

AGENDA

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Time: 9:00am

Location: Council Chambers

Peter Franks
Chief Executive Officer

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8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDING 31 JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 1 February 2024

Manager Finance

Attachments: 1. Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2023/24 &

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Author:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of financial matters for the period 1 July 2023 to 31 January 2024.

Additionally, this report demonstrates Mareeba Shire Council's performance against the Queensland Audit Office report to Parliament, for the 2022/23 audits conducted across the local government sector.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- 1. receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 January 2024; and
- 2. endorses the four (4) emergency purchase orders.

BACKGROUND

Each month, year to date financial statements are prepared to monitor actual performance against budgets.

For the month ending 31 January 2024, the actual results are in line with the year-to-date budget. There are no issues or concerns to discuss or highlight at this stage, any variances at this stage are due to budget allocation timing issues.

The budgeted figures reflect the 2023/24 Budget as adopted by Council at the 19 July 2023 meeting.

January 2024 - Snapshot	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD
Total Operating Income	\$ 35,981,079	23,059,730
Total Operating Expenditure	\$ 36,463,756	27,932,915
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (482,677)	(4,873,185)
Total Capital Income (grants, developer contributions)	\$ 2,980,682	105,000
Net Result - Surplus/(Deficit)*	\$ 2,498,005	(4,768,185)

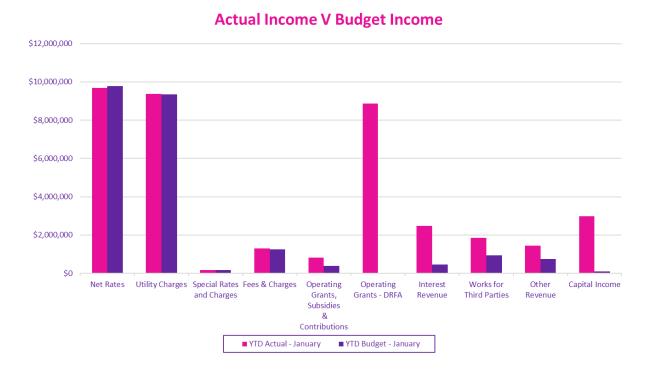
^{*} Please note that the actual surplus net result includes capital income. Council is unable to budget for capital grants as it is unknown at the time the budget is prepared.

Actual Operating Income and Expenditure includes all Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) income and expenses, however the YTD budges does not include any provision for DRFA.

Income Analysis

Total income (inclusive of capital income of \$2,980,682) for the period ending 31 January 2024 is \$38,961,761 compared to the YTD budget of \$23,164,730.

The graph below shows actual income against budget for the period ending 31 January 2024.



Actual YTD Budget YTD Note **Net Rates** 9,685,384 9,783,705 1 1 **Utility Charges** 9,377,776 9,345,832 **Special Rates and Charges** 167,165 1 166,558 Fees & Charges 1,305,516 1,240,422 390,866 Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions 814,154 Operating Grants, Subsidies - DRFA 8,858,711 2 Interest Received 2,480,359 459,083 3 Works for Third Parties 1,842,395 937,315 4 Other Revenue 1,449,619 735,949 5 2,980,682 105,000 Capital Income 6

Notes:

1. Rates for the half year ending 31 December 2023 were levied in August. The Rate Notices for the period ending 30 June 2024 will be issued 5 February 2024 with the discount date being 8 March 2024.

- 2. Funding for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) restoration works which is not budgeted for. This includes funding for the flood damage repairs for the recent Tropical Cyclone Jasper. This revenue is offset against the expenditure incurred.
- 3. Favourable variance above budget due to interest rates rising. This interest will be allocated between constrained reserves (developer contributions), waste, water and wastewater funds.
- 4. Favourable due to third party works not budgeted for and RMPC income received. RMPC income budget is allocated equally over 12-month period, however actuals do not reflect the same trend. This will be the same with expenditure.
- 5. Annual invoices have been raised for some rent and leases, however the budget has been apportioned equally over 12 months. Sale of three (3) lots at Mareeba Industrial Park this financial year with gross sales totalling \$465k. These proceeds will go into the MIP reserve to fund future MIP development.
- 6. Funding received for the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant, from DTMR for TIDS claims Rankin Street and Walsh Street upgrade of intersection and Euluma Creek Road widen and seal and from QRA funding received for the Bicentennial Lakes Gravity Main Upgrade, Betterment Works Gully Upgrades over various sites.

Expenditure Analysis

Total expenses for the period ending 31 January 2024 is \$36,463,756 compared to the YTD budget of \$27,932,915. The graph below shows actual expenditure against budget for the period ending 31 January 2024.

Actual Expenditure V Budget Expenditure

\$10,000,000 \$8,000,000 \$4,000,000 \$2,000,000 Employee Expenses Materials and Services Other Expenses - DRFA Depreciation expenses Finance and Borrowing costs

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■ YTD Budget - January

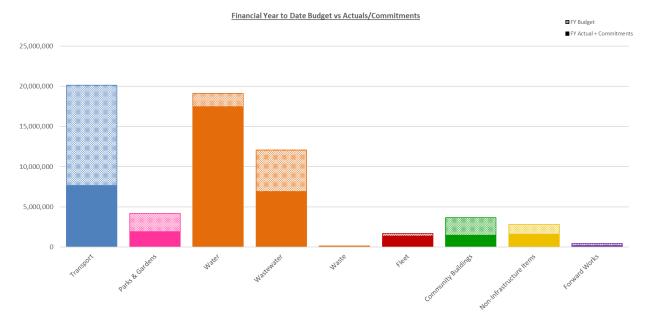
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Note
Employee expenses	10,425,373	10,745,775	1
Materials & Services	9,858,710	10,434,732	2
Other Expenses - DRFA	8,684,696	20,417	3
Depreciation expenses	7,212,515	6,600,687	
Finance & Borrowing costs	282,462	131,304	4

Notes:

- 1. There are no significant issues to report. The reason for the variance in employee expenses is a timing issue for the annual increment, staff absences, vacancies and staff working on capital.
- 2. No issues or significant issues to report. Variances are the result of minor timing discrepancies between budget and actual spend.
- 3. The variance relates to the expenditure incurred for the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) restoration works which is not budgeted for. This expenditure is offset against the income to be received.
- 4. The variance is in relation to Stores write offs for various sundry items relating to floating plant and signs, as well as items sold at auction in December.

Capital Expenditure

Total capital expenditure of \$38,573,073 (including commitments) has been spent for the period ending 31 January 2024 against the 2023/24 adjusted annual capital budget of \$64,218,072.



Loan Borrowings

Council's loan balance is \$6,681,776.

Rates and Charges

The total rates and charges payable as at 31 January 2024 are \$1,702,318 which is broken down as follows:

	31 Janu	ary 2024	31 January 2023		
Status	No. of properties	Amount	No. of properties	Amount	
Valueless land	3	86,259	4	65,917	
Payment Arrangement	3	1,171	2	7,302	
Collection House	252	1,061,737	295	1,533,114	
Exhausted – awaiting sale of land	15	440,019	7	53,230	
Sale of Land	8	74,510	5	58,107	
Other (includes supplementary rate notices) *	100	38,622	72	28,515	
TOTAL	381	1,702,318	385	1,746,185	

Excluding balances under \$20

The Rate Notices for the period ending 30 June 2024 were issued on 5 February 2024 with the discount (due) date being 8 March 2024.

Collection House collected \$132,123 for the month of January 2024.

Sundry Debtors

The total outstanding for Sundry Debtors as at 31 January 2024 is \$262,503 which is made up of the following:

Current	30 days	60 days	90 + days
\$240,643	\$4,664	\$1,629	\$15,567
91%	2%	1%	6%

Procurement

As a result of the recent weather events, there were four (4) emergency purchase orders for the month of January 2024:

Order	PAD22316	Quotation Process	EMERGENC	Order Date	16/01/2024
Number					
Supplier Name		Pacific Marine Group Pty Ltd			
Order Amount		\$15,000.00			
Reason		Emergency Works - TC Jasper			
		Only contractor available to complete			

Order Number	PAD22357	Quotation Process	EMERGENC	Order Date	23/01/2024
Supplier Name		Magnum Plumbing Pty Ltd			
Order Amount		\$10,000.00			
Reason		Emergency Works Large Sewer Blockage Causing Overflows			

Order	PAD22369	Quotation Process	EMERGENC	Order Date	24/01/2024
Number					
Supplier Name		Magnum Plumbing Pty Ltd			
Order Amount		\$5,000.00			
Reason		Emergency Works Blocked & Overflowing Sewer Main			

Order	PAD22402	Quotation Process	EMERGENC	Order Date	31/01/2024
Number					
Supplier Name		Internal Spi CCTV Reporting & Pipe Surveying			
Order Amount		\$77,000.00			
Reason		Emergency Works - Lloyd St Sink Hole			
		Broken/Damaged Sewer Main			

Year End 30 June 2023 Audit Result

On 29 January 2024, the Auditor-General tabled in parliament the Local Government Report 2023 (Report 8: 2023-24). This report summarises the audit results of Queensland's 77 local government (councils) and the entities they control.

Below are the key highlights presented in the 'Report on a page' from the Queensland Audit Office, and how Mareeba Shire Council compares within the Queensland local government sector.

Report Finding	Mareeba Shire Council Status
14 councils (from 77) did not complete their 2023 financial statements by the 31 October 2023 statutory reporting deadline, and 7 of these councils have still not completed them as at the date of this report.	Mareeba Shire Council has always completed their financial statements ahead of the statutory deadline . In 2022/23, the financial statements were completed on 4 October 2023, 27 days ahead of the 31 October deadline.
121 unresolved significant (high risk) issues	Mareeba Shire Council were issued with no unresolved issues.
Two-thirds of the sector still have weakness in the security of its information systems and 24% of Councils have not provided cyber security training to their staff.	Mareeba Shire Council had no weaknesses identified in information systems

In addition, 34 Councils either do not have some of their polices in procedures in place, or they are outdated and not relevant to their operations anymore. **security**. All staff have received training and this training will continue to be provided to staff.

All Mareeba Shire Council policies and procedures are relevant and current in date and relevance.

For the second year, councils have received more of their (federal) financial assistance grants for the next year in advance, and reported this as revenue (as required under accounting principles).

Mareeba Shire Council **does not rely** on advance grant payments to achieve an operating surplus.

Despite this, 24 per cent of the 63 councils that had completed their financial statements by 31 October generated operating losses, and over half would have made losses without the extra funding they received.

We conservatively prepare our budget and rates increases based on the annual grant allocation announced for the upcoming financial year.

At 30 June 2023, 48 councils (2021–22: 46 councils) are still at either a moderate or a high risk of not being financially sustainable. The department's new financial sustainability framework is in place for the 2024 financial year.

Mareeba Shire Council is not one of these 48 councils. We are a financially sustainable council with a **low risk** of not being financially sustainable in the future.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Legal/Compliance/Policy Implications

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the financial report to be presented to local government if the local government holds its ordinary meetings more frequently (than once per month) - to a meeting in each month.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Governance: Sound decision making based on effective frameworks and clear strategic direction to achieve regulatory compliance while delivering affordable levels of identified services within the Shire.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

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Consolidated			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24
			Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	20,363,680	20,338,535	40,677,068
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,133,355)	(1,042,440)	(2,084,880)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	19,230,325	19,296,095	38,592,188
Fees and Charges	1,305,516	1,240,422	2,128,351
Operating Grants and Subsidies	546,181	360,533	8,233,196
Operating Grants and Subsidies - DRFA	8,858,711	-	_
Operating Contributions	267,973	30,333	52,000
Interest Revenue	2,480,359	459,083	787,000
Works for Third Parties	1,842,395	937,315	1,606,826
Other Revenue	1,449,619	735,949	1,199,625
Total Operating Revenue	35,981,079	23,059,730	52,599,186
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	10,425,373	10,745,775	18,500,677
Materials and Services	9,858,710	10,434,732	17,460,588
Other Expenses - DRFA	8,684,696	20,417	35,000
Depreciation expense	7,212,515	6,600,687	11,315,475
Finance and Borrowing costs	282,462	131,304	249,000
Total Operating Expenses	36,463,756	27,932,915	47,560,740
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(482,677)	(4,873,185)	5,038,446
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	420,015	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	3,658,862	-	6,575,000
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(1,098,195)	105,000	180,000
Total Capital Income	2,980,682	105,000	6,755,000
Net Result	2,498,005	(4,768,185)	11,793,446

Gen	eral		
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24
			Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	10,921,729	10,929,111	21,858,221
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,133,355)	(1,042,440)	(2,084,880)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	9,788,374	9,886,671	19,773,341
Fees and Charges	870,807	848,638	1,283,965
Operating Grants and Subsidies	528,614	360,533	8,233,196
Operating Grants and Subsidies - DRFA	8,858,711	-	_
Operating Contributions	-	-	_
Interest Revenue	1,729,719	273,000	468,000
Works for Third Parties	1,814,760	937,315	1,606,826
Other Revenue	1,258,828	611,115	985,625
Total Operating Revenue	24,849,813	12,917,272	32,350,953
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	9,301,733	9,577,048	16,484,913
Materials and Services	4,201,779	4,294,006	7,214,824
Other Expenses - DRFA	8,684,696	20,417	35,000
Depreciation expense	5,165,005	4,668,758	8,003,597
Finance and Borrowing costs	228,329	78,230	142,852
Total Operating Expenses	27,581,542	18,638,459	31,881,186
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,731,730)	(5,721,187)	469,767
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Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	419,651	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	2,142,850	-	4,314,000
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(253,554)	105,000	180,000
Total Capital Income	2,308,947	105,000	4,494,000
Net Result	(422,783)	(5,616,187)	4,963,767

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	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24
			Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	2,296,354	2,280,165	4,560,330
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	2,296,354	2,280,165	4,560,330
Fees and Charges	325,150	324,701	729,386
Operating Grants and Subsidies		-	-
Operating Contributions	53,604	30,333	52,000
Interest Revenue	113,267	24,500	42,000
Works for Third Parties	14,727	-	-
Other Revenue	151,067	110,250	189,000
Total Operating Revenue	2,954,169	2,769,949	5,572,716
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	141,721	129,553	222,091
Materials and Services	2,542,448	2,986,957	5,116,750
Depreciation expense	126,008	105,084	180,144
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	2,810,177	3,221,594	5,518,985
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	143,992	(451,645)	53,731
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	-	-	-
Net Result	143,992	(451,645)	53,731

Wastewater			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	3,058,964	3,035,238	6,070,475
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions		-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	3,058,964	3,035,238	6,070,475
Fees and Charges	40,109	35,000	60,000
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	313,286	119,583	205,000
Works for Third Parties	4,071	-	-
Other Revenue		-	
Total Operating Revenue	3,416,430	3,189,821	6,335,475
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	375,836	389,174	669,805
Materials and Services	1,035,254	1,149,008	1,773,161
Depreciation expense	1,011,447	962,006	1,649,153
Finance and Borrowing costs	54,133	53,074	106,148
Total Operating Expenses	2,476,670	2,553,262	4,198,267
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	939,760	636,559	2,137,208
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	364	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	625,846	-	2,261,000
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(143,514)	-	-
Total Capital Income	482,696	-	2,261,000
Net Result	1,422,456	636,559	4,398,208

Water			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24
			Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	4,023,982	4,031,929	8,063,857
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	_	-	=
Net Rates and Utility Charges	4,023,982	4,031,929	8,063,857
Fees and Charges	69,450	32,083	55,000
Operating Grants and Subsidies	17,567	-	-
Operating Contributions		-	-
Interest Revenue	303,895	42,000	72,000
Works for Third Parties	8,837	-	-
Other Revenue	39,724	14,584	25,000
Total Operating Revenue	4,463,455	4,120,596	8,215,857
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	606,083	650,000	1,123,868
Materials and Services	2,005,218	1,960,312	3,308,279
Depreciation expense	872,605	831,035	1,424,631
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	_	-
Total Operating Expenses	3,483,906	3,441,347	5,856,778
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	979,549	679,249	2,359,079
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	890,166	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(701,127)	-	-
Total Capital Income	189,039	-	-
Net Result	1,168,588	679,249	2,359,079

Benefi	ted Area		
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	62,650	62,093	124,185
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions		-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	62,650	62,093	124,185
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	214,369	-	-
Interest Revenue	20,192	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	297,211	62,093	124,185
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	-	-	-
Materials and Services	74,011	44,449	47,574
Depreciation expense	37,450	33,804	57,950
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	111,461	78,253	105,524
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	185,750	(16,161)	18,661
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	=
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	-	-	-
Net Result	185,750	(16,161)	18,661

8.2 SALE OF LAND DUE TO RATES IN ARREARS

Date Prepared: 8 February 2024

Author: Manager Finance

Attachments: 1. Schedule of Properties (under separate cover)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the properties which are available to sell under the Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 4 Part 12 Division 3 (Selling or acquiring land for overdue rates or charges) and request a resolution to be able to sell these properties under Section 140.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1 Sell the land listed below due to the rates and charges which have accrued on the rateable lands remaining unpaid for three (3) years or longer, in accordance with section 140 of the Local Government Regulation 2012; and

Property No	Property Description
10543	Lot 6 3148

2 Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its power to take all further steps under Chapter 4, Part 12 Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to effect sale of land (including, for avoidance of doubt, the power to end sale procedures including the authority to remove a property where circumstances arise whereby the continuation of this action is considered unwarranted or inappropriate).

BACKGROUND

The property listed on the above Schedule have rates and charges unpaid for three (3) years or more and in accordance with Section 140 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, selling land for overdue rates or charges applies. Council has made every attempt to recover the unpaid rates on each property with no success to date.

This property went to sale of land in 2023 and was passed in at auction. The property was listed on the open market however this has not resulted in a sale and the one (1) year period after notice of intention to sell has now lapsed.

If a local government sells or acquires land for overdue rates or charges, the local government cannot start or continue any court proceedings to recover the overdue rates or charges (Section 135 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*).

The proposed timeline is as follows:

Date	Milestone
27/02/2024	Issue Notice of Intention to all interested parties (3 months given for payment)
27/05/2024	Due date for payment
10/07/2024	Auction Notices issued
25/07/2024	Auction Date

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Mareeba Shire Council Debt Recovery Policy

The sale of land process must be carried out giving consideration to the Local Government Act 2009, in particular Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

Nil

Operating

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Financial Sustainability: A council that continuously operates in a cost-effective manner while managing council's assets and reserves to ensure a sustainable future.

Governance: Sound decision making based on effective frameworks and clear strategic direction to achieve regulatory compliance while delivering affordable levels of identified services within the Shire.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

8.3 COMMUNITY LOAN - MAREEBA UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Date Prepared: 8 February 2024

Author: Senior Community Engagement Officer

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines a request for Council consideration to support the Mareeba United Football Club through the Community Partnerships Program 2023/24 by way of an interest-free loan of \$39,290.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the request from the Mareeba United Football Club for a \$39,290 interest-free loan and in-kind support for foregone interest of approximately \$8,510 or \$1,702 per annum for the next five years under the Community Partnerships Program.

BACKGROUND

Council received a request from the Mareeba United Football Club on 22 January 2024 for an interest-free loan of \$39,290 to be used towards purchasing a new Kubota commercial mower to maintain their grounds at Borzi Park, Mareeba.

The club has applied for funding under the Queensland Government's Community Gambling Fund several times for the new mower, however, have been unsuccessful to date.

The current mower has reached its end of life and the new mower will cut the mowing time in half and also save the club on fuel costs as the new mower is vastly more fuel efficient.

The club relies on volunteers to undertake the required weekly ground maintenance which takes up to seven (7) hours per week.

The club is looking to secure the community loan to purchase the new mower from a local Mareebabased stockist ahead of the start to the 2024 soccer season.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Community Partnerships Program 2023/24 - New Request

The application to Council is for an interest-free loan, detailed below:

Loan Purpose: Purchase a new commercial mower

Loan Amount: \$39,290

Loan Term: 5 Years

Repayment Monthly

Frequency:

Interest Rate: 8.00%

Foregone Interest: \$8,510 for the loan term (approximately \$1,702 per annum)

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

Foregone interest will be recorded as an in-kind contribution in the Community Partnerships Program budget.

Is the expenditure noted above included in the current budget?

Yes. The foregone interest value will be covered by funds allocated for new requests under Council's 2023/24 CPP budget and will be included in the proposed 2024/25 CPP budget.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Community: An informed and engaged community which supports and encourages effective partnerships to enhance the liveability of the Shire.

Press release and social media is appropriate to inform community of Council assistance.

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23 JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 5 February 2024

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments: 1. Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 23 January 2024

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Mareeba Shire Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held Tuesday, 23 January 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) is an advisory committee to Council under Section 265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The TAC provides information and advice to Council regarding traffic, road and transport matters.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

There are ongoing costs associated with investigation of traffic matters to ensure a safe road environment for our community. In most cases, any safety improvements on Council roads determined from these investigations will be funded from operational budgets or referred for consideration in future capital budget deliberations.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

Nil

Operating

Internal resources for investigation and follow up actions.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Community: An informed and engaged community which supports and encourages effective partnerships to enhance the liveability of the shire.

Transport and Council Infrastructure: The provision of quality services and infrastructure for our growing community that is planned and managed using sound asset management principles.

Economy and Environment: A resilient economy that promotes and supports the shire's natural assets and local industry and encourages investment while preserving and future proofing for generations to come.

Governance: Sound decision making based on effective frameworks and clear strategic direction to achieve regulatory compliance while delivering affordable levels of identified services within the Shire.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil



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MINUTES TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 23 January 2024 Commenced at 9:30am

Members Present:

John Ridgway Queensland Police (QPS) – Sergeant

Kim Yap Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Principal Engineer

Kevin Davies (Chair) Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Chair Lenore Wyatt Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor

Glenda Kirk Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Director Infrastructure Services

Marjorie Anthony Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Secretariat

Non-Members Present:

Angela Toppin Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Mayor Mario Mlikota Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor

Marita Stecko Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Senior Advisor (Road Safety)

1. WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:35am welcoming all and thanking everyone for their participation. Apologies were noted as follows:

Apologies

Michael Ringer Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR) – Principal Engineer

Derek Garner Queensland Police (QPS) – Senior Sergeant

Sam Wakeford Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Manager Technical Services

Mary Graham Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) - Councillor

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 19 September 2023 were noted as being true and correct.

Moved by Cr Lenore Wyatt

Seconded by John Ridgway

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Parking issues at St Thomas's Catholic School

- Council have sought funding consideration through TMR (STIP) for improvements to the
 intersection of Constance and Hastie Streets including pedestrian crossing works. STIP Ideas
 Application lodged; SafeST investigation concluded and progressed to the nomination form;
 design solutions being investigated for future cost consideration as a possible 2023/24
 project.
- Further improvement works to Hastie Street for the improvement to parking and safety would be investigated and considered for funding under future capital programs.
- MSC confirmed two projects identified; Stage 1: Pedestrian crossing & intersection improvement works (through TMR STIP application; and Stage 2: Parking and traffic movements

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- STIP Nomination form being completed for Stage 1 with MSC working in conjunction with CathEd; currently being designed to align with grant funding.
- Stage 1: Preliminary design on schedule to be completed by 30 June 2023. STIP Funding application for Stage 1 lodged with TMR.
- TMR advised applications will be finalised in October 2023 and asked if the School has formed a SafeST Committee.
- Stage 2: Council continues with preliminary design, resident consultation to be undertaken. Further updates to be provided at future TAC Meetings.
- MSC advise intersection design 95% complete, STIP funding application approved for crossing improvements.
- Report presented to Council on 20 December 2023, tender awarded to undertake construction works to upgrade the Constance / Hastie Streets intersection and pedestrian crossing. Construction commenced mid-January 2024.
- There being no further action required by this Committee, it is recommended the item be removed from the Agenda.

3.2 Walsh Street Temporary Traffic Measures

- Temporary works are in place and continue to be monitored.
- QPS advises non-compliance by motorists is occurring in this area which they are acting upon.
- MSC has engaged a consultant (Bitzios) to undertake a traffic study (completed) and prepare concept and detailed designs for upgrade of this section of road on 2023/24
- MSC advise based on preliminary feedback from consultant, there will be a significant change
 to the parking arrangements and confirms that information from QPS is considered in traffic
 study.
- Phase 2 of the design process underway; consultants on track with completion of the
 preliminary design anticipated mid 2023; detailed design to follow; water main replacement
 to be undertaken as part of the project before any traffic works, construction proposed post
 wet season 2024. MSC to ensure emergency services notified of works when construction is
 undertaken.
- Consultants are on track with completing preliminary design, detailed design will commence as soon as possible.
- Walsh Street water main replacement to commence in July 2023
- Walsh Street AC water main replacement works complete; detailed design to commence prior to end of 2023.
- Concept plans waiting final consultation. MSC will present plans at TAC Meeting in June 2024.
 Consultation of draft proposal with property owners underway.
- MSC to provide an update to Mareeba Chamber, as initiator of the request.

3.3 TMR Mareeba Southern Approach

- In December 2022, the following Agenda items were combined and re-titled 'TMR Mareeba Southern approach';
 - o 32A/32B Kennedy Highway / Byrnes Street T-Intersection
 - Mareeba Connection Road / Byrnes Street merge lane signage
 - o Mareeba Heritage Centre Requests for Improvements entry / exit to VIC carpark
 - Mareeba Bypass
 - B-Double Route access to Reynolds Street Industrial Area / Kennedy Hwy via Costin Street
 - o HV parking between Martin Avenue and Kennedy Highway
- TMR followed up after the meeting and advised:
 - Mareeba Bypass TMR is progressing with the Preliminary Evaluation (Options development) phase. MSC will continue to be involved in planning discussions. More information can be found at <u>Mareeba - Dimbulah Road, Mareeba Bypass |</u> <u>Department of Transport and Main Roads (tmr.qld.gov.au)</u>

- Mareeba Jackeroo Hotel TMR is meeting with Motel Proprietor on 31 March 2023 to agree on actions to better manage dust and HV parking in the vicinity of his hotel and the Mareeba Heritage Centre.
- Following this TAC Meeting, TMR and MSC to inspect the Mareeba Centenary Park entrance with a view to preparing a plan for the work to be undertaken through RMPC
- Outcome of on-site inspection by TMR & MSC on 20/06:
 - Shoulder edge wear at the northern entrance to Centenary Park; works have been completed by Council through RMPC; bollards to be installed;
 - Drain between Centenary Park driveways requires regrading to ensure drain is functional as picking machine display installed in overland drainage path; and
 - Future options to be considered regarding parking on the south-west of Jackaroo
 Motel
 - Parking in front of Jackaroo between exit driveway & Costin Street proposed yellow line and No Parking sign
- TMR advised 32A/32B intersection is being designed for signalised Intersection; delivery will be carried out when funding is available.
- TMR considering B-Double route as part of the Mareeba Bypass Planning; TMR propose to have draft updates from Planning Team on progress.
- There being no further action required by this Committee, it is recommended this item be removed from the Agenda.

3.4 Byrnes / Rankin Street Drainage (Glenda Kirk)

- MSC raised with TMR the issue of stormwater drainage at the corner of Byrnes / Rankin Street intersection which has resulted in inundation of footpaths, particularly on the western side of Byrnes Street north of the intersection and east of the intersection (near McDonald's and in the Coles car park)
- MSC advised there has been notable change since the traffic lights were installed in 2019/20 seeking a joint approach between TMR and Council to determine what can be done to alleviate some of the issues in the short term and requesting some priority be given around this issue.
- MSC information and sketches were provided to TMR on 14 February 2023
- TMR to inspect the area with MSC officers following this meeting of 21 March 2023
- MSC is proposing to undertake a design project to address long-standing issues with stormwater drainage and pedestrian access in the CBD in the 2023/24 capital works program to gain a clear understanding of the funding required for the improvements.
- MSC advised it seeks rectification of the drainage issue created since the installation of the
 traffic lights prior to the coming wet season. TMR advised detailed analysis to be undertaken
 with MSC providing data and assistance; TMR to liaise with MSC.
- Discussions have commenced with TMR regarding review of Byrnes/Rankin drainage rectification. Investigation is currently being carried out by TMR. TMR has engaged consultant and report is being prepared.
- Council has undertaken condition assessment of most stormwater assets in CBD and identified extents for CBD drainage assessment ready for engagement of consultant.
- TMR estimate overall rectification works at \$1.5M which is currently unfunded. Interim
 measures are proposed by TMR to help alleviate some of the issues. Advice on timeframe of
 interim measures unable to be provided by TMR.

3.5 Byrnes Street, Mareeba – Through Traffic Keep Right Signage (Cr Mlikota)

- Community seeks a bigger "Through Traffic Keep Right" sign on the north side of Byrnes Street
- Suggesting the sign is similar in size to the current Mareeba Traffic Area P2 sign located in the centre median near the raised pedestrian crossing near Llyod Street
- MSC reiterated with TMR bigger signage is required, TMR to liaise with MSC on sizing and location with signage being potentially installed under RMPC
- Signs have arrived, installation scheduled by Council for late September under RMPC.

- Through Traffic Keep Right sign installed early October on the north side of Byrnes Street (in centre median near Red Rooster).
- Similar signage required on the Byrnes Street southern entrance; TMR advised to carry out installation under RMPC.

3.6 32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba) - TMR Night Audit

- TMR advised night audit completed; close out meeting to be held but no priority issues identified
- Some solar lighting not in operation due to lithium batteries being stolen; TMR installing an underground battery box (referred to as wom-bat) to eliminate future thefts
- TMR followed up after the meeting and advised the Department has engaged an electrical designer to look at the following intersections; Gilmore Road; Windy Hollow Road Ch 18.08;
 Top Rock Quarry Access Ch 18.55 and Emerald Creek Service Station Ch 42.58
- TMR sign audit complete and signs ordered; TMR advised it is anticipated cleaning and installation of signage will be complete by RoadTek by end of July 2023
- TMR advise signs in Speewah replaced. Cleaning of some signs east of Kuranda required.
- Noted the Welcome to Mareeba sign is obscured by TMR's new ITS signs. TMR will arrange relocation.
- Concerns raised regarding lane width of Kuranda Range for long trucks. TMR has advised funding committed for further safety upgrades of Kuranda Range.
- There being no further action required by this committee, it is recommended the item be removed from the agenda.

3.7 32A Kennedy Highway / Kay Road Intersection - Improvements for Heavy Vehicles

- Further works programmed by TMR as part of High Risk Roads Targeted Road Safety Program;
 upgrade works to be carried out at priority intersections including Kay Road.
- TMR advised works will be considered in Tranche 3 of the High Risk Roads Upgrade Programme.
- TMR followed up after the meeting and advised the current intersection geometry includes a
 widened sealed pavement for the left turn and a right turn lane of sufficient length and width for
 the right turn into Kay Road. The intersection is lit. Any upgrade to this intersection is unfunded
 and is a lower priority against other state priorities.
- Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update following the meeting.
- Further correspondence received from school bus driver raising concerns of no turning lane, stating there are more heavy vehicles utilizing Kay Road than light vehicles. Council to provide traffic count data for Kay Road to TMR.
- TMR confirmed traffic data received and passed onto their planning team.

3.8 32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba) - Barron River Bridge, Kuranda - Weight Restrictions

- Testing and maintenance works by TMR continue; Contract to investigate long-term solutions for the bridge awarded to Arup
- Ongoing testing and monitoring program continues to ensure the bridge remains safe; TMR
 progressing a planning study to investigate long-term solutions. Inspections will be carried out
 every 3 months with rehabilitation works being carried out where necessary
- Testing and maintenance works on the bridge continue. Planning study to investigate
 long-term solutions is progressing with the planning project confirming the preferred
 alignment and scope of a replacement bridge over the Barron River, including a viable
 delivery strategy that also considers the ongoing management and rehabilitation of the
 existing bridge
- Planning, including Business Case, has commenced with geotechnical investigations in progress.
- Stakeholder Survey results not known at time of TAC meeting. MSC / TMR meeting scheduled for 25 January 2024. MSC raised concerns regarding the further reduced load limit of the bridge to 42.5t.

3.9 32B Kennedy Highway (Mareeba-Atherton) - Request for overtaking lanes

- QPS enquired why there are no south bound overtaking lanes between Mareeba and Atherton advising the line marking completed under the recent upgrade works limited overtaking opportunities for motorists
- TMR followed up after the meeting and advised Kennedy Highway (Mareeba–Ravenshoe) / Mareeba Shire – An overtaking lane project is funded in QTRIP \$3M starting in 2024/25.
 Location has not been finalised yet.
- Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update on future plans for overtaking lanes following the meeting
- TMR's OTL Prioritisation Planning Study identified the need for a number of new OTL's on the Kennedy Highway between Mareeba and Atherton. One new overtaking lane has been identified in the short term, and two more in the longer term. The design of a new northbound overtaking lane, south of Vicary Road, is currently being finalised. TMR is planning to commence construction in 2024.

Right Turn from Passing Lane into Yuruga Nursery

- MSC raised concerns of the right turn into Yuruga Nursery from the passing lane heading south.
- "Turning Traffic" warning sign to be installed by TMR, anticipated delivery of sign is end of June 2023
- Turning traffic sign has been installed for the Yuruga Nursery.
- There being no further action required by this Committee in regard to the warning signage, this component of the item to be removed from the Agenda.

3.10 Burke Developmental Road - Stop Sign at Almaden Railway Crossing

- Matter previously raised by QPS in October 2021
- TMR to review signage and bring up to standard.
- MSC advise that no instruction received through RMPC to action. TMR to follow up and MSC will also raise through next RMPC meeting.
- Photos of existing crossing signage forwarded to TMR
- TMR followed up after the meeting providing design plan for replacement railway crossing signage approving MSC to install under RMPC.
- New signage has arrived, installation programmed for July 2023
- QPS advise only one sign has been installed. Council to follow up under RMPC. Update:
 20/09/23 confirmation that both signs have now been rectified to TMR's satisfaction.
- There being no further action required by this Committee in regard to the warning signage, this component of the item to be removed from the Agenda.

3.11 BDR - Request for flood camera at Trimble's Crossing

- Due to the remoteness of Trimble's Crossing on the Burke Developmental Road, it would be
 an advantage for TMR to deploy flood monitoring camera at this location. Cameras would
 provide an opportunity for TMR / MSC to monitor flood levels and the condition of the
 crossing surface once flood waters subsided with up-to-date travel information passed onto
 the public
- TMR advised as funding becomes available cameras will be rolled out at other locations; TMR have completed and prioritized a list of locations for future camera locations
- TMR followed up after the meeting and advised they plan to install a camera at Trimble's Crossing later in 2023, before the next wet season
- TMR confirmed flood cameras will be installed at Trimble's Crossing by end of November 2023 prior to the coming wet season
- TMR advised this is currently in procurement; it is planned to deliver the camera by December 2023, prior to the next wet season.
- Procurement underway by TMR, it is anticipated camera will be installed early April 2024.

3.12 Herberton-Petford Road, Irvinebank - Request to upgrade to a single coat seal

- Complaints received from residents regarding the condition of the Herberton Irvinebank
 Road with MSC asking if it was possible for TMR to provide an upgrade to a single coat dust
 seal. TMR advised MSC to list as a defect through RMPC. MSC and TMR to develop a
 programme including crossings for minor staged improvements
- Due to numerous engineering constraints TMR does not support dust sealing of gravel resheeted roads, general issues involve non-compliant material specifications, geometric design constraints etc
- Residents have expressed with MSC their frustrations regarding works and the limited funding for this road network
- Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update following the meeting
- TMR raised with their Planning team for future inclusion.
- TMR advised no change.

3.13 Mulligan Highway - Bilwon Road Intersection, Biboohra - Slip land and reduction of speed limit

- TMR advised the upgrade works on the Mulligan Hwy / Bilwon Rd intersection at Biboohra
 will not progressing as initially planned as additional funding is required to carry out the
 project. TMR applying for further funding and advised the outcome of this application may
 take some time. MSC expressed disappointment advising MSC has been advocating for this
 upgrade since December 2018 and requested a speed limit review in the interim. QPS
 supportive of the request.
- TAC resolved to recommend Council write to TMR requesting they undertake a speed limit review with a view to reducing the current 100 kph speed on the Mulligan Hwy between River Rd and the Bilwon Rd intersection to 80kph and investigate installing Town Entry Treatments for Biboohra similar to that installed at Emerald Creek
- Letter to TMR 22 August 2023; TMR responded advising a speed limit review for the section referred to is underway with completion early September 2023. Results of the review will be sent by TMR under separate cover. TMR propose speed reduction to 80km/h including vehicle activated signage, to be implemented in October.
- TAC pass motion in support. Moved by Cr Wyatt Seconded John Ridgway
- Cr Wyatt thanked TMR and provided community feedback regarding the temporary reduced speed limit at Biboohra advising residents sought for the reduced speed limit of 80 km per hour be permanent.
- There being no further action required by the committee regarding the additional 80 km speed signage, it is recommended this part of the request be removed from the agenda.

3.14 32B Kennedy Highway (Mareeba-Atherton) – Pedestrian facilities near McIver Road / Martin Avenue / Connection Road

- TMR to undertake detailed analysis for the provision of pedestrian facilities on Kennedy
 Highway near McIver Road / Martin Avenue / Mareeba Connection Road. MSC developed
 with TMR their Walking Network Plans adopting the Priority Works Program in March 2023.
 MSC / TMR to work together to plan for pedestrian connectivity in this location.
- TMR advises pedestrian count undertaken and utilization was low.
- MSC provided proposal details to TMR (Darryl Jones) on 7 December 2023; MSC advised officers meeting with TMR to discuss project planning.

3.15 32B Kennedy Highway (Mareeba-Atherton) – McIver Road Intersection Upgrade

- MSC advise of future rehabilitation and widening project of McIver Road from Kennedy Highway to western end of Owens Street
- MSC seeking TMR's interest in working with council to upgrade the Kennedy Highway intersection
- Council will forward details of proposal to TMR. Potential opportunity to revisit pedestrian connectivity in relation to Item 3.14 above.

3.16 Myola Road - Concerns raised by residents regarding speeding traffic

- QPS received a petition from Myola Road residents expressing their concerns regarding
 increased number of vehicles speeding, visibility at hidden driveways from Warril Creek.
 Residents request council consider traffic reduction measures and a regular police presence in
 the area.
- QPS advised regular patrols are carried out and will continue to monitor.
- Council has received a copy of the petition via QPS and will investigate the matters raised.
- Council will undertake traffic counts and investigate potential options for speed reduction measures and report findings back to Committee in early 2024.
- QPS will continue to monitor.
- Traffic counters scheduled for deployment by MSC end of January 2024.

3.17 Future Funding Opportunities

3.17.1 Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy

- TMR advised plans are with strategic planners for these works, TMR will follow up regarding website approval and will send link if approved for updates available
- TMR links to FND projects with webpages provided to members with June 2022 Minutes
- Heavy vehicle stopping facility constructed at the top of the Rex Range near Nile Mile Road (Mossman-Mt Molloy Road). MSC seeking an update on other locations on the northern and southern approaches to Mareeba and Springs Road
- TMR followed up after the meeting and advised Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management
 Strategy is current and it is being updated at this stage. The implementation (construction) of changes / additional HV rest areas is currently unfunded
- Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update following the meeting
- The Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy is complete and is being used to inform
 heavy vehicle improvements on the Tablelands. TMR is continuing to apply for funding to
 progress the outcomes of the strategy.
- Item to be moved to end of Agenda as note for future funding opportunities.
- TMR advise these projects remain unfunded, TMR continuing to make application for funding.

4. NEW REQUESTS / CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 32B Kennedy Highway (Cairns-Mareeba) – Roadside Rubbish between Kuranda & Koah

- Issue is regarding the amount of roadside rubbish between Kuranda and Koah. What can be done?
- TMR advised inspection carried out weekly by RoadTek and rubbish is picked-up where it is.

4.2 32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns-Mareeba) – Edmund Kennedy Bridge Rest Area

- Numerous comments posted on social media regarding the current poor state of this toilet facility on the outskirts of Mareeba. This facility is heavily utilised by motorists.
- MSC advised toilet facility is maintained by council under RMPC but the issue is with the dilapidated state of the building which is TMR responsibility
- TMR to inspect and advise.

4.3 32B Kennedy Highway (Mareeba-Atherton) – Dust issue generated by HVs parking / pulling over between Martin Avenue and highway

- Again, residents are complaining to council about the dust being generated by HVs using the
 area as a depot and motorists pulling over off the bitumen when heading south. The dust
 blows across the highway to James St on the western side of the highway.
- 12/12/2023 MSC/James St/Martin Ave Permit for Ergon/laydown area will expire by 31/12/2023. Does Council support the re-issue of permit for Ergon?

- MSC advise contractors are utilizing the area for private use not for MSC Projects
- 23/01/2024 TMR advised permit which expires on 30 May 2024 issued to Ergon allowing use
 of the area as a temporary laydown area whilst undertaking upgrade works in the region.
 Ergon have been requested by TMR to exit the laydown area via Martin Avenue to help
 alleviate the dust issue.
- MSC advised dust is generated by general traffic and HV's coming from Cairns and the north pulling over off the Highway.
- MSC to investigate options such as signage and installation of bollards and extending the pullover of parking area near Seary Road under RMPC.

5. ROAD, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT MATTERS BY AGENCY

a) QPS

Nil

b) TMR Update

Nil

c) Traffic Changes

Nil

d) Minor temporary traffic changes

Nil

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Kuranda Range Road – Flood Damage

 Councillor Mlikota queried TMR on the cost to the Department on engagement of traffic control currently being utilized on the Kuranda Range Road and enquired how long before the road is fully open.

6.2 Palmerston Highway - Road Damage

- Concerns raised by the Chair regarding the impact on heavy vehicle operators and transport
 costs, advice sought from TMR on the status of the Palmerston Highway closure and when is it
 likely to open.
- TMR advised construction of a temporary single lane section has commenced between Crawfords Lookout and Junction Road which will accommodate heavy vehicles. It is anticipated the single lane will be open to traffic mid-February 2024, weather and site conditions permitting. Regular TMR updates are posted on social media.

6.3 LG Elections

With the LG elections due in March 2024, this is the last meeting of this group, Glenda Kirk
thanked the Chair Kevin Davies and Councillor Lenore Wyatt for their time and participation on
the group and wished them well. The participation and contribution by all representatives was
also acknowledged and appreciated.

7. NEXT MEETING

9:30am Tuesday 18 June 2024

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting at 10:20am.

9.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 29 January 2024

Author: Manager Assets and Projects

Attachments: 1. Capital Works Highlights - January 2024 &

2. Capital Works Summary - January 2024 January 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on capital works projects undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department during the month of January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services Capital Works Monthly Report for the month of January 2024.

BACKGROUND

Council's Capital Works program is focussed on renewal and upgrade of Council infrastructure to achieve Council's corporate vision of "A growing, confident and sustainable Shire". The program is funded through a combination of Council's own funding and external grants and subsidies.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The capital works program is tracking within budget.

Infrastructure and Assets

Projects included in the current capital works program were identified through Council's Project Prioritisation Tool (PPT) which uses a risk-based, multi-criteria approach to rank projects in order of priority. The PPT is aligned with Council's Long-Term Financial Plan and Asset Management sub-plans, which focus of renewal of existing assets.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

All capital works are listed in and funded by the 2023/24 Capital Works Program.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

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Infrastructure Services Capital Works Report Project Highlights – January 2024



Project Name: New Kuranda Cemetery

Program: Cemeteries

Background

The existing Kuranda Cemetery has been approaching capacity for several years necessitating the requirement for Council to acquire a suitable location for the establishment of a new community burial facility. The property located on Kuranda Heights Road became available and was purchased for the purpose of becoming the preferred location for the new facility. The contract works for Stage 1 will provide burial capacity for the next 10-15 years.

Scope of Work

The tendered scope of works includes:

- Earthworks
- Roadworks
- Stormwater Drainage
- Water Supply/ Connection
- Carparking
- Landscaping
- Toilet Block
- Concrete works including: kerbs, pathways, beams

Progress Update

Bulk earthworks, roadworks, stormwater drainage, water supply, carparking, landscaping and concrete works for kerbs, pathways and toilet facility are complete. There have been some delays on the toilet construction and lawn beam due to wet, which will be progressed as weather conditions permit.



Kuranda Heights Cemetery - New footpath complete and toilet construction commenced.



Project Name: Bicentennial Lakes Revitalisation Project

Program: Parks and Open Spaces

Background

This project will activate the Lakes, breathing life back into the area and surrounds for the enjoyment of our community and visitors.

Scope of Work

The Bicentennial Lakes Project will completely revitalise the Lakes, starting in the southern section between Rankin Street and Keeble Street. In the southern section, the weirs will be removed, and the lakes will be filled to allow for more parkland. A watercourse will remain, although it will be narrower to encourage seasonal rains to flow through into the northern section. Water will no longer stagnate in a series of weirs. The increased parkland will allow for the addition of a playground and outdoor facilities.

Key Features:

- Bulk earthworks to improve the movement of water
- Earthworks to increase parkland in the southern section
- Construction of a playground and pump track
- New toilet facility
- Footpath improvements
- Construction of outdoor facilities

Progress Update

Waterway improvements

Works on hold due to wet weather and wet ground conditions.

Mason Street Playground

Pump Track contractor Contour Works has mobilised to site and are completing final earthworks preparation following the recent wet weather events.

Playground equipment including a flying fox, hill slides, rope climb net and swing have been delivered and are in storage until ground conditions are suitable for construction.

Toilet construction works are continuing including plumbing and connection to sewerage.





Bicentennial Lakes Southern Section New Public Toilet Construction



Bicentennial Lakes Pump Track Site Preparation



Project Name: Hastie/Constance Street Intersection Upgrade

Program: Traffic Facilities

Background

The Constance and Hastie Street intersection in Mareeba was identified for upgrade to improve pedestrian safety. The intersection is used by up to 500 vehicles per hour at school drop off and pick up times and there is also significant morning and afternoon pedestrian traffic associated with school, kindergarten and childcare facilities.

This project provides an improved intersection layout and street lighting which will result in increased pedestrian safety by separating vehicles and pedestrians. This project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government through the School Transport Infrastructure Program and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Work

The scope of work included:

- Demolition of existing island and remove materials;
- Installation of concrete islands to delineate the intersection and assist in narrowing the crossing distance for pedestrians;
- Relocation of the pedestrian crossing, installation of a median island and additional pavement marking; and
- Installation of new street lighting to improve visibility at night.

Progress Update

The civil construction works commenced and were substantially completed in January. Ergon is scheduled to commence installation of the lighting upgrade during February.





New pedestrian crossing location



Concrete island infill





Before



After - Completion of Pavement Marking



Project Name: Bicentennial Lakes Gravity Sewer Main Upgrade

Program: Water

Background

The gravity sewer main installation is located adjacent Bicentennial Lakes and connects the previously upgraded section upstream from Rankin Street and discharges upstream of the pump station at Byrnes Street. The project includes all works associated with the construction of a new sewer gravity main, inclusive of a water main relocation to enable the works.

The project is grant funded through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) via the Qld Resilience & Risk Reduction Funding Program (QRRRF) and is expected to be completed in early 2024.

Scope of Works

Installation of new 450mm gravity trunk sewer main, sewer manholes and connections and relocation and upgrading of water mains located at Keeble Street and Jacobsen Street and connections and valving. Works are generally limited to the road reserve between the edge of road and property boundary.

Progress Update

Works commenced mid-May and have progressed well with the contractor achieving the following project milestones during to date:

- Trenching and installation of Line 1 and Line 3 sewer pipework
- Pipework installation completed
- Asphalt reinstatement of Keeble Street completed 23 January 2024
- Benching of sewer manhole completed
- Air testing of pipeline completed





Completed manhole benching in manhole 1/11 and confined space entry works for air testing of pipeline sections



Project Name: Mareeba Water Plant Filtration System Upgrade

Program: Water

Background

As part of the Mareeba Shire Water Strategy, Council has committed to undertaking upgrades to the Mareeba Water Treatment Plant to cater for future growth and ensure that safe and reliable drinking water continues to be supplied to residents and businesses. One of these upgrades is replacement of the ageing filtration system through construction of a new 6-cell filter block.

In addition to its own funds, Council has received grant funding towards upgrade of the Mareeba Water Plant Filtration System through the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions program.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes:

- Construction of a new filtration system consisting of 6 dual media filters with inlet valve/penstock and magnetic flowmeter
- Construction of small new building to house backwashing system
- Construction of a new backwashing system consisting of backwash pumps, air scour blowers, float switches, backwash control valves, filter to waste capability, connection to existing wastewater handling system and associated pipework and valves
- All necessary valve actuators, motors, drives and instrumentation for automated control of the filters and connection to existing electrical and SCADA control systems
- Modification of existing pipework to connect to new filters
- Earthworks and building approvals
- Commissioning and Testing
- Removal of redundant equipment

Progress Update

Works commenced and have progressed well with the contractor undertaking construction of the new filter cell modules.









Concrete construction of new filter cell modules.



Project Name: Mareeba Water Plant Booster Pump Station Project

Program: Water

Background

As part of the Mareeba Shire Water Strategy, Council has committed to undertaking upgrades to the Mareeba Water Treatment Plant to cater for future growth and ensure that safe and reliable drinking water continues to be supplied to residents and businesses.

The upgrading of the existing Mareeba Water Plant Booster Pump Station will achieve two (2) critical elements; to lift the firefighting capacity in the Mareeba Township area as there are significant and ongoing pressure issues on the western side of the township, and to ensure Council meets the minimum required water pressure standards to its residents due to increased residential developments particularly on the eastern side and to the southern side of Mareeba.

Mareeba Water Plant Booster Pump Station Upgrade is funded by the Federal Government through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program (BSBRGP) and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

The project will upgrade the clear water pump station at the Mareeba township Kowa Street water treatment plant (WTP). The works to be completed are:

- Structural design and certification of new Mareeba BPS building and associated building services works (HVAC, Fire Protection and Building Hydraulics)
- Procurement of pumps, generators and VSD's;
- Construction of the Booster Pump Station including the provision of pumps, switchboards, generator and surge vessels;
- Connection of the new pump station to existing trunk water infrastructure;
- Site civil, pavements, conduits and drainage, and site reinstatement works;
- Construction of concrete slab mounted surge vessel on inlet to Centenary Park BPS and associated pipeworks; and
- Commissioning of the Booster Pump Station for Council operation.

Progress Update

Works commenced and have progressed well with the contractor undertaking numerous site works.

Pump Station Building construction:

- Structural steel framing completed.
- Grouting under columns completed.
- Roofing materials delivered to site for roof installation commencing 7 February 2024.
- External staircase and platform supports concreted in.
- Electrical cable tray installation continuing.
- Gantry crane installed, commissioning to occur in late-February.









Structural framing for booster pump station building



Project Name: Mareeba Water Plant Raw Water Pump Station Project

Program: Water

Background

The existing raw water pump station (including electrical controls) is located below the 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) river flood level presenting an ongoing risk for security of water supply for Mareeba. The project will upgrade the raw water pump station at the Mareeba Township Kowa Street water treatment plant (WTP) to provide a new kiosk-style electrical control station that is located above the flood level, in addition to replacement of the existing pumps with new pumps.

Grant funding for the Mareeba Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Pump Station Upgrade through the Queensland Government Local Government Grants and Subsidies program (LGGSP) and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes:

- Design and specification of new Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) for control of the new Raw Water pumps
- Design of modifications of existing pipework that may be required to suit installation of the new Raw Water Pumps
- Construction of new electrical MCC for the new Raw Water Pumps, to establish the 1-in-100year flood level and to locate the electrical MCC in an area above this level
- Geotechnical investigation of area proposed for the new MCC
- Manufacturing of the electrical and control cabling for the proposed new pump station installation, from the existing WTP Main Switchboard in the Control Building to the new kiosk MCC and the pumps

Progress Update

Works commenced with the installation of electrical cabling conduits and the commencement of the electrical switch room building.



Electrical cabling conduits installed



Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
-	Rural and Urban Roads Reseal Program (R		Troject comment
CP0001020	23/24 Reseal & Asphalt Program	Construction	Regional reseal meeting will be held on 6 February 2024 to reset timelines due to recent & ongoing weather events.
P00835	BETTERMENT Co-Contribution	Construction	Contractor engaged, works to commence - weather dependent.
rogram: 02 G	iravel Resheet		
CP0001022	23/24 Gravel Resheet Program	Completed	Bolwarra Road re-sheeting was completed December 2023.
rogram: 03 L	Jrban Streets		
CP0001023	Recovery Way (WTS) Rehab Ch 0.176-0.272	Not Commenced	Programmed for 2nd half of current financial year.
CP0001024	Myola Rd Ch 0.2-3.06	Procurement	Tenders received. Project pushed back until after 23/24 wet season.
CP00791	Hastie/Constance Upgrade (School)	Construction	Primary construction works completed. Minor works to ensure crossing compliance and Ergon street lighting proposed to be completed from February.
P00795	TIDS 23-27 Herberton/Constance Inter	Design	Awaiting detailed design from consultants. Anticipate design completion Feb 2024.
:P00797	TIDS 22/23 24/25 Rankin/Walsh St R'bout	Design	Quotation for Detailed design to be sought Feb 2024.
CP00943	Design Only McIver Rd Ch. 0.00-7.20	Design	Design to be completed June 2024.
rogram: 04 R	tural Roads		
CP0000948	TIDS 23/24 Springmount Rd Ch 11.35- 12.7	Procurement	Works now expected to start early March 2024, weather permitting.
CP0000949	TIDS 23-25 Springmount Rd Ch 6.7-7.55	Procurement	2xNBN pits installed in January. Underboring expected to commence mid-February. Project construction will commence March, weather permitting.
P00801	TIDS Ootann Rd Section 1&2 Widen & Seal	Procurement	New milestone dates have been set following the Federal Government's approval of the project after the Independent Strategic Review. Construction to commence from July 2024 and completion by November 2025.
CP00802	TIDS Springmount Rd - Ch13.2 to 18.1	Completed	Construction complete. Line marking to be installed December 2023.
rogram: 05 B	ridges		
P00711	Granite Ck Mba Replace Footbridge Deck	Procurement	Works to be done late February 2024.
P00712	Palm Cl Mba Replace Footbridge Boards	Construction	Works to be undertaken in March 2024, weather permitting.
CP00713	Bicentennial Lakes F/bridge Safety Upgr	Procurement	Handrail will be repaired early 2024. Materials procured.
P00839	Bullaburrah Ck Rd C'way Relieving Slab	Not Commenced	Not commenced.
CP00840	Clohesy River Barron St Inspect & Design	Design	Initial investigation complete, design for replacement deck to be finalised March 2024.
CP00841	Bolton Rd Inspect/Design/Repl Girders	On Hold	Draft Report received, review underway.
CP00842	Barron Riv. Bridge Oakforest Rd Insp/Des	Design	Level 3 report received in January 2024 and design to commence from February 2024.



Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
CP00843	Barron River Cwy Henry H Dr Repl Slabs	Not Commenced	Not commenced.
rogram: 06 E	Drainage		
CP0001021	23/24 Minor Culvert & C/ways Program	Construction	Four culvert road crossings installed on Pickford Road in September.
CP00844	MBA Amaroo Drainage Upgrades	Design	Design works will commence as wet season permits. Anticipate design completion by end April 2024.
CP00845	MBA Hastings Dr Replace Concrete Pipe	Completed	Project completed December 2023.
CP00938	Tilse Street Upgrade Drainage	Construction	Project nearing completion. Anticipate completion February 2024.
Program: 07 T	raffic Facilities		
CP0000951	Anzac Ave LATM Upgrades	Design	Neighbourhood Entry Treatments and SAS investigations completed. Detail plans to be finalised and works undertaken prior to end of Financial Year. Commencement of Masterplan for Anzac Avenue (TMR to Hastings Int) to commence this Financial Year.
CP0001025	Design Only Byrnes St Accessibility	Planning	Draft CBD Stormwater Masterplan (Phase 2) received. Works to commence on priortising staging of stormwater upgrades. Awaiting grant application outcome for Mareeba CBD redesign project.
Program: 08 F	Parking		
CP00715	Borzi Park Mba Carparking Masterplan	On Hold	On hold pending sporting clubs' grant applications.
CP00846	MBA Heritage Centre Carpark Extension	Design	Layout Plan and Quantities completed. Engagement to commence in early 2024.
Program: 09 F	ootpaths		
CP0001026	23/24 Footpath Renewal Program	Procurement	Quotations received & works will commence early February 2024, weather permitting.
P0001027	23/24 Footpath Upgrade Program	Planning	Locations to be identified.
rogram: 10 F	Parks and Gardens		
CP0001028	Mary Andrews Park Repaint Play Equip	Construction	80% of the required replacements have been completed. Big Splash will be installing the last two components when they erect the new play equipment at the bicentennial lakes.
P0001029	Kda Com Precinct Parks Upgrade	Planning	Planning to progress in 2024.
CP0001030	Mba-Dim Rd/Mulligan Hwy Intersection	Not Commenced	To be undertaken after March 2024.
CP0001031	Byrnes St Median Hedges (Lloyd- Granite)	Not Commenced	To be programmed for after March 2024.
CP00805	Chillagoe Parks Improvement	Construction	Works delayed by flooding event and contractor commitments. Works to commence mid February 2024.
CP00806	DIM Parks Refresh	Construction	Pump track and fence complete. Swing to be ordered with remaining budget.
CP00807	KDA Centenary Park Playground Upgrade	Construction	Playground completed. Hans Pehl currently refurbishing the sign structures which will be repurposed and installed in Centenary Park.



Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
:P00809	MBA Bicentennial Lakes (Southern) D&C	Construction	Waterway damaged in Ex-Jasper Flooding and will need to be reinstated after the wet season. Toilet construction well progressed with completion expected in March 2024, weather permitting. Pump Track contractor mobilised but delayed by wet weather. Playground equipment has arrived and will be installed when weather and ground conditions permit.
CP00817	MBA Byrnes St Medians	Not Commenced	Project to be programmed for after March 2024.
CP00818	MBA Anzac Memorial Pk L'scaping & Safety	Completed	Project completed November 2023.
CP00853	MBA Byrnes St Traffic Islands (BP)	Not Commenced	Commence project after March 2024.
CP00855	MBA Connection Rd/Byrnes St Intersection	Not Commenced	Commence project after March 2024.
CP00860	KDA Anzac Park Landscaping	Design	Landscaping on hold due to wet weather events.
P00861	KDA Coondoo Street Refurb	Design	On hold pending grant application outcome.
CP00862	KDA CBD Planter Boxes & Gardens	Not Commenced	On hold pending grant application outcome.
P00865	IRV Bill Newburn Park Refresh	Procurement	Existing hexagonal picnic setting removed and in storage until it can be relocated when weather and contractor availability permits in conjunction with the new picnic shelter installation. Swing set expected to be installed early 2024 when sand quarry is accessible after wet weather events.
CP00939	Roscommon Park -Renew Exercise	Procurement	Fitness equipment and artificial turf installed.
	Equipment		Shade sail to go out to RFQ in February.
rogram: 11 V		:	
CP0001032	Chillagoe WTP Construct Storage Shed	Construction	Shed kit and Roof over WTP completed. Raised platform connecting new and existing sheds to be constructed in February.
CP0001033	Chillagoe WTP Construct Roof over Plant	Construction	Shed kit and Roof over WTP completed. Raised platform connecting new and existing sheds to be constructed February.
CP0001034	Ibis Dam Replace Inlet Feed Pipeline	Planning	Stores have ordered materials, once they arrive actual installation works will commence.
P0001035	23/24 WTP Minor Infra Replace Program	Construction	Various minor projects under way which include the Dimbulah WTP chlorination works and Mareeba WTP sludge lagoon concreting.
CP0001036	23/24 AC Water Main Replace Program	Construction	Works continuing to progress on schedule. Works between Jebreen and Costin St continuing.
CP0001037	23/24 Water Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Planning	W&W along with IT participating in a presentations by iControl on Ignition Historian and with Parasyn on Canary as the current Historian eDNA is at the end of its useful life. Following the presentations a decision will be made on which new Historian platform for W&W will be acquired.
CP0001038	23/24 Retic Valve/Hyd Replace Program	Construction	Works progressing now materials have arrived.
CP0001039	23/24 Retic Smart Meter Replace Program	Construction	Works on installation of new meters underway and this work will progress for some time.
CP00730	Mba WTP Study for Upgrade of WW System	Construction	Estimated completion early to mid 2024.



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P00824 MBA Clear Water Booster Pump Station Construction Contractor on site with civil excavation and concrete works underway. There are some long lead times on equipment arrivals though at this stage not expected to hold project unill advise as thines nonzeros.	Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
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P00876 P00876 Program	P00874	MBA WTP Raw Water Pumps & Electrics	Construction	Works commenced with the installation of electrical cabling conduits and the commencement of the electrical switch room
Tank	:P00876		Design	Original scope of work for MWTP clarifier design completed under budget. Following discussions with State Government,
Proper	P00878		Construction	This work will be done in conjunction with the commissioning of the booster pump station.
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practical.	P0001048	SPS New Standby Generators	Construction	New generators now positioned at relevant pump stations. Electrical and telemetry connections will be done as soon as
CP0001049 23/24 WW Manhole Rehab/Replace Construction Works commenced January 2024. Prog	P0001049	•	Construction	



Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
CP0001050	Kennedy Hwy PS Control Board Upgrade	Construction	Project under way with the manufacturing of the new switchboard. Once built it can be shipped to site and installed.
P0001051	Mba WWTP Sewer Pump Replacement	Procurement	Supervisor Treatment Operations placed an order for the new pump, once it arrives it will be installed. There is a 12 to 16 week lead time on delivery.
CP0001052	23/24 WWTP Minor Infa Renewal Program	Construction	Works currently underway and should be completed this financial year.
CP0001053	23/24 WWPS Refurbishment Program	Construction	Working with suitable consultants and suppliers to understand the works required at some key SPS's before commencing works. Council's fabricator completed the upgrading of shelters to the pump stations in Kuranda.
P00886	MBA Bi-Lakes Sewer Main Capacity	Construction	Majority of works completed by December 2023. Some rectification works required due to wet weather damage, with final road, footpath and verge reinstatement to be completed when weather conditions are favourable.
P00889	22/23 MBA Sewer CCTV & Relining	Construction	Relining works are substantially complete. Some minor works will need to be finalised then once invoices are received and paid project can be closed out.
CP00894	Minor WW Pump Station Refurbishments	On Hold	Subject to grant funding.
rogram: 13 V			
CP0001054	23/24 Mba L/Fill Leachate Pump	Planning	An assessment will be done in early 2024 on which pumps to
P0001055	Replace 23/24 Mba L/Fill PS Pump Replace	Planning	replace. An assessment will be done in early 2024 on which pumps to replace.
CP00935	MBA/KDA Transfer Station Security Improv	Construction	Contractor has been engaged and once their equipment arrives the works will commence.
Program: 14 A			
:P0000947	Mareeba Aerodrome Safety & Repairs	Construction	RFQ for the upgrade of firefighting equipment to be called early March 2024, with installation to occur prior to end of Financial Year.
rogram: 15 F	leet		
CP0001066	Fleet Replace #14 Grader Caterpillar	Procurement	Delivery Expected 2nd week March 20243
CP0001067	Fleet Replace #401 Mini Excavator	Planning	Currently in planning stage.
CP0001068	Fleet Replace #619 Job Truck Tipper	Procurement	Truck has been delivered, currently at body fabricators having the body built.
CP0001069	Fleet Replace #1206 Mitsu Pool Vehicle	Procurement	Expected delivery mid March 2024.
CP0001070	Fleet Replace #1210 Mitsu Pool Vehicle	Procurement	Vehicle has been ordered, awaiting delivery date.
CP0001071	Fleet Replace #1231 Toyota WW	Procurement	Vehicle has been ordered expected delivery date July 2024.
CP0001072	Fleet Replace #1313 Nissan Dual Cab	Procurement	Tender evaluation complete, waiting approval to purchase.
CP0001073	Fleet Replace #1402 Mazda Oncall Veh	Procurement	Tender evaluation complete, waiting approval to purchase.
CP0001074	Fleet Replace #2055 Mitsu P&G	Procurement	Vehicle ordered, expected delivery July 2024.



Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
:P00427	GPS Vehicle Management System	In Progress (for the non- infrastructure projects)	On going of implementing GPS to new and some existing fleet.
P00915	Fleet Replace #675 Crew Cab Tipper	Procurement	Delivery February 2024.
CP00916	Fleet Replace #623 Crew Cab Tipper	Procurement	Delivery February 2024.
Program: 16 D	Depots and Council Offices		
CP0001064	Mba Depot Admin Building Refurb	Procurement	In procurement.
CP0001065	Mba Depot Stores Mez Floor Safety	Completed	Works practically complete, finalisation of minor outstanding
	Upgr		items to be completed Feb 2024.
:P00759	Kowa St MSC Depot Emergency Generator	Planning	Will recommence investigations February 2024.
CP00940	Kowa St MSC Depot New Fuel Bowser	Procurement	Budgetary estimate received for works. Detailed quotes to be sourced for Bowser Replacement, potentially not enough funds to integrate intelligent reporting.
rogram: 17 C	Community Buildings		to integrate interingent reporting.
CP0000950	Cedric Davies Hub Disaster Resilience	Construction	99% Complete. Flashings and minor rectification works
	Up		expected in mid February depending on contractor availability.
P0001056	Chillagoe Hall Septic Modifications	Construction	In construction.
CP0001057	Mba Aquatic Fac Pump Shed Upgrades	Completed	Fence installed. Project Completed
P0001059	Mba/Dim Aquatic Condition Assessment	Planning	Condition Assessment scope of works in development. Expect Quotations to be called early 2024.
CP0001062	23/24 Amenities Refurbishment Program	Construction	Painting completed. Epoxy floors will be completed by February 2024.
CP0001063	Davies Park Lighting Upgrade	Design	Waiting on outcome of grant application.
CP0001087	Aquatic Facilities Equipment	Completed	Blankets and disability chair lift have been installed.
CP0002902	SES SUPPORT Kda SES External Facility	Construction	Soil tests completed January 2024. Engineered plans received. Shed kit has been ordered. Construction expected to start in March 2024 with completion in May 2024 weather dependent.
P00749	Aquatic Facility Upgrades & Splash Park	Construction	Emergent electrical works complete. Ergon offer pending following electrical engineer assessment and application for increased power capacity into the facility. Allowance is currently 200amps per phase application to increase to 260amps per phase.
CP00793	MBA Women's Restroom Refurb	Construction	Investigation finalised, work will commence in February 2024.
P00819	22/23 Shire Toilet Facility Repl Program	Construction	Epoxy flooring will be completed January 2024.
P00905	KDA Community Prec. Toilet Refurb	Completed	Painting works completed.
CP00909	KDA Aquatic Cnt 25m Pool Aquaris Upgrade	Procurement	Awaiting receipt of 2nd & 3rd quotes from suppliers, it has proven difficult to source contractors for works.
P00941	23/24 Park/Sporting LED Lights Arnold Pk	Design	Quotes to be called for works.
P00942	22/23 DIM Town Hall A/C/Solar/Lighting	Design	In procurement.

Program: 18 Non-Infrastructure Items



Project Code	Project Description	Project Stage	Project Comment
CP0000946	Mba Cemetery New Mausoleum Wall	Construction	Wet weather has delayed access to site. Construction to recommence when weather permits.
CP0001058	WAT Cemetery Lawn Plaque on Beam	Not Commenced	Work postponed until February 2024.
P0001085	Mba Cemetery Expansion Planning	Planning	Investigations into alternative options commencing February 2024.
CP00446	Kuranda New Cemetery	Construction	Cemetery earthworks construction complete. Toilet facility nearing completion. First beam to be installed when weather permits.
CP00932	MBA MIP Expansion	Completed	Delays with consultant providing draft Masterplan.

9.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 29 January 2024

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Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline Council's Fleet, Design, Soils Lab, Survey, Quality, GIS, Facilities and Investigation Services activities undertaken by Infrastructure Services during the month of January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Technical Services Operations Report for January 2024.

BACKGROUND

Technical Services

Design, quality, and investigations:

Investigation activities undertaken in January included:

Activity	Current Requests	Closed Requests
Road Infrastructure Review	71	13
Drainage Investigations	37	11
NHVR Permit Applications	0	26
Traffic Count Surveys	0	6
Parks Investigations	4	0
Miscellaneous e.g. Planning; Local Laws	35	7
Before You Dig Requests	0	20

Soil Laboratory:

Council's Soil Laboratory provides NATA-accredited soil and material testing for internal and external services. Limited testing was undertaken during the January period due to wet weather, testing is anticipated to return to normal levels in February.

<u>GIS</u>

Ongoing improvements to GIS data associated with water, sewerage, roads, underground stormwater, and kerbs asset data sets continues, as information is received from other areas of Council. An internal data improvement project for stormwater assets has resulted in improved asset and condition data within the Mareeba township, with Kuranda township soon to be completed.

Operational Works and Subdivisions

To ensure ongoing compliance with development conditions, both during construction and on-maintenance, Council undertakes routine inspection and monitoring of sites. The following developments remain current:

Locality	Subdivisions Name	Status
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 1, Fallon Road	Under construction
Mareeba	Prestige Gardens Stage 5-6	Under construction
Mareeba	Catherine Atherton Drive	Under construction
Mareeba	Emerald End Road and Country Road	Under construction
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 13a	On-maintenance
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 12 – Drainage Infrastructure	On-maintenance
Mareeba	Prestige Gardens Stage 1-4	On-maintenance
Mareeba	7 Haren Street	On-maintenance
Mareeba	Mareeba Roadhouse and Accommodation Park,	On-maintenance -
	Williams Close	Monitoring
Kuranda	112 Barnwell Road widening	Monitoring

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

The DRFA is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland governments to help alleviate the costs of relief and recovery activities undertaken in disaster-affected communities by delivering recovery activities to return affected eligible assets back to pre-event condition. The status of declared disaster events currently being managed are provided below:

Program	Status
2022 DRFA	Far North Queensland Low Pressure Trough, that occurred 1 – 7 February 2022.
	All contracts achieved practical completion prior to end of calendar year (excluding defects), with the exception of Gamboola Crossing bridge which was demobilised prior to wet season, with work on deck units to be undertaken over the wet.
2022	Contract has commenced with works planned for 2024 dry season.
Betterment	
2023 DRFA	Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding Event, 20 December 2022 – 30 April 2023.
	QRA have completed the majority of assessments, with tender for construction to be undertaken once full impact of Cyclone Jasper Event understood.
2023 Bushfires	A number of fires within communities have been responded to by QFES, with Council providing support on request, i.e. traffic management, plant engagement, etc.
2023 Cyclone	Declared event December 2023 - 'Tropical Cyclone Jasper, associated rainfall and flooding, 13 – 28 December 2023'. Emergency response activities continue and damage assessments underway.



Girders for Gamboola Crossing (2022 DRFA)

Facilities

Asset Inspections:

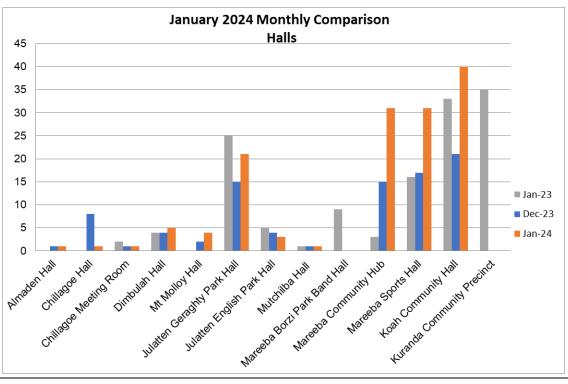
Facility asset condition and defect inspections continue, and a review of internal facility processes/practices is underway to seek efficiency improvements. Inspections are currently targeted towards assisting in the development of Asset Management sub plans.

Facility maintenance programs, arising from the defect listing, are progressing well with works underway at numerous facilities.

Community Halls:

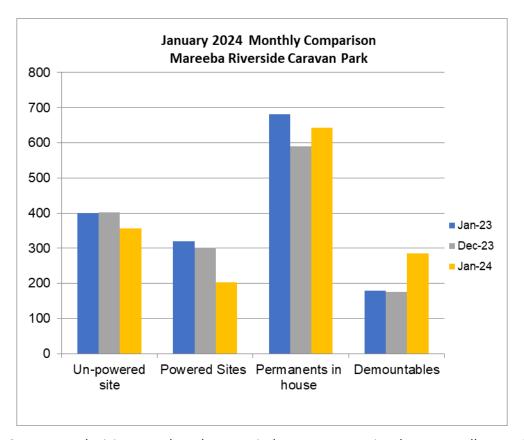
Maintaining safe and efficient access to Council's Community Halls is recognised as an important aspect for the community's ongoing wellbeing. Although the impacts of Cyclone Jasper continued into January, utilisation was strong across almost all facilities.

Particular note to the improvement of utilisation at Koah Community Hall, Mareeba Sports Hall and the Geraghty Park Hall.

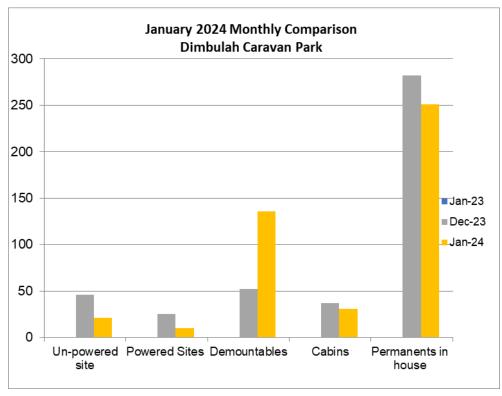


Caravan Parks:

Mareeba Riverside Caravan Park overall tenant numbers were generally consistent with the previous month, however a change in the recorded offering type was recorded, ie; increase in demountable usage with corresponding reduction in powered / unpowered sites.

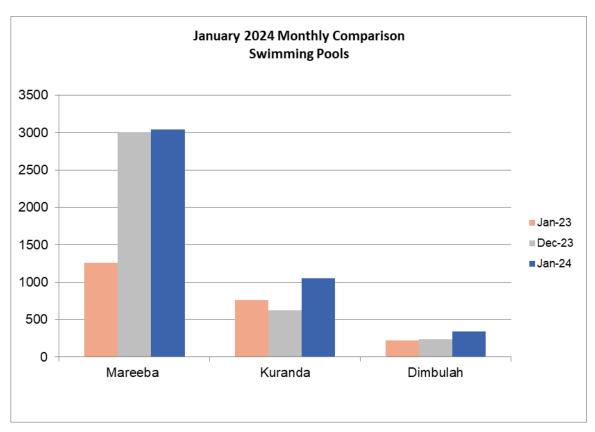


Dimbulah Caravan Park visitor numbers have varied across categories, but generally remained constant overall. Utilisation numbers for previous year is unavailable for comparison.



Aquatic Centres

Attendance numbers for all facilities were improved against previous months utilisation, which would align with the higher temperatures and school holiday period. The impact of Cyclone Jasper were spread across the December / January period, with extended closure of Kuranda Aquatic facility due to power disruptions.



Vandalism & Graffiti:

During January, ten (10) reports of vandalism and graffiti were recorded for Council facilities, with annual costs provided below;

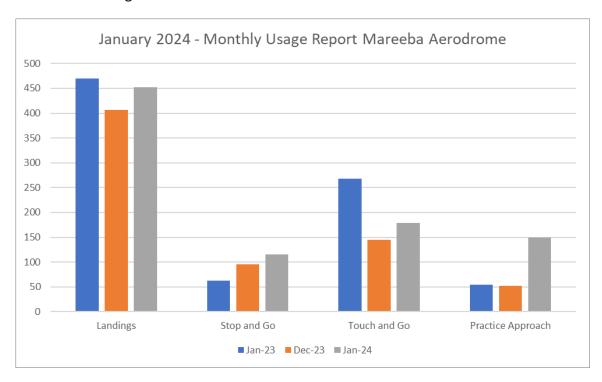
Financial Year	Actuals	Comments – January 2024
2015/16	\$ 2,134.00	Kuranda Community Precinct - Vandalism x1
2016/17	\$ 16,546.00	Mareeba Theatre Hall - Vandalism x2
2017/18	\$ 23,948.00	Mareeba CWA Toilets - Vandalism x1
2018/19	\$ 14,851.00	Mareeba Rankin Street Office - Vandalism x1
2019/20	\$ 14,211.18	Mareeba Arnold Park Toilets – Vandalism x3
2020/21	\$ 62,199.62	• Julatten English Park Hall – Vandalism x1
2021/22	\$ 48,301.12	Mareeba Kowa Street Depot & Offices – Vandalism x1
2022/23	\$33,030.18	·
2023/24	\$7,884.72	

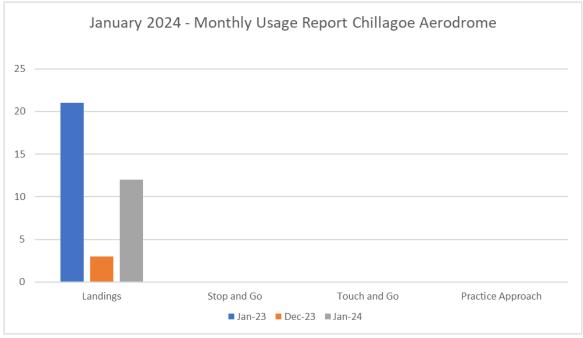
Note - actuals for vandalism/graffiti do not reflect costs to repairs during that period. Incoming expenses for repairs carry over until works are completed.

Aerodromes:

The data recorded below is current for the month of January, however there is usually a lag of some data for each current month from the service provider, which continues to be updated into the next month.

While utilisation of Mareeba Aerodrome for general aviation was adversely impacted by weather events related to TC Jasper, the aerodrome became an important base for refuelling rotary wing aircraft which were operating to provide emergency response activities, particularly with the range road closures following the event.





FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

Additional cost associated with graffiti and vandalism is expected and will be accommodated within existing budget allocations.

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9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WATER AND WASTE OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 29 January 2024

Author: Manager Water and Waste

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to summarise Council's Water and Waste activities undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department during the month of January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Water and Waste Operations Report for January 2024.

BACKGROUND

Water and Wastewater Treatment:

All treatment plants are generally performing satisfactorily. Planning to repair damage to Kuranda Water Treatment Plant intake infrastructure which resulted from Cyclone Jasper and ongoing rain is continuing. Wastewater treatment plant volumes have been high due to rainfall and flooding caused by wet weather events.

The Water Services Regulator was notified of a water main break and blocked intake event at Kuranda that impacted water supply during late January.

In addition, a sewer blockage incident resulting in the ongoing release of untreated wastewater into the Barron River at Mareeba was notified to the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation, the Water Service Regulator and Queensland Health. A media release regarding this event has been distributed. Monitoring to assess the environmental and public health risk is being undertaken, and measures implemented to mitigate health risk and environmental harm while a solution is being implemented.

Connections have been updated with information provided by the Rates Section to correspond with annual KPI reporting.

Water Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda	Chillagoe	Dimbulah	Mt Molloy*
Water Plant average daily production (kL)	7,380	848	240	183	119
Number of Connections	4,141	1053	127	246	111
Average daily water consumption per connection (L)	1,782	805	1,890	743	1,074

^{*} Mt Molloy is an untreated, non-potable water supply

Wastewater Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda
Wastewater Plant average daily treatment (kL)	5,304	291
Number of Connections	3,519	356
Average daily inflow per connection (L)	1,507	819

Mareeba Water Treatment Plant Upgrades:

Three (3) critical infrastructure projects at the Mareeba Water Treatment Plant (MWTP) have commenced as part of Council's 10-year Water Strategy:

- MWTP Filtration System Upgrade
- MWTP Raw Water Pump Upgrade
- MWTP Booster Pump Station Upgrade

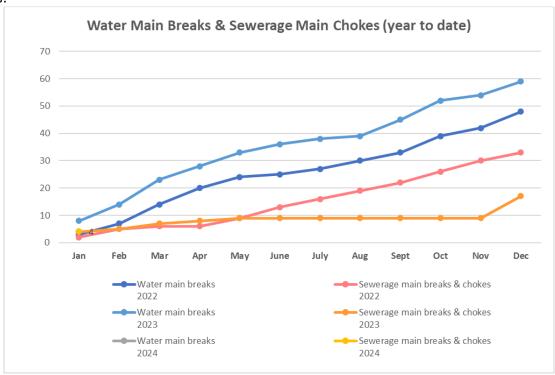
These projects will increase capacity of the plant and ensure that Council is able to supply safe water to residents and businesses in Mareeba now and into the future. Completion of the upgrades is programmed for mid-2024.

While these works occur at the Mareeba Water Treatment Plant there may be disruptions from time-to-time. As a result, the community has been asked to conserve water and reduce consumption during the upgrades. It may be necessary to introduce water restrictions to enable certainty of water supply to residents.

Water and Wastewater Reticulation:

Council's water reticulation crew attended to four (4) water main breaks, and four (4) sewer main breaks/chokes this month, and average response times were within targets set out in Council's customer service standard for water services.

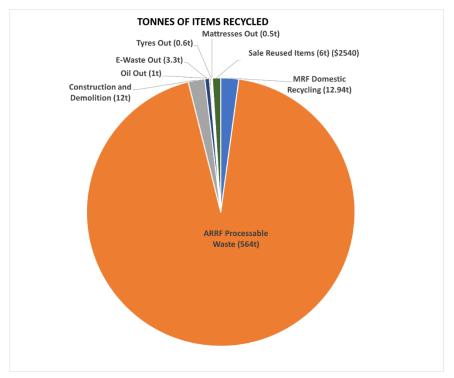
Monthly statistics are shown on the water reticulation main breaks and sewerage main breaks and chokes:



Waste Operations:

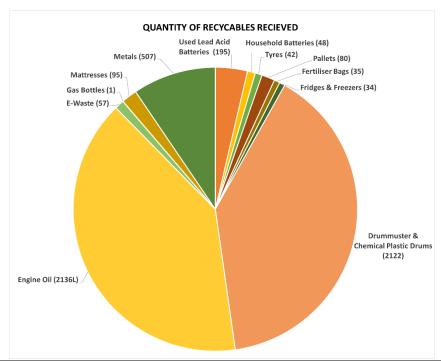
Waste material collected in Kerbside trucks is transported to the Advanced Resource Recovery Facility (ARRF) in Cairns for processing. Residual waste and waste collected at Transfer Stations is transported to Springmount Waste Facility, and recyclable material is transported to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Cairns for processing.

During February, 564 tonnes of waste was processed through the ARRF, 215 tonnes of waste was sent to Springmount Waste Facility and 12.9 tonnes of domestic items were recycled at the MRF.



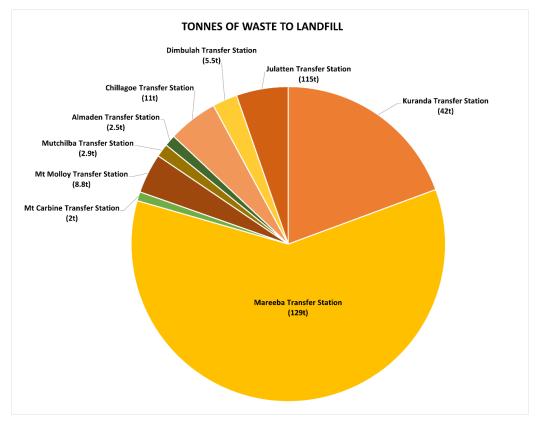
Recycling

Residents continue to recycle at the Transfer Stations. During February the highest count of recyclable items received were 2136 litres of Engine Oil, 2122 DrumMuster chemical drums and 507 Metal items.



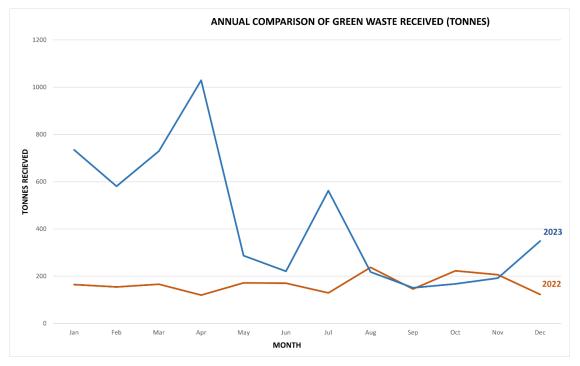
Transfer Station Waste

Transfer Station dry waste is transported off site to the Springmount Waste Facility. During February a total of 215 tonnes of waste was sent to landfill. Mareeba Transfer Station contributed to 129 tonnes to landfill, and Kuranda 42 tonnes.



Green Waste

During January, Council received a total of 153 tonnes of green waste. Kuranda recorded 11.4 tonnes of green waste from locations registered as being potentially contaminated with Electric Ants. A total of 1.4 tonnes of waste mulch was sold during January.





Illegally Dumped Waste

Council cleaned up 8.3 tonnes of illegally dumped waste during February. Majority of this waste was collected near Mt Molloy and Mt Carbine.



RISK IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

Council holds an Environmental Authority issued under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to operate landfill facilities.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

Nil

Operating

Nil

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WORKS SECTION ACTIVITY REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 8 February 2024
Author: Manager Works

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to summarise Council's Transport Infrastructure, Parks and Gardens, TMR Routine Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) and Land Protection operational activities undertaken by Infrastructure Services during the month of January 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Works Progress Report for the month of January 2024.

BACKGROUND

A summary of works completed in January 2024 is provided below.

Transport Infrastructure

General Maintenance

The major activities carried out in January are listed below;

Activity	Area		
Mowing	Chillagoe, Julatten, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy		
Bitumen Patching Arriga, Chewko, Mutchilba			
Signage Repairs & Replacement	Mareeba, Mutchilba, Chewko, Kuranda		
Herbicide Spraying	Paddy's Green, Mareeba, Mt Molloy, Chillagoe, Kuranda		
Vegetation Management	Kuranda, Julatten		
Unsealed Road Maintenance	Gamboola, Kuranda, Chillagoe, Mutchilba		
Concrete Footpath Maintenance	Mareeba, Koah, Kuranda		

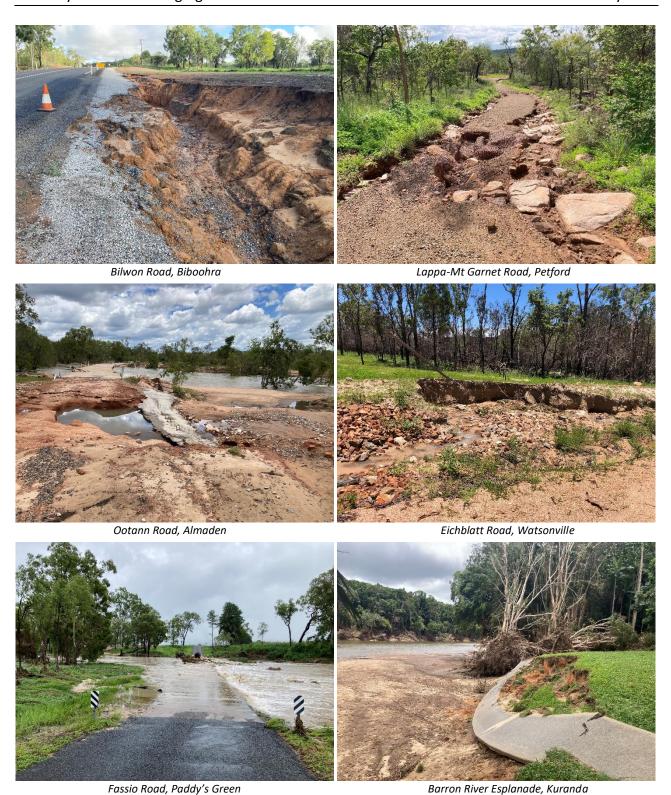
There was no Unsealed Road Grading undertaken during the month due to weather events.

Tropical Cyclone Jasper, Associated Rainfall and Flooding

Mareeba Shire Council received advice from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) that Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) has been activated for Tropical Cyclone Jasper, Associated Rainfall and Flooding event.

The event has impacted large portions of the shire particularly in the eastern and northern areas.

At the time of reporting 190 roads within the shire had been allocated Work Orders to temporarily repair damage and maintain access.



Customer Requests

During the month of January, the Works Group received 265 Customer Requests (CRs) with 288 resolved (resolved requests include those received prior to January 2024). The table below shows the number of requests lodged per Works Section for the month.

Month	Roads	Parks and Gardens	Pest Management
January	215	42	8

At the time of reporting, the Works Group had 117 open requests.

Requests in relation to Cyclone Jasper and subsequent flooding are now being logged through Council's CR Management platform and are included in the above figures.

TMR Routine Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC)

32A - Kennedy Highway (Cairns – Mareeba)

• Rest Area Servicing - Edmund Kennedy Bridge

34A – Mulligan Highway (Mareeba – Mt Molloy)

- Rural slashing Brady Road to River Road
- Rural slashing River Road to Mt Molloy
- Emergent Works Pothole patching
- Road inspections and emergent works data collection

34B - Mulligan Highway (Mt Molloy - Lakeland)

- Rest Area Servicing Riffle Creek, includes toilet cleaning, mowing and brush cutting
- Roadside Litter Collection Riffle Creek, Mt Carbine Truck Stop and Bob's Lookout
- Wet weather activities at various locations on road as required eg. Place out signs/tree removal, clean debris from McLeod Bridge
- Callout to place out signs at Spear and Rifle Creek due to flooding
- Emergent Works Re-establish signposts at Spear and Riffle Creek, pothole patching
- Road inspections and emergent works data collection

653 - Mossman-Mt Molloy Road

- Roadside Litter Collection Hunter Creek, Environ Park and Lyons Park
- Rest Area Servicing Hunters Creek
- Wet weather activities at various locations on road as required eg. Place out Road Closed signs at Bushy Creek and re-open road, clear trees Rex Range
- Emergent Works Pothole Patching at various locations, remove/clear logs and debris build up on upstream side of Bushy Ck Bridge and clear landslips on the Rex Range
- Road inspections and emergent works data collection

664 - Mareeba-Dimbulah Road

- Wet weather activities at various locations on road as required eg. Place out signs/tree removal, clear Granite Creek of debris
- Emergent Works Pothole Patching at various locations, repair large sink hole (Vaughan Street)
- Road inspections and emergent works data collection

89B – Burke Developmental Road (BDR)

- Eureka Creek Rest Area Servicing including mowing, brush cutting and litter removal
- Road inspections and emergent works data collection

6632 - Herberton - Petford Road

- Callout to clean drains and remove silt from roadway
- Road inspections and emergent works data collection



Culvert washout on Herberton-Petford Road

Parks and Open Spaces

With the onset of the wet season, parks in Mareeba, Dimbulah, Kuranda, Mt Molloy, Julatten and Chillagoe are now on fortnightly schedules with several playing fields in Mareeba being mowed twice weekly. Contractors have been engaged to mow Biboohra township, Irvinebank and Watsonville cemeteries, the Rail Trail and Shaban, Mooraridgi and Eales Parks.

Activities undertaken in January include:

- Hedging and weeding
- Northern approaches to Mareeba were slashed
- Setup and pack down Australia Day events
- Tree removal Mareeba and Kuranda
- Burials (including wall internments)—Mareeba x 12, Kuranda x 5, Mt Molloy x 1, Chillagoe x 1

Land Protection

- 1. **Parthenium Weed:** Inspections carried out on 13 sites. All landholders are complying with their bio security obligation. Continuing to monitor one (1) site every two (2) weeks with the other 12 every three (3) weeks.
- 2. **Navua Sedge:** First round of roadside spraying using selective herbicide on Council roads has been carried out in the Mt Molloy/Julatten area, follow up treatment required in 10 weeks.
- 3. **Giant Rats Tail Grass:** Roadside treatment using selective herbicide for control of Giant Rats Tail Grass (GRT) has commenced on council local roads.
- 4. **Cyclone Jasper Environmental Clean-up Assessment:** Assist an external assessor to access creeks and rivers to assess environmental damage caused by flooding.

5. **Feral Pigs:** Pig free feeding in the leadup for 1080 baiting program in the Chewko Road/Narcotic Creek Road area was stopped after several adjoining landholders raised concerns about the use of baits and requested properties use traps. Council has provided two (2) traps (joined) to a property owner and to date three (3) pigs have been trapped.

Invasive Turtles: In September, the Senior Land Protection Officer assisted the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) install a turtle platform in Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes. The platform, equipped with a motion detection camera, was set in the middle of the lake adjacent to Keeble Street to photograph any turtles that climb onto the platform for sun to detect if any invasive turtle species, in particular the red-eared slider turtle, inhabit the site.

The platform was removed in December and DAF has since reported that no invasive species were detected.



Images from turtle platform camera at Bicentennial Lakes, Mareeba

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

All operational works are funded by the section specific 2023/24 maintenance budgets.

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

10 OFFICE OF THE CEO

10.1 APPOINTMENT OF GREAT WHEELBARROW RACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Date Prepared: 12 February 2024

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to appoint a new Chair and proxy for the Wheelbarrow Race Committee.

The current Great Wheelbarrow Race Advisory Committee membership were appointed at Council's meeting held on 15 September 2021. As a result of Cr Bensted's decision not to run in the upcoming local government election, the position of Chair for the committee is now vacant.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Cr Kevin Davies as Chair of the Wheelbarrow Race Committee; and
- 2. Cr Lenore Wyatt is appointed as proxy; and
- 3. Cr Bensted is appointed to the Committee in his personal capacity post-election.

BACKGROUND

The terms of reference for the Wheelbarrow Race Committee mandate that the Chair of the Wheelbarrow Race Committee be a Councillor. As a result of Cr Bensted's decision not to run in the upcoming local government election, a new Chair needs to be appointed.

Cr Davies is the current proxy and it is appropriate that he be appointed as Chair. This then leaves the position of proxy vacant and it is recommended that Cr Wyatt be appointed as proxy.

Planning is currently underway for the 2024 Great Wheelbarrow Race Committee and it is recommended that Cr Bensted remain on the Committee and participate in this year's event.

The current committee was appointed in October 2020 for a period of four (4) years with an option to extend for one (1) year. Any new members would be appointed to the same end date.

As part of the post election processes, Council reviews all its appointments to committees including the Wheelbarrow Race Committee. However, given the proximity of the race to the elections the recommended council appointees will remain in place irrespective of the election outcome until the end of the 2024 race.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

- 12 BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE
- 13 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

14 FOR INFORMATION

14.1 SUMMARY OF NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DELEGATED DECISIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Date Prepared: 5 February 2024
Author: Senior Planner

Attachments: Nil

Please see below information.

Summary of new Planning Development Applications and Delegated Decisions for January 2024

New Develop	New Development Applications						
Application #	Lodgement Date	Applicant/ Address	Property Description	Application Type	Status		
MCU/24/0001	3/01/2024	Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation C/- WildPlan Pty Ltd 11 Kullaroo Close Kuranda	Lot 6 on RP728595	MCU - Dual Occupancy	Decision Stage		
MCU/24/0002	3/01/2024	Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation C/- WildPlan Pty Ltd 8 Kullaroo Close Kuranda	Lot 25 on RP728595	MCU - Dual Occupancy	Decision Stage		
MCU/24/0003	15/01/2024	Norman Caird Chewko and Paglietta Road Mareeba	Lot 10 on SP254832 and Lot 2 on SP217458	MCU – Tourist Park (Expansion)	Decision Stage		
MCU/24/0004	19/01/2024	lan Wallace Wallace Quarrying and Mining C/- Anson Advisory 852 Tinaroo Creek Road Mareeba	Lot 2 on SP182482	MCU - Extractive Industry (up to 5,000 tonnes per annum)	Confirmation Stage		
MCU/24/0005	19/01/2024	lan Wallace Wallace Quarrying and Mining C/- Anson Advisory 269 Shanty Creek Road Mareeba	Lot 231 on NR4837	MCU - Extractive Industry (up to 5,000 tonnes per annum)	Confirmation Stage		
OPW/24/0001	17/01/2024	Jumrum Rainforest Pty Ltd C/- ARO Industries Kennedy Highway and Fallon Road Kuranda	Lot 72 on RP903071	Operational Works Jumrum Rainforest Subdivision Stage 2	Application Stage		

Decision Not	Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
Application #	Date of Decision Notice	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type	
RAL/23/0011	9/01/2024	Rembern Pty Ltd C/- Freshwater Planning	28 Reynolds Street Mareeba	Lot 1 on M356124	ROL – (1 Lot into 7 Lots) In two (2) stages	
MCU/24/0001	17/01/2024	Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation C/- WildPlan Pty Ltd	11 Kullaroo Close Kuranda	Lot 6 on RP728595	MCU – Dual Occupancy	
MCU/24/0002	17/01/2024	Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation C/- WildPlan Pty Ltd	8 Kullaroo Close Kuranda	Lot 25 on RP728595	MCU – Dual Occupancy	

January 2024 (Regional Land Use Planning)

MCU/24/0003	22/01/2024	Norman Caird	 Lot 10 on SP254832 and Lot 2 on	MCU – Tourist Park (Expansion)
			SP217458	

Negotiated Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority							
Application #	Date of Decision Notice	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type		
Nil							

Change to Existing Development Approval issued						
Application #	Date of Decision	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type	
Nil						

Referral Agency Response Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority						
Application #	Date of Decision	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type	
CAR/24/0001	18/01/2024	D and C Dayes C/- Emergent Building Approvals	3 Purell Street Mareeba	Lot 5 on RP716777	Referral Agency Response for Building work assessable against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 - Flood Hazard Overlay Code.	

Extensions to Relevant Period issued								
Application #	Date of Decision	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type			
NIL								

Survey Plans Endorsed									
Application #	Date	Applicant	Address	Property Description	No of Lots				
RAL/23/0013	22/01/2024	J and C Eldred	397 Speewah Road Speewah	Lot 20 on SP342262 (Cancelling Lot 2 on RP718600)	1				
REC/07/0074	9/01/2024	The Rise Unit Trust C/- CQB Services	Catherine Atherton Drive Mareeba	Lots 1 – 5 and 100 on SP342247 and Easements E & F in Lots 3 & 100 Respectively Cancelling Lot 100 on SP306259	5 and Balance Lot				

January 2024 (Regional Land Use Planning)