

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 December 2025

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on capital works projects undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department during the month of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The capital works program is tracking within budget.

Infrastructure and Assets

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

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

All capital works are listed in and funded by the 2025/26 Capital Works Program.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Capital Works Summary - December 2025



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

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage

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

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

Program: 10 - Parks and Gardens

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

Program: 11 - Water

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Project Name: Leadingham Creek Road Rehabilitation, Widen and Seal

Program: Rural Roads

Background

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

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

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

Scope of Works

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

Progress Update

Chainage 3.598 – 5.2

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



RCP Crossing construction

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Chainage 8.04 – 11.48

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



2-Coat bitumen seal



Cart, lay and compact shoulder and embankment fill



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Project Name: Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes and Parkland Upgrade

Program: Parks and Open Spaces

Background:

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

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

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

Scope of Work:

The projects scope of works includes:

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

Works Progress:

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

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

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

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Steel reinforcing and excavation works for viewing deck footings



Pouring concrete for the viewing deck footings



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Project Name: Mareeba Amaroo Park Upgrade - Shade Sails

Program: Parks & Gardens

Background

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

Scope of Work

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

Project Complete

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



Amaroo Park shade sails installed

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Project Name: Kenneally Road Gravity Sewer Main Upgrade

Program: Wastewater

Background

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

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

Scope of Works

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

The project scope includes:

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

Progress Update

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

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

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Sewer main installation works between Herberton Street and Basalt Street.

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Project Name: 2025-2026 Water Main Replacement

Program: Water

Background

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

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

Scope of Works

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

Progress Update

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



Completed works on Mammino Street.



Further works progressing on Mammino Street.

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Project Name: 2025-2026 Manhole Refurbishment

Program: Wastewater

Background

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

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

Scope of Works

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

Progress Update

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



Replaced manhole lid.



Relined manhole on Owens Street

9.2 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 December 2025

Author: Manager Technical Services

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline Council's Fleet, Design, Soils Lab, Survey, Quality, GIS, Facilities and Investigation Services activities undertaken by Infrastructure Services during the month of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Technical Services

Design, quality, and investigations:

Investigation activities undertaken in December included:

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

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

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

Soil Laboratory:

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

GIS:

Ongoing improvements to GIS data associated with water, sewerage, roads, underground stormwater and kerbs asset data sets continues, as information is received from other areas of Council.

Operational Works and Subdivisions:

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

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

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

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

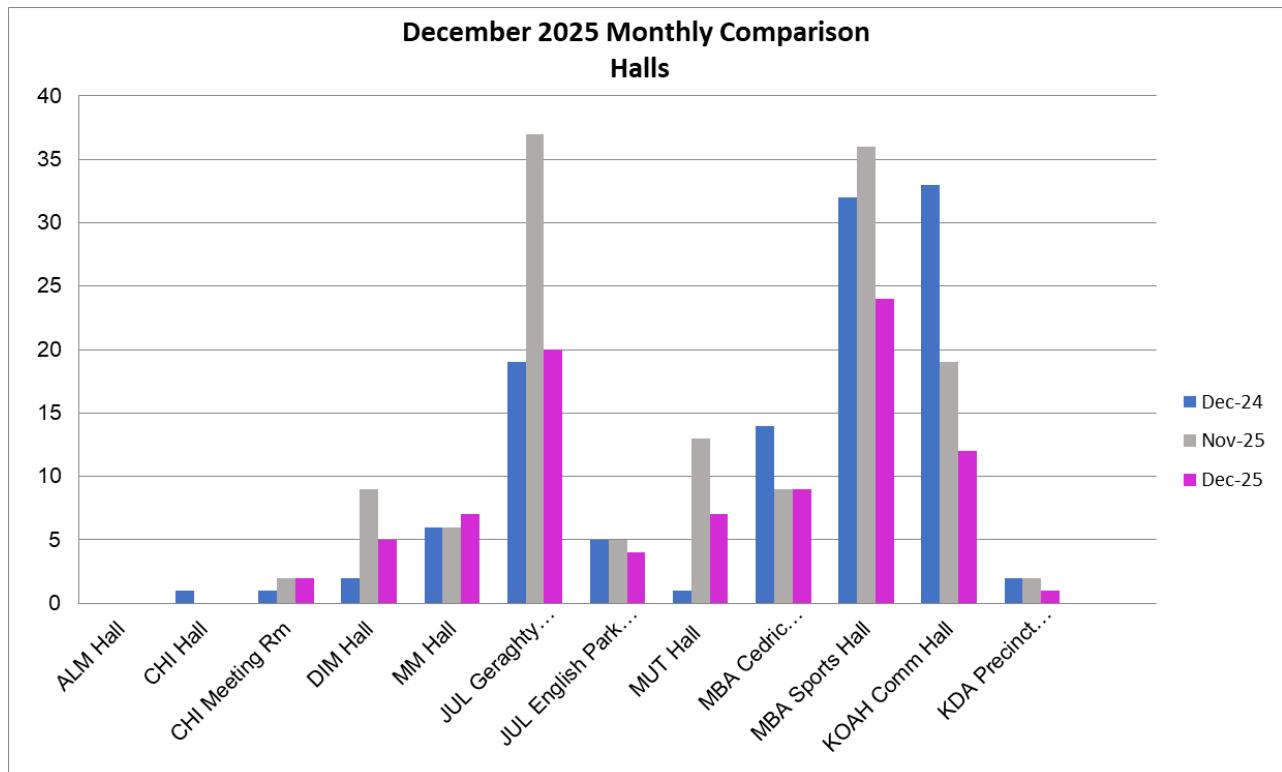
Facilities

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

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

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

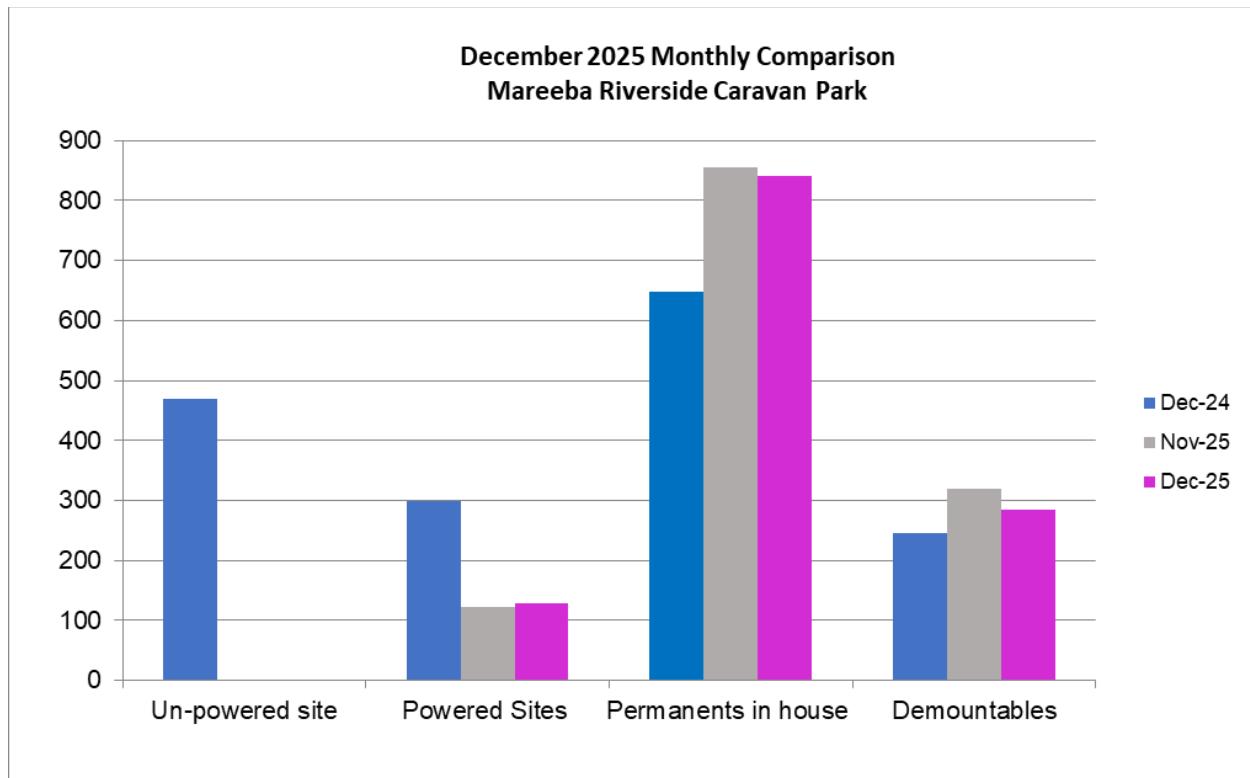
Maintaining safe and efficient access to Council's Community Halls is recognised as an important aspect for the community's ongoing wellbeing. Utilisation for community managed facilities is comparable with similar period for previous year (exception being Koah Hall).



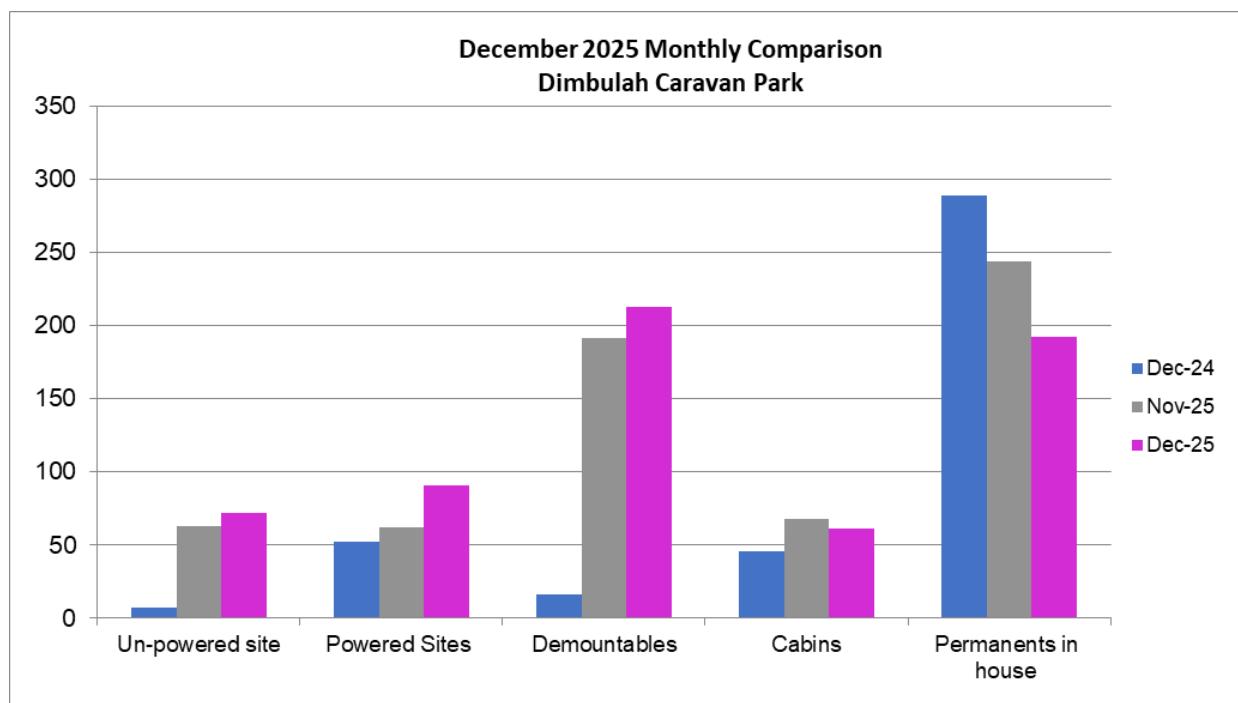
Caravan Parks:

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

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

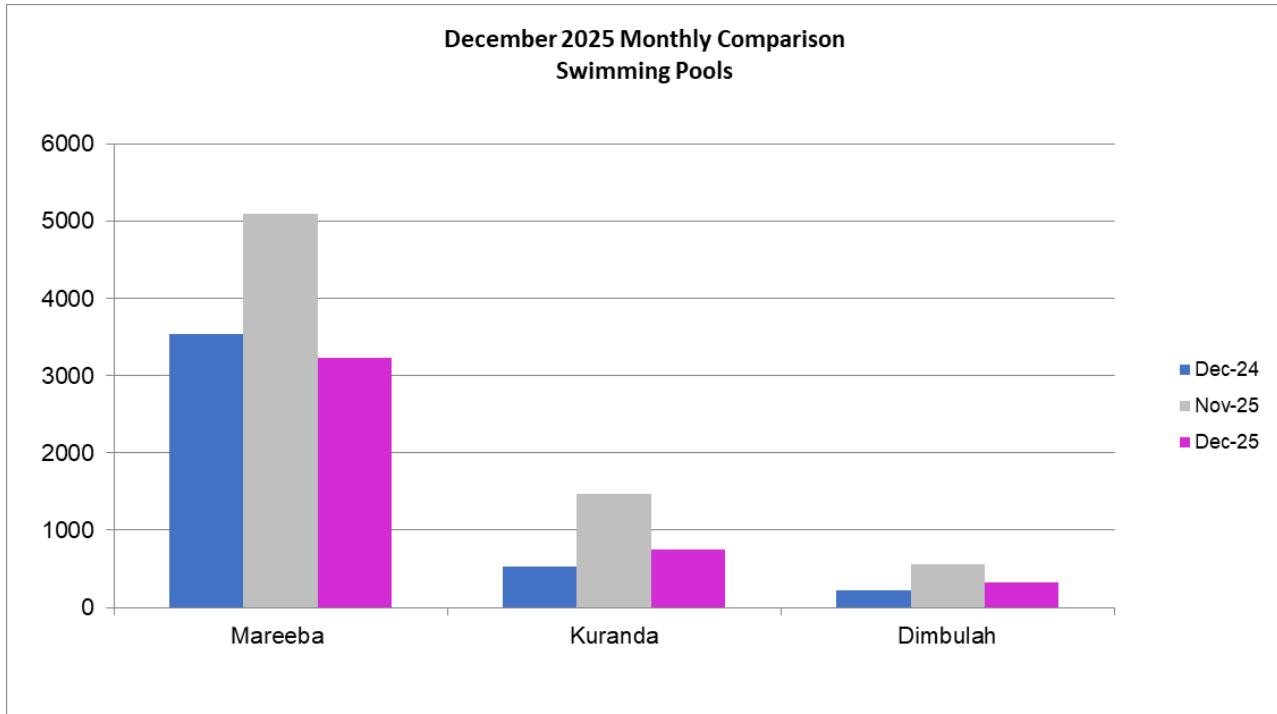


Dimbulah Caravan Park: Overall utilisation remained higher when measured against previous month and similar period last year. A slight downturn in cabin occupancy and permanents were recorded.

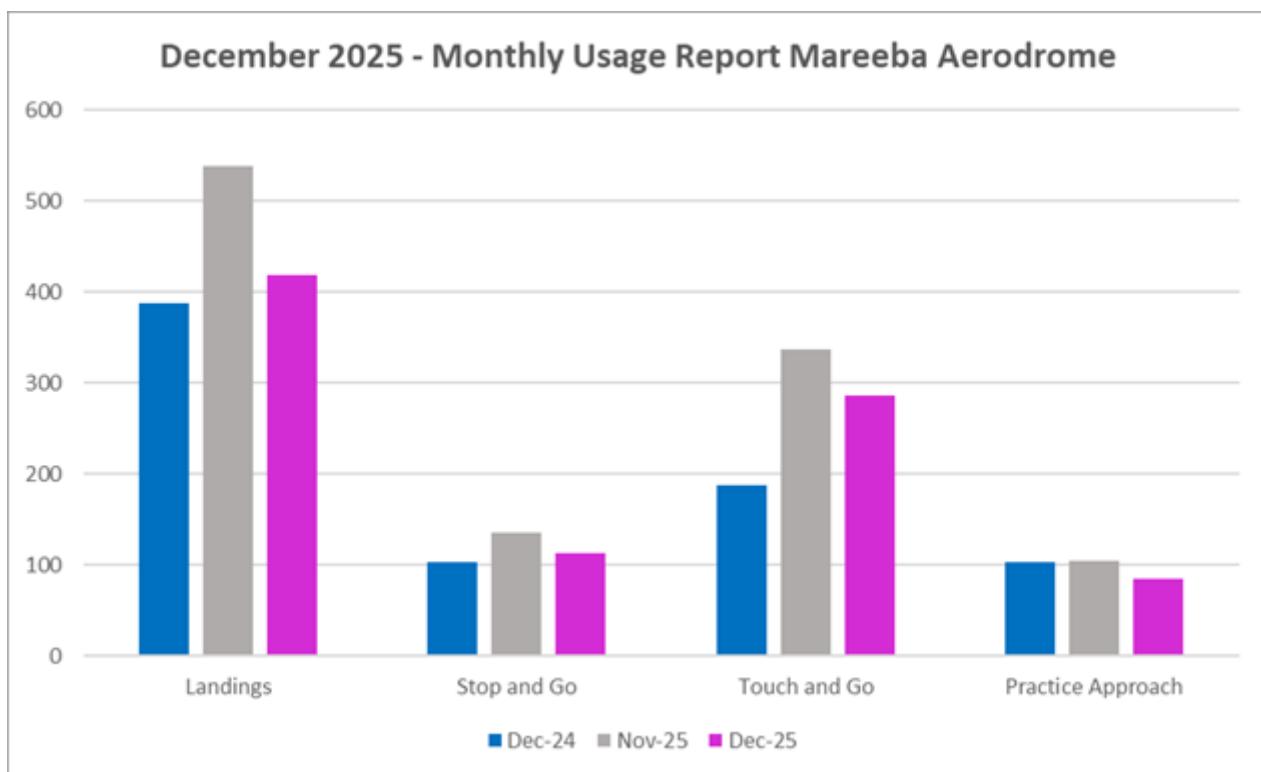


Aquatic Centres

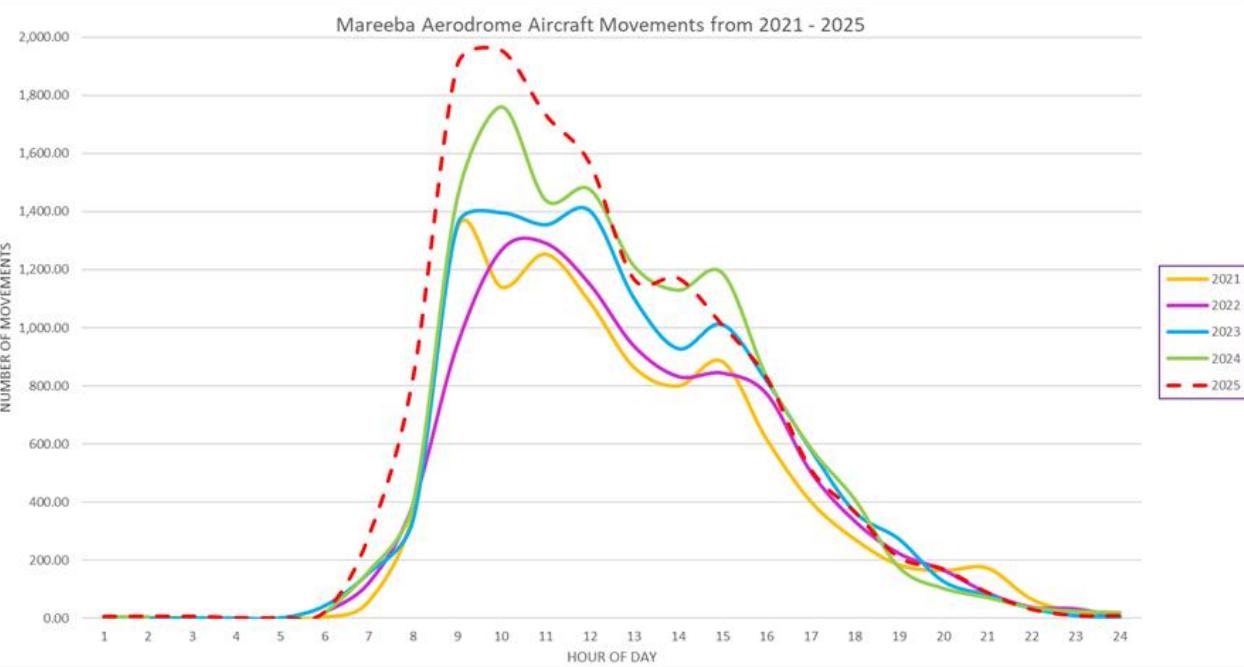
Attendance at the Centres remains generally similar to previous year's numbers, with reduced attendance compared to November being attributed to the onset of wet weather.

Aerodromes:

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



December 2025 - Monthly Usage Report Chillagoe Aerodrome



LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

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

Date Prepared: 15 December 2025

Author: Manager Water and Waste

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to summarise Council's Water and Waste activities undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department during the month of December 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Water and Wastewater Treatment:

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

Connections have been updated with information provided by the rates section to correspond with annual KPI reporting.

Water Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda	Chillagoe	Dimbulah	Mt Molloy*
Water Plant Average Daily Production (kL)	6944	841	196	358	-
Number of Connections	4609	1134	174	287	126
Average Daily Water Consumption per Connection (L)	1507	741	1126	1246	-

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

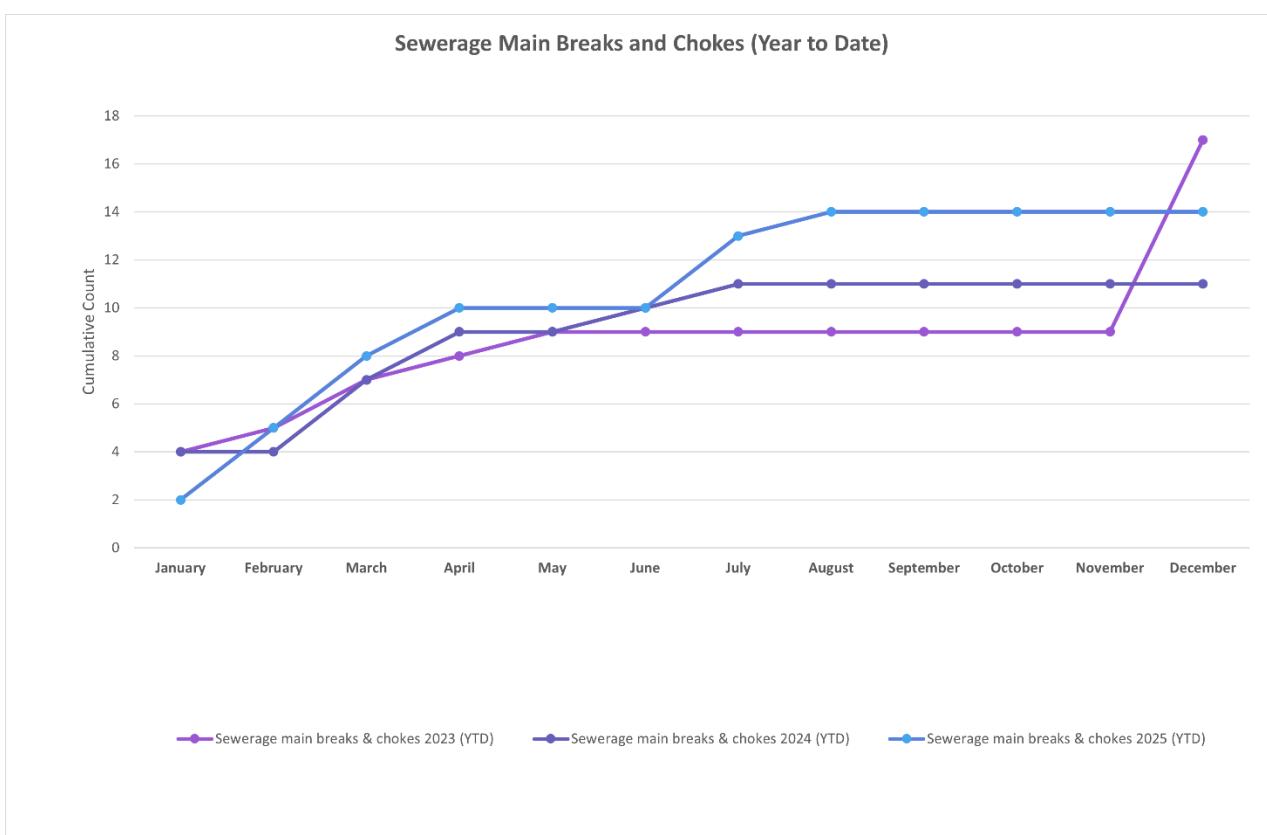
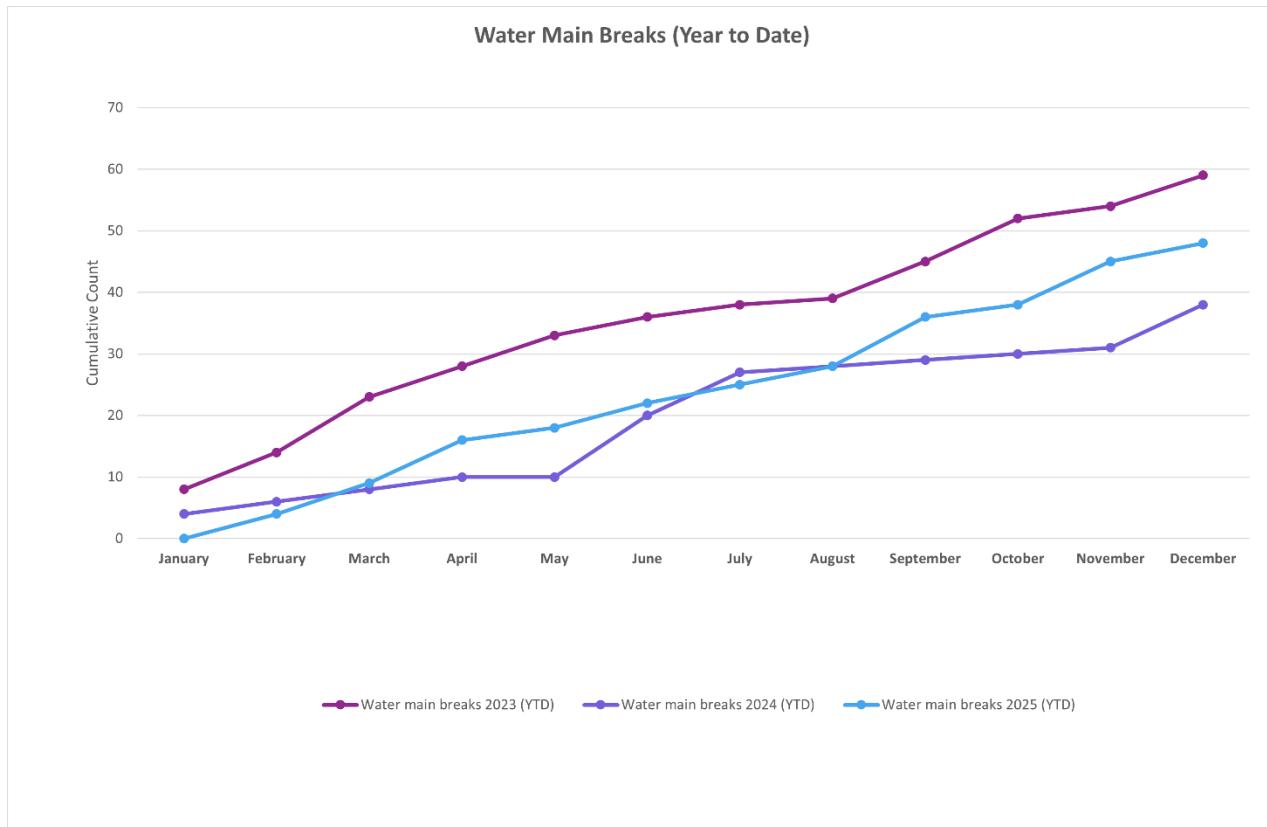
Wastewater Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda
Wastewater Plant Average Daily Treatment (kL)	2581	210
Number of Connections	4021	385
Average Daily Inflow per Connection (L)	642	545

Water and Wastewater Reticulation:

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

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

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

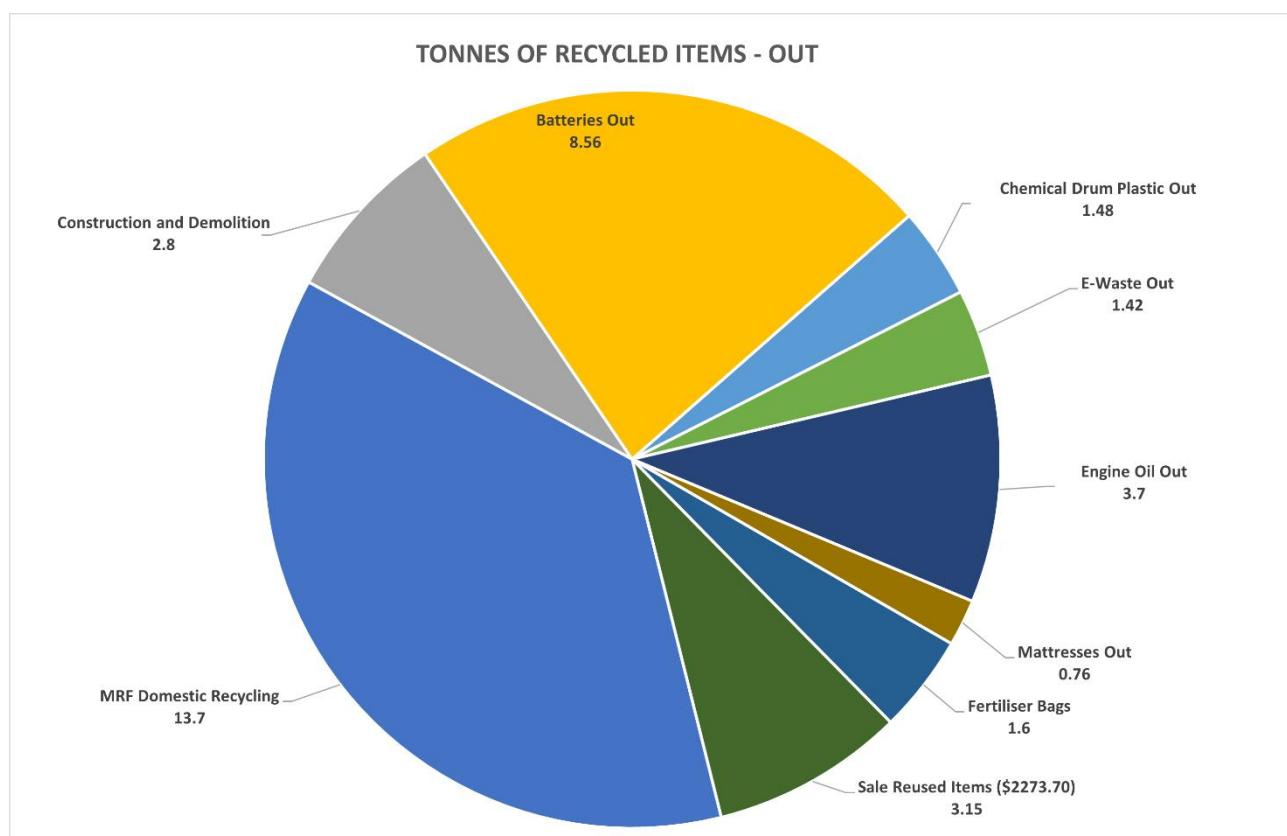


Waste Operations:

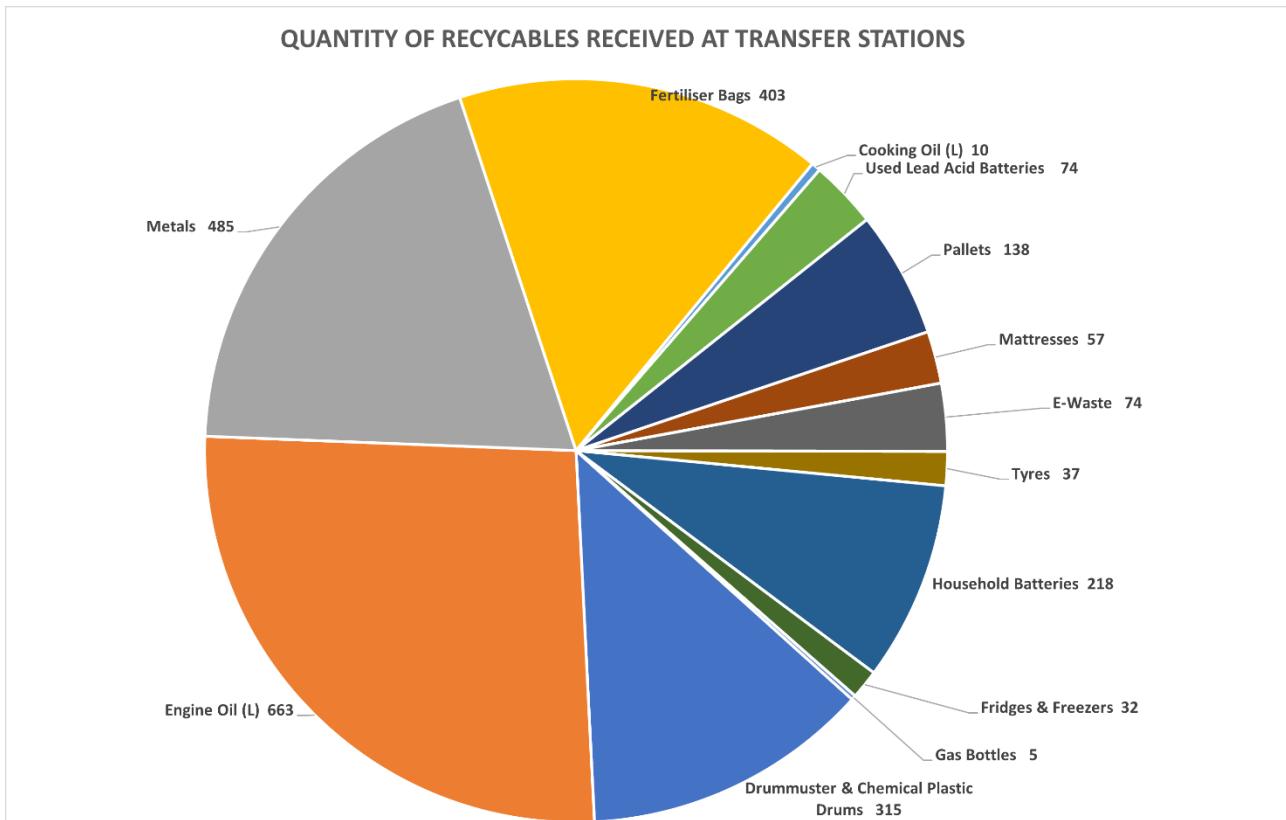
On 23 January 2025, a fire started on the tipping floor of the ARRF in Cairns, resulting in Veolia being unable to process waste material in accordance with Contract 1396.

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

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

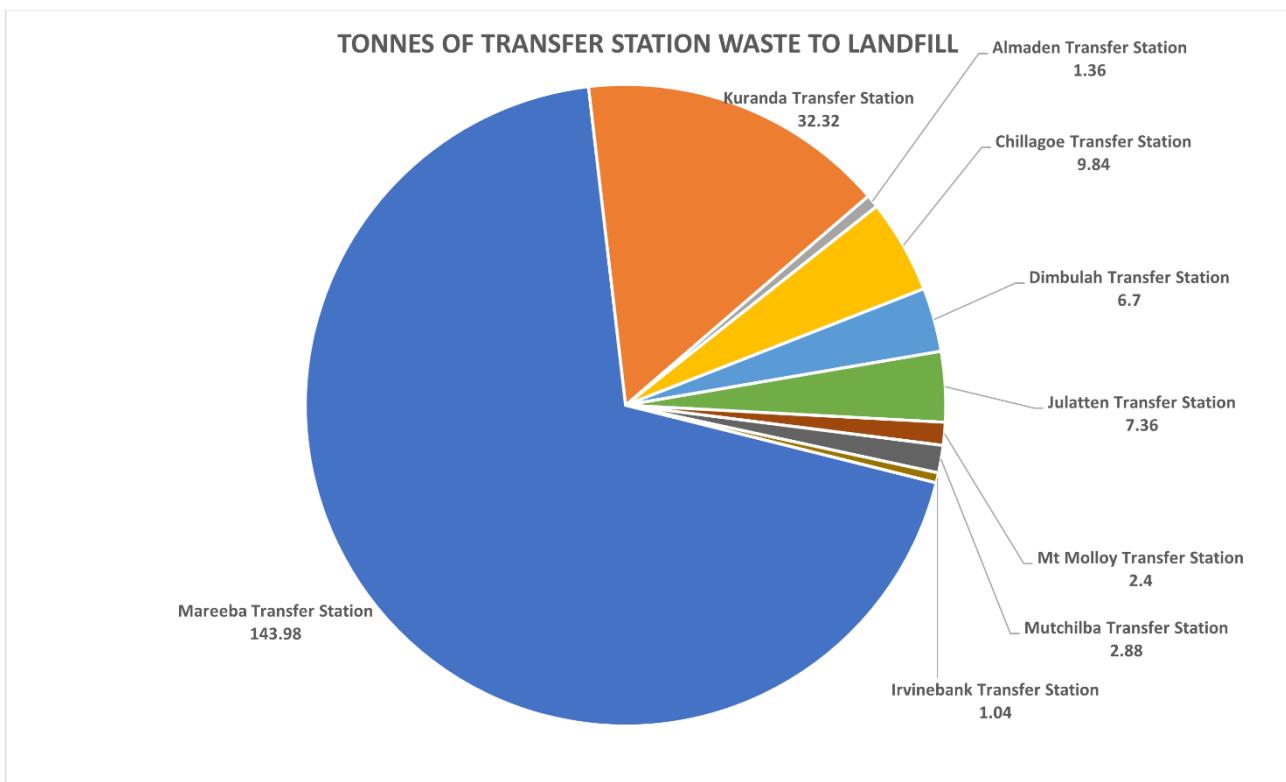
**Recycling**

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



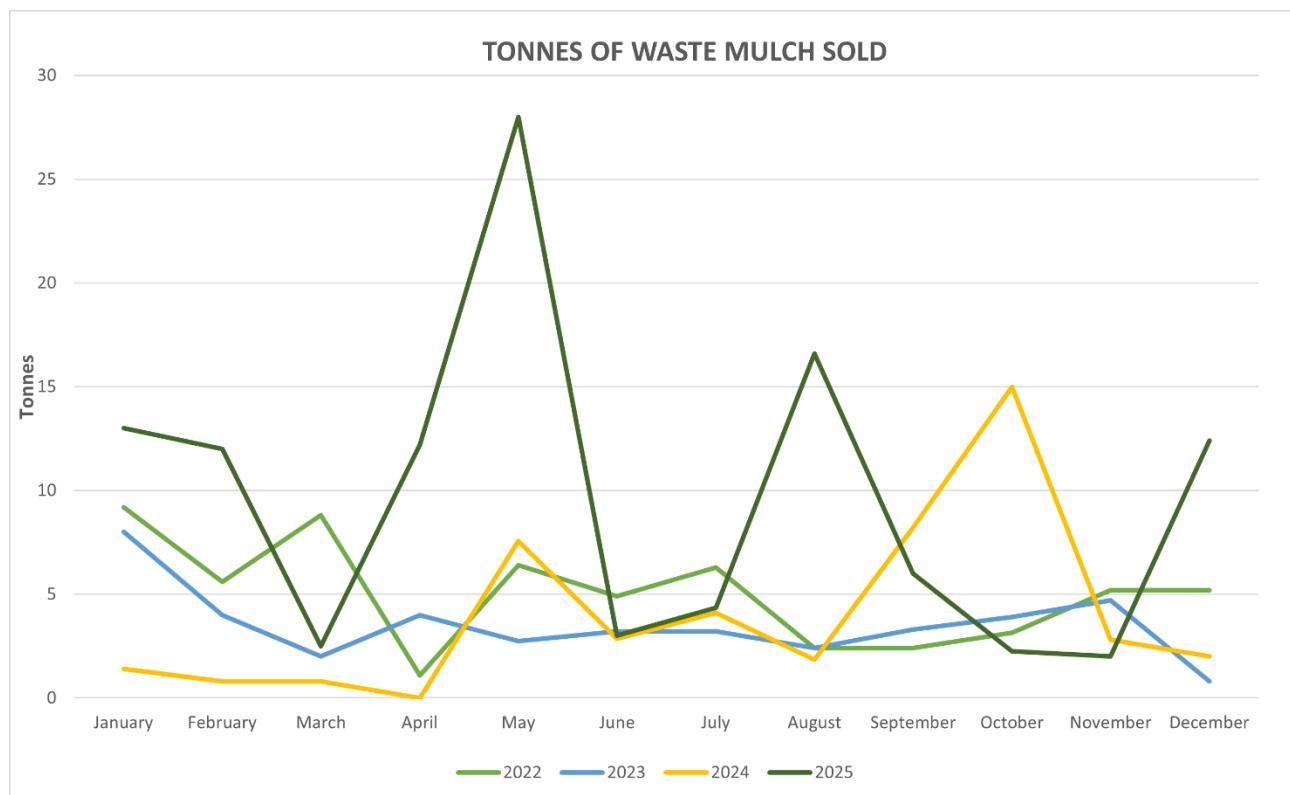
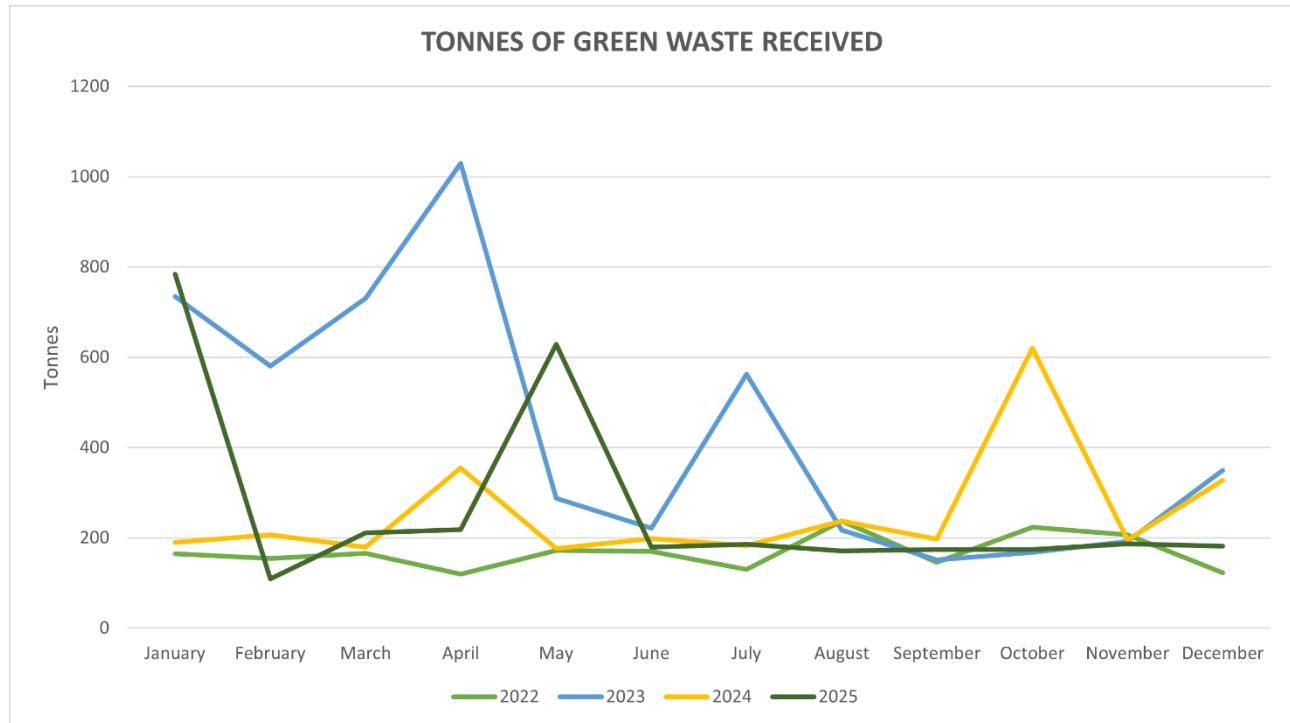
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste

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



Green Waste:

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



RISK IMPLICATIONS**Environmental**

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

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS***Capital***

Nil

Operating

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WORKS SECTION ACTIVITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 15 January 2026

Author: Manager Works

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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

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

TMR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (RMPC)

The following RMPC works were carried out in December 2025.

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

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

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

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

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

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

LAND PROTECTION

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

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

CUSTOMER REQUESTS

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

Month	Roads	Parks and Gardens	Pest Management
December	72	35	3

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

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

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

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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

9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025

Date Prepared: 14 January 2026

Author: Manager Disaster Recovery

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

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

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

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

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

Water & Sewer Program (exceptional circumstances package)

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

Betterment Fund (exceptional circumstances package)

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

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

Local Recovery and Resilience Grants (LRRG)

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

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

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

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

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Funding arrangements state that eligible expenditure is reimbursed.

Expenditure is considered eligible when:

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

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

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

Mareeba Shire Council

Engineer:

ARO Industries Pty Ltd

Contractor:

Dempsey Crane and Construction Pty Ltd

Status:**Works ongoing**

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

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