

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2026

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1. [Capital Works Summary January 2026](#) ↓
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on capital works projects undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department during the month of January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services Capital Works Monthly Report for the month of January 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 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 Projects Summary January 2026



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 delayed due to weather. Bitumen sealing of sites in Kuranda commenced.	Construction
Program: 02 - Gravel Resheet			
CP0003916	25/26 Gravel Resheet Program	No works undertaken for month of January. Works program being reviewed for remainder of FY25/26	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 March 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. Fee proposals requested.	Design
CP0002041	KDA KIA09 Barron Falls Rd Thongon-Mason	Concept design started	Design
CP0002048	KDA Kda Heights Rd Intersection Upgrade	Designs to be completed prior to end of financial year by external consultant. Fee proposals requested.	Design
CP0002050	MBA Mclver 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	Construction commenced	Construction
CP0002052	TIDS 24-27 DIM Leadingham C/R 8.04-11.48	Installation of signage and construction of 450mm Reinforced Concrete Pipe. Road works not recommended due to weather.	Construction
CP0002056	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch5.2-6.72	Design underway by external consultant.	Design
CP0002060	KDA Oak Forest Rd Rehab & Widen	Design underway.	Design
CP0002061	KOAH Koah Rd Widen & Seal to 8m	Concept plan completed. Detailed design 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	Concept design started	Design
CP0006656	MBA Barron River Fire Trail Upgrade, Lloyd St to Herberton St	Funding received. Propose to undertake works in the 2026 dry season.	Planning
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
Program: 06 - Drainage			
CP0003695	Irvinebank Jessie St/Rubina Tce Upgrade	Investigations will be scheduled	Design
CP0003914	25/26 Renew Minor Culverts & Drainage	No movement for the month of January. Scope to be determined on priority basis.	Construction
CP00844	MBA Amaroo Drainage Upgrades	Assessment & Planning.	Planning
Program: 08 - Parking			
Program: 09 - Footpaths			

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0001665	Mt Molloy Footpath & Furniture Refurb	Design to be scheduled	Design
CP0001666	KDA Barron Falls Rd Replace Footpath	Concept design started	Design
CP0001687	KDA WNP Arara St Footpath Missing Link	Works are complete.	Completed
CP0001721	MBA WNP Constance St Link (Atherton St)	Detailed design complete.	Planning
CP0001790	MBA WNP Anzac Avenue Footpath Renewal	Planning to commence early 2026.	Planning
Program: 10 - Parks and Gardens			
CP0001803	Julatten Geraghty Pk Pump Track	In procurement.	Procurement
CP0001805	MBA Bicentennial Lakes Northern	Construction has been postponed due to the wet weather. The viewing deck piers & footing beams were installed in late December 2025.	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	Planning underway	Planning
CP000809	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 to LED standard. Works are complete.	Construction
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	Tank renewal works at Dimbulah 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 completed. Works on Keneally road commenced early January 2026.	Construction
CP0002689	25/26 Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Alarm rationalisation works ongoing.	Construction
CP0002691	25/26 Hydrants & Valve Renewal	Works in Chillagoe postponed due to inclement weather and contractor availability.	Construction
CP0002692	DIM WTP Sand Filtration	Currently seeking quotes for filtration sand replacement.	Procurement
CP0002697	KDA WTP Turbidity Meters	Equipment delivered to site. Awaiting contractor availability for installation.	Construction
CP0002698	DIM WTP Raw Water Pump Station	Contractors programmed to begin onsite works in February	Procurement
CP0002764	MOL Replace Hunter Ck Weir	Council is finalising the documents for the request for quotation on the works	Procurement
CP0003734	MBA WTP Fuel Pod For Generator	Final stage of fit out	Construction
CP0003820	KDA WTP Intake Works	Onsite works to commence once practically safe to do so.	Procurement

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
Program: 12 - Wastewater			
CP0001043	Atherton St Pump Station Refurb	Due to inclement weather, site works expected to commence in June.	Procurement
CP0002474	FY24/25 - MBA Sewer CCTV & Reline Prog	Kuranda CCTV works scheduled to commence early March 2026.	Construction
CP0002481	FY24/25 - MBA Constance St Rising Main	Sewer main installed between manholes K1/21 and K1/22. Works progressing south of Basalt St.	Construction
CP0002483	25/26 MBA Sewer CCTV & Reline Prog	Design specification for relining and patchworks to sewer lines due February 2026.	Design
CP0002484	25/26 WW Pump Station Ancillary	Capacity assessments currently being undertaken for pump stations on Myola Rd, Kuranda. Scope of Works to be finalised following completion of assessment.	Design
CP0002485	25/26 WW Reticulation Pumps Renewal	All pumps have been procured, replacement of pumps ongoing.	Construction
CP0002487	25/26 Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Quality and integrity assurance of data currently ongoing.	Construction
CP0002489	25/26 Manhole Rehab & Replace	Construction for remediation works to manholes continuing. Completion due late February 2026.	Construction
CP0002490	MBA WWTP Inline Instruments	Instruments have arrived on site. Awaiting Contractor availability for installation.	Construction
CP0002491	KDA WWTP Sludge Conveyor	Majority of renewal works complete. Poly dosing system sent off-site for overhaul. Awaiting final parts to complete on-site renewal works.	Construction
CP0002492	KDA WWTP Components	Components arrived on site, awaiting Contractor availability for installation.	Construction
CP0003722	KDA WWTP Renew 6x6m Shed	Works complete.	Completed
Program: 13 - Waste			
CP0003875	KDA Weigh Bridge Surface Renewal	Works complete	Completed
Program: 14 - Aerodromes			
Program: 15 - Fleet			
CP0003744	Replace Asset 637 Job Truck	Supplier advised delivery middle to late February	Procurement
CP0003862	Electric Forklift 2 Ton capacity	Supplier advised delivery late February to early March	Procurement
CP0003926	Replace Asset 617 Job Truck	Truck at fabricator having body fitted	Procurement
CP0003930	Asset 6221 Forklift Forks Upgrade	Waiting of the delivery of the stores forklift so as Asset # 6221 can stood down to complete the project	Planning
Program: 16 - Depots and Council Offices			
Program: 17 - Community Buildings			
CP0001059	Mba/Dim Aquatic Condition Assessment	External Consultant has provided tender documentation for review prior to release to market.	Procurement
CP0001816	25/26 Shire Wide Toilet Facilities	Awaiting grant funding. Planning postponed to early February 2026.	Not Commenced
CP0003890	25/26 Annual Minor Building Refurb	Planning to commence early February 2026.	Not Commenced
CP0003891	KDA Centenary Park Amenities Refurb	All external works completed. Internal construction works to be completed late February 2026.	Construction
CP0003893	DIM Caravan Pk & KDA Pool Painting	Planning commenced.	Planning

Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0003913	MBA Cedric Davies Hub Place of Refuge	In procurement.	Procurement
CP0003934	Annual Facilities LED Lighting	Planning to commence early 2026. Potential to leverage for grant funding.	Not Commenced
CP0006602	CHI SES Facility Improvements	Planning to commence February 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 prior end of financial year.	Planning
CP0003754	Mareeba CBD Blueprint	Draft Masterplan being finalised. Prioritisation and implementation planning underway.	Design
CP0003908	MBA New Cemetery Headstone on Beam	Irrigation works to be undertaken prior to closeout.	Construction
CP0003909	Mba Cemetery New Double Columbarium Wall	Planning completed. Design due early February 2026.	Design
CP00928	MBA Rankin/Kowa St Network Switches	Switches have been ordered. Awaiting delivery then installation.	Procurement
CP00932	MBA MIP Expansion	Masterplan documentation received, final comments to be sent. Tender Package to be updated with Electrical/Telecommunication suite.	Design

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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.

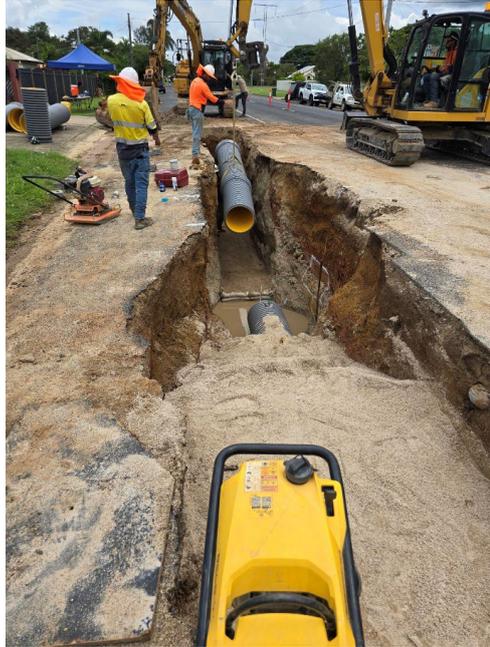
Progress Update

During January, trenching works continued along Constance Street near the Basalt Street intersection.

Construction has remained on track. Challenges and resolutions include:

- Hard rock has continued to be encountered along trench alignment. Ripping and hammering were carried out as required, resulting in minor construction delays due to the extra works required.
- Road pavement from the Mareeba State Primary School to St Thomas's School has been reinstated.
- Manhole construction works completed on manholes K1/18 and K1/19
- Sewer main installation works between Herberton Street and Basalt Street continued and now working between Basalt Street and Lerra Street.

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Sewer main installation works continuing



Road reinstatement works for completed sections

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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 project, Council are continuing works to remediate sewer manholes within the Mareeba Sewerage Reticulation network to reduce inflow and infiltration.

The works have been jointly funded by the Australian Government’s Reef Guardian Councils Program and the Queensland Government’s 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.

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 are programmed for completion late February 2026.



Replaced manhole lid.



Relined manhole on Owens Street, Mareeba.

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Project Name: 2025-2026 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 2025/26 capital works program to replace failing and ageing asbestos cement (AC) composition water mains at (3) three locations within the Mareeba township. This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government, through the National Water Grid Fund, and Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes the supply and installation of PVC Supermain and Ductile Iron Concrete Lined (DACL) 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 have been completed along Mammino Street. Keneally Road water main upgrades have commenced and are programmed for completion late April 2026.



Completed works on Mammino Street.



Works progressing on Keneally Street.

9.3 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2026

Date Prepared: 28 January 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 January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Technical Services

Design, quality, and investigations:

Investigation activities undertaken in January included:

Activity	New Requests	Closed Requests	Active EOM
Lodged via CRM:			
Road Infrastructure Review	21	10	65
Drainage Investigations	17	2	33
Parks Investigations	0	0	3
Miscellaneous e.g. Planning; Local Laws	13	9	22

Routine Activities	Investigations Completed
Traffic Count / Surveys	0
As Constructed Plans	9
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Permits/Investigations	23
Before You Dig Requests	104

Traffic Counts were not undertaken 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 was closed January.

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	Quill Street Development	Quill Street
Mareeba	Rayfield Estate	Rayfield Road
Mareeba	The Edge – Stage 4	Antonio Drive
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 14A	Karobean Drive
Mareeba	Wylandra Estate	Wylandra Drive

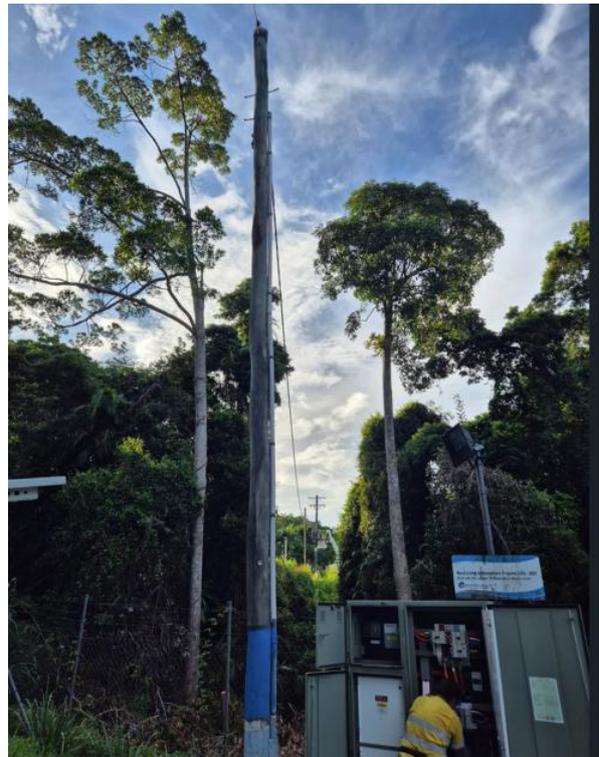
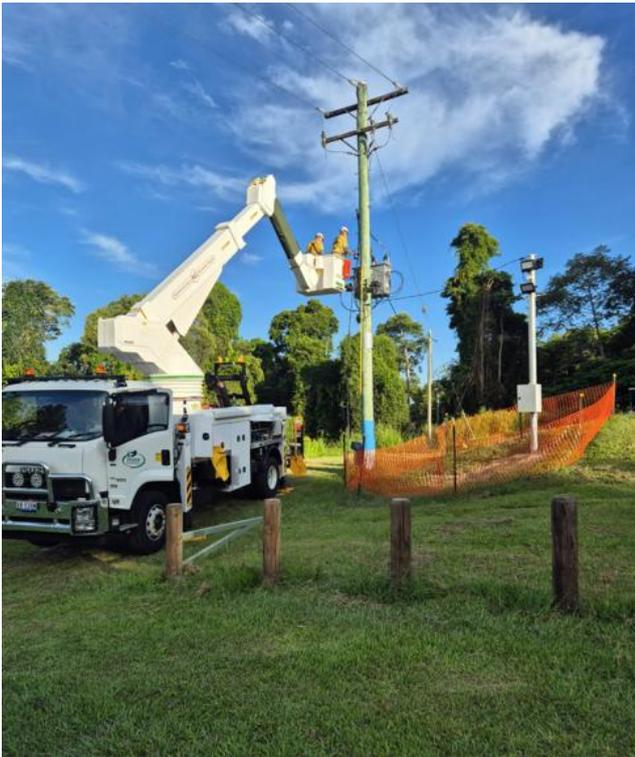
On-Maintenance Period		
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 1	Fallon Road
Mareeba	Mareeba Roadhouse & Accommodation Park	Williams Close
Mareeba	9 Kenneally Road	Kenneally Road
Mareeba	Emerald Creek Service Station	Malone Road
Mareeba	Prestige Gardens Stage 5-6	Mclver Road
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 13b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

Off-Maintenance for Month		
Mareeba	Amaroo Stage 13a (Drainage)	Moondani Av

Facilities

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

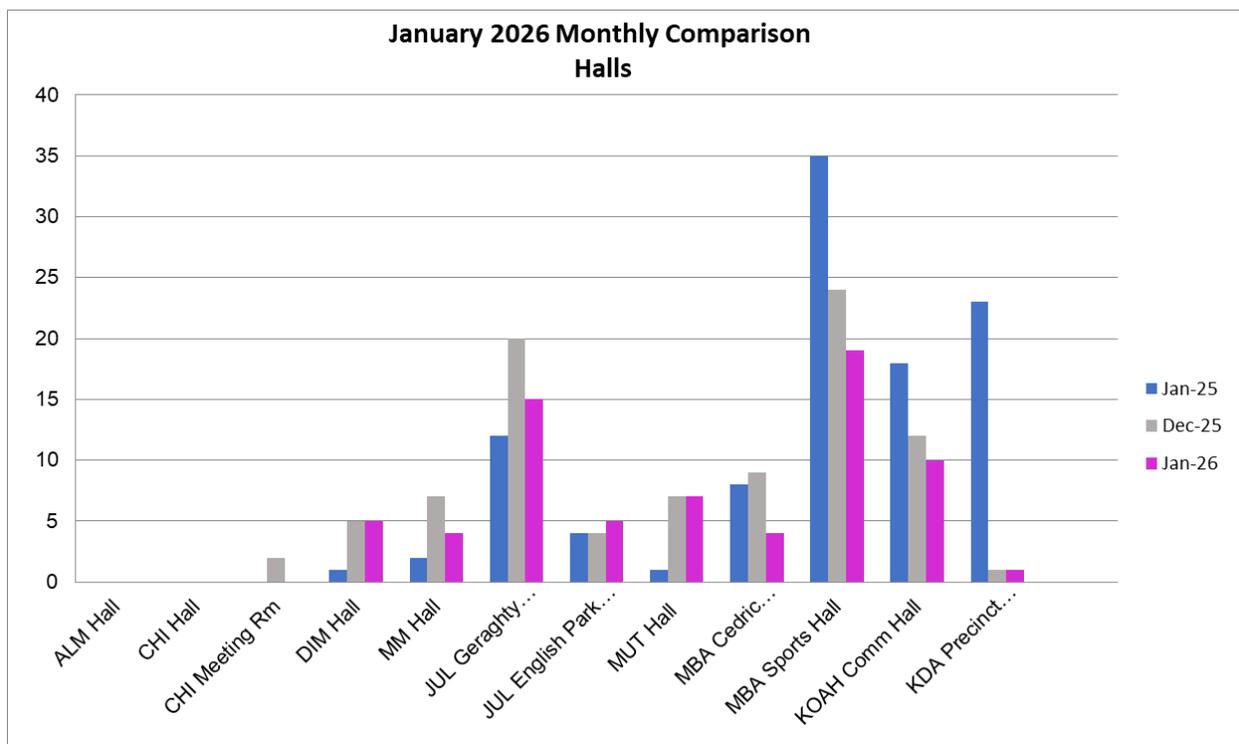
Facility	Works completed
Kuranda Amphitheatre - Power	Aerial Power Supply to Amphitheatre was damaged by falling trees. New Service Pole’s and aerial supply organised.



Kuranda Amphitheatre: Power Supply Reinstatement

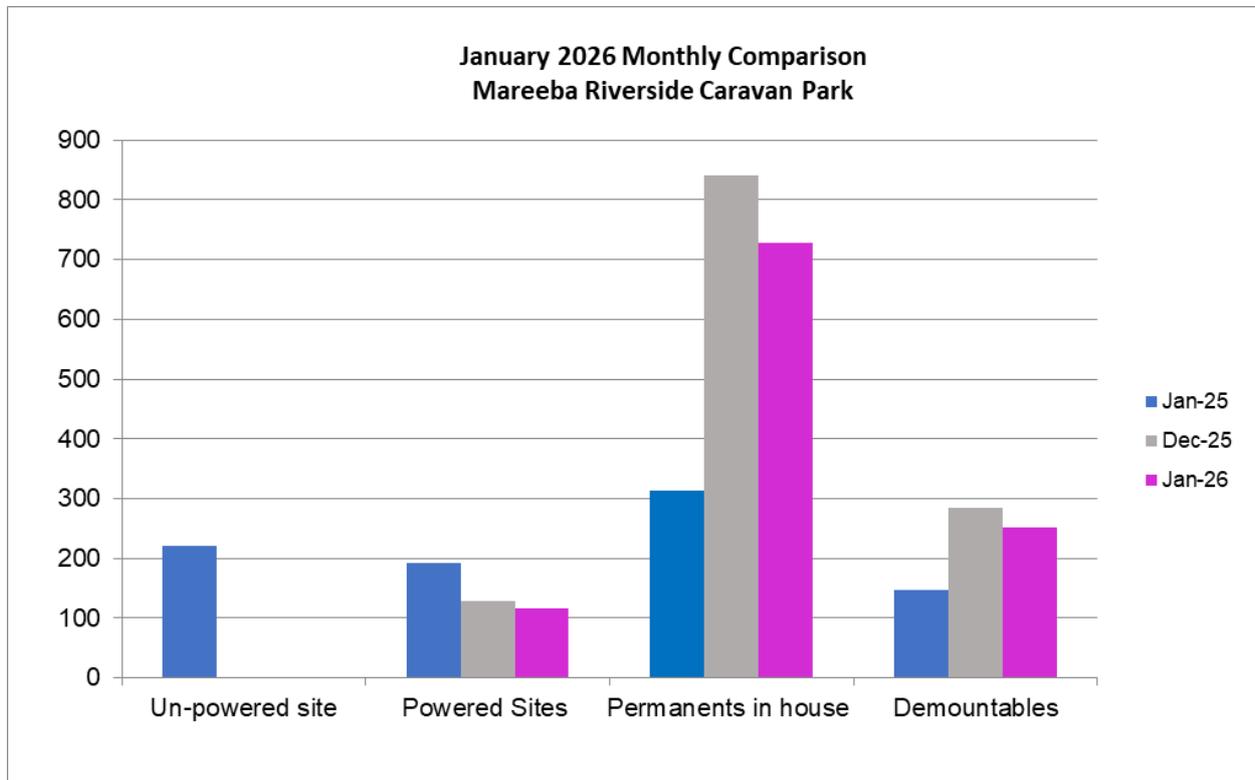
Community Halls:

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 was impacted by the holiday period. Kuranda Precinct figures for January 2025 also included the users of Bartley Park; this has now been corrected for future reporting to report on the Hall only.

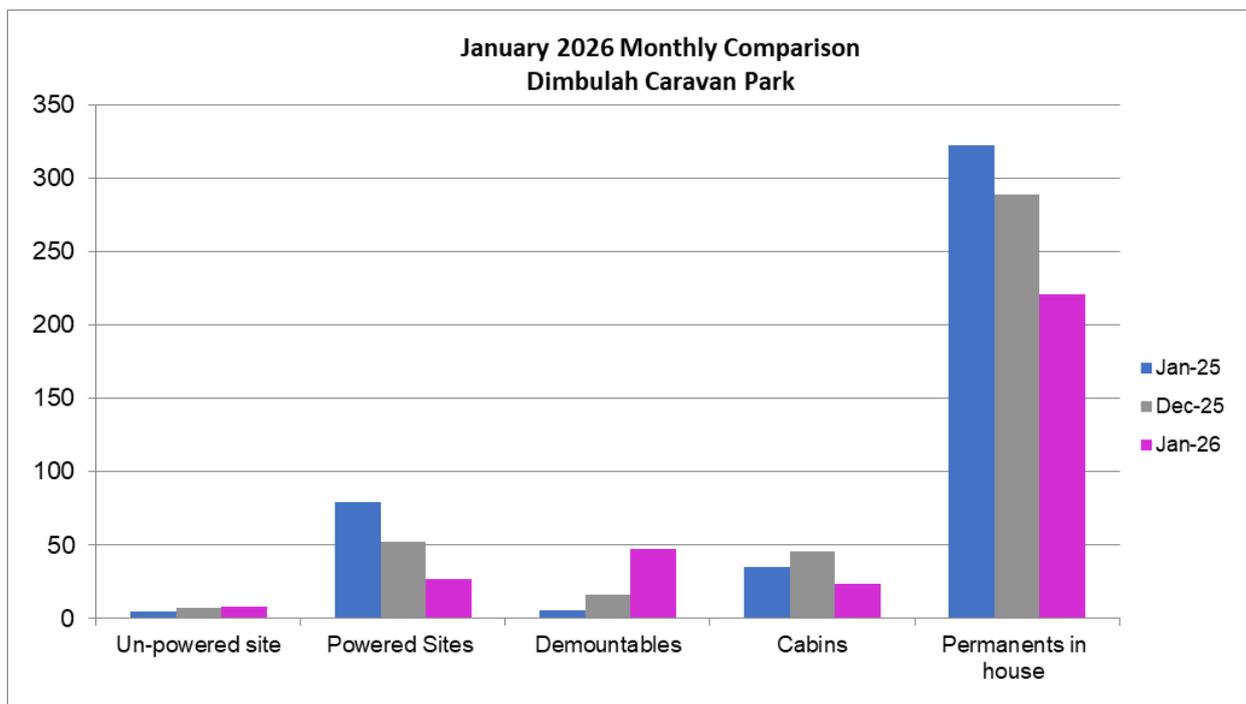


Caravan Parks:

Mareeba Riverside Caravan Park: January saw a further slight reduction in numbers due to the holiday period and the ongoing park improvements. No new tenant bookings are being taken until next month and completion of current park improvements which is weather dependent.

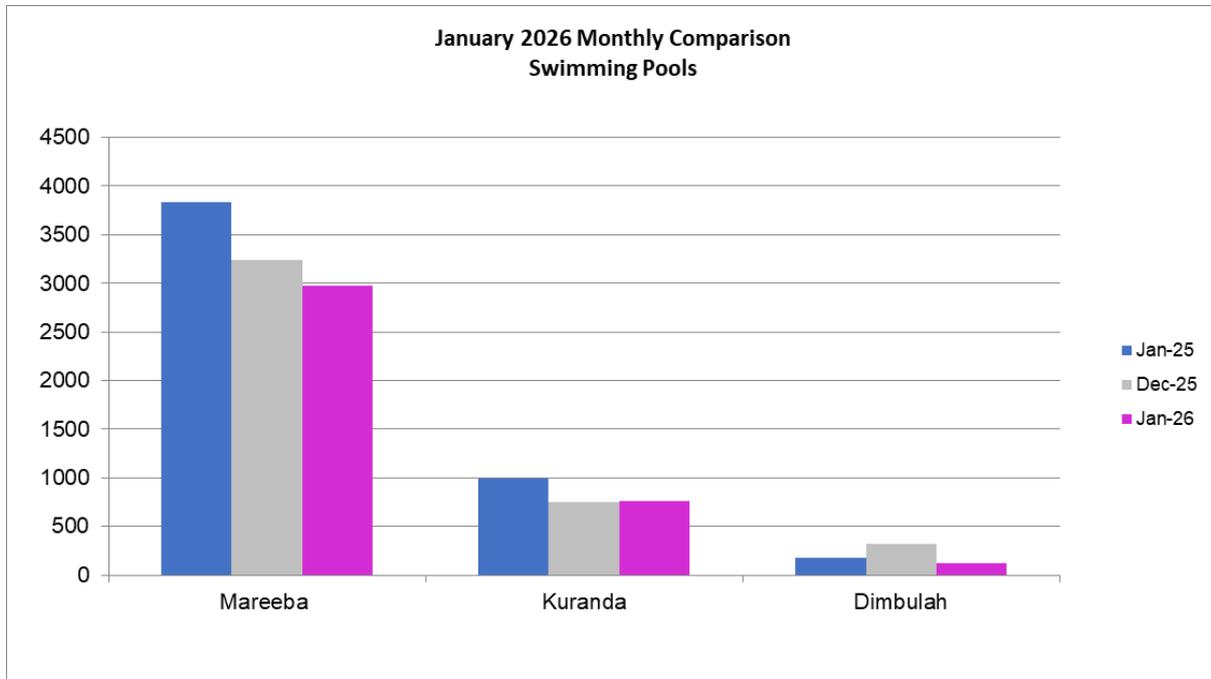


Dimbulah Caravan Park: Overall utilisation of the park saw a downturn due to the annual picking season now being over, however, there was a strong gain in the demountable occupancy for the month.



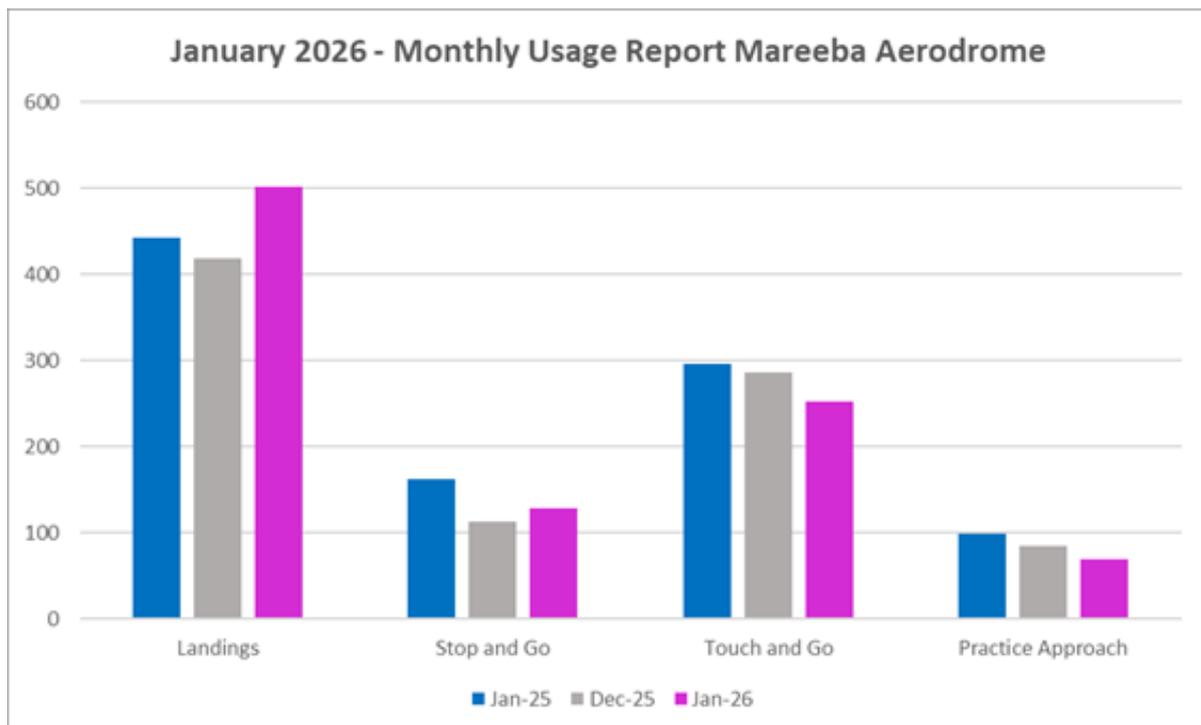
Aquatic Centres

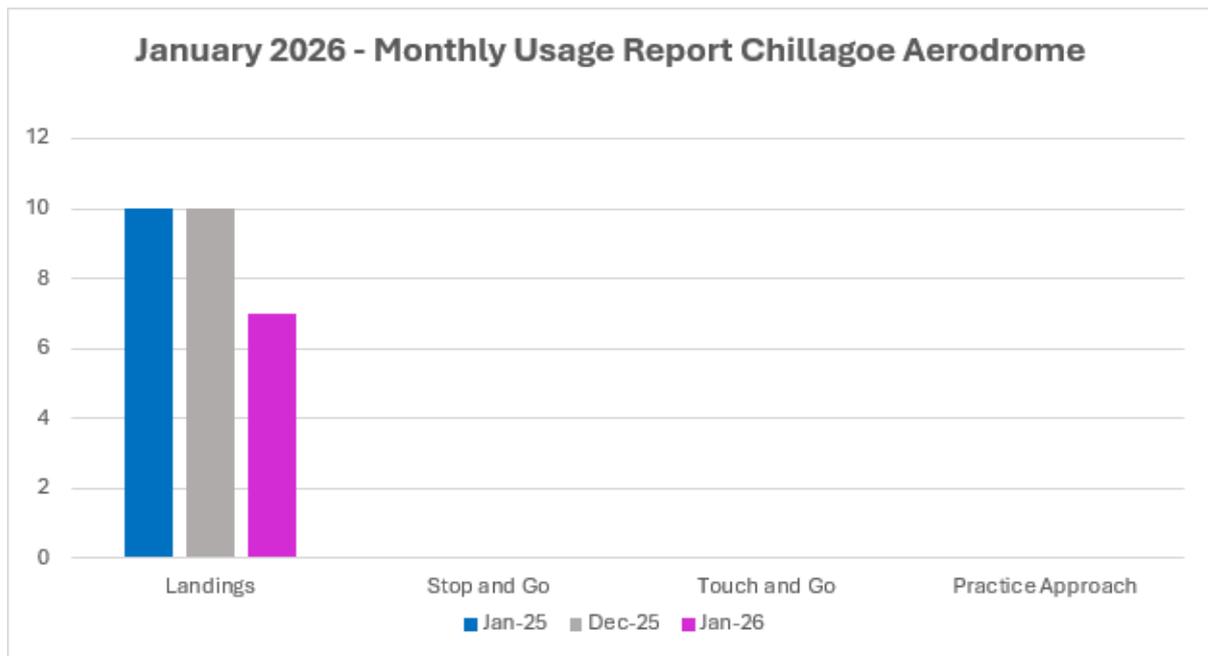
Attendance at the Centres was less than previous months for Mareeba and Dimbulah due to the holiday period and the completion of the picking season. The continued wet weather also is a contributing element in the reduction of attendees.



Aerodromes:

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





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

9.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WATER AND WASTE OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2026

Date Prepared: 28 January 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 January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Water and Waste Operations Report for January 2026.

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)	5259	625	179	182	100
Number of Connections	4609	1134	174	287	126
Average Daily Water Consumption per Connection (L)	1141	552	1028	635	791

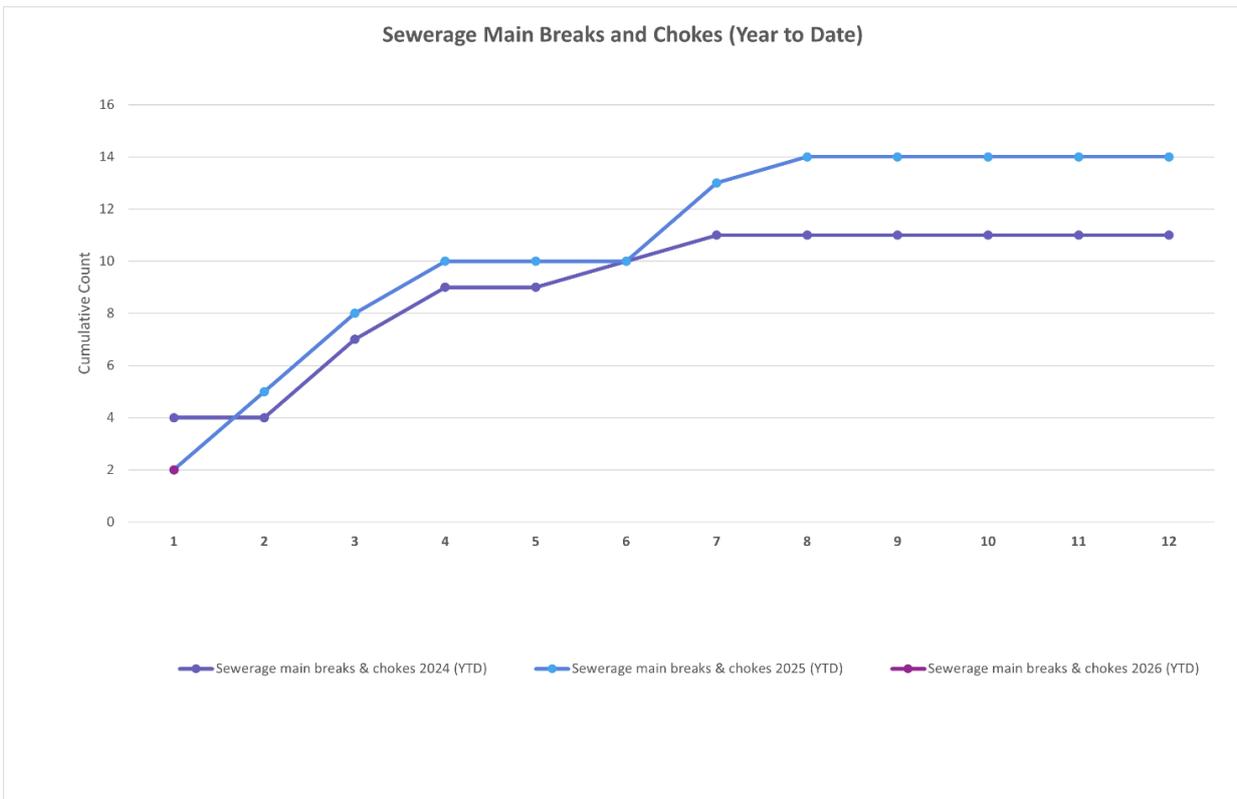
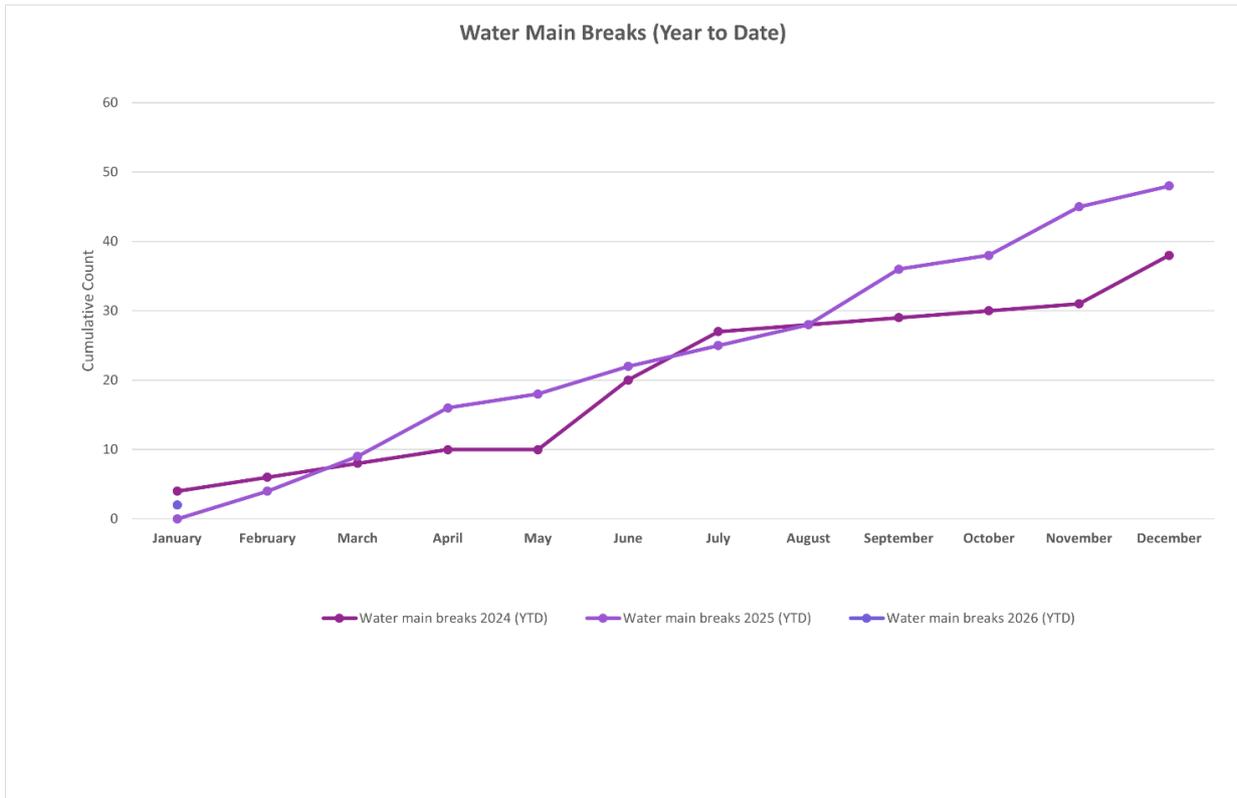
** Mt Molloy is an untreated, non-potable water supply.*

Wastewater Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda
Wastewater Plant Average Daily Treatment (kL)	5759	247
Number of Connections	4021	385
Average Daily Inflow per Connection (L)	1432	641

Water and Wastewater Reticulation:

Council's water reticulation crew attended two (2) water main breaks and two (2) sewer main chokes in January, 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:

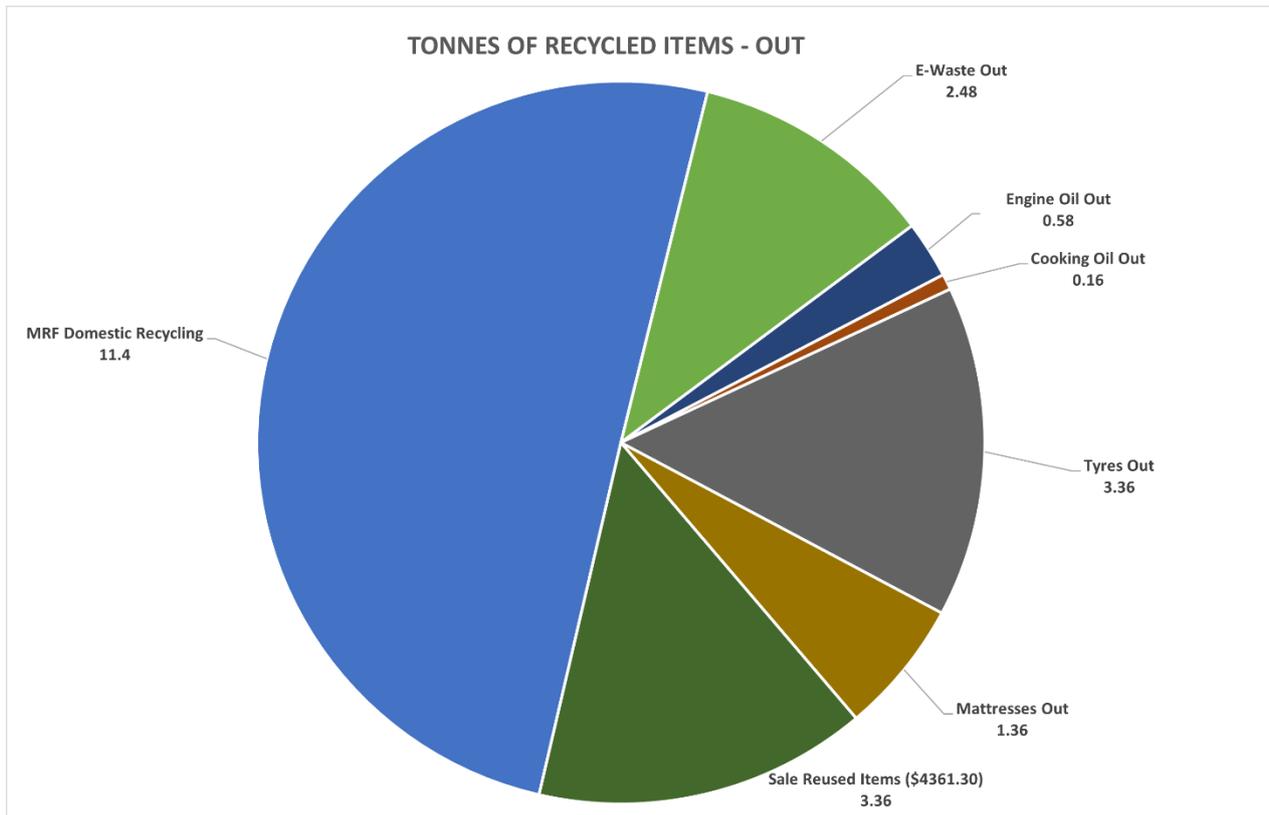


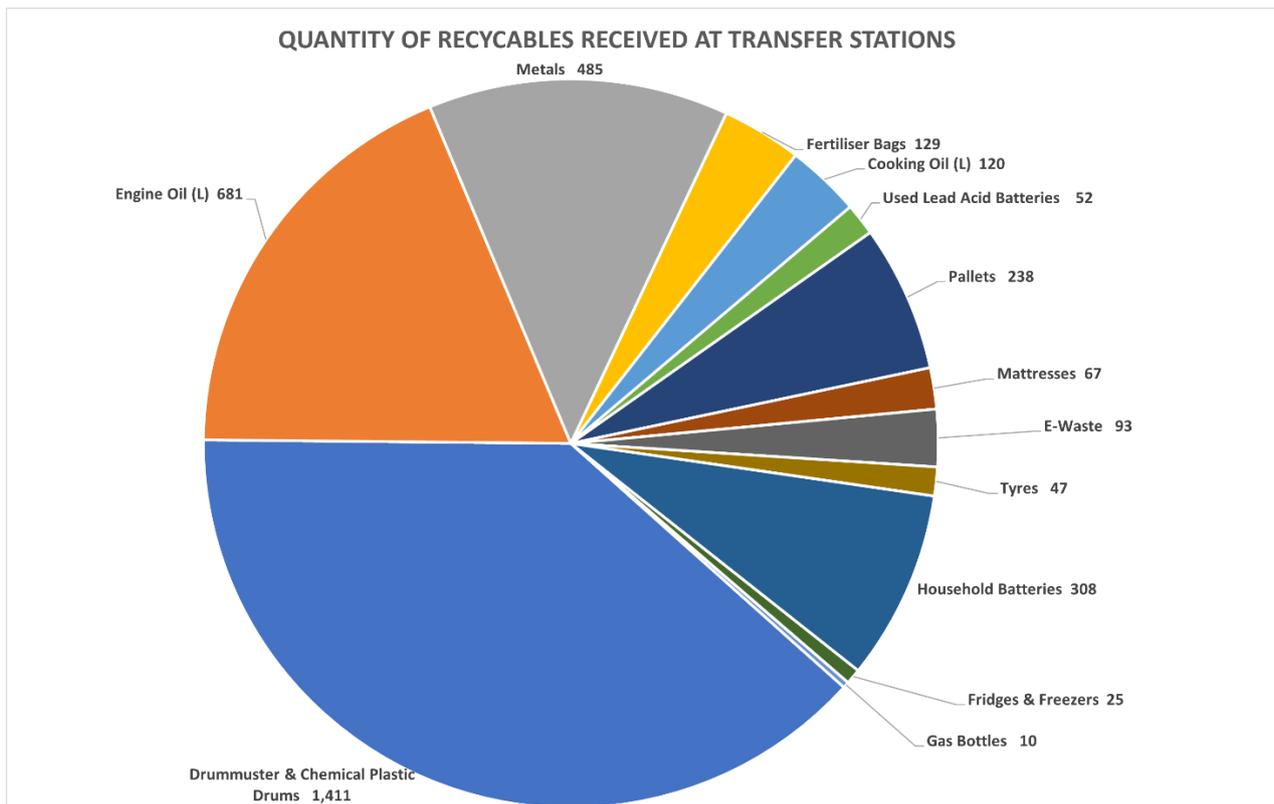
Waste Operations:

The ARRF facility in Cairns is currently non-operational due to a fire, meaning Veolia is unable to process kerbside waste in accordance with Contract 1396. As a result, all kerbside waste is being transported to Springmount Waste Facility instead of Cairns. A long-term arrangement is currently being negotiated.

Recycling

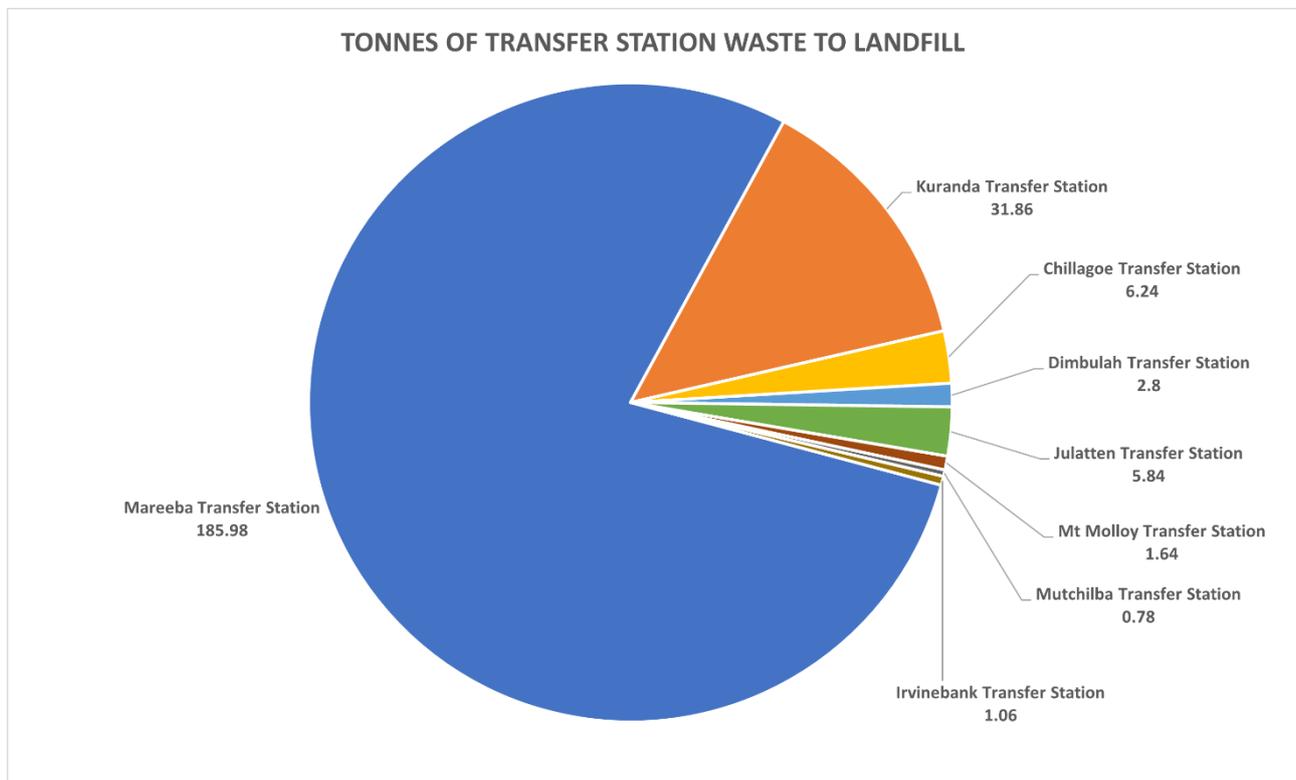
Residents continue to actively recycle at transfer station. During January, 11.4 tonnes of domestic items were recycled at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The highest count of recyclable items received at transfer stations were 1411 fertiliser bags, 681L of engine oil and 485 items of metal.





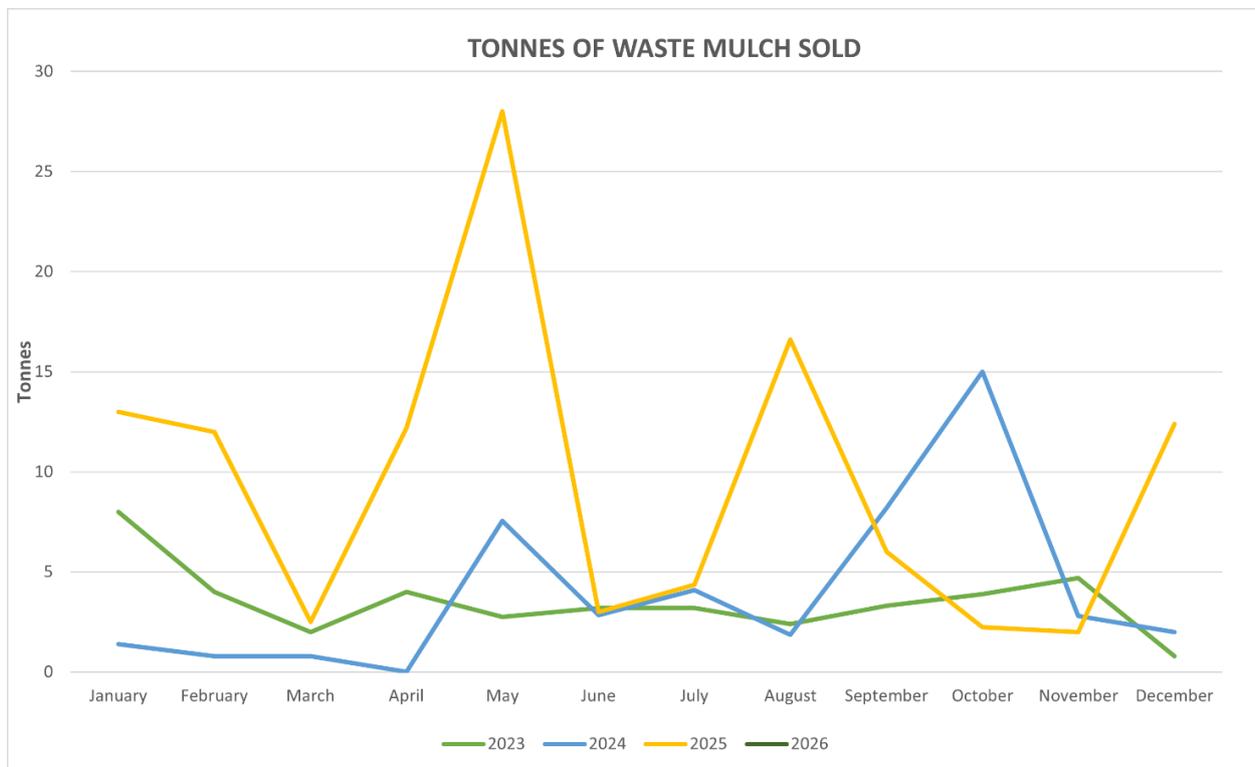
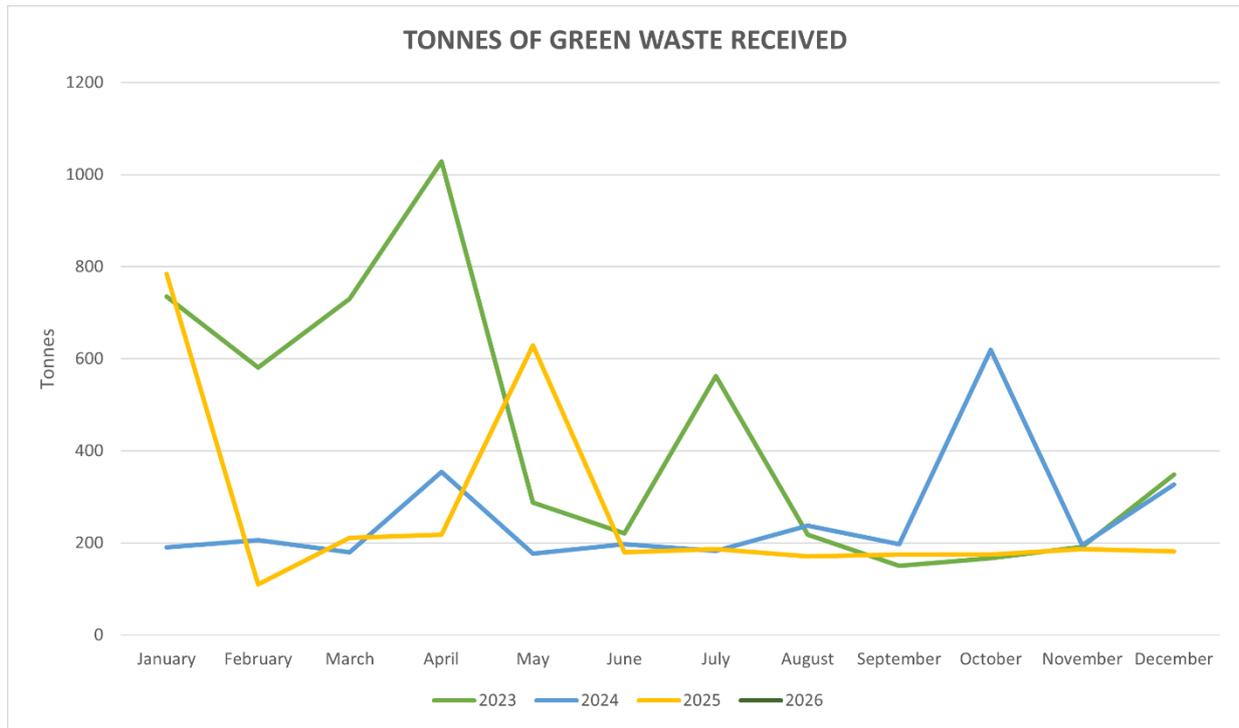
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste

Kerbside Collection waste and Transfer Station waste is transported to the Springmount Waste Facility. During January, 236.2 tonnes of waste from transfer stations and 544.84 tonnes from kerbside collection waste was sent to landfill.



Green Waste:

During January, Council received a total of 173.8 tonnes of green waste no mulch was sold. Kuranda recorded 5.05 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

9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2026

Date Prepared: 28 January 2026
Author: Manager Disaster Recovery
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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 January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Infrastructure Services, Disaster Recovery Operations Report for January 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	Civform Pty Ltd engaged to deliver contract. Works ongoing to finalise and close out.
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, delays due to wet weather.
T-MSC2025-33 Warril and Mount Haren Landslip Remediation	Recommendation for award provided to Council at February 2026 meeting.
T-MSC2025-34 Ivcevic Road Landslip Remediation	Contract awarded to Gregg Construction Pty Ltd.

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 to resume after the 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.
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.

Project Name	Update
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 April 2026 weather pending.
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). Investigations to commence in dry season 2026.

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)

Council is undertaking Emergency Works as required on local roads.

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.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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9.7 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WORKS SECTION ACTIVITY REPORT - JANUARY 2026

Date Prepared: 28 January 2026

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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 January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Activity	Location
Unsealed Road Grading	Barron Street, Davies Creek Road, Henry Hannam Drive, West Mary Road
Bitumen Patching	Chewko Road, Anzac Avenue, Barang Street, Barnwell Road, Barron Falls Road, Bilwon Road, Black Mountain Road, Butler Drive, Chewko Road, Euluma Creek Road, Fallon Road, Fantin Road, Greene Lane, Highland Drive, Koah Road, Malone Road, Masons Road, Mclver Road, Mount Lewis Road, Oak Forest Road, Ray Road, Rob Veivers Drive, Sides Road, Speewah Road, Springmount Road, Springs Road, Torrissi Road, Tyrconnell Road, Veivers Street, Walsh Street, Warril Drive
Unsealed Road Maintenance	Armstrong Road, Chapmans Road, Constance Street, Fantin Road, Hawkins Road, Petersen Street, Selby Road
Tree Trimming	Bakers Road, Barron Falls Road, Barron Street, Black Mountain Road, Bullaburrah Creek Road, Carr Road, Cathedral Street, Churchill Creek Road, Clacherty Road, Crothers Street, Egan Street, Euluma Creek Road, Ganyan Drive, Hickory Road, Highland Drive, Kelly Road, Koah Road, Kuranda Heights Road, Malone Road, Masons Road, McDougall Road, McLeans Bridge Road, Morrish Road, Mount Haren Road, Myola Road, Nine Mile Road, Oak Forest Road, Pinnacle Road, Rob Veivers Drive, Rosewood Drive, Sides Road, Silkwood Avenue, Speewah Road, Springs Road, Stoney Creek Road, Tower Street, Warril Drive, Wetherby Road, West Mary Road, Williamson Drive, Wrights Lookout Road

Activity	Location
Slashing	McDougall Road, Mount Lewis Road, Veness Road
Road Furniture – Repair/Replace	Anzac Avenue, Bolton Road, Butchers Creek Road, Byrnes Street (North), Constance Street, Coondoo Street, East Mary Road, Jordison Road, Leadingham Creek Road, Mason Street, Mclver Road, McLeans Bridge Road, Mitchellvale Road, Molloy Street, Morrish Road, Mount Spurgeon Road, Norris Road, Ootann Road, Orchid Close, Pine Close, Pump Road, Reynolds Street, Speewah Road, Springs Road, Thongon Street, Wetherby Road, West Mary Road, Boggy Creek Road, Lappa-Mount Garnet Road, Weston Rd (Previous No Name Rd 112), Garioch Heights Road, Antonio Drive
Illegal Dumping	Barnwell Road, Byrnes Street, Leadingham Creek Road
Drainage Maintenance	Scenic Drive

TMR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (RMPC)

The following RMPC works were carried out in January 2026.

Location	Activity
32A - Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rest Area Servicing at Edmund Kennedy Bridge
34A - Mulligan Highway (Mareeba – Mount Molloy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Slashing two (2) cut width - Brady Road to River Road Biboorah Herbicide Spraying full length of road Emergent Works, Event 26E - Pothole patching at various locations
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 Herbicide Spraying full length of road Emergent Works, Event 26E - Pothole patching at various locations Emergent Works, Event 26E - Clearing Landslips on Rex Range
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 Herbicide Spraying including Range Repair/Replace guide markers full length of Road, as required Emergency Callout to remove fallen tree blocking road Emergent Works, Event 26E - Place out Road Closed Signs at Bushy Creek and reopen as required Emergent Works, Event 26E - Pothole patching at various locations
89B - Burke Developmental Road (BDR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eureka Creek Rest Area Servicing and ground maintenance Repair/Replace Guide Markers Full length of Road, as required
664 – Mareeba to Dimbulah Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herbicide Spraying full length of road Rural slashing Mareeba to Dimbulah - full cut width Replace keep left signs and other regulatory signs Emergent Works, Event 26E - Pothole patching at various locations

Location	Activity
6632 - Herberton - Petford Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergent Works, Event 26E - Clearing silt from causeways and major road repairs along gravel section of road from Watsonville to Alice Street

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

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

Description	Comment
Mowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mowing roughly every 10-14 days in the following regions: Mareeba, Dimbulah, Kuranda, Mt Molloy/Julatten, and Chillagoe
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 and mulching garden beds and medians in Mareeba Kuranda garden maintenance Centenary Park and Coondoo streets Herbicide around trees, culverts in mowing areas Biboorah and Northern Approaches
Gurney Crew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure clean all concrete areas at Kuranda Library Community Hub.
Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace Swing seat in Mt Molloy Replace swing seat at Amaroo Playground in Mareeba.
Slashing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slashed Eastern area, Rail Trail, Shaban Park and Molloy approaches.
Burials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mareeba – one (1) Ashes in ground Lawn Plaque on Beam, two (2) Coffins in Full Grave Slab section, one (1) Coffin in Above Ground Vault Section Dimbulah – one (1) in Mausoleum Wall. Kuranda – one (1) coffin in Lawn Plaque on Beam Section
LOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mowing, brush cutting and general maintenance of: Mareeba Cemetery, Pioneer Cemetery, Dimbulah Cemetery and Dimbulah Tennis Courts
Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) dead trees removed in Mt Molloy Two (2) dead trees removed in Kennedy Street, Mareeba
Tree Trimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree trimming in all towns for ease of mowing and Street Sweeper access, also Stump grinding as they go.
Fire Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended Mt Molloy RFB General meeting.
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take down Xmas Trees in Mareeba, Kuranda, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy, and Chillagoe Assist with Australia Day function.

LAND PROTECTION

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

Weed/Pest	Activity
Parthenium Weed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspections carried out on all sites. All landholders are complying with their bio security obligation
Broadleaf Weeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foliar spraying of Broad leaf weeds such as Japanese Sunflower, and lantana Mareeba and Biboohra areas • Japanese Sunflower post treatment Kenneally Rd, Mareeba: 
Barleria (Barleria Prionitis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up treatment of Berleria on McGrath Road, Mareeba
Feral Pigs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine (9) pigs trapped in Mt Molloy, Speewah and Kuranda • Pig damaged sugar cane in Julatten: 

CUSTOMER REQUESTS

During January, the Works Group received 283 Customer Requests (CRs) with 242 resolved (resolved requests include those received prior to January 2026). The table below shows the number of requests lodged per Works Section for the month.

Month	Roads	Parks and Gardens	Pest Management
January	201	70	12

At the time of reporting, the Works Group had 44 open requests.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

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

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil