Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

Wednesday, 18 November 2026

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: **Wednesday, 18 November 2026**

Time: **9:00 AM**

Location: **Council Chambers**

Peter Franks

Chief Executive Officer

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8.1 PIONEER NORTH QUEENSLAND PTY LTD - MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY - LOT 99 ON HG91 - 101 BULLABURRAH CREEK ROAD, DIMBULAH - MCU/26/0011

Date Prepared: **9 November 2026**

Author: **Supervisor Planning & Building**

Attachments:
1. **Proposal Plan** ⇩
2. **Applicants Response to Council Concerns Regarding Road Impacts and Confirmation of Decrease in Scale of Extraction Activity** ⇩
3. **Referral Agency Response** ⇩
4. **Submission** ⇩

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	Pioneer North Queensland Pty Ltd	**ADDRESS**	101 Bullaburrah Creek Road, Dimbulah
DATE LODGED	1 July 2026	**RPD**	Lot 99 on HG91
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry		
FILE NO	MCU/26/0011	**AREA**	59.489 hectares
LODGED BY	RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd	**OWNER**	S Bilic
PLANNING SCHEME	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016		
ZONE	Rural zone		
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT	Impact Assessment		
SUBMISSIONS	One (1)		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of a development application described in the above application details. The application is impact assessable and one (1) properly made submission was received in response to public notification of the application.

The proposed sand extraction operation will occur over approximately 22 hectares of the site with a revised annual extraction limit of 65,000 tonnes (originally 100,000 tonnes). No screening of material will be carried out on-site.

The application and supporting material have been assessed against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 and the Far North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 and does not conflict with either planning instrument.

In order to minimise the developments impacts on the local road network, the applicants have agreed to reduce their annual extraction limit down to 65,000 tonnes per annum, and to cease

extraction operations within 2.5 years of commencement. Additionally, external road upgrades and routine pavement maintenance will be required to be undertaken along Wolfram Road and at the Wolfram Road/Bullaburrah Creek Road intersection.

It is recommended that the application be approved in full, subject to conditions.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. That in relation to the following development application:

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DATE LODGED	1 July 2026	**RPD**	Lot 99 on HG91
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry		

and in accordance with the Planning Act 2016, the applicant be notified that the application for a development permit for the development specified in (A) is:

Approved by Council in accordance with the approved plans/documents listed in (B), subject to assessment manager conditions in (C), assessment manager's advice in (D), referral agency conditions in (E), relevant period in (F), further permits in (G), and further approvals from Council listed in (H);

And

The assessment manager does not consider that the assessment manager's decision conflicts with a relevant instrument.

(A) APPROVED DEVELOPMENT: Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry

(B) APPROVED PLANS:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
406005-4e	PNQ Bilic Sand Proposed Extraction Area & Site Layout	RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd	23/09/2026

(C) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

(a) <u>Development assessable against the Planning Scheme</u>

1. Development must be carried out generally in accordance with the approved plans and the facts and circumstances of the use as submitted with the application, subject to any alterations:

   - found necessary by the Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and

- to ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval.

2. Timing of Effect

2.1 The conditions of the development permit must be complied with to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer prior to the commencement of the use except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

2.2 The applicant must notify Council that all the conditions of the development permit have been complied with, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.

2.3 Approval Lapse Date

In accordance with section 65(2) of the Act, this development permit will cease to have effect **30 months from date of the commencement of the use.** All extraction operations on the subject land (including rehabilitation works) must cease within this timeframe.

3. General

3.1 The development approval would not have been issued if not for the conditions requiring the construction of infrastructure within the conditions of approval.

3.2 The applicant/developer is responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.

3.3 All payments or bonds required to be made to the Council pursuant to any condition of this approval must be made prior to commencement of the use and at the rate applicable at the time of payment.

3.4 All works must be designed, constructed and carried out in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual requirements (as amended) and to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

3.5 Hours of Operation

All operations pursuant to the extractive industry, or in any way connected with the extractive industry will, for site operations and for removal of material, be limited to the hours between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm Mondays to Friday and 7:00am to 12:00 noon Saturdays (except Public Holidays), PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Council will have the right at any time, and from time to time, to fix other hours of operation, and upon the fixing of any such other hours of operation pursuant to the permit, or in any way connected therewith, the extractive industry will be limited to such other hours. The Applicant will not be allowed to conduct nor permit nor suffer to be conducted, any extractive industry operation nor run nor start any motors, machinery, or the like, nor remove any materials from the said land on any Sunday or Public Holiday, or at any time outside the hours mentioned or such other hours as will be fixed by Council.

3.6 The Site Based Management Plan (SBMP) submitted with the application must be amended to reflect the Conditions of this development permit. The SBMP must also be amended to include appropriate provisions for dust

suppression on Wolfram Road during the haul out of any material from the site to ensure minimal dust impacts on adjoining uses. The amended SBMP must be submitted to Council for approval prior to the commencement of the use.

All operations pursuant to the extractive industry use must be carried out in accordance with the approved amended Site Based Management Plan, at all times.

3.7 The applicant/operator will be required to take every precaution to avoid material spillage from trucks and any spillage which occurs on any public road shall be removed at the end of each working day or within four (4) hours of any verbal requirement by Council's delegated officer.

3.8 Scale and Intensity

The extraction volume must not exceed 65,000 tonnes per annum. Records of extraction volumes must be kept and provided to Council on a monthly basis.

3.9 The 'screening' of material extracted is not permitted on-site, at any time.

3.10 Extractive industry operations must achieve the setbacks nominated on the approved plans at all times.

3.11 Material must not be transported from the site during hours in which school buses use Wolfram Road.

3.12 All trucks and heavy vehicles associated with the approved use must use Wolfram Road only and are not permitted to use Bullaburrah Creek Road, with the exception of the Bullaburrah Creek Road crossing required by Condition 4.1.2.

3.13 Rehabilitation

A Site Rehabilitation Management Plan (SRMP) is to be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person detailing the timing/staging of vegetation removal, method of removal and the sequence of operations and rehabilitation works. **The SRMP must consider the shortened 30 month extraction period authorised under this development permit.**

Site rehabilitation works must be provided in a progressive manner in accordance with extraction sequences and staging. The method of rehabilitation needs to be detailed with appropriate revegetation strategies indicated including the species list to be used including plant source. The plan is to be submitted to Council for review and approval prior the commencement of the use.

All site rehabilitation is to occur in accordance with the approved Site Rehabilitation Management Plan.

4. Infrastructure Services and Standards

4.1 Access

4.1.1 The access crossover servicing the northern extraction area from Wolfram Road must be upgraded/constructed (from the edge of Wolfram Road to the property boundary) in accordance with FNQROC

Development Manual standards, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

4.1.2 Prior to the extraction of any material from the southern extraction area (south of Bullaburrah Creek Road), inclusive of vegetation and topsoil removal, The Bullaburrah Creek road crossing (linking the northern and southern extraction areas) must be upgraded/constructed.

The Bullaburrah Creek Road crossing must include the following works designed in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual standards:

- Access crossovers to be directly opposing each other.
- Crossovers to be constructed in accordance with FNQROC Standard Drawing S1105G (or as amended).
- Widen and strengthen that section of Bullaburrah Creek Road between the two crossovers for the full width of the road formation, to a sealed standard.
- Signage plans to be provided and include advisory signage notifying road users of trucks crossing the road at this location.

RPEQ certified plans for the road crossing mentioned above must be submitted to Council for approval as part of a subsequent application for operational works.

4.2 External Works & Maintenance – Wolfram Road/Bullaburrah Creek Road

4.2.1 The Wolfram Road/Bullaburrah Creek Road intersection (Wolfram Leg only) is to be upgraded to a sealed standard, being FNQROC rural Road 100 – 999 vpd and/or suitable to retain the turning movements of the design transport vehicle servicing the approved use (assumed 19m Semi trailer) to the sealed surface.

RPEQ certified plans for the intersection work mentioned above must be submitted to Council for approval as part of a subsequent application for operational works.

4.2.2 The formed pavement of Wolfram Road, between the access crossover required by Condition 4.1.1 and up to and including the intersection of Wolfram Road and Bullaburrah Creek Road must be maintained, by the operator of the approved use, at a pre-development standard, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer, for the life of this development permit.

To ensure compliance with this condition of approval, at the written request of Council's delegated officer, the operator may be required to undertake periodic grading and/or watering of this section of road, including the importation of suitable road base/gravel and/or any repairs to the existing bitumen seal at the road intersection, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

To ensure compliance with this condition, a suite of date stamped photographs and videos of this section of Wolfram Road must be

provided by the applicant/developer/operator prior to the commencement of the use.

In addition to the above, a maintenance bond of 150% of the cost of carrying out a maintenance grade of this section of road, inclusive of importation of road base/gravel, as agreed to by the operator and Council's delegated officer, must be paid to Council. This bond will be returned upon cessation of the use and final compliance with Condition 4.2.2.

5. Additional Payment Condition – Note: The applicant's obligations under this condition are waived whilst Council continues to levy the special charge for extractive industries in accordance with Council's adopted annual budget.

5.1 The additional payment condition has been imposed as the development will create additional demand on trunk infrastructure which will create additional trunk infrastructure costs for council.

5.2 The developer must pay $97,384.98 for each 2,167 haul truck movements from the site towards trunk transport infrastructure, with the amount of the contribution increased on 1 July each year in accordance with the increase for the PPI index for the period starting on the day the development approval takes effect, adjusted by reference to the 3-yearly PPI index average to the date of payment.

5.3 The trunk infrastructure for which the payment is required is:

- The trunk transport infrastructure servicing the land - specifically the upgrading of Wolfram Road to rural road (8 metres wide) bitumen sealed standard.

5.4 The developer may elect to provide part of the trunk infrastructure instead of making the payment.

5.5 If the developer elects to provide part of the trunk infrastructure the developer must:

- Discuss with Council's delegated officer the part of the works to be undertaken;
- Obtain the necessary approvals for the part of the works;
- Indemnify the Council in relation to any actions, suits or demands relating to or arising from the works;
- Take out joint insurance in the name of the Council and the developer in the sum of $20,000,000 in relation to the undertaking of the works;
- Comply with the reasonable direction of Council officers in relation to the completion of the works;
- Complete the works to the standards required by the Council; and
- Complete the works prior to the commencement of the use.

(D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

(a) A number of other charges or payments may be payable as conditions of approval. The applicable fee is set out in the condition/s or in Council's Fees & Charges Schedule for each respective financial year.

(b) Compliance with applicable codes/policies

The development must be carried out to ensure compliance with the provisions of Council's Local Laws, Planning Scheme Policies, Planning Scheme and Planning Scheme Codes to the extent they have not been varied by a condition of this approval.

(c) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The applicant is advised that referral may be required under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* if the proposed activities are likely to have a significant impact on a matter of national environmental significance. Further information on these matters can be obtained from www.dcceew.gov.au.

(d) Cultural Heritage

In carrying out the activity the applicant must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure that no harm is done to Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care"). The applicant will comply with the cultural heritage duty of care if the applicant acts in accordance with gazetted cultural heritage duty of care guidelines. An assessment of the proposed activity against the duty of care guidelines will determine whether or to what extent Aboriginal cultural heritage may be harmed by the activity. Further information on cultural heritage, together with a copy of the duty of care guidelines and cultural heritage search forms, may be obtained from www.dwatsipm.qld.gov.au.

(e) Electric Ants

Electric ants are designated as restricted biosecurity matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

Certain restrictions and obligations are placed on persons dealing with electric ant carriers within the electric ant restricted zone. Movement restrictions apply in accordance with Sections 74–77 of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016*. Penalties may be imposed on movement of electric ant carriers and electric ants in contravention of the legislated restrictions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check if the nominated property lies within a restricted zone.

All persons within and outside the electric ant biosecurity zone have an obligation (a ***general biosecurity obligation***) to manage biosecurity risks and threats that are under their control, they know about, or they are expected to know about. Penalties may apply for failure to comply with a general biosecurity obligation.

For more information please visit the electric ant website at Electric ants in Queensland | Business Queensland or contact Biosecurity Queensland 13 25 23.

(f) Transportation of Soil

All soil transported to or from the site must be covered to prevent dust or spillage during transport. If soil is tracked or spilt onto the road pavements as a result of works on the subject site, it must be removed prior to the end of the working day and within four (4) hours of a request from a Council Officer.

(E) REFFERAL AGENCY CONDITIONS

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning conditions dated 25 August 2026 (**Attachment 4**).

(F) CURRENCY PERIOD

When approval lapses if development not started (s.85)

- Material Change of Use – six (6) years (starting the day the approval takes effect);

When approval lapses once the development commences (s.65(2))

- This development permit will cease to have effect **30 months from the date of the commencement of the use.**

(G) OTHER NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS AND/OR COMPLIANCE PERMITS

- Development Permit for Operational Works

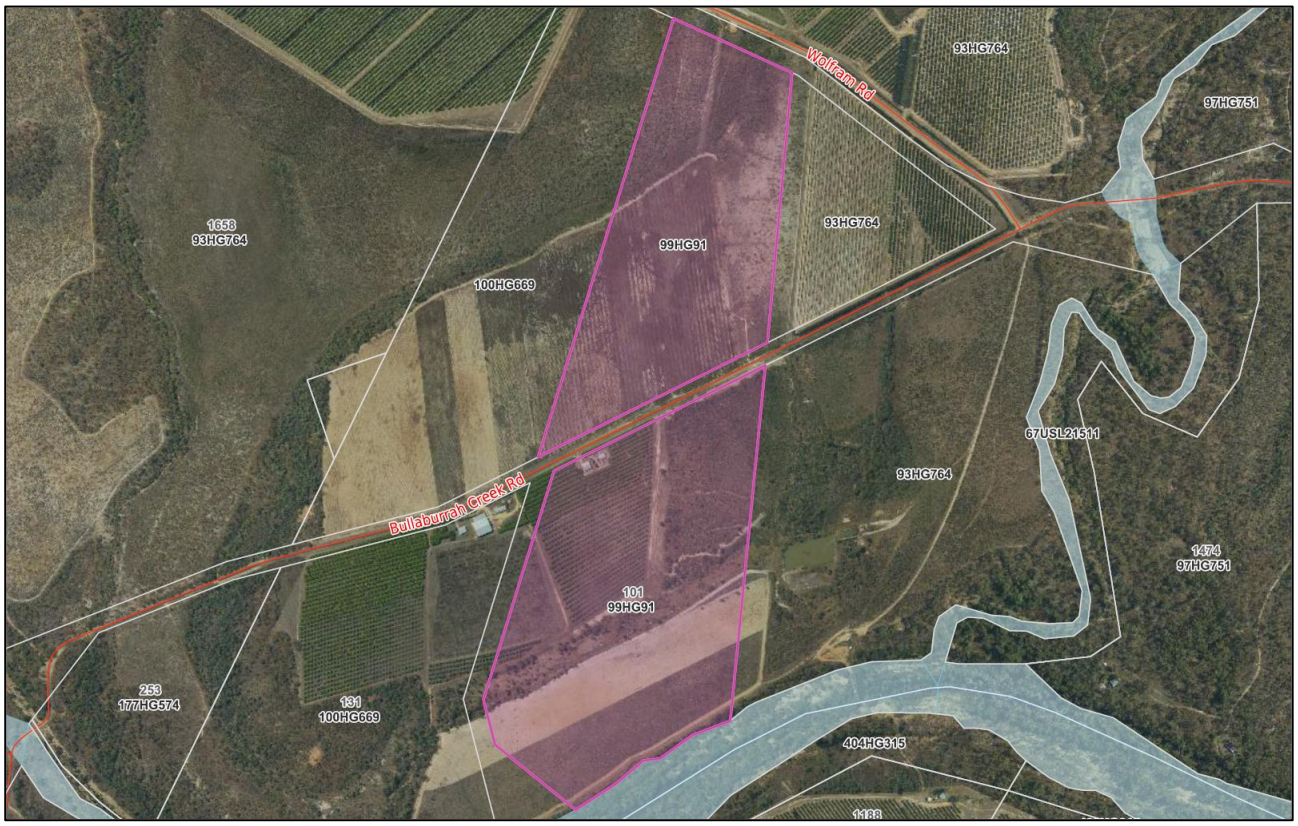
(H) OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

- Nil

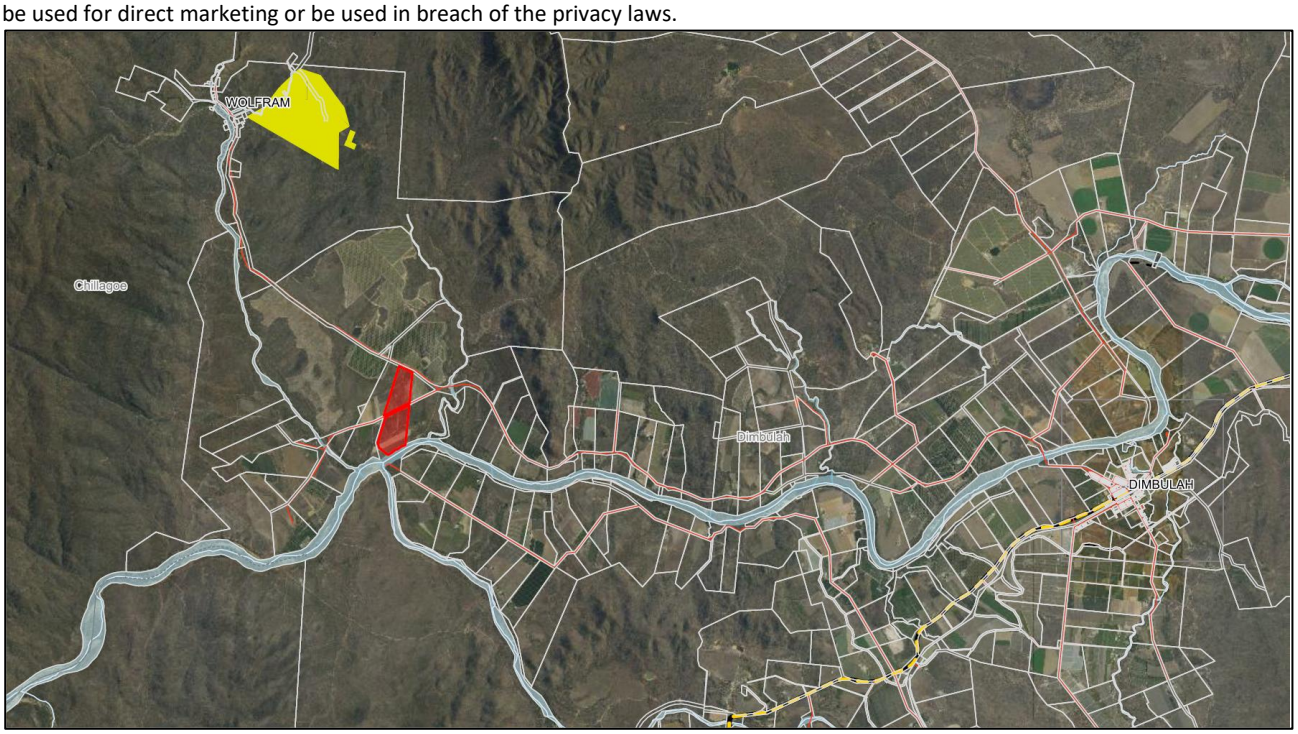
THE SITE

The subject site is situated approximately 13km west of the Dimbulah Township at 101 Bullaburrah Creek Road, Dimbulah, and described as Lot 99 on HG91. The site is irregular in shape with an area of 59.489 hectares and is zoned Rural under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016. The site is split into 2 parts by Bullaburrah Creek Road, with a frontage to this road of approximately 520 metres which is constructed to a single lane bitumen standard. The northern part of the site also contains 270 metres of frontage to Wolfram Road which is constructed to a formed gravel standard.

The site is improved by a single dwelling and ancillary outbuilding (farm shed) situated on the southern part of the lot in proximity to Bullaburrah Creek Road. The balance of the site is used in part for horticultural cropping, namely mangoes, but also contains large areas of unused land subject to regrowth as well as sparse areas of mapped Cat B regulated vegetation. The Walsh River is situated to the south of the site and some unnamed tributaries of the Walsh run through the property. Various water supply easements traverse the land from north to south.



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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Nil

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS & APPROVALS

Nil

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The development application seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry in accordance with the plans shown in **Attachment 1**.

This application seeks development approval for extractive industry to facilitate the extraction of sand from Lot 99 Bullaburrah Creek Road, Dimbulah, described as Lot 99 on HG91.

In order to address declining supplies and increasing demand for suitable sand resources, PNQ have undertaken preliminary investigations within the region to locate suitable resource locations. Whilst it is noted the subject site is not located within the State Government's Extractive Industry Key Resource Area (KRA), investigations have indicated that suitable resources have been largely exhausted within the KRA, necessitating extraction outside the defined area. Investigations have indicated that the subject site presents as a source of suitable sand and as such is an important asset to undertake essential infrastructure and construction projects within the region.

It was originally proposed that sand would be extracted and screened on the site, however in order to minimise dust impacts on adjoining orchards, the applicants have amended the proposal so that no screening occurs on-site. Instead, the raw sand resource will be transported off-site for washing and screening. The proposed sand resource will help service regional commercial demand for sand.

The total proposed area available for the extraction of material would equate to approximately 22.17 hectares. **The original application proposed the extraction of up to 100,000 tonnes of sand product from the site. Council raised concerns regarding the impacts this scale of development would have on the local road network. In order to address these concerns, the applicants have reduced their annual extraction limit down to 65,000 tonnes per annum (refer to Attachment 2).**

The extraction of material would focus on existing cleared areas and would be adequately setback from mapped regulated vegetation and watercourses traversing the site. Furthermore, the proposed extraction area would be setback from the existing easement for water infrastructure traversing the western portion of the site. No extraction of material would occur within 325 metres of the Walsh River.

The proposal would involve the removal and stockpiling of any topsoil in earthen bunds, extraction of the sand resource into stockpiles prior to haulage off-site. Unsuitable material would be stockpiled adjacent to the processing areas prior to respreading on the disturbed extraction areas upon completion of the staged extraction operation. Stockpiled material would be adequately setback from the unnamed tributaries of the Walsh River that traverse the site.

The proposed extraction activity is supported by an Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) and Site Based Management Plan (SBMP) prepared by RPS.

REGIONAL PLAN DESIGNATION

Far North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026	
Potential Agricultural Expansion Area	No
Priority Agricultural Area	Yes
Priority Agricultural Area – Extractive Resources Precinct	No
Regional Biodiversity Corridor	Yes
Regional Land Use Category	Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area
Strategic Environmental Area	No
Wet Tropics WHA	No

PLANNING SCHEME DESIGNATIONS

Strategic Framework:	**Land Use Categories**
	• Rural Area
	  • Rural Agricultural Area
	  • Rural other

Zone:	Rural zone
Overlays:	Agricultural land overlay Bushfire hazard overlay Environmental significance overlay Flood hazard overlay Transport infrastructure overlay

Planning Scheme Definitions

The proposed use is defined as:

Column 1 ***Use***	***Column 2*** ***Definition***	***Column 3*** ***Examples include***	***Column 4*** ***Does not include the following examples***
Extractive industry	Premises used for the extraction and/or processing of extractive resources and associated activities, including their transportation to market.	Quarry	

RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

Assessment of the proposed development against the relevant planning instruments is summarised as follows:

(A) Far North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 (FNQ Regional Plan 2026)

The FNQ Regional Plan 2026 commenced on May 2026 and is not adequately addressed within the Planning Scheme. The Themes, Policy outcomes and Strategies contained within this Regional Plan, relevant to the proposed development, are as follows:

Theme 2 – Thriving economy

Policy Outcome 1 – Economic growth and diversification

Support a thriving, diverse and resilient regional economy with enhanced opportunities for economic participation of First Nations peoples.

Strategies

1.5. Where appropriately located and compatible with existing and surrounding uses, facilitate opportunities for innovation and value-adding in the RLRPA by:

a) enabling primary production, critical minerals, extraction and processing, energy, circular economy, bioeconomy, ecosystem services, and tropical expertise

b) supporting home-based businesses, cottage industries, on-farm processing, agritourism and emerging enterprises.

Comment

The proposed extractive industry operation is of an equivalent nature and scale to the multitude of other sand extractive industry operations established between Dimbulah and Mareeba. The proposed development will value add to the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area (RLRPA) by facilitating extraction of critical sand resource from the site.

On the completion of extraction, the land will revert back to an agricultural or primary production use. The development complies with Strategy 1.5.

Policy Outcome 4 – Rural economies

Support emerging industries and technologies, directly associated with rural and agricultural lands, that enhance rural prosperity

Strategies

4.1 Promote rural economies by:

a. recognising and protecting Priority Agricultural Land Uses (PALUs) as the primary land use in PAAs, supporting agricultural diversification and growth, agricultural value-adding opportunities and allied industries in rural land within the RLRPA, including cleared areas within PAAs (Map 7)

b. ensuring prime agricultural land is maintained to sustain the region and provide for its future food and fibre security

c. avoiding non-agricultural uses in PAAs, except for:

(1) compatible infrastructure purposes, or

(2) rehabilitation purposes where located on marginal or unsuitable land and the rehabilitation purposes do not adversely impact the productive agricultural capacity of the PAA. Rehabilitation purposes must be ancillary to and complement agricultural land uses, while enhancing and value-adding existing agricultural capacity

d. protecting key resource areas, mining and extractive industries, and associated processing operations from conflicting land uses and supporting with appropriate infrastructure (Map 14).

Comment

The proposed extractive industry operation is of an equivalent nature and scale to the multitude of other sand extractive industry operations established between Dimbulah and Mareeba. The proposed development will value add to the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area (RLRPA) by facilitating extraction of critical sand resource from the site.

The proposed extractive industry will be operated in accordance with a site specific management plan and rehabilitation plan. On the completion of extraction, the land will revert back to an agricultural or primary production use. The development will not compromise adjoining agricultural uses and will not fragment rural agricultural land.

The development complies with Strategy 4.1.

(B) State Planning Policy

Separate assessment against the State Planning Policy (SPP) is not required because the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme appropriately integrates all relevant aspects of the SPP.

(C) Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016

Strategic Framework

3.3 Settlement pattern and built environment

3.3.1 Strategic outcomes

(5) Primary industries in Rural areas are not compromised or fragmented by incompatible and/or unsustainable development, including but not limited to subdivision that results in a detrimental impact on rural productivity or fragments rural land. The valued, relaxed rural lifestyle, character and scenic qualities of the rural area are preserved and enhanced. The rural area is largely maintained to its current extent, while accommodating development directly associated with or reliant on natural resources including rural activities and tourism. Rural areas protect the shire's agricultural area and ensure food security. Other rural areas predominantly remain agricultural grazing properties.

Comment

The proposed extractive industry is of an equivalent nature and scale to the multitude of sand extractive industry operations established between Dimbulah and Mareeba. The applicant has undertaken testing to confirm the existence of the sand resource.

The proposed extractive industry will be operated in accordance with a site specific management plan and rehabilitation plan. On the completion of extraction, the land will revert back to an agricultural use. The development will not compromise or fragment rural agricultural land and is therefore compliant with Strategic outcome (5).

3.3.11 Element—Rural areas

3.3.11.1 Specific outcomes

(1) Rural areas include rural activities and land uses of varying scale, consistent with surrounding rural land use, character and site conditions.

Comment

The proposed extractive industry is of an equivalent nature and scale to the multitude of sand extractive industry operations established within our rural farming areas between Dimbulah and Mareeba. The applicant has undertaken testing to confirm the existence of the sand resource.

The proposed extractive industry will be operated in accordance with a site specific management plan and rehabilitation plan. On the completion of extraction, the land will revert back to an agricultural use. The development complies with Specific outcome (1).

(6) Agricultural areas will be retained in large holdings (60ha or greater) and not fragmented or compromised by unsuitable development. Uses and development within this precinct will not cause land use conflicts with primary production or will ensure these conflicts are mitigated.

Comment

The proposed extractive industry is of an equivalent nature and scale to the multitude of sand extractive industry operations established within our rural farming areas between Dimbulah and Mareeba. The applicant has undertaken testing to confirm the existence of the sand resource.

The proposed extractive industry will be operated in accordance with a site specific management plan which will help ensure minimal impacts on adjoining agricultural uses. The development complies with Specific outcome (6).

3.4 Natural resources and environment

3.4.3 Element—Pest and weed management

3.4.3.1 Specific outcomes

(1) Development within, adjoining or surrounding conservation areas, biodiversity areas, wetlands or watercourses avoids the incursion of weeds and pests through best practice management practices, sensitive design, landscaping and appropriate setback and buffer distances.

(4) Operational works ensure appropriate management practices are adopted to minimise the spread of weed species.

Comment

The proposed extraction area is not a conservation area or biodiversity area, and is appropriately setback from the Walsh River. The proposed extraction process is not likely to introduce any new weeds or pests onto the site.

The development complies with Specific outcomes (1) and (4).

3.4.6 Element—Watercourses and wetlands

3.4.6.1 Specific outcomes

(1) Hydrological flows, riparian ecology and ecosystem services of watercourses and wetlands are maintained, protected and enhanced.

(3) The water quality of rivers and creeks, which ultimately flow to the Great Barrier Reef and the Gulf of Carpentaria, is not compromised or polluted through sediment, gross pollutants or chemical run off from new or existing development.

(5) Where development occurs on land including and adjoining watercourses and wetlands it provides appropriate setbacks and buffers and enhances these areas through revegetation.

Comment

The proposed extraction area is appropriately setback from the Walsh River and will be operated in accordance with a site specific management plan that will ensure sediment runoff does not occur into the Walsh River situated to the south of the extraction area. The proposed development complies with Specific outcomes (1), (3) and (5).

3.4.8 Element—Air and noise quality

3.4.8.1 Specific outcomes

(1) The health, well-being, amenity and safety of the community and the environment is protected from the impacts of air emissions, noise and odour through appropriate management and adequate separation distances.

Comment

The proposed extraction area achieves the Planning Scheme's desired setbacks from surrounding sensitive land uses (excluding the dwelling on the subject site). Furthermore, the development will not involve the more intensive screening component of most extractive industry operations.

The development is not likely to impact on the amenity of surrounding sensitive land uses and therefore complies with Specific outcome (1).

3.6 Transport and infrastructure

3.6.1 Strategic outcomes

(1) Local collector road and state-controlled road networks support the identified hierarchy of activity centres and the rural economy of Mareeba Shire. The location, density and scale of development supports the efficient and convenient movement of goods, services and people. Roads are progressively upgraded (including construction of future state roads and future local connections) and maintained to a high standard to support higher urban densities, rural production, tourism, commerce, industry and major trip generators.

Comment

The proposed development (considering the revised 65,000 tonne extraction limit) is likely to generate approximately 2,167 additional heavy vehicle movements on Wolfram Road per year. Appropriate conditions requiring road upgrades and road maintenance have been included to minimise impacts on road safety and pavement condition.

The development has been conditioned to comply with Strategic outcome (1).

3.6.8 Element—Stormwater management

3.6.8.1 Specific outcomes

(2) Stormwater is managed, and measures are implemented to ensure erosion is prevented or minimised and contaminants are not released into surrounding environs.

Comment

The proposed extraction area is appropriately setback from the Walsh River and will be operated in accordance with a site specific management plan that will ensure sediment runoff does not occur into the Walsh River situated to the south of the extraction area.

The proposed development complies with Specific outcome (2).

3.7 Economic development

3.7.2 Element—Rural and Agricultural land

3.7.2.1 Specific outcomes

(1) Agricultural areas are preserved for the purpose of primary production and are protected from fragmentation, alienation and incompatible development.

(5) Development ensures rural activities in all rural areas are not compromised by incompatible development and fragmentation.

Comment

The proposed extractive industry operation is not likely to impact on any existing or potential agricultural activity either on or off the site. The proposed development complies with Specific outcomes (1) and (5).

3.7.11 Element—Extractive resources

3.7.11.1 Specific outcomes

(2) Extractive industries:

(a) mitigate impacts relating to air, noise, water and waste on local ecological and environmental values and the amenity of residential areas, and surrounding rural dwellings;

(b) avoid areas of ecological significance and values;

(c) progressively rehabilitate disturbed land on site and ensure ecological values are rehabilitated (where relevant).

Comment

The proposed extraction area achieves the Planning Scheme's desired setbacks from surrounding sensitive land uses (excluding the dwelling on the subject site). Furthermore, the development will not involve the more intensive screening component of most extractive industry operations.

The proposed extraction area avoids mapped areas of ecological significance and will be appropriately setback and managed to minimise the potential of sediment runoff to the Walsh River. The site will be progressively rehabilitated in accordance with an approved rehabilitation plan.

The development will comply with Specific outcome (2).

Relevant Developments Codes

The following Development Codes are considered to be applicable to the assessment of the application:

6.2.9 Rural zone code
8.2.1 Agricultural land overlay code
8.2.3 Bushfire hazard overlay code
8.2.4 Environmental significance overlay code
8.2.6 Flood hazard overlay code
9.3.5 Industrial activities code
9.4.2 Landscaping code
9.4.3 Parking and access code
9.4.5 Works, services and infrastructure code

The application included a planning report and assessment against the planning scheme. An officer assessment has found that the application satisfies the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome applies) of the relevant codes set out below, provided reasonable and relevant conditions are attached to any approval.

Relevant Codes	**Comments**
Rural zone code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Agricultural land overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Bushfire hazard overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Environmental significance overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Flood hazard overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.

Industrial activities code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Landscaping code	The proposed development is for a sand extraction operation within the Rural zone. Landscaping is not considered necessary. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Parking and access code	The proposed development is for a sand extraction operation within the Rural zone of a 22 hectare area. Formalised carparking is not considered necessary. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Works, services and infrastructure code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.

(D) Planning Scheme Policies/Infrastructure Charges Plan

The following planning scheme policies are relevant to the application:

Planning Scheme Policy 4 - FNQROC Regional Development Manual

A condition will be attached to any approval requiring any development works be designed and constructed in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual standards.

(E) Additional Trunk Infrastructure Condition

The subject land is located outside the identified Priority Infrastructure Area (PIA).

Section 130 of the Planning Act 2016 allows Council to condition additional trunk infrastructure outside the PIA.

To reduce impacts on the local road network, the applicants have confirmed that the extraction volume will be decreased to **65,000 tonnes per annum.**

The applicant's roadworks contribution for each 65,000 tonnes would be as follows:

Length of Council maintained road traversed by the applicant is 15,500 metres (shortest route to State controlled road). Where extractive industry developments are serviced by lengthy Council roads, Council has previously resolved to cap the charge to a distance of 10.7 Kilometres.

Truck and dog = 30 tonnes / load = 6 ESA * / load
(* ESA - Equivalent Standard Axles)

Truck loads	=	tonnes (65,000) ÷ load of truck (30t)
	=	100,000 ÷ 30
	=	2,167
Number of axles	=	No. of loads (2,167 x ESA / Load (6))
	=	2167 x 6
	=	13,002
Present road investment	=	$1.40 / ESA
Future road maintenance cost	=	$2.10 / ESA
	=	Difference in maintenance and present cost
	=	$2.10 - $1.40
	=	$0.70
	=	$0.70 x ESA (13,002)
	=	$9,101.40
Therefore, total contribution sought	=	cost x distance (km)
	=	$9,101.40 x 10.7
	=	$97,384.98

Based on the 10.7 kilometre cap and Council's standard contribution calculation method above, the applicant would be required to pay a roadworks contribution of $97,384.98 for each 65,000 tonnes of material extracted.

Council's recent budgets have applied a special charge for extractive industries.

Council acknowledges that certain quarries already contribute towards road infrastructure through a condition of their development approval. In such cases, the applicant’s obligation under the relevant road infrastructure condition would be waived whilst Council continued to levy the special charge for extractive industries.

Accordingly, it is proposed to apply a road infrastructure condition on this extractive industry, however the applicant will not have to comply with this condition whilst Council continues to levy the special charge for extractive industries.

REFERRAL AGENCY

The application triggered referral to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning as a Referral Agency (SARA – DTMR).

That Department provided their Referral Agency response on 25 August 2026 (**Attachment 4**) which is required to be attached to any approval.

Internal Consultation

Tech Services – Development Engineering

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The development proposal was placed on public notification from 24 August 2026 to 14 September 2026. The applicant submitted the notice of compliance on 15 September 2026 advising that the public notification requirements were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

One (1) properly made submission was received (**Attachment 3**).

The grounds for objection/support are summarised and commented on below:

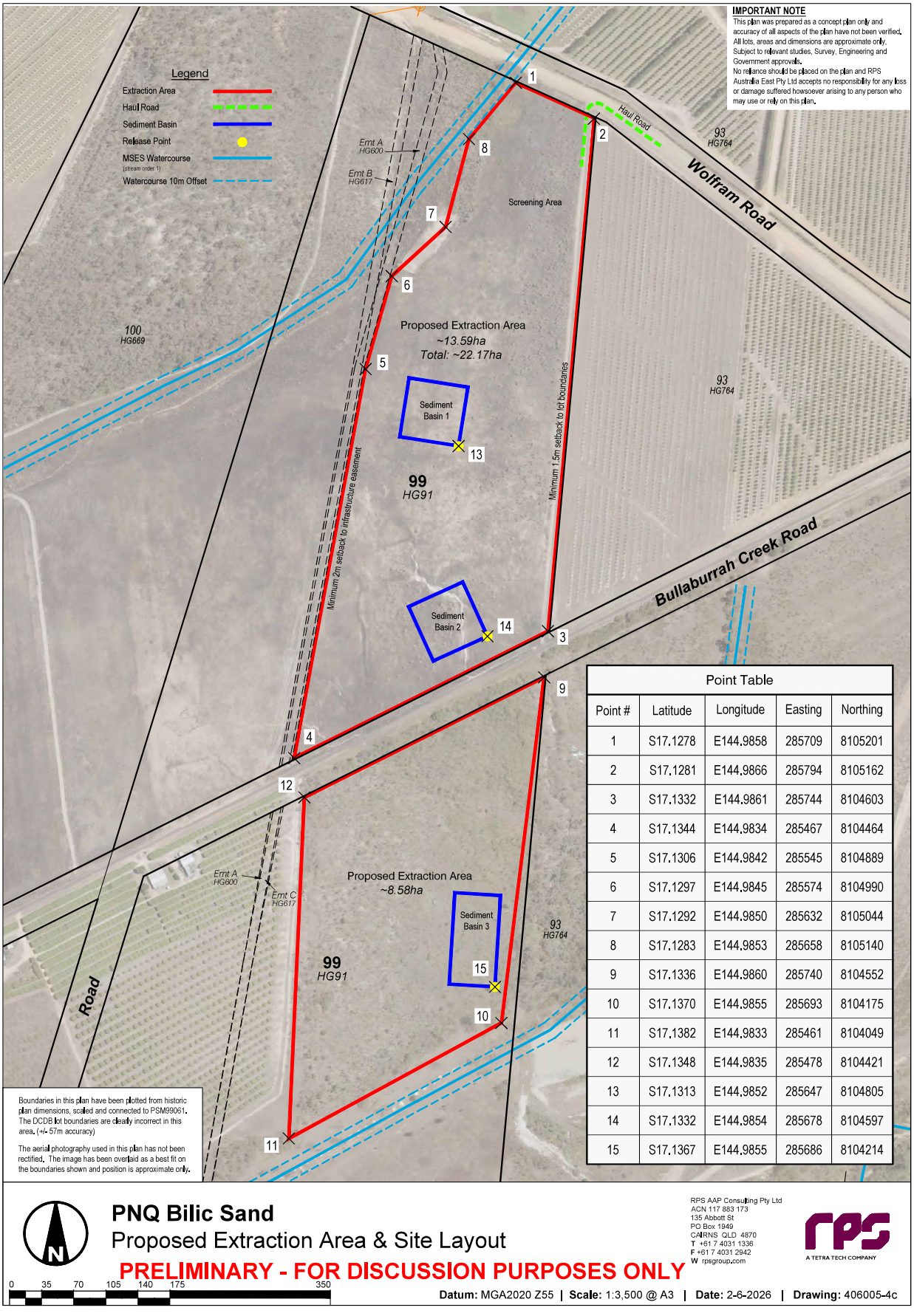
Grounds for objection /support	Comment
The submitter seeks clarification on dust suppression and monitoring measures that will be implemented at the extraction site.	The annual extraction limit has been reduced from 100,000 tonnes to 65,000 tonnes. Additionally, no screening will occur on site, with all material transported off site for screening. The site based management plan (SBMP) includes provisions for dust suppression. A condition of approval requires the SBMP to be amended to include dust suppression measures on Wolfram Road which will require the regular use of a water truck while material is being carted off site. The SBMP will also include a complaints process which will help ensure compliance with dust suppression requirements.
How will dust generated by truck movements be controlled.	The site based management plan (SBMP) includes provisions for dust suppression. A condition of approval requires the SBMP to be amended to include dust suppression measures on Wolfram Road which will require the regular use of a water truck while material is being carted off site. The SBMP will also include a complaints process which will help ensure compliance with dust suppression requirements.
Whether bitumen sealed Bullaburrah Creek Road was considered as an alternate haul out route to unsealed Wolfram Road.	Due to the construction standard, width and presence of multiple culverts under Bullaburrah Creek Road, the upgrade, including widening of this road was not feasible. Wolfram Road is considered to be the most appropriate road to haul extracted material from. Appropriate conditions have been included which will require the seal of the Wolfram Road/Bullaburrah Creek Road intersection, as well as the continued maintenance of Wolfram Road for the life of the development.
How responsibility would be addressed should the extraction or associated haulage activities result in additional pest-management costs, crop damage or a measurable downgrade in fruit quality.	Council officers consider that appropriate provisions have been included in the recommended conditions of approval to ensure minimal impacts on adjoining cropping activities.

Submitters

Name of Principal submitter	Address
1. Ontario Mangoes Pty Ltd	ray@ontariogroup.com.au

PLANNING DISCUSSION

Nil


IMPORTANT NOTE
This plan was prepared as a concept plan only and accuracy of all aspects of the plan have not been verified. All lots, areas and dimensions are approximate only. Subject to relevant studies, Survey, Engineering and Government approvals.
No reliance should be placed on the plan and RPS Australia East Pty Ltd accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage suffered howsoever arising to any person who may use or rely on this plan.
Legend
Extraction Area
Haul Road
Sediment Basin
Release Point
MSES Watercourse
(stream order 1)
Watercourse 10m Offset
Wolfram Road
Haul Road
Bullaburrah Creek Road
Road
Emt A HG600
Emt B HG617
Emt C HG617
Screening Area
Proposed Extraction Area
~13.59ha
Total: ~22.17ha
Proposed Extraction Area
~8.58ha
Sediment Basin 1
Sediment Basin 2
Sediment Basin 3
Minimum 2m setback to infrastructure easement
Minimum 1.5m setback to lot boundaries
100 HG669
99 HG91
93 HG764
Point Table
Point # | Latitude | Longitude | Easting | Northing
1 | S17.1278 | E144.9858 | 285709 | 8105201
2 | S17.1281 | E144.9866 | 285794 | 8105162
3 | S17.1332 | E144.9861 | 285744 | 8104603
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Boundaries in this plan have been plotted from historic plan dimensions, scaled and connected to PSM99061. The DCDB lot boundaries are clearly incorrect in this area. (+/- 57m accuracy)
The aerial photography used in this plan has not been rectified. The image has been overlaid as a best fit on the boundaries shown and position is approximate only.
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Our ref: 406005

Date: 26 October 2026

The Chief Executive Officer
Mareeba Shire Council
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Mareeba QLD 4880

Attn: Carl Ewin

Dear Carl,

Bullaburra Creek Road
Response to Draft Conditions of Development Approval
Your Ref: MCU/26/0011

RPS acts on behalf of Pioneer North Queensland Limited (PNQ) in relation to the development application for Development Permit for Material Change of Use (Extractive Industry) over land located at Lot 99 Bullaburrah Creek Road, Dimbulah, described as Lot 99 on HG91. We refer to Council's draft recommendation and conditions and our meeting with Council Officers on 26 October 2026. To assist with the processing of the application we would provide the following for Council's consideration.

Proposed Development Summary

For the purpose of clarity and to better define the nature of the proposed development we wish to confirm that the proposed development for Material Change of Use (Extractive Industry), comprises the following:

- Proposal to extract a maximum of 65,000 tonnes of sand per annum;
- The proposed extraction site would comprise a total extraction area of approximately 22.27 hectares;
- The proposed extraction area is comprised of two part lots, dissected by Bullaburrah Creek Road. The northern portion of the site comprises an extraction area of approx. 13.54ha and the northern portion an extraction area of approx. 8.74ha;
- It is not proposed to haul from the site in period of inclement weather;
- It is expected that, based on the resource available, the period of extraction would be 2 years; however, to provide for inclement weather, it is proposed that the period of operation be 2.5 years from date of commencement;
- No screening of material would be undertaken on site;
- The proposed haul route would be via Wolfram Road;
- Crossovers would be provided to facilitate the crossing of Bullaburrah Creek Road, including the provision of signage to alert other road users of traffic crossing the road;
- Temporary on-site office and ablution facilities would be provided; and
- The proposed development is depicted in RPS Drawing No. 406005-4e, provided for reference as Attachment A.

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In addition to truck drivers hauling material from the site, the proposed operation would comprise the following employees:

- One (1) excavator driver;
- One (1) loader driver;
- Operation of the water truck would be undertaken by the excavator driver during the loading of haul trucks.

Response to Draft Conditions

With respect to the draft conditions, PNQ seeks to amend the draft conditions to reflect the proposed extraction activity as detailed above.

In order to address concerns raised by Council Officers with respect to impact of the proposal on the road network, PNQ are prepared to accept Council conditions requiring:

- Material to be extracted is to be hauled from Wolfram Road only. Vehicle movements on Bullburrah Creek Road would be limited to vehicle crossing from southern part lot to northern part lot;
- Extraction volume must not exceed 65,000 per annum;
- Haulage of material is to cease during weather events that may result in adverse impact to Wolfram Road;
- During haulage times, a water truck shall be used on Wolfram Road to supress any dust;
- No haulage would occur during school bus times;
- The nominal extraction period of two (2) years with provision for an additional 6 months to allow for inclement weather events;
- Provision of access crossover between Wolfram Road and the development site and between Bullaburrah Creek Road for access solely between the two part lots. Access to be constructed in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual standards;
- Maintenance of Wolfram Road to a standard consistent with the existing state of the road, including the requirement for the periodic grading of the road to maintain good order and safe repair for the life of the development;
- At the conclusion of the extraction, Wolfram Road would be inspected to ensure that it is at the same standard as it was prior to commencement of extraction. Where maintenance is required, PNQ are prepared to undertake the works; and
- To secure the maintenance of Wolfram Road, PNQ are prepared to provide a bond as security.

Transport / Traffic Generation

The applicant has conducted as assessment of the proposed development in relation to the anticipated traffic generation, which is detailed as follows:

- Extraction of 65,000 t per annum utilising a 27.5 t semi-trailer, which equates to approx. 45 trucks/week or 15 truck movements per day;
- Two (2) employees on the site equates to 4 light vehicle movements per day;
- This equates to a total of 19 vehicle movements per day generated by the proposal;
- Water truck usage for dust suppressions would be undertaken in addition to the above.

Based upon the above calculations, it is our considered opinion that traffic generation associated with the proposed extraction activity would not significantly impact the local road network. Furthermore, PNQ is agreeable to the imposition of the condition requiring that material must not be transported from the site during hours during which school buses utilise Wolfram Road.

We look forward to continuing working with you on this development. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact the writer (contact details below).

Our ref: 406005

Yours sincerely,
for RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd



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Principal Planner
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enc: **Attachment A:** Proposal Plan – RPS Drawing No. 406005-4e

Our ref: 406005

ATTACHMENT A

RPS Drawing No. 406005-4e

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Department of
State Development,
Infrastructure and Planning

SARA reference: 2607-53463 SRA
Council reference: MCU/26/0011
Applicant reference: 406005

25 August 2026

Chief Executive Officer
Mareeba Shire Council
PO Box 154
Mareeba QLD 4880
planning@msc.qld.gov.au

Attention: Carl Ewin

Dear Sir/Madam

SARA referral agency response—
101 Bullaburrah Creek Road, Dimbulah

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 22 July 2026.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response - No requirements Under section 56(1)(a) of the *Planning Act 2016*, SARA advises it has no requirements relating to the application.
Date of response:	25 August 2026
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in **Attachment 1**
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in **Attachment 2**

Development details

Description:	Development permit	Material change of use for Extractive industry
SARA role:	Referral agency	

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SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 1, Table 1, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) Development impacting on state transport infrastructure
SARA reference:	2607-53463 SRA
Assessment manager:	Mareeba Shire Council
Street address:	101 Bullaburrah Creek Road, Dimbulah
Real property description:	Lot 99 on HG91
Applicant name:	Pioneer North Queensland Limited
Applicant contact details:	C/- RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd 135 Abbott Street Cairns QLD 4870 stacey.devaney@rpsconsulting.com
Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:	A consideration of the 23 fundamental human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s. 30 Development Assessment Rules).

Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 3**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Charlton Best, Senior Planning Officer, on 07 4037 3200 or via email CairnsSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Brett Nancarrow
Manager (Planning)

cc Pioneer North Queensland Limited, stacey.devaney@rpsconsulting.com

enc Attachment 1 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 2 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 3 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Attachment 1—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the *Planning Act 2016* its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), (version 3.6). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

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Attachment 2—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

SARA assessed the development against the following codes of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), version 3.6:

- State code 6: Protection of state transport networks (State code 6).

The development complies with the relevant provisions of State code 6 of SDAP in that the development:

- does not compromise the state's ability to cost-effectively construct, operate and maintain state transport infrastructure
- does not result in a worsening of the physical condition or operating performance of the state transport network.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the State Development Assessment Provisions (version 3.6)
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- State Planning Policy mapping system
- *Human Rights Act 2019.*

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Attachment 3— Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

The following provisions are those set out in sections 28 and 30 of the Development Assessment Rules[1] regarding **representations about a referral agency response**

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

28.1. Despite part 2, a concurrence agency may, after its referral agency assessment period and any further period agreed ends, change its referral agency response or give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, subject to section 28.2 and 28.3.

28.2. A concurrence agency may change its referral agency response at any time before the application is decided if—

(a) the change is in response to a change which the assessment manager is satisfied is a change under section 26.1; or

(b) the Minister has given the concurrence agency a direction under section 99 of the Act; or

(c) the applicant has given written agreement to the change to the referral agency response.[2]

28.3. A concurrence agency may give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, if the applicant has given written agreement to the late referral agency response.

28.4. If a concurrence agency proposes to change its referral agency response under section 28.2(a), the concurrence agency must—

(a) give notice of its intention to change its referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice of the change under section 25.1; and

(b) the concurrence agency has 10 days from the day of giving notice under paragraph (a), or a further period agreed between the applicant and the concurrence agency, to give an amended referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant.

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1 Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Planning Act 2016*

2 In the instance an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

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Part 7: Miscellaneous

30 Representations about a referral agency response

30.1. An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response.[3]

[3] An applicant may elect, under section 32, to stop the assessment manager's decision period in which to take this action. If a concurrence agency wishes to amend their response in relation to representations made under this section, they must do so in accordance with section 28.

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From: "Ray Courtice" <ray@ontariogroup.com.au>
Sent: Wed, 2 Sep 2026 12:10:16 +1000
To: "Info" <info@msc.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Extraction Works – Wolfram Road – Dust Control and Crop Protection Lot 99 ON HG91 (MCU/26/0011)
Categories: Add to ECM;Rayanna

I am writing regarding the extraction works currently being undertaken on Wolfram Road under **MCU/26/0011**.
We operate large commercial citrus and mango orchards neighbouring the property where these works are taking place. We have no objection to the extraction activities proceeding, provided that **adequate dust suppression measures are maintained and the surrounding roads are appropriately managed and maintained throughout the works**.
We understand that works have now commenced within the paddock. Our primary concern is the potential for dust generated both at the extraction sites and from increased heavy vehicle movements along Wolfram Road to impact our adjoining orchards.
We also note that there is an alternative **bitumen road available in the area**, which would appear to be considerably better suited to regular heavy vehicle movements than the unsealed section of Wolfram Road. We would appreciate clarification as to whether this route has been considered as part of the haulage arrangements, particularly where its use could reduce dust and impacts on neighbouring agricultural operations.
As a commercial horticultural operation, excessive dust settling on trees and fruit has the potential to affect **crop health, pest pressure, fruit quality and marketability**. Any increase in pest-management requirements or downgrade in fruit quality could result in a significant financial impact to our business.
We would therefore appreciate clarification regarding:

- the dust suppression and monitoring measures that will be implemented at the extraction sites and along the unsealed road;
- how dust generated by truck movements will be controlled and how the road will be maintained;
- whether the available bitumen road has been considered as the preferred heavy-vehicle route;
- who the appropriate contact is should dust levels become excessive or we begin observing impacts within our orchards; and
- how responsibility would be addressed should the extraction or associated haulage activities result in additional pest-management costs, crop damage or a measurable downgrade in fruit quality.

We believe it is important to raise these matters **at the commencement of the works**, rather than after an issue develops. This will provide a clear understanding between all parties and allow appropriate preventative measures and monitoring to be established from the outset.

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We are happy to work cooperatively with the operator and relevant authorities to ensure the extraction activities can proceed while protecting neighbouring agricultural production.
We would appreciate a written response outlining the proposed dust-control, road-management and monitoring arrangements associated with **MCU/26/0011**.

Kind Regards,

Raymond Courtice
Ontario Mangoes Pty Ltd
M : 0447519795

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8.2 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW

Date Prepared: **1 October 2026**

Author: **Senior Advisor Governance & Compliance**

Attachments:
1. **Community Partnerships Program Policy ⇩**
2. **Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy ⇩**
3. **Related Party Disclosure Policy ⇩**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the ongoing organisation-wide compliance policy review work, amended and newly created instruments, along with instruments marked for repeal, are presented to Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Repeals the:

   Community Partnerships Program Policy – adopted 16 November 2022

   Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy – adopted 16 November 2022

   Related Party Disclosure Policy – adopted 2 December 2022

2. Adopts the:

   Community Partnerships Program Policy

   Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy

   Related Party Disclosure Policy

BACKGROUND

Community Partnerships Program Policy

Purpose

To describe how Council can partner with community groups to contribute to the community-driven events, projects and activities for the benefit of the community.

Summary of amendments

a. Section 2 para 2 – update related documents and reference titles
b. Section 3.1 sub-sections c) and f) – modernise sentence structure
c. Section 3.5.1 – insert new sub-section j) community group CPP eligibility statement
d. Section 3.5.2 – insert new sub-section o) community group CPP outcome temporal reporting obligation statement
e. Section 5 – update related documents and references
f. Apply minor grammatical and formatting amendments throughout

Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy

Purpose

To provide a framework for the authorised provision of temporary access to and the drawing of water from the Mareeba Shire Council's water service infrastructure via a metered standpipe device.

Summary of amendments

a. Header matrix – update and format officer position descriptions in accordance with current position naming conventions
b. Section 7 – update and format officer position description in accordance with current position naming conventions

All other content remains relevant for a further term.

Related Party Disclosure Policy

Purpose

To provide guidance to Council to achieve compliance with the *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 – Related Party Disclosures*.

Summary of amendments

a. section 3.1.2 para 5 – modernise wording to insert declaration qualifier KMP appointment trigger
b. section 3.1.4 para 3 – insert entity transaction qualifier wording; insert bullet points 8 and 9 for related party transactions
c. section 3.2 – insert new opening para 1 and bullet point series relevant to identification of related party transaction disclosures and analysis
d. section 5 – update definitions for Materiality, Related Party and Related Part Transactions
e. section 6 – update version currency for AASB Standard 124 reference

Financial and Resource Implications:

Capital
Nil

Operating
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

Upload instruments to Council's internal Policy Library and publish to Council's website in accordance with applicable policy type and audience.

Community Partnerships Program Policy

Policy Type	Governance Policy	Version:	4.0
Responsible Officer	Manager Customer & Community Services	Date Approved:	18/11/2026
Review Officer:	Director Corporate & Community Services	Review Due:	18/10/2030
Author:	Manager Customer & Community Services	Commencement:	18/11/2026

1. PURPOSE

The Mareeba Shire Council recognises the important contribution that community events, activities and projects conducted by volunteer community groups make to enhancing the liveability of the Mareeba Shire. The *Community Partnerships Program Policy* describes how Council can partner with community groups to contribute to the community-driven events, projects and activities for the benefit of the community.

2. SCOPE

The *Community Partnerships Program Policy* applies to community groups requesting Council assistance for community-led events, projects and activities. This policy should be read in conjunction with the *Community Partnerships Program Procedure* for further details.

The *Community Partnerships Program Policy* is aligned with Mareeba Shire Council's, *Community Management of Halls and Other Council Land and Facilities Policy*, *Community Group Exclusive Use of Council Land and Facilities Policy, Rate Rebate and Remission Policy* and *Community Loans Policy* and collectively they contribute significantly to the range of assistance for eligible not-for-profit organisations, offered by Council.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The *Community Partnerships Program Policy* manages community requests for Council assistance.

3.1 INTENTION

The intention of the *Community Partnerships Program Policy* is to:

a) Support the volunteer efforts of community groups to enhance community wellbeing, prosperity and liveability in the Mareeba Shire.
b) Support community-led events, projects and activities that deliver social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits.
c) Achieve better community outcomes through effective partnerships between Council and community groups than could be achieved independently.
d) Contribute to the partnership, the types of assistance which can only be provided by a local government authority and is crucial to the success of the community event, activity or project.
e) Respond to requests for community assistance in a fair, transparent, consistent and sustainable manner.
f) Promote the self-sufficiency of community groups to plan and deliver sustainable community events.

3.2 TYPES OF COUNCIL ASSISTANCE

Council will consider requests for the following types of assistance:

- Cash donations
- In-kind assistance
- General property rate rebates and charge remissions
- Water consumption donations
- Community loans

3.3 ASSESSMENT OF REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL ASSISTANCE

The assessment of a request for council assistance includes consideration of the following:

a) Program priorities
b) Applicant eligibility
c) Event, project or activity eligibility

3.4 PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Priority will be given to requests for Council assistance that:

a) Are from not-for-profit community groups and incorporated associations with very limited or no commerciality that rely primarily on volunteers, community fundraising, memberships and donations.
b) Are for community-led events, activities and projects with limited or no commerciality.
c) Demonstrate contributions by other partnership members, including significant fundraising efforts or volunteer contributions.
d) Demonstrate a significant benefit to the wider community will be achieved through the partnership.
e) Demonstrate that the contribution by Council cannot be provided by any other partner and is crucial to the success of the event, project or activity.
f) Demonstrate the self-sufficiency of community group and / or have a plan in place to become self-sustaining, if the event is to be recurring.
g) Are from not-for-profit community groups that receive no other Council assistance, or the level of assistance provided by Council has historically been low.
h) Are for events, projects or activities that are financially viable.
i) Align closely with the Mareeba Shire Council Corporate Plan.

3.5 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

There are eligibility criteria that apply to both the applicant and the activity, project or event for which the Council assistance is requested.

3.5.1 APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility criteria apply to applicants making the request:

a) The applicant is a not-for-profit organisation such as an incorporated or unincorporated association with an auspice body.
b) The applicant can demonstrate financial viability and organisational competence and the ability to achieve stated objectives.
c) Applicants must provide a copy of their most recent reconciled or audited financial statements, if requested.

d) Applicants who have previously received Council assistance and have failed to meet the conditions of the assistance received, are not eligible.
e) Associations and organisations that have an unmet debt to Council at the time of application, are not eligible.
f) Parents and Citizens Associations are eligible for assistance for events, activities and projects that fall outside of the scope of the associated educational provider's responsibilities, and which contribute to a broader community benefit.
g) Not-for-profit organisations that receive operational funding from the Government, are only eligible where they are requesting assistance for an event, activity or project with community benefit that falls outside their funded activities.
h) Applicants requesting rate rebate and charge remissions, water consumption donations or community loan must meet additional eligibility criteria as outlined in the *Rate Rebate and Remissions Policy* or the *Community Loans Policy*.
i) Political organisations are not eligible.
j) Organisations that have not successfully submitted a *Community Partnerships Program Outcome Report* for a previously supported activity may not be eligible for future support under the program.

3.5.2 EVENT, PROJECT OR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility criteria apply to event, projects and activities to which the request relates:

a) The event, project or activity must provide a direct benefit to residents of the Mareeba Shire.
b) The proposed event, project or activity is held within the Mareeba Shire Council boundaries.
c) The event, project or activity has limited or no commerciality.
d) Applications must clearly demonstrate that the event, project or activity meets the scope and intention of the Community Partnerships Program policy.
e) Applications for cash donations to retrospectively recover costs already incurred by the Applicant are not eligible.
f) Applications for cash donations where the funds are to be used towards wages / salaries and other operating and administrative costs, are not eligible.
g) Applications for cash donations where the funds are to be used to cover subscription or membership fees, are not eligible.
h) Applications for cash donations for individual student travel and participation in sporting, educational and cultural activities are not eligible.
i) Applications for private business ventures or activities are not eligible.
j) Applications for events, projects and activities that are under litigation are not eligible.
k) Applications for prizes for events, projects or activities are not eligible.
l) Applications that can be or are being dealt with by other Council sources of support, including specific project grants or Council works program, are not eligible.
m) Applications for cash or in-kind support for the maintenance and/or major works/upgrades of community facilities that are owned and fully managed by Mareeba Shire Council, by groups using or hiring these facilities, are not eligible. These types of requests are to be referred to the Facilities Department.
n) Applications for cash or in-kind support for costs (such as maintenance) that community groups have agreed to meet as part of the terms and conditions of their lease, management agreement or user agreement with Mareeba Shire Council for the use / occupation of Council owned facilities and land, are not eligible.
o) Successful applicants are required to provide Council with a completed *Community Partnerships Program Outcome Report* within four (4) weeks of completion of the funded activity (excluding rate rebates and charge remission support).

3.6 SPONSORSHIP

Requests for council assistance from individuals, community groups, businesses and organisations for commercial events, projects and activities that deliver significant socio-economic benefits will not be considered under this Policy. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and if approved, will require a resolution of the Council.

3.7 APPLICATION

New requests for Council assistance can be submitted for approval throughout the year.

3.8 DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Staff delegations are in place for the efficient approval of requests for Council contributions to community partnerships that comply with the purpose, scope and eligibility criteria outlined in the policy.

Delegations for staff approved requests are as follows:

- Manager Customer and Community Services -$500
- The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have the delegated authority to make variations to particular circumstances regarding contributions provided under the Community Partnerships Program.

4. REPORTING

No additional reporting is required.

5. RELATED DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

Corporate Plan (MSC)
Community Group Exclusive Use of Council Land and Facilities Policy (MSC)
Community Loans Policy (MSC)
Community Management of Halls and Other Land and Facilities Policy (MSC)
Community Partnerships Program Procedure (MSC)
Rate Rebate and Remissions Policy (MSC)

6. REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Customer & Community Services to monitor the adequacy of this policy and implement and approve appropriate changes. This policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as required by Council.

Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy

Policy Type	Governance Policy	Version:	4.0
Responsible Officer	Manager Water & Waste	Date Approved:	18/11/2026
Review Officer:	Manager Water & Waste	Review Due:	18/10/2030
Author:	Water & Waste Quality & Compliance Officer	Commencement:	18/11/2026

1. PURPOSE

To provide a framework for the authorised provision of temporary access to and the drawing of water from the Mareeba Shire Council's water service infrastructure via a metered standpipe device.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to the authorised provision by Council of access to Council's water service infrastructure via use of an Electronic Key to draw water via a Fixed Metered Standpipe (FMS) at a Fixed Point or via use of a Portable Metered Standpipe (PMS). It does not apply to water drawn from:

- a metered rateable residential or business water service;
- a firefighting system or hydrant during an emergency event.

This policy should be read in conjunction with Council's *Metered Standpipe Water Access Procedures*.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is a registered service provider under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Qld) (WSSR Act) and owns and operates the water service infrastructure located within the local government jurisdiction.[1]

A person may only lawfully connect to and access Council's water service infrastructure to draw water via an approved metered standpipe device and where a valid Water Access Agreement (WAA) is in place with Council. The use of unauthorised standpipe or hydrant devices to draw water from Council's water service infrastructure is not permitted and unauthorised access may result in enforcement actions in accordance with provisions under the WSSR Act.

3.1 APPROVED ACCESS TO WATER

3.1.1 *Fixed Metered Standpipe*

1) Access to Council's water service infrastructure may be provided via use of an Electronic Key to draw water through a Fixed Metered Standpipe (FMS) at an approved Fill Point location as determined by Council – refer to Appendix 1 for geographic Fill Point locations.

2) Applications for issue of an Electronic Key must be made in the approved WAA form (*Avdata Water Management System post-paid account key*) and payment of a security bond will

[1] See *Water Supply (Safety Reliability) Act 2008* (Qld) ss 20-22.

apply. Council may at its sole discretion, impose any additional conditions from time to time as may be required.

3) the WAA Terms and Conditions of use must be complied with.

4) A per-hire fee will apply in accordance with Council's current published Fees and Charges schedule and water drawn will be charged at a per-kilolitre rate in accordance with the water consumption tables contained within Council's Annual Budget Schedule of Charges.

3.1.2 *Portable Metered Standpipe*

Council undertakes project works which may necessitate the drawing of water from Council's water service hydrant network. This includes but is not limited to works undertaken through Council's day labour operations, work undertaken by contractors and works to service State Department projects and maintenance works.

1) Access to Council's water service infrastructure may be provided via use of a Portable Metered Standpipe device (PMS) to draw water through a hydrant point.

2) PMS devices must be authorised and issued through Council's Kowa Street depot office.

3) Any relevant WAA Terms and Conditions of use must be complied with, and Council may, at its sole discretion, impose any additional conditions from time to time as may be required.

4) A daily PMS short or long term rental fee will apply along with any applicable processing fees and a device deposit in accordance with Council's current published Fees and Charges.

5) Water drawn through a PMS shall be charged at a per-kilolitre rate in accordance with the water consumption tables contained within Council's Annual Budget Schedule of Charges.

3.2 RELEVANT AUTHORITY

The WSSR Act sets out the requirements for provision of access to Council's water service infrastructure and any applicable penalties for unauthorised access. Relevantly, the WSSR Act provides:

- It is an offence to take water from a firefighting system or a hydrant without the permission of the service provider unless the water is taken for firefighting purposes.[2]

- It is an offence to interfere with, connect to, or disconnect from, or take water from a service provider's infrastructure without the written consent and approval of a service provider.[3]

4. REPORTING

No reporting is required

[2] See *Water Supply (Safety Reliability) Act 2008* (Qld) s 145(1) – maximum penalty 1,000 penalty units.

[3] Ibid s 191, 192(1), 195 – maximum penalty 1,000 penalty units each offence.

Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy

5. DEFINITIONS

Council – means Mareeba Shire Council.

Electronic Key – means an electronic account key provided by Council to an applicant that enables access to a Fixed Metered Standpipe located at an approved Fill Point.

Fees and Charges – means the scheduled fees and charges published by Council for the current financial year.

Fill Point – means a designated geographic location within the Council jurisdiction at which a Metered Standpipe can be accessed with an Electronic Key – refer to Appendix 1.

Fixed Metered Standpipe – means a temporary or permanent water drawing device positioned at a fixed point to include pipework, control and metering equipment and other support equipment provided in a designated location by Council for the purpose of drawing of water from Council's water service infrastructure.

Hydrant – means an apparatus used for the extraction of water under pressure to be released from Council's water service infrastructure.

Hydrant point – means a hydrant connection point for the drawing of water from Council's water service infrastructure.

Portable Metered Standpipe – means a portable standpipe device holding an in-built readable analogue water volume meter and which can be connected to Council's water service infrastructure via a hydrant point.

Water Access Agreement – means an application for *Avdata Water Management System post-paid account key* (Fixed Metered Standpipe) or a completed water access application form (Portable Metered Standpipe) as issued by Council.

Water Service Provider – means a supplier of water or sewerage services to include a local government registered as a service provider under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Qld) and that owns infrastructure for supplying water or sewerage services.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

Metered Standpipe Water Access Procedures (MSC)
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Qld)

7. REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Water & Waste to monitor the adequacy of this policy and implement and approve appropriate changes. This policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as required by Council.

Metered Standpipe Water Access Policy

APPENDIX 1 - Fill Point locations

Emerald End Road, Mareeba



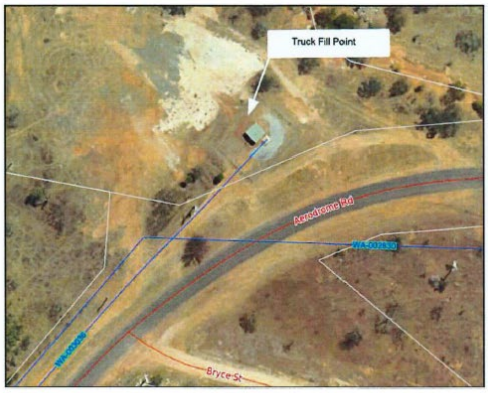
Martin Avenue, Mareeba



Arara Street, Kuranda



Frew Street/Aerodrome Road, Chillagoe



Related Party Disclosure Policy

Policy Type	Governance Policy	Version	3.0
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer	Date Approved	18/11/2026
Review Officer	Director Corporate and Community Services	Review Due	18/10/2030
Author	Director Corporate and Community Services	Commencement	18/11/2026

1. PURPOSE

To provide guidance to Council to achieve compliance with the *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 – Related Party Disclosures*.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to related parties of Council and their transactions with Council.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

3.1 IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED PARTIES AND TRANSACTIONS

A related party is a person or entity that is related to the Council.

For the purpose of this policy, related parties of Council are;

- A subsidiary, associate or joint venture of Council
- Key Management Personnel (KMP)
- Close family members of KMP
- Any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members.

3.1.1 *Subsidiary, associated or joint venture of Council*

These are entities that are controlled by Council, jointly controlled by Council or over which Council has significant influence.

For the purpose of this policy, Council does not have any entities in this category.

3.1.2 *Key Management Personnel (KMP)*

Key Management Personnel (KMP) are persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Council either directly or indirectly.

KMP's for the Council are considered to be;

- Councillors (including the Mayor)
- Chief Executive Officer
- Directors
- A person acting in the Chief Executive Officer or Director position (that are not already identified as a KMP).

Council requires all KMP's to fill out a Related Party Declaration form (as per **Appendix 1**) identifying the following:

- their close family members
- entities that they control or are associated with; and
- entities that their close family members control or jointly control.

Declarations are required bi-annually each financial year, on appointment to a KMP position and whenever an individual's circumstances materially change.

3.1.3 ***Close family members of KMP***

Close family members are people who may be expected to influence or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with Council and include:

- that person's children and spouse or domestic partner
- children of that person's spouse or domestic partner
- dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

KMP will identify close family members through the Related Party Declaration form.

3.1.4 ***Entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members***

Entities include companies, trusts, joint ventures, partnerships and non-profit associations such as sporting clubs.

Key management personnel will identify all entities through the Related Party Declaration form.

Transactions between Council and related parties, whether monetary or not, together with any outstanding balances, commitments, guarantees and other obligations between Council and related parties, are required to be identified. The types of transactions may include:

- Grants and Subsidy payments made to associated entities of Council
- Non-monetary transactions between Council and related parties
- Goods and services provided by Council to related parties
- Purchase of materials and services from related parties
- Compensation made to key personnel
- Fees and charges charged to related parties
- Infrastructure contributions and application fees from related parties
- Outstanding receivable and payable balances with related parties
- Commitments, guarantees or other obligations between Council and related parties.

3.2 ASSESSMENT OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND DISCLOSURES

Once related party transactions, outstanding balances, commitments, guarantees and other obligations have been identified, they will be analysed by the Manager Finance and Manager Development and Governance. Where transactions, balances, commitments, guarantees or other obligations are found to be material or significant in nature, they will be disclosed in the financial statements.
Where disclosure is required, Council shall report:

- nature of the related party relationship
- description of transactions
- amount of transactions
- outstanding balances
- commitments
- terms and conditions where relevant
- any doubtful debts or impairment recognised.

The following matters must be considered in determining the materiality and significance of any related party transactions, balances, commitments, guarantees or other obligations:

- Significance of transaction in terms of size
- Whether the transaction was carried out on non-market terms
- Whether the transaction is outside normal day-to-day business operations, such as the purchase and sale of assets
- Whether the transaction is disclosed to regulatory or supervisory authorities
- Whether the transaction has been reported to senior management
- Whether the transaction was subject to Council approval.

Transactions or balances that occur within an ***ordinary citizen transaction*** shall be excluded from the detailed disclosures. An exception to this would be if the terms and conditions differ from those offered to the general public the transaction may be material therefore a disclosure would be required.

4. REPORTING

Related Party Disclosures are reported in Council's Annual Report.

5. DEFINITIONS

Close family members of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with Council and include;

- that person's children and spouse or domestic partner
- children of that person's spouse or domestic partner
- dependants of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner

Entities include companies, trusts, incorporated and unincorporated associations, joint ventures, controlled or jointly controlled entities and partnerships.

Key Management Personnel are defined in Section 3.1.2 of this policy.

Materiality is assessed having regard to both the nature and magnitude of a transaction and whether omission, misstatement or non-disclosure could reasonably influence the decisions of users of Council's financial statements.

Ordinary citizen transactions mean a transaction that an ordinary citizen of the community would undertake in the ordinary course of business with Council.

Related Party is defined in Section 3.1 of this policy and include those persons and entities defined by *AASB 124* as amended from time to time.

Related Party Disclosure Policy

Related Party Transactions are a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Council and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged and include any outstanding balances, commitments, guarantees or other obligations arising from those arrangements.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

The sources of legal obligations behind this Policy are:

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)
AASB Standard 124 Related Party Disclosures – Australian Accounting Standards Board 2022, < https://standards.aasb.gov.au/aasb-124-dec-2022 >.

7. REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Director Corporate & Community Services to monitor the adequacy of this policy and implement and approve appropriate changes. This policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as required by Council.

Related Party Disclosure Policy

APPENDIX 1

Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

Declaration

Related Party Declaration for Key Management Personnel

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Name of Key Management Person: _____

Position of Key Management Person: _____

(List details of known close family members, entities that are controlled/jointly controlled by KMP and entities that are controlled/jointly controlled by the close family members of KMP)

Name person or entity	**Relationship**

(attach separate sheet if required)

I, _____
(insert full name and position)

declare that the above list includes all my close family members and the entities controlled, or jointly controlled, by myself or my close family members. I make this declaration after reading the fact sheet supplied by council which details the meaning of the words "close family members" and "entities controlled, or jointly controlled, by myself or my close family members".

Declared at: _____ **on the:** _____

Signature of KMP: _____

Name of KMP: _____

Related Party Declaration V1: 14/09/2016

8.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2026

Date Prepared: **5 November 2026**

Author: **Manager Finance**

Attachments: **1. Financial Statements October 2026** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of financial matters for the period 1 July 2026 to 31 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receives the Financial Report for the period ending 31 October 2026; and
2. empanels one (1) sole 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 October 2026, actual results are in line with the year-to-date budget. There are no issues or concerns to discuss or highlight, any variances at this stage are due to budget allocation timing issues.

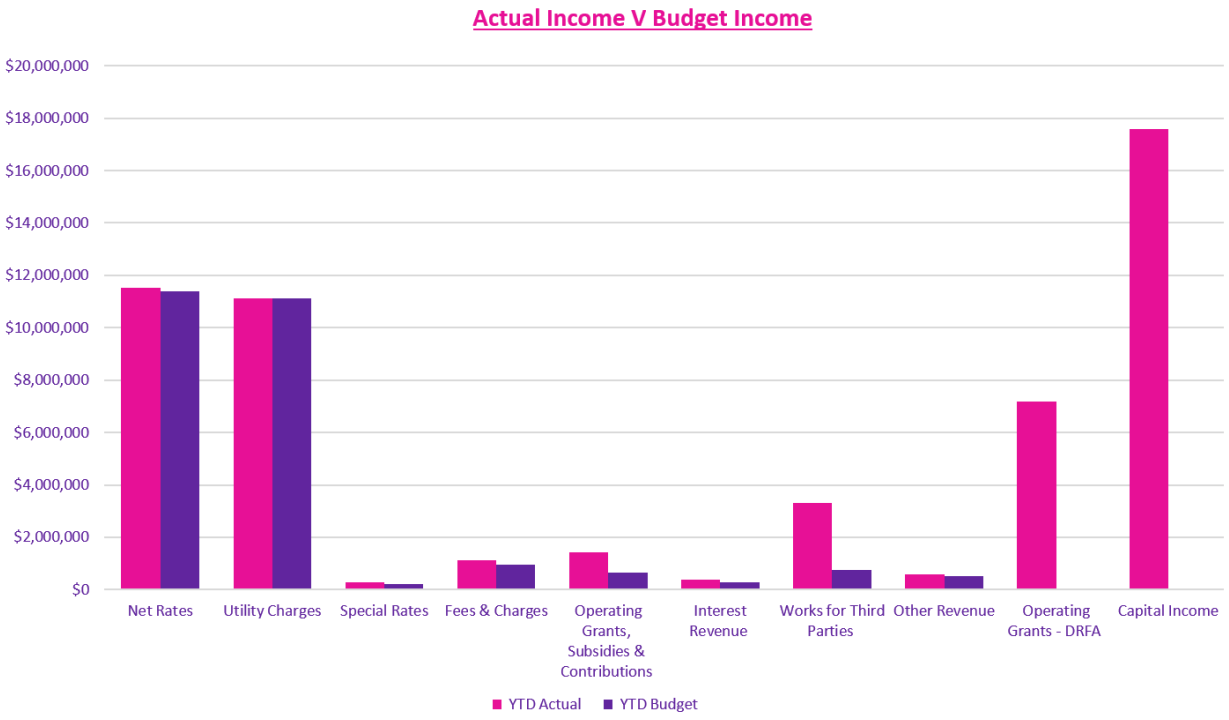
The budgeted figures reflect the 2026/27 Budget as adopted by Council at the 15 July 2026 meeting.

October 2026 – Snapshot	Actuals YTD $	Budget YTD $
Council Operating Income	29,752,864	25,884,667
Council Operating Expenditure	19,301,916	19,849,280
Council Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**10,450,948**	**6,035,387**
Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) - Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,519,328)	-
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**3,931,620**	**6,035,387**
Total Capital Income	17,571,131	60,000

Income Analysis

Council operating income for the period ending 31 October 2026 is **$29,752,864** (excluding $17,571,131 in capital income and $7,186,465 in DRFA income) compared to the year-to-date operating budget of **$25,884,667**.

The following graph shows actual income against budget for the period ending 31 October 2026:



Income	Actuals YTD $	Budget YTD $	Note
Net Rates	11,518,197	11,378,116	
Utility Charges	11,124,663	11,129,187	**1**
Special Rates	283,216	219,039	
Fees & Charges	1,129,336	947,513	**2**
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	1,419,491	667,596	
Interest Revenue	376,325	293,334	
Works for Third Parties	3,309,248	741,667	**3**
Other Revenue	592,388	508,215	
Total Council Operating Income	**29,752,864**	**25,884,667**	
Operating Grants - DRFA	7,186,465	-	**4**
Capital Income	17,571,131	60,000	**5**
Total Income	**54,510,460**	**25,944,667**	

Notes:

1. Rates for the half year ending 31 December 2026 were levied in August.
2. The favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated revenue from local law enforcement, planning and plumbing applications. This trend may stabilise over the remainder of the year.
3. The favourable result is due to unbudgeted third-party works and Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) with Department of Main Roads and Transport income received. While third party works income budget is spread evenly over 12 months, actual

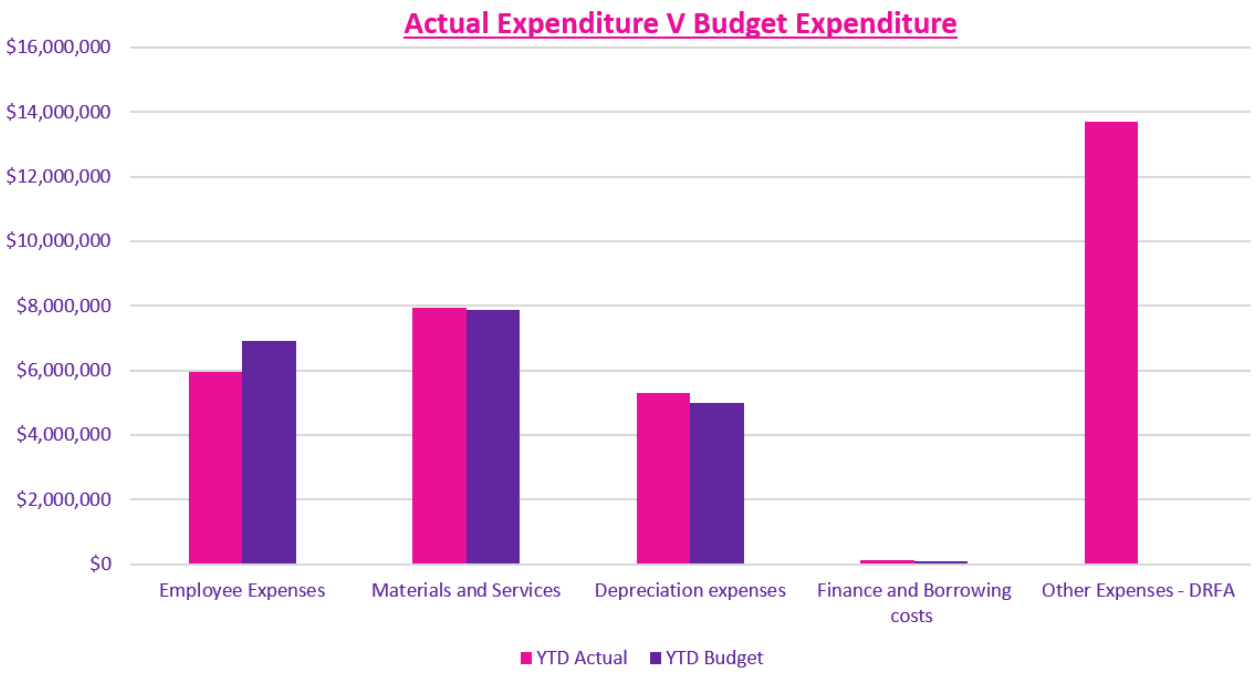
receipts do not follow this pattern but align with the reported year to date expenditure. The variance is expected to align with the budget by year end.

4. Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) restoration works are not budgeted for and there will be an expenditure offset against this revenue.
5. Capital income represents interest on constrained works, capital grants received for future projects and developer contributions that are not budgeted for.

Expenditure Analysis

Total council operating expenses for the period ending 31 October 2026 amount to **$19,301,916** (excluding $13,705,793 in DRFA expenditure), compared to the year-to-date operating budget of **$19,849,280**.

The graph below shows actual expenditure against budget for the period ending 31 October 2026.



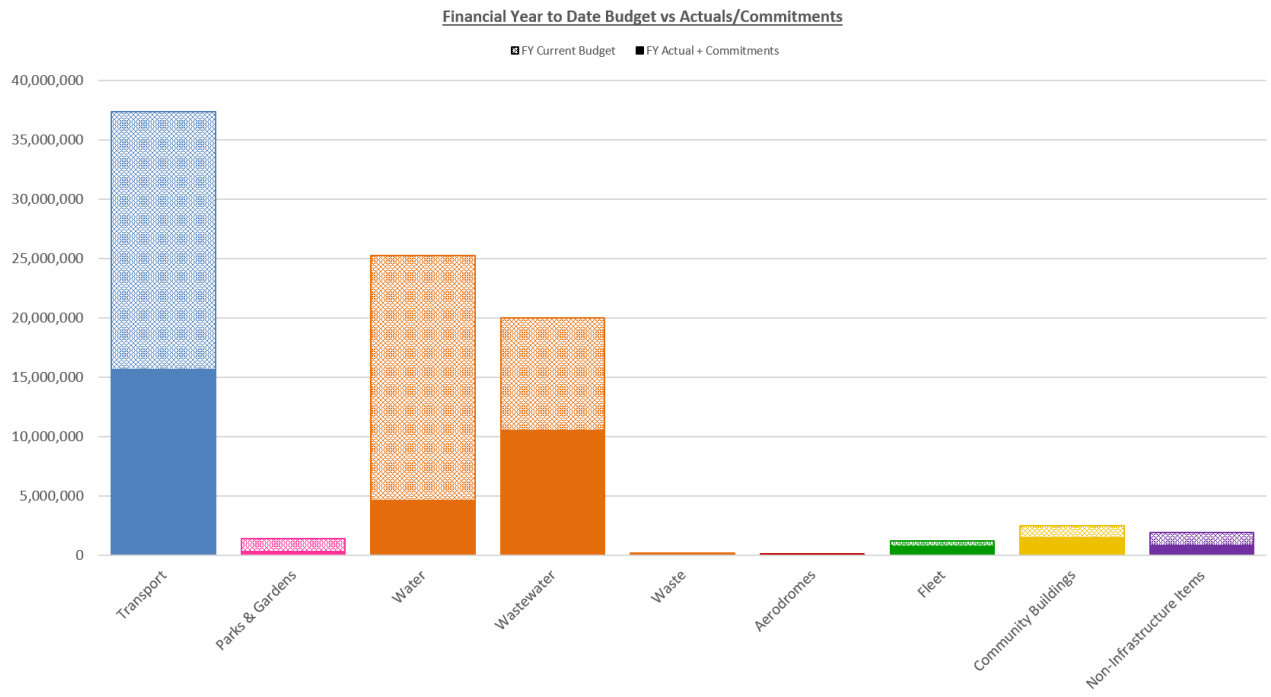
Expenses	Actual YTD $	Budget YTD $	Note
Employee Expenses	5,958,698	6,921,920	**1**
Materials and Services	7,937,563	7,870,869	**2**
Depreciation Expenses	5,299,048	4,982,312	
Finance and Borrowing Costs	106,607	74,179	
Total Council Operating Expenses	**19,301,916**	**19,849,280**	
Other Expenses - DRFA	13,705,793	-	**3**
Total Expenses	**33,007,709**	**19,849,280**	

Notes:

1. There are no significant issues to report. The reason for the variance in employee expenses is a timing issue between the fortnightly pay processing and the budget allocation being a set amount per month. Timing differences can occur due to actual-planned staff absences, vacancies, and staff working on capital projects.
2. The variance in materials and services are the result of timing differences between budget and actual spend as well as expenditure on unbudgeted third party works and RMPC.
3. Expenditure incurred for the DRFA restoration works are not budgeted for. This expenditure will be offset against income.

Capital Expenditure

Total capital expenditure of **$34,103,329** (including commitments) has been spent for the period ending 31 October 2026 against the 2026/27 annual capital budget of **$90,130,509**.



Loan Borrowings

Council's loan balance is **$5,559,512** as at 31 October 2026.

Rates and Charges

The total rates and charges payable as at 31 October 2026 are **$3,375,096** which is broken down as follows:

	31 October 2026		31 October 2025	
Status	**No. of properties**	**Amount $**	**No. of properties**	**Amount $**
Valueless Land	3	26,644	3	14,018
Payment Arrangement	325	395,544	241	231,632
Collection House	202	1,607,550	209	1,229,484
Exhausted – awaiting sale of land	11	441,250	8	408,164
Exhausted – mining leases	4	77,473	10	980,281
Sale of Land	-	-	-	-
Other *(includes current rates)*	569	826,636	602	720,025
TOTAL	**1,114**	**3,375,097**	**1,073**	**3,583,604**

The rate notices for the half year ending 31 December 2026 were issued on 10 August 2026 with the discount due date being 11 September 2026.

Collection House recorded payments of **$99,128** for the month of October 2026.

Sundry Debtors

The total outstanding for Sundry Debtors as at 31 October 2026 is **$1,776,735** which is made up of the following:

Current	30 days	60 days	90 + days
$96,228	$1,671,200	$1,496	$7,811
5.42%	94.06%	0.08%	0.44%

Vandalism Expenses

For the period to October, a total of **$25,214** has been spent on repairs and maintenance due to vandalism. These costs are not budgeted and include employee expenses and materials and services.

Procurement

There were no emergency purchase orders for the month of October 2026.

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:

a) Council resolves that, it is satisfied that there in only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available; or,

b) 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.

There are currently 77 suppliers endorsed by Council as sole suppliers. In addition to these suppliers, it is recommended that Council empanels the following supplier to the Sole Supplier Register:

SUPPLIER NAME	SERVICES RENDERED
Vtech Materials Testing Equipment Pty Ltd	This is the only Australian authorised supplier for the Troxler Nuclear Gauge testing equipment.

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

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Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

Consolidated			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	24,203,211	24,004,808	48,009,612
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,277,135)	(1,278,466)	(2,556,932)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**22,926,076**	**22,726,342**	**45,452,680**
Fees and Charges	1,129,336	947,513	2,223,430
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,095,286	567,596	10,431,096
Operating Grants and Subsidies - DRFA	7,186,465	-	-
Operating Contributions	324,205	100,000	180,000
Interest Revenue	376,325	293,334	880,000
Works for Third Parties	3,309,248	741,667	2,225,000
Other Revenue	592,388	508,215	1,083,086
Total Operating Revenue	**36,939,329**	**25,884,667**	**62,475,292**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	5,958,698	6,921,920	21,117,968
Materials and Services	7,937,563	7,870,869	20,933,865
Other Expenses - DRFA	13,705,793	-	-
Depreciation expense	5,299,048	4,982,312	14,947,093
Finance and Borrowing costs	106,607	74,179	222,537
Total Operating Expenses	**33,007,709**	**19,849,280**	**57,221,463**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**3,931,620**	**6,035,387**	**5,253,829**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	97,450	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	17,386,017	-	62,793,468
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	1,427,397	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(1,339,733)	60,000	180,000
Total Capital Income	**17,571,131**	**60,000**	**62,973,468**
Net Result	**21,502,751**	**6,095,387**	**68,227,297**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

General	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	12,992,693	12,800,400	25,600,799
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,277,135)	(1,278,466)	(2,556,932)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**11,715,558**	**11,521,934**	**23,043,867**
Fees and Charges	789,854	673,805	1,402,305
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,027,422	551,596	10,368,096
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	126,221	216,667	650,000
Works for Third Parties	3,293,578	741,667	2,225,000
Other Revenue	542,342	447,548	901,086
Total Operating Revenue	**17,494,975**	**14,153,217**	**38,590,354**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	5,209,743	6,093,289	18,592,064
Materials and Services	5,408,171	3,983,758	9,028,028
Depreciation expense	3,716,929	3,539,106	10,617,432
Finance and Borrowing costs	77,548	45,846	137,537
Total Operating Expenses	**14,412,391**	**13,661,999**	**38,375,061**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**3,082,584**	**491,218**	**215,293**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	97,450	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	5,312,690	-	21,231,492
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	878,434	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(1,129,898)	60,000	180,000
Total Capital Income	**5,158,676**	**60,000**	**21,411,492**
Net Result	**8,241,260**	**551,218**	**21,626,785**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

Disaster Recovery Funding			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	-	-	-
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**-**	**-**	**-**
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	7,186,465	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	-	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	**7,186,465**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	92,103	-	-
Materials and Services	13,613,690	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-	-
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**13,705,793**	**-**	**-**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**(6,519,328)**	**-**	**-**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	1,967,249	-	6,824,774
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	-	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**1,967,249**	**-**	**6,824,774**
Net Result	**(4,552,079)**	**-**	**6,824,774**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

Waste	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	2,798,103	2,776,604	5,553,208
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**2,798,103**	**2,776,604**	**5,553,208**
Fees and Charges	259,624	219,198	657,595
Operating Grants and Subsidies	66,864	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	60,000	60,000
Interest Revenue	20,789	26,667	80,000
Works for Third Parties	7,364	-	-
Other Revenue	28,775	49,667	149,000
Total Operating Revenue	**3,181,519**	**3,132,136**	**6,499,803**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	55,374	62,479	189,642
Materials and Services	535,166	1,928,205	6,108,325
Depreciation expense	87,849	81,871	245,615
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**678,389**	**2,072,555**	**6,543,582**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**2,503,130**	**1,059,581**	**(43,779)**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	138,447	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**138,447**	**-**	**-**
Net Result	**2,641,577**	**1,059,581**	**(43,779)**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

Wastewater	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	3,592,780	3,573,200	7,146,399
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**3,592,780**	**3,573,200**	**7,146,399**
Fees and Charges	30,631	25,875	77,625
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	77,865	33,333	100,000
Works for Third Parties	8,306	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	**3,709,582**	**3,632,408**	**7,324,024**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	243,632	252,651	766,937
Materials and Services	670,717	783,476	2,101,791
Depreciation expense	788,393	704,337	2,113,037
Finance and Borrowing costs	29,059	28,333	85,000
Total Operating Expenses	**1,731,801**	**1,768,797**	**5,066,765**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**1,977,781**	**1,863,611**	**2,257,259**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	4,678,414	-	14,728,530
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	220,709	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	(209,835)	-	-
Total Capital Income	**4,689,288**	**-**	**14,728,530**
Net Result	**6,667,069**	**1,863,611**	**16,985,789**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

Water	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	4,733,780	4,779,383	9,558,765
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**4,733,780**	**4,779,383**	**9,558,765**
Fees and Charges	49,227	28,635	85,905
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,000	16,000	63,000
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	134,314	16,667	50,000
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	21,271	11,000	33,000
Total Operating Revenue	**4,939,592**	**4,851,685**	**9,790,670**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	449,949	513,501	1,569,325
Materials and Services	1,239,184	1,117,662	3,602,418
Depreciation expense	694,399	633,892	1,901,691
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**2,383,532**	**2,265,055**	**7,073,434**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**2,556,060**	**2,586,630**	**2,717,236**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	5,427,664	-	20,008,672
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	145,730	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**5,573,394**	**-**	**20,008,672**
Net Result	**8,129,454**	**2,586,630**	**22,725,908**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to October 2026

Benefited Area			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	85,855	75,221	150,441
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**85,855**	**75,221**	**150,441**
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	324,205	40,000	120,000
Interest Revenue	17,136	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	**427,196**	**115,221**	**270,441**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	-	-	-
Materials and Services	84,325	57,768	93,303
Depreciation expense	11,478	23,106	69,318
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**95,803**	**80,874**	**162,621**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**331,393**	**34,347**	**107,820**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	44,077	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**44,077**	**-**	**-**
Net Result	**375,470**	**34,347**	**107,820**

8.4 T-MSC2026-05 PROVISION OF DEBT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Date Prepared: **6 October 2026**

Author: **Operations Accountant**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an assessment of the tenders received for T-MSC2026-5 Provision of Debt Management Services and to seek Council's approval to award the contract to the preferred tenderer.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards Tender T-MSC2026-05 Provision of Debt Management Services to Recoveries & Reconstruction (Aust) Pty Ltd for a period of three (3) years from December 2026 to December 2029, with an option to extend for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, subject to satisfactory performance and agreement between the parties.

BACKGROUND

Council sought tenders from the market for the provision of debt management services across a range of revenue control and recovery activities, principally relating to rate arrears and other receivables, in accordance with Council's Debt Recovery Policy.

The services sought included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Pre-Legal Recovery Services
- Legal Recovery Services
- Sale of Land Process

Tenders Received

Five (5) submissions were received from:

- Charter Mercantile Pty Ltd
- Collectau Pty Ltd
- Collection House Limited
- Digiu Pty Ltd
- Recoveries & Reconstruction (Aust)

Three (3) tenderers demonstrated the capacity to provide the services required by Council, although the proposed pricing structures varied.

One tenderer proposed fees for pre-legal recovery services, while the other two tenderers' fees commenced when matters progressed to legal action. The pricing models submitted ranged from commission-based arrangements to a cost-neutral model.

Tender Assessment

Each tender submission was assessed against the evaluation criteria specified in the tender documentation, including:

Criteria	Weighting
Management Skills	40%
Relevant Experience & Track Record	15%
Price	10%
Functional Specification	25%
Project Implementation	10%
Total	**100%**

Tender Evaluation

Each tender was evaluated and scored against the criteria, with the criteria scores then weighted to provide a total weighted score for each submission. Additionally, each tender has been assessed for conformance, compliance and discrepancies, against the requested response schedules.

Tenderer	Average Weighting	Rank
Charter Mercantile Pty Ltd	1.02	4
Collectau Pty Ltd	3.70	3
Collection House Limited	5.42	2
Digiu Pty Ltd	0.86	5
Recoveries & Reconstruction (Aust) Pty Ltd	5.46	1

Following assessment against the weighted evaluation criteria, Recoveries & Reconstruction (Aust) Pty Ltd achieved the highest overall weighted score.

The evaluation panel determined that Recoveries & Reconstruction (Aust) Pty Ltd demonstrated the required capability and experience to deliver the services specified in the tender documentation, including pre-legal, legal, enforcement and Sale of Land recovery services.

The company has relevant experience in providing debt management services to government and utility organisations, with a particular focus on local government. It currently provides services to a number of Queensland local governments, including Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council, City of Gold Coast, Mount Isa City Council and Whitsunday Regional Council.

The proposed service model is cost neutral to Council, with no commission payable by Council. Legal costs associated with recovery action are, where applicable, primarily recoverable from the ratepayer, subject to the relevant legislative requirements and Council's recovery processes.

The proposed service model is intended to support the timely and effective recovery of outstanding rates, charges and sundry debts and the progression of matters through pre-legal, legal, enforcement and Sale of Land processes.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The tender process was undertaken in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and relevant procurement provisions in the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* have been adhered to.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

Mostly cost neutral to Council, could be some small out of pocket expenses.

Is the expenditure noted above included in the current budget?

Yes.

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

Tenderers will be notified of the outcome of the tender assessment in writing.

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2026

Date Prepared: **26 October 2026**

Author: **Manager Assets and Projects**

Attachments:
1. **Infrastructure Services Capital Works Summary October 2026** ⇩
2. **Infrastructure Services Capital Works Highlights October 2026** ⇩

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 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services Capital Works Monthly Report for October 2026.

BACKGROUND

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The capital works program is tracking within budget.

Infrastructure and Assets

Infrastructure and Assets Projects included in the current capital works program were identified through Council's decision-making framework and project prioritisation criteria, which uses a risk-based, multi-criteria approach to rank projects in order of priority. The decision-making framework and criteria are 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 2026/27 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

Infrastructure Services Capital Works Summary Report

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
Program: 01 - Rural and Urban Roads Reseal Program (Renewal)			
CP0006639	26/27 Bitumen & Asphalt Reseal Program	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting. All sites are marked out and prep work is underway.	Construction
Program: 02 - Gravel Resheet			
CP0006640	26/27 Gravel Resheet Program	Re-sheets scheduled for Cobra Rd, Emerald Falls Rd, Kanervo Rd, Bolton Rd and Kay Rd. Procurement of gravel underway.	Construction
Program: 03 - Urban Streets			
CP00797	TIDS 22/23 24/25 Rankin/Walsh St R'bout	Preliminary works to establish centre median garden beds and roundabout reconfiguration commenced.	Construction
Program: 04 - Rural Roads			
CP0002040	KDA KIA08 Barron Falls/Masons Rd/L-out	Designs to be completed by external consultant. Fee proposals requested.	Design
CP0002041	KDA KIA09 Barron Falls Rd Thongon-Mason	Detailed design commenced, completion pending recourses.	Design
CP0002048	KDA Kda Heights Rd Intersection Upgrade	External consultant engaged for design.	Design
CP0002050	MBA McIver Rd Upgrades	Concepts completed mid-May 2026, with Construction Designs to be completed end of 2026.	Design
CP0002051	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch3.598-5.2	Works complete.	Completed
CP0002052	TIDS 24-27 DIM Leadingham C/R 8.04-11.48	12-Mile Crossing base slab and aprons complete. Culvert landed on slab.	Construction
CP0002056	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch5.2-6.72	Pavement works complete. Site sealed. Signs installed. Line marking to be scheduled.	Construction
CP0002060	KDA Oak Forest Rd Rehab & Widen	Detailed design commenced, completion pending recourses.	Design
CP0002061	KOAH Koah Rd Widen & Seal to 8m	External consultant engaged for concept design.	Design
CP0002063	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch6.72-8.04	Clearing and grubbing complete. Embankment works underway.	Construction
CP0002066	DIM Leafgold Weir Rd Widen Curves	Detailed design commenced, completion pending recourses.	Design
CP0002077	MBA Fassio Rd Widen & Bitumen Seal	Detailed design in progress.	Design
CP0002082	CRC Ootann Rd Widen & Seal CH72.5 - 77.7	Concept design in progress.	Design
CP0006656	MBA Barron River Fire Trail Upgrade, Lloyd St to Herberton St	Works underway. Bulk earthworks underway, rock being imported.	Construction
CP0006685	ARR Tyrconnell Rd Renewal 26/27	Procurement complete. All sites are marked out and construction preparation work is underway.	Construction
CP0006686	MBA Emerald End Rd Renewal 26/27	Procurement complete. All sites are marked out and construction preparation work is underway.	Construction
CP0006687	BIB Bilwon Rd Renewal 26/27	Procurement complete. All sites are marked out and construction preparation work is underway.	Construction
CP0006688	MBA Malone Rd Renewal 26/27	Procurement complete. All sites are marked out and construction preparation work is underway.	Construction

Infrastructure Services Capital Works Summary Report

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0006689	MUT Mutchilba Rd Renewal 26/27	Procurement complete. All sites are marked out and construction preparation work is underway.	Construction
Program: 05 - Bridges			
CP0001558	MBA Tinaroo Creek Rd Ada Creek Causeway	Concrete batters formed and finished on either side of the causeway.	Construction
CP0003706	KOAH BR-000445 Barron St Bridge Repairs	Works complete.	Completed
CP0003897	KOAH Kanervo Road Bridge Repair Defects	Site inspection to be undertaken and decision made whether outsourcing or completing internally.	Planning
CP0003925	MBA Springmount Rd New Bridge Granite Ck (DESIGN Component)	Procurement preparation underway for external design.	Design
Program: 06 - Drainage			
CP0003695	Irvinebank Jessie St/Rubina Tce Upgrade	Survey complete, design to be scheduled.	Design
CP0003914	25/26 Renew Minor Culverts & Drainage	No further works to be completed under FY25/26 program. Request to be lodged to reallocate funds to 26/27.	Completed
CP0006622	MBA Ray/George Fabris Rd Intersection Proposed New Cwy (DESIGN Component)	External Consultant will be engaged.	Design
CP0006629	MBA Ray Rd Future Drainage Corridor George Fabris Rd to Chinaman Ck	External consultant engaged for concept design.	Design
CP0006651	MBA Ray Rd Zenel Rd Detention Basin and Downstream Drain (DESIGN Component)	External consultant engaged for concept design.	Design
CP0006655	2026/27 Renew Minor Culverts & Drainage	Ootann Road minor culvert replacements programmed. Partial pipe collapse.	Construction
CP00844	MBA Amaroo Drainage Upgrades	Programmed for dry season 2027.	Planning
Program: 09 - Footpaths			
CP0001665	Mt Molloy Footpath & Furniture Refurb	Design to be scheduled.	Design
CP0001666	KDA Barron Falls Rd Replace Footpath	Work scheduled for 2027.	Procurement
CP0001721	MBA WNP Constance St Link (Atherton St)	All works completed.	Administrative Close Out - Capitalisation
CP0001790	MBA WNP Anzac Avenue Footpath Renewal	In procurement.	Procurement
CP0001821	2026/27 Shire wide Footpath Renewal Program	No works currently scheduled. Subject to inspections.	Planning
Program: 10 - Parks and Gardens			
CP0001803	Julatten Geraghty Pk Pump Track	Picnic shelter and bollard installation in procurement.	Construction
CP0001805	MBA Bicentennial Lakes Northern	Civil construction complete. Interpretive signage manufactured and awaiting delivery.	Construction
CP0001810	KDA Gregory Terrace Park Minor Refurb	Programmed for end of 2026.	Planning
CP0001848	MBA Jensen Park Refresh Softfall	Programmed for end of 2026.	Planning
CP0001928	MUT Refurb Community Hall Park	Programmed for 2027.	Design
CP0003670	MBA Amaroo Park Shade	Irrigation to be exended and additional trees to be planted prior to the wet season.	Construction
CP0003817	SPW Playground Softfall Replacement	Programmed for 2027.	Not Commenced

Infrastructure Services Capital Works Summary Report

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP00809	MBA Bicentennial Lakes (Southern) D&C	Project complete. Investigating minor safety improvements.	Completed
Program: 11 - Water			
CP0002688	25/26 Water Main Replacement	All works completed. Closeout operations commenced.	Completed
CP0002694	FY26/27 - CHI WTP Arsenic Filters	The new filter media has been procured and now waiting on the availability of suitability qualified subcontractors to assist with the works and hopefully we can get the works done early 2027.	Construction
CP0002700	FY26/27 - WTP Minor Infrastructure	RFQ for quotes issued to suppliers and awarded, long lead time on equipment and an update on progress will be provided as the project work moves forward.	Construction
CP0002701	FY26/27 - Smart Meters Replacement	Wroks complted and awaiting final invoices.	Completed
CP0002702	FY26/27 - Water Main Replacement	Additional works completed Bailey and Lannoy Street. Jamieson Street commenced.	Construction
CP0002703	FY26/27 - Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Scope of works issued to suitable service providers, once the quotes are received a decision will be made and works will then commence.	Planning
CP0002705	FY26/27 - Hydrants & Valve Renewal	Procurement commenced.	Procurement
CP0002706	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Filtration System	Quotes have been sourced and purchase orders to be issued in due course and works will be completed by 30 June 2027.	Procurement
CP0002707	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Filtration Instruments	Onsite assessment has been completed with suitable supplier and purchase orders will be issued once the scope of works has been finalised.	Planning
CP0002708	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Sediment Tank Instrumentation	Onsite assessment has been completed with suitable supplier and purchase orders will be issued once the scope of works has been finalised.	Planning
CP0002712	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Process Telemetry	Onsite assessment has been completed with suitable supplier and purchase orders will be issued once the scope of works has been finalised.	Planning
CP0002714	FY26/27 - KDA SCADA - Additions	Onsite assessment has been completed with suitable supplier and purchase orders will be issued once the scope of works has been finalised.	Planning
CP0002716	FY26/27 - MBA Wylandra Diesel Generator	This works are critical to ensure further development in Wylandra is adequately serviced. Currently working wit Jacobs to determine the most appropriate equipment for the project.	Planning
CP0002764	MOL Replace Hunter Ck Weir	Following two failed attempts at sealing the leaking weir, we've asked Jacobs Dam Team to review the technical scope that was provided by GHD for the works, once this assessment has been completed we'll need to reassess what is required to remediate the weir.	Construction
CP0003668	CHI Renew Water Line	In design.	Design
CP0003820	QRRRF KDA WTP Intake Works	Pre-start meeting and dilapidation survey complete. Materials and equipment in procurement.	Construction

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0006657	FY26/27 MBA Wylandra Water Booster Pump Stn	Determining pump sizing required to meet the needs of the Wylandra community.	Planning
CP0006705	MOL Main St Water Main Replacement	Construction to commence early 2027.	Construction
Program: 12 - Wastewater			
CP0001043	Atherton St Pump Station Refurb	New rising main installed and excavation completed for installation of incoming sewer main.	Construction
CP0002474	FY24 to 27 - MBA Sewer CCTV & Reline Prog	Junction seals commenced.	Construction
CP0002481	FY24/25 - MBA Constance St Rising Main	Construction works have continued to progress well throughout the reporting period, with Terranovus maintaining consistent productivity across the available work fronts despite ongoing design issues and changes. Their crews have continued with sewer pipe installation, particularly the DN150 sewer lines, along with the construction and pouring of associated manholes as the works progress.	Construction
CP0002484	25/26 WW Pump Station Ancillary	Project in procurement stage, awaiting delivery.	Procurement
CP0002492	KDA WWTP Components	The existing inlet works at the Kuranda Wastewater Treatment Plant have reached the end of their serviceable life. Planning and design activities for a replacement structure are underway, with preliminary engineering assessments having commenced.	Construction
CP0002494	FY26/27 - WW Pump Station Ancillary	Project in procurement stage, awaiting delivery.	Procurement
CP0002495	FY26/27 - WW Reticulation Pumps Renewal	Routine service works completed and service reports being written to identify pumps for procurement.	Planning
CP0002499	FY26/27 - MBA Kenneally Rd Pump Station	Quotes received for new switchboard under assessment.	Procurement
CP0002500	FY26/27 - MBA Prestige Gdn Pressure Main and Pump Station Pump	Project currently in design ahead of preparing for construction procurement.	Design
CP0002502	FY26/27 - Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Scope of works issued to suitable service providers and as soon as the quotes are in an assessed we can move forward with the actual works.	Planning
CP0002503	FY26/27 - Manhole Rehab and Replace	Procuremment commenced.	Procurement
CP0002505	FY26/27 - MBA WWTP Minor Component	Quotes for works are being actively sourced and a determination will be made on a suitable provider, noting some equipment and works can only be provided by one business in Australia particularly the decanters equipment and associated works.	Procurement
CP0002506	FY26/27 - KDA WWTP Liquid Alum Control Panel	Quotes have been sourced and equipe3mnt due to the ordered.	Planning
Program: 13 - Waste			
CP0006698	MBA TS Buy Back Shop Works	Draft design under review.	Design

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0006699	MBA Weighbridge Data Recording Upgrade	The project requires multiple subcontractors. One quote has been received, and a second quote is pending prior to proceeding with the works.	Procurement
CP0006701	MBA TS Leachate Pump Annual Program	Once routine service works have been completed in May we will then be able to identify if a pump or pumps require replacing.	Planning
Program: 14 - Aerodromes			
CP0006588	MBA Airport - Fire Water Tank	Planning commenced.	Planning
Program: 15 - Fleet			
CP0003930	Asset 6221 Forklift Forks Upgrade	Procurement commenced.	Procurement
CP0006660	Grader Machine Control Unit	Delivery expected this week.	Procurement
CP0006663	New Job Truck To Replace Asset 1327 Mitsubishi Triton Dual Cab	Final Stage of fit out.	Construction
CP0006668	Replace Asset 1408 Mazda BT 50 4x4 Ute	Final Stage of fit out.	Construction
CP0006669	Repaint Cab Asset 632 Mitsubishi Canter 4x4 Truck With 3 Way Tipping Body	Programmed for 2027.	Not Commenced
CP0006670	Replace Asset 400 Caterpillar 318 Excavator	Project in planning stage.	Planning
CP0006704	Replace Asset 2064 Toyota Landcruiser 4X4	Project complete, vehicle in service.	Completed
CP0006707	Replace Asset 1278 Diesel Holden Cruze Sedan	Project complete, vehicle in service.	Completed
CP0006708	Replace Asset 624 Fuso Job Truck	Project complete, vehicle in service.	Completed
Program: 16 - Depots and Council Offices			
CP0003724	DIM Depot Upgrade Fuel Bowsers	Programmed for 2027.	Not Commenced
Program: 17 - Community Buildings			
CP0001059	Mba/Dim Aquatic Condition Assessment	Condition Report delivery delayed into November 2026.	In Progress (for the non-infrastructure projects)
CP0001816	25/26 Shire Wide Toilet Facilities	Chillagoe Hall toilets accessibility upgrade. Contract awarded. Certified drawings beiing finalised.	Design
CP0001955	MBA Arnold Park Basketball Court & Park Upgrade	Basketball court surfacing and line marking complete. Pavillions have been refreshed.	Completed
CP0003890	25/26 Annual Minor Building Refurb	Pioneer Cemetery, Mareeba. Gazebo structure construction works commenced.	Construction
CP0003893	DIM Caravan Pk & KDA Pool Painting	All works are now completed.	Completed
CP0003912	MBA Gymnasium Roof Replacement	Closeout operations commenced. Completion mid January 2026.	Administrative Close Out - Capitalisation
CP0003913	MBA Cedric Davies Hub Place of Refuge	Generator install and electrical upgrades complete. Major construction works complete and facility open to public.	Construction
CP0006602	CHI SES Facility Improvements	Works completed. Close out operations commenced.	Administrative Close Out - Capitalisation
CP0006648	KOAH Hall Upgrade	Major works complete. Storage shed kit ordered, awaiting delivery.	Construction
CP0006682	MBA Railway Ave Entrance Precinct	Construction to commence before end of year.	Construction
CP0006706	KDA SES Facility Improvements	Procurement commenced.	Procurement
CP00793	MBA Women's Restroom Refurb	Review of Tender Submissions ongoing.	Planning
Program: 18 - Non-Infrastructure Items			

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0003754	Mareeba CBD Blueprint	Detailed design package being finalised.	Design
CP0003909	Mba Cemetery New Double Columbarium Wall	Columbrarium wall complete.	Completed
CP0006659	MBA Cemetery New Coffin Lowering Device	Project in procurement stage, awaiting delivery.	Procurement
CP00932	MBA MIP Expansion	Approval of electrical plans with Ergon.	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

<u>Chainage 5.2-8.04</u>

1) Pavement works between 5.2 – 6.7
2) Sealing of pavement between 5.2 – 6.7
3) Commencement of embankment work 6.7-8.04

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Pavement works

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Sealing of roadway

Chainage 8.04 – 11.48

1) Pouring of base slab and aprons
2) Placement of 3000x3000 RCBC Units

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Preparation of base and apron for pouring



Placement of RCBC Units

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Project Highlights – SEPT 2026

Project Name: Ada Creek Causeway Upgrade

Program: Infrastructure Services

Background:

Tinaroo Creek Road is a rural two-lane bitumen road classified as a Local Road of Regional Significance.

The existing Ada Creek Causeway on Tinaroo Creek Road is a single lane structure located below the crest of a hill on the northern approach which offers poor visibility at a point where the road transitions from two lanes to the single lane causeway in a high-speed traffic environment.

Upgrading the existing single lane causeway to a two-lane structure will provide a fully aligned roadway, providing improved access and safety for vehicles. The upgrade will address current visibility issues and remove the current give-way sign, improving traffic flow, safety and compliance.

Raising the structures height will reduce the frequency and impact closures during wet-season rain events. Ensuring the road remains open during adverse weather will support continued transport operations for local businesses, including a quarry, poultry farm, and agricultural enterprises such as cattle and horticulture agri-business operations.

This Ada Creek Causeway Upgrade project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Work:

The causeway projects scope of works includes:

- Establishment of a side-track for continuous traffic flow
- Demolition of existing low level causeway structure.
- Construction of new 2400 x 1500 RCBC culvert sections to span the water course.
- Construction of a 150mm thick concrete road over new culvert section and formation of the new 8 metre wide road approaches to the new structure
- Installation of concrete road batters to protect the new raised asphalt approach sections, tying into the new concrete structure and existing road profiles either side of the causeway crossing.
- Installation of signage and line marking.

Works Progress:

Contractor mobilised to site in the week commencing 15th May and commenced preliminary stream diversion, clearing and site establishment works.

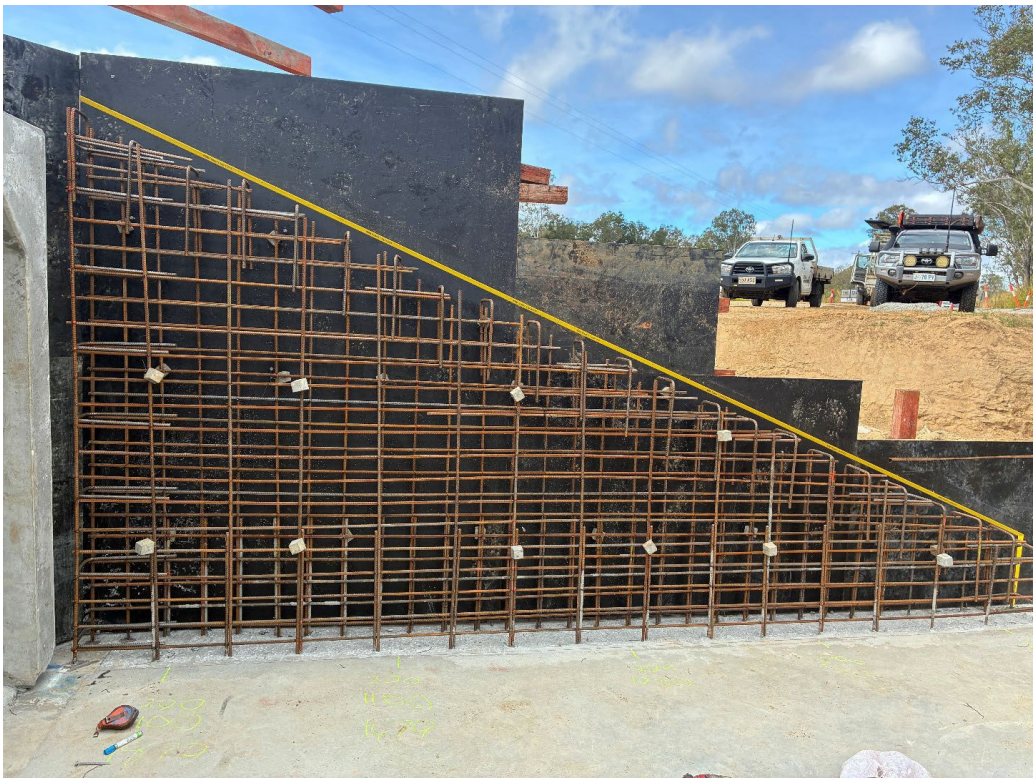
The 1.8 metre-high box culvert structure has been installed and the concrete roadway sections that tie the structure together completed. Steel works for the concrete road batters has commenced in preparation for the final concrete pours.

Roadworks base gravel boxing out and reinstatement has commenced on both the northern and southern approaches to the culvert structure.

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Ada Creek Apron Formed Up Ready to Pour



Ada Creek Wing Wall Steel Pre-Pour

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Ada Creek Roadway Concrete Deck Steel Pre-Pour



Ada Creek Roadway Concrete Deck Complete

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Project Name: Walsh Street Stormwater Traffic & Landscaping Upgrade

Background

The Walsh Street Mareeba Safety and Stormwater Improvements project will deliver a coordinated package of works to improve safety, traffic flow and flood resilience, consistent with priorities identified in the Mareeba CBD Blueprint Masterplan. Key upgrades include enhanced pedestrian crossings, improved roundabout performance through the installation of vehicle detection loops, new lighting and footpath connections, and a major underground stormwater upgrade to address flooding between Herberton and Rankin Streets during periods of intense rainfall.

The project is supported by the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program, the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), and Mareeba Shire Council. These works form part of Council's ongoing commitment to improving road safety, strengthening network performance and enhancing the resilience of critical infrastructure within the Mareeba township.

Scope of Work

The scope of works includes:

- Walsh/Rankin Street roundabout demolition and reconfiguration to improve turning radius and meet requirements for heavy vehicles.
- Installation of a centre median pedestrian refuge to minimise vehicle stopping times at the pedestrian crossing between K-Hub and the Coles shopping centre to improve pedestrian safety and reduce congestion at peak times.
- Asphalt reprofiling of traffic lane crossfalls in conjunction with the establishment of the mid-block centre median island and the reconfigured roundabout.
- A streetlighting upgrade to improve pedestrian safety at the mid-block pedestrian crossing.
- The upgrade of stormwater infrastructure capacity, capturing stormwater at the Herberton Street end of Walsh Street and conveying it to the Hastie Street intersection at St Thomas's Catholic Primary School via Rankin Street.
- Landscaping improvements that will include the establishment of gardens and associated infrastructure in the centre median island and the planting of street trees on the footpath.

Progress Update

HEH Civil commenced trench excavation and installation of the 750 mm stormwater pipe on Monday 9 March 2026. Works started opposite Mareeba Kids Campus at the Constance/Hastie Street intersection and progressed into Walsh Street, with the 450 mm pipe road crossings now complete.

HEH Civil have commenced preliminary works to establish the centre median garden beds, including installation of irrigation connections, subsoil drainage and the initial topsoil layer. Street trees have been ordered.

Roundabout reconfiguration works have commenced, and the outer trafficable ring has been installed. Asphalt overlay works for the roundabout and Walsh Street are expected in early December. The asphalt overlay work must be completed before the centre median and roundabout traffic island kerb can be installed. Several of the new streetlights will also be installed on traffic islands.

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Walsh-Rankin Roundabout Reinforcing Steel



Walsh-Rankin Roundabout Trafficable Ring Construction

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Walsh St Centre Median Garden Bed Subsoil Irrigation & Street Tree Root Guard



Walsh St Centre Median Garden Bed Irrigation Water Supply & Free Draining Subsoil Rock

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Project Name: 2026-2027 Water Main Replacement

Program: Water

Background

As part of Council's 10-year Water Strategy, ageing water mains are being replaced and upgraded throughout the Shire. An allocation has been provided in the 2026/27 capital works program to replace failing and ageing asbestos cement (AC) water mains within the Mareeba township. This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, through the National Water Grid Fund under the Water Infrastructure and Sustainable Efficient Region initiative, and Mareeba Shire Council.

The project will improve the functionality, resilience and longevity of the water network throughout Mareeba.

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

Construction works have been completed along Johnston Street, Meehan Street, Shepperd Street and Kelly street within Mammino estate have now been completed.

Additional works have now been completed along Bailey and Lannoy Street within Kenneally estate. Further works along Jamieson street have commenced.



Jamieson Street



Ductile iron pipe laid within road.

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Project Name: Atherton Street Sewer Pump Station & Sewer Rising Main Upgrade

Program: Wastewater

Background

The Atherton Street Sewer Pump Station upgrade is a critical infrastructure project that will replace ageing, capacity-constrained assets to ensure reliable wastewater services and support future growth in Mareeba Shire. Currently operating in poor condition and at capacity, the existing system services approximately 2,467 Equivalent Persons (798 dwellings). The proposed upgrade will increase capacity to approximately 6,920 Equivalent Persons (2,768 dwellings), enabling an additional 1,970 connections.
This project will modernise the sewer network, improve operational efficiency, reduce infrastructure risk, and directly support increased housing supply by enabling new residential development. This project is funded by the Queensland Government Residential Activation Fund.

Scope of Works

The projects scope of works includes:

- Construction of the Sewer Pump Station and rising main;
- Construction of the associated maintenance hole and connection to the existing network;
- Sewer main and Maintenance Hole testing;
- Commissioning of the sewer pump station and rising main;

Progress Update

During October, installation of the new 225 mm rising main along the in-road alignment was completed. Excavation works subsequently commenced to facilitate the upgrade of the 375 mm incoming sewer main. The works require demolition of the existing connector manhole and excavation to depths of approximately 4–6 metres to access and replace the defective sewer infrastructure.

Pier hole boring works were undertaken adjacent to the existing upstream manhole to establish a temporary working platform capable of supporting excavator loads above the collector manhole and to maintain the structural stability of the existing manhole during the excavation and sewer replacement works.

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Rising main connection to upstream manhole



Deep excavations to replace incoming sewer

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Project Highlights – October 2026

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

Construction works have continued to progress well throughout October, with consistent productivity across the available work fronts. Sewer pipe installation and the construction and pouring of associated manholes continues to progress.

Reinstatement and backfilling works are scheduled to continue across the completed sections so that excavated areas can be progressively closed out to reduce the extent of open work fronts along the project alignment.

Manhole benching works are also continuing, along with progressive hydrostatic testing of completed sewer sections. Rock excavation has remained ongoing throughout the project, with crews continuing to manage difficult ground conditions as they arise. These works, combined with the ongoing design changes, have required careful coordination of plant, labour and subcontractors to minimise interruptions and maintain productivity.

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Rock encountered during trenching works on Constance Street.

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Project Name: Cedric Davies Community Hub – Last Place of Refuge

Program: Facilities

Background

The Cedric Davies Community Hub is an established community facility that provides a library and function centre for the local community. Council has identified an opportunity to enhance the facility's resilience for the community strengthening and converting the existing function centre into a designated Place of Refuge.

Once completed, the facility will provide an important community resource that can support local residents during emergency and disaster events.

This project has received funding from the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund and is jointly funded by Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

The project comprises upgrades to the existing building to align with the requirements for Buildings as Places of Refuge - Cyclones. The works include upgrades to the existing kitchen and amenities within the function room, installation of an emergency generator and associated electrical upgrades to facilitate emergency power supply, and the installation of debris screens to all external windows to improve their resilience during cyclone events.

Progress Update

Works to provide an emergency generator, kitchen upgrades, accessible and general toilet facilities are now complete.



Kitchen Upgrades



Bathroom upgrades

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Project Name: Arnold Park Basketball Court, Pavilions & Park Upgrade

Program: Parks & Gardens

Background:

The Arnold Park Multicultural Recreation and Event Space project will support multiple multicultural community groups and organisations who do not have permanent facilities. The project will upgrade facilities at Arnold Park which is the central gathering place for the community of Mareeba including residents representing more than 75 different nationalities and cultural backgrounds. Arnold Park hosts the Shire's annual multicultural festival as well as many smaller multicultural gatherings throughout the year on culturally significant dates. This project is funded by the Queensland Government's Multicultural Connect Grant Program in partnership with Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Work:

The Arnold Park Multicultural Upgrade projects scope of work includes:

- Installation of a Welcome Sign to acknowledge and celebrate the Communities diversity.
- An extended concrete pathway network to improve accessibility and functionality.
- Basketball Court Upgrade to enhance the event space.
- Refurbishment of the Pavilions to support the diverse activities the park hosts.
- Park furniture and drinking fountain to improve the parks amenities.

Works Progress:

- The new concrete basketball court, sports surfacing and line marking is complete. The footpath connections and seat slabs have been constructed awaiting supply of the additional bench seats to be installed.
- The pavilions have been refreshed with new paint and colour scheme.
- The new drink fountain and 'Welcome' signage has been delivered with installation imminent.

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Pavilions have been refreshed with new paint and colour scheme



Basketball Court Surfacing, Line Marking & New Park Furniture Installed

9.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2026

Date Prepared: **26 October 2026**

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 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Technical Services Operations Report for October 2026.

BACKGROUND

Technical Services

Design, quality, and investigations:

Investigation activities undertaken in October included:

Activity	New Requests	Closed Requests	Active EOM
Road Infrastructure Review	21	23	72
Drainage Investigations	8	7	18
Parks Investigations	0	1	3
Miscellaneous e.g. Planning; Local Laws	13	19	24

Routine Activities	Investigations Completed
Traffic Count/Surveys	17
As Constructed Plans	1
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Permits/Investigations	17
Before You Dig Requests	123

Soil Laboratory:

Council's Soil Laboratory provides NATA-accredited soil and material testing for internal and external services. This month, the laboratory delivered 118 tests internally with a further 68 tests conducted for external parties.

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		
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 2	Fallon Road
Kuranda	2 - 6 Black Mountain Road	Black Mountain Road
Mareeba	Quill Street Development	Quill Street
Mareeba	The Edge – Stage 4	Antonio Drive
Mareeba	Two Rivers Community School	Chewko Road
Mareeba	Wylandra Estate	Wylandra Drive

On Maintenance Period		
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 14A	Karobean Drive
Mareeba	Country Road Estate Stage 3	Emerald End Road
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 1	Fallon Road
Mareeba	Rayfield Estate Stage 2	Agius Crescent
Koah	Popovic Road	Popovic Road
Mareeba	St Stephen's Catholic College	McIver Road

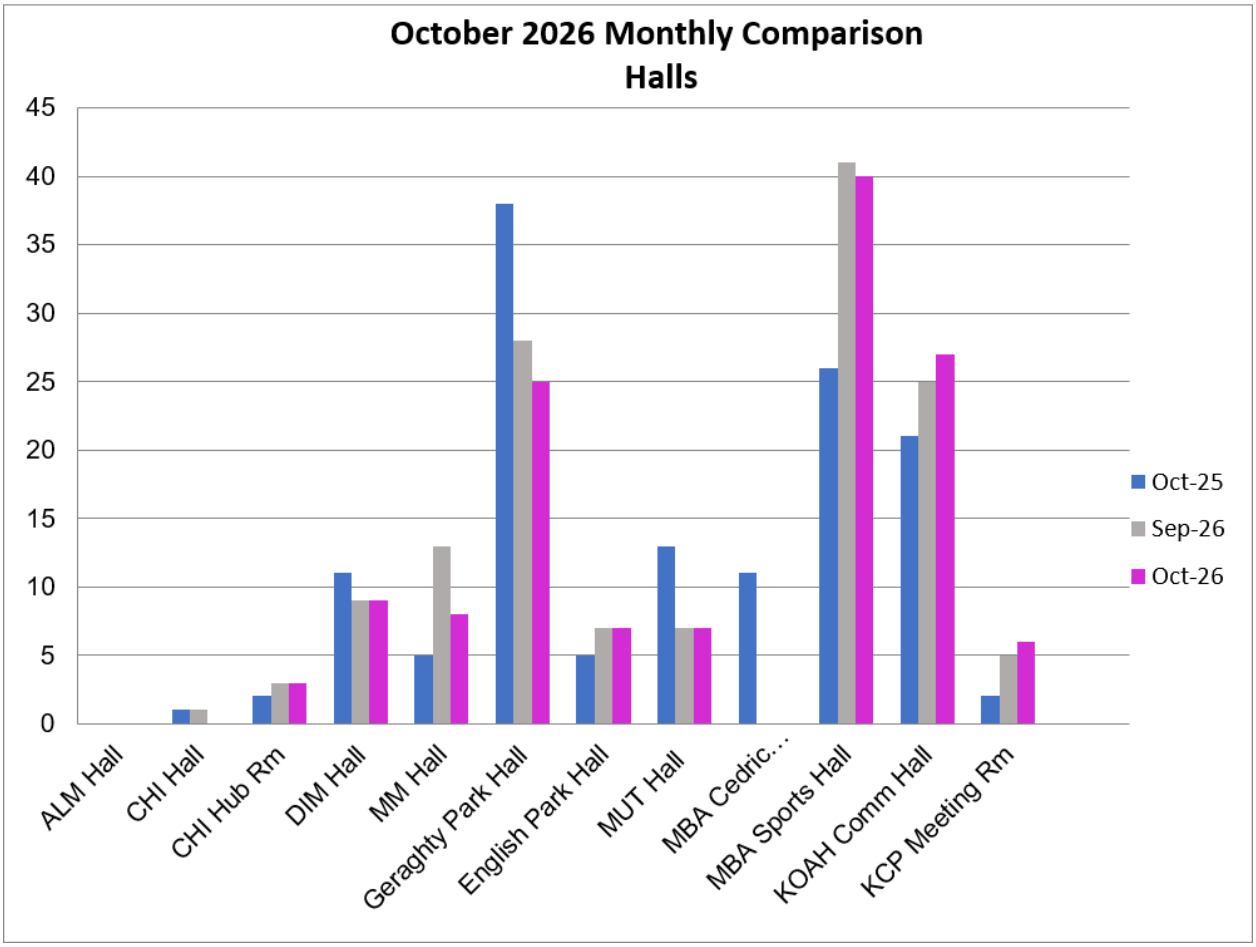
Part-On Maintenance Period		
Mareeba	Country Road Estate Stage 4	Eakin Close and Lee Sye Road

Facilities

Quotes have been accepted for repair work to Arnold Park and the Mareeba Sports Hall. Work is expected to commence mid-November.

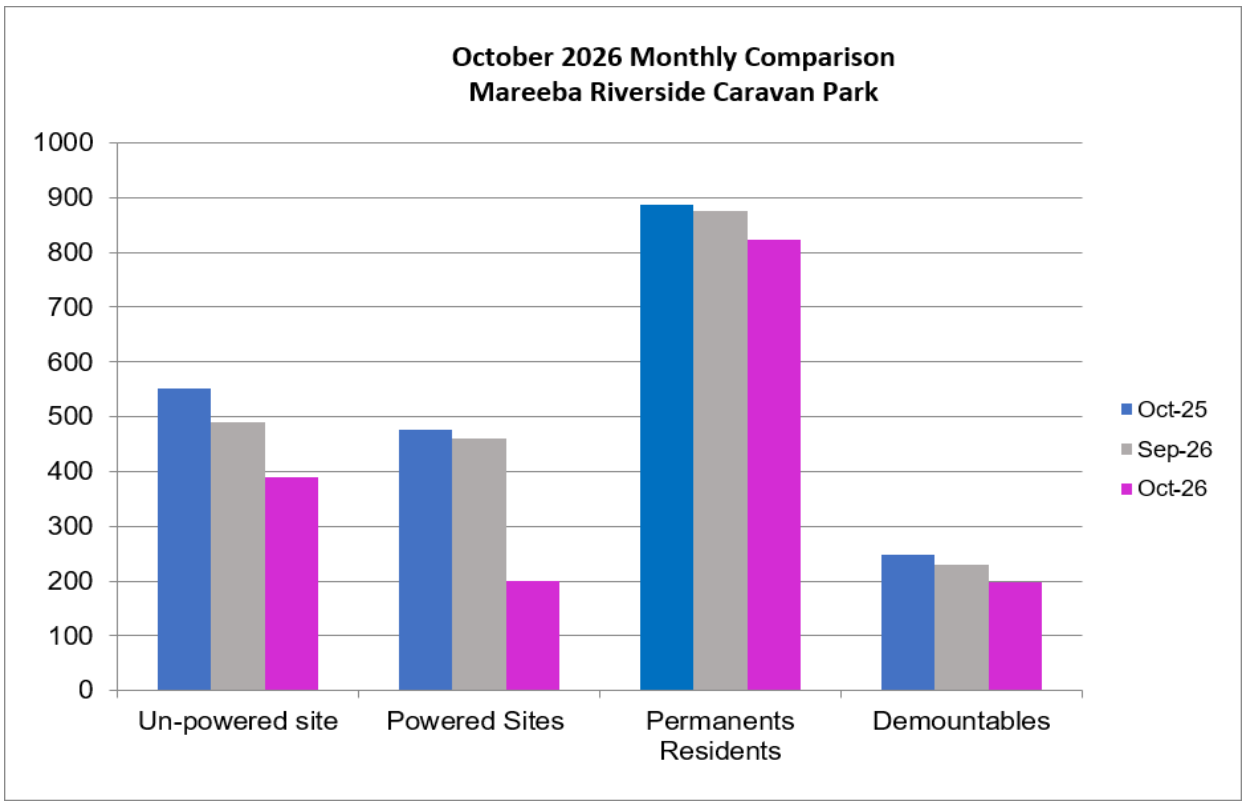
Community Halls:

Maintaining safe and efficient access to Council's Community Halls is recognised as an important aspect for the community's ongoing wellbeing. Utilisation of the halls remained generally stable against previous months numbers. The refurbishment works at the Cedric Davies Function Room have now reached practical completion.

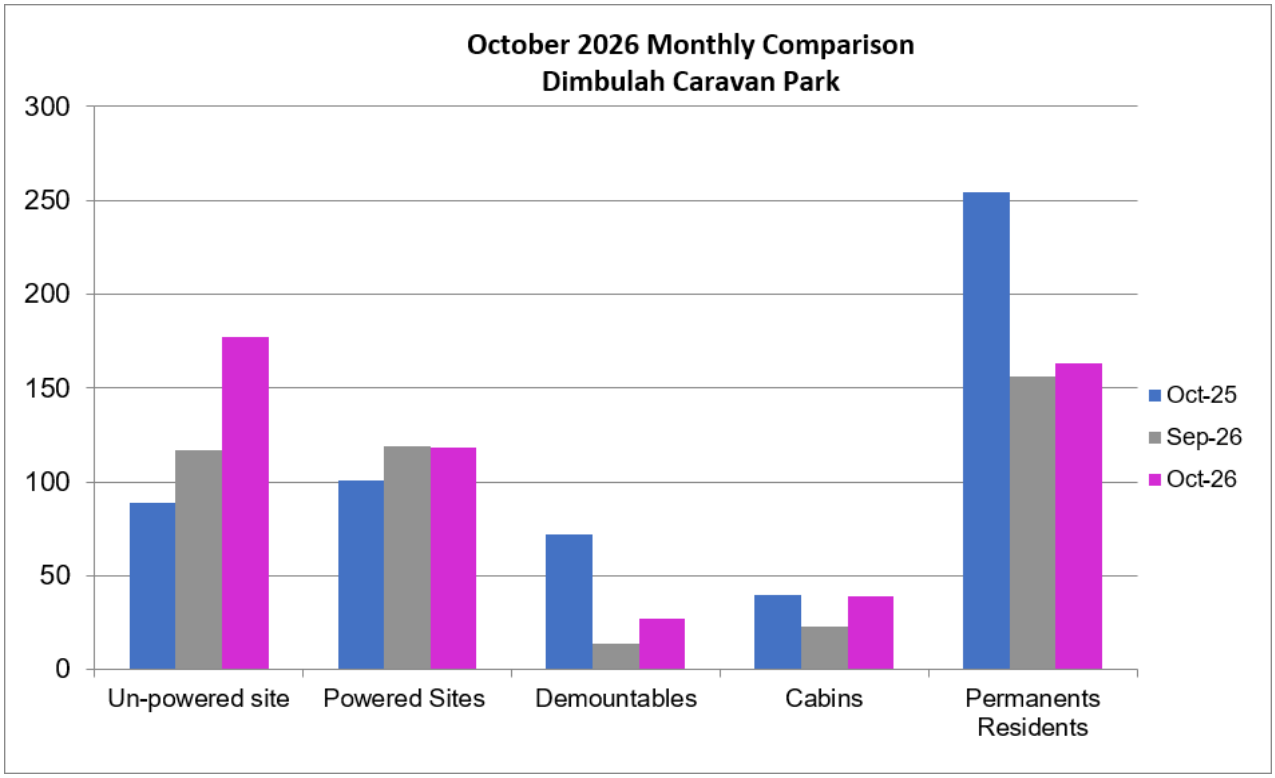


Caravan Parks:

Mareeba Riverside Caravan Park: Utilisation of the Caravan park was slightly lower than the previous month.



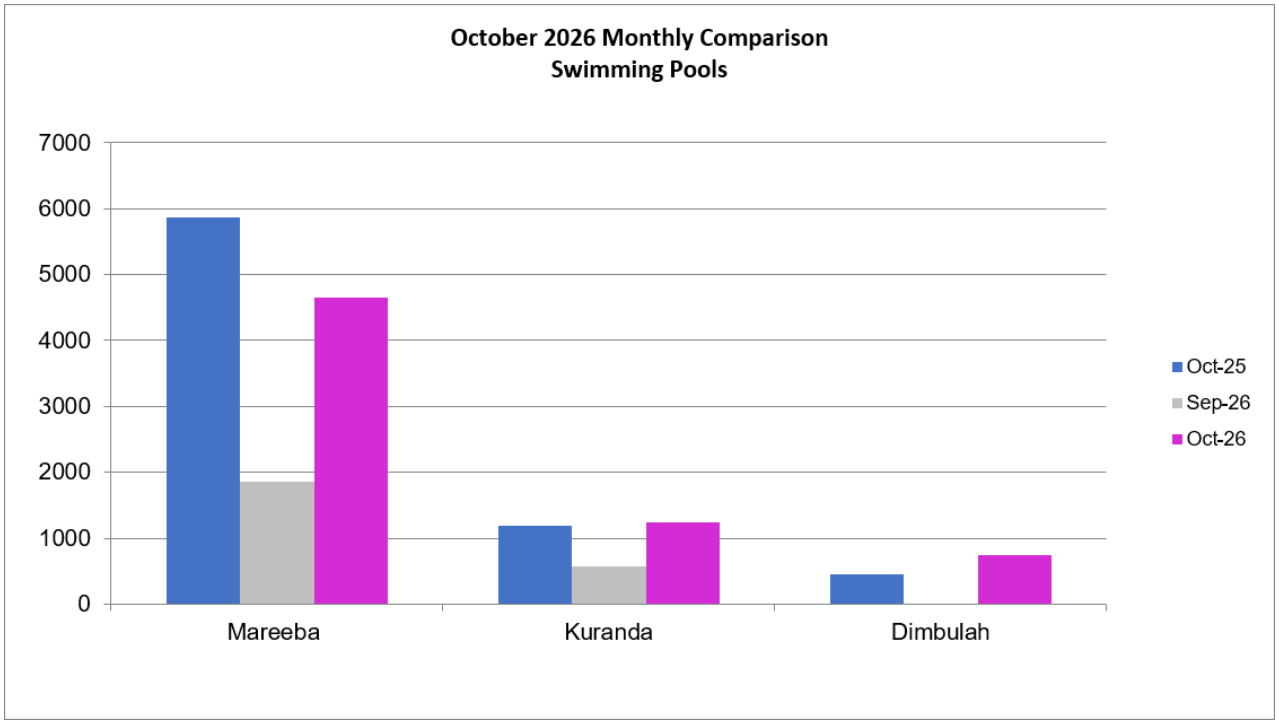
Dimbulah Caravan Park: There was generally increase in numbers from the previous month.



Aquatic Facilities

Attendance at Mareeba was up considerably on the previous month, with expectations that attendances will increase as warmer months return.

The Dimbulah Aquatic Facility Open Day was held on Monday, 5 October 2026, to celebrate the reopening of the pool. The event attracted more than 200 attendees, photos below highlighting the day's celebrations.

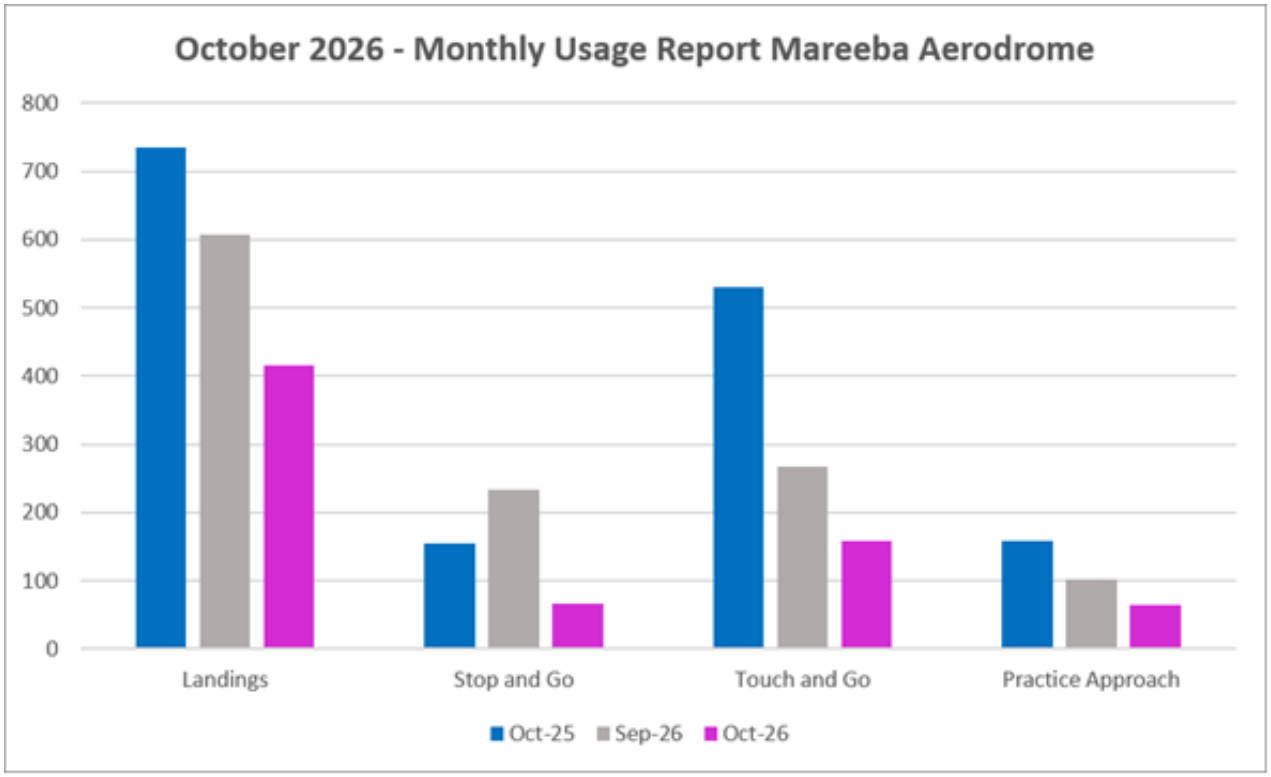


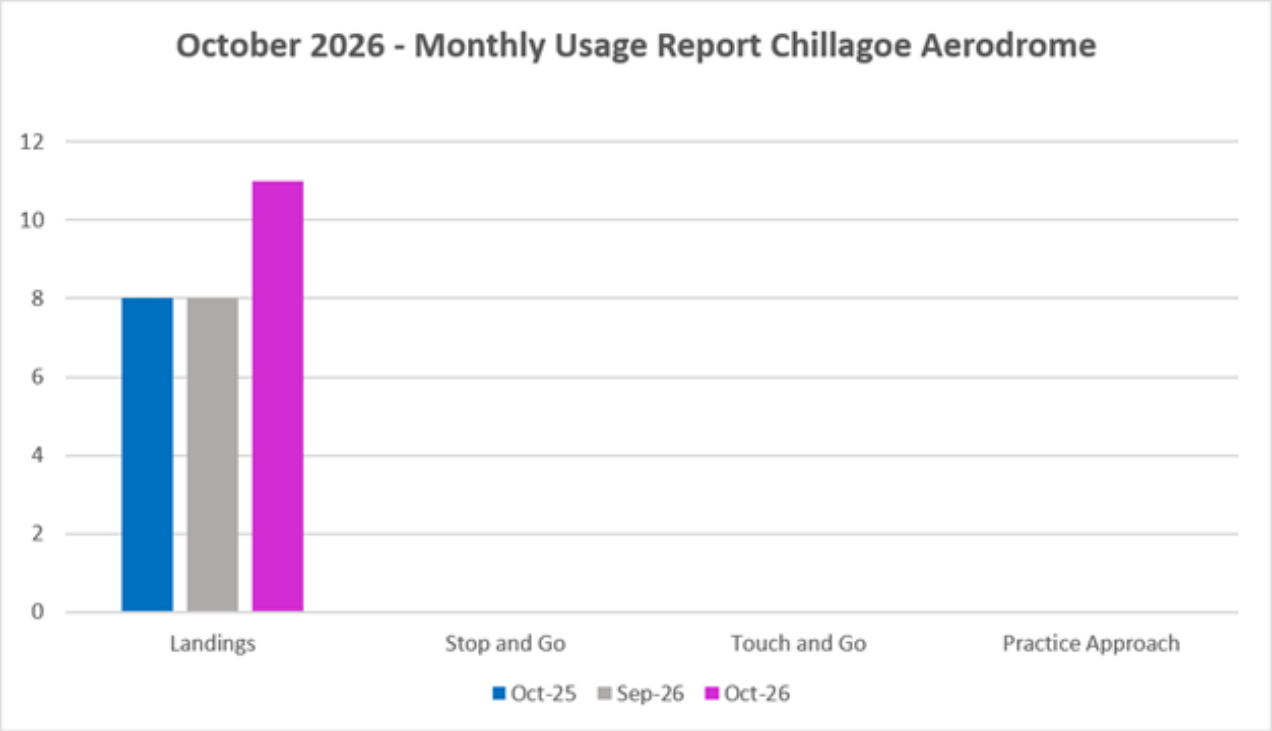


Dimbulah Aquatic Facility Open Day

Aerodromes:

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





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 - OCTOBER 2026

Date Prepared: **26 October 2026**

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 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receives the Infrastructure Services, Water and Waste Operations Report for October 2026; and
2. notes the discount green waste days scheduled for December 2026 as noted in this report.

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)	9,817	773	293	511	215
Number of Connections	4,648	1,146	174	288	125
Average Daily Water Consumption per Connection (L)	2,112	674	1,683	1,776	168

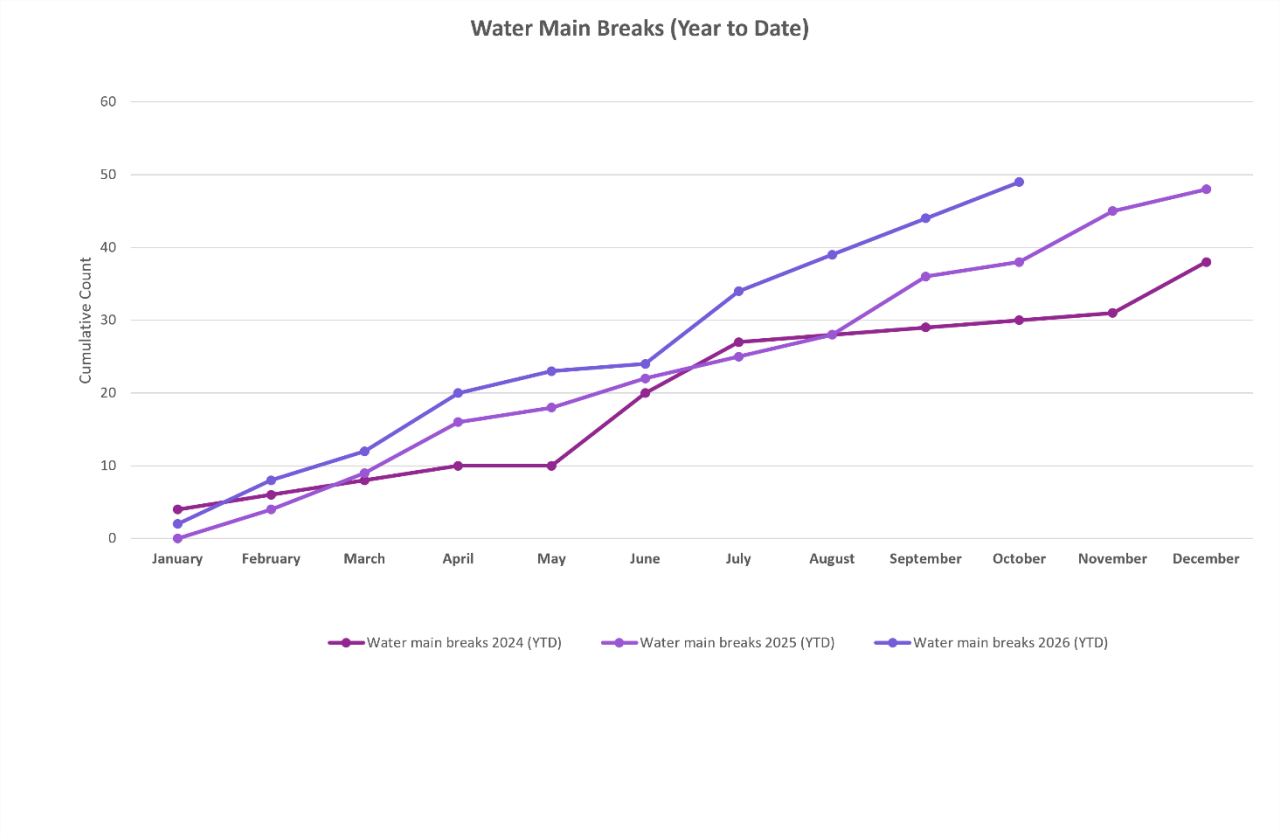
** Mt Molloy is an untreated, non-potable water supply.*

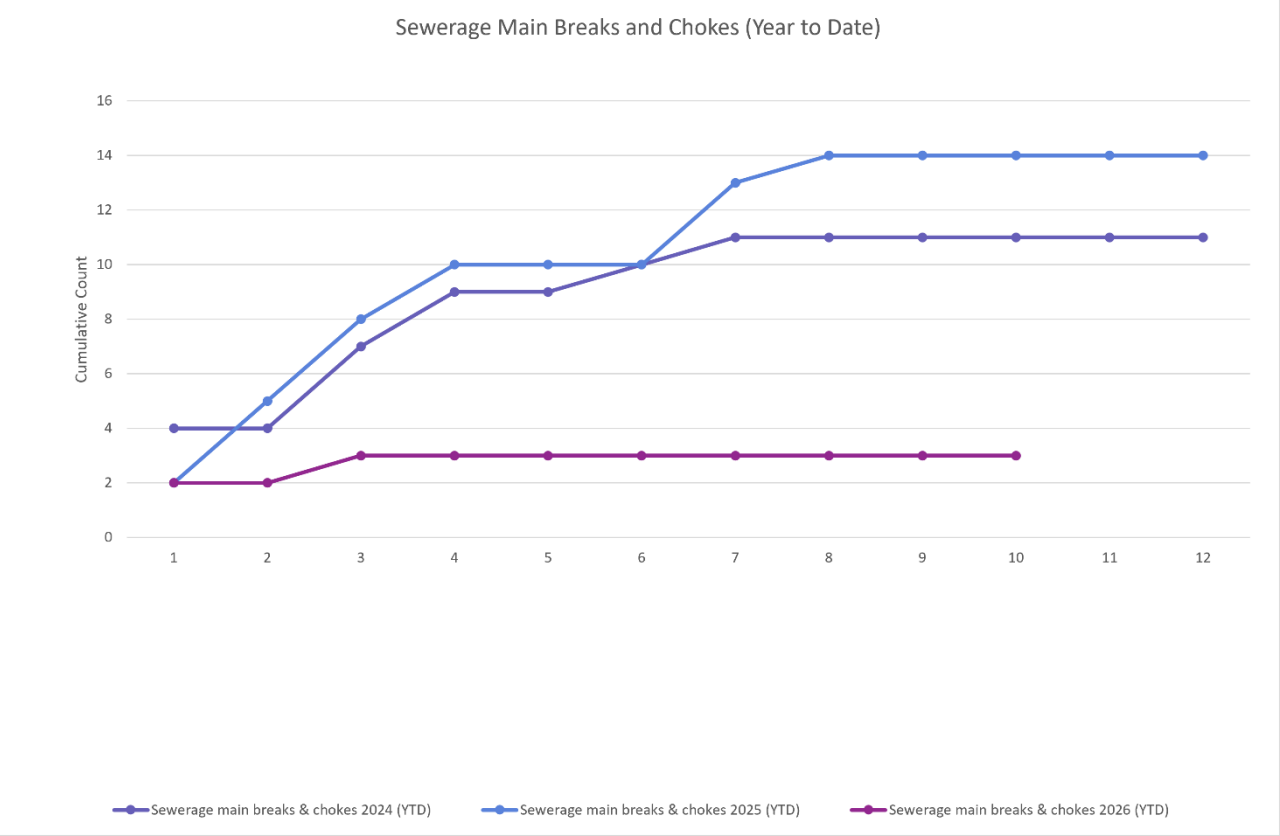
Wastewater Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda
Wastewater Plant Average Daily Treatment (kL)	2,078	201
Number of Connections	4,306	395
Average Daily Inflow per Connection (L)	482	509

Water and Wastewater Reticulation:

Council's water reticulation crew attended five (5) water main breaks in October, and average response times were within targets set out in Council's Customer Service standard for water services.

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





Waste Operations:

Mareeba Shire Council is offering residents discounted domestic green waste disposal at local Transfer Stations this December to assist in preparing for bush fires, flooding and cyclones.

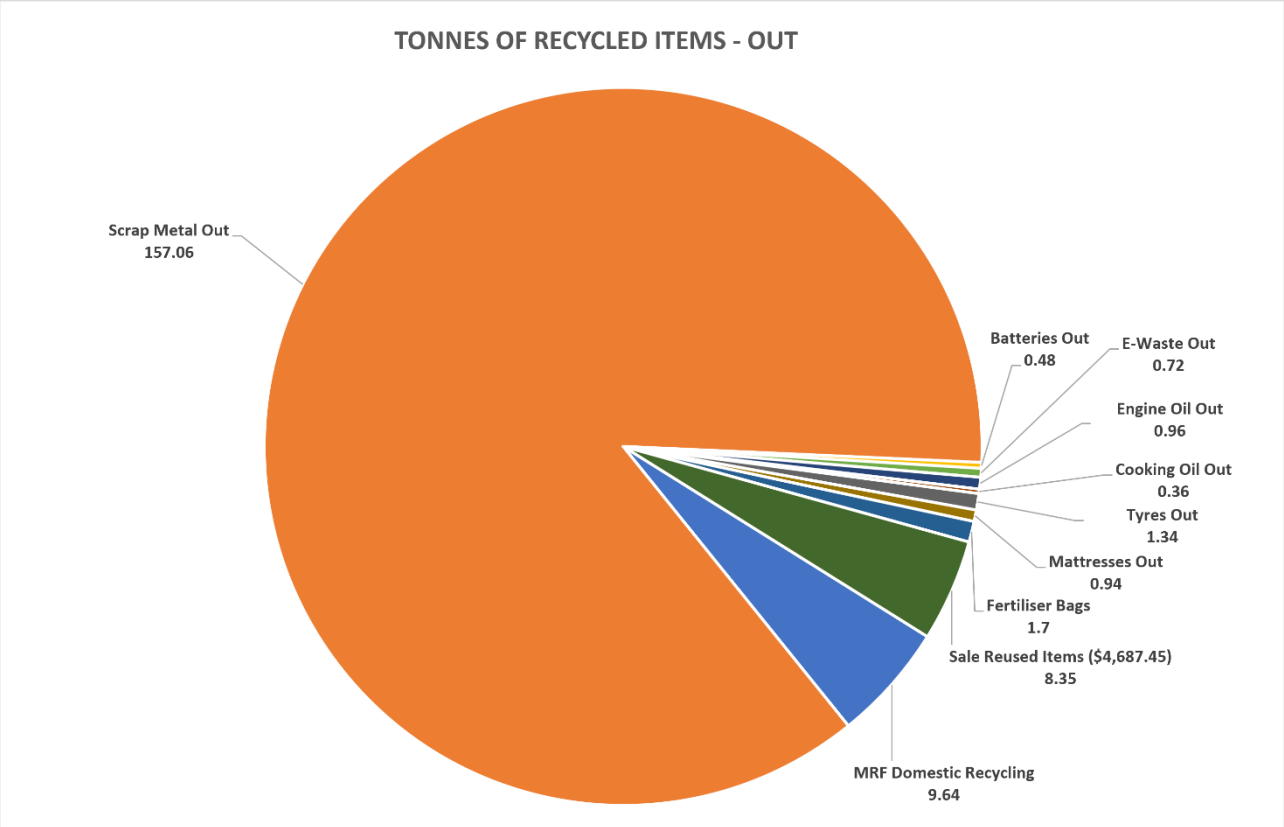
The upcoming Discount Green Waste Days are scheduled as follows:

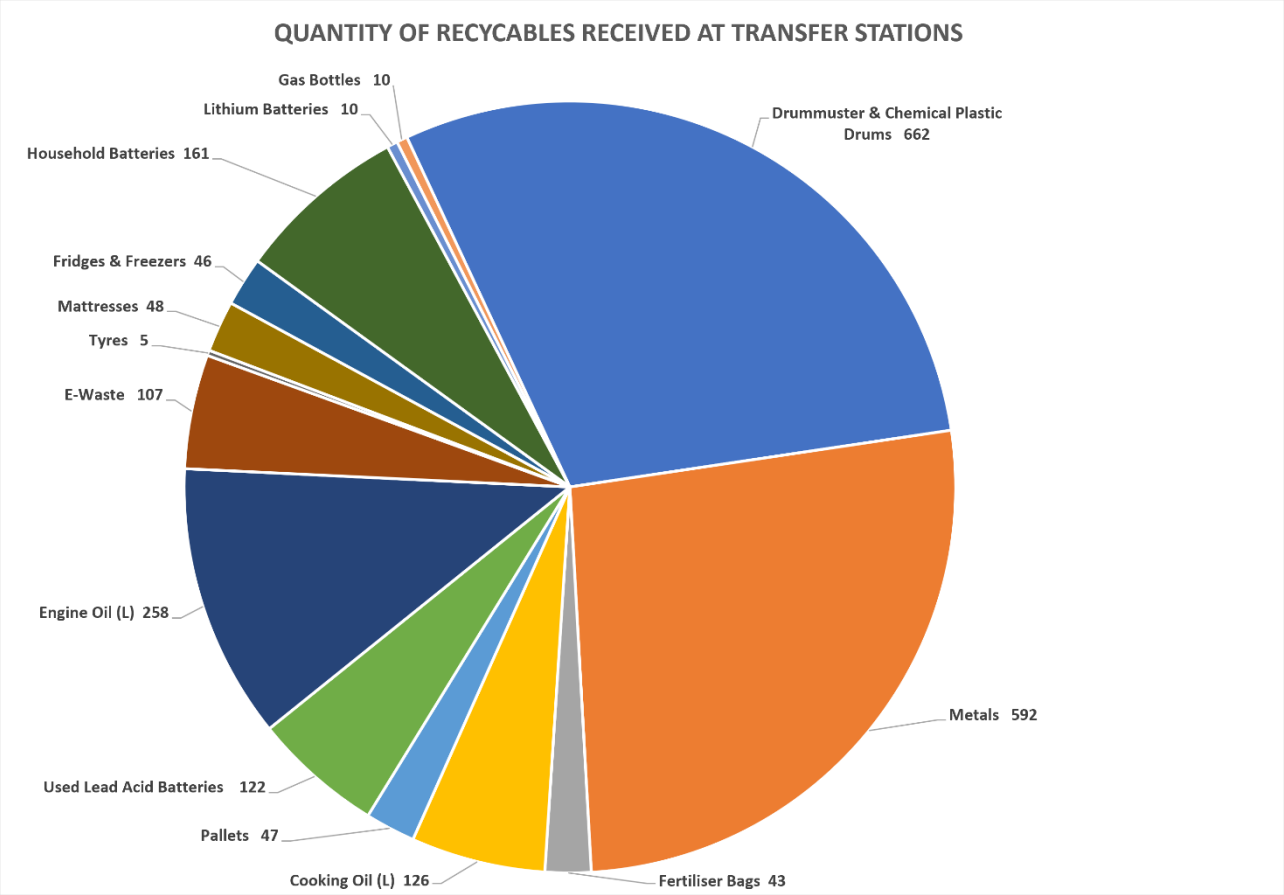
- **Mareeba, Kuranda, Dimbulah and Julatten Transfer Station** – Saturday 5 December 2026 and Sunday 6 December 2026
- **Almaden, Irvinebank and Mt Molloy Transfer Station** – Saturday 5 December 2026 and Tuesday 8 December 2026
- **Mt Carbine Transfer Station** – Thursday 3 December 2026 and Sunday 6 December 2026
- **Mutchilba Transfer Station** – Wednesday 2 December 2026 and Saturday 5 December 2026
- **Chillagoe Transfer Station** – Thursday 3 December 2026 and Saturday 5 December 2026

A long-term waste disposal agreement has been established with Springmount Waste Facility. Under this arrangement, Mareeba Shire Council landfill waste, including kerbside waste, is transported to Springmount in kerbside collection vehicles and roll-on roll-off (RORO) bins from Council's transfer stations.

Recycling

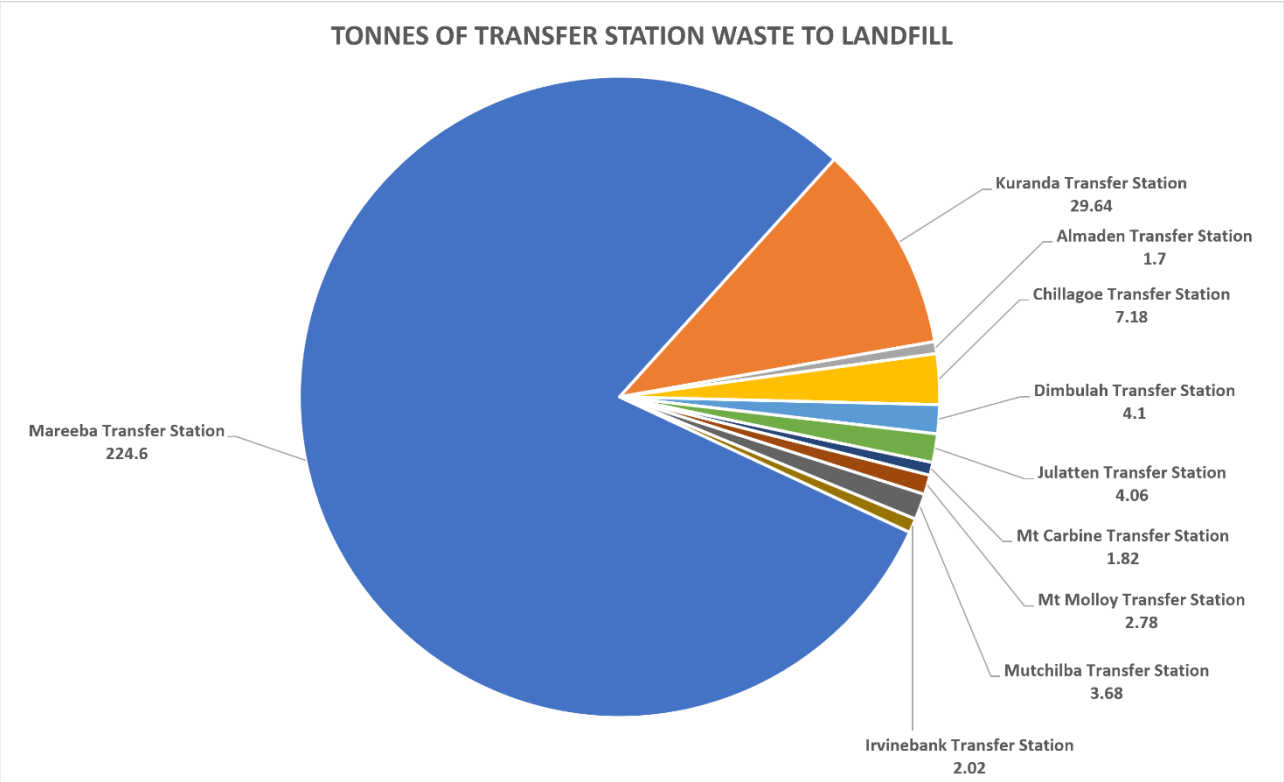
Residents continue to actively recycle at transfer stations. During October, 9.64 tonnes of domestic items were recycled at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The highest count of recyclable items received at transfer stations were 662 DrumMUSTER & chemical plastic drums, 592 metal items and 258 litres of engine oil.





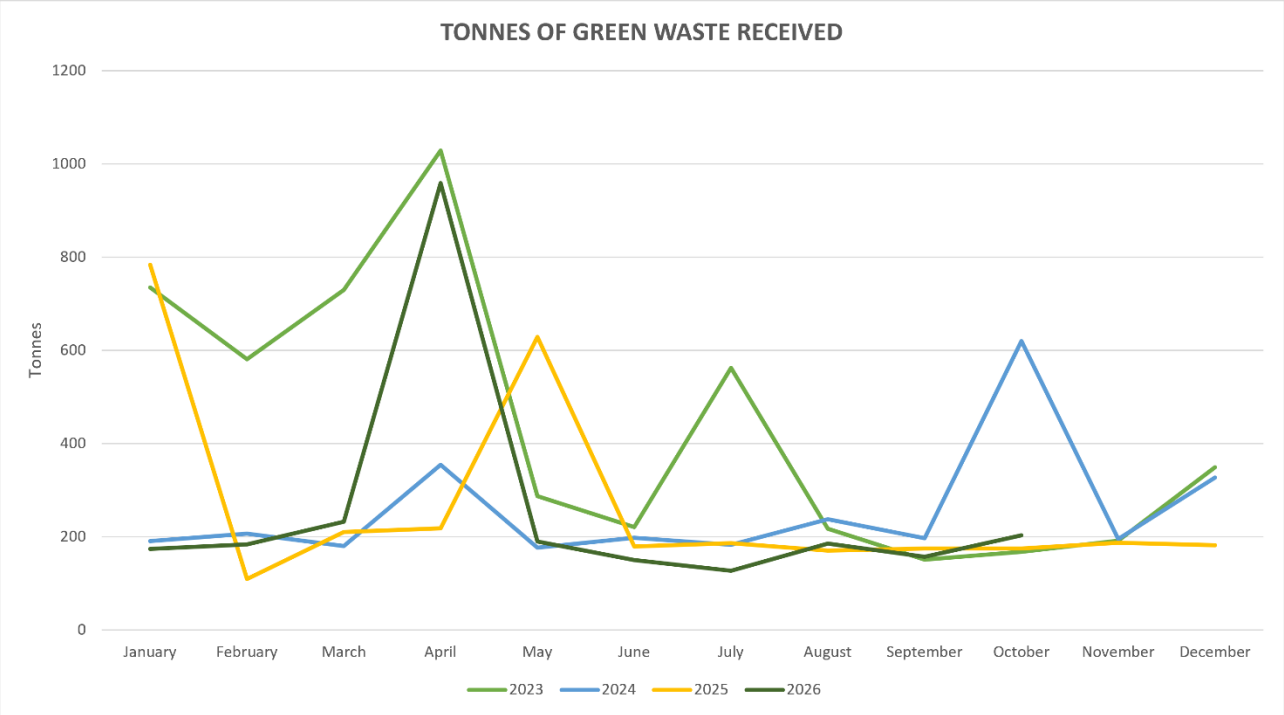
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste

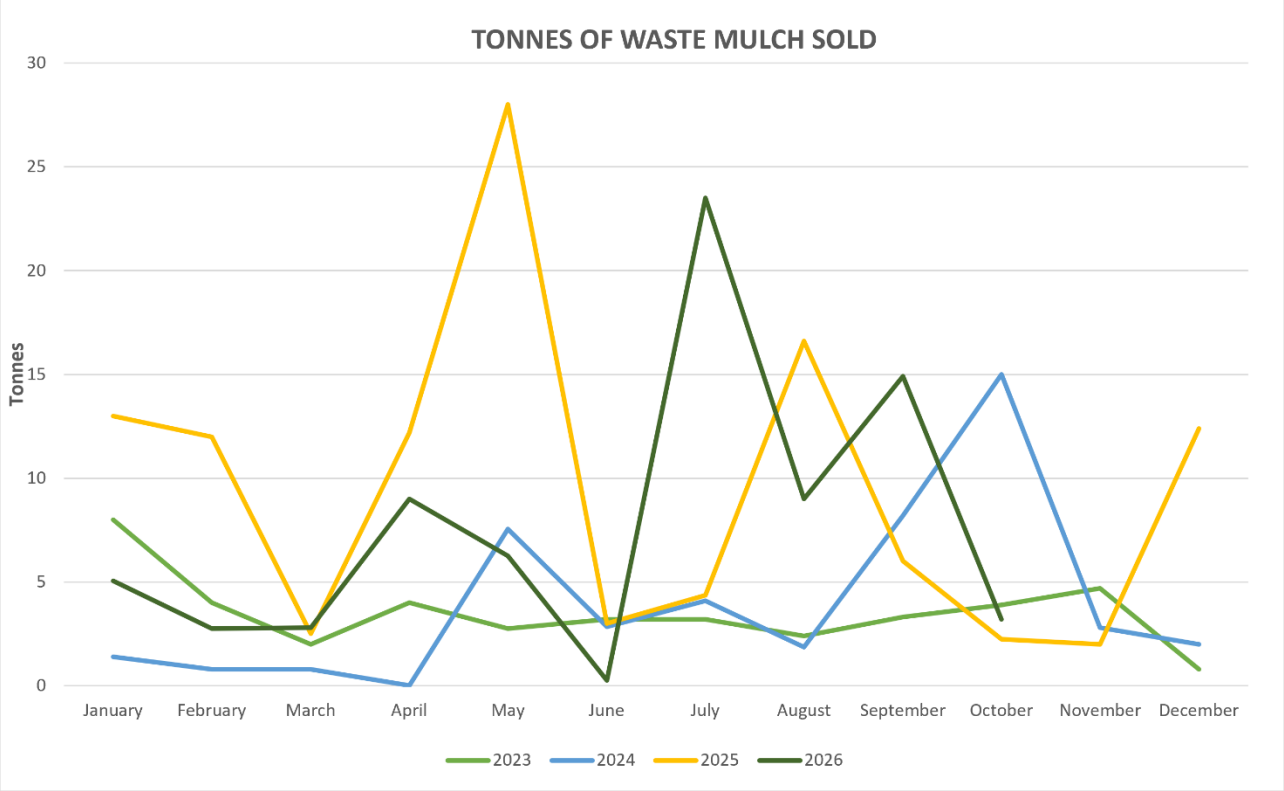
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste is transported to the Springmount Waste Facility. During October, 281.58 tonnes of waste from transfer stations and 473.26 tonnes from kerbside collection waste was sent to landfill.



Green Waste:

During October, Council received a total of 203.26 tonnes of green waste, and 3.20 tonnes of mulch was sold.





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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.4 PDQ-MSC2026-15 2026/27 MANHOLE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM

Date Prepared: **6 November 2026**

Author: **Project Manager**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an assessment of the quotations received for PDQ-MSC2026-15 2026/2027 Manhole Refurbishment Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the awarding of the contract for PDQ-MSC2026-15 2026/27 Manhole Refurbishment Program to NQ Wastetrans Pty Ltd for the amount of $472,827 (excl. GST).

BACKGROUND

Council is seeking to remediate sewer manholes within the Kuranda Sewerage Reticulation network to reduce inflow and infiltration across the Kuranda township area.

This initiative is part of the Council's three (3) year Barron River Catchment Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade project, jointly funded by the Queensland Government 2024-27 Works for Queensland Program. 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.

Quotation Process:

Under Council's Procedure for Procuring Pre-Qualified Suppliers, Council may enter into an arrangement with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers where a register of pre-qualified suppliers has been determined by Council resolution. For trades and professional services where the quote amount is greater than $280,000, two (2) written quotes are required through VendorPanel. This procurement method was selected as the most efficient and cost-effective approach, reflecting the relatively small scale of the program and the limited level of market interest historically received for comparable work.

The quotation request PDQ-MSC2026-15 invited two (2) local contractors registered on Council's Prequalified Supplier list and released through 'Vendor Panel' commencing on 30 September 2026 and closed at 11.00am on 23 October 2026.

Quotations Received

Two (2) submissions were received. A summary of the quotation prices received is provided below;

Quotation Submitter	Price (Excl GST)
NQ Wastetrans Pty Ltd	$472,827
FloPro Pty Ltd	$508,660

Quotation Assessment

Quotations were assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria stated in the quotation documentation and as provided below.

Criteria	Weighting
Tendered Price	40%
Relevant Experience	15%
Key Personnel Skills and Experience	15%
Tenderer's Resources	10%
Demonstrated Understanding	20%
Total	**100%**

Both respondents were assessed as having the relevant experience, key personnel, resources, and demonstrated understanding required to successfully complete the works. NQ Wastetrans provided the lower-priced submission and is therefore recommended as the preferred contractor.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

Is the expenditure noted above included in the current budget?

Yes

Operating

N/A

Is the expenditure noted above included in the current budget?

Yes

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Tenderers will be notified of the outcome of this report.

9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WORKS SECTION ACTIVITY REPORT - OCTOBER 2026

Date Prepared: **26 October 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 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Works Progress Report for the month of October 2026.

BACKGROUND

A summary of works completed in October 2026 is provided below.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The major maintenance activities carried out in October 2026 are listed below.

Activity	Location
Unsealed Road Grading	Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Black Mountain Road, Cobra Road, Crothers Road, Douglas Track S, Hurricane Road, Jeffrey Road, McCorry Road, Mona Mona Road, Oak Forest Road, Sabin Road East
Bitumen Patching	Chewko Road, Barron Falls Road, Black Mountain Road, Booroo Street, Chettle Road, Clacherty Road, Coondoo Street, Emerald Heights, Emmerson Street, Euluma Creek Road, Fallon Road, James Street, Koah Road, Masons Road, Monaro Close, Myola Road, Narcotic Creek, Oak Forest Road, Piemonte Road, Pinnace Road, Rob Veivers Drive, Salisbury Drive, Silkwood Ave, Speewah Road, Springmount Road, Stevens Road, Stoney Creek, Therwine Street
Unsealed Road Maintenance	Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Bakers Road, Black Mountain Road, Copland Road, Douglas Track S, Hillview Road, Jeffrey Road, McLeans Bridge, Mona Mona Road, Pump Road, Two Chain Road
Tree Trimming	Adler Hill Road, Arara Street, Austin Road, Bakers Road, Black Mountain Road, Buchan Street, Carr Road, Clacherty Road, Coconut Grove, Collins Street, Euluma Creek Road, Frew Street, Highland Drive, Hoey Road, Hope Street, Kauri Street, Koah Road, Kuranda Heights Road, Market Street, Masons Road, McDougall Road, Mona Mona Road, Nine Mile Road, Pinnace Road, Pump Road, River Street, Smith's Track, Tower Street, Wetherby Road, Black Mountain, Mt Molloy Depot

Activity	Location
Slashing	Clacherty Road, McDougall Road, Morrish Road, Mt Lewis Road, Short Road, Sides Road
Road Furniture – Repair/Replace	Rob Veivers Drive, Therwine Street, Anzac Avenue, Armstrong Road, Ashfield Close, Barron Close, Barron Falls Road, Bilwon Road, Bischoff Mill Roa, Black Mountain Road, Bolton Road, Bower Road, Byrnes Street, Calcifer Road, Cedar Pk Road, Cemetery Road, Coondoo Street, Douglas Track, Eastern Street, Fichera Road, Ganyan Drive, Hastings Drive, Kanervo Road, Kelly Road, Kennedy Street, Koah Road, Leadingham Creek, Masons Road, Mona Mona Road, Ootann Road, Querin Street, Raleigh Street, Rosing Road, Smith's Track, Speewah Road, Stoney Creek Road, Thongon Street, Vallely Road, West Bischoff Mill Road, Possum Close, Bryce Street
Culverts Inlets/Outlets	Euluma Creek Road, McLeans Bridge, Wetherby Road

TMR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (RMPC)

The following RMPC works were carried out in October 2026.

Location	Activity
32A - Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba)	• Rest Area Servicing at Edmund Kennedy Bridge.
34B - Mulligan Highway (Mount Molloy - Lakeland)	• Roadside Litter Collection - Rifle Creek and Mt Carbine Truck Stop. • Additional services to clean up illegal dumping at Mt Carbine truck stop. • Rest Area Servicing at Rifle Creek. • Straighten and number guideposts where required.
653 - Mossman-Mount Molloy Road	• Roadside litter collection - Hunter Creek, Environ Park and Lyons Park. • Rest Area Servicing at Hunter Creek. • Supply Only of 26/27 Sign Replacement signs. • Remove fallen tree on left shoulder after Bushy Creek.
89B - Burke Developmental Road (BDR)	• Rest Area Servicing at Eureka Creek.
664 - Mareeba to Dimbulah Road	• Concrete repairs to kerb and channel on the corner of Byrnes / Herberton Streets. • Repairs to Keep Left sign plus straightened other signs in centre islands at the intersection of 664 & 34A.

Location	Activity
	• Install 2026/27 Sign Replacement Signs.
6632 - Herberton - Petford Road	• Grading (Other Formation Works) from Petford to Irvinebank. • Grading from Watsonville to Irvinebank. • Yearly pipe inspections, number pipes where necessary and record lengths & co-ordinates.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

The following Parks and Open Spaces works were carried out in October 2026.

Description	Comment
Mowing	• Irrigated areas as per schedule about 12- 15 days between mows.
Playing fields mowing	• Davies Park (week one (1) Monday and Thursday, week two (2) Wednesday at 50mm) • Borzi Park and Firth Park once a week at 25mm.
General maintenance	• Weeding and mulching garden beds and medians in Mareeba, Kuranda, Chillagoe.
Gurney Crew	• Pressure cleaning Mareeba and Kuranda footpaths as per routine • Pressure cleaning Playgrounds as required.
Playgrounds	• Softfall repairs Mary Andrews.
Slashing	• No slashing this past month.
Burials	• Mareeba – one (1) coffin inground Full Grave Catholic Section, one (1) Ashes inground Full Grave Catholic Section. • Kuranda Heights Cemetery – two (2) inground Full Grave Slab section.
LOA	• Mareeba Cemetery • Dimbulah Cemetery, tennis courts and the main park.
Contractors	• Hazard Reduction Mulching, Barron Esplanade, Granite Creek and Kowa Street areas.
Tree Trimming	• Mareeba tree trimming as per CRM's only.
Footpath Maintenance	• Paver repairs in Kuranda.
Projects	• Irrigation repairs and upgrades Bi - Lakes North. • Arnold Park adjustments to Irrigation to suit new footpaths and Basketball Courts.

LAND PROTECTION

The following Land Protection works were carried out in October 2026.

Weed/Pest	Activity
Parthenium Weed	• Inspections were completed across all known Parthenium weed sites during October. • All landholders inspected were found to be complying with their General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO), with no compliance issues identified.
Amazon Frogbit	• Control activities continued throughout the month, including hand removal and herbicide treatment along Chinaman Creek and Atherton Creek. In addition, a foliar spray treatment program was undertaken at Mareeba Lakes, targeting all identified Amazon Frogbit infestations to reduce spread and promote long-term control.
Opuntia Cochenillifere (Cactus)	• A reported infestation of *Opuntia cochenillifera* cactus, which is listed as Category 2, 3, 4 and 5 restricted matter under the *Biosecurity Regulation 2015*, was identified on Transport and Main Roads (TMR) land along the Kennedy Highway, Mareeba. Surveys of adjacent Council-managed land were conducted, with no additional plants detected. Treatment of the infestation has been scheduled as part of this year's TMR weed control works.
Electric Ants & Yellow Crazy Ants	• Sentinel site surveys for Electric Ants and Yellow Crazy Ants were undertaken at Council transfer stations throughout the region. Samples collected during inspections were submitted to the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) for identification. No positive detections were recorded.
Wild Pigs	• Wild pig control operations continued across the Mutchilba, Koah and Kuranda areas. • During October, a total of 27 wild pigs were trapped and destroyed. • Additional trapping activities were undertaken in the Mutchilba district to reduce pest animal impacts on agriculture and the environment.
Feral Pig Funding Program	• As part of the funded feral pig management program, a feral pig trapping techniques demonstration and educational video was delivered to promote best-practice trapping methods and support landholder capacity building.



Pigs trapped in the Mutchilba Area



Herbicide Treated Amazon Frogbit in Mareeba Lakes

CUSTOMER REQUESTS

During October, the Works Group received 134 Customer Requests (CRs) with 96 resolved (resolved requests include those received prior to September 2026). The table below shows the number of requests lodged per Works Section for the month.

Month	Roads	Parks and Gardens	Pest Management
October	80	44	10

At the time of reporting, the Works Group had 57 open requests.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating
All operational works are funded by the section specific 2026/27 maintenance budgets.

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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

9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2026

Date Prepared: **26 October 2026**

Author: **Coordinator Disaster Recovery**

Attachments: **Nil**

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 October 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Disaster Recovery Operations Report for October 2026.

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.

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	Works complete, will be removed from the next report.
T-MSC2025-33 Warril and Mount Haren Landslip Remediation	Contract awarded to Australian Ground Engineering (AGE). Works near complete at Mt Haren Road and Warril Drive.

Warril Drive Landslip Remediation



Mt Haren Road Landslip Remediation



Water and Sewer Program (exceptional circumstances package)

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2025-09 Lloyd Street Sewer Replacement Project	Project awarded to A&B Civil. Works in progress.

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	Contract awarded to S&K Civil Contracting Pty Ltd. Works completed on Fraser Road, Mona Mona Road and Fantin Road. Works in progress on Hillview Road.
T-MSC2025-25 Wolfram Road Culvert Upgrade	Contract awarded to Gregg Construction Pty Ltd. On site works are near complete.
T-MSC2025-26 Lockwood Road Upgrade	Contract awarded to IKCO Pty Ltd T/A Ikin Civil. Works commenced September 2026.

Wolfram Road Culvert Upgrade progress



Lockwood Road Upgrade progress





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 current projects. An extension of time has been approved, allowing Council to finalise the remaining projects. This includes the delivery of furniture and completion of works at the Community Led Activation Centres.

2025 DRFA – North and Far North Tropical Low 29 January – 28 February 2025

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
DRQ-MSC2026-01 - Eastern Roads 1 & DRQ-MSC2026-02 - Eastern Roads 2	Contract awarded to IKCO Pty Ltd T/A Ikin Civil in June 2026. Original contract works complete, additional works in progress.
DRQ-MSC2026-05 - Western Roads 1 & DRQ-MSC2026-06 - Western Roads 2	Contract awarded to Gregg Construction Pty Ltd in June 2026. Works on site complete, will be removed from next report.
DRQ-MSC2026-03 - Dimbulah Roads 2	Contract awarded to Watto's Earthmoving and Machinery Hire Pty Ltd in July 2026. Works on site complete, will be removed from next report.

Project Name	Update
DRQ-MSC2026-04 - Mid-Western Roads	Contract awarded to MC Group Pty Ltd in July 2026. Works on site complete, will be removed from next report.
DRQ-MSC2026-08 - Sealed Roads	Contract awarded to Stratos Civil Pty Ltd in July 2026. Includes Fallon Road works. Works progressing well.
Hastie Road Embankment	Approval received for geotechnical solution. Onsite investigations complete, design complete. Works to be completed in 2027 following wet season.
Kuranda Depot Access Slip	Approval received for geotechnical solution. Temporary works complete to stabilise site prior to the 25/26 wet season. Further works to stabilise site to be completed in 2026.
Top Eureka Creek Road Culvert	Rock protection works complete. Rock mattress works awarded to Watto's Earthmoving, to be completed in 2026.
Cooktown Crossing, Kondaparinga Road	Approval received for replacement of Cooktown Crossing on Kondaparinga Road. Construction to be as per current DAF guidelines (like for like). Site investigations complete, design in progress.
Butler Drive, Kuranda Landslip	Approval received for stabilisation of downslope bank adjacent Butler Drive. Slip has compromised stormwater drainage. Site investigations complete, design in progress.
Aerodrome Drain, Mareeba	Approval received for rock mattress works at end of aerodrome drain adjacent Ray Road. Works to be undertaken in FY 26/27.

2026 DRFA – North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather (commencing 24 December 2025)

Mareeba Shire Council has activated for the '*North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather (commencing 24 December 2025)'* weather event.

Emergency Works (EW)

The Emergency Works period has ended for the 2026 event; all submissions have been lodged and are awaiting QRA assessment.

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
Argyle Street, Dimbulah	Approval received for pavement works on Argyle Street, Dimbulah.
Volkman Road	Approval received for pavement works on Volkman Road, Arriga.
Hurricane Road	Gravel supply awarded to Mt Carbine quarries. Grading has commenced.
REPA Submissions	REPA submissions progressing well, with approvals so far being approximately 98% of submission values.
Emergent Works Claims	Approval received for Lloyd Street Emergency Works at 100%.

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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10 OFFICE OF THE CEO

10.1 LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP - ADOPTION OF SUB PLANS

Date Prepared: **9 November 2026**

Author: **Chief Executive Officer**

Attachments:
1. **H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) Sub Plan ⇩**
2. **Recovery Sub Plan ⇩**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of two (2) new sub-plans developed under the Mareeba Local Disaster Management Plan:

1. The H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) Sub Plan, which establishes local preparedness, response, relief and recovery arrangements for a potential outbreak of H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (H5N1) within Mareeba Shire.

2. Recovery Sub Plan, which establishes the framework for coordinated recovery activities following disaster events, including governance arrangements, recovery principles, community recovery planning and activation processes.

The development of both plans supports Mareeba Shire Council's responsibilities under the Disaster Management Act 2003 and strengthens the Shire's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from a diverse range of disaster events. The plans align with Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements and contemporary disaster management practice.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the following Sub Plans of the Mareeba Local Disaster Management Plan:

1. H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) Sub Plan; and
2. Recovery Sub Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Mareeba Local Disaster Management Group identified the need to expand and strengthen local disaster management arrangements through the development of additional hazard-specific and functional sub-plans.

The H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) Sub Plan has been developed in response to the increasing risk of H5N1 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza within Australia and provides local arrangements for preparedness, response and consequence management in support of lead state agencies. The plan identifies local hazards, agency responsibilities, activation triggers, worker safety requirements, carcass management arrangements and recovery considerations relevant to Mareeba Shire.

The Recovery Sub Plan establishes Council's approach to disaster recovery and outlines governance arrangements including the appointment of a Local Recovery Coordinator and establishment of a

Local Recovery Group. The plan provides guidance for recovery across human and social, economic, environmental and infrastructure recovery functions and incorporates the principles contained within the Queensland Recovery Plan and Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements.

The adoption of these plans will strengthen Council's disaster management capability and improve preparedness and coordination before, during and after disaster events.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

If adopted, the plans will be placed on the Council website.



MAREEBA LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUB PLAN -

H5 HIGH PATHOGENICITY AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI) SUB PLAN

2026/27

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1. PURPOSE

This sub plan supports the Mareeba Local Disaster Management Plan and provides arrangements for preparedness, response, relief and recovery associated with an outbreak of H5 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (H5N1) affecting wildlife, poultry, domestic animals and potentially humans within the Mareeba Shire.

The plan aligns with Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements (QDMA), the Queensland Government Multi-Agency H5 HPAI Response Coordination Framework, and Queensland Government guidance for local governments.

2. AIM

To minimise impacts of H5 HPAI on:

- Human health and wellbeing;
- Animal health and welfare;
- Native wildlife and biodiversity;
- Agricultural industries and supply chains;
- Community confidence and social amenity; and
- Council operations and critical services.

3. SCOPE

This plan applies to:

- Suspected or confirmed H5 HPAI detections within Mareeba Shire;
- Mass mortality events involving wild birds or wildlife;
- Incidents impacting poultry enterprises, wildlife habitats, wetlands or public spaces;
- Consequence management requiring activation of disaster management arrangements.

4. SITUATION

In June 2026, H5N1 HPAI was detected in migratory seabirds in Western Australia, representing the first detection of the globally circulating strain in Australia. Overseas outbreaks have caused significant mortality in poultry, wild birds and mammals. Early detection and reporting remain essential.

The most likely pathway for introduction into Queensland is through migratory wild birds. A One Health approach integrating animal, environmental and human health agencies is required.

Mareeba-Specific Hazard Considerations

Hazard	Potential Impact	Mitigation Strategies	Responsible Agencies
Poultry and agricultural industries	Disease transmission to commercial poultry and associated economic losses	Maintain strong farm biosecurity measures; support producer awareness programs; implement movement controls as directed by Biosecurity Queensland; encourage early reporting of unusual bird deaths.	Biosecurity Queensland (Lead), Mareeba Shire Council, Local poultry producers, Department of Primary Industries
Wetlands, dams, irrigation storages and waterways	Concentration of wild waterbirds may increase disease detection and spread risk	Conduct targeted surveillance of high-risk waterbird habitats; install public awareness signage; restrict access where required during response operations.	DETSI (Lead), Mareeba Shire Council, Biosecurity Queensland
Lake Tinaroo, Barron River catchment, Davies Creek, Emerald Creek, Granite Gorge and surrounding conservation areas	Impacts on native bird populations, biodiversity values and visitor safety	Coordinate monitoring with DETSI; establish exclusion zones if necessary; provide visitor information and manage access to affected sites.	DETSI (Lead), Mareeba Shire Council, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
Scavenging wildlife and birds of prey	Secondary spread between wildlife species through carcass exposure	Rapid carcass assessment and disposal where required; prevent scavenger access to disposal sites; undertake monitoring of affected species.	DETSI (Lead), Mareeba Shire Council, Biosecurity Queensland
Tourism and recreation areas	Public exposure to sick or dead wildlife and reputational impacts to tourism	Deliver timely public information; install warning signage; close or restrict affected sites when necessary; coordinate messaging with tourism stakeholders.	Mareeba Shire Council (Lead), DETSI, Tourism Operators, Queensland Health
First Nations cultural and environmental values	Impacts on culturally significant species, traditional practices and sites	Engage Traditional Owners early; incorporate cultural considerations into response planning; consult regarding access restrictions and disposal activities.	Mareeba Shire Council, Traditional Owner Groups, DETSI
Remote and geographically dispersed locations	Delays in surveillance, reporting, carcass collection and interagency response	Identify priority response locations; maintain contractor and resource registers; establish	Mareeba LDMG, Mareeba Shire Council, Far North

Hazard	Potential Impact	Mitigation Strategies	Responsible Agencies
		scalable logistics arrangements through the LDMG and DDMG.	DDMG, Biosecurity Queensland
Seasonal migratory and nomadic bird movements	Increased likelihood of disease introduction and spread through wildlife populations	Maintain seasonal situational awareness; support surveillance programs; enhance community reporting during migration periods.	Biosecurity Queensland, DETSI, Mareeba Shire Council, Wildlife Health Australia
Aviarists and Pet Bird Owners	Disease transmission to private aviaries and household pet birds. Deaths could have social and emotional wellbeing impacts.	Maintain situational awareness, support awareness programs, encourage early reporting of unusual bird deaths	Biosecurity Queensland, Mareeba Shire Council, bird breeding associations, community support agencies

5. AUTHORITY

This sub plan operates under:

- Disaster Management Act 2003;
- Biosecurity Act 2014;
- Environmental Protection Act 1994;
- Public Health Act 2005;
- Mareeba Local Disaster Management Plan.

6. ACTIVATION TRIGGERS

The plan may be activated when:

1. Five or more sick or dead birds are identified in a single location;
2. Any number of sick or dead seabirds, shorebirds, waterbirds, birds of prey or marine mammals are detected;
3. Advice is received from Biosecurity Queensland of a suspected or confirmed H5 HPAI detection;
4. A significant wildlife mortality event occurs;
5. Mareeba Shire Council is requested to support state agencies; or
6. The District Disaster Coordinator or relevant control agency requests local disaster management support.

7. CONTROL AND COORDINATION

Lead Agencies

Hazard	Lead Agency
Animal health, poultry, domestic animals	Biosecurity Queensland (DPI)
Wildlife and environmental impacts	DETSI
Human health	Queensland Health

Local government operates in a support and consequence management role through the LDMG and Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) where activated.

8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Mareeba Shire Council

- Support surveillance and reporting activities.
- Coordinate local consequence management.
- Manage public information in consultation with lead agencies.
- Manage Council-controlled land and facilities.
- Coordinate collection and disposal arrangements for wildlife carcasses where required.
- Support community awareness campaigns.
- Coordinate waste management resources and contractors.
- Consider impacts on First Nations communities, culturally significant sites and traditional practices.
- Maintain business continuity for Council operations.

Local Disaster Management Group

- Monitor threat levels.
- Coordinate local response capability.
- Escalate requests for assistance through the District Disaster Management Group.
- Coordinate local recovery arrangements where required.

Queensland Police Service

- Support coordination through disaster management arrangements.
- Assist with access control where required.

Queensland Health

- Provide public health advice.
- Assess human exposure risks.
- Coordinate health responses and surveillance.

Biosecurity Queensland

- Lead disease investigations.
- Coordinate animal disease response activities.
- Provide technical direction and movement controls where required.

9. PREPAREDNESS ARRANGEMENTS

Council will:

- Ensure staff and contractors understand reporting obligations.
- Maintain stocks of appropriate PPE.
- Develop safe operating procedures for carcass handling.
- Review landfill and disposal capabilities.
- Include HPAI scenarios in disaster exercises.
- Promote community awareness.
- Review event biosecurity plans involving birds.
- Discourage wildlife feeding on Council-managed land.

10. REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION

Any unusual wildlife mortality events must be immediately reported to:

- Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888
- Biosecurity Queensland: 13 25 23

Information to be recorded:

- Location;
- Date and time;
- Number of animals;
- Species affected;
- Observed clinical signs;
- Photographs where safe to obtain.

Council staff must not collect samples unless directed by an authorised agency.

11. OPERATIONAL RESPONSE ACTIONS

Initial Actions

1. Receive notification.
2. Verify information.

3. Notify LDMG Chair and Local Disaster Coordinator.
4. Notify Biosecurity Queensland.
5. Assess need for LDCC activation.
6. Establish communication with state lead agencies.
7. Determine public safety actions.

Public Safety Measures

- Restrict access to affected locations when necessary.
- Install warning signage.
- Advise public not to touch sick or dead animals.
- Promote hygiene and reporting messages.

12. WORKER SAFETY

Personnel involved in response activities must:

- Use appropriate PPE.
- Follow infection prevention and control procedures.
- Undertake hand hygiene and decontamination.
- Avoid eating, drinking or smoking during operations.
- Follow Queensland Health and Workplace Health and Safety guidance.

Seasonal influenza vaccination should be encouraged for personnel working closely with birds and wildlife.

13. CARCASS MANAGEMENT

Guiding Principles

- Leave carcasses in place where safe and appropriate.
- Minimise movement of carcasses.
- Prevent environmental contamination.
- Prevent exposure to scavengers, domestic animals and the public.

Disposal Options

1. Natural decomposition in situ where risk is low.
2. On-site deep burial.
3. Disposal at an approved landfill.
4. Pasteurisation/composting processes where suitable.

All disposal activities must comply with Biosecurity Queensland directions and environmental requirements. Burial sites should:

- Not be within drinking water catchments;
- Not intersect groundwater;
- Be more than 100 metres from watercourses where practicable;
- Prevent access by scavenging animals.

Transport Requirements

- Use leak-proof containers or double-bagged carcasses.
- Prevent odour and fluid release.
- Comply with any DETSI emergency directions if public health risk escalates.

14. PUBLIC INFORMATION STRATEGY

Key messages:

- Do not touch sick or dead wildlife.
- Report sightings immediately.
- Record location and animal numbers.
- Human risk remains low unless advised otherwise.
- Follow official advice from Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council.

Public information will be coordinated with DPI, DETSI, Queensland Health and the District Disaster Management Group.

15. RECOVERY

Recovery activities may include:

- Environmental rehabilitation;
- Wildlife monitoring;
- Assistance to affected industries;
- Community wellbeing support;
- Economic impact assessment;
- Review of Council waste and operational impacts.

16. LOGISTICS

Council should maintain access to:

- Disposable gloves;
- P2/N95 masks;
- Coveralls;

- Eye protection;
- Disinfectants including sodium hypochlorite solutions;
- Heavy-duty waste bags;
- Leak-proof transport containers;
- Signage and exclusion barriers.

17. REVIEW

This sub plan should be reviewed:

- Annually;
- Following activation;
- Following significant changes to Queensland Government policy or HPAI arrangements; or
- Following a major exercise.

ANNEX A – KEY CONTACTS

- Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888
- Biosecurity Queensland: 13 25 23
- Queensland Health Communicable Diseases Branch
- DETSI HPAI Coordinator
- District Disaster Coordinator (Far North District)
- Mareeba Shire Council Local Disaster Coordinator

References

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ANNEX B – OPERATIONAL SCENARIOS

Scenario 1 – Detection Near Poultry Enterprise

Situation

Suspected H5 HPAI identified within 5 km of a poultry operation.

Expected Actions

Biosecurity Queensland

- Lead disease response.
- Implement movement controls.
- Conduct tracing and surveillance.

LDMG

- Assess emerging community consequences
- Support public information.
- Support traffic and access requirements.
- Monitor economic impacts.

Scenario 2 – Social Media Report of Dead Birds

Situation

Residents post photographs of several dead birds in a council park on Facebook.

Expected Actions

LDMG Public Information

- Verify report.
- Provide public messaging.
- Refer report immediately to Biosecurity Queensland.

LDC

- Request visual assessment.
- Arrange for area to be secured if required.
- Record incident and determine escalation requirements.

Key Message

"Do not touch sick or dead birds. Report sightings to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888."

Annex C – Operational Readiness Checklist

Pre-Incident Checklist

Planning

- Contact lists current
- Notification procedures tested
- Reporting templates available
- Disposal approvals reviewed

Personnel

- Rangers briefed
- Waste staff briefed
- Supervisors trained
- Contractor inductions completed

Logistics

- PPE stocked
- Disinfectants stocked
- Heavy duty bags available
- Warning signage available
- Leak-proof containers available

Communications

- Media templates prepared
- Social media messaging prepared
- Community fact sheets available

Annex D – Pre-Incident Procurement List

PPE

Item	Recommended Minimum Holding
P2/N95 masks	500
Disposable gloves	2,000 pairs
Coveralls	200
Safety glasses	100
Face shields	50
Gumboots	Various sizes

Carcass Collection

Item	Recommended Minimum Holding
Heavy-duty biohazard bags	1,000
Cable ties	1,000
Shovels	20
Tongs/grabbers	20
Leak-proof drums	20
Portable wash kits	10

Decontamination

Item	Recommended Minimum Holding
Sodium hypochlorite disinfectant	100 litres
Spray units	20
Hand sanitiser	50 litres
Absorbent materials	20 kits

Contractor Arrangements

Maintain current supplier agreements for:

- Wildlife carcass collection
- Excavation and burial works
- Transport providers
- Landfill operations
- Traffic management
- Environmental monitoring
- PPE suppliers
- Emergency procurement suppliers



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OUR RECOVERY TERMINOLOGY

Disaster recovery definitions

Disaster recovery is the coordinated process of supporting disaster-affected communities' psychosocial (emotional and social), and physical well-being; reconstruction of physical infrastructure; and economic and environmental restoration (including regeneration of the natural environment, associated infrastructure and heritage sites and structures and the management of pollution and contamination).

Recovered is being able to lead a life that individuals and communities value living, even if it is different to the life they were living before the disaster event.

Further disaster management definitions are located in the *Queensland Disaster Management Act 2003* [DM Act] or the *Queensland Recovery Plan.*

OUR COMMUNITY

Introduction

The Mareeba Shire, covering an area of 53,491km2, stretches across the base of Cape York Peninsula and westwards from the coastal escarpment behind Cairns. It contains a remarkably diverse range of landscapes and vegetation, incorporating parts of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area to the east, the Einasleigh Uplands to the south, the Gulf Plains to the west and the Cape York Peninsula bio-region to the north. The altitude of the region moderates the tropical climate which means that Mareeba Shire enjoys cool dry winters and warm, wet summers. The Shire's estimated resident population is 24,205 (2025). Mareeba, lying 64 km south west of Cairns and with a town population of 14,331 (2021) , is the main commercial and administrative centre. Most of the Shire's remaining population reside in and around smaller towns and districts including Kuranda, Koah, Speewah, Biboohra, Mt Molloy, Julatten, Mt Carbine, Mutchilba, Dimbulah, Irvinebank, Watsonville, Almaden and Chillagoe.

14.3% of the Mareeba Shire identified as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage in the 2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2021 Census. This is a much higher identification rate to that of Queensland as a whole.

Mareeba means *meeting of the waters* in the local Aboriginal language and refers to the joining of the Barron River and the Granite Creek. Before the settlement of Europeans, the Muluridji people inhabited Mareeba.

The Muluridji people roamed the area that is now known as Mareeba town. The area is home to many other Aboriginal people, including the Yirrganydji people, the Kuku Yalanji people, the Djungan people, the Bar-Barrum people, and the Walkamin people. The Shire's economy relies heavily on agricultural production, including a large range of plant and animal industries and production of both tropical and subtropical crops. Four Tablelands industry groups are represented and the gross annual value of production is around $220M (tree crops); $90M (field crops); $79M (animal industries) and $15M (lifestyle horticulture). Mining and tourism also contribute heavily to the local economy with the region attracting around 2 million visitors every year.

Community leaders and contacts

Each community within Mareeba Shire is supported by formal and informal leaders who play an important role in disaster recovery. These leaders may include elected representatives, Traditional Owners, community organisations, service providers, business leaders, volunteer groups and local recovery stakeholders. The following groups may contribute to recovery planning and recovery operations across the Mareeba Shire.

Agency / Group	Recovery Role
Local Recovery Group	Recovery coordination
Rural Land Officer (if required)	Management of rural lands, including livestock and pest management
Traditional Owners and Elders	Advise on Land Use and cultural considerations
Local Businesses	Supplies, resources and support for economic recovery
Community Services	Advice, support and connection to recovery services
Indigenous Services	Advice/support to discrete communities
Education and Training providers	Support community recovery through education continuity, information sharing, facilities and wellbeing services
Health Services	Advice, health support and psychosocial wellbeing services
Volunteer Groups and Individuals	Community outreach, practical assistance, community connection and support for recovery activities
Community Guardians	Local knowledge, identification of vulnerable community members, information sharing and support for community-led recovery
GIVIT	Coordination and management of donated goods, services and financial contributions to support disaster recovery
Volunteering Queensland	Coordination of spontaneous volunteers, volunteer registration, deployment support and volunteer management advice
Service Clubs	Volunteer support, fundraising, resource provision and community recovery initiatives
Sporting Groups	Community engagement, wellbeing activities, volunteer support and provision of facilities where appropriate

OUR RECOVERY PLAN

Locally led recovery

Mareeba Shire Council recognises that recovery is most effective when it is locally led, community-centred and supported by all levels of government. Recovery arrangements are undertaken in accordance with the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements and the Queensland Recovery Plan and seek to empower communities to identify priorities and participate in decision-making throughout the recovery process.

The Recovery Plan is a sub-plan to our Local Disaster Management Plan, and supports recovery from all hazards including, but not limited to, natural disasters, pandemics, collective trauma events and bio-hazards. The Recovery Plan will be read in conjunction with the Queensland Recovery Plan.

The Recovery Plan will be reviewed annually or after an activation and updated accordingly.

Mareeba Shire Council recognises that successful reconstruction and recovery is dependent on community-led processes and this plan reflects our best effort to articulate the diverse cross section of views in the communities we represent. Following the impact of a significant disaster event, our community engagement strategy has provided opportunities for local communities to actively participate in the development of this plan and to influence recovery needs and priorities.

The Mareeba Community, Economic and Environmental Recovery and Reconstruction Plan is a medium to long-term plan for the recovery and reconstruction of our disaster affected communities. It is a living document which will be reviewed annually to enable Council and our communities to implement and monitor recovery efforts and to periodically assess our progress against our recovery objectives.

Recovery plan objectives

The objectives of the Mareeba Shire Recovery Sub-plan are to:

- support community-led recovery following disaster events
- establish clear recovery governance arrangements
- identify community strengths, resources and recovery capabilities
- recognise potential recovery challenges and vulnerabilities
- provide a framework for coordinated recovery planning and implementation
- support collaboration between government, non-government organisations, businesses and community members
- promote resilience, wellbeing and sustainable recovery outcomes across the Mareeba Shire.

RECOVERY GOVERNANCE (STRUCTURE)

Local Recovery Coordinator (LRC)

The Local Recovery Coordinator (LRC) is appointed by the Chairperson of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) to coordinate recovery operations at the local level. The position will normally be undertaken by an appropriately delegated senior officer of Mareeba Shire Council.

The Local Recovery Coordinator is responsible for:

- coordinating recovery operations across the Mareeba Shire
- chairing the Local Recovery Group
- ensuring recovery activities are community-led and locally informed
- coordinating recovery planning and implementation
- facilitating communication between the community, Council, government agencies and recovery partners
- monitoring recovery progress and reporting to the LDMG and relevant recovery authorities.

The decision to activate the Local Recovery Group is made by the Chairperson of the LDMG with advice from the LRC when recovery coordination is required following a disaster event.

Local Recovery Group

The LRG is designed to provide overarching recovery coordination and oversight of functional recovery sub-groups (where they exist) within a local government area.

A single recovery group or a group supported by functional recovery sub-groups may be formed to support the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG). Functional recovery areas can be amalgamated into relevant sub-groups dependent on event scale and impacts.

Recovery activities should include:

- Ensure all communication is relevant, timely, clear, accurate, targeted and credible.
- Recognise that communication with a community is two-way and that feedback should be both sought and considered.
- Ensure that information is accessible to all audiences in diverse situations and is provided through a range of mediums.
- Establish mechanisms for coordinated and consistent communication with all organisations and individuals.
- Ensure open communication with the affected community over an extended time.
- Repeat key messages to ensure information is available when recovery audiences are receptive.

Recovery is managed in Mareeba Shire through the Local Recovery Group (LRG). Depending on the scale and complexity of the disaster event, recovery activities may be coordinated through four functional recovery areas: Human and Social Recovery, Economic Recovery, Environmental Recovery and Infrastructure Recovery.

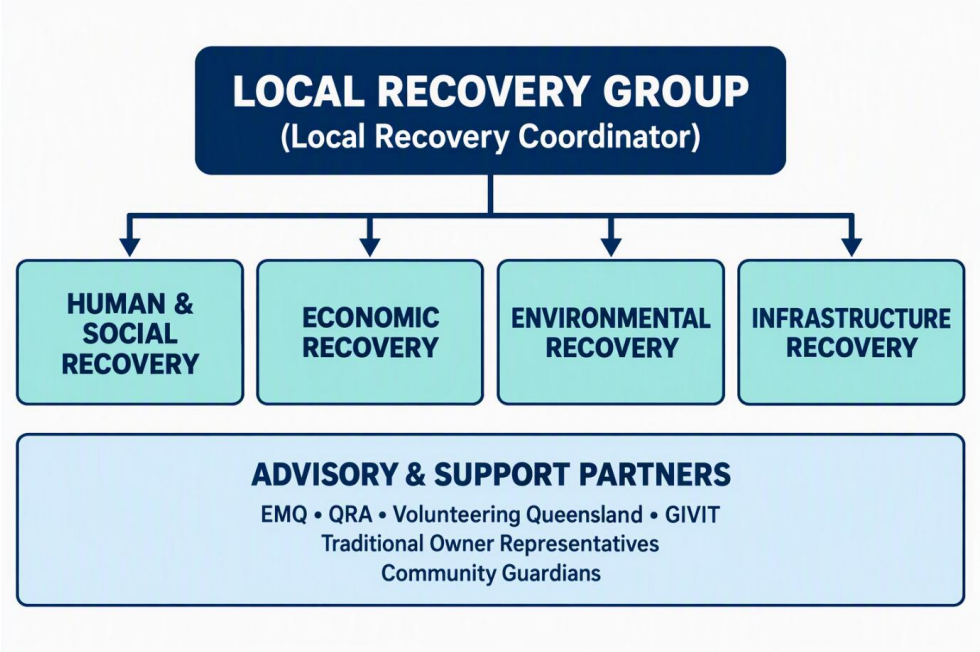


Figure 1: Local Recovery Group Governance Structure

Mareeba Shire Council adopts the Queensland recovery framework and recognises the five functional lines of recovery: Human and Social, Economic, Environmental, Building, and Roads and Transport Recovery. For local recovery coordination purposes, Building Recovery and Roads and Transport Recovery may be managed collectively under Infrastructure Recovery. This streamlined approach supports efficient local governance while ensuring all recovery functions are represented and coordinated in accordance with Queensland disaster management arrangements.

The structure adopted for a particular disaster event will be determined by the scale, complexity and impacts of the event and may be adjusted to meet identified recovery needs

Role

The role of our LRG is to:

- develop a recovery sub-plan
- identify members for the recovery group
- provide a forum for agencies to discuss the effect of the event on agency service provision and plan for a coordinated approach to the recovery process
- provide community engagement opportunities to allow the community to be part of the recovery process
- inform the community of recovery activities and progress to ensure community expectations are managed
- coordinate recovery operations at the local level
- request assistance through the DDMG where local capacity has been exhausted.
- develop a local event-specific recovery plan that is available to key stakeholders. This plan describes the arrangements, priorities and activities to address issues for a specific disaster

- facilitate the coordination and effective implementation of recovery operations according to the event-specific local recovery plan
- monitor and report the progress of recovery objectives to their communities, relevant groups and the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

Membership

The LRG is comprised of the following members:

- Local Recovery Coordinator (Chair)
- Local Disaster Coordinator
- Chief Executive Officer or Delegate
- Director Infrastructure Services
- Director Corporate and Community Services
- Finance Representative
- Communications Representative
- Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) Adviser
- Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA)
- Human and Social Recovery Lead
- Economic Recovery Lead
- Environmental Recovery Lead
- Infrastructure Recovery Lead
- Administration Support
- Additional stakeholders as required.

Additional stakeholders as determined by the nature and scale of the disaster event.

Meetings

The Local Recovery Group will meet a minimum of three times each year to review preparedness, recovery capability and emerging recovery issues.

Scheduled meetings will generally occur in:

- February
- June
- October

Additional meetings may be convened by the Chairperson during recovery activations or significant disaster events.

Activation Triggers

The LRG is likely to be activated in the following circumstances:

- Coordination for recovery activities is required in response to a disaster
- Local event-specific recovery planning is required. These events include:
  - floods
  - severe storms
  - bushfires
  - heatwaves
  - pandemics
  - exotic animal diseases
  - major road accidents
  - major aircraft accidents
  - major damage to infrastructure
  - psycho-social assistance required for disaster-affected community members.

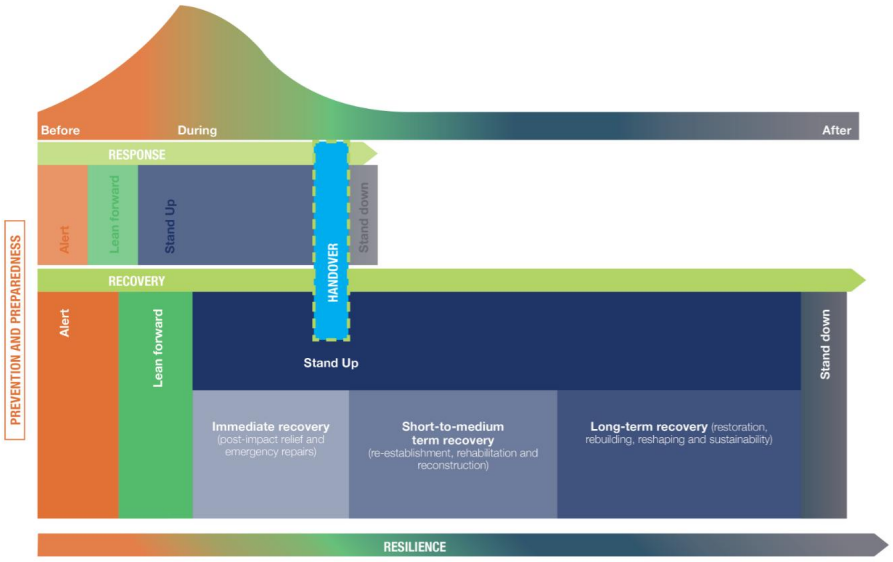


Figure 2: Transition from Response to Recovery

Transition from Response Operations to Recovery Operations (Handover)

The timing of handover from response to recovery will depend on the nature and impacts of the disaster event and may occur progressively across affected areas.

Handover from response to recovery should be guided by:

- situation reports demonstrating the de-escalation of response activities
- status of response and immediate relief operations
- completed impact and needs assessments

- emerging recovery priorities
- anticipated recovery risks and challenges
- community needs and expectations
- any ongoing response activities that may require continued coordination.

Recovery Sub-plan Review

This Recovery Sub-plan will be reviewed annually, following activation, or when significant changes occur to legislation, policy, organisational arrangements or community recovery requirements.

Reviews will ensure the plan remains current, reflects contemporary recovery practice and continues to meet the needs of the Mareeba Shire community.

Event-specific Local Recovery Plan

Following a disaster event, the Local Recovery Coordinator and Local Recovery Group may develop an Event-specific Local Recovery Plan where recovery activities require ongoing coordination, monitoring and reporting.

The Event-specific Local Recovery Plan will identify:

- recovery priorities and objectives
- community needs and identify impacts
- recovery actions and responsible agencies
- performance measures and reporting requirements
- communication and community engagement activities
- resource and funding requirements.

Development of an Event-specific Local Recovery Plan will generally be considered following:

- significant flood events
- severe storms
- bushfires
- heatwaves
- pandemics
- exotic animal disease outbreaks
- major transport incidents
- major infrastructure failures
- significant environmental impacts
- events requiring prolonged human and social recovery support

- events causing substantial impacts to the local economy.

Plans will be informed by impact assessments, community engagement and recovery needs analysis and may be incorporated into district or state recovery frameworks where appropriate.

The Local Recovery Coordinator is responsible for obtaining approval of the Event-specific Local Recovery Plan through the LDMG and Mareeba Shire Council.

Progress Reporting

The Local Recovery Coordinator is responsible for monitoring recovery progress and reporting on recovery activities, outcomes and emerging issues.

Progress reporting supports informed decision-making, accountability and continuous improvement throughout the recovery process. Reporting arrangements may vary depending on the scale of the event, funding requirements and any applicable district, state or Australian Government recovery frameworks.

OUR RECOVERY FOUNDATIONS

Disaster recovery principles

The Mareeba Shire Council Local Disaster Management group will use the National Principles for Disaster Recovery to guide our recovery planning, approach, decision-making and efforts. The principles are:

Principle	Definition
Understand the context	Successful recovery is based on an understanding of the community context, with each community having its own history, values and dynamics.
Recognise complexity	Successful recovery is responsive to the complex and dynamic nature of both emergencies and the community.
Use community-led approaches	Successful recovery is community-centred, responsive and flexible, engaging with community and supporting them to move forward.
Coordinate all activities	Successful recovery requires a planned, coordinated and adaptive approach, between community and partner agencies, based on continuing assessment of impacts and needs.
Communicate effectively	Successful recovery is built on effective communication between the affected community and other partners.
Recognise and build capacity	Successful recovery recognises, supports, and builds on individual, community and organisational capacity and resilience.

Five functional lines of recovery

The LRG will consider the below functional lines of recovery when planning recovery operations.

Five functional lines of recovery	
Human and Social recovery	focuses on supporting the emotional, social, physical and psychological health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities following a disaster.
Economic recovery	focuses on rectifying the direct and indirect impacts on the economy as a result of a disaster.
Building recovery	focuses on rectifying damage and disruption which inhibits the capacity of essential services and the building sector, including housing, accommodation, education and health facilities.
Environmental recovery	focuses on rectifying the impacts on the natural environment as a direct result of a disaster or through a secondary impact or consequence. Impacts to the environment may include damage or loss of flora and fauna, poor air quality, reduced water quality, land degradation and contamination, as well as cultural and built heritage listed place issues.
Roads and Transport recovery	focuses on rectifying the effects of a disaster on transport networks, including road, rail, aviation and maritime normally result in difficulty accessing communities and disruption to critical supply chains (both in and out of the impacted area). Restoration of these networks, or the identification of alternatives, is a priority in disaster recovery.

Recovery stages

The disaster recovery process can generally be categorised into three phases:

- Stage 1: Immediate recovery (post-impact relief and emergency)
- Stage 2: Short-to-medium term recovery (re-establishment, rehabilitation and reconstruction)
- Stage 3: Long-term recovery (restoration, rebuilding, reshaping and sustainability).

The recovery activities table will outline the types of activities that may occur through these stages. Recovery is not a retrospective process, but a process that focuses on building a recovered community.



Figure 3: Disaster Recovery Phases

Whilst specifically funded recovery programs under the joint Commonwealth/Queensland funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have a two year life span, the time it takes for a community to be recovered will vary based on the impact of the event and the individuals in the community.

Recovered

For the Mareeba Shire community, a state of recovery is achieved when individuals, businesses and communities are able to lead lives they value, maintain social connections, access essential services, participate in community activities and pursue economic opportunities, even where circumstances differ from those that existed prior to the disaster event. Recovery recognises that communities may adapt and change following a disaster while maintaining their wellbeing, resilience and sense of identity

OUR COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Community map: Mareeba

The Mareeba Shire comprises a geographically diverse region with communities located across both urban and remote areas. Understanding the distribution of communities, transport connections and distances between townships is important for disaster recovery planning, service delivery and community engagement activities.

The map below identifies the major communities located within the Mareeba Shire.



Figure 4: Mareeba Shire Communities and Major Population Centres

Our Community Strengths

Community participation

In Mareeba Shire, community connectedness contributes to a strong culture of volunteering, community participation and resilience. Community groups, faith-based organisations, service providers and cultural organisations play an important role in supporting community wellbeing and disaster recovery. Examples include:

Community Sector	Examples
Community Services	Mareeba Community Services, Vinnies, EPIC Assist, TCASS, Mareeba Community Housing
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organisations	Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation, Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation
Neighbourhood and Community Centres	Mareeba Community Centre, Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre
Volunteer and Community Organisations	PCYC Mareeba, Men's Sheds, Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs

Community Sector	Examples
Faith-Based Organisations	Mareeba Islamic Society, Anglican Church, Uniting Churches, Abundant Life Centre, Mareeba Fijian Faith Church and other local churches
Sporting and Recreation Groups	Local sporting clubs and recreation organisations
Community Guardians	Trusted community representatives who support community resilience, information sharing and recovery activities

Community events

Community events play an important role in maintaining social connectedness, community identity and economic activity across the Mareeba Shire. These events attract local residents and visitors from across Queensland and interstate and should be considered when planning recovery activities and measuring recovery outcomes following a disaster event

Month	Event	Location
January	Australia Day/Citizenship Ceremony	Mareeba
May	Great Wheelbarrow Race	Mareeba to Chillagoe
May	Dimbulah Festival	Dimbulah
May	Chillagoe Rodeo	Chillagoe
May	FNQ Rotary Field Days	Mareeba
July	NAIDOC Week	Shire-wide
July	Mareeba Rodeo and Parade	Mareeba
July	Show Day	Shire-wide
July	Chillagoe Festival	Chillagoe
July	Irvinebank Festival	Irvinebank
July	Christmas in July	Mareeba
July	Mareeba Art Show	Mareeba
August	Italian Festival	Mareeba
August	Mt Carbine Rodeo	Mt Carbine
August	Mareeba Multi-cultural Festival	Arnold Park, Mareeba
September	Cardiac Challenge	Mareeba

Month	Event	Location
October	Savannah in the Round	Mareeba
October	Seniors Morning Tea	International Club, Mareeba

Places of Community Connection

Community connection is a critical component of disaster recovery. Across the Mareeba Shire, a range of facilities and community spaces provide opportunities for residents to gather, access information, participate in recovery activities and maintain social connections following a disaster event. These locations may be utilised for community meetings, outreach services, information sharing, recovery hubs, welfare support and other recovery-related activities as determined by the needs of the affected community.

The following facilities have been identified as important places of community connection and may support recovery operations across the Mareeba Shire.

Location	Purpose
Cedric Davies Hub	Evacuation centre and recovery hub
Koah Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
PCYC	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
School Halls	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Mutchilba Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Chillagoe Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Almaden Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Dimbulah Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Irvinebank School of the Arts Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Kuranda Library	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue

Location	Purpose
Geraghty Park Julatten	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue
Mt Molloy Hall	Place of refuge, community gathering point and meeting venue

Community services

The community of Mareeba Shire is supported by a diverse range of services, organisations and community networks that contribute to community wellbeing, resilience and recovery capability. These services provide practical assistance, social support, cultural connection, health and wellbeing services, housing assistance and access to essential resources before, during and after disaster events.

Agency / Group	Recovery Purpose	Availability
Local Recovery Group	Recovery coordination	As required before, during and after disaster events
Rural Land Officer (if required)	Management of rural lands, including livestock and pest management	As required
Community Members	Identification of needs and support required, preparedness activities	Ongoing
Plant and Equipment	Reconstruction of community assets	As required
Council Infrastructure	Reconstruction of community assets / plant and equipment	Ongoing
Traditional Owners and Elders	Advise on Land Use and cultural considerations	As required
Health services including weekly and fortnightly fly in and fly out (FIFO) services (focusing on general health, mental health, sexual health and dentistry)	Support health and wellbeing of community members	Daily, weekly and outreach services as required
Veterinary services are provided by a FIFO provider or the Director of Nursing where the vet is unavailable	Support health and wellbeing of animals within the community	As required

Agency / Group	Recovery Purpose	Availability
Sport and recreation facility	Promote and support community connectedness	Ongoing
Women's Shelter	Safe haven for women and children	24 hours, as required
Indigenous Organisations	Information and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members	Ongoing
Aged Care Services (high needs care)	Support the health and wellbeing of elderly community members	Daily
Automatic Teller Machines	Provision of money	Available 24 hours, subject to service availability
Mobile Phone Services	Connect community members and those inside and outside the community	Available 24 hours, subject to service availability
Neighbourhood Centres: • Dimbulah • Julatten • Kuranda • Mareeba	Connect community members to available resources and provide a space for community connectedness	Regular business hours and as required during recovery
Vinnies	Connect community members to available resources available in the community	Ongoing
Mareeba Community Housing	Provide housing to the homeless	Ongoing
Aged Care and NDIS Providers	Provide services for those in need in the community	Ongoing
Men's Shed: • Mareeba • Kuranda • Julatten	Promotes social interaction, skill sharing and mental health support to the men in the community	Regular scheduled activities
Rotary Club	Community support, volunteering, fundraising and recovery initiatives	Regular meetings and as required

Agency / Group	Recovery Purpose	Availability
Lions Club	Community support, volunteering, fundraising and recovery initiatives	Regular meetings and as required
Churches and Faith-Based Organisations	Places of worship, support, community connection and emergency assistance	Weekly services and as required
Libraries: • Mareeba • Kuranda • Dimbulah • Chillagoe	Community connectedness, information, internet access and support services	Regular business hours
Aged Care Facilities/Services • Respect Mareeba Gardens • St Johns Community Care • Blue Care	Support the health and wellbeing of elderly community members	Daily

Our Community Challenges

The Mareeba Shire is a diverse and geographically dispersed local government area. While the community demonstrates strong resilience, a range of factors may influence recovery outcomes following a disaster event.

Key recovery challenges may include:

- geographically dispersed and remote communities
- ageing population and vulnerable residents
- language and communication barriers within culturally diverse communities
- newly arrived residents with limited knowledge of local hazards
- homelessness and housing insecurity
- socio-economic disadvantage
- access to accommodation during recovery operations
- impacts to critical infrastructure and transport networks
- recovery support requirements within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- the cumulative impacts of repeated disaster events.

Considerations for external agency staff

Recovery personnel deployed from outside the Mareeba Shire should recognise and respect the cultural diversity, local knowledge and community connections that exist across the region. Engagement with local leaders, Traditional Owners and community representatives can assist in ensuring recovery activities are appropriate, effective and culturally informed.

Considerations for external agency staff include:

- understanding local cultural protocols and community expectations
- recognising the significance of Traditional Owner connections to Country
- respecting cultural obligations, including Sorry Business
- supporting community-led decision making and participation
- recognising the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the Shire
- understanding the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- considering local accommodation limitations and travel distances
- adapting engagement approaches to meet community needs and preferences.

Our resilience

Mareeba Shire has demonstrated strong resilience through repeated experiences with flooding, cyclones, severe storms, bushfires, drought and other natural hazards. Communities across the Shire have developed a strong culture of preparedness, self-reliance and mutual support.

The region benefits from active volunteer networks, strong agricultural and business sectors, engaged community organisations and established disaster management arrangements. Lessons learned from previous disaster events, including significant flooding associated with Tropical Cyclone Jasper, have strengthened local preparedness, recovery planning and community resilience.

The ability of communities to work together, support vulnerable residents and adapt to changing circumstances remains a key strength of the Mareeba Shire.

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Physical and biological landscape

Mareeba Shire encompasses a diverse landscape including rainforest, savannah woodlands, agricultural land, river systems and rugged outback terrain. The region supports significant biodiversity and contains areas of environmental, agricultural, cultural and tourism importance.

The natural environment contributes substantially to community wellbeing, economic activity and cultural identity. Recovery activities should consider the protection and restoration of waterways, wetlands, native vegetation, wildlife habitats and environmentally significant areas.

Recovery personnel should engage with Traditional Owners, environmental agencies and relevant stakeholders when undertaking activities that may affect environmentally or culturally sensitive locations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artefacts and cultural heritage

Mareeba Shire contains numerous places, landscapes and sites of cultural significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The region includes areas associated with the Muluridji, Djungan, Yirrganydji, Kuku Yalanji, Bar-Barrum, Walkamin and other Traditional Owner groups.

Recovery and reconstruction activities should be undertaken in consultation with relevant Traditional Owners and cultural heritage representatives to ensure culturally significant sites, landscapes and heritage values are protected.

Consideration should also be given to cultural protocols, community connections to Country, cultural obligations and the potential impacts of recovery activities on places of significance

ACCESS (BY AIR/ROAD/RAIL/FLOOD BOAT)

Mareeba Shire is serviced weekly throughout the dry and wet seasons by road from Cairns and Brisbane. In the dry season, Mareeba towns can be easily accessed via sealed roads and are located within a leisurely drive to the major towns of Cairns and Atherton.

Road

From/to	Distance (time)	Distance (kms)
Mareeba - Chillagoe	1 hour and 37 minutes	From 140 – 144 kilometres
Mareeba - Kuranda	35 minutes	38 kilometres
Cairns - Mareeba	1 hour	64 kilometres

Air

Mareeba Airfield provides an important aviation facility for the region and supports emergency management, general aviation, training, charter operations and disaster recovery activities.

The airfield may be utilised during disaster events for:

- aerial reconnaissance and impact assessments
- deployment of emergency personnel
- emergency resupply operations
- transport of specialised recovery resources
- community support and recovery operations where road access is restricted.

Additional aviation support may be coordinated through Cairns Airport and other regional aviation facilities as required.

Rail

Mareeba is serviced by rail infrastructure, with The Savannahlander tourist rail service being the primary user of the rail corridor. Rail transport contributes to regional connectivity and may support the movement of people, goods and services during recovery operations following a disaster event.

Flood boat

Mareeba SES maintains a flood boat capability to support community access, resupply, evacuation and recovery operations during flood events.

FUNDING MECHANISMS AND OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE

A range of financial assistance programs and funding mechanisms may be available to support disaster recovery activities undertaken by individuals, businesses, community organisations and government agencies.

Funding arrangements may be activated following disaster events to assist with relief, recovery, reconstruction and resilience-building activities. Eligibility requirements and available funding measures will vary depending on the nature, scale and impacts of the event.

Mareeba Shire Council will work with relevant government agencies and recovery partners to identify, communicate and facilitate access to available funding opportunities where appropriate

Donations

Mareeba Shire Council recognises that offers of assistance from individuals, businesses, community organisations and philanthropic groups can make a valuable contribution to community recovery following a disaster event. To ensure donations are managed effectively, transparently and in accordance with identified community needs, Council will promote and support coordinated donation management arrangements. Recovery activities are undertaken through a coordinated, community-led approach that reflects local priorities and needs.

Where appropriate, Mareeba Shire Council may partner with GIVIT, Queensland's preferred disaster recovery donation management service, to coordinate offers of donated goods, services and financial assistance. GIVIT provides a secure and accountable platform that matches donated items and services directly to requests from individuals, families, community groups and recovery agencies affected by disaster events.

The use of GIVIT assists Council and recovery partners to:

- ensure donations are directed to genuine and verified community needs
- reduce the burden associated with managing unsolicited donated goods
- support equitable distribution of assistance across affected communities
- connect donors with specific recovery requests
- improve accountability and transparency in donation management
- support individuals, families, businesses and community organisations during recovery
- complement existing relief and recovery programs and funding arrangements.

Following a disaster event, Council will communicate approved donation arrangements through its public information channels, community meetings and recovery communications. Community members will be encouraged to utilise official donation pathways to ensure assistance is targeted, coordinated and aligned with identified recovery priorities. Effective communication and coordinated recovery activities are essential principles of successful recovery operations.

Donations management will be coordinated through the Local Recovery Group and relevant recovery partners to support community-led recovery outcomes across the Mareeba Shire.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in supporting disaster recovery across the Mareeba Shire. Mareeba Shire Council recognises the significant contribution of volunteers, community organisations and informal community networks in supporting individuals, families and businesses affected by disaster events. Volunteer involvement supports community-led recovery and strengthens local resilience.

Community Guardians

Community Guardians are respected local volunteers who assist in strengthening community resilience, recovery and social connectedness before, during and after disaster events. They provide local knowledge, assist in identifying emerging community needs and support communication between recovery agencies and community members.

Community Guardians may include representatives from community organisations, sporting groups, service clubs, neighbourhood centres, faith-based organisations, Traditional Owner groups, rural communities and other trusted local networks.

The role of Community Guardians may include:

- promoting disaster preparedness and community resilience initiatives
- supporting the dissemination of accurate recovery information within local communities
- identifying vulnerable, isolated or at-risk individuals who may require additional support
- assisting recovery agencies to understand local issues, concerns and priorities
- supporting community engagement activities, recovery meetings and outreach programs
- providing local knowledge regarding community networks, facilities and cultural considerations
- assisting in identifying barriers to recovery and access to services
- supporting social connectedness and community wellbeing throughout the recovery process
- providing feedback to the Local Recovery Group on emerging recovery needs and community concerns.

Community Guardians do not replace the responsibilities of emergency services, government agencies or professional recovery workers. Their role is to complement formal recovery arrangements by providing trusted local knowledge, community connections and support to recovery efforts. The Local Recovery Group

may engage Community Guardians as required to support recovery operations, outreach activities and the development of event-specific recovery plans.

Working with Volunteering Queensland

Mareeba Shire Council recognises the important role of volunteers in supporting disaster recovery and will work collaboratively with Volunteering Queensland and other recognised volunteer coordination organisations to facilitate safe, effective and coordinated volunteer involvement.

Where appropriate, Council may seek support from Volunteering Queensland to:

- coordinate spontaneous volunteers following disaster events
- connect community organisations with volunteer resources
- support volunteer registration, management and deployment processes
- provide volunteer training, guidance and resources
- promote safe volunteering practices and volunteer wellbeing
- assist with community recovery and resilience-building initiatives
- support recovery activities identified by the Local Recovery Group
- facilitate partnerships between volunteers, community organisations and recovery agencies.

Council will encourage volunteers to register through recognised volunteer management systems to ensure appropriate induction, insurance, safety briefings and task allocation processes are followed.

Volunteer activities will be coordinated in a manner that supports community needs, complements formal recovery operations and promotes positive outcomes for affected communities.

Volunteer Recognition

Mareeba Shire Council acknowledges the significant contribution of volunteers, Community Guardians, community organisations and partner agencies in supporting community recovery. Through collaboration with Volunteering Queensland, local service organisations and community networks, Council aims to strengthen community resilience, support recovery outcomes and foster community-led recovery across the Mareeba Shire

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

The following section outlines potential recovery activities and options to address potential recovery challenges for the community of Mareeba Shire. In order to identify appropriate assistance an impact assessment needs to be completed. Nothing in the table below should replace existing warning and communication activities.

The table in this section is a living document, is not exhaustive, and can be added to on an ongoing basis to help provide a number of solutions.

What may happen and where may it happen?	How could it affect the Community (what is/ are the consequence/s)?	What needs to be done?	Who is required to assist? (functional recovery areas, agencies and individuals)	What resources are required?	Which facilities can be used?	When does it need to happen? (immediately, short term, medium and longer term)	Escalation points
Community impacted by a collective trauma event (Major vehicle/aircraft/Qld train incident/major damage to infrastructure) - Injury - Fatalities - Psycho-social impacts Injury/loss of life - Economic impact - Environmental impacts - Chemical spillage into river/waterways - Closure of State Highways/Road	- Public health concerns due to increased risk of respiratory illnesses as a result of reduced air quality due to chemical spillage - Public health concerns due to chemical contaminating waterways and township water supplies - Biosecurity concerns for cattle and sheep due to reduced water quality	- Set up road closures / diversions - Implement traffic management - Transport injured/deceased to the hospital - In partnership with relevant agencies, remove vehicle/aircraft in line with appropriate protocols/processes - In partnership with relevant agencies, clean up accident scene in line with appropriate protocols/processes	**Functional recovery areas** - Human and Social - Economic - Roads and Transport - Environment **Agencies and individuals** - WSC Council - QPS - QAS - Rural Fire Services - DTMR - Qld Health - EHO - DAF - DES - RFDS - Tow truck services - Outback Futures	Psycho-social first-aid material Human resources Ambulance Tow trucks Air and water quality monitoring equipment Aircraft Materials to clean up a chemical spill PPE Crane	Cultural Centre and community halls Hospital	All phases	Immediate

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- Damage to roads/road furniture	- Psycho-social impacts on the community members / first responders resulting from injuries sustained to those involved in the accident/loss of life. - Damage to State Highway / Roads - Damage to road furniture - Loss of income/profits for tourism and small businesses due to reduced tourist numbers as a result of road/airport closures and diversions - The increased financial burden for council due to damage and/or loss of roads and/or road furniture	- Implement and monitor water and air quality - Implement communication strategy - Undertake damage assessment of impact area - Repair and/or replace damaged road and/or road furniture - Inspect and re-open State Highway/Road/Airport - Removal of injured/deceased fauna	- DCHDE				

What may happen and where may it happen?	How could it affect the Community (what is/ are the consequence/s)?	What needs to be done?	Who is required to assist? (functional recovery areas, agencies and individuals)	What resources are required?	Which facilities can be used?	When does it need to happen? (immediately, short term, medium and longer term)	Escalation points
	- Loss of native fauna and flora						
Natural Disaster Events (flooding, severe storms, bushfires, heatwaves) - Houses flooded - Outlying properties flooded - Businesses flooded - Outlying properties cut off from key towns - State highways and local roads cut off by floodwaters - Road and road furniture damage - Limited town inundation - Fencing, infrastructure and machinery on	- Cumulative psycho-social impacts on the community resulting from the shire's most severe drought, exacerbated by flood impacts, resulting in an increased need for psycho-social support services. - Psychological impacts on children as a result of not being able to attend school, including boarding school	- Establish a recovery hub - Undertake damage assessments across impacted areas (QFD) - In partnership with relevant local agencies, coordinate outreach calls/visits to individuals/communities isolated from natural disaster events to assess human and social impacts and provide access to psycho-social support services when required.	**Functional recovery areas** - Human and Social - Economic - Roads and Transport - Environment - Buildings **Agencies and individuals** - Council - DTMR - DAF - DCHDE - DES - QFD - SES - RFDS - Ergon - Lifeline	- Psycho-social first aid material - Financial assistance material - Human resources - Phones - Machinery - Tools - Food - Biosecurity factsheets - Aircraft/helicopters - Portable road signs - Technical experts - Fire Trucks - Access to water	- Council depots - Council administration building - Primary Schools - Showgrounds - Motels/Hotels - Community halls - Sports Complex Cultural Centre and Halls - Churches - Petrol stations - Visitor Information Centres - Libraries - Medical Centres - Pharmacies	All phases	Immediate escalation for severe storms and bushfires.

What may happen and where may it happen?	How could it affect the Community (what is/ are the consequence/s)?	What needs to be done?	Who is required to assist? (functional recovery areas, agencies and individuals)	What resources are required?	Which facilities can be used?	When does it need to happen? (immediately, short term, medium and longer term)	Escalation points
outlying properties damaged/destroyed - Death of stock - Airports closed due to flood water over the tarmac - Schools closed - Businesses closed - Tourist attractions closed - Council facilities closed - Camping grounds and parks closed - Loss of power - Loss of telecommunication	and kindergarten as a result of road closures - Lack of access to essential food, fuel and medical supplies - Loss of income/profits primary producers, contractors and small businesses as a result of being unable to work due to road closures - Loss of income for community members as a result of not being able to go to work due to road closures - Loss of income/profits for freight/transport ation companies not being able to use state highways due to	- Coordinate community briefings - Source temporary accommodation as/when required - Community members, where required, are able to access health and well-being and financial support resources and programs. - Resupply of essential food, fuel and medical supplies - Re-open schools, businesses, tourists attractions and council facilities - Re-open State Highways and local roads, airports and railway services - Liaise with local agencies to assess the economic impact of the event. - Assess the economic impact on tourism and agriculture and promote	- Insurance Council of Aust. - GIVIT - GPs - QPS - QAS - Qld Health - Telstra - Outback Futures - Rural Financial Counsellors - Pharmacies - Churches - Anglicare - Meals on Wheels - Community service groups - SES - Rural Fire Service - School Principals - Environmental Health Officer.		- General Stores - Cafes/Restaurant		

What may happen and where may it happen?	How could it affect the Community (what is/ are the consequence/s)?	What needs to be done?	Who is required to assist? (functional recovery areas, agencies and individuals)	What resources are required?	Which facilities can be used?	When does it need to happen? (immediately, short term, medium and longer term)	Escalation points
	road closures and diversions - Loss of income/profits for primary producers as a result of stock loss - Loss of income/profits for tourism and related businesses due to reduced tourist numbers as a result of road closures - The increased financial burden on primary producers and outlying properties as a result of loss of fencing, sheds, machinery and equipment - The increased financial burden to community members and visitors as a	opportunities to drive economic recovery. - Work with primary producers, small businesses and relevant agencies to develop business/industry recovery implementation plans. - Assist businesses and industry to identify and access information on funds, grants and loans available from the government and other entities. - Stimulate tourism through identification and promotion of funding opportunities to impacted businesses. - Develop and implement tourism campaign. - Obtain and provide advice to assist					

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	result of being stranded in town as a result of road closures and requiring food and accommodation. - The increased financial burden for businesses due to damage to infrastructure - The increased financial burden for community members due to damage to houses and loss of food supplies - The increased financial burden for council due to damage and/or loss of public infrastructure - Loss and injuries to wildlife and native flora across the region - Lack of access to stock food due to road closures.	landholders and responders above environmental health hazards (including water quality, disposing of food waste and disposing of carcasses and vegetation etc.). - Obtain and provide biosecurity advice and safety measures for prevention of the spread of weeds and pests from vehicles entering properties for recovery works - Implement and monitor mosquito fogging program - Re-open recreational facilities and campgrounds across the region. - Continue water monitoring and reporting. - Erect signage regarding water quality					

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	- Public health concerns due to increase of mosquito, sand-fly population - Public health concerns due to increased risk of waterborne disease by floodwaters contaminating township water supplies - Biosecurity concerns for cattle and sheep due to reduced water quality - Loss and disposal of kangaroos and livestock - Biosecurity concerns (pest and weed management issues) regarding stock routes. - Damage to road furniture across the region	- Continue stock route monitoring for potential biosecurity issues - Reconnection of power and telecommunication - Rescue and/or disposal of native fauna - In partnership with wildlife carers, support impacted animals. - Repair and/or replace damaged road furniture - Repair and/or replace damaged fencing - Inspect and re-open local and state roads and streets - Inspect, repair or replace public infrastructure - Inspect, repair and/or replace road pavements, culverts and drainage infrastructure across impacted areas.					

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	- Closure of State Highways and local roads resulting from floodwaters/fires /storms	- Assist with fencing repairs/replacement by directing businesses/properties to funding opportunities. - Fodder crops - Food and medical drops to outlying properties					
Truck rollover – carrying hazardous chemicals - Injury/loss of life - Economic impact - Environmental impacts - Chemical spillage into river/waterways - Closure of State Highways/Roads - Damage to roads/road furniture	- Public health concerns due to increased risk of respiratory - illnesses as a result of reduced air quality due to chemical spillage - Public health concerns due to chemical contaminating waterways and township water supplies - Biosecurity concerns for cattle and sheep due to reduced water quality	- Set up road closures / diversions - Implement traffic management - Transport injured/deceased to the hospital - In partnership with relevant agencies, remove truck in line with appropriate protocols/processes - In partnership with relevant agencies, clean up accident scene in line with appropriate protocols/processes - Implement and monitor water and air quality	**Functional recovery areas** - Human and Social - Economic - Roads and Transport - Environment **Agencies and individuals** - Council - QPS - QAS - Rural Fire Services - DTMR - Qld Health - EHO - DAF - DES - RFDS - Tow truck services - Outback Futures	- Human resources - Ambulance - Tow trucks - Air and water quality monitoring equipment - Aircraft - Materials to clean up a chemical spill - PPE - Dedicated to transport recovered Chemical - Crane - Road signage/blockage - Traffic Control - Chemical Containment kits	Hospital Council Depot Dump points	All Phases	Immediate

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	- Psycho-social impacts on the community members / first responders resulting from injuries sustained to those involved in the accident/loss of life. - Damage to State Highway / Roads - Damage to road furniture - Loss of income/profits for tourism and small businesses due to reduced tourist numbers as a result of road closures and diversions - The increased financial burden for council due to damage and/or loss of roads and/or road furniture	- Implement communication strategy - Undertake damage assessment of impact area - Repair and/or replace damaged road and/or road furniture - Inspect and re-open State Highway/Road - Removal of injured/deceased fauna	- DCHDE - Auxiliary Firefighters				

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	- Loss of native fauna and flora						
Community is impacted by structural fire - Community house fire - Business structural fire - Powerline fault/fire - Gas explosion (service stations/hospital/ businesses)	There could be - Loss of building assets - Loss of life - Psycho-social Evacuations/Recovery	- Firefighting - Rescues and assistance - Replace roadside furniture - Provide funding and advice - Supporting affected businesses to remain operable - Ensuring continued supply chain - Manage evacuations and closures Damage assessments	- Council - State Emergency Services - Rural Fire Brigade - QRA - QPS - QFD - Financial Counsellors - Outreach Services (Mental Health, i.e. Outback Futures) - Tradespersons - Environmental Health Officer - Insurance assessor - WSC workforce - Contractors (Cleaning and Clear up)	- Psychosocial First Aid material - Financial Assistance material - Human resources - Phones - Machinery - Tools - Food - Aircraft/helicopters - Portable Road Signs - Technical experts - Fire Trucks - GIVIT	-Council Depot - Council Admin building - Schools -Showgrounds - Motels/Hotels - Community Halls - Sport Complex - Cultural Centre - Churches - Petrol Stations - Visitor Information Centres - Libraries - Medical Centres - Pharmacy - General Stores - Café/restaurant - Fire Stations	All phases	Immediate

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A bio-security event impacts the community. - Exotic animal disease (Foot and Mouth)	There could be - Industry shut down - Stock loss - Economic loss - Bloodline Loss - Native Flora and Fauna - Ripple on effect within community small business - Cancellation of key community events - Loss of Tourism	- Communication and road closures - Information management, quarantine and inspections - Destruction and disposal of stock - Provide expert advice on pasture and stock - Provide financial advice - Containment of affected stock/persons - Stock movement restrictions and protocols - Provision of stock feed	- Council - DES - Queensland Police Service and Stock Squad - Bio-Security Queensland - Vets - Transport and Main Roads - Rural Financial Counselling Services - Mental Health Outreach Support Services	-Carcass pits and machinery - PPE - Testing kits - Stock Feed - Human Resources - Information Sharing (Media/Biosecurity Factsheets/Websites) - livestock facilities Quarantine/contain ment areas -Livestock Freight Companies	Showgrounds Saleyards Stock Routes Property yards DAF Office Race Courses	All phases	Immediate
Pandemic - Loss of life - Increased hospitalisation - The strain on health services - Quarantine/Lockd own measures - Incorrect reporting by media	- Economic - Social, emotional, mental and physical health - Exhausted hospital capacity and resources	- Restore cohesiveness within the community. Community members, where required, are able to access health and well-being and financial support,	- Human and social economic - Health is a leading agency - Outreach Support Services - WSC - DCHDE - SES - RFDS	- Human Resources - Health resources - Psycho-social first-aid material - Financial assistance material - Food, medications	- Hospital - Living Arts Centre - Halls and Cultural Centre - Racecourse - Showgrounds - Council Office - Schools	All phases	1 x confirmed case within the shire escalate to immediate

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- Supply chains affected - Business operations reduced/ceased - School closures - Social isolation impacts	- Employment implications - Loss of tourism - Social isolation	resources and programs.	- Lifeline - Outback Futures - QPS - QAS - Telstra - Rural Financial Counsellors - Churches - Anglicare - Meals on Wheels - School Principals - Environmental Health Officer				

RECOVERY SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION

Effective recovery requires a coordinated and collaborative approach involving local, state and Australian Government agencies, community organisations, businesses, volunteers and affected communities.

Recovery activities are most effective when agencies work together to share information, align resources and support community-led recovery outcomes. Collaboration assists in reducing duplication, improving service delivery and ensuring recovery efforts respond to identified community needs.

Mareeba Shire Council will work with recovery partners, community organisations, Traditional Owners, volunteers and government agencies to support the recovery of disaster-affected communities across the Mareeba Shire.

ANNEXURE A: REFERENCES

Queensland Government References

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Queensland Reconstruction Authority *Queensland Recovery Plan*.

Queensland Reconstruction Authority, *Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Guidelines*.

National References

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Australian Disaster Resilience Knowledge Hub (2018), *National Principles for Disaster Recovery*.

Recovery Partners and Supporting Organisations

Volunteering Queensland, volunteer management and spontaneous volunteer coordination resources.

GIVIT, disaster recovery donation management resources.

ACTS

The following legislation supports disaster management, recovery operations and reconstruction activities undertaken by Mareeba Shire Council and recovery partners.

Disaster Management Act 2003 (Qld)

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)

Public Safety Preservation Act 1986 (Qld)

Biosecurity Act 2014 (Qld)

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)

Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)

Planning Act 2016 (Qld)

Building Act 1975 (Qld)

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Mareeba Shire Council Local Disaster Management Plan

Mareeba Shire Council Disaster Dashboard

Mareeba Shire Council Volunteer Handbook

Event-specific Local Recovery Plans (where developed)

District Disaster Management Plan

Queensland Recovery Plan

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 OCTOBER 2026

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Summary of New Planning Development Applications and Delegated Decisions for October 2026

New Development Applications					
Application	**Lodgement Date**	**Applicant**	**Site Address & Property Description**	**Application Type**	**Status**
MCU/26/0021	21/10/2026	S Ehrlich C/- Freshwater Planning	28 Martin Tenni Drive Mareeba Lot 60 on SP198060	MCU - Low Impact Industry and Caretakers Accommodation	Decision Notice
MCU/26/0022	6/10/2026	B Portelli C/- Aspire Town Planning and Project Services	994 Leadingham Creek Road Dimbulah Lot 3 on RP740298	MCU - Tourist Park	Assessment Stage
MCU/26/0023	26/10/2026	M & M Cetinic C/- Urban Sync	46 Godfrey Road Mareeba Lot 1 on RP735870	MCU - Undefined Use - "Rural Workers' Accommodation" as defined by the Planning Regulation 2017	Assessment Stage
RAL/26/0024	1/10/2026	Venturin Holdings Pty Ltd C/- Kelly Developments	2 Effley Street Mareeba Lot 322 on SP276124 & Lot 884 on SP312807	ROL - Boundary Realignment	Decision Notice
RAL/26/0025	7/10/2026	C & C Brandimarte	821 Koah Road Koah Lot 169 on RP861052	ROL - (1 into 2 Lots)	Public Notification Stage
RAL/26/0026	8/10/2026	L & L Rodgers	15 Ismahil Road Mareeba	ROL - Boundary Realignment	Decision Notice
RAL/26/0027	19/10/2026	G Henderson C/- U&I Town Plan	10 Riverview Terrace Mareeba Lot 8 on RP713402	ROL - (1 into 2 Lots)	Decision Notice
OPW/26/0007	1/10/2026	A and E Rogato Silver Valley Estate Super Fund TTE C/- Scope Town Planning	64 Rankin Street Mareeba Lot 711 on M3565	OPW - Advertising Device (Wall Mounted Digital Sign)	Decision Notice
OPW/26/0008	12/10/2026	Effley Street Developments C/- Jamie Carroll	8 Effley Street Mareeba Lot 324 on SP297023	OPW - Operational Works for RAL/26/0021	Assessment Stage

Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
Application	**Date of Decision Notice**	**Applicant**	**Address**	**Property Description**	**Application Type**
MCU/26/0021	21/10/2026	Stephen G Ehrlich C/- Freshwater Planning Pty Ltd	28 Martin Tenni Drive Mareeba	Lot 60 on SP198060	Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Low Impact Industry and Caretaker's Accommodation
RAL/26/0018	6/10/2026	Rutherglen Development Co Pty Ltd C/- Freshwater Planning Pty Ltd	13-15 Main Street Mount Molloy	Lot 27 on DA150	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 Lots)
RAL/26/0024	14/10/2026	Venturin Holdings Pty Ltd C/- Kelly Development Pty Ltd Att: Paul Kelly	2 Effley Street Mareeba	Lot 884 on SP312807 & Lot 322 on SP276124	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Boundary Realignment
RAL/26/0026	22/10/2026	L Rodgers & L Rodgers	15 Ismahil Road Mareeba	Lot 5 on RP749617 & Lot 6 on RP749617	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Boundary Realignment
RAL/26/0027	28/10/2026	G Henderson C/- U&i Town Plan	10 Riverview Terrace, Mareeba	Lot 8 on RP713402	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot – Subdivision (1 into 2 Lots)

Survey Plans Endorsed					
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RAL/22/0019	13/10/2026	BTM & S Stankovich Pty Ltd CQB Services Josh Musumeci C/- North Point Law	Allambee Close and Karobean Drive Mareeba	Amaroo Estate 14A SURVEY PLAN OF LOTS 269-274,289-291,325-327 & 500 ON SP362249 EMT X IN LOT 269, EMTS Y & BA IN LOT 270, EMTS BB-BD IN LOTS 271-273 RESPECTIVELY & EMT Z IN LOT 500 (BALANCE AREA) CANCELLING LOT 500 ON SP352770	12
RAL/26/0015	8/10/2026	Megan D Comerford and Dane Pianeda C/- Preston Law	1 Matilda Close Mareeba	SURVEY PLAN OF LOTS 1 & 27 & COMMON PROPERTY ON SP362254 CANCELLING LOT 74 ON SP325396	2
REC/07/0074	26/10/2026	The Rise Unit Trust CQB Services Josh Musumeci C/- North Point Law	Catherine Atherton Drive Mareeba	SURVEY PLAN OF LOTS 97 & 100 ON SP362250 CANCELLING LOT 100 ON SP342247	2

Negotiated Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
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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
NIL					

Extensions to Relevant Period issued under Delegated Authority					
Application	Date of Decision	Applicant	Address	Property Description	Application Type
NIL					