoverable Works Claim Report
as at 31 July 2026

Contract Name	Funding Body	Approved Contract Value	Budget	Expense to Date	Payments Received	Claim in Progress (submitted)	Outstanding Expenses to Claim	Available to spend	Profit or Loss	Status Completion Percentage	Notes
CN-24484 RMPC 25/26	TMR	3,636,628	3,232,558	4,336,467	3,768,052	1,133,890	-	-	565,475	100%	Claim submitted in May
CN-21073 RMPC 23/24 & 24/25	TMR	12,140,461	11,600,461	10,801,219	11,341,219	409,157	-	390,085			No evidence of payment for Claim 15 \$76,058.39. Claim 16 \$333,098.29 on 90% file.
CN - 24914 Package A Gravel Supply	TMR	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	100%	Attached payment certificate showing TMR certified \$500k payment
CN - 24629 Package B Road Constructio	TMR	1,919,210	1,705,965	1,627,740	1,815,017	-	-	78,225		80%	Seal waiting to be completed
CN - 25647 Cuttaburra 1	TMR	2,582,854	1,986,811	1,562,321	1,947,773	13,453	-	424,489		80%	TMR arrangement for this project was cost +30%
CN - 26007 25O Restoration Works	TMR	3,481,351	3,027,262	288,968	-	-	288,968	2,738,294			Claim is based on completion of each activity in schedule
Emergency Works January 2026 Event	TMR	-	-	669,797	-	-	669,797	-			
CN - 26527 RMPC 26/27	TMR	2,386,389	2,121,235	1,386	-	-	-	2,119,849			PO received from TMR
		26,646,893	24,174,290	19,118,100	19,372,059	1,556,500	958,765	5,750,942	565,475		

13.2.2 2025.2026 Shell Financial Statements

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY: Jade Nacario
AUTHOR(S): Jade Nacario, Director Corporate Services
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: 1. 2025.2026 Shell Financial Statements [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the 2025.2026 Shell Financial Statements report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is required to prepare annual financial statements that present a true and fair view of its financial performance and position. The draft 2025.26 statements have been prepared in compliance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Regulation and were submitted to PKF, QAO's contracted auditor.

Whilst the observations below have been made, there are still a number of adjustments to be reflected in the accounts which will change the final position.

These financial reports are provided for Council's information.

Diamantina Shire Council

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 June 2026



Diamantina Shire Council

Financial Statements 2026

General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2026

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Financial Statements 2026

Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3a	1,248,181	1,537,819
Fees and charges	3b	453,456	636,064
Sales revenue	3c	6,641,944	5,815,188
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3d(i)	18,593,197	18,106,348
Total recurrent revenue		26,936,778	26,095,419
Other income			
Rental income	16	719,914	698,682
Interest received	4	343,495	353,729
Other income		273,173	717,760
Total other income		1,336,582	1,770,171
Total operating revenue		28,273,360	27,865,590
Capital income			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3d(ii)	5,512,985	2,220,568
Capital income	5	47,955	134,521
Total capital income		5,560,940	2,355,089
Total income		33,834,300	30,220,679
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee and councillor costs	6	8,374,828	7,333,611
Materials and services	7	18,129,999	19,435,961
Finance costs		249,300	97,495
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	14	7,115,811	6,856,582
Total recurrent expenses		33,869,938	33,723,649
Other expenses			
Capital Expenses	8	—	1,770
Total other expenses		—	1,770
Total expenses		33,869,938	33,725,419
Operating result		(35,638)	(3,504,740)
Net result		(35,638)	(3,504,740)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Financial Statements 2026

Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	11,118,397	12,397,478
Receivables	10	470,532	2,270,580
Inventories	11	1,456,240	1,353,862
Contract assets	15	—	3,163,201
Other financial assets	12	153,760	184,990
		<u>13,198,929</u>	<u>19,370,111</u>
Non-current assets held for sale	13	517,000	517,000
Total current assets		<u>13,715,929</u>	<u>19,887,111</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14	182,728,541	181,532,361
Total non-current assets		<u>182,728,541</u>	<u>181,532,361</u>
Total assets		<u>196,444,470</u>	<u>201,419,472</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Payables	17	816,181	1,457,770
Contract liabilities	15	55,376	4,158,104
Borrowings	18	253,898	240,181
Provisions	19	576,186	540,585
Other liabilities	20	92,952	92,952
Total current liabilities		<u>1,794,593</u>	<u>6,489,592</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	18	4,857,753	5,102,118
Provisions	19	92,443	92,443
Total non-current liabilities		<u>4,950,196</u>	<u>5,194,561</u>
Total liabilities		<u>6,744,789</u>	<u>11,684,153</u>
Net community assets		<u>189,699,681</u>	<u>189,735,319</u>
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	21	111,071,891	111,071,891
Retained surplus		78,627,790	78,663,428
Total community equity		<u>189,699,681</u>	<u>189,735,319</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	Asset revaluation surplus \$	Retained surplus \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2025		111,071,891	78,663,428	189,735,319
Net result		–	(35,638)	(35,638)
Other comprehensive income for the year				
- Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	14	–	–	–
Other comprehensive income		–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the year		–	(35,638)	(35,638)
Balance as at 30 June 2026		111,071,891	78,627,790	189,699,681
Balance as at 1 July 2024		111,071,891	82,168,168	193,240,059
Net result		–	(3,504,740)	(3,504,740)
Other comprehensive income for the year				
- Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	14	–	–	–
Other comprehensive income		–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the year		–	(3,504,740)	(3,504,740)
Balance as at 30 June 2025		111,071,891	78,663,428	189,735,319

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		6,832,102	12,418,037
Payments to suppliers and employees		(24,946,705)	(29,944,381)
		<u>(18,114,603)</u>	<u>(17,526,344)</u>
Receipts			
Interest received		343,495	353,729
Rental income		719,914	698,682
Non capital grants and contributions		19,213,746	17,705,667
Other		(128,794)	—
Payments			
Borrowing costs		(249,300)	(97,495)
Other		(74,918)	—
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	25	<u>1,709,540</u>	<u>1,134,239</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Receipts			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		47,955	817,158
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		5,512,985	4,517,220
Payments			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(8,318,913)	(6,934,776)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		<u>(2,757,973)</u>	<u>(1,600,398)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Receipts			
Proceeds from borrowings		—	3,000,000
Payments			
Repayment of borrowings (net of interests and fees)		(230,648)	(140,517)
Net cash flow inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		<u>(230,648)</u>	<u>2,859,483</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		<u>(1,279,081)</u>	<u>2,393,324</u>
plus: cash and cash equivalents - beginning		12,397,478	10,004,154
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9	<u>11,118,397</u>	<u>12,397,478</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2026

Note 1. Information about these financial statements

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2009, the Local Government Regulation 2012, Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes and complies with Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations as applicable to not-for-profit entities.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the following:

- certain classes of property, plant and equipment which are measured at fair value;
- assets held for sale which are measured at fair value less cost of disposal.

(b) Constitution

The Diamantina Shire Council is constituted under the *Queensland Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

(c) New and revised Accounting Standards adopted during the year

There were no relevant new accounting standards mandatorily effective for the year ended 30 June 2026.

(d) Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

Council has assessed all the standards / interpretations currently issued which are not yet effective and have determined that there is no expected material impact on the reported financial position or performance.

(e) Estimates and judgements

Council makes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. These are based on the best information available to Council at the time, however due to the passage of time, these assumptions may change and therefore the recorded balances may not reflect the final outcomes. The significant judgements, estimates and assumptions relate to the following items and specific information is provided in the relevant note:

- Revenue recognition - Note 3 and 4
- Valuation of property, plant and equipment - Note 14
- Impairment of property, plant and equipment - Note 14
- Depreciation - Note 14
- Contingent Liabilities - Note 23
- Financial Instruments - Note 27

(f) Rounding and comparatives

The financial statements are in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest \$1. Comparative information is prepared on the same basis as prior year.

(g) Taxation

Council is exempt from income tax, however council is subject to Fringe Benefits Tax, Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and payroll tax on certain activities. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

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Note 2. Analysis of results by function

(a) Components of Council functions

Details relating to the Council's functions / activities as reported in Note 2(b) are as follows:

Governance and corporate services

The objective of corporate governance is for Council to be open, accountable, transparent and deliver value for money community outcomes.

This function includes strategic and operational planning, risk management, finance, legal and administrative support. The Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer are included in corporate governance.

Community services

The goal of community services is to ensure Diamantina Shire Council is a healthy, vibrant, contemporary and connected community. Community services provides well managed and maintained community facilities, and ensures the effective delivery of cultural, health, welfare, environmental and recreational services.

This function includes:

- Libraries
- Entertainment venues
- Public health services including vaccination clinics
- Tourism

Water works

The goal of this program is to support a healthy, safe community through sustainable water services. This function includes all activities relating to water including flood and waterways management.

Sewerage works

The goal of this program is to support a healthy, safe community through sustainable sewerage services. This function includes all activities relating to sewerage.

Roads and related works

The objective of the Roads and Related Works program is to ensure the community is serviced by a high quality and effective road network. The function provides and maintains transport infrastructure, including the maintenance and provision of the drainage network. It includes road construction, depots, plant operation and associated maintenance.

Environment, health and planning

This function facilitates the shires growth and prosperity through well planned and quality development. The objective of planning and development is to ensure the Diamantina Shire is well designed, efficient and facilitates growth yet also preserves the character and natural environment of the Shire. This function includes activities and services related to towns, neighbourhood and regional planning, and management of development approval processes. It includes health and building, animal control, cemeteries, public conveniences, aerodromes, parks and gardens, reserves, stock routes, refuse collections and disposal, caravan parks, television facilities, radio, and street lighting.

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Note 2. Analysis of results by function (continued)

(b) Income, expenses and assets attributed to Council functions

Functions	Recurring grants \$	Gross program income Recurring other \$	Capital grants \$	Capital other \$	Total income \$	Gross program expenses Recurring \$	Capital \$	Total expenses \$	Net result from recurring operations \$	Net result \$	Total assets \$
2026											
Governance and corporate services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewerage works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roads and related works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Environment, health and planning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025											
Governance and corporate services	11,658,076	2,083,084	701,364	134,521	14,577,045	(7,273,960)	(1,770)	(7,275,730)	6,467,200	7,301,315	21,461,651
Community services	314,876	652,349	-	-	967,225	(3,369,027)	-	(3,369,027)	(2,401,802)	(2,401,802)	26,625,186
Water works	-	-	902,934	-	902,934	(338,555)	-	(338,555)	(338,555)	564,379	7,818,344
Sewerage works	-	-	-	-	65,832	(277,782)	-	(277,782)	(211,950)	(211,950)	3,971,375
Roads and related works	6,133,396	6,461,842	616,270	-	13,211,508	(19,785,052)	-	(19,785,052)	(7,189,814)	(6,573,544)	105,796,172
Environment, health and planning	-	496,135	-	-	496,135	(2,679,273)	-	(2,679,273)	(2,183,138)	(2,183,138)	35,746,744
Total	18,106,348	9,759,242	2,220,568	134,521	30,220,679	(33,723,649)	(1,770)	(33,725,419)	(5,858,059)	(3,504,740)	201,419,472

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Note 3. Revenue

	2026	2025
	\$	\$

(a) Rates, levies and charges

Rates, levies and charges are recognised as revenue when the council obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts which is the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

General rates	1,080,908	1,441,432
Water	217,254	190,927
Sewerage	63,480	65,831
Waste management	18,560	16,879
Garbage charges	40,576	38,769
Total rates and utility charge revenue	1,420,778	1,753,838
Less: discounts	(172,597)	(216,419)
Less: pensioner remissions	—	400
Total rates, levies and charges	1,248,181	1,537,819

(b) Fees and charges

Revenue arising from fees and charges are recognised at a point in time when the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the good/services being provided. The performance obligation relates to the specified services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service or in some cases, the customer is required to pay on arrival, for example caravan parks.

On 14th April 2025, Council entered into 3 year leases with IVG Global Pty Ltd for the Birdsville and Bedourie caravan parks. From this date they have collected all revenue including forward bookings. This has resulted in a significant reduction in caravan park revenue for the 2025 year.

Caravan park revenue	146,758	368,870
Private works	38,873	59,317
Other fees and charges	267,825	207,877
Total fees and charges	453,456	636,064

(c) Sales revenue

Sale of goods revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer has taken delivery of the goods. Revenue from services is recognised when the service is rendered.

Revenue from contracts and recoverable works generally comprises a recoupment of material costs together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees. This revenue and the associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity based on costs incurred at the reporting date. Where consideration is received for the service in advance it is included in other liabilities and is recognised as revenue in the period when the service is performed. The contract work carried out is not subject to retentions.

Rendering of services

Sales, contracts and recoverable works	6,641,944	5,815,188
Total sales revenue	6,641,944	5,815,188

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Note 3. Revenue (continued)

(d) Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations**Grant income under AASB 15**

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied.

Performance obligations are varied based on the nature of each agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, revenue is recognised using either costs or time incurred.

Grant income under AASB 1058

Where Council receives an asset for significantly below fair value, the asset is recognised at fair value, related liability (or equity items) are recorded and income then is recognised for any residual amount at the time that the asset is received.

Capital grants

Where council receive funding under an enforceable contract to acquire or construct a specified item of property, plant and equipment which will be under Council's control on completion, revenue is recognised as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed. For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred.

Financial Assistance Grant (FAG)

During the 2025 financial year Council received 100% of the 2024-25 Financial Assistance Grant allocation of \$7,587,353 and 50% of the 2025-26 amounting to \$3,990,221.

	2026 \$	2025 \$
(i) Operating		
General purpose grants	9,962,107	11,577,574
State government subsidies and grants	8,616,014	6,469,525
Commonwealth government subsidies and grants	10,000	10,370
Other subsidies and grants	5,076	48,879
Total recurrent grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	18,593,197	18,106,348

(ii) Capital

Capital revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets. It also includes non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers.

State government subsidies and grants	4,192,777	1,854,420
Commonwealth government subsidies and grants	1,320,208	366,148
Total capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	5,512,985	2,220,568

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Note 3. Revenue (continued)

(iii) Timing of revenue recognition for grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

	2026		2025	
	Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time	Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants, subsidies and contributions	12,984,080	—	12,136,806	8,190,110
Other	11,122,102	—	—	—
	<u>24,106,182</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>12,136,806</u>	<u>8,190,110</u>

Note 4. Interest and other income

	2026	2025
	\$	\$

Interest received

Interest received from bank and term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment.

Interest received from cash deposits	341,808	349,141
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges	1,687	4,588
Total interest received	<u>343,495</u>	<u>353,729</u>

Note 5. Capital income

	Notes	2026	2025
		\$	\$
Gain on disposal of non-current assets			
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment ¹		47,955	673,750
Less: carrying value of disposed property, plant and equipment	14	—	(539,229)
Total capital income		<u>47,955</u>	<u>134,521</u>

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Note 6. Employee and councillor costs

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.			
Wages and salaries		6,084,707	5,277,597
Councillors remuneration		391,567	383,900
Annual, sick and long service leave entitlements		937,472	850,241
Superannuation	24	705,291	637,156
		8,119,037	7,148,894
Other employee related expenses		255,791	280,544
		8,374,828	7,429,438
Less: capitalised employee expenses		–	(95,827)
Total Employee benefits		8,374,828	7,333,611

Councillor remuneration represents salary, and other allowances paid in respect of carrying out their duties.

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Additional information:		
Total Council employees at the reporting date:		
Elected members	–	5
Administration staff	–	34
Depot and outdoors staff	–	25
Total full time equivalent employees	–	64

Note 7. Materials and services

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Audit of annual financial statements by the Auditor-General of Queensland	96,900	109,464
Financial and management services - audit and others	420,003	648,325
Communications and information technology	550,590	482,498
Community services	1,712,283	1,964,537
Donations paid	141,473	289,610
Contract and recoverable works	5,164,868	3,522,434
Road maintenance services	286,025	503,327
Fleet services	3,761,716	4,064,138
Infrastructure services	3,780,230	5,555,720
Other materials and services	2,215,911	2,295,908
Total materials and services	18,129,999	19,435,961

Total audit fees quoted by the Queensland Audit Office relating to the 2025-26 financial statements are \$xx,xxx (2025: \$78,250).

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Note 8. Capital expenses

		2026	2025
	Notes	\$	\$
Loss on disposal of non-current assets			
Proceeds from disposal of Council owned land		–	168,730
Less: carrying value of land held for sale	14	–	(170,500)
Total capital expenses		–	1,770

Note 9. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	5,299,153	496,099
Deposits at call	5,819,244	11,901,379
Balance per Statement of Financial Position	11,118,397	12,397,478

Restricted and internally allocated cash and cash equivalents**Unrestricted cash**

Council is exposed to credit risk through its investments in QTC Cash Fund. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio investing in a wide range of high credit rated counterparties. Deposits with QTC Cash Fund are capital guaranteed.

Cash and cash equivalents	–	12,397,478
Less: externally imposed restrictions on cash	–	(4,197,312)
Unrestricted cash	–	8,200,166

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of internal and external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use.

(i) Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date relate to the following cash assets:

Unspent government grants and subsidies	–	4,197,312
Total externally imposed restrictions on cash assets	–	4,197,312
Total unspent restricted cash	–	4,197,312

Cash and deposits at call are held in the Westpac Bank and Commonwealth Bank business cheque accounts. The bank currently has a short-term credit rating of A1+ and long-term rating of AA-.

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Note 9. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

	2026	2025
	\$	\$

Trust funds

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, a separate trust bank account and separate accounting records are maintained for funds held on behalf of outside parties. Funds held in the trust account on behalf of outside parties include funds from retentions to guarantee performance, community facility deposits and other sundry deposits paid into the trust account by the Council. The Council performs only a custodian role in respect of these monies and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are not considered revenue nor brought to account in the financial statements since Council has no control over the assets.

Trust funds held for outside parties

Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities

—	100,601
—	100,601

Note 10. Receivables

Settlement of receivables is required within 30 days after the invoice is issued.

The collectability of receivables is assessed periodically and if there is objective evidence that Council will not be able to collect all amounts due, the carrying amount is reduced for impairment.

If an amount is recovered in a subsequent period it is recognised as revenue.

As Council has the power under the Local Government Act 2009 to sell an owner's property to recover outstanding rate debts, Council will only impair rate receivables when outstanding debt exceeds unimproved capital values.

	2026	2025
	\$	\$

Current

Rateable revenue and utility charges	5,441	25,893
Accrued revenue *	26,234	2,081,499
Other debtors	456,217	180,548
Total	487,892	2,287,940

less: Provision for impairment

Other debtors	(17,360)	(17,360)
Total provision for impairment - receivables	(17,360)	(17,360)

Total current receivables

470,532	2,270,580
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(*) At 30 June 2026 there were RMPC and DTMR claims totalling \$xxx submitted. These claims have been raised as accrued revenue at year end. The balance of \$xxx is accrued income on QTC investment.

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Note 11. Inventories

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Current inventories		
(a) Inventories held for sale		
Visitor Information Centre inventory	96,242	96,241
	<u>96,242</u>	<u>96,241</u>
Inventories held for distribution		
Stores and raw materials	1,359,998	1,257,621
Total current inventories	<u>1,456,240</u>	<u>1,353,862</u>

Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average cost.

Note 12. Other assets

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Current		
Prepayments	153,760	184,990
Total current other assets	<u>153,760</u>	<u>184,990</u>

Note 13. Non-current assets Held for Sale

Council has decided to sell a number of industrial and residential land blocks. The fair value of the land was determined using the sales comparison approach. Sale prices of comparable land sites in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size. The land is categorised as a level 2 valuation.

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Internal transfer from land and improvements	517,000	517,000
Total non-current assets held for sale	<u>517,000</u>	<u>517,000</u>

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Note 14. Property, plant and equipment

	Land	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Road, drainage and bridge network	Water infrastructure	Sewerage infrastructure	Other structures	Capital work in progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2026									
Measurement basis									
Fair value category									
Opening gross balance	2,626,761	68,717,460	23,996,126	133,677,808	10,471,330	5,790,932	35,577,215	2,602,645	283,460,277
Additions	-	223,519	1,856,524	333,171	-	-	-	3,144,363	5,557,597
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation increments to equity (ARS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Work in progress transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from/(to) held for sale category	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balancing item - requires re-classification of movements above!!	-	-	(27,418)	488,216	3,956,489	-	61,586	(2,196,818)	2,282,055
Total gross value of property, plant and equipment	2,626,761	68,940,979	25,825,232	134,499,195	14,427,819	5,790,932	35,638,801	3,550,210	291,299,929
Opening accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	30,094,836	9,480,758	46,958,780	4,458,852	1,821,923	9,112,767	-	101,927,916
Depreciation expense	-	1,620,987	1,505,814	2,738,820	193,137	80,416	976,637	-	7,115,811
Depreciation on disposals	-	109,128	(101,902)	1,272	(2,470)	1	(121,195)	-	(115,166)
Revaluation increments to equity (ARS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balancing item - requires re-classification of movements above!!	-	36,087	(355,366)	3,112	(816)	-	(40,190)	-	(357,173)
Total accumulated depreciation and impairment property, plant and equipment	-	31,861,038	10,529,304	49,701,984	4,648,703	1,902,340	9,928,019	-	108,571,388
Total net book value of property, plant and equipment	2,626,761	37,079,941	15,295,928	84,797,211	9,779,116	3,888,592	25,710,782	3,550,210	182,728,541
Other information									
Range of estimated useful life (years)									
*Asset additions comprise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asset renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total asset additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Note 14. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Land \$	Buildings \$	Plant and equipment \$	Road, drainage and bridge network \$	Water infrastructure \$	Sewerage infrastructure \$	Other structures \$	Capital work in progress \$	Total \$
2025									
Measurement basis	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
Fair value category	Level 2	Level 3		Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3		
Opening gross balance	2,645,161	66,420,300	22,150,107	132,060,812	10,471,330	5,790,932	35,560,833	2,690,487	277,789,962
Additions	-	-	2,594,168	-	-	-	-	4,359,008	6,953,176
Disposals	-	-	(1,264,461)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,264,461)
Revaluation increments to equity (ARS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Work in progress transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from/(to) held for sale category	-	2,297,160	516,312	1,616,996	-	-	16,382	(4,446,850)	-
Total gross value of property, plant and equipment	2,626,761	68,717,460	23,996,126	133,677,808	10,471,330	5,790,932	35,577,215	2,602,645	283,460,277
Opening accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	28,328,357	8,935,009	44,204,664	4,298,295	1,740,394	8,289,169	-	95,795,888
Depreciation expense	-	1,766,479	1,270,303	2,754,116	160,557	81,529	823,598	-	6,856,582
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	(724,554)	-	-	-	-	-	(724,554)
Revaluation increments to equity (ARS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total accumulated depreciation and impairment property, plant and equipment	-	30,094,836	9,480,758	46,958,780	4,458,852	1,821,923	9,112,767	-	101,927,916
Total net book value of property, plant and equipment	2,626,761	38,622,624	14,515,368	86,719,028	6,012,478	3,969,009	26,464,448	2,602,645	181,532,361
Other information									
Range of estimated useful life (years)	Not depreciated	25-100 yrs	1-50yrs	10-infinite yrs	20-100 yrs	15-150 yrs	10-150 yrs		
*Asset additions comprise									
Asset renewals	-	-	1,785,825	1,616,996	-	-	16,382	-	3,419,203
Other additions	-	2,297,160	1,324,655	-	-	-	-	-	3,621,815
Total asset additions	-	2,297,160	3,110,480	1,616,996	-	-	16,382	-	7,041,018

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Note 14. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(a) Recognition

Capitalisation thresholds

The asset capitalisation thresholds for Council are:

	\$
Land	All
Plant and equipment	5,000
Infrastructure assets (road, stormwater, bridge, water, sewerage)	10,000
Buildings and other structures	10,000

Land under roads

Land under roads and reserve land under the *Land Act 1994* or *Land Title Act 1994* is controlled by Queensland State Government and not recognised in the Council financial statements.

(b) Measurement

Property, plant and equipment assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or fair value (as shown in the table above) less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

(c) Depreciation

Land is not depreciated as it has an unlimited useful life.

Depreciation, where applicable, is calculated on a straight-line basis. Management believe that the straight-line basis appropriately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

(d) Valuation

Council considers the carrying amount of its property, plant and equipment on an annual basis compared to fair value and makes adjustment where these are materially different. Every 5 years, council performs a full comprehensive revaluation by engaging an external professionally qualified valuer.

In the intervening years, Council undertakes:

- A management valuation using external engineers and asset managers to assess the condition and cost assumptions associated with all infrastructure assets and an appropriate cost index for the region.
- A "desktop" valuation for land and improvements, buildings, water, sewerage and infrastructure asset classes which involves management providing updated information regarding additions, deletions and changes in assumptions such as useful life, residual value and condition rating. This information is then used to determine suitable indices which are applied to each of the asset classes.

On revaluation, accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of remaining useful life.

In accordance with AASB 13 fair value measurements are categorised on the following basis:

- **Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities,
- **Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly,
- **Level 3:** Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

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Note 14. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(3) Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 and level 3 fair values

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)
Land (level 2)	Market	30/06/26	AssetVal	n/a

Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources) - FOR UPDATE AT YEAREND

The following factors have influenced the fair value of Council's land assets:

- Current zoning
- Sale prices per square metre (database of recent sales) of comparable properties, adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size).

Buildings and other structures (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/26	AssetVal	n/a
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Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources) FOR UPDATE AT YEAREND

Building and other infrastructure assets are considered of a specialist nature and did not meet the criteria for a Market approach, and Fair Value was measured on the basis of a Cost Approach (Level 3). Each asset has been disaggregated into significant components which exhibit different useful lives. For example, structure, roof, fit-out and services. Useful lives are based on typical asset lifecycles based on past experience and industry benchmarks. The most significant input into this valuation approach is unit rates for construction as at the comprehensive revaluation date (drawn from industry standard cost guides, costs from recent Council projects). Asset dimensions, construction materials and standards drive the resulting calculation of replacement cost which is then adjusted for differences in key attributes such as asset condition, physical and economic obsolescence. The remaining useful life has been determined with regard to physical deterioration, and functional and economic obsolescence, and management and the valuer's expectation of remaining service potential of the asset.

Road, drainage and bridge network (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/26	AssetVal	n/a
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Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources) FOR UPDATE AT YEAREND

Road assets are differentiated by physical characteristics (i.e. Road, Culverts, Floodway's, Footpaths, Kerb & Channel). Road segments are then componentised into formation, pavement and seal (where applicable). Useful lives are based on typical asset lifecycles based on past experience and industry benchmarks. The most significant input into this valuation approach is unit rates for construction as at the comprehensive revaluation date (drawn from industry standard cost guides, costs from recent Council projects). Asset dimensions, construction materials and standards drive the resulting calculation of replacement cost which is then adjusted for differences in key attributes such as asset condition, physical and economic obsolescence. The remaining useful life has been determined with regard to physical deterioration, and functional and economic obsolescence, and management and the valuer's expectation of remaining service potential of the asset. Where site inspections are not possible the remaining useful life was calculated on an age basis after taking into consideration current and planned maintenance records.

Water infrastructure (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/26	AssetVal	n/a
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Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources) FOR UPDATE AT YEAREND

Each asset has been disaggregated into significant components which exhibit different useful lives. For example pipework, structures, pumps and electrical components. Useful lives are based on typical asset lifecycles based on past experience and industry benchmarks. The most significant input into this valuation approach is unit rates for construction as at the comprehensive revaluation date (drawn from industry standard cost guides, costs from recent Council projects). Asset

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Note 14. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)
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dimensions, construction materials and standards drive the resulting calculation of replacement cost which is then adjusted for differences in key attributes such as asset condition, physical and economic obsolescence. The remaining useful life has been determined with regard to physical deterioration, and functional and economic obsolescence, and management and the valuer's expectation of remaining service potential of the asset. Where site inspections are not possible the remaining useful life was calculated on an age basis after taking into consideration current and planned maintenance records.

Sewerage infrastructure (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/26	AssetVal	n/a
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Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources) FOR UPDATE AT YEAREND

Each asset has been disaggregated into significant components which exhibit different useful lives. For example pipework, structures, pumps and electrical components. Useful lives are based on typical asset lifecycles based on past experience and industry benchmarks. The most significant input into this valuation approach is unit rates for construction as at the comprehensive revaluation date (drawn from industry standard cost guides, costs from recent Council projects). Asset dimensions, construction materials and standards drive the resulting calculation of replacement cost which is then adjusted for differences in key attributes such as asset condition, physical and economic obsolescence. The remaining useful life has been determined with regard to physical deterioration, and functional and economic obsolescence, and management and the valuer's expectation of remaining service potential of the asset. Where site inspections are not possible the remaining useful life was calculated on an age basis after taking into consideration current and planned maintenance records.

Note 15. Contract balances

Contract assets represents the excess of costs incurred in relation to a contract with the customer or construction of an asset over the amounts that council has invoiced the customer or the grantor. Where Council has invoiced the customer or the grantor amounts in excess of what it has incurred in relation to a contract or in constructing an asset, this gives rise to a contract liability.

	2026 \$	2025 \$
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(a) Contract assets

Current

Contract assets	–	3,163,201
Total current contract assets	–	3,163,201

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Note 15. Contract balances (continued)

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
(b) Contract liabilities		
Current		
Funds received upfront to construct Council controlled assets	55,376	2,598,028
Non-capital performance obligations not yet satisfied	–	1,560,076
Total current contract liabilities	55,376	4,158,104
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year		
Funds to construct Council controlled assets	–	272,036
Non-capital performance obligations	–	1,251,725
Total revenue included in the contract liability	–	1,523,761

Satisfaction of contract liabilities

The contract liabilities in relation to capital grants relate to funding received prior to the work being performed since revenue is recognised as Council constructs the assets. The contract liability in relation to non-capital funding relates to the flood damage restoration program which is currently in progress. Council expects to recognise the contract liability as income in the next 1 to 2 years.

(c) Significant changes in contract balances

Significant movements in contract assets and contract liabilities that have occurred during the year relate to the timing of work (for example, timing of flood damage program) and the value of monies received in advance (for example, flood damage advance payments and initial milestones received for major capital projects).

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Note 16. Leases

Council as a lessee

Exceptions to lease accounting

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Leases at significantly below market value / concessionary leases

Council has elected to measure the right of use asset arising from the concessionary leases at cost which is based on the associated lease liability at initial recognition.

Council as a lessor

On 14th April 2025 Council entered into 3 year leases and management agreements with IVG Global Pty Ltd for the Birdsville and Bedourie caravan parks. Rent payable on commencement of the leases is \$75,000 per annum for the Birdsville caravan park and \$1 per annum for the Bedourie caravan park.

Council entered into a 3 year lease and management agreement with CW & TJ Ellis Business Pty Ltd for the Birdsville Lodge with a commencement date of 1 August 2024. The annual lease payment on commencement is \$70,000.

Council derives rental income from houses leased to staff and members of the community. These houses are classified as property, plant and equipment in Note 14 as the assets are not held predominately for rental or capital growth purposes, rather to provide essential accommodation to Council staff and members of the community.

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Operating leases		
Property income	719,914	648,027
Rental income on caravan park and lodge	–	50,655
Total operating lease income (rental income)	719,914	698,682
Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income	–	888,100
Direct operating expenses from caravan park and lodge	–	55
Total operating lease expenses	–	888,155
Net operating lease profit/(loss)	719,914	(189,473)

Due to the high occupancy rates and minimal variability in rental amounts, the property income disclosed above approximates the expected minimum rent receipts in a 12 month cycle.

Amount of property, plant and equipment leased out by Council under operating leases:

Buildings	12,497,861	–
Other infrastructure	513,233	–
Total property, plant and equipment leased out by Council under operating leases	13,011,094	–

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Note 17. Payables

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Creditors are recognised upon receipt of the goods or services ordered as the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.		
Current		
Creditors	810,942	1,160,457
Accrued expenses	—	175,973
Accrued wages and salaries	79,368	79,490
Prepaid rates	37,371	9,226
ATO - net GST payable	(521,869)	4,904
Security bonds, deposits and retentions	34,361	—
Other	376,008	27,720
Total current payables	816,181	1,457,770

Note 18. Borrowings

Interest is expensed as accrued. No interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment dates vary between 15 June 2036 to 15 June 2065.

In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out Council's planned borrowings for the next ten years. Council's current policy is to only borrow for capital projects and for a term no longer than the expected life of the asset. Council also aims to comply with the Queensland Treasury Corporation's borrowing guidelines and ensure that sustainability indicators remain within acceptable levels at all times.

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Current		
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	253,898	240,181
Total current borrowings	253,898	240,181
Non-current		
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	4,857,753	5,102,118
Total non-current borrowings	4,857,753	5,102,118

Reconciliation of loan movements for the year

Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation

Opening balance at beginning of financial year	5,342,299	2,482,817
Loans raised	—	3,000,000
Principal repayments	—	(140,518)
Book value at end of financial year	5,342,299	5,342,299

The QTC loan market value at the reporting date was \$xxx (2025: \$5,184,098). This represents the value of the debt if the Council repaid it at that date. As it is the intention of the Council to hold the debt for its term, no provision is required to be made in these accounts.

Unsecured borrowings are provided by the Queensland Treasury Corporation. The Council does not have a bank overdraft facility.

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Note 19. Provisions

Long service leave

The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimate future cash outflows to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increase in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employee remaining in the Council's employment or other associated employments which would result in the Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The provision is discounted using the Commonwealth Bond yield rates.

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Current		
Annual leave	345,792	345,792
Long service leave	169,138	133,537
Sick leave	61,256	61,256
Total current provisions	576,186	540,585
Non-current		
Long service leave	92,443	92,443
Total non-current provisions	92,443	92,443

Note 20. Other liabilities

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Current		
Bursary funds	92,952	92,952
Total current other liabilities	92,952	92,952

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Note 21. Asset revaluation surplus

	2026	2025
	\$	\$

The closing balance of the asset revaluation surplus comprises the following asset categories:

- Buildings	20,411,670	20,411,670
- Roads, drainage and bridge network	12,273,827	12,273,827
- Water	78,811,246	72,811,246
- Sewerage	3,287,719	3,287,719
- Other structures	2,287,428	2,287,428
Total asset revaluation surplus	111,071,891	111,071,891

Increase/(decrease) in asset revaluation surplus

	Note	2026	2025
		\$	\$
- Buildings	14	-	-
- Roads, drainage and bridge network	14	-	-
- Water	14	-	-
- Sewerage	14	-	-
- Other structures	14	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 22. Commitments for expenditure

	2026	2025
	\$	\$

Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)

Commitment for the construction of the following assets contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities:

Property, plant and equipment

Building & construction	-	368,076
Plant acquisitions	-	905,472

Total commitments	-	1,273,548
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These expenditures are payable as follows:

Within the next year	-	1,273,548
Total payable	-	1,273,548

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Note 23. Contingent asset and liabilities

Details and estimates of maximum amounts of contingent liabilities are as follows:

Contingent assets

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

In financial year 2024/25, Council's roads sustained damage during the North and Far North Tropical Low 29 January - 28 February 2025 and Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding 21 March - 19 May 2025 event. Prior to 30 June 2025, Council conducted emergency works to the value of \$1,772,431.

Council expects to receive funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for these amounts, subject to final approval of the submissions made. These amounts totalling \$1,976,486 have been recognised as an expense in the 2024/25 financial statements.

Contingent liabilities

Local Government Mutual

The Council is a member of the local government mutual liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or it is unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises.

As at 30 June 2026 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

Local Government Workcare

The Diamantina Shire Council is a member of the Queensland local government worker's compensation self-insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's workers compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is \$xxx.

Department of Housing and Public Works

Diamantina Shire Council has a Capital Funding Agreement with the Department of Housing for 12 properties in Bedourie and Birdsville. Under the Agreement, Council acquires a portion of equity in each property each year. Council then has the option of either paying out the contingent liability amount or pooling equity on a particular property to acquire full ownership. At 30 June 2026, the contingent liability amounted to \$x,xxx,xxx (2025: \$1,432,542).

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Note 24. Superannuation - regional defined benefit fund

Council makes employer superannuation contributions to Brighter Super. Brighter Super is a Multiemployer Plan as defined in Australian Accounting Standard AASB 119 Employee Benefits. The scheme has a number of elements including defined benefits funds and an accumulated benefits fund. Council does not have any employees who are members of the defined benefits fund and so it is not exposed to the obligations, assets or costs associated with these funds. Council has employees who are members of the accumulated benefits fund.

	Notes	2026 \$	2025 \$
The amount of superannuation contributions paid by Diamantina Shire Council to the superannuation scheme in this period for the benefit of employees was:		570,052	637,156
Balancing Item - requires re-classification of movements above!!		135,239	–
Total superannuation contributions paid by Council for employees	6	705,291	637,156

Note 25. Reconciliation of Operating Result

	2026 \$	2025 \$
Net operating result from income statement	(35,638)	(3,504,740)
Non-cash items		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,115,811	6,856,582
	7,115,811	6,856,582
Investing and development activities		
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of assets	(47,955)	(132,751)
Capital grants and contributions	(5,512,985)	(2,220,568)
	(5,560,940)	(2,353,319)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	1,800,048	2,029,663
Increase/(decrease) in provision for doubtful debts	–	5,040
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(102,378)	(60,114)
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets	3,163,201	(667,265)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	31,230	144,142
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(349,515)	(1,553,047)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	(4,102,728)	266,584
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements	35,601	(29,287)
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	(292,074)	–
	183,385	135,716
Net cash provided from/(used in) operating activities from the statement of cash flows	1,702,618	1,134,239

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Note 26. Events after the reporting period

There were no material adjusting events or non-adjusting events after reporting date.

Note 27. Financial instruments and financial risk management

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities

Diamantina Shire Council's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including interest rate risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk.

Exposure to financial risks is managed in accordance with Council approved policies on financial risk management. These policies focus on managing the volatility of financial markets and seek to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Council.

The Council minimised its exposure to financial risk in the following ways:

- Investments in financial assets are only made where those assets are with a bank or other financial institution in Australia.
- The Council does not invest in derivatives or other high risk investments.
- When the Council borrows, it borrows from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) unless another financial institution can offer a more beneficial rate, taking into account any risk. Borrowing by the Council is constrained by the provisions of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982.

Diamantina Shire Council measures risk exposure using a variety of methods as follows:

Credit risk

Credit risk exposure refers to the situation where the Council may incur financial loss as a result of another party to a financial instrument failing to discharge their obligations.

In the case of rate receivables, the Council has the power to sell the property to recover any defaulted amounts. In effect this power protects the Council against credit risk in the case of these debts.

In other cases, the Council assesses the credit risk before providing goods or services and applies normal business credit protection procedures to minimise the risk.

The Council is exposed to credit risk through its investments with the QTC and deposits held with banks or other financial institutions. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio that invests with a wide variety of high credit rating counterparties. Deposits are capital guaranteed. Other investments are held with highly rated and regulated banks and whilst not capital guaranteed, the likelihood of a credit failure is remote.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is the gross carrying amount of those assets inclusive of any provisions for impairment.

No collateral is held as security relating to the financial assets held by the Council.

The carrying amount of financial assets at the end of the reporting period represent the maximum exposure to credit risk.

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Note 27. Financial instruments and financial risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk refers to the situation where the Council may encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Council is exposed to liquidity risk through its trading in the normal course of business and borrowings from the QTC for capital works.

The Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient undrawn facilities, both short and long term, to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows. These facilities are disclosed in the borrowings Note 18. There are no additional facilities or lines of credit available.

The following table sets out the liquidity risk of financial liabilities held by the Council in a format as it might be provided to management. The amounts disclosed in the maturity analysis represent the contractual undiscounted cash flows at balance date.

	0 to 1 year \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Total contractual cash flows \$	Carrying amount \$
2026					
Trade and other payables	—	—	—	—	—
Loans - QTC	—	—	—	—	5,111,651
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,111,651</u>
2025					
Trade and other payables	1,160,457	—	—	1,160,457	1,160,457
Loans - QTC	470,209	1,898,036	5,500,908	7,869,153	5,342,299
	<u>1,630,666</u>	<u>1,898,036</u>	<u>5,500,908</u>	<u>9,029,610</u>	<u>6,502,756</u>

The outflows in the above table are not expected to occur significantly earlier and are not expected to be for significantly different amounts than indicated in the table.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market indices, such as interest rates, will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk

The Council is exposed to interest rate risk through its borrowings from the QTC and investments held with financial institutions.

The risk in borrowing is effectively managed by borrowing from financial institutions which provide access to a mix of floating and fixed funding sources such that the desired interest rate risk exposure can be constructed. Interest rate risk in other areas is minimal.

The Council does not undertake any hedging of interest rate risk.

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Note 28. Transactions with related parties

(a) Key management personnel

Transactions with key management personnel

KMP at 30 June includes the Mayor, Councillors, Council's Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Director Community and Director Infrastructure Services.

During the 2026 financial year xx KMPs were engaged as employees of the Council. Payments to employee KMP are disclosed in the table below. In addition, during the 2026 financial year xx KMP were engaged as contractors. Payments to these contractors is disclosed at 28(b)

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
The compensation paid to key management personnel comprises:		
Short-term employee benefits	–	777,200
Post-employment benefits	–	39,617
Total	–	816,817

(*) During the financial year, the Council also paid an amount of \$xxx (2025: \$740,795) for Executive staff engaged in acting roles.

(b) Other related parties

Transactions with other related parties

Other related parties include the close family members of KMP and any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members. Close family members include a spouse, child and dependent of a KMP or their spouse. Details of transactions between Council and other related parties are disclosed below.

(i) All close family members of key management personnel were employed through an arm's length process. They are paid in accordance with the Award for the job they perform. The council employs xx staff of which xx was a close family member of key management personnel (2025: 64 staff of which 1 were close family members of key management personnel).

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Employee expenses for close family member of key management personnel	–	25,270
Recruitment services provided by KMP paid as contractor	–	27,985
Purchase of materials and services from other related parties	–	895,620
	–	948,875

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Note 28. Transactions with related parties (continued)

Details of materials and services purchased	2026 \$	2025 \$
Supplies and materials	-	541,040
Mechancial services	-	354,580
	-	895,620

(c) Outstanding balances

At the end of the reporting period \$xxx (2025:\$57,814) was outstanding in relation to transactions with related parties. This balance comprises materials and services \$xxx (2025: \$21,243) and KMP contractor of \$xxx (2025: \$36,571) for June 2026.

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Management Certificate

for the year ended 30 June 2026

These General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared pursuant to sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation, we certify that:

- i. the prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
- ii. the General Purpose Financial Statements, as set out on pages 3-32, present a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.

Cr Francis Murray

Mayor

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Julianne Meier

Chief Executive Officer

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Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
Audited ratios					
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	-	N/A	Council's unrestricted cash ratio fell slightly below the target, reflecting operational challenges during the year. Contributing factors included high turnover, which required the engagement of consultants, and reduced works delivery due to flooding and a decline in contract works.
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	0% to 10%	0.0%	0.0%	Council's operating result was impacted by its reliance on contract works and grant funding. Flooding during the third quarter caused prolonged road closures, reducing both works delivery and tourism-related income.
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	0.0%	0.0%	Council is above the target ratio and has met the five year average. The operating cash ratio measures Council's ability to cover its core operational expenses and generate a cash surplus before depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs.
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	0.0%	0.0%	of renewal works were undertaken through DRFA-funded projects rather than from its own renewal program.
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	0.0%	0.0%	Council's asset consumption ratio remains above the target, indicating sound management of existing assets. The five-year average also continues to meet target level.
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	-	-	The leverage ratio reflects Council's capacity to service its existing debt. The increase in the current year relates to a new loan drawn before 30 June 2026.

The current year financial sustainability statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to calculate the 6 reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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General Purpose Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2026**Certificate of Accuracy (audited ratios)**

This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.

Cr Francis Murray**Mayor**

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Julianne Meier**Chief Executive Officer**

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Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement

Independent Auditor's Report - Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement

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Current-year Financial Sustainability Statement - Contextual Ratios

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
Contextual ratios (unaudited)					
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue*	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	Council-controlled revenue is an indicator of a council's financial flexibility, ability to influence its operating income, and capacity to respond to unexpected financial shocks.
	Population Growth*	N/A	0.0%	0.0%	Population growth is a key driver of a council's operating income, service needs, and infrastructure requirements into the future.

The current year financial sustainability statement - Contextual Ratios is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to calculate the 2 reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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Certificate of Accuracy (contextual ratios - unaudited)

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Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement - FOR UPDATE AT YEAREND

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 7)	Actuals as at 30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029	30 June 2030	30 June 2031	30 June 2032	30 June 2033	30 June 2034	30 June 2035	30 June 2036
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	Greater than 60%	0.0%	-17.1%	-6.6%	-6.6%	-6.6%	-7.0%	-7.3%	-7.8%	-4.9%	-5.6%	-6.4%
	Population Growth	N/A	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	0% to 10%	0.0%	-17.1%	-6.6%	-6.6%	-6.6%	-7.0%	-7.3%	-7.8%	-4.9%	-5.6%	-6.4%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	0.0%	16.3%	23.2%	57.8%	46.7%	55.4%	66.9%	51.3%	19.9%	19.9%	19.9%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	N/A for long-term sustainability statement										
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 90%	0.0%	121.0%	74.0%	76.0%	74.0%	77.0%	75.0%	79.0%	78.0%	77.0%	76.0%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	0.0%	65.0%	64.0%	62.0%	63.0%	62.0%	61.0%	62.0%	61.0%	61.0%	61.0%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	-	8.40	10.60	10.40	10.00	9.60	9.20	8.70	10.60	10.20	9.70

Council's long term financial management strategy is to measures revenue and expenditure trends over time as a guide to future requirements and to make decisions about the efficient allocation of resources to ensure the most effective provision of services. Council ensures that its financial management strategy is prudent and that its long-term financial forecast shows a sound financial position whilst also being able to meet the community's current and future needs.

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Certificate of Accuracy - Long Term Financial Sustainability Statement

This long-term financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this long-term financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.

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13.2.3 Governance Update

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY: Juanita Warner
AUTHOR(S): Juanita Warner, Governance Manager
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

This report is provided to update Council on the Governance activities across Council focusing on the risk activities, policy framework implementation, Internal Audit, and general governance review over the last month.

POLICY REVIEWS

A Policy Dashboard has been implemented to provide visibility and oversight of policy status, including policies under review, overdue items, and new policy development. Priority continues to be given to statutory policies and high-risk policies to ensure compliance with legislative requirements and alignment with Council's Risk Management Framework.

At the time of Reporting:

Status	Policies – July 26	Policies – August 26
Adopted (Current)	38	45
Under Review (Policy owner)	10	11
With Governance (Compliance)	8	6
With ELT (For Feedback)	6	4
Overdue	15	14
Superseded	6	6
Ready for Adoption	4	2
TOTAL	87	88

COUNCIL REGISTERS

Council holds several registers that are required to be held by law. The *Local Government Act 2009* requires Council to report a list of registers kept by the local government in its Annual Report. Registers are being reviewed and updated as required.

Delegation Registers

- Council to CEO – Under Review – King and Co updates ready to implement
- Financial Delegations – Adopted 31/03/26 – Distributed to all officers
- CEO to Employee and Contractors – Finalised 15/05/26. Memorandum of Delegations sent to Officers
- Administrative Delegations – In Progress – CEO to review

Councillor Conflict of Interest

- Prescribed and Declarable Register – Up until 30 June 2026
- Conflict of Interest and Material Personal Interest – From July 2026

Councillor Conduct Register

- Published on Council Website

Food Licences

- Register of all current Food Licence

Administrative Action Complaints Register

- Register of complaints received which now includes PID Complaints

Local Law Register

- Published on Council Website

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Council is required to manage records in accordance with the *Public Records Act 2023*, relevant Queensland State Archives requirements and internal governance frameworks. A review of current practices identified the need to:

- Strengthen control over physical records
- Improve use of official recordkeeping systems
- Apply retention and disposal requirements consistently
- Increase staff awareness and compliance

The Records Management Upgrade Project has been developed to address these gaps and provide a structured, risk-based approach to records management.

At the time of Reporting:

Status	Tasks May 2026	Tasks June 2026	Tasks July 2026	Tasks Aug 2026
Not Started	12	3	2	2
In Progress	13	18	18	11
Completed	1	5	6	13
TOTAL	26	26	26	26

These initiatives collectively support a more structured, compliant, and sustainable approach to Records Management across Council.

INSURANCE

Claims Management

Class	Claim Date	Description	Status
Liability	06/09/2024	Injury sustained due to trip and fall	Current
Motor	19/11/2025	Prime Mover sustained damage – Dolly and Water Tank roll over	Current
Motor	19/11/2025	Damage to Water Tanker	Current
Motor	19/11/2025	Damage to Dolly	Current
Motor	19/12/2025	Damage to vehicle – reversing	Current
Motor	04/12/2025	Damage to vehicle – impact by Kangaroo	Current

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Food Related:

- Emails and Phone consultations
- Food Licence Inspections conducted – Bedourie, Betoota and Birdsville
- Food Vendor Inspections conducted – Birdsville Carnival
- Temporary Food Business Application - Approved

GENERAL GOVERNANCE

Council Forms

A comprehensive review of Council's corporate forms is currently underway as part of Council's ongoing governance improvement program. The review aims to standardise the design, structure, and content of forms across the organisation, ensuring consistency in branding, legislative references, document control, privacy obligations, and records management requirements. The updated forms will provide a more professional and user-friendly experience while supporting compliance, operational efficiency, and improved governance practices.

Procedure Updates

As Council's policy framework continues to be strengthened, associated operational procedures and processes are also being reviewed and updated to ensure alignment with adopted policies and legislative requirements. This ongoing program of work is focused on establishing clear, consistent, and practical operational guidance for employees, improving organisational efficiency, strengthening governance, and ensuring Council's documented practices accurately reflect current business operations and responsibilities.

Governance Toolkit Development

Continued development of Council's governance toolkit, including standard templates, registers, forms, procedures, and guidance documents to support consistent governance practices, improve organisational efficiency and strengthen legislative compliance across the organisation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council has now formally adopted the Enterprise Risk Management Policy, Enterprise Risk Management Framework and Risk Appetite Statement, establishing the governance foundation for enterprise risk management across the organisation. Implementation has now progressed to the review of the Corporate Risk Register by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), with subsequent phases focused on operational implementation, monitoring and embedding risk management into Council's business processes.

The Enterprise Risk Management Project was commenced to strengthen Council's governance arrangements and establish a contemporary, organisation-wide approach to identifying, assessing, managing, and monitoring strategic and operational risks.

Throughout the development of the framework, the Audit and Risk Committee has provided valuable guidance and oversight, ensuring the framework aligns with Council's governance obligations and recognised better practice.

- Phase 1 – Framework – Completed
- Phase 2 – Corporate Risk Register (Current Phase)
- Phase 3 – Implementation
 - Operational Risk Register
 - Risk Management Plans
 - Staff Education
 - Monitoring and Reporting

PEST MANAGEMENT – BOUNTY PAYMENTS BUDGET

A bounty payment is an incentive that Council provides to people who remove certain declared pest animals. These pests are usually feral dogs/dingoes. To claim the bounty, the claimant must provide proof the animal was destroyed by offering a scalp and providing the location where the animal was destroyed. Bounty Payments are \$30 per scalp. To date the following amounts have been paid out to claimants:

Month –	Males	Females	Pups	Total	Actual YTD	Budget
June 25 to July 26	375	270	86	731	\$21,930	\$5,000

Month	Males	Females	Pups	Total	Actual YTD	Budget
July 2026	0	0	0	0	0	
August 2026	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 5,000

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT – CAT REGISTRATIONS

As part of the 25/26 Fees and Charges review, King and Co undertook a legal review of Council's fees and charges schedule. During this review, the annual cat registration fees (for both entire and desexed cats) were identified for removal.

"Has Council made a Local Law about cat registration? If not, cat registration scheme under former Chapter 3 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act is no longer applicable ... and registration requirements should be removed."

Council removed cat registration fees from the Fees and Charges Schedule. Council has historically maintained a registration database for both cats and dogs. However, there is still a misconception that cats must be registered in case of impoundment and being able to reunite with owners.

A review has been undertaken of the following:

- Local Law 1 (Administration) 2013
- Subordinate Local Law No 1 (Administration) 2016
- Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2013
- Subordinate Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2013

Findings:

- Local Law No 2 regulates the keeping and control of animals, including approvals for keeping animals, animal numbers, desexing, min standards, identification in certain circumstances, nuisance management and impounding
- The Local Law does not contain a provision requiring all cats to be registered with Council or creating an offence for failing to register a cat
- The Local Laws contain historical references to ‘registered cats’ and ‘registration devices. These provisions appear to reflect the previous legislation that existed under the former Chapter 3 of the Animal Management Act 2008 and have not been updated following the legislative amendments

While references to registered cats remain within the local laws, they do not establish a compulsory cat registration scheme. Registration assists Council in identifying the owners of trapped cats. While the registration database is a useful tool, it should be distinguished from a statutory or local law requirement to register cats.

Ways to reunite trapped cats with their owners could also be supported through:

- Microchipping – encouraged, although I don’t know if council has a wand to read chips
- Collars displaying historical registration number
- Collars displaying current owner contact details
- Through social media platforms – many other councils do this successfully when animals are impounded

Identification and registrations should not be treated as identical concepts.

It recommended that council advise residents that, while cat registration is not currently required, owners are strongly encouraged to ensure cats are identifiable by having cats with a collar displaying current owner contact details or collar displaying historical registration number.

Council will also need to review the Local law No 2 Animal Management and the Subordinate Local Law No 2 Animal Management to remove obsolete references to cat registration and confirm the preferred approach to cat identification.

13.2.4 Q4 - Quarterly Report Operational Plan 2025/2026

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY:	Juanita Warner
AUTHOR(S):	Juanita Warner, Governance Manager
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Q4 - 2025/2026 Operational Plan ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council must preset a written assessment of its progress towards implementing the annual operational plan. This report provides an update on the progress in delivering Council's 2025–26 Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Q4 - Quarterly Report Operational Plan 2025/2026.

DISCUSSION

The Quarter 4 review provides Council with a mid-year assessment of progress against the 2025–26 Operational Plan and indicates that delivery is generally tracking in line with expectations.

While a number of actions remain in progress or show lower percentage completion at this stage, this reflects the planned timing of milestones, the staged nature of delivery, and dependencies on external agencies, funding approvals, and seasonal factors. No material risks have been identified that would prevent the achievement of annual operational outcomes.

1. Our Environment

- Rehabilitation of disused gravel pits continues when plant and crews are operating in relevant locations. No material changes from the previous quarter. Actions continue to progress in line with the approved Operational Plan.
- Battery storage installation in Bedourie is underway in collaboration with Ergon, with commissioning scheduled in the next quarter.
- Rooftop solar inverter issues are being actively managed through ongoing technical engagement.
- Participation in regional pest management forums continues.

2. Our Community

- Cultural heritage obligations have been met, including annual training activities.
- Development of master plans for three racetracks and Birdsville Bronco Yards are now complete.
- The revised Community Grants Policy has been adopted.
- Playgroup services continue to operate in accordance with funding agreements.
- Family Day Care in Bedourie and Birdsville now operational.

- Ongoing engagement continues with police and support to SES through recruitment activities and Council continues to encourage volunteers.
- Presence at Regional Air Services Engagement sessions organised by TMR in Bedourie and Birdsville. Additional lobbying through RAPAD.
- Residential land has been promoted for sale, with additional residential activation funding secured for Bedourie.

3. Our Economy

- Pest Management course delivered, with community members in attendance.
- 6.5 km sealed in 2025 (Allans Yards and Cuttaburra Stage 1). Funding secured for remaining sections.
- Council office established in Industrial Estate, Bedourie is ready for use with communications to be finalised.

4. Our Organisation

- Workforce initiatives, including enterprise bargaining considerations and performance frameworks, continue to progress.
- Electronic payroll and timesheet system is completed and is currently in the post-implementation phase, with ongoing monitoring and support activities underway.
- The Compliance Assurance Matrix has been developed and is being implemented across Corporate Services.
- WH&S planning, risk register reviews, and records management reforms are progressing.
- Internal control practices have been implemented with the focus of continuing improvement. Expecting to phase out Financial Turnover Strategy and replaced with documented procedures, reviews and staff accountability and oversight.

5. Our Infrastructure

- Shire road works are largely tracking in line with the approved works program.
- Capital project reporting continues to be strengthened through quarterly reporting to Council.
- Asset Management Plan reviews are underway, supported by the current asset valuation process.

24-Jul-26

1. Our Environment

1. Is protected from degradation by practices which ensure environment sustainability					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
Council practices ensure the rehabilitation of disused road and gravel pits.	1.1.1 Establish a program to rehabilitate old roadworks and gravel pits.	Program implemented by Q4.	DIS	Disused grave pits are being rehabilitated when appropriate equipment is in the areas.	45%
2. Benefits from the utilization of renewable energy sources.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
Energy producers partner with Council and/or community to maximise the use of renewable energy production.	1.2.1 Lobby relevant agencies to install battery storage in each town.	At least one lobbying activity undertaken.	DIS	Ergon are on track for Bedourie battery completion of commissioning in Sept 2026.	85%
Continue update of renewable energy and energy efficient products.	1.2.2 Monitor issues with inverters in Bedourie.	All rooftop solar systems working (80% by Q2).	DIS	Monthly meetings with Ergon/ Toowoomba Solar and SwitchDin to troubleshoot ongoing issues.	100%
3. Is relatively free from pest weeds and animals.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
Council cooperates at a regional level to prevent pest weed and feral animal spread into the Shire.	1.3.1 Engage with regional bodies and participate in the development of regional environmental management plans and programs.	4 regional meetings attended per year by Q4	CEO	RAPAD Bush Council Convention, Longreach.	100%
	1.3.2 Maintain a pest-free status of river systems in the Shire.	Source funding by Q4	CEO	Draft Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and RAPAD MoU	25%
4. Is free from roadside waste.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
All roadside waste is removed in the Shire.	1.4.1 Develop a program to clean up hard waste from town properties.	1 x Community clean-up campaign per year.	DIS	Clean up of hard waste occurs regularly. Clean up of alotments at Bedourie Hotel.	100%

2. Our Community

1. Recognises the value of preserving the unique culture of the area.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
Effective management of cultural heritage and native title.	2.1.1 Meet obligations under Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) and Cultural Heritage Act.	Obligations met by Q4.	CEO	Gravel pit logbook completed and implemented and Annual CH training completed (28/1/2026)	100%
Financially viable and strongly supported traditional social events.	2.1.2 Maintain support in accordance with Council's Community Grants Policy.	Percentage of grants made in line with Council policy (100% by Q4).	DCM	Funding broken into rounds, to date 100% of applicants have received funding and support requested.	100%
Preservation of historical sites and artefacts.	2.1.3 Research and develop a tourist attraction at Pisé House - Mud Hut Bedourie.	Project completed by Q4.	DCM	The research project for the Pise House is ongoing. Project on hold until master plan can be completed in Q1 of 26/27. Delays for consultation due to Ilua conversations.	45%

	2.1.4 Upgrade cemeteries at Birdsville and Bedourie.	Project completed by Q4.	DCM DIS	Maintenance in Bedourie Cemetery completed. Birdsville Cemetery Beautification to commence. Mapping project underway Chronicle.	50%
2. Has a cost of living that is managed within Council's capacity.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
The cost of living in the Shire is reduced.	2.2.1 In consultation with businesses, identify ways to reduce the cost of living for residents.	Number of living improvement opportunities identified and implemented (2 by Q4).	CEO DCM	Adopted above award remuneration policy. Promote grant opportunities on Council website for small businesses and community. Lobby for low cost airfares.	100%
3. Has attractive, green and clean towns.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	% Complete
Streetscape maintained and parks developed as funds allow.	2.3.1 Develop service standards for Shire parks.	Service Standards developed by Q2.	DIS	Service standards developed and adopted by Council at 26 April meeting.	100%
	2.3.2 Deliver streetscape and park activities in line with developed service standards.	% compliance with service standards (90% by Q4).	DIS	Streetscaping and maintenance is in line with Service Level standards.	90%
4. Has access to a range of affordable transport services.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
A reliable, safe and regular air service at reasonable prices.	2.4.1 Lobby to maintain 'Resident fares' for Shire residents.	Lobbying activities completed (2 by Q4).	CEO	Presence at Regional Air Services Engagement sessions organised by TMR in Bedourie and Birdsville. Additional lobbying through RAPAD.	100%
	2.4.2 Lobby the Queensland Government to increase seat capacity on air services to Bedourie and Birdsville.	Number of lobbying activities (1 by Q4).	CEO	Presence at Regional Air Services Engagement sessions organised by TMR in Bedourie and Birdsville. Additional lobbying through RAPAD.	100%
5. Has a significant private home ownership with all residents appropriately housed.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Private home ownership continues to increase.	2.5.1 Promote residential land for sale.	Land sales (by Q4).	DCS	Land advertised on Council website with pricing and mapping.	100%
	2.5.2 Promote the Council housing construction subsidy scheme in the community.	Number of options taken up during the life of the corporate plan (2 by Q4).	DCS	Council has successfully implemented promotional activities for the housing subsidy scheme, resulting in interest from prospective land purchasers. Achievement of the measure is contingent on private investment decisions, including lot purchases and housing construction. Council has met its responsibility by making residential land available through existing allotments and the new Bedourie subdivision; however, the timing and completion of housing development remain outside Council's direct control.	
	2.5.3 Increase residential living on Council owned land.	Increase of housing stock. (2 by Q4).	DCS	Residential Activation Fund Round 1 project Bedourie Subdivision completed 20 July 2026.	100%

6. Where volunteering in the community is a given and community spirit is visible.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Active and well-resourced community groups.	2.6.1 Increase the number of SES volunteers in the Shire.	Number of enrolled and active SES participants within the Shire (50% increase by Q4).	DCM	HR assisted SES with recruitment process in 2026.	100%
	2.6.2 Increase volunteering in delivering community events.	100% of volunteer roles filled for event delivery by Q2.	DCM	Ongoing and volunteering is actively encouraged	
7. Cares for its residents of all ages.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Services are provided for our aged, youth, children and families as appropriate.	2.7.1 Facilitate the provision of playgroup services as per funding agreement.	Playgroup services to continue.	DCM	Birdsville Playgroup fully operational. Bedourie Playgroup staff recruited.	100%
	2.7.2 Investigate options to provide Family Day Care in Birdsville and Bedourie.	Source funding for infrastructure.	DCM	Provider has been selected. Recruitment completed in Birdsville. Awaiting successful applicant to commence in Bedourie.	100%
8. Has 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.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
A community that is fully aware of and responsive to primary health care needs.	2.8.1 Lobby Queensland Health to provide half yearly dental visits to Shire.	Number of lobbying activities (2).	CEO	Lobbying undertaken with WQPHN.	100%
9. Has quality sporting facilities with high participation rates.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Well maintained sporting facilities which meet community needs with additional facilities as appropriate for the communities.	2.9.1 Develop master plans for 3 racetracks and Birdsville Bronco Yards.	3 Master plans completed by Q2.	CEO DCM	Completed in Q2	100%
	2.9.2 Promote bursary funding to eligible residents within the Shire.	Applications approved (1).	DCM	Advertisement in Desert Yarns to occurring	100%
10. Has quality internet access to all town and properties in the Shire and mobile coverage is maximised.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
The Birdsville, Bedourie and Betoota Racecourses have consistent mobile phone coverage.	2.10.1 Investigate options to improve mobile phone coverage at Shire racecourses.	Telstra engaged to maximise coverage by Q1.	CEO	Met with Telstra, however coverage options outside of operational budget.	100%
11. Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Community groups are supported in their arts and cultural pursuits.	2.11.1 Promote and develop community events.	Conducting post event surveys.	DCM	Community grants policy updated.	100%
	2.11.2 Provide free community “How to” sessions.	Grant submissions, social media and think	DCM	Sessions held in the Shire. 3 have been delivered.	100%

12. Is safe and crime-free.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
The community continues to be safe and crime free.	2.12.1 Maintain engagement with regional police services to ensure that police stations are always staffed, community needs are understood, and policing is effective.	Number of engagement/lobbying activities (1 per year).	CEO DCM	Ongoing engagement with Mt Isa District Inspector and Assistant Commissioner.	100%
	2.12.2 Maintain disaster management plans, including Animal Welfare Sub-plan.	Compliant disaster management plan.	CEO	In progress.	10%
	2.12.3 Continue to support the police and emergency services in the Shire.	Active SES members in each town.	CEO	Supported recruitment processes.	100%

3. Our Economy

1. Is underpinned by the beef cattle industry and the expanding organic market.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Improve animal welfare outcomes.	3.1.1 Lobby to extend sealed road network to improve animal welfare.	Lobbying activities undertaken (2)	CEO	Advocacy pursued through Ministerial meetings, RAPAD and TMR.	100%
	3.1.2 Enable community attendance in pest management courses.	Courses offered by Q2.	CEO	Pest management course delivered, with community members in attendance.	100%
2. Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
More tourists visits year on year.	3.2.1 Promote activities to increase visitor numbers within Shire outside of peak event periods.	Visitor numbers increased outside of peak event periods.	DCM	Media Campaign has commenced targeting the 2026 season	50%
Pisé House is established as a tourist attraction.	3.2.2 Open Pisé House to the public as a tourist site.	Minimum of 2 community events held near Pisé House.	DCM	Project on hold until master plan can be completed in Q1 of 26/27. Visitors can view the external of Pise House and also the trackers hut, can be accessed.	50%
3. Benefits from a growing population with full employment.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
The employment rate maintained at more than 95%.	3.3.1 Make Council training activities available to community members if appropriate.	Community attendance at training sessions (20).	CEO	Pest and weed control training made available to community.	100%
	3.3.2 Facilitate the establishment of Family Day Care opportunities in Bedourie and Birdsville.	Family Day Care solution approved by Q4.	DCM	Completed. Birdsville is up and running and Bedourie opens 28 July 2026.	100%
4. Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Additional utilization of vacant land in Bedourie, Betoota and Birdsville.	3.4.1 Council office established in Industrial Estate, Bedourie.	Fit for purpose Council office established by Q2.	DIS	Office established and ready for use.	100%
The Shire planning scheme facilitates the development of environmentally sustainable towns in the Shire.	3.4.1 Review Shire planning scheme in cooperation with the Department.	Progress with scheme review.	CEO	Undertaking a Planning Scheme with Reel Planning.	40%

5. Will be much stronger when there is sealed road access to Birdsville and more resilient and safe road access.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
The Bedourie - Birdsville road is fully sealed and a long-term commitment to complete the sealing of the Birdsville - Windorah and Bedourie - Windorah road is secured.	3.5.1 Lobby the Queensland and Australian Governments to fund the pave and bitumen seal of the remaining 18km of Eyre Development Road.	2 x lobbying activities.	CEO DIS	Completed	100%
3. Benefits from a growing population with full employment.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Roads are safer to travel on, particularly during major events.	3.5.2 Lobby the Queensland and Australian Governments to fund the construction of sealed overtaking opportunities on the Birdsville Developmental Road at least every 25km and Diamantina Developmental Road every 50km	2 x lobbying activities.	CEO	Ongoing discussions with TMR regarding funding.	100%
Roads are more flood resilient (closing later, opening earlier) and enabling freight and travellers to move more readily.	3.5.3 Lobby the Queensland and Australian Governments for funds to improving flooding immunity to the Diamantina Developmental Road at Farrars Creek channels and Eyre Developmental Road at Diamantina River channels.	2 x lobbying activities undertaken.	CEO	Ongoing discussions with TMR regarding funding.	100%

4. Our Organisation

1. Is a sustainable and effective organisation (cont.)					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
A quality, effective motivated workforce.	4.1.1 Enterprise bargaining agreement (EBA) negotiations are completed.	EBA implemented by Q4	CEO	Above Award Remuneration policy adopted June 2026.	100%
	4.1.2 Implement 10/4 rosters for road crews.	10/4 rosters by Q1	DIS	Procedures uploaded, 10/4 roster not implemented yet.	90%
	4.1.3 Finalise and monitor progress on the Positive Performance Framework: CEO and Director KPIs, Business Unit Plans and Personal Improvement Plans (PIPs).	>90% staff have an agreed PIP by Q1.	CEO	ELMO Software purchased, expected to be implemented by December 2026.	75%
		Client survey conducted by Q3.	CEO	Staff survey conducted at training week. Results yet to be reported.	50%
	4.1.4 Develop and implement an intranet for staff communications and access to corporate information.	Intranet implemented by Q4.	DCS	Research and preliminary discussions have commenced with a range of service providers to identify suitable options and inform future decision-making.	10%
Best Practice Corporate Governance	4.1.5 Deliver and implement 3-year WH&S Plan.	WH&S Plan implemented by Q2	CEO	Plan implemented and reviewed by LGW. Monthly and quarterly reviews with LGW ongoing to prepare for audit early 2027.	100%
	4.1.6 Develop and implement Compliance Assurance Matrix.	Matrix implemented by Q2.	DCS	The Compliance Assurance Matrix has been developed and integrated into the Annual Compliance Calendar. Legislative obligations, responsible officers, reporting requirements and key compliance dates have been identified and documented. The remaining work involves final validation, implementation across business units and embedding ongoing monitoring and reporting processes to ensure the matrix forms part of Council's regular compliance assurance framework.	95%
	4.1.7 Support the separation of roles between Council and Management.	4 x Councillor development opportunities.	CEO	Financial Management Training. Elected Member Training. AICD Refresher Training. Communications Training.	100%
Effective knowledge management systems and policies in place.	4.1.8 Develop digitised (paperless) records policy.	Adopt digitised policy and commence practices.	DCS	Significant progress has been made in strengthening Council's knowledge management systems and governance documentation. A centralised policy management framework has been established, supported by a comprehensive Policy Progress Register, standardised templates, document control processes and defined review schedules. Council's records management framework has also been enhanced through improvements to the MAGIQ electronic document management system, file structure reviews, Business Classification Scheme implementation, and the development of procedures and guidance material to promote consistent recordkeeping practices.	95%
Long term financial sustainability.	4.1.9 Electronic documents system upgrade and training.	Commenced by Q2.	DCS	Training has been provided to Council staff on the use of Council's Electronic Document Management System to support improved records management and information governance practices	100%
	4.1.10 Review Strategic and Operational Risk Registers.	Complete by Q4.	DCS	The project has been completed and is scheduled to be tabled at the May 2026 Audit and Risk Committee meeting.	100%
	4.1.11 Implement electronic payroll and planning system to accurately capture plant and payroll data.	System implemented by Q2.	DCS	Definitiv went live on 17 February 2026 and is currently in the post-implementation phase, with ongoing monitoring and support activities underway.	100%

	4.1.12 Complete Financial Turnaround Strategy to ensure the stability of Council's finances into the future.	100% of strategy actions complete by Q2.	DCS	Internal control practices have been implemented with the focus of continuing improvement. Expecting to phase out Financial Turnover Strategy and replaced with documented procedures, reviews and staff accountability and oversight. Budget adopted in June 2026	100%
	4.1.13 Develop and maintain Council's Long Term Financial Model.	Assumptions workshopped with Council by Q3.	DCS		100%
2. Is engaged with its residents.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Effective community engagement.	4.2.1 Develop and improve communication tools including website, community notice board, rates newsletter and annual report etc.	Community survey, annual review and update of comms tools effectiveness by Q4.	ELT	Fortnightly newsletter, quarterly desert yarns. In the process of establishing staff intranet.	75%
	4.2.2 Hold at least 2 Council meetings in Birdsville.	2 meetings by Q4.	DCS	Meeting held in October 2025 and April 2026.	100%
3. Is a leader in the region which supports regional cooperation, resource sharing and partnerships.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Council participates in projects which advance regional cooperation and resource sharing.	4.3.1 Cooperate with neighbouring Shires in mutually beneficial resource sharing activities.	Number of resources shared (5 per year).	CEO	Ongoing opportunities assessed such as enterprise software, baiting opportunities, MOU with Longreach Regional Council to support finance teams, consideration of shared services with Boulia for difficult to source services.	100%
	4.3.2 Participate in regional purchasing arrangements where appropriate.	Engage min. 3 regional arrangements by Q4.	CEO	Airport Annual Technical Inspections & Annual Electrical Inspections by JASKO engaged through ORRTG, Update to Regional Airport Plan joint procured through ORRTG & DWQMP auditor engaged via RAPADWSA	100%
4. Is recognised as the sole road construction provider in the Shire.					
Outcome	Action	Measure (Target)	Role	Comments	%
Council maintains its sole invitee status for all Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) work within the Shire.	4.4.1 Lobby Queensland Government to ensure main road works are offered to Council in priority.	2 lobbying activities undertaken by Q4.	CEO DIS	Completed, ongoing relationship meetings established.	100%
Council owns and operates a quality Plant fleet.	4.4.2 Carry out Plant procurement uplift program to ensure Plant assets are replaced in line with policy.	% compliance with plant replacement program.	DIS	Completed, Plant Replacements Schedule updated and 2026/27 Capex Budget in line with schedule	100%
Maintain a profitable plant operation.	4.4.3 Review and maintain plant hire rates and performance.	Rates implemented (Q3).	DIS DCS	Plant hire rates approved by TMR and QRA and now implemented. Plant Utilisation reports regularly reviewed with a focus on ensuring revenue is in line with plant hired.	100%

13.3 Communities Services Directorate

13.3.1 Communities Directorate Update

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report

DIRECTORATE: Communities

PRESENTED BY: N/A

AUTHOR(S): Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, Director Communities

AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS: 1. The Campfire Method of Telling Our Stories 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Communities Meetings / Strategic Actions July / August 2026

Date	Parties	Context / Information
3 July	Birdsville Races	First catch up with Birdsville Races event manager to commence planning of event.
13 July	2026 Queensland Tourism Awards Virtual Site Visit	Virtual site visit from the judging panel in relation to the application being submitted for the Birdsville Wirrarri Centre Gallery under the Cultural Tourism category.
14 July	Social Impact Assessment Workshop	ELT attended an ASVB Social Impact Assessment Workshop to review if the process and system are suitable for Council.
15 July	Local Recovery and Resilience Group (LRRG) Meeting	Final stakeholder meeting to 'Stand Down' Recovery for the recent flooding event. Outcome is that Council has a template for future recovery efforts.
22-23 July	LGMA – Communities Directorate Team Communication Training	The Communities Directorate convened in Birdsville for a day and a half training.
31 July	Birdsville Races	Commencement of regular catch ups with Birdsville Races.

Communities Meetings / Strategic Actions July / August 2026 Continued

Ongoing		
Monthly	Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trial	LGA Stakeholder meeting – main discussions around funding for marketing and stakeholder input for project management.
Fortnightly	Birdsville Carnival Emergency Service Stakeholder Meeting	Regular catch up to discuss event progression and planning.
Monthly	Birdsville Business Group Meeting	Regular catch-up meeting for the businesses of Birdsville and Betoota to talk about events, issues and general connection.

Communities Projects

Updates on specific Communities projects.

2026 Tourism Marketing Campaign

The targeted marketing campaign is progressing well, with interviews and advertising on multiple media channels, including WIN TV.

The budget is tracking well and a copy of the footage shot in the Shire, is now on Council records.

Strategic Outcome

The Diamantina Brand Campaign is designed to restore confidence, rebuild awareness and stimulate visitation following a challenging period for Outback Queensland tourism.

By combining public relations, national media exposure, broadcast partnerships, television advertising and premium visual storytelling, the campaign will reposition the Diamantina as an accessible, welcoming and unforgettable Outback destination.

Importantly, the campaign will also leave a lasting legacy through the creation of a substantial destination content library that can be utilised across future tourism, investment and promotional activities.

Events and Tourism Projects

Project	Overview	Due Date	Tracking
Birdsville Courthouse Experience Director Communities	The Courthouse experience is open and staffed by the Vistors information centre. Timeline signs to be quoted and ordered by the middle of July, for installation in August. New event dates have been circulated: Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September	September 2026	On Track
Birdsville Courthouse Experience Director Communities	Restorations ○ Council has successfully received funding for preservation actions. ○ Seeking additional funding to support the ongoing maintenance and restorations.	Ongoing	On Track
Tourism Signage Awaiting Installation Director Communities	The Civil team have been in Birdsville working through these installations and it is nearing completion. • Flora and Fauna Signs • Birdsville Racecourse signage - awaiting installation.	July 2026	Delayed
Tourism Signage Audit and Update Director Communities	Burke and Wills Signs ○ Once information confirmed and all parties have approved, signage will be quoted and ordered. The following areas are continuing into 2026, due resourcing and time constraints. Flood Markers This project is being prepared by the Tourism Coordinator, a report is to be presented in August Workshop. Town Entry signage Following workshop in July, a separate report has been prepared and will be presented. Bedourie Event Signage ○ Sign being designed and will be circulated again to clubs for comment. No comments received. Information panels with Shire History at lookouts and around Shire	Ongoing	On Track

Project	Overview	Due Date	Tracking
	- Research underway for the artwork on these signs as it is proving a challenge to locate this internally. Points of Interest Signage - These metal signs have faded and need to be replaced. We need to find the relevant information and redo the signs; there are about 25 across the Shire. Seeking details through Brian Mooney's computer. Initial look has presented old quotes; company has been contacted but no response received as yet.		
2026 Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail Director Communities	- Ongoing engagement with local government stakeholders, cameleers, and clubs. - Grant received from the Western Queensland Events Boost Fund (TEQ). This was spent on marketing and promotions of the trail. - Grant to be acquitted.	July 2026	Completed for 2026
2026 Simpson Desert Racing Carnival Director Communities	Ongoing discussion occurring with the Clubs in relation to 2026 event plans.	August / September 2026	On Track

CREATIVE CONTENT OFFICER, SUMMARY OF JULY 2026

- **Queensland Tourism Industry Council 2026 Tourism Awards**
 - The following is a summary of the application

Category: Cultural Tourism

The Council preserves and protects culture through the preservation of Queensland Heritage listed buildings, a program of collecting stories and artefacts, and an art/history exhibition in the Birdsville Wirrarri Gallery. The Camp Fire Method of Telling Our Stories, developed in-house, is the guiding principle for the preservation and protection of culture when focusing on storytelling outcomes. Council seeks to not only preserve our heritage listed buildings but to gather our first hand stories to build on our archive and develop authentic outcomes for the tourism sector. Council seeks to be responsive to the community's desire to see our stories told with integrity and to preserve our history by utilising existing infrastructure, donations and readily available technology.

Activity 1:

The Camp Fire Method of telling our stories (please see attachment 1 for more information)

Activity 2:

The Birdsville Courthouse – Telling the People’s Stories

Activity 3:

Birdsville – The Black Book exhibition

Final Remarks:

The Diamantina Shire Council has created a method of preserving and protecting our culture within a Local Government context by taking an art's approach that enhances the Tourism and Community strategy. This integrated method focuses on the individual human experience - whether current or historical - where icons, landscape and climate are players in the people's lived experience. This method both meets our community's desire to preserve our culture, and our visitors desire know how people live/lived in such a remote and harsh landscape and its significance to the national identity.

- **Wirrarri Gallery**
 - Offer of loan of a McGinn painting accepted
 - Offer of donation of McGinn painting accepted
- **Burke & Wills**
 - Interpretive signage sent to Phoenix for review and design including signage about Towner who blazed the Birdsville Tree
 - Remain in communication with Phoenix regarding details
- **Bedourie Pisé House**
 - Received furniture from Queensland Museum
- **Birdsville Courthouse**
 - Received furniture from Queensland Museum

Silky Oak Sideboard, in the Living Room



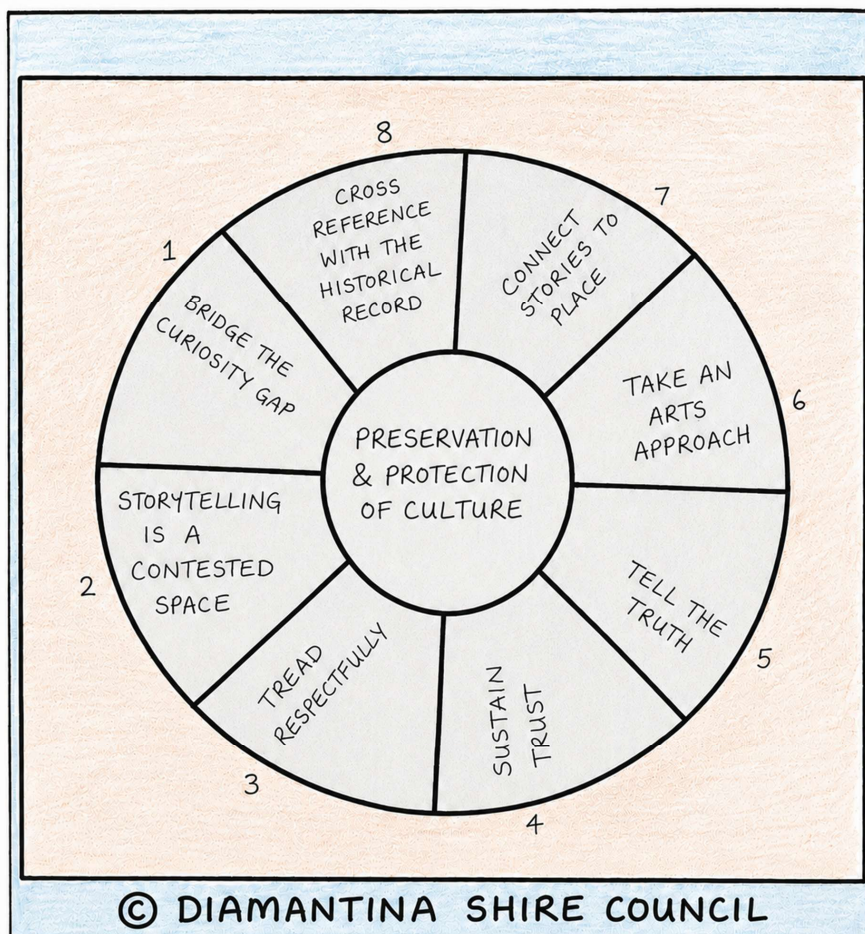
Silky Oak Chair, Western Veranda





THE CAMPFIRE METHOD of telling our stories 2026

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The Camp Fire Method of telling our stories was inspired by the tradition of yarning around a campfire. This method brings together elements that come into play when we as Council seek to tell our community's stories in order to preserve and protect our culture. Storytelling is the vehicle our community has asked us to use because it is a continuation of their cultural practice.

This method engenders trust in the process and creates a space in which the community can collaborate with Council.

This method helps to clarify our intention and in reaffirming its principles throughout the consultation period, current and former community members can feel that they are *partnering* with Council to preserve and protect *their* culture.

THE CAMP FIRE METHOD of telling our stories

1. Bridge the curiosity gap
 - a. The curiosity gap sits between what our audience knows and what they want to know.
 - b. Our role is to identify the potential content of this gap and an effective way to convey it.
2. Storytelling is a contested space
 - a. Narratives are fundamentally instruments of power. Who tells a story, which perspectives are centred, and whose histories are recorded or erased shape cultural memory and societal belonging.
 - b. Our role is to appreciate the dynamics that are particular to each of our stories and engage broadly with those who are relevant to them.
3. Tread respectfully
 - a. meet people and narratives where they are.
 - b. the onus is on Council to do the research that ensures an understanding of the nuance and sensitivities inherent in each story and to carry that knowledge into engagements, while remaining open to deeper learning.
4. Sustain trust
 - a. All stories are interconnected. Bear in mind those stories that are "off camera"
 - b. Our role is to ensure that those who share their story are confident that it is their memories, values, perspective and truths that are conveyed in any outcome that is about themselves and their family members. For those



THE CAMPFIRE METHOD of telling our stories 2026

whose story may interconnect, the opportunity stands for them to contribute their own story without it detracting from the former.

5. Tell the truth

- a. Be true to the perspective of the individual story while respecting alternative perspectives.
- b. Council's role is to affirm that all perspectives are valid while ensuring stories are supported by the Who, What, When, Where and Why method: a framework that captures an objective and meaningful record.

6. Take an arts approach

- a. Aim for outcomes that provoke reflection to draw the audience into an emotive experience
- b. Our role is to elevate the human experience of our stories to make them relatable and ensure we capture the uniqueness of our region and its people.

7. Connect stories to place

- a. Stories belong to locations. The climate and location are often a character in their own right.
- b. Our role is to be clear about where and when the story took place and the culture of the time in which it occurred

8. Cross reference with the historical record

- a. Assume there are records of people and events and seek them out to bring greater context and clarification
- b. Sources include but are not limited to museums, publications, memoirs, films, artworks, photographs etc and, of course, be vigilant in regard to correct copyright procedures and recognitions when using sources

Patrice Brandenburg – Director Communities

Michelle Murray - Creative Content Officer

13.3.2 Community Coordinator Report

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Paula Brown, Community Coordinator
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Community Coordinator Report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Funding and Reporting

All required Early Years Services (EYS) funding reporting has now been completed and submitted. The required Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) funding reporting has also been completed, along with the 2026–27 Library Forward Plan.

These reporting requirements provide an opportunity to review current service delivery, participation and future priorities across both Bedourie and Birdsville.

Playgroups

Playgroup attendance remains consistent across both communities. Bedourie Playgroup continues to have six regular children attending, while Birdsville Playgroup is maintaining three regular children.

Families continue to report a high level of satisfaction with the playgroup programs and the opportunities they provide for children and families to connect, socialise and participate in early learning activities.

Both playgroups continue to work closely with the Bedourie and Birdsville schools, maintaining regular engagement and supporting connections between families, children and their local schools. The playgroups also continue to engage with visiting Occupational Therapists, providing valuable opportunities for families to access additional information, activities and developmental support during their visits to the Shire.

NAIDOC Community Event

Diamantina Shire's NAIDOC community event will be held in Bedourie on 15 August 2026; thanks to the grant we have received. This will be the first Shire NAIDOC community event held for a few years and is an exciting opportunity to bring the community together to recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and community.

Planning is progressing well, and we are very much looking forward to a strong community turnout and an enjoyable day for residents and visitors.

The Indigenous Health Team from Longreach and the CWAATSICH team from Charleville will also be travelling to Bedourie to participate in the event. We also hope to see all residents in the Shire, especially those from Birdsville and Betoota. Their involvement is a welcome addition to the day and provides another opportunity to strengthen connections between our remote communities and visiting health services.

Family Day Care – Bedourie

Family Day Care has now commenced in Bedourie and is progressing very well. The establishment of this service is a significant and positive addition to the community, providing families with a local childcare option.

Importantly, the service provides parents with greater flexibility and opportunity to participate in employment while also providing children with an additional environment for social interaction, learning and development.

The commencement of Family Day Care represents an important improvement in support available to local families and contributes to the liveability and sustainability of the Diamantina Shire communities.

A big thank you is extended to Council's Maintenance Team and the locals families, for their assistance in completing the required works within the timeframe needed for the service to open. Their support and responsiveness played an important role in enabling Family Day Care to commence and is greatly appreciated.

Summary

Community and early years services continue to perform strongly across the Shire. Playgroup participation remains stable, families continue to provide positive feedback, partnerships with schools and visiting allied health services are continuing, and all required EYS and library reporting has been completed.

The commencement of Family Day Care in Bedourie is a particularly positive development for local families, while the upcoming NAIDOC event provides an important opportunity to bring the wider community together and celebrate culture and connection.

13.3.3 Tourism

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Faith Buchanan, Tourism Coordinator
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Tourism report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

This report provides an update for the Birdsville (Wirrarrri) and Bedourie (Outback) Visitor Information Centres Visitor Contact Summary (July 2026)

Analysis of the below data shows:

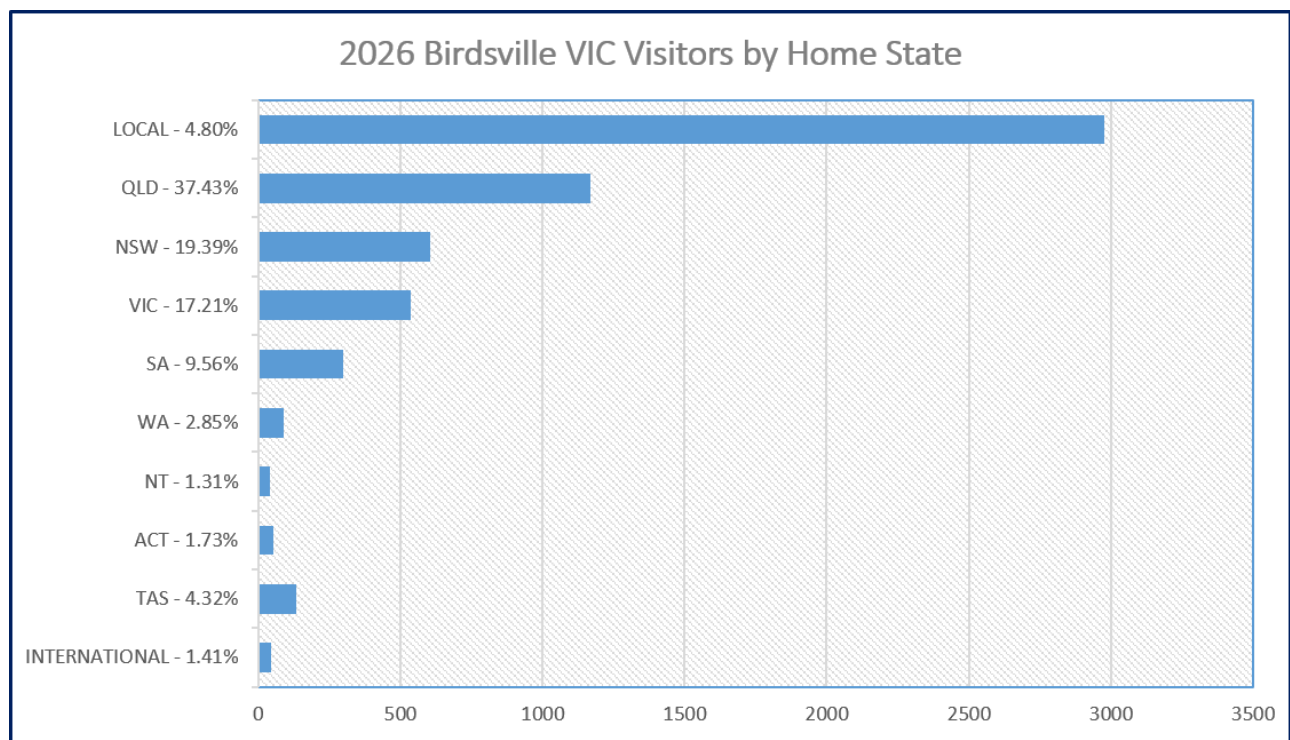
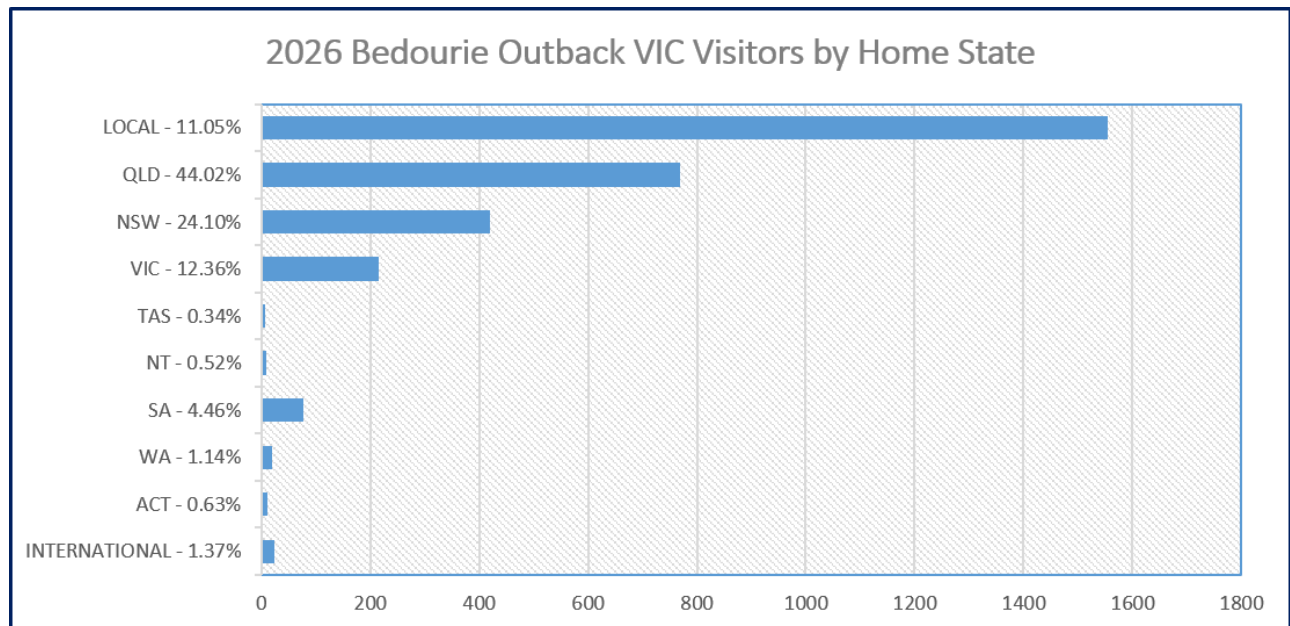
- Bedourie year to date visitor numbers decreased by 87.28% when compared to 2025
- Birdsville year to date visitor numbers decreased by 81.65% when compared to 2025
- Combined Visitor numbers are down by 36.42% when compared to the same period in 2025.

BEDOURIE		
Visitor Numbers	2025	2026
Jan	0	17
Feb	20	1
Mar	33	5
Apr	29	33
May	144	153
Jun	657	488
Jul	1605	857
Aug	696	0
Sep	565	0
Oct	147	0
Nov	23	0
Dec	16	0
Totals	3935	1554

BIRDSVILLE		
Visitor Numbers	2025	2026
Jan	15	12
Feb	17	6
Mar	67	7
Apr	42	156
May	379	420
Jun	1325	839
Jul	2803	1543
Aug	1994	0
Sep	2517	0
Oct	769	0
Nov	120	0
Dec	14	0
Totals	10062	2983

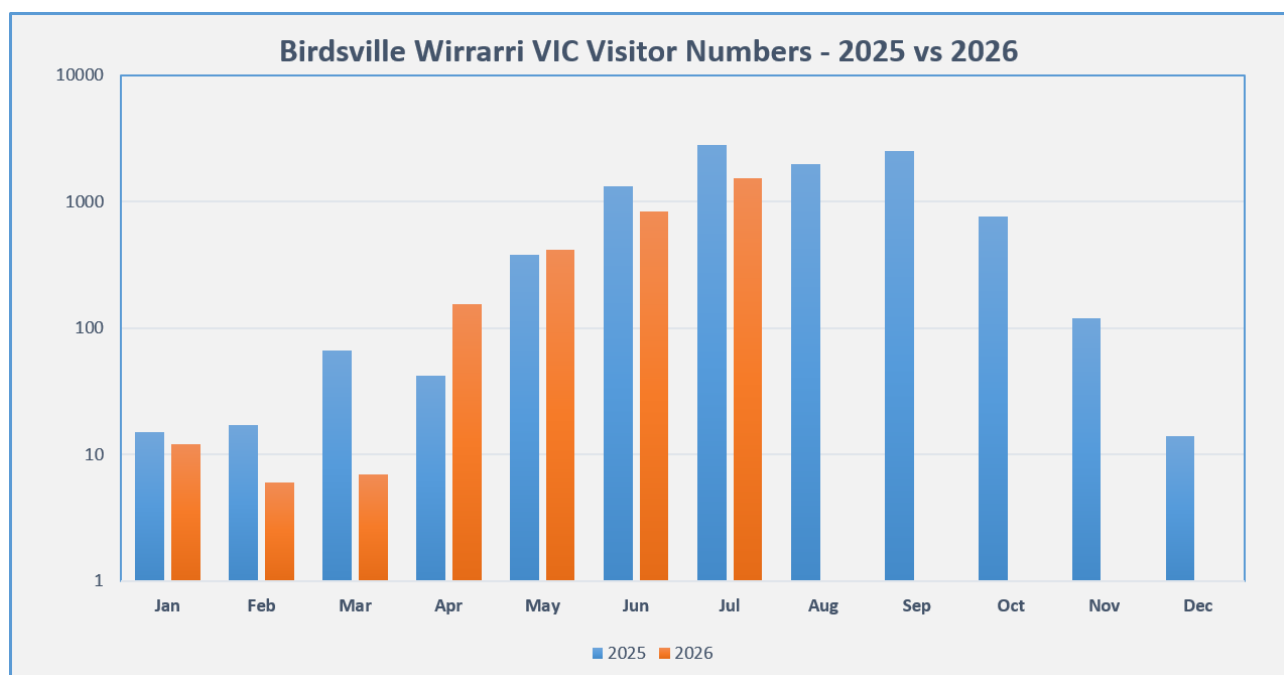
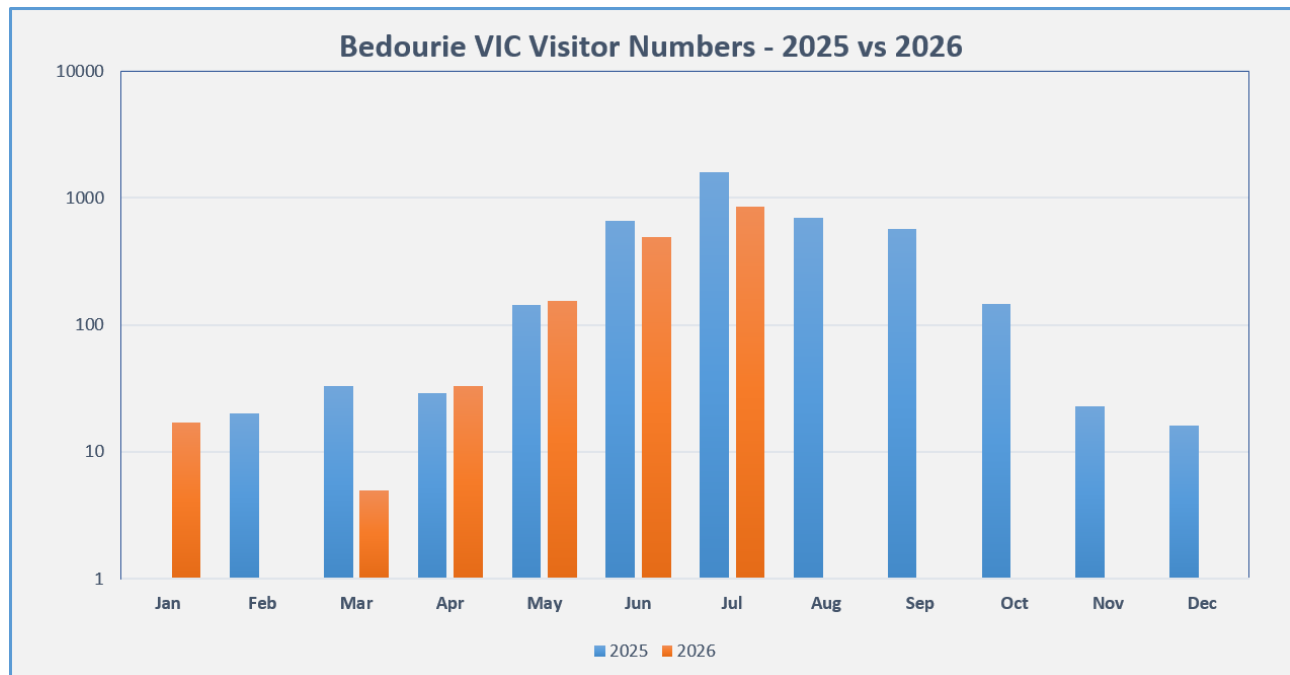
Breakdown by Residence State

The graphs below represent the visitation to the Visitor Information Centres, within the calendar year to date, categorised by primary home state of residence. These statistics provide data when planning marketing for each town and the Shire as a whole.



Comparison of Visitor Centres

The graphs below represent the 2025 versus 2026 visitor numbers for the Bedourie (Outback) and Birdsville (Wirrarri) Information Centres.



Tourism Overview

Visitor numbers were still down for the month of July due to many roads still being closed or inaccessible to areas such as the Birdsville Track (SA to Qld and vice versa), Innamincka Road, Dig Tree, and a large range of other popular travel routes. SA Transport & Roads is aiming to open all the roads, if not most, sometime in August which should encourage travellers back through the region again.

Both Visitor Centres have been experiencing good sales of merchandise over the past few months, and it's hoped that sales will greatly increase over the next two months.

13.3.4 Shire Tourism Signage

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Communities
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Patrice Brandenburg, Director Communities
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Town Entry Sign Betoota ↓ 2. Town Entry Sign Birdsville ↓ 3. Town Entry Sign Bedourie ↓ 4. Mt Isa Signs Quote - Birdsville Courthouse timeline ↓ 5. Warrego Signs Quote - Town Entry Signs ↓ 6. Warrego Signs Quote - Birdsville Courthouse ↓ 7. Birdsville Courthouse Timeline ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the designs of the Shire's Town Entry Signage and the Birdsville Courthouse Timeline for production and installation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the designs and quotes presented for Town Entry signs and Birdsville Courthouse Timeline.

BACKGROUND

Following the signage audit completed in November 2024, the Shire signage update project has been underway for twelve months, part of this audit includes the Shire's boundary Welcome Signs.

At the July Council workshop three designs were presented, the option was chosen for the new look Shire signage for the town entries.

The Birdsville Courthouse timeline has been in circulation for over twelve months in relation to the official opening occurring in September, and no feedback has been received.

DISCUSSION

Town Entry Signs

Following presentation of designs and discussions at the July Council workshop, we are seeking to finalise the designs and progress to production and installation.

The design chosen has been updated to reflect the three towns within the Shire. These are presented in the attached. For consistency with the existing signs, the size of these signs will be 2000mm (wide) x 1000mm (high).

There have been two quotes requested for the Town Entry Signs, for a total of eight signs

1. Warrego Signs to the value of \$ 520 per sign ex GST, total \$4,576.00 with Free delivery
2. Mt Isa Signs – no response received.

Birdsville Courthouse Timeline

The addition of the Birdsville Courthouse Timeline to the carpark of the precinct will highlight the central role the Courthouse has played. At the end of the timeline the official opening plaque will be placed on a rock chosen by the Mayor.

Sign Frame has been installed and is 7.8m long x 1.7m high:



1. Mt Isa Signs – Aluminium Sign to the value of \$3,583.16 incl GST, excluding freight.
2. Warrego Signs – Vinyl Sign to the value of \$8,800.00 incl gst supply and install the complete project, including delivery to site
3. Sign Blast – No response received.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**Corporate Plan 2022-2027****Theme**

- 3 Our Economy
- 2 Our Community

Long Term Goal

- 3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.
- 2.3 Has attractive, green and clean towns of which residents are proud.

POLICY

There are no direct policies in relation to this report

LEGISLATION

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 (TORUM) – Volume 3: Part 5 – Design Guide for Roadside Signs

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995. - Guideline Tourist and service signs

Australian Standard AS/NZS 1170.2 2011 Structural Design Actions, Part 2: Wind Loads

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

This project is funded out of the operating budget.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with Elected Members and Executive Leadership team.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This is a low to no risk project, as it is replacing the existing signage.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The timing of this project is as soon as possible.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Alternative options have been considered and the report reflects the selected option.



WELCOME TO



B E T O O T A

Mithaka Country



WELCOME TO



B I R D S V I L L E

Wangkangurru Yarluyandi Country



WELCOME TO



B E D O U R I E

Wangkamahdla Country



QUOTE

Diamantina Shire Council

Diamantina Shire Council 17 Herbert Street BEDOURIE QLD 4829

Date
30 Jul 2026

Quote Number
QU [REDACTED]

ABN
11 644 150 210

Rocket 139 Pty Ltd t/as
Mount Isa Signs
4 Clover Ct
MOUNT ISA QLD 4825
AUSTRALIA

Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace



Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount AUD
Supply 7800mm x 1700mm non reflective (3M™ Scotchcal™ Graphic Film IJ35) aluminium composite panel (ACP) sign with 3M™ Scotchcal™ Gloss Overlamine 8518 (for UV protection).	1.00	3,257.42	3,257.42
Artwork to be provided by customer in vectorised PDF or EPS format			
Subtotal			3,257.42
TOTAL GST 10%			325.74
TOTAL AUD			3,583.16

Terms

CURRENT TIME FOR PRODUCTION TO BE COMPLETED AFTER APPROVAL OF ARTWORK IS 10 (TEN) DAYS. IF NO PROOF IS TO BE SENT PRODUCTION TIME IS TEN (10) DAYS AFTER PURCHASE ORDER/APPROVAL OF THE QUOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

30 days after EOM. Payment by credit, debit or any type of card accepted by Mount Isa Signs will incur a 1.1% PLUS GST surcharge. We do not accept AMEX.

Any materials specified on your Quotation will be the materials that are used in the production of your goods. Mount Isa Signs regards any Purchase Order received for a Quotation as acceptance of the work quoted, and the goods as described on the Quotation will be produced. While every effort is made to check that there is no discrepancy between the goods described on the Quotation and on the Purchase Order, we cannot guarantee that any discrepancy will be identified.

If you are sent a proof, please check it carefully as Mount Isa Signs takes no responsibility for any mistakes in the final product if it is the same as the approved proof.

Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 29 July 2026 6:52 AM
To: Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace
Subject: Re: DSC Signage Quote

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good morning Patrice , I cannot open the link it says faulty ? But that doesn't matter for a price .

We can supply 1000 x 2000mm signs , rounded corners & sign channel backing for pole fixing.

Avery 8000 series vinyl with UV lamination.

For \$520 ea plus GST

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace <Patrice.Brandenburg@Diamantina.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 July 2026 13:41:56
Subject: DSC Signage Quote

Good Afternoon

I am seeking a quote for the following 8 signs, design link here to files  [OneDrive_1_28-07-2026.zip](#)

Birdsville – quantity 4

Bedourie quantity 2

Betoota Quantity 2

The size is 1000mm high x 2000mm wide .

Kind Regards,

Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace
Director Communities

[REDACTED]

Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 30 July 2026 6:33 PM
To: Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace
Subject: Re: DSC - Quote for Signage

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Patrice,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote on this project.

As discussed over the phone, we recommend using a **billboard skin** for a sign of this size for the following reasons:

1. Manufactured as one continuous piece, eliminating seams or joins.
2. Typically lasts around twice as long as a traditional hard sign.
3. Easier to transport and install without the risk of damage.
4. No loss of print quality or image detail.

The existing posts and frame good and strong.

Although it requires support every 600 mm, generally recommended for signs of this type, we have successfully used **40 mm galvanised RHS** for over 15 years on billboard frames up to **19 metres** in length, with no issues of signs flexing or blowing away.

The process involves fabricating the frame, cladding it with sign panels, and then installing the billboard skin, which is neatly secured into the perimeter rails.

All fabrication and printing will be completed in our Charleville workshop.

One recommendation we always make is to install the finished sign with the **bottom edge at least 300 mm above ground level**. This helps prevent accidental damage from feet, bicycles and dogs, while also reducing mud splash during wet weather, helping to keep the sign looking its best.

We can supply and install the complete project, including delivery to site, for **\$8,800 inc. GST**.

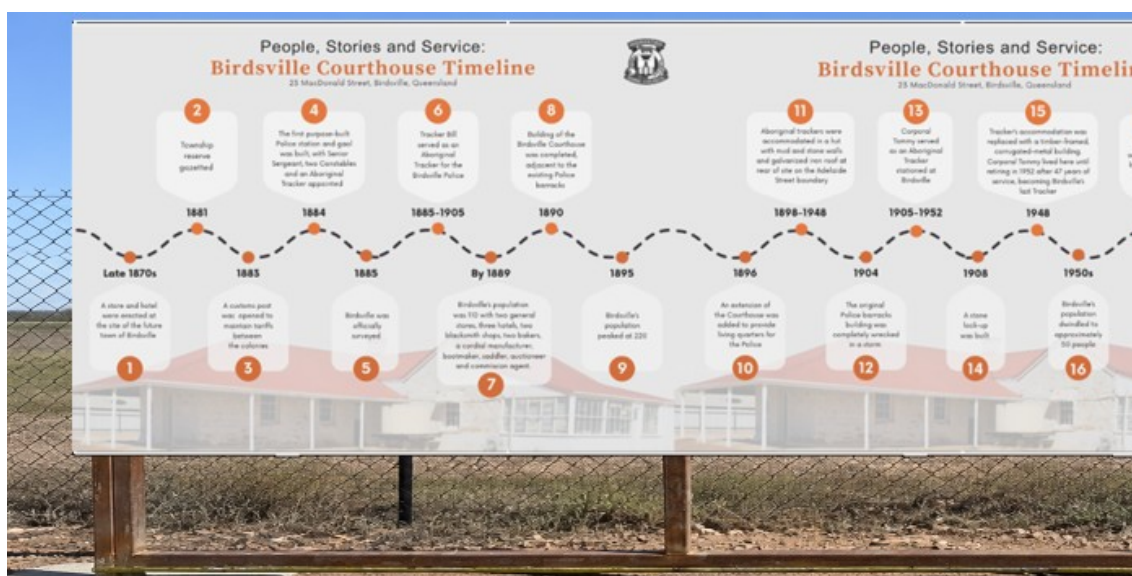
Includes all onsite welding and fabrication, RHS Steel, all fixings and composite panel, signs skin and rails.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the proposal, please don't hesitate to contact me.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





From: Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace <Patrice.Brandenburg@Diamantina.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 3:50 PM

Subject: DSC - Quote for Signage

Good Afternoon,

We are seeking quotes for the attached image to be produced into a (overall) 7.8m long x 1.7m high information sign on aluminium (similar to a non-reflective road sign)

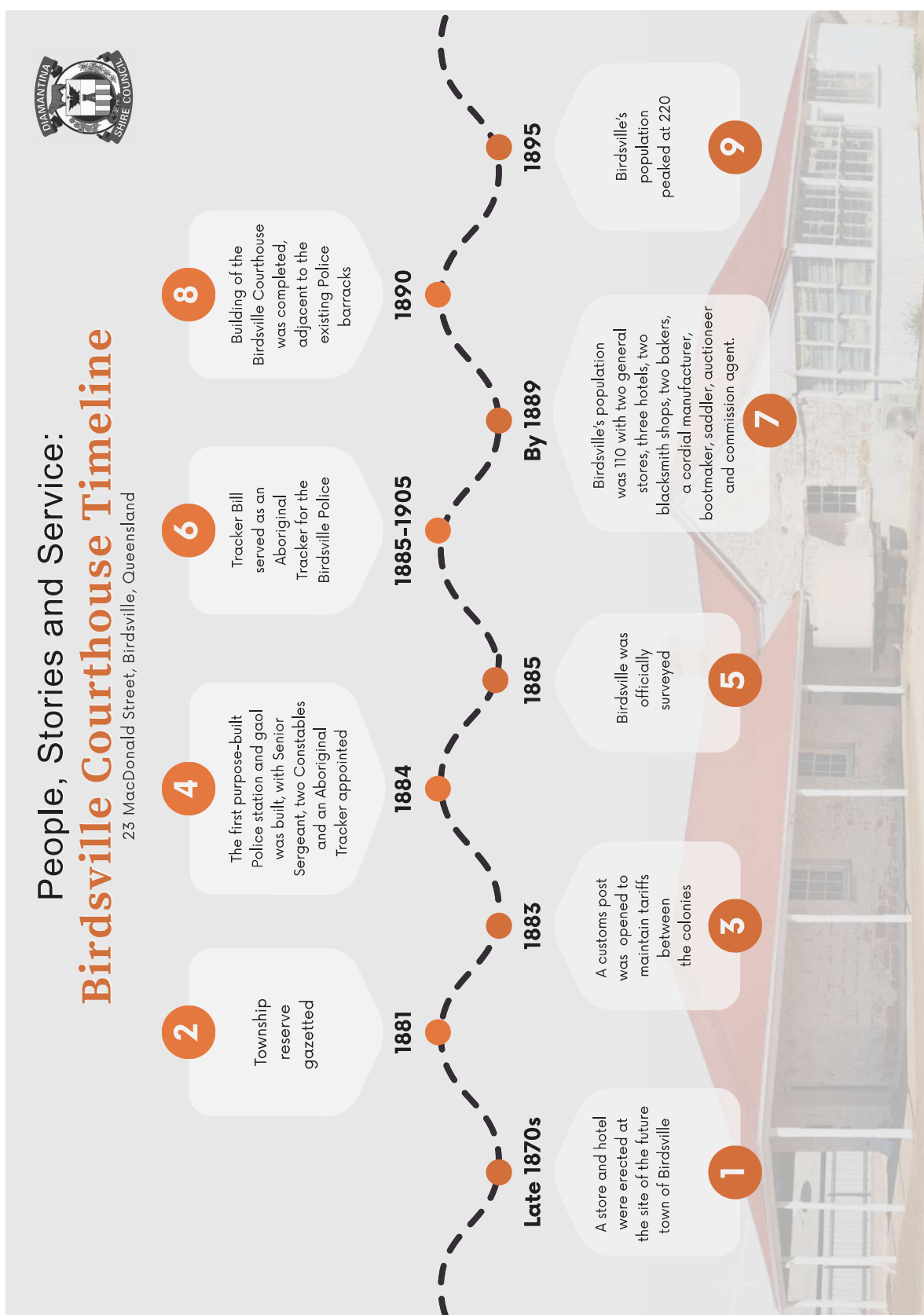
Can you please provide a quote and estimated production time asap?

Kind Regards,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

[Redacted footer information]







13.3.5 Birdsville Carnival Post Event Report

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, Director Communities
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Birdsville Carnival Post Event Report .

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

The Birdsville Carnival was held on the 8th and 9th July as part of the Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail. This event is in its second year and was a great success.

With approx. 150-200 people. The events held around the town were well attended.

Overall Budget Outcomes

Item	Budget	Actuals	Commentary
Performers – evening	\$30,000	\$29,700	Mick Lindsay & Staging and Production
Performers – Day	\$10,000	\$10,000	Morning Stretch Sessions, Pete Dehaney at Karrawa Wirrinya, Whip Cracking and hoola-hoop sessions
Promotions	\$6,000	\$6,000	Pete Murray filming in Birdsville Advertising and radio
Merchandise	\$4,000	\$3,000	VIC – staff shirts for, stickers Prizes and equipment for novelty events
Travel costs	\$5,000	0	Not required.
Staffing (Town Services / Parks and Gardens team)	\$15,000	\$10,000	
Contingency	\$5,000	0	Not required.
Sub Total	\$75,000	\$58,700.00	

An event overview some activities may change.

- Mick Lindsay and Friends performing 8th and 9th at Birdsville Hotel, free ticketed event for numbers, only 70 people registered over both evenings.
- Novelty events being held on the oval, including Australia's Richest Camel Steeplechase, fantastic engagement from the visitors.

Challenge for the event was finding and securing vendors.

There have been 63 vendors contacted for 2026 Birdsville events. To date, only 1 vendor has submitted forms for Birdsville Carnival (seeking reduction in vendor fees) and only 1 vendor for September Birdsville Races town festival. Despite invitations being sent to all clubs and associations in Diamantina Shire for participation in the festival, nil responses received. Council has now resolved that vendor Fees and Charges would be nil for scheduled events for this year.

The reasons for not attending have been the expense (fuel, product and vendor fees) associated with remote travel to Birdsville and the noticeable decrease in travel/tourism numbers and events Australia wide this year.

13.3.6 Community Grant Requests - Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana Club

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Communities
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, Director Communities
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Community Grant Application ↓ 2. Club Financials - <i>Confidential</i> 3. Certificate of Currency ↓ 4. QAS Signed 2026 Forms ↓ 5. Quote for Service Security ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Community Grant request received from Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo and Gymkhana Club and seek Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Community Grant request from Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana Club for the total amount of \$9,745.15 inc. GST, to cover costs of Queensland Ambulance Service Event Fees and Security Fees.

BACKGROUND

Council recognises the importance of its community events and regularly provides in-kind support and funding assistance to local community organisations to facilitate events that contribute to improved social and economic outcomes for the Diamantina Shire.

Currently, there has not been any other Community Grants request received from the Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana for the upcoming event in September.

DISCUSSION

Community Benefits

The provision of in-kind support and financial assistance helps strengthen community engagement, encouraging participation in local events. These events contribute to the social and economic vitality of the area by bringing together residents, supporting local businesses, and promoting regional identity.

The following extract from the grant application showing the community outcomes

Community Grant Outcomes (Not all may apply to your project)	
How does your project provide benefit and value the community?	The local <u>Campdraft</u> brings people together both locally & from around the entire region. Which attracts & welcomes travellers as well.
How does your project support the economic development of the Shire?	Local businesses benefit through the funds injected into the Shire during their stay. This comes in the form of purchasing fuel, groceries, accommodation, meals, beverages & alike. As travellers are more than welcome, this also has a positive <u>knock on</u> effect when they recommend our region to their friends and family from near and afar.
How does your project build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride?	The <u>Campdraft</u> , Gymkhana & Rodeo event has been going for many years & will continue to do so with the support from Council. <u>Campdraft</u> is an Australian born sport and highlights the ability of Stockmen & women's ability to manoeuvre cattle traditionally on horseback.
How does your project contribute to the connectedness and social wellbeing of the people living in the Shire?	The <u>Campdraft</u> , Gymkhana & Rodeo event has many positive effects as locals can take a break from their everyday pressures. As they look forward to meeting up, competing and/or just enjoying themselves with friends and often family. These events bring social wellbeing and connectedness by offering a variety of sports that suit many interests. They tend to motivate us to attend other similar events around the region where reconnecting is evident.
How does your project increase access to support services for people living in the Shire?	The local event held in Bedourie allows for people who live primarily in isolation to come together for a social occasion.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

- 2.1 Recognises the value of preserving the unique culture of the area.
- 2.11 Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.
- 3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.
- 3.4 Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry opportunities.

POLICY

DSC Community Grants Policy

LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012, part 5, section 194 community grants.

- a) if the local government is satisfied—
 - i. the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and

- ii. the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government's community; and

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

This request fits within current operational budget.

An event project budget from the application has been included below:

PROJECT BUDGET				
Please provide a detailed budget for your project, including all other sources of funding. Please note: Expenditure and income must be the same and the budget must balance. Adjust descriptors to suit your project. Identify any income that is unconfirmed with an asterisk (*). Provide and attach evidence where possible to support your budget.	Income	Total	Expenditure	Total
	Community grant	\$10,000	Hire Fees	\$500
			Prizes- Ribbons & Prize money	\$28,000
	Contributions	\$10,000	Entertainment	\$4,500
	Nomination	\$27,000	Ambulance	\$10,000
	Sale of goods	\$13,000	Security	\$3,500
	Sponsorship	\$10,000	Insurance	\$4,000
			Bar	\$11,000
			Hay	\$3,500
			Merchandise	\$5,000
	Total	\$70,000	Total	\$70,000

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Executive Leadership Team and the community

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report poses a low risk to Council.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The event is occurring on 25 to 27 September 2026.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There were no alternatives presented for this report.



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APPLICANT DETAILS	
Name	Bedourie Gymkhana Club
Does the applicant have an ABN	☒ Yes, ABN: ☐ No, please attach statement of supplier with your application. ☐ NA, if using an auspice organisation.
Address	Kamaran Downs Station Bedourie QLD 4829
Contact person	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation	[REDACTED]
Contact person phone	[REDACTED]
Contact person email	bedouriecampdraftrodeo@gmail.com
Is your organisation registered for GST?	☐ Yes ☒ No
Is your organisation Incorporated?	☒ Yes, attach Certificate of Incorporation. ☐ No, please provide auspice organisation details below.
AUSPICE ORGANISATION DETAILS (if applicable)	
Name of auspicing organisation	
Is your auspicing organisation incorporated?	☐ Yes, attach Certificate of Incorporation. ☐ No, sorry you are ineligible to apply.
Does the auspicing organisation have an ABN	☐ Yes a ABN: ☐ No, please attach statement of supplier with your application.
Auspicing organisation's address	
Contact person at auspicing organisation	
Position in organisation	
Contact person phone	
Contact person email	
Is your auspicing organisation registered for GST?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Supporting information provided	☐ Yes, I have attached a letter from the auspicing organisation confirming this arrangement is valid and current.
GRANT DETAILS	
Amount applied for	\$10,000
Have you previously received a grant from Council?	☐ No. ☒ Yes, please provide details of most recent grant/s received. Diamantina Council Grant 2025 - \$10,000



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Have all previous grants been acquitted	☐ No, you are ineligible to apply for further funding. ☒ Yes, please provide date of acquittal.
PROJECT DETAILS	
Name of project	Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana
Purpose of the project	To continue to provide an annual social weekend to Bedourie
Description of the project	To hold the annual Campdraft, Rodeo & Gymkhana
When will the project take place? Must be within 12 months of the application.	25 th , 26 th & 27 th September 2026
Where will the project take place?	Bedourie Racecourse
Does your organisation hold insurance to cover project activities?	☐ No. ☒ Yes, please attach proof insurance. ☐ Na.
Does your project include any capital improvements?	☒ No. ☐ Yes – Capital improvements located on private land. Proof of tenure or consent from the land owner is required. ☐ Yes – Capital improvements located on council controlled land. The project should be in accordance with the Council endorsed capital works site plan, or alternative Council consent will need to be attached.
How many people will be employed through the project?	0
How many volunteers (unpaid workers) will be involved in the project?	12
How will you promote the project?	Through the Facebook page along with event posters emailed surrounding areas and to local cattle stations.
Is the project targeting specific groups in your community? Tick all appropriate groups.	☒ Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islander People ☐ People with a disability ☐ Australian South Sea Islander people ☒ Women ☒ Men ☒ Children (0-11) ☒ Youth (12-25) ☒ Older people (55 years and over) ☐ People with a disability ☐ Regional Queenslanders ☐ Emerging artist and cultural workers ☒ Tourists ☐ People with culturally or linguistically diverse background
What State Government priorities are addressed through this project? Tick all appropriate priorities.	☒ Encouraging safe and inclusive communities ☐ Building regions ☐ Stimulating economic growth and innovation ☐ Increasing workforce participation ☐ Supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders ☒ Conserving heritage



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PROJECT BUDGET				
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How does your project build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride?	The Campdraft, Gymkhana & Rodeo event has been going for many years & will continue to do so with the support from Council. Campdraft is an Australian born sport and highlights the ability of Stockmen & women's ability to manoeuvre cattle traditionally on horseback.			
How does your project contribute to the connectedness and social wellbeing of the people living in the Shire?	The Campdraft, Gymkhana & Rodeo event has many positive effects as locals can take a break from their everyday pressures. As they look forward to meeting up, competing and/or just enjoying themselves with friends and often family. These events bring social wellbeing and connectedness by offering a variety of sports that suit many interests. They tend to motivate us to attend other similar events around the region where reconnecting is evident.			
How does your project increase access to support services for people living in the Shire?	The local event held in Bedourie allows for people who live primarily in isolation to come together for a social occasion.			
COMMUNITY NEED & SUPPORT				



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Provide evidence of genuine local need and support for this project. Examples of evidence of support may include letters of support, meeting minutes etc.	
ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY	
Do you have the capacity to deliver the project to achieve the desired outcome?	Yes
Have you lodged your association annual return?	☒ No. ☐ Yes. Please provide audited financial and minutes from the AGM they were presented to.
FUNDING SUPPORT REQUESTED	
Cash amount/s requested (excl GST)?	\$10,000
What components from the budget will the grant funding be attributed to? List specific items and corresponding values.	\$10,000 Ambulance attendance for the weekend-mandatory requirement.
Does your project require in kind Support from Council	☐ No. ☒ Yes, Complete and attach an In-Kind Support Request form.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	
Please ensure all required documentation is attached.	☐ Certificate of Incorporation ☐ Certificate of Insurance ☐ Proof of tenure or consent from the land owner ☐ Statement of supplier ☐ Audited financials ☐ Minutes from AGM ☐ In-Kind Support Request form ☐ Evidence to support budget ☐ Letter from the auspicng organisation (if applicable)
Submission of Application	Completed applications can be forwarded to admin@diamantina.qld.gov.au For any questions regarding community grants program please contact the Wirrarri Information Centre on 4564 2000.



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Office Use Only		
Date Received		
Required Documentation attached	☐ Certificate of Incorporation ☐ Certificate of Insurance ☐ Proof of tenure or consent from the land owner ☐ Statement of supplier ☐ Audited financials ☐ Minutes from AGM ☐ In-Kind Support Request from ☐ Evidence to support budget ☐ Letter from the auspicing organisation (if applicable)	
Eligibility of applicant	☐ Incorporated not for profit organisation based in the Diamantina Shire. ☐ An individual, business or unincorporated not for profit organisation based in the Diamantina Shire auspiced and administered by an incorporated not for profit community organisation. ☐ Incorporated not for profit organisation based outside the Diamantina Shire providing a particular project or purpose which will have a significant positive impact on Shire residents. ☐ An individual, business or unincorporated not for profit organisation based in the Diamantina Shire auspiced and administered by an incorporated not for profit community organisation providing a particular project or purpose which will have a significant positive impact on Shire residents	
Assessment	Criteria	Score
	Budget	
	Community Need and support	
	Organisational capacity	
	Alignment to Community Grant Outcomes	
	Total	
Project eligible to be funded	☐ Yes ☐ No Reason:	
Funding Recommendation		



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Project recommended to be funded	☐ Yes ☐ No Reason:	
Funding recommended to Council:	RADF Grant	\$
	Community Drought Support Grant	\$
	Diamantina Shire Grant	\$
	In-kind Support Request	\$
	Total	
Special funding conditions		
Funding approved by Council		
Funding approved by Council:	RADF Grant	\$
	Community Drought Support Grant	\$
	Diamantina Shire Grant	\$
	In-kind Support Request	\$
	Total	
Special funding conditions		



Certificate of Currency

This certificate provides a summary of the policy cover and is not intended to amend, extend, replace or override the policy terms and conditions contained in the actual policy document.

INSURED NAME:	National Rodeo Council of Australia Limited and Bedourie Gymkhana Club and Rodeo Services Australia (RSA) for their respective rights, interests and liabilities.
INSURED PERSONS:	All employees and directors of the Insured including registered members, apprentices, voluntary workers and work experience students.
BUSINESS:	Principally promoter and organiser of a Rodeo, Campdraft, Gymkhana and Cutting on 27th and 28th September 2025 in Bedourie QLD extends to include non-event related fundraising activities (up to 100 people), meetings and working bees during the policy period.
COVER TYPE:	Whilst an Insured Person is engaged in authorised and sanctioned activities by and under the control of the Insured.
GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS:	Worldwide, excl. USA/Canada
POLICY PERIOD:	04/09/2025 to 04/09/2026 4.00pm (Australian Eastern Standard time)
LIMIT OF LIABILITY:	\$20,000,000 Public Liability any one occurrence \$20,000,000 Products Liability any one policy period
CONDITIONS:	• Waiver to be signed by all participants • Risk Assessment checklist to be completed and signed by competent personnel • Bodily Injury Coverage extends to participants, timekeepers, and judges, provided they are not considered "workers" under employment liability exclusions. All participants inside the arena or stock handling areas must be covered under the NRCA event Personal Accident Insurance. • Property Damage to animals and stock is excluded while in stock yards and/or in the course of competition • Indemnity to venue owner for their own property owner's liability is excluded • Entry Conditions for all persons must be clearly displayed • All Sub-Contractors, Exhibitors, Demonstrators and Stall holders must hold their own Public Liability Policy and provide evidence of same • All Staff providing beverage or security services in alcohol licensed premises must hold current RSA certification and provide evidence of same

This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. We accept no responsibility whatsoever for any inadvertent or negligent act, error, or omission on our part in preparing these statements or in transmitting this certificate by email or for any loss, damage or expense thereby occasioned to any recipient of this letter.

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE Special Events Customer Service Advice



Booking information

Date of service:	25 September 2026	Expected travel time (hrs) x no. of officers:	2.08333333
Required time of arrival:	2:00 PM	Expected departure:	5:00 PM
Organisation name:	Bedourie Gymkhana Club		
Type of event:	Horse Riding / Eventing Campdrafting		
Location of event:	Bedourie Racecourse, Bedourie, QLD 4829		

QAS service proposal

Number of QAS paramedics required:	1	Total expected hours chargeable:	6.08
Number of QAS vehicles required:	1	Rate per hour (inc GST):	\$129.78
Other resources to be supplied by QAS:	0	Cost of other resources (inc GST):	\$0.00

Additional resources to be supplied by the customer

This is a list of the resources which the customer has agreed to make available to the QAS during the event.

Accommodation for Paramedics 2 x Single Rooms, 3 nights, 25 26 27 September 2026 Dedicated parking space adjacent to arena

Special Conditions

eg Site access, Operational Plan or alternative payment terms

0

Terms and conditions of QAS services at special events

- a. The Initial request for QAS services at special events should be received at least 21 days in advance to guarantee service.
- b. Provision of the service is subject to signed acceptance of QAS terms and conditions that should be received by QAS at least seven days in advance of the special event.
- c. Event organisers will cooperate with QAS in the evaluation, planning and deployment of health care resources for the event.
- d. The QAS is a community service provider whose first responsibility must always be to the wider community. In circumstances where unforeseen or unusual demands on QAS services necessitate the withdrawal of any agreed services to a special event the QAS will not be responsible for any loss or damages resulting from the withdrawal of that agreed service.
- e. For dedicated special events, event organisers will be responsible for QAS expenses associated with:
 - For each officer dedicated to the event, actual time attendance at the event and time required to travel to the event (maximum of two hours for each way),
 - For each vehicle dedicated to the event, one hour to both prepare the vehicle for the special event and then restore the vehicle ready for operational service delivery;
 - A minimum of three hours per event;
 - Any other direct, out of pocket expense incurred by QAS specific to provision of dedicated services at the special event.
- f. For standby attendance at special events, event organisers will be responsible for any direct, out of pocket expense incurred by QAS specific to provision of standby services at the special event.
- g. Payment must be made to the QAS within fourteen days (14) of the invoice date unless alternative payment terms are applied.
- h. The QAS may vary the payment terms where it is deemed appropriate - refer Special Conditions
- i. Cancellation of the event must be notified to QAS within 48 hours of the proposed commencement time of QAS resources. Failure to provide such notice may attract a fee of up to 50% of the agreed rate for QAS attendance at the event for the first day of the event.

NOTE: Where circumstances require QAS to provide additional resources or remain on site beyond the estimated time of departure, additional costs will be borne by the event organiser/s. Fees are subject to adjustments according to GIR, which take effect from 1 July each year. Quotes given prior to that date for events to be held after 1 July will not reflect the increased fees. Event charges will be those in effect at the time of the event and not the time the quote is issued

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

In my capacity as the special event organisation, I have authorisation, on behalf of the organisation, to accept the terms and conditions of service outlined in this document.

Total chargeable (inc GST)	\$789.50
Less subsidy (inc GST)	\$0.00
Estimate of total fees for services (inc GST)	\$789.50
<i>GST Component</i>	<i>\$71.77</i>

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE Special Events Customer Service Advice



Booking information

Date of service:	25 September 2026	Expected travel time (hrs) x no. of officers:	0.33333333
Required time of arrival:	6:00 PM	Expected departure:	8:00 PM
Organisation name:	Bedourie Gymkhana Club		
Type of event:	Rodeo 0		
Location of event:	Bedourie Racecourse, Bedourie, QLD 4829		

QAS service proposal

Number of QAS paramedics required:	2	Total expected hours chargeable:	5.33
Number of QAS vehicles required:	1	Rate per hour (inc GST):	\$129.78
Other resources to be supplied by QAS:	0	Cost of other resources (inc GST):	\$0.00

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Date: <i>11/6/26</i>	

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Less subsidy (inc GST)	\$0.00
Estimate of total fees for services (inc GST)	\$692.16
GST Component	\$62.92

QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE Special Events Customer Service Advice



Booking information

Date of service:	26 September 2026	Expected travel time (hrs) x no. of officers:	0.16666667
Required time of arrival:	6:00 AM	Expected departure:	5:00 PM
Organisation name:	Bedourie Gymkhana Club		
Type of event:	Horse Riding / Eventing Campdrafting		
Location of event:	Bedourie Racecourse, Bedourie, QLD 4829		

QAS service proposal

Number of QAS paramedics required:	1	Total expected hours chargeable:	12.17
Number of QAS vehicles required:	1	Rate per hour (inc GST):	\$129.78
Other resources to be supplied by QAS:	0	Cost of other resources (inc GST):	\$0.00

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GST Component	\$143.54

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Date of service:	26 September 2026	Expected travel time (hrs) x no. of officers:	0.33333333
Required time of arrival:	6:00 PM	Expected departure:	8:00 PM
Organisation name:	Bedourie Gymkhana Club		
Type of event:	Rodeo 0		
Location of event:	Bedourie Racecourse, Bedourie, QLD 4829		

QAS service proposal

Number of QAS paramedics required:	2	Total expected hours chargeable:	5.33
Number of QAS vehicles required:	1	Rate per hour (inc GST):	\$129.78
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Type of event:	Horse Riding / Eventing Campdrafting		
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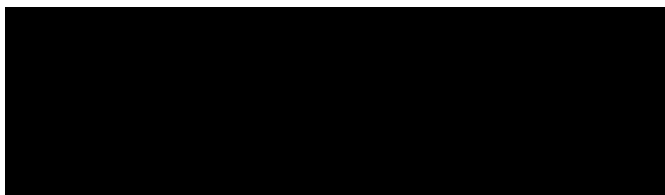
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Less subsidy (inc GST)	\$0.00
Estimate of total fees for services (inc GST)	\$1,827.74
GST Component	\$166.16



Phoenix Security Service Pty Ltd



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Security Quote Bedourie Camp Draft

(2) Security Officers Friday 25th from 5pm until midnight

14hrs @\$80.00 + GST per Hour =\$1232.00

(2) Security Officers Friday 26th from 5pm until midnight

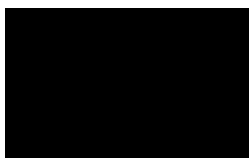
14hrs @\$85.00 + GST per Hour =\$1309.00

Travel to and from Mount Isa

(996 km) @ \$1.25 per km \$1,245.00

\$3,786.00

Accommodation provided by campcraft



- Price subject to change if job description changes

Patrols – Guards – Alarm Responses – Drug & Alcohol Testing - Cash Pick-ups – Alarm Monitoring Arranged

13.3.7 Community Grant Requests - Bedourie Amateur Race Club

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Communities
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, Director Communities
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Community Grants Program Application Form ↓ 2. In-Kind Support Request ↓ 3. AGM Minutes 2026 ↓ 4. Bedourie Amateur Race Club financials - <i>Confidential</i> 5. Certificate of Incorporation extract - <i>Confidential</i> 6. Bedourie Race Club Certificate of Currency ↓ 7. Quote - Queensland Ambulance Service ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Community Grant request received from Bedourie Amateur Race Club and seek Council approval for in kind support and cash grant.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Community Grant request for the 2026 Bedourie Races for in Kind support to the value of \$32,386.18 to support the event execution and \$2,465.82 cash grant for the cost of Queensland Ambulance Services.

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Bedourie Racetrack Complex (6 Days)	\$7,200
Community Bus Hire	\$731.32
30 x Tables incl delivery and collection	\$360
80 x Chairs	\$400
Tower Light with generator (1 Day)	\$216
Power lead 30m	\$20
Portaloos (1 Day – only if attendance goes over 400)	\$0
Printing- 200 pages – A3 & A4	\$187
Laminating 30 pages – A3 & A4	\$154.80
Rubish Removal	\$2,797.56
Bathroom supplies - toilet paper	\$1,000
Cleaning – provide service and labour for cleaning before and after	\$5,632
Grounds Maintenance – slashing, mowing – stable and camp area preparation	\$6,600
Track maintenance	\$7,087.50
Total	\$32,386.18

BACKGROUND

Council recognises the importance of its community events and regularly provides in-kind support and funding assistance to local community organisations to facilitate events that contribute to improved social and economic outcomes for the Diamantina Shire.

Currently, there has not been any other Community Grants request received from the Bedourie Amateur Race club for the upcoming event in September.

DISCUSSION

Community Benefits

The provision of in-kind support and financial assistance helps strengthen community engagement, encouraging participation in local events. These events contribute to the social and economic vitality of the area by bringing together residents, supporting local businesses, and promoting regional identity.

Bedourie Amateur Race Club have requested a fee waiver for the hire and support for various infrastructural, consumables, and logistical needs for the 2026 Bedourie Races event.

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This application has requested a waiver of the bond to the value of \$1200.00

The following extract from the grant application showing the community outcomes

Community Grant Outcomes¶ (Not all may apply to your project)¶	
How does your project provide benefit and value the community?¶ ¶	The yearly Horse Races serve as a recurring event that promotes sustainable practices and maintains active involvement of the local community with the tourism industry, coordinating with neighbouring towns and shires.¶ This inclusive activity involves all segments of the local community and establishes partnerships with other organisations and businesses, including a volunteer network that links community members and fosters relationships. It positively influences community stakeholders by encouraging active participation and investment in the event.¶ ¶
How does your project support the economic development of the Shire?¶ ¶	The committee highlights the importance of sourcing resources and supplies locally to strengthen nearby businesses. The event encourages visitors to participate in diverse activities, stay longer to explore the shire, and spend on essentials like accommodation, fuel, food, meals, and tourism merchandise. This friendly tactic promotes local economic growth by inspiring guests to support local shops and enjoy the town's welcoming atmosphere.¶

How does your project build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride?¶ ¶	This event invites community members of all ages and backgrounds, creating an energetic day packed with activities and entertainment suitable for local families and individuals. It offers residents valuable chances to remain active, share knowledge, and contribute to their town's prosperity. Another community gathering to be proud of, it provides an experience for both locals and visitors. Racing is a fundamental part of Queensland culture, symbolizing the resilience and vibrancy of rural communities.¶ ¶
How does your project contribute to the connectedness and social wellbeing of the people living in the Shire?¶ ¶	By fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere, the event actively encourages meaningful interactions among individuals from diverse age groups, ethnic backgrounds, and socioeconomic backgrounds. This process of "social bridging" is essential for breaking down prejudices and nurturing a sense of belonging, ultimately leading to the development of a more cohesive and resilient local identity.¶ Through shared experiences and connections, the event lays the groundwork for a community that celebrates its diversity while standing together.¶ ¶
How does your project increase access to support services for people living in the Shire?¶ ¶	Promoting economic growth in the community helps build an environment that encourages and maintains vital support services for residents' well-being. This strategy benefits local businesses and guarantees that essential services stay accessible to those in need, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for all residents.¶ ..

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

- 2.1 Recognises the value of preserving the unique culture of the area.
- 2.11 Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.
- 3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.
- 3.4 Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry opportunities.

POLICY

DSC Community Grants Policy

LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012, part 5, section 194 community grants.

- a) if the local government is satisfied—
 - i. the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and
 - ii. the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government's community; and

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

This request fits within current operational budget.

An event project budget has been included below:

PROJECT BUDGET				
Please provide a detailed budget for your project, including all other sources of funding. Please note: Expenditure and income must be the same and the budget must balance. Adjust descriptors to suit your project. Identify any income that is unconfirmed with an asterisk (*). Provide and attach evidence where possible to support your budget.	Income	Total	Expenditure	Total
	*Community grant Cash	2,465.82	Hire Fees (in-kind)	2,500
	RQ Base Prize Funds	50,000	Prizes, trophies & ribbons TBC	70,500
	RQ Cup Funding	6,000	Advertisements	200
	Bar Sales	9,000	Bar and Catering	6,400
	Ticket sales	6,500	Materials & merchandise	1,000
	Sponsorship Estimate (letters sent 28/07/26) – received \$4,000 as of date of this application	10,000	Stationery, postage, printing	500
	Community Grant In-kind	7,500	Cleaning (in-kind)	1,000
			Insurance	1,100
			Equipment (including hire) (in-kind)	4,000
			Photography	1,600
			Ambulance	2,465.82
			Merchandise	200
	Total	91,466	Total	91,466

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Executive Leadership Team and the community

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report poses a low risk to Council.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The event is occurring on 12 September 2026.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There were no alternatives presented for this report.



Diamantina Shire Council
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT DETAILS	
Name	Bedourie Amateur Race Club Inc.
Does the applicant have an ABN	☒ Yes, ABN: 43 099 073 019 ☐ No, please attach statement of supplier with your application. ☐ NA, if using an auspice organisation.
Address	Racecourse Road Bedourie Qld 4829
Contact person	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation	[REDACTED]
Contact person phone	[REDACTED]
Contact person email	beourieraces@gmail.com
Is your organisation registered for GST?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Is your organisation Incorporated?	☒ Yes, attach Certificate of Incorporation. (only an extract from ASIC – in the process of ordering a cert) ☐ No, please provide auspice organisation details below.
AUSPICE ORGANISATION DETAILS (if applicable)	
Name of auspicing organisation	
Is your auspicing organisation incorporated?	☐ Yes, attach Certificate of Incorporation. ☐ No, sorry you are ineligible to apply.
Does the auspicing organisation have an ABN	☐ Yes a ABN: ☐ No, please attach statement of supplier with your application.
Auspicing organisation's address	
Contact person at auspicing organisation	
Position in organisation	
Contact person phone	
Contact person email	
Is your auspicing organisation registered for GST?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Supporting information provided	☐ Yes, I have attached a letter from the auspicing organisation confirming this arrangement is valid and current.
GRANT DETAILS	
Amount applied for	\$2,465.82 and inkind
Have you previously received a grant from Council?	☒ No. ☐ Yes, please provide details of most recent grant/s received.



Diamantina Shire Council
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Have all previous grants been acquitted	☐ No, you are ineligible to apply for further funding. ☐ Yes, please provide date of acquittal.
PROJECT DETAILS	
Name of project	Bedourie Races 2026
Purpose of the project	We aim to maintain a community event that supports the local economy, provides a fun-filled day for local families, and encourages visitors to Bedourie, ensuring the town's continued presence in the Racing Circuit.
Description of the project	The event will take place at the Bedourie Racecourse. Gates open at 10 am, with five races scheduled, starting at 1 pm and continuing. It promises a lively family day with best-dressed pink, fashions of the field, and music entertainment. There will also be market stalls, a bar, food options, as well as free camping. Kids can enter for free. A shuttle service will be available to transport attendees between the town and the racecourse.
When will the project take place? Must be within 12 months of the application.	12 September 2026
Where will the project take place?	Bedourie Racecourse
Does your organisation hold insurance to cover project activities?	☐ No. ☒ Yes, please attach proof insurance. ☐ Na.
Does your project include any capital improvements?	☒ No. ☐ Yes – Capital improvements located on private land. Proof of tenure or consent from the land owner is required. ☐ Yes – Capital improvements located on council controlled land. The project should be in accordance with the Council endorsed capital works site plan, or alternative Council consent will need to be attached.
How many people will be employed through the project?	Nil.
How many volunteers (unpaid workers) will be involved in the project?	20 (estimate)
How will you promote the project?	Social media platforms and local publications, including those in surrounding shires and Visitor Information Centres.
Is the project targeting specific groups in your community? Tick all appropriate groups.	☒ Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islander People ☒ People with a disability ☒ Australian South Sea Islander people ☒ Women ☒ Men ☒ Children (0-11) ☒ Youth (12-25) ☒ Older people (55 years and over) ☒ People with a disability ☒ Regional Queenslanders ☒ Emerging artist and cultural workers ☒ Tourists ☒ People with culturally or linguistically diverse background



Diamantina Shire Council
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

What State Government priorities are addressed through this project? Tick all appropriate priorities.	☒ Encouraging safe and inclusive communities ☐ Building regions ☒ Stimulating economic growth and innovation ☒ Increasing workforce participation ☐ Supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders ☐ Conserving heritage																																																																
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How does your project provide benefit and value the community?	The yearly Horse Races serve as a recurring event that promotes sustainable practices and maintains active involvement of the local community with the tourism industry, coordinating with neighbouring towns and shires. This inclusive activity involves all segments of the local community and establishes partnerships with other organisations and businesses, including a volunteer network that links community members and fosters relationships. It positively influences community stakeholders by encouraging active participation and investment in the event.																																																																
How does your project support the economic	The committee highlights the importance of sourcing resources and supplies locally to strengthen nearby businesses. The event encourages visitors to participate in diverse activities, stay longer to explore the shire, and spend on																																																																



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development of the Shire?	essentials like accommodation, fuel, food, meals, and tourism merchandise. This friendly tactic promotes local economic growth by inspiring guests to support local shops and enjoy the town's welcoming atmosphere.
How does your project build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride?	This event invites community members of all ages and backgrounds, creating an energetic day packed with activities and entertainment suitable for local families and individuals. It offers residents valuable chances to remain active, share knowledge, and contribute to their town's prosperity. Another community gathering to be proud of, it provides an experience for both locals and visitors. Racing is a fundamental part of Queensland culture, symbolizing the resilience and vibrancy of rural communities.
How does your project contribute to the connectedness and social wellbeing of the people living in the Shire?	By fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere, the event actively encourages meaningful interactions among individuals from diverse age groups, ethnic backgrounds, and socioeconomic backgrounds. This process of "social bridging" is essential for breaking down prejudices and nurturing a sense of belonging, ultimately leading to the development of a more cohesive and resilient local identity. Through shared experiences and connections, the event lays the groundwork for a community that celebrates its diversity while standing together.
How does your project increase access to support services for people living in the Shire?	Promoting economic growth in the community helps build an environment that encourages and maintains vital support services for residents' well-being. This strategy benefits local businesses and guarantees that essential services stay accessible to those in need, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for all residents.
COMMUNITY NEED & SUPPORT	
Provide evidence of genuine local need and support for this project. Examples of evidence of support may include letters of support, meeting minutes etc.	Due to the late submission of this application and the appointment of a new committee at the race club, we are unable to provide letters of support at this stage. We can, however, establish that this annual event has proven effective and is deeply valued by the local community, especially given its remote location. These areas often face hardships due to natural disasters, limited services, and current global economic conditions. Hosting this event helps reduce the isolation felt by residents compared to those in urban centres. It provides a meaningful opportunity for community members to come together, participate, and share in an experience that fosters positive outcomes for their community.
ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY	
Do you have the capacity to deliver the project to achieve the desired outcome?	Yes, as mentioned, the new committee has been in place for just over a few months and has already successfully hosted one event. As we continue to learn and discover what works best for our gatherings, we sincerely appreciate the Council's ongoing support to help us grow and improve.
Have you lodged your association annual return?	☐ No. ☒ Yes. Please provide audited financial and minutes from the AGM they were presented to.



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FUNDING SUPPORT REQUESTED	
Cash amount/s requested (excl GST)?	\$2,241.65
What components from the budget will the grant funding be attributed to? List specific items and corresponding values.	Security \$2,241.65
Does your project require in kind Support from Council	☐ No. ☒ Yes, Complete and attach an In-Kind Support Request form.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION	
Please ensure all required documentation is attached.	☒ Certificate of Incorporation (extract only from ASIC) ☒ Certificate of Insurance (insurance through Racing Queensland) ☐ Proof of tenure or consent from the land owner ☐ Statement of supplier ☒ Audited financials ☒ Minutes from AGM ☒ In-Kind Support Request form ☒ Evidence to support budget ☐ Letter from the auspicing organisation (if applicable)
Submission of Application	Completed applications can be forwarded to admin@diamantina.qld.gov.au no later than 2pm on the 10th April 2019. For any questions regarding community grants program please contact the Wirrarri Information Centre on 4564 2000.

Office Use Only	
Date Received	30 July 2026
Required Documentation attached	☒ Certificate of Incorporation ☒ Certificate of Insurance ☐ Proof of tenure or consent from the land owner ☒ Statement of supplier ☐ Audited financials ☐ Minutes from AGM ☒ In-Kind Support Request form ☐ Evidence to support budget ☐ Letter from the auspicing organisation (if applicable)



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Eligibility of applicant	☐ Incorporated not for profit organisation based in the Diamantina Shire. ☐ An individual, business or unincorporated not for profit organisation based in the Diamantina Shire auspiced and administered by an incorporated not for profit community organisation. ☐ Incorporated not for profit organisation based outside the Diamantina Shire providing a particular project or purpose which will have a significant positive impact on Shire residents. ☐ An individual, business or unincorporated not for profit organisation based in the Diamantina Shire auspiced and administered by an incorporated not for profit community organisation providing a particular project or purpose which will have a significant positive impact on Shire residents	
Project eligible to be funded	☒ Yes ☐ No Reason:	
Funding Recommendation		
Project recommended to be funded	☒ Yes ☐ No Reason: This project is recommended for funding, as it aligns with Council's operational plan. (Brandenburg 30/7/26)	
Funding recommended to Council:	RADF Grant	\$
	Community Drought Support Grant	\$
	Cash	\$2465.18
	In-kind Support Request	\$32386.18
	Total	\$34,852.00
Special funding conditions		
Funding approved by Council		
Funding approved by Council:	RADF Grant	\$
	Diamantina Shire Cash Community Grant	\$



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	Diamantina Shire In kind Community Grant	\$
	Total	
Special funding conditions		

DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM						
IN-KIND SUPPORT REQUEST						
Use this table to list the council support required for your project. If you would like the equipment or vehicle delivered to site and collected upon completion please tick the Delivery & Return Req column. Insert more rows as necessary for additional items in each category. Include quantities and adequate additional information so that your request is understood.						
Venue/Halls and Public Convenience hire						
√		Date From	Date to	No. of days	Additional Information	Office use only
	Birdsville Race Course Complex					
	Bedourie Race Course Complex	08/09/26	13/09/26	6	Allow for additional days for set up & pack up	\$7200.00
	Betoota Race Course Complex					
	Bedourie Community Centre					
	Bedourie Aquatic Centre					
	Birdsville Town Hall					
	Wirrarrri Centre					
	Wirrarrri Centre Kitchen/Bar					
	Wirrarrri Centre Office					
	Other					
Vehicle hire						
		Date From	Date To	Delivery & Return Req	Additional Information	Office use only
	Community Bus NOTE: only eligible licence holders may hire	11/09/26	12/09/26	Yes	Please provided estimated kilometres required during the duration of the hire: 60	\$731.32 includes bond
Equipment hire						
		Date From	Date To	Delivery & Return Req	Additional Information	Office use only
	Marquees					
	Tables	11/09/26	13/09/26	30 ea	Based on ticket sales (approx. for 200).	\$360.00
	Chairs	11/09/26	13/09/26		Based on ticket sales (approx. for 200)	\$400.00
	Tower light	12/09/26	12/09/26			
	Tower light with generator	12/09/26	12/09/26			\$216.00
	Power lead 30m	12/09/26	12/09/26			\$20.00
	Projector					
	Projector with screen					
	Portable Sound system					
	Portable BBQ 4 burner					
	Grand Stand					
	Portaloos	12/09/26			Only if attendance goes over 400. It can go behind bar.	NIL
	Grounds maintenance	11/09/26			Slashing/mowing, stable and camp area preparation, sand if required.	\$6600.00
	Grader & Water Truck	11/09/26	12/09/26		Track maintenance for day of event	\$7087.50

Administration						
		No. of pages	Page Size	Colour (Y/N)	Additional Information	Office Use Only
	Fax Incoming Transmissions					
	Fax Outgoing Transmissions					
	Photocopying					
	Printing	200	A4 & A3		Estimation of signage, flyers etc	\$187.00
	Laminating	30	A4 & A3		Estimation of signage	\$154.80
		No. of Books	Additional Information			
	Binding					
Accommodation						
	Birdsville Caravan Park , Bedourie Caravan Park, Birdsville Lodge, Vacant Houses, Spaview units, SES Dongas.	Type	Date From	Date To	Additional Information	Office Use Only
Waste						
		No. of KI	Additional Information			Office Use Only
	Birdsville Bulk Water					
	Bedourie bulk Water					
		Y/N	Additional Information			Office Use Only
	Rubbish Removal	Yes	For 13/09/26			\$2797.56
		No. of Bins	Additional Information			Office Use Only
	Additional temporary Bin service	10				
Other						
	Bathroom supplies	Yes	Supply of toilet paper and wash facilities			\$1000.00
	Cleaning	Yes	Provide service / labour for cleaning of facilities (before/after)			\$5632.00
	Road closures	Yes	Assistance with any required road closures			?

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Calculation of works & labour for your project		
Total dollar value of works and labour for this project		\$
Total dollar value of 'IN KIND' support for your project		
Total dollar value of fees and charges		\$8537.80
Total dollar value of works and labour		\$23848.38
Total dollar value of DSC support for this project		\$32386.18
Job costing for this project		
Description	Job cost number	Value
	JC	\$
	JC	\$
	JC	\$

Bedourie Amateur Race Club

AGM Minutes

Date: 14 April 2026

Location: Council Boardroom, 1 Herbert Street, Bedourie & Teams Online

Meeting Time: 5:08

Present: Daniel Bruce - *President*
Dakota Graham - *Treasurer*
*** - *Committee*

Members: Names of members present

Jade Smith
Monika Zawadzki
Riley Amai
Cherokee Crombie
Tyler Young
Matt Young
Jo Fiorenza
Jason Doyle
Katherine Wiles
Katrina Wills
Josh Oehm
Joel Blyth
Valeri Fernandez
Juanita Warner
Connor Weirman
Zack Kinivan

Attendees:

Julianne Meier
Lorraine Mathieson
Brent Reeman
Damian Clarke
Emma Clarke
Amber Monaghan
Lizzy Arthur, Racing Queensland – larthur@racingqueensland.com.au - 0478 752 039

The President opened the Meeting at 5.08pm.

1. Apologies

Robert Wiles

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and public liability insurance

No COIs were reported

Racing Queensland holds the public liability insurance policy for all Queensland thoroughbred race clubs.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of last AGM

RESOLUTION: That the minutes of the 2024/25 AGM are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved by: Jade Smith

Seconded by: Daniel Bruce

Carried.

4. President's Report

Thanks voted to past committee members commitment to staging successful events and for assistance from Diamantina Shire Council. The President wished the new members every success and offered any assistance he could provide.

RESOLUTION: That the President's Report be accepted and recorded.

Moved by: Daniel Bruce

Seconded by: Jo Fiorenza

Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

The report notes all of the transactions to 30 June, and then the current ongoing subscriptions. Passwords to online accounts will be provided The auditors report as presented

RESOLUTION: That the Treasurer's Report and audited financial statements for 2024/2025 be accepted and recorded.

Moved by: Dakota Graham

Seconded by: Juanita Werner

Carried.

6. Disclosure of remuneration or benefits to committee members (24/25)

No payments or benefits were made to committee members. All works performed were by donation.

7. Appointment of auditor for FY 2025-26

Current auditor is ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES PTY LTD

RESOLUTION: That Accountancy Services Pty Ltd be accepted and appointed as the BARC's auditor for FY25-26.

Moved by: Daniel Bruce

Seconded by: Riley Amai

Carried.

8. General Business items

No general business was discussed.

9. Management Committee election

Daniel Bruce and Dakota Graham stepped down as Committee Members.

President handed the meeting over to Lizzy Arthur from Racing Queensland to conduct the election of the club's management committee.

Lizzy Arthur declared all management committee positions as vacant and asked the floor for nominations for the role of President

Jade Smith accepted the nomination as president.

Moved Riley Amai

Seconded Monika Zawadski

Carried

Riley Amai accepted the nomination as Vice President
Moved Jo Fiorenza Seconded Juanita Warner
Carried

Juanita Warner accepted the nomination as Treasurer:
Moved Riley Amai Seconded Valeri Fernandez
Carried

Committee Members:
Jo Fiorenza accepted the nomination as Committee Member
Moved Katrina Wills Seconded Jade Smith
Carried

Valeri Fernandez accepted the nomination as Committee Member
Moved Jade Smith Seconded Jo Fiorenza
Carried

Katherine Wiles accepted the nomination as Committee Member
Moved Jade Smith Seconded Connor Weirman
Carried

Katherine Wiles accepted the nomination as Secretary
Moved Valeri Fernandez Seconded Katrina Wills
Carried

Committee members must have a National Police Check. Lizzy Arthur will be in contact regarding this.

Lorraine to provide contact details of committee members to Lizzy.

Lizzie advised that the Committee will need to hold another AGM by September. Will need a new constitution.

New committee will meet on Sunday 19 April 2026 at 3pm at Diamantina Shire Council Board Room.

10. Meeting closure

The President declared the meeting was closed at 5.36 pm.

Vote of thanks was spoken to Dan and Dakota for all of their hard work running the Committee in the past.

Jade Smith
President
Bedourie Amateur Race Club



Certificate of Currency

Date of Issue: 5 November 2025

Racing Queensland

We hereby certify that the under mentioned insurance policy is current as at the date of this certificate, please refer to the important notices below.

Policy Type	Public and Products Liability
Insured	Racing Queensland Board t/as Racing Queensland including all affiliated Licenced Clubs
Insurers	<i>Primary:</i> SLE Worldwide Aust Pty Ltd <i>1st Excess:</i> SLE Worldwide Aust Pty Ltd <i>2nd Excess:</i> XL Insurance Company SE <i>3rd Excess:</i> Markel Australia Pty Ltd
Policy Number(s)	
Period of Insurance	From: 4.00 pm 31/10/2025 Local Standard Time To: 4.00 pm 31/10/2026 Local Standard Time
Interest Insured	Insured's legal liability to pay compensation in respect of: (a) Personal Injury; (b) Property Damage; or (c) Advertising Liability happening during the Period of Insurance and caused by an Occurrence within the geographical limits in connection with the Business.
Limits of Liability	Any one occurrence or in respect of Products and Pollution, in the aggregate \$100,000,000
Situation of Risk	Anywhere in Australia
Remarks	Nil advised



QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE

Special Events Customer Service Advice

Booking information

Date of service:	12 September 2026	Expected travel time (hrs) x no. of officers:	8
Required time of arrival:	12:30 PM	Expected departure:	5:30 PM
Organisation name:	Bedourie Amateur Race Club Inc.		
Type of event:	Horse Racing 0		
Location of event:	Bedourie Race Course, Bedourie 4829, QLD.		

QAS service proposal

Number of QAS paramedics required:	2	Total expected hours chargeable:	19.00
Number of QAS vehicles required:	1	Rate per hour (inc GST):	\$129.78
Other resources to be supplied by QAS:	0	Cost of other resources (inc GST):	\$0.00

Additional resources to be supplied by the customer

This is a list of the resources which the customer has agreed to make available to the QAS during the event.

Special Conditions

eg Site access, Operational Plan or alternative payment terms

Terms and conditions of QAS services at special events

- a. The initial request for QAS services at special events should be received at least 21 days in advance to guarantee service.
- b. Provision of the service is subject to signed acceptance of QAS terms and conditions that should be received by QAS at least seven days in advance of the special event.
- c. Event organisers will cooperate with QAS in the evaluation, planning and deployment of health care resources for the event.
- d. The QAS is a community service provider whose first responsibility must always be to the wider community. In circumstances where unforeseen or unusual demands on QAS services necessitate the withdrawal of any agreed services to a special event the QAS will not be responsible for any loss or damages resulting from the withdrawal of that agreed service.
- e. For dedicated special events, event organisers will be responsible for QAS expenses associated with:
 - For each officer dedicated to the event, actual time attendance at the event and time required to travel to the event (maximum of two hours for each way),
 - For each vehicle dedicated to the event, one hour to both prepare the vehicle for the special event and then restore the vehicle ready for operational service delivery;
 - A minimum of three hours per event;
 - Any other direct, out of pocket expense incurred by QAS specific to provision of dedicated services at the special event.
- f. For standby attendance at special events, event organisers will be responsible for any direct, out of pocket expense incurred by QAS specific to provision of standby services at the special event.
- g. Payment must be made to the QAS within **fourteen days (14)** of the invoice date unless alternative payment terms are applied.
- h. The QAS may vary the payment terms where it is deemed appropriate - refer Special Conditions
- i. Cancellation of the event must be notified to QAS within 48 hours of the proposed commencement time of QAS resources. Failure to provide such notice may attract a fee of up to 50% of the agreed rate for QAS attendance at the event.

NOTE: Where circumstances require QAS to provide additional resources or remain on site beyond the estimated time of departure, additional costs will be borne by the event organiser/s. Fees are subject to adjustments according to GIR, which take effect from 1 July each year. Quotes given prior to that date for events to be held after 1 July will not reflect the increased fees. Event charges will be those in effect at the time of the event and not the time the quote is issued

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

In my capacity as the special event organisation, I have authorisation, on behalf of the organisation, to accept the terms and conditions of service outlined in this document.

Total chargeable (inc GST)	\$2,465.82
Less subsidy (inc GST)	\$0.00
Estimate of total fees for services (inc GST)	\$2,465.82
<i>GST Component</i>	<i>\$224.17</i>

13.3.8 Community Grant Requests - Approved under CEO Delegation

REPORT TYPE: OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, Director Communities
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on in-kind requests received during the month.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the fee waiver to the value of \$675.50 approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer.

BACKGROUND

Council recognises the importance of its community events and regularly provides in-kind support and funding assistance to local community organisations to facilitate events that contribute to improved social and economic outcomes for the Diamantina Shire.

Donations approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer

There have been two (2) requests for a Community Grant for Facility and Equipment Hire submitted as set out below.

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, Bedourie Branch,

For equipment to support for a training day being held in Bedourie on 1st and 2nd August 2026.

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Marquees x 3	78.00
BBQ Trailer	22.50
Total	\$100.50

Mt Isa School of the Air

For facility hire for the Annual Bedourie Swimming Group days.

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Bedourie Artesian Spa & Aquatic Centre (2 days)	\$500
Total	\$500

Winton Hospital

For facility hire for the Annual Bedourie Swimming Group days.

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Winton Hospital – Diabetes Session – BVI Town Hall – 2-hour hire	\$75
Total	\$75

DISCUSSION

Community Benefits

The provision of in-kind support and financial assistance helps strengthen community engagement, encourage participation in local events. These events contribute to the social and economic vitality of the area by bringing together residents, supporting local businesses, and promoting regional identity.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**Corporate Plan 2022-2027****Theme**

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

- 2.11 Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.
- 2.6 Where volunteering in the community is a given and community spirit is visible.
- 3.4 Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry opportunities.

POLICY

DSC Community Grants Policy

LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012, part 5, section 194 community grants.

- a) if the local government is satisfied—
 - i. the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and
 - ii. the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government's community.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

This request fits within current operational budget.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Executive Leadership Team and the community.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report poses a low risk to Council.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The event is occurring in August and November.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There were no alternatives presented for this report.

13.3.9 RADF Application - Birdsville Races

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Communities
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Patrice Brandenburg, Director Communities
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. RADF Application Form ↓ 2. Quote - The Crackup Sisters ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of RADF funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the RADF application for the Crack Up Sisters to the value of \$5,000 for community workshops to support the 2026 Birdsville Races Town events.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Arts Development Funds (RADF) funding for 2026/27 is a co-contribution of \$20,000 from Arts Queensland and \$2,000 from Council's operating budget.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a long-term partnership between the Queensland Government and local governments to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

RADF supports arts and cultural activities that:

- increase access to arts and cultural experiences in regional Queensland
- grow employment and capacity building opportunities for artists and arts workers across regional Queensland
- deliver on local arts and cultural priorities and promote the value of arts, culture and heritage.

DISCUSSION

The proposed activity is for two movement workshops at Bedourie and Birdsville Schools in the lead up to the Birdsville Races. The workshop focuses on a movement piece as a character, and these characters are included in the Birdsville Cup Parade prior to the Races.

The opportunity to provide the Community the exposure to these activities and entertainment for the is of benefit to the community and tourism.

The Crack Up sisters at the Birdsville Races will be providing 2 days of family entertainment, at the Racecourse for the Birdsville Race Club.

Council would be required to:

- Fund the \$1,000 RADF grant shortfall
- Provide a nights accommodation in Bedourie for the team of 2

This proposal is part of a partnership between the Birdsville Race Club and Diamantina Shire Council to utilise the skilled artists travelling through our Shire to benefit the Community and provide budget savings for both parties.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community

Long Term Goal

- 2.6 Where volunteering in the community is a given and community spirit is visible.
- 2.8 Cares for its residents of all ages.
- 2.11 Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.

POLICY

[Regional Arts Development Fund \(RADF\) Policy](#)

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 - i. the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and
 - ii. the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government's community; and
- b) in a way that is consistent with the local government's community.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

There is \$22,000 in the RADF Operational Budget, with no funds currently allocated and the shortfall of \$1,000 can be covered by the Communities Operational budget.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Birdsville Race Club and School Principals.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This is a low risk report for Council to consider.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The event and workshops are to be held between Monday 31st August and Thursday 3rd September 2026.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no alternatives considered.



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RADF Application Form

Please ensure all sections of the application are completed.

Applicant details

Applicant name
(Name of individual, group or organisation)

Australian Business Number (ABN)

Are you registered for GST? ☐ Yes ☐ No ABN

Contact

Postal address

Phone Email

RADF Category (select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 ☐ Individual development | 4 ☐ Cultural tourism |
| 2 ☐ Building community and cultural capacity | 5 ☐ Regional partnerships |
| 3 ☐ Interest free arts loan | 6 ☐ Concept & policy development |

Project name
(Max 10 words)

Brief project description (Describe the project in about 100 words, include costs covered by the grant)

The project will bring to the region a team from The Crackup Sisters to create arts engagement with performance outcome for the local Birdsville Kids during the Birdsville Race program.

The project will centre around learning movement, skills and choreography to share the local kid's stories and experience different ways to express themselves. They will present this work with the assistance of the team as part of The Birdsville Race Parade. The Crackup Sisters team will also conduct a workshop in the Bedourie State School

Project start date

Project end date

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Total cost of project \$ RADF grant requested \$

RDAF Grant History

Have you or your group/organisation previously applied for a RADF grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If you were successful, has that grant been successfully acquitted? Or does ☐ Yes ☐ No
 The sub-committee have a current project not yet completed and acquitted?

What is the main art form category for your project? (Please select one only)

☐ Craft ☐ Theatre ☐ Dance ☐ Museums/collections ☐ Design
☐ New media ☐ Music ☐ Festivals ☐ Visual arts ☐ Writing

Where will the project be undertaken?

This could be a region, town or city, for example, Central West Queensland, Longreach, Townsville.

The workshops will be held at The Birdsville and Bedourie State School and at the Birdsville Community Centre. The performance will be as part of the Birdsville Races Parade.

How will this project benefit the community, or artists/cultural workers? Give a brief description about the rationale and objectives of your project.

This project will provide the children with experience of making and thinking about expressing ourselves through dance and movement. They will learn to work together, listen to instruction and interpret ideas through movement of their own bodies and the shapes they create.

The community will benefit through the experiences the children share. They will also be able to witness the performance of the children. As a community this project should encourage discussions around movement as an art form and experience and provide an opportunity to have in community dance and movement artists who are open to laughing and discussing all sorts!



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Diamantina Shire Council Program Priorities

Priority	Tick	How
Support youth arts to develop projects.	☐	Learning new skills, in a safe fun environment.
Building capacity and encouraging participation in the arts.	☐	In person dance and movement classes
Strengthening arts and Cultural tourism and events.	☐	Including local youth in major tourism event

Please outline which of the above program priorities your project meets and briefly describe how.

This project supports youth engagement in the arts. It provides an opportunity for their participation, creation, physical language development and an opportunity to perform supported by professionals. This experience builds capacity in the community with the youth participation and builds audience in all watching. The project will culminate during one of the region's largest tourism events, helping to add a cultural element through dance and expression of the local youth.

Please outline the steps you have taken to address the issues of Workplace Health & Safety, Public Liability Insurance, copyright and relevant licences.

The Crackup Sisters hold workers compensation insurance for our artists. Each artist has public liability and professional indemnity insurance. Our artists all have blue cards and an understanding of working with children.

How will you capture feedback and results from this RADF-funded activity/project?

For example, survey, email responses, attendance results. This information is vital to support the RADF program and Council's annual application. It is essential to demonstrate the positive outcomes achieved for the community from the funding.

Feedback will be captured by:

- The Birdsville Races professionally engaged photographer
- Responses by the public, school teachers, students through a survey.

If the Diamantina Shire has an evaluation / survey they would like to deploy please forward.



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What are the major benefits expected from your project?

Impacts - How many people will attend? How many arts workers will be employed or trained?

Artists Engaged: 3

Youth Engaged: 4 – 15

People attending the performance outcome: 100- 400

Quality – Does your project provide arts and cultural initiatives based on local priorities?

Yes. One of the local priorities is to engage youth in arts and culture this is a direct response to this priority.

Reach – Will your project target any specific groups? Does your project contribute to broader outcomes such as health & wellbeing, employment, social cohesion?

Target group is youth. Broader outcomes:

- Physical activity through dance and movement. Health and wellbeing of participants.
- Social cohesion. A youth performance project brings together members of the community to watch and celebrate. Helping to create bonds through shared experience.

Vitality – Have you considered other options for external partners to assist with funding the project?

Partnering with The Birdsville Race Club to cover costs associated with travel and accommodation of the artists.

The Crackup Sisters company will support the project with in-kind accommodation along the way for the artists in Winton. It will also supply Leigh-Anne Vizer's fee and per diem as tour manager and creative lead within The Crackup Sisters Arts Queensland Touring supported budget.



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Project Management

List each stage of the project from start to finish	Expected completion date
Devising Workshop Material August 31 -	3 September
Travel to region September 1	6 September
Delivery of Project September 1	3 September
Culmination of feedback and acquittal of grant	5 September
Complete the RADF Outcome Report (no later than 8 weeks after finish date)	

List the artists and arts workers involved

Name	Role or position in project	Rate of pay (\$/hour or \$/week)	Total fee (whole \$)	Amount to be refunded by RADF
Leigh-Anne Vizer	Project director, lead choreographer	2,400p.wk + 15% oncosts + \$79 p.day per diem	3083	-
Isobell	Circus Artist	350 p.day + 15% oncosts + \$79 p.day per diem	2,271	1,351
Indiana Gordon	Dance Artist	350 p.day + 15% oncosts + \$79 p.day per diem	2,271	1,351
TOTAL (transfer total salaries, fees and allowances to the expenditure column in the budget)			7,625	
TOTAL (transfer total RADF amount to the RADF expenditure column in the budget)				2,702

Please remember to attach the following documents from each artist or arts worker involved in your project:

- Resume or CV,



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- Eligibility Checklist for each Professional and Emerging Professional Artist, and
- Letter of confirmation.

Income and Expenditure

Application budget must be supported by quotations for large items. Volunteer labour to be costed at \$25/hour.

Income		Expenditure		RADF component
Details	Amount	Details	Amount	Amount
Earned income, for example from ticket sales		Salaries, fees and allowances		
		Artist Fees	7,625	2,702
Contributions from artists and others		Project or activity costs		
The Birdsville Race Club Accommodation	2700	Travel vehicle Longreach-Winton – Birdsville return \$1.20 p.km x 1,863	2,236	836
The Crackup Sisters, in kind accommodation in transit	600	Airfares x 3 x Brisbane return	3,600	2,600
Insurance in kind artists and company	450	Accommodation outside Diamantina	600	-
Other grants		Promotions, documentation and marketing		
The Crackup Sisters AQ Touring Fund	4,283	Accommodation in Diamantina \$180p.nite x 3 x 5	2,700	-
Sponsorship, fundraising and donations		Administration		
The Birdsville Race Club. Travel	2000	Administration, tour management. 15 hours @ \$55 per hour	825	300
Crackup Sisters in-kind admin	1,165	Insurance public liability, professional indemnity	450	-
Crackup Sisters in-kind travel Winton-Longreach	400			
RDAF Grant	6438	RADF Grant		6,438
Total income (A)	17,396	Total expenditure (B)	18,036	

Note: If you are GST registered, Council will pay the grant plus GST. If you are registered for GST, your expenditure and income should be exclusive of GST. If you are not registered for GST, your expenditure should include the GST to be paid.



QUOTE

The Diamantina Shire Council

Date
6 Aug 2026

The Crackup Sisters

ABN

Community Engagement for Youth to participate in the Races Parade.

Crackup Sisters arts engagement with the schools and day care in Bedourie and Birdsville during races week. Creating a performance outcome for the Races Parade.

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	GST	Amount AUD
Artist Fees inclusive of 15% oncosts	1.00	2,702.00	10%	2,702.00
Travel and Accommodation	1.00	3,436.00	10%	3,436.00
Administration	1.00	300.00	10%	300.00
Subtotal				6,438.00
TOTAL GST 10%				643.80
TOTAL AUD				7,081.80

13.3.10 Birdsville Wet Area Approval

REPORT TYPE: OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace, Director Communities
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 173C of the *Liquor Act 1992*, the purpose of this report is to designate locations identified in schedule 1 below as public places where liquor may be consumed during the Birdsville Race week. The period and times during which the designation is to have effect shall be from 10:00am Wednesday 2 September 2026 until 12:00am (Midnight) Monday 7th September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the declaration of various streets and locations in Birdsville to be designated areas under section 173C of the *Liquor Act 1992*, as public places where liquor may be consumed during the Birdsville Race week 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

Section 173C of the Act allows that a local government may designate a public place that is in its area as a public place where liquor may be consumed. The local government may specify the period or times during which the designation is to have effect.

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

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

Schedule 1: Designated Public Place Location from To Adelaide Street MacDonald Street

Location	From	To
Adelaide Street	MacDonald Street	Vaughan Street
MacDonald Street	Adelaide Street	Burt Street
Town Oval (Tent City)		
Burt Street	Graham Street	MacDonald Street
Frew Street	Graham Street	Florence Street
Florence Street	Burt Street	Vaughan Street
Graham Street	Burt Street	Vaughan Street

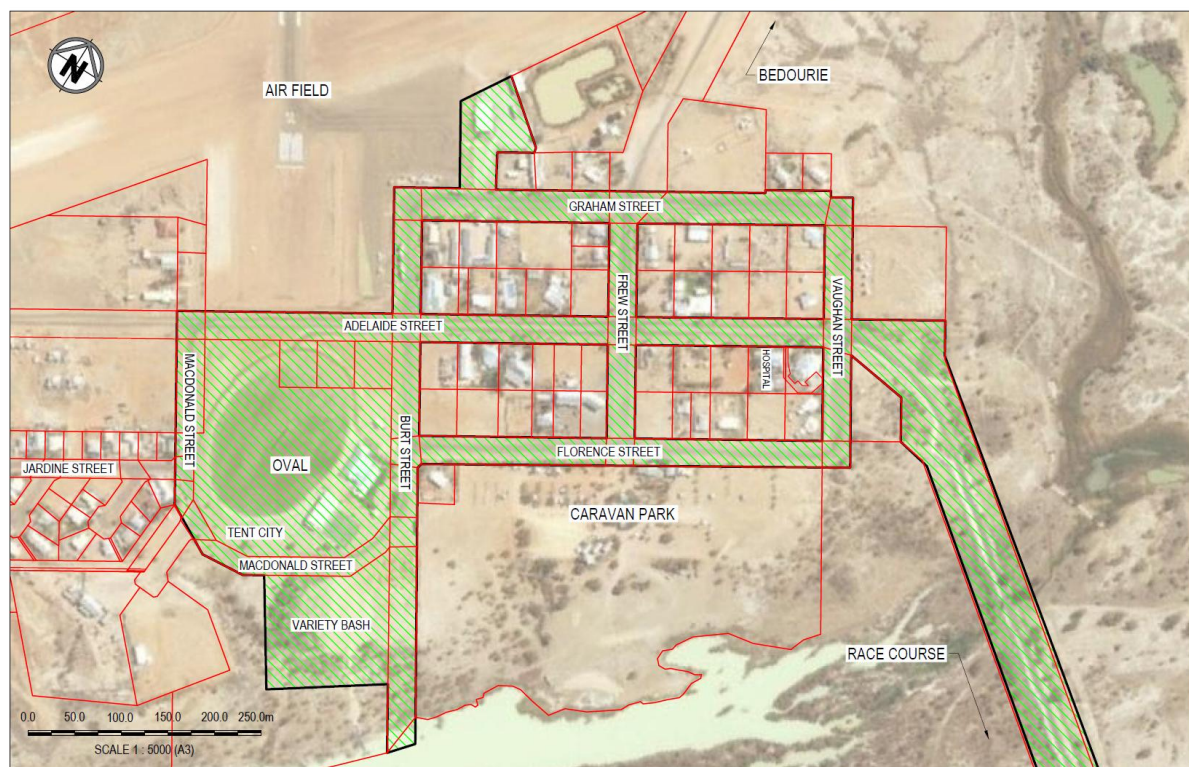
Location	From	To
Vaughan Street	Graham Street	Florence Street
Birdsville Airport Carpark		
Eyre Development Road from Vaughan Street to Birdsville Racecourse		
Part of the Birdsville Town Common North and South of the Eyre Development Road, between Pelican Point Access gate and the Birdsville Racecourse		

Map of the Designated Public Place Location From To Adelaide Street MacDonald Street

Silky Oak Sideboard, in the Living Room.

Silky Oak Sideboard, in the Living Room.

Designated Public Places Where Liquor May Be Consumed - S173B & S173C Liquor Act



DISCUSSION

The Birdsville Race meeting attracts a large number of visitors to Birdsville for the annual Birdsville Cup race meeting. The race meeting includes various activities in the days leading up and following to the actual race day. Historically visitors start to arrive in Birdsville several days prior to the race meeting and a majority leave early in the week following.

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

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

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

- 2.1 Recognises the value of preserving the unique culture of the area.
- 2.7 Is safe and crime free.
- 3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.

POLICY

Nil.

LEGISLATION

Liquor Act 1992 – Section 173B [Consumption of liquor in certain public places prohibited]

Liquor Act 1992 – Section 173C (Local Government may designate public places)

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

No additional budget required.

CONSULTATION

The community of Birdsville will be informed of the declaration of the designated area via Council's Social media channels and on notice boards. The Birdsville Police and Birdsville Race Club will be notified directly of the decision.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Low Risk, Council engages professional security to assist with public safety during this time, there are also additional Queensland Police Service officers in Birdsville to manage situations.

Over the past two years there has been very few alcohol related issues in Birdsville with the implementation of this designation.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

Approval for the declaration of the designated area is required to ensure that all arrangements can be made before the event date 2 September 2026.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The support provided aims to enhance accessibility and facilities, ensuring inclusivity for all participants, including those with disabilities.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

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

13.4 Executive Office

13.4.1 CEO Update

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Executive Office
PRESENTED BY:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
AUTHOR(S):	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Meetings, Events and Conferences Attended

Date	Event	Location
21 July	July Councillor Workshop	Bedourie
21 July	July Plant Standing Committee	Bedourie
23 July	Cuttaburra Detailed Design Consultation with TMR	Bedourie
27 July	Meeting with Regional Director Central Queensland, State Development & Diamantina Shire Council to discuss opportunities, priorities, and challenges for Council	Teams
28 July	2026 Birdsville Carnival - Stakeholder Catch Up	Teams
29 July	Birdsville Business Group Monthly Catch Up - Business Owners and Operators in Birdsville and Betoota discussion about events, ideas and opportunities.	Teams
30 July	Meeting with Department of Housing and Public Works to discuss housing in Diamantina Shire Council	Teams
1 August	Meeting with the Hon. David Littleproud MP	Birdsville
4 August	RAPAD, DSC & Queensland Ambulance Services meeting to discuss Sustainable Ambulance Coverage for Remote Community Events	Teams
5 August	Desert Champions Way - Stakeholder Catch Up	Teams
11 August	MRAC Meeting	Boulia

Upcoming Meetings, Events and Conferences

Date	Event	Representatives	Location
18 August	Councillors Workshop	Executive Team, All Councillors	Bedourie
18 August	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Bedourie
25 August	RAPAD Meeting (Face to Face)	Mayor, CEO	Brisbane
25 – 27 August	WQAC Bush Councils Assembly	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Brisbane

Date	Event	Representatives	Location
8-10 September	LGMA Annual Local Government conference	CEO, DCS	Gold Coast
15 September	Plant Standing Committee	All Councillors invited	Bedourie
17 – 18 September	Birdsville Courthouse Opening	All Councillors Invited	Birdsville
2 October	RAPAD Meeting (Virtual)	Mayor, CEO	Teams
7 October	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Bedourie
19-21 October	LGAQ Conference	*Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs, CEO	Cairns
6 November	RAPAD Meeting (Virtual)	Mayor, CEO	Teams
17 November	Plant Standing Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Birdsville
1-2 December	RAPAD Meeting (Face to Face)	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Brisbane
2 December	Friends of RAPAD (Face to Face)	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Brisbane

* Accommodation prebooked

~ Arrangements in progress

Attendance to be confirmed

13.4.2 HR Report

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Executive Office
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Alona Gilhang, Human Resources & Safety Manager
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the HR Report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report serves to provide a comprehensive update on the key operational areas within Human Resources that have been actively managed and progressed by the Human Resources and Safety Manager during the reporting month.

1. Diamantina Shire Council Formal Organisational Structure
 - Update on Directorate Changes and Re-Alignment
 - Increased Position Count
2. Workforce Overview
 - Staffing Levels and Compositions
 - Recruitment Activities and Outcomes
 - Turnover and Retention Metrics
3. Exit Interview Insights
 - Summary of Departures

OPERATIONAL UPDATE – DSC ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE JULY 2026

Human Resources Section undertakes monthly review of the organisational structure whereby below items are put into considerations:

- Regular consultation with Directors, Managers and Team Leaders
- Regular review of vacant positions and market trend for the same position
- Review of council housing availability to accommodate successful appointments
- Regular review of salaries and wages benchmarking with other remote and regional outback ensuring we are offering competitive employment conditions
- Review of causes and reasons for staff turnovers
- Regular review of overhead budgets ensuring Council complies with set financial liabilities that falls under employment and contractual agreements.

SUMMARY OF POSITION COUNTS PER DIRECTORATE:

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND HR			
Section	Position Count	Occupied	Vacant
CEO and Directors	4	3	1
Executive Assistant	1	1	0
HR and Safety	3	3	0
CORPORATE SERVICES			
Section	Position Count	Occupied	Vacant
Finance	5	4	1
Stores	3	3	0
Governance	3	2	1
Admin Trainee	1	0	1
COMMUNITIES SERVICES			
Section	Position Count	Occupied	Vacant
Tourism	7	7	0
Community Development	4	3	1
Creative Content Officer	1	1	0
All Rounder Assistant	1	0	1
Caravan Park	5	3	2
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES			
Section	Position Count	Occupied	Vacant
Managers, Supervisors and Office Administration	5	5	0
Town Services	12	11	1
Maintenance Services	5	3	2
Works Services (Construction and Maintenance)	16	13	3
Roads and Civil	7	3	4
Workshop	3	2	1
Total Position Count and Summaries	86	67	19

Section	Position Title Vacant	Recruitment Status
Executive Team and EA	Director – Infrastructure Services	Return to Market – October 2026
Finance Section	Finance Coordinator Finance Officer Administration Trainee	Recruitment Ongoing For discussion For discussion
Governance Section	Records and Administration Officer	Recruitment Ongoing
Community Development	Early Childhood and Library Officer – Casual Relief	Employment Documentation with candidate in progress
Communities	All Rounder Assistant	For discussion
Caravan Park	Cleaners – Casual	For discussion
Town Services Section – Bedourie	Town Services Officer	Recruitment Ongoing
Maintenance Services Section	Maintenance Officer Trade Qualified Plumber	Recruitment Ongoing Recruitment Ongoing
Works Section	Multi Skilled Operators	Recruitment Ongoing
Workshop Section	Trades Assistant/Labourer	Recruitment Ongoing
Total Identified Vacancies	19 positions	

Recruitment Updates and Human Resources Actions Following Vacancy Reviews

Director – Infrastructure Services

Recruitment activities undertaken during June and July for the Director – Infrastructure Services position did not identify a suitable candidate for appointment. The role is currently being filled under an interim arrangement to ensure operational continuity and effective leadership within the Directorate.

It is proposed that a targeted recruitment process for the executive position will recommence in October 2026.

Other Identified Vacancies

Human Resources has continued to work closely with Managers and Directors across all sections to coordinate recruitment activities and monitor the progress and outcomes of recruitment processes for identified vacancies.

Current Recruitment Challenges

1. Council Housing Availability for Workforce Recruitment

The recruitment of identified vacancies continues to be significantly constrained by the limited availability of Council housing for prospective employees.

Council housing is currently allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to positions identified as critical to operational service delivery. As a result, recruitment is limited to vacancies that can be supported by available accommodation.

Unless additional housing options are secured, Council's capacity to recruit into the 19 identified vacant positions will remain significantly constrained.

2. National Skills Shortages and Labour Market Competition

The ongoing national skills shortage and increased competition for qualified employees across both the public and private sectors continue to present significant recruitment challenges. The limited availability of suitably qualified candidates has affected Council's ability to attract and appoint employees across a range of occupational groups.

3. Remoteness and Geographic Location

Human Resources has observed an increase in applicants withdrawing from recruitment processes after expressing initial interest in employment opportunities with Council. Feedback indicates that the Shire's remote location, travel requirements and perceived accessibility are key factors influencing applicants' decisions not to proceed.

4. Working and Living Information Pack

To strengthen Council's recruitment and attraction strategy, officers are working on developing a comprehensive and up-to-date **Working and Living in Diamantina Shire Council** information pack.

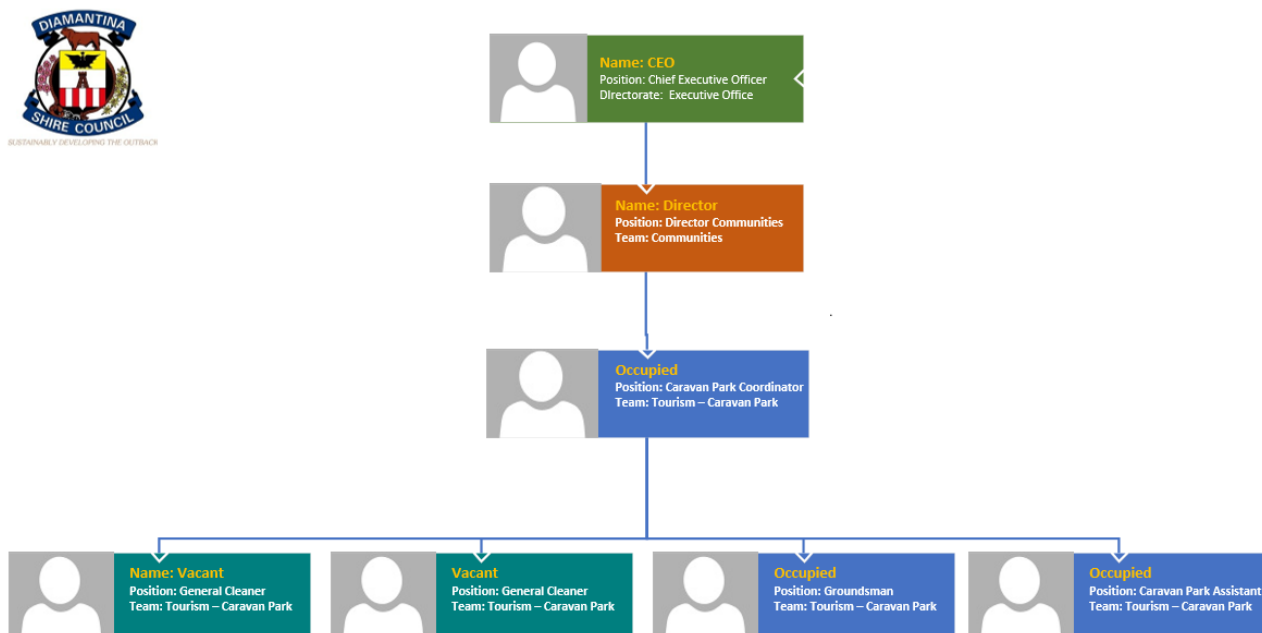
The information pack would provide prospective applicants with practical information to support informed employment decisions and reduce common enquiries received by Human Resources. It is recommended that the pack include information on:

- Council accommodation and tenancy arrangements.
- Travel, flights and transport options to, from and within the Shire.
- Local education facilities and schooling options.
- Availability of essential services, including groceries, fuel and retail supplies.
- Healthcare and emergency services.
- Childcare and family support services.
- Community facilities, recreational amenities and local services.
- Cost of living information.
- Career and employment opportunities within the Shire.
- Any other relevant information that supports prospective employees and their families in understanding the lifestyle and employment opportunities available within the Diamantina Shire.

Update on Organisational Structure – Communities Directorate – Tourism Caravan Park Section

Following Council re-acquiring the running of operations of the Birdsville Caravan Park, a newly created section Tourism - Caravan Park under Communities Directorate was administered.

3 out of 5 new positions are occupied, outlined below:



EMPLOYEE EXITS REPORT

Summary 1: Overview – June/July/Aug Exits		
Metric	Value	
Total Exits	7	
Voluntary Exits	7	
Involuntary Exits	0	
Average Tenure	5 months	
Directorates Affected	Infrastructure, Corporate, Communities	
Summary 2: Reasons for Leaving		
Reason	Percentage	Count
Career advancement elsewhere	28.57%	2
Compensation concerns	0%	0
Management/leadership issues	0%	0
Relocation/personal reasons	71.43%	5
End of Term Engagement	0	0

13.4.3 WHS Monthly Update

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Executive Office
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Joanne Fiorenza, Safety and Quality Coordinator
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the WHS Monthly Update report.

Executive Summary

This report provides the Council with an update on Work Health and Safety (WHS) performance and compliance activity for the reporting period 1 July to 31 July 2026. It covers preparation for the forthcoming Local Government WorkCare (LGW) WHS Mutual Risk audit, progress against prior action items, the status of key management system implementations, training and induction activity, and a summary of incidents and hazards reported during the monthly.

All actions arising from the CEO Report of September 2024 and the LGW review have been completed. Implementation of the Integrated Management System (IMS), the Alternative Compliance Accreditation – Fatigue framework (formerly Advanced Fatigue Management) and the Heavy Vehicle Maintenance Management system continue to progress, with a desktop audit able to be booked from 1 August 2026 following recent legislative change.

Seven incidents and ten hazards were reported during the month; all incidents were investigated internally, and none were notifiable to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ).

An increase in incidents for slips, trips, falls, manual handling and whipper-snipper have been identified, and corrective actions — including safe work procedure review and worker retraining — have been allocated.

Audit Readiness – LGW WHS Mutual Risk Obligations

The organisation's next WHS Mutual Risk audit, conducted by Local Government Workcare, is scheduled for March–April 2027. Preparatory activity is underway across the following areas:

- Finalisation and implementation of a compliant Integrated Management System (IMS);
- Ongoing maintenance of, and compliance with, the Skytrust OHSE database; and
- Completion of outstanding actions from the previous audit, which remains in progress.

Status of Prior Actions – CEO Report, September 2024 (Operational Meeting)

The following table summarises progress against actions arising from the CEO Report of September 2024 and the associated LGW review. All items have now been completed.

Action	Status
Safety included as a standing item on every Executive Leadership Team (ELT) meeting agenda	Complete
Safety Representative training delivered	Complete
Due Diligence training delivered to the ELT	Complete
Skytrust training delivered to the ELT	Complete
ICAM investigation training delivered to the safety team, addressing the three safety recommendations from the LGW review	Complete
Leading and Managing training delivered to people leaders	Complete

Implementation of Key Management Systems

a. Alternative Compliance Accreditation – Fatigue, and Heavy Vehicle Maintenance Management

A legislative change effective 1 August 2026 has replaced Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM) with the Alternative Compliance Accreditation – Fatigue framework; requirements for Heavy Vehicle Maintenance Management (MM) are unchanged. As a result of the upcoming legislative change, the appointed auditor was unable to complete the scheduled desktop audit within the prior period. Manuals and procedures have since been updated in accordance with the amended National Heavy Vehicle Law (NHVL) requirements, and the desktop audit can now be booked from 1 August 2026. The auditor is reviewing DSC documentation to confirm compliance with the legislative changes ahead of accreditation submission to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). Training and system implementation will follow receipt of accreditation.

b. Journey Management

Journey management procedures remain in place, comprising a manual check-in process supported by administrative and supervisory monitoring. Vehicle monitoring and remote/isolated-worker monitoring devices are currently being trialled to improve check-in processes, emergency alerting and data capture.

c. Integrated Management System (IMS)

Implementation of the Safety and Quality management systems is progressing with adequate resourcing. A safety consultant has been engaged to support the development of WHS-compliant procedures for the IMS. A desktop check of the Skytrust database has been completed and is functioning effectively for DSC requirements; further development of the database continues.

Training and Induction

Training needs analysis continues to be managed through Skytrust in accordance with position description training requirements. During the reporting period, two (2) employees and three (3) contractors workers completed WHS induction.

WHS Statistics – Reporting Month (July 2026)

Key observations for the month are set out below:

- An increase in incidents including slips, trips, falls, manual handling and whipper-snipper related incidents was observed relative to the prior month.
- Corrective actions have been allocated, including review of safe work procedures and retraining of affected workers.
- All incidents were investigated internally; none were notifiable to WHSQ.
- One (1) potential workers' compensation claim was reported to Local Government Workcare in respect of a lost-time injury sustained in July.
- As at the end of the reporting period, one (1) workers' compensation claim was being managed by the Local Government Workcare Legal Section.
- Safety inspections identified ten (10) hazards observed during the reporting month.

Incident Overview

A total of seven (7) incidents were reported during the month. A summary by incident type is provided below.

Incident Type	Root Cause	No.	Treatment
Lost Time Injury	Manual handling – batteries	1	Treated by medical practitioner at clinic
Medical Treatment	Slip in windy conditions; dog bite	2	Treated by nurse at clinic
Report Only	Slip on scaffold	1	No treatment required
Property Damage	Equipment (whipper snipper) – stones	2	Monetary
Security	Stolen fuel	1	Monetary

Hazard Overview

A total of ten (10) hazards were reported during the month. A summary by hazard type is provided below.

Hazard Type	No.	Action(s) Assigned
Physical Housekeeping	1	Housekeeping remediation
Electrical	1	Testing and tagging
Emergency Equipment	2	Servicing and evacuation plan review
Hazardous Substances	1	Bunding; safety data sheets
Slips, Trips, Falls	1	Remediation of uneven pathways and access
Traffic Management	1	Speed and directional road signage
First Aid	1	First aid kit required
Signage	2	PPE signage required in forklift area; Restricted access signage required for security

Safety Activities (July 2026)

- WHS Committee meetings held in July

- Leading and Managing refresher training delivered in July
- Team building activities (Communities) held in July

Detailed Incident Register

The register below provides case-level detail for each incident reported during the monthly, including investigation status, corrective actions and notifiability to WHSQ.

Incident Type	Description	Affected Location	Mechanism	Agency	Investigated	Status	Actions	Notifiable to WHSQ
Medical Treatment	Sprain	Right foot	Fall on same level (trip/slip)	Outdoor environment – windy conditions	Yes	Closed	JSA reviewed for relevant tasks	No
Medical Treatment	Bite	Left and right hand (back)	Other contact (bites/stings)	Live animal – dog	Yes	Closed	Alert issued on animal management	No
Lost Time Injury	Strain	Lower back / lower spine (right)	Muscular stress – manual handling	Manual handling – batteries	Yes	Open	Manual handling SWP review and retraining	No
Report Only	Graze	Left shin	Fall on same level (trip/slip)	Machinery/fixed plant – scaffolding	Yes	Closed	Suitable PPE – non-slip footwear	No
Property Damage	Broken glass	Tourist campervan	Equipment – whipper snipper (stones)	Outdoor environment	Yes	Closed	SWP review	No
Security	Stolen fuel	Prime mover	Isolation	External	Yes	Closed	Security review	No
Property Damage	Broken glass	Council vehicle	Equipment – whipper snipper (stones)	Outdoor environment	Yes	Closed	SWP review	No

Detailed Outstanding Actions Register

The register below provides details for twenty-six (26) outstanding WHS actions. A further fifty (50) actions are in process.

Source	Responsibility	Due Date	Action
HAZ - 117	Infrastructure	31/07/2026	As per email attached, please advise of short-term requirements for the remediation work's. Cemetery.
Investigation - 1126631	Safety	10/07/2026	SQO to complete a risk assessment for manual handling task at the Wirrarri Centre.
Committee Meeting	Safety	31/07/2026	Explore sending Navman alerts directly to drivers. Implement a "three strikes" rule for repeating staff.
Investigation - 1087870	Safety	31/05/2026	Create procedure with either SWMS or SWP for the storage and reposition of the cement bags.
Investigation - 1088965	Safety	31/07/2026	Review manufacturers user manual and create or review SWP for Tractor Operation with plant operators and recommend any control measures required. Toolbox talk to be completed with staff and sign off once complete. Action assigned to SQO to enter SWP in Skytrust

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			for FTSM to review. Operator manuals located for development of SWP. Due date changed to 31/7/26 for completion.
Committee Meeting	Infrastructure	31/07/2026	Check for manufacturer manuals (Mobile Toilets) and pass to Rob.
Inspection Completion	Facilities and Town Services	31/07/2026	Electrical point to be reviewed and repaired/secured as noted on inspection completed June 2026.
Inspected Item	Facilities and Town Services	31/07/2026	Failed Exit lights need to be fixed. See attached document for areas.
Inspection Completion	Facilities and Town Services	29/05/2026	The yellow lines within the workshop are to be removed. Coordinate with the Workshop Supervisor to confirm an appropriate time and date for this work to be completed. As recommend of the Safety Walk TMP. Action assigned to FTSM.
Inspection Completion	Facilities and Town Services	29/05/2026	Area between Stores and Safety Office is to be chained off at all times. To separate the pedestrians from traffic. Maintenance to investigate how this will be achieved. Stores to order chain if required. As recommendation of the Safety Walk TMP Action assigned to FTSM
Investigation - 1116061	Facilities and Town Services	16/05/2026	Fence at 7 Lignum Court was reversed into by Council vehicle. Please investigate damage for repair where required. Photos attached. Action assigned to FTSM
Inspected Item	Facilities and Town Services	21/05/2026	Veranda on camp 92 is a manual handling hazard to set up and pack up. Investigate alternative engineering of veranda to reduce risk.
Committee Meeting	Facilities and Town Services	17/05/2026	Investigate options to remove internal roller doors to the internal offices in the Wirrarri Centre. Investigate options to remove internal roller door from library and open access to main space. Additionally, move cabinetry from the meeting room to the Director's office. Refer to DC or SQC for clarification. Action assigned to FTSM
Committee Meeting	Facilities and Town Services	17/04/2026	Investigation options for sensor lighting for carport and outside public toilet areas to be installed at the Wirrarri Centre. Update 30/4/26 - Scheduled for Electrician Action assigned to FTSM
Committee Meeting	Facilities and Town Services	17/05/2026	Wirrarri Centre Reception desk could be reconfigured to have a higher countertop and swing door at entry computers, register and staff are separated from customers and they cannot easily reach over behind the desk area or walk behind. Refer to DC or SQC for clarification Photos attached Action assigned to FTSM
Committee Meeting	Facilities and Town Services	17/05/2026	Investigate options to install door through to the brochure room in the Wirrarri Centre from reception area so staff can remove themselves from potential hazards and call for assistance. Refer to DC or SQC for further clarification Photos attached Action assigned to FTSM
Inspection Completion	Workshop	07/08/2026	P1856 - 250hr Service
Inspection Completion	Workshop	25/07/2026	P5004 - New beacon to be fitted /or checked
Inspection Completion	Workshop	24/07/2026	P1021 - 40,000km Service
Inspection Completion	Workshop	20/07/2026	P1820 - Overdue for a 30,000 service - currently at 34794kms
Inspection Completion	Workshop	31/07/2026	Window washer not working on the driver's side. To be done at service July.
Inspection Completion	Workshop	31/07/2026	P1266 - Check ignition and replace trailer plug
Inspection Completion	Workshop	11/07/2026	P1009 - Driver side seam busted on the door side.
Inspection Completion	Workshop	31/07/2026	P1083 - 20,000km service required Booked for July
Inspected Item	Workshop	31/07/2026	P1006-Windscreen has large crack's To be booked in at Mount Isa when able

Source	Responsibility	Due Date	Action
Inspected Item	Workshop	16/07/2026	P1004- Needs reverse beeper fitted
Inspection Completion	Communities	30/04/2026	Stage are unsafe due to the height, can fall. Please ensure the area is secure. Khali to source play safe gates for play group area to remove temp fencing, play group children to stay in supervised area which has been fenced off with temporary fencing.
Inspection Completion	IT	31/07/2026	Please organize desk-top to be removed for extra room.
Inspection Completion	Stores	21/08/2026	Housekeeping required for area as noted on safety inspection completed June 2026.PPE sign to be displayed on entry to store where mobile plant is being used. Action reassigned to Store. Date extended to allow time to complete action.
HAZ - 117	Infrastructure	31/07/2026	As per email attached, please advise of short-term requirements for the remediation work's. Cemetery.
Investigation - 1126631	Safety	10/07/2026	SQO to complete a risk assessment for manual handling task at the Wirrarri Centre.
Committee Meeting	Safety	31/07/2026	Explore sending Navman alerts directly to drivers. Implement a "three strikes" rule for repeating staff.
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13.4.4 Sustainable Communities Deed

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Executive Office
PRESENTED BY:	N/A
AUTHOR(S):	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Mortgage ↓ 2. Letter to Council - 3 June 2026 ↓ 3. Sustainable Communities Deed ↓ 4. Treasurers approval ↓ 5. Letter to Council - 7 Feb 2025 ↓ 6. Letter to Council - 12 Nov 2018 ↓ 7. Summary discussion teleconference 28 Feb 2018 ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the Sustainable Communities Deed and highlight any obligations in respect of the Deed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Sustainable Communities Deed Report.

BACKGROUND

The commencement of the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) was the largest ever reform of the Queensland Community Housing System. Queensland's commitment to NRSCH was implemented by amendment of the *Housing Act 2003*, making funding under the Act conditional upon community housing providers being NRSCH registered and compliant.

The Act and the *Housing Regulation 2015* require community housing providers which are not NRSCH registered to divest their community housing assets and cease operating as community housing providers by prescribed dates. In Council's case, that date was 31 December 2018. The Department effectively extended that date, for Council, with the latest extension date being 31 July 2025 (copy of Executive Director letter 7 February 2025 attached).

Council and the Department worked collaboratively to consider options, including a first of its kind divestment strategy, a Sustainable Communities Deed and associated mortgage, effectively aiming to convert the relationship between Council and the Department from a funding relationship (under the Act), to a purely contractual relationship. Council considered its options at a meeting on 15 October 2018 and the chief executive officer at the time, Mr Love, advised the Department on 18 June 2018, that Council's preferred option was to negotiate a Sustainable Communities Deed (see attached Summary discussion teleconference). I do not have a record of a resolution to that effect being passed at a meeting of Council in or about 2018, just the email advice.

A former Director-General subsequently approved Council's negotiated divestment strategy to exit the Community Housing System via the Sustainable Communities Deed with the Department. Letter of 12 November 2018 attached.

On 27 March 2024 Council obtained consent via an Under Treasurer's Approval Instrument to enter into a Sustainable Communities Deed with the Department.

On 24 September 2024 the Treasurer approved Council entering into a mortgage with the Department (attached) (as contemplated in the Sustainable Communities Deed). The approval of the Treasurer is a pre-requisite to the execution of each of the Sustainable Communities Deed and the mortgage under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

The Deed and Mortgage were provided for execution by Council under cover of an email from Crown Law dated 8 October 2025.

Looking to the future - upon the Deed's Start Date (the date it is executed by the parties and if executed on different dates, the last of those dates), that is, 29 May 2026:

- Council can manage and deal with the Properties the subject of the Deed as it chooses, complying only with its own legislative responsibilities and not the *Housing Act 2003*.
- From the Start Date, Council is no longer a "funded provider" as that expression is defined in the *Housing Act 2003* and is no longer providing, or required to provide, housing services, as contemplated in the Act. However, the understanding of the parties is that Council will continue to provide housing for substantially the same purpose, for example, the supply of safe, secure and sustainable housing that meets the needs of the aged and of people with a disability in the local government area and the provision of housing for key workers, but without the need to comply with any Departmental approved social housing policy.
- Councils funding relationship with the Department under the Act is at an end, with the new contractual relationship coming into existence, as dictated by the Sustainable Communities Deed.
- The existing mortgage under the Act is released, with a new mortgage being registered, in accordance with the Deed.
- Under the Community Housing System, the State provided financial assistance to Council in respect of the Properties the subject of the Community Housing System.
- Under the Deed, the Community Housing System funding is terminated, however, the State has agreed to provide assistance to Council equivalent to the "Contingent Liability" in existence under the Community Housing System, but subject to the terms of the Deed. To secure its obligations under the Deed, Council agrees to grant a mortgage over each of the Properties to the State.
- The assistance provided by the State to Council (under the Deed) is in the form of a full offset of the Contingent Liability payable by Council to the State under the Community Housing System and the parties agree that, relevantly, if Council sells, disposes or transfers part or 1 or more or all of the Properties, Council will be required to pay to the State, the "State's Proportion" in relation to each Property which is sold, disposed of or transferred either in whole or in part. The State's Proportion, for each Property, as at 8 October 2024 is specified in the Deed, Particulars, Item 7.
- In respect of each of the Properties, the State's Proportion is reduced by 2% per annum commencing on 8 October 2024.
- Council cannot make a "Major Improvement" to any of the Properties absent the prior written approval of the State. Other obligations apply in respect of Major Improvements as particularised in clause 7 of the Deed. A Major Improvement is an alteration made by Council to a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property and which requires a development approval for a material change of use or reconfiguration of a lot.
- Under the Deed, a "Minor Improvement" is an alteration made by Council to a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property other than a Major Improvement. An approval is not required in respect of the making, by Council, of a Minor Improvement.
- In the event that a Minor Improvement or a Major Improvement is made to a Property:-
 - records (about the improvement) are required to be kept; and
 - valuations are required to be undertaken; and
 - notice is required to be given to the State,as particularised in clauses 7 and 8 of the Deed.

- The State may terminate the Deed in the event that Council submits and approves a development application in relation to any of the Properties and the development application relates to a material change of use of premises or the reconfiguration of a lot and is made without the State's consent.
- The State may also terminate the Deed if Council is in breach of the Deed and fails to remedy the breach within 14 days after receipt of a notice to remedy from the State. On termination for default, the State's Proportion for all Properties must be paid by Council.
- Council is free to sell any of the Properties under the Deed, and the State must release any relevant mortgage, however:-
 - Council must give the State 20 Business Days notice in writing if it requires the State to release the mortgage over all or any part of any Property; and
 - on the sale of a Property, Council must pay to the State, the State's Proportion for that Property (assuming that the State's Proportion in respect of the Property is more than nil).
- The date of the Deed, whilst not clearly inserted at the start of the Deed, is 29 May 2026, being the day on which the Deed was actually executed by the State, the last party to execute the Deed.

DISCUSSION

The properties the subject of the Deed are:

Property	State's proportion as at 8 October 2024
7 Spinifex Court, Bedourie	58%
8 Spinifex Court, Bedourie	58%
14 Jardine St, Birdsville	32%
10 Gibber Court, Birdsville	32%
3 Lignum Court, Bedourie	32%
6 Lignum Court, Bedourie	32%
9 Gibber Court, Birdsville	40%
8 Coolibah Court, Birdsville	40%
6 Spinifex Street, Bedourie	40%
Cnr Eyre & Nappa Street, Bedourie (aka 3 Eyre St)	40%
17 Kepler Street, Bedourie (aka Lot 5 & 6 Eyre St)	45%
Lot 11-13 Jardine St, Birdsville	45%
20 Jardine St, Birdsville	45%

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

2 Our Community

Long Term Goal

2.5 Has significant private home ownership with all residents appropriately housed.

POLICY

Sustainable Communities Deed

LEGISLATION

Housing Act 2003

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

The sum of the amount that would have been payable by Council under the Funding Agreement (entered into for the purposes of the Community Housing System) on the sale or disposal of any of the Properties (whether or not described as a "contingent liability", "outstanding liability" or described in some other way) and which, under Sustainable Communities Deed, is the sum of the State's Proportion for each Property calculated under clause 6 of the Sustainable Communities Deed.

Under the Sustainable Communities Deed, the parties agree that their best estimate of the Contingent Liability as at 15 November 2022 was \$1,531,338.00.

CONSULTATION

King and Company

Housing and Homelessness Services Department of Housing and Public Works
Council

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Deed, clause 4.1(c), specifically provides that Council is no longer required to use the properties to provide housing services as defined in the Act but it is the parties understanding that Council will continue to provide housing for substantially the same purpose. Relevantly, this clause is ambiguous and, accordingly, the enforceability of the clause would be questionable. The letter of 12 November 2018 provides some context about the interpretation of the clause.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

In respect of each of the Properties, the State's Proportion is reduced by 2% per annum commencing on 8 October 2024.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There were alternatives considered prior to entering into the Deed set out in the summary discussion teleconference, however no alternatives have been considered within this report.

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Lodger Details

Lodger Code BE 013A

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Estate and/or interest being mortgaged

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Land Title Reference	Part Land Affected?	Land Description
50240497		Lot 9 on SP110056
30660041		Lot 11 on CP863210
18737248		Lot 25 on CP863096
18737241		Lot 18 on CP863096
30660046		Lot 16 on CP863210
30660050		Lot 20 on CP863210
18737239		Lot 16 on CP863096
50240368		Lot 10 on SP110055
30660042		Lot 12 on CP863210
50215154		Lot 601 on CP900256
50240974		Lot 5 on SP110057
18737244		Lot 21 on CP863096
18737245		Lot 22 on CP863096

Mortgagor

Name DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL

Mortgagee

Name THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS)

The mortgagor mortgages the estate and/or interest in land specified in this mortgage to the mortgagee as security for the debt or liability described in the terms and conditions set out or referred to in this mortgage, and covenants with the mortgagee to comply with those terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions of this Mortgage

- (a) Document Reference NIL
(b) Additional terms and conditions See attached Schedule.

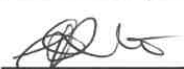
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Mortgagor Execution

NOTE: Witnessing officer must be aware of their obligations under section 162 of the Land Title Act 1994.

Executed on behalf of DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL ABN 87 774 161 836 BY AUTHORISED DELEGATE

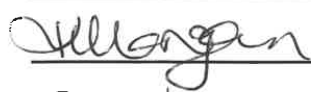
		Signer Name	<u>FRANKIS MURRAY</u>
Full Name of Witness	<u>ELIZABETH PLANT</u> <u>ELISABETH PLANT</u>	Signer Organisation	<u>DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL</u>
Witness Signature		Signer Role	<u>MAYOR</u>
Witness Qualifications	<u>JP QUAZ</u>	Signature	
		Execution Date	<u>31-10-2025</u>



Mortgagee Execution

NOTE: Witnessing officer must be aware of their obligations under section 162 of the Land Title Act 1994.

Executed on behalf of THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS) BY DULY AUTHORISED DELEGATE

Full Name of Witness	<u>Jacquelyn Anne Vock</u>	Signer Name	<u>Kelly Mangen</u>
Witness Signature		Signer Organisation	<u>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS</u>
Witness Qualifications		Signer Role	<u>Executive Director</u>
		Signature	
		Execution Date	<u>29 May 2026</u>

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Title Reference 50240497

Terms and Conditions of this Mortgage

BACKGROUND

The State of Queensland and the Provider have entered into the Agreement under which the State will provide assistance to the Provider. This Mortgage secures the Provider's obligations under the Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 **Definitions** The following words have the meanings respectively assigned to them:

- (a) **"5 year Commonwealth Government Bond Rate"** means the percentage rate published by the Reserve Bank of Australia;
- (b) **"Agreement"** means the Sustainable Communities Deed between the State and the Provider dated on or about the date of this Mortgage, including as later amended or substituted;
- (c) **"Debt"** means all money which now or in the future is owing (actually or contingently, including money contingently owing in the event of a future default of the Agreement) by the Provider to the State under the Agreement, or this Mortgage and includes any loss or damage suffered by the State as a result of the arrangements under the Agreement, and this Mortgage. It also includes interest, costs, fees, duties, taxes and any other amount that the Provider is obliged to reimburse or pay to the State at any time under this Mortgage or otherwise;
- (d) **"Mortgage"** means the mortgage between the State and the Provider made up of the Mortgage Form and this Schedule;
- (e) **"Provider"** means the mortgagor named in the Mortgage Form and where the context allows extends to and includes its successors in title and assigns;
- (f) **"Provider Surplus"** means 'Your Surplus' as defined under the Capital Funding Agreement between the Parties dated 8 October 2003.
- (g) **"Surplus"** has the meaning as defined in the Agreement;
- (h) **"State"** means the State of Queensland, through the Department of Housing and Public Works;
- (i) Otherwise, words and phrases used herein and not defined, have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

1.2 **Interpretation** Unless the context otherwise requires the definitions and rules of interpretation of the Agreement apply to this Mortgage.

1.3 **Severance** If any provision in this Mortgage, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstances, is or becomes invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be deleted but the remaining provisions of this Mortgage will be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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- 2. Costs of Enforcement of this Mortgage** The Provider must pay to the State all costs and liabilities of the State arising from any breach of the Agreement or this Mortgage. This includes the reasonable costs of the State exercising its rights under this Mortgage or recovering the Debt or dealing with the Property. These costs must be paid within five Business Days by the Provider when the State requests them in writing.
- 3. Interest on Judgment** If the State enters judgement against the Provider for the Debt, the Provider must pay interest on the amount of that judgement to the State calculated at the 5 year Commonwealth Government Bond Rate from the date of judgement until payment is made.
- 4. State's Liability** The Provider agrees that the State is not responsible for any loss which occurs to the Property while or because the State is exercising its rights under this Mortgage. Nothing in this Mortgage is intended to relieve the State of its obligations under section 85 of the *Property Law Act 1974*.
- 5. Comply with the Agreement** The Provider must comply with the Agreement.
- 6. Default** Each of the following is a default under this Mortgage:

 - (a) a breach by the Provider under clause 5.2, 6.2 or 10 of the Agreement (including a clause of the Agreement that survives the termination of the Agreement);
 - (b) the Provider does not perform one of its obligations under this Mortgage;
 - (c) this Mortgage is void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable by the State or is claimed to be so by the Provider;
 - (d) without the consent of the State a security interest which this Mortgage purports to create ceases to have the priority which it purports to have under this Mortgage or under the Agreement or ceases to secure the payment of the Debt or the performance of the obligations which it purports to secure, otherwise than by an act of the State.
- 7. What may the State do if the Provider is in Default** Subject to s 95 of the *Property Law Act 1974*, at any time after the Provider is in default under this Mortgage, the State may at any time, in its entire discretion, and in addition to any other remedies available to it, take any or any combination of the following actions:

 - (a) Demand and require immediate payment of the Debt;
 - (b) Exercise any right, power, or privilege conferred by any law, the Agreement or this Mortgage;
 - (c) Do anything the State considers appropriate to recover the Debt and deal in any way the State considers fit with the Property. For example, the State may in relation to one or more or all of the Properties:
 - (i) subject to the terms of the Agreement and the rights of the Provider's tenants, eject the Provider and any other occupants from the Property and take possession of the Property. If the State takes possession, the State can subsequently withdraw from possession of the Property;
 - (ii) direct any tenants to pay rent to the State;
 - (iii) sell the Property as one lot or by separate lots;

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- (iv) rescind, vary, or complete any contract of sale of the Property;
 - (v) lease or licence the Property;
 - (vi) subdivide or consolidate the Property;
 - (vii) repair, clean, repaint, demolish, rebuild, alter, or construct completely new buildings or structures on that Property;
 - (viii) prepare plans and specifications and obtain approvals from any competent authority;
 - (ix) give or transfer the Property to any competent authority; and
 - (x) give additional land for development, sale, or lease in conjunction with that Property.
- (d) Appoint one or more persons to be joint or several agents, receivers, managers, or receivers and managers of one or more or all of the Properties. Those persons may exercise any of the powers conferred on the State under this Mortgage, or conferred by law. The State may remove any of those persons and appoint replacements whenever it wishes;
- (e) Pay any money properly due and owing to any person in relation to one or more or all of the Properties or goods on one or more or all of the Properties (for example, owing under hire purchase agreements and leases). The amount paid by the State will form part of the Debt secured by this Mortgage;
- (f) Pay and obtain a transfer or a discharge of any other mortgage or charge affecting one or more or all of the Properties; and
- (g) Perform any of the Provider's obligations under this Mortgage or the Agreement.
- 8. Removal and Sale of Personal Property** If the State enters into possession of one or more or all of the Properties it may, subject to the rights of the Provider's tenants, at any time, in its entire discretion, and in addition to any other remedies available to it:
- (a) sever fixtures belonging to the Provider and sell them;
 - (b) remove from one or more or all of the Properties all chattels of the Provider and, without liability for conversion of or for any loss of or damage to any chattel that it disposes of under this clause, sell or otherwise dispose of them in any way the State decides; and
 - (c) apply the sale proceeds of any fixtures or chattels to offset the Debt.
- 9. Continuation of Mortgage as Security** This Mortgage continues as security against the Property until the Provider pays the Debt to the State. The Provider is not entitled to a release of this Mortgage otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and until it has:
- (a) given the State at least 20 Business Days written notice that it requires the Property to be released from this Mortgage; and
 - (b) paid the Debt in respect of the Property being released, using money which is not derived from Surplus; other than the Provider's Surplus.

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10. Power of Attorney

10.1 The Provider irrevocably appoints the State its attorney with the right:

- (a) at any time to:
 - (i) perform the obligations of the Provider under this Mortgage or the Agreement;
 - (ii) do everything which in the State's opinion is necessary or expedient to enable the exercise of any right of the State in relation to this Mortgage or the Agreement;
 - (iii) if the secured property is or is proposed to be the subject of any dealing or other thing which may have or is likely to have a material adverse effect, do anything in relation to the secured property to prevent or delay that material adverse effect;
 - (iv) appoint substitutes and otherwise delegate its rights (including this right of delegation); and
- (b) after any event of default has occurred, to do everything that the Provider may lawfully authorise an agent to do in respect of the secured property.

10.2 The Provider must ratify any exercise of a right by the State in accordance with clause 11.1 of this Mortgage; and

10.3 The power of attorney is given by the Provider as security for any proprietary interest of the State under this Mortgage and for the performance of any obligations owed by the Provider to the State under this Mortgage.

11. Receivers

11.1 The State's rights, powers and remedies under clause 7(d) of this Mortgage to appoint receivers, managers, or receivers and managers (inter alia) include the following:

- (a) a receiver may be appointed to one or more or all of the lots comprising the Property or its income;
- (b) the State may set a receiver's remuneration for the amount that the State acting reasonably considers appropriate;
- (c) the State may agree to indemnify the receiver against liabilities incurred by the receiver;
- (d) the State may advance to the receiver, on normal bank terms, amounts for the receiver to pay its remuneration, costs and liabilities for the purpose of the receivership, including claims against the receiver and the Provider (and all amounts advanced that are not repaid by the receiver are payable by the Provider to the State and form part of the Debt);
- (e) in the State's absolute discretion, remove a receiver and appoint a new or additional receiver;
- (f) subject to cl 11(g), a receiver is the agent of the Provider, and the Provider alone is responsible for:
 - (i) the receiver's acts and omissions;

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- (ii) the receiver's remuneration (however the State may pay the receiver's remuneration and costs on the Provider's behalf and the amounts paid together with any amount paid under an indemnity granted by the State to the receiver will be payable by the Provider to the State and form part of the Debt);
 - (iii) any loss or misapplication of any money received or which ought to have been received by the receiver (but excluding any wilful misconduct or gross negligence of the receiver);
 - (iv) any default, neglect or breach of trust by the receiver (but excluding any loss or misapplication arising as a direct or indirect result of the wilful misconduct or gross negligence of the receiver); and
 - (v) any consequential loss or damage (but excluding any consequential loss or damage arising as a direct or indirect result of the wilful misconduct or gross negligence of the receiver).
- (g) if the State notifies the Provider, a receiver will act as the agent of the State and the State may delegate to the receiver any of the State's rights and powers under this Mortgage.
- (h) in this Mortgage, **receiver** has the meaning given to receiver or receiver and manager in the *Corporations Act 2001*.

12. General Provisions**12.1 Non Waiver**

- (a) No right under this Mortgage may be waived except by notice in writing signed by each party.
- (b) Any failure by the State to enforce any clause of this Mortgage or any forbearance, delay or indulgence granted by the State is not a waiver of the State's rights under this Mortgage or permission to the Provider to repeat or continue that default or breach.
- (c) Any waiver by the State must be signed by the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works or an authorised delegate of the Director-General.

12.2 Variation This Mortgage cannot be altered in any way without the written approval of the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works or an authorised delegate of the Director-General.

12.3 Costs Both the State and the Provider will pay their own costs for preparing and executing this Mortgage. All costs and expenses (if any) of stamping and registering this Mortgage must be paid by the Provider.

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12.4 Title and other Documents

- (a) The Provider must deliver any title documents and other documents which exist in relation to the Property to the State if it asks for them.
- (b) The Provider must supply all documents to the State that are necessary to ensure the registration and enforcement of this Mortgage and the Agreement.

12.5 Notices Notices under this Mortgage must be given in the manner specified in the Agreement. Notices given under this Mortgage will be taken to be received as if they were given under the Agreement.

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Date: 3 June 2026

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1. **Attached** is a copy of an email now to hand from Crown Law, together with copies of each of the Sustainable Communities Deed and the Mortgage, both of which are duly executed by the Department.
2. Registration of the mortgage is required and the State is attending to that issue and, in due course, will forward to us a registration confirmation statement evidencing the registration of the mortgage. When the registration confirmation statement is to hand, we will forward a copy to you.
3. As to the content of the Sustainable Communities Deed, we summarise the pertinent points below.
4. Under a Funding Agreement (dated 8 October 2003), the State provided financial assistance to Council in respect of the Properties (as defined in the Deed).
5. Under the Deed, the Funding Agreement is terminated, however, the State has agreed to provide assistance under the Deed to Council equivalent to the Contingent Liability in existence under the Funding Agreement, but subject to the terms of the Deed. To secure its obligations under the Deed, Council agrees to grant a mortgage over each of the Properties to the State.
6. The assistance provided by the State to Council (under the Deed) is in the form of a full offset of the Contingent Liability payable by Council to the State under the Funding Agreement and the parties agree that, relevantly, if Council sells, disposes or transfers part or 1 or more or all of the Properties, Council will be required to pay to the State, the "State's Proportion" in relation to each Property which is sold, disposed of or transferred either in whole or in part. The State's Proportion, for each Property, is specified in the Deed, Particulars, Item 7.
7. From the date of execution of the Deed, Council is no longer a "funded provider" as that expression is defined in the *Housing Act 2003* and is no longer providing, or required to provide, housing services, as contemplated in the Act. However, the understanding of the parties is that Council will continue to provide housing for substantially the same purpose.
8. In respect of each of the Properties, the State's Proportion is reduced by 2% per annum commencing on 8 October 2024.
9. Council cannot make a Major Improvement to any of the Properties absent the prior written approval of the State. Other obligations apply in respect of Major Improvements as particularised in clause 7 of the Deed. A Major Improvement is an alteration made by Council to a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property and which requires a development approval for a material change of use or reconfiguration of a lot.

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10. Under the Deed, a Minor Improvement is an alteration made by Council to a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property other than a Major Improvement. An approval is not required in respect of the making, by Council, of a Minor Improvement.
11. In the event that a Minor Improvement or a Major Improvement is made to a Property:-
 - (a) records (about the improvement) are required to be kept; and
 - (b) valuations are required to be undertaken; and
 - (c) notice is required to be given to the State,as particularised in clauses 7 and 8 of the Deed.
12. The limited number of events which entitle the State to terminate the Deed are specified in clause 10 of the Deed. On termination for default generally, the State's Proportion for all Properties must be paid by Council. On termination by reference to unauthorized development (a Major Improvement) of a Property, the State's Proportion for the Property must be paid by Council.
13. Written notice of any proposed sale of a Property must be given to the State as prescribed in clause 9.1 of the Deed.
14. The date of the Deed, whilst not clearly inserted at the start of the Deed, is 29 May 2026, being the date on which the Deed was actually executed by the State, the last party to execute the Deed.
15. Please contact the writer if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DEED

between

**STATE OF QUEENSLAND
through the DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

and

**DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL
ABN 87 774 161 836**

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THIS DEED is made

BETWEEN: **STATE OF QUEENSLAND** through the Department of Housing and
Public Works
(the **State**)

AND: **DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL**
ABN 87 774 161 836
(the **Council**)

BACKGROUND

- A. Under the Funding Agreement, the State provided financial assistance to the Council in respect of the Properties. The parties have agreed to terminate the Funding Agreement on the terms of this Deed.
- B. The State has agreed to provide assistance under this Deed to the Council equivalent to the Contingent Liability that but for the terms of this Deed would otherwise have been payable by the Council to the State upon termination of the Funding Agreement.
- C. To secure its obligations under this Deed, the Council has agreed to grant the Mortgage to the State.

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1.	State:	Name:	State of Queensland through the Department of Housing and Public Works	
		Delivery address:	Level 21, 1 William Street, Brisbane QLD 4000	
		Contact person:	Alana Kanafa, Director Social and Affordable Housing Programs	
		Email:	alana.kanafa@housing.qld.gov.au	
2.	Council:	Name:	Diamantina Shire Council ABN 87 774 161 836	
		Delivery address:	17 Herbert St Bedourie Qld 4829	
		Telephone:	(07) 4746 1600	
		Email:	Julianne.Meier@Diamantina.qld.gov.au	
		Contact person:	Julianne Meier Interim Chief Executive Officer	
3.	Funding Agreement	The Capital Funding Agreement between the State and the Council dated 8 October 2003. Notes: The Funding Agreement was entered into by the Queensland Housing Commission. The State is the Queensland Housing Commission's successor under s 117 of the Act and references in the Capital Funding Agreement to the Queensland Housing Commission are taken to be references to the State under s 118 of the Act.		
4.	Properties	Street address	Lot on plan	Title reference
		7 Spinifex Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 9 Spinifex Court)	Lot 9 on SP110056	50240497
		8 Spinifex Court, Bedourie	Lot 11 on CP863210	30660041
		14 Jardine St, Birdsville (aka Lot 25 Jardine St)	Lot 25 on CP863096	18737248
		10 Gibber Court, Birdsville (aka Lot 18 Gibber Court)	Lot 18 on CP863096	18737241
		3 Lignum Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 16 Lignum Court)	Lot 16 on CP863210	30660046
		6 Lignum Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 20 Lignum Court)	Lot 20 on CP863210	30660050
		9 Gibber Court, Birdsville (aka Lot 16 Gibber Court)	Lot 16 on CP863096	18737239
		8 Coolibah Court, Birdsville	Lot 10 on SP110055	50240368

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		6 Spinifex Street, Bedourie	Lot 12 on CP863210	30660042
		Cnr Eyre & Nappa Street, Bedourie (aka 3 Eyre St)	Lot 601 on CP900256	50215154
		17 Kepler Street, Bedourie (aka Lot 5 & 6 Eyre St)	Lot 5 on SP110057	50240974
		Lots 11-13 Jardine St, Birdsville	Lot 21 on CP863096	18737244
		20 Jardine St, Birdsville	Lot 22 on CP863096	18737245
5.	Contingent Liability	The sum of the amount that would have been payable by Council under the Funding Agreement on the sale or disposal of any of the Properties (whether or not described as a “contingent liability”, “outstanding liability” or described in some other way) and which under this Deed is the sum of the State’s Proportion for each Property calculated under clause 6. The parties agree that their best estimate of the Contingent Liability at 15 November 2022 was \$1,531,338.00		
6.	Assistance	An amount equal to the Contingent Liability.		
7.	State’s Proportion as at the Start Date	Street address	State’s Land Proportion as at the Start Date	State’s Improvements Proportion as at 8 October 2024
		7 Spinifex Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 9 Spinifex Court)	0%	58%
		8 Spinifex Court, Bedourie	0%	58%
		14 Jardine St, Birdsville (aka Lot 25 Jardine St)	0%	32%
		10 Gibber Court, Birdsville (aka Lot 18 Gibber Court)	0%	32%
		3 Lignum Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 16 Lignum Court)	0%	32%
		6 Lignum Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 20 Lignum Court)	0%	32%
		9 Gibber Court, Birdsville (aka Lot 16 Gibber Court)	0%	40%
		8 Coolibah Court, Birdsville	0%	40%
		6 Spinifex Street, Bedourie	0%	40%
		Cnr Eyre & Nappa Street, Bedourie (aka 3 Eyre St)	0%	40%

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	17 Kepler Street, Bedourie (aka Lot 5 & 6 Eyre St)	0%	45%
	Lot 11-13 Jardine St, Birdsville	0%	45%
	20 Jardine St, Birdsville	0%	45%

AGREED TERMS

1. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Deed, the definitions in the Deed Particulars and the following definitions apply:

Act means the *Housing Act 2003*;

Business Day means 9:00am to 5:00pm on a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a public holiday in Brisbane;

Date of this Deed means the date on which this Deed is executed by the parties and if executed on different dates, the last of those dates;

Deed means this document and any schedules to it;

Deed Particulars means the deed particulars at the start of this Deed;

GST Act means the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth);

GST Amount means the amount of GST on a Taxable Supply calculated at the rate of GST applicable at the time that the Taxable Supply is made;

GST has the same meaning as in the GST Act;

Improvement means an improvement on a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property, and includes a Major Improvement and a Minor Improvement;

Input Tax Credit has the same meaning as in the GST Act;

Major Improvement means an alteration made by Council to a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property and which requires a development approval for a material change of use or reconfiguration of a lot;

Minor Improvement means an alteration made by Council to a Property that enhances the amenity of the Property other than a Major Improvement;

Mortgage means a first registered mortgage over the Properties on the terms set out in Annexure 1 that ranks in priority ahead of any other security over the Properties;

RCTI has the same meaning as 'recipient created tax invoice' in the GST Act;

Start Date means the Date of this Deed;

State's Proportion means the amount calculated under clause 6.1;

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Surplus has the same meaning as under the Funding Agreement;

Tax Invoice has the same meaning as in the GST Act; and

Taxable Supply has the same meaning as in the GST Act.

1.2 In this Deed:

- (a) words importing a gender include any other gender and words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) any monetary amounts refer to Australian currency unless otherwise specified;
- (c) a reference to legislation includes subordinate legislation made under it and any legislation amending, consolidating or replacing it;
- (d) a reference to an individual or person includes a corporation or other legal entity;
- (e) a reference to a clause or schedule means a clause or schedule to this Deed;
- (f) the index and headings are included for convenience of reference only and are not intended to affect the meaning of this Deed;
- (g) if an expression is defined, other grammatical forms of that expression will have corresponding meanings;
- (h) a reference to days or months means calendar days or months;
- (i) if the day on which any act or thing is to be done under this Deed is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the place where the act or thing is to be done, the act or thing may be done on the next business day in that place;
- (j) an obligation on the part of two or more persons binds them jointly and each of them individually;
- (k) a reference to consent or approval means prior written consent.

1.3 In the event that a government department or agency (including the Council) mentioned in this Deed:

- (a) ceases to exist; or
- (b) is reconstituted, renamed or replaced,

and its powers or functions are transferred to another government department or agency, a reference to the government department or agency (including the Council) will include that other government department or agency.

2. TERM

- 2.1 This Deed starts on the Start Date and, unless terminated earlier, will continue until the State's Proportion in respect of all of the Properties reduces to nil under clause 6, or until the Council pays the State the State's Proportion under clause 6, whichever is sooner.

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3. MORTGAGE

- 3.1 The Council must execute and deliver the Mortgage to the State by the Start Date.
- 3.2 If the Council does not comply with its obligations under clause 3, then clause 4 of this Deed will have no effect and this Deed will be at an end and none of the parties will be entitled to any compensation as a result of termination of this Deed under this clause.

4. TERMINATION OF FUNDING AGREEMENT

- 4.1 The parties agree that, on the Start Date:
- (a) the Funding Agreement terminates;
 - (b) the Contingent Liability is due and payable by the Council to the State under the terms of the Funding Agreement; and
 - (c) the Council will no longer be required to use the Properties to provide housing services as defined in the Act but it is the parties' understanding that Council will continue to provide housing for substantially the same purpose.
- 4.2 Termination of the Funding Agreement does not affect any claim or action a party to the Funding Agreement may have against another party to the Funding Agreement by reason of any breach of the Funding Agreement occurring on or before the Start Date.

5. ASSISTANCE

- 5.1 The State will provide the Assistance to the Council on the Start Date in the form of a full offset of the Contingent Liability payable by the Council to the State under clause 4.1 of this Deed.
- 5.2 The parties agree that:
- (a) the Assistance is not funding as defined in the Act; and
 - (b) from the Start Date, the Council will not be a funded provider as defined in the Act and will not be providing or required to provide, housing services; and
 - (c) if the Council sells, disposes or transfers part or one or more or all of the Properties, it will be required to pay the State the State's Proportion in relation to the Property.

6. PAYMENT OF STATE'S PROPORTION

- 6.1 In relation to the Properties, the State's Proportion is calculated as follows:

State's Proportion (for a Property) = A + B + GST (if applicable)

Where:

A = for a Property, the State's Land Proportion being, for every Property under this Deed, 0 x the market value of the Land component of the Property or relevant part of the Land component of the Property; and

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B = for a Property, the State's Improvements Proportion (as at the date of calculation of the State's Proportion) x the market value of any improvements on the Property or relevant part of the Property (as at the date of calculation of the State's Proportion) calculated in accordance with, collectively, this clause 6, clause 8 and item 7.

6.2 Notwithstanding the offset in clause 5.1, the Council must pay the State's Proportion to the State upon:

- (a) termination of this Deed under clause 10.2 of the Deed in relation to all of the Properties;
- (b) termination of this Deed under clause 10.1 of the Deed, in relation to those Properties in respect of which the Deed is terminated; or
- (c) the sale, disposal or transfer of all, or any part of, one or more of the Properties, in relation to the Properties being sold, disposed or transferred.

6.3 Any amount payable under clause 6.2 is a debt due to the State.

6.4 The State's Improvements Proportion and State's Land Proportion are deemed to be reduced by an amount calculated as follows:

$$2\% \times Y$$

Where:

Y = The number of full years since 8 October 2024.

6.5 For clarity, each of the State's Land Proportion and the State's Improvements Proportion for any of the Property cannot be reduced under this clause to less than 0%.

7. IMPROVEMENTS

7.1 The Council may make an improvement to a Property but must:

- (a) notify the State in writing, at least 60 days prior to commencing any Major Improvement, and such notification must detail the type of works that will be undertaken;
- (b) obtain the written approval of the State, prior to commencing any Major Improvement to a Property;
- (c) pay for each improvement with money which is not derived from any Surplus accrued under the Funding Agreement;
- (d) ensure that each improvement is carried out in a proper and tradespersonlike manner;
- (e) not allow the value of the Property or any part of it to be reduced by any improvement being carried out;
- (f) obtain valuations from a registered valuer immediately before and after any Major Improvements are undertaken and completed;

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- (g) keep records of all improvements (including Major Improvements and Minor Improvements) made for the purposes of undertaking any valuation under 8.2, including photographs of relevant parts of the Property before and after the improvements; and
- (h) notify the State in writing, within 20 days of finishing any Major Improvement, of the completion of those works and the costs of those works.

7.2 The State must not unreasonably withhold its consent under clause 7.1(b).

8. VALUATION OF IMPROVEMENTS

- 8.1 Clause 8.2 applies where Council has paid for an improvement (including a Major Improvement and a Minor Improvement) without a contribution from the State.
- 8.2 Despite any other clause in this Deed, Council's liability to pay the State's Proportion for a Property under clause 6.2 will be reduced by an adjustment made in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{MVA} - \text{MVB}$$

Where:

MVA = the market value of the Property immediately after the Improvements were made;

MVB = the market value of the Property immediately before the Improvements were made.

- 8.3 Clause 8.2 will only apply where Council complies with this Deed, including but not limited to, the process in clause 7.1.
- 8.4 Where the State contributes to the cost of improvements to a Property, the parties will apply the formula set out in clause 8.2 and then calculate the amount by which Council's set off is reduced on a pro rata basis.
- 8.5 If the parties cannot agree on the market value for "MVB" or "MVA", the relevant market value must be determined by a valuer appointed by the current President of the Australian Property Institute (Queensland Division). The valuer must act as an expert and the valuer's costs must be shared equally between the parties.

9. RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

- 9.1 The State must release the Mortgage over a Property if:
 - (a) the Council gives the State 20 Business Days' notice in writing that it requires the State to release the Mortgage over all or any part of the Property; and
 - (b) the Council pays to the State the State's Proportion for that Property or the State's Proportion in respect of that Property is nil.

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10. TERMINATION OF THIS DEED**10.1 If the Council**

- (a) submits and approves a development application in relation to one or more Properties (**Relevant Properties**) and that development application:

(i) relates to a material change of use of premises or the reconfiguration of a lot; and

(ii) is made without the State's consent,

then the State may immediately terminate the parties' right and obligations under this Deed to the extent that they relate to the Relevant Properties by written notice to the Council, in which case:

- (b) the termination will not affect the parties' rights and obligations in relation to the remaining Properties; and
- (c) the Provider must pay the State's Proportion to the State in accordance with clause 6.2 in respect of the Relevant Properties.

10.2 The State may immediately terminate this Deed by notice to the Council if:

- (a) the Council is in breach of this Deed, the breach is capable of being remedied, and Council has failed to remedy the breach within 14 days after receipt of a notice to remedy from the State specifying the breach; or
- (b) the Council is in breach of this Deed and the breach is not capable of being remedied; or

10.3 This clause does not exclude rights of termination under the general law.**11. EFFECTS OF TERMINATION OR EXPIRY****11.1 Termination or expiry of this Deed will not affect any rights or remedies already accrued to either party under, or in respect of any breach of, this Deed and will not relieve either party of any obligation under this Deed that is expressed to continue after termination or expiry.****11.2 The following clauses will survive termination or expiry of this Deed:**

- (a) Clause 4.1 (Termination of the Funding Agreement);
- (b) Clause 6.2 (Payment of State's Proportion);
- (c) Clause 11.1 (Effects of termination or expiry); and
- (d) Clause 12 (GST and RCTI agreement).

12. GST AND RCTI AGREEMENT**12.1 The recipient of a Taxable Supply under this Deed must pay to the supplier of the Taxable Supply, in addition to any consideration for the Taxable Supply, the GST Amount.**

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12.2 Subject to clause 12.3, the following RCTI agreement applies:

- (a) the State will issue RCTI in respect of Supplies made to the State under this Deed;
- (b) the Council will not issue Tax Invoices in respect of any Supply by the Council to the State under this Deed;
- (c) the Council is registered for GST and will notify the State if it ceases to be registered for GST; and
- (d) the State is registered for GST and will notify the Council if it ceases to be registered for GST.

12.3 The RCTI agreement in clause 12.2 will not apply if the Council notifies the State that it ceases to be registered for GST or ceases to meet any other requirements for the issue of RCTI.

12.4 If the RCTI agreement in clause 12.2 does not apply:

- (a) the Council must give the State a Tax Invoice for a Taxable Supply it makes on or before the date the consideration for the Taxable Supply is payable; and
- (b) the State will not be required to provide the consideration for the Taxable Supply until the State has received the Tax Invoice given under clause 12.4(a).

12.5 The supplier of a Taxable Supply under this Deed must remit the GST Amount in respect of the Taxable Supply to the Commissioner of Taxation in accordance with the GST Act.

12.6 If, for any reason, including:

- (a) any amendment to the GST Act;
- (b) the issue of a ruling or advice by the Commissioner of Taxation;
- (c) a refund in respect of a supply made under this Deed; or
- (d) a decision of any tribunal or court,

the amount of GST paid by a party under this Deed differs from the amount of GST paid or payable to the Commissioner of Taxation, then the party making the Taxable Supply must issue an appropriate GST adjustment note and any difference must be paid by, or to, the other party as the case may be.

12.7 If a party has a right to be reimbursed or indemnified for any cost or expense incurred under this Deed, that right does not include the right to be reimbursed or indemnified for that component of a cost or expense for which the reimbursed or indemnified party can claim an Input Tax Credit.

13. COSTS

13.1 Each party must pay its own costs of and incidental to the negotiation, preparation and signing of this Deed.

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14. NOTICES

14.1 Any notice, request, consent or notification under this Deed must be in writing and must be delivered by prepaid post, by hand, or by email to the addresses set out in items 1 and 2 of the Deed Particulars, or any substitute address notified by the relevant addressee from time to time.

14.2 Notice will be deemed to be given:

- (a) if posted - 12 days after deposit in the mail with postage prepaid;
- (b) if delivered by hand - when delivered by hand;
- (c) if emailed - on receipt by the sender of an acknowledgement that the communication has been properly transmitted to the recipient; and

except that a delivery or email received after 5:00 pm will be deemed to be given on the next business day in the place of receipt.

15. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15.1 No party to this Deed may assign its rights and obligations under this Deed without the consent of the other party.

15.2 This Deed will be governed by and construed under the law of the State of Queensland and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Queensland.

15.3 Each party must comply with all relevant laws in performing their obligations under this Deed.

15.4 If any part of this Deed is determined to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable for any reason then that part will be severed from the rest of this Deed and the remaining terms and conditions will continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15.5 Each party must do all things reasonably required to give effect to this Deed.

15.6 No right under this Deed will be deemed to be waived except by notice signed by each party.

15.7 Any failure by a party at any time to enforce a clause of this Deed, or any forbearance, delay or indulgence granted by a party to another will not constitute a waiver of the party's rights.

15.8 A waiver by a party of a breach of any provision of this Deed will not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same provision or as a waiver of any other provision.

15.9 This Deed may be varied at any time by a Deed executed by all parties.

15.10 This Deed constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior arrangements, deeds, agreements, warranties, representations or undertakings.

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- 15.11 A party will not by virtue of this Deed be or become an agent or partner of another party or a joint venturer with another and must not represent itself or allow itself to be represented as another party's agent, partner or joint venturer.

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DEED

EXECUTED AS A DEED ON THE DATES APPEARING BELOW

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED
on behalf of the
STATE OF QUEENSLAND through
the **DEPARTMENT of**
HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS
by an authorised officer
in the presence of:

(signature of witness)

Jacquelyn Vock
(name of witness)

Kelly Mangan
(signature of authorised officer)

Kelly Mangan
(name of authorised officer)

29 / 5 / 2025
(date) *KM*

SIGNED SEALED and DELIVERED
on behalf of the **DIAMANTINA SHIRE**
COUNCIL ABN 87 774 161 836
in accordance with section 236 of the
Local Government Act 2009
by an authorised officer
in the presence of:

ELISABETH PLANT
(name)

J. P. QUAC
(position)

A duly authorised person, in the presence of

[Signature]
(signature of witness)

Francis Murray
(signature)

FRANCIS MURRAY
MAYOR

31 / 10 / 2025
(date)



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DEED

Annexure 1
Mortgage

15.

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Mortgage Form version 1.5

Lodger Details

Lodger Code BE 013A

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MUST NOT BE USED****MORTGAGE****Jurisdiction** QUEENSLAND**Privacy Collection Statement**

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Estate and/or interest being mortgaged

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Land Title Reference	Part Land Affected?	Land Description
50240497		Lot 9 on SP110056
30660041		Lot 11 on CP863210
18737248		Lot 25 on CP863096
18737241		Lot 18 on CP863096
30660046		Lot 16 on CP863210
30660050		Lot 20 on CP863210
18737239		Lot 16 on CP863096
50240368		Lot 10 on SP110055
30660042		Lot 12 on CP863210
50215154		Lot 601 on CP900256
50240974		Lot 5 on SP110057
18737244		Lot 21 on CP863096
18737245		Lot 22 on CP863096

Mortgagor

Name

DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL

Mortgagee

Name

THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS)

The mortgagor mortgages the estate and/or interest in land specified in this mortgage to the mortgagee as security for the debt or liability described in the terms and conditions set out or referred to in this mortgage, and covenants with the mortgagee to comply with those terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions of this Mortgage

- (a) Document Reference NIL
(b) Additional terms and conditions See attached Schedule.

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Mortgagor Execution

NOTE: Witnessing officer must be aware of their obligations under section 162 of the Land Title Act 1994.

Executed on behalf of DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL ABN 87 774 161 836 BY AUTHORISED DELEGATE

	Signer Name	_____
Full Name of Witness	_____	DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL
	Signer Organisation	_____
Witness Signature	_____	Signer Role
	_____	_____
Witness Qualifications	_____	Signature
	_____	_____
	Execution Date	_____

Mortgagee Execution

NOTE: Witnessing officer must be aware of their obligations under section 162 of the Land Title Act 1994.

Executed on behalf of THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS) BY DULY AUTHORISED DELEGATE

Full Name of Witness	_____	Signer Name	_____
Witness Signature	_____	Signer Organisation	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS
	_____	_____	_____
Witness Qualifications	_____	Signer Role	_____
	_____	Signature	_____
	_____	Execution Date	_____

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Terms and Conditions of this Mortgage**BACKGROUND**

The State of Queensland and the Provider have entered into the Agreement under which the State will provide assistance to the Provider. This Mortgage secures the Provider's obligations under the Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**1. Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1.1 Definitions** The following words have the meanings respectively assigned to them:
- (a) **"5 year Commonwealth Government Bond Rate"** means the percentage rate published by the Reserve Bank of Australia;
 - (b) **"Agreement"** means the Sustainable Communities Deed between the State and the Provider dated on or about the date of this Mortgage, including as later amended or substituted;
 - (c) **"Debt"** means all money which now or in the future is owing (actually or contingently, including money contingently owing in the event of a future default of the Agreement) by the Provider to the State under the Agreement, or this Mortgage and includes any loss or damage suffered by the State as a result of the arrangements under the Agreement, and this Mortgage. It also includes interest, costs, fees, duties, taxes and any other amount that the Provider is obliged to reimburse or pay to the State at any time under this Mortgage or otherwise;
 - (d) **"Mortgage"** means the mortgage between the State and the Provider made up of the Mortgage Form and this Schedule;
 - (e) **"Provider"** means the mortgagor named in the Mortgage Form and where the context allows extends to and includes its successors in title and assigns;
 - (f) **"Provider Surplus"** means 'Your Surplus' as defined under the Capital Funding Agreement between the Parties dated 8 October 2003.
 - (g) **"Surplus"** has the meaning as defined in the Agreement;
 - (h) **"State"** means the State of Queensland, through the Department of Housing and Public Works;
 - (i) Otherwise, words and phrases used herein and not defined, have the same meaning as in the Agreement.
- 1.2 Interpretation** Unless the context otherwise requires the definitions and rules of interpretation of the Agreement apply to this Mortgage.
- 1.3 Severance** If any provision in this Mortgage, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstances, is or becomes invalid or unenforceable, that provision will be deleted but the remaining provisions of this Mortgage will be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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2. **Costs of Enforcement of this Mortgage** The Provider must pay to the State all costs and liabilities of the State arising from any breach of the Agreement or this Mortgage. This includes the reasonable costs of the State exercising its rights under this Mortgage or recovering the Debt or dealing with the Property. These costs must be paid within five Business Days by the Provider when the State requests them in writing.
3. **Interest on Judgment** If the State enters judgement against the Provider for the Debt, the Provider must pay interest on the amount of that judgement to the State calculated at the 5 year Commonwealth Government Bond Rate from the date of judgement until payment is made.
4. **State's Liability** The Provider agrees that the State is not responsible for any loss which occurs to the Property while or because the State is exercising its rights under this Mortgage. Nothing in this Mortgage is intended to relieve the State of its obligations under section 85 of the *Property Law Act 1974*.
5. **Comply with the Agreement** The Provider must comply with the Agreement.
6. **Default** Each of the following is a default under this Mortgage:
 - (a) a breach by the Provider under clause 5.2, 6.2 or 10 of the Agreement (including a clause of the Agreement that survives the termination of the Agreement);
 - (b) the Provider does not perform one of its obligations under this Mortgage;
 - (c) this Mortgage is void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable by the State or is claimed to be so by the Provider;
 - (d) without the consent of the State a security interest which this Mortgage purports to create ceases to have the priority which it purports to have under this Mortgage or under the Agreement or ceases to secure the payment of the Debt or the performance of the obligations which it purports to secure, otherwise than by an act of the State.
7. **What may the State do if the Provider is in Default** Subject to s 95 of the *Property Law Act 1974*, at any time after the Provider is in default under this Mortgage, the State may at any time, in its entire discretion, and in addition to any other remedies available to it, take any or any combination of the following actions:
 - (a) Demand and require immediate payment of the Debt;
 - (b) Exercise any right, power, or privilege conferred by any law, the Agreement or this Mortgage;
 - (c) Do anything the State considers appropriate to recover the Debt and deal in any way the State considers fit with the Property. For example, the State may in relation to one or more or all of the Properties:
 - (i) subject to the terms of the Agreement and the rights of the Provider's tenants, eject the Provider and any other occupants from the Property and take possession of the Property. If the State takes possession, the State can subsequently withdraw from possession of the Property;
 - (ii) direct any tenants to pay rent to the State;
 - (iii) sell the Property as one lot or by separate lots;

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- (iv) rescind, vary, or complete any contract of sale of the Property;
 - (v) lease or licence the Property;
 - (vi) subdivide or consolidate the Property;
 - (vii) repair, clean, repaint, demolish, rebuild, alter, or construct completely new buildings or structures on that Property;
 - (viii) prepare plans and specifications and obtain approvals from any competent authority;
 - (ix) give or transfer the Property to any competent authority; and
 - (x) give additional land for development, sale, or lease in conjunction with that Property.
- (d) Appoint one or more persons to be joint or several agents, receivers, managers, or receivers and managers of one or more or all of the Properties. Those persons may exercise any of the powers conferred on the State under this Mortgage, or conferred by law. The State may remove any of those persons and appoint replacements whenever it wishes;
- (e) Pay any money properly due and owing to any person in relation to one or more or all of the Properties or goods on one or more or all of the Properties (for example, owing under hire purchase agreements and leases). The amount paid by the State will form part of the Debt secured by this Mortgage;
- (f) Pay and obtain a transfer or a discharge of any other mortgage or charge affecting one or more or all of the Properties; and
- (g) Perform any of the Provider's obligations under this Mortgage or the Agreement.

8. Removal and Sale of Personal Property If the State enters into possession of one or more or all of the Properties it may, subject to the rights of the Provider's tenants, at any time, in its entire discretion, and in addition to any other remedies available to it:

- (a) sever fixtures belonging to the Provider and sell them;
- (b) remove from one or more or all of the Properties all chattels of the Provider and, without liability for conversion of or for any loss of or damage to any chattel that it disposes of under this clause, sell or otherwise dispose of them in any way the State decides; and
- (c) apply the sale proceeds of any fixtures or chattels to offset the Debt.

9. Continuation of Mortgage as Security This Mortgage continues as security against the Property until the Provider pays the Debt to the State. The Provider is not entitled to a release of this Mortgage otherwise than in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and until it has:

- (a) given the State at least 20 Business Days written notice that it requires the Property to be released from this Mortgage; and
- (b) paid the Debt in respect of the Property being released, using money which is not derived from Surplus, other than the Provider's Surplus.

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10. Power of Attorney

10.1 The Provider irrevocably appoints the State its attorney with the right:

- (a) at any time to:
 - (i) perform the obligations of the Provider under this Mortgage or the Agreement;
 - (ii) do everything which in the State's opinion is necessary or expedient to enable the exercise of any right of the State in relation to this Mortgage or the Agreement;
 - (iii) if the secured property is or is proposed to be the subject of any dealing or other thing which may have or is likely to have a material adverse effect, do anything in relation to the secured property to prevent or delay that material adverse effect;
 - (iv) appoint substitutes and otherwise delegate its rights (including this right of delegation); and
- (b) after any event of default has occurred, to do everything that the Provider may lawfully authorise an agent to do in respect of the secured property.

10.2 The Provider must ratify any exercise of a right by the State in accordance with clause 11.1 of this Mortgage; and

10.3 The power of attorney is given by the Provider as security for any proprietary interest of the State under this Mortgage and for the performance of any obligations owed by the Provider to the State under this Mortgage.

11. Receivers

11.1 The State's rights, powers and remedies under clause 7(d) of this Mortgage to appoint receivers, managers, or receivers and managers (inter alia) include the following:

- (a) a receiver may be appointed to one or more or all of the lots comprising the Property or its income;
- (b) the State may set a receiver's remuneration for the amount that the State acting reasonably considers appropriate;
- (c) the State may agree to indemnify the receiver against liabilities incurred by the receiver;
- (d) the State may advance to the receiver, on normal bank terms, amounts for the receiver to pay its remuneration, costs and liabilities for the purpose of the receivership, including claims against the receiver and the Provider (and all amounts advanced that are not repaid by the receiver are payable by the Provider to the State and form part of the Debt);
- (e) in the State's absolute discretion, remove a receiver and appoint a new or additional receiver;
- (f) subject to cl 11(g), a receiver is the agent of the Provider, and the Provider alone is responsible for:
 - (i) the receiver's acts and omissions;

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- (ii) the receiver's remuneration (however the State may pay the receiver's remuneration and costs on the Provider's behalf and the amounts paid together with any amount paid under an indemnity granted by the State to the receiver will be payable by the Provider to the State and form part of the Debt);
 - (iii) any loss or misapplication of any money received or which ought to have been received by the receiver (but excluding any wilful misconduct or gross negligence of the receiver);
 - (iv) any default, neglect or breach of trust by the receiver (but excluding any loss or misapplication arising as a direct or indirect result of the wilful misconduct or gross negligence of the receiver); and
 - (v) any consequential loss or damage (but excluding any consequential loss or damage arising as a direct or indirect result of the wilful misconduct or gross negligence of the receiver).
- (g) if the State notifies the Provider, a receiver will act as the agent of the State and the State may delegate to the receiver any of the State's rights and powers under this Mortgage.
- (h) in this Mortgage, **receiver** has the meaning given to receiver or receiver and manager in the *Corporations Act 2001*.

12. General Provisions**12.1 Non Waiver**

- (a) No right under this Mortgage may be waived except by notice in writing signed by each party.
- (b) Any failure by the State to enforce any clause of this Mortgage or any forbearance, delay or indulgence granted by the State is not a waiver of the State's rights under this Mortgage or permission to the Provider to repeat or continue that default or breach.
- (c) Any waiver by the State must be signed by the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works or an authorised delegate of the Director-General.

12.2 Variation This Mortgage cannot be altered in any way without the written approval of the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works or an authorised delegate of the Director-General.

12.3 Costs Both the State and the Provider will pay their own costs for preparing and executing this Mortgage. All costs and expenses (if any) of stamping and registering this Mortgage must be paid by the Provider.

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12.4 Title and other Documents

- (a) The Provider must deliver any title documents and other documents which exist in relation to the Property to the State if it asks for them.
- (b) The Provider must supply all documents to the State that are necessary to ensure the registration and enforcement of this Mortgage and the Agreement.

12.5 Notices Notices under this Mortgage must be given in the manner specified in the Agreement. Notices given under this Mortgage will be taken to be received as if they were given under the Agreement.

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*Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982***SPECIFIC APPROVAL UNDER PART 5, DIVISION 3 AND PART 9, DIVISION 3****Background**

1. On 27 March 2024, the Council obtained approval under the Under Treasurer's Approval Instrument to enter into the Deed, which requires the Council to grant the Mortgage to the State of Queensland, through the Department, over the Properties. The grant of the Mortgage will create an encumbrance over the properties.

Approval

2. Under sections 35(3) and 73 of the Act, I approve the Council creating an encumbrance, being the grant of the Mortgage to the State of Queensland, through the Department, over the Properties.

Conditions

3. Approval is granted to the Council under paragraph 2 on the condition that the terms of the mortgage granted by the Council to the State of Queensland, through the Department, over the Properties, are not substantially inconsistent with those set out in the Mortgage.

Interpretation

4. In this document, these terms have the following meanings:

Act	<i>Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982</i>	
Department	Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works	
Council	Diamantina Shire Council	
Under Treasurer's Approval Instrument	The specific approval instrument signed by the Under Treasurer on 27 March 2024 granting approval under section 61A of the <i>Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982</i> for Diamantina Shire Council to enter into a type 2 financial arrangement with the State of Queensland, through the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works	
Properties	<i>Street Address</i>	<i>Land Description</i>
	7 Spinifex Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 9 Spinifex Court)	Lot 9 on SP110056
	8 Spinifex Court, Bedourie	Lot 11 on CP863210
	14 Jardine St, Birdsville (aka Lot 25 Jardine St)	Lot 25 on CP863096
	10 Gibber Court, Birdsville (aka Lot 18 Gibber Court)	Lot 18 on CP863096
	3 Lipnum Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 16 Lipnum Court)	Lot 16 on CP863210
	6 Lignum Court, Bedourie (aka Lot 20 Lignum Court)	Lot 20 on CP863210

	9 Gibber Court, Birdsville (aka Lot 16 Gibber Court)	Lot 16 on CP863096
	8 Coolibah Court, Birdsville	Lot 10 on SP110055
	6 Spinifex St, Bedourie	Lot 12 on CP863210
	Cnr Eyre & Nappa St, Bedourie (aka 3 Eyre St)	Lot 601 on CP900256
	17 Kepler St Bedourie (aka Lot 5 & 6 Eyre St)	Lot 5 on SP110057
	Lots 11-13 Jardine St, Birdsville	Lot 21 on CP863096
	20 Jardine St, Birdsville	Lot 22 on CP863096
Mortgage Agreement	Mortgage agreement as provided to Queensland Treasury by email dated 29 February 2024.	
Deed	The "Sustainable Communities Deed" to be entered into by the State of Queensland and Diamantina Shire Council, as provided to Queensland Treasury by email dated 29 February 2024.	


CAMERON DICK MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
TREASURER
MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT
24/09/2024

Our reference: MN14724-2024

7 February 2025



Department of
Housing and Public Works

Ms Julianne Meier
Chief Executive Officer
Diamantina Shire Council
Julianne.Meier@Diamantina.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms Meier

National and Queensland Regulatory System for Community Housing - transitional period

I refer to the letter of 6 September 2024 from Ms Mary Crearie, Executive Director, and to the Capital Assistance Agreements (Agreements) listed between Diamantina Shire Council (the Provider) and the Department of Housing and Public Works:

- Capital Funding Agreement dated 8 October 1993.

As you are aware, the transitional period for the National Regulatory Scheme for Community Housing applicable to the Provider expired on 31 December 2018.

However, the department acknowledges the efforts made by your organisation to formulate and negotiate a divestment proposal with the department as outlined below:

- Enter into a Sustainable Communities Contract

The proposal was approved on 12 November 2018, but the approved proposal was not completed by 31 January 2025.

The department's willingness to collaboratively work with the Provider to implement the approved divestment proposal or negotiate a revised divestment proposal should not be taken as a waiver of any of its rights under the Agreements. The department reserves its rights to take action to enforce the terms of the Agreements if the divestment proposal is not implemented, and relevant assets are not disposed of as soon as possible and by 31 July 2025.

Should your divestment not be finalised by 31 July 2025, the department may exercise its legal rights under the terms of the Agreements. Such rights may include termination of Agreements, require payment of contingent liability and, where applicable, exercising rights under a security.

If you require further information, Ms Debra Kristensen, Manager, Housing and Homelessness Services, can be contacted on 0421 131 510, or by email at Debra.Kristensen@housing.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Faulkner', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robyn Faulkner
Acting Executive Director
Housing and Homelessness Programs

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Our ref: HS 02203-2018



Department of
Housing and Public Works

12 NOV 2018

Mr Leon Love
Chief Executive Officer
Diamantina Shire Council
leon.love@diamantina.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Love

I refer to your recent discussions with departmental officers regarding Diamantina Shire Council's wish to withdraw from the social housing system.

As at the date of this letter, the department's interest (contingent liability) is \$1,994,440.00 (GST does not apply).

I acknowledge that Council's continued provision of housing for key workers is not the provision of community housing under the *Housing Act 2003*, but it is essential community infrastructure that generates economic growth and local jobs. I am pleased to advise that in view of Council's unique circumstances, the department is prepared to convert the current funding arrangements to a Sustainable Communities Contract, outside of the social housing system.

As Council did not seek registration under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing, the Sustainable Communities Contract would need to replace the existing funding agreement by 31 December 2018, as mandated by the *Housing Act 2003* and the Housing Regulation 2015.

This would enable Council to continue to provide access to safe, secure and sustainable modified homes that meet the needs of the aged and of people with a disability in the Diamantina area, and to continue to provide housing for key workers.

The contract would allow Council to retain the properties but would not require that the properties be used for social housing. The department would retain the right to recover contingent liability upon any future sale or transfer of the properties and have a registered mortgage over each property. The contract will continue to provide for a two per cent reduction in contingent liability for each year up to 50 years from the date the properties were first used by Council under the department's community housing programs, ultimately reducing the department's interest to zero.

This will mean Council's withdrawal from the social housing system would be cost neutral for both Council and the department, save for legal costs.

Council will need to submit a final pro-rata Community Housing Annual Financial Return to the date of execution of the Sustainable Communities Contract by both Council and the department. Following the department's analysis of that return, the department's share of any surplus funds would need to be paid to the department. However, I note that there is unlikely to be any final surplus, given the accumulated program deficit was \$738,259 as at 30 June 2017.

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The department will now prepare legal documents to document this approval to progress this new partnership.

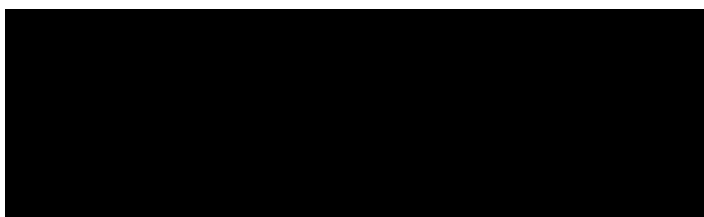
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council for its significant contribution and commitment to management of these properties over many years. Council's dedication to providing housing assistance to people in the Diamantina region has been of great value to the department and the broader community.

If you need any more information, Ms Debra Smout, Manager, Sector Engagement, Housing, Homelessness and Sport can be contacted on (07) 3007 4441 or email debra.smout@hpw.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Liza Carroll
Director-General



Hi June

I confirm that Council is prepared to move forward as you outlined in your email below.

Leon Love
Chief Executive Officer
Diamantina Shire Council

On 23 Oct 2018, at 8:52 am,
wrote:



Hi Leon

I appreciate Council's thorough consideration of its divestment options.

As advised previously, the concept of a Sustainable Communities Contract has been suggested as a divestment proposal by the department on a without prejudice basis as an innovative way to support providers withdrawing from the social housing system that are providing housing to sustain their communities.

Such a contract would allow the Council to retain the properties but would not require that the properties be used for social housing. The department would retain a right to recover a contingent liability upon any future sale or transfer of any of the properties. The contract would continue to provide for a two per cent reduction in contingent liability for each year up to 50 years from the date the properties were first used by the Council under the department's community housing programs, ultimately reducing the department's interest to zero. The contract would also allow the department to register its interest under the contract through a registered mortgage over the properties until the department's interest is reduced to zero.

Council would not be required to submit further Community Housing Annual Financial Returns other than a final pro-rata return for the period up to a date to be specified in the current agreement, being the date that Council will exit the social housing system. Following the department's analysis of that return, the department's share of any surplus program funds would need to be paid to the department. However, I note that there is unlikely to be any final surplus, given the accumulated program deficit was \$738,259 as at 30 June 2016.

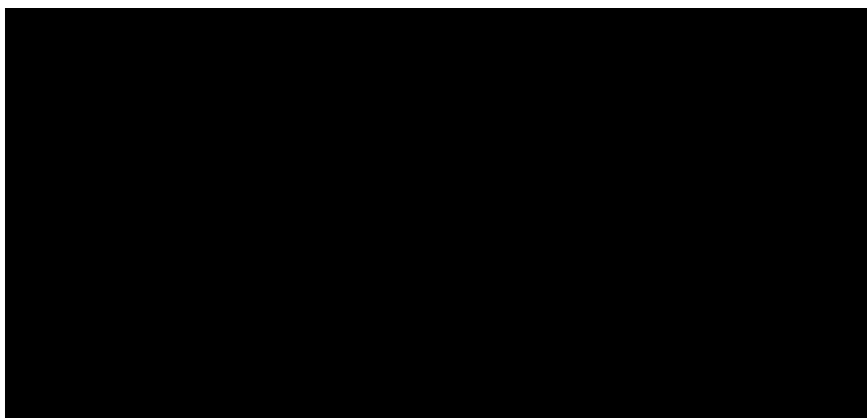
As Council did not seek registration under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing, the Sustainable Communities Contract would need to replace the existing funding agreement by 31 December 2018, as mandated by the *Housing Act 2003* and the *Housing Regulation 2015*.

Following Council's confirmation that it wishes to proceed along these lines, we will seek approval from the department's delegate to do so. Draft legal documents will be provided following approval.

In anticipation, I'll commence work on the briefing note.

Thanks again Leon, looking forward to receiving your confirmation. If there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

cheers



From: Leon Love <Leon.Love@Diamantina.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 18 October 2018 6:22 PM

To: DORRICOTT June <June.DORRICOTT@hpw.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Amanda Schnitzerling <amanda.schnitzerling@diamantina.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Summary of discussion: teleconference 28/082018

Hi June

Council considered the options contained in your earlier email at its meeting held on Monday 15 October.

After considerable discussion on each of the options, Council preferred option is to negotiate a Sustainable Communities Contract as described in option 2.

Whilst it appreciates the offer of a reduced contingent liability, Council is not agreeable to purchasing the Department's contingent liability in the community housing properties as proposed in option 1 as it offers no real advantage to Council over option 2. \$994,000, or any lower amount, is a significant extra amount for Council to allocate from a budget with an operating deficit of \$5.146 million in 20018/19 when annual general rates total \$749,000.

I look forward to discussing with you the Sustainable Communities Contract terms

so we can finalise our exit from the system.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Summary of discussion: teleconference 28/082018

That won't be possible, unfortunately. Until we get agreement from a provider, our Legal Services team can't draft one.

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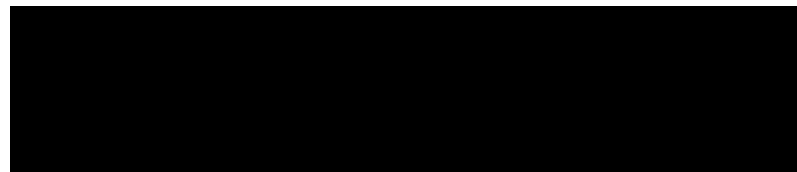
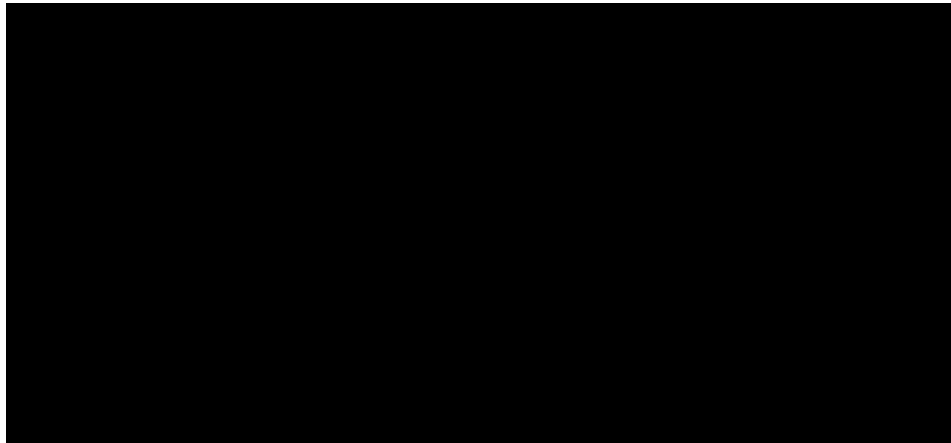
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Subject: RE: Summary of discussion: teleconference 28/082018

Hi June

Would it be possible for you to send through a copy of a draft Sustainable Communities Agreement so that Council has access to all information before considering the matter next Monday?

Leon Love
Chief Executive Officer



Subject: Summary of discussion: teleconference 28/082018

Good afternoon Leon

Thank you for your time last week.

Below is a summary of the matters we discussed:

The following information is provided without prejudice

Registration under the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) is voluntary, the decision by Diamantina Shire Council not to register under the NRSCH restricts the department to limited options under the asset claw back provisions of the act for exiting community housing providers.

The department requests Diamantina Shire Council consider these options without further delay as the NRSCH transition end date is fast approaching whereby providers must either be registered or exited in the prescribed way under the act, before 31 December 2018.

Please confirm by return email that this matter will be included on the agenda for Council's next meeting, which you advised would be held on 15 October 2018.

In reviewing these options, please see the attached spreadsheet, which contains a list of all funded properties with market value, department's contingent liability and Council's equity shown.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Council's proposal that properties be gifted amounts to a full waiver of the department's contingent liability. The department has settled its position that any waiver is a lost opportunity to invest funds into social housing priorities and in accordance with the Queensland Housing Strategy. It is also noted the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* requires waivers be approved as a write off of a loss. The quantum of waiver requests is a factor that is closely scrutinised by the department and Treasury, with full waivers not favourably considered.

A request for a partial waiver of the department's interests – that is, an offer to pay a proportion of the assessed amount – may be considered more favourably. It is suggested that \$1Million, approximately 50% of the assessed contingent liability as at 8 October 2018 could be considered for approval by the Delegate.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->The department has proposed a new form of funding agreement, currently referred to as a Sustainable Communities Contract. This agreement would allow Council to continue to manage these properties as community housing, outside the social housing system. It would allow Council to choose their tenants without referrals from the housing register, set rents and remove the need for reporting.

This agreement could continue to allow a 2% reduction for each year of management, up to a maximum of 50 years from the date of original funding. Council would still be required to pay the department its contingent liability for each property it sells during the life of the agreement.

However, the department would not be able to consider this before discussion of a partial waiver.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Council advanced a proposal to "cash out" the equity it holds in existing properties, to purchase and renovate properties currently owned by Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation. This would involve the department committing funds to non-community housing at the expense of investing these funds in the social housing system.

However, this proposal is unworkable, because it fails to address the critical issue of Council divesting its funded properties, which is mandated as a result of its decision not to register under the NRSCH.

4. Council proposes they could transfer the properties to the department, and then purchase them at auction from the department.

Council would be deprived of the rental income from these properties for a considerable period before they could re-acquire them and there is the potential to cause major disruption to the tenants, which the department would not favour.

Should the department accept the transfer of the properties, all the current tenants would need to be signed up as public housing tenants. Those who do not meet the criteria maybe granted an exemption but would be charged market rent.

In addition, in order to auction the properties, tenants would ideally need to vacate the properties. That would mean relocating tenants to alternative housing – which may be difficult as Council owns 80% of the housing in both Birdsville and Bedourie.

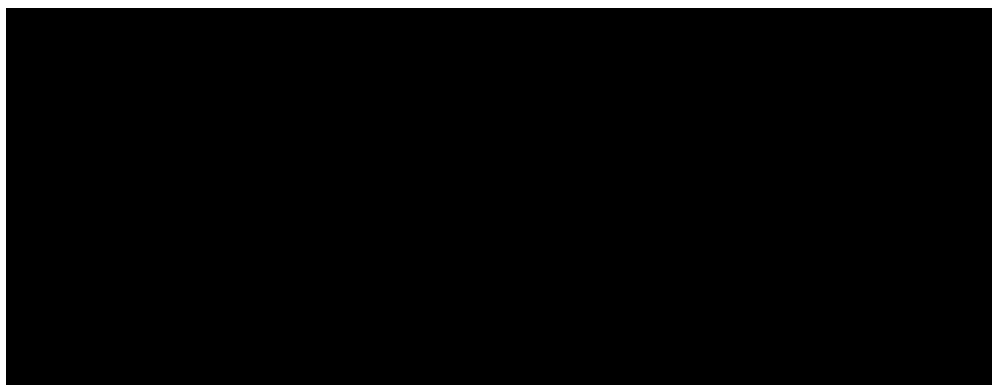
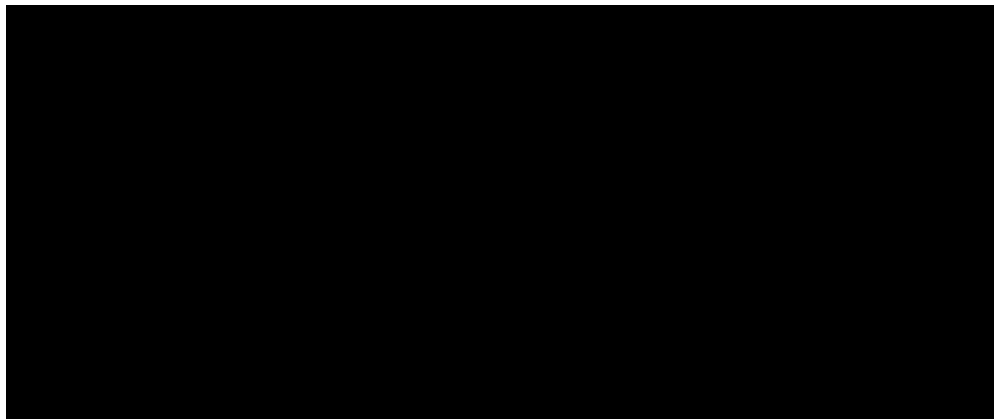
5. The other possible option discussed was that of a revenue-neutral divestment, where Council transfers to the department properties to the value of its current contingent liability (\$1,994,440) and retains the remaining properties.

Again, any properties transferred to the department would become Public Housing, and existing tenants would need to sign up as public housing tenants. The department would charge market rent to ineligible tenants.

I look forward to hearing from you after the Council meeting to discuss the way forward in progressing this matter.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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13.4.5 Betoota Town Common - Land Management Plan

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Executive Office
PRESENTED BY:	Michael Williams, GBA
AUTHOR(S):	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Betoota Town Common Land Management Plan ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Land Management Plan has been prepared for the Betoota Town Common. The Land Management Plan establishes a framework for the assessment, approval, and management of temporary secondary uses for the Town Common that are consistent with the reserve purpose. Adoption of the LMP would enable Council to transparently manage short-term activities at the Town Common.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Betoota Town Common Land Management Plan, including the management framework on various matters for council to address when managing the town common.

BACKGROUND

The Betoota Town Common is comprised of four reserve land parcels (Lots 1–3 on SP226882 and Lot 4 on SP302011) held by Council as trustee. Council has commissioned a Land Management Plan (LMP) for the Betoota Town Common in its capacity as trustee of the reserve. The LMP establishes a framework for the assessment, approval, and management of temporary secondary uses of the Town Common that are consistent with the reserve purpose. LMPs have been in place for the Birdsville and Bedourie Town Commons since 2009, hence it is logical to also implement one for the Betoota Town Common.

The LMP seeks to ensure proposed use of the Betoota Town Common:

- a. is consistent with the intended purpose of the Town Common Reserve;
- b. does not permanently diminish or adversely affect the reserve;
- c. protects environmental and cultural values;
- d. provides public safety and orderly management; and
- e. complies with the Land Act 1994 (Qld) and the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

Totality Festival 2028

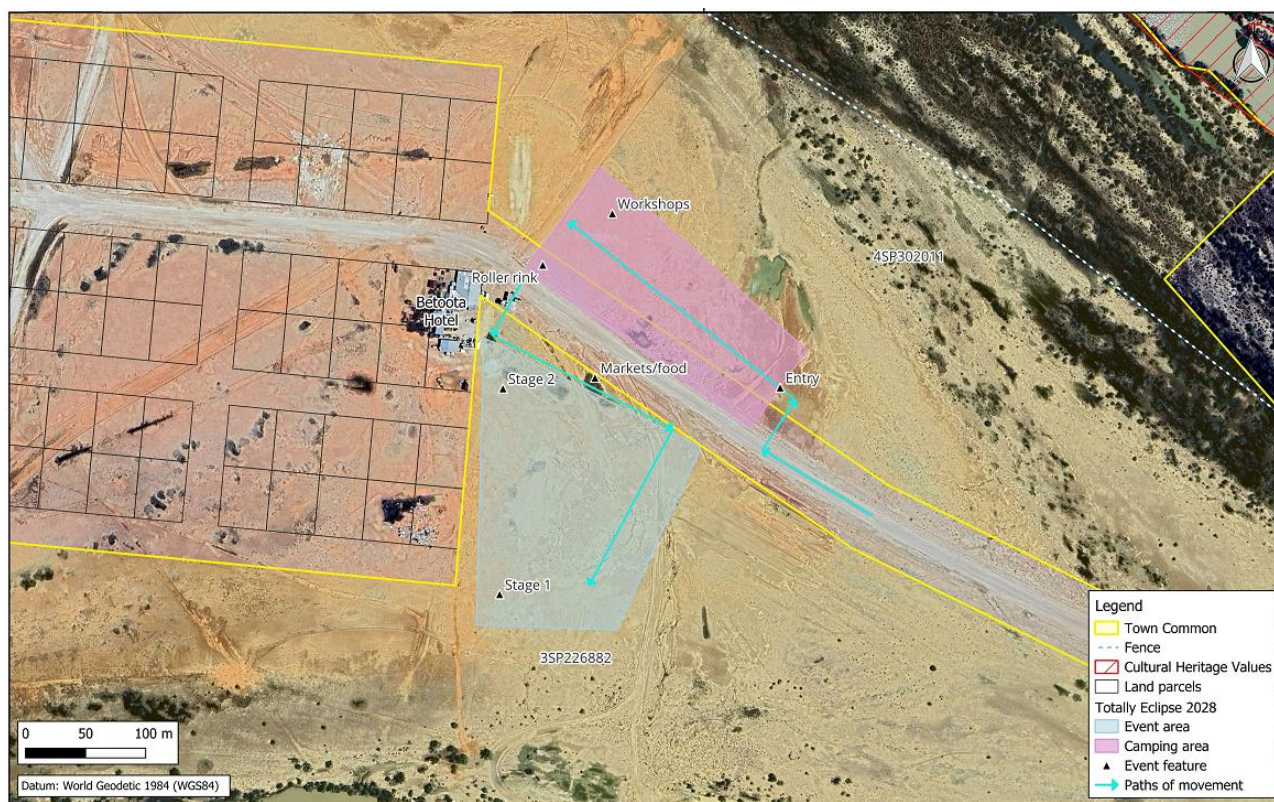
Preparation of the LMP has been prompted by a proposal to hold the Totality Festival 2028 event at the Betoota Hotel. It is anticipated that due to the significant number of visitors expected, overflow camping and associated activities for the event will extend into the Betoota Town Common. The organisers are seeking Council approval so the adoption of the LMP is the first step.

Mapping of Betoota Town Common and the proposed Totality Festival 2028 event location is provided below.

It is noted that the proposed event and camping areas have been subject to historical disturbance associated with the construction and maintenance of Betoota Access Road, operation of the Betoota

Hotel, and general grading/machinery activity. However, the activity areas have not necessarily been wholly subject to significant ground disturbance, and there are known CH values near the project area, such as the Teeta Waterhole (approx. 500m northeast) and artefact scatters found during CH Surveys of the Betoota racecourse (approx. 1.5km west) and gravel pit (approx. 800m south).

If the proposed activity will require no additional surface disturbance (i.e. surface disturbance not inconsistent with previous surface disturbance), it will be classified as Category 5 under the CH DoC Guidelines, where further cultural heritage assessment is not required. Nonetheless, due to the nearby cultural heritage values and opportunity to build relationships with local Traditional Owners, it is recommended that Council informs the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation of the proposed activity and provides an invitation to comment.



DISCUSSION

The LMP establishes that temporary secondary uses of the Town Common may include but are not limited to:

- overflow camping associated with community events or periods of increased visitors;
- temporary vehicle parking;
- temporary event infrastructure including marquees, portable toilets, and waste facilities;
- emergency management or disaster response activities;
- pedestrian access;
- community events and any associated support services; and
- other temporary uses approved by Council in its capacity as Trustee.

The LMP prohibits the construction of permanent buildings or infrastructure.

The LMP sets out that in determining whether a proposed use is consistent with the reserve purpose, Council will consider whether the use:

- is temporary in nature;
- ensures the land will remain available for its intended purpose following the secondary use; and

- ensures the land will be restored to its original condition following each secondary use.

The LMP provides a management framework for a range of matters including environmental management, risk and indemnity, cultural heritage, native title, public safety, disorderly behaviour, post-use restoration and management, monitoring, and review. It is advised that this management framework be considered in relation to each specific activity being proposed on the Betoota Town Common, so the range of framework matters can be addressed appropriately.

Totality Festival 2028

In relation to the Totality Festival 2028, the LMP will recommend that Council submits a Cultural Heritage (CH) Notice to the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation providing project information and an invitation for comment on the proposed event activities. This is on the basis that:

- The Mithaka People hold determined native title over the town common;
- The Mithaka People are the custodians of the Mithaka Cultural Landscape national heritage place, which includes the town common.
- A culturally significant waterhole (Teeta Waterhole) and known cultural heritage sites are present within and near the town common (as shown in Attachment A mapping).

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy
- 4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

- 2.11 Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.
- 3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.
- 3.4 Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry opportunities.
- 4.2 Is engaged with its residents.

Outcomes: effective management of environment, cultural heritage, and native title; preservation of historical sites and artefacts; more tourist visits per year.

POLICY

DSC Community Engagement Policy

DSC Asset Management Policy

LEGISLATION

The relevant legislation includes *Land Act 1994* (Qld), *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (Qld), *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

There have been changes to the *Land Act 1994* in 2024 that empower Council as Trustees to more appropriately manage Trust Land via Land Management Plans and trustee leasing arrangements. It is important to note it is the responsibility of Council to ensure any action taken on Trust land is consistent with the *Native Title Act (Cwlth) 1993*.

- Trustees can undertake actions that are consistent with the purpose, or that do not diminish the purpose of the reserve.

- Council can certainly undertake a Land Management Plan to transparently manage such short-term activities on the Reserve, as done for town commons in Bedourie and Birdsville.
- Noting that with the changes, a Land Management Plan may not need approval from the Department or the Minister.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Other than the cost of external resources to prepare the LMP, no other financial costs are anticipated to be incurred by implementing the LMP in the short term.

The CH Notice to Mithaka (invitation for comment) has the potential to result in a request for a CH Clearance survey of the Totality Festival 2028 event area, which will incur costs to Council.

CONSULTATION

The LMP has been prepared by Preston Law with additional input in relation to cultural heritage by GBA Consulting Engineers.

Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development - Land Administration and Tenure Solutions.

Executive Leadership Team have been included in discussions and invited to comment on the LMP.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The main risk of not having a LMP in place for the Betoota Town Common is if Council undertakes, or allows others to undertake, an activity on the Town Common without an appropriate management framework, Council may fail to meet its obligations as trustee under the *Land Act 1994*.

LMPs have been in place for the Birdsville and Bedourie Town Commons since 2009 and provide a precedent for implementing a LMP management framework for the Betoota Town Common.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

If adopted, the LMP will be implemented immediately.

The Totality Festival 2028 event is proposed to occur in July 2028, hence the recommended CH Notice to Mithaka can wait until this LMP has been adopted, and/or the event is further in development.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Under the Human Rights Act 2019, Council must not make a decision without considering and assessing the potential impact to human rights and giving consideration to any impacts before making a decision. Officers consider that there are no human rights implications relevant to Council's decision in this matter.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- Not undertaking, or allowing others to undertake, activities on the Betoota Town Common.
- Undertaking, or allowing others to undertake, activities on the Town Common without a LMP or specific management framework in place.
- Not providing the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation with project information and an invitation to comment on the proposed Totality Festival 2028 event.

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BETOOTA TOWN COMMON LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Temporary Secondary Uses

Description of the Town Common

Environment - Situated on a vast gibber plain, 170 Kilometres east of Birdsville, Betoota is a sparsely populated, historic town, standing 70 meters above sea level. Betoota has 300 mm of annual rainfall, is surrounded by cattle stations, and is known for its scenic views at Deon's Lookout and Brown's Creek.

Heritage – In 1885, Betoota became a customs post for collecting tolls on livestock moving to South Australia, operating until Federation in 1901. It was also a Cobb & Co change station and once supported three hotels, a police station, a store, and a post office. The Mithaka nation has inhabited the area for thousands of years, and ongoing research is uncovering their fascinating history.

Use of the Town Common - Today, the bustling Betoota Hotel and the Dreamtime Serpent artwork serve as key attractions of Betoota Town Common, with the town coming to life during the annual races that start the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival.

1. Purpose

This Land Management Plan ("LMP") has been prepared by Diamantina Shire Council in its capacity as trustee of the Betoota Town Common Reserve under the *Land Act 1994*.

The purpose of this LMP is to establish a framework for the assessment, approval and management of temporary secondary uses of the Betoota Town Common that are consistent with the reserve purpose.

This LMP seeks to ensure the proposed use:

- a) is consistent with the intended purpose of the Town Common Reserve;
- b) does not permanently diminish or adversely affect the reserve;
- c) protects environmental and cultural values;
- d) provides public safety and orderly management; and
- a) complies with the *Land Act 1994 (Qld)* and the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)*.

2. Background

The preparation of this LMP has been prompted by Council's planning for the anticipated increase in visitors associated with the Totality Festival 2028 Event. However, this LMP is intended to provide an ongoing management framework for future temporary uses of the reserve.

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3. Land Details

Reserve: Betoota Town Common

Trustee: Diamantina Shire Council

Reserve Purpose: Town Common

Land Description: Lots 1–3 on SP226882 and Lot 4 on SP302011

Certificate of Title Reference: 49102268

4. Map

The area subject to this LMP is identified in Annexure A. The map in this LMP shows the area of the Town Common.

5. Proposed Use

The Betoota Town Common may be used for temporary secondary purposes where those uses are consistent with the reserve purpose and does not permanently diminish the reserve or adversely affect its environmental, cultural or community values.

Temporary secondary uses may include but are not limited to:

- b) overflow camping associated with community events or periods of increased visitors;
- c) temporary vehicle parking;
- d) temporary event infrastructure including marquees, portable toilets, and waste facilities;
- e) emergency management or disaster response activities;
- f) pedestrian access;
- g) community events and any associated support services; and
- h) other temporary uses approved by Council in its capacity as Trustee.

No permanent buildings or infrastructure will be constructed.

6. Application of the LMP

In determining whether a proposed use is consistent with the reserve purpose, Council will consider whether the use:

- a) is temporary in nature;
- b) ensures the land will remain available for its intended purpose following the secondary use; and
- c) ensures the land will be restored to its original condition following each secondary use.

7. Environmental Management

During the planning, operational, and post-event phases of any temporary secondary use, Council will enforce strict compliance with the following environmental protocols:

- a) minimise disturbance to the native vegetation;
- b) identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas;
- c) restrict vehicle movements to designated access routes where practicable;
- d) provide adequate waste and recycling facilities;

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- e) remove all waste immediately following the secondary use;
- f) rehabilitate any disturbed areas;
- g) undertake weed monitoring where necessary; and
- h) minimise dust generation where practicable.

8. Risk and Indemnity

The event holder/organiser will release and indemnify Council against any claims, damages, losses, costs, or expenses incurred as a result of, or arising from, the temporary secondary use of the land.

The event holder/organiser will release and indemnify Council against any claims, damages, losses, costs, or expenses incurred as a result of, or arising from, the temporary secondary use of the land.

Council will not be held liable to any third party for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly from the temporary secondary use, whether caused by the event participants, guests, or site conditions.

9. Native Title

Council acknowledges its responsibilities under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). Prior to authorising the proposed activities, Council will ensure any actions affecting native title rights are undertaken in accordance with relevant legislative requirements.

Prior to authorising each temporary second use, Council will ensure that any actions affecting native title rights are undertaken in accordance with relevant legislative requirements.

10. Cultural Heritage

Council acknowledges its responsibilities under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (Qld), *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Prior to authorising the proposed activities, Council will take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care” established by the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*). Council may undertake, or require proposed activity managers to undertake, actions such as the following:

- a) A desktop cultural heritage assessment for the proposed activity to categorise the project under the CH Duty of Care (DoC) guidelines.
- b) Engagement with the Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation (the relevant Aboriginal Party) to seek advice or provide an opportunity for comment in relation to the proposed activity.
- c) A cultural heritage clearance assessment across the relevant area/s of the town common to enable the identification, mitigation, and management of cultural heritage values that may be harmed by the proposed activity.

Council will ensure that any historical (non-Indigenous) archaeological artefacts found in the town common that may be important in relation to Queensland’s history are reported to the Queensland Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) and not interfered with, in line with the requirements of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Council acknowledges that the town common is part of the Mithaka Cultural Landscape, which is a listed National Heritage place under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and that any activity likely to have a significant impact on the National Heritage values of the place requires referral to the Australian Minister for Environment.

11. Public Safety

During the operation of any temporary secondary use, Council will maintain oversight and ensure the implementation of the following public safety and risk mitigation protocols:

- a) Traffic and Pedestrian Separation: Maintain dedicated, unobstructed pathways to guarantee safe, separate vehicle and pedestrian movements across the site;
- b) Emergency Access: Secure and maintain continuous, unimpeded emergency vehicle access routes throughout the entire duration of each temporary secondary use;
- c) Fire Management Measures: Ensure adequate fire management, prevention, and suppression equipment tailored to the site;
- d) First Aid and Emergency Response Arrangements: Coordinate the provision of dedicated first aid stations and a structured medical emergency response plan; and
- e) Enforce strict compliance with traffic management.

12. Disorderly Behaviour

Noise levels will be kept to an acceptable level, and any obscene, insulting, or disorderly behaviour to take place in or around the Land will not occur.

13. Post Land Use Restoration and Management

Immediately following each temporary secondary use Council will execute the following site restoration activities:

- a) Infrastructure Removal: Dismantle and safely remove all temporary structures, facilities, and utilities introduced for the temporary secondary use;
- b) Waste Management: Collect, clear, and lawfully dispose of all waste, litter, and debris at a licensed waste facility;
- c) Inspection of site: Conduct a formal physical inspection of the land to assess safety and identify any environmental or structural degradation;
- d) Damage Remediation: Rectify and repair any structural, civil, or environmental damage caused directly or indirectly by the secondary use;
- e) Land Rehabilitation: Restore all disturbed land back to its original condition; and
- f) Rehabilitation Monitoring: Establish a routine monitoring framework where necessary to ensure land recovery is successful.

14. Monitoring

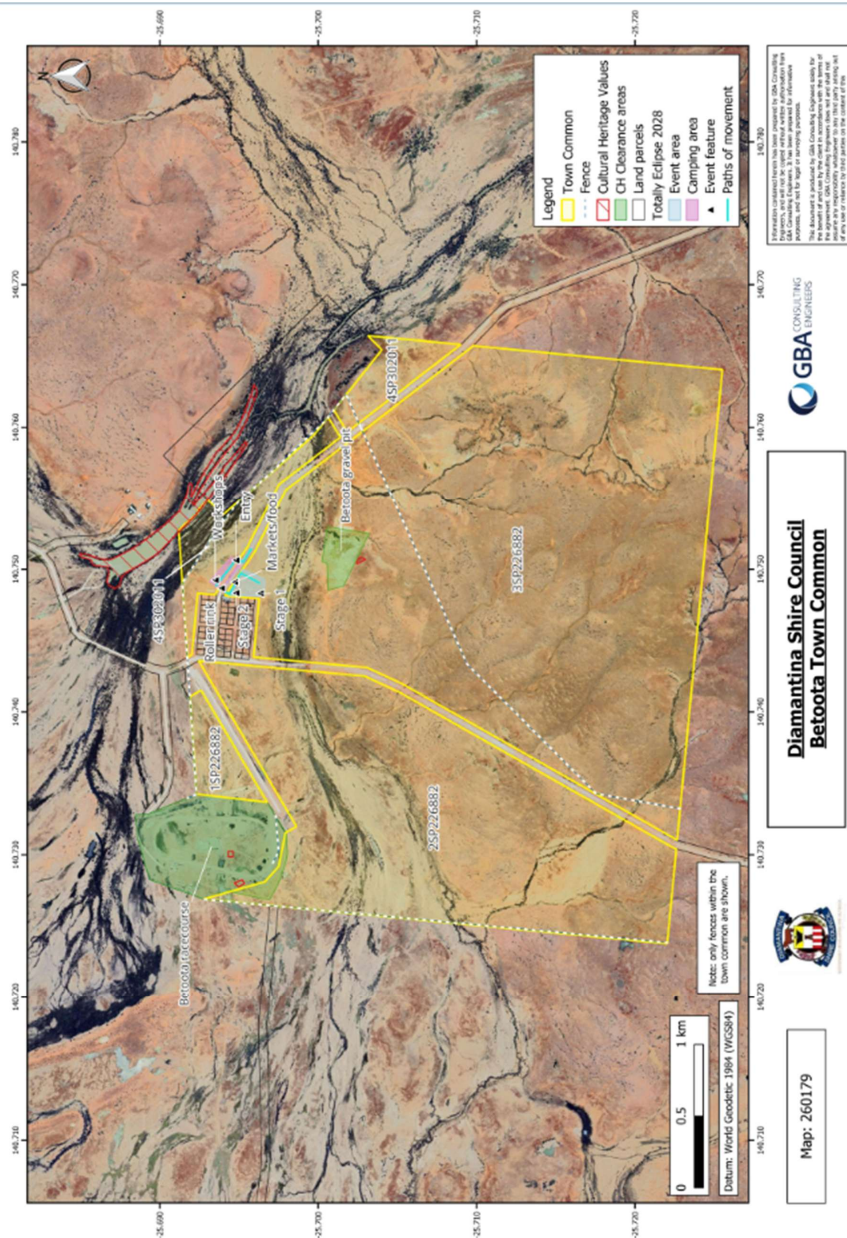
Council Officers will inspect the site before, during, and following each temporary secondary use. Upon completion of restoration of the land the site should also be inspected.

15. Review

This LMP applies to temporary secondary uses. Council will review this LMP upon receiving each new application and again after the temporary use is completed to evaluate its effectiveness.

Annexure A – Map of Area of Betoota Town Common

Betoota Town Common



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14 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012:

15.1 Vacant Land for Sale

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - g of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

16 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 21 September 2026.

18 CLOSE OF MEETING