



AGENDA

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Time: 9:00am

Location: Council Chambers

Peter Franks
Chief Executive Officer

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- 2 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/ABSENCE ON COUNCIL BUSINESS**
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8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 7 January 2026

Author: Manager Finance

Attachments: 1. Financial Statements - December 2025 [↓](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of financial matters for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 December 2025; and
2. empanels one (1) supplier to be added to the Sole Supplier Register.

BACKGROUND

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

For the period ending 31 December 2025, 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 timing of budget allocations.

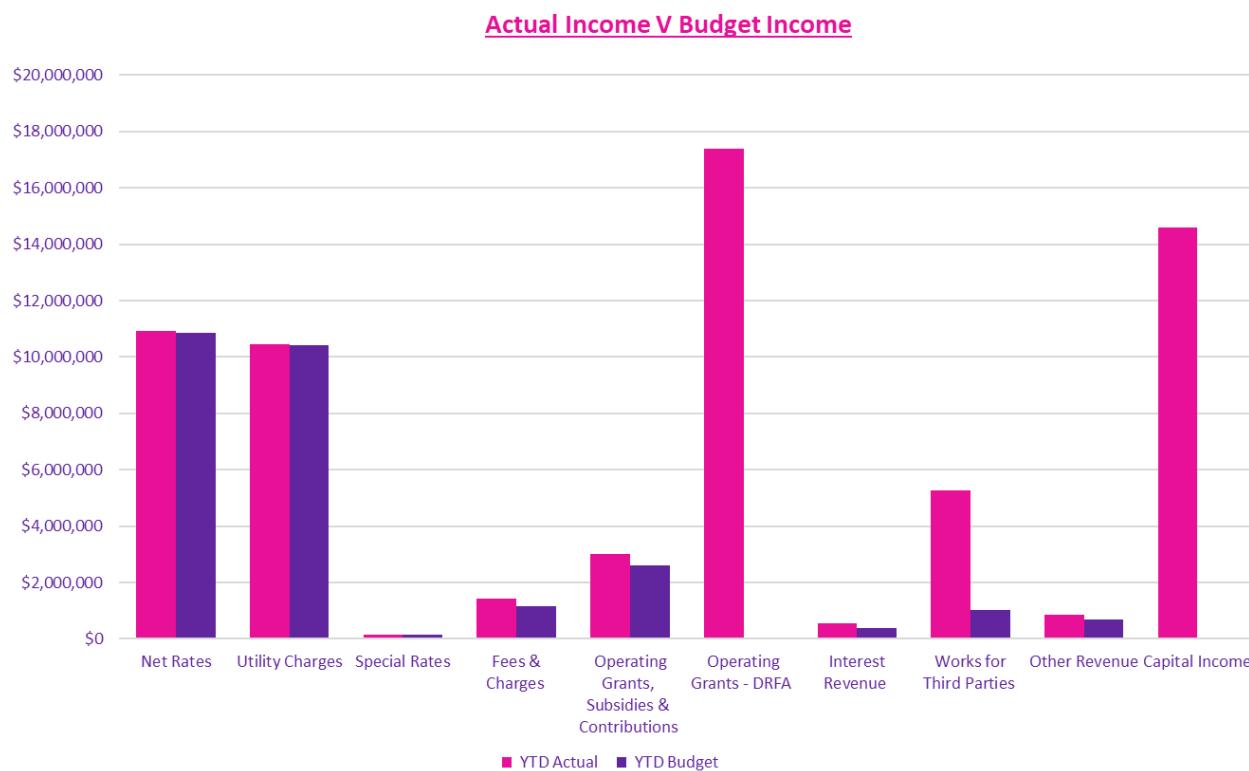
The budgeted figures reflect the 2025/26 Budget as adopted by Council at the 16 July 2025 meeting.

December 2025 – Snapshot	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD
Council Operating Income	\$ 32,649,834	27,264,247
Council Operating Expenditure	\$ 29,859,511	27,507,783
Council Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 2,790,323	(243,536)
Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement - surplus/(deficit)	\$ 244,686	-
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 3,035,009	(243,536)
Total Capital Income	\$ 14,597,372	-

Income Analysis

Total income for the period ending 31 December 2025 is **\$64,641,517** (which includes \$14,597,372 in capital income and \$17,394,311 in Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) income) compared to the year-to-date budget of **\$27,264,247**. The variance is primarily due to capital and DRFA income which are not budgeted for as the timing and amounts are typically unknown at the time the budget is adopted.

The graph following shows actual income against budget for the period ending 31 December 2025.



Income		Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Note
Net Rates	\$	10,922,860	10,855,234	1
Utility Charges	\$	10,442,797	10,419,064	1
Special Rates	\$	145,467	162,991	1
Fees & Charges	\$	1,444,442	1,157,250	2
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	\$	3,020,720	2,592,088	3
Operating Grants - DRFA	\$	17,394,311	\$ -	4
Interest Revenue	\$	553,052	374,000	
Works for Third Parties	\$	5,261,167	1,020,000	5
Other Revenue	\$	859,329	683,620	6
Capital Income	\$	14,597,372	\$ -	7
Total Income	\$	64,641,517	\$ 27,264,247	

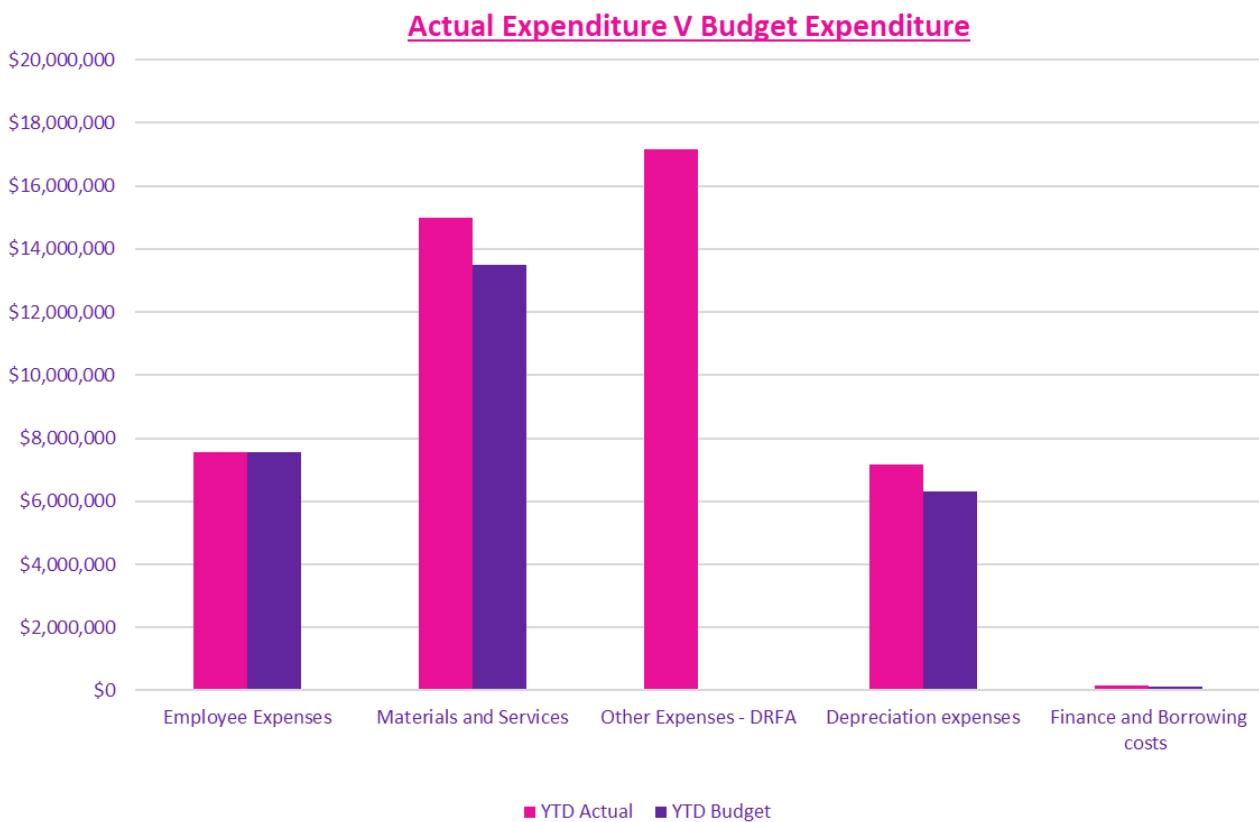
Notes:

1. Rates for the half year ending 31 December 2025 were levied in August. Actual general rates and utility charges are slightly higher than originally budgeted, while special rates are lower due to extractive industry road contributions being lower than budgeted for year to date.
2. Revenue from local laws, building and plumbing applications and cemeteries are trending higher than budget.
3. Due to the discretionary nature of grant funding, it is unknown what funds are available when the budget is prepared. The budgeted grant funding are all in line with expectations and additional funds have been applied for and received during the year.
4. Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) restoration works is revenue that is not budgeted for. An expenditure offset will occur against this revenue.
5. The favourable result is due to third party works not budgeted for as well as Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) income received. RMPC income budget is allocated equally over 12 months, however actual income is not following the same trend. This will be the same for expenditure.
6. Annual invoices have been raised for some rent and leases. Whilst the variation is currently favourable, the annual rental is not anticipated to exceed the annual budget.
7. Capital income represents interest on constrained works, capital grants and developer contributions received.

Expenditure Analysis

Total expenses for the period ending 31 December 2025 amount to **\$47,009,136**, compared to the year-to-date budget of **\$27,507,783**.

The graph below shows actual expenditure against budget for the period ending 31 December 2025.



Expenses		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Note
Employee Expenses	\$	7,554,346	7,570,898	
Materials and Services	\$	14,988,810	13,496,559	1
Other Expenses - DRFA	\$	17,149,625	\$-	2
Depreciation Expenses	\$	7,175,498	6,322,849	3
Finance and Borrowing Costs	\$	140,857	117,477	4
Total Expenses	\$	47,009,136	27,507,783	

Notes:

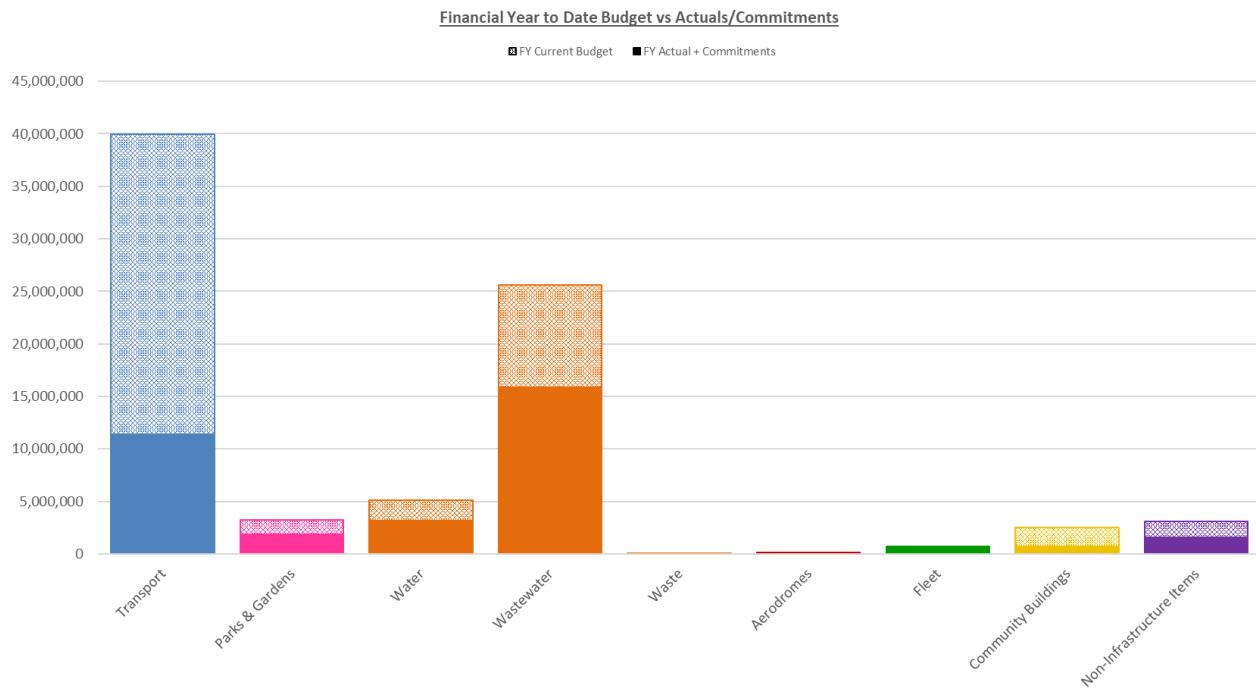
1. The majority of the variance is due to expenditure on unbudgeted third party works and the RMPC expenditure trend.
2. Expenditure incurred for the DRFA restoration works are not budgeted for. This expenditure will be offset against income.
3. Actual depreciation is higher than budget due valuation movements (road assets) and new capitalisations since the budget was adopted. Depreciation adjustments will be undertaken at year end.
4. Bank charges are higher than YTD due to budget allocation and actual expenses incurred due to rates period.

Vandalism Expenses

For the period to December, a total of **\$22,700** has been spent on repairs and maintenance due to vandalism. These costs are not budgeted include employee expenses and materials and services.

Capital Expenditure

Total capital expenditure of **\$35,358,311** (including commitments) has been incurred for the period ending 31 December 2025, against the revised 2025/26 annual capital budget of **\$80,404,478**.



Loan Borrowings

Council's loan balance is **\$5,862,751** as at 31 December 2025.

Rates and Charges

The total rates and charges receivable as at 31 December 2025 are **\$3,028,357** which is broken down as follows:

Status	December 2025		December 2024	
	No. of properties	Amount	No. of properties	Amount
Valueless Land	3	\$14,237	3	\$9,663
Payment Arrangement	162	\$55,128	126	\$54,594
Collection House	351	\$1,426,392	345	\$1,286,712
Exhausted – Awaiting Sale of Land	8	\$411,613	10	\$81,965
Exhausted – Mining Leases	10	\$993,802	10	\$732,866
Sale of Land	-	-	-	-
Other (includes supplementary rates)	339	\$127,185	372	\$98,490
TOTAL	873	\$3,028,357	866	\$2,264,290

Rate Notices for the period ending 31 December 2025 were issued on 11 August 2025, with a discount due date of 12 September 2025.

Collection House collected **\$179,416** for the month of December 2025.

Sundry Debtors

The total outstanding for Sundry Debtors as at 31 December 2025 was **\$3,963,515** which is made up of the following:

Current	30 days	60 days	90 + days
\$3,389,420	\$53,084	\$503,238	\$17,773
85.51%	1.34%	12.70%	0.45%

Procurement

There were no emergency purchase orders for the month of December 2025.

Council's Procurement Policy prescribes the methods for purchasing goods and services. In accordance with Section 235 of the Local Government Regulation 2021 titled "Other exceptions", Council is able to empanel the contractors that Council deems to be a Sole Supplier if:

- Council resolves that, it is satisfied that there is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available; or,
- Council resolved that, because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders.

Officers recommend one (1) new supplier to be added to the Sole Supplier Register.

SUPPLIER NAME	SERVICES RENDERED
QIT Plus Pty Ltd	QIT Plus owns and operates Guardian IMS software, Council's incident management software which is subject to annual maintenance and flood intelligence fees. QIT Plus is the sole provider authorised to perform this maintenance

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

Financial Sustainability and Governance: A financially sustainable council that applies strategic decision making and good governance to deliver cost-effective services.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

Consolidated			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	22,741,395	22,668,539	45,337,076
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,230,271)	(1,231,250)	(2,462,499)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	21,511,124	21,437,289	42,874,577
Fees and Charges	1,444,442	1,157,250	2,025,000
Operating Grants and Subsidies	2,961,622	2,538,088	9,220,544
Operating Grants and Subsidies - DRFA	17,394,311	-	-
Operating Contributions	59,098	54,000	174,000
Interest Revenue	553,052	374,000	748,000
Works for Third Parties	5,261,167	1,020,000	2,040,000
Other Revenue	859,329	683,620	1,338,565
Total Operating Revenue	50,044,145	27,264,247	58,420,686
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	7,554,346	7,570,898	19,936,564
Materials and Services	14,988,810	13,496,559	20,813,344
Other Expenses - DRFA	17,149,625	-	-
Depreciation expense	7,175,498	6,322,849	12,645,712
Finance and Borrowing costs	140,857	117,477	234,952
Total Operating Expenses	47,009,136	27,507,783	53,630,572
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	3,035,009	(243,536)	4,790,114
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	225,636	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	17,139,783	-	15,642,392
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	1,208,800	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(3,976,847)	-	180,000
Total Capital Income	14,597,372	-	15,822,392
Net Result	17,632,381	(243,536)	20,612,506

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

General			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	12,220,709	12,171,785	24,343,570
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,230,271)	(1,230,275)	(2,460,549)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	10,990,438	10,941,510	21,883,021
Fees and Charges	973,242	776,000	1,262,500
Operating Grants and Subsidies	2,642,227	2,413,198	8,925,394
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	265,731	259,000	518,000
Works for Third Parties	5,248,105	1,020,000	2,040,000
Other Revenue	746,664	569,120	1,141,565
Total Operating Revenue	20,866,407	15,978,828	35,770,480
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	6,772,337	6,654,166	18,086,687
Materials and Services	9,534,891	7,256,890	8,635,678
Depreciation expense	4,995,725	4,366,782	8,733,577
Finance and Borrowing costs	93,798	71,521	143,041
Total Operating Expenses	21,396,751	18,349,359	35,598,983
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(530,344)	(2,370,531)	171,497
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	225,272	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	6,626,180	-	12,478,691
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	975,235	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(3,629,491)	-	180,000
Total Capital Income	4,197,196	-	12,658,691
Net Result	3,666,852	(2,370,531)	12,830,188

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

Disaster Recovery Funding			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	-	-	-
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	-	-	-
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	17,394,311	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	-	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	17,394,311	-	-
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	97,109	-	-
Materials and Services	17,052,516	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-	-
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	17,149,625	-	-
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	244,686	-	-
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	4,088,506	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	-	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	4,088,506	-	-
Net Result	4,333,192	-	-

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

Waste			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	2,556,810	2,532,254	5,064,507
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	2,556,810	2,532,254	5,064,507
Fees and Charges	359,837	301,750	603,500
Operating Grants and Subsidies	313,640	124,890	208,150
Operating Contributions	59,098	54,000	54,000
Interest Revenue	78,631	40,000	80,000
Works for Third Parties	13,062	-	-
Other Revenue	81,487	82,500	165,000
Total Operating Revenue	3,462,565	3,135,394	6,175,157
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	49,114	67,809	136,365
Materials and Services	2,300,687	3,124,997	6,097,151
Depreciation expense	122,068	120,533	241,066
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	2,471,869	3,313,339	6,474,582
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	990,696	(177,945)	(299,425)
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	70,113	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	70,113	-	-
Net Result	1,060,809	(177,945)	(299,425)

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

Wastewater			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	3,410,341	3,368,328	6,736,656
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	3,410,341	3,368,328	6,736,656
Fees and Charges	35,687	38,000	76,000
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	83,201	50,000	100,000
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	3,529,229	3,456,328	6,912,656
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	260,277	288,460	580,181
Materials and Services	1,098,444	1,146,668	2,177,238
Depreciation expense	1,064,263	985,831	1,971,662
Finance and Borrowing costs	47,059	45,956	91,911
Total Operating Expenses	2,470,043	2,466,915	4,820,992
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	1,059,186	989,413	2,091,664
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	364	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	5,963,756	-	1,949,000
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	107,077	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(201,930)	-	-
Total Capital Income	5,869,267	-	1,949,000
Net Result	6,928,453	989,413	4,040,664

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

Water			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	4,475,646	4,518,482	9,036,964
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	4,475,646	4,518,482	9,036,964
Fees and Charges	75,676	41,500	83,000
Operating Grants and Subsidies	5,755	-	87,000
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	84,568	25,000	50,000
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	31,178	32,000	32,000
Total Operating Revenue	4,672,823	4,616,982	9,288,964
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	472,618	560,463	1,133,331
Materials and Services	2,008,937	1,898,579	3,804,427
Depreciation expense	958,498	817,676	1,635,352
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	3,440,053	3,276,718	6,573,110
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	1,232,770	1,340,264	2,715,854
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	461,341	-	1,214,701
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	45,659	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(145,426)	-	-
Total Capital Income	361,574	-	1,214,701
Net Result	1,594,344	1,340,264	3,930,555

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund 2025/26 Budget

Benefited Area			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2025/26 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	77,889	77,690	155,379
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	(975)	(1,950)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	77,889	76,715	153,429
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	120,000
Interest Revenue	40,921	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	118,810	76,715	273,429
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	-	-	-
Materials and Services	45,851	69,425	98,850
Depreciation expense	34,944	32,027	64,055
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	80,795	101,452	162,905
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	38,015	(24,737)	110,524
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	10,716	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	10,716	-	-
Net Result	48,731	(24,737)	110,524

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 December 2025

Author: Manager Assets and Projects

Attachments:

- 1. Capital Works Summary - December 2025 [↓](#)
- 2. Capital Works Highlights - December 2025 [↓](#)

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 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the Infrastructure Services Capital Works Monthly Report for the month of December 2025; and
2. Approves a new project, Mareeba Barron River Fire Trail Upgrade, Lloyd Street to Herberton Street, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments.

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.

In addition to the monthly report attached, Council approval is sought for establishment of a new project for the Mareeba Barron River Fire Trail Upgrade, Lloyd Street to Herberton Street. This project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments' Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements: 2023-24 Environmental Recovery Program: Local Conservation and Clean-up program to support Queensland communities in their recovery from *the Tropical Cyclone Jasper, Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 13 - 28 December 2023 event*. There is no financial impact on the 2025-26 Capital Works Program.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The capital works program is tracking within budget.

Infrastructure and Assets

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 2025/26 Capital Works Program.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Transport and Infrastructure: The provision of quality infrastructure to service our growing community using sound asset management principles.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Capital Works Summary - December 2025



Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
Program: 01 - Rural and Urban Roads Reseal Program (Renewal)			
CP0003915	25/26 Bitumen & Asphalt Reseal Program	Reseal preparation for Ray Road to be undertaken following DRFA works. Bitumen sealing of sites programmed to commence March 2026 weather pending.	Construction
Program: 02 - Gravel Resheet			
CP0003732	24/25 Gravel Resheet Program	Re-sheeting complete.	Completed
CP0003916	25/26 Gravel Resheet Program	Resheeting complete on: Braund Road, Ericson Road and Henry Hannem. Additional resheeting works being programmed.	Construction
Program: 03 - Urban Streets			
CP00797	TIDS 22/23 24/25 Rankin/Walsh St R'bout	The project has been awarded. Construction is expected to commence April-May 2026.	Procurement
Program: 04 - Rural Roads			
CP0002040	KDA KIA08 Barron Falls/Masons Rd/L-out	Designs to be completed prior to end of financial year by external consultant. Survey and soil investigations underway.	Design
CP0002041	KDA KIA09 Barron Falls Rd Thongon-Mason	Concept design started	Design
CP0002048	KDA Kda Heights Rd Intersection Upgrade	Concept designs to be completed prior to end of financial year by external consultant.	Design
CP0002050	MBA McIver Rd Upgrades	Designs to be completed prior to end of financial year by external consultant. Survey and soil investigations complete.	Design
CP0002051	DIM Leaddingham Ck Rd - Ch3.598-5.2	Design documents issued end of December, construction commenced.	Design
CP0002052	TIDS 24-27 DIM Leaddingham C/R 8.04-11.48	Completed works sealed with 2-coat bitumen seal. Widening works on balance of site underway.	Construction
CP0002055	DIM Leaddingham Ck Rd - Ch1.65-3.598	Works complete.	Completed
CP0002056	DIM Leaddingham Ck Rd - Ch5.2-6.72	Design underway by external consultant.	Design
CP0002060	KDA Oak Forest Rd Rehab & Widen	Design to be completed 2026	Design
CP0002061	KOAH Koah Rd Widen & Seal to 8m	Concept plan completed, Detailed design starting underway.	Design
CP0002063	DIM Leaddingham Ck Rd - Ch6.72-8.04	Design underway by external consultant.	Design
CP0002066	DIM Leafgold Weir Rd Widen Curves	Design to be finalised 2026	Design
CP0002082	CRC Ootann Rd Widen & Seal CH72.5 - 77.7	Survey is Complete, Concept design started	Design
Program: 05 - Bridges			
CP0001558	MBA Tinaroo Creek Rd Ada Creek Causeway	The project has been awarded. Construction is expected to commence in April-May 2026.	Procurement
CP0001564	KDA Oak Forest Rd, Barron River Bridge	The refurbished deck is in place. Construction is complete.	Completed
CP0003706	KOAH BR-000445 Barron St Bridge Repairs	Works complete.	Completed
Program: 06 - Drainage			
CP0003695	Irvinebank Jessie St/Rubina Tce Upgrade	Investigations will be scheduled	Design
CP0003914	25/26 Renew Minor Culverts & Drainage	Sites being determined on priority basis.	Construction
CP00844	MBA Amaroo Drainage Upgrades	Assessment & Planning.	Planning

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage

Program: 08 - Parking**Program: 09 - Footpaths**

CP0001665	Mt Molloy Footpath & Furniture Refurb	Design to be scheduled	Design
CP0001666	KDA Barron Falls Rd Replace Footpath	Survey is Complete, Concept design started	Design
CP0001687	KDA WNP Arara St Footpath Missing Link	Works are complete.	Completed
CP0001721	MBA WNP Constance St Link (Atherton St)	Design underway and expected to be completed in January 2026.	Design
CP0001790	MBA WNP Anzac Avenue Footpath Renewal	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced

Program: 10 - Parks and Gardens

CP0001803	Julatten Geraghty Pk Pump Track	Procurement to commence early January 2026.	Planning
CP0001805	MBA Bicentennial Lakes Northern	Construction is paused pending delivery of the stormwater pipes for installation. Observation deck construction has commenced with piers bored and footing beams poured.	Construction
CP0001928	MUT Refurb Community Hall Park	Project scoping underway	Planning
CP0003670	MBA Amaroo Park Shade	Shade sail installation is complete. Additional shade trees to be planted.	Completed
CP0003818	KDA KIAC KCP Additional Funds	A portion of the funds allocated to a grant application for field lighting at Bartley Park.	Planning
CP00809	MBA Bicentennial Lakes (Southern) D&C	Additional hill-slide fencing safety improvements being planned.	Construction
CP00861	KDA Coondoo Street Refurb	Ergon have completed the upgrade of the lower Coondoo Streetlights. Works are complete.	Completed

Program: 11 - Water

CP0002682	FY24/25 - Irvinebank Ibis Dam PS	All parts procured or fabricated, awaiting contractor availability for installation.	Procurement
CP0002684	FY24/25 - Smart Meters Replacement	Project completed.	Completed
CP0002686	25/26 WTP Minor Infrastructure	Dimbulah raw water tank renewal works complete. Works currently in scoping stage include shed at Mareeba Water Treatment Plant for electrical equipment, renewal of valves for clarifier splitter box and installation of additional of Input/Output cards for Chillagoe Water Treatment Plant Programmable Logic Controller.	Construction
CP0002687	25/26 Smart Meters Replacement	Replacement of meters ongoing. Current focus on Mareeba and Kuranda.	Construction
CP0002688	25/26 Water Main Replacement	Works on Mammino Street to be commence January 2026 followed by Keneally Road.	Construction
CP0002689	25/26 Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Alarming systems upgraded, alarm rationalisation works ongoing.	Construction
CP0002691	25/26 Hydrants & Valve Renewal	Parts procured, works now awaiting Contractor availability.	Construction
CP0002692	DIM WTP Sand Filtration	Council currently seeking suitable quotes for supply and delivery of sand.	Procurement
CP0002697	KDA WTP Turbidity Meters	Equipment delivered to site. Awaiting contractor availability for installation.	Construction

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0002698	DIM WTP Raw Water Pump Station	Awaiting contractor availability to commence renewal works on pumps.	Procurement
CP0002764	MOL Replace Hunter Ck Weir	Scope of works documentation under review and tender documents being established.	Design
CP0003667	FY24/25 Irvinebank Ibis Dam Valves	Commissioning successfully conducted, new electrically actuated valves now in operation.	Completed
CP0003734	MBA WTP Fuel Pod For Generator	Final fitout of pump	Procurement
CP0003820	KDA WTP Intake Works	In negotiation with Contractor regarding project start date. Long lead time on anchor chain encountered, expected delivery in January.	Procurement

Program: 12 - Wastewater			
CP0001043	Atherton St Pump Station Refurb	Contract has been awarded, suitable start date to be established in consideration of forthcoming wet season.	Procurement
CP0002474	FY24/25 - MBA Sewer CCTV & Reline Prog	Kuranda sewer network CCTV program to commence early 2026.	Construction
CP0002481	FY24/25 - MBA Constance St Rising Main	Manholes K18 and K19 completed, works progressing south of Herberton St.	Construction
CP0002483	25/26 MBA Sewer CCTV & Reline Prog	Design specification for relining and patchworks to sewer lines underway. Due early 2026.	Design
CP0002484	25/26 WW Pump Station Ancillary	Inspection reports being reviewed to inform scope of works for other maintenance works.	Construction
CP0002485	25/26 WW Reticulation Pumps Renewal	Replacement of pumps at end-of-life for critical pump stations ongoing.	Construction
CP0002487	25/26 Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Improvement of data analytics capabilities ongoing.	Construction
CP0002489	25/26 Manhole Rehab & Replace	Construction for remediation works to manholes continuing. Completion due early January 2026.	Construction
CP0002490	MBA WWTP Inline Instruments	Instruments have arrived on site. Installation pending contractor availability, expected by February.	Construction
CP0002491	KDA WWTP Sludge Conveyor	Works underway, rollers and bearings have been renewed. Contractor to continue renewal of other components of sludge conveyor.	Construction
CP0002492	KDA WWTP Components	Renewal works for the Kuranda Wastewater Treatment Plant intake components are currently in the design phase.	Design
CP0003722	KDA WWTP Renew 6x6m Shed	Works complete.	Completed

Program: 13 - Waste			
CP0003875	KDA Weigh Bridge Surface Renewal	Works to be programmed	Not Commenced

Program: 14 - Aerodromes			
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Program: 15 - Fleet			
CP0003744	Replace Asset 637 Job Truck	Vehicle at body fabricators	Procurement
CP0003862	Electric Forklift 2 Ton capacity	Waiting Delivery	Procurement
CP0003926	Replace Asset 617 Job Truck	Vehicle at body fabricators	Procurement
CP0003929	Replace Asset 4061 Kubota Mower	Mower in service	Completed
CP0003930	Asset 6221 Forklift Forks Upgrade	Awaiting delivery of Stores forklift.	Planning

Program: 16 - Depots and Council Offices			
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Program: 17 - Community Buildings			
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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0001059	Mba/Dim Aquatic Condition Assessment	Consultant engaged to project manage assessment RFQ	Procurement
CP0001816	25/26 Shire Wide Toilet Facilities	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced
CP0003890	25/26 Annual Minor Building Refurb	Works to commence early 2026.	Planning
CP0003891	KDA Centenary Park Amenities Refurb	Construction works to be completed in early 2026.	Construction
CP0003893	DIM Caravan Pk & KDA Pool Painting	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced
CP0003913	MBA Cedric Davies Hub Place of Refuge	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced
CP0003934	Annual Facilities LED Lighting	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced
CP0006602	CHI SES Facility Improvements	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced
CP00793	MBA Women's Restroom Refurb	To be completed in conjunction with the Mareeba CBD Blueprint Project	Planning
Program: 18 - Non-Infrastructure Items			
CP0001085	Mba Cemetery Expansion Planning	Scheduled for delivery in mid 2026.	Planning
CP0003754	Mareeba CBD Blueprint	Community Engagement for Draft Masterplan is Complete. Project prioritisation and finalisation of Masterplan is continuing.	Design
CP0003908	MBA New Cemetery Headstone on Beam	Header beamed formed and poured. Works complete.	Completed
CP0003909	Mba Cemetery New Double Columbarium Wall	Planning to commence early 2026.	Not Commenced
CP00932	MBA MIP Expansion	Electrical Engineering consultant to provide plans, specifications for incorporation into Tender Package. Lot Plans prepared for consideration of sales/release strategy.	Design

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Project Name: Leadingham Creek Road Rehabilitation, Widen and Seal

Program: Rural Roads

Background

Leadingham Creek Road is classified as a Rural Collector Road, extending approximately 13.1 km from Mareeba-Dimbulah Road (east of the Dimbulah township) to Wolfram Road in the west. The road serves a vital role in supporting regionally significant activities, including heavy agriculture, sugarcane haulage, and tourism, and also provides access to the Dimbulah Aerodrome.

The road is in need of an upgrade to address several safety concerns, including tight horizontal curves, steep vertical alignments, restricted driver sightlines, and a narrow carriageway. Additionally, the high volume of heavy commercial and private traffic has contributed to the deterioration of the road's condition, resulting in steep edge drop-offs, uneven shoulders, and damaged sealed edges that compromise the integrity of the pavement.

This project is funded by the Australian Government in association with the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes the widening and sealing of 9.8km of Leadingham Creek Road from Chainage 1.65 to 11.48 to a consistent 2 lane, 7m wide roadway with 0.5m shoulders on either side of the roadway (excluding the single culvert at Twelve Mile Creek). The scope includes earthworks, drainage, culverts, pavement construction, bitumen sealing, road furniture and line marking.

Progress Update

Chainage 3.598 – 5.2

- 1) Construction of RCP crossing Extension of pipes, construction of aprons and headwalls.



RCP Crossing construction

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Chainage 8.04 – 11.48

- 2) Cart, lay and compact shoulder and embankment fill.
- 3) Cart, lay and compact shoulder and road pavement gravel including trimming to height.
- 4) Final trim of completed pavement.
- 5) 2-Coat Bitumen Seal to finished pavement.



2-Coat bitumen seal



Cart, lay and compact shoulder and embankment fill



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Project Name: Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes and Parkland Upgrade

Program: Parks and Open Spaces

Background:

The Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes is 1.5km of parkland located in the heart of Mareeba. As the third most visited open space in the region, the lakes sit just 350 metres from the CBD, offering convenient access for both residents and visitors.

The northern lake is located between Keeble St and Granite Creek and provides an open space recreational area for the residents and visitors of Mareeba Shire with established trees, grassy open spaces, footpaths, and a waterway backdrop.

The proposed upgrade works aim to enhance water quality in the northern lakes and improve the safety, functionality, accessibility, and overall amenity of the surrounding parklands within the northern lakes precinct. The project is funded by the Australian Government and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Work:

The projects scope of works includes:

- Construction of a new on-street carpark on the northern side of Keeble Street.
- Reshaping of the top northern lake, narrowing it to remove stagnant areas and maximise the capacity of the freshwater flow, reducing areas where sediment and nutrients can deposit to improve the water quality and self-sustainability of the eco system;
- Construction of a viewing deck on the lake edge with the intent of providing an interpretive information node proposed to have educational signage and information maps.
- New footpaths for pedestrian connectivity on the eastern side of the lake and replacement of existing paver footpath sections with concrete footpaths to improve usability.
- Installation of picnic shelters (3), park bench seating (7) a litter bin and drinking fountain.
- Solar footpath lighting similar to the southern lakes' precinct.
- Some ground surface reprofiling and drainage works will also be undertaken.

Works Progress:

Preliminary establishment works commenced on 21 July 2025. The contractor has completed the lake fill works at the 'duck pond' island and the western bay. The mound on the eastern side of the lake has been laid back to a flatter gradient and material stockpiled for final surface profiling.

Footpath installation is 70% complete on the eastern side of the lakes behind the carpark and under the mound area and will be connected once the observation deck is installed and connectivity can be established. Replacement of the existing sections of paver footpath on the western side of the lakes below Abbott Street has commenced and vegetation clearing and tree trimming on the central island is complete. Subsoil drainage was installed at two (2) locations on the western embankment either side of the old boxing hall proposed to address wet-season saturation and alleviate seepage from occurring.

The footings have now been laid for the viewing deck and planning has commenced to develop the signage placement and sign content. The site has also been cleaned and repaired following heavy rainfall.

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Steel reinforcing and excavation works for viewing deck footings



Pouring concrete for the viewing deck footings



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Project Name: Mareeba Amaroo Park Upgrade - Shade Sails

Program: Parks & Gardens

Background

This project aims to improve the general experience of the park users with the installation of additional shade sails over the existing play equipment at Amaroo Park and the planting of shade trees to enhance the usability and amenity of the green space. This project was identified in the Open Spaces Strategy and the Amaroo Park Masterplan.

Scope of Work

This project to install an additional two (2) shade sails over the existing play equipment at Amaroo Park to compliment the sail already servicing the swing set. The shade sails proposed to improve the playgrounds usability in the summer months and enhance the facilities appeal.

Project Complete

The shade sail project was completed in early December after the poles were installed in November.



Amaroo Park shade sails installed

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Project Name: Kenneally Road Gravity Sewer Main Upgrade

Program: Wastewater

Background

Most of Mareeba's sewerage network was built between the late 1960s and 1980s. The Kenneally Road and Constance Street sewer main is a critical asset servicing 129 residential properties. The original sewer main is unable to meet both existing demand and future development needs, and this has resulted in surcharging of manholes along Constance Street and Kenneally Road, with sewage ingress into the environment and properties during severe wet weather events.

Upgrading the gravity sewer main will address both current and future capacity issues within the Kenneally Road catchment. Replacing ageing sewer infrastructure is vital to reducing the risk of sewage overflows—an issue with serious implications for public health, environmental safety, and community wellbeing. This upgrade is also a key measure in protecting the Barron River, which ultimately flows into the Great Barrier Reef. This project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government through the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

2.35km of gravity sewer main will be upgraded, starting from a sewer manhole located in an easement off Antonio Drive. It will run the full length of Constance Street, connecting to a manhole adjacent to Mareeba State Primary School, and discharge upstream of the Byrnes Street pump station.

The project scope includes:

- Supply, delivery and installation of the sewer gravity pipework and manholes
- Survey for set out purposes, erosion and sediment control and traffic management.
- Manhole testing and commissioning of the sewer gravity main.

Progress Update

During December, trenching works continued along Constance Street. Construction has remained on schedule with manhole construction works completed on manholes K1/18 and K1/19. Sewer main installation works between Herberton Street and Basalt Street continued up until 19 December 2025.

Challenges encountered include hard rock along the trench alignment. Ripping and hammering were undertaken as needed, which caused minor construction delays due to the extra works required.

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Sewer main installation works between Herberton Street and Basalt Street.

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Project Name: 2025-2026 Water Main Replacement

Program: Water

Background

As part of Council's ten-year Water Strategy, ageing water mains are being replaced and upgraded throughout the Shire. An allocation has been provided in the 2025/26 Capital Works Program to replace failing and ageing asbestos cement (AC) composition watermains at (3) three locations within the Mareeba township.

This project is funded by the Australian Government's Water Infrastructure for Sustainable and Efficient Regions (WISER) initiative and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes the supply and installation of PVC Supermain and Ductile Iron Concrete Lined (DICL) on road crossings, in addition to new service connections, valves and hydrants are being installed.

Progress Update

Works have been completed along Walsh Street, between Rankin Street and Hort Street. Further works are progressing along Mammino Street and are programmed for completion early January 2026.



Completed works on Mammino Street.



Further works progressing on Mammino Street.

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Project Highlights – December 2025



Project Name: 2025-2026 Manhole Refurbishment

Program: Wastewater

Background

As part of Council's three-year Barron River Catchment Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade program, Council are continuing works to remediate sewer manholes within the Mareeba Sewerage Reticulation network to reduce inflow and infiltration. The project aims to enhance the sewerage network in Mareeba and Kuranda, reducing the risk of sewage overflows into the Barron River catchment and ultimately the Great Barrier Reef.

The works are funded by the Australian Government's Reef Guardian Councils Program and the Queensland Government's 2024-27 Works for Queensland Program.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes complete remediation of 155 sewer manholes located within private and public property within Mareeba. The works will be carried out across three (3) separate locations within Mareeba, specifically along Peters Street to Atherton Street, Atherton Street to Granite Creek and the Mareeba West township area. The work to be performed under this contract comprises the provision of all materials, plant and labour and the performance of all operations necessary for the complete and proper rehabilitation of the nominated sewer manholes.

Progress Update

Works for the remediation of 155 sewer manholes have been completed. A further 49 manholes have been identified for remediation within the Mareeba township and is progressing with minor delays due to inclement weather conditions. Works to complete the 49 manholes is programmed for completion late February 2026.



Replaced manhole lid.



Relined manhole on Owens Street

9.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 December 2025

Author: Manager Technical Services

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 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Technical Services Operations Report for December 2025.

BACKGROUND

Technical Services

Design, quality, and investigations:

Investigation activities undertaken in December included:

Activity	New Requests	Closed Requests	Active EOM
Lodged via CRM:			
Road Infrastructure Review	18	21	54
Drainage Investigations	2	14	23
Parks Investigations	1	1	3
Miscellaneous e.g. Planning; Local Laws	8	16	19

Routine Activities	Investigations Completed
Traffic Count / Surveys	0
As Constructed Plans	4
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Permits/Investigations	21
Before You Dig Requests	96

Traffic Counts are not planned for December due to the changed traffic conditions associated with School Holidays and end of year holidays etc.

Soil Laboratory:

Council's Soil Laboratory provides NATA-accredited soil and material testing for internal and external services. The laboratory delivered 91 tests in December, with majority of testing being delivered for external clients. The testing quantity is reduced for the month due to wet weather and Shutdown of works leading into Christmas period.

GIS:

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.

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/Description	Road
Works Approved for Commencement		
Koah	Popovic Road Development	Popovic Road
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 2	Fallon Road
Kuranda	2-6 Black Mountain Road	Black Mountain Road
Mareeba	St Stephen's Catholic College	McIver Road
Mareeba	Quill Street Development	Quill Street
Mareeba	Rayfield Estate	Rayfield Road
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 14A	Karobean Drive
Mareeba	Wylandra Estate	Wylandra Drive

On-Maintenance Period		
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 1	Fallon Road
Mareeba	Mareeba Roadhouse & Accommodation Park	Williams Close
Mareeba	9 Kenneally Road	Kenneally Road
Mareeba	Emerald Creek Service Station	Malone Road
Mareeba	Prestige Gardens Stage 5-6	McIver Road
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 13b (Drainage)	Karobean Drive
Mareeba	The Rise: Stage 3 (Drainage)	Catherine Atherton Drive
Mareeba	7 Kenneally Road	Kenneally Road
Mareeba	Country Road Estate Stage 4	Lee Sye Road

Off-Maintenance for Month		
Kuranda	Myola Heights Estate Stage 2A	Christensen Road

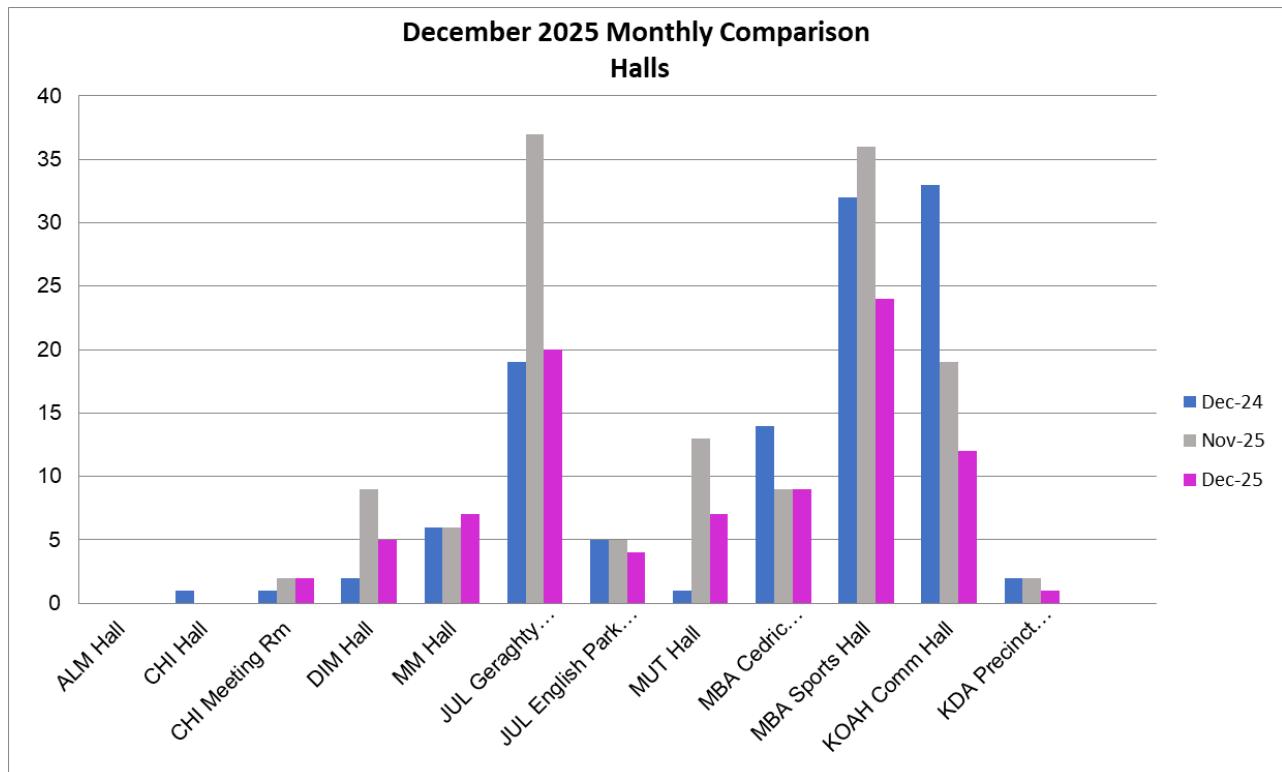
Facilities

Operational works delivered by the team, include several highlights for the month.

Facility	Works completed
Mareeba Aerodrome	Works have been completed. Drain has been working efficiently with the amount of seasonal rain.

Mareeba Aerodrome Works:*Mareeba Drain off Ray Road***Community Halls:**

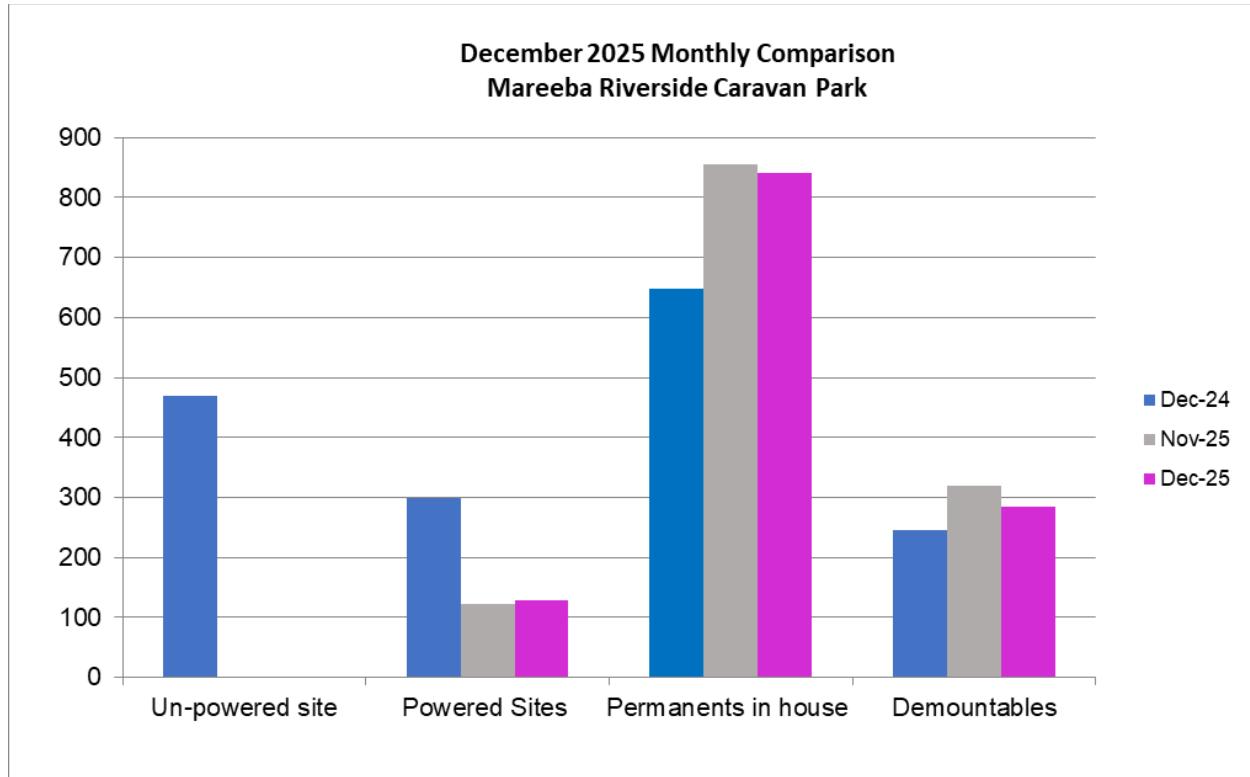
Maintaining safe and efficient access to Council's Community Halls is recognised as an important aspect for the community's ongoing wellbeing. Utilisation for community managed facilities is comparable with similar period for previous year (exception being Koah Hall).



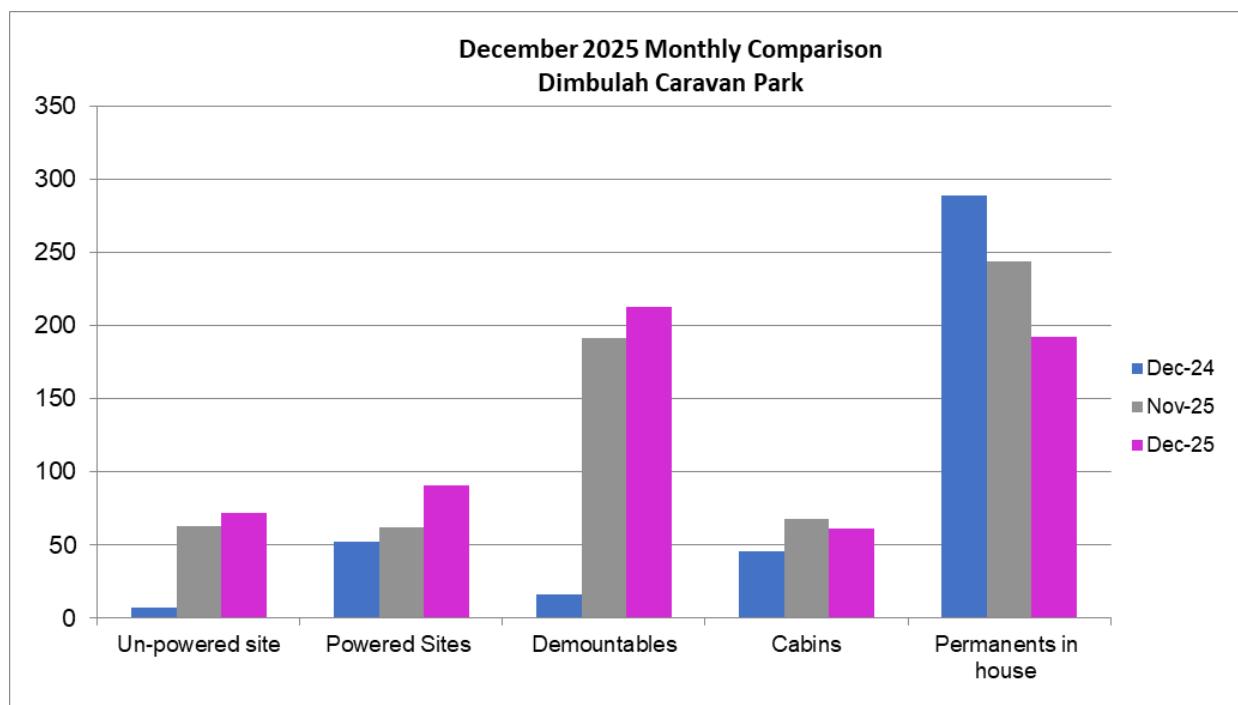
Caravan Parks:

Mareeba Riverside Caravan Park: December saw a reduction in numbers due to the hotter weather and slowing down due to the holiday period. The weather also slowed the work being carried out on improvements. Unpowered sites were unavailable due to improvement works being underway.

Council assistance was provided for the removal of a large tree which fell on a caravan, no injuries recorded.

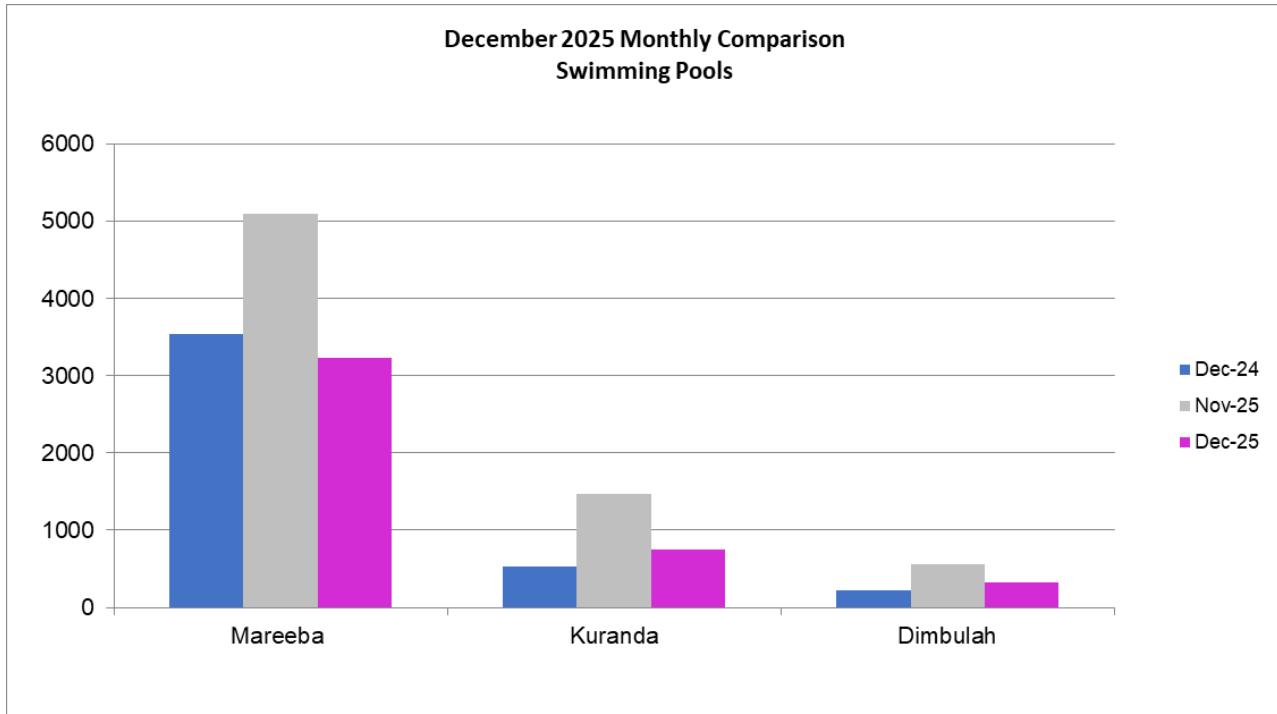


Dimbulah Caravan Park: Overall utilisation remained higher when measured against previous month and similar period last year. A slight downturn in cabin occupancy and permanents were recorded.

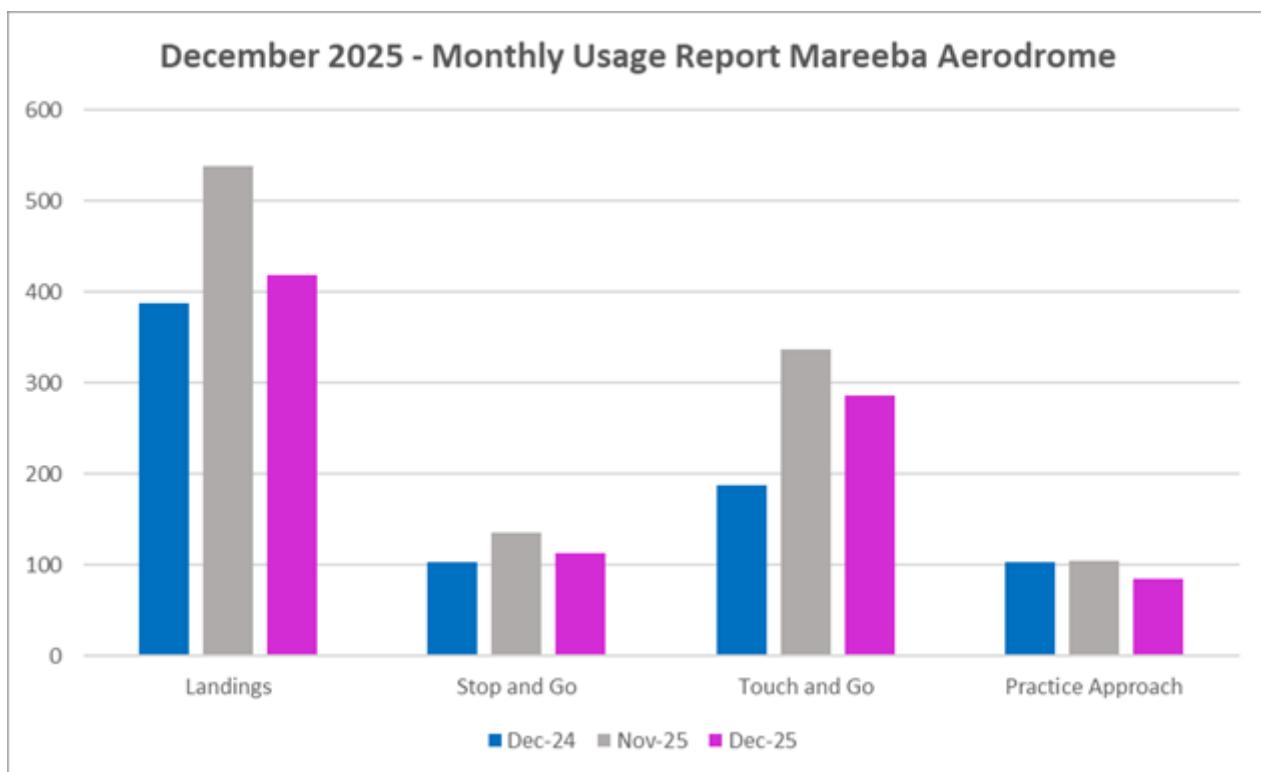


Aquatic Centres

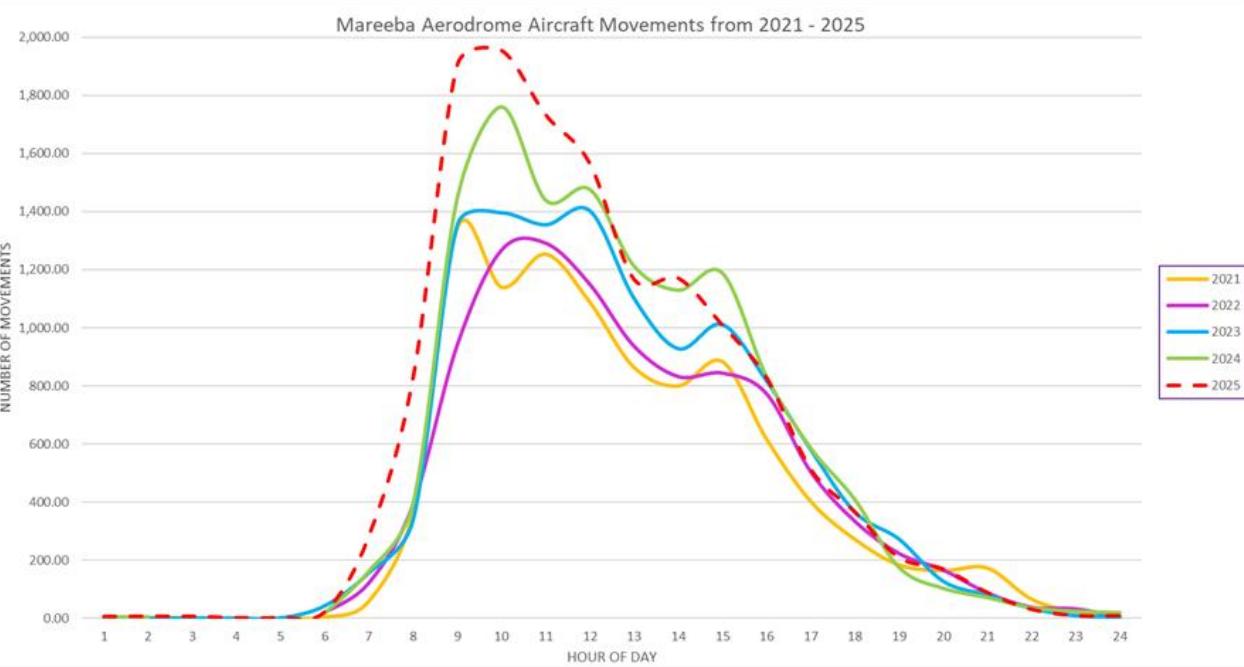
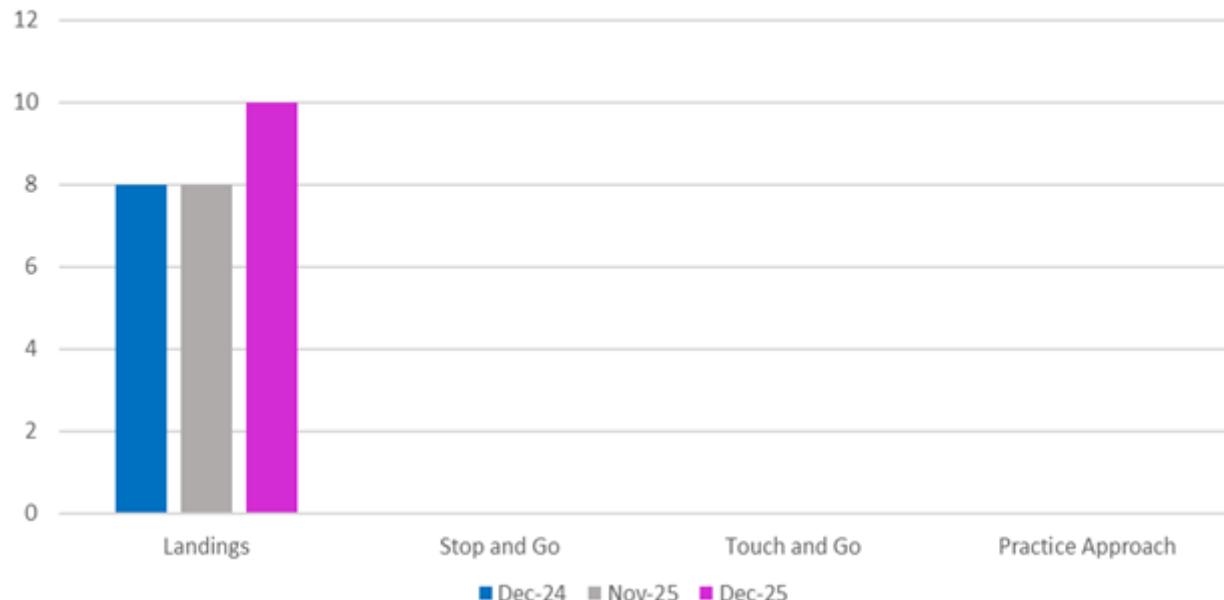
Attendance at the Centres remains generally similar to previous year's numbers, with reduced attendance compared to November being attributed to the onset of wet weather.

Aerodromes:

The data recorded below is current for the month of December, 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.



December 2025 - Monthly Usage Report Chillagoe Aerodrome



LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Financial Sustainability and Governance: A financially sustainable council that applies strategic decision making and good governance to deliver cost-effective services.

Community and Culture: An informed, engaged and resilient community which supports and encourages effective partnerships to deliver better outcomes.

Transport and Infrastructure: The provision of quality infrastructure to service our growing community using sound asset management principles.

Economy and Growth: Promote and encourage investment in local industry to build a resilient economy.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WATER AND WASTE OPERATIONS REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 December 2025

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 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Water and Waste Operations Report for December 2025.

BACKGROUND

Water and Wastewater Treatment:

All treatment plants are generally performing satisfactorily. Interim measures are in place to address damage to Kuranda Water Treatment Plant intake infrastructure which resulted from Cyclone Jasper and ongoing rain.

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)	6944	841	196	358	-
Number of Connections	4609	1134	174	287	126
Average Daily Water Consumption per Connection (L)	1507	741	1126	1246	-

* Mt Molloy is an untreated, non-potable water supply. No readings due to meter error.

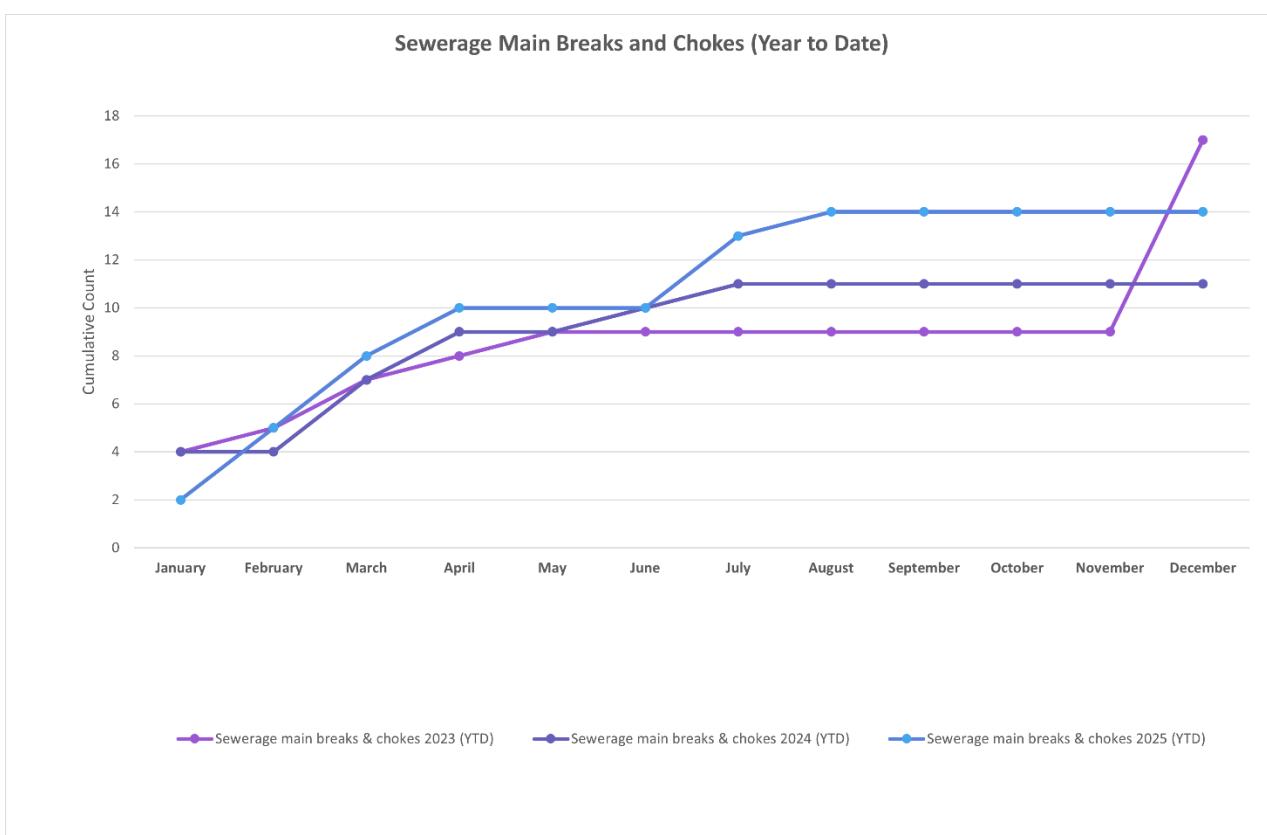
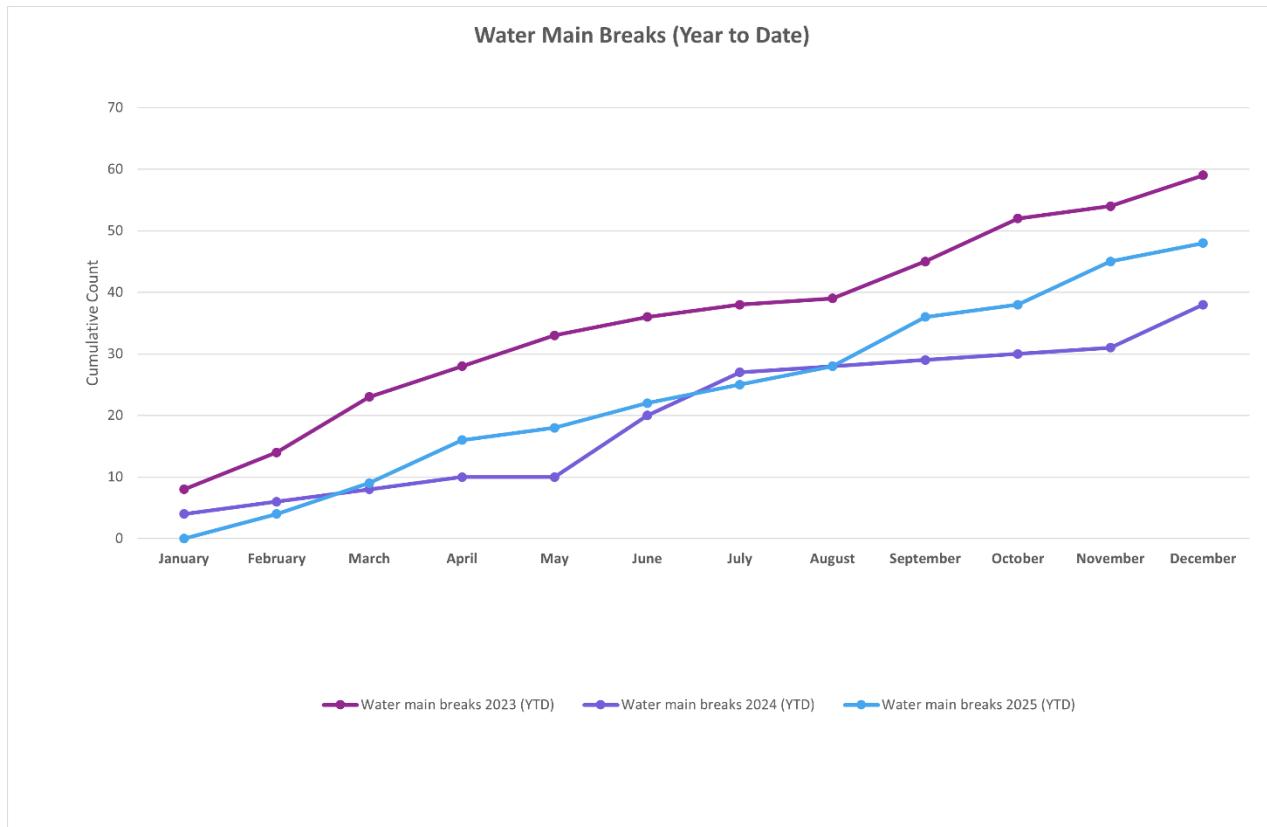
Wastewater Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda
Wastewater Plant Average Daily Treatment (kL)	2581	210
Number of Connections	4021	385
Average Daily Inflow per Connection (L)	642	545

Water and Wastewater Reticulation:

Council's water reticulation crew attended three (3) water main breaks in December, and average response times were within targets set out in Council's Customer Service standard for water services.

The temporary solution to address the blockage of the Lloyd Street sewer in Mareeba continues to operate to mitigate wastewater discharges to the Barron River. The tender has been awarded for the project works on a long-term solution, with works to commence in 2026.

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

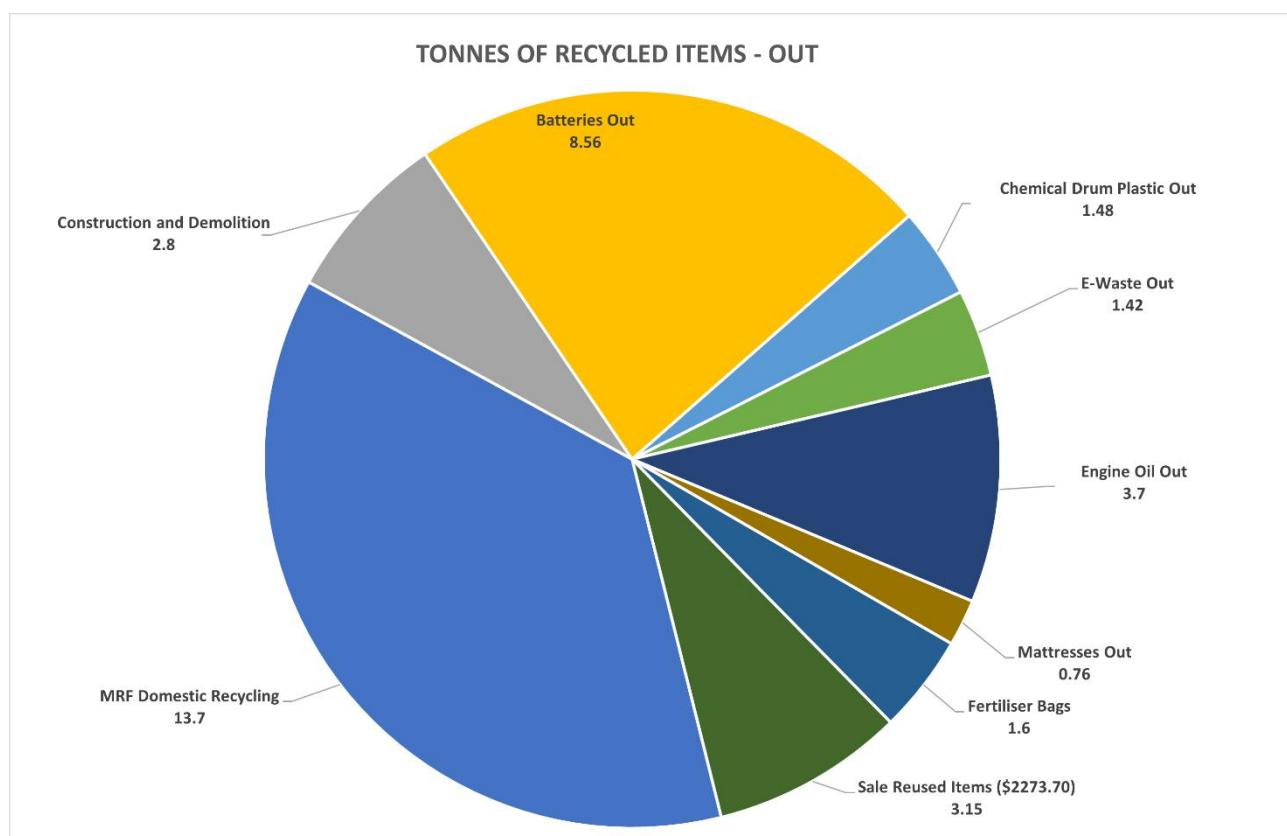


Waste Operations:

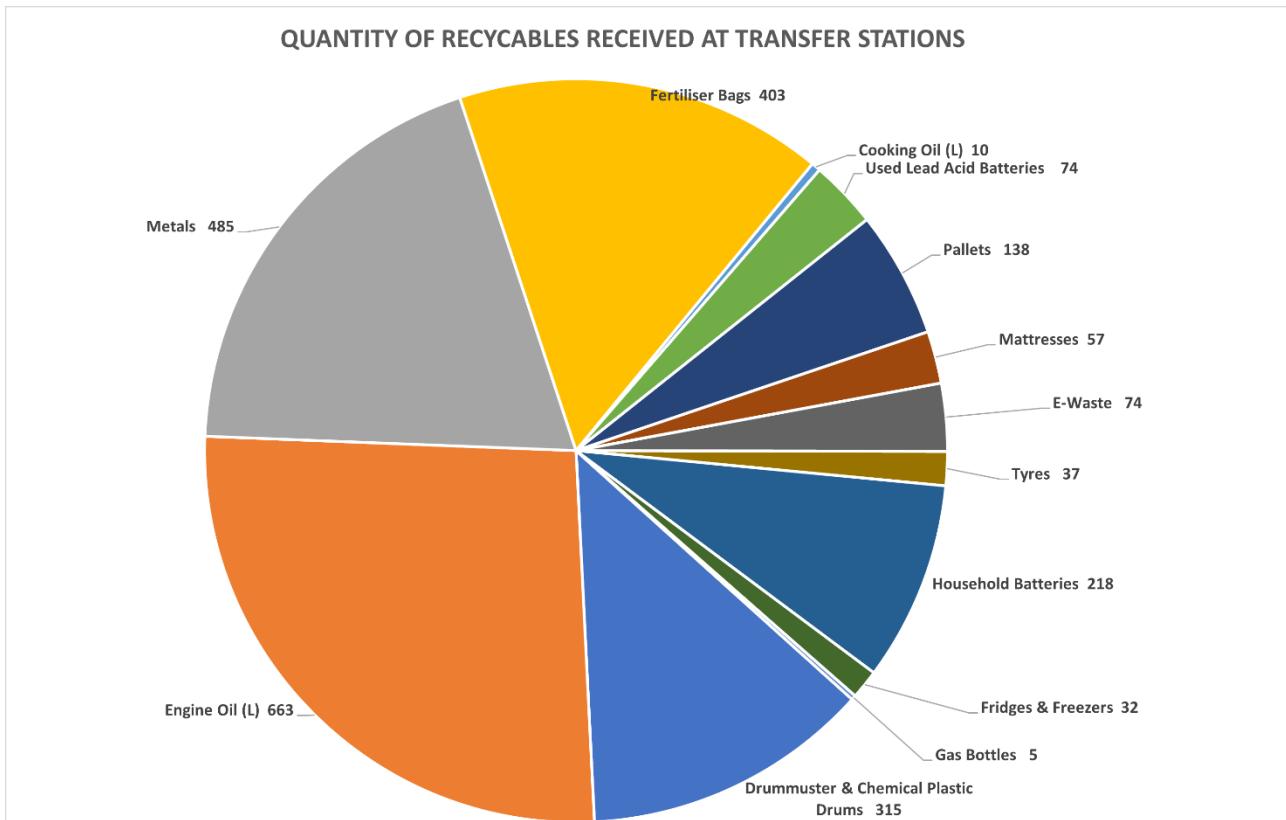
On 23 January 2025, a fire started on the tipping floor of the ARRF in Cairns, resulting in Veolia being unable to process waste material in accordance with Contract 1396.

Since the fire, all waste collected in kerbside trucks has been transported directly to Springmount Waste Facility rather than being sent down to Cairns for processing. A long-term arrangement is currently being negotiated.

During December, 207.88 tonnes of waste was sent to Springmount Waste Facility, and 13.7 tonnes of domestic items were recycled at the MRF.

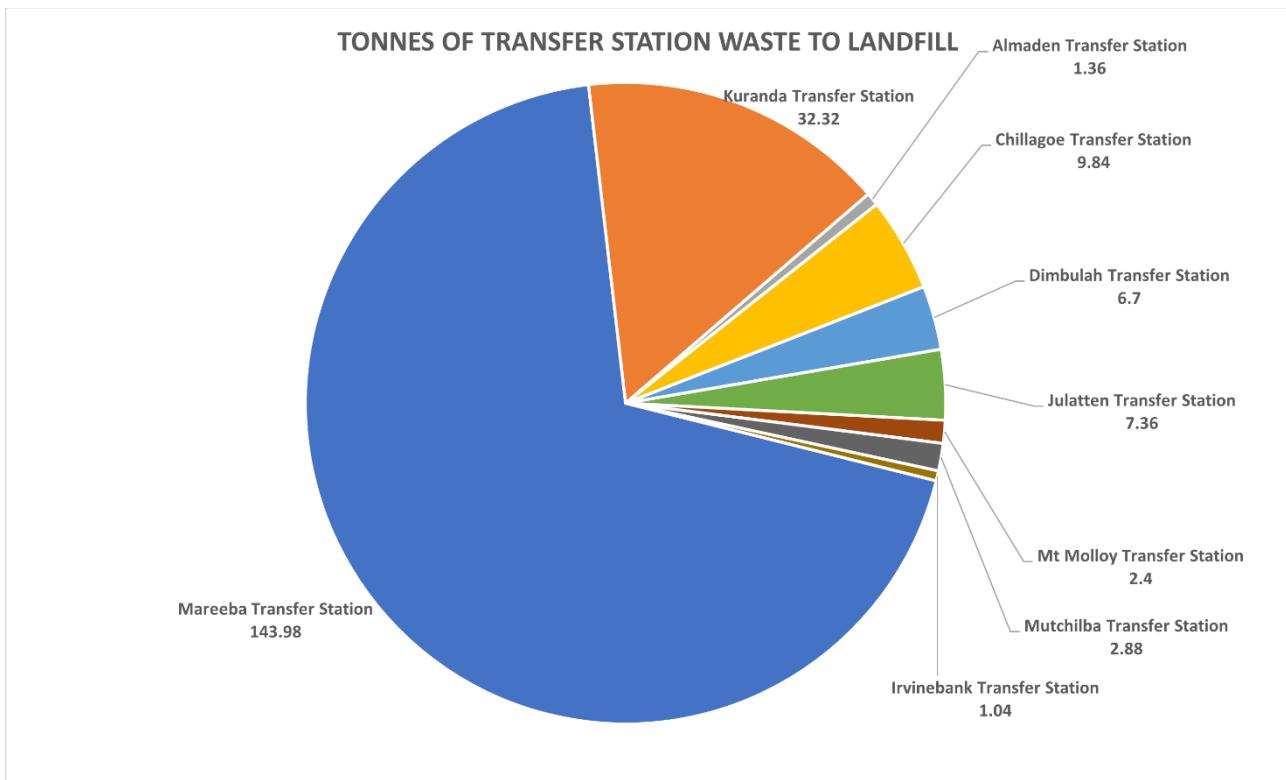
**Recycling**

Residents continue to recycle at the Transfer Stations. During December the highest count of recyclables received were 663L of engine oil and 403 fertiliser bags.



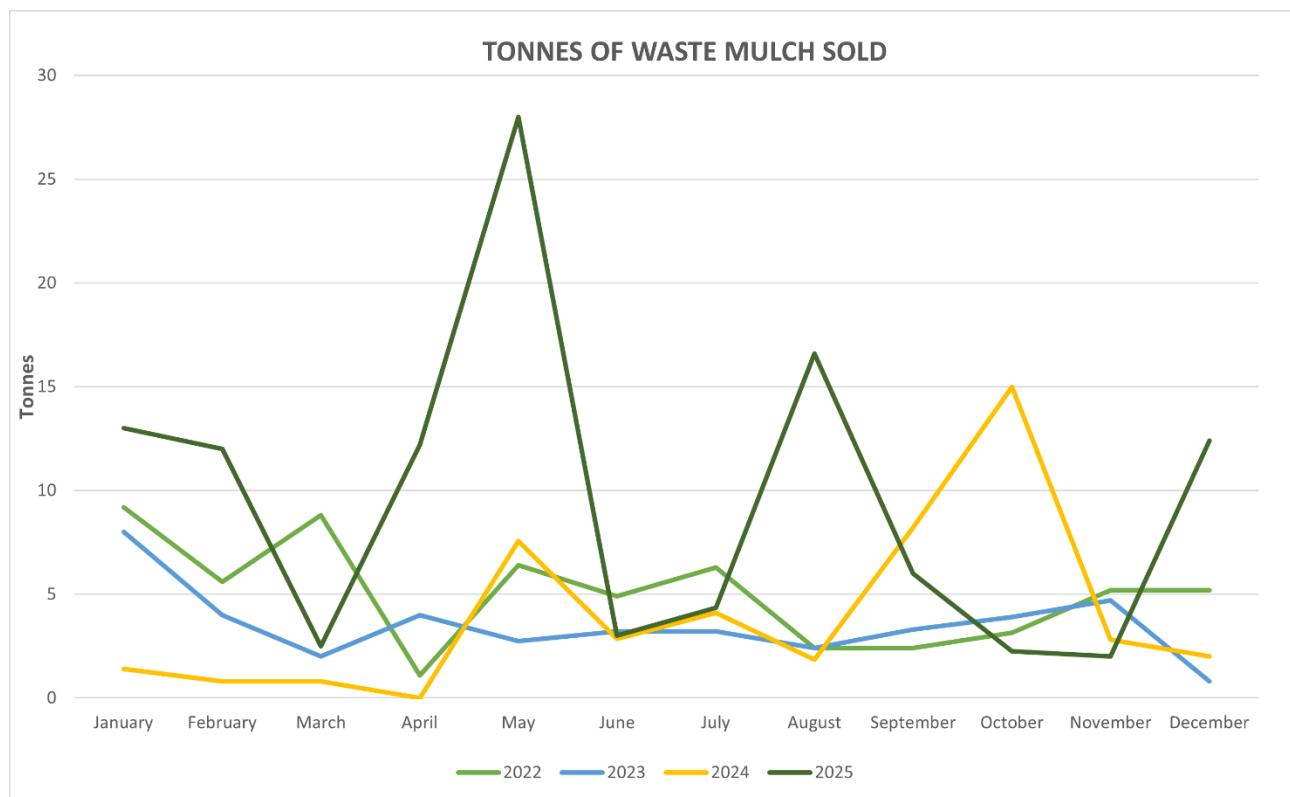
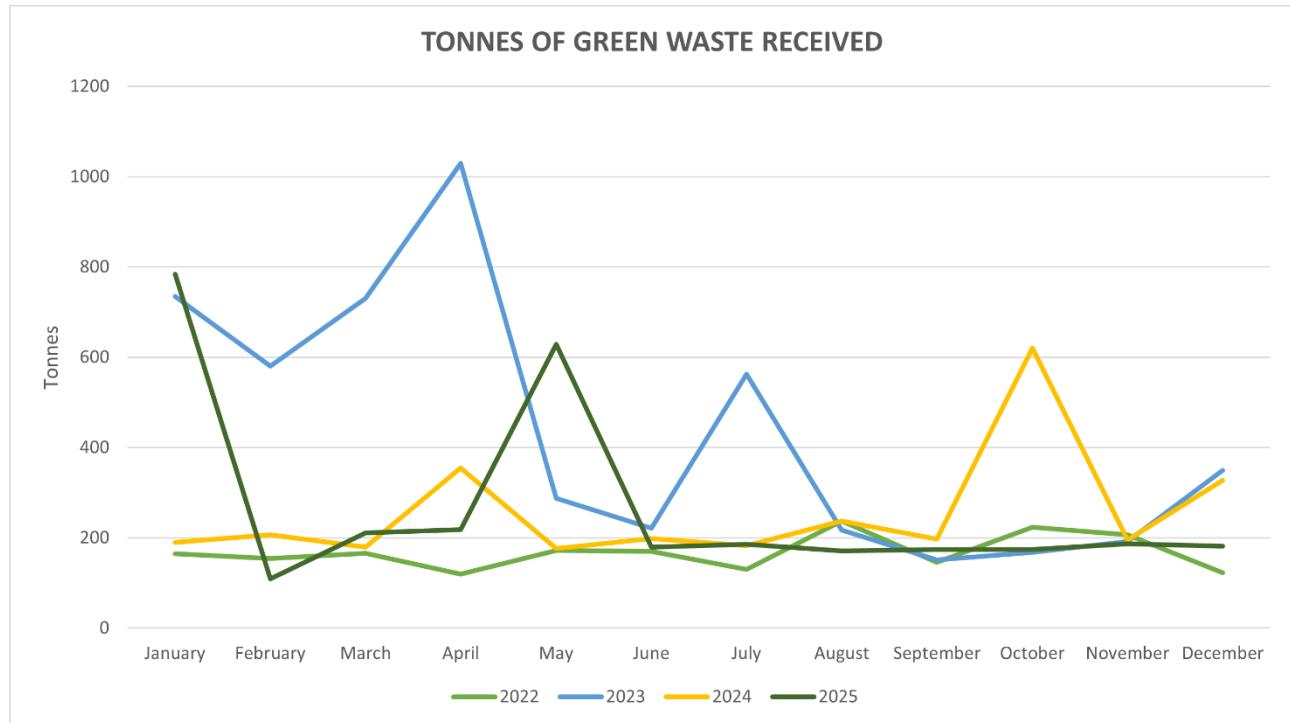
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste

Kerbside Collection waste and Transfer Station waste is transported off site to the Springmount Waste Facility. During December, 301.58 tonnes of waste from transfer stations and 544.84 tonnes from kerbside collection waste was sent to landfill.



Green Waste:

During December, Council received a total of 181.88 tonnes of green waste and 12.4 tonnes of mulch was sold. Kuranda recorded 2.25 tonnes of green waste from locations registered as being potentially contaminated with Electric Ants.



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

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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Transport and Infrastructure: The provision of quality infrastructure to service our growing community using sound asset management principles.

Economy and Growth: Promote and encourage investment in local industry to build a resilient economy.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WORKS SECTION ACTIVITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 January 2026

Author: Manager Works

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to summarise Council's Transport Infrastructure, Parks and Open Spaces, TMR Routine Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) and Land Protection operational activities undertaken by Infrastructure Services during the month of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Works Progress Report for the month of December 2025.

BACKGROUND

A summary of works completed in December 2025 is provided below.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The major maintenance activities carried out in December are listed below.

Activity	Location
Unsealed Road Grading	Hurricane Rd, Davies Ck Rd, Henry Hannam Dr, Black Mtn Rd, Spena Rd, Tinaroo Ck Rd, Fichera Rd
Bitumen Patching	Tinaroo Ck Rd, Euluma Ck Rd, Springmount Rd, Springs Rd, Oak Forest Rd, McIvor Rd, Masons Rd, Bilwon Rd, Speewah Rd, Black Mountain, Koah Rd, Highland Dr, McKean Rd, Davies Ck Rd, Springmount Rd, Barang St, Mt Lewis Rd, Sides Rd, Nine Mile Rd, Pinnace Rd, Chettle Rd, Mt Perseverance, Ardmore Pk, Kullaroo Cl, Rob Veivers Dr, Thooree St, Fassio Rd, Warril Dr, Anzac Ave, Hyde St, McDougall Rd, Ray Rd, Fraser Rd, Leadingham Ck
Unsealed Road Maintenance	Fichera Rd, Bower Rd, Seward Rd, Spear Rd, Punch Cl
Tree Trimming	Cadagi Dr, Koah Rd, Oak Forest Rd, Park Ave, Davies Ck Rd, Black Mountain Rd, Ganyan Dr, Tower St, McDougall Rd, Clacherty Rd, Weir Rd, Black Mtn Rd, Fan Palm Pl, Warril Dr, Euluma Ck Rd, Karobean Drive, Mt Molloy Depot, Pinnace Rd, Nine Mile Rd, Egan St, Silkwood Ave, Wrights Lookout, Cathedral St, Masons Rd, Cricket Ground, Bakers Rd, Hickory Rd, Wetherby Rd, Greenforest Rd, Masterson St, Rosewood Dr, High Chapparal Rd, Harper Rd
Slashing	Koah Rd, Barron Esplanade, Ray Rd, Speewah Rd, Myola Rd, Euluma Ck Rd, Masons Rd, Clohesy River Rd, Williamson Dr, Wrights Lookout, Palm Valley Rd, Barron Falls Rd, Cedar Pk Rd, Bakers Rd, Outlook Cres, Hanley Rd, McLeans Bridge, Morrish Rd, Sides Rd, Bolton Rd, Kanervo Rd, Mt Haren Rd, Stoney Ck, Hoey Rd,

Activity	Location
	Smith's Track, Possum Close, Clacherty Rd, McDougall Rd, Mt Kooyong Rd, Mt Lewis Rd, Pinnace Rd, Jim Weir Rd, Douglas Track Sth, Shaban Cl, Kelly Rd, McKean Rd, Black Mountain Rd, Fallon Rd, Veivers Dr, Greenhills Dr, Hilltop Cl, Cemetery Rd, Windy Hollow Rd, Barnwell Rd, Boyles Rd, Greenforest Rd, Kingfisher Dr, Rosewood Dr, Mareeba Racecourse, Fairyland Rd, Roscommon Pk, Hickory Rd
Road Furniture – Repair/Replace	Bilwon Rd, Davies Ck Rd, Jacinta Cr Mb, Anzac Ave, Byrnes St, Springmount Rd, Springfield Rd, Sabin Rd West, Coondoo St, Barang St, Chewko Rd, Ray Rd, Shanty Ck Rd, Windsor View Rd, Arara St, Booroo St, Kauri St, Euluma Ck Rd, Ceola Dr, Coronet Dr, Emerald Heights Rd, Facet Dr, Bowers St, Grigg Rd, Warren St, Martin Tenni Dr, Brown Rd, Brown St, Clacherty Rd, Nine Mile Rd, Rainforest Dr, Rob Veivers Dr, Almaden Second St, Almaden Third St, Hall Lane, Springmount Rd, Arnold St, Buck St, Cameron Ct, Fraser Rd, Hillview Rd, McLeans Bridge Rd, Pinnace Rd, Button Close, Ellis Road, Kearney St, Barron Falls Rd, Harper Rd
Illegal Dumping	Hilltop Cl, Springmount Rd
Drainage Maintenance	Wolfram Rd, Boonmoo Rd, Black Mtn Rd, Pashen Rd, Tinaroo Ck Rd, Frew St

TMR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (RMPC)

The following RMPC works were carried out in December 2025.

Location	Activity
32A - Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rest Area Servicing at Edmund Kennedy Bridge • Mow island intersection of 32A & 664 at traffic lights
34A - Mulligan Highway (Mareeba – Mount Molloy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pothole Patching
34B - Mulligan Highway (Mount Molloy - Lakeland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside litter collection at Rifle Creek and Mount Carbine truck stop • Rest area servicing at Rifle Creek • Remove illegal dumping / roadside litter from Truck Bays at Mount Molloy and Mount Carbine • Emergency Callout following traffic accident to assist with clean-up of site and provide traffic control • Pothole patching at various locations • Repair undermining at pipe 354
653 - Mossman-Mount Molloy Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside litter collection at Hunter Creek, Environ Park and Lyons Park • Rest area servicing at Hunter Creek • Rural slashing Mount Molloy to Mossman • Install warning children sign (W6-3A) sign at chainage 10.43 • Emergency Callout to remove trees over road

Location	Activity
89B - Burke Developmental Road (BDR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eureka Creek rest area servicing and ground maintenance Supply 1 x Black & White Chevron and 3 x CAM signs for Eureka Creek
664 – Mareeba to Dimbulah Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pothole patching at various locations Rural slashing - Mareeba to Dimbulah

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

The following Parks and Open Spaces works were carried out in December 2025.

Description	Comment
Mowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mareeba, Dimbulah, Kuranda, Mt Molloy/Julatten, and Chillagoe mowing roughly every 10 – 14days
Playing fields mowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Davies Park twice (2) x week at 50mm Borzi Park twice (2) x week at 25mm Firth Park twice (2) x week at 25mm
General maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weeding garden beds and medians Kuranda and garden maintenance Thongon and Coondoo streets Hebraicizing around trees, culverts in mowing areas and along Rail Trail
Gurney Crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning in Mareeba three (3) hours early morning four (4) days per week Kuranda streets two (2) hours three (3) days per week after Mareeba Pressure clean footpaths Mt Molloy and Playgrounds in Mareeba, Speewah and Kuranda
Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair playground equipment and gym equipment at Mary Andrews Park in Mareeba
Slashing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slashed Western areas and Barron Esplanade in Mareeba
Burials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mareeba – 3 in ground Lawn Plaque on Beam, 1 Ashes in Full Grave Slab, 1 Ashes in Columbarium Wall, 1 Coffin in Mausoleum Wall Dimbulah - 1 in Mausoleum Wall Chillagoe - 1 Ashes in Columbarium Ground Kuranda – 1 in ground in Full Grave Slab
LOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mareeba Cemetery Pioneer Cemetery Dimbulah Cemetery Tennis Courts
Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several Dead Trees removed in Kuranda 1 fallen tree removed in Basalt Gully Mareeba
Tree Trimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree trimming in all towns for ease of mowing and Street Sweeper access Stump grinding as they go

Description	Comment
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erect Xmas Trees in Mareeba, Kuranda, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy, and Chillagoe Assist with Rotary Street Parade turning on the lights

LAND PROTECTION

The following Land Protection works were carried out in December 2025.

Weed/Pest	Activity
Parthenium Weed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly inspections and hand removal carried out on all sites. All landholders are complying with their biosecurity obligation
Amazon Frogbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand removal and foliar spraying of Frogbit continued along Chinaman, Atherton Creeks and Mareeba Lakes
White Ball Acacia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist QLD DPI Biosecurity in surveying the old Southedge research station for White Ball Acacia
Feral Pigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Pigs trapped in the Mareeba area

CUSTOMER REQUESTS

During December, the Works Group received 110 Customer Requests (CRs) with 145 resolved (resolved requests include those received prior to December 2025). The table below shows the number of requests lodged per Works Section for the month.

Month	Roads	Parks and Gardens	Pest Management
December	72	35	3

At the time of reporting, the Works Group had 94 open requests.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

All operational works are funded by the section specific 2025/26 maintenance budgets.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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Community and Culture: An informed, engaged and resilient community which supports and encourages effective partnerships to deliver better outcomes.

Transport and Infrastructure: The provision of quality infrastructure to service our growing community using sound asset management principles.

Liveability and Environment: Improve the liveability of the Shire by enhancing amenity and valuing natural assets.

Economy and Growth: Promote and encourage investment in local industry to build a resilient economy.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 14 January 2026

Author: Manager Disaster Recovery

Attachments: 1. December Major Project Updates [↓](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline the progress of Council's activities funded under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) during the month of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Disaster Recovery Operations Report for December 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a jointly funded program between the Australian Government and State Government, providing financial assistance to help communities recover from eligible disasters. Current projects and their respective weather events are provided herein.

2023 DRFA – Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 2022 – 30 April 2023

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2024-09 MSC DRFA 2023 Western Roads Package	Works completed, project to be removed from future reports.

2024 DRFA – Tropical Cyclone Jasper, associated rainfall and flooding, 13 – 28 December 2023

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2024-10 Jarawee Road Stabilisation	Civform Pty Ltd engaged to deliver contract. Works ongoing.
T-MSC2024-33 MSC DRFA 2024 Eastern Roads Package	Contract awarded to Ikin Civil Pty Ltd. Works ongoing.
PDQ-MSC2025-10 Black Mountain Road Culvert Replacement (Julatten)	Contract awarded to Dempsey Crane and Construction. Minor works outstanding. Works to be completed early 2026.
T-MSC2025-33 Warril and Mount Haren Landslip Remediation	Tenders closed 9 December 2025. Tender assessment underway.

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2025-34 Ivcevic Road Landslip Remediation	Tenders closed 9 December 2025. Tender assessment underway..

Water & Sewer Program (exceptional circumstances package)

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2025-09 Lloyd Street Sewer Replacement Project	Project awarded to A&B Civil. Contract preliminary tasks underway.

Betterment Fund (exceptional circumstances package)

Assistance for the following projects under the 2024 Betterment Program, has been provided by the Australian and Queensland Governments through the jointly funded Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA):

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2025-24 Gully Betterment Program	Project awarded to S&K Civil Contracting Pty Ltd. Works on Torwood and Bolwarra Concrete works complete. Project on hold until 2026 due to impending wet season.
T-MSC2025-25 Wolfram Road Culvert Upgrade	Tenders closed 18 December 2025. Tender assessment underway.
T-MSC2025-26 Lockwood Road Upgrade	Tenders closed 16 December 2025. Tender assessment underway.

Local Recovery and Resilience Grants (LRRG)

Local Recovery and Resilience Grants are available to eligible local councils significantly impacted by Tropical Cyclone Jasper, 13 - 28 December 2023 in Far North Queensland. Funding will help councils address economic, social and community recovery needs and support future resilience measures.

Approval has been received for Council's submission, which included a range of retrospective and future projects.

2025 DRFA – North and Far North Tropical Low 29 January – 28 February 2025Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
Hastie Road Embankment	Approval received for geotechnical solution. Onsite investigations complete.
Kuranda Depot Access Slip	Approval received for geotechnical solution. Temporary works complete to stabilise site prior to the 25/26 wet season. Onsite investigations to be scheduled.
Top Eureka Creek Culvert	Rock protection works complete. Rock mattress works to be undertaken in 2026.

Project Name	Update
Fallon Road Pavement	Approval received for minor pavement works on Fallon Road.
PDQ-MSC2025-16 Park Avenue RCP Replacement	Approval received for replacement of stormwater line on Park Avenue. Works awarded to Gregg Construction. Temporary works undertaken whilst concrete pipes are being sourced (extended lead times). Permanent works scheduled for early 2026.
PDQ-MSC2025-17 Maria Close RCP Replacement	Approval received for replacement of stormwater line on Maria Close. Works awarded to Terra Novus. Works scheduled to commence early 2026 due to extended lead times.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Funding arrangements state that eligible expenditure is reimbursed.

Expenditure is considered eligible when:

- 1) Extraordinary costs are incurred that could normally not be absorbed by, or reasonably managed within, the local government or state agency's financial, human and other resource capacity, and
- 2) Costs are directly associated with the delivery of eligible works on eligible essential public assets that have been damaged by an activated eligible disaster.

No ineligible cost reported for active projects. Risk of ineligible expenditure is mitigated through engagement of suitably qualified consultants.

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**Infrastructure Services Disaster Recovery Operations
Major Projects Summary – December 2025****2024 DRFA – Tropical cyclone Jasper, associated rainfall and flooding, 13 – 28 December 2023****PDQ-MSC2025-10 Black Mountain Road Culvert Replacement (Julatten)****Project Manager:**

Mareeba Shire Council

Engineer:

ARO Industries Pty Ltd

Contractor:

Dempsey Crane and Construction Pty Ltd

Status:**Works ongoing**

Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) engaged ARO Industries Pty Ltd (ARO) for the provision of engineering design and project management services for replacement of a RCP culvert structure on Black Mountain Road which were damaged as a result of the Tropical cyclone Jasper, associated rainfall and flooding, 13 – 28 December 2023 weather event.

Works commenced and were 90% complete come the end of December 2025.

9.6 TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 19 January 2026

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments: 1. Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 16 December 2025 [↓](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Mareeba Shire Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16 December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held Tuesday, 16 December 2025.

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 and Culture: An informed, engaged and resilient community which supports and encourages effective partnerships to deliver better outcomes.

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.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil



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MINUTES
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 16 December 2025
Commenced at 9:30am

Members Present:

John Ridgway	Queensland Police Service (QPS) – Sergeant
Kim Yap (Teams)	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Principal Engineer
John Gillespie (Teams) (for Michael Ringer)	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Manager (Indigenous & LG Relations)
Lenore Wyatt (Chair)	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor

Non-Members Present:

Frances Schafer	Mareeba Chamber of Commerce
Marita Stecko	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Road Safety Advisor
Angela Toppin	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Mayor
Mladen Bosnic	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor
Ross Cardillo	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor
Glenda Kirk	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Director Infrastructure Services
Sam Wakeford	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Manager Technical Services
Marjorie Anthony	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Secretariat

1. WELCOME

The Chair commenced the meeting at 9:30am, extending a warm welcome to all attendees.

Apologies were noted as follows:

Michael Ringer	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) - Principal Engineer (Civil) Delivery & Operations
Amy Braes	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor
Mary Graham	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 16 September 2025 were noted as being true and correct.

Moved by John Ridgway

Seconded by Marita Stecko

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 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.

- Walsh Street AC water main replacement works which commenced in July 2023 are complete; detailed design to commence prior to end of 2023.
- Consultation completed with adjacent businesses. Detailed Design underway; draft Concept Plans tabled for the information of members only.
- MSC advised angle parking on Walsh Street to be retained south of Coles loading dock, with minor loss of car parks. Pedestrian crossing is staggered improving pedestrian safety. Procurement of drainage pipes underway to address stormwater drainage issues.
- Detailed design received with MSC currently undertaking the final reviews. Invitations for tender will be issued in the upcoming months. Construction is anticipated to begin late 2025 / early 2026 with significant drainage works required initially.
- MSC advised stakeholder information will be provided for public awareness ahead of the works commencing. Works are still anticipated to begin end of 2025 / early 2026.
- QPS advised the fire hydrant marking on the Coles side have also faded and requires remarking.
- Faded line marking in front of KHub has been remarked. MSC in preparation for the tendering process for the project later this month. The project will entail significant drainage improvements and the potential for some beautification efforts, subject to council's approval.
- A report will be presented to the council on 17 December 2025 for awarding of the tender for the Walsh Street Civil, Stormwater, Lighting, Traffic Signals, and Landscaping Upgrade. Once awarded public consultation phase will be undertaken.

3.2 Byrnes / Rankin Streets Drainage / Mareeba CBD Blueprint (MSC)

- 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.
- TMR advised the grated inlet pit has been upgraded with elevated grate to reduce blockage and increase capacity. This change to the pit inlet is considered a position improvement from stormwater capacity perspective as it will maximise the capacity of the crossroad box culvert. Additional works will be required in future to further improve drainage issues on Byrnes Street.

- Further upgrades to be reviewed as part of Council's CBD blueprint project. MSC advised further modelling of the intersection stormwater needs to be carried out to identify the extent of remediation works needed.
- MSC has been successful in securing grant funding from the Australian Government for the Mareeba CBD Blueprint project which aims to revitalize the area between Herberton Street and Lloyd Street between Constance Street and Railway Avenue. The scope of works involves preparation of construction-ready designs for the CBD, including stormwater, undergrounding overhead powerlines, lighting, walking and cycling facilities, accessibility for people with vision impairments, car parking, public toilet facilities, and landscaping with the design scheduled for completion by the end of 2026.
- A report to council will be presented on 19 March 2025 seeking approval to award a contract for the Mareeba CBD Blueprint design. The tender is to engage a design consultant for the project, to undertake planning, engagement and design and development of construction ready plans to revitalize the whole of Mareeba CBD between Herberton Street and Lloyd Street and between Constance Street and Railway Avenue. The final deliverable is a comprehensive Precinct Plan that will provide Council with construction-ready work packages, suitable for future grant funding.
- MSC advise the Stakeholder Reference Group has been formed with the main purpose to provide information, advice and recommendations for Council consideration on the development of construction ready plans to address pedestrian accessibility and amenity issues in the Mareeba CBD. Mareeba Chamber is a major partner and will be integral in gathering business community input. This is a significant project aiming to review the current state of an area, develop a draft precinct plan, prioritize and implement it, prepare detailed designs, and finalize the plans in early 2026, with the next step being securing funding. Community engagement sessions are underway which include Drop-in Sessions, Walk & Talk Tour & Business Breakfast. MSC advised stakeholder engagement is targeting the 18-24 age-group to gather their insights.
- MSC is collaborating with the working group, prioritizing drainage with some beautification efforts. Draft Master Plan is on track for November workshop and community engagement to determine priorities.
- MSC sought an update from TMR in relation to the Mareeba Bypass; TMR to follow up and provide a comment at a later date.
- Council continues to work with GHD to develop the prioritization plan and the final masterplan document so that detailed design can commence. It is anticipated the Masterplan will be presented for adoption by Council in early 2026.
- [Link to Mareeba CBD Project Blueprint - Mareeba Shire Council](#)

3.2.1 Pedestrian Crossing / Lighting – Atherton / Walsh Streets intersection

- Concerns raised regarding pedestrian crossing and lighting at Atherton / Walsh Streets, enquiring if there is any future planning for a roundabout in this area.
- MSC advised this is a component of the Blueprint project; nevertheless, MSC completed a refresh of the pedestrian signage, replacing the old signs with new reflective signs.

3.2.2 Pedestrian Crossings – Byrnes Street

- Raised the need for more pedestrian crossings in Byrnes Street, Mareeba.
- MSC advised this is a component of the Blueprint project and have entered into a potential Cost-Information Sharing Agreement with TMR towards a traffic assessment for the Mareeba-Dimbulah Road, locally known as Byrnes Street, Mareeba.

3.3 Walking Network Improvements - Ceola Drive / Anzac Avenue

- Advice on resident feedback was sought by QPS on the new barrier edging installed along Ceola Drive and Anzac Avenue.

- MSC implemented a pilot project installing low-cost improvements to the walking/cycling network to increase walkability in Mareeba. Project is funded by the Qld Government's Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program.
- Concerns were raised with council regarding loss of access to unapproved/informal secondary driveways to properties and the lack of space for school buses to pull over. Council advises this route is not an approved school bus route.
- A notable reduction in speed has unofficially been reported on Ceola Drive; in the future, traffic counters will be deployed, and statistics from earlier periods will be compared.
- MSC advised this is a pilot project where council will monitor the effectiveness and make necessary adjustments where required. A review of the trial will be completed by end of 2024 to determine the effectiveness of the treatments.
- MSC deployed traffic counters on Ceola Drive and Anzac Avenue from 6-13 September; data assessed to compare stats from earlier periods.
- After the installation of a concrete barrier on the western side of Ceola Drive, traffic counters were utilised to assess the differences in inbound and outbound speeds. MSC reports that the data indicates minimal variation between the speeds of inbound and outbound traffic. A survey will be undertaken by MSC early 2025 with results being reported to TMR Walking Network Program.
- A survey has been launched to collect feedback from the community regarding the Mareeba Lighter Quick Cheaper Pilot Project, which is funded by TMR. The effectiveness of the pilot program will be evaluated, and TAC members, road users, walkers, cyclists are all encouraged to complete the survey.
- Results received by MSC have been passed onto TMR in preparation of a close out report, which is expected to be provided by TMR in late June 2025.
- MSC held a meeting with the former LATM Committee members early September concerning the pilot project treatment installed on Ceola Drive; a report is currently being compiled for Council's consideration at the October meeting.
- On 19 November 2025 the Council agreed to remove the pedestrian safety installations on Ceola Drive, following the findings of the public survey. Works to remove the barriers were completed early December 2025.
- There being no further action required by this Committee, it is recommended this item be removed from the Agenda.

3.4 Emerald End Speed Limit Review (Glenda Kirk)

- MSC advised a speed limit review on Emerald End Road will occur once the Cobra Creek causeway replacement is completed and the road is open to all vehicles.
- The section extending from the new works to Country Road Estate is planned for a reseal next year including line marking.
- Speed limit review has been completed by MSC, with the Draft Report to be submitted to Police/TMR for comment / support of recommendations.

3.5 Hastie Street Signage & Parking Issues (Glenda Kirk)

- Concerns regarding parents parking on centre islands have been brought to the attention of MSC. MSC investigations concluded and recommendations regarding signage and parking regulations on Constance and Hastie Streets have been made. MSC are also seeking assistance from QPS regarding enforcement on illegal parking.
- Letters of Support received from Queensland Police Service and Department of Transport and Main Roads concerning parking and pedestrian safety issues seeking improvements.
- MSC has completed the tidy-up of parking signage on Hastie and Constance Streets; parking issues remains on the agenda with discussions continuing with the school and the Catholic Diocese.
- Mayor has written to the Diocese once again regarding school parking on vacant land, as it has become a temporary carpark while the currently water main upgrades works are occurring significantly easing parking congestion around the school and improved safety and accessibility for both staff and families.

3.6 Load Limit John Doyle Bridge

- The increasing number of commercial heavy vehicles utilising the bridge has raised concerns; is it possible to lower the load limit to restrict bridge usage by HVs?
- 2020/21 Bridge refurbishment project strengthened the bridge to enable 'As of Right' vehicles access via the structure.
- Council considered a petition at its 18 May 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting regarding this matter. A review of available Traffic Data since the May 2022 Meeting will be undertaken to assess any potential changes to traffic movements since the meeting and/or the construction of the Herberton/Constance Roundabout.

3.7 32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns-Mareeba) - Kuranda Range Road

- TMR advised March/April 2024 emergency works carried out to prevent further damage to the road. Ongoing undermining of the road was occurring due to the ongoing wet season impacts at several locations. Works took longer than anticipated due to wet weather, available material supplies and challenging site conditions.
- TMR is designing long-term solutions for repair and recovery works to the damaged road network. These are complex sites which require detailed investigation and design based on the forward material availability and construction methodologies. Once the design and program of works is finalised, TMR will advise stakeholders of the expected construction timeframes and traffic arrangements for the works. The long-term works are expected to start later this year.
- TMR advised night works complete. Long-term reconstruction works are set to begin from late 2024 to mid-2026, with construction tenders currently under review and expected to be awarded in September 2024. The Australian and Qld Governments have committed \$262.5M to improve safety and resilience on Kuranda Range Rd. TMR is looking at various treatments at strategic locations, incl additional guardrails, shoulder widening, centre line treatments, vegetation management and slope stability treatments. Additional Intelligent Transport Systems technology stations will be installed to enhance real-time monitoring of road conditions and traffic behaviour. These works will commence after completion of the recovery works to mitigate further disruptions to road users.
- TMR advise reconstruction works commenced on 18 November 2024 at locations damaged during TC Jasper. Night closures are in place from Sunday 24 November through to 20 December 2024, with the range closing at 9pm and reopening at 4am to allow the completion of additional works prior to Christmas. For this period of works the road will continue to remain open on Friday and Saturday nights. Road users must be in the queue by midnight as traffic will only be let through once in each direction for as long as it takes to clear the queued vehicles, then the road will close again until 4am.
- The following emergency works were completed on Kuranda Range Road Post-Disaster:
 - Stabilization of damaged slopes and safety assurance.
 - Identification of over 30 landslips requiring upslope and downslope reconstruction.
 - Geotechnical solutions include soil nailing, geomesh installation, gabion baskets, embankments reshaping, table drain clearing, and loose material removal.
 - 12 months of surveys, geotechnical inspections, planning, detailed designs, and contractor engagement.
 - Development of delivery strategy to minimize disruptions to motorists.
 - Aim to complete all works by mid-2026, site and weather permitting.
- Works started on 3 priority sites including 2 which are currently under single lane traffic control. Night closures resumed on 9 February 2025 and will continue until the end of 2025. TMR are aiming to undertake reconstruction of more than 15 sites in 2025, with the remainder to follow in 2026. To date, TMR have completed 1 site, with 1 more nearing completion. Works are continuing at Streets Creek, and immediately below the Lookout on the downslope side. A new upslope site opposite the Mareeba Shire signage will be started later this month.

- Work is in progress. A significant program of night works and planned closures will be necessary until the end of 2025. Activities that necessitate complete road closures will take place at night to reduce inconvenience for road users.
- The complexity of the geotechnical repairs and the limited space within the road corridor necessitate night closures to ensure the safety of both road workers and drivers.
- The department always prefers roads remain open where possible and will regularly review the scope of works to try and facilitate this where safe to do so.
- The contract for the reconstruction works has been awarded to SEE Civil Pty Ltd.
- Reconstruction at four (4) slips near the Henry Ross Lookout Area has been completed. Stabilization works are ongoing at one upslope slip and day and night works continue at the major downslope slip 200m from lookout towards Cairns. One (1) downslope slip has been repaired while the reconstruction of Streets Creek downslope slip is close to completion with asphalt and guardrail works underway. Soil nailing is ongoing at a downslope slip and work on upslope slips will start in September 2025. Preliminary works at two upslope slips in the Hairpin Bend Area are progressing, and a new traffic arrangement will begin soon to maintain two-way traffic flow during the day.
- TMR advised there is no scheduled night closures from Friday 19 December 2025 to the end of January 2026 with ongoing works operating under single lane traffic from early January 2026. The works shutdown is from Thursday 18 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026.
- Traffic Site 1 - Henry Ross lookout area:
 - Stabilisation works continue at one downslope slip. Day and night works have started on the major downslope slip, about 200m towards Cairns from the Lookout.
 - This site will remain under single lane traffic control during the shutdown period.
- Traffic Site 2 - Hairpin Bend area (about 1km above the hairpin bend area):
 - Soil nail drilling and stabilisation works have commenced at three upslope slips on Kuranda Range, about 1km above the hairpin bend.
 - Both lanes will be temporarily reinstated over the shutdown period
- Traffic Site 3 (Kennedy Highway near Tichum Creek):
 - Stabilisation works have commenced at two upslope slips on the Kennedy Highway, between Spina Road turnoff and Tichum Creek
 - Both lanes will be temporarily reinstated over the shutdown period.
- Traffic Site 4 (Harpin bend area):
 - Stabilisation works have been completed at two upslope slips in this area.
 - Both lanes have reopened under normal traffic conditions.

Link to TMR updates [Kuranda Range Road 2023 cyclone reconstruction works | Department of Transport and Main Roads](#)

3.8 32A/32B Kennedy Hwy / Mareeba Connection Road

- Vehicles shortcircuiting from Kennedy Highway to / from the Mareeba Connection Road
- Aerial imagery showing the defined tyre tracks of vehicles taking shortcuts provided to TMR on 3 October 2025
- MSC under RMPC has placed an order for signage and scheduled the installation of the two (2) "No Access" signs for January 2026.

3.9 Tourist Signs on State Controlled Roads - Concerns regarding dilapidated tourist signs on State-controlled roads throughout the Shire

- TMR advise an internal review of signs will be undertaken including assessing of signs still required and compliance with current TMR policies. TMR will contact relevant operators to arrange replacement signs if required, noting the cost of replacing rests with the applicant / operator.
- Most business owners have been contacted; a few have begun renewing their permits and will be putting up new, updated signs. Some businesses no longer need their signs, so those

will be taken down, and a few have already been removed by the owners. Additionally, there is a small number of signs TMR are working on to clarify the ownership.

- TMR's Corridor team is working through the initial request for review of tourist/service/business signs within a 14km radius (approx.) of Mareeba. TMR acknowledges that the process is taking some time however there are a lot of signs, and for each the team is confirming:
 - whether the sign has current or expired approval,
 - whether the sign is consistent with current signage policies, and
 - requirements and the current condition of each sign.
- TMR will continue to progress through the list and provide an update to TAC and Council in due course.
- TMR continues communications with relevant businesses to determine if signage is still required and will provide an update to TAC and Council in due course.

3.10 Herberton-Petford Road

- QPS reported a fatality and concerns about a gravel section called "Microwave Corner" located at 1445 Herberton-Petford Road, Irvinebank, citing speed issues and multiple crashes. They inquired about signage and sealing the road.
- MSC stated that unsealed or gravel roads are not marked due to changing road conditions. In April 2025, TMR sought the council's assistance in compiling a prioritized list of sites and treatments for consideration under the Tablelands Upgrade Strategy. MSC has submitted a list of locations that includes details regarding Herberton-Petford Road.
- The Road Safety Assessment report to be finalised by TMR and a copy provided to MSC.

3.11 Tablelands Network Upgrade Strategy (TNUS)

34A Mulligan Highway (Mt Molloy-Lakeland) (MSC – Glenda Kirk)

- Request provision for pedestrians to safely cross Main Street, Mt Molloy
- MSC emailed TMR indicating that, at present, there is no provision for pedestrians to safely cross Main Street in Mt Molloy; although footpaths on both sides of road between Hall (29 Main Street, south of Little Street) and Crothers Street. Vehicle speed management in this section is also raised as a concern.
- MSC confirms email forwarded to TMR on 21 July 2025 raising the issue and informs the Department that Council has allocated funds for footpath renewals in Mt Molloy through its Capital Works program. MSC seeks to collaborate with the Department particularly in relation to a crossing point; although scope is not yet finalised.
- TMR Road Corridor Management Team to provide update.

3.12 Burke Developmental Road (BDR) (TMR – Kim Yap)

- TMR advise funding is being sought for the unsealed portion of the BDR from Chillagoe, covering approximately 3.5 kms, to be reinstated on the agenda.
- Funding application made by TMR for sealing the above section.

4. STANDING ITEMS LIST

The following agenda items are ongoing matters that cannot be advanced any further. A copy of the history is attached to these minutes.

Item	Location	Subject Matter / issue	Reason
4.1	Borzi Rd Culvert	Request for update on failing culvert just off the bend	Culvert has been included for betterment & future capital program considerations.

Item	Location	Subject Matter / issue	Reason
4.2	Sutherland Street – TMR Risk Assessment	A risk assessment by TMR on Sutherland Street near Mareeba State Primary School identified visibility issues and absence of school zone signs, reducing speed to 40km/h. MSC shared speed traffic data with QPS on May 1, 2025. MSC & TMR convened on-site in June 2025 for signage and traffic flow review.	Signage upgrade delayed until sewerage works finish in 2026/27.
4.3	6632 Herberton – Petford Rd, Irvinebank	Request to upgrade to a single coat seal	TMR raised with their Planning Department for future inclusion.
4.4	32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba)	Barron River Bridge, Kuranda - Weight Restrictions	Ongoing monitoring by TMR; Planning study completed with pre-construction activities including geotechnical investigations & environmental & cultural heritage studies are underway.
4.5	32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba)	Improvements for heavy vehicles turning into Kay Road	TMR advise this has been sent to their Planning unit for evaluation within the safety program.
4.6	32B Kennedy Hwy (Mareeba-Atherton)	McIver Road Intersection Vehicles turning south from McIver Rd are causing congestion with vehicles backed up to the school during peak times. A slip lane is required for vehicles wanting to turn north.	
4.7	TMR Mareeba Southern Approach / Mareeba Bypass <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32A/32B Kennedy Hwy / Byrnes St T-Intersection• Mba Connection Rd / Byrnes St• Mba Heritage Centre• Mba Bypass• B-Double Route (accessing Reynolds St)	Southern approach into Mareeba incorporating the Mareeba Bypass	TMR advise Mareeba Bypass Planning project underway with the Department progressing planning for southern section. Business Case for the alignment will be completed late 2024. Construction of the Bypass remains unfunded.
4.8	664 Mareeba-Dimbulah Rd	Request for turning lane into Mareeba Rodeo Grounds	Traffic data provided by MSC passed onto TMR for consideration by their Planning Unit and inclusion on their safety program.
4.9	Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy	Heavy Vehicle Set Areas North of Mareeba	TMR advise project remains unfunded and continue to make application for funding opportunities.
4.10	89B Burke Developmental Road Upgrade Strategy	Request for amenities along the BDR west of Chillagoe	A compilation of possible projects recognized by MSC has been forwarded to TMR for evaluation & consideration as part of the BDR Upgrade Strategy

5. NEW REQUESTS / CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns-Mareeba) – Request for Deer Warning Signs (MSC – Glenda Kirk)

Speewah Rural Fire Brigade advise of a planned cool-burn in 2026 raising concerns of increased frequency of deer feeding, asking if signage can be installed on the Kennedy Highway in the area of Speewah / Koah.

- Email request sent to TMR on 7 October 2025.

- A recent review of the MSC Biosecurity Plan identified feral deer as an emerging issue and included them in the revised Plan for 2025-2030. The Council is set to adopt the proposed plan on 17 December 2025.
- MSC is to supply potential locations for signage to TMR.

6. ROAD, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS BY AGENCY

Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

9:30am Tuesday 17 March 2026

2026 Meeting Dates

- 9:30am Tuesday, 17 March 2026
- 9:30am Tuesday, 16 June 2026
- 9:30am Tuesday, 15 September 2026
- 9:30am Tuesday, 15 December 2026

9. CHRISTMAS WISHES

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation throughout 2025 and extended warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

10. CLOSURE

There being no additional matters to address, the Chair expressed gratitude for everyone's attendance before concluding the meeting at 10:05am.

4. STANDING ITEMS LIST (History)

Item	Organisation	Issue	Recommendation / Follow Up Action	Agency
4.1	Mareeba Chamber (Josh Musumeci)	Borzi Rd Culvert Request for update on failing culvert just off the bend	17/12/2024 MSC to inspect. 17/12/2024 MSC reported the temporary repair was unsuccessful, with further works carried out late November. Culvert has been included for betterment & future capital program considerations. MSC unable to specify a timeline for the permanent repairs, indicating that the project is prioritized within its Project Management Lifecycle (PML) system for consideration by Council.	MSC
4.2	TMR (Road Safety)	Sutherland St – TMR Risk Assessment A risk assessment has been completed by TMR on Sutherland Street behind the Mareeba State Primary School identifying visibility issues & requirement to change the speed limit to 40 indicating school zone area	17/12/2024 TMR to forward the results of the assessment onto MSC who will arrange to undertake a speed limit & review 18/03/2025 MSC reviewed the Risk Assessment requesting an on-site inspection with TRM (Safety) to discuss potential options 17/06/2025 An inspection carried out by MSC has confirmed that 40kph school zone signs are properly installed for the school frontage on Constance, Sutherland, & Atherton Sts. A review to relocate the northern school zone sign located at the intersection of Sutherland / Middlemiss Sts to adjacent the 50kph sign fronting Brady Park Sports Oval will be undertaken. 16/09/2025 MSC & TMR met on-site in June 2025; a comprehensive review of the signage and traffic flow in the area is underway; this item moved to the Standing Items list for ongoing monitoring. Signage upgrade intended to proceed following the completion of significant current sewerage works which are programmed through to 2026/27, as this will be installed in the location of the upgraded signage.	TMR / MSC
4.3	MSC (Former Cr Mario Milkota)	6632 Herberton – Pettford Rd, Irvinebank Request to upgrade to a single coat seal	06/12/2022 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 21/03/2023 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. Cr Milkota advised residents will be submitting to TMR a petition 20/06/2023 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 mtg 19/09/2023 TMR raised with their Planning Department for future inclusion 12/12/2023 TMR has included for submission of low volume unsealed road at Herberton-Pettford Road. 23/04/2024 TMR advised there is no change. 18/06/2024 TMR advised there is no change. 17/09/2024 TMR advised no change.	TMR
4.4	MSC	32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba) Barron River Bridge, Kuranda - Weight Restrictions	• 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	

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			<p>replacement bridge over the Barron River, including a viable delivery strategy that also considers the ongoing management and rehabilitation of the existing bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. TMR advise recent inspections identified an issue with some Macalloy bars. The Macalloy post-tensioning bars were retrofitted to provide additional strength after the bridge opened to traffic in 1963. Crews will recommence inspections and carry out works to protect the macalloy bars with works expected to be complete by late June 2024. Any changes to the current traffic conditions on the bridge (single lane operation and 42.5t load limit) will be advised. The planning study for a long-term solution for the bridge is progressing as quickly as possible and expected to be completed in late 2024. Detailed design and construction of a long-term solution are currently unfunded. TMR advise further testing and maintenance works were completed between 4 – 29 November 2024. Bridge is fully opened with 42.5t load limit in place. TMR will continue to monitor the bridge via an ongoing detailed monitoring and inspection program quarterly, to ensure the bridge remains safe and in service. Next inspection is scheduled for February 2025 and one lane will be closed. Further testing and maintenance carried out between 3-28 February 2025. TMR currently working on a detailed cost estimate and the business case stage. The only changes to the below middle updated - 06 - 16 March NDT inspection of test locations – traffic at single lane operation between 0700-1600. - 19 - 30 March Weld repairs of any identified defects – traffic at single lane operation between 0700-1600 with up to 10min full traffic holds between 0900-1500 when required. TMR advised the planning study was completed in December 2024. The preferred long-term option, as identified in the planning study, is a new bridge on a new alignment, downstream from the existing bridge. The new bridge option features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a new pathway for pedestrians, mobility device users and bike riders, separated from traffic with a barrier - wider traffic lanes to meet the latest design standards - roadworks on the approaches to the bridge, including a new roundabout at the Black Mountain Road intersection <p>The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2024–25 to 2027–28 includes \$15 million towards preconstruction activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Load limit of bridge remains at 42.5t. TMR advise pre-construction activities including geotechnical investigations & environmental & cultural heritage studies are underway. Project timeline looks like: 	

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			<p>Early 2026: design development begins</p> <p>2028: construction starts</p> <p>2031: replacement bridge opens to traffic</p> <p>2031: existing bridge decommissioned and removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item to be moved to the Standing Items List; however, MSC requests that TMR continues to provide updates to council as they become available. <p>Links to TMR updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridge layout: Barron River bridge planning layout proposed bridge.pdf - Project update: Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba), Barron River bridge (Kuranda), replacement Department of Transport and Main Roads 	
4.5	MSC (Former Cr Mario Mikota)	32A Kennedy Hwy / Kay Rd Intersection - Improvements for heavy vehicles turning into Kay Road	<p>Concerns raised re heavy vehicles experiencing difficulties entering Kay Road from the Kennedy Hwy</p> <p>Heavy vehicles are having to cross both lanes to manoeuvre the turn</p> <p>TMR are aware of the matter and are investigating options</p> <p>TMR to investigate options to improve turning for heavy vehicles entering Kay Rd from Kennedy Hwy</p> <p>TMR advised previously; remaining sites from Tranche 1 and 2 of the High Risk Roads Upgrade including Kay Road / Kennedy Highway intersection being potentially included in Tranche 3</p> <p>TMR will review in post construction Audit</p> <p>TMR programmed a day and night audit, including Kay Road intersection</p> <p>The results of the full audit anticipated end of February 2022</p> <p>15/03/2022 TMR advised auditing process is complete; everything except Kay Road looks good</p> <p>21/06/2022 TMR confirms this will be tabled at an internal meeting. Contractor has been engaged to complete Audit. Further works have been 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 to follow up</p> <p>06/12/2022 Works will be considered by TMR in Tranche 3 of the High Risk Roads Upgrade Programme</p> <p>21/03/2023 TMR (MR) followed up after the meeting and advised the current intersection geometry includes a widened sealed t 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.</p> <p>20/06/2023 Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC an update following the meeting.</p> <p>19/09/2023 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.</p> <p>TMR advised it will remain in tranche. Council to provide traffic count data for Kay Rd to assist with advocacy.</p> <p>12/12/2023 Forwarded to TMR 01/12/2023 to assist with advocating for funding to have intersection upgraded. Data provided to TMR planning unit.</p> <p>23/01/2024 TMR confirmed traffic data received and passed onto their planning team.</p> <p>18/06/2024 Further concerns raised by school bus driver advising if a vehicle or truck is waiting to exit Kay Rd, the bus is having to stop in a 100 zone to turn left off the highway. There are numerous HV movements from the 2 major plantations and hay & cattle production along Kay Rd</p>	TMR

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4.6	MSC (Glenda Kirk)	32B Kennedy Hwy (Mareeba- Atherton) McIver Road intersection	17/09/2024 TMR advise this has been sent to their Planning unit for evaluation within the safety program. 17/12/2024 TMR advise there is no further update, stating it will provide an update when it becomes available. Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing item list.	TMR / MSC
4.7	MSC	TMR Mareeba Southern Approach • 32A/32B Kennedy Hwy / Byrnes St T-intersection • Mareeba Connection Road / Byrnes St • Mareeba Heritage Centre • Mareeba Bypass • B-Double Route (accessing Reynolds St)	21/03/2023 TMR advised of shoulder widening plans on highway. MSC advised of shoulder edge wear on both sides of the road near the Jackaroo Motel and Heritage Centre. TMR to provide advice by 31 March 2023. TMR (MVR) and MSC (SW) to inspect various areas following the TAC meeting 20/06/2023 Following this TAC Meeting, TMR (KY) & MSC (SW) to inspect the Mareeba Centenary Park entrance with a view to preparing a plan for the work to be undertaken through RMPC. 19/09/2023 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 reggrading 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 TMR advised 32A/32B intersection is being designed for signalised intersection. Delivery will be carried out when funding is available. 12/12/2023 Jackaroo Motel dust issue resolved with bollards installed by MSC under RMPC on north side of park entry opposite Motel. Mba Centenary Park entrance widened & sealed. Mba Bypass planning is ongoing 23/01/2024 TMR considering B-Double route as part of the Mareeba Bypass Planning; TMR propose to have draft updates from Planning Team on progress 18/06/2024 TMR confirmed a Mareeba Bypass Planning project is underway. The current planning project will look at the full bypass, it will progress planning for the southern section & review & confirm the alignment of the northern section. \$2.2M has been allocated to the Planning Project by Qld Government under the Transport System Planning Program & it is anticipated the business case for the alignment will be completed late 2024. Construction of the Mareeba Bypass currently remains unfunded. 17/12/2024 TMR advise there is no change. Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing items list.	TMR
4.8	MSC (Cr Ross Cardillo)	664 Mareeba-Dimbulah Road Request for turning lane into Mareeba Rodeo Grounds	18/06/2024 MSC advised with the increased usage of Kerribee Park concerns were raised regarding traffic turning right from the Mareeba-Dimbulah Rd into the grounds. To facilitate safe vehicle turning into the park, it was suggested TMR investigate the construction of a passing / turning lane at the entrance and look at road shoulder wear in this location. 17/09/2024 TMR were requested that their Planning Unit undertake a review into the potential need for a turning lane from Mareeba-Dimbulah Rd into the main entrance of Kerribee Park Rodeo Ground being gate 2. MSC noted that significant annual events at the venue include Rotary Field Days; Savannah in the Round; Mareeba Rodeo; camping facilities available during tourist season. It was suggested by MSC, TMR undertake a safety assessment. MSC to review records to provide any supporting information to assist in potential traffic count data for events. 17/12/2024 MSC deployed traffic counters each side of the Rodeo Grounds on the Mareeba-Dimbulah Road for the period 15-22 October during Savannah in the Round. Traffic data forwarded to TMR which has been passed onto their Planning unit for consideration & inclusion on their safety program with updates to be provided.	TMR

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4.9	TMR	Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy Heavy Vehicle Set Areas North of Mareeba	<p>Traffic data recorded vehicle movements on Mareeba-Dimbulah Road increased by around 22,000 vehicles during the 6 days associated with the event, days associated with the event, placing it on the Standing Item list.</p> <p>Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing Item list.</p> <p>04/12/2018 TMR advised AECOM engaged to undertake freight study; with a view of the study being completed within 6-8 months (late 2018)</p> <p>Preferred upgrades and new facilities across the Atherton Tablelands area identified; further consultation being undertaken with key stakeholders with a focus on a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> proposed HV Rest Area on Mulligan Hwy (north of Mbaw) proposed HV Rest Area on Kennedy Hwy (west of Speewah) proposed HV Stopping Place at the top of Rex Range (Mt Molloy Rd) <p>Study is anticipated to be completed by late 2019; construction of any upgrades are currently unfunded</p> <p>Further information published on TMR's website; link provided below</p> <p>https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/corpinfo/aboutus/corpinfo/Media/TMR-Tablelands-Heavy-Vehicle-Management-Strategy.pdf</p> <p>Mareeba Chamber to write to Cynthia Lui making recommendations</p> <p>Following the meeting TMR advised the Business Case for this study is being finalised, and pending the necessary investment funding being approved/secured, TMR will then be in a position to release the proposed layouts</p> <p>Study completed, funding being sourced as works are currently unfunded; TMR will review funding options in Q3/2020</p> <p>TMR advised strategy is being dissected identifying separate upgrade projects</p> <p>TMR recommends that TAC support the delivery of outcomes of the study as a priority for Mareeba and that any bay around Mareeba would assist</p> <p>Moved by David Hamilton Seconded by Cr Wyatt</p> <p>TMR advised no change; State Government heading into caretaker period, subject matter will be considered further post 31/10/2020</p> <p>TMR advised seed funding available with some design having commenced, project to be shovel-ready for when funding becomes available, area north of Biboohra being considered</p> <p>Project planning continuing but remains unfunded; TMR propose to develop a webpage to outline the project progress</p> <p>TMR advised facility at the top of Rex Range, Julatten is underway</p> <p>TMR pricing options at Springs Road and facility north of Biboohra</p> <p>Biboohra facility not yet funded; TMR looking to downsize as original plans were for \$5M, need to be accessible to road trains. TMR still reviewing and aware of drainage issues.</p> <p>Need right price for approval; discussion with MSC required</p> <p>Further submission made by TMR under another funding program</p> <p>MSC asked if Mareeba Rodeo Grounds could be utilized as amenities are already there; suggesting entrance into grounds could be widened providing a possible reduction in scope & cost</p> <p>15/03/2022 TMR reviewing the old sugar area on Mulligan Hwy; Biboohra cost is blowing it out of scope funding and keeps pushing it back</p> <p>Cr Wyatt suggested dropping speed limit at Biboohra intersection as it is a town to 80km/hr zone to assist; TMR advised Pickford Rd also has a lot of HV traffic for quarries could warrant 80/km zone</p> <p>21/06/2022 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</p>	TMR

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			<p>20/09/2022 MSC propose need to look at longer term truck stopping area around Mareeba; MSC previously suggested Council owned parcel of land opposite current site on Mulligan Highway; MSC to table and requests TMR to investigate 06/12/2022 Matter is ongoing</p> <p>21/03/2023 Heavy vehicle stopping facility constructed at the top of the Rex Range near Nine Mile Road (Mosman-Mt Molloy Road). MSC seeking an update on other locations on the northern and southern approaches to Mareeba and Springs Road. TMR (MR) advised an update on planning would be provided by end of March 2023. MSC will continue advocating for the location north of Barrett Street Intersection as a potential site for a heavy vehicle pullover area.</p> <p>20/06/2023 Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update following the meeting 19/09/2023 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.</p> <p>23/01/2024 TMR advise these projects remain unfunded, TMR continuing to make application for funding</p> <p>18/06/2024 TMR advise project remains unfunded.</p> <p>Committee agreed to remove from Agenda items, placing the matter on a standing item list for future reference.</p>	
4.10		<p>Burke Developmental Road Upgrade Strategy</p> <p>Heavy vehicle operators highlights the necessity for amenities along the BDR west of Chillagoe</p>	<p>21/03/2025 Mayor writes to Minister requesting consideration; TMR advised there is no funding available for setting up amenities along the BDR.</p> <p>A compilation of possible projects recognized by MSC has been forwarded to TMR for evaluation & consideration as part of the BDR Upgrade Strategy</p>	TMR / MSC

10 OFFICE OF THE CEO**10.1 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT**

Date Prepared: 18 December 2025

Author: Tourism & Economic Development Officer

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information relating to Council tourism and economic development activity for the Mareeba Shire region during the second quarter of the financial year, October 2025 – December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Tourism and Economic Development report for the October to December 2025 quarter.

TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This report provides information relating to Council tourism and economic development activity for the Mareeba Shire region during the second quarter of the financial year, October 2025 – December 2025.

1. LATEST DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC DATA SNAPSHOT

Queensland Regional Profiles: Snapshot profile

Generated on 19 January 2026

Mareeba (S) Local Government Area (LGA)
Land area 53,491 km²



Compared with Queensland
Land area 1,730,171 km²



Indicator	Date	Mareeba (S) LGA	Queensland
DEMOGRAPHY AND SOCIETY			
Estimated resident population (a)	30 Jun 24p	24,003	5,583,833
Population growth (annual) (a)(b)	30 Jun 24p	▲ 1.3%	▲ 2.3%
Persons aged 65 years and over (c)	30 Jun 24p	21.5%	17.2%
Median age (c)	30 Jun 24p	44.0	38.5
Projected population (d)	30 Jun 46	28,684	7,299,934
Projected growth (annual) (d)(e)	30 Jun 46	▲ 0.9%	▲ 1.4%
Projected median age (d)	30 Jun 46	46.0	41.6
First Nations persons (f)(g)	2021	14.3%	4.6%
Persons born overseas (f)	2021	16.9%	22.7%
Most disadvantaged quintile (f)(h)	2021	32.9%	20.0%
ECONOMY			
Unemployment rate (i)	Jun qtr 25	5.8%	4.0%
Median personal income (j)(j)	2021	\$655 /wk	\$787 /wk
Median household income (j)(k)	2021	\$1,269 /wk	\$1,675 /wk
Median rent 2 bedroom unit (l)(m)	y.e. Dec 25	\$380 /wk	\$620 /wk
Median rent 3 bedroom house (l)(m)	y.e. Dec 25	\$475 /wk	\$600 /wk
Median house price (n)(o)	y.e. Jun 25	\$552,500	\$760,000
INDUSTRY AND DEVELOPMENT			
Dwelling approvals (p)(q)	y.e. Nov 25	108	41,273
Dwelling approval growth (annual) (p)(q)(r)	y.e. Nov 25	▲ 36.7%	▲ 13.6%
Registered businesses (s)(t)	30 Jun 25	2,300	524,024
Small businesses (s)(t)(u)	30 Jun 25	97.4%	97.1%

2. MONTHLY SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS – MUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM

The *Munch and Learn* program continues to support local business growth through hands-on digital learning opportunities. Delivered in partnership with the State Library of Queensland, the monthly sessions in Mareeba and Kuranda provide small business owners and entrepreneurs with practical skills to enhance their digital capability, marketing, and creativity—all in a relaxed and social setting. The '*bite sized, snackable content*' for the December quarter sessions included *Google Ads & Reviews* (20 October), *Next-Level Smartphone Workshop* (27 October), *eCommerce & Selling Online: Build Your Online Store* (17 November), and *3D Printing for Beginners* (15 December). The program has been well received, feedback from participants includes:

"Just wanted to say thank you for organising this session today. It was so valuable, and Nicky is a gem! She really knew the knowledge and skill level of the audience and didn't make us feel stupid or dumb - much appreciated! Events like this really help to build the capability of small businesses by meeting us at our point of need. It's a shame that more people didn't come but I do understand that finding the time to attend face to face is a challenge for most."

"Digital and You have provided an opportunity to learn face to face and be in the room with others seeking to learn and grow their passions. Being in person gives the time for side conversations, connections to be made and stories shared."



3. BUSINESS RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Mareeba Shire Council commenced delivery of the Business Resilience program with funding via the Business Resilience Partnership Program, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Two business capability workshops were successfully delivered in November by Fabienne Wintle from Tourism Tribe:

- **Kuranda:** Monday, 24 November 2025 – 9:00am to 1:00pm
Attendees: **23**
- **Mareeba:** Tuesday, 25 November 2025 – 9:00am to 1:00pm
Attendees: **21**

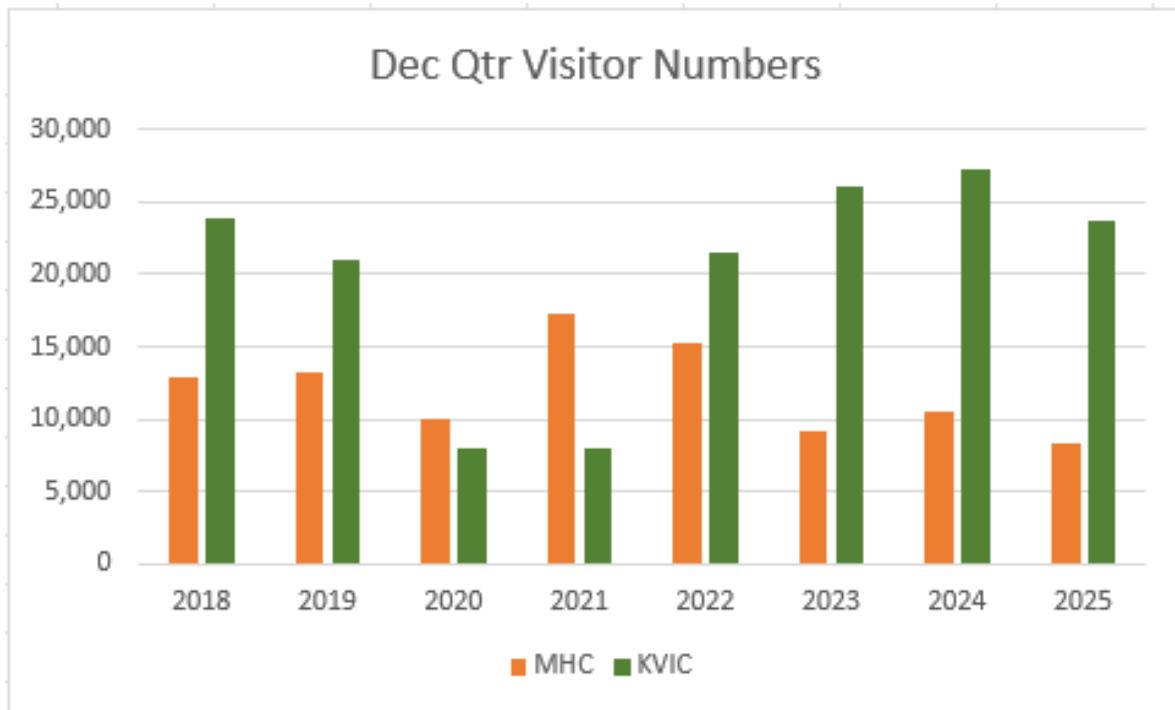
Both sessions were well attended, with strong engagement from local tourism and small business operators. Feedback received on the day was highly positive, particularly regarding the practical business preparedness and disaster communications skills and business improvement tools provided. The program continues to build business resilience and digital capability across the Mareeba Shire, with strong collaboration between Council, Mareeba Shire Tourism, Tourism Tribe, and industry stakeholders.



4. VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC) UPDATE

The data is collected by the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (KVIC) and the Visitor Information Centre at the Mareeba Heritage Centre (MHC). Visitor data is all visitors to the Mareeba Centre which includes the Visitor Information Centre as well as patrons of the Centre's café, museum, and retail shop.

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Some great reviews have been received for both visitor centres.

Google Kuranda Visitor Information Centre Reviews

 **Heinz** 2 reviews ...

★★★★★ a week ago **NEW**

I really appreciate for the kindness of Heinz.

Hover to react ...

 **Louise Bashford** 4 reviews ...

★★★★★ a week ago **NEW**

Vanessa was amazing, we walked in with no plans and walked out full of ideas. We are very excited to explore FNQ. So very helpful.

Hover to react ...

 Kuranda Visitor Information Centre (owner) a week ago ...

Thanks Louise! Enjoy your time in FNQ!

Google Mareeba Heritage Museum and Visitor Information Centre Reviews

 **Franco Palmieri** 15 reviews ...

★★★★★ 4 days ago **NEW**

Good place

Hover to react ...

 **Donna** Local Guide - 100 reviews - 75 photos ...

★★★★★ 4 days ago **NEW**

A brilliantly curated museum. Staff are friendly and knowledgeable. The cafe has a wonderful range of food and drinks and the information centre is filled with an impressive range of gifts and memorabilia. Should not be missed. ... [More](#)

Hover to react ...

 **Eddie Robinson** Local Guide - 77 reviews - 395 photos ...

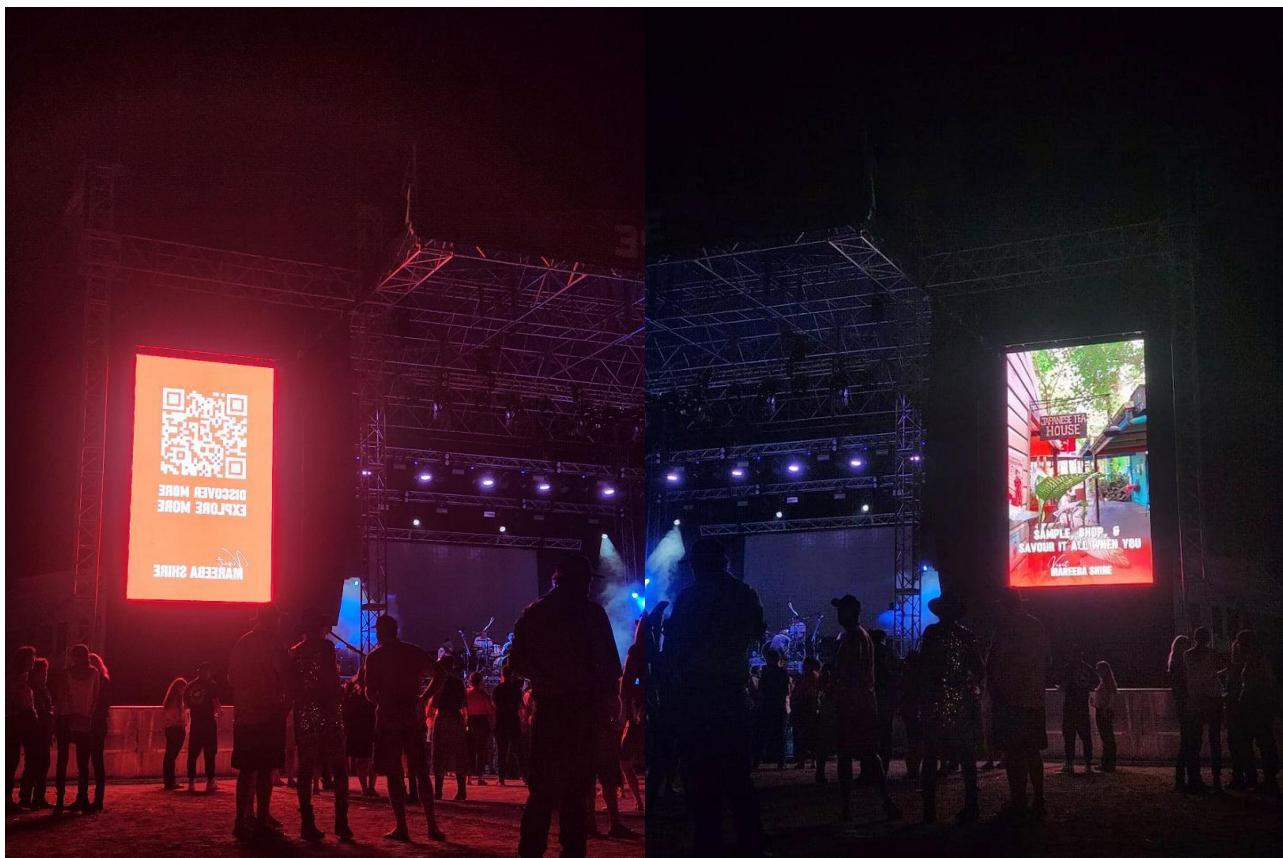
★★★★★ 2 weeks ago **NEW**

Great place to visit for information.

Nice and clean with lots of souvenirs, books, and pamphlets.

5. SAVANNAH IN THE ROUND

Mareeba Shire Council, Mareeba Shire Tourism, the Mareeba Heritage Museum and Information Centre and the Kuranda Visitor Information Centre proudly partnered at *Savannah in the Round* in October, delivering a strong and highly visible destination presence. Together, the team engaged with more than 360 festival-goers at the tourism stall—more than triple the previous year—showcasing local experiences, heritage and visitor services, supported by volunteers, operators and eye-catching digital advertising on the main stage screens. The collaboration demonstrated the power of working together to promote the Mareeba Shire to a large, captive audience and drive awareness of the region's diverse tourism offering.



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 DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 5 January 2026

Author: Planning Technical Support Officer

Attachments: Nil

Summary of New Planning Development Applications and Delegated Decisions for December 2025

New Development Applications					
Application #	Lodgement Date	Applicant	Site Address & Property Description	Application Type	Status
MCU/25/0019	4/12/2025	C Eldred C/- Scope Town Planning	27 Mason Street, Mareeba Lot 26 on M35630	MCU – Multiple Dwelling (8 Units)	Assessment Stage
RAL/25/0030	2/12/2025	R, R & R Drury C/- U&I Town Plan	82 Ray Road Mareeba Lot 1 on RP720059	ROL – (1 into 2 Lots)	Decision Notice
RAL/25/0031	8/12/2025	J & L Jennings	64 Slape Road, Mareeba Lot 23, 24, 25 & 26 on RP708044	ROL – (4 into 4 Lots)	Assessment Stage
RAL/25/0032	10/12/2025	V & A Henderson C/- Twine Surveys Pty Ltd	311 & 375 Euluma Creek Road, Julatten Lot 207 on SP292125 & Lot 242 on SP223168	ROL – (2 into 3 Lots)	Public Notification Stage
OPW/25/0009	2/12/2025	Mareeba Golf Club Inc	7 Hampe Street, Mareeba Lot 351 on NR8084	OPW - Advertising Device	Decision Notice

Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
Application #	Date of Decision Notice	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type
OPW/25/0004	3/12/2025	Sibi Girgenti Holdings Pty Ltd TTE C/- Trevor S Adil	Antonio Drive and Peters Street, Mareeba	Lot 300 on SP336263 and Lot 453 on SP247821	Development Permit for Operational Works - Roadworks, Earthworks, Stormwater Drainage and Water and Sewer Reticulation for "The Edge Mareeba - Stage 4"
OPW/25/0009	17/12/2025	Mareeba Golf Club	7 Hampe Street, Mareeba	Lot 351 on NR8084	Development Permit for Operational Works – Advertising Device
RAL/25/0027	12/12/2025	Rembern Pty Ltd C/- Freshwater Planning	26 & 28 Reynolds Street, Mareeba	Lot 1, 2 & 3 on M356124	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Boundary Realignment (3 Lots into 3 Lots)
RAL/25/0028	18/12/2025	David P Love C/- Sarah Rizvi	47 Barron Falls Road, Kuranda	Lot 8 on RP724900	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 Lots)
RAL/25/0030	12/12/2025	R, R & R Drury C/- U&I Town Plan	82 Ray Road, Mareeba	Lot 1 on RP720059	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 Lots)

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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/25/0019	4/102/2025	A & L Gilbert C/- Northern Building Approvals	14 Gallo Drive, Mareeba	Lot 127 on SP237051	Referral agency response for building work (Class 10a Shed) assessable against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 (GFA Dispensation)
CAR/25/0020	9/12/2025	C Surdu C/- Buildable Approvals	77 Veivers Drive, Speewah	Lot 23 on RP732901	Referral Agency Response for Building work assessable against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 - Dwelling House (Secondary Dwelling) assessable against the residential dwelling house and outbuilding overlay code.
CAR/25/0021	19/12/2025	RNR Srhoj Pty Ltd C/- Baker Building Certification Pty Ltd	53 Chewko Road, Mareeba	Lot 6 on NR7651	Referral agency response for building work assessable against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 - non-compliant setback & Landscaping for Shed

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

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Survey Plans Endorsed					
Application #	Date	Applicant	Address	Property Description	No of Lots
RAL/24/0005	9/12/2025	Wong Lau Developments	136 Fantin Road, Koah	Plan of Lots 174-176 on SP352625 Cancelling Lots 174 & 175 on NR5801	3
RAL/25/0004	3/12/2025	A Kavanagh	93 Mary Jane Drive, Julatten	Plan of Lots 91-93 on SP356478 & EMT A in Lot 92 Cancelling Lot 9 on SP174887	3
RAL/24/0021	19/12/2025	Anna Fidanza C/- Twine Surveys	48 Blacks Road and Blacks Road, Mareeba	Plan of Lots 37 and 38 on SP356483 Cancelling Lots 37 & 38 on RP708032	2

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