



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

Monday, 18 May 2026

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

Date: Monday, 18 May 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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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 150EL 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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting - 20 April 2026

Extraordinary Council Meeting - 28 April 2026



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**ALL OPEN AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
OF THE**

Ordinary Council Meeting

**Held at Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre
29 Burt Street, Birdsville, Qld, 4482 on
20 April 2026 at 9:00am**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9.00am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor (TEAMS)
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services (TEAMS)
Mr Brent Reeman	Acting Director Infrastructure Services
Ms Lorraine Mathieson	Executive Assistant (TEAMS)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Cr Damian Clarke, Cr Damien Watson

4 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Khalli Rowlands of the Wangkangurru Yarluyandi Community attended the meeting to deliver the Welcome To Country.

5 CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to the family of Ada Crotty, wife of past Diamantina CEO Gary Crotty, who passed away 3 March 2026.

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PRESENTATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION CNL/26/067

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 March 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIE3/0

9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 Mayoral Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/068

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives the Mayor's Report

.CARRIED3/0

The Mayor advised that LDMG has moved to stand down and is now focussed on recovery works in conjunction with QRA after the recent flood event. Council and directors agreed that the flood event was well managed overall from the Levee Bank additions to the management of fuel and equipment. The community was kept well informed and worked cohesively with Council to share information. TMR and Boulia Shire cooperated with us really well.

Thanks were voted to Bob Spilsbury of the Min Min Store for securing equipment and goods on site, and loading and unloading for Diamantina at no cost to us. A letter of thanks to be written to Mr Spilsbury.

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

Stuart Bourne, GBA, entered meeting at 9.18am

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Flood Monitoring Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/069

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Flood Monitoring Report

.CARRIED 3/0)

12.1.2 Engineering Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/070**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Engineering Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.4 Birdsville Cooling Pond Additional Works Variation**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To document and seek approval for an additional works variation to complete the Birdsville cooling pond project, which includes larger cool water pumps, heat exchanger and associated pipework and telemetry control.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/071

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

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.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.3 Works Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/072**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Works Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.5 Infrastructure Services Operational Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/073

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Infrastructure Services Operational Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.6 Town Service Level Reports

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The review of Town Services activity and levels of service has been conducted to provide a list of activities and levels of service currently delivered, and resources required to deliver each activity. The Bedourie and Birdsville Town Service Levels are presented to Council for adoption.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/074

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council adopt the presented Town Service Level reports as amended.

CARRIED 3/0

12.1.7 Procurement of Trimble Geometric Control System for P1513 Grader

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As presented to Council at the 15 December 2025 Workshop it will be a requirement for Diamantina Shire to use geometric control for the next Cuttaburra project and other TMR projects in the future. A discussion paper was presented to the December Workshop recommending the purchase of a Trimble system to be attached to P1513 Caterpillar 150JOY3 Motor Grader to ensure tolerances within the design specification can be achieved.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/075

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That Council resolves to procure the Trimble GCS900 Earthworks System at a total cost for supply and installation of **\$86,720** exclusive of GST; and
2. That Council resolves to utilise s235 (b) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, because of the specialised nature of the **Equipment** sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders.

CARRIED 3/0

Stuart Bourne, GBA, left the meeting at 11.18am

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.18am

The meeting resumed at 11.37am

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate**12.2.1 Invoice Fraud Policy****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Invoice Fraud Policy provides strengthening internal controls and reducing the risk of financial loss due to invoice fraud.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/076

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council resolves to adopt the Invoice Fraud Policy as presented.

CARRIED 3/0

Juanita Warner, Governance Manager joined the meeting at 11.50am.

12.2.2 Finance Report - March 2026**RESOLUTION CNL/26/077**

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Finance Report - March 2026.

CARRIED 3/0

12.2.3 Governance Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/078**

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Governance Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

Juanita Warner, Governance Manager left the meeting 12.01pm

12.2.4 Corporate Services Update**RESOLUTION CNL/26/079**

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.2.5 Work Health and Safety Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/080

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Work Health and Safety Report.

CARRIED 3/0

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.08pm

The meeting resumed at 2.08pm

12.2.6 Annual Valuation 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise that correspondence has been received from the Valuer-General seeking Council's opinion on whether a valuation of the Diamantina Shire should be undertaken this year.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/081

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council do not support the Valuer-General in undertaking a valuation of the Diamantina Shire area to be effective on 30 June 2027.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 Tourism Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/082

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Tourism Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.2 Community Coordinator Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/083

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the Community Coordinator Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.3 Communities Directorate Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/084

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.4 Community Grant Request - Bedourie State School

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on in-kind requests received during the month.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/085

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council notes the fee waiver to the value of \$600 approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer for the Bedourie State School.

CARRIED 3/0

12.3.5 Community Grant Request - State Library Queensland

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on Community Grant requests received during the month.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/086

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Robert Dare

That Council notes the fee waiver to the value of \$500 approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer for the State Library Queensland.

CARRIED 3/0

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

RESOLUTION CNL/26/087

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

CARRIED 3/0

Alona Gilhang Human Resources Manager entered the meeting 3.14pm

12.4.2 Human Resources Report

RESOLUTION CNL/26/088

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.

CARRIED 3/0

Alona Gilhang Human Resources Manager left the meeting at 3.43pm

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 10 November 2025

RESOLUTION CNL/26/089

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That Council endorse the Confirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 10 November 2025.

CARRIED 3/0

13.2 Audit and Risk Committee Report - 11 March 2026

RESOLUTION CNL/26/090

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Report.

CARRIED 3/0

14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 18 May 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3.49pm.



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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held at Diamantina Shire Council's

Administration Centre

17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 on

28 April 2026 at 9:00am

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Cr Murray declared the Meeting open at 3:09pm.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

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

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services
Mr Brent Reeman	Director Infrastructure

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Nil

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr 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

Nil

7 OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 Communities Services Directorate

7.1.1 Birdsville Carnival Event 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to ascertain Council's direction on the Birdsville Carnival 2026, as part of the Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail.

RESOLUTION CNL/26/001

Moved: Cr Robert Dare

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council resolves to approve the reallocation of operating budget to support the 2026 Birdsville Carnival.

CARRIED 5/0

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

9 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 18 May 2026.

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 3.51pm.

9 MAYORAL UPDATE

9.1 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

Date	Event	Location
19 Apr 26	Birdsville Community Connect BBQ	Birdsville
20 Apr 26	Ordinary Council Meeting	Bedourie
21 Apr 26	CEO Review	TEAMS
22 Apr 26	Diamantina Local Disaster Management Group Meeting	Birdsville
27 Apr 26	Local Recovery and Resilience Group meeting	TEAMS
28 Apr 26	Central West Area Bushfire Management Committee Meeting 2026	TEAMS
28 Apr 26	2026-27 BUDGET Workshop	TEAMS
28 Apr 26	Special Meeting of Council	TEAMS
29 Apr 26	Birdsville Business Group Monthly Catch Up	TEAMS
05 May 26	Remote Area Planning and Development Board	TEAMS
06 May 26	Desert Champions Way Meeting	TEAMS
12 May 26	LGAQ 2026 Elected Member Update	Bedourie
12 May 26	Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program Discussion	TEAMS

10 OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 OFFICER REPORTS

12.1 Infrastructure Services Directorate

12.1.1 Engineering Update

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY: Stuart Bourne
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 Contract Value for 2025/26

Item	Contract Value	Amount Claimed	Comment	Timing
Base Allocation 25/26	\$2,366,389.00	\$2,366,389.00	Claim 6 – Drafted	Works Completed
Herbicide Spot Declared Plants	\$10,000.00	\$10,868.84		Works Completed
Catch Drains	\$354,661.33	\$203,269.78	Claim 16 - drafted	From 24/25
2 x RC Pipe Replacement at Deon’s Lookout	\$355,555.56	\$249,462.66	Claim 16 - drafted	From 24/25
80A Guideposts	\$137,000.00	\$132,718.92	Claim 16 - drafted	From 24/25
New Shelter (6mx6m) for Deon’s 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	Likely push into 26/27
Herbert St Culvert Replacement	\$168,414.00	\$0.00	Works to be done by CGW 25 th May	

Total (Approved)	\$3,392,019.89	\$2,962,709.20		
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RMPC Resheeting 25/26

Item	Contract Value	Amount Claimed	Comment	Timing
80A – Birdsville Development Road (Windorah-Birdsville) Ch 163.20 – 173.20 (10km) Durrie Dam	\$694,200.00	\$569,965.20	Claim 6 – Drafted	Complete
80A – Birdsville Development Road (Windorah-Birdsville) Ch 157.70 – 159.60 (1.9km) Bus stop jump up	\$131,990.44	\$200,149.20	Claim 6 – Drafted	Complete
93C Diamantina Developmental Road (Windorah – Bedourie), Ch310.860– Ch316.960 (6.1km) End of passing opportunity to Nyama	\$434,048.55	\$489,883.58	Claim 6 – Drafted	Complete
	\$1,260,239.00	\$1,259,997.98		

RMPC Contract Value for 2026/27

Item	Contract Value	Amount Claimed	Comment	Timing
Base Allocation 26/27	\$2,386,389.00		Due to submit for review on 29 th of May 2026 and approval by the 19 th of June 2026. Resheeting works to follow.	
	\$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. Pending topcoat seal	Package A: \$500k (crushing and mobilization and sidetrack) Package B – construction phase	Precon: \$107k Package A: \$500k Package B: \$1,752,932.52		\$2.5m scheduled via the ORRTG in 2025/2026. Preconstruction - Complete Package A - Complete Package B – Mostly Complete – pending topcoat Initial Seal complete – final seal to be completed on the 25 th of May 2026.
Allans Yards Stage 2 (Cuttaburra stage 1) – extend stage 1 by 2-3km.	Letter of Intent received.	Claim 1 submitted		Chg 35.4-38.3 TBC. Skip 500m over Allans Yards pipes. Sealed. Topcoat seal to be rescheduled for 25 th of May 2026.
Cuttaburra Betterment, works to be undertaken June 2026-June 2028.				Design scheduled for completion end of June 2026.
25O Restoration Submission	Contract executed	\$0	\$3,481,351.13 + GST	Contract signed. Pre-start completed. Pending CH induction. Completion date 11 th December 2026

Item	Contract	Amount Claimed	Cost to Complete	Comment
250 Complimentary Works	TBC			TBC – floodway works on the Birdsville-Windorah pending remaining budget from 250 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 lodged and is in progress. QRA seeking more samples ie timesheets etc.

6-23 January 2024 South West Qld Flooding has been activated. The main restoration submission will be covered by the subsequent Kirrily submission.

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.

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

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	10%
Betoota - Mooraberee Road	\$ 10,193.53	100%
Betoota Access Road	\$ 148,028.08	90%
Cacoory - Stony Crossing Road	\$ 389,592.56	90%
Coorabulka - Shire Boundary Road	\$ 157,190.09	100%
Coorabulka - Springvale Road	\$ 336,320.30	50%
Cordillo Access Road	\$ 51,478.58	
Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Road	\$ 366,644.30	90%
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	
Sandringham Access Road	\$ 5,801.16	
Springvale - Boulia Shire Boundary Road	\$ 222,620.43	90%
Springvale - Diamantina Lakes Road	\$ 10,559.16	100%
Project Management	\$ 288,355.60	10%
Total	\$ 3,813,650.91	

2024 – July event associated rainfall and damage around the Big Red Bash Festival.

Complete - Shire Roads Emergency works claim approved for \$660,813.81 (no restoration). Acquittal completed.

Jan/Feb 2025 – Activation approved for the North and Far North Tropical Low event.

Complete - Shire Roads Emergency Works claim approved for \$170,833.12 (no restoration). Acquittal completed.

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.

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

DTMR damage for this event has been entered into RADAR approximately 340 sites so far, pending DTMR approval process. Emergency works claim has been submitted to TMR for \$989,460.22. Ineligibles resulted in an approved value of \$921,773.83.

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 requested to QRA until December 2026.

Bedourie Flood Levee Enhancements:

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.

While funding has been offered under Disaster Ready Fund Rd3 and permission to undertake procurement approved via letter the QRA is waiting on final approval from NEMA before 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 is completed in the coming months.

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.

Pick-up nearly complete and 70% of those roads assessed.

DTMR Emergency Works claim in progress. Forecast progress claim value is \$350,000 ex GST, ballpark total cost \$1m to be determined. End of emergency works is May/ June depending on the road conditions.

OTHER

Project/ Item	Comment
Visits to the Shire	15 th -16 th April 2026 – Bedourie Subdivision Pre-Start Meeting. 20 th -24 th April 2026 - Council meeting & DTMR Visit & Flood Damage Pick Up 27 th April 2026 – 8 th May 2026 – Diamantina Secondment & Flood Damage 12 th May 2026 – Bedourie Subdivision Floodway Inspection
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 27 th May. SwitchDin droplets arrived Bedourie depot.
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 which should save approximately 100ML/yr, 12 months of water meter readings to be obtained and submitted to finalise the application.
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). Letter seeking additional funding has been submitted to the department to cover off these variations. Milestone 4 Final report and acquittal has been submitted.
Flood Study’s	Birdsville: Project funding approved by QRA. Funding \$125k. 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	A pre-lodgement meeting has been requested with DETSI to determine likely environmental conditions for refuse management options. Some advice has been received, pending further advice on requirement for a Development Approval in preparation of an application. Concept plans have been prepared to accompany the application and the MCU. Advice has been received that a transfer station is exempt from an EA approval due to the low volume of waste generated (less than 11,000 tonnes or 11,000 m3 per year).
Residential Activation Fund (Rd1) Bedourie Subdivision	Bedourie Residential Activation Project (Funding \$2,716,557). Expected completion date 30/11/2026. At the February council meeting, NQ Estimating Civil Services was awarded the works. Contract has been signed to the value of \$1,549,698.00 ex GST. Prestart meeting completed. Works have commenced.

Project/ Item	Comment
Residential Activation Fund (Rd2)	RAF Round 2 application submitted for planning stage for subdivision blocks in Birdsville (\$417k)
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.
DWQMP Audit	Audit rescheduled to 27 th /28 th of May 2026.
Floodway Depth Markers	<p>First floodway depth marker back from the bridge in Birdsville needs to be verified by surveyor to check accuracy. Misrepresenting the water depth by 200mm. Survey has been complete, requires checking.</p> <p>The Flood gauge at Bedourie Bridge has been surveyed and pending installation of flood depth extension markers.</p>
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.

12.1.2 Betoota Landfill

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY:	Stuart Bourne
AUTHOR(S):	Stuart Bourne, Partner, GBA Consulting Engineers
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Draft Layout of New Landfill. ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider the options for the ongoing management of waste at Betoota through either the establishment of a waste transfer station or the development of a landfill facility at Betoota or maintain the status quo.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council seek to have a new landfill at Betoota added to the existing Environmental Authority.

BACKGROUND

With the reopening of the Betoota Hotel and the development of the Mithaka site in Betoota, waste disposal options require reassessment. Prior to 1997 when the Betoota Hotel was previously operational, waste was disposed informally at a site on the town common.

There are three waste disposal options:

1. New Betoota landfill;
2. Refuse transfer from Betoota to existing landfill at Birdsville; or
3. Do nothing.

The landfill option would involve formalising the existing landfill site and seeking to add the site to councils existing Environmental Authority. This involves an administrative process including a Material Change of Use, concept landfill layout plan and the formal application. Some of the potential conditions may require negotiation/justification with the Department to ensure a fit for purpose outcome. When approved, works such as fencing and excavation of a landfill cell will be required. From time to time a loader will be required to cap full sections of the cell.

The refuse transfer option does not require any administrative approvals as an exemption applies for quantities under 11,000 tonnes per year. The covered bins would be located within a fenced area and would be collected when required. Packaging and boxes are expected to occupy a significant amount of space in these bins. At least six bins would be required, with 3 on site and 3 being emptied/ returned in Birdsville. Retrieval of the bins would require the transport of a forklift/ skid steer or crane truck and 3 bins on a truck, return. The industrial/ commercial bins would be approximately 3-4m³ each. The location of the refuse transfer area is flexible and could be located at the informal landfill site.

The ‘Do nothing’ option results in the continued use of the informal landfill located on town common. This option has attracted a complaint from a local landholder and may result in enforcement action from Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

1 Our Environment

Long Term Goal

1.1 Is protected from degradation by practices which ensure environmental sustainability.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Option 1: New Betoota Landfill

Capital:

Administrative tasks, Town planning MCU/ Concept Plan/ Application, negotiation of conditions	\$50,000
Gravel access road for wet weather access	\$100,000
Security Fencing of the existing site (approx. 200m x 200m)	\$50,000
Fencing of new cell - litter	\$10,000
Excavation of new cell and drainage berms and backfill/rehab existing (if required)	\$200,000
Estimate Total	\$410k

Operational:

Cover/Cap full sections when road crews in the area (twice per year)	\$20,000
Handpick litter when required	\$10,000
Estimate Total per year	\$30k

- New cell construction will be required depending on waste volumes every few years.

Option 2: New Refuse Transfer Station

Capital:

Gravel pad and gravel access road for wet weather access	\$150,000
Security Fencing of the existing site (approx. 200m x 200m)	\$50,000
Purchase & delivery of 6 covered bins approx. 3-4m3 each	\$50,000
Estimate Total	\$250k

Operational:

Truck plus forklift/ skid steer, or crane truck & operator: 3 empty bins out 3 full bins return and empty and unload (\$5k per service) assume fortnightly during tourist season (14 services) and monthly during off season (5 services) total 19 services per year	\$95,000
Handpick litter when required	\$10,000
Estimate Total per year	\$105k

Option 3: Do nothing

Capital (optional):

Recommend: Security Fencing of the existing site (approx. 200m x 200m) would reduce windborne rubbish and landholder complaints regarding livestock access	\$50,000
Estimate Total	\$50k

CONSULTATION

Brent Reeman (Director of Infrastructure), Jodie Girdler (Facilities and Town Services Manager).

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks for Option 1 New Betoota Landfill:

- Onerous regulatory conditions for the new approval that make the construction of the new landfill unviable (ie cell lining/ water table monitoring).
- Additional waste streams developing overtime requiring additional methods of handling i.e. batteries/ oils/ asbestos/ car bodies etc.
- Windborne rubbish escapes the enclosure.
- Further development of Betoota ceases or declines resulting in the facility no longer being required.

Risks for Option 2 New Refuse Transfer Station:

- The volume of waste increases requiring additional bins or more frequent servicing (will increase costs dramatically).
- Additional waste streams developing overtime requiring additional methods of handling ie batteries/ oils/ asbestos/ car bodies etc.
- Windborne rubbish escapes the enclosure.
- Further development of Betoota ceases or declines resulting in the facility no longer being required.

Risks for Option 3 Do Nothing:

- The volume of waste increases requiring additional informal disposal areas, which if unmanaged may require clean up/rehabilitation in the future.
- Landholder complaints relating to waste potentially impacting organic certification status.
- Windborne rubbish escapes the informal disposal area.
- Potential enforcement action by the regulator.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

Any construction activities would be scheduled for the 26/ 27 financial year.

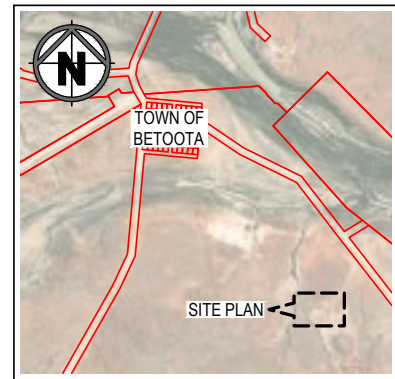
HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

Landfill/ transfer station or do nothing have been considered in this report.



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SITE PLAN
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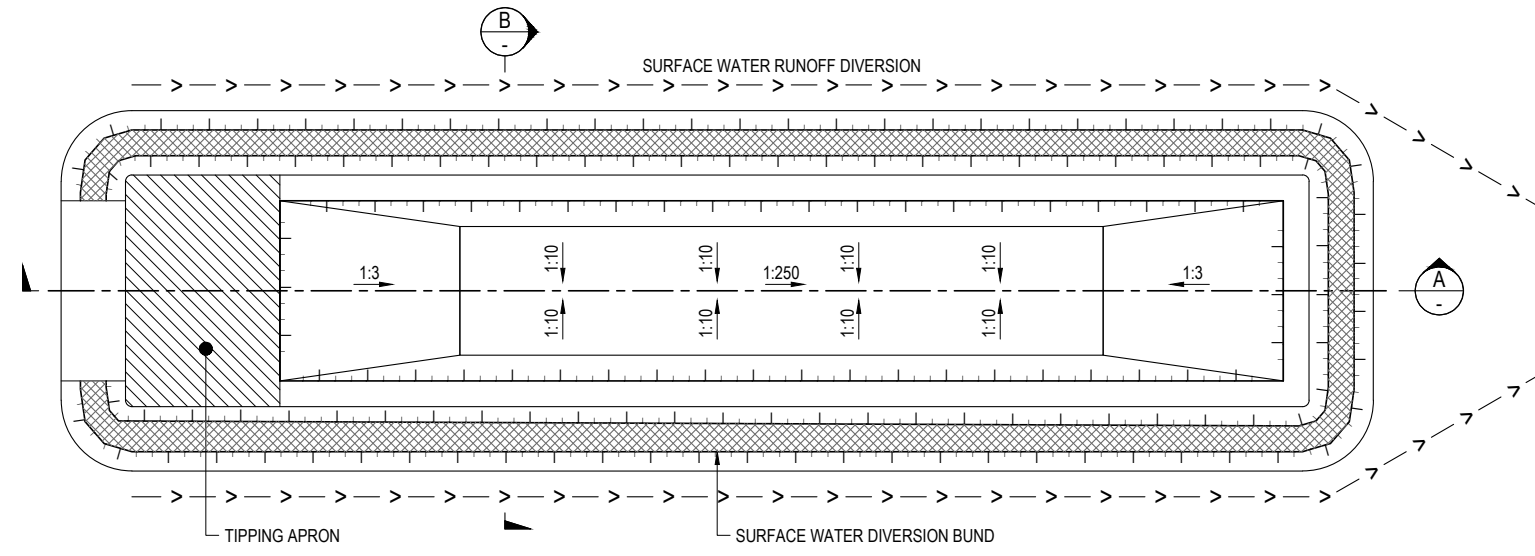
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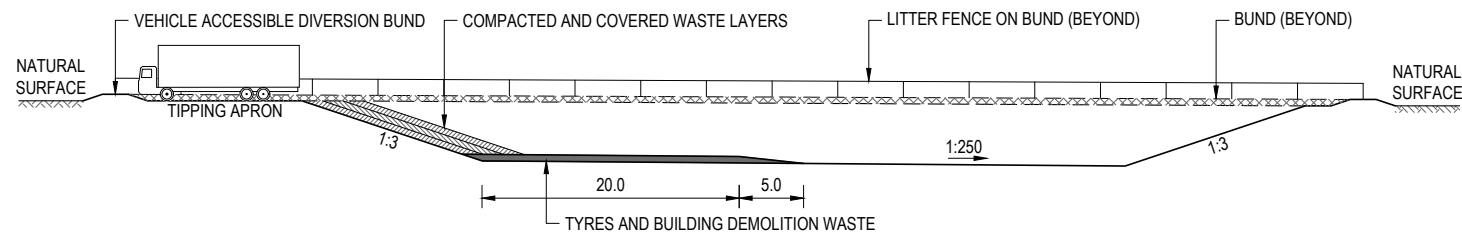


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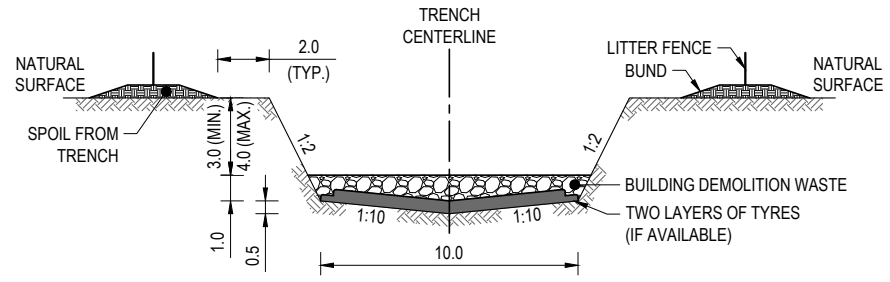
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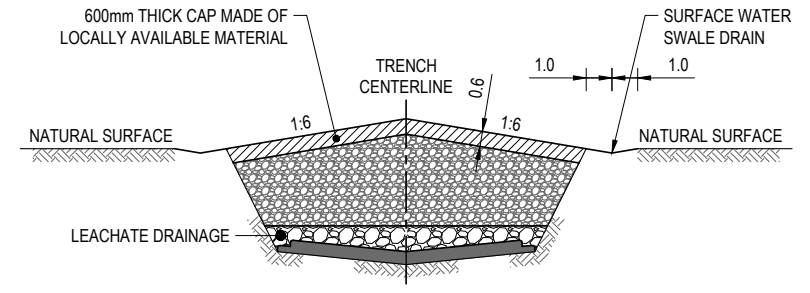
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12.1.3 Infrastructure Services Report

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY: Brent Reeman
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

Operations are returning to normal as roads are accessible and parts and materials have been delivered. Clean up works from the removal of the temporary levee bank have been completed in Bedourie and all crews are returning back to road works. There is a significant amount of work to be completed prior to the end of June so contractors have been engaged to assist, or complete projects that our own crews can't deliver.

Our new Works Manager, Robert Wiles commenced on 27 April and has had a thorough handover from Tony Elliot who will remain accessible in his role at GBA to assist if required.

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 tender has closed and is currently being assessed.
Bedourie Racetrack Shed	W4Q	\$210,000	The downpipes on the shed have been extended underground to allow water to clear the pad. Gravel will be carted in for the floor.
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.

Project Title	Funding Source	Project Budget	Status
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.
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.
Birdsville Sports Centre Air Conditioning design	W4Q	\$20,000	Has been included in Contractor design for Community Halls A/C.
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. Awaiting confirmation of start date once flooding has eased.
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.
Birdsville Skate Park	LRCIP	\$95,643	Project complete.
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.
SES Shed	SES	\$86,000	Shed has been ordered with an expected delivery date of July.
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	Upgrades are near completion – waiting on United Care to complete their minor works in June.
Family Day Care Upgrade - Birdsville	W4Q	\$40,000	Upgrades are near completion – waiting on United Care to complete their minor works in June.
Bedourie Industrial Depot Offices fit out	W4Q	\$100,000	Project complete.
Airport - Birdsville - Microsurface Treatment	RAUP	\$1,000,000	Waiting on RAUP Round 12.
Bedourie Subdivision Roads & Footpath	RAF	\$2,716,557	Works underway – estimated completion mid-June.

Project Title	Funding Source	Project Budget	Status
Cooling Pond Construction Liner Pipework Hex Power	OTHER	\$515,148	See separate report from GBA.
Stormwater - Bedourie - Structure Replacement (CCTV Survey Priorities) Herbert Street	TIDS	\$100,000	Work has been awarded to CGW.
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.
Birdsville Airport car park sealing	DSUP	\$50,000	In conjunction with Burt St sealing funded by TMR (\$50,000). Waiting on opportunity to complete inhouse.

12.1.4 Works Update

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Works Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

The construction crew has completed the removal of the levee bank with some minor clean up works to be completed by the civil crew.

Kirrily restoration works, and 2026 emergency works have been ongoing on the Kamaran access Rd as well as some emergency works on the Sandringham Road and Racecourse Road. We have been making the most of the opportunity while we have had plant in the area to complete as much as possible in the town area before the crew returns to camp at Alligator.

Cordillo access 2026 emergency works has been completed with the restoration works to be done when the rest of the crew return to camp. The focus will then be on the 25 0 (TMR) restoration works on the Windorah to Birdsville Road.

The maintenance crew has been working on emergency works on the Windorah to Bedourie Road, as well as 2026 emergency / Kirrily restoration works on the Coorabulka - Springvale, Springvale – Boulia boundary road. The camp has now been moved to Springvale, and the crew will be focusing on emergency works and the Kirrily restoration works.

The 2 patrol graders heading to the northeast corner in the next 2 weeks to do the 2026 emergency works on the Diamantina lakes, Davenport and Palpararra roads.

Work has commenced on the Bedourie housing subdivision with some clearing and setting out done. The floodway and footpath have been excavated, and steel has been placed but waiting for bar chairs to arrive with the pour being in the week beginning 11/5/26.

Contractor graders have been on the Stoney crossing road, and inside track doing emergency works grading.

Robert and I have been doing a handover which is going well, we have had some trips to familiarise him with the network as well as working through the current and future works program.

As this will be my last report before handing this over to Rob, I would like to thank Diamantina Shire Council for the opportunity to relieve as works manager for the past few months, it has been a challenging but rewarding experience, the shire staff are great to work with and have made the job somewhat easier for me than I had expected.

Thank You.



Figure 1 Foot pate



Figure 2 Concrete floodway and culvert inlet which will be rock lined



Figure 3 Floodway and approach to subdivision

12.1.5 Town Services and Facilities update

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Infrastructure Services
PRESENTED BY: Jodie Girdler
AUTHOR(S): Brent Reeman, Acting Director Infrastructure Services
AUTHORISER: Brent Reeman, Acting Director Infrastructure Services
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Town Services and Facilities update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Executive Summary

With the Roads opening again we are starting to get a couple of travellers through. There have also been workers and people attending conferences and meetings.

We have lost 2 staff recently 1 from Town Services and 1 from Facilities.

The carpenter will be leaving at the end of the month we will be left with only 1 staff member in the facilities team. A Contract Carpenter will be engaged to complete tasks needing to be completed.

We have given 4 staff details to get their ASIC Cards to progress to REX Training and ARO training.

The swimming pool in Bedourie has become a concern. It does seem to be sinking and has a lot of movement. I am trying to source a consultant to inspect and advise actions with the swimming pool.

We travelled around to all camps checked on buildings and asked for any issues to be reported, Stores joined on the trip and took all fuel dips and downloaded info from all diesel tanks for stocktake purposes.

With the recent Flooding REX worked with us to deliver produce and products to the towns and sent through some Easter eggs for the community.



Projects

Betoota Racetrack Shed – small amount of work left to do just waiting on parts.

Skate Park Shade, Completed.



Bronco Branding Kitchen - seeking a quote for gutting the current kitchen which is a good building. Contractor is looking at price to strip out and refit ourselves, and adding a cold-room.

Birdsville Hall Kitchen and Front area – The general concept of the plan for the kitchen was received well with some minor alterations. This will be drawn up again for further discussion and approval along with more pricing.

Seeking council feedback on building the new structure behind Jardine Street Park for playgroup. In the interim we need to build an outdoor play area for the children who attend playgroup while it is being held at the hall. We may need to install childproof fencing at the back for the time being instead of making an outdoor area out the front.

Birdsville Cooling Pond – revisit for alterations



W4Q Projects are coming together materials for project's have been ordered.

- Garage for 5 Coolabah Court has been ordered. manufactured and delivery. Have received quote from local Contractor
- Daycare houses – work has started on the day care houses to complete the requirements. 90% complete.
- 1 Miniritchie Street Roof – materials have arrived waiting on cooler weather to conduct roofing works. Safety equipment has arrived.
- Work office Industrial estate. 99% complete
- 38 Eyre Street, reseating roof. Ceiling has been completed. Replace boards under house-boards have been painted. Replacement blinds throughout the house have been ordered. Internal walls have been painted by staff.
- 8 Spinifex Court – Garage installation, quote form Carpenter received in review.
- Painting – 10 Spinifex Court internal and External, 38 Eyre Street internal and external, 5 Lignum Court internal and external, 11 and 13 Jardine internal walls and external trimmings, 20 Jardine Street internal and external trimmings, 5 Coolabah Court internal and external, 1/6 and 2/6 Jardine Street internal and external. Gathering plans for the houses. Tender has closed currently being reviewed.
- 45 Frew Street, Fencing
- 10 Spinifex Court, Fencing
- 11 Kepler Street, Fencing
- 3 Kepler Street, Fencing.
- 3 Lignum Court, Fencing
- 23 Eyre Street, fence the right-hand side of yard.
- 5 Lignum Court, New floor coverings.
- 40 Eyre Street, New Floor coverings.
- 11 Jardine Street, Soffits need repairing. Minor
- 13 Jardine Street, Soffits need repairing. Minor
- Veranda and landing rails, sanding and painting
- 1/9 Gibber Court – rear screen door new rollers shower screen needs replacing

Town Meter Readings

Bedourie Meter readings	04 Mar	08 May	Usage	Comments
Bore head, Master Meter @old bore	1048361	1072241	23880	Not all houses are metered
Cluny Meter	48245	48446	201	Feeds troughs
Kamaran/Racetrack meter	142336	142665	329	
Pool heat exchanger overflow to creek	491819	515290	23471	
Bedourie Town /Industrial meter	886456	923130	36674	Not all houses are metered
Temp – into pond	43	44	1	
Temp – out of pond	32	24	8	

9 WEEK TIME FRAME -STANDARD WATER USAGE

Birdsville Water Meter readings	March 10	05 May	Usage	Comments
Town Supply	263196	282851	19655	
Meter base of reservoir – Bore	1552858	1569881	17023	
Meter base of reservoir – River	140455	140623	168	
Industrial Area meter	5313	5339	26	
Racecourse meter (headworks)	39810	39810	0	Not turned on
Temp ground level reservoir	32	21	9	
Temp Town supply	26	22	4	

8 WEEK TIME FRAME -STANDARD WATER USAGE

Currently working on a spreadsheet to create a graph for more clarity around water usage

MONTHLY WATER TESTING

E coli and Coliform – January and February

Birdsville – Negative

Bedourie – Negative

Housing Requests November/December 2025

Current Address	Town and Bedrooms required	Comments	Suggested house	Status
19 Merri Street Bedourie	Bedourie	Currently living with parent works for Council request for 2/6 or 4 Lignum		Waiting list
15 Kepler Street Bedourie	Bedourie	Currently living with sister Contractor request for 2/6 Lignum		Waiting list
146 Greenslades Rd Saddleworth SA	Bedourie	Currently living in a caravan Contractor		Waiting list

Vacant housing:

Birdsville

- 45 Frew Street – 3 – Bedroom house
- 14 Jardine Street – 3 Bedroom house (proposed home daycare facility)
- 1/9 Gibber Court – 1 - bedroom unit
- 11 Jardine Street 2-bedroom unit
- 2/6 Jardine Street 2-bedroom unit
- 20 Jardine Street 2-bedroom house

Bedourie

- 21 Herbert Street – 3-bedroom house (proposed daycare facility)
- Spa Unit 3 – Motel unit
- Spa Unit 4 – Motel unit
- Spa Unit 5 – Motel Unit
- 5 Lignum Court, 3 Bedroom – works 70% complete.

- 4 Lignum Court, 1 Bedroom
- 11 Kepler Street 2-bedroom
- 2/6 Lignum Court 1-bedroom
- 7 Eyre Street 2-bedroom
- 8 Spinifex Court 3-bedroom

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

AIMS (Airport Industry Management Support) have been engaged as Operational Support to ensure compliance requirements are met.

CASA is scheduled to visit for an audit in October.

Animal Management

Conduct an Animal Management Inspection.

Seeking Council approval to conduct an inspection for registered animals in both towns.

Cats and dogs need to be inspected to ensure all are registered

This will include horses and cattle on the common too.

Town Supervisors have made concerns known of roaming animals and would like to do inspections. This will help remind the communities that animals are not allowed to roam.

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 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.

Swimming pool – Pool test good, the maintenance team will be building the stairs into the spa and the order has arrived, have to organise the installation.

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

Cleaning gutters. All gutters were tidied prior to the rain event along with storm water drains. The team is progressing in redoing them.

Bedourie Swimming pool, the new bird net extra parts have been purchased to complete installation of the bird netting. Waiting on arrival. This will now need to be done with the contract carpenter's assistance.

The toilets at the Lookout and 4 mile on the Boulia road have all been cleaned and snipped.

We have been being called a lot with snake activity around the town.

Work has started on the new estate and is progressing nicely.

We have had very few staff lately due to illness, injuries and holidays and we have one resignation.

Roadside toilets – Lookout and 4 Mile Boulia Road.



New estate, Water yard, Town Entry, ANZAC Park, Snakes



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 assisted with labour and machinery at the working bee the social club held at the bronco branding grounds.

Jardine Street Park we have planted grass on the footpath in front of the park which is coming along nicely. We are currently growing a large turf area at the back of the depot to assist with us planting lawn around town for projects.

Carcoory Toilets have been cleaned and snipped to allow for the visitors to the shire to have a clean fresh safe area to stop.

The Oval is coming along nicely we now have the mower up and running which is a great relief.

Due to the recent flooding we have some large areas that need to be fixed along the walkway from town.

We have also removed the shade cloth form the front of the Geo thermal plant and done a tidy up for people to be able to see what is there.

Birdsville Swimming Pool, the new shade has been installed at the pool in Birdsville.

General maintenance of the pool area continues.

We have gained 1 staff member and lost half a day from another staff member that has gone to a permanent part time roster.

PARKS



CARCOORY



Oval



Town Common shoulders



Geothermal Plant



Swimming Pool Shade



12.1.6 Workshop and Fleet update

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Workshop and Fleet update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

April 2026 was busy but down on jobs due to a few larger jobs in the workshop, staff on leave and public holidays. The Workshop serviced and/or repaired 22 vehicles and equipment.

The return to proactive, preventative maintenance has begun to impact scheduling positively, though demands remain high with major works planned throughout the remainder of the year.

Month	Completed Fleet Services / Repairs
December 2025	42
January 2026	114
February 2026	58
March 2026	52
April 2026	22

Maintenance Overview

- A focus was placed on identifying and rectifying defects that have carried over due to previous prioritisation shortfalls.
- Scheduling has begun with Sky Trust on current plant inputted into Sky Trust as we work through getting the remainder of the fleet implemented.
- Preventative maintenance has been reinforced as a priority to minimise future operational interruptions and unplanned downtime.

Major Works Completed or In Progress

P108 Axle & Suspension Repairs undertaken replacing axles and suspension underway due to worn components

P1509 & P1510 Major defect work identified during January inspections; scheduled for completion. Work has commenced on P1509 and intensified once machine was disassembled due to finding more issues

P1861 – Insurance Claim Insurance quotes obtained for damage sustained in November incident. Awaiting approval from insurance company to start ordering parts to repair or clarification if truck is being sent away.

P1553- Full aircon overhaul due to blockages in system and identifying hydraulic issues

New Plant & Procurement Update

19-tonne Pad Foot Roller

- Tender awarded to Hastings Deering. PO has been raised, delivery expected to be on site before end of month.

Water Tanks (x2)

- Tender documentation evaluation completed, awaiting Council decision

Rubbish Truck

- Tender documentation evaluation completed, awaiting Council decision

Additional Equipment Quotes

- Water pump- order has been placed
- Dingo digger- order has been placed and awaiting pick up
- Isuzu crew trucks- 1 tray is complete and in paint, 2nd tray almost complete, hoping to be ready for pick up mid-June

Issues & Constraints

- **Backlog Workload:** Continued carry-over of overdue maintenance tasks from prior months.
- **Resource Constraints:** High demand requires ongoing reliance on external contractors.
- **Parts Lead Times:** Delays in parts supply contributing to extended turnaround times for some equipment.

Forward Outlook

The workshop anticipates intensifying activity in the coming months, particularly in relation to:

- Major grader servicing and defect correction,
- Completion of scheduled overhauls,
- Integration of new plant and equipment into the fleet,
- Strengthening preventative maintenance routines.

12.2 Corporate Services Directorate

12.2.1 Corporate Services Update

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:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Corporate Services Update report.

OVERVIEW

This report provides Council with an update on key activities and initiatives currently being progressed within the Corporate Services Directorate.

The update includes the Queensland Audit Office external audit planning process, progress on the 2026–2027 budget development, policies adopted at the May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, ongoing ICT initiatives, procurement training activities, and operational improvement projects currently underway within Corporate Services.

Corporate Services continues to focus on strengthening governance frameworks, improving internal controls, supporting operational efficiency, and maintaining long-term organisational sustainability.

Queensland Audit Office (QAO) – External Audit Plan

Council has commenced external audit planning activities for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

The Queensland Audit Office has appointed Deloitte as Council’s external auditors, with Rowan Smith serving as the lead audit partner. Council has received the draft external audit plan.

Corporate Services continues to work with relevant departments to ensure key reconciliations, supporting documentation, and financial reporting processes are progressed in preparation for year end audit requirements. At this stage, audit preparation activities are progressing on schedule, and no significant issues have been identified that are expected to delay the audit process.

Walsh Accounting – Internal Audit

The team from Walsh Accounting is currently on-site undertaking Council’s internal audit review focusing on revenue, grants, and recoverable works. The audit forms part of Council’s approved three-year Internal Audit Plan and supports Council’s ongoing commitment to strengthening governance, internal controls, compliance, and financial management practices.

2026–2027 Budget Preparation

Preparation of the 2026–2027 Operational and Capital Budgets remains ongoing.

Initial budget workshops have been conducted with Council to present the draft operating position, key assumptions, known cost pressures, and proposed capital projects for consideration. Further refinement of the budget will continue as additional information and strategic priorities are reviewed.

The proposed 2026–2027 Budget is currently scheduled for community display on:

- 27 and 28 May 2026 at the Bedourie Community Centre; and
- 30 and 31 May 2026 at the Birdsville Community/Town Hall.

The proposed budget is scheduled for formal adoption at the Special Budget Meeting on 16 June 2026.

Policy Reviews and Adoption

As part of Council’s ongoing governance and financial management framework review, several key policies were adopted during the May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, including:

- Asset Accounting Policy
- Revenue Policy
- Procurement Policy and
- Corporate Credit Card Policy

Corporate Services will continue working with operational departments to support implementation and awareness of the revised policy requirements.

Procurement Training and Workshops

Ongoing procurement training and workshop sessions with relevant staff across the organisation have commenced. The focus of these sessions is to improve understanding of procurement thresholds, documentation requirements, purchasing compliance obligations, and procurement planning processes. The training also aims to strengthen accountability, improve consistency of procurement practices, and support value-for-money outcomes across Council operations.

ICT Projects and Strategic Review

ICT projects and strategic review activities remain ongoing. The office of the CEO and Corporate Services continues to work with external providers and internal stakeholders to progress Council’s ICT strategic review and roadmap development. In addition to strategic planning activities, operational ICT projects and system improvements continue to be progressed across Council.

Supplier Engagement and Stores Operations

Corporate Services is currently exploring opportunities to strengthen supplier engagement and improve operational processes relating to stores and inventory management. These initiatives aim to improve operational efficiency, stock control, procurement coordination, and supplier relationships across Council operations.

12.2.2 Finance Report - April 2026

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE:	Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY:	Jade Nacario
AUTHOR(S):	Abdul Shaid, Senior Finance Consultant
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. Finance Report Attachment ↓

RECOMMENDATION

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presentation of the financial report for 30 April 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 **(\$9,571,485)**. Refer to Item 2.

The major factors that contributed to the operating results are:

Factors	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comments
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(9,571,485)	(5,096,423)	(4,475,062)	Council is forecasting an operating deficit at year-end. Council exceeded the budgeted deficit mainly due to inconsistency in FAG allocation. Council budgeted \$7.1 million in 2025-26. In June 2025, Council received in advance the 50% of 2025-26 FAG allocation. Council’s budget anticipates early payment of 50% the 26/27 FAG Allocation (approx. \$3.9 million) to be paid in June 2026. In addition, a final payment of \$987k in May 2026 will bring the deficit more in line with the budget.
Depreciation	5,867,152	7,023,980	(1,156,828)	Depreciation is in line with Council’s budgeted depreciation for 2025-26.
Interest Income	287,102	201,000	86,102	Due to the anticipated decrease in interest rates, Council budgeted lower interest income compared to prior year; however, Council exceeded its budgeted amount due to increase in interest rate.
Materials and Services	15,939,368	14,048,606	1,890,762	Materials and Services expenditure is relatively higher than the budget due to additional contract works awarded after the adoption of the budget and employment cost.

- Cash Position

The current cash balance is **\$8,653,067** reflecting a fair position. For detailed information, please refer to item 3.

The calculated cash available for operational purposes is **\$7,367,741** which represents **4.02** months of cover. This is above the minimum cash cover target of 4 months for Tier 7 councils due to the revised budgeted expense as a result of Council’s budget review.

2. Operating Result

The comprehensive income statement operating result indicated a net deficit of **(\$9,571,485)**. This is the net of **\$18,868,387** in recurrent revenue and **\$28,439,872** in recurrent expenditure.

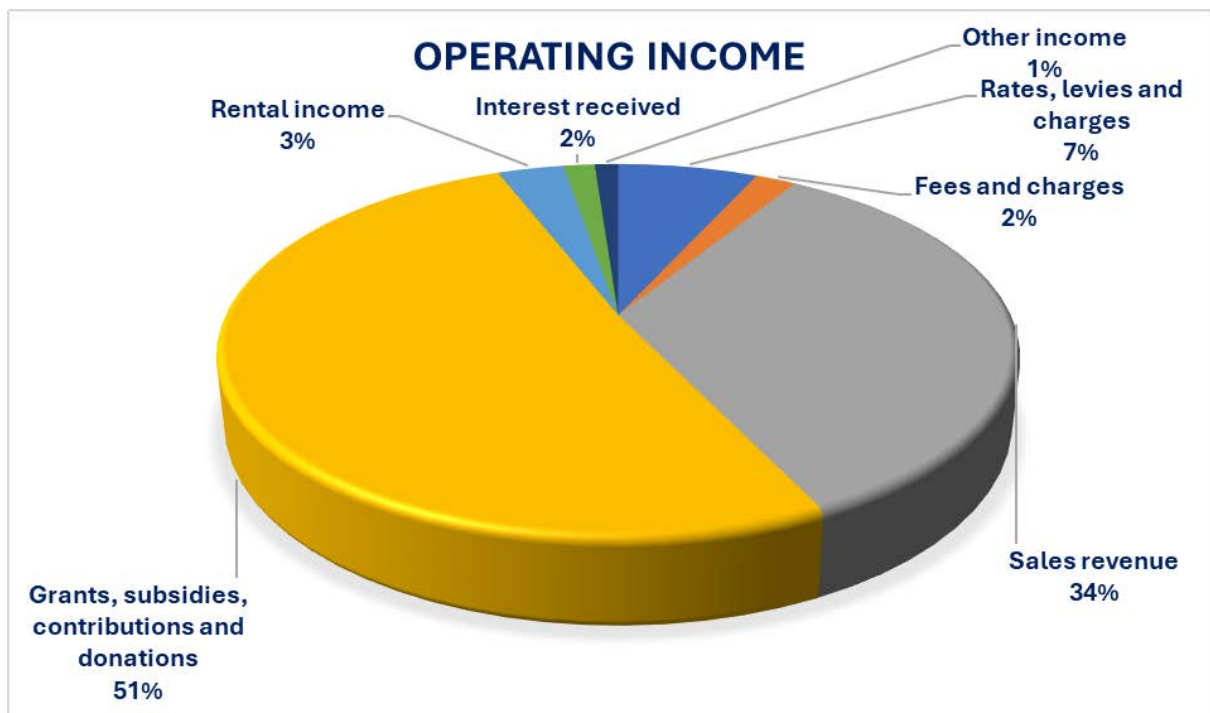
	Actual	Budget	%	Comments
Operating Income	18,868,387	24,150,577	78%	Council expects to achieve its budgeted operating income based on the recent budget review.
Operating Expenditure	28,439,872	29,246,999	97%	Operating expenditure still within Council expectation.
Operating Result	(9,571,485)	(5,096,423)	188%	

- Operating EBITDA

Operating Earnings Before Income Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) is at **\$3,497,340**. 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 day-to-day operation

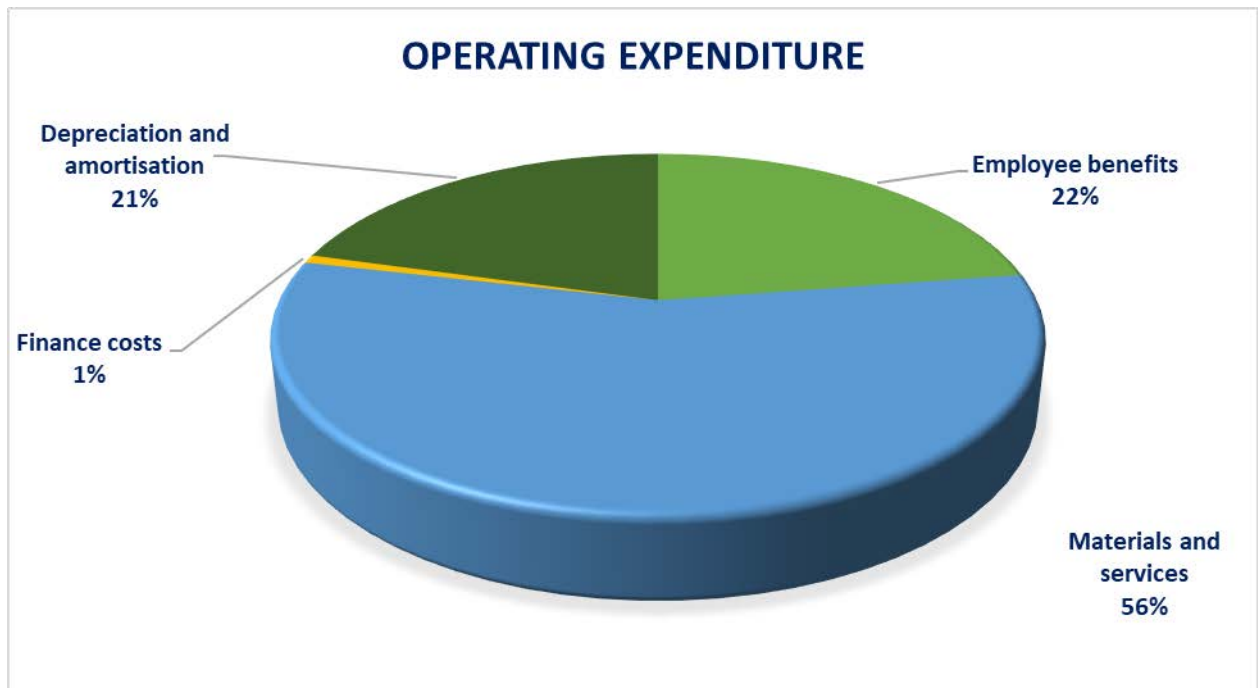
- Operating Income

Revenues from operations for April 2026, which is the tenth month of the financial year is at **78%**. This is slightly below the target for the period which is 83%. All the revenues had performed well against the set budget.



	Actual	Budget	%	Comments
Rates, Levies and Charges	1,283,253	1,377,316	93%	Rates are levied once a year. This amount is reduced due to the discounts, concessions and other adjustments due to a significant valuation adjustment received from QVAS on one of the Rural property last, received in the month of March 2026 and is currently in the process of adjustments.
Fees and Charges	373,156	389,500	96%	Within Council expected budget.
Sales Revenue	6,429,521	6,578,350	98%	Significant works carried for TIDS and RMPC jobs during the first half of the year.
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	9,673,168	14,671,411	66%	Mainly consist of FAGS – \$2,993,420 and SRFD funding – \$5,568,793. Other minor grants includes TIDS, RADF and Playgroup fundings.
Rental Income	607,373	700,000	87%	On going review of the rental arrangements and revenue with council is in progress this includes review in rental management and other associated processes
Interest Income	287,102	201,000	143%	The budgeted interest was conservative due to low cash balances. More interest has been received than expected.
Other Income	214,814	233,000	92%	Mainly consists of airport and tourism related revenues within the expected budget.

- Operating Expenditure



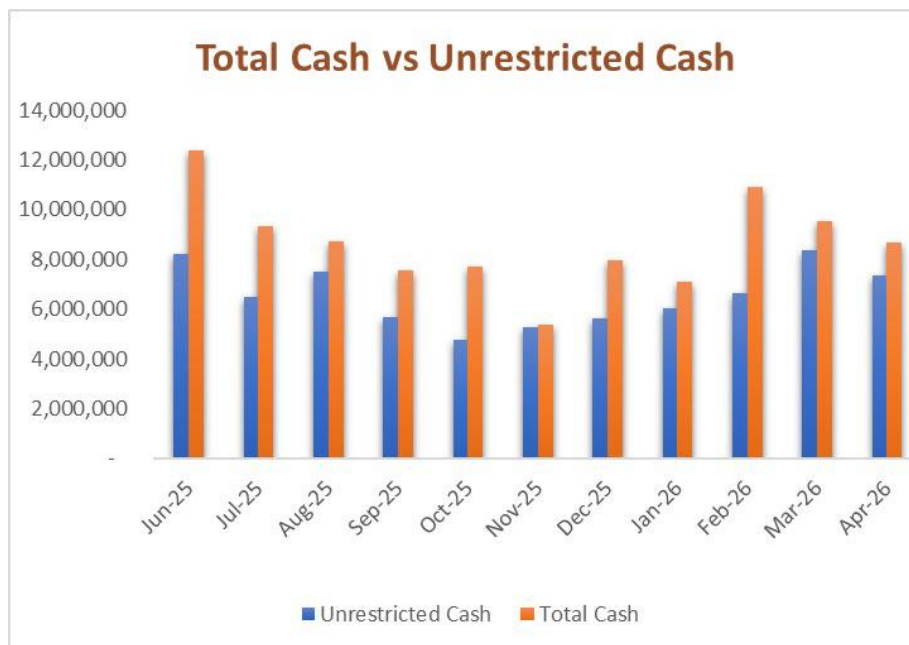
	Actual	Budget	%	Comments
Employee Benefits	6,426,359	7,961,914	81%	Within Council expected budget.
Materials and Services	15,939,368	14,048,606	113%	Materials and Services expenditure is significantly higher than the budget due to additional contract works awarded after the adoption of the budget. The higher contract works expenditures are expected to be offset by higher contract revenues.
Finance Costs	206,993	212,500	97%	Within Council expected budget.
Depreciation	5,867,152	7,023,980	84%	Within Council expected budget.

3. Cash Position

Council’s cash balance of **\$ 8,653,067** 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-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Unrestricted Cash	8,200,166	6,480,063	7,480,916	5,685,255	4,764,861	5,260,631	5,618,963	6,016,411	6,652,152	8,377,107	7,367,741
Total Cash	12,397,478	9,335,812	8,697,472	7,540,121	7,719,143	5,371,217	7,961,933	7,116,781	10,887,801	9,518,000	8,653,067

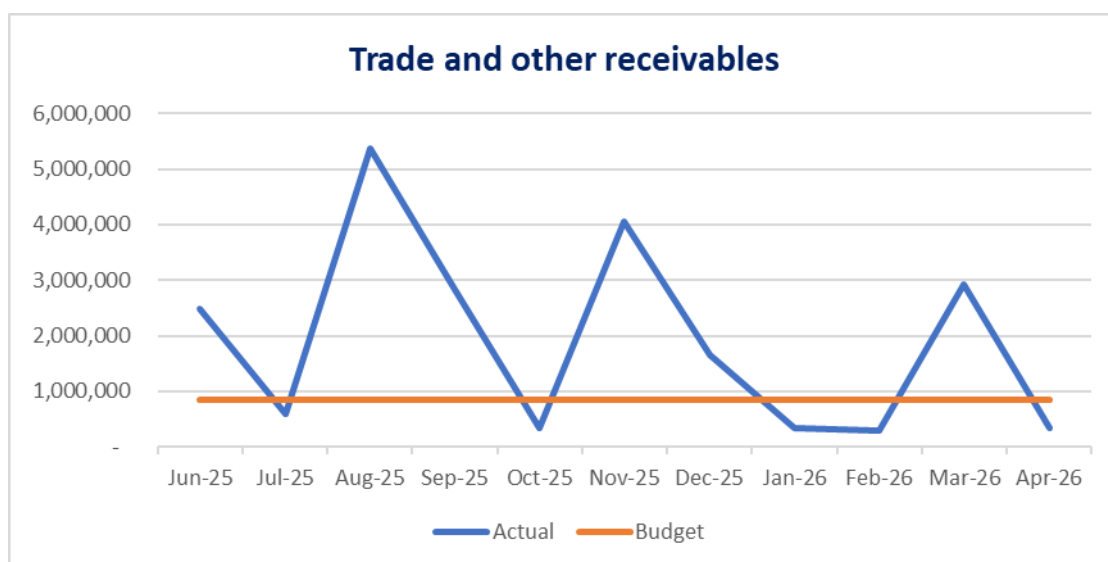
**Unrestricted cash for March and April 2026 were calculated by offsetting the total grant received from grant providers whether there is a right of offset.*



4. Trade and Receivables

The graph below shows Council’s trade and receivables balance of \$329,731 compared with the forecast year-end balance of \$836,000. 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 April 2026.

Investment Account	Financial Institutions	Funds Available Balance	April 2026 Interest Income	YTD Interest Earned
QTC General Fund	QTC	8,013,111	35,988	285,452

6. QTC Loans

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

Loan	Rate	Quarterly Repayment	Book Value as at 30 April 2026	Maturity Date
Caravan Park (Loan 1 – 30.43%)	2.94%	11,720	412,920	June 2036
Housing Loan 2022 (Loan 2)	4.49%	19,195	880,039	June 2042
Optic Fibre (Loan 1 – 69.57%)	2.94%	26,790	943,816	June 2045
Birdsville Water Project 2025 (Loan 3)	5.16%	37,748	1,969,618	June 2045
Birdsville Housing Project (Loan 4)	5.16%	20,307	984,809	June 2045
		115,760	5,191,202	

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	Apr 26 Income	Apr 26 Expenses	Apr 26 Operating Result*	Budget Income	Budget Expenses	Budget Operating Result*	Operating Result % (Actual vs Budget)
TIDS and other main roads recoverable works	3,492,260	3,819,384	(327,124)	2,941,350	2,614,538	326,812	31%
RMPC	3,390,026	3,390,027	-	3,637,000	3,190,677	446,323	0%

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

** Costs incurred as at Apr 2026 are recognised as accrued income except for emergent works. Accordingly, income reflects total costs incurred as at the reporting date.*

8. Fleet and Plant

Fleet Management	Actual April 2026	Budget	Variance (Actual vs Budget)
Income			
Other Fees & Charges	512	1,000	51%
Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)	5,277,512	7,637,000	69%
Operating Grants - State Government	98,146	140,000	0%
Other Revenue	-	-	0%
	5,376,170	7,778,000	69%
Expenses			
Salaries & Wages	451,174	330,000	137%
Materials	610,475	505,000	0%
Service Contracts	122,387	88,000	139%
Consultants	68,748	75,600	91%
Contractors - Others	800,086	575,000	139%
Subscriptions/Licences/Memberships	34,259	97,000	0%
Stores Issues	890,780	1,150,000	0%
Consumables	77,177	102,000	0%
Travel - Flights, Accommodation, Meals Etc	135,404	85,000	0%
Freight	35,458	35,000	0%
Electricity	15,377	10,000	0%
Telephone	192	1,000	19%
Labour On Costs	116,813	214,830	54%
Stores On Costs	134,522	155,000	0%
Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)	100,616	95,000	106%
Insurance Premiums	89,172	95,000	94%
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	1,096,619	1,259,867	87%
Depreciation - Other Plant & Equipment	69,885	84,414	83%
	4,716,167	4,957,711	95%
Fleet Management net result	660,003	2,820,289	23%

The Fleet and Plant operation yields a positive variance, but the net result remains lower than expected.

- Operating Income: **\$5,376,170** (66% of the budgeted **\$7,778,000**)
- Operating Expenditure: **\$4,716,167** (95% of the budgeted **\$4,957,711**)

The lower-than-expected operating income is primarily attributable to the Christmas–New Year works shutdown period, and reduced plant utilisation and hire activity during January and protracted wet season. As a result, plant hire revenue has not progressed in line with the budgeted profile.

In contrast, operating expenditure continued during the shutdown period as workshop operations progressed. Planned servicing, repairs, and maintenance activities were undertaken to ensure fleet and plant readiness ahead of the resumption of operational works.

The combination of reduced plant hire revenue and ongoing workshop expenditure has contributed to the net operating result remaining below the expected year-to-date position (23% compared to a budget profile of approximately 58%). Management is closely monitoring plant utilisation and cost recovery and will implement corrective actions to improve revenue recovery and financial performance over the remainder of 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 MANAGERMENTS

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 30 April 2026

	Actual 30-Apr-26	Budget 30-Jun-26	Actual vs Budget %
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	1,283,253	1,377,316	● 93%
Fees and charges	373,156	389,500	● 96%
Sales revenue	6,429,521	6,578,350	● 98%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	9,673,168	14,671,411	● 66%
Total recurrent revenue	<u>17,759,098</u>	<u>23,016,577</u>	● 77%
Other income			
Rental income	607,373	700,000	● 87%
Interest received	287,102	201,000	● 143%
Other income	214,814	233,000	● 92%
	<u>1,109,289</u>	<u>1,134,000</u>	● 98%
Total operating revenue	<u>18,868,387</u>	<u>24,150,577</u>	● 78%
Capital income			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	4,405,257	2,793,000	● 158%
Capital income	49,149	-	● 0%
Total revenue	<u>4,454,406</u>	<u>2,793,000</u>	● 159%
Total income	<u>23,322,793</u>	<u>26,943,577</u>	● 87%
Expenses			
Operating expenses			
Employee benefits	6,426,359	7,961,914	● 81%
Materials and services	15,939,368	14,048,606	● 113%
Finance costs	206,993	212,500	● 97%
Depreciation and amortisation	5,867,152	7,023,980	● 84%
Total operating expenses	<u>28,439,872</u>	<u>29,246,999</u>	● 97%
Total expenses	<u>28,439,872</u>	<u>29,246,999</u>	● 97%
Net result	<u>(5,117,079)</u>	<u>(2,303,423)</u>	● 222%
Operating result			
Operating revenue	18,868,387	24,150,577	● 78%
Operating expenses	28,439,872	29,246,999	● 97%
Operating result	<u>(9,571,485)</u>	<u>(5,096,423)</u>	● 188%

Key Points:

1 Operating EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation): -\$3,497,340



Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of Financial Position


as at 30 April 2026

	Actual 30-Apr-26	Budget 30-Jun-26	Actual vs Budget %
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8,653,067	7,636,000	● 113%
Trade and other receivables	329,731	836,000	● 39%
Inventories	1,592,092	1,089,000	● 146%
Contract Assets	5,374,231	1,000,000	● 537%
Other financial assets	-	210,000	● 0%
Total current assets	15,949,121	10,771,000	● 148%
Non-current assets held for sale	517,000	662,000	● 78%
Total current assets	16,466,121	11,433,000	● 144%
Non-current assets			
Property, plant & equipment	181,343,635	183,545,000	● 99%
Total non-current assets	181,343,635	183,545,000	● 99%
Total assets	197,809,756	194,978,000	● 101%
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	579,173	1,354,000	● 43%
Contract Liabilities	6,659,557	1,920,000	● 347%
Borrowings	457,307	300,000	● 152%
Provisions	576,185	-	● 0%
Other liabilities	92,952	-	● 0%
Total current liabilities	8,365,174	3,574,000	● 234%
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	4,733,900	4,783,000	● 99%
Provisions	92,443	705,000	● 13%
Total non-current liabilities	4,826,343	5,488,000	● 88%
Total liabilities	13,191,517	9,062,000	● 146%
Net community assets	184,618,239	185,916,000	● 99%
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus	111,071,891	111,073,000	● 100%
Retained surplus	73,546,348	74,843,000	● 98%
Total community equity	184,618,239	185,916,000	● 99%



Diamantina Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows
 for the period ended 30 April 2026

	Actual 30-Apr-26	Budget 30-Jun-26
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	10,241,592	-
Payments to suppliers and employees	(28,392,315)	-
Interest received	287,102	-
Rental income	607,373	-
Non-capital grants and contributions	8,089,333	-
Borrowing costs	(206,993)	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(9,373,908)	(495,000)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(5,629,277)	(7,957,000)
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	11,409,867	8,663,000
Net cash outflow from investing activities	5,780,590	706,000
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(151,093)	-
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(151,093)	(293,000)
Total cash flows		
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held	(3,744,411)	(82,000)
Opening cash and cash equivalents	12,397,478	7,718,000
Closing cash and cash equivalents	8,653,067	7,636,000




Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 30 April 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result % (Actual vs Budget)
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	
Community Services							
Caravan Parks & Lodge Accommdations	211,389	389,433	(178,044)	155,900	474,411	(318,511)	● 56%
Community Development	-	340	(340)	-	1,000	(1,000)	● 34%
Community Donations	-	99,703	(99,703)	-	113,127	(113,127)	● 88%
Community Events	50,600	375,638	(325,038)	8,000	446,289	(438,289)	● 74%
Community Housing	50,936	749,951	(699,015)	100,000	1,116,562	(1,016,562)	● 69%
Community Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	-	-	● 0%
Community's Admin & Support	18,542	133,316	(114,774)	10,000	78,084	(68,084)	● 169%
Libraries	41,364	28,391	12,973	-	4,000	(4,000)	● -324%
Museums & Heritage	1,305	25,289	(23,984)	1,500	38,399	(36,899)	● 65%
RADF	20,000	29,940	(9,940)	20,000	25,000	(5,000)	● 199%
Tourism	95,786	277,980	(182,194)	119,000	783,299	(664,299)	● 27%
Visitor Information	83,357	844,690	(761,333)	140,000	941,164	(801,164)	● 95%
Youth Development	95,366	162,670	(67,304)	95,366	258,586	(163,221)	● 41%
Community Services total	668,645	3,117,341	(2,448,696)	649,766	4,279,921	(3,630,155)	● 67%




Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 30 April 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result % (Actual vs Budget)
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	
Corporate Services							
Cash Management	-	11,179	(11,179)	-	12,000	(12,000)	93%
Communication Services	-	19,973	(19,973)	-	32,000	(32,000)	62%
Corporate	6,343	566,263	(559,920)	5,000	1,004,667	(999,667)	56%
Council Controlled Land	5,107	13,545	(8,438)	-	22,300	(22,300)	38%
Environmental Health	1,283	7,255	(5,972)	2,500	15,600	(13,100)	46%
Financial Services	285,452	720,646	(435,194)	200,000	1,079,725	(879,725)	49%
Human Resources	5,076	771,669	(766,593)	53,000	777,341	(724,341)	106%
Information Technology	-	541,584	(541,584)	-	599,500	(599,500)	90%
Insurance	-	402,466	(402,466)	-	401,000	(401,000)	100%
Rates Management	944,010	14,680	929,330	1,038,500	30,500	1,008,000	92%
Stores & Purchasing	1,984	98,903	(96,919)	-	230,964	(230,964)	42%
Taxation	-	29,908	(29,908)	-	50,000	(50,000)	60%
Wages On-Costs	2,189,306	2,099,704	89,602	3,647,926	1,989,000	1,658,926	5%
Workplace Health & Safety	-	321,241	(321,241)	-	415,324	(415,324)	77%
Corporate Services Total	3,438,561	5,619,016	(2,180,455)	4,946,926	6,659,921	(1,712,995)	127%




Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 30 April 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result % (Actual vs Budget)
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	
Governance Services							
Councillors	-	195,969	(195,969)	-	498,779	(498,779)	● 39%
Development Services	497	8,403	(7,906)	100,000	135,000	(35,000)	● 23%
Disaster Management	-	7,020	(7,020)	-	7,946	(7,946)	● 88%
Economic Development	-	49,917	(49,917)	-	83,000	(83,000)	● 60%
Funded Program	3,049,522	431,022	2,618,500	7,470,699	322,000	7,148,699	● 37%
Governance	-	1,263,032	(1,263,032)	-	1,083,750	(1,083,750)	● 117%
Regional Coordination	-	86,749	(86,749)	-	87,000	(87,000)	● 100%
Governance Services total	3,050,019	2,042,112	1,007,907	7,570,699	2,217,475	5,353,224	19%




Diamantina Shire Council

Statement of income and expenditure by program

for the period ended 30 April 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result % (Actual vs Budget)
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	
Infrastructure Services							
Airport	123,671	789,968	(666,297)	153,000	844,803	(691,803)	96%
Animal Control	-	1,057	(1,057)	-	1,500	(1,500)	70%
Asset Management	3,209	145,739	(142,530)	-	204,172	(204,172)	70%
Cemeteries	-	20,622	(20,622)	-	22,887	(22,887)	90%
Community & Sporting Facilities	7,777	112,342	(104,565)	16,000	187,859	(171,859)	61%
Community Centres & Halls	1,091	190,108	(189,017)	500	378,732	(378,232)	50%
Council Housing	556,437	627,875	(71,438)	600,000	706,616	(106,616)	67%
Emergency Service Facilities (SES)	18,149	14,671	3,478	17,000	17,751	(751)	-463%
Facilities Maintenance	-	196,116	(196,116)	-	636,750	(636,750)	31%
Fleet Management	5,376,170	4,619,139	757,031	7,778,000	4,960,711	2,817,289	27%
Health Care Facilities	-	111,373	(111,373)	-	134,375	(134,375)	83%
Infrastructure And Related Services	-	584,625	(584,625)	-	937,995	(937,995)	62%
Landfill	-	49,515	(49,515)	-	62,412	(62,412)	79%
Main Roads Flood Damage	2,752	432,037	(429,285)	-	-	-	0%
Minor Works Performance Contracts (MWPC)	-	5,250	(5,250)	-	-	-	0%
Parks & Gardens	-	363,331	(363,331)	-	428,332	(428,332)	85%
Pest And Stock Route Management	-	25,677	(25,677)	-	24,000	(24,000)	107%
Private Works	24,059	37,846	(13,787)	18,000	19,959	(1,959)	704%



Diamantina Shire Council


Statement of income and expenditure by program


for the period ended 30 April 2026

	Actual			Budget			Operating Result % (Actual vs Budget)
	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	Income	Expenses	Operating Result	
Infrastructure Services							
Public Conveniences	-	20,787	(20,787)	-	115,160	(115,160)	● 18%
RMPC	3,390,026	3,390,027	(1)	3,637,000	3,190,677	446,323	● 0%
Road Maintenance	-	2,148,181	(2,148,181)	816,864	3,072,864	(2,256,000)	● 95%
Roads To Recovery (R2R)	-	269	(269)	-	-	-	● 0%
Safety & Quality	-	11,275	(11,275)	-	12,000	(12,000)	● 94%
Sewerage Schemes	63,731	87,039	(23,308)	63,680	198,415	(134,735)	● 17%
Shire Roads Flood Damage (SRFD)**	5,568,793	5,147,099	421,694	6,272,482	6,308,684	(36,202)	● -1165%
Showgrounds/Racecourse	-	213,179	(213,179)	-	348,645	(348,645)	● 61%
Stormwater	-	142	(142)	-	35,031	(35,031)	● 0%
Swimming Pools	164	210,744	(210,580)	100	209,269	(209,169)	● 101%
Television & Radio Transmission Stations	-	24,869	(24,869)	-	27,500	(27,500)	● 90%
TIDS	3,489,508	3,387,347	102,161	2,941,350	2,614,538	326,812	● 31%
Town Common	-	27,519	(27,519)	-	88,355	(88,355)	● 31%
Town Depot	6,000	495,853	(489,853)	-	452,393	(452,393)	● 108%
Town Streets	-	536,125	(536,125)	-	584,830	(584,830)	● 92%
Waste Management	59,174	72,876	(13,702)	59,136	25,765	33,371	● -41%
Water Schemes	217,988	330,563	(112,575)	217,000	417,629	(200,629)	● 56%
Infrastructure Services Total	18,908,699	24,431,185	(5,522,486)	22,590,112	27,270,609	(4,680,497)	● 118%

** Operating result relates to emergent works received during the year however the cost were incurred in FY2024-25.

The mismatch of revenue and cost was due to the nature of emergent works where approval is obtained after submission of grant acquittal and net of SRFD ineligible cost associated with QRA DSC20.

 Diamantina Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period ended 30 April 2026								
	BAU	Fleet	QRA	RMPC	TMR Rec Works (TIDS)	Total	Budget	Actual vs Budget %
Operating Income	Actual	Actual						
Rates, levies and charges	1,283,253	-				1,283,253	1,377,316	93%
Fees and charges	372,644	512				373,156	389,500	96%
Sales revenue	2,752	-		3,390,026	3,036,743	6,429,521	6,578,350	98%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3,553,464	98,146	5,568,793		452,765	9,673,168	14,671,411	66%
Rental income	607,373	-				607,373	700,000	87%
Interest received	287,102	-				287,102	201,000	143%
Other income	214,814	-				214,814	233,000	92%
Total Income	6,321,402	98,658	5,568,793	3,390,026	3,489,508	18,868,387	24,150,577	78%
Operating Expenses								
Employee benefits	5,006,155	451,174	347,518	331,681	289,831	6,426,359	7,961,914	81%
Materials and services	7,162,948	(2,179,023)	4,799,581	3,058,346	3,097,516	15,939,368	14,048,606	113%
Finance costs	206,993					206,993	212,500	97%
Depreciation and amortisation	4,700,648	1,166,504				5,867,152	7,023,980	84%
Total expenses	17,076,744	(561,345)	5,147,099	3,390,027	3,387,347	28,439,872	29,246,999	97%
Operating Result	(10,755,342)	660,003	421,694	(1)	102,161	(9,571,485)	(5,096,423)	188%



Diamantina Shire Council

Liquidity Analysis

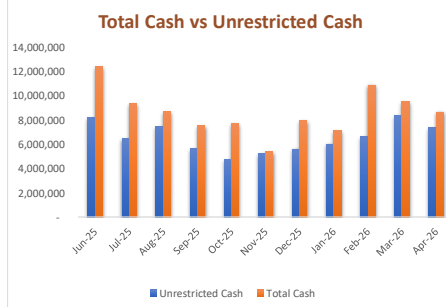
as at 30 April 2026

	30-Apr-26	30-Jun-26
General Accounts		
Cash at Bank - Westpac	556,008	76,316
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth BV CP	42,215	42,215
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Wirrarri Centre	219	219
Cash Held Trust Funds	41,514	41,564
Investment - QTC	8,013,111	7,801,619
Total balance held in banks (incl Reserves)	<u>8,653,067</u>	<u>7,961,933</u>
Liquid assets and liabilities		
Receivables	329,731	1,643,637
Payables	-579,173	-342,450
Contract balance	-1,285,326	-2,342,970
	<u>-1,534,768</u>	<u>-1,041,783</u>
Net liquid assets	<u>7,118,299</u>	<u>6,920,150</u>
QTC Borrowings		
Borrowings	-5,191,202	-5,130,113
Total balance QTC borrowings	<u>-5,251,764</u>	<u>-5,130,113</u>
Net Council Position after Borrowings and all Restrictions	<u>1,866,535</u>	<u>1,790,037</u>
TRUST		
Trust Accounts		
Cash Held Trust Funds	41,564	41,564
Total balance held in trust	<u>41,564</u>	<u>41,564</u>

Diamantina Shire Council
Cash position
as at 30 April 2026

	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
Unrestricted Cash	8,200,166	6,480,063	7,480,916	5,685,255	4,764,861	5,260,631	5,618,963	6,016,411	6,652,152	8,377,107	7,367,741
Total Cash	12,397,478	9,335,812	8,697,472	7,540,121	7,719,143	5,371,217	7,961,933	7,116,781	10,887,801	9,518,000	8,653,067

*Unrestricted cash for March and April 2026 were calculated by offsetting the total grant received from grant providers whether there is a right of offset.



 Diamantina Shire Council Sustainability Ratios as at 30 April 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%	-50.73%	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%	-18.54%	The result is within 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 continue operating based on current monthly expenses.	Greater than 4 months	4.02	The result is slightly below 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.
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 they reach the end of their useful lives.	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 community.	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 its operating performance	0 to 3 times	1.48	Council's borrowings are 43 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 respond to unexpected financial shocks.	No target as contextual measure	8.78%	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

12.2.3 Elected Members Remuneration

REPORT TYPE:	OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE:	Corporate Services
PRESENTED BY:	Jade Nacario
AUTHOR(S):	Jade Nacario, Director Corporate Services
AUTHORISER:	Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS:	1. LG Remuneration Schedule ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission has determined the maximum remuneration levels for Mayors, Deputy Mayors, and Councillors for the 2026–2027 financial year. Diamantina Shire Council is classified as a Category A2 local government, with maximum annual remuneration set at \$128,509 for the Mayor, \$74,139 for the Deputy Mayor, and \$64,253 for Councillors.

The determination includes a 4.5% increase for Category A councils, reflecting broader economic conditions and the need to support the attraction and retention of elected members in rural and remote communities. In addition, the Commission has removed the meeting-based remuneration component for Category A1, A2 and A3 councils from 2026–2027, simplifying administration and providing greater consistency in remuneration.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council
 - (a) adopts the elected member remuneration for the 2026–2027 financial year in accordance with the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission determination; and confirms that remuneration will be set at the maximum levels prescribed for Category A2 councils.

OR

- (b) Council elects to adopt a remuneration level below the prescribed maximum as detailed below:

Mayor Francis Murray

Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Cr. Damian Clarke

Cr. Robert Dare

Cr. Kerry Morton

BACKGROUND

Under the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission is responsible for determining the categories of local governments and the maximum remuneration payable to elected members within each category.

Each year, the Commission reviews remuneration levels and publishes a schedule to apply from 1 July of the following financial year. Councils are required to consider the determination and formally adopt a remuneration level, noting that the adopted amount must not exceed the prescribed maximum.

DISCUSSION

Diamantina Shire Council remains classified as a Category A2 local government. The 2026–2027 determination provides an increase of 4.5% for A-category councils, which reflects movements in wage indices, inflationary pressures, and the need to address disparities between metropolitan and remote councils.

The Commission has also implemented a policy change to remove the meeting-based component of remuneration for A1, A2 and A3 councils. Previously, a portion of councillor remuneration was linked to attendance at meetings; however, this has been discontinued to reduce administrative burden and to better reflect the broader responsibilities of elected members beyond formal meetings.

Council has the discretion to adopt remuneration at or below the maximum level. Adoption of the maximum level aligns with sector practice and supports the ongoing attraction and retention of elected members in a remote local government environment.

Elected Members	From 1 July 2025	From 1 July 2026	4.5% Increase
Mayor	\$ 122,975	\$ 128,509	\$ 5,534
Deputy Mayor	\$ 70,946	\$ 74,139	\$ 3,193
Councillor	\$ 61,486	\$ 64,253	\$ 2,767
	Base Rate \$ 40,990.67		
	Meeting Fee \$ 20,495.33		

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

4.1 Is a sustainable and effective organisation.

Adopting an appropriate remuneration framework supports effective governance, leadership stability, and the attraction and retention of capable elected members, contributing to organisational sustainability.

POLICY

No specific Council policy applies. The remuneration framework is guided by the independent determination of the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Provision for elected member remuneration is included within Council’s operational budget. Adoption of the maximum remuneration levels will result in a minor increase consistent with the Commission’s annual adjustment and has been considered as part of the 2026–2027 budget development.

CONSULTATION

Nil required. The determination is made independently by the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Failure to adopt an appropriate remuneration level may impact Council's ability to attract and retain elected members. Adoption of the Commission's determination mitigates this risk and ensures alignment with sector standards.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The remuneration schedule applies from 1 July 2026. Council adoption is required prior to implementation for the 2026–2027 financial year.

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

Council may elect to adopt a remuneration level below the prescribed maximum. However, this is not recommended as it may impact the ability to attract and retain elected members and may not reflect the responsibilities associated with the role.

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12 December 2025

The Honourable Ann Leahy MP
 Minister for Local Government and Water and
 Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers
 1 William Street
 Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Minister

On 28 November 2025, the Local Government Remuneration Commission (the Commission) concluded its determination of the levels of remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors of Queensland local governments (excluding Brisbane City Council) as required by section 177(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Chapter 8, Division 1 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

Our determinations on these matters, together with the Remuneration Schedule to apply from 1 July 2026 are included in the enclosed Report, which we commend to you.

Yours sincerely



Robert (Bob) Abbot OAM
 Chairperson



Andrea Ranson
 Commissioner



Reimen Hii
 Commissioner



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1. 2025 Report key determinations

Determination of maximum remuneration levels

The Commission has decided to increase the maximum remuneration levels for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors as follows:

Council Categories A1, A2, A3 and B1	Increase by 4.5% from 1 July 2026
Council Categories B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D2, D3, E2 and F2	Increase by 3.25% from 1 July 2026

In making its determination of maximum remuneration levels applicable for 2025-26, the Commission considered the following:

- The outcomes of the Commission's 2023 remuneration category methodology.
- Remuneration and wages indexation applied for other public sector entities.
- The importance of maintaining financially sustainable and fiscally responsible wage growth, taking into consideration:
 - the recently challenging and unstable inflationary environment and measures taken by other government authorities to manage the impacts of inflation.
 - the challenges faced by local governments and their communities in relation to climate change and environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) reporting, and the additional resources required in relation to sustainability and resilience strategies.
 - the realistic affordability and sustainability impacts for councils and their communities of wage increases for elected members.
 - the potential differential impact of Consumer Price Impact (CPI) changes across various parts of Queensland, including rural and remote regions.
 - the appropriateness or otherwise of CPI as a potential measure in significant inflationary periods of time and the relative volatility of annual CPI since the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - existing remuneration disparity in dollar terms between the remuneration paid to mayors and councillors in smaller, rural, regional and remote parts of Queensland when compared to mayors and councillors in larger, metropolitan locations.
 - anecdotal evidence of the desire to attract and retain high quality candidates to these roles, particularly in regional and remote areas.
 - the continuing significant disparity in remuneration between Mayors and Councillors from smaller rural, regional, and remote communities compared to those in larger metropolitan areas, as highlighted in written and oral deputations to the Commission over the last five years.
 - the gap in real wage terms between Mayors and Councillors in Categories A1 to B1 and those in Categories B2 to F2, despite the equally important work undertaken by local governments in all categories.
 - the Commission remains committed to addressing this gap through its annual remuneration schedule and category reviews and has applied a higher percentage increase for A1, A2, A3 and B1 councils.

The Commission further took into consideration the following data:

Increase in CPI¹:

	Dec Qtr 2024	Mar Qtr 2025	June Qtr 2025	Sep Qtr 2025
All Groups CPI inflation change (quarter)				
Brisbane	0.6%	1.9%	0.8%	1.3%
Australia*	0.2%	0.9%	0.7%	1.3%
All Groups CPI inflation change (annual)				
Brisbane	1.8%	2.7%	2.5%	4.7%
Australia	2.4%	2.4%	2.1%	3.2%

* Australia refers to weighted average of eight capital cities

Increases in the Wage Price Index (WPI)²:

For the financial year ended 30 June 2025 as compared to the financial year ending 30 June 2024¹:

Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses			
		Quarterly change (%) Mar 2025 to Jun 2025	Annual change (%) Jun 2024 to Jun 2025
Seasonally Adjusted	Australia	0.8	3.4
	Private sector	0.8	3.4
	Public sector	1.0	3.7
Original	Australia	0.6	3.4
	Private sector	0.6	3.3
	Public sector	0.8	3.7

Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (original) Annual and quarterly movement - states and territories		
	Annual Change (%)	Quarterly Change (%)
NSW	3.2	0.5
VIC	3.4	0.6
QLD	3.6	0.6
SA	3.4	0.5
WA	3.7	0.8
TAS	3.1	0.6
NT	3.3	0.3
ACT	3.6	1.2
Australia	3.4	0.6

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics
<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/price-indexes-and-inflation/consumer-price-index-australia/latest-release>

² Australian Bureau of Statistics
<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/price-indexes-and-inflation/wage-price-index-australia/jun-2025>

Brisbane City Council's Independent Councillor Remuneration Tribunal (ICRT)³:

- The Commission has considered the Brisbane City Council's Independent Councillor Remuneration Tribunal (ICRT) determination as a potentially relevant factor.
- The Tribunal has determined that the base rate for a BCC Councillor should be increased by 2.5% on 1 June 2022 with effect on and from 1 September 2022.
- Note: Councillors remuneration is reviewed every 4 years.

The Office of Industrial Relations (OIR):

The State Government Entities Certified Agreement 2023 (2023 Core Agreement) wage increase arrangements:

- 4% effective 1 July 2023 + COLA⁴ payment of max 3% base wages
- 4% effective 1 July 2024 + max 3% COLA if applicable
- 3% effective 1 July 2025 + max 3% COLA if applicable.

New South Wales⁵

The New South Wales Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 3.0% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2025-26 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2025, circulated on 21 May 2025.

Victoria⁶

On 30 June 2025, the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (VIRT) made the allowance payable to mayors, deputy mayors, and councillors (Victoria) Annual Adjustment Determination 2025.

The VIRT determined a 3.0% increase to the values of the base allowances payable to mayors, deputy mayors, and councillors, effective from 1 July 2025. A 3.0% increase has also been applied to the base allowance values which take effect on 18 December 2025.

³ Brisbane City Council's Independent Councillor Remuneration Tribunal

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/about-council/governance-and-strategy/councillors-and-wards>

⁴ COLA refers to the Cost-of-Living Adjustment paid if CPI is higher than the base wage increases e.g. in a year where base increase is 4% and CPI is 7% the COLA paid will be 3%. If base increase is 4% and CPI is 6%, the COLA paid will be 2%

<https://www.qirc.qld.gov.au/agreements/public-service-agreements>

⁵ <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/https-www-olg-nsw-gov-au-category-https-www-olg-nsw-gov-au-category-council-circulars/governance/council-circular-2025-26-determination-of-the-local-government-remuneration-tribunal/>

⁶ <https://www.remunerationtribunal.vic.gov.au/allowances-mayors-deputy-mayors-and-councillors-annual-adjustment>

Western Australia⁷

- In a determination published on 4 April 2025, the Western Australian Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, resolved that attendance fees and annual allowance ranges for Elected Members would be increased by 3.5%, with the adjustment to taking effect from 1 July 2025.
- In Western Australia a local government or regional local government can elect to pay council members an attendance or an annual fee to all council members who attend council, committee, or prescribed meetings. There is also provision for reimbursement of expenses.

Tasmania⁸

In Tasmania, the remuneration for local government councillors is automatically increased under the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015.

Allowances are adjusted from 1 November each year by multiplying the allowances for the previous year by the inflationary factor for the current year.

Individual allowances payable to elected members from 1 November 2025 will be rounded to the nearest dollar using the inflationary factor, which is 3.09% for 2025-26.

Northern Territory⁹

The Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal has increased all base allowances paid to Mayors and Councillors on 10 December 2024 by 4% in recognition of movements in earnings within Australia as well as the Territory, effective from 1 July 2025.

Determination of remuneration policy for A1, A2 and A3 Councils

The Commission resolved to discontinue the meeting-based remuneration requirement for councillors in A1, A2, and A3 category councils, effective from the 2026–2027 determination period.

Prior to making this determination, the Commission consulted with councils from these categories, as well as more broadly across the sector, to ascertain industry support for removing the meeting-based remuneration model. Overwhelming positive support was received during consultations, with many councils expressing favour in ensuring there is parity in the remuneration policies for all councillors in Queensland and in taking steps to remove unnecessary administrative burden on category A1, A2 and A3 councils.

This amendment to the remuneration policy seeks to:

⁷ <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/local-government-chief-executive-officers-and-elected-council-members-determination-no-1-of-2025#determination-of-the-salaries-and-allowances-tribunal-for-local-government-chief-executive-officers-and-elected-council-members>

⁸ https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/councillor_resources/councillor_allowances

⁹ <https://cmc.nt.gov.au/supporting-government/boards-and-committees/reports-determinations>

1. **Promote Equity:** Ensure that all councillors across Queensland's 77 local governments remuneration process is administered on a similar basis, reflecting the value of their contributions irrespective of council size or classification.
2. **Reduce Administrative Burden:** Simplify remuneration processes by eliminating the need for monthly certification, consistent with the Queensland Government's commitment to reducing red tape for local governments.
3. **Support Financial Sustainability:** Enable councils to allocate their operating budgets with greater consistency and predictability

Councillor advisors

The Commission was not approached to make recommendations relating to councillor advisors in the period between 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025.

2. The Commission

Formation and composition

The Local Government Remuneration Commission (the Commission) is an independent entity established under the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act). On 1 October 2019, the Governor in Council, approved the current Commission for a term of four years.

The Chair and Commissioners were reappointed by the Governor in Council for a second four-year term on 1 October 2023.

This is the seventh report of the Commission, and the 19th report about Queensland councillor remuneration, including the reports of the former Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal and the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

The Chair and Commissioners of the Commission are:

Mr Robert (Bob) Abbot OAM

Chairperson

Mr Abbot has extensive experience in the local government sector with 32 years as an elected councillor and mayor. Mr Abbot has experience working at state and national local government organisations and has held board and panel positions, including Deputy Chair of the South-East Queensland Council of Mayors, Director of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), and Director of the Australian Local Government Association. Mr Abbot has been a mentor for newly elected mayors on behalf of the LGAQ, with a particular focus on mentoring Queensland Indigenous mayors.

In the 2021 Australia Day Honours List, Mr Abbot was the recipient of an Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to local government and to the communities of Noosa and the Sunshine Coast.

Ms Andrea Ranson

Commissioner

Ms Ranson is a practising commercial and dispute resolution lawyer with experience in both public and private sectors of business and governance. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM), Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts from Monash University, Victoria. She is additionally a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Directors (AICD) and a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia (FGIA).

Ms Ranson was a director appointed to North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation, a government owned corporation, holding the role of Chair of the Corporate Governance and Planning Committee, and the role of Member of the Audit & Financial Risk Management Committee of that Board from 2018 to 2025. Ms Ranson was appointed on 1 October 2024, as a Member of the Mackay Health & Hospital Service, a board upon which she currently serves, and is a Member of the Finance Committee, a Member of the Quality, Safety and Health Committee and a Member of the Sustainability and Capital Works Committee of that Board. Her experience includes business and commercial law, employment and industrial relations, diversity, justice, and ethics. Ms Ranson lives regionally and is passionate about regional development. Ms Ranson is a Nationally Accredited Mediator presently working with QCAT, the QSBC, and is a member of the QLD Department of Justice & Attorney-General Dispute Resolution Panel.

Mr Reimen Hii

Commissioner

Mr Hii is a barrister and Nationally Accredited Mediator. He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts. He is a practicing lawyer with extensive knowledge in public administration and community affairs, and a particular interest in civil and commercial law. Mr Hii is experienced in professional discipline matters, including investigations, public administration, corporate and public governance, public sector ethics and finance.

Mr Hii has a culturally and linguistically diverse background and experience collaborating with diverse communities. Mr Hii has previously been recognised as Australian Young Lawyer of the Year by the Law Council of Australia, in recognition of his significant contribution to access to justice and diversity advocacy. Mr Hii provides a deep understanding of diversity and brings well respected analytic skill, together with legal and business acumen to the role.

Commission Responsibilities

Chapter 6, Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) established the Local Government Remuneration Commission to assume the remuneration functions of the former Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal which ceased to exist on 3 December 2018.

Section 177 of the Act provides the functions of the Commission are:

- to establish the categories of local governments, and
- to decide the category to which each local government belongs, and
- to decide the maximum amount of remuneration payable to the councillors in each of the categories, and
- to consider and make recommendations to the Minister about the following matters relating to councillor advisors—
 - (i) whether or not to prescribe a local government under section 197D(1)(a)
 - (ii) the number of councillor advisors each councillor of a local government may appoint
 - (iii) the number of councillor advisors a councillor of the council under the City of Brisbane Act 2010 may appoint; and
- another function related to the remuneration of councillors if directed, in writing, by the Minister.

Chapter 8, Part 1, Division 1 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Regulation) sets out the processes of the Commission in deciding the remuneration that is payable to mayors and councillors.

The Regulation requires the Commission to review the categories of local governments once every four years, to determine whether the categories and the assignment of local governments to those categories require amendment.

After determining the categories of local governments, the Regulation also requires the Commission to decide annually, before 1 December each year, the maximum amount of remuneration to be paid to mayors, deputy mayors, and councillors in each category from 1 July of the following year.

In addition, section 248 of the Regulation allows a local government to make a submission to the Commission to vary the remuneration for a councillor, or councillors, where the local government considers there are exceptional circumstance and seeks payment of an amount *higher than the maximum amount* stated in the Remuneration schedule. The Commission may, but is not required to, consider any such submission. If the Commission is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, the Commission may approve payment of an amount higher than the maximum amount of remuneration scheduled.

Section 248 of the Regulation does not address whether a council can pay a councillor whilst temporarily acting in higher duties, such as moving from Councillor to Deputy Mayor or from Deputy Mayor to Mayor. The determination to compensate for higher duties during any relieving period—provided the payment amount does not exceed the maximum established by the commission for the respective role—resides exclusively with each individual council. The Commission strongly encourages all councils to establish thorough human resources policies that guide decision-making protocols concerning the assignment of higher duties, minimum relieving periods (eg.4 weeks), the disbursement of allowances, superannuation payments, and any other related procedures.

3. Remuneration determination

Remuneration determination for councillors

As required by section 246 of the Regulation the Commission has prepared a Remuneration Schedule (the Schedule) for the 2026-27 financial year, applicable from 1 July 2026, which appears below.

Arrangements have been made to publish the Schedule in the Queensland Government Gazette and for this report to be presented to the Minister for Local Government.

Methodology

The Commission had regard to the matters in section 244 and 247 (2) and (5) of the Regulation in determining the Schedule. The Commission also noted and had regard to the matters listed throughout this report to determine the appropriate maximum remuneration in each category of local government.

Pro rata payment

Should an elected representative hold a councillor position for only part of a financial year, they are only entitled to remuneration to reflect the portion of the year served. It is out of the scope of the Commission's powers to determine otherwise.

Remuneration schedule to apply from 1 July 2026

Remuneration determined from 1 July 2026 (\$ per annum; see Note 1)

Category	Local Governments assigned to categories	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
A1 *Note 1	Barcaldine Regional Council	\$128,509	\$74,139	\$64,253
	Barcoo Shire Council			
	Bulloo Shire Council			
	Croydon Shire Council			
	Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council			
	McKinlay Shire Council			
	Richmond Shire Council			
	Torres Shire Council			
	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council			
A2 *Note 1	Aurukun Shire Council	\$128,509	\$74,139	\$64,253
	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council			
	Boulia Shire Council			
	Burke Shire Council			
	Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Cloncurry Shire Council			
	Diamantina Shire Council			
	Etheridge Shire Council			
	Hinchinbrook Shire Council			
	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Mornington Shire Council			
	Murweh Shire Council			
	Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council			
	North Burnett Regional Council			
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council				
Paroo Shire Council				

Category	Local Governments assigned to categories	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
	Pompuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council			
	Quilpie Shire Council			
	Winton Shire Council			
	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council			
A3 * Note 1	Longreach Regional Council	\$129,744	\$74,852	\$64,872
	Balonne Shire Council			
	Douglas Shire Council			
	Flinders Shire Council			
	Goondiwindi Regional Council			
	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council			
B1	Banana Shire Council	\$129,744	\$74,852	\$64,872
	Carpentaria Shire Council			
	Burdekin Shire Council			
	Cook Shire Council			
	Torres Strait Island Regional Council			
B2	Maranoa Regional Council	\$154,767	\$96,729	\$82,218
	Cassowary Coast Regional Council			
	Charters Towers Regional Council			
	Gympie Regional Council			
	Livingstone Shire Council			
	Mareeba Shire Council			
	Mount Isa City Council			
	Scenic Rim Regional Council			
	Somerset Regional Council			
	South Burnett Regional Council			
	Southern Downs Regional Council			
	Tablelands Regional Council			
B3	Isaac Regional Council	\$155,141	\$96,963	\$82,417
	Noosa Shire Council			
	Whitsunday Regional Council			

Category	Local Governments assigned to categories	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
	Lockyer Valley Regional Council			
C1	Central Highlands Regional Council	\$157,010	\$98,130	\$83,409
	Western Downs Regional Council			
C2	Gladstone Regional Council	\$181,137	\$119,170	\$104,868
	Rockhampton Regional Council			
C3	Bundaberg Regional Council	\$182,895	\$120,327	\$105,886
	Fraser Coast Regional Council			
D2	Cairns Regional Council	\$209,739	\$143,002	\$123,938
	Mackay Regional Council			
	Redland City Council			
	Toowoomba Regional Council			
D3	Townsville City Council	\$238,338	\$162,076	\$143,002
	Ipswich City Council			
E2	Logan City Council	\$266,942	\$184,952	\$162,072
	Moreton Bay City Council			
	Sunshine Coast Regional Council			
F2	Gold Coast City Council	\$295,542	\$208,148	\$176,371

Notes to the Remuneration schedule

The 2014 annual report by the former Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal explained the rationale behind the adoption of a system of remuneration which comprised a base payment (of two thirds of the annual remuneration) and a monthly payment based upon attendance at, and participation in, the 12 mandated council meetings.

The monetary amounts shown are the per annum figures to apply from 1 July 2026. If an elected representative only serves for part of a full financial year (that is, 1 July to 30 June) they are only entitled to a pro rata payment to reflect the portion of the year served.

***Note 1: The meeting-based remuneration requirement for A1, A2 and A3 Councils has been removed in 2026-27.**

Previously, councillors in A1, A2, and A3 category councils were remunerated through a hybrid model comprising a base payment (constituting two-thirds of the annual remuneration) and a meeting attendance payment (constituting one-third of the annual remuneration). This meeting attendance payment was contingent upon certification by the mayor or chief executive officer of the council. In contrast, mayors and deputy mayors in these categories received their total annual remuneration without this attendance-based condition.

The Commission resolved to discontinue the meeting-based remuneration requirement for councillors in A1, A2, and A3 category councils, effective from the 2026–2027 determination period.

4. Matters raised with the Commission

Meetings and deputations

Local governments were invited to engage with the Commission during the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), held in Brisbane from 20 to 23 October 2025. As part of this engagement, the Commission conducted face-to-face deputations with representatives from eight councils, including:

- Barcoo Shire Council
- Cassowary Coast Regional Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Gladstone Regional Council
- Isaac Regional Council
- Redlands City Council
- Townsville City Council
- Whitsunday Regional Council

In addition to oral deputations, local governments were also encouraged to provide written submissions to the Commission. A total of seven written submissions were received and carefully considered.

Overall, the submissions highlighted the need for increased remuneration to better reflect the growing complexities and demands faced by mayors and councillors in modern local government. Several councils also proposed changes to their individual categorisation. However, the Commission has decided to defer any decisions regarding category changes until the next scheduled review.

In reaching its maximum determination decision for 2026-27, the Commission considered the submissions received, as well as the broader notions outlined in this report.

Key themes raised during the 2025 deputations, and the previous twelve-month review period reflected issues/topics consistently highlighted by councils in previous years as accounting for increasing the complexity and workload for elected members. These included:

- **Remuneration and Talent:** The need for competitive salaries to attract diverse and skilled candidates, particularly in regional areas, and to retain high-quality elected representatives.
- **Innovation Recognition:** Suggestions to explore mechanisms for incentivising and rewarding innovative council initiatives that foster community growth, resourcefulness, and development.
- **Inflationary Impact:** Concerns about the disproportionate effects of rising inflation and cost escalation on local governments and their communities, especially those with lower-income populations and in rural areas.
- **Community Sustainability:** A greater emphasis on ensuring the long-term viability and prosperity of communities, particularly in the context of the global transition to renewable energy and the associated need for significant infrastructure changes.
- **Leadership in Crisis and Recovery:** Acknowledging the heightened responsibilities, physical and emotional burden faced by councillors during natural disasters and other

significant events, including leading their communities through immediate response efforts and long-term recovery processes.

This feedback will continue to inform the Commission’s future deliberations and decisions.

A summary table of written submissions made to the Commission during the previous 12 months is provided below:

Table – Summary of 2025 written submissions

1. Date received	10 October 2025
Received from	Gladstone Regional Council Mayor, Cr Matt Burnett
Summary of submission	Gladstone Regional Council proposed the introduction of a transition allowance for councillors who are not re-elected. This allowance would recognize the long-term service of elected officials and support their reintegration into the workforce, aligning local government entitlements with those of other public and private sector roles. The proposal suggests a base of 12 weeks’ salary, with an additional two weeks for each consecutive term served.
Determination	The Commission acknowledges the submission and the significance of this proposal and will consider it during the next category review.
2. Date received	24 September 2025
Received from	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council CEO, Lew Rojahn
Summary of submission	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council advocated for a 20% increase in councillor salaries for remote Queensland communities, particularly for category A2 councils. The submission highlighted the unique demands placed on councillors in small communities, including their deep involvement in daily community life and responsibilities that extend beyond formal duties (e.g. attend funerals, resolve disputes, respond to emergencies within community). Key factors cited include cost of living differentials, workload intensity, recruitment and retention challenges, and the need for equity with urban counterparts.
Determination	The Commission acknowledges the submission. Given the nature of the issue seeking a substantial increase to base councillor remuneration rates, the Commission will consider this proposal at the next category review.
3. Date received	4 November 2025
Received from	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council CEO, Dalassa Yorkston
Summary of submission	The Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council requested that the Commission take into account the unique cultural and community challenges faced by councillors in their region as part of the 2028

	<p>council categorisation review. Councils' submission provided a comprehensive statistical overview, comparing the Northern Peninsula Area to Queensland averages on several key indicators, including the proportion of Indigenous residents, population mobility, homelessness rates, developmental vulnerability in children, educational attainment, and socio-economic disadvantage. The Council emphasised that these factors significantly increase the complexity and demands of the councillor role in their community. Additionally, the submission proposed the introduction of new classifications to distinguish between divisional and regional councils, reflecting the distinct governance and service delivery challenges in remote areas. Council has sought that its proposal and issues are considered as part of the next category review. The proposal and issues will be taken into consideration in the next category review.</p> <p>Determination The Commission acknowledges Councils submission and the importance of these issues and confirms that they will be considered in the next category review.</p>
4.	<p>Date received 7 November 2025</p> <p>Received from Winton Shire Council Mayor, Cr Cathy White</p> <p>Summary of submission Winton Shire Council expressed support for the current framework in which remuneration levels are independently set by the Local Government Remuneration Commission. In its submission, the Council has requested the removal of the requirement for council resolution to formally accept or not the Commission's maximum remuneration determination. Council is seeking that once the Commission makes the determination that it should automatically apply to all councils within the relevant category. Council has also proposed that remuneration levels be set for the full four-year term, incorporating an annual adjustment applying indexation by the Consumer Price Index.</p> <p>Determination The Commission acknowledges Winton Shire Council's submission and confirms that, once the Commission makes its annual maximum remuneration determination, it is automatically applied to all councils within the relevant category for the forthcoming financial year. A council resolution is only required if a council wishes to provide a lesser remuneration amount. The Commission will consider the suggestion to implement fixed four-year remuneration terms with annual CPI indexation as part of its next category review.</p>
5.	<p>Date received 6 November 2025</p> <p>Received from Toowoomba Regional Council CEO, Sal Petrocchio OAM</p> <p>Summary of submission Toowoomba Regional Council requested a reclassification from category D2 to D3 to ensure parity with comparable councils. The submission provided comparative statistical and financial data, as well as details of significant capital infrastructure projects required to address regional growth.</p>

Determination	The Commission noted that the new methodology allows for category review based on factors such as population and will consider this request in the next review cycle.
6. Date received	10 October 2025
Received from	Isaac Regional Council Councillor Jane Pickels CEO, Cale Dendle
Summary of submission	Isaac Regional Council has formally requested a reclassification of its remuneration category from B3 to C1 for 2026. The submission highlights that the Council's 2025/26 budget operating revenue is \$154 million, aligning the Council to category C1 based on the primary criterion under the new categorisation framework which the Commissioners have previously advised is the principal determinant applied. Council concludes its alignment to the C1 classification is further justified when service population, geography, forecast growth, and SEIFA indices are considered. The submission also noted that Isaac has long advocated for reclassification alongside Central Highlands and Western Downs Councils, which were recently reclassified to C1. While the financial difference in remuneration is minimal, the Council seeks recognition of its councillors' roles in comparison to similar resource and agriculture-based councils.
Determination	The Commission acknowledges the submission from Isaac Regional Council and will review the request in 2026, taking into account the Council's audited financial statement and other relevant data.
7. Date received	20 October 2025
Received from	Western Downs Regional Council CEO, Jodie Taylor
Summary of submission	Council has requested consideration of a category change from C1 to C2. Council has identified previous submissions made to the Commission that identify factors in the Western Downs Regional Council Area impacting upon councillors' time, workload and responsibilities. In this new submission the Council also refers to the increasingly high level of activity in the clean energy sector in the region.
Determination	The Commission notes the submission and will consider category change as part of the next category review.

5. Other activities

Exceptional circumstances submissions (matters raised under Local Government Regulation 2012, section 248):

Nil.

6. Future priorities

The Commission will continue to consider enhancements to the framework for council remuneration categorisation including an equitable method to consider industry impacts on councils and matters relating to transitioning communities and improving sustainability.

The Commission will continue to invite submissions from all Councils as part of its general review of categories and maximum determination of remuneration, as well as make themselves available for deputations at the annual LGAQ conference.

The Commission intends to travel during 2026 to engage with local governments.

Further information about the Commission can be located at

<https://www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/for-councils/governance/local-government-remuneration-commission>

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12.2.4 Revenue Policy 2026-2027

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review its Revenue Policy on an annual basis and this review is to be completed in sufficient time to inform the budget for the forthcoming year. This review has now been completed and the revised policy is presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Revenue Policy for the 2026-2027 financial year.

BACKGROUND

As part of its Financial Management System, Council must have a Revenue Policy. Section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides further detail as to the legislative requirements of this policy and this information follows:

- (1) A local government's revenue policy for a financial year must state—
 - (a) the principles that the local government intends to apply in the financial year for
 - (i) levying rates and charges; and
 - (ii) granting concessions for rates and charges; and
 - (iii) recovering overdue rates and charges; and
 - (iv) cost-recovery methods; and
 - (b) if the local government intends to grant concessions for rates and charges—the purpose for the concessions; and
 - (c) the extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development.
- (2) The revenue policy may state guidelines that may be used for preparing the local government's revenue statement.
- (3) A local government must review its revenue policy annually and in sufficient time to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the revenue policy to be adopted for the next financial year.

The purpose of the policy is to outline the principles Council will apply when considering revenue raising options which will be included in budget deliberations for the forthcoming 2026/2027 annual budget.

DISCUSSION

As required by legislation, the Revenue Policy must be reviewed annually, and this review has now been completed. It is confirmed that the policy content conforms to all statutory requirements.

The Revenue Policy 2026-2027 is presented to Council for adoption in time to inform the 2026-2027 budget.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

4.1 Is a sustainable and effective organisation.

POLICY

Revenue Policy

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

In accordance with section 104 of *the Local Government Act 2009*, Council must have a Revenue Policy as part of its Financial Management System. Although the Revenue Policy must be included with the budget documentation when Council is adopting the annual budget, section 193 of *the Local Government Regulation 2012* states:

“A local government must review its revenue policy annually and in sufficient time to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the revenue policy to be adopted for the next financial year.”

Accordingly, the Revenue Policy is presented to Council at this meeting to coincide with the commencement of budget deliberations for the forthcoming annual budget.

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

The review of the policy forms part of normal business operations therefore there are no additional financial and resource implications associated with this matter.

CONSULTATION

King and Company have reviewed the attached Revenue Policy, and no changes have been made to the Policy.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council is statutorily required to have a Revenue Policy and to review this policy on an annual basis. Any changes to this Policy are workshopped with Council.

Council will be guided by the principles of user pays in the making of rates and charges so as to minimise the impact of rating on the efficiency of the local economy and to meet the range and standard of services offered to and demanded by Council's stakeholders

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The review of this Policy is to be completed in sufficient time to inform the budget for the forthcoming year.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

When applying this policy, Council will act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Nil.

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Revenue Policy

Policy Number	
Policy Category	Council
Date Adopted	18 May 2026
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Policy Version Number	12
Policy Owner	Corporate Services
Contact Officer	Director of Corporate Services

PURPOSE

The Revenue Policy is intended to be a strategic document. Its adoption, in advance of setting the budget, allows Council to set out the principles that it will use to set its budget and to identify in broad terms the general strategy to be used for raising revenue.

This Revenue Policy will be of interest to ratepayers, federal and state departments, community groups and other interested parties seeking to understand the revenue policies and practices of Council.

The purpose of the policy is to identify the planning framework within which Council operates and to set out the principles used by Council for:

- levying rates and charges; and
- granting concessions for rates and charges; and
- recovering overdue rates and charges; and
- cost-recovery methods; and
- if Council intends to grant concessions for rates and charges—the purpose for the concessions; and
- the extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

The objective of this policy is to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 and promote quality financial management.

COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

This Policy will commence on the date of adoption. This Policy replaces the Revenue Policy 2025-2026.

Revenue Policy 2026-2027
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT

Council has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decision in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

POLICY**CONTEXT**

The context of this Policy aims to ensure a clear and concise approach is undertaken in respect to the intended principles and strategies for the raising of revenue.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will be guided by the principles of user pays in the making of rates and charges so as to minimise the impact of rating on the efficiency of the local economy and to meet the range and standard of services offered to and demanded by Council's stakeholders.

Council will also have regard to those Standards and Procedures outlined in Section 3 of this Policy.

STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES**KEY PRINCIPLES*****Planning Framework***

- The Local Government Act 2009 sets a general planning framework within which Council must operate. There are a number of elements to the planning framework including the preparation and adoption of a Corporate Plan, Operational Plan and an Annual Budget.
- Section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* also requires a Local Government to review its revenue policy annually and in sufficient time to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the revenue policy to be adopted for the next financial year.
- Council considers that the best way of setting its revenue objectives, and to achieve them, is to effectively plan through each of the elements of the planning framework. The revenue policy effectively cascades down through the Corporate Plan. Council's 2022 – 2027 Corporate Plan includes the following objective:
 - a sustainable and effective organisation.
- This will be achieved by maintenance of Council's existing revenue sources through the following strategies:
 - Fund depreciation in line with Council's revenue policy and provide for asset replacement in line with asset management plans.
 - Ensure that grant and subsidy income is maximised
 - Maximise internal/external revenue sources
 - Continue to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to nominated Council business activities and

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- Maintain up to date and compliant financial management and reporting systems.

SPECIFIC AND STANDARD***Making of Rates and Charges***

- In general, Council will be guided by the principles of user pays in the making of rates and charges so as to minimise the impact of rating on the efficiency of the local economy and to meet the range and standard of services offered to and demanded by Council's stakeholders.
- Council will also have regard to the principles of:
 - transparency in the making of rates and charges;
 - having in place a rating regime that is simple and inexpensive to administer;
 - equity by taking account of the different capacity of land to generate income within the local community, and the burden the use of the land imposes on Council services;
 - responsibility in achieving the objectives, actions and strategies in Council's Corporate and Operational Plans;
 - flexibility to take account of changes in the local economy;
 - environmental conditions, particularly drought conditions that will have a suppressing impact upon the economic, social and financial recovery of the Shire;
 - maintaining Shire services and assets to an appropriate standard;
 - meeting the needs and expectations of the general community; and
 - assessing availability of other revenue sources.

Making of Rates and Charges

- In levying rates and charges Council will apply the principles of:
 - making clear what is Council's and each ratepayers' responsibility to the rating system;
 - making the levying system simple and inexpensive to administer;
 - timing the levying of rates and charges to take account of the financial cycle of local economic, social and environmental conditions in order to assist smooth running of the local economy;
 - adjusting the way general rates are charged in response to fluctuations in valuations combined with economic and seasonal factors affecting major local industries; and
 - equity through flexible payment arrangements for ratepayers with lower capacity to pay.

Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges

- *Council will exercise its rate recovery powers in order to reduce the overall rate burden on ratepayers. It will be guided by the principles of:*
 - transparency by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes

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- used by Council in assisting them to meet their financial obligations;
- making the processes used to recover outstanding rates and charges clear, simple to administer and cost effective;
- equity having regard to capacity to pay in determining appropriate arrangements for different sectors of the community;
- providing the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances; and
- flexibility by responding where necessary to changes in the local economy and *environmental conditions (including recovery from drought)*.

Granting Concessions for Rates and Charges and the purpose for the Concessions

- In considering the application of concessions, Council will be guided by the principles of:
 - the same treatment for ratepayers with similar circumstances;
 - transparency by making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions;
 - flexibility to allow Council to respond to local economic and environmental issues; and
 - fairness in considering the provision of community service concessions.
- The purpose for these concessions include:
 - Council may give consideration to granting a class concession in the event of all or part of Council experiencing a natural disaster, environmental disaster or similar event.
 - Council may provide a concession to eligible pensioners for general rates to ease the burden of cost of living.
 - Council will also consider a concession of whole or part of the general rate levied on organisations or entities that meet the criteria detailed in the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Cost Recovery Methods

In considering Council's powers to set cost-recovery fees Council will be guided by the principle of user pays, subject to the overriding requirement in section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009 that the amount of a cost-recovery fee cannot be more than the cost to Council of providing the service or taking the action to which the fee applies.

Developer Contributions

Mechanisms for the planning and funding of infrastructure for new development are contained within the Planning Act 2016.

Pursuant to that legislative regime, developers will contribute to new physical and social infrastructure when they commence a new development. The amount of their contribution and how much of the infrastructure they fund may vary. This will depend on many factors and will be assessed for each development. The processes used in determining the contribution, however, will be transparent, fair and equitable.

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SERVICE STANDARDS

The Revenue Policy will be developed and presented to Council each financial year, prior to the adoption of the next financial year’s budget.

DEFINITIONS

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Council	Means Diamantina Shire Council

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Act 2009 Local Government Regulation 2012
Supporting Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Plan 2022 - 2027

VERSION CONTROL

Version	Adopted	Comment	eDRMS #
Revenue Policy 2015-16	18 May 2015	Minute No. 2015.05.18-OM-03	
Revenue Policy 2016-17	27 June 2016	Minute No. 2016.06.27-OM-5	
Revenue Policy 2017-18	15 May 2017	Minute No. 2017.05.15-OM-12	
Revenue Policy 2018-19	21 May 2018	Minute No. 2018.05.21-OM-11	
Revenue Policy 2019-20	24 June 2019	Minute No. 2019.06.24-OM-5	
Revenue Policy 2020-21	22 June 2020	Minute No. 2020.06.22-OM-3	
Revenue Policy 2021-22	19 July 2021	Minute No 2021.07.19-OM-9	
Revenue Policy 2022-23	29 July 2022	Minute No. 2022.07.29-SM-2	
Revenue Policy 2023-24	20 July 2023	Minute No. 2037.07.20-SM-0	
Revenue Policy 2024-25	31 July 2024	Minute No. 2024.07.31-SM-03	
Revenue Policy 2025-26	14 April 2025	Resolution: CNL/25/073	324642
Revenue Policy 2026-27	18 May 2026	Resolution: CNL/	

12.2.5 2026.2027 Fees and Charges

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of Council's annual budget process, fees and charges for the upcoming financial year are required to be reviewed and adopted. The Draft 2026–2027 Fees and Charges Schedule was presented to Council at the workshop held on 28 April 2026 for preliminary discussion and feedback.

This report recommends that Council adopt the proposed Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2026–2027 financial year, effective from 1 July 2026, as outlined in the attached schedule.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Fees and Charges for the 2026.2027 financial year, effective from 1 July 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Draft 2026–2027 Fees and Charges Schedule is presented to Council for adoption, following its consideration at the workshop held on 28 April 2026.

In developing the draft, a principle of pricing stability has been applied, with the majority of fees and charges remaining unchanged. This approach recognises the current economic environment and aims to balance cost recovery with community affordability.

Targeted adjustments have been proposed in the following areas:

- **Staff Housing**

A 5% increase is proposed across all staff housing rentals. This reflects rising maintenance and operating costs, while maintaining Council's ability to attract and retain staff in a remote location.

The estimated financial impact of this increase is approximately \$48,995 per annum, assuming full occupancy of all staff housing.

- **Aerodromes**

Aerodrome fees have been changed to have consistency in charges in both Bedourie and Birdsville and also the introduction of a fee for commercial charters, ensuring consistency with Council's strategic direction for aviation services and cost recovery.

- **Wirrari Centre**

The following hire spaces are proposed to be removed from the Fees and Charges Schedule:

- Wirrari Centre Gallery and Kitchen/Bar

This change reflects a review of utilisation, operational practicality, and risk considerations associated with these spaces.

Overall, the draft schedule seeks to maintain a balanced approach between financial sustainability, service delivery, and community access, while incorporating targeted adjustments where required.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

3.4 Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry opportunities.

POLICY

Revenue Policy 2026/2027

LEGISLATION

- *Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009*
- *Section 262(3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009*
- *Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009*
- Other legislation noted throughout the Fees and Charges Document

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

The proposed Fees and Charges Schedule forms part of Council's annual budget process. The majority of fees and charges remain unchanged, with only targeted adjustments proposed where required.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer, Julianne Meier

Executive Leadership Team

Relevant Managers

Finance Officers

RISK MANAGEMENT

Compliance with *Local Government Act 2009*



COMMERCIAL
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2026/2027 FEES AND CHARGES**

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
GOVERNANCE							
DEVELOPMENT							
Development Application Fee (Building Works)	application	\$ 132.57	N	11007110.156	R	(a)	Planning Act 2016 s51
Development Applications (Building Works) Search	search	\$ 165.72	N	11007110.156	R	(c)	Building Act s244 & s245FA; Planning Act 2016 s264 and Planning Regulation s70 and sch 22
Siting Variation Fee	application	\$ 400.93	N	11007110.156	R	(a)	Planning Act 2016 s51, Planning Regulation s 22 & sch 9, and Building Act s38(3)
Private Certifier Archival Fee	application	\$ 193.52	Y	11007110.156	R	(c)	Planning Act, chpt 7, part 3, s264, and Planning Reg. s70 and sch 22
Plumbing and Drainage Application Fee for a permit to work, or to amend a permit to work	application	\$ 132.57	Y	11007110.156	R	(a)	Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 s44
Plumbing Assessment Fee	application	\$ 209.55	Y	11007110.156	R	(a)	Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 s44
Plumbing or Drainage Work Inspection Council will provide a quote on the fee per application	inspection	POA	Y	11007110.156	R	(e)	Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 ss63 and 64, or s68
MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE							
Code Assessable Development Application (\$250.00 per 100m2 or part thereof gross floor area* – minimum and maximum apply)	application	Min. \$1,100.00 Max. \$11,000.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
Impact Assessable Development Application (\$500.00 per 100m2 or part thereof gross floor area* – minimum and maximum apply)	application	Min. \$1,500.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
RECONFIGURING A LOT							
Subdivide one allotment into two	application	\$ 1,100.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
Subdivide one allotment into more than two - additional charge for each lot after two	application	\$ 250.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
Boundary Realignment (no new lots created)	application	\$ 1,100.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
BUILDING WORK (ASSESSABLE AGAINST THE PLANNING SCHEME)							
Code Assessable Development Application	application	\$ 1,100.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
OPERATIONAL WORK (NOT ASSOCIATED AGAINST THE PLANNING SCHEME)							
Code Assessable Development Application	application	\$ 1,100.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT							
A major development project, as determined by Council	application	POA	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A PRELIMINARY APPROVAL							
Development Application for a Preliminary Approval	application	Relevant application fee	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
Development Application for a Preliminary Approval (Variation Request)	application	125% of relevant application fee	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016 s51
SURVEY PLAN ENDORSEMENT							
Council Endorsement of a Survey Plan	application	\$ 600.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Regulation 2017 schedule 18
OTHER APPLICATION AND REQUEST FEES							
Superseded Planning Scheme Request	application	\$ 750.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s29
Change application (minor change to a development approval)	application	\$ 750.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s29
Change application (other change to a development approval)	application	Relevant application fee	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s29
Extension application (to extend currency period of a development approval)	application	\$ 750.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s29
Cancellation application (to cancel a development approval)	application	\$ 500.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s29
Written advice for a 'Generally in Accordance' determination (or other written advice as determined by Council)	application	\$ 500.00	GST	11007110.156	O		Local Government Act 2009, s263(3)(c)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES							
Limited Planning and Development Certificate	per lot	\$ 400.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s265
Standard Planning and Development Certificate	per lot	\$ 750.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s265
Full Planning and Development Certificate	per lot	\$ 1,500.00	N	11007110.156	R		Planning Act 2016, s265
*Gross Floor Area as defined in the Diamantina Shire Council Planning Scheme 2021							
Certification, Building & Town Planning							
For applications regarding Building, Certification and Town Planning please contact Council for a quotation. Council outsources this service.					(a)	Planning Act s51, s54, s57, s79, s84, s86, & sch 2 'required fee' definition paragraph (a)	

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
CORPORATE SERVICES							
LAND LEASES							
Trustee Sub Lease	Year	\$ 1.00		14030110.154		n/a	Land Act s63(2), Local Government Act s262(3)(c), and Local Government Regulation s227, s236.
PHOTOCOPYING AND PRINTING							
Black and White Copies							
A4 Single Sided	Page	\$ 0.80	Y	12003110.156	O		
A4 Double Sided	Page	\$ 0.91	Y	12003110.156	O		
A3 Single Sided	Page	\$ 1.07	Y	12003110.156	O		
A3 Double Sided	Page	\$ 1.18	Y	12003110.156	O		
Colour Copies							
A4 Single Sided	Page	\$ 1.23	Y	12003110.156	O		
A4 Double Sided	Page	\$ 1.34	Y	12003110.156	O		
A3 Single Sided	Page	\$ 1.55	Y	12003110.156	O		
A3 Double Sided	Page	\$ 2.78	Y	12003110.156	O		
LAMINATING							
A4 size page	Page	\$ 4.12	Y	12003110.156	O		
A3 size page	Page	\$ 6.20	Y	12003110.156	O		
BINDING							
Book	Book	\$ 4.97	Y	12003110.156	O		
RIGHT TO INFORMATION							
The current Right to Information Fees can be found on the Right to Information website							
RTI Application Fee	Per Application	As per RTI					Right to Information Act 2009
RTI processing charges - < 5 hours	Per Application	No Charge					Right to Information Act 2009
RTI processing charges - > 5 hours	Per 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes	As per RTI					Right to Information Act 2009

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
NOTE: If the agency spends more than 5 hours processing an application, the processing charge applies to every hour. So, if processing takes 6 hours, the processing charge applies to the 6 hours.							
RATES SEARCHES							
Rates inquiry outside Shire	Per Search	\$ 295.00	Y	12003110.156	O		
Local Rates inquiry	Per Search	\$ 145.00	Y	12003110.156	O	(c)	Local Government Regulation s155
FINANCIAL AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS							
NOTE: Paper Copies of Financial and Planning Documents will be charged as per the Photocopying and Printing charges above.							
NOTE: All Financial and Planning Documents are available for download from Council's website.							
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES							
NON-FOOD STALL HOLDER LICENCING							
Non-Food Stall Holders (Per Stall) - 1 Day	Day	\$ 224.52	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Non-Food Stall Holders (Per Stall) - for each extra day	Day	\$ 37.42	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Non-Food Stall Holders (Per Stall) - 3 to 5 Days	3 Days	\$ 250.00	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Non-Food Stall Holders (Per Stall) - 5 to 7 Days	5 Days	\$ 300.00	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
FOOD STALL HOLDER LICENCING							
Food Stall Holders - 1 Day	Day	\$ 277.98	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Food Stall Holders - for each extra day	Day	\$ 58.80	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Food Stall Holders - 3 to 5 Days	3 Days	\$ 400.00	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Food Stall Holders - 5 to 7 Days	5 Days	\$ 450.00	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Food Vendor Inspection	Stall	included above	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
FOOD BUSINESS LICENCING							
Initial Application(including annual fee)		\$ 277.98	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Annual Renewal Fee	Annual	\$ 165.72	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s72
Restoration of Licence	plus renewal fee	\$ 50.00	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s73
Licence Amendment Minor	Change of Address	\$ 75.00	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s74
Licence Amendment Major	Changes to premises	At Cost	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s74
Copy/Replacement of Licence		\$ 16.04	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s96
Additional Inspection	Per hour	\$ 122.95	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s96
Accreditation of a Food Safety Program		\$ 133.64	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s102
Assessment of a Food Safety Program		\$ 134.29	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s96
Auditing Food Safety Program		At Cost	N	12016110.156	R	(e)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s160
MOBILE FOOD VENDOR (ON COUNCIL LAND)							
Annual Licence Fee		\$ 258.19	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
Temporary Licence Fee (No more than 2 Weeks)		\$ 20.74	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s52
HEALTH CERTIFICATES							
Issue of Health Certificate/Application Fees - New Premises		\$ 259.25	N	12016110.156	R	(a)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s102
Health Search Request		\$ 186.66	N	12016110.156	R	(e)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s160
Renewal of Licence		\$ 186.66	N	12016110.156	R	(e)	Food Act 2006 s31 & s160

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY SERVICES							
COMMUNITY VEHICLE HIRE							
Bus/hr	Hour	\$ 23.52	Y	14013130.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bus/km	km	\$ 1.05	Y	14013130.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Refundable Cleaning Bond	deposit	\$ 250.00	N	Trust	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
NOTE: Only eligible licence holders may hire							
<i>Community Groups may apply for a donation of the equivalent fees charged.</i>							
COMMUNITY MOWER HIRE							
Mower	weekend	\$ 10.32	Y	14013130.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Whipper Snipper	weekend	\$ 5.16	Y	14013130.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Mower & Whipper Snipper	weekend	\$ 15.48	Y	14013130.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
NOTE: Council to supply fuel. To be picked up and dropped off by hirer							
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES							
INTERNET USAGE							
Birdsville provide Free Wifi - with an access code that time limits to 1 hour on own device or on the computers in centre							

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
PHOTO KIOSK							
6x4 Photos or Index Card							
1-20 photos	Photo	\$ 0.60	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
21-50 photos	Photo	\$ 0.50	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
51+	Photo	\$ 0.40	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
6x8 Photos							
1-20 photos	Photo	\$ 3.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
21-50 photos	Photo	\$ 2.50	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
51+	Photo	\$ 2.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
8x10 Photos							
1-20 photos	Photo	\$ 5.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
21-50 photos	Photo	\$ 4.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
51+	Photo	\$ 3.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
8x12 Photos							
1-20 photos	Photo	\$ 7.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
21-50 photos	Photo	\$ 6.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
51+	Photo	\$ 3.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Photos copied to CD or DVD							
(CD/DVD supplied by DSC)	CD/DVD	\$ 8.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Greeting Cards							
	Per Card	\$ 4.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Passport Photos							
	Photo	\$ 25.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Calendars							
8x10	Calendar	\$ 10.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
8x12	Calendar	\$ 12.00	Y	13003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES							
ANIMAL CONTROL							
Dog Registration Bedourie and Birdsville							
Entire dog registration	dog	\$ 60.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Entire dog - lifetime registration	dog	\$ 180.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Desexed dog - Lifetime Registration	dog	\$ -	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Additional entire dog registration	dog	\$ 136.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Additional entire dog - Lifetime registration	dog	\$ 408.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Additional desexed dog registration	dog	\$ 42.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Additional desexed dog - Lifetime registration	dog	\$ 126.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Dangerous dog registration	dog	\$ 200.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Menancing dog registration	dog	\$ 100.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Third entire dog registration	dog	\$ 250.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Third entire dog - Lifetime registration	dog	\$ 750.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Third dog (desexed) registration	dog	\$ 90.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
Third dog (desexed) - Lifetime Registration	dog	\$ 270.00	N	14001110.156	R	(a)	AM (Cats&Dogs) Act 2008
NOTE: Pensioners - First Animal Free and a 50% discount applies to all other subsequent Animal Registrations							
NOTE: Guide Dogs are free							
Impounding Fees							
Impounding Fees	animal	\$ 150.00	Y	14001110.156	O	(d)	For a regulated dog, AM(Cats&Dogs) Act 2008 s207D; for other animals, Local Law No.2 s29(2)(b)
1st offence (registered)	animal	\$ 300.00	Y	14001110.156	O	(d)	For a regulated dog, AM(Cats&Dogs) Act 2008 s207D; for other animals, Local Law No.2 s29(2)(b)
1st offence (unregistered)	animal	\$ 300.00	Y	14001110.156	O	(d)	For a regulated dog, AM(Cats&Dogs) Act 2008 s207D; for other animals, Local Law No.2 s29(2)(b)
2nd & subsequence offence (registered)	animal	\$ 450.00	Y	14001110.156	O	(d)	For a regulated dog, AM(Cats&Dogs) Act 2008 s207D; for other animals, Local Law No.2 s29(2)(b)
2nd & subsequence offence (unregistered)	day	\$ 25.00	Y	14001110.156	O	(e)	For a regulated dog, AM(Cats&Dogs) Act 2008 s207D; for other animals, Local Law No.2 s29(2)(b)
Sustenance charge							

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
Cat Trap Hire							
Cat trap hire	day	\$ 3.50	Y	14001110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Cat trap Bond	Hire	\$ 50.00	Y	14001110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
STOCK ROUTE FEES AND CHARGES							
NOTE: The following Fees and Charges are as per Schedule 2 of the Stock Route Management Regulation 2023. As at 1 July 2023.							
NOTE: Local governments are required to remit 50 per cent of these fees to the Department of Environment and Natural Resource Management.							
Permit fee for stock route agistment permit (Act, s116(6) or s122(5))—							
(a) for eligible large stock— an amount Council considers reasonable having regard to the matters prescribed in Stock Route Management Regulation section 8(2) that is between—							
(i) minimum fee, for each head, for each week or part of a week	head/week	\$ 1.12	Y	14002110.156	R		Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 ss7 & 8, & sch 2 item 3
(ii) maximum fee, for each head, for each week or part of a week	head/week	\$ 2.70	Y	14002110.156	R		Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 ss7 & 8, & sch 2 item 3
(a) for eligible small stock— an amount Council considers reasonable having regard to the matters prescribed in Stock Route Management Regulation section 8(2) that is between—							
(i) minimum fee, for each head, for each week or part of a week	head/week	\$ 0.10	Y	14002110.156	R		Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 ss7 & 8, & sch 2 item 2
(ii) maximum fee, for each head, for each week or part of a week	head/week	\$ 0.42	Y	14002110.156	R		Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 ss7 & 8, & sch 2 item 2
Permit fee for stock route travel permit (Act, s134(4))—							
(a) for eligible large stock—for each day, for each group of up to 20 head of eligible large stock head or part of 20 head	km/20 head	\$ 0.02	Y	14002110.156	R		Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 s7 & sch 2 item 6
(b) for eligible small stock—for each day, for each group of up to 140 head of eligible small stock head or part of 100 head	km/100 head	\$ 0.02	Y	14002110.156	R		Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 s7 & sch 2 item 6
Inspecting register of water facility agreements (Act, s164(3)(a))	inspection	\$ 15.55	Y	14002110.156	R	n/a	Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 schedule 2
Obtain extracts or copy of details in register of water facility agreements (Act, s164(3)(b))						(c)	Stock Route Management Act s164(3)(b)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
CEMETERIES							
Bedourie Cemetery							
Burial Fees	burial	Free	Y	14003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Birdsville Cemetery							
Burial Fees	burial	Free	Y	14003110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
HALLS AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES							
Race Course Complex (including all facilities)							
Bedourie	day	\$ 1,200.00	Y	14009110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bedourie Racecourse Kitchen/bar and undercover area	day	\$ 200.00	Y	14009110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Betoota	day	\$ 1,200.00	Y	14009110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Birdsville	day	\$ 1,800.00	Y	14009110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Birdsville Bronco Branding Yards (excludes Birdsville Social Club Area)	day	\$ 1,200.00	Y	14009110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bond		\$ 800.00				n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Halls and Centres							
Bedourie Community Centre	day	\$ 250.00	Y	14005110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bedourie Aquatic Centre	day	\$ 250.00	Y	14010110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Birdsville Town Hall	day	\$ 250.00	Y	14005110.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Wirrarri Centre Kitchen/Bar	day	\$ 170.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Birdsville Multisport Complex	day	\$ 170.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bond		\$ 600.00				n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
Wirrari Meeting Room Rent							
Meeting Room - Local	day	\$ 40.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Meeting Room - Other (Commercial/Government)	day	\$ 120.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Meeting Room - Local	week	\$ 160.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Meeting Room - Other (Commercial/Government)	week	\$ 480.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Meeting Room - Educational Institution	day	\$ 100.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Meeting Room - Educational Institution	Week	\$ 300.00	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Meeting Room - Educational Institution	long term	POA	Y	13003120.153	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Refundable Cleaning Bond - All	deposit	\$ 600.00	N	Trust	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bookings for less than 5 hours will be charged 50% of the day rate.						n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Bookings for less than 3 hours will be charged 30% of the day rate.						n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Community Groups may apply in writing to Council for a donation of the equivalent fees charged.						n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Community Groups will be charged 50% of the hire rate if they agree to being responsible for the preparation and pack up.						n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Birdsville Courthouse Experience							
Entry Fee - Adults	each	\$ 10.00	Y		O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Entry Fee - Concession	each	\$ 5.00	Y		O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Entry Fee - Children 14 and under	each	\$ -	Y		O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Entry Fee - Local Shire residents	each	\$ -	Y		O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
COUNCIL HOUSING BEDOURIE AND BIRDSVILLE							
All Rents will be calculated using the Community Housing Rent Calculation Tool (ERCT) using the following as the market rent rates							
Unfurnished							
1 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 359.10	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 438.90	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 430.92	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 494.76	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
3 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 566.58	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
> 4 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 638.40	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Partially Furnished							
Motel Unit	Fortnight	\$ 385.04	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 422.94	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 530.67	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 494.76	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 586.53	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
3 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 674.31	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
> 4 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 698.25	N	Debtors	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
COMMUNITY HOUSING							
All Rents will be calculated using the Community Housing Rent Calculation Tool (ERCT) using the above as the market rent rates							Local Government Act s262(3)(c)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
SHORT TERM RENTALS							
SES Donga - Birdsville - only used for Council Employees, Consultants, Contractors, and approved guests authorised through a Community Grant.	Room/Night	\$ 50.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
SPA View Unit - Bedourie - only used for Council Employees, Consultants, Contractors, and approved guests authorised through a Community Grant.	Unit/Night	\$ 151.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bed Unit	Unit/Night	\$ 171.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bed Unit/House	Unit/House/Night	\$ 192.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
3 Bed House	House/Night	\$ 230.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
4 Bed House	House/Night	\$ 260.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Linen Cost	per Bed	\$ 30.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
COMMERCIAL RENTALS							
Unfurnished							
3 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 850.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 780.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 720.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 728.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 652.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Partially Furnished							
3 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 953.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 873.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom House	Fortnight	\$ 806.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
2 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 815.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
1 Bedroom Unit	Fortnight	\$ 730.00	N		R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
HOUSING SERVICES							
Lawn Mowing	Each	\$ 150.00	GST	Debtors	R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Cleaning Fee	per hour	\$ 77.00	GST	Debtors	R	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
KEY CUTTING							
Key Cutting	key	\$ 6.00	GST	14031110.170	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Replacement of Keys	key	\$ 27.00	GST	14031110.170	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
INDUSTRIAL LAND RENT							
Non Hard Stand Areas	week/1500m2	\$ 100.00	Y	12004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Hard Stand Areas	week/1500m2	\$ 150.00	Y	12004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
FACILITY HIRE							
Marquee Hire							
Marquees per day	day	\$ 54.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
To erect and dismantle marquees	erect/dis	\$ 182.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Table and Chair Hire							
Tables (Cost not applicable if hiring community hall)	day	\$ 12.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Chairs (Cost not applicable if hiring community hall)	day	\$ 2.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Tables (if need to transport to another town)	day	At Cost	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Chairs (if need to transport to another town)	day	At Cost	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Damaged or not returned tables	table	\$ 140.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Damaged or not returned chairs	chair	\$ 68.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Other Facilities							
Tower Light with Generator	day	\$ 54.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Power Lead 30m	day	\$ 5.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Projector	day	\$ 54.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Sound system	day	\$ 109.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Grandstand	day	\$ 54.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Gazebo's	day	\$ 26.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Gazebo Set Up		\$ 104.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
Portaloo Hire							
Single Portaloo	day	\$ 42.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Single Portaloo	week	\$ 156.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
<i>Note: Hire does not include delivery, pick up and waste disposal</i>							
Delivery and Pick Up	hour	\$ 154.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Waste Disposal	hour	\$ 127.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Community Groups may apply in writing to Council for a donation of the equivalent fees charged.							
PLANT HIRE							
For Plant Hire rates see the current adopted Plant Hire Rates						n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
SWIMMING POOL							
Access Key Bond (Birdsville Only)	key	\$ 50.00	Y	Trust	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Swipe Card - Visitor seven day pool pass (Bedourie Only)	card	\$ 10.00	Y	14010110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Swipe Card - Visitor seven day pool pass (Bedourie Only) Replacement	card	\$ 10.00	Y	14010110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Swipe Card - Resident Unlimited	card	\$ 5.00	Y	14010110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Swipe Card - Resident Unlimited Replacement	card	\$ 5.00	Y	14010110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
GYM							
Membership Fee	six months	\$ 25.00	Y	14004110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
AERODROMES							
NOTE: the following fees apply equally to both the Birdsville and the Bedourie Aerodromes							
LANDING FEES							
All aircraft < 3,500kg MTOW	Per Tonne of MTOW	\$ 10.50	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
All aircraft ≥ 3,500kg ≤ 18,000kg MTOW	Per Tonne of MTOW	\$ 15.50	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
All other aircraft > 18,000kg MTOW	Per Tonne of MTOW	\$ 26.00	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Pavement concession application review	Per application	\$ 125.00	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
NOTE: Pavement Concession application required for aircraft above ARC 90.							

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
ATO PASSENGER FEES							
Regular Public Transport (RPT)							
RPT - Arrival	Per Passenger	\$ 22.50	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
RPT - Departure	Per Passenger	\$ 22.50	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Commercial Charters >13,000kg's MTOW							
Charter - Arrival	Per Passenger	\$ 22.50					
Charter - Departure	Per Passenger	\$ 22.50					
PARKING FEES #							
Reserved GA Hardstand	Per application	\$ 175.50	Y	14011110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
TOWN COMMON CHARGES							
Agistment Rates (under a trustee permit for trust land under the Land Act)							
Agistment Rate all beasts per head per week once branded (including stables)	beast	\$ 4.00	Y	14026110.156	O		Land Act s63(2) and Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
Driving Charge							
stock towards pounds or owner (per hour or part thereof)							
- by hoof	animal	\$ 65.00	Y	14026110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
- other means of transportation	animal	Actual Cost	Y	14026110.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s262(3)(c)
WATER SUPPLY							
Birdsville Bulk Water	per Kl (minimum \$20 load)	\$ 15.00	N	14027140.155		n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation ss99 and 101
Bedourie Bulk Water	per Kl (minimum \$20 load)	\$ 15.00	N	14027140.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation ss99 and 101
Bedourie Bore Water Connection Fee	Connection	\$ 300.00	N	14027140.156	R	n/a	Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act s167(2)
Birdsville Bore Water Connection Fee	Connection	\$ 300.00	N	14027140.156	O	n/a	Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act s167(2)

FEE NAME	Per	2026/2027 FEE	GST	RECEIPTING CODE	(O)Other (R)Rec	s97(2) LGA	LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY
Waste Disposal							
Birdsville Bulk Waste Disposal	per cubic metre	\$ 2.00	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
Bedourie Bulk Waste Disposal	per cubic metre	\$ 2.00	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
Additional Temporary Bin Service Undertaken with Normal Weekly Bin Service	per extra bin	\$ 7.00	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
Additional Temporary Bin Service (Events) When extra bin service is provided during Big Red Bash and Birdsville Races period, in conjunction with Council emptying public bins. Per Bin/per collection	per extra bin	\$ 22.00	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
Asbestos Disposal	up to 4 cubic metres	\$ 285.00	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
Asbestos Disposal	over 4 cubic metres	Quote	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
Skip usage during Birdsville Races	Per skip per service	\$ 161.00	N	14024110.156	R	n/a	Local Government Act s94, & Local Government Regulation s99
CED SCHEME							
CED Scheme Sewerage Connection	Connection	\$ 300.00	N	14021140.156	O	n/a	Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act s167(2)
Commercial Discharge Fee - Untreated Effluent Waste Disposal	Per Litre	\$ 0.06	N	14021140.156	O	n/a	Local Government Act s94, Local Government Regulation s99, and Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) act s180
PLANT OPERATION & RECOVERABLE WORKS							
As per Council's Current Plant Rates							

12.2.6 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.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Audit and Risk Committee considered the proposed Risk Management Policy and ERM Framework suite and not endorse the documents in their current form. The Committee provided feedback that the documentation is overly complex and reflects a level of maturity that is not yet practical or achievable within Council's current operating environment. In response, further refinement work is being undertaken to simplify the framework, improve usability and better align the approach with Council's organisational capacity and maturity level. A revised suite of documents will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee for further consideration once these improvements have been completed.

- Planned Audit and Risk Committee endorsement – May 2026
- Planned Council Adoption – June 2026

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Queensland Government's Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026 (the Act) introduces the most significant reforms to the state's local government framework in more than a decade. Passed on 5 March 2026, the Act aims to cut red tape, restore decision making powers to elected representatives, and modernise governance requirements across Councils. The Act makes amendments to the following:

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*
- *Right to Information Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEWS

The Policy and Procedure Framework continue to be progressively reviewed and updated in accordance with Council's governance and legislative obligations. A structured process is in place whereby:

- Policy owners undertake initial reviews

- Governance - compliance and quality assurance checks
- ELT – Review and endorsement for adoption
- Council adoption.

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
Adopted (Current)	32
Under Review (Policy owner)	11
With Governance (Compliance)	6
With ELT (For Feedback)	5
Overdue	24
Superseded	2
TOTAL	80

COUNCIL REGISTERS

Council holds several registers that are required to 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.

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.

The project is structured across five key workstreams:

Governance and Policy

- Implementation of Records Management Policy
- Development of procedures and compliance framework

Physical Records

- Identification of storage locations
- Development of disposal register and approval process

Digital Records and Systems

- File Structure update
- Confirmation of official systems of records

Retention and Disposal

- Application of QDAN/GRDS
- Development of disposal register and approval process

Training

- Staff training rollout
- Development of guidance materials

Progress to date indicates that foundational activities are underway, particularly in relation to physical records identification and digital file structure improvements.

CURRENT STATUS

Metric	Status
Total Tasks	26
% Complete	3.8%
% In Progress	50%
% Not Started	46.2%
Overdue Tasks	0

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

INSURANCE

Council’s annual insurance renewal process for the 2026/27 financial has been progressed through the completion and submission of all required Local Government Mutual Services (LGMS) questionnaires. LGMS operates as a mutual scheme that provides Qld Local Governments with a collective approach to insurance, risk pooling and claims management. As part of this process, Council has submitted updated information across all key insurance classes, including Assets, Casual Hirers Liability, Councillors and Officers Liability, Crime, Cyber, Motor Vehicle, Property, Public Liability, Risk Profile, Volunteers and a Supplementary Cover.

From a risk management perspective, the annual LGMS questionnaire process is a critical control that ensures Council’s insurance coverage remains aligned to its current risk exposure, operational environment and asset base. Accurate and timely submission of this information enables appropriate risk transfer through insurance arrangements and reduces Council’s financial exposure to unforeseen events.

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	19/12/2025	Damage to vehicle – impact by Kangaroo	Current

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

As part of RAPAD, the Environmental Health Officer provides services for Diamantina Shire Council. A new MOU with RAPAD has been signed for a further two (2) years.

Food Related:

- Emails and Phone consultation – Mobile Food Business

Local Laws:

- Overgrown complaint received
- Entry Notice Letter developed and shared
- Compliance Notice Letter developed and shared

Environmental Management/Public Health:

- Letters edited and shared with Revenue Officer.
- Entry Notice and Compliance Notice regarding unsightly/overgrown allotment

Pest Management:

- Research on snake prevention and mitigation. Information compiled and shared with management.

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	Actual YTD	Budget
July 2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	
August 2025	36	23	8	67	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,010	
September 2025	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 2,010	
October 2025	119	101	44	264	\$ 7,920	\$ 9,930	
November 2025	115	68	16	199	\$ 5,970	\$ 15,990	
December 2025	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 15,990	
January 2026	0	0	0	0	0	\$15,990	
February 2026	23	25	2	50	\$1,500	\$17,400	
March 2026	40	23	0	63	\$1,890	\$19,290	
April 2026	0	0	0	0	0	\$19,290	
May 2026	0	0	0	0	0	\$19,290	
Total	333	240	70	643	\$19,290	\$19,290	\$ 5,000

12.2.7 Corporate Credit Card Policy

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. Updated Corporate Credit Card Policy ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Corporate Credit Card Policy has undergone a comprehensive review and update to strengthen governance, improve financial controls, align with risk management, and audit expectations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Corporate Credit Card Policy as presented.

BACKGROUND

The updated policy introduces a structured, risk-based framework that enhances accountability, transparency, and compliance, while continuing to support efficient operational purchasing. The revisions reflect better practice standards for internal controls, monitoring, and financial governance.

The existing Corporate Credit Card Policy was adopted in June 2021 and required review to ensure alignment with:

- Contemporary governance and risk management frameworks
- Council's Enterprise Risk Management approach
- Updated legislative and compliance obligations.

The reviewed policy has been developed to address identified gaps and provide a more robust and auditable framework for the management of Corporate Credit Cards.

DISCUSSION

Key Changes:

Governance and Risk Management – Major

- Introduction of a formal Risk Management and Internal Controls sections
- Alignment with Council's Enterprise Risk Management Framework
- Inclusion of a *Human Rights Act 2019* compliance statement
- Clear governance principles including accountability, transparency, and probity

Strengthened Internal Controls

- Defined control environment including
- Enhanced controls reduce exposure to

Improved Accountability and Role Clarity

- Clear delineation of responsibilities
- Introduction of a formal delegate definition with controls requiring written authorisation
- Reinforced principle that accountability always remains with the cardholder

Enhanced Compliance and Monitoring

- Introduction of ongoing transaction monitoring
- Strengthened escalation processes
- Formal requirement for independent annual audit review
- Alignment with a compliance and monitoring procedure

Expanded Prohibited Use Provisions

- Significant expansion of restricted expenditure categories
- Provides clear guidance and reduces ambiguity in acceptable use

Strengthened Recordkeeping and Reconciliation requirements

- Reconciliation within 14 days
- Removal of ambiguity in evidentiary requirements, supporting audit compliance

Clearer consequences for misuse

- Supports stronger compliance culture and accountability

Integration with supporting Governance Frameworks

- Policy linked to Corporate Credit Card Procedure, Compliance and Monitoring Procedure, Financial Delegations Policy, and Procurement Policy
- Ensures this policy operates as part of an integrated governance framework rather than a standalone policy.

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

4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

4.1 Is a sustainable and effective organisation.

Strengthening Council's financial governance, internal controls, and accountability frameworks.

POLICY

Procurement Policy

Financial Delegations Policy

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

There are no direct financial costs associated with the adoption of this policy.

CONSULTATION

Governance Manager, Director of Corporate Services, Financial Coordinator

RISK MANAGEMENT

The updated policy significantly reduces Council's exposure to financial, compliance and reputational risks by strengthening internal controls and oversight mechanisms.

Failure to adopt the updated policy would increase the risk of:

- Fraud and misuse of Corporate Credit Cards
- Audit findings and non-compliance
- Weak financial governance and oversight

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

This policy will commence once adopted.

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

No alternatives were considered.

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Corporate Credit Card Policy

Policy Number	13
Policy Category	Council
Date Adopted	
Resolution Number	
Approval Authority	Council
Next Review Date	February 2028
Policy Version Number	6
Department	Corporate Services
Policy Owner	Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the provision and use of Council issued Corporate Credit Cards, to ensure effective probity, accountability and transparency regarding their use and in accordance with legislative, contractual and policy requirements.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

To enable efficient low value purchasing while maintaining strong financial controls, minimising fraud risk, ensuring compliance with procurement requirements and supporting transparent public accountability.

COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

Commencement date will be the date of approval.

SCOPE

The Corporate Credit Card Policy applies to all Council employees and Councillors who are issued with a Corporate Credit Card. This policy is subordinate to the Diamantina Shire Councils Procurement Policy.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT

Council has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decision in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

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POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy enables efficient purchasing to take place whilst maintaining internal authorisation and controls.

While purchase administration may be delegated, accountability for credit card use remains with the cardholder. Cardholder must supervise all delegate purchases.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

The use of Corporate Credit Cards presents inherent financial, compliance and reputational risks including unauthorised expenditure, fraud, inadequate recordkeeping and non-compliance with procurement requirements.

This policy established mandatory controls to mitigate these risks through:

- Defined approval authorities and credit limits
- Restricted usage and prohibited transactions
- Mandatory reconciliation and supporting documentation
- Independent monitoring and audit review
- Clear consequences for misuse or non-compliance

These controls support Council's Enterprise Risk Management Framework and to ensure sound financial governance.

STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES**AUTHORISATION TO ISSUE CORPORATE CREDIT CARDS**

Corporate Credit Cards may only be issued with the written approval of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Council's Financial Delegations and documented in the Credit Card Register maintained by the Credit Card Administrator.

Approvals will specify permitted use categories:

- Category 1 – general work purposes only
- Category 2 – general work purposes and work-related travel expenses (excluding flights, accommodation and hire cars)
- Category 3 – general purposes, work related travel expenses and hospitality/entertainment expenses

All cardholders must:

- Sign a policy acknowledgement declaration
- Complete required training prior to card activation.

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CREDIT LIMITS

Council maintains an overall credit facility limit of \$100,000.00. Corporate credit cards have been issued to officers as set out in the table below:

Credit Card Issued	Credit Card Limit
CEO	\$20,000
Director Infrastructure	\$10,000
Director Corporate Services	\$10,000
Director Communities	\$10,000
Mayor	\$ 5,000
Deputy Mayor	\$ 5,000

APPROPRIATE USES

Corporate Credit Cards may be used only for official Council business where they represent the most efficient procurement method, including:

- Travel and accommodation bookings
- Online purchases
- Goods and services

All expenditure must comply with Council policies relating to:

- Procurement
- Travel
- Entertainment and Hospitality

The use of the Corporate Credit Card does not remove the requirement to comply with procurement thresholds, quotation requirements or approval authorities under Council's Procurement Policy.

PROHIBITED USE

Corporate Credit Cards must not be used for:

- Cash withdrawals;
- Private expenditure of any nature
- Payment for accompanying partners

Corporate Credit Cards should not be used for:

- Backordered or incomplete goods/services
- Purchases covered by standing supply arrangements – Stationery
- Fuel purchases (use fuel cards / accounts)
- IT equipment, subscriptions and accessories
- Tools and work equipment
- Training, seminars, webinars, conferences, or other professional development (unless pre-approved)
- High value or attractive items

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Any unauthorised, private or non-compliant expenditure must be reimbursed to Council and may result in withdrawal of card privileges, disciplinary action and referral for investigation where appropriate.

RECONCILIATION AND RECORDKEEPING

Cardholders must:

- Reconcile all transactions within 14 days of the statement date
- Provide valid tax invoices and supporting documentation
- Clearly document business purpose for each transaction

RESPONSIBILITIES

Cardholders must ensure:

- Secure storage of cards
- Immediate investigation of unauthorised transactions
- Credit Card Reconciliation completed within 14 days
- Compliance with this Policy and the Corporate Credit Card Procedure

Finance Coordinator is responsible for:

- Maintaining Credit Card Register
- Monitoring transactions
- Following up non-compliance
- Cancelling lost or stolen cards

LOST OR STOLEN CARDS

Lost or stolen cards must be reported immediately to the card provider and to the Finance Coordinator as soon as practicable.

MONITORING AND AUDIT

Transaction monitoring will occur on an ongoing basis by the Finance Coordinator. An Independent audit review will be conducted at least annually.

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Council	Means Diamantina Shire Council
Cardholder	Officer issued with a Corporate Credit Card
Corporate Credit Card/s	All Credit Cards held under a Council Credit Card facility
Credit Card Administrator	Finance Coordinator responsible for administration
Delegate	Staff authorised by cardholder in writing
Private Expenditure	Any non-Council business expense

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Legislation	Local Government Act 2009 Local Government Regulation 2012
Council Policies	Procurement Policy Financial Delegations Policy Entertainment and Hospitality Expenses Policy Travel and Related Expense Policy Corporate Credit Card Use Procedure
Council Delegations	Financial Delegations
Council Forms	Credit Card Purchases Requisition Credit Card Purchases Reconciliation Report
Supporting Documents	Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027 Credit Card Procedure Credit Card Compliance and Monitoring Procedure

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1	20 January 2015	Minute No. 2015.01.20-OM-7	
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12.2.8 Asset Accounting Policy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Asset Accounting Policy in compliance with Council's financial reporting obligation under *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Asset Accounting Policy in compliance with Council's financial reporting obligation under *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

Council has an obligation to ensure that its assets are managed efficiently and accounted for in accordance with Council's Asset Management framework, the *Local Government Act 2009*, and applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

The Asset Accounting Policy establishes the accounting principles and requirements for the recognition, valuation, depreciation, impairment, and management of Council's non-current assets.

DISCUSSION

The draft Asset Accounting Policy, attached to this report, is presented to Council for adoption.

The policy establishes the accounting standards and treatment applicable to Council's non-current assets, including:

- recognition criteria and capitalisation thresholds;
- depreciation and amortisation;
- revaluation requirements;
- impairment assessments; and
- materiality considerations.

The policy also provides guidance to ensure consistency, transparency, and compliance in the financial management and reporting of Council assets.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

4.1 Is a sustainable and effective organisation.

The Asset Accounting Policy supports sound financial governance by ensuring Council's assets are recognised, valued, and managed in accordance with relevant accounting standards and legislative requirements. Effective asset accounting contributes to informed decision-making, long-term financial sustainability, and the continued delivery of essential community services.

POLICY

The Asset Accounting Policy forms part of Council's suite of financial and governance policies that support compliance with legislative and financial reporting obligations.

LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- *Australian Accounting Standards*

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Implementation of the Asset Accounting Policy supports sound financial governance and asset management practices. There is no direct budget implications associated with the adoption of this policy.

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Director Corporate Services
- Manager of Governance

RISK MANAGEMENT

Failure to adopt and maintain an Asset Accounting Policy may result in non-compliance with legislative and financial reporting requirements, including applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

The adoption of this policy assists Council in maintaining consistent asset accounting practices, supporting audit compliance, strengthening internal controls, and ensuring the accurate reporting of Council's asset position.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

It is recommended that the Asset Accounting Policy be adopted by Council as soon as practicable.

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

While Council may elect not to adopt the Asset Accounting Policy, this is not recommended as the policy promotes consistent asset accounting and asset management practices, strengthens governance and financial management, and supports compliance with relevant legislation and accounting standards.

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Asset Accounting Policy

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Policy Category	Council
Date Adopted	
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Approval Authority	Council
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Policy Version Number	2
Department	Corporate Services
Policy Owner	Director of Corporate Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance, clarity and consistency regarding the treatment of capital expenditure, depreciation, revaluations, disposals and acquisitions which will provide greater understanding and accuracy of Council's capital requirements.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

Council has an obligation to ensure that all assets are managed efficiently in accordance with the Council's Asset Management Plan. This policy outlines the mandatory asset management accounting requirements to maintain compliance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Australian Accounting Standards.

COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

Commencement date will be the date of approval.

SCOPE

This policy applies to Council officers managing Council's Assets.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT

Council has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decision in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Council is strongly committed to recognising its non-current assets in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards to ensure Council's financial statements accurately reflect Council's asset position at the end of each financial year.

SPECIFIC STANDARDS

This section of the Policy sets out when Council's non-current assets should be recognised in the Statement of Financial Position and how to treat those assets which do not satisfy the recognition criteria.

RECOGNITION CRITERIA

Where an asset is constructed, the cost will be recognised as it is incurred. Projects are to be capitalised within three months of being financially and practically complete, or prior to a comprehensive revaluation whichever occurs first.

Where an asset is contributed/donated by a developer it is recognised when the council assumes responsibility for the asset.

This is:

- where the construction of contributed assets has been completed prior to the lodgement of a Plan of Survey, the date of registration of a Plan of Survey with the Department of Resources; or
- where the construction of contributed assets has not been commenced or completed prior to the lodgement of a Plan of Survey, the date of the first day in the 'on maintenance' period; or
- in cases where no Plan of Survey is involved, the date of the first day in the 'on maintenance' period.

Council will recognise a non-current asset when:

- the recognition criteria have been met; and
- the cost exceeds the recognition threshold set by council;
- all non-current assets are initially recognised at cost when it exceeds the recognition threshold, with the exception of network assets.

Recognition of assets taking into account the following:

- cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including all planning and design costs incurred.
- for assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.
- the cost of non-current assets constructed by council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.
- capital work-in-progress is to be disclosed as a separate category for financial reporting purposes, at accumulated cost.
- once the project is completed the total costs should be transferred from work in progress

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to the relevant property, plant and equipment asset class.

- at completion of project, a Asset Purchase/Completion Form is required as formal documentation recognising the capitalisation of the work-in-progress.
- costs on assets incurred after initial recognition are to be capitalised whenever the associated work either renews, extends or upgrades the asset’s completed or underlying service potential.
- capital expenditure below the asset recognition threshold will be treated as an operational expenditure and expensed during the financial accounting period unless the cost is associated with a network asset, or unless construction is staged over different accounting periods.

After initial recognition of all non-current assets at cost, assets are maintained to their optimum service potential through annual capital programs. Each year capital programs are budgeted, and the asset custodians will have input into projects related to the asset classes. Based on the asset conditions, the use or consumption of assets and service potential, projects will be budgeted. This will include renewals, upgrades or improvements to the assets.

Renewals Re-establishing an existing asset’s service potential; required once an asset’s condition degrades to the point the related service can no longer be adequately provided.

Upgrade Enhancement to existing assets to provide a higher level of service from the current level of service.

Improvement Improve an existing asset’s condition from the current condition or service potential which will then improve the useful life and remaining useful life.

Renewals, upgrades and improvements will be subject to the same accounting treatment as the underlying asset. When capitalising the relevant asset will be added with the actual capital spent and the condition will be improved based on the in-house engineer’s condition assessment.

TABLE OF ASSET CLASSES AND RECOGNITION OF THRESHOLD

Asset Class	Financial Asset Class	Asset Class	Asset Recognition Threshold	Useful life (Years)	Measurement Model	Valuation Approach
Land		Land	\$1	N/A	Fair Value	Market Value
Building		Buildings	\$10,000	10-140	Fair Value	Market Value and Current Replacement Cost
Facilities		Site Improvements	\$10,000	10-80	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
Road Infrastructure		Roads	\$10,000	9-Infinite	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Bridges	\$10,000	20-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Culverts	\$10,000	50-80	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost

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Asset Class	Financial Class	Asset Class	Asset Recognition Threshold	Useful life (Years)	Measurement Model	Valuation Approach
		Footpaths	\$10,000	15-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Kerbs & Channels	\$10,000	80-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Carparks	\$10,000	15-80	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Floodways	\$10,000	20-50	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Stormwater Pits	\$10,000	50-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Stormwater Pipes	\$10,000	60-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
Plant & Equipment		Plant & Equipment	\$5,000	2-35	Historical Cost	Not applicable
ICT Plant & Equipment		Plant & Equipment	\$5,000	2-10	Historical Cost	Not applicable
Intangible Asset		Intangible Assets	\$10,000	3-15	Historical Cost	Not applicable
Heritage & Cultural		Heritage & Cultural	\$10,000	7-130	Historical Cost	Not applicable
Furniture & Fitting		Furniture Fitting	\$5,000	2-10	Historical Cost	Not applicable
Sewer Infrastructure		Sewer Mains	\$10,000	40-70	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Sewer Nodes	\$10,000	30-50	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Sewer Pump Stations	\$10,000	10-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Sewer Treatment Facility	\$10,000	10-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Sewer Equipment	\$10,000	10-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
Water Infrastructure		Water Mains	\$10,000	50-80	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Water Nodes	\$10,000	30-50	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Water Meter & Services	\$10,000	20-55	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Water Pump Stations	\$10,000	10-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Water Treatment Facility	\$10,000	10-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost
		Water Equipment	\$10,000	10-100	Fair Value	Current Replacement Cost

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DEPRECIATION OR AMORTISATION

The straight-line depreciation or amortisation method is adopted by council to reflect patterns of consumption for all non-current assets other than parcels of land, which are not subject to depreciation or amortisation. Asset depreciation and amortisation parameters, useful lives, asset condition and residual values are to be reviewed with sufficient regularity to ensure that they are representative of current conditions and expectations at the end of each financial year. The remaining useful life of an asset should be reassessed whenever a major addition or any significant partial disposal is processed.

REVALUATIONS

In accordance with AASB116, all non-current assets subject to a revaluation process are to be revalued at fair value. The gross revaluation method is to be applied, whereby any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is restated proportionally to the change in the asset's gross carrying amount. Except for assets that remain valued at cost, a full revaluation is undertaken every three to five years.

Assets will be valued where applicable considering economic obsolescence, surplus capacity and asset optimisation.

An interim revaluation using indices developed via a desktop approach is to be undertaken at the end of the financial year for an asset class subject to regular revaluations whenever there has been a material movement in replacement (or market value, where applicable) since the last comprehensive revaluation.

IMPAIRMENT

Non-current assets should always be carried at amounts that are not more than their recoverable amounts. An impairment loss arises when the recoverable amount of a non-current asset is less than the asset's carrying amount and the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. As per section 9 of AASB136, council is required to assess at each reporting date whether any assets are impaired. The indicators of impairment include:

- economic performance
- obsolescence by design
- significant changes to its primary use
- assets valued at fair value.

MATERIALITY

Materiality plays an essential part in the decision-making process and preparation of the financial statements. This is because information contained or omitted from the financial statements can impair its usefulness to users.

The materiality concept requires professional judgement as an omission or misstatement of an item if material, individually or collectively, would influence the economic decisions of users of the financial statements or the accountability of management or governing body.

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Assessment of materiality should take into account the surrounding circumstances along with evaluation of the size and nature of the omission or misstatement as these are usually evaluated together.

The preliminary levels of materiality can be obtained from the Queensland Audit Office Annual External Audit Plan for Diamantina Shire Council.

Some guidance in considering materiality thresholds, the following are to be used:

- an amount equal to or greater than 10% of the appropriate base may be presumed to be material
- an amount equal to or less than 5% may be presumed to be not material, and
- an amount between 5% and 10% requires judgement

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Accumulated Depreciation	Is the total of the entire annual depreciable amount that has been applied to the asset since the asset has been used by the entity
Asset Class	Refers to the categories of assets used by the council for asset management and accounting purposes, such as land, buildings, facilities, infrastructure assets, plant and equipment, furniture and fittings
Capital Works in Progress	Refers to capital works not completed within the financial year and needs to be carried into the next financial year
Council	Diamantina Shire Council
Council Employee	Means all permanent, casual and temporary employees, contractors, volunteers, apprentices, trainees and work experience students
Current Asset	Refers to assets controlled by the council that have an economic life greater than one year and are capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds
Depreciation	Is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life
Executive Leadership Team	Includes CEO, Chief Operating Officer and Directors of Diamantina Shire Council
Fair Value	Refers to the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. For infrastructure assets, replacement cost represents fair value
Financially completed project	Occurs after the practical completion of a project where all the project expenditure is processed to the general ledger, excluding any retention costs
Future Economic Benefit (or Service potential)	Are the goods and services to be provided by the asset, whether or not the entity received a net cash inflow for their provision
Maintenance	Of an asset is periodic expenditure required to ensure that the asset lasts as long as it is expected to last (useful life) and that it

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Term	Definition
	provides and continues to provide future economic benefits. Maintenance can also include expenditure on non-current assets that do not meet the capitalisation criteria
Materiality	Is a concept which requires professional judgement. An omission or misstatement of an item is material if, individually or collectively, it would influence the economic decisions of users of the financial statements or the accountability of management or governing body. In assessing materiality, the size and nature of the omission or misstatement are usually evaluated together along with consideration of the surrounding circumstances
Network Assets	Are a chain of interconnected but dissimilar assets connected for the provision of the one simultaneous service. Individually, these assets are below capitalisation thresholds, but require recognition in the financial statements due to their collective value
Practically completed project	Are where the majority of the project is practically complete, or the core asset is placed in service and commissioned
Residual Value	Is the estimated amount that an entity would currently obtain from disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life
Retention Costs	Are costs due to the contractor withheld by the council for a period of time as stipulated in the construction contract
The Act	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
The Regulation	<i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Useful Life	The period over which an asset is expected to be available for use
Valuation	Refers to the process of determining the value of an asset
Written Down Value (WDV)	Refers to the amount at which after deducting the accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Council Policies	Procurement Policy
Council Delegations	Financial Delegations
Council Forms	
Supporting Documents	Corporate Plan 2022 – 2027 AASB 13 Fair Value AASB 116 Property Plant and Equipment AASB 136 Impairment of Assets AASB 138 Intangible Assets AASB 1051 Land under Roads AASB 1041 Revaluation of Non-Current Assets

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12.2.9 Procurement Policy

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Procurement Policy, as required under section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Procurement Policy, as per section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that a local government must prepare and adopt a procurement policy and review it annually.

DISCUSSION

The Draft Procurement Policy attached is presented to Council for adoption to incorporate the recent amendments made last December 2025 in the LGR 2012 on medium and large contracts thresholds.

It is recommended the less than \$2,000 threshold for one quotation be increased to \$5,000 for operational expediency and in recognition of price increases over the past couple of years. This is shown in the table over the page.

Another change is recommended regarding Optimisation of Value in Procurement, the value has been increased to \$100,000 from \$50,000.

In order to optimise value in procurement, where applicable, council will establish multi-year, annualised or bi-annual purchasing arrangements. This is generally to occur where multiple similar purchases are likely to be required, and the total value of goods will exceed \$100,000 over a two-year period.

Previous Policy	Changes in Policy		
	Amount of Purchase GST Exclusive	POLICY	Local Business Support
Less than \$2000*	Threshold removed		
\$2,000 but less than \$5,000	Less than \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For purchases under the value of \$5,000 the advertised price or price listed is considered acceptable. ○ Where the officer believes (or reasonably should believe) that the quote does not represent a fair price, additional quotes should be sought. 	30%
\$5,000 but less than \$15,000	\$5,000 but less than \$21,000 Before 1 July 2026**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purchases between \$5,000 but less than \$21,000 require two (or more) quotes written or email. ○ Copies of the quotes and/or request for quotes must be attached to Council’s copy of the purchase order. 	10%
\$15,000 but less than \$200,000	\$21,000 but less than \$280,000 Before 1 July 2026**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council cannot enter into a medium-sized contract unless Council first invites written quotes for the contract. (Refer to “Exceptions” and “LGA Arrangements”). ○ The invitation must be to at least three suppliers who Council considers can meet Council’s requirements at competitive prices. ○ Copies of the quotes and/or the requests for quotes must be attached to Council’s copy of the purchase order. ○ If an exception and Local Buy is used the Local Buy contract number must be quoted on the purchase order. ○ Council may decide not to accept any quotes it receives. ○ If Council does decide to accept a quote, Council must accept the quote most advantageous to it having regard to the ‘<i>Sound Contracting Principles</i>’ identified in Section 104 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>. ○ This requirement is subject to the exceptions identified in paragraphs “Exceptions” and “LGA Arrangements” 	5%
\$200,000 and above	\$280,000 and above Before 1 July 2026 **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council cannot enter into a large-sized contract unless Council first invites written tenders for the contract in accordance with the requirements of section 228 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>. (Refer to ‘Exceptions’ and “LGA Arrangements” ○ Council must either invite written tenders under section 228(4) or invite expressions of interest under section 228(5) before considering whether to invite written tenders under section 228(6)(b). ○ This requirement is subject to the “Exceptions” and “LGA Arrangements” 	0%

** For an arrangement entered into on or after 1 July 2026 - the minimum amount for the arrangement as adjusted and rounded under section 223E of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 – Adjustment and rounding of particular amounts. (CPI adjusted).*

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

4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

4.1 Is a sustainable and effective organisation.

The Procurement Policy as presented provides best practice corporate governance and will enable Council to maintain high standards of ethical conduct.

POLICY

The Procurement Policy is part of a suite of financial administrative policies that will ensure Council meets its statutory obligations.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Public Sector Ethics Act 1994

FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Adherence to best practice governance will ensure Council's finance and resources are well managed. There are no budget implications on the implementation of the Procurement Policy.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

Director Corporate Services

Manager of Governance

Senior Procurement Specialist

RISK MANAGEMENT

Council must adopt and review its procurement policy annually as per section 198(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Therefore, there is a risk of non-compliance if a Procurement Policy is not adopted by Council. It is also best practice to ensure current policy and procedures are being followed in all council business transactions.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

It is requested for the Procurement Policy to be adopted by Council as soon as practicable.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Human Rights has been considered in the development of the Procurement Policy (refer Item 1.5).

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There are no other options for Council to consider relating to this Procurement Policy.

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Procurement Policy

Policy Number	12
Policy Category	Statutory
Date Adopted	
Resolution Number	
Approval Authority	Council
Next Review Date	April 2027
Policy Version Number	6
Policy Owner	Corporate Services
Contact Officer	Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

To satisfy Diamantina Shire Council's ("Council") statutory obligations under Section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and to establish Council's intent with respect to Procurement. This document sets out Council's policy for the Procurement of goods and services, construction, and service contracts.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

Council's Procurement activities aim to achieve advantageous Procurement outcomes by:

- a) promoting value for money with probity and accountability; and
- b) advancing Council's economic, social, and environmental policies; and
- c) providing reasonable opportunity for competitive local business that comply with relevant legislation to supply to Council; and
- d) promoting compliance with relevant legislation; and
- e) promoting responsible use of public funds.

In accordance with Section 198 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, this policy incorporates relevant requirements regarding the procurement of goods and services and the carrying out of the sound contracting principles as stated in Section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* ("Act").

COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

This policy will commence on adoption. It replaces other specific Procurement of Goods and Services policies of Council (whether written or not).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Council staff in the procurement of all goods, equipment and related services, construction contracts and service contracts (including maintenance).

DSC Procurement Policy
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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT

Council has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decision in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

CONTEXT

The policy is designed to assist Council and its officers to ensure the procurement of goods and services, construction, and service contracts meet compliance requirements.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to ensure all procurement activities undertaken by Council or on Council's behalf are completed with the highest levels of integrity, transparency and accountability. Council officers must have regard to the following sound contracting principles in all procurement activities of Council which are activities that are, or relate to, both direct purchasing (for example, via corporate credit cards) and the making of contracts for the carrying out of work, or the supply of goods and/or services as defined in the legislation.

SPECIFIC AND STANDARD**SOUND CONTRACTING PRINCIPLES**

Integrated with Council's broader system of sustainable financial management, all procurement activities shall be carried out in a manner which ensures regard for the Sound Contracting Principles when entering into a contract for either the supply of goods and/or services.

The Sound Contracting Principles are:

Value for Money

Council must harness the purchasing power to achieve the best value for money. The concept of value for money is not restricted to price alone. The value for money assessment must include consideration of:

- a) contribution to the advancement of Council's priorities;
- b) fitness for purpose, quality, services and support; and whole-of-life costs including costs of acquiring, using, maintaining, and disposal;
- c) internal administration costs;
- d) technical compliance issues;
- e) risk exposure;
- f) the value of any associated environmental benefits; and
- g) advantages of local knowledge, networks and relationships, availability and access to other sales and support.

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Open and Effective Competition

All procurement activities are to be undertaken with the appropriate rigor and documentation to encourage and support supplier confidence through:

- a) Transparency of process and decision making in all procurement activities;
- b) Maintaining confidentiality of offers, security of information and commercial-in-confidence material; and
- c) Maintaining good quality documentation of all requests for quotes and tenders and evaluation of offers and recommendations.

The Development of Competitive local Business and Industry

- a) Council encourages the development of competitive local businesses within its Local Government area.
- b) In accordance with Section 104(3)(c) of the Act, Council wishes to pursue the principle of development of competitive local business and industry as part of the process of making its purchasing decision.

Environmental Protection

Consideration must be given to support and promote sustainable outcomes through ensuring the necessary balance between environmental, economic and social aspects to maintain a high-quality environment as a source of competitive advantage such as:

- a) Promote the purchase of environmentally friendly goods and services that satisfy value for money criteria;
- b) Prevention or minimisation of waste;
- c) Use of recycled products and recycling facilities;
- d) Conservation of energy in buildings and use of equipment;
- e) Control order quantities to avoid stock build up, minimise storage requirements and reduce possible obsolescence;
- f) Where possible specification of environmentally friendly products in invitation to offer documents; and
- g) Use of environmentally friendly products in the management of parks / recreational grounds and for weed control on roads and kerb sides.

Ethical Behaviour and Fair Dealing

Council officers involved in purchasing are to behave with impartiality, fairness, independence, openness, integrity, and professionalism in their discussions and negotiations with suppliers and their representatives.

SPECIFIC AND STANDARD**Administration**

Purchase orders are to be generated for all purchases of goods and services prior to procurement other than:

- a) Petty cash and corporate card transactions; or
- b) Long term supply contracts (Ergon, Telstra, Freight, Legal service retainers etc); or
- c) Direct payments and fees (bank charges etc); or
- d) Other purchases where a director or the CEO has determined that a genuine emergency has occurred.

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Goods and Services Tax

All values quoted in this policy are exclusive of GST.

Optimisation of Value in Procurement

In order to optimise value in procurement, where applicable, council will establish multi-year, annualised or bi-annual purchasing arrangements. This is generally to occur where multiple similar purchases are likely to be **required**, and the total value of goods will exceed \$100,000 over a two-year period.

Council will utilise online platforms such as Vendor Panel to coordinate requests for quotations with vendors as its preferred method of engagement.

Purchasing Arrangements

The value of the purchase or the value of the contract over the full contract period (including options to extend) is to meet the requirements of both medium and large size contractual arrangements, as relevant, as defined in the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as amended.

Acceptance of Quotations

There is no requirement to accept the lowest quotation, however where a staff member chooses a quotation other than the lowest quotation, they must provide a brief written justification which must be kept with the requisition and purchase order.

Exceptions and LGA Arrangements

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a range of LGA arrangements have been put in place by Local Buy. When assessing the most effective method of obtaining goods and services, Council officers should consider the administrative and price costs to Council of seeking tenders or quotations independently, and the reduction of these costs which can be achieved by use of Local Buy arrangements.

Local Buy is Councils preferred purchasing arrangement, where it is demonstrated that it provides best value.

Council will employ various methods to ensure the principles under the policy are achieved including panels of preferred suppliers, expressions of interest, tenders, approved contractors and prequalified suppliers.

Other Exceptions

Section 235 *Local Government Regulations 2012* entering into a medium-sized contract or large-sized contract if:

- a) Council resolves that it is satisfied that there is only one supplier who is reasonably available; or
- b) Council resolves that because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders;

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or

- c) A genuine emergency exists; or
- d) The contract is for purchase of goods and made by auction; or
- e) The contract is for the purchase of second-hand goods; or
- f) The contract is made with, or under an arrangement with, a government agency.

In the event that a Local Buy Arrangement is used, the Local Buy contract number must be stated on the order requisition for entering into Council's purchase order.

Delegated Authority

Financial and operational delegation limits will be in accordance with the delegation registers (Council to CEO / CEO to Staff and Financial Delegations Policy). By signing a requisition all officers are confirming that they have taken full notice of this policy and will comply with all of the requirements of this policy.

All staff with requisitioning permissions are only authorised to requisition goods and services (up to their financial limit) against jobs over which they have clear operational authority and budget responsibility.

The CEO may authorise administration staff to sign purchase orders where the requisition was signed by a staff member with the required delegation permissions.

Any order that will result in a budget being exceeded will need to be approved by the CEO.

Supporting Local Business and Industry

Council encourages Shire based suppliers of goods and services to establish, maintain and expand employment opportunities, creating new skills for Shire residents and generating economic growth in servicing the Council's requirements.

A price preference will apply to all quotations invited by the Council for the supply of goods and services by local businesses, unless Council resolves that this policy does not apply to a particular quotation.

Council will include (when comparing local to external quotes):

- a) A deduction of 30% from the quoted or offered price for goods and services less than \$5,000;
- b) A deduction of 10% from the quoted or offered price for goods and services with a net price in the range between \$5,000 but less than \$21,000;
- c) A deduction of 5% from the quoted or offered price for goods and services with a net price in the range between \$21,000 but less than \$280,000;
- d) No deduction is applicable for goods and services that are issued by public tender. (large-size arrangement).

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The following table defines the requirements for tenders and quotations unless exemptions in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* apply. E.g. Local Buy.

Table 1: Purchasing Thresholds

Amount of Purchase GST Exclusive	POLICY	Local Business Support
Less than \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For purchases under the value of \$5,000 the advertised price or price listed is considered acceptable. ○ Where the officer believes (or reasonably should believe) that the quote does not represent a fair price, additional quotes should be sought. 	30%
\$5,000 but less than \$21,000 Before 1 July 2026 **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purchases between \$5,000 but less than \$21,000 require two (or more) quotes written or email. ○ Copies of the quotes and/or request for quotes must be attached to Council's copy of the purchase order. 	10%
\$21,000 but less than \$280,000 Before 1 July 2026 **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council cannot enter into a medium-sized contract unless Council first invites written quotes for the contract. (Refer to "Exceptions" and "LGA Arrangements"). ○ The invitation must be to at least three suppliers who Council considers can meet Council's requirements at competitive prices. ○ Copies of the quotes and/or the requests for quotes must be attached to Council's copy of the purchase order. ○ If an exception and Local Buy is used the Local Buy contract number must be quoted on the purchase order. ○ Council may decide not to accept any quotes it receives. ○ If Council does decide to accept a quote, Council must accept the quote most advantageous to it having regard to the 'Sound Contracting Principles' identified in Section 104 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>. ○ This requirement is subject to the exceptions identified in paragraphs "Exceptions" and "LGA Arrangements" 	5%
\$280,000 and above Before 1 July 2026 **	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council cannot enter into a large-sized contract unless Council first invites written tenders for the contract in accordance with the requirements of section 228 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>. (Refer to 'Exceptions' and "LGA Arrangements" ○ Council must either invite written tenders under section 228(4) or invite expressions of interest under section 228(5) before considering whether to invite written tenders under section 228(6)(b). ○ This requirement is subject to the "Exceptions" and "LGA Arrangements" 	0%

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DEFINITIONS

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
Act	Means <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
Council	Means Diamantina Shire Council
Contractual Arrangement	As defined in S223A of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
CPI	As defined in S22E of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Large Size Contractual Arrangement	As defined in the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Local Business	A business (including depots, agencies, and branch offices based and operating within the Shire of Diamantina)
Medium-Size Contractual Arrangement	As defined in the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Net Price	A price not including GST
Regulation	Means <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> <i>Human Rights 2019</i>
Council Policies	Code of Conduct Financial Delegations Policy
Council Delegations	Financial Delegation
Council Forms	N/A
Supporting Documents	Corporate Plan 2022 - 2027

VERSION CONTROL

Version	Adopted	Comment	eDRMS #
Original	October 20 2014	Minute No. 2014.10.20-OM-15	
2	October 10 2016	Minute No. 2016.10.10-OM-16	
3	April 20 2020	Minute No. 2020.04.20-OM-6	
4	June 06 2021	Minute No. 2021.06.21-OM-21	
5	April 14 2025	Resolution: CNL/25/071	324536
6	April 2026		

12.3 Communities Services Directorate

12.3.1 Communities Directorate Update

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Communities Directorate Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Communities Meetings / Strategic Actions March 2026

Date	Parties	Context / Information
7 & 10 April	QRA Recovery Planning	Meeting to create Local Recovery and Resilience Group and the Terms of Reference.
8 April	Citizenship ceremony	Welcome 2 new citizens to the Diamantina Shire, in a private ceremony.
9 April	Community Recovery	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme (PHAS) Activation discussions.
19 April	Community Connect BBQ – Birdsville	First Community BBQ for 2026, providing the opportunity for community to chat with ELT and elected members.
25 April	ANZAC Day Services	Services delivered for Anzac Day in Bedourie and Birdsville.
29 April	Catch up with OQTA	A check in phone call with OQTA in relation to current tourism in the Shire.
30 April	Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE)	A briefing meeting for the upcoming ATE in Adelaide in May.
Ongoing		
Monthly	IVG Global – Catch up	Regular catch up with IVG Global team to work through any issues or initiatives for the Tourist Park.
Monthly	Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trial	LGA Stakeholder meeting – main discussions around funding for marketing and stakeholder input for project management.
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

At the April Special Council meeting the following projects were discussed and have progressed, following the reallocation of operational budget.

2026 Tourism Marketing Campaign

A targeted marketing campaign is in the process of being created with PR company Kath Rose PR.

Item	Budget	Commentary
PR	\$8,000	Kath Rose PR
Videographer / Photographer	\$10,000	Two options are being explored.
Media – TVC	\$12,000	Advertising on TV and radio
Travel	\$4,000	
Total	\$34,000	

Accommodation and Meals, trips to big red and out etc will be supplied by the Birdsville Hotel.

Birdsville Carnival

Ticketed ‘free’ event at the Birdsville Hotel. Tickets must be pre booked, can be booked on the day at the Wirrari Forecourt, this is so we can gauge interest and be prepared ahead of time.

Aim is to attract 500 people to Birdsville and the Diamantina Shire during this period.

Item	Budget	Commentary
Performers – evening	\$50,000	Mick Lindsay duo & Staging and Production Jem Cassar-Daly
Performers – Day	\$10,000	
Promotions	\$6,000	TV advertising and radio
Merchandise	\$3,000	For sale at VIC
Travel costs	\$5,000	
Staffing (Town Services / Parks and Gardens team)	\$10,000	
Contingency	\$10,000	
Sub Total	\$94,000	This total is including the contingency for Staffing and Other expenses \$20,000
Total	\$74,000	Excluding contingency

Accommodation and Meals will be supplied by the Birdsville Hotel.

An event overview will be presented in June.

Events and Tourism Projects

Project	Overview	Due Date	Tracking
Birdsville Courthouse Experience Director Communities	Event postponed due to flooding. New event dates have been circulated: Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September The new date will provide time for the timeline of the precinct to be measured, printed and installed in the carpark of the Courthouse.	September 2026	On Track
Birdsville Courthouse Experience Director Communities	Restorations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding applications were unsuccessful. ○ Restoration of donated Police Jeep for display – currently in Bedourie undergoing some repair work this will be completed and in place for the opening. 	Ongoing	On Track
Tourism Signage Awaiting Installation Director Communities	Flora and Fauna Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flora & Fauna signs up Bedourie end are completed now that the road open up we can get out to do the rest due to access of road to the boundary we only put up the Bedourie/Boulia entry at this stage ○ All sign instalments are put on hold due to road repairs and short staff and prep work for bitumen reseal Shire Entry Signs & Birdsville Racecourse signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting installation. 	April 2026 New ETA to be determined.	Delayed
Tourism Signage Audit and Update Director Communities	Burke and Wills Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once information confirmed and all parties have approved, signage will be quoted and ordered. Plaques around Shire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivered. Awaiting installation. The following areas are continuing into 2026, due resourcing and time constraints. Flood Markers This project is being prepared by the Tourism Coordinator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Design in progress ○ Collation of information for signs and supporting information panels. ○ Seeking quotes for design and fabrication plans. 	Ongoing	On Track

Project	Overview	Due Date	Tracking
	<p>Town boundary signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently being designed. ○ To be quoted. <p>Bedourie Event Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sign being designed and will be circulated again to clubs for comment. <p>Information panels with Shire History at lookouts and around Shire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research underway for the artwork on these signs as it is proving a challenge to locate this internally. <p>Points of Interest Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. 		
<p>2026 Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail</p> <p>Director Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing engagement with local government stakeholders, cameleers, and clubs. ○ Promotional activities to increase over April. ○ Grant received from the Western Queensland Events Boost Fund (TEQ). ○ Media release and promotional activities to commence asap. 	<p>July 2026</p>	<p>On Track</p>
<p>2026 Simpson Desert Racing Carnival</p> <p>Director Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial discussions occurring with the Clubs in relation to 2026 event plans. 	<p>August / September 2026</p>	<p>On Track</p>
<p>2026 Destination Marketing Initiatives</p>	<p>2026 Visitor Guide, awaiting delivery. This has been held up due to the flooding.</p> <p>The guide is available online.</p>	<p>Ongoing November 2025 to April 2026</p>	<p>Completed</p>

CREATIVE CONTENT OFFICER, SUMMARY OF APRIL 2026**• Birdsville Courthouse**

- Final meeting held with family who grew up at the Birdsville Aboriginal Settlement, known locally as 'The Mission', that was established under the Aboriginals Protection Act 1897 and run by the local police.

Outcomes:

- PowerPoint storyboard for public display at Birdsville Courthouse approved by family
- awaiting copyright permissions for some photos
- Documentation of their history has been finalized
- All copyright reserved by the family
- Held in council collection for research purposes

• Burke and Wills

- Drafted wording for Interpretive signs and sent to specialist for review
- Drafted wording for Birdsville Burke and Wills Tree signage with images for graphic designer
- Working with Parks and Gardens to replicate 'Burke & Wills Tree' hand painted sign that washed away in a flood.

12.3.2 Tourism Update

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 Update report.

TOURISM

Birdsville (Wirrarri) and Bedourie (Outback) Visitor Information Centres Visitor Contact Summary (April 2026)

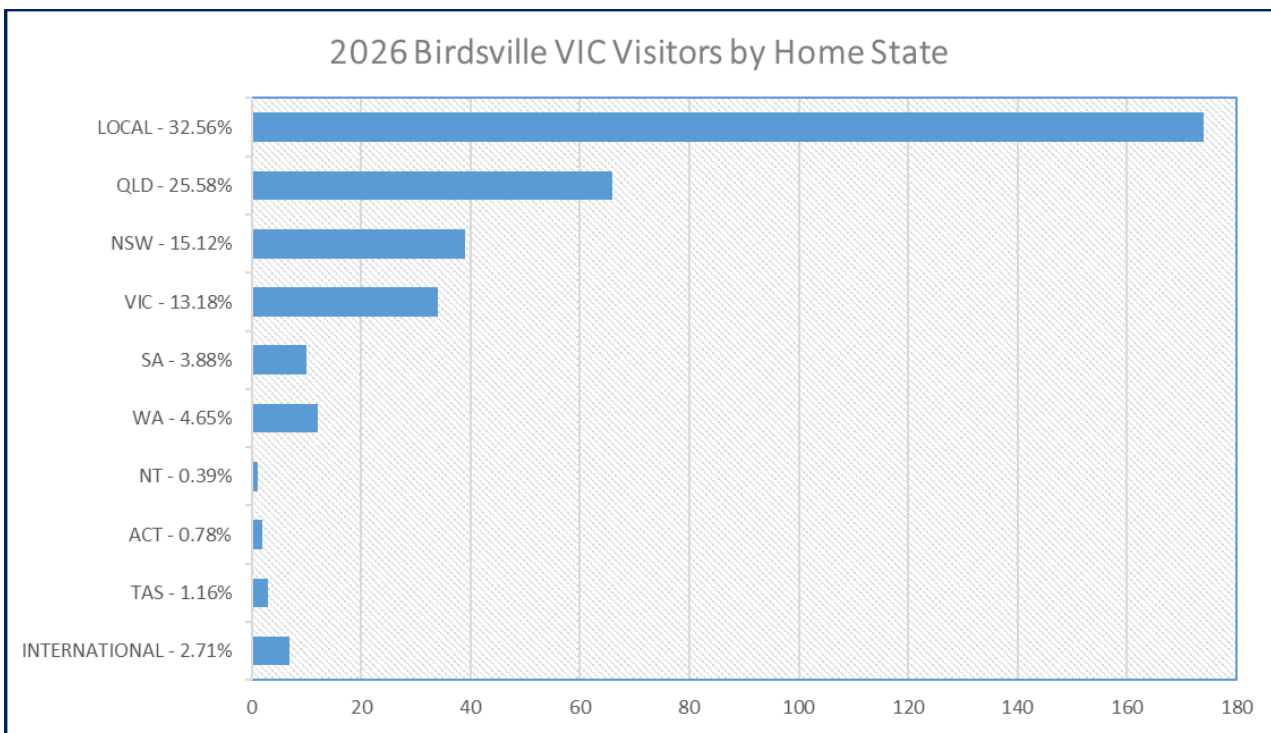
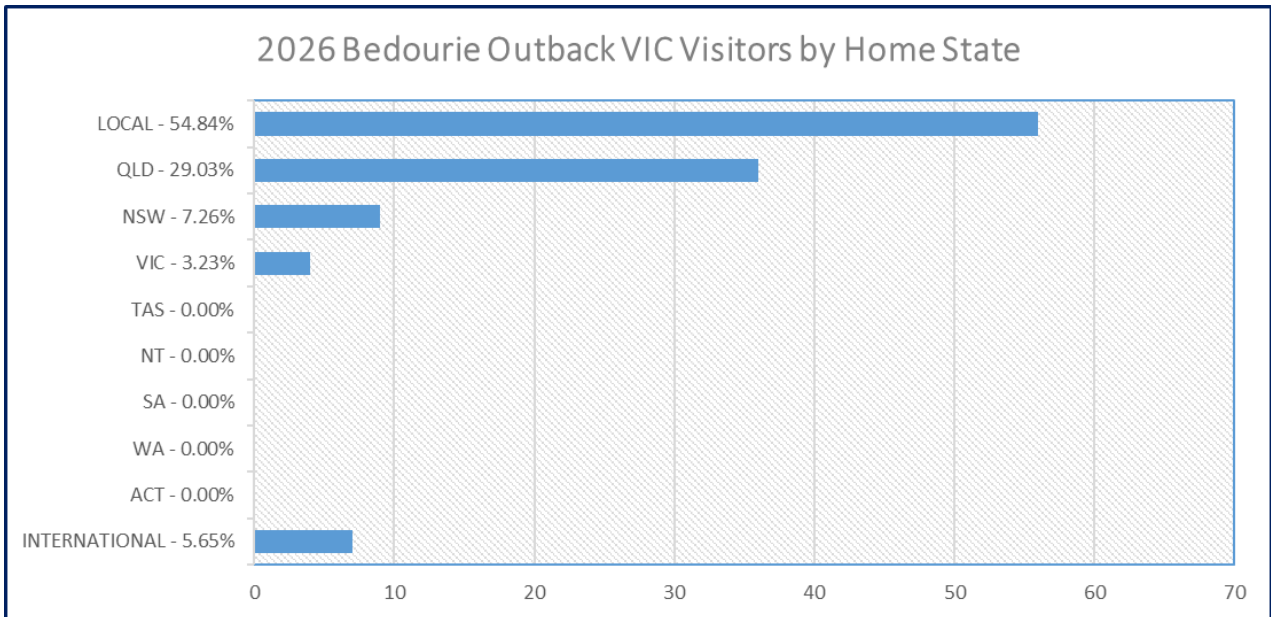
Analysis of the below data shows:

- Year to date visitor numbers have decreased by 6.72%
- Year to date Bedourie visitation is up 13.79% when compared to 2025
- Year to date Birdsville visitation is up 271.42% when compared to 2025

BEDOURIE			BIRDSVILLE		
Visitor Numbers	2025	2026	Visitor Numbers	2025	2026
Jan	0	17	Jan	15	12
Feb	20	1	Feb	17	6
Mar	33	5	Mar	67	7
Apr	29	33	Apr	42	156
May	144	0	May	379	0
Jun	657	0	Jun	1325	0
Jul	1605	0	Jul	2803	0
Aug	696	0	Aug	1994	0
Sep	565	0	Sep	2517	0
Oct	147	0	Oct	769	0
Nov	23	0	Nov	120	0
Dec	16	0	Dec	14	0
Totals	3935	56	Totals	10062	181

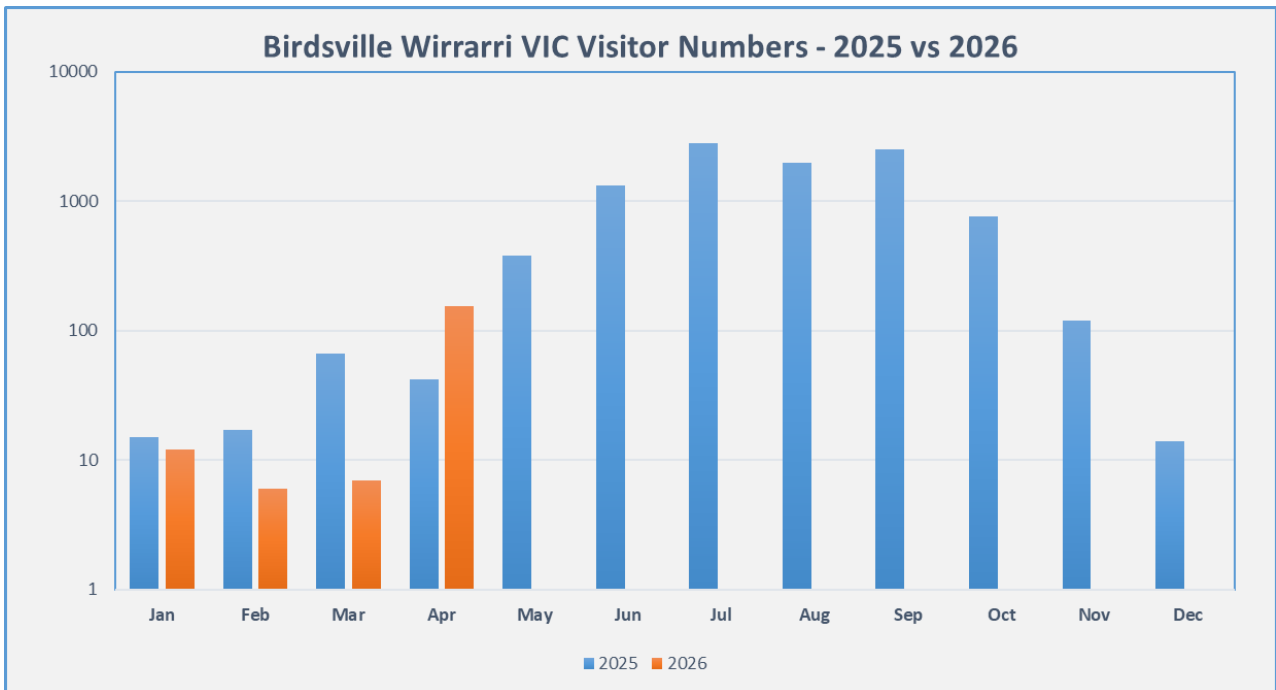
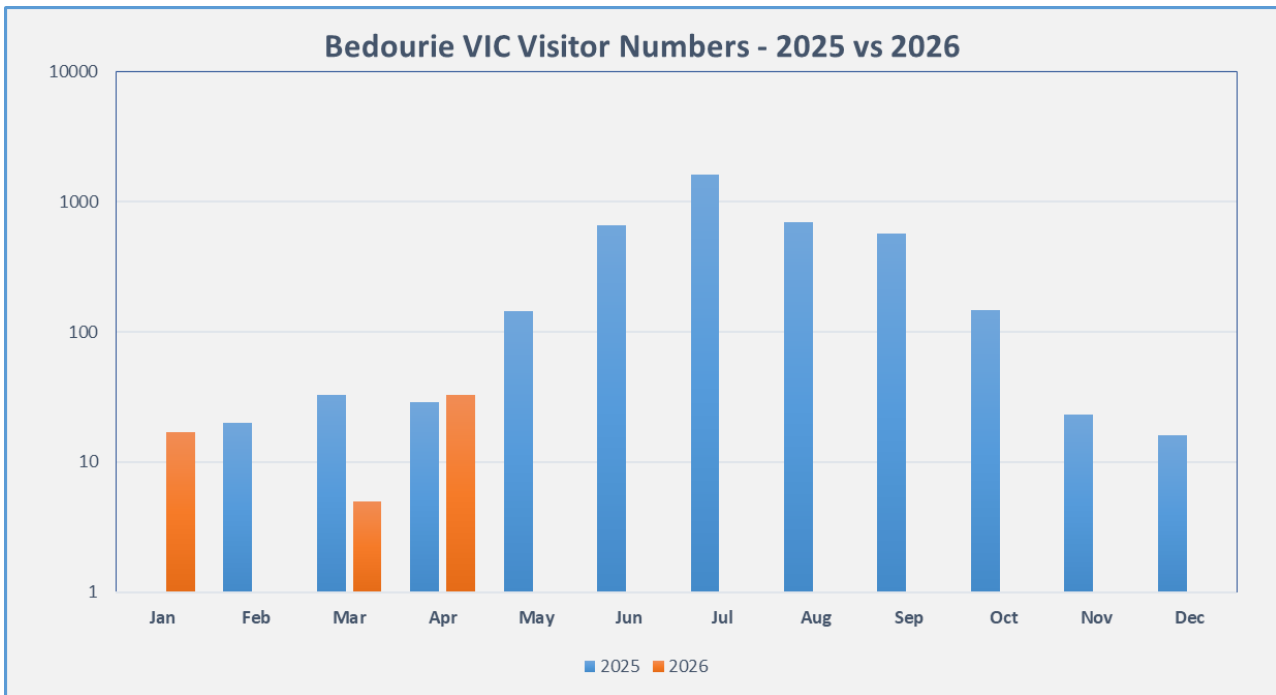
Breakdown by Residence State

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 (Wirrarrri) Information Centres. Both Centres experienced a decline in visitor numbers in 2025 due to flooding, as we have been during 2026, however all visitors to Birdsville during April this year were passengers on air charter flights, whereas the majority of visitors to Bedourie have been via vehicle, as soon as the roads were opened. These provided a greater increase in numbers from the same time last year.



Tourism Overview

Both Bedourie and Birdsville Visitor Centres welcomed tourists to the town after many months of isolation, coming into town via charter flights and some from the roads being opened. Both also experienced some good sales of merchandise.

12.3.3 Community Coordinator Monthly 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 Monthly Report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Child Safe Standards & Reportable Conduct Scheme Progress

Significant progress has been achieved in policy development, with all updates relating to the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme now completed and submitted to the Director for approval. This body of work includes the development of three new policies and updates to five existing policies.

The next phase of this task will be to ensure all required training is completed for all staff in the Communities Department to ensure compliance by July 1st.

In addition to this, it is important to note that the Reportable Conduct Scheme applies across the entire organisation and is not limited to early childhood services. As such, there is a requirement for all departments to review and update their relevant policies and procedures to ensure alignment with the new legislative requirements prior to the 1 July 2026 deadline.

The Scheme introduces strengthened obligations around the reporting, investigation, and management of allegations involving harm, abuse, or misconduct toward children. This includes clear expectations for timely reporting, appropriate documentation, risk management, and oversight. To support compliance across the organisation, the development and rollout of mandatory training modules for all staff is recommended. These modules would focus on building awareness of reportable conduct definitions, staff responsibilities, reporting pathways, and appropriate responses to allegations or concerns.

Ensuring a consistent, whole-of-Council approach will be critical to meeting compliance requirements and maintaining a strong culture of child safety. Early preparation and cross-departmental engagement will support a smooth transition ahead of the legislative deadline, with current timelines indicating that this work is on track and no delays are anticipated.

Under the Reportable Conduct Scheme, the obligations apply to the organisation as a whole, meaning the local Council must have systems in place to respond to and report allegations of conduct involving children. This includes ensuring appropriate policies, procedures, and reporting frameworks are in place across all departments.

However, there is an important distinction:

All staff:

All employees should have a baseline level of awareness. This includes understanding what reportable conduct is, how to recognise concerns, and the internal reporting pathways. This is why whole-of-organisation policy alignment and general training are recommended.

Staff who work with or around children (or in child-related roles):

These staff have direct obligations under the Scheme. They are more likely to be involved in reporting, responding to, or managing allegations and therefore require more detailed training and stricter procedural compliance.

Leadership and designated officers:

Certain roles (e.g. CEO, Directors, or delegated Reportable Conduct Officers) carry specific legal responsibilities for notifying oversight bodies, managing investigations, and ensuring procedural compliance within required timeframes.

In practice, best-practice implementation across Councils is a tiered approach:

- General awareness training for all staff
- Role-specific training for child-facing staff
- Detailed compliance and reporting training for leadership and responsible officers

So, while not every staff member has the same level of responsibility, the compliance framework itself is organisation-wide, and Councils are expected to demonstrate a consistent, whole-of-Council approach to child safety ahead of the 1 July 2026 deadline.

Playgroup and Library

Playgroup participation across the shire has increased, reflecting positive community growth. Bedourie Playgroup now supports nine children per daily session following the arrival of three new families to the area. Birdsville Playgroup has also welcomed a new family, bringing an additional four children into the program. These increases demonstrate strong engagement and continued demand for early childhood services.

A highlight for the reporting period was the delivery of Easter community activities in both Birdsville and Bedourie. The Easter egg hunts and associated fun days were highly successful, with strong participation from local families. Importantly, additional efforts were made to ensure inclusivity, with Easter eggs distributed to children on surrounding stations who were unable to attend due to floodwaters restricting access. This initiative ensured all children were included despite challenging conditions and was very well received by the community. The success of these events, delivered as part of the playgroup program and supported through its funding, provides a strong foundation to continue and expand similar initiatives in the future.

Children's Services Officers are currently in the process of enrolling in and commencing their Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. This initiative ensures that all staff qualifications remain current, up to date, and aligned with industry standards. Supporting staff to formalise and maintain their qualifications strengthens service quality, supports compliance requirements, and reinforces a commitment to delivering high-quality early childhood programs across the Shire.

Birdsville Playgroup numbers have increased from 4 regular participants to 7 due to the new family in town.

Bedourie Playgroup numbers have increased from 4 regular participants to 9 due to 3 new families in the area.

This is fantastic news for both of our towns and has the playgroup facilitators super busy and full of action and fun!

Community Workshops & Activities

Community engagement initiatives continue to progress, with the upcoming “AI in the Outback” workshops confirmed and advertised. These free sessions aim to build digital capability across the community, with a particular focus on supporting local clubs and groups to strengthen their understanding and use of emerging technologies.

Professional collaboration has also been strengthened through participation in the RAPAD ECEC forum over the past month. This working group meets monthly to address shared challenges in early childhood education and care, particularly those affecting small and remote Shires, and is focused on developing practical, collaborative solutions.

The Community Coordinator has initiated registration for the Shire’s participation in National Pyjama Day 2026, to be held on 24 July 2026. This national initiative raises awareness and funds to support children in out-of-home care across Australia, with thousands of schools, workplaces, and organisations taking part each year.

Council participation is being encouraged across all departments, with a whole-of-organisation approach promoted to support engagement and awareness of this important cause. Staff are encouraged to participate in a way that is appropriate to their work environment, ensuring workplace health and safety requirements remain a priority while still contributing to the initiative.

This involvement provides an opportunity for Council to demonstrate community leadership, support an important social cause, and foster a positive and inclusive organisational culture.

Room for Improvement

Playgroup and library compliance remains an ongoing focus, with several identified issues currently under review. The maintenance team is working with us toward resolving these matters; however, continued attention is required to ensure full compliance is achieved and maintained.

Staffing shortages continue to impact service delivery, contributing to occasional closures of playgroup and library services. Recruitment is currently underway for a casual relief staff member to cover personal leave, annual leave, and RDOs. Filling this role is a priority to improve service continuity.

Community Grants Program participation has been lower than expected despite multiple reminders and an extension of the application deadline. Feedback from community groups and clubs indicates that recent changes to the in-kind request and grants process are perceived as complex and difficult to navigate. Some groups have advised they will not be submitting applications under the current framework, highlighting a need for improved accessibility and support.

Strategic Plans and Opportunities

In response to feedback regarding the Community Grants Program, an opportunity is being explored to deliver a targeted community workshop. This session would aim to support local groups and clubs in understanding the updated in-kind and grants procedures, provide practical guidance, and build confidence in completing applications.

Continued focus will be placed on strengthening community engagement and participation, particularly as new families settle into the region and demand for services grows. Supporting inclusive, accessible programs remains a priority.

Efforts will also continue through the RAPAD ECEC forum to advocate for and contribute to solutions addressing childcare challenges in remote communities. This collaboration provides a strategic platform to influence regional outcomes and share resources.

Overall, progress across key areas remains steady, with clear opportunities identified to enhance service delivery, strengthen community participation, and improve accessibility to council programs.

12.3.4 Community Grant Requests

REPORT TYPE: OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Patrice Brandenburg, 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 Community Grant requests received during the month.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Community Grants requests for fee waivers and Council support for events to be held between June and September 2026.

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.

There have been several requests for Community Grant’s for Facility and Equipment Hire submitted since the previous Council meeting.

Simpson Desert Ultra

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
2 marquees for 5 days each – at \$54 per marquee/ day	\$540
Generator for 2 days - \$248 per hour approx. 40 hours	\$9,920
VMS Board 2 days - \$22.50 per hour approx. 40 hours	\$900
Birdsville Hall 2 days Hire	\$500
Total	\$11,860

This application has not requested a waiver of the bond to the value of \$600.00.

Birdsville Campdraft

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Birdsville Rodeo grounds 5 days Hire	\$6,000
Marquee hire for 4 days - at \$54 per marquee/ day	\$216
15 tables and 100 chairs	\$380
Portable cold room for 4 days	\$540
Total	\$7,136

This application has not requested a waiver of the bond to the value of \$1200.00.

Bedourie Race Club

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Venue Hire for Bedourie Racecourse Complex for 4 days	\$4,800
Community Bus Vehicle Hire for two days	\$1,368
Equipment Hire, 35 tables and 200.	\$820
Grounds maintenance (machinery and labour for 4 days x 4 people) including Slashing/mowing, stable and camp area preparation, sand if required.	\$21,660
Track maintenance grader and truck for day of event	\$5,000
Total	\$33,648

This application has not requested a waiver of the bond to the value of \$1200.00.

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.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy

Long Term Goal

- 2.12 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; and

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 mid-March.

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.

12.3.5 Community Grant Requests

REPORT TYPE: OCM Decision Report
DIRECTORATE: Communities
PRESENTED BY: N/A
AUTHOR(S): Patrice Brandenburg, 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 \$250 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 has been one (1) request for a Community Grant for Facility Hire submitted from the Bedourie State School, for ANZAC Day activities being held in Bedourie on 25 April 2026.

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Bedourie Community Hall 1 day hire	250.00
Total	\$250.00

The applicant has requested a waiver of the bond to the value of \$600.00

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

- 2.12 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 on ANZAC Day 25 April 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.

12.3.6 Community Grant Requests - Red Ridge

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for a Community Grant request received during the month.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the request for support from Red Ridge to waive the fee of \$1,500 for Birdsville Hall hire 29 June – 3 July 2026.

BACKGROUND

Council recognises the importance of its Community Grants program 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.

Council has received an application from Red Ridge for support with venue hire for upcoming five (5) day Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi family music and language workshop 29 June – 3 July 2026.

The request has stipulated a requirement for online video calling capability; this will mean relocating the Teams screen from the Wirrarri Centre to the Hall.

Assistance in kind requested	Amount
Birdsville Hall – 6 days hire	1,500.00
Video Calling Capability	0.00
Total	\$1,500.00

This application is seeking a waiver of the bond to the value of \$600.00

DISCUSSION

Benefits

The provision of in-kind support for this project helps strengthen economic development within Birdsville and the Diamantina Shire. Projects like this film contribute to the social and economic vitality of the area by economic benefits for local businesses, the increased promotion of our region to a new audience and growing relationships with peak bodies such as Screen Queensland.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan 2022-2027

Theme

- 2 Our Community
- 3 Our Economy
- 4 Our Organisation

Long Term Goal

- 2.12 Is enhanced by participation in arts and cultural activities.
- 3.4 Is led by Council and the business community, together growing and diversifying business and industry opportunities.
- 3.2 Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.
- 4.3 Is a leader in the region which supports regional cooperation, resource sharing and partnerships.

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.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred with the Council, Executive Leadership Team and the community.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report poses a low risk to Council.

TIMINGS/DEADLINES

The project is planned for June 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.

12.4 Executive Office

12.4.1 CEO Update

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report

DIRECTORATE: Executive Office

PRESENTED BY: Julianne Meier

AUTHOR(S): Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer

AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Correspondence - Resident Request for Streetscape Improvements [↓](#)
2. Communications Workload & Publication Model Review [↓](#)
3. Outstanding Matters Update - April 26 - *Confidential*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the CEO Update report.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Upcoming Meetings, Events and Conferences

Date	Event	Representatives	Location
19 May	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Bedourie
19 May	Plant Standing Committee Meeting	All Councillors invited	Bedourie
25 May	RAPAD Board Meeting	CEO, Mayor	Longreach
25-28 May	Bush Council's Convention	*CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Longreach
8 – 9 Jun	QTC Finance Management Fundamentals	All Councillors	Bedourie
23-25 Jun	ALGA	Not attending	Canberra
3 Jul	RAPAD Meeting (Virtual)	Mayor, CEO	Teams
21 Jul	Plant Standing Committee	All Councillors invited	Bedourie
18 Aug	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Bedourie
25 Aug	RAPAD Meeting (Face to Face)	Mayor, CEO	Brisbane
25 – 27 Aug	WQAC Bush Councils Assembly	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Brisbane
8-10 Sep	LGMA Annual Local Government conference	CEO, DCS	Gold Coast
15 Sep	Plant Standing Committee	All Councillors invited	Bedourie
17 – 18 Sep	Birdsville Courthouse Opening	All Councillors Invited	Birdsville
2 Oct	RAPAD Meeting (Virtual)	Mayor, CEO	Teams

Date	Event	Representatives	Location
7 Oct	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Bedourie
19-21 Oct	LGAQ Conference	*Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs, CEO	Cairns
6 Nov	RAPAD Meeting (Virtual)	Mayor, CEO	Teams
17 Nov	Plant Standing Committee Meeting	Mayor, Cr Dare (all Councillors invited)	Birdsville
1-2 Dec	RAPAD Meeting (Face to Face)	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Brisbane
2 Dec	Friends of RAPAD (Face to Face)	CEO, Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Brisbane

* Accommodation pre booked

~ Arrangements in progress

Attendance to be confirmed

Meetings and Stakeholder Engagement

Date	Meeting	Representatives	Location
6 May	Desert Champions Way Stakeholder Catchup (Virtual)	Mayor, CEO	Teams
7 May	Longreach District and Surrounds Community Engagement Network Meeting (Virtual)	CEO, DCS	Teams
12 May	EMU Training (Boulia Shire Council attending)	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO	Bedourie

Operational Matters

Correspondence Received – Resident Request for Streetscape Improvements

Correspondence was received from a property owner regarding the current level of maintenance and landscaping in Birdsville.

Council has referred the matter to the Director of Infrastructure Services for an assessment of the current vegetation status and potential inclusion in future minor works programs. A formal response will be drafted to the resident advising of the assessment outcome. The Director will present a separate report to consider a street scape plan for the towns.

Desert Yarns

Previously Council had requested Desert Yarns be issued on a monthly basis, however operationally this is a challenging task. The attached Communication and Publication Model Review show a recommendation on publications that will ease the workload.

Some strategic priorities will be outsourced such as the annual report as they preset a demanding workload in a short timeframe so outsourcing to a specialist make sense. Other publications will also be considered to outsource to ensure Media and Marketing has clearer requirements.

At present Desert Yarns is not published monthly as resourcing is challenging. Officers recommend transitioning Desert yarns to a quarterly publication with a monthly digital update to align with current resourcing.

Empowering Councils Act – Webinars

The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers have held webinars on the Empowering Councils Act.

For Councillors who were unable to attend, recordings are now available at the following link:

- <https://youtu.be/tHtXFAXd31M> for the Mayor and Councillor session

Matter summary

A matter summary report has been prepared and is presented for information on outstanding tasks.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, 4 May 2026 12:46 PM

To: [REDACTED] >

Cc: [REDACTED] >

Subject:

Dear Julianne,

We own the residential property [REDACTED] Street in Birdsville, which we visit periodically.

At this stage it is not our primary place of residence.

During a recent visit, it was noticed that this street has been overlooked in the landscaping and presentation department. I refer in particular is to the eastern end where the footpaths are bare, (apart from stubbled dry grass – as a result of clearing vegetation from the recent rainfalls).

Trees that have died have not been replaced and the only tree that exists there is watered by a drip line from our yard.

According to the a Diamantina Shire Councils Corporate Plan the Long Term Goal for Our Community is “**Has attractive green and clean town of which residents are proud**” .

It would be great to know that [REDACTED] Street and other back streets are included in the plans to ensure that outcomes are delivered.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED] and J [REDACTED]

Phone 04 [REDACTED]



Communications Workload & Publication Model Review

Diamantina Shire Council

Current Capacity

20 hours per week (approx. 80 hours per month)

Where Time Is Currently Spent

Staff Newsletter (fortnightly): 5–8 hrs

Reactive Comms: 4–8 hrs/week

Website Updates: 1–2 hrs/week

Playgroup Updates: 1–1.5 hrs/week

Major Projects

Desert Yarns (monthly): ~30 hrs

Budget Communications: 10–20 hrs

Strategic Documents: 3–5 hrs+

The Challenge

Limited remaining capacity after core tasks. Only 0.5–9 hrs/week available for project work.

Key Pressure Point

Desert Yarns (monthly): ~30 hrs (equivalent to 1.5 weeks of total capacity)

Proposed Solution

1. Quarterly Desert Yarns (4 editions/year, higher quality storytelling)
2. Monthly Digital Update (2–4 hrs/month, timely updates via email)

What This Improves

Sustainable workload

Better content quality

More timely updates

Stronger digital engagement

Recommended Model

Communication Type	Frequency	Purpose
Staff Newsletter	Fortnightly	Internal comms
Digital Update	Monthly	Community updates
Desert Yarns	Quarterly	Feature storytelling
Web & Social	Ongoing	Real-time updates

Recommendation

Transition Desert Yarns to quarterly and introduce a monthly digital update to align with resourcing.

12.4.2 Grant Update

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

PURPOSE

This report provides Councillors with an updated overview of current priority projects, recent and upcoming grant applications, and the status of projects for which funding has been secured. Maintaining a clear pipeline of grant-ready and maturing projects ensures Council can respond efficiently to funding opportunities and continue advancing the strategic objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan.

GRANT PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT

As at the date of this report, Council holds 12 active and concluded grant applications across multiple funding programs. Two applications have received confirmed outcomes since the last report.

12 Total Applications <small>Active + concluded</small>	7 Successful <small>\$3,984,628 secured</small>	2 Submitted / Active <small>\$1,655,376 in pipeline</small>	70% Success Rate <small>Concluded apps only</small>
\$7.98M Funded Portfolio <small>11 active projects</small>	8 Projects In Progress	1 Complete	2 Pending Variation

Grant Applications And Status Update

The list below shows grants that have been applied for and the status.

Project Name	Fund/ potential fund	Funding Applied for (ex GST)	Application Due Date	Status
Bedourie Flood Levee	Disaster Ready Fund - R3	\$1,108,071	4/2/2025	Successful

Housing infrastructure services - Enabling roads, services	Residential Activation Fund	\$2,716,557	23/06/2025	Successful
Construction of Concrete Floodways: Griffiths Tank - Coorabulka Rd, Coorabulka - Springvale Rd and Springvale - Boulia Rd.	Safer Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	\$1,600,000	30/04/2026	Re-submit
National Australia Day Community Grants	Australia Day Events	\$10,000	30/10/2025	Successful
Tourism Icons Investment Fund EOI	Bedourie Courthouse Enhancement	\$157,000	08/10/2025	Unsuccessful
Construction of a DDA-compliant passenger drop-off and accessible parking zone at Birdsville Airport	Disability Standards Upgrade Program (DSUP)	\$50,000	05/11/2025	Successful
Regional Tourism Icons Fund	Bedourie Courthouse Enhancement	\$300,000	12/11/2025	Unsuccessful
Regional Tourism Icons Fund	Betoota Digital Tourism Kiosk	\$100,000	12/11/2025	Unsuccessful
Great Australian Bite	Australia Day Events	\$10,000	07/11/2025	Successful
Western Queensland Events Boost Fund	The Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail marketing Campaign	\$40,000	16/01/2026	Successful
Heritage Disaster Recovery Grants (State)	Birdsville Courthouse Path and Drainage Resilience Project	\$50,000	06/02/2026	Successful
Regional and Remote Airports Rex administration grant	Grant to claim a percentage of unsecured debt owed by Rex Airlines	\$55,376	17/03/2026 (due)	Submitted

Financial Considerations

Securing external grant funding is a key component of Council’s financial sustainability and an essential mechanism for progressing priority projects that cannot be delivered through own-source revenue alone. Grant funding supports the delivery of infrastructure, community services, and operational initiatives identified as priorities by Council, and reduces the financial impact on ratepayers.

The current secured portfolio of \$7,984,657 represents a significant contribution to capital and community programs that would otherwise require substantial rate-funded borrowing or deferral.

Next Steps

- Council to discuss and provide feedback on the priority project list.
- Continue sourcing grant opportunities aligned with Council priorities and Corporate Plan.

Diamantina Shire Council – Project Priorities

The following list has been developed by the Management Team and outlines the projects Council is actively working to progress through funding opportunities. Projects are grouped into three tiers based on their stage of development:

- **Tier 1 – Ready to go or actively planning:** Projects that are ready to apply or actively maturing.
- **Tier 2 – In Development:** Projects that align with Council's strategic goals but require further planning, design, or partnership development.
- **Tier 3 – Early Stage:** Projects that are still being explored or conceptualised and may require further maturity or future funding pathways.

This priority list guides future funding applications and ensures organisational alignment when opportunities arise

Tier 1 – Ready To Go Or Actively Planning

- Detailed Planning and Design of the Bedourie Hub Precinct - Council Administration Building, Visitors Office Space, Library, Country University, Child Care/Family Day Care and VIC
- Birdsville Races Festival 2026 – Entertainment & Venue
- Continue Get Ready Program Participation
- Court House – inc signage, outside building
- Birdsville Airport Runway Upgrade, priority 1
- Bedourie Airport Runway Upgrade
- 2 Boys Dreaming

Tier 1 projects are actively matured and positioned to be grant-ready across multiple funding programs, so that if one opportunity is unsuccessful, Council can pivot quickly to the next without losing the investment already made in planning and design

Tier 2 – In Development

- Bedourie Aircon for Evacuation centres/ community hall
- Birdsville Multipurpose Centre - Amenities & Aircon (evac centre/ sports centre)
- Clubs Minor Infrastructure Upgrades
- Birdsville Skate Park – Shade Shed
- Birdsville Geothermal Plant – Tourism Activation
- Birdsville Sport & Wellness Centre
- Housing (2) – Family Day Care
- Accessibility Upgrades – Tourism Infrastructure
- Birdsville Airport Master Plan and Detailed Design
- Capturing the stories of locals to play in tourism information centre.

Tier 3 – Early Stage

- Energy Grid / Microgrid
- Water Cooling – R&D 42mil NWG/ \$2mil council for pumps, variation, ground level t- increased capacity of heat exchange or \$343K (follow)
- Cybersecurity Upgrades
- Asset Management System
- Dark Sky Tourism

- Vermin-Proof Pool Shade & Shed Design
- Ablution Blocks – Tourism Infrastructure
- Master Plan for site Herbert Street - Police Watch House site
- Resource Recovery Plant and equipment
- Bedourie Pool Replacement
- Irrigation and stock watering for bronco branding yards
- Betoota Waste Transfer Station/ Rubbish

12.4.3 Work Health and Safety Report

REPORT TYPE: OCM Information Report
DIRECTORATE: Executive Office
PRESENTED BY: Jo Fiorenza
AUTHOR(S): Joanne Fiorenza, Safety and Quality Coordinator
AUTHORISER: Julianne Meier, Chief Executive Officer
ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Incident Statistics

3 Incidents reported in April 2026

Date	Type	Incident	Response
9/4/26	Personal Injury	Worker bitten by spider when completing pre-start on vehicle	First aid treatment applied. Current spider infestation. Pest Control arranged for end of May. Workers advised to complete regular housekeeping on vehicles to remove spiders.
28/4/26	Near Miss	Snake sighted at Bedourie playgroup outdoor area.	Actions assigned for housekeeping within area to reduce potential hiding places for wildlife.
29/4/26	Personal Injury	Worker excited truck and felt muscle pain in right calf	Strain to right calf. Potential Workers Compensation claim awaiting Drs visit. Further investigation required.

Hazard Statistics

2 Hazards reported in April 2026

Date	Type	Hazard	Response
8/4/26	Wildlife	Spider Infestation at Anzac Park Birdsville	Regular cleaning schedule in place. Pest Control arranged for end of May.

Date	Type	Hazard	Response
21/4/26	Improvements	Birdsville inspections by DIS. 3 hazards reported.	Clean up of ex-power station, retaining wall at sport centre and cemetery works Actions assigned to P&G.

Inspections

Period	Number inspections outstanding at start of period	Number inspections scheduled during period	Number inspections completed during period	Number inspections outstanding at end of period
February	0	3	60	0
March	0	4	139	0
April	0	12	100	0

Pre-start inspections for plant and equipment – 83 entries during April 2026

Safety Inspections - 17 hazard inspections during April 2026 including 3 work sites

Audits

Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM) system internal process testing progressing.

LGW WHS Audit FY 2026/2027

- Implementation of Skytrust and new integrated management system progressing as per 3 year and Audit Action Plan ongoing
- Skytrust is being reviewed externally for efficiency and accurate data recording.

HSC Meetings

Committee Meeting 20th March 2026. Outstanding Committee actions are listed below. Next meeting scheduled for May 2026.

Workers Compensation

- Workers Compensation claim November 2025. Ongoing management of rehabilitation and return to work.
- Claim for damages being managed by LGW legal.

Training and Inductions

- 5 employee and 2 contractor Inductions were completed.

Standard WHS Metrics

	Target not achieved					
	Needs Review	Reporting Period	Target	February	March	April
	On target					
Lead Indicators – Objective, Continuous Improvement						
Health and safety committee meetings held		Bi-Monthly	Per Works Roster	0%	100%	100%
Site inductions completed on start day		Monthly	100%	100%	100%	100%
Hazards reported		Monthly	20% Increase	4	4	4
Appointed and formally trained HSR's		Annually	100%	6	6	6
WHS alerts issued		Monthly	Qualitative	3	4	4
Lag Indicators – Objective, ZERO Harm						
Overdue hazards actions		Monthly	0	0	1	5
Incidents including near miss		Monthly	0	8	4	3
Incidents remaining open past 1 week		Monthly	0	7	4	4
Overdue compliance & audit corrective action requests (negative)		Monthly	0	0	0	0
Lost Time Injury rehabilitation cases new		Monthly	0	1	0	0
Lost Time Injury rehabilitation cases ongoing		Monthly	0	2	1	1
Regulator Activity – Objective, Legislative Compliance and Continuous Improvement						
Notifiable injuries / dangerous events		Monthly	0	0	0	0
Prohibition notices issued		Monthly	0	0	0	0
Improvement notices issued		Monthly	0	0	0	0
Provisional improvement notices (PINs) issued		Monthly	0	0	0	0
Verbal recommendations from inspectors		Monthly	0	0	0	0

Outstanding Hazard Actions Update as at 30 April 2026

QHSE ID	Date	Directorate	Area	Details	Due Date	Update
94	12/11/25	Safety	All	Update SDS, lock out tags and Notice Boards for all camps	30/4/26	To be completed during monthly visits. Camps were not accessible during flood.
810488	19/2/26	Safety	All	Finalise and update Emergency Procedures and evacuation exercises	30/4/26	To be arranged for monthly site visits.
807084	3/2/26	Workshop	Plant	Replace worn hoses P464 Forklift	30/4/26	Monitor while parts arrive. Complete next service.
799433	12/12/25	Workshop	Plant	P734 Skid Steer needs new hydraulic fitting	30/4/26	In process
793131	3/11/25	Workshop	Plant	P1859 Prime mover needs fire extinguisher bracket replaced.	30/4/26	To be fitted

Outstanding Incident Actions Update as at 30 April 2026

QHSE ID	Date	Directorate	Area	Details	Due Date	Update
111	14/11/25	Infrastructure	Outside Crew	Staff grader had over heated when trying to drive back to work vehicle. Worker dehydrated.	31/12/25	Final procedure distributed to staff March for testing. Further review required to capture evidence of recorded data. Trialing electronically via prestart in Skytrust. Investigated other options. In process.

Outstanding Committee Meeting Actions Update as at 30 April 2026

QHSE ID	Date	Area	Details	Due Date	Update
817040	20/3/26	Infrastructure	Facilitate a group walk around to determine what 'old gear' is being kept, auctioned or disposed of. To create a plan to tidy up the industrial yard.	23/4/26	To be arranged by DIS

13 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

14 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:

14.1 HR 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.

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

16 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Diamantina Shire Council's Administration Centre, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie, QLD 4829 at 9:00 AM on 15 June 2026.

17 CLOSE OF MEETING