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1. OPENING BUSINESS

Cr Kate Peddle (Mayor) opened the meeting with the Council Prayer

Lord,
Please guide and direct us,
In that the decisions to be made,
Will be for the benefit,
Of our whole community
Amen

1.1 PRESENT

Councillors

Mayor Kate Peddle
Nicole Flute
Kelly Carter
Kerry Wells
Peter Fornasier
Shane McCarthy
Kim Middleton

Staff

Bruce Davidson – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Misenka Duong - Director of Engineering
Melanie Wicks – Director of Corporate & Financial Services
Barbra Smith –Director of Community Services & Wellbeing
Jackie Coleman – Executive Support Officer

School Students

1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 May 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

and

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 03 June 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

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1.5 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

1.5.1 Prescribed Conflict of Interest - Sections 150EG, 150EH & 150EI Local Government Act 2009

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any prescribed conflict of interest on matters to be discussed at a council or committee meeting (other than ordinary business matters).

When dealing with a Prescribed Conflict of Interest, Councillors must abide by the following procedures:

- A Councillor who has notified the Chief Executive Officer of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter to be discussed in a council meeting must also give notice during the meeting.
- A Councillor who first becomes aware of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter during a council meeting must immediately inform the meeting of the conflict of the interest.
- When notifying the meeting of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest, the following details must be provided:
 - if it relates to a gift or loan given by an entity - state the details of gift or loan
 - if it relates to a sponsored travel or accommodation benefit - state the benefit details
 - if it relates to a contract between the Councillor and Local Government or close associate of the Councillor – state details
 - if it relates to an application or submission - state the subject of the application or submission
 - if it relates to appointment/employment matters of Chief Executive Office position - state conflict details

The Councillor must then leave the place of the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away while the matter is being discussed and voted on, unless the subject Councillor has written notice from the Minister to participate in the matter.

Once the Councillor has left the area where the meeting is being conducted, the council can continue discussing and deciding on the matter at hand.

1.5.2 Declarable Conflict of Interest - Section 150EN Local Government Act 2009

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any Declarable Conflict of Interest on matters to be discussed at council or committee meetings that might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest (other than ordinary business matters).

A Councillor may raise their personal interests in a matter at the meeting to canvas the view of the other Councillors prior to deciding to declare a conflict of interest. If the other Councillors suspect the personal interest might be a conflict of interest, the Councillor may disclose their suspicion and the processes under section 150EW of the LGA.

When dealing with a Declarable Conflict of Interest, Councillors must abide by the following procedures:

- A Councillor who has notified the Chief Executive Officer of a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter to be discussed at a council meeting must also give notice during the meeting.
- A Councillor who first becomes aware of a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter during a council meeting must inform the meeting of the conflict of interest
- When notifying the meeting of a Declarable Conflict of Interest or it could be reasonably presumed that a conflict exists, Councillors should provide sufficient detail to allow the other Councillors to make an informed decision about how best to manage the Declarable Conflict of Interest in the public interest. The following details must be provided:
 - the nature of the Declarable Conflict of Interest
 - if it arises because of the Councillors relationship with a related party:
 - i. the name of the related party to the Councillor
 - ii. the nature of the relationship of the related party to the Councillor
 - iii. the nature of the related party's interest in the matter
 - if it arises because of a gift or loan from another person to the Councillor or a related party:
 - i. the name of the other person
 - ii. the nature of the relationship of the other person to the Councillor or related party
 - iii. the nature of the other person's interest in the matter
 - iv. the value of the gift or loan and the date the gift or loan was made.
 - v.

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After a Councillor has declared a conflict of interest, the Councillor should consider leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed unless they have reasons why their participation would improve making the decision in the public interest.

1.5.3 Procedure if no Quorum for Deciding Matter because of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest of Declarable Conflicts of Interest – Section 150EU Local Government Act 2009

- (1) This section applies in relation to a meeting if:
- (a) a matter in which 1 or more councillors have a prescribed conflict of interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest is to be decided at the meeting; and
 - (b) there is less than a quorum remaining at the meeting after any of the councillors mentioned in paragraph (a) leave, and stay away from, the place where the meeting is being held.
- (2) The local government must do 1 of the following:
- (a) delegate deciding the matter under section 257, unless the matter cannot be delegated under that section;
 - (b) decide, by resolution, to defer the matter to a later meeting;
 - (c) decide, by resolution, not to decide the matter and take no further action in relation to the matter.
- (3) The local government must not delegate deciding the matter to an entity if the entity, or a majority of its members, have personal interests that are, or are equivalent in nature to, a prescribed conflict of interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest in the matter.
- (4) A councillor does not contravene section 150EK(1), 150EM(2), 150EQ(2)(a) or (3)(a) or 150ES(5) by participating in a decision, or being present while the matter is discussed and voted on, for the purpose of delegating the matter or making a decision under subsection (2)(b) or (c).

1.5.4 Closed Meeting Discussion Items – Section 254J Local Government Regulation 2012

Council and standing committee meetings may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its Councillors consider it necessary to discuss any of the following matters:

- appointment, dismissal or discipline of the CEO
- industrial matters affecting employees
- the council's budget
- rating concessions
- legal advice obtained by the council, including legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the council
- matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals
- negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the council for which a public discussion could prejudice the interests of the council
- negotiations relating to the taking of land by the council under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
- a matter that the council is required to keep confidential under a law of, or a formal agreement with, the Commonwealth or state.

A Council or committee meeting cannot resolve that a meeting be closed where the meeting is informed of a Councillors personal interest in the matter by another person and the eligible Councillors at the meeting must decide whether the Councillor has a Declarable Conflict of Interest or Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the matter.

Further, the meeting must not be closed if a quorum is lost due to the number of conflicted Councillors who leave the meeting and the council must;

- delegate the matter
- decide by resolution to defer to a later meeting
- decide by resolution to take no further action on the matter.

Note: None of the above will be considered, discussed, voted on or made during a closed session.

If a closed session includes attendance by teleconference, the Councillor/s attending by teleconference must maintain confidentiality by ensuring no other person can hear their conversation while in the closed meeting.



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To take a matter into a closed session the council must abide by the following:

- pass a resolution to close the meeting
- the resolution must state the matter to be discussed, an overview of what is to be discussed and why the meeting should be closed while the matter is considered
- if the matter is known in advance, the agenda should clearly identify that the matter will be considered in closed session, and an explanation of why it is deemed necessary to take the issue into closed session must be stated
- not make a resolution while in a closed meeting (other than a procedural resolution).

1.6 PETITIONS

Nil

1.7 CONDOLENCES

The family of Peter Mitchell

1.8 RECOGNITIONS

1.9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Flinders Shire Council would like to acknowledge our Local First Nations People as well as the Yirendali people as the Traditional Owners and the oldest living culture of the Land on which our Council operates, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

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2. REPORTS

2.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.01.01 TOWNSVILLE ENTERPRISE

Background – Townsville Enterprise is the peak economic development and destination management organisation for North Queensland. For more than 30 years, Townsville Enterprise has played a critical role in leading the economic progress for the region through strong political advocacy, investment attraction, tourism development and by promoting North Queensland as a place to visit, invest and live.

An invoice has been received from Townsville Enterprise for \$44,539.00 (Inc GST) for Council's Strategic Gold Membership for 2024-2025 Financial Year. Previous year membership was at the lower level of Connect Micro.

2024-25:

Category Type	Annual Contribution (Ex GST)
Platinum	\$93,640.00
Strategic Gold	\$42,140.00
Strategic Silver	\$23,880.00
Strategic Copper	\$12,930.00
Strategic Bronze	\$ 7,970.00
Connect Medium	\$ 4,120.00
Connect Small	\$ 1,880.00
Connect Micro	\$ 850.00
Community	\$ 480.00

Officer's Recommendation – That Council's membership for 2024-2025 Financial Year revert to the previous level of Connect Micro.

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 151 Sturt Street
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ABN: 58 053 020 536

Invoice to:
 Flinders Shire Council
 34 Gray Street
 4821
 Hughenden, Queensland, Australia

Invoice Number: INV001271
 Issue Date: 05-06-2024
 Due Date: 21-06-2024

Item	Unit Price	Taxes	Amount (AUD)
Strategic - Gold From Jul 1, 2024 to Jun 30, 2025	A\$42,140	GST (10%)	A\$42,140
Renewal discount	- A\$1,650	GST (10%)	- A\$1,650
The total price includes GST		Total GST 10%	A\$4,049
		Total	A\$44,539
		Amount Paid	0
		Balance Due	A\$44,539

Payment Options

Pay Online (Credit Card with Stripe)

Visit <https://tel.glueup.com/membership/952213/renew/832492/payment-details/>

Pay by Bank Transfer

BSB: 064 817
 Account: 1005 2278

Pay by Check

Payable to Townsville Enterprise Limited

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2.01.02 ROADS TO RECOVERY (RTR) PROGRAM

Background – Letter received from The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, advising Council of a RTR funding allocation of \$7,557,071.00 for the five-year funding period 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2029. This allocation has been calculated based on an increase to the initial funding allocation received for the 2019-2024 RTR funding period.

The RTR Program will continue to operate under simple administrative arrangements, allowing funding recipients to decide the priority local projects on which to spend the allocation.

In addition to the RTR Funding the Australian Government has increased funding to the Black Spot Program and from 01 July 2024 will commence the new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program, these programs provide a valuable source of funding to local government seeking to improve road infrastructure and safety. Submissions are also still being accepted for the Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Initiative. Further information on these programs can be found at <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives>.

The following RTR works are included in Council's 2024-2025 Capital Works Program

Officer's Recommendation – That Council receive the letter from The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.



THE HON CATHERINE KING MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development and Local Government

THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP
Minister for Regional Development,
Local Government and Territories

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Mayor
Flinders Shire Council
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Via: mayor@flinders.qld.gov.au
Cc: flinders@flinders.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor/Councillor

I am writing to advise your funding allocation under the **Roads to Recovery** (RTR) Program. The Australian Government is proud of its continued support for road construction and maintenance through RTR with \$4.4 billion being made available over the next five years. In 2024-25, the annual RTR budget is \$650 million and will increase over the funding period to reach \$1 billion per year from 2027-28. This represents the first increase in RTR funding since 2019-20. This permanent increase will allow for more effective long-term planning for the safer maintenance and upgrade of our local roads without being subject to budget cycles.

I am pleased to advise that **Flinders Shire Council** will receive **\$7,557,071** for the five-year funding period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029. This allocation has been calculated based on an increase to the initial funding allocation received for the 2019-2024 RTR funding period.

The once-off additional allocation Flinders Shire Council received in the 2020 calendar year on account of being eligible for the *Drought Communities Program* has now been exhausted. Over this period Flinders Shire Council was temporarily allocated an additional \$858,755 for the period 2019-20 through 2023-24.

The Australian Government is continuing to invest and support communities affected by drought by investing \$519.1 million in *Future Drought Fund* programs to prepare for the next drought and build climate resilience. Further information can be found at <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund>.

The RTR Program will continue to operate under simple administrative arrangements, allowing funding recipients to decide the priority local projects on which to spend their allocation. In accordance with the current arrangements, projects funded under RTR can be delivered at any time throughout the five-year funding period. While your nominal annual allocation gradually increases over the next five years, if you have local priorities that require access to funding sooner, I encourage you to identify and schedule your projects as early as

possible in the new financial year and contact the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts by email to Roads.toRecovery@infrastructure.gov.au.

The department will soon write to formally advise you of the updated program conditions prior to the start of the new funding period, including in relation to your nominal annual allocation and own source expenditure requirements.

The Australian Government is committed to improving employment opportunities for First Nations peoples and we ask for this consideration to be applied to projects using RTR funding.

In addition to the RTR funding commitment, the Australian Government has increased funding to the **Black Spot Program**, and from 1 July 2024 will commence the new **Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**. Collectively these programs provide a valuable source of funding to local governments seeking to improve road infrastructure and safety. Councils will also be interested to know that submissions are continuing to be accepted for the **Heavy Vehicle Rest Area initiative**. For further information on these programs and how to apply, please visit <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives>. I encourage you to consider these programs to support your local road safety improvements.

I look forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Australian Government and your council over the coming years.

Yours sincerely



THE HON CATHERINE KING MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government



THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP
Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

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2.01.03 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Background – The LGAQ Annual Conference 2024 is being held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Qld from 21-23 October 2024. More information on the Conference will be provided closer to the date.

LGAQ has advised that the Conference Motions Portal is now open for Councils to submit motions to the Conference and will remain open until Monday 29 July 2024.

For Motions to be considered by LGAQ the motion must have been passed by a council resolution prior to being lodged and motions submitted should:

- Relate to a state-wide issue or an issue impacting a large portion or segment of the membership
- Ask for action from the State or Federal government
- Not result in a responsibility or cost shift to local government
- Not relate to a matter considered at a previous Annual Conference in the last five years, unless seeking to alter or update the adopted policy position

Officer's Recommendation – That Council:

1. Nominate 2 Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the LGAQ Annual Conference 2024 and;
2. That Councillors be invited to nominate possible motions for consideration at the July 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council.



LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

21–23 October

Brisbane Convention and
Exhibition Centre

Lock the dates in your diary.
More information about the
event coming soon.

Get in touch
Members hotline

Phone: 1300 542 700
Email: ask@lgaq.asn.au



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to be a liveable one.



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The 2024 LGAQ Annual Conference motions portal is now open

Dear Kate,

The motions portal is now open for you to submit your council's motions for the LGAQ 2024 Annual Conference. The portal will remain open for submissions until **Monday 29 July 2024**.

Motions submitted should:

- Relate to a statewide issue or an issue impacting a large portion or segment of the membership
- Ask for action from the State or Federal government
- Not result in a responsibility or cost shift to local government
- Not relate to a matter considered at a previous Annual Conference in the last five years, unless seeking to alter or update the adopted policy position.

Please remember that all motions must have been passed by a council resolution prior to being lodged.

[Motions portal](#)

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2.01.04 LGAQ DISTRICT POLICY EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES 2024-2028

Background – LGAQ have provided Council with a list of the LGAQ Policy Executive Representatives, Flinders Shire Representative for District 11. North- West is Cr Greg Campbell from Cloncurry Shire Council. The Policy Executive sets the policy agenda for the Association to drive on behalf of the State's 77 Councils.

LGAQ is now calling for nominations of any person qualified under rule 5.23(1) to fill the role of President. Nominations must be received by the Chief Executive Officer at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the next AGM, therefore by 8:30am on 09 October 2024.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council give consideration to nominating a qualified person to the role of President and submit nomination prior to the closing date.

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21 May 2024

Mr Bruce Davidson
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Flinders Shire Council

Email: ceo@flinders.qld.gov.au

Good afternoon,

On behalf of all of us at the LGAQ, I'd like to extend my congratulations on the appointment of your District's Policy Executive (PE) Representative.

As you are aware the LGAQ Policy Executive sets the policy agenda for the Association to drive on behalf of the State's 77 councils and I present to you the 2024 - 2028 PE Members.

District	Representative
District 1: Brisbane City Council	Cr Steven Huang – Brisbane City Council Cr Kim Marx (Alternate Representative) – BCC
District 2: SEQ – South Sub Region	Cr Jon Raven – Logan City Council
District 2: SEQ – West Sub Region	Cr Paul Tully – Ipswich City Council
District 2: SEQ – North Sub Region	Cr Peter Flannery – Moreton Bay City Council
District 3: Wide Bay Burnett	Cr George Seymour – Fraser Coast Regional Council
District 4: Darling Downs	Cr Rebecca Vonhoff – Toowoomba Regional Council
District 5: South West	Cr Samantha O'Toole – Balonne Shire Council
District 6: Central QLD	Cr Matt Burnett – Gladstone Regional Council
District 7: Whitsunday	Cr Kelly Veve – Isaac Regional Council
District 8: Central West	Cr Andrew Martin – Blackall-Tambo Regional Council
District 9: Northern QLD	Cr Kurt Rehbein – Townsville City Council
District 10: Far North QLD	Cr Angela Toppin – Mareeba Shire Council
District 11: North West	Cr Greg Campbell – Cloncurry Shire Council
District 12: Aboriginal and Island Councils	Cr Wayne Butcher – Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council Cr Alf Lacey – Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

In accordance with the [LGAQ Constitution](#) rule 6.3(2) the LGAQ now calls for **nominations of any person qualified under rule 5.2(1) to fill the role of**

President. Under the Constitution this includes that the person must be, and remain, a councillor of an LGAQ member council; and that person must also not have been convicted of a disqualifying offence as defined in the *Industrial Relations Act*. The elected President will take office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting being held on 23 October 2024.

In accordance with rule 6.3(3) **nominations must actually be received by the Chief Executive Officer at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the next Annual General Meeting. The deadline for nominations will therefore be 8:30am on 9 October 2024.**

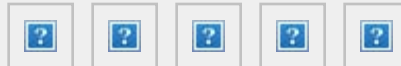
I would like to thank you for assisting the LGAQ with this important process and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on [0438 787 038](tel:0438787038), or Darren Leckenby on [0488 725 098](tel:0488725098).

Kind regards,



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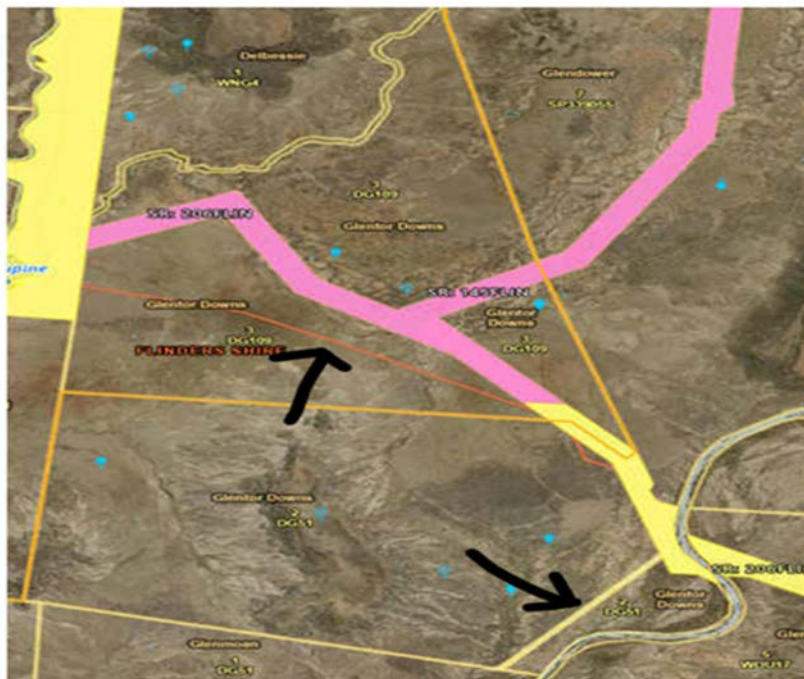
2.01.05 REQUEST CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD – GHPL 23/16593

Background – Council received a letter from Department of Resources seeking Councils view on the conversion to freehold GHPL 23/16593 – Land described as Lot 3 on DG109 and Lot 2 on 2DG51.

When property is converted to freehold the survey plan must show the correct boundaries as well as define roads on their correct alignment.

Proposed Glentor Road (orange line) is substantially “off-alignment” from the survey area defined by stock Route SR206FLIN. Also, in the south-east corner of the Lot 2 on DG51 block there is a surveyed but unconstructed road to the boundary of Lot 1 on Crown Plan DG51 “Glenmoan”.

The leases are seeking council’s future intentions with respect to these roads.



Officer’s Recommendation – That Council offer no objection to the application to freehold provided:

- The proposed Glentor Road (orange line) is re-surveyed to align with the road as constructed
- The unconstructed road to the boundary of Lot 1 on Crown Plan DG51 “Glenmoan” remain as possible future access

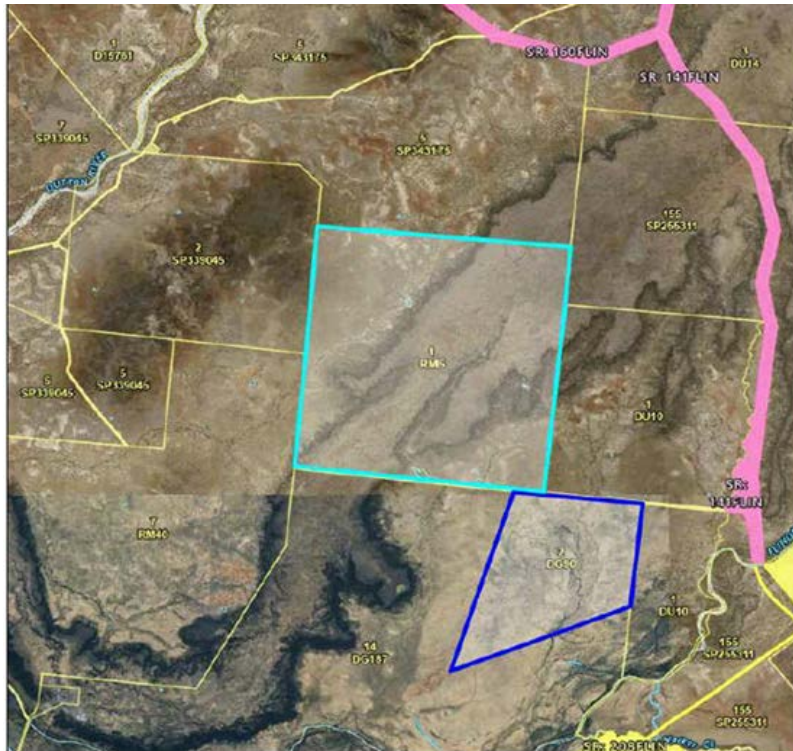
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26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2.01.06 REQUEST CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD – PL 23/16529

Background – Council received a letter from Department of Resources seeking Councils view on the conversion of Perpetual Lease 23/16529 described as Lot 2 on Crown Plan DG90 and Lot 1 on Crown Plan RM5 to Freehold.

Perpetual lease 23/16529 commenced on 01/07/1971 for no term and issued for grazing or Agriculture purposes.

The leases are seeking Council's views or requirements for the conversion of term lease 23/16529 to Freehold Land. No roads to take into consideration.



Officer's Recommendation – That Council offer no objection to the Conversion to Freehold of Perpetual Lease 23/16529, described as Lot 2 on Crown Plan DG90 and Lot 1 on Crown Plan RM5.

AGENDA
26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



2.01.07 STOCK ROUTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (DRAFT)

Background – Council has been collaborating with the Department of Resources to develop an updated stock route management plan for the Flinders Shire.

An extension of time to complete the draft plan has been sought as the proposed due date is scheduled for the end of June 2024.

The next phase in the process is for Council to adopt the attached draft Stock Route Management Plan to enable public consultation to begin, with feedback due within 28 days from commencement, after which Council must produce the final plan and send to the Department of Resources for approval.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council accept the attached draft Stock Route Management Plan and authorise commencement of the required public consultation to finalise the plan for Flinders Shire.



Flinders Shire Council

STOCKROUTE

MANAGEMENT PLAN

2023 – 2028



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1 INTRODUCTION

The Stock Route Network (SRN) is a contemporary term for the network of stock routes and reserves for travelling stock set aside for the primary purpose of facilitating the movement of stock throughout Queensland's pastoral districts. A Stock Route may include surveyed road corridor or pasturage rights that exist through pastoral leases. These pasturage rights are usually identified by an unsurveyed road.

The SRN also supports a range of other activities, ranging from use by community groups to other non-pastoral industries, construction of public utilities, recreation, and tourism, and provides emergency fodder in times of drought. The SRN also has significant cultural heritage and environmental values.

A stock route is defined under the Stock Route Management Act 2002 (the Act) as a 'road or route ordinarily used for travelling stock or declared under a regulation to be a stock route'. The Queensland SRN consists of approximately 72,000 kilometres (2.6 million hectares) of stock routes.

A reserve for travelling stock is also defined in the Act as reserves set aside under the Land Act 1994 and may be used for travelling stock.

1.1 PREPARATION OF PLAN

- Required under s.105 of *the Stock Route Management Act 2002*.

105 Local governments to have stock route network Management plan.

(1) *A local government must, within 2 years after this part commences, have a stock route network management plan for managing stock routes in its area.*

(2) *The plan may include provision for the following—*

- identifying the part of the stock route network in the local government's area;*
- Achievable objectives under the plan;*
- Strategies, activities and responsibilities for achieving the objectives;*
- Strategies to inform the local community about the content of the plan and achievement of the plans objectives;*
- Monitoring implementation of the plan and evaluating the effectiveness;*
- Other matters the local government considers appropriate for management of the stock route networking its area.*

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

- Discussion of Plan with Group representatives
- Representatives – Flinders Shire Council, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services and local graziers
- Draft plan will go on display for public input for twenty-eight days.

1.2 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The purpose of this plan is to improve the management of the Stock Route Network so that the impacts of stock on the resources, users and values of the SRN are minimised, whilst minimising the impacts from other users of the network on travelling and Agisted stock throughout the Flinders Shire. SRN management does not encompass the overall management of the road corridors identified within a stock route; it is simply the management of impacts from stock and impacts to stock.

Clear and achievable goals have been set out in the Plan, with targets to be achieved within the life of the Plan for sustainable management and use of the SRN in Flinders Shire Council.

Implementation of the Plan will lead to improvements in services to stakeholders, greater accountability of Flinders Shire Council and more efficient use of available resources. Ultimately, this plan will play a vital role in protecting the productions and conservation values of Flinders Shire Council.

The plan will operate as a practical extension of the visionary statements and goals set out in the Queensland SRN Management Strategy and the Principles for SRN Management, provided for in the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*. The plan will operate in conjunction with the *Stock Route Management Act 2002* and within the parameters of other legislation and policy.

COMPONENTS OF STOCK ROUTE NETWORK MANAGEMENT

The plan starts by describing the current situation for SRN management in Flinders Shire Council and then details the components of SRN management. The components include –

- Network Integrity
- Grazing Management
- Significant Area Management
- Risk and Safety Management
- Infrastructure Management
- Pest and Disease Management
- Water Agreement Management
- Permitting travel and Agistment
- Compliance

1.3 DURATION OF PLAN

- S.111 of the Act states a SRNMP has effect for the period, of no more than 4 years.
- Renew February 2028.

MAPPING

- Classification and location of stock routes and water facilities (from SRMS)
- Biodiversity (EPA Townsville)
- Land type, areas of degradation, land condition and pasture monitoring.
- Fencing and areas under Permits to Occupy.
- Queensland Globe

TABLE 1

MEMBERS OF THE FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL SRNMP WORKING GROUP

NAME	POSITION	ORGANISATION
	Mayor	Flinders Shire Council
	Councillor/ Deputy Mayor	Flinders Shire Council
	Councillor	Flinders Shire Council
	Rural Lands Coordinator	Flinders Shire Council
	Councillor	Flinders Shire Council
	Councillor	Flinders Shire Council
		State Land Administration and Management Officer
		Queensland Parks and Wildlife
	President AGFORCE	

STATISTICS

Flinders Shire Council

Population: 1,544 approximately
Main Land Uses: Grazing

Land Types, Soils and Vegetation

Flinders Shire has a wide range of land types and vegetation from undulating downs to hard, inaccessible basalt gorges.

The softer country which consists of Mitchell and Flinders grass downs which grows from the ever-self-mulching black soil. This country also consists of channels filled with Coolabahs that divide hard pebbly ridges and limestone outcrops covered with the occasional Vine tree and Whitewoods. The harder country which is referred to as semi-arid which consists of occasional black soil flats covered with Mitchell and blue grasses, these flats are surrounded by the main soil type of sandy red soil. Spear Grass is predominating with mixes of Spinifex and introduced species such as the Buffel and Stylos.

North of the Flinders River the country changes dramatically with sandy, loamy country evident nearby the river and gradually mixing into the black soil basalt with Boree trees covering a high percentage. The country gradually comes into the more predominate red soils which are rangy and sheltered by ironbark trees.

TOTAL NUMBER OF WATER FACILITIES

Artesian Water	9
Sub Artesian Water	17
Excavated Tank	4
Excavations in Creek	2
Gully Dam	0
Town Supply	2
Natural Waterholes	0
TOTAL	34

TOTAL DISTANCE OF ROUTES

Secondary	245 kms
Tertiary	1278 kms
TOTAL	1,523 kms



STATISTICS

Values of the SRN:

Fodder, drought relief, conservation, community, tourism, heritage, water supply.

Pressures on the Values of the SRN:

Grazing pressures of Permits to Occupy and Leases, lack of fencing, unauthorised taking of water.

Pressures on stock using the SRN:

Little or no fodder in places, poor fencing, sickness (three day), distances between waters, previous users.

Hazards and Risks such as infrastructure, road and fire:

Poor infrastructure e.g. rotted towers, fire ploughing, boggy dams etc.

Management of the SRN

- Flinders Shire currently employs Rural Land Officers that oversees the Stock Route Network and is under direct supervision of the Chief Executive Officer.
- Budgets and major works are sourced through Council meetings via Councillors, CEO and Mayor, part of the SRMG is made up of these members who cover a vast area and knowledge of the land, Council and community groups.



STATISTICS**STOCK ROUTE TRAVEL**

TRAVELLING STOCK NUMBERS FOR ROUTES 2017 – 2024

FLINDERS SHIRE**YEARLY RECORDINGS**

STOCK ROUTE	LENGTH	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	KM								
<i>S201 Hughenden – Winton Boundary</i>	115								
<i>M205 Hughenden - Barenya</i>	91								
<i>S029 Stamford – Muttaborra Boundary</i>	103	1970							
<i>S208 Hughenden - Dunluce</i>	52								
<i>M208 Dunluce – Richmond Boundary</i>	33	310							
<i>M209 Hughenden – Torrens Creek Boundary</i>	140								
<i>M015 Hughenden – Pine Tree</i>	120								
TOTALS		1,970							

AGISTMENT – DROUGHT RELIEF

YEARLY RECORDINGS - Stock Numbers – 2017 - 2024

STOCK ROUTE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<i>S201 Hughenden - Winton</i>	80							
<i>M209 Torrens Creek</i>								
<i>M015 Pine Tree</i>								
TOTALS	80							

2. Stock Route Network MANAGEMENT COMPONENTS

2.1 NETWORK INTEGRITY

RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

- Maintaining the SRN's integrity will contribute towards achieving two legislative principles for SRN management as set out in the Act: "management" and "planning". That is, by managing the resource to "ensure it remains available for public use", "managing and improving the network's natural resources and travelling stock facilities for use" and planning so that management is "consistent at local, regional and State levels" the overall integrity of the part of the network within Flinders Shire will be not only maintained but enhanced.
- In addition, this Plan's intentions for network integrity also contribute towards implementing the Queensland Stock Route Network Management Strategy by providing for strategic direction and coordination, as well as network enhancement and operational management. That is, management is planned, resourced, and retained/acquired to enhance and maintain the integrity of stock routes and reserves.



GOAL

- That the SRN's integrity as a state corridor is maintained and enhanced so that unimpeded travel can occur through Flinders Shire Council and adjoining Shires.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

INDICATORS	TARGETS
Improve relationships with adjoining Shires to enable unimpeded travel of stock across Shire boundaries	Zero impediments
Number of complaints regarding impediments to travelling stock	Zero complaints
Adequate Fodder/Water Supply	Zero complaints

PARTNERSHIPS POLICY

Encourage partnership approach between adjoining Shires to provide better cross Shire outcomes.

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	WHEN
Partnerships	SRS to contact neighbouring Shires prior to issuing travel permits for e.g.	SRS	High	As required

RATIONALISATION POLICY

Working group does not recommend rationalisation due to rising fuel costs, transportation cost and recognises that inactive routes are no cost to Council.

ENHANCEMENT POLICY

Enhance identified routes by applying for capital works funding for additional water infrastructure and maintenance of current facilities.

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	WHEN
Enhancement	Identify routes that may become an alternative route through upgrading water infrastructure	FSC SRS	Medium	During life of plan



REMOVAL OF IMPEDIMENTS POLICY

Identify impediments along routes (e.g., illegal fences, car bodies etc.), have them assessed and if warranted, order their removal.

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	WHEN
Impediments	Identify the types and location of impediments to travelling stock on the network. Order removal.	SRS	High	As required
	Council should be involved in decision making on development (or other) applications with relevant Government Departments to prevent impediments occurring on the SRN in the first place. From the commencement of this plan, existing illegal structures (for example) will be negotiated with appropriate parties. In future iterations of this plan, these illegal structures will be dealt with as compliance issues.	FSC DOR	Medium	As required and for the life of the new plan.

2.2 GRAZING MANAGEMENT

RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

- The Flinders Shire Council believes that successful grazing management will directly contribute to the “management” principle of stock route network management as set out in the Act. That is, pasture availability and land condition will contribute towards the legislative principle in which the stock route network is managed “to maintain and improve the network’s natural resources”, and management of grazing pressure to provide sufficient ground cover will ensure that the network “remains available for public use” now and in the future.
- This plan’s objectives for grazing management also contribute to implementing the State SRN Management Strategy in that it aims to achieve sustainable management. That is, it implements best management practices for on-ground management and provides for training and education to achieve sustainable use.

GOAL

- To manage the grazing impacts of travelling stock, and/or agisted stock, on the land condition of the SRN within Flinders Shire Council, and to ensure that the grazing resources are available for future use.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

GRAZING INDICATOR	TARGET %
A. Condition - Good	50 %
B. Condition - Fair	30 %
C. Condition - Poor	<10 %
D. Condition – Very Poor	<5 %

Land Condition - “Stock Take Approach”

Stocktake Grazing Resource

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) to provide grazing land managers with a practical, systematic way to assess land condition and long-term carrying capacity and to calculate short term forage budgets.

Within stocktake grazing land condition can be split into 4 broad categories based on an evaluation of coverage of perennial (3P) grasses (considered palatable, perennial for grazing purposes), soil condition, woodland condition and weed infestation. Ground cover is an indicator of what might happen to future soil condition.

Good or “A” condition has the following features:

- Good coverage of perennial grasses dominated by those species considered to be 3P grasses for that land type, little bare ground (<30 %) in most cases;
- Few weeds and no significant infestations;
- Good soil condition, no erosion, good surface condition; and
- No sign, or early signs of woodland thickening.

Fair or “B” condition has at least one or more of the following features:

- Some decline of 3P grasses, increase in other species (less favoured grasses, weeds) and/or bare ground (>30% but 60%) in most cases;
- Some decline in soil condition, some signs of previous erosion and/or current susceptibility to erosion is a concern; and
- Some thickening in density of woody plants.

Poor or “C” condition has one or more of the following features, otherwise similar to “B” condition:

- General decline in 3P grasses, large amounts of less favoured species and/or bare ground (<60%) in most cases;
- Obvious signs of past erosion and/or susceptibility currently high; and
- General thickening in density of woody plants.

Very Poor or “D” condition has one or more of the following features:

- General lack of perennial grasses or forbs;
- Severe erosion or scalding resulting in hostile environment for plant growth; and
- Thickets or woody plants cover most of the area.
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Source: QDPI& F (2004). *Stocktake. Balancing Supply and Demand. The State of Queensland, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries.*

LAND AND PASTURE MANAGEMENT POLICY

To continuously monitor and manage the SRN to a level in which the land conditions and season will allow (applies to Permits to Occupy).

Council will consult with DAF and DOR (or other relevant agencies) to formulate appropriate residual pasture levels for the SRN to aid with decisions over travel and agistment permit applications.

GRAZING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Increase grazing management skills	Provide “Stocktake” training to SR Supervisor	DAF	High	Ongoing
Awareness/E ducation	SR Supervisor/Councillors/Graziers to attend relevant Forums	Meat & Livestock Assoc.	High	Ongoing

Fencing	Council to consider issuing Fencing Notices (Land Protection Act) to landholders to fence out the SRN from their leases.	Working Group DOR	As required	Ongoing
Baling	Using baling rather than agistment to manage excess pasture on the SRN to avoid controversy over giving agistment to non ratepayers.	SRS/FSC	As required	Ongoing
Permits to Occupy	Apply to DOR for cancellation of Permits to Occupy where failure to comply with conditions.	FSC/ DOR	As required	Ongoing
Provide alternative routes	Investigate the need for alternate routes and upgrade facilities through Capital Works Program if required.	FSC/DOR	As required	Ongoing
Land and pasture	Regularly monitor land in B condition and apply relevant management strategy to prevent deterioration. Spell land in condition C and D. Rehabilitate land on primary and secondary routes in D condition by spelling. Areas with more than sufficient pasture for travelling stock to be priority managed i.e. short term agistment, burning (environmental or safety reason only), baling (through expression of interest). Minimise impacts to pasture during November to March by spelling permit restrictions. Areas in D Condition will have to be fenced excluding all grazing animals. These areas may be strategically grazed for short periods if cover levels improve. Seeding may be needed to rehabilitate D condition land to reduce possibility of erosion. Divert stock numbers from poor condition land to A and B condition routes.	FSC	High	Ongoing
Set residual pasture levels	Consult with DAF or other relevant agencies to set residual pasture levels.	SRS	High	Ongoing
Funding	Apply for funding for rehabilitation where appropriate.	FSC	High	As required

ISSUES

- Capability of Council to monitor land conditions.
- Spelling of primary and secondary routes for rehabilitation will create controversy.
- Managing pasture is very difficult due to the SRN being mostly unfenced in Flinders Shire, and majority of landholders do not have Permits to Occupy over stock routes through/adjacent to their property which makes pasture management difficult for Council to enforce.
- Rate Payers cannot be given preference for agistment on the SRN.



Source: *Livestock Nutrition Archives (no date) AgSolutions. Available at: <https://agsolutions.com.au/blog/livestock-nutrition/> (Accessed: 15 May 2024).*

2.3 SIGNIFICANT AREA MANAGEMENT RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

Council recognises the existence of significant areas within our Shire including cultural heritage sites and areas that hold significant environmental value (riparian areas and areas of significant biodiversity). This SRN management plan aims to minimise impacts caused by users of the stock route network while fulfilling its obligations under relevant legislation and the State SRN Management Strategy.

GOAL

Minimise impact of agisted and travelling stock on areas of known environmental and cultural heritage significance.

INDICATOR AND TARGETS

SIGNIFICANT AREA MANAGEMENT INDICATOR	TARGETS
Inventory of significant areas, their extent and condition	Number and extent of significant areas does not decrease and that their condition does not decline
Inventory of incidents causing degradation and their cause	Zero incidents caused by stock

SIGNIFICANT AREAS POLICIES

FSC and the community recognise significant Cultural Heritage, Historic Heritage, Biodiversity and Riparian areas to be of high environmental and cultural value. Managing these areas to minimise the impacts of travelling and agisted stock is crucial to their survival for future generations.

Riparian area management policy

- Riparian areas used as a watering point that are within 3 km of a stock route watering facility with sufficient water resources, will be closed to stock to minimise stock damage to the riparian area. Permittees will be advised of these sites upon issue of the permit (where possible) and signage will be displayed at the riparian area redirecting stock to the nearby watering facility.
- Riparian areas with disturbed vegetation or eroded banks most likely caused by use as a stock watering point will be rehabilitated.
- Investigate alternative funding sources (i.e. through Regional DOR Body) to provide artificial waters and/or fencing where riparian areas are being degraded through use by travelling stock.

Biodiversity management policy

- Areas identified as being highly significant areas in terms of biodiversity shall be monitored by either the stock route supervisor, or through other monitoring programs (e.g. volunteers and school groups). Results will be compiled and considered during plan reviews to rectify problems.
- Alternative routes and reserves shall be investigated to replace routes and reserves containing remnant vegetation subject to degradation by travelling and agisted stock.
- The Council shall produce a series of maps displaying the significant areas located within the Shire and make maps available for public reference.
- The stock route supervisor will evaluate the effectiveness of fencing off significant areas for retention of biodiversity, providing recommendations to Council. Council will approve fencing where appropriate to do so.

2.3 SIGNIFICANT AREA MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Outsource monitoring of significant areas	Investigate voluntary monitoring of sites. Investigate Regional DOR Bodies' capacity to monitor sites.	Yirandali / EPA / DCQ / SGC / FSC	Medium	Ongoing
Increase capacity within Council to	Provide training to SRS on significant area monitoring	EPA / DCQ / SGC	Medium	Ongoing

monitor significant areas				
Duty of care	Council recognises that there is a process that seeks to outline a structured approach to providing mechanisms for the identification, protection and management of Indigenous Cultural Heritage.	All stakeholders	High	Ongoing
Awareness	Notify public and users of network about significant areas and the need for protection. Permittees will be advised of these sites upon issue of the permit (where possible) and signage will be displayed at the riparian area redirecting stock to the nearby watering facility. Prepare maps identifying significant areas and make available to public	FSC	Medium	As required
Fencing	The Stock Route Supervisor will evaluate the effectiveness of fencing off significant areas, proving recommendations to Council. Council will approve fencing where appropriate to do so and apply through Capital Works funding. Stock travelling within 10 metres of a significant area must, as a condition of their permit, be fenced off from the site using temporary electric tape fences where necessary (if no permanent fence present).	SRS	Medium	As required
Routes	Alternative routes and reserves shall be investigated to replace areas of SRN containing significant areas subject to degradation by travelling and agisted stock.	SRS	Medium	As required
Riparian areas	The Stock Route Supervisor will evaluate the effectiveness of fencing off riparian areas, proving recommendations to Council. Council will approve fencing where appropriate to do so and apply through Capital Works funding. Stock travelling within 10 metres of a riparian area must, as a condition of	FSC	High	As required

	their permit, be fenced off from the site using temporary electric tape fences where necessary (if no permanent fence present)			
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ISSUES

- Council does not have capacity to monitor the condition of significant areas.
- Restricting stock on primary and secondary routes will create controversy.
- Diversion of stock may direct them off the SRNS.

2.4 RISK AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT

RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

Council believes that successful risk and safety management will directly contribute to the management principles of SRN management as set out in the Act. By continual monitoring of the network's infrastructure and facilities and by taking timely preventative and corrective action, Council's aim is to achieve a safe environment for stock and users of the network.

GOAL

Provide a safe environment for the users of the SRN including Stock.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

RISK AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	TARGETS
Number of hazards	All water facilities are a hazard
Number of reported incidents	Zero

RISK AND SAFETY POLICY

Identify risk and safety issues will be prioritised annually and included in Works Program. (See water facility inventory in Appendices for risks associated with facilities).

Council will consider risk and safety issues associated with secondary uses of reserves with competing interests in future iterations of this plan (includes risks such as those that may be posed by campers using parts of the SRN frequently used by travelling stock).

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PROIRITY	BY WHEN
		SRS	High	Annually

Risk and Safety	SR Supervisor to conduct annual risk and safety audits. Council will provide mechanism for community and permittees to provide information regarding safety issues.			
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ROAD SAFETY POLICY

Identify all roads and address with relevant safety issues (as per permit conditions).

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Road Safety	SRN users to provide road signage. Provide warning signs at common crossings. Apply to Main Roads to erect permanent signs where routes cross main roads. Signage and "stop-go" personnel at identified hazardous road crossings (apply conditions to drivers).	SRS	High	As required

INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY POLICY

- Council to promote safety in and around SR infrastructure.

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Awareness / Infrastructure	Erect warning signs – i.e. authorised entry only on mills (fencing too); hot water; no swimming etc. As mills reach the end of their lives, replace with alternative system such as solar or diesel pumps.	With funding from DOR / FSC to erect	Prioritise facilities according to proximity to towns etc., and apply for funding for highest priorities each year.	Ongoing

FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

- FSC to assess grass loads along routes and manage these areas with hazardous reduction burns as an alternative method.
- Mosaic burns where appropriate at various times of the year to reduce hazardous fuel loads therefore conserving the biodiversity of the SRN.

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Fire	Notify community, SRN users and adjoining landholders of scheduled burning (erect smoke hazards signs and have “stop-go” personnel if required, acquire burning permits)	SRS / Rural Fire Service	As required	As required

ISSUES

- Safety Hazard at all mills – falls from heights etc.
- Tourists climbing mills to take photos etc.
- Public swimming in dams, turkey’s nests and open tanks.
- Straying stock on roadways.
- Grids.
- Narrow roadways.
- Road safety.
- Hazards on roadways.
- Fires.

2.5 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

RELEVANCE

- By enhancing and maintaining essential infrastructure for use by travelling stock and other purposes, Council meets the ‘Management’ and ‘Monitoring and Evaluation’ Principles under the Act and achieves consistency with the Queensland Stock Route Network Strategy.

GOAL

- Maintain water facilities along primary and secondary routes and negotiate water agreements (including shifting maintenance responsibilities) on all routes.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	TARGETS
Facilities to be maintained in a reliable working condition on primary and secondary routes	100% in good working order
Maximum distance between water facilities on primary and secondary routes	No more than 15km apart
Positioning water facilities minimum distances from roadways	No less than 200m from a roadway (where practical)

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

Identify and prioritise maintenance and construction needs incorporating priorities into Annual Works Program; SR Supervisor to audit condition of SR facilities on a yearly basis and input inspection into SRMS; Council to apply for capital works funding to address priority issues; Complete priority work as per capital works Program; and Negotiate with State and landholders party to water agreements for maintenance of water facilities on relevant routes in exchange for waiving water agreement fees.

Council to formulate a list of capital works required to bring SRN in FSC up to a high standard. This ideal 'wish list' will be devised by the second annual review.

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Provide water on alternate routes	Muttaborra and Richmond Route	FSC – Capital Works	Medium	Reliant on Capital Works funding
Maintain utility of SRN in Flinders Shire	Repair facilities in condition less than good or fair on secondary and Tertiary routes	FSC – DOR	Medium	Reliant on Capital Works funding
Enhance existing stock routes	Apply for funding for additional waters	FSC – DOR	High	Reliant on Capital Works funding
Planning for future infrastructure	Create list for infrastructure that would be beneficial in the future	FSC	Medium	Ongoing

ISSUES

- Water Agreements complied with / maintenance up keeps. SRS to inspect maintenance requirements as part of annual facility inspections.
- Water supply at new sites.
- Funding - secondary / Tertiary routes -major capital works, reconstruction of bores.
- Water from private off takes.
- Roadwork's access water.
- Maintenance by FSC.

2.6 PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

Commitment to the control of disease and pest management on the SRN contributes to the fulfilment of Council's obligations under the Act to be consistent with the principles of SR Management and the State Stock Route Network Management Strategy.

GOAL

Minimise the spread of existing pest plants and animals along the SRN along with eradication of new pest's plants, animals and disease.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	TARGET
Area % of SRN covered by pest plants	<10%
Number of spelling yards for seed containment	2
Number of disease reports or findings suspected to have originated from SRN use	Zero
Number of pest plant species present that are harmful to stock	<5%

PEST PREVENTION POLICY

Prevent the spread and introduction of pests. (Refer to weed seed spread management in Flinders Shire Council Pest Management Plan 2008).

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Permits To Occupy	Ensure pest management conditions of Permits to Occupy are met	SRS	Medium	As required
Pest Plants	Weed seed spread protocols for travelling and agisted stock e.g. spelling contaminated stock as per Pest Management Plan; time of year stock are permitted to travel through prickly acacia areas, priority control of pest plants on routes.	SRS	HIGH	AS REQUIRED

Weed Hygiene Declarations	Drovers to produce WHD's upon entry to the Shire	SRS	HIGH	AS REQUIRED
Pest Animals	Baiting of known pest animal habitat on the SRN	SRS	HIGH	Included in seasonal baiting campaigns

DISEASE PREVENTION POLICY

Prevent the spread and introduction of disease.

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Disease Prevention	<p>Liase with DAF Stock Inspector</p> <p>Regular inspections of stock, including checking waybills.</p> <p>Ensure NLIS responsibilities are met.</p>	SRS / DAF	HIGH	AS REQUIRED
TICK FEVER	Clear all cattle passing through infected tick areas. Do not issue permits unless pre-treated.	SRS/DAF	HIGH	AS REQUIRED

Flinders Shire Council recognises it has a role to play in the implementation and ongoing administration of the NLIS in terms of the SRN. In summary, local government responsibilities at present, in relation to the NLIS and the Stock Route Network are:

- *Where stock **with no** NLIS device fitted is found to be straying on to part of the Stock Route Network – local governments will be responsible for assigning NLIS devices and notifying the NLIS database of the details of the NLIS device.*
- *Where stock with an NLIS device fitted is found to be straying on to part of the Stock Route Network – local governments will be responsible for notifying the NLIS database of the details of the NLIS device.*

ISSUES

- Pest control on PTO's.
- Pest control on fenced routes, that are not held under Permits to Occupy is Council's responsibility
- Stock travelling from contaminated country into clean country.
- History of stock.
- Tick stock in non-chemical treatment areas with historical evidence indicating that cattle ticks are not evident.

- Quarantine of stock.
- Notification of diseases.
- NLIS.
- Feral animals.

2.7 WATER AGREEMENTS MANAGEMENT

RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

Strategic management of water facilities within the SRN contributes to the fulfilment of Council's obligations under the Act to be consistent with the principles of SR Management and the State Stock Route Network Management Strategy. Water agreements with maintenance also assist Council with the upkeep of stock route water facilities.

GOAL

To provide adequate water for travelling stock and others with rights to the water while collecting the proceeds from the supply of water through agreements.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

WATER AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	TARGET
Number of water agreements	All landholders accessing stock route facilities to have water agreements finalised by the year 2019.
Dollar income from water agreements	As above
Location and times where water runs out at a water facility which is under a water agreement, when there was a demand for water by travelling stock	Zero

NEGOTIATING WATER AGREEMENTS POLICY

When considering water agreement negotiation, include issues such as maintenance standards, responsibilities, access for travelling stock and performance of maintenance versus payment of a fee.

GROUNDS TO TERMINATE

Council to terminate water agreement where non-compliance with water agreement terms and conditions occurs.

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Develop a process for DOR to provide technical advice on water resource limitations.	Engage in negotiation with regional DOR Water Management and use personnel.	DOR, FSC	Medium	Ongoing
Regulate use of water facilities	Ensure all water taken from stock route facilities is done so under agreement. Document the agreed process for assessing water agreement applications. Inspect all facilities.	SRS / DOR / Landholder	Medium	Ongoing
New Water Agreements	When renegotiating water agreements over facilities, include maintenance as the landholder responsibility in lieu of payment of a fee. Outline all the maintenance to be performed by the landholders in lieu of payment of a fee.	SRS / DOR / Landholder	HIGH	Ongoing

ISSUES

- Does Council have the capacity to determine water resource limitations?
- Council expenditure on maintaining water facilities on all routes is high – these facilities are often only used by the adjoining landholder - maintenance instead of payment of a fee.
- Some landholders are taking water from stock route facilities without agreements and are reluctant to change.
- Non-compliance with terms and conditions of water agreements.

- Multiple off takes, only one agreement.
- Resources to compile new water agreements.

2.8 PERMITTING TRAVEL AND AGISTMENT

RELEVANCE FOR SRN MANAGEMENT

Strategic management of travelling stock and agistment permit applications within the SRN contributes to the fulfilment of Council's obligations under the Act to be consistent with the principles of SR Management and the State Stock Route Network Management Strategy.

GOAL

Process applications for permits to travel and agist stock on the SRN that ensures that the resources of the SRN are sustained.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

PERMITTING TRAVEL AND AGISTMENT INDICATORS	TARGET
Number of permitting decisions disputed	Less than 2

APPROVING PERMITS POLICY

Travel permits will be considered on application when sufficient grazing indicators are available and in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 5 of the Act.

PERMIT MONITORING POLICY

SRS will monitor permittee's actions for compliance with permit conditions for the duration of their permit in the Shire.

AGISTMENT ALLOCATION POLICY

Agistment will only be granted when excess pasture is available and determined in accordance with Chapter 3, Part 4 of the Act

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Raise awareness, education of the need to provide fair and equal access to the resource	Issue public notice on the equal rights, awareness to use of the SRN. Hold a public meeting.	SRS	HIGH	On going

ISSUES

- Local ratepayers are wanting to be given priority to agist on the SRN (although the SRM Act does not allow this).
- Residents from outside Flinders Shire wanting to agist narrow corridors where PTO's have been issued.

2.9 COMPLIANCE

RELEVANCE

Strategic management of compliance within the SRN contributes to the fulfilment of Council's obligations under the Act to be consistent with the principles of SR Management and the State Stock Route Network Management Strategy.

GOAL

Address compliance matters in accordance with the Act WITH FULL SUPPORT FROM THE Chief Executive Officer, such as maintaining a suitable body of pasture and water facilities for travelling stock.

INDICATORS AND TARGETS

COMPLIANCE INDICATORS	TARGETS
Number of Compliance Issues	50% reduction
Number of notices / warnings issued	Unlimited
Number of prosecutions carried out	Zero - Two

LEGISLATIVE OFFENCES RESPONSE POLICY

Respond to all reported suspected breaches in a timely manner (refer to Investigative Skills training).

AWARENESS

Raise the awareness and understanding of State and Local Government Officer's obligations for compliance with policy and legislation for pest and stock route management.

Promote voluntary community compliance with pest and stock route legislation by communicating their obligations, the benefits to the wider community and the consequences of non-compliance.

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	PRIORITY	BY WHEN
Develop enforcement partnerships with adjoining Shires and catchment groups.	<p>Conduct meetings between Stock Route Supervisors/RLO's regularly to discuss compliance issues.</p> <p>Investigate developing fee for service arrangements.</p> <p>Set up an agreement with adjoining Shires to carry out enforcement for each other's Shire</p>	FSC, SRS, DOR	Medium	Ongoing
Develop awareness to maintain pasture	Form a strategy to raise awareness of Public Responsibility to maintain pasture on adjoining stock routes/reserves.	FSC, DOR	Medium	Ongoing
Develop an awareness to Control Weeds on SRN	Conduct meetings to inform Public about responsibility to comply with their conditions for PTO's and leases in regard to controlling weeds	FSC, DOR	Medium	Ongoing

ISSUES

- Enforcement personnel live and socialise within the Shire by raising public awareness
- Direction from Councillors who have similar issues.

3. Pressures on the Network

Affecting the operation of the network, a number of pressures exist that must be managed. These include pressures on the values of the network as well as pressures on the network itself.

Pressures identified in Flinders Shire Council area include:

3.1 overgrazing

Pasture on the network can be impacted on overgrazing from drovers, grazing permit holders and feral animals. Flinders Shire Council must manage and conserve pasture on the network in its area to ensure, as far as practicable, an adequate supply of pasture is available for travelling stock.

Sufficient pasture is required to be assessed by the local government officer issuing the travelling stock permit and can be assessed using a number of tools including the Land Condition Assessment tool. Over grazing of stock reduces the supply of pasture and may result in insufficient pasture in areas.

Consideration also needs to be given on whether there is a need for erosion rehabilitation or pasture regeneration anywhere on the network.

Council's approach to pasture management involves:

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3.2 Encroachment of vegetation

The encroachment of vegetation also impacts the likelihood of sufficient pasture along the network as well as creating obstructions to travelling stock.

3.3 Obstructing movement of stock

The encroachment of vegetation, detailed in 3.2, may also restrict stock movement along the network or force stock onto roads. Other factors such as straying stock/_____ can also obstruct stock movement. To manage this pressure on the network, Council also adopts NLIS approved devices or tags.

3.3a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)

Local Government Management of the Stock Route Network

The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) ensures that the lifetime movements of cattle, sheep, pigs and goats can be identified and recorded within Australia. Lifetime traceability is important for biosecurity purposes, including the management of disease and chemical residues.

NLIS approved devices or tags – At Present time (ONGOING DISCUSSION)

Under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, the Chief Executive decides the specifications for approved devices (NLIS devices) to be fitted to different types of special designated animals.

As the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is a national system, Queensland recognises the need for national consistency around specifications for approved devices and the type of devices used for individual species. Nationally, NLIS Limited sets the specifications for NLIS devices and trial protocols. In summary, local government responsibilities in relation to the NLIS and the Stock Route Network are:

- Where stock **with no** NLIS device fitted are seized for straying on the stock route network – local governments will be responsible for assigning NLIS devices and notifying the NLIS database of the details of the NLIS device.
- Where stock **with a** NLIS device fitted are seized for straying on the stock route network – local governments will be responsible for notifying the NLIS database of the details of the NLIS device.



Types of Devices

Stock born on the property of origin that have never left their property of birth, must be identified with a 'breeder device' – a white ear tag. Stock brought on to a property, or those animals that have left their property of birth at any point in their life, must be identified with a 'post-breeder NLIS device' – an orange ear tag.

Stock is not required to be identified with an NLIS device until they are consigned to a holding with a different PIC (property identification code) to that on which they currently reside.

When these animals reach their point of destination it will be the responsibility (and legislative obligation) of the receiver of the stock to ensure the NLIS devices are read, and the information sent to the NLIS database within 48 hours of being received.

Role of Local Government

At the present time local governments' role in the administration of the NLIS in terms of stock route activities is limited.

Local governments will be requested by DAF to identify areas in their Shire that will need a PIC allocated to them. DOR's Stock Route Management Unit have discussed this issue with DAF's Biosecurity Unit and recommend local governments request DAF to issue a PIC for **relevant land** in their local government area, pound yards and town commons. All stock route PICs will be in the format QABC8000 where BC is a two-character Shire code allocated by DAF.

3.3b Town Commons

Town commons may form part of the stock route network in some local government areas. If this is the case, a different PIC should be sought from DAF for the town common to that issued to the stock route network that travels through it. This will allow rapid tracing through the NLIS database of cattle that have travelled on the stock route as opposed to cattle permanently resident on the town common. Most town commons have been previously identified with PICs to allow the use of tail tags.

In many cases there will be no reason to change the current arrangements and PIC allocated to the common.

The control of use of NLIS devices on cattle on commons can be handled in the same way as for tail tags. Local governments can decide whether they wish to obtain order forms from DAF stock inspectors, purchase the devices and resell to owners of stock grazing on commons or alternatively, allow owners to obtain their own order forms directly from DAF. Cattle on commons will be eligible for both breeder and post breeder devices depending on whether they were born on the common.

Where cattle are moved directly to and from town commons to other properties, there will be an obligation on the responsible person to record the movement in the NLIS database. This will require a producer account to be opened with the national database in the name of the owner of the holding. Stock owners may then seek a third-party authorisation from the local authority to operate on the account.

- ***Permit to Occupy etc.***

Any area of relevant land grazed under a Permit to Occupy, Special Lease or other form of tenure may have two PICs – one for the relevant land and one for the property they are part of. For the purposes of disease trace back, this is satisfactory, provided the cattle are identified only with devices related to the PIC of the property.

It will not be the responsibility of local governments to notify the NLIS database of stock movements associated with agistment or travel on relevant land. Local government will, however, have responsibility to notify the NLIS database of the movements of stock seized for straying on the stock route network.

Notifying the NLIS database involves forwarding information in an electronic format of the individual numbers of the stock, the PIC they are currently on, the PIC they are moving on to, the date of movement and the waybill number the animals are travelling on. This can be done by a designated third party (i.e. agents etc.). This is also the responsibility of the owner or person in charge.

It is important to note that “relevant land” is defined under the *Stock Route Management Act 2002* and includes all declared stock routes; reserves for travelling stock; roads under local government control; and unallocated State land adjoining any of the former – that is, any land a local government can issue a stock route travel or agistment permit over.



3.4 Travel on Relevant Land

After 1 July 2005, stock travelling on relevant land should have their NLIS devices read before leaving the property of origin and read again when they reach their destination. For stock-on-stock routes at 1 July, no requirements to identify will accrue until they reach a final destination.

It is not the responsibility of local governments to identify or read animals that enter the shire for grazing and travel along a stock route. The person in control of the stock will have to notify the NLIS database when a new PIC is entered (such as another local government area).

Any calves/lambs born on relevant land will not require identifying and will receive a post-breeder NLIS device once they reach a destination whether it is a property or a saleyard. They will not need to be identified with an NLIS device from the local government responsible for that part of the stock route on which the animals were born.

3.5 Straying Stock – Stock Route Network

To utilise the NLIS to assist with identification of seized stock found straying on the stock route network, local government pounds should be registered with their own PIC and local governments should also open a producer account with the NLIS database. This will enable pound keepers to record the movements of cattle to and from the pound.

Local governments are also advised to keep on hand a number of post-breeder NLIS devices for stock that are impounded. For example, if a beast was found to be straying on the stock route network without an approved NLIS device and the animal is impounded by the local government it is the responsibility of the local government to ensure that the animal is fitted with a post breeder device (orange tag) prior to its release from the pound. It will also be the responsibility of the local government to read the device(s), where present, of animals impounded and advise the NLIS database of details including the device number, PIC of the pound, PIC of origin (if known) and destination (when the animal is released), date of movement and NVD/waybill number that the animal is being transported on.

To clarify ownership and carry out trace backs in the NLIS database, pound keepers will need to liaise with local stock inspectors or the state database administrator. Basic levels of access to a producer account in the database will not allow complex searching to be conducted.

Should a local government not have a specific pound yard or set of holding yards used to impound stock, an 'emergency' NLIS device with a generic PIC recorded against it would need to be fitted to the stray animal. These devices can be obtained from your local DAF stock inspector.

3.5a Market Value of Seized Stock

Under the Stock Route Management Act, stray stock on the stock route network that have been seized may be released to the owner under certain conditions. If the stray stock is not claimed, the way it must be dealt with depends on the market value of seized stock as prescribed under a regulation.

b) Fees

Application Fee

Payment of an application fee for stock travel and agistment permits will be required under new sections 116(4)(b), 122(2)(b), 134(2)(b) of the Stock Route Management Act (as amended by the

LOLA Act). The Stock Route Management Act also provides that local governments can waive this fee if satisfied the applicant is experiencing financial hardship (eg., hardship caused by droughts or floods).

The Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 changes the fee at 150 fee units. The fee units reflect the amount charged by some local governments under the *Local Government Act 2009* to recover assessment costs. The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), AgForce and most local governments support regulating the fee to ensure consistency for local governments.

The application fee is non-refundable and subject to annual indexation.

Permit Fees

The Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 changes the fees payable for travel and agistment of stock as follows:

1. Fees for travelling stock are increased, based on a per day rate (instead of a per kilometre rate) to facilitate stock moving at the legislatively required speed of 10 kilometres per day and to enable annual indexation.
2. The prescribed minimum and maximum amounts of fees for agisting stock are increased to reflect commercial rates. The matters local governments must consider when determining a 'reasonable' fee within the prescribed range remain much the same.
3. Travel and agistment fees for small stock are set at one seventh the fee for large stock (previously one fifth) to better reflect resource utilisation between large and small stock.

The fees were developed through extensive stakeholder consultation on the most appropriate fee regime based on an independent economic analysis of the costs and benefits of the stock route network and the uses on the network.

The Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 continues to exempt the following stock (now defined as 'excluded stock') from paying fees for permits issued under the Stock Route Management Act:

1. For a stock route agistment permit – stock mentioned in section 116(2) of the Act being travelled to a gymkhana or rodeo under a stock route travel permit.
2. For a stock route travel permit – stock being travelled to a gymkhana or rodeo under the permit: unweaned stock of less than six months travelling with their mothers under the permit; and horses being used for droving stock under the permit.

Alignment of other travelling stock fees

The Stock Route Management Regulation 2023 amends the fees prescribed under the *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017* for a permit issued by the Department of Environment and Science for stock to travel through protected areas. – For example, making it cheaper to travel stock through a protected area.

Fee/Services	Available from	Cost
Annual fee for any environmental authority resource activity with an AES	Contact Permit and Licence Management	\$755.00
Fee for mustering, holding and releasing stock - for each head of stock mustered under the Forestry Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$193.20
Stock grazing permit fee - for an area with a stock-carrying capacity of 1 head in more than 10ha but not more than 15ha under the Forestry Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$8.80
Stock grazing permit fee - for an area with a stock-carrying capacity of 1 head in more than 15ha but not more than 25ha under the Forestry Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$7.05
Stock grazing permit fee - for an area with a stock-carrying capacity of 1 head in more than 25ha under the Forestry Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$5.05
Stock grazing permit fee - for an area with a stock-carrying capacity of 1 head in more than 4ha but not more than 10ha under the Forestry Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$16.20
Stock grazing permit fee - for each year and each head - for an area with a stock carrying capacity between 1 head each 15 hectares and 1 head each 25 hectares under the Nature Conservation Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$7.05
Stock grazing permit fee - for each year and each head - for an area with a stock carrying capacity between 1 head each 10 hectares and 1 head each 15 hectares under the Nature Conservation Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$8.80
Stock grazing permit fee - for each year and each head - for an area with a stock carrying capacity between 1 head each 4 hectares and 1 head each 10 hectares under the Nature Conservation Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$16.20
Stock grazing permit fee - for each year and each head - for an area with a stock carrying capacity between 1 head each hectare and 1 head each 4 hectares under the Nature Conservation Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$23.50
Stock grazing permit fee - for each year and each head - for an area with a stock carrying capacity greater than 1 head each 25 hectares under the Nature Conservation Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$5.05
Stock grazing permit fee - for each year and each head - for an area with a stock-carrying capacity of 1 head in 4ha or less under the Forestry Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$23.50
Stock grazing permit fee - minimum fee payable under the Forestry Act and Nature Conservation Act	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$100.90
Travelling stock permit for large stock - for each day, for each 20 head or part of 20 head of large stock	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$1.06
Travelling stock permit for small stock - for each day, for each 140 head or part of 140 head of small stock	Queensland Parks and Wildlife services	\$1.06

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN

COUNCIL RESOURCES

- Shire Stock Route budget
- Rural Services Manager, Rural Lands Officer and Administration Officer
- 4 Wheel Drive Vehicle, 4Wheel Bike, Quikspray Unit and Knapsack
- Adjoining Shire
- Capital Works Funding

COUNCIL COMMITMENT

Under the Stock Route Management Act 2002 Local Governments have been allocated the responsibility of on-ground management of the SRN. Council is committed to undertaking this responsibility.

4.1 Stock Route Funding

Each year, Flinders Shire Council may apply to the Department of Resources for funding to undertake capital maintenance activities on the network/ funding is provided through a competitive process, with local governments 'bidding' for maintenance activities.

Include department of resources annual capital works program and anticipated funding to be sought.

5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PLAN

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance indicators have been included with each of the management components of the plan. These indicators will be monitored prior to review to monitor the achievement of targets.

REVIEW:

FSC agrees to regularly review the plan at Pest Management Meetings and make amendments where necessary.

6. ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
FSC	Flinders Shire Council
NLIS	National Livestock Identification System
DTMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
LGA	Local Government Area
DN RME	Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
DAF	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
SGC	Southern Gulf Catchment
SRS	Stock Route Supervisor
SRN	Stock Route Network
SRNMP	Stock Route Network Management Plan
The Act	The <u><i>Stock Route Management Act 2002</i></u> .
DOR	Department of Resources
LOLA	<u><i>Land and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023</i></u>

New Definitions

Stock Route Management Regulation 2023

1. Eligible Large Stock
2. Eligible Small Stock
3. Excluded Stock



7. APPENDICES

Stocktake grazing resource monitoring program Stocktake is a grazing resource monitoring program developed by the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is a program to monitor and classify land conditions.

8. STOCKTAKE: INVENTORY OF WATER FACILITIES IN FLINDERS SHIRE

WATER FACILITY DETAILS	HAZARDS, RISKS AND OPTIONS	
<p><u>HUGHENDEN S201</u> (SECONDARY) 10,000-gal tank with lid. 3" outlet to three concrete round troughs. Water supplied from town.</p>	HAZARDS:	Drowning.
	RISKS:	Risk of drowning.
	OPTIONS:	Signage restricting access to water storage.
<p><u>DAVO'S S201</u> (SECONDARY) 2 x 10,000gal tanks with lids. Water supplied by private facility. 6Km of poly. 18m Galvanised Steel trough Fencing - Small Completed 2007</p>	HAZARDS:	Drowning
	RISKS:	Risk of drowning
	OPTIONS:	Signage restricting access to water storage
<p><u>WATTEN S201</u> (SECONDARY) Sub-artesian Licensed depth 253 metres. Bore hole reconstructed 2001. Fencing- Small Turkeys Nest in fair order which feeds into SR Concrete trough - in good order Trough Inlet Pipe (Poly 100mm) Solar pump (Centrifugal) and Solar panels installed 2010. Relining of Bore casing and New Solar Pump - 2017</p>	HAZARDS:	Drowning.
	RISKS:	Risk of drowning. Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site.
	OPTIONS:	Signage restricting access to water storage
<p><u>WARIANNA S201</u> (SECONDARY) Sub-artesian Licensed Depth 418.5m. Electric submersible on time clock. Turkeys Nest in good order. Fencing in good order. 4 SR 16ft Concrete troughs installed in 2008 in good order Private mill onsite that is no longer in use.</p>	HAZARDS:	Drowning.
	RISKS:	Risk of drowning. Risk of falls from mill.
	OPTIONS:	Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site. Fencing. Signs. Recommend Remove Mill.
<p><u>STAMFORD S201</u> (SECONDARY) Earth-tank in good condition. De-silted in 1993. Supplies the Stamford Reserve. Town supply is available to the Dam.</p>	HAZARDS:	Drowning.
	RISKS:	Risk of drowning.
	OPTIONS:	Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site. Fenced Pumping system delivers to facility outside fencing.

WATER FACILITY DETAILS

HAZARDS, RISKS AND OPTIONS

STAMFORD SOUTH S201 (SECONDARY)

New Earth-tank completed 30/5/04.
Approximately 15,000 yards.

HAZARDS:

Drowning.

RISKS:

Risk of drowning.

OPTIONS:

Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site.
Fence
Pumping system delivers to facility outside fencing.

CAIRN S201 (SECONDARY)

Sub-artesian – Privately Owned
Three Concrete Troughs
Trough Inlet Pipe (Poly 100mm)
Pumping Unit – Tower (40ft)
Pump(Draw Plunger)
Fencing – Small Fence
Turkeys Nest in fair condition
Would not be able to handle travelling stock

HAZARDS:

Open nest.

RISKS:

Mill tower.
Drowning.
Falls from mill.

OPTIONS:

Fencing around nest and mill.

CONAMORE S201 (SECONDARY)

Excavated tank de-silted and fluming replaced in 1999.
Approximately 15,000 yards.

HAZARDS:

Drowning.

RISKS:

Risk of drowning.

OPTIONS:

Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site.
Fence

WOODSBERRY S029 (SECONDARY)

Sub-artesian
Licensed depth 504.4m.
21ft Southern Cross Mill on a 40ft Tower.
9 lengths of 2" casing with a 3" flush cap
Turkeys Nest in fair order.
Four SR 16ft Concrete troughs installed in 2008
Pumping Unit – Solar Pump
Pumping Unit – Solar Panels
Fencing - Small

HAZARDS:

Drowning.
Falls from tower.
Injury when working on mill head.

RISKS:

Risk of drowning.
Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site.
Risk of falls from mill by staff or tourist.

OPTIONS:

Signage restricting access to water Storage and Mill.
Erect fencing.

WOODSBERRY SOUTH S029 (SECONDARY)

Excavation in creek, fair condition.

HAZARDS:

Drowning.

RISKS:

Risk of drowning.

WHITEWOOD (Tertiary) Sub Artesian Bore Gravity Tank –Tank (Turkeys Nest) Inlet Pipe Poly 100mm Concrete Trough Small Fence	OPTIONS:	Council staff are usually the only persons accessing the site.
		Drowning
	HAZARDS:	Risks of Drowning
	RISKS:	Signs – Council staff are usually the only person accessing the site
	OPTIONS:	

WATER FACILITY DETAILS	HAZARDS, RISKS AND OPTIONS
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SANDALWOOD S029 (SECONDARY)

Artesian
 Licensed depth 661m.
 Originally flowed into creek, but now it is controlled.
 Private tank and trough would not be able to handle travelling stock.

HAZARDS: Hot bore water.
RISKS: Hot water could be a risk to people unaware of the problem.
OPTIONS: Fence and sign the area.

TANGORIN S029 (SECONDARY)

Artesian
 Licensed depth 700m.
 Gravity Tank – Poly Tank
 Inlet Pipe (Poly 100mm)
 Gravity feeds (Poly) 2 x 5,000 gal tanks.
 3 SR Concrete troughs all in good condition.

HAZARDS: Hot bore water.
RISKS: Hot water could be a risk to people unaware of the problem.
OPTIONS: Fence and sign the area.

GUE S029 (SECONDARY)

Excavation in creek, fair condition.

HAZARDS: Open water hole.
RISKS: Drowning.
OPTIONS: No options, cattle water at this open hole.

FLINDBEND M205 (Tertiary)

Sub-artesian
 Licensed depth 276.4 m.
 Bore was logged and showed that it was in need of repair (refer to details on file).
 21ft Southern Cross Mill with 40ft Tower all in fair condition – Removed January 2018.
 12 lengths of 4” casing with 3.5 “pump draw plunger, steel threaded rods all in fair condition.
 Turkeys Nest feeds two SR troughs
 Fencing – Small Fence
New facility completed 2009
 Landholder supplies water from private bore to 10,000gal tank that pipes to another 10,000gal tank and four SR 16ft Concrete troughs that are all in good condition.

HAZARDS: Open Turkeys Nest. Mill.
RISKS: Drowning in Nest. Falls from mill. – Removed 2018
OPTIONS: Sign or fence the area.

HORSESHOE BEND M205 (Tertiary)

Sub-artesian

HAZARDS: Open Turkeys Nest. Mill.

Licensed depth 345.9 m.
 22ft Comet on a 40ft Tower in fair order
 9 lengths of 4" casing with a 3.25" draw
 plunger pump, fair condition.
 Gravity Tank – Tank (Turkeys Nest)
 Concrete Troughing
 Fencing – Small Fence

RISKS: Drowning in Nest.
 Falls from mill.

OPTIONS: Sign or fence the area.
 Agreement to adjoining landholder
 to supply water, do away with
 Nest and erect tanks.

WATER FACILITY DETAILS	HAZARDS, RISKS AND OPTIONS
<p><u>BRAEMAR M205</u> (Tertiary) Sub-artesian Licensed depth 429.8m. 6 lengths of 4" casing with a 3.25" draw plunger pump in fair condition. Gravity Tank – Tank (Turkeys Nest) Concrete Troughs Trough Inlet Pipe (Gav 100mm) Fencing around nest in good condition Bore logged and relined in 2009. Solar pump and panels installed 2009.</p>	<p>HAZARDS: Open Turkeys Nest..</p> <p>RISKS: Drowning in Nest.</p> <p>OPTIONS: Signs or fence the area.</p>
<p><u>BROKEN DAM M205</u> (Tertiary) Sub-artesian Fencing – Small Fence Gravity Tank–Tank (Turkeys Nest) Concrete Trough Trough Inlet Pipe (Poly 100mm) Fencing – Large Fence Solar Pump, Solar Panels Pumping Unit – Tower (45ft) – Not In Use Pumping Unit – Windmill Head (14 ft. Diam)- Both Privately owned - Not In Use</p>	<p>HAZARDS: Open Turkeys Nest. Mill. Well.</p> <p>RISKS: Drowning in Nest. Falls from mill.</p> <p>OPTIONS: Signs or fence the area. Cover well securely.</p>
<p><u>BARENYA M205</u> (Tertiary) Sub-artesian Licensed depth 490m. 14 ft. Southern Cross Mill with draw plunger pump, fair condition. Gravity Tank – (Turkeys Nest) Existing Troughing collapsed; landholder replaced it with smaller trough that will not water travelling stock. Fencing around nest in good condition.</p>	<p>HAZARDS: Open Turkeys Nest. Mill.</p> <p>RISKS: Drowning in Nest. Falls from mill.</p> <p>OPTIONS: Signs</p>
<p><u>DIP FLATS S208</u> (Tertiary) Town supplies a 10,000 gal tank through a 63mm line which takes off near the Shell Roadhouse. Concrete Trough</p>	<p>HAZARDS:</p> <p>RISKS:</p> <p>OPTIONS: Signs</p>

Fencing around facility in good order.

15 MILE BEND S208 (Tertiary)

Alluvial.

2 Gravity Tank – Tank (Poly)

14ft Southern Cross Mill –Removed January 2018

Troughing – Concrete Troughs

2" casing and flush cap in good order.

Solar Pump and Solar Panels

Fencing – Small Fence

HAZARDS: Windmill.

RISKS: Fall from mill – Removed 2018

OPTIONS: Erect signs and fencing.

WATER FACILITY DETAILS	HAZARDS, RISKS AND OPTIONS
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DUNLUCE M208 (Tertiary)

Artesian

Water supplied from private Bore

Inlet Pipe (Poly 75mm)

2 x 10,000 gal poly tanks installed 2010,

Supplies four SR 16ft Concrete troughs that were installed in 2010

Fencing – Small Fence

HAZARDS: Tanks.

RISKS: Drowning.

OPTIONS: Erect signs or fence.

TELEMON M208 (Tertiary)

Artesian

Licensed depth 235.6 m

Water supplied from bore head to 16ft trough (installed by landowner).

Inlet Pipe (Galv Steel 50mm)

HAZARDS: Troughs

RISKS: Drowning

OPTIONS: Signs

PORCUPINE M015 (Tertiary)

Alluvial.

12ft "c" pattern Comet Mill with a syphon pump draws water from Porcupine Creek and pushes it into two 10,000 gal galvanised tanks, both in fair condition.

Pedestal trough with eight lengths in fair condition.

Tank was cemented in 2002.

Fencing – Small Fence

HAZARDS: Open Tank.

Windmill.

Cattle.

RISKS: Drowning in tank

Falls from mill.

Local cattle watering at the facility which is on the side of the Main Road.

OPTIONS: Erect signs on fence of facility.

MARATHON (Tertiary)

Artesian

Fencing – Small Fence

Gravity Tank – Galvanised Steel Tank

HAZARDS:

RISKS:

OPTIONS:

PINETREE M015 (Tertiary)

Pumps out of a Spring.

12ft Metres Mill in good order.

Pumps into 10,000 gal galvanised tank which feeds into two round Concrete troughs supplied by occupant.

HAZARDS: Tank.

Mill.

Original SR infrastructure has been abandoned.
Current facility will not accommodate travelling stock
Fencing – Small Fence

RISKS: Drowning in open tank.
Falls from mill.
OPTIONS: Erect signs and fences.

JARDINE VALLEY M208 (Tertiary)

Sub-artesian.
Licensed depth 188m.
21ft Southern Cross on 40ft tower in good condition.
7 lengths of 2" casing with a 3.5" flush cap pump all in good condition.
Gravity Tank – Tank (Turkeys Nest)
Handed over to Private Owner (Monavale)

HAZARDS: Windmill.
Turkeys Nest.
RISKS: Falling from Mill
Drowning.

OPTIONS:

Erect signs

WATER FACILITY DETAILS	HAZARDS, RISKS AND OPTIONS
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PRAIRIE M208 (Tertiary)

Sub-artesian.
Licensed depth 363.6m.
Submersible supplies Turkeys Nest and town.
Nest in fair condition.
Nine lengths of trough in poor condition.
Overflow waterhole beside Nest.
24ft Comet Mill not in use, good order, fans are at the FSC Depot.

HAZARDS: Mill.
Open waterholes.
RISKS: Falling from mill.
Drowning in open waterholes.
OPTIONS: Dismantle mill.
Erect signs and fencing round facility.

TORRENDAM M208 (Tertiary)

Excavated Tank
12ft "C" pattern Comet Mill Not In Use
One x 20,000 gal tank – Not In Use
Troughing – Not In Use
All infrastructures in poor condition.

HAZARDS: Dam.
Mill.
Infrastructure.
RISKS: Drowning in dam.
Falls from mill.
Grass overgrown on existing infrastructure may cause injury.
OPTIONS: Erect signs and fencing.
Dismantle infrastructure, clean up site.

TUMUTVALE U209 (Tertiary)

Licensed depth 255.9m.

HAZARDS: Mill.
Open tank.
RISKS: Falling from mill.
Drowning in open tank.

17ft Southern Cross on 40ft tower in fair condition, platform is in poor condition.
Pumps into 10,000 gal tank in poor condition.
6 lengths of troughing in poor condition.

OPTIONS: Erect signs and fencing.
Dismantle mill and facility.

HAZARDS: Windmill and Tower

RISKS: Falling from mill

TOWER HILL (Tertiary)

Excavated Storage (Excav Tank)
Fencing – Large Fence
Gravity Tank – Concrete Tank x 3
Pumping Unit – 14ft Diam Windmill Head and 40 ft. Tower
Pumping Unit – Syphon Pump
Inlet Pipe to Trough (Poly 50mm)
Concrete Trough
All in Working Order

OPTIONS: Erect Signs

9. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Guidelines

Cultural heritage policy

- Areas identified as being highly significant areas in terms of biodiversity shall be monitored by either the stock route supervisor, or through other monitoring programs (e.g. volunteers and school groups). Results will be compiled and considered during plan reviews to rectify problems.
- The stock route supervisor will evaluate the effectiveness of fencing off culturally significant areas, providing recommendations to Council. Council will approve fencing where appropriate to do so.
- Stock travelling within 10 metres of a culturally significant area must, as a condition of their permit, be fenced off from the site using temporary electric tape fences (if no permanent fence present).
- When carrying out stock route activities Council will ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage is not harmed and will comply with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 'Duty of Care Guidelines'. See Appendices for further information on the Duty of Care Guidelines.



Requirements of Legislation

Nature of Activity and likelihood of it causing harm to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.
 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Section 23(2) (a) Nature & Extent of Past Uses in the Area Affected by the Activity
 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 section 23(2) (g)

Category of Activity	Examples of Stock Route Activities	Stock Route Network Management Actions
<p>Category 1</p> <p>Activities involving No Surface Disturbance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of a windmill • Pulling a bore • Cleaning tanks and troughs • Inspection of stock route facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where an activity involves no Surface Disturbance of an area it is generally unlikely that the activity will harm Aboriginal cultural heritage and the activity will comply with the duty of care guidelines. <p>In these circumstances, it is reasonable and practicable for the activity to proceed without further cultural heritage assessment.</p>
<p>Category 2</p> <p>Activities causing No Additional Surface Disturbance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling stock • Grazing stock • Burning pasture in natural grasslands or previously cleared areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where an activity causes No Additional Surface Disturbance of an area it is generally unlikely that the activity will harm Aboriginal cultural heritage or could cause additional harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage to that which has already occurred, and the activity will comply with the duty of care guidelines. • In these circumstances, subject to certain measures set out below, it is reasonable and practicable for the activity to proceed without further cultural heritage assessment. • Excavating, relocating, removing or harming Aboriginal cultural heritage: If at any time during the activity it is necessary to excavate, relocate, remove or harm a Cultural Heritage Find the activity should cease immediately. Contact DOR's Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit (3238 3839) who will assist in identifying and contacting the Aboriginal Party for the area for the purposes of seeking their advice and agreement as to how best this may be managed to avoid or minimise harm to the Aboriginal cultural heritage. • Reaching Agreement: It is advisable that the terms of any agreement you reach with the Aboriginal Party for the area be recorded and documented in the event of future disputes. <p>Failure to Reach Agreement: Where agreement cannot be reached with the Aboriginal Party for the area, you continue to have a duty of care obligation under the</p>

		<p><i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i> (s23) and must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage including, where necessary, through the development of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan under Part 7 of the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>.</p>
<p>Category 3</p> <p>Developed Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading an existing access track along a stock route • Replacement of a pipeline within the same location as the existing pipeline • Replacement of a pipeline within an existing bore drain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where an activity is proposed in a Developed Area it is generally unlikely that the activity will harm Aboriginal cultural heritage and the activity will comply with the duty of care guidelines. • In these circumstances, subject to certain measures set out below, it is reasonable and practicable for the activity to proceed without further cultural heritage assessment. • Excavating, relocating, removing or harming Aboriginal cultural heritage: If at any time during the activity it is necessary to excavate, relocate, remove or harm a Cultural Heritage Find the activity should cease immediately. Contact DOR's Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit (3238 3839) who will assist in identifying and contacting the Aboriginal Party for the area for the purposes of seeking their advice and agreement as to how best this may be managed to avoid or minimise harm to the Aboriginal cultural heritage. • Reaching Agreement: It is advisable that the terms of any agreement you reach with the Aboriginal Party for the area be recorded and documented in the event of future disputes. • Failure to Reach Agreement: Where agreement cannot be reached with the Aboriginal Party for the area, you continue to have a duty of care obligation under the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i> (s23) and must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage including, where necessary, through the development of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan under Part 7 of the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>. <p>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Database: An activity under Category 3 or Category 4 that will excavate, relocate, remove or harm Aboriginal cultural heritage entered on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register or the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Database should not proceed without the agreement of the Aboriginal Party for the area or a Cultural Heritage Management Plan.</p>

<p>Category 4</p> <p>Areas previously subject to significant Ground Disturbance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desilting a turkey nest • Desilting a dam where the silt will remain within disturbed areas • Clearing previously cleared areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where an activity is proposed in an area, which has previously been subject to Significant Ground Disturbance it is generally unlikely that the activity will harm Aboriginal cultural heritage and the activity will comply with the duty of care guidelines. • In these circumstances, subject to certain measures set out below, it is reasonable and practicable for the activity to proceed without further cultural heritage assessment. • In some cases, despite an area having been previously subject to Significant Ground Disturbance, certain features of the area may have residual cultural heritage significance. These features are set out in paragraph 6 of the duty of care guidelines and are summarised below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ceremonial places, scarred or carved trees, burials, rock art, fish traps and weirs, occupation sites, quarries and artefact scatters, grinding grooves, contact sites and wells. ○ Landscape features that may also have cultural heritage significance include: rock outcrops; caves; foreshores and coastal dunes; sand hills; areas of biogeographical significance, such as natural wetlands; permanent and semi-permanent waterholes, natural springs; particular types of native vegetation; and some hill and mound formations. • The views of the Aboriginal Party for an area are key in helping assess the Aboriginal cultural heritage significance of these kinds of features. • Appropriately qualified persons such as anthropologists, archaeologists and historians can also provide valuable assistance. • It is important to be informed about any cultural heritage significance that may attach to these features and extra care must be taken prior to proceeding with any activity that may cause additional surface disturbance to the feature, or the area immediately surrounding the feature that is inconsistent with the pre-existing Significant Ground Disturbance. In these circumstances, it is necessary to notify the Aboriginal Party and seek: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advice as to whether the feature constitutes Aboriginal cultural heritage; and ○ If it does, agreement as to how best the activity may be managed to avoid or minimise harm to any Aboriginal cultural heritage.
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<p>Category 5</p> <p>Activities causing Additional Surface Disturbance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of new stock route facilities • Replacing facility components (tanks, troughing, piping etc.) in a different location to the existing component • Desilting of a dam where the silt is likely to flow away from previously disturbed areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Category 5 activity is any activity, or activity in an area, that does not fall within Category 1, 2, 3 or 4. • Where an activity is proposed under Category 5 there is generally a high risk that it could harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. In these circumstances, the activity should not proceed without cultural heritage assessment. Cultural heritage assessment should involve consideration of the matters a Court may consider under the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>. These matters are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nature of the activity and the likelihood of it causing harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage. 2. The nature of the Aboriginal cultural heritage likely to be harmed by the activity. 3. The extent to which the person consulted with Aboriginal parties about carrying out the activity and the results of the consultation. 4. Whether the person carried out a study or survey of any type of the area affected by the activity to find out the location and extent of

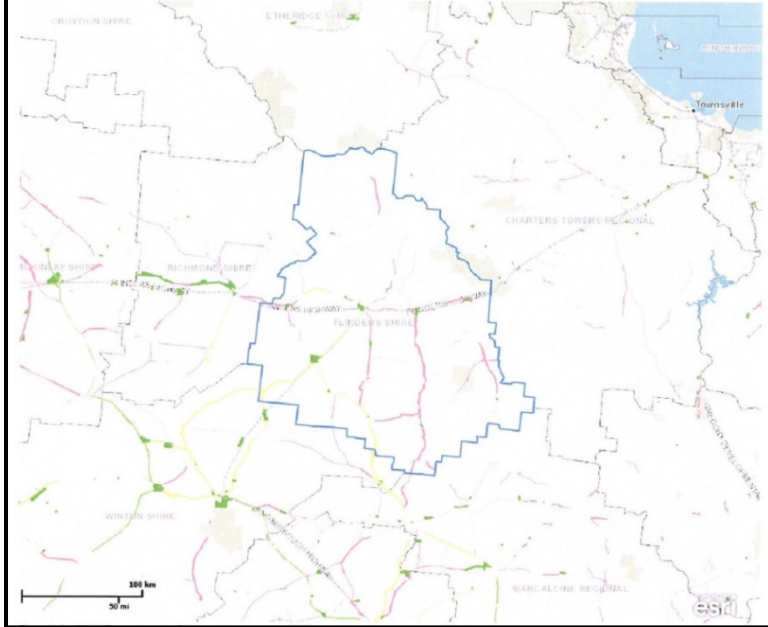
		<p>the Aboriginal cultural heritage and the extent of the study or survey.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Whether the person searched the database and register for information about the area affected by the activity. 6. The extent to which the person complied with cultural heritage duty of care guidelines. 7. The nature and extent of past uses in the area affected by the activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particular care must be taken where it is proposed to undertake activities causing additional surface disturbance to the features likely to have cultural heritage significance, set out in paragraph 6 of the duty of care guidelines and summarised below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ceremonial places, scarred or carved trees, burials, rock art, fish traps and weirs, occupation sites, quarries and artefact scatters, grinding grooves, contact sites and wells. ○ Landscape features that may also have cultural heritage significance include: rock outcrops; caves; foreshores and coastal dunes; sand hills; areas of biogeographical significance, such as natural wetlands; permanent and semi-permanent waterholes, natural springs; particular types of native vegetation; and some hill and mound formations. • The views of the Aboriginal Party for an area are key in helping assess the Aboriginal cultural heritage significance of these kinds of features. • Appropriately qualified persons such as anthropologists, archaeologists and historians can also provide valuable assistance. • It is important to be informed about any cultural heritage significance that may attach to these features and extra care must be taken prior to proceeding with any activity that may cause additional surface disturbance to the feature, or the area immediately surrounding the feature that is inconsistent with the pre-existing Significant Ground Disturbance. In these circumstances, it is necessary to notify the Aboriginal Party and seek: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advice as to whether the feature constitutes Aboriginal cultural heritage; and ○ If it does, agreement as to how best the activity may be managed to avoid or
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10. MAPS

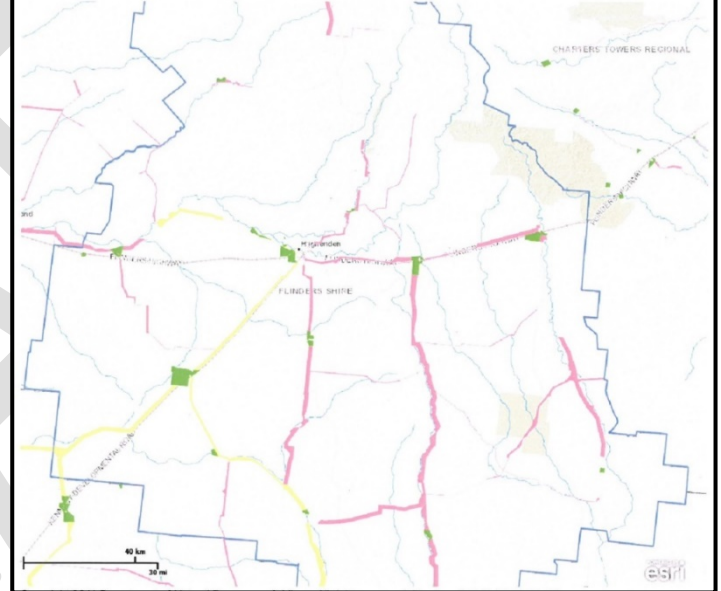
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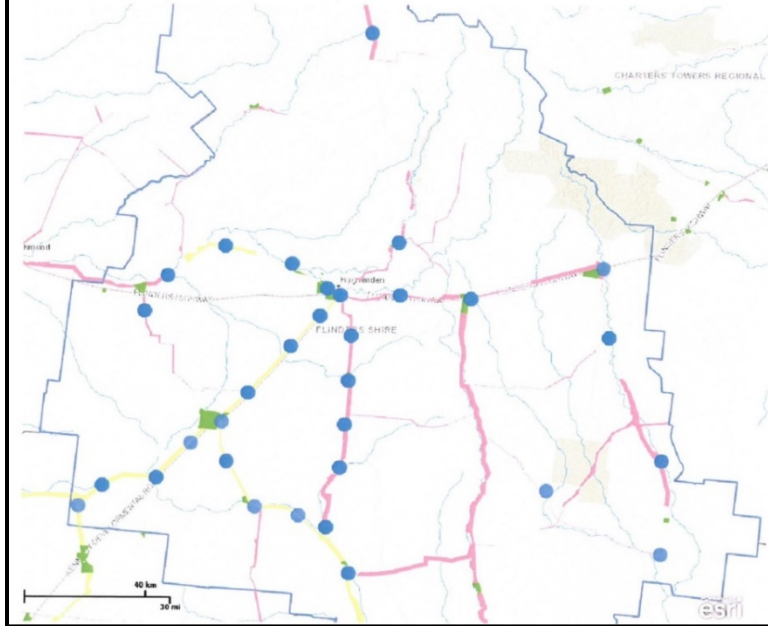
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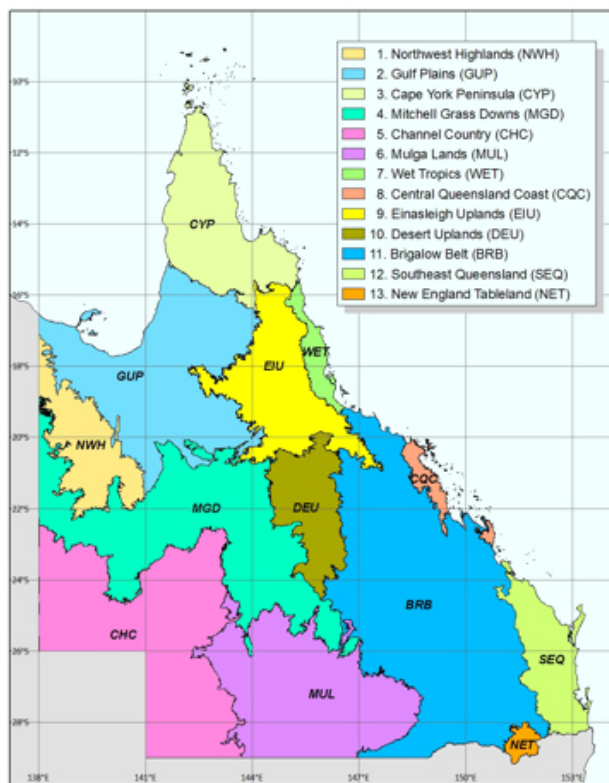
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Flinders Shire - Water Facilities



REGIONAL ECOSYSTEMS

Broad vegetation groups (BVGs) are a higher-level grouping of vegetation communities. Queensland encompasses a wide variety of landscapes across temperate, wet and dry tropics and semi-arid to arid climatic zones. Broad vegetation groups provide an overview of vegetation communities across the state or bioregion and allow comparison with other states.



The Desert Uplands Region covers 75,000 square kilometers of Outback Queensland. Straddling the Great Dividing Range and between coastal and inland catchments, this elevated landscape has created unique internally draining lakes and is the headwaters of two major catchments (the Burdekin and Lake Eyre Basin) that almost split the region in half, north-south.

The region extends to the north of the Flinders Highway near Torrens Creek whilst the southern boundary is approximately 50 km North West of Tambo. The area is bounded by a line from Blackall to Hughenden through Barcaldine in the west and the Belyando River in the east. Towns within the Desert Uplands are Barcaldine, Jericho, Alpha, Hughenden, Prairie, Torrens Creek, Pentland, Aramac, and Muttaburra.

The Mitchell Grass Downs Region consists of largely treeless plains with some occasional ridges, rivers and

gorges. The dominant vegetation type is Mitchell tussock grasslands. Land use is predominantly grazing by cattle (in the Northern Territory — NT) or cattle and sheep (in Queensland). Major population centres are all in Queensland: Longreach, Blackall and Hughenden.

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AGENDA

26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



2.01.08 STEVEN MILES MP - PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Background – Letter received from the Premier of Queensland advising, what his first budget as Premier will deliver for cost-of-relief for Queenslanders:

- Taking \$1,000 off every Queenslanders power bill (with an additional \$300 off from the Albanese Government)
- Reducing rego bills by 20%
- Giving \$200 FairPlay vouchers to 200,000 Queensland families to help with the cost of kids sport

They will also be laying the foundations for a strong and secure future for Queensland by:

- investing in the future through Free TAFE and Free Kindy
- continue nation-leading Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, creating new jobs and putting downward pressure on power prices
- delivering stronger frontline services with record investment in our health and education systems and creating 70,000 jobs through our infrastructure Big Build
- abolishing stamp duty for first home buyers purchasing homes worth up to \$700,000 and paying for it by increasing charges on foreign property investors

The following funding programs will be remain current or introduced:

- Works for Queensland Program
- 2024-2028 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program
- Local Government Community Safety Fund
- Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme

Officer's Recommendation – That Council receive the letter from Steven Miles MP – Premier of Queensland.



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: *PO/PS – TF/24/7861 – DOC/24/79638*

14 JUN 2024

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Dear Councillor Peddle

Congratulations on your appointment as Mayor of Flinders Shire Council. It was great to personally welcome you and your fellow Mayors recently at Queensland Parliament.

Your role as leader of your community is vital to ensuring the ongoing good governance, capacity and sustainability of Queensland communities across the State. I understand the essential role that local government plays in local services, where we live, the look and feel of our communities, and in helping to ensure Queensland continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

I know Queenslanders are doing it tough, which is why in my first budget as Premier we are doing what matters for Queensland, delivering the biggest cost-of-living relief in Queensland's history.

By making multinational mining companies pay their fair share, we are:

- taking \$1000 off every Queenslanders' power bill (with an additional \$300 off from the Albanese Government)
- reducing rego bills by 20 per cent
- Giving \$200 FairPlay vouchers to 200,000 Queensland families to help with the cost of kids' sport.

We are responding to the immediate pressures facing Queenslanders while also laying the foundations for a strong and secure future for our State by:

- investing in our future through Free TAFE and Free Kindy
- continuing our nation-leading Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, creating 100,000 new jobs and putting downward pressure on power prices
- delivering stronger frontline services with record investments in our health and education systems and creating 70,000 jobs through our infrastructure Big Build
- abolishing stamp duty for first home buyers purchasing homes worth up to \$700,000 and paying for it by increasing charges on foreign property investors.

I also recently announced an additional \$100 million to the Works for Queensland Program, bringing total funding for this grant round to \$300 million, ensuring local governments can continue to deliver essential local infrastructure and services.

My Government has also just announced the newest round of the 2024–28 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program. \$115 million of competitive funding is available to local governments to apply for, to support economic development and job creating infrastructure.

As part of the \$1.28 billion *Community Safety Plan for Queensland*, we are providing an additional funding of \$5 million in 2024–25 for administration of the Local Government Community Safety Fund, for security.

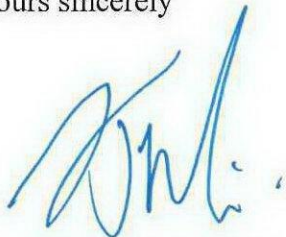
We have also provided increased funding of \$6 million for the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme to enable better management of ongoing demands and timely delivery of transport infrastructure priorities across the State.

My Government understands the devastating impacts that cuts to local government funding programs could have. That is why I guarantee all existing allocated funding to local governments.

This is a budget which relieves pressure now, as well as creating opportunity and prosperity for the future, and I encourage you to promote these budget initiatives throughout your community.

My Ministers and I are personally available to assist you and your council, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to further deliver for Queensland communities.

Yours sincerely



STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

AGENDA

26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



2.01.09 15 MILE – LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 ON SP307190

Background – Council owned Lot 1 on SP307190 forms part of the 15 Mile Irrigated Agricultural Development Project, located west of the Hughenden township, on the Old Richmond Road and contains approximately 441.6 Ha of vacant land that Council has developed to facilitate High Value Cropping in the Shire.

In the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16 May 2023, resolution number 3705 Council resolved to dispose of this lot to the general public subject to Council's development requirements below, via tender process:

- High Value Cropping (Higher net returns per hectare, such as but not limited to Fruits, Vegetables, Potatoes and Spices. Stock feed purposes will not satisfy this criteria)
- Development to commence within 12 months of the contract settlement date, including construction of necessary water infrastructure and the planting of a high value crop and the Property is fully brought into use as a high value cropping development within 36 months from the contract settlement date. In the event that the development is not brought into use the Seller may, at its sole and absolute discretion, give a written notice to the Buyer requiring the Buyer to re-transfer the lot free of encumbrances back to the Seller in consideration of a sum nominated by the Seller, which will be no less than the Purchase Price set out in the Contract
- The buyer shall not sell or otherwise dispose of the lot or any part of it without first securing a covenant from any buyer or transferee in favour of the council as seller, that such buyer or transferee will recognise and be bound by the buyer's covenants and agreement in these special conditions as if that buyer or transferee had originally been named in the contract as the buyer

As per Section 227 of the *Local Government Regulation 201* a local government can not enter into a valuable non-current asset contract unless it first either invites written tenders for the contract or offers the non-current asset for sale by auction.

As it has been some time since the Council previously resolved to dispose of this lot and a new council is in place following the 2024 Local Government Elections, the item is being represented for consideration on whether to proceed with the sale of the lot, via Tender or Auction process.

Officer's Recommendation - That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to commence the Tender process for the sale of Lot 1 on SP307190.

AGENDA

26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS



2.01.10 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (QRA) - LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN - PRIORITY PROJECTS

Background - QRA have announced a further round of funding under the Local Resilience Action Plan Program, \$40.9 M is available for the Councils of NWQROC. NWQROC must submit its priorities to QRA by 30 June 2024, to enable this timeframe to meet Council needs to provide NWQROC with our submission by 21 June 2024.

Project Title - Expansion of the Environmental Waste Management facility -Hughenden Landfill - \$5,200,000.

The Hughenden Waste Management facility is an essential community service from an environmental, health and economic perspective. The Capacity of the landfill has an estimated limited life .This project has several components aimed at increasing the capacity and hence future utility of the facility:

- The design and construction of a new cell to meet future demand.
- Reclaiming useable areas within the landfill by the removal of large stockpiles (400 Ton) of legacy waste (Tyres, green waste, and concrete)
- The establishment of a weighbridge for improved cost recovery, accurate and equitable pricing for commercial and industrial waste .

Officer's Recommendation – That Council confirms the actions of the Chief Executive Officer in submitting the Expansion of the Environmental Waste Management facilities at the Hughenden Landfill to the NWQROC for inclusion in the QRA funding round and further that the project be included in the Councils Local Resilience Action Plan.

2.01.11 2024-27 WORKS 4 QUEENSLAND PROGRAM

Background - The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works has announced an amount of \$1,600,000 under the 2024-27 W4Q program has been made available to the Flinders Shire Council.

W4Q support councils to deliver infrastructure, maintenance and capital works projects that are focused on essential services and economic development outcomes.

There is no requirement for a co-contribution by Council.

Key dates

- Submission of Projects closes on 5th July 2024
- Announcement of approvals -September 2024
- Deadline for completion of projects 30th June 2027

Councils should ensure proposed projects have all approvals in place at the time of application lodgement. This includes:

- development approvals
- regulatory approvals and permits
- native title approvals

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On Wednesday 19th June Council as part of its budget deliberations met to consider its 2024/25 Capital Works Program.

In conjunction with the Capital Works Program review Council also considered the projects it might submit under this latest round of Works 4 Queensland Funding. Based on those deliberations the following projects are recommended:

- 1. Improving the quality of Town's potable water- \$400,000**
To undertake extensive investigation to determine and remedy the causes of turbidity and pressure issues to parts of the network.
- 2. Drinking water bores upgrade - \$100,000**
Bores 2 and 7 due to age and condition are a potential threat to continuous supply.
- 3. Showgrounds Improvements- \$650,000**
A Showgrounds Masterplan has been completed but works are yet to be prioritised or costed.
- 4. Staff Housing – \$450,000**
Lack of suitable housing is an ongoing issue regarding the attraction and retention of staff. Council owns multiple residential lots - Construct one new house.
Alternative-3 2 bed units \$900,000

Officer's Recommendation - That the Report by the Interim CEO detailing the latest round of funding for the State's Work 4 Queensland Program be received and that Council nominate the following projects totalling \$1,600,000.00:

1. Improving the quality of Town's potable water-	\$400,000
2. Drinking water bores upgrade-	\$100,000
3. Showgrounds Improvements-	\$650,000
4. Staff Housing –	\$450,000

2.01.12 COPPERSTRING 2032 - PROJECT UPDATE

Background - Report by Interim CEO

Purpose of Report

This report provides details in regard to the various elements relating to Powerlink's developments for CopperString 2032.

The team from Powerlink meet fortnightly with Council's Executive Management Team.

Key Dates

- Construction of access road and site office pad -Commenced Monday 10th June 2024
- Works Directive by Coordinator-General-signal to commence camp construction— issued 20th June
- Ceremony for turning of first sod—9th July in Hughenden
- Workers Accommodation camp completed December 2024
- Transmission line component to commence March 2025

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Lease of Lot 129

- Requested Term 6 years
- Market rents yet to be determined. Valuations have been commissioned to determine market rent
- Terms of lease yet to be settled
- Deed for Early Access Signed by Council and Powerlink 20th June

Works by Council

- Construction of access road and site office pad commenced-Estimated cost \$?????
- Water and sewerage connections to the camp and any required upgrades to the networks in final stages of design
- Once scoping and design completed, works will be subject to an agreement between Council and Powerlink regarding delivery and cost
- Landfill-Powerlink are not at this point in time proposing to use the Hughenden Landfill except for the initial construction phase of the Workers Accommodation.
- Potential to establish a temporary workers camp on Council lot 156 H 20323 Hardwicke St. for the Atco camp construction team

Coordinator-General's Engagement

- The development approvals are all through the CG's Office
- The Works Directive cannot be issued until Powerlink provide the required Social Impact Assessment Plan. (SIAP)
- The SIAP also contains reference to possible legacy issues

Legacy Issues

Table below outlines a non-exhaustive list of potential legacy projects being considered by Powerlink and Flinders Shire Council that may be added to the SIMP as the project is developed.

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Legacy project	Status	Timeframe for implementation
Explore opportunities for semi-permanent housing to be built in Hughenden for Powerlink key project staff that can be transitioned from project to community	Raised by Council in June 2024 and the subject of ongoing discussions with Powerlink	Construction Operations
Explore opportunities for partial retention of WAF for future council / community use	Raised by Council in June 2024 and the subject of ongoing discussions with Powerlink	Operations
Consideration to enhance Flinders Shire master-planning and community amenity which may include lake upgrades, new water park, play areas, BBQ facilities, Hughenden Memorial Pool	Discussed with new Flinders Shire Council in June 2024 with further discussions planned.	Construction Operations
Support population retention and growth	Discussed with new Flinders Shire Council in June 2024 with further discussions planned.	Construction Operations
Support Flinders Shire aspirations to establish a Country Universities Centre (CUC) in Hughenden	Discussed with Flinders Shire Council in June 2024 with further discussions planned.	Construction Operations
Supplier development program that seeks to provide opportunities for local suppliers to build capability to be ready for the CopperString 2032 project and prepare firms for future procurement opportunities in the region	Proposed by CopperString and raised with new Council in June 2024. Subject of ongoing discussions with Council.	Construction Operations
Focus on cultural heritage and preservation in partnership with the Yirendali People including establishing a cultural heritage artefacts storage area to safely store materials for viewing and processing for future cultural use	Proposed by Powerlink/Yirendali people. Storage area will be constructed as part of the WAF and all subsequent accommodation camps along the CopperString route	Pre-construction Operations
Develop Yirendali language book	Proposed by Yirendali people/ Powerlink. Initiative has been agreed but further work is required to refine details including timing	Construction Operations
Supporting Council's aspirations to improve the capacity of the Hughenden Waste Facility	Proposed by Council prior to 2024 election. Raised with new Council in June 2024 and the subject of ongoing discussions.	Construction Operations

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Supporting Council's aspirations to improve the capacity of Hughenden Aerodrome (airport)	Proposed by Council prior to 2024 election and subject to future discussions between Council, Powerlink and other REZ proponents.	Construction Operations
Fibre optic connection along Flinders Highway	Powerlink is working closely with Queensland Capacity Network (QCN) to increase capacity to improve telecommunication standards for Flinders LGA	Operations
Sealing of access road to and beyond the WAF to connect to existing Council road network at McLay Street	Committed as part of Hughenden WAF. Work is nearing completion	Pre-construction
Water and wastewater connections for council housing development	Proposed by Powerlink. Raised with Council in June 2024 and the subject of ongoing discussions.	Pre-construction Construction

Powerlink is seeking to open detailed discussions with Council in regard to prioritising and progressing these legacy items:

Local Economic Participation Plan

- Local defined as -125Km Radius
- 10% weighting for locals -Queensland Govt requirement
- FLGA Suppliers are active at all levels of the supply chain-18 Suppliers in Flinders have registered.
- CopperString is spending money in the community and will continue to do so.
- CopperString has developed an understanding of local capacity and is structuring packages to align to the local market where appropriate.
- LEPP provisions apply to all sub-contracts eg Atco's construction of the camp
- Only opportunity" assured, Local suppliers must be competitive.
- More opportunity in camp construction and operation than in the transmission line construction.
- Local business capacity Development Program - deploying a specialist consultant (Deb Archbold) to deliver a program of workshops to help develop local businesses. - available to all even if not tendering

Queensland Capacity Network (QCN)

QCN goal is to bring metro-grade services at metro prices to all of Queensland. Through their CopperString Digital Connectivity Project they aim to:

- Address mobile phone blackspots along the Flinders Highway
- Provide fibre to the property for key Council properties.
- Enable retailers to provide 5G mobile coverage to all of Hughenden.

Officer's Recommendation - That the report by the Interim CEO detailing the various elements relating to Powerlink's developments for CopperString 2032, as it impacts on Flinders Shire be received and noted.

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2.01.13 COPPERSTRING 2032 – REGIONAL REFERENCE GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Background - The CopperString 2032 Project is a game-changing initiative aimed at delivering a high-voltage transmission line, connecting the North West Minerals Province to the National Electricity Market (NEM). The project holds immense potential for the region, promising to bolster economic development, enable renewable projects, create job opportunities, and enhance energy security.

The Regional Reference Group serves as a vital advisory body, advocating and driving input towards project outcomes. The group will comprise of stakeholders from various sectors within the community, local government, industry and business. Its primary purpose is to facilitate communication between project developers, government bodies, and local communities, ensuring that the interests and concerns of all parties are effectively addressed through the project lifecycle.

By joining CopperString Regional Reference Group, Council will have the opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future energy landscape of our region and our input will help ensure that the CopperString Project aligns with community aspirations, environmental objectives, and the broader goals of the renewable energy transition.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council accept the invitation for Mayor Kate Peddle to become a member of the CopperString 2032 Regional Reference Group.



21 June, 2024

To community leader,

Regional Reference Group Membership

On behalf of Powerlink CopperString, and the CopperString Regional Reference Group (RRG), Chairman Tony McGrady, and I, we would like to formally invite you to join the RRG and contribute to the ongoing support and advocacy for the project.

We have identified your position as particularly valuable to the group and our aim is to leverage diverse perspectives from key positions within our community to ensure that the CopperString Project aligns closely with regional needs and aspirations. Your participation on the Reference Group will not only contribute significantly to shaping our strategic direction but will also provide a platform for collaborative dialogue among regional stakeholders.

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We feel your expertise and insights would be invaluable to the RRG as we navigate the complexities of this transformative undertaking. Your involvement would provide a crucial perspective, contributing to informed decision-making and fostering collaboration among stakeholders.

And by joining CopperString Regional Reference Group, you will have the opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future energy landscape of our region. Your input will help ensure that the CopperString Project aligns with community aspirations, environmental objectives, and the broader goals of the renewable energy transition.

Regional Reference Groups are being set up across Queensland energy zones, as the government actively supports sustainability, reduces carbon emissions and moves Queensland into an energy-rich future.

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I sincerely hope that you will consider accepting our invitation to be part of this important endeavour.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated and would undoubtedly enrich the deliberations of the Regional Reference Group.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or require further information. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you on this exciting journey.

The group's Terms of Reference will be shared with you shortly, and I look forward to meeting you in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Dockray".

Tom Dockray
Project Director | Powerlink Queensland – CopperString 2032

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2.02 CORPORATE AND FINANCE SERVICES

2.02.01 FINANCIAL REPORT

Background – In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Chief Executive Officer must present a financial report to the Council at its monthly ordinary meetings. Monthly financial reports consist of:

- i. Statement of financial performance;
- ii. Statement of financial position;
- iii. Statement of cash flows;
- iv. Statement of Changes in Equity;

The following is a summary of the financial results as at 31 May 2024:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income	
Total Recurrent Revenue	25,782,425
Total Recurrent Expenditure	31,501,383
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	(5,718,959)
Total Capital Income	1,077,956
Total Capital Expense	-
Net Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,641,003)
2. Statement of Financial Position	
Total Current Assets	39,385,484
Total Non-Current Assets	275,255,028
Total Assets	314,640,512
Total Current Liabilities	3,044,334
Total Non-Current Liabilities	9,215,154
Total Liabilities	12,259,488
Net Community Assets	302,381,024
Asset Revaluation Surplus	116,783,769
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	185,597,254
Total Community Equity	302,381,024
3. Cash Flow Statement	
Cash at the beginning of the period	45,232,658
Total Payments Received	27,598,678
Total Payments Made	(37,591,675)
Cash at the end of the period	35,239,662

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Officer's Recommendation – That in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council receives and approves the financial report, which includes the following statements, for the period ending 31 May 2024.

- i. Statement of financial performance;
- ii. Statement of financial position;
- iii. Statement of cash flows;
- iv. Statement of changes in Equity.

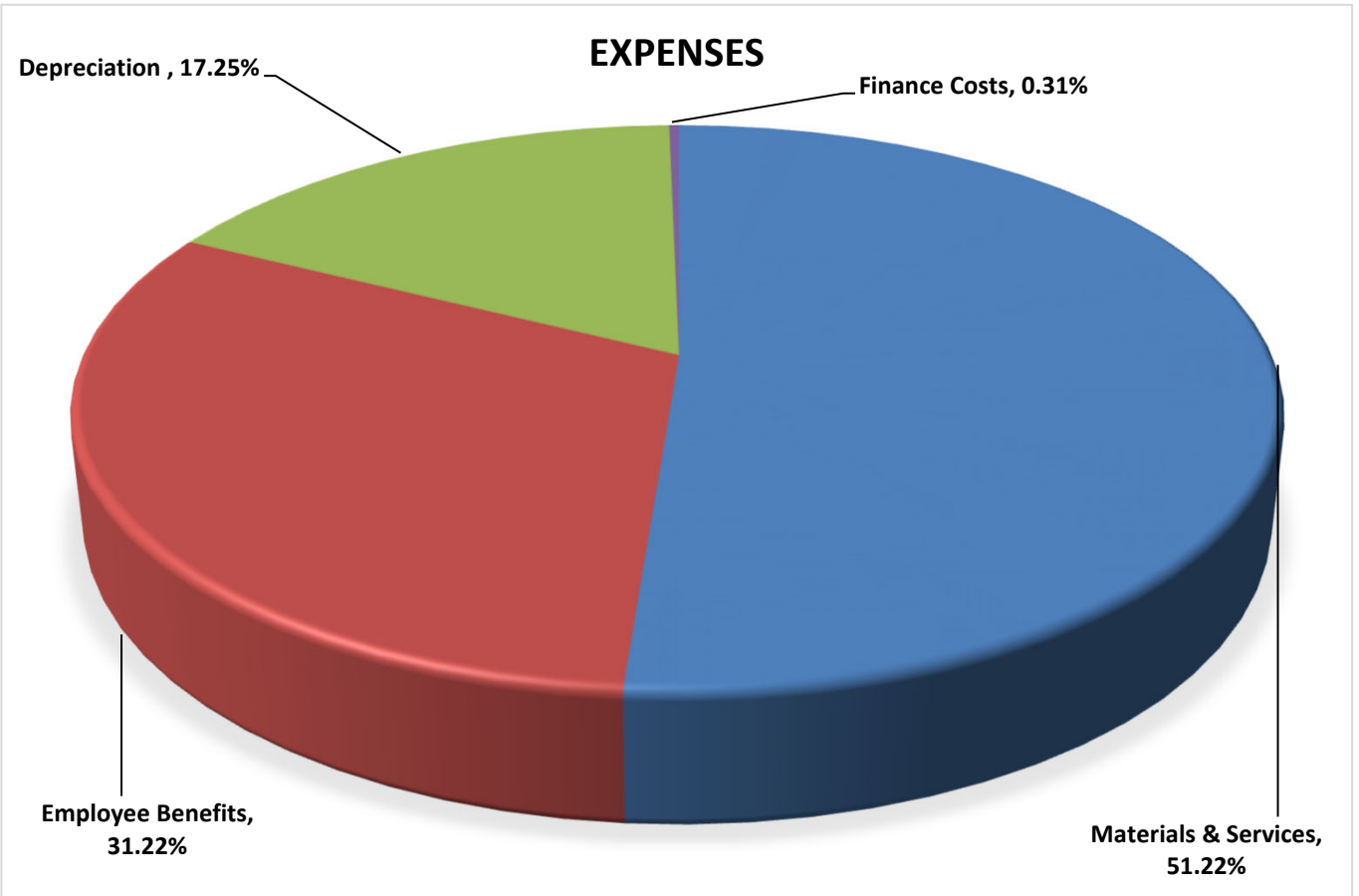
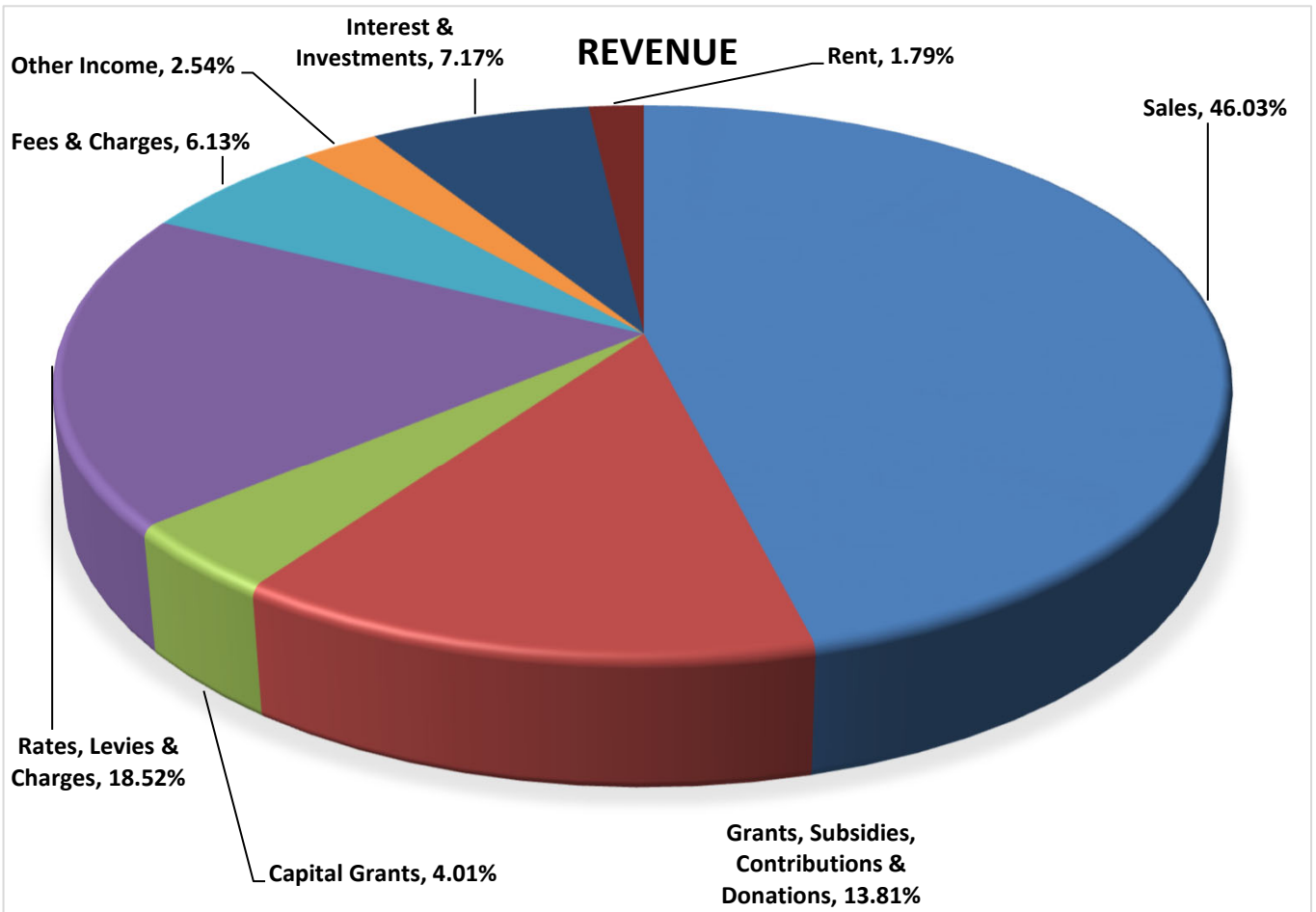
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Financial Report
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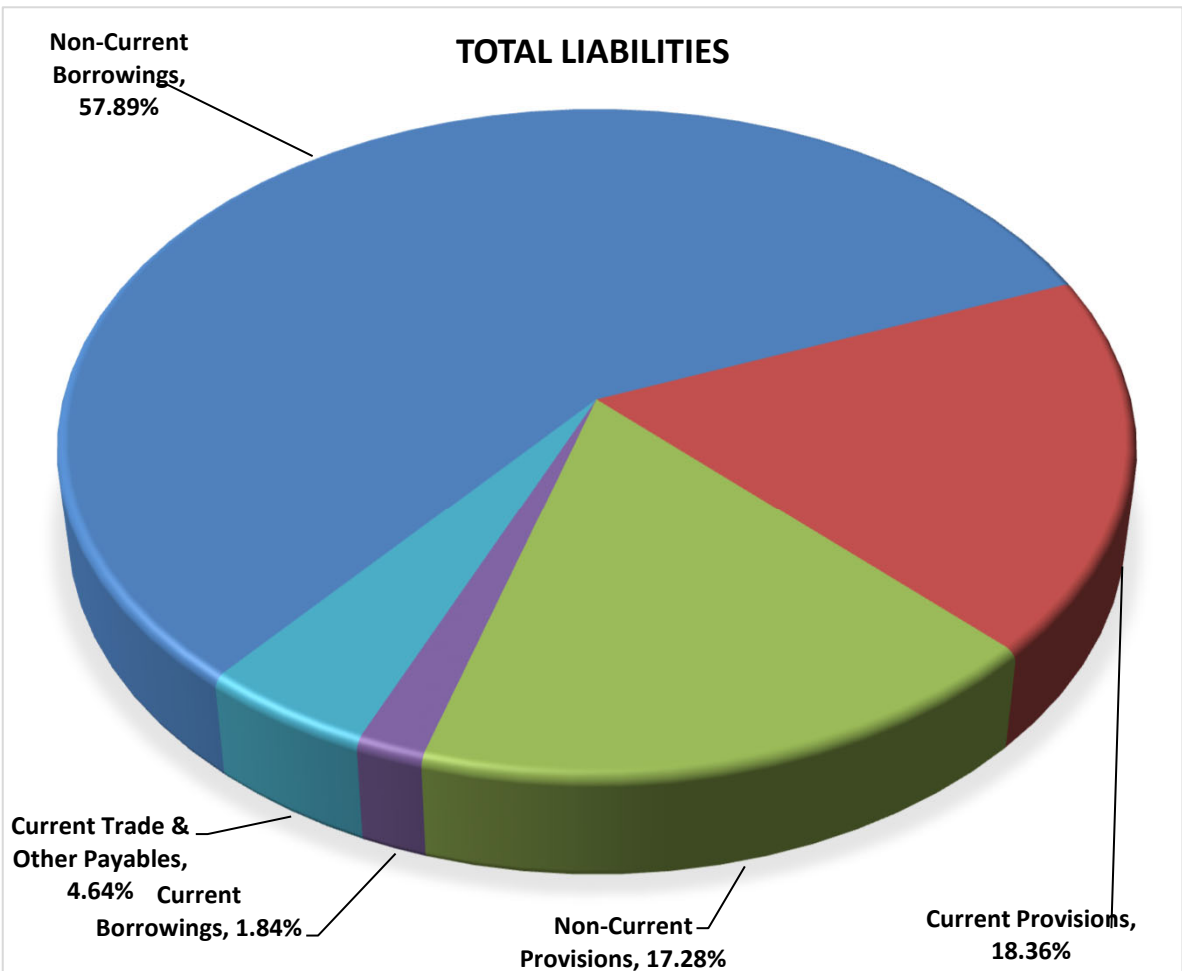
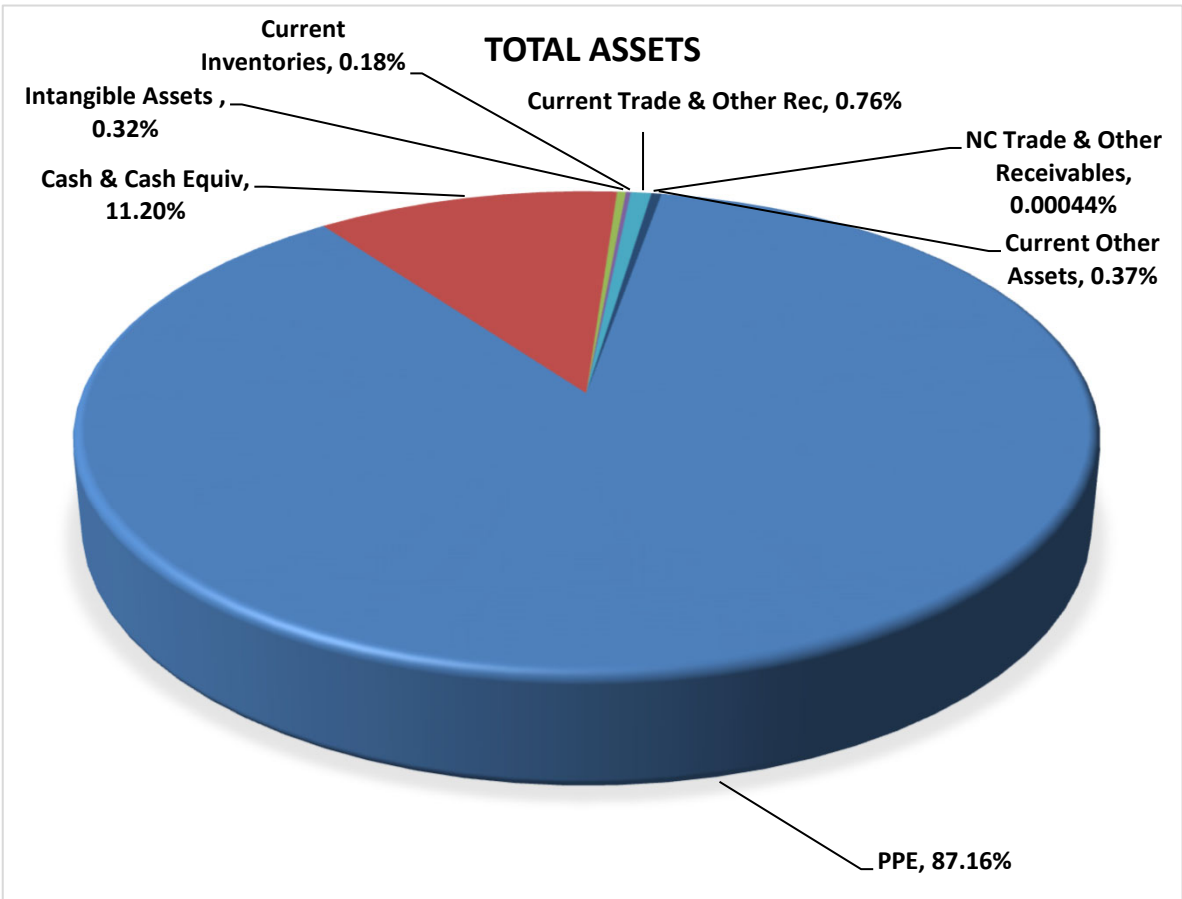
Flinders Shire Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the period ended 31 May 2024

	2024	Revised Budget 23/24	Variance	2023 - Restated
	\$	\$	%	\$
Income				
Revenue				
Recurrent revenue				
Rates, levies and charges	4,975,104	4,947,568	101%	4,692,453
Fees and charges	1,645,677	1,393,360	118%	1,794,147
Sales revenue	12,363,457	12,205,549	101%	16,717,410
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3,708,944	15,024,169	25%	14,980,774
Total recurrent revenue	<u>22,693,182</u>	<u>33,570,645</u>		<u>38,184,786</u>
Capital revenue				
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	1,077,956	11,554,230	9%	3,693,626
Total capital revenue	<u>1,077,956</u>	<u>11,554,230</u>		<u>3,693,626</u>
Rental income	479,986	530,000	91%	506,857
Interest received	1,925,702	1,656,833	116%	1,326,183
Other income	683,554	564,952	121%	803,211
Other capital income	-	-		304,861
Total income	<u>26,860,380</u>	<u>47,876,661</u>		<u>44,819,524</u>
Expenses				
Recurrent expenses				
Employee benefits	9,833,554	17,886,836	55%	12,580,475
Materials and services	16,134,624	12,944,000	125%	21,847,434
Finance costs	98,877	322,626	31%	328,537
Depreciation and amortisation				
Property, plant and equipment	5,434,328	5,906,336	92%	5,671,698
Total recurrent expenses	<u>31,501,383</u>	<u>37,059,797</u>		<u>40,428,143</u>
Capital expenses	-	-		438,239
Total expenses	<u>31,501,383</u>	<u>37,059,797</u>	85%	<u>40,866,382</u>
Net result	<u>(4,641,003)</u>	<u>10,816,864</u>	-43%	<u>3,953,142</u>
Other comprehensive income				
Items that will not be reclassified to net result				
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	-	-	-	20,425,759
Total other comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-	<u>20,425,759</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>(4,641,003)</u>	<u>10,816,864</u>	-43%	<u>24,378,901</u>



Flinders Shire Council
Statement of Financial Position
for the period ended 31 May 2024

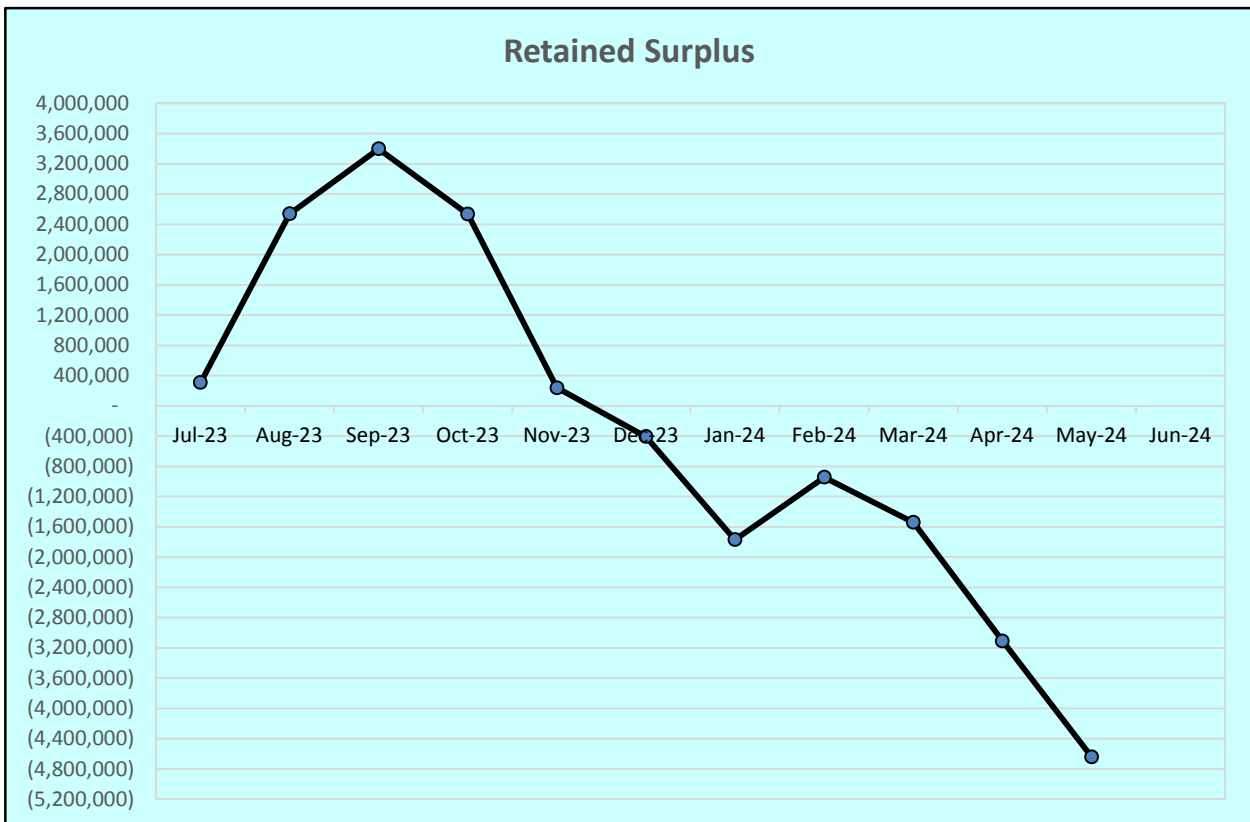
	2024	Revised Budget 23/24	Variance	2023 Restated
	\$	\$	%	\$
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	35,239,662	49,817,000	71%	45,232,658
Receivables	2,403,670	3,970,100	61%	3,748,330
Inventories	568,974	671,500	85%	574,525
Contract assets	-	-		753,985
Other assets	1,173,178	74,000	1585%	301,618
Total current assets	39,385,484	54,532,600	72%	50,611,117
Non-current assets				
Receivables	1,400	2,000	70%	1,400
Property, plant and equipment	274,231,228	275,869,000	99%	272,453,077
Intangible assets	1,022,400	1,022,000	100%	1,022,400
Total non-current assets	275,255,028	276,893,000	99%	273,476,877
Total assets	314,640,512	331,425,600	95%	324,087,994
Current liabilities				
Payables	568,249	2,471,932	23%	3,241,902
Contract liabilities	-	-	0%	1,360,346
Borrowings	224,985	791,500	28%	895,223
Provisions	2,251,100	631,500	356%	2,251,100
Total current liabilities	3,044,334	3,894,932	78%	7,748,572
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	7,096,633	6,398,777	111%	7,198,873
Provisions	2,118,521	3,293,000	64%	2,118,521
Total non-current liabilities	9,215,154	9,691,777	95%	9,317,394
Total liabilities	12,259,488	13,586,709	90%	17,065,965
Net community assets	302,381,024	317,838,891	95%	307,022,027
Community equity				
Asset revaluation surplus	116,783,769	116,783,769	100%	116,783,769
Retained surplus	185,597,254	201,055,121	92%	190,238,258
Total community equity	302,381,024	317,838,891	95%	307,022,027



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**Statement of Changes in Equity
for the period ended 31 May 2024**

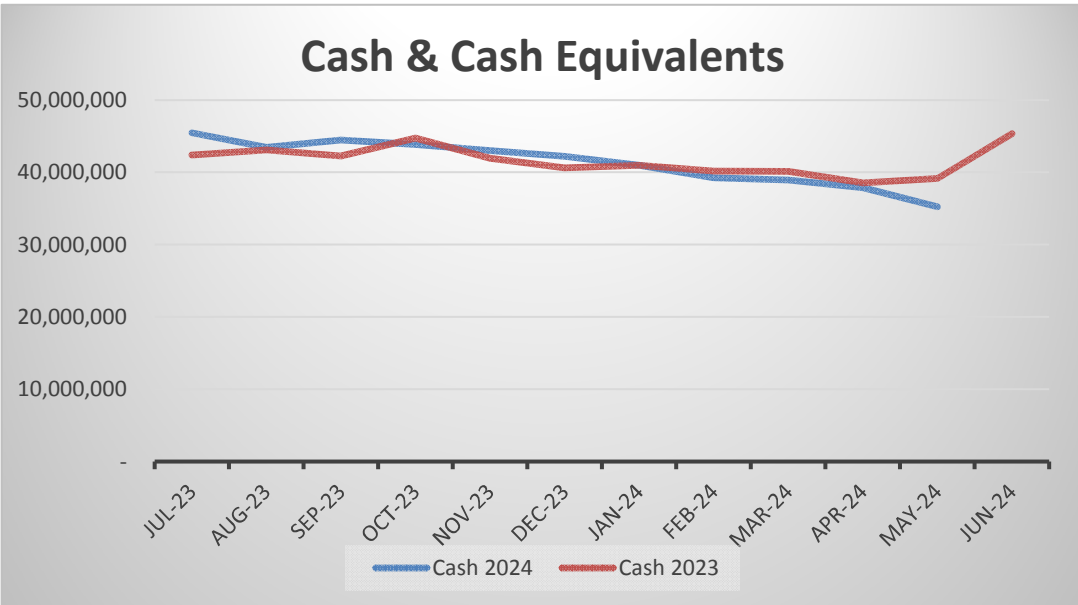
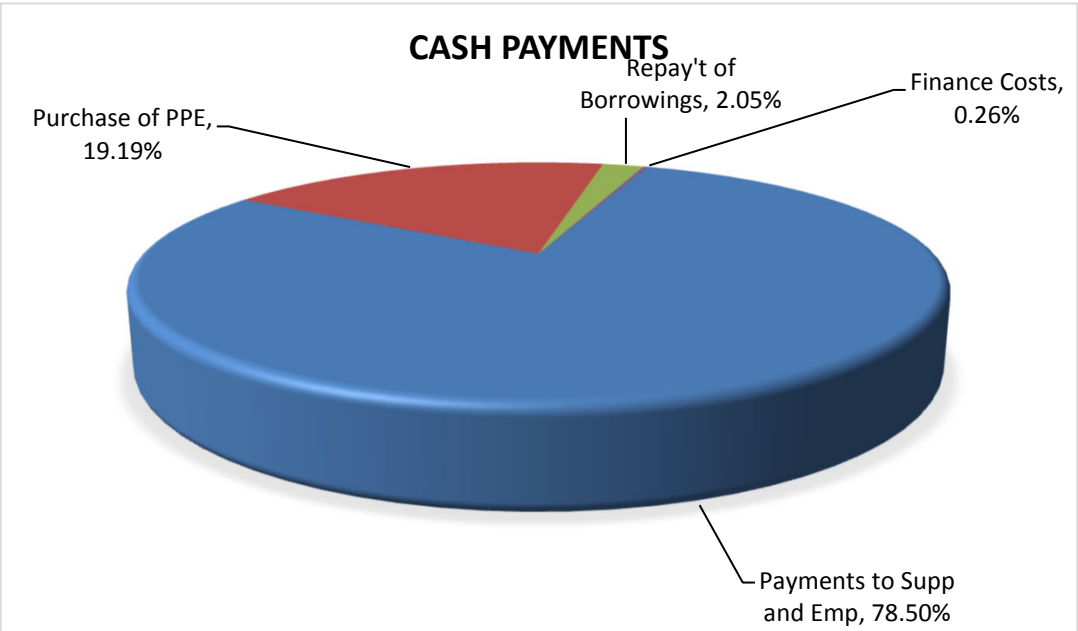
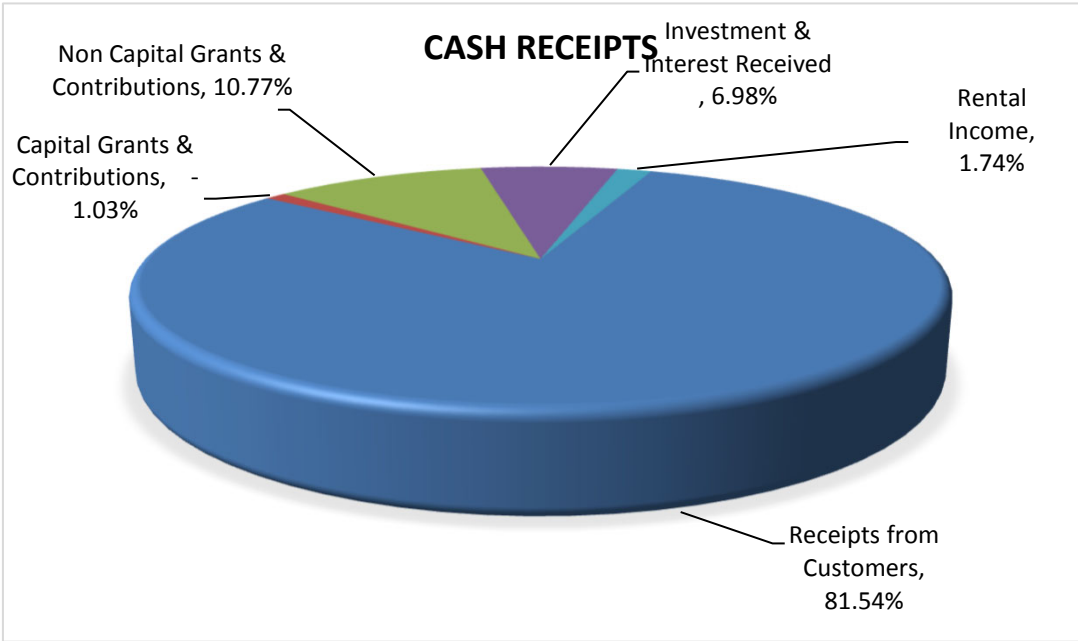
	Asset revaluation surplus	Retained surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2023	116,783,769	190,238,258	307,022,027
Net result	-	(4,641,003)	(4,641,003)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(4,641,003)	(4,641,003)
Balance as at 31 May 2024	116,783,769	185,597,254	302,381,024
Balance as at 1 July 2022	96,358,010	186,285,116	282,643,126
	96,358,010	186,285,116	282,643,126
Net result	-	3,953,142	3,953,142
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	20,425,759	-	20,425,759
Total comprehensive income for the year	20,425,759	3,953,142	24,378,901
Balance as at 30 June 2023	116,783,769	190,238,258	307,022,027



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**Statement of Cash Flows
for the period ended 31 May 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	22,504,240	26,901,972
Payments to suppliers and employees	<u>(29,507,841)</u>	<u>(34,794,998)</u>
	(7,003,601)	(7,893,026)
Interest received	1,925,702	1,326,183
Rental Income	479,986	506,857
Recurrent grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,973,340	15,827,452
Borrowing costs	<u>(98,877)</u>	<u>(328,537)</u>
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	<u>(1,723,449)</u>	<u>9,438,929</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(7,212,479)	(8,688,008)
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations - Capital	(284,591)	2,848,658
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment	-	959,699
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	<u>(7,497,070)</u>	<u>(4,879,650)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
Repayment of borrowings	<u>(772,478)</u>	<u>(875,878)</u>
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	<u>(772,478)</u>	<u>(875,878)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent held	<u>(9,992,996)</u>	<u>3,683,401</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	45,232,658	41,549,257
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	<u><u>35,239,662</u></u>	<u><u>45,232,658</u></u>



**Flinders Shire Council
Unrestricted Cash Reconciliation
for the period ended 31 May 2024**

Cash Balance		35,239,662
Less:		
Current Liabilities		3,044,334
Non-Current Provisions		2,118,521
Unspent Grant Funding		492,153
Reserves		12,000,000
Roads	4,000,000	
Water	1,500,000	
Sewer	1,500,000	
Buildings & Other Structures	2,500,000	
Plant Replacement	2,000,000	
Cemeteries	500,000	
Total Unrestricted Cash		17,584,654

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2.03 ENGINEERING

2.03.01 REQUEST TO OBTAIN GRAVEL – ALAN PAYNE PLUMBING

Background – Council has received a Business and Investors Incentives Application from Alan Payne Plumbing requesting an allocation of gravel, up to a total of 5,000 tonnes to support the development of a plumbing business on an industrial block that was recently purchased at 7 Lammermoor Street, Hughenden.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council approve the request from Alan Payne Plumbing to obtain gravel subject to the following conditions:

- Must only be utilised for a level gravel base at 7 Lammermoor Street, Hughenden
- Gravel must be taken from within the bounds of the Aerodrome Pit as given in Flinders Shire Council's Quarry Management Plan
- The landholder is responsible for all work involved with the winning and cartage of the gravel from the pit to their property
- The maximum amount of gravel to be taken is 5,000 tonnes. Any unused gravel to be returned to Council at landholders expense
- The landholder must keep a record of weighbridge dockets tallying the total amount of gravel taken and provide to Council upon completion
- Statutory declaration to be signed to agree not to on-sell gravel

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

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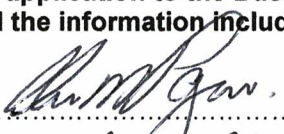
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BUSINESS AND INVESTORS INCENTIVES – APPLICATION FORM

Complete this application form with reference to the Business and Investors Incentives Policy

Applicants Information							
Business Name	Alan Payne Plumbing						
Business Address	9 Gray Street, Hughenden						
Business Owners Names (list all owners names)	Alan Payne						
Phone / Mobile Numbers	0417 776 253						
Email Address	alanpayneplumbing@outlook.com						
Business Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Business <input type="checkbox"/> New Business						
Business Tier - (Refer to Policy)							
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Eligible Tasks	
Proposed Type of Works (place a tick in applicable Box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade Shop Front <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Upgrade <input type="checkbox"/> Driveways <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Product <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard & Signboards <input type="checkbox"/> IT Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing <input type="checkbox"/> Office Furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state):
Scope of Works or Expression of Interest (Description of works to be completed – supporting documentation must be attached to application, as per Business and Investors Incentives Policy eg: Quotes/plans/drawings/contract)	<p>Requesting up to 5,000T of Gravel to level industrial block to allow for fencing, power, access and building of shed to support a plumbing business.</p> <p>Block of land was never leveled before sale and now that we want to build we need to fill to make the land usable.</p>
Certified Builder / Repairers / Contractor / Supplier Details (Name and Address – If Owner Builder permit must be provided)	
Start Date and Expected Finish Date	Start: ASAP Finish: 30/06/2024
Total Cost of Build, Repairs, Upgrade or Set-up	
Completion of Approved Works	
Upon Completion of Approved Works, you must provide Council with the necessary documentation	<p>As listed in the Business and Investor Incentives Policy.</p> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form 21 – Final Inspection Certificate • Confirmation by the Builder, Contractor or Tradesperson • Fully Paid Invoice and Receipt from Supplier who completed/supplied approved works • Any other required documentation
Payment of Business and Investors Incentives Monies	
<p>Upon receipt of all required Completion of Approved Works documentation, Council will complete the approval process and make payment of Invoice for Grant Approval Amount, as provided by Business applicant.</p>	
Signature of all Applicants Required	<p>I/we make this application to the Business and Investors Incentives Program and declare that all the information included in this application is true and correct.</p> <p>Signature (1)  Date: 11/4/24 Name of Applicant: ALAN PAYNE Signature (2): Name of Applicant:</p>

Office Use Only			
Application Received by		Date:	
Assessment of Application – ESO		Date	Comment
Has confirmation of Business Details been confirmed – ABN Search etc			
Does the Applicant/s own the property where the work will be completed			
Does the Application meet the Eligibility Check			
Does the work meet the Approved Scope of Works			
Has the required Documentation been provided, as per policy – List in comments			
Recommendation to CEO			
Continue to Financial assessment			
Assessment of Financial Capacity – Tier 2 businesses (building works only) – CEO to Assess			
Has Trading Figures for 3 years been provided			
Does Trading Figures support the contribution			
CEO – Approve or Decline			
Signature:		Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Decline
Approval Letter			
Approval / Decline Letter sent to applicants		Date:	Name:
Completion of Approved Works			
Program funds are payable when required documentation is received by Council (refer to Business and Investors Incentives Policy)			
List Documentation Received from Applicant:			
Does Documentation meet the application Requirements	Yes or No	Date	Comments
ESO	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
CEO	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Approved for Payment of Grant Funds	
Approved by	Name: Position: Signature: Date:
Payment of Invoice provided by Business	
Invoice processed	Date:
Completion Letter	
Approval / Payment Letter send to Applicants	Date: Name:

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2.03.02 REQUEST TO OBTAIN GRAVEL – CARTER SHEDS PTY LTD

Background – Council has received a letter from Carter Sheds Pty Ltd dated 17 April 2024 requesting a further allocation of 2,000 tonnes of gravel.

On 8 March 2021, Carter Sheds Pty Ltd requested an allocation of 3,000 tonnes of gravel which was used for levelling and compacting their vacant land at 10 Seymour Street, Hughenden. They now are requesting another 2,000 tonnes of gravel, up to the maximum allowable under the Businesses and Investors Incentives Policy to support the development of their block at 1 McLaren Street.

Under Council's Businesses and Investors Incentives Policy it states that *All eligible businesses can reapply to the Business Support and Incentives Grant after 5 years from original approval date.* This application falls outside of the allowable timeframe.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council consider the application with reference to the Businesses and Investors Incentives Policy.



CARTER SHEDS PTY LTD

A.B.N: 38 083 065 436 EMAIL: admin@cartersheds.com.au
Lot 21 Winton road Hughenden Qld 4821

QBCC – 736 747 Master Builders Qld - 72601

P.O. BOX 210
HUGHENDEN QLD 4821

MOBILE: 0428 411 700 - Les

MOBILE: 0429 411 689 - Kelly

Wednesday 17.4.24

Flinders Shire Council,
P.O. Box 274
Hughenden Qld 4821

Dear Mr Ceo (Hari Boppudi),

Re: Gravel – 1 McLaren Street

In June 2022 Carter Sheds Pty Ltd applied to the Flinders Shire Council to obtain 3000 tons of Gravel from the Flinders Shire Gravel Pit behind the Airport and placed on our Industrial Yard at 10 Seymour Street at our own cost (Cheshire Contractors.)

Since then, Council has granted other business's access to 5000ton of gravel, we are now seeking the Council's approval to obtain the remaining 2000 ton of gravel to complete another project of ours at 1 McLaren Street.

We await your earliest reply and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Les & Kelly Carter

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2.03.03 REQUEST TO OBTAIN GRAVEL – HGW CONTRACTING PTY LTD

Background – Council has received a letter from HGW Contracting Pty Ltd on 30 May 2024 requesting an allocation of 4000 tonnes of gravel to be used on the levelled ground to provide all-weather access and improve the durability and functionality of the block at 3 Henry Street, Hughenden, to prevent mud and water pooling during wet conditions, ensuring the area remains usable year-round.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council approve the request from HGW Contracting Pty Ltd to obtain gravel subject to the following conditions:

- Must only be utilised at 3 Henry Street, Hughenden
- Gravel must be taken from within the bounds of the Aerodrome Pit as given in Flinders Shire Council's Quarry Management Plan
- The landholder is responsible for all work involved with the winning and cartage of the gravel from the pit to their property
- The maximum amount of gravel to be taken is 4,000 tonnes. Any unused gravel to be returned to Council at landholders expense
- The landholder must keep a record of weighbridge dockets tallying the total amount of gravel taken and provide to Council upon completion
- Statutory declaration to be signed to agree not to on-sell gravel

HGW Contracting
5 Henry Street
Hughenden QLD 4821
P: 0427289479
E: admin@hgwcontracting.com.au



Attention: CEO Flinders Shire Council
Re: Gravel scheme to support development at 3 Henry Street, Hughenden

Dear CEO,

I am writing on behalf of HGW Contracting to request an allocation of gravel to support the development at 3 Henry Street, Hughenden.

HGW Contracting is developing the block at 3 Henry Street from its current unused state to incorporate it into our operations. The scope of the development includes levelling the block, adding gravel for all-weather access, and fencing the block. The block will be used to park finished work machinery and plant.

SCOPE OF DEVELOPMENT:

The initial development of this block will support our operational needs, ensuring it is suitable for parking finished work machinery and plant. The development scope includes the following key activities:

Levelling: The block will be levelled to create a stable and even surface, ensuring the safety and stability of the parked machinery and plant.

Gravel Addition: We will add gravel to the levelled ground to provide all-weather access and improve the durability and functionality of the block. This will help prevent mud and water pooling during wet conditions, ensuring the area remains usable year-round.

Fencing: Security fencing will be installed around the block to protect our equipment and machinery from theft and vandalism. The fencing will also enhance safety by restricting unauthorized access to the area.

GRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:

We anticipate requiring up to a total of 4000T of gravel to complete the ground works required for this development.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

Hugh Westcott
Director
HGW Contracting
P: 0427 289 479

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2.03.04 HUGHENDEN HAMMERHEADS SWIMMING CLUB

Background- Hughenden Hammerheads Swimming Club have received a quotation from Aquatic Response to run a Pool Lifeguard Course at the swimming pool in October or November 2024. The swimming club have asked if Council would waiver the hire of the pool.

Current hire fee is set at \$257.50 for a full day and the total hire fee will be dependent on the duration of the course.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council does not support the request from the Hughenden Hammerheads Swimming Club and encourage the Club to apply for a donation under the Flinders Shire Council's Community Quick Response Donations Program or the Events, Activities and Projects Stream (Sponsorship).

2.03.05 102.2024.3 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TRACK LOADER-STABILISER

Background - As part of Council's 2023-2024 Plant Replacement Program, tenders were sought for the supply and delivery of a track loader / stabiliser. The tenders received are summarised for consideration.

Summary of Quotations Received

Quotations Closed 2:00PM Thursday 09 May 2024.

<u>TENDERER</u>	<u>OFFER</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>PRICE PER UNIT INC GST</u>	<u>NET PRICE</u>	<u>DELIVERY</u>
Sherrin Equipment	1	MANITOU	3200VT Rubber Track Loader	\$186,137.60	\$186,137.60	5-6 Weeks
Semco Equipment Sales	1	TAKWUCHI	TL12V2 A/C Compact Track Loader	\$215,020.00	\$215,020.00	4-6 Weeks based on current and incoming stock, subject to change prior sale
RDO Equipment	1	JOHN DEERE	333G Compact Track Loader	\$264,000.00	\$264,000.00	8-14 Weeks from next available unit. At time of submission there are 7 units available in Australia.
Honeycombes	1	ASV	VT-100 Compact Track Loader	\$269,500.00	\$269,500.00	Currently 2-4 weeks unit available ex stock
Hastings Deering	1	CAT	265D3XE Compact Track Loader	\$254,512.61	\$254,512.61	Approx November 2024. To be confirmed upon order
	2	CAT	299D3XE Compact Track Loader	\$285,625.47	\$285,625.47	Approx November 2024. To be confirmed upon order
McConachy	1	CASE	TV620B Compact Track Loader	\$266,875.40	\$266,875.40	6-8 Weeks
	2	CASE MINOTAUR	DL550 Compact Dozer Loader	\$369,662.70	\$369,662.70	6-8 Weeks

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Officer's Recommendation – That Council approve the purchase of the Caterpillar 299D3XE Compact Track Loader from Hastings Deering for \$285,625.47, as Caterpillar have the proven service and parts backup and resale value.

2.03.06 NRMA NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING NETWORK PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Background – Council has received an email from NRMA wanting to establish their Electric Vehicle charging network in Hughenden. NRMA have a committed ambition to become the operator of Australia's largest and most connected EV charging network, and to provide 220-250 sites by Q4 of 2025 calendar year which has co-funded programmes with the Federal and QLD & NSW State government and a further 250+ sites within a 5-year time horizon.

This joint funded initiative, between the Federal Government and the NRMA, will see nearly \$80 million committed to delivering Electric Vehicle (EV) 4 bay DC 300kW fast charging stations no more than 150km apart on national highways around Australia. All capital and on-going operational expenses, including design, infrastructure upgrades, engineered solutions hardware procurement & build, power, on-going maintenance and monitoring costs will be covered by the NRMA.

The ideal site for their needs, is off street parking that is owned & operated by Council which is in close proximity to amenities and the Flinders Highway that their customers can utilise during the charging dwell time. They have identified that road reserve parking found on wide roads controlled by Council could also be a possibility.

Their stations have a minimum of four (4) charging bays to better accommodate high use periods and queuing. This will also allow for four (4) vehicles to charge concurrently at a minimum of 75kW (this equates to around a 30min dwell time). This takes up approximately 5 standard car parking spaces which includes space for an accessibility zone for users that require more space to exit/enter their vehicle.

Locations need to be available 24/7 with good access to amenities and night visibility, to allow users to explore the area and potentially utilise the local businesses within easy reach.

The preference is off-street right angled parking spaces which is most suitable for safety and to minimize the total station footprint. 45-degree parking is not suitable.

NRMA have identified some sites that they believe Council own/operate that they think could be suitable.

- Road Reserve parking in proximity to Council owned properties such as Brodie Street near the Diggers Entertainment Centre, Bully Playford Rotary Park, or Flinders Discovery Centre.
- Parking around the Hughenden Recreational Lake.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council agree in principle to the NRMA request to establish an electric vehicle charging station in Hughenden and Council nominate a preferred suitable location.

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2.04 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WELLBEING

2.04.01 COMMUNITY BUS HIRE FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT (HUGHENDEN STATE SCHOOL)

Background – Further to discussion at May 2024 Council Meeting (Agenda item: 2.06.06), additional information has been collected regarding the proposal by Hughenden State School to offer a school bus run to students 5 days per week, morning and afternoon (as available). The aim of the program is to assist with improving school attendance through offering pick up service for students, particularly those with highest rates of absenteeism. The program has been offered by the school previously, offering school pick up on a Monday morning. The school wish to commence the expanded version of the program in Term 3.

Hughenden State School Principal, Brigid Fletcher, raised with Council at the meeting that the cost is prohibitive to the program, and that the school has limited budget to support initiatives such as this. It was discussed with the Principal whether the program may be extended to include St Francis students, to which the response was that they would then require some staffing support from other schools to expand.

Fees and Charges - Based on the 2023/24 Fees and Charges, approximate hire fee for the abovementioned request for remainder of 2024 school year is as follows:

Term 3 & 4 2024:

Bus Hire - Taxi Children around Town	\$34 per day	Term 3 – 10 weeks (50 days hire) Term 4 – 11 weeks (55 days hire)
Total		105 days @ \$34 per day = \$3,570

Annual Fee:

Bus Hire - Taxi Children around Town	\$34 per day	Term 3/2024 – 10 weeks (50 days hire) Term 4/2024 – 11 weeks (55 days hire) Term 1/2025 – 10 weeks (50 days hire) Term 2/2025 – 10 weeks (50 days hire)
Total		205 days @ \$34 per day = \$6,970

Other bus fees and charges as follows:

Bus Hire – per day	\$113.50 / day
Bus Hire - under 3 hours	\$23 / hour
Bus Hire - over 3 hours (minimum fee of \$100 per day) OR (per km whichever is higher)	\$113.50 / day \$0.78/km Note: charged after approx.145.5km travel
Bus - 1/2 Day Hire (Returned by 1pm)	\$57.00 / day

Usage and Feedback -

Assessment of current bus usage revealed that in the previous 3 months, Hughenden State School accounts for approximately 50% of bus bookings. The remaining bookings are primarily other schools and community groups. An analysis of bus usage from April – June revealed the bus is used approx. 15% of the total time available.

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Feedback was sought from the other three schools in the Shire to seek input into whether a school bus service would be of interest, and whether they had any feedback on Council's Community Bus. Summary of feedback is below:

St Francis School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Usage: They use the bus for class excursion, camps and swimming lesson transport. • Bus Fees: They believe the bus fees are reasonable. • St Francis stated they did not have capacity to assist with staffing bus run, and therefore would not be feasible to offer to their students
Cameron Downs State School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Usage: They use the bus for whole school excursions or camps if they are taking a smaller group (they normally combine with Prairie). • Bus Fees: The bus fees were reasonable when they've used it for long trips; have compared to other schools and options
Prairie State School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus usage: Each term they use the bus 2 or 3 times for excursions and plan to use it in term 4 for swimming. • Bus Fees: School budget is limited and consideration of discounted fees would be appreciated to ensure all students are able to access activities and sport in Hughenden

Summary of findings -

- Other schools do not wish to be involved in school bus initiative.
- Hughenden State School is a primary user of the Community Bus (50% use in previous 3 months)
- It is predicted that the proposal from Hughenden State School will have limited impact on other community use; however, where there may be a conflict, Hughenden State School can cancel bus run for those times.

Proposed Options -

1. Council may consider the Hughenden State School proposal as a special project request and apply an agreed discount to hire fees (Note: Council has precedence and negotiated special rates in Fees and Charges for other community events and activities for venue hire e.g. Campdraft, Hughenden Show, Junior Netball etc.
2. Under current Community Grants Policy, Schools are eligible for Councils Sponsorship and Grants of up to \$5,000 for community events, programs and activities. Council to encourage the school to apply for this project through the community grants program. This would be a one-off seed funding towards the program, and data may be used to attract long-term funding for the program.
3. Council to offer a letter of support for the school to apply to external funding opportunities for plan to support program is sustainable into the future.

Officer's Recommendation: That Council to approve a budget of up to \$5,000.00 through the Community Grants program for the Hughenden State School, for a trial of the School Bus Program upon the receipt of completed application and due diligence requirements.

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2.04.02 COMMUNITY BUS HIRE FEES - LETTER FROM HUGHENDEN HAWKS

Background – Council have received a letter from the Hughenden Hawks on 3 June 2024. The letter states that the club believe that the current fees and charges associated with Community Bus Hire are unsustainable for the club to maintain and impacting on children’s ability to access sport.

The Hughenden Hawks are the Junior Rugby League Club and they currently utilise the community bus on weekends to transport players to and from events and games. Typically, the hire will include travel to surrounding towns such as Julia Creek and Richmond.

The club have requested that Council consider a review of the hire fee for the Community Bus for the club.

In preparing the report for the School Bus Proposal by Hughenden State School (see agenda item above) feedback was also received from Prairie State School regarding the community bus hire fees for out-of-town travel. Prairie State School was also favourable of Council to consider a fee-review for this element.

Fees and Charges-

Summary of Council’s fees and charges associated with out-of-town travel as per below:

Bus Hire - over 3 hours (minimum fee of \$100 per day) OR (per km whichever is higher)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$113.50 / day• \$0.78/km Note: charged after approx. 145.5km travel
Example of charges Note: Costings based on return to/from Hughenden approx. distance with no additional incidental km included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Townsville - \$597.48• Julia Creek - \$410.28• Charters Towers - \$386.88• Richmond - \$193.44• Prairie - \$113.50*

Officer’s Recommendation - Council to create an additional hire charge within the 2024/25 Fees and Charges Schedule which includes a 30% discount on fees for out-of-town bus usage (where the kilometre rate applies) for schools and community groups use only.

Hughenden Hawks
Junior Rugby League
PO Box 214
HUGHENDEN QLD 4821



Flinders Shire Council
34 Gray Street
Hughenden QLD 4821

Dear Flinders Shire Council,

I am writing on behalf of The Hughenden Hawks Junior Rugby League Club to express our concern regarding the current fees for hiring the bus from Flinders Shire Council. The fees have made it increasingly unfeasible for our club to utilize this service, which is essential for transporting our players to and from games and events.

As a community-focused club, we rely on the support of the council to ensure the sustainability of our club and the well-being of our players. However, the current fees for bus hire have put a strain on our finances, making it difficult for us to continue offering this service to our players and members.

We kindly request that the Flinders Shire Council consider reducing the fees for bus hire for The Hughenden Hawks Junior Rugby League Club. A reduction in fees would not only benefit our club but also help us continue providing opportunities for young players in our community.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your favourable response.

Sincerely,

Samantha-Jade Hamilton
President
The Hughenden Hawks Junior Rugby League Club

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2.04.03 MITEZ REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Background - The establishment of the MITEZ Regional Economic Development (REC) Grant Program aims to provide assistance for the implementation of initiatives that will bring about beneficial outcomes for the local business sector and economy along the corridor of the Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone (MITEZ) corridor.

Expressions of interest for the program are currently open, with LGAs eligible to apply for up to \$28,000, matched by equal contribution by Council. Total budget available for project is \$56,000.00.

Eligible projects must align to the grant objectives as follows:

- Stimulating Economic Growth
- Job Creation and Employment
- Supporting Local Businesses
- Attracting Investment
- Infrastructure Development:
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business Support
- Industry Innovation and Collaboration
- Sustainable Development
- Tourism and Cultural Development
- Collaboration and Partnership Building

Proposed Project/s:

- Increase photo and video footage library of local businesses
- Develop and implement 2024/25 Marketing Strategy promoting local business to visitors, investors, and residents via Visit Hughenden
- Partner with the Chamber of Commerce to facilitate training for local businesses that meets their members needs e.g. Vendorpanel, digital literacy (website/social media etc)

An invoice has received from MITEZ for \$23,100.00 (Inc GST) for Council's Corporate Platinum Membership for 2024-2025 Financial Year due 01 July 2024.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council continue their membership with MITEZ for the 2024-25 Financial Year and authorise the Director of Community Services and Wellbeing to submit an expression of interest to the MITEZ Regional Economic Development (REC) Grant Program for the abovementioned projects and commit a maximum budget allocation of \$28,000.00 towards this project within the 2024/25 Area Promotion Budget.

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2.04.04 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM – QUICK RESPONSE STREAM – CONTRIBUTION FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Background – The Quick Response Contribution to Sporting Excellence is a program to help foster and support our local participation and representation in sports. The program is to assist with costs associated with attending events.

Council received three conforming application:

Applicant	Sporting Event	Amount Requested
Eva Pearce	Queensland School Sport 10-12yrs Cross Country State Championships	\$500.00
Jake Egan	Queensland School Sport 14-15 yrs Rugby Union State Championships	\$500.00
Jake Egan	Queensland Country U14yrs State Championships	\$500.00

Officer’s Recommendation: That Council approve the donation requests totaling \$1,500 for Eva Pearce and Jake Egan, as presented.

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2.04.05 COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

Background – Flinders Shire Council aims to provide financial assistance and support to the community through Council's Community Grants Program. The Community Grants Program Policy (the Policy), provides commitment for allocating assistance to community organisations in a manner which is open, transparent, legal and equitable, while achieving the aims and objectives of Council.

Revisions to the Community Grants Policy include:

- Grant rounds to be open year-round.
- Program and Event Support Stream funding increased from \$1,000 to up to \$2,500
- Program and Event Development Stream funding increased from \$5,000 to up to \$10,000
- Special request (major events, activities and infrastructure) is a new funding pool available to major events and activities which aim to support economic development and visitation goals, with up to \$20,000 available
- Facility and Equipment Stream funding increased from \$5,000 to up to \$10,000
- No changes have been made to the quick response donations and contribution to sporting excellence program

The grant administration and procedure underpinning this policy remains consistent with current process. This process will include application and acquittal via SmartyGrants, approval of application and expenditure, requirement for recognition of Council contribution in marketing and promotion, via Council resolution, and requirement for recipient to recognise Council contribution in marketing and promotion. Grant guidelines will be updated to align to additional and revised categories of funding.

Application of the policy is to commence from 01 July 2024.

Officer's Recommendation – That the Council adopt the Community Grants Policy, as presented.

COUNCIL POLICY

Community Grants Program Policy



POLICY TITLE:	Community Grants Program Policy
POLICY NUMBER:	88
REVISION NUMBER:	7
TRIM REFERENCE:	SF14/411 - R23/4807
RESOLUTION NUMBER:	xxx
POLICY TYPE:	Statutory
APPROVING OFFICER:	Council Adoption
DATE OF ADOPTION:	26 June 2024
TIME PERIOD OF REVIEW:	2 Years
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	26 June 2026
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:	Community Services
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN:	A Cohesive & Growing Community – Delivering Infrastructure & Services in Need

1. OBJECTIVE

Flinders Shire Council aims to provide financial assistance and support to the community through Council's Community Grants Program. The Community Grants Program Policy (the Policy), provides commitment for allocating assistance to community organisations in a manner which is open, transparent, legal and equitable, while achieving the aims and objectives of Council. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the associated Procedure, outlines how Council will administer the program to achieve the objective.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all requests for financial assistance from Council through the Community Grants Program consisting of the following streams:

- Program/Event Support
- Program/Event Development
- Special Request (Events, Activities and Infrastructure)
- Facility and Equipment Stream
- Quick Response Stream
 - Contribution for Sporting Excellence Category
 - Community Quick Response Donation Category
- Any grants administered on behalf of a third party through Council (for example Regional Arts Development Fund)

3. DEFINITIONS

Acquittal – an acquittal is a process by which the recipient demonstrates in writing to the funding body that it has expended the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement on completion of the activity or project

Capital - are capital items which can be business assets purchase such as machinery, cash registers, computers and cars (these items are also referred to as plant and equipment), and land and buildings or renovations and improvements to fixed assets.

Community Organisation – An incorporated non-profit organisation / club or charity consisting of people having common interests. Includes sporting and recreation clubs, social clubs, school P&F / P&C associations, arts and cultural groups, hospital foundations, religious orders and service organisations. Community organisations exclude businesses and government agencies.

Schools may apply for the Community Grants Program - Events and Donations Streams only.

Donation - "Giving of funds" where there is no formal agreement or restrictions on how the money is to be spent. The essence of this agreement relies upon the honour of the recipient for its fulfilment, rather than being in any way enforceable. GST is not applicable to donations.

Eligibility Criteria – factors used to determine whether an applicant is eligible (inclusion criteria) or not eligible (exclusion criteria) for the funding program

Fee Waiver - Waiver of the fees and charges that Council would usually charge for providing a service or product.

Grants - Grants are defined as "the giving of funds" where the recipient agrees to the conditions of the benefactor as to how the monies are to be spent. The agreement contains specific benefactor – imposed restrictions on how the money is spent. The recipient is required to formally acquit the funds as specified by the benefactor.

In Kind Support - Council chooses to provide goods or services at no cost to a Community Organisation. These can be professional services, product and assets donations, in lieu of payment of cash.

Private Works – Private works is a request to council for works to be completed by council employees or utilising council machinery in council time.

Project outcomes – relate to the specific consequence which the proposed activity will achieve as a result of the funding.

Recipient - An organisation which receives sponsorship, grant funding, concessions or donations from Council.

Sponsorship - Sponsorship is a mutually beneficial contract involving the purchase of usually intangible, exploitable potential, associated with an event, organisation or project which results in tangible benefits for the sponsoring organisation.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Detailed responsibilities are contained in Council's Community Grants, Sponsorship and Donations Policy.

5. POLICY

Council to provide an annual budget towards the community grant, sponsorship and donations programs.

Council will administer and allocate financial assistance in line with this Policy in an open, accountable and transparent manner.

Council will preference applications which meet the associated eligibility criteria and can demonstrate the benefit for the residents of the Flinders Shire.

Council Officers will undertake a robust evaluation process and provide recommendation to Council on awarding funding of programs outlined in this policy.

Council has finite resources and clear outcomes to obtain through the program, and therefore not all applicants will be successful in their request.

Council may wish to vary the guidelines and scope of funding opportunities, and therefore any receipt of funding in one year should not create an expectation that this funding will be ongoing in following years.

Applicant may only apply for funding under one funding stream e.g. event/activity may not be funded under Event/Program Support and Quick Response Streams.

7. COUNCIL EXCEPTIONS

Grant funds through Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) will be administered and awarded in line with the relevant policy.

8. IMPLEMENTATION

7.1 Overview of Community Grants Program

Council provides a range of funding opportunities to support and assist the community to foster and develop projects and activities. The focus for these funding opportunities includes health and wellbeing, sports and recreation, arts and culture, heritage preservation, and economic development. The range of funding opportunities available through the Community Grant Program is detailed in the table below. For more information, see the relevant funding guidelines.

Funding type	Summary of eligibility criteria	Funding amount
Facility and Equipment Stream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to those organisations as defined as “community organisations” (as detailed above). Schools not eligible to apply for this grant stream. - For infrastructure works and purchase of equipment to support community group - Co-contribution required (in kind or cash) - Open year-round; applications must be received 8 weeks prior 	Up to \$10,000 per organisation / year
Program/Event Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to those organisations as defined as “community organisations” (as detailed above). - Available to all events/program/activities that meet basic criteria - Can be used for events, activities, projects and training. - Open year-round; applications must be received 8 weeks prior 	up to \$2,500
Program/Event Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to those organisations as defined as “community organisations” (as detailed above). - Available to events/programs seeking to develop/expand their initiative - Can be used for events, activities, projects and training. - Open year-round; applications must be received 8 weeks prior 	up to \$10,000
Special request (major events, activities and infrastructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to community groups and schools - Application must demonstrate a strong social/community and/or economic development benefit (e.g. Attendance #s over 300) 	up to \$20,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open year-round; cannot apply more than 6 months prior to event - Open year-round; applications must be received 6 weeks prior 	
Community Quick Response Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to those organisations as defined as “community organisations” (as detailed above). - Community groups can utilise for a direct cash contribution towards - Open year-round; applications must be received 6 weeks prior 	Up to \$500 per applicant
Contribution for Sporting Excellence Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicant must be resident of the Flinders Shire or a child dependant of a Shire resident e.g. student at boarding school - Applications remain open year round - Open year-round; applications must be received 6 weeks prior 	Representing North Queensland within Queensland - \$500 Representing Queensland within Queensland - \$500 Representing Queensland Interstate - \$1000 Representing Australia within Australia - \$1500 Representing Australia Overseas - \$2000
Other grants administered on behalf of a third party through Council	May vary depending on specified funding criteria	As per funding guidelines

7.2 In-kind support from Council

Council will not approve in-kind support or the waiver of hiring of Council facilities and associated plant/equipment.

Applications seeking the use of Council’s facilities and associated plant and equipment as in-kind are to be included as a line item with cost included within the application budget. Council will process an internal Purchase Order to the value of the requested amount

7.3 Marketing and promotion

Funding opportunities will be advertised locally and information available on the Flinders Shire website www.flinders.qld.gov.au.

Successful applications will be provided with information on requirements for acknowledging Flinders Shire Council for contribution.

9. RELATED LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

10. RELATED DOCUMENTS (LOCAL LAWS, POLICIES, DELEGATIONS ETC)

COUNCIL POLICY

Community Grants Program Policy



- Flinders Shire Council Community Service development plans (e.g. Arts and Culture Development Plan, Tourism Development Plan, Sport and Recreation Development Plan)
- Community Grants Program Procedure
- Relevant Grant Program Application Guidelines

11. REVIEW TRIGGER

Policy is to be reviewed every 2 years.

12. PRIVACY PROVISION

Council respects and protects people's privacy and collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information responsibly and transparently when delivering Council services and business.

13. APPROVAL

Adopted at the September 2023 Council Meeting - Resolution Number 3805.

AGENDA

26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



2.04.06 FLINDERS DISCOVERY CENTRE CAFÉ LEASE AGREEMENT

Background – The newly expanded Flinders Discovery Centre opened in December 2023. The intent of Council including a café within the visitor center was to cater to visitors, particularly at times when other businesses were closed.

The previous Council workshopped options for café to be leased or operated by Council, with preference provided to lease. The Council discussed conditions to apply to the lease, with consideration for non-competition with other business operations. Conditions applied are set out within the Lease terms (see Appendix - *FDC Café Lease Terms*).

Despite attempts to promote and advertise the lease opportunity, to date there has been no interest or contact made.

It is proposed that Council consider the options for the café at the Flinders Discovery Centre as presented and provide guidance on preferred next step. Proposed options are outlined below:

1. Readvertise lease of the FDC Café following amendments to the lease terms as follows:
 - Remove menu clause
 - Provide clarification on minimum number of hours and enable operations outside of FDC operating hours
 - Provision for no/nominal lease for initial 3 months of operations
 - Lease term review date to be updated to 1 year plus 1
 - Removal of lessee proportion of outgoings for entire Centre
 - Review of outgoings payable by lease e.g. statutory charges, gardening, and plate glass insurance
 - Optional consideration: Include additional cost within the lease for equipment use
2. Not proceed with the café at the Flinders Discovery Centre and explore alternative use for the space and equipment.

Officers Recommendation – That Council review options, as presented and provide resolution on preferred option for the Flinders Discovery Centre Café.

Term:	1 year
Options to Renew:	1 x 2 years and 1 x 3 years
Rent - First Year of Term:	[TBC] – To be submitted by Tenderers at the Tender stage
Rent Review Date:	Annually on each anniversary of the Commencement Date
Rent Review Method:	Fixed Percentage Increase of 3.5%
Outgoings Payable by Lessee:	Statutory Charges Increase in Statutory Charges Maintenance and Cleaning Gardening Insurance Utilities
Lessee's Proportion of Outgoings:	3.5% of the total costs incurred with respect to the entire Centre.
Insurances to be taken out by Lessee:	Plate glass insurance Public risk insurance - \$20,000,000.00 per claim Lessee's property and fittings at Premises
Permitted Use:	Café
Minimum Operating Hours:	In line with the operating hours of the Centre. These are presently Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm during Peak Season (1 April to and including September/October School Holidays). During Off-Peak Season weekly hours are the same. Weekend operating hours are 9:00am to 12noon.
Security Deposit:	Required. Equivalent to an amount that is 3 months worth of the Rent as at the Commencement Date.
Terms and Conditions:	Standard commercial terms and conditions will apply to this Lease. These will include, but are not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Premises, including common areas, must be maintained in good condition at all times; - Any alterations or improvements require Council's consent; - Subleasing, mortgaging and assignment will require Council's consent; - End of Lease requirements apply. Council will also require that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The menu is a point of difference as compared to other food and beverage providers in Hughenden; - Any social media account operated by the Lessee must be operated in accordance with Council policy; - The Lessee must co-operate with the operator of the Centre at all times where required; - If any Council assets are damaged by the Lessee they will be replaced by the Lessee.

AGENDA
26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



3. CLOSED BUSINESS

- Nil Report

AGENDA
26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

4. INFORMATION PAPERS

Chief Executive Officer

- Rural Land Report
- WHS Report

Director of Corporate and Financial Services

- Governance Report

Director of Engineering

- Operational Works Coordinator Report
- Senior Civil Works Coordinator Report
- Fleet Manager Report

Director of Community Services & Wellbeing

- Community Development Report
- Community Care Report
- Library Report
- Tourism Report



FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL
Briefing June 2024

RURAL LANDS

WILD DOG CONTROL:

Trapper - Wild Dog Scalps for the Month of May 2024:

	Number of scalps	Location where dogs trapped. (Property Names)
Trapper 1	1	- Redcliffe - Mokana
Trapper 2		
Trapper 3	15	- Mt Emu - Pretty Plains - Camden
Public	16	- Torver Valley - Rosevale Station - Tiree - Monavale - Baremba - Maiden Springs

Wild Dog Control – Wild Dog Scalps for the Month of April 2024:

Number of scalps for current month (Public and Trappers)	Cost for Current month	Running Total: Number of Scalps for Current year
32	\$4000.00	206

Saleyards - Numbers – Month of May 2024:

Description	March 24	April 24	May 24
Dip Totals (Head of Cattle)	3597	6956	10586
Weigh Totals (Hd of Cattle)	3987	2480	591
Yard Totals (Head of Cattle)	7356	10944	10987
Train loading	1651	2863	2411
NLIS Scanning	181	377	N/A



FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL
Briefing June 2024

Request conversion to Freehold: REF 2023/001566

For Council discussion

Request conversion to Freehold: REF: 2022/003161

For Council discussion

Auctioning Council land-

June 27th Flinders Shire Council will have given John Soutar the job to auctioneer the council reserves at the Prairie Hall.

Auctioning of council reserves

STAMFORD RESERVE
PRAIRIE AERODROME RESERVE
PRAIRIE CEMETERY RESERVE
TORRENS CREEK

We are tendering the below:

- 2 Mile
- 15 Mile
- Aerodrome P C & D

**Bill Paine –
Rural Lands Coordinator**

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our Governance – We will work as a team and act with pride, accountability, transparency, and integrity to deliver services to our residents.

GENERAL REPORT

I present my report to Council for the period 1st May 2024 to 1st June 2024.

Please refer to the summary below.

SAFETY STATISTICS	MONTHLY TOTAL	OVERALL TOTAL
1. Community care client incident reports	5	58
2. Council personnel incident reports	1	32
3. Contractor personal incident reports	0	1
4. Contractor plant incident reports	0	0
5. Public personal incident reports	0	1
6. Public vehicle incident reports	0	0
7. Lost time incidents	0	6
8. Notifiable incidents	0	2
9. Reported Near Misses	0	7
10. Total Number of Incidents		107
11. Days lost due to injury	25	142
12. Council inductions	7	37
13. Contractor/Work Experience inductions	1	32
14. FSCSMS document / procedures reviewed	0	18
15. Council procedures developed	0	5
16. Council policies reviewed / renewed	0	8
17. Completed hazard inspections	5	42
18. Jobsites / projects visited	5	49
19. Drug and Alcohol Tests conducted	0	10
20. Personal Risk Assessments completed	100	265
21. Take 5's completed	71	261

Summary:

1-10. As Per Attached Graphs.

12. Community Care **x3**, Concrete Crew **x1**, CEO **x1**, Cleaners **x2**.

13. QRMC Auditor.

17. Road Construction Crew No 1, Works Depot Workshop, Road Construction Crew No 2, Concrete Crew, RMPC, Hughenden Airport.

18. Concrete Crew **x1**, Road Construction Crew No 1 **x1**, Road Construction No 2 **x1**, Community Assets **x1** (Plumbers), Community Assets **x1** (Carpenters).

20. 100 Personal Risk Assessments completed for the Month by FSC Employees.

21. 71/112 Take 5's Completed for the Month (Incident Reporting).

General Information:

1. LGW Self Insurer Audit competed in May.
2. My Health for Life Program being arranged for FSC Employees.
3. 10,000 Steps Program being arranged for FSC Employees.

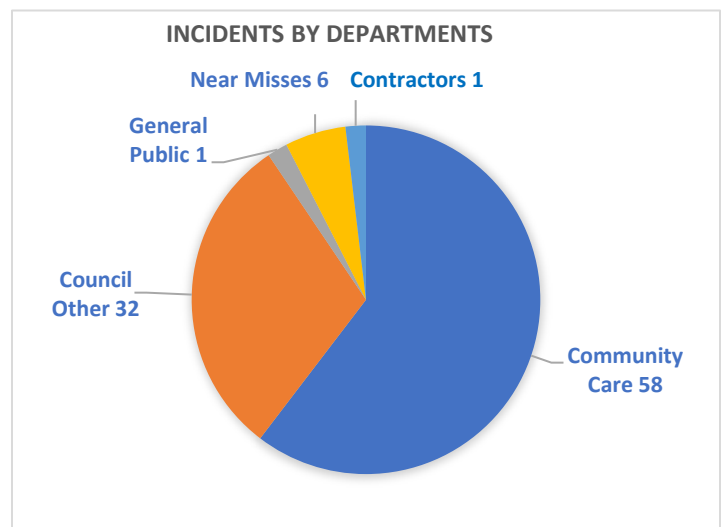
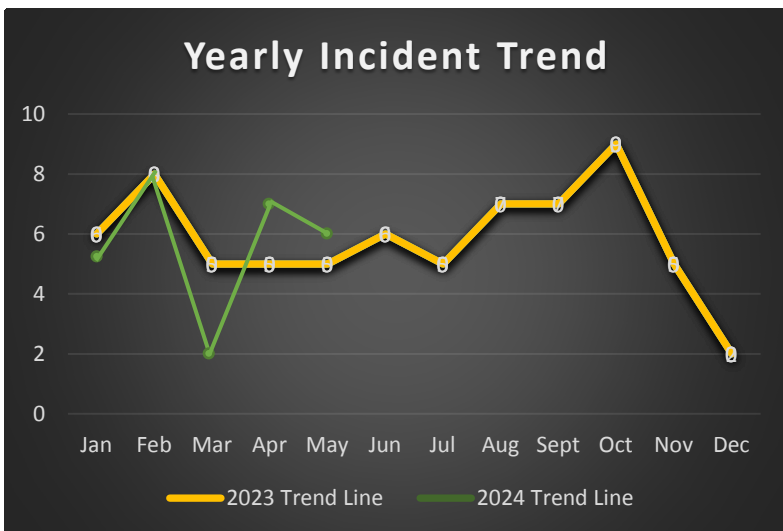
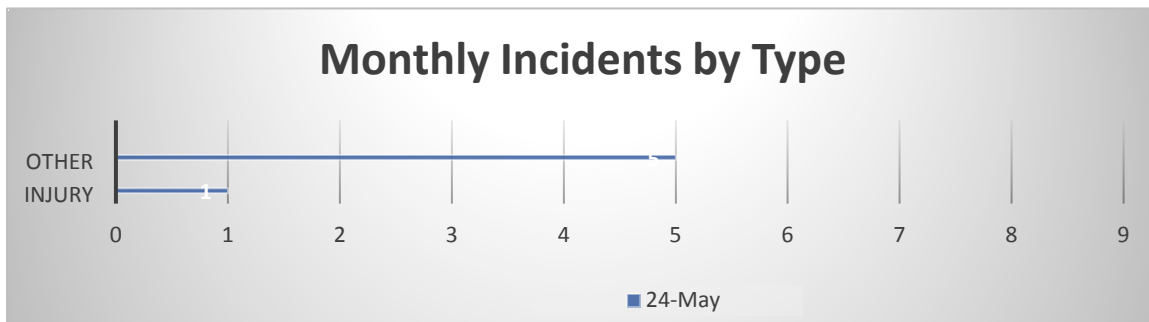
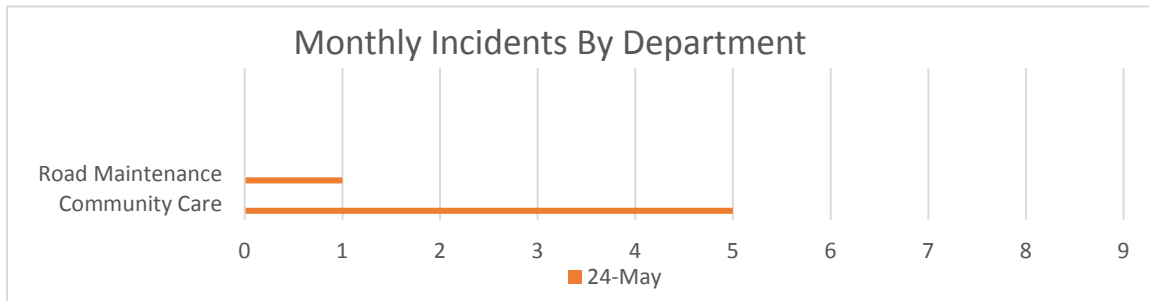
TAKE 5's SUMMARY

Executive: **1/1**, Human Resources: **2/3**, Rural Lands: **2/2**, Financial Control: **4/5**, Systems Support: **1/2**, Governance & Business Services: **2/4**, Tourism & Economic Development: **3/5**, Assets Management: **2/3**, Community Development & Engagement/Sport, Rec & Wellbeing: **4/4**, Community Care: **7/10**, Engineering - Project Management: **0/3**, Roads & Infrastructure: **26/36**, Open Spaces & Community Assets: **18/25**,

PERSONAL RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

FSC Office Staff - **1**
 FSC Community Care - **0**
 FSC Roads & Infrastructure - **42**
 FSC Open Spaces & Community Assets - **18**
 FSC Assets Management - **39**

GRAPHS



GOVERNANCE

OUR GOVERNANCE – WE WILL WORK AS A TEAM AND ACT WITH PRIDE, ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY TO DELIVER SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS.

BEST PRACTICE GOVERNANCE

Council Policies

Policies Developed

- COVID-19 Response Policy – to be approved by Interim CEO

General

- Policy suite being assessed for priority review

Enterprise Risk Management

- Workshops regarding higher level Operational and Strategic Risk Registers to be scheduled with elected members and Executive Management Team

Training

Overview

- Mental Health First Aid Training to be scheduled
- Confined Spaces and Working at Heights training / refresher to be scheduled July/August 2024
- First Aid and CPR training to be conducted early July 2024
- Currently investigating use of on-line training platforms to more efficiently and effectively deliver training, particularly safety training. We are looking at reducing costs associated with travel for trainers if the training can be appropriately and legally provided on-line.

Ongoing Matters

- Local Laws Review – Current Local Laws are outdated with the most recent approved in 2015, and some are dated back to 1995. Workshop to be conducted with Councillors on 3 July 2024 by Preston Law. At that Workshop a timeline will also be mapped-out for a community consultation process once initial draft Local Laws are developed, to allow community input to the final draft.

Dennis McLeod
Governance Manager

ASSET MANAGEMENT - PARKS AND GARDENS

Maintenance Item	Location
Street Maintenance	Street Sweeper operated Tuesdays and Thursdays. Town streets mowed, all gardens pruned, weeded and mulched.
Parks and Open Space	All town entrances slashed and mowed, before the Show, all parks and irrigated area's mowed and w/snipped
Irrigation systems	General repairs to parks and STP
Herbicide Spraying	STP Park
Lake Area	Mowed and Whipper Snipped.
Showgrounds & Football Field	Showgrounds tidied up for the Show. All equipment for the Show was delivered and packed up after the Show.
Misc	Torrens Creek and Prairie Cemeteries including Water Treatment Plant's, mowed and w/snipped and Saleyards washdown bay cleaned out.
General Maintenance:	Damaged town street signs have been replaced.

ASSET MANAGEMENT - WATER AND SEWERAGE

Operations and Maintenance Plan													
	Description	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23
Reactive Maintenance Undertaken Hughenden	Water Main	4	5	5	2	2		2	1	2	2	2	4
	Planned	3	2	2	1	1		1	1	1	4	1	1
	Water	2	0	3	2	0		3	4	4	2	5	0
	Unplanned	3	3	4	7	2		5	7	3	5	5	2
	Sewer	0	0	1	1	1		0	0	2	0	0	0
	House Drain	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
	Septics	2	0	0	0	0		1	2	1	1	2	2
Reactive Maintenance Undertaken Prairie	Water Main	1	1	2	0	1		0	1	1			
	Planned	0	0	2	0	0		0	0	0			
	Water	0	0	0	2	0		0	0	0			
	Unplanned	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0			
	House Drain	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0			
	Septics	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	1			
Reactive Maintenance Undertaken Torrens Creek	Water Main	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Planned	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Water	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Unplanned	0	0	0	1	0		0					
	House Drain	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Septics	0	0	0	0	0		0					
Reactive Maintenance Undertaken Stamford	Water Main	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Planned	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Water	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	Unplanned	0	0	0	0	0		0					
	House Drain	0	0	0	2	0		0					
	Septics	0	0	0	2	0		0					

Scheduled Maintenance Undertaken													
Water Consumption (Bore Readings)	Bore No.	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23
	2	513	162	8463	5016	6424		2,624	3,488	2,357	7,079	1,378	9,160
	5	9915	9741	8702	9126	5852		5,852	4,666	2,300	9,878	9,955	9,665
	7	2	33	3263	5261	6610		6,610	11,325	3,839	0	9,610	9,114
	8	22358	23480	13996	25958	27989		30,280					
	9	9806	9722	9990	171	1158		1,159	9,907	9,909	9,684	750	9,901
	Prairie	4258	6748	4707	2485	5160		2,952	3,511	3,425	2,862	809	5,558
	Torrens Creek	2731	3251	2946	565	1334		2,649	3,508	2,869	1,759	2,809	1,727
Stamford	1114	1251	1300	1202	1189		942	946	969	481	229	765	

Scheduled Maintenance Undertaken		Flushing Monday and Thursdays. Dosing - automatic chlorine system											
	Description	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23
	WTP Hypo	144.8	1403.75	1438	1375.82	1438			1,302	1,093	1301	159.99	4
	FH Standpipe 1	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			12	18	22	27	54
	FH Standpipe 2	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			0	0	0	0	0
	FH Standpipe 3	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			3	19	29	34	26
	FH Standpipe 4	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			0	0	0	0	0
	FH Standpipe 5	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			8	20	35	34	25
	FH Standpipe 6	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A			0	31	83	31	27

Sewerage Treatment Plant	Description	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23
	Sewerage	15374	12441	17866	12544	15840		13,019	14,527	11,895	13,981	11,165	8,420
	Lagoon	13966	11521	12890	10218	10218		12,225	13,241	10,225	11,482	9,916	7,576
	STP Alum	0	0.29	0.84	1043	1043		1,037	1,065	921	465	710	277
	STP Hypo	0	839	1590	764.83	326		553	756	844	713	970	221.56
	STP Sugar	636.88	561	719	565	652		471	531	544	606	559	89.18

BUILDING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Building	Works in Progress / Completed
7 Railway Court (Employee Residence)	Renovations completed and handed to tenants
10 Abbott Street (Employee Residence)	Renovations 95% completed, plumbers to complete their work
Diggers Entertainment Centre	Repairs in the foyer to completed the week of 17 June 2024, Kroghs Nest Living to complete the DEC park furniture
Diggers Entertainment Centre	Kroghs Nest Living to complete the DEC park furniture
Brodie Street Upgrade	Carter Sheds to complete the shelters. Carpentars have installed the bins and bench seating.
Caravan Park	Maintenance and blinds repaired in the office
Misc.	33 McLay Street - renovations to start

SENIOR CIVIL WORKS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT - JUNE 2024

Update on Work Crews:-

Road Construction 1 Crew:	Completed RMPC works on Kennedy Development Road - 99B. Working on REPA and Rehab works on Hughenden to Charters Towers Road - 14B.
Road Construction 2 Crew:	Working on TIDS works on the Hughenden to Muttaborra Road - 5701
Concrete Crew:	Completed floodways on the Stamford - Marathon Road and Stamford - Lerida Road. Completed 2022 flood damage works on the Moondah Road and now working on 2022 flood damage works on the Torver Valley Road, Dalkeith Road and Dutton Downs Road forever. They will then go and do kerbing works at the Rest Area on the Kennedy Development Road - 99B

Maintenance Crew and RMPC Crew:

Road Name	Repair Signs	Repair and Replace Guide Markers	Pothole Patching	Tractor Slashing	Heavy Formation Grading Works	Medium Formation Grading Works	Accessibility Grading Works	Formation Resheeting
14B – Hughenden to Charters Towers Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14C – Hughenden to Richmond Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99B – Hughenden to Lynd Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
99C – Hughenden to Winton Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5701 – Hughenden to Muttaborra Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5703 – Torrens Creek to Aramac Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Shire Roads Maintenance - Rural Roads

Flood Damage Emergency Works - Accessibility

Grading Works on the below roads:-

- Ashton Road
- Cracrin Road
- Denbigh Road
- Dutton Downs Road
- Glendower Road
- Mokana Road
- Old Muttaborra Road
- Stamford Marathon Road
- Strathstewart Road
- Torquay Road
- Torver Valley Road
- Villadale Road
- Vuna Road
- White Mountains Road
- Wishaw Road

Shire Road Maintenance - Accessibility Grading

Works on the below road:-

- Stamford Lerida Road

FLEET MANAGER REPORT – MAY 2024

Safety:

Workshop Incidents: – 0

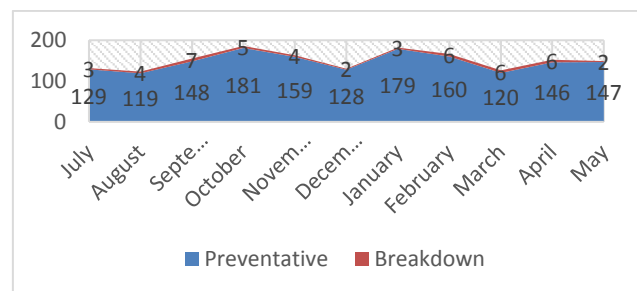
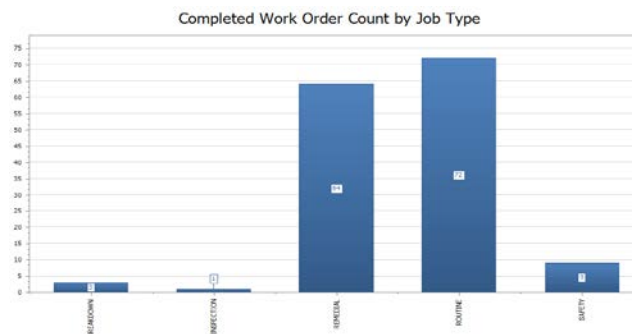
Safety Talks and Procedures:

- Housekeeping
- Safety and Risks – Venom, Rats etc
- Slips Trips and falls.
- Manual Handling Techniques
- Lock Out and Isolation procedures.
- Eye Injuries
- Dehydration – Cold weather

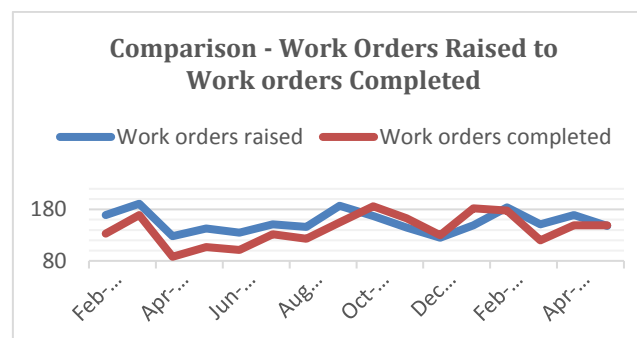
(Discussed during Prestart meetings)

Prestart Meetings: Every Day 6:00am to 6:15am

Summary of Work Types through the Workshop for the Month of May



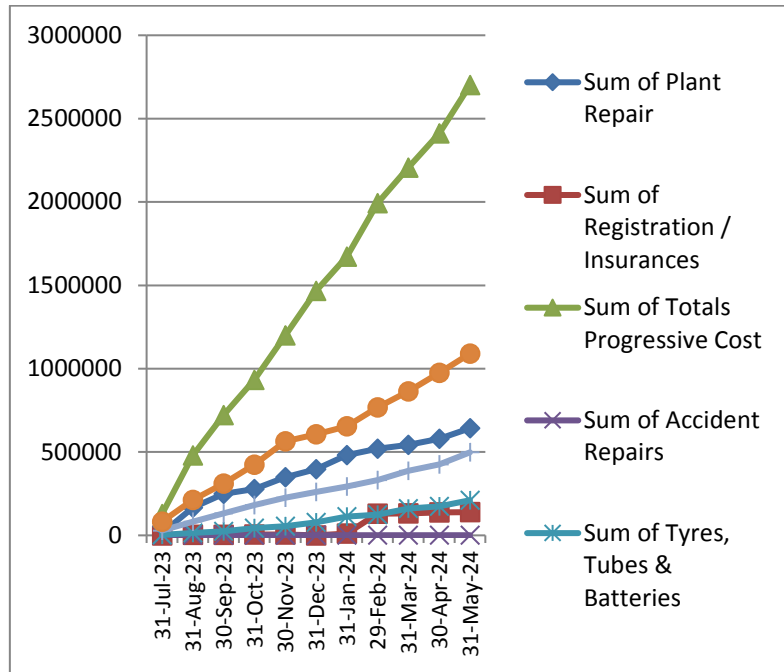
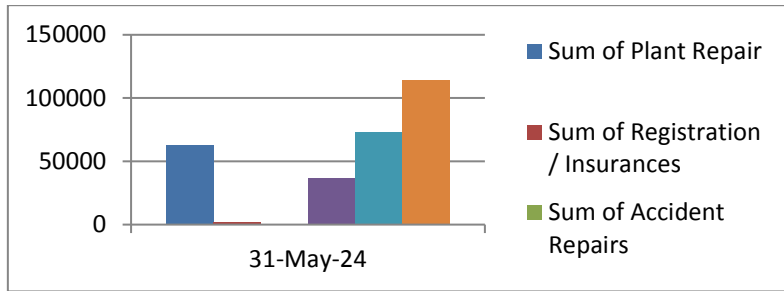
- Current Open Work Orders – 44



Notes, Major Work & Expenses

- Regular services are still consistent and on-time.
- Unit 1176 – CAT Grader – New drive tyres fitted
- Unit 1193 – Mack Truck – Air compressor repairs and parts
- Unit 603 – Stabiliser - 2 New tyres fitted, Water system repaired – New solenoid's X 16, segment repairs Bonnet repairs
- Unit 1056 – Mack – Seat and control valves, Air leaks

Budget: Workshop Expenses –



Community Development Report – June 2024

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

This year we will be collaborating with Hughenden State School and other schools in the region on a combined NAIDOC Celebration to be held on Friday 19 July 2024.

Council will be assisting with staffing and a stall on the day as well as contributing to Torres Strait Islander Dancers payment and arts and crafts purchases. We will also be providing goodies bags for each child (estimated numbers 250).

All community members are encouraged to join us at Hughenden State School for the community celebration. We acknowledge funding provided from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (\$2000) assisting with our celebrations.

Flinders Shire Community
NAIDOC
CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2024

Hosted by Hughenden SS
*in collaboration with Flinders Shire Council, Prairie SS,
Cameron Downs SS and St Francis Catholic School*

9.00am - Welcome to Country
9.30am - Les and Dancers
10.30am - Torres Strait Islander Dancers
11.00am - Morning Tea
11.30am - Hughenden SS Student Dance
12.00pm - Activities Start
1.00pm - Shared Lunch
1.40pm - Activities Continue
2.30pm to 3.00pm - Colour Run and Dance Off

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME!

Thanks to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) for their funding contribution



Touring Arts

We have 2 upcoming performances for the month of July.

Whalebone – 10am, Thursday 25 July @ DEC (Performed by Jens Altheimer)

Recommended Ages: 6 to 12 & families

Show Run Time: 55 minutes

Promo Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6oDT52b6o0>

Key Themes

1. Recollection and passing on of precious memories and stories to future generations
2. Humanity, Artificial Intelligence, their ethics and boundaries
3. Our responsibility to the world around us

A little about the show –

Can we save our stories when the robots arrive?

"Step into the magical world of the 'Depository', a mysterious agency that safeguards human memories.

As a rogue AI threatens to erase our treasured stories, a solitary worker races against time. Can his quirky contraptions and eccentric machines shield our stories?

Jens Altheimer masterfully blends humour, imagination, and heart in WHALEBONE, a show bursting with dazzling visuals, playful inventions and a pinch of circus.

Perfect for kids and adults, this is not just a show—it's a journey into a fantastical realm where tech meets tale, sparking wonder, curiosity and a good think about what AI means for our lives.

Celebrate the magic of stories, laugh about comic clashes between man and machine and rediscover what truly makes us human.

Snowy and the 7 Cool Dudes – 10am, Tuesday 30 July @ DEC (Performed by JALLY Entertainment)

Recommended Ages: 3 to 11 years – and their families

Show Run Time: 50 minutes – PLUS "meet and greet" after the performance.

Promo Video: <https://youtu.be/PhAleegQ68I>

Key Themes: A timely piece of live theatre about making better food choices, while keeping kids fit and healthy!

A little about the show -

Snowy is becoming more beautiful every day and The Wicked Queen is not happy! She has decided to send Snowy away, to get rid of her, once and for all.

The Magic Mirror has warned The Queen this is a huge mistake – Snowy is beautiful on the inside and the outside- everyone loves her. The Queen isn't listening and orders The Hunter from the Palace to take Snowy into the forest and leave her there... forever! Meanwhile, the Cool Dudes have decided it's time they started making healthier food choices and doing some exercise.

During this interactive production, kids will enjoy the opportunity of role-play as they are invited on stage to become a variety of characters- including The Cool Dudes- that love to rap!

**As with every Jally Entertainment show, the clever messages are suggested via the script, in a bright, colourful and fun fashion, complete with a full production set, costumes and stage props, which can be adapted to suit your stage / performance area.*

Community Grant Program – Quick Response Stream – Contribution for Sporting Excellence

Council have received 1 conforming application from Eva Pearce for financial assistance to support her attendance to the Queensland School Sport 10 – 12yrs Cross Country State Championships. She will attend the Championships from 12 – 14 July in Bald Hills as part of the North Western 10-12yrs Cross Country Team.

Move It Flinders

Council have been successful in securing funding through the NQ Sports Foundation's Move It program. We have been approved for \$10,000.00 for Tennis Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis and a Walking Group for all ages. The Tennis Club will run the Tennis programs and Council will ask local community groups and P.T's for expression of Interest to conduct the Walking Group. These programs are scheduled to commence on July 1, 2024.

JCU Integrated Health Care Planning of Health and Prosperity (Placed-based Planning) Project

The JCU Integrated Health Care Planning of Health and Prosperity (Placed-based Planning) Project was created to improve the responsiveness of health services to the health needs of communities in the North Queensland region. Members of the project team are Dr Alex Edelman, Dr Karen Johnston, Associate Professor Stephanie Topp, Dr Deb Smith and Professor Sarah Larkins. Mim Crase was employed as the local Project Support Officer to lead the community engagement and organisation of the co-design workshops. The data collection in Hughenden has finished and an evaluation report will be presented to the Hughenden District Community Advisory Network for feedback within the next few months. The overall results of the project is scheduled to be ready in early 2025 with the offer to present the findings to the Hughenden CAN and community.

More information regarding the project can be found via the Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre (TAAHC) - [Integrating Health Care Planning for Health and Prosperity in North Queensland | Tropical Australian Academic Health Centre \(taahc.org.au\)](https://www.taahc.org.au)

The project has also produced the Health and Community Services Directory. The recently updated version can be found on Council's website - <https://www.flinders.qld.gov.au/our-community/community-services/community-directory>

Rugby League Infrastructure Fund

The Rugby League Infrastructure Fund offers rugby league clubs and local government the opportunity to gain funds to develop rugby league facilities across Queensland.

Possible Eligible projects:

- Inclusive facilities including changerooms and accessibility toilets.
- Lighting Project
- Field upgrades
- Regional / rural / remote
- School sites
- Canteen upgrades

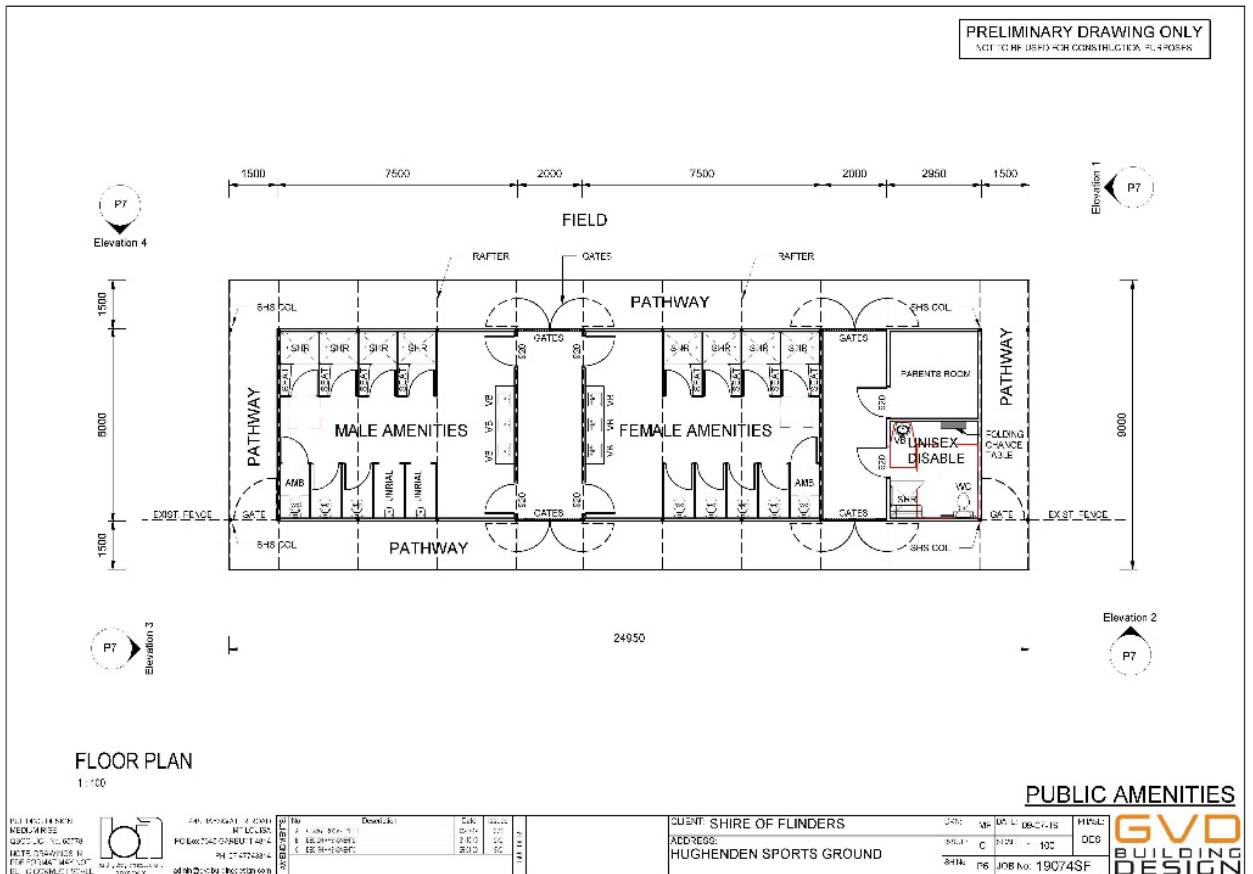
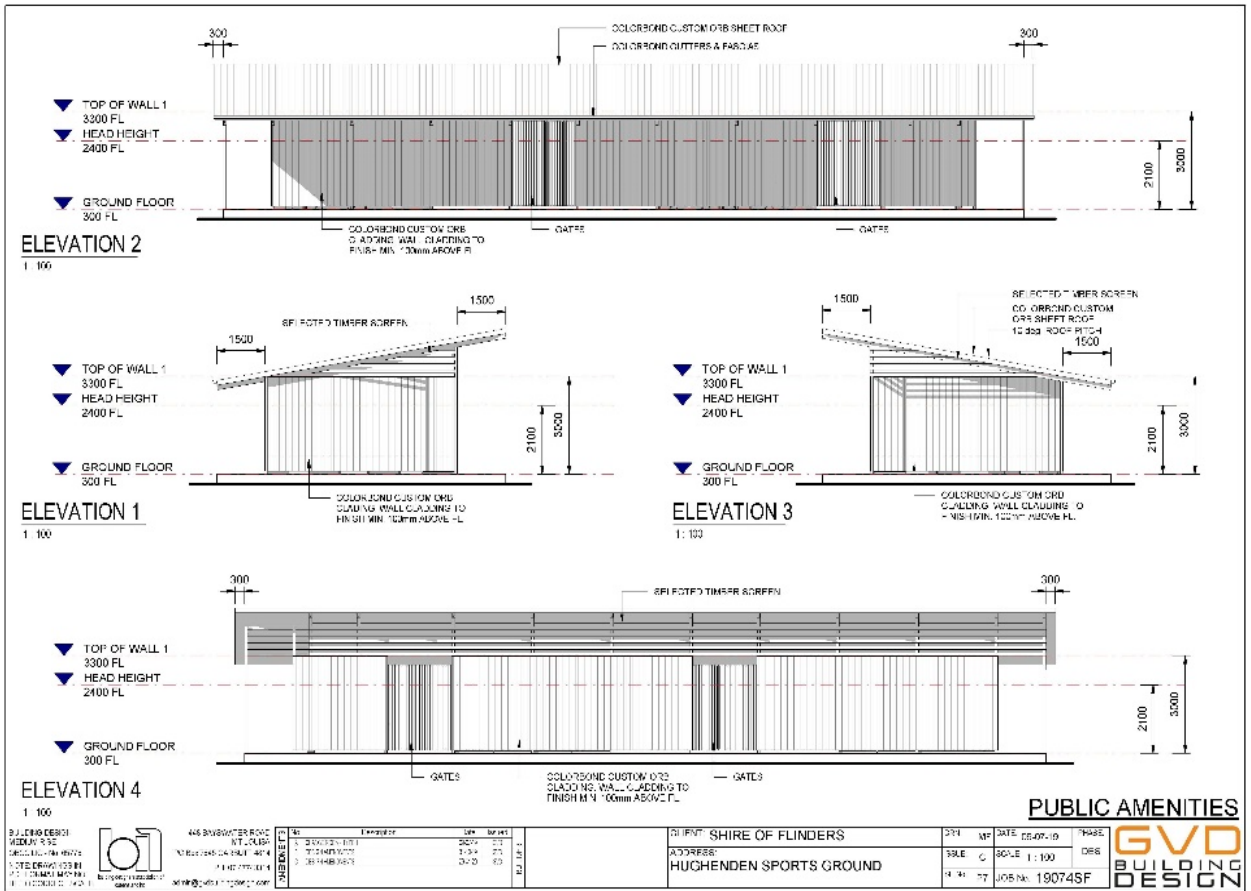
Grant Amount Categories:

- Minor – under \$50 000 (fixed equipment to be considered in guideline development under minors)
- Major - \$50 001 to \$150 000 (Over \$150 000 considered on a case by case by the PCG)

No cash contributions are requested from community groups or Council's. This funding will be presented and discussed at the Showgrounds User Group meeting, scheduled for Thursday 20 June, 2024.

Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund Update

Council have received the executed funding agreement and started the early stages of the new amenities project. As part of the agreement, Council has established an internal Project Control Group with a Project Manager that will report to the Department of Tourism and Sport Monthly to update them on the project progress. James (Jim) Reidy is our Project Manager who is working on the detailed engineering plans based off the below design that was approved by our Showgrounds community groups in 2019.



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COMMUNITY CARE

OUR COMMUNITY - PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Ensure community has access to high-quality health services and infrastructures that promote healthy lifestyles. The Flinders Shire Council Community Care Program aims to assist the frail and aged people, including those with a disability and their Carers. We provide services to assist those to live independently within the community. Community Care is funded by State and Federal Governments to deliver the following programs for the Flinders Shire community:

- Queensland Community Support Scheme (QCSS)
- Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)
- Home Care Packages, Levels 1, 2, 3 &4 (HCP)
- Veterans Home Care (VHC)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)

Service Delivery:

Table 1: Number of Clients by Service type (as 31/05/24)

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)	Total number of clients	78
Home Care Packages	Level 1 (Low care)	0
	Level 2	6
	Level 3	8
	Level 4 (high care)	10
	Clients exited in the past 3 months	0
	Total current clients (HCP)	24
Veterans Home Care (VHC)		1
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)		6
Queensland Community Support Scheme (QCSS)		2
Community Transport		3
Private Clients		13
Care Finder		19
MOW # of clients using service		*Note: Technical with report; unable to extract numbers for MOW in May 2024.



Total number of clients*	122
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*Note: This figure is the total number of individuals which we provide services to, which may differ to the calculation of the total number of clients by service type. This is due to some clients receiving services through multiple funded programs.

Outputs & Service Hours (CHSP Program only):

Table 2: CHSP service delivery against contracted outputs exported from SMS Alchemy as at 31/5/2024

	<i>Monthly Contracted Outputs (23-24)</i>	<i>Actual Monthly Outputs (May 2024)</i>	<i>Output target %</i>	<i>Output target % (YTD)</i>
<i>Domestic Assistance</i>	133.32	58.75	44%	89.6%
<i>Home Maintenance</i>	17.53	51.25	292%	246.3%
<i>Meals</i>	178.38	55	30%	19.4%
<i>Personal Care</i>	19.06	29.25	153.5%	227.4%
<i>Nursing</i>	13.04	4	30.5%	39.6%
<i>Social Support Group</i>	260.87	62	24%	14%
<i>Transport</i>	225.39	78	34.5%	20.8%
<i>Social Support Individual</i>	77.08	1	1%	5.7%

Comments: Current service delivery for Domestic Assistance is on track for meeting contracted outputs, and Home Maintenance and Personal Care is tracking above target outputs. All other service types are tracing below contracted outputs. Request to the Department to update outputs within 2024/25 contract has been accepted, and will better reflect current service delivery (e.g. increasing DA, HM, and PC Services, and reducing outputs for Transport, Social Support, and Meals).

Due to staff leave, services to clients out of town (Prairie and Torrens Creek) were on hold for 5 week period. Services to recommence from June 2024.

HCP Surplus Funds (held by Flinders Shire Council)

Prior to September 2021, Council would retain total monthly package income for all Home Care Package clients. This resulted in Council holding all surplus funds within Council accounts. From September 2021, payment arrangement for Home Care Package clients was changed, whereby Council could opt in to return all funds held, or alternatively hold onto the funds until the clients depart the service. Surplus funds are now retained by the Government within their Home Care Account. The total value of this liability to Council has been significantly reduced over this time as 'Opt Out' clients spend their balances, or depart the service.

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As of 30 April 2024, HCP Surplus funds held by Council is \$169,707.25

Care Planning & Service Delivery

Table 3: Number of care plans due for review in June 2024

Number of Care Plans due for review in June 2024	10
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Table 4: Unfilled shifts in May 2024

Total unfilled shifts (hrs)	119.5
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Comment: Due to staff leave, some out of town services were cancelled in May. Priority was provided to high-care, high-needs clients, and personal care service types. Services planned to resume to normal capacity by mid-June.

Governance:

	Report type	Number/KPI	Status (# resolved; # ongoing) / Comments
Complaints/Feedback/Incidents	Reported Incidents (May 2024)	5	0 Reported to SIRS 4 Closed 1 investigation/actions in progress
	Total Incidents (Skytrust)	Open: 3 Closed: 65 Total: 68	68 in total (from June 2023)
	Reported Complaints & Feedback (May 2024)	1	1 Closed
	Total Complaints & Feedback (2024)	Open: 1 Closed: 11 Total: 12	
Continuous Improvement	Number of continuous improvements (May 2024)	0	
	Total CQI (2023/24)	Open: 15 In progress: 2 Closed: 11 Total: 17	

Comments: LPA conducted external review of the service against the Quality and Safety Standards on 27-28 May. Report will provide Council with progress against current Aged Care Quality Standards, and provide recommendations for improving service operations.



Human resources:

Staff and training:

Total Staff	Total staff	Admin Office – 4 Support Staff – 10
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 staff currently on leave – 1 returning in June 2024; 3 return TBC • 1 new support staff member to commence in June 2024 • Service Manual Updated and provided to all staff 	
Training completed (May)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
Training to be completed (confirmed or planned)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 June – Fire Safety in the Home (refresher) • 25 June – Food Handling (refresher) 	

General Information:

- Monthly visits to clients were completed by DSCW and CCTL 6 June 2024. Visits to be scheduled monthly, based on clients with birthdays in the month as other clients not previously visited. This provides a platform for valuable feedback and ideas for improvements to the service.
- Service has been approved for participation in Business Advisory Service (free to participate) to support with Governance and Business Sustainability. Participation to commence from June 2024
- Community Care All Client meeting held on 14 June 2024 – discussion on Aged Care reform, Support @ Home, SIRS, and Feedback and Engagement Session. Update provided on newly established Health and Aged Care Advisory Group.

FLINDERS SHIRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library opened for 24 days over May.

Community Outreach and Events

Kindy Visits

Kindy kids continuing to visit each Tuesday when the Centre is able to. The children browse the books, learn about borrowing and have a book read to them. We had 14 children attend over 2 sessions during May.

School Holidays

June / July School Holidays are fast approaching. Please register at the Library.

- *Week One – Tuesday 25 June, Wednesday 26 June and Thursday 27 June*
STEM Mechanics will be delivering workshops. These are sessions are free and for 8plus years. Sessions include: STEM Boats, Minecraft, Green Screen Motion, Straw Towers, Gem Grabbers

- *Week Two – Tuesday 2 July and Thursday 4 July*
Sessions include Rock Painting and NAIDOC Activities.

Hughenden Show

During the Easter School Holidays, children who attended the School Holiday Program worked on Fairy Gardens. These were held at the library if the children wished and entered into the recent Hughenden Show. Entries were very successful, with many happy participants receiving awards.

The Library also worked on an art piece as part of National Simultaneous Story Time which was entered on behalf of Hughenden Kindy and Hughenden First5Forever Program.

Professional Development

Rural Libraries Conference

Library Officer attended the SLQ Rural and Small Libraries conference hosted in Winton. This is a great opportunity for other like sized libraries as well as providing various sessions of professional development tailored to those of smaller sizes.

First 5 Forever

Staff attended a F5F Workshop in Hughenden hosted by SLQ. There were sessions focused on the F5F Program, Funding available, how to liaise with families and the importance of play and literacy for the early years. We received lots of programming information and things which can be incorporated into our sessions for families.

Other

- Sim card activations for tourists – 6. This is a common Library request during tourist season, as many of the tourists arriving in the community however phone suppliers

which are not Telstra or Optus. They require assistance in obtaining a new SIM and the process which follows.

- Air con in study room replaced
- White Card training box updated and has supplies for 2 participants. This is available for loan by library members.
- CWA and RFDS Near and Far Volunteer Auxiliary attended Seniors Morning Tea events. Seniors Morning Tea is held every fortnight on Tuesdays.
- Sent back 8 cartons of low activity books to SLQ

Usage Statistics - 1 May to 31 May 2024

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Details – (24 day report period)</i>	<i>Average</i>
Door Tally	1216 Patrons	51 patrons / day
Loans - Electronic	Quarter 3 23/24* – 781 <small>*calculated from SLQ stats each quarter</small>	260 per month
Loans – Physical Items	245	10 loans/day
Loans - Physical returns	547	23 returns /day
Seniors Morning Tea	27 patrons over 2 sessions	13 average per session
First 5 Forever	31 over 4 sessions	8 average per session
History Enquiries	4	
IT Assistance	14.5 hours	36 mins per day
Computer Use	16 hours	
WIFI – Quiet Space	41 hours	
History / Study Room Use	5 days	
Books read in Library	7.5hrs	
Memberships - New	3 new members	

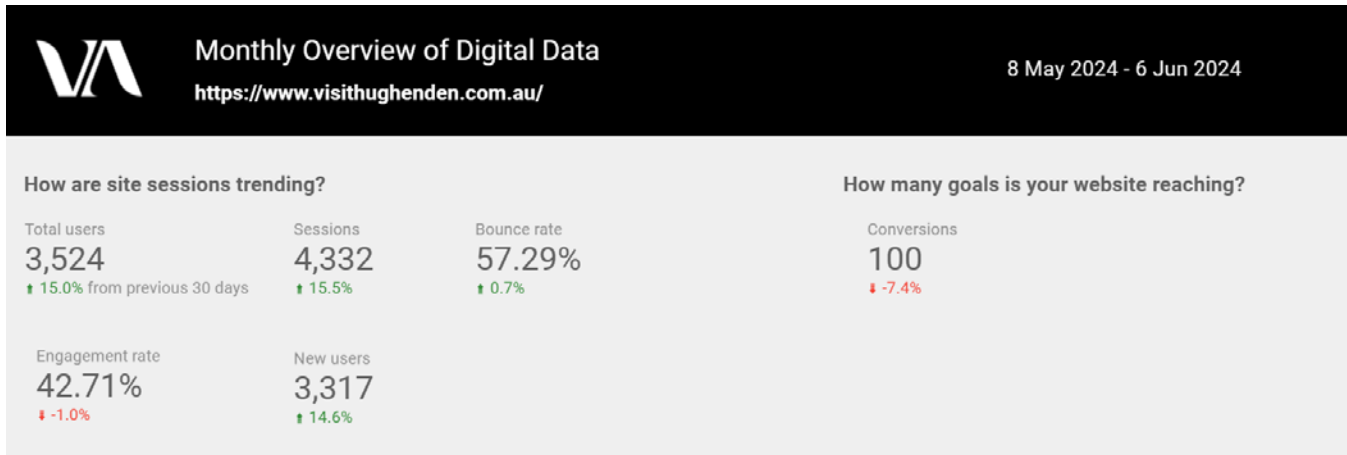
Tourism & Event Report June 2024



Digital Marketing Report May 2024

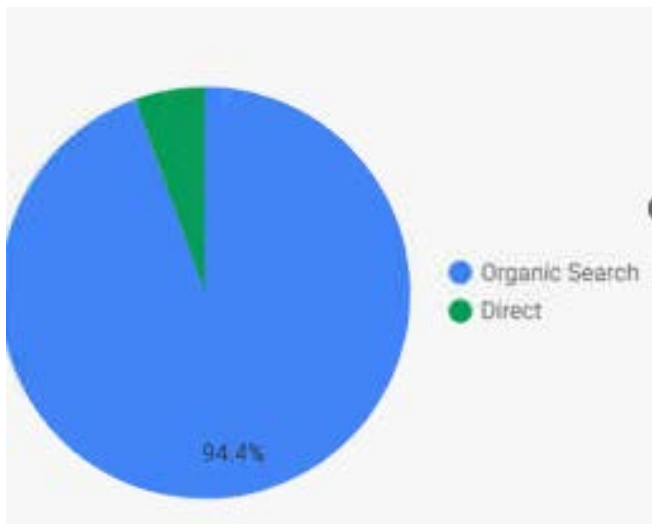
Website statistics

- Post festival we have seen a significant increase in website traffic for May and have 3,317 new users to the website.

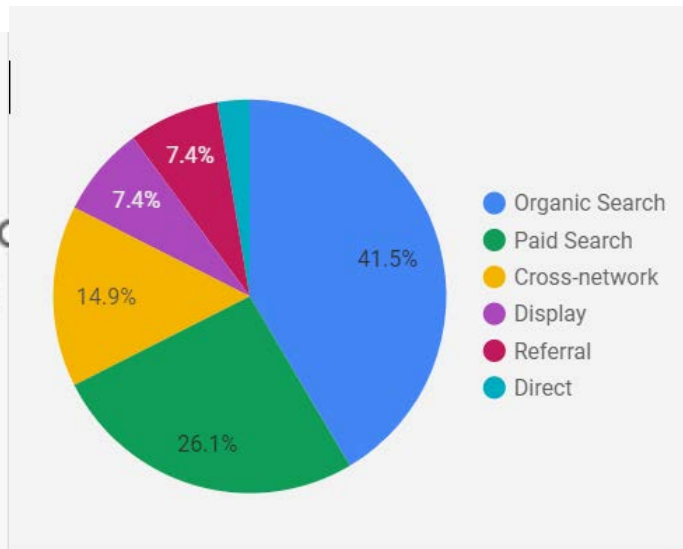


As a result of paid google ads and paid online advertising in a variety of publications our website was reached through a variety of sources this month in comparison to April.

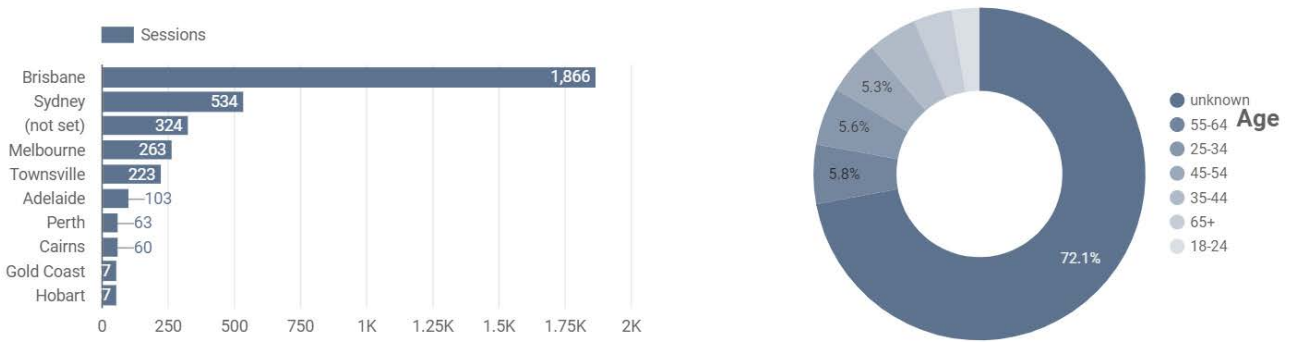
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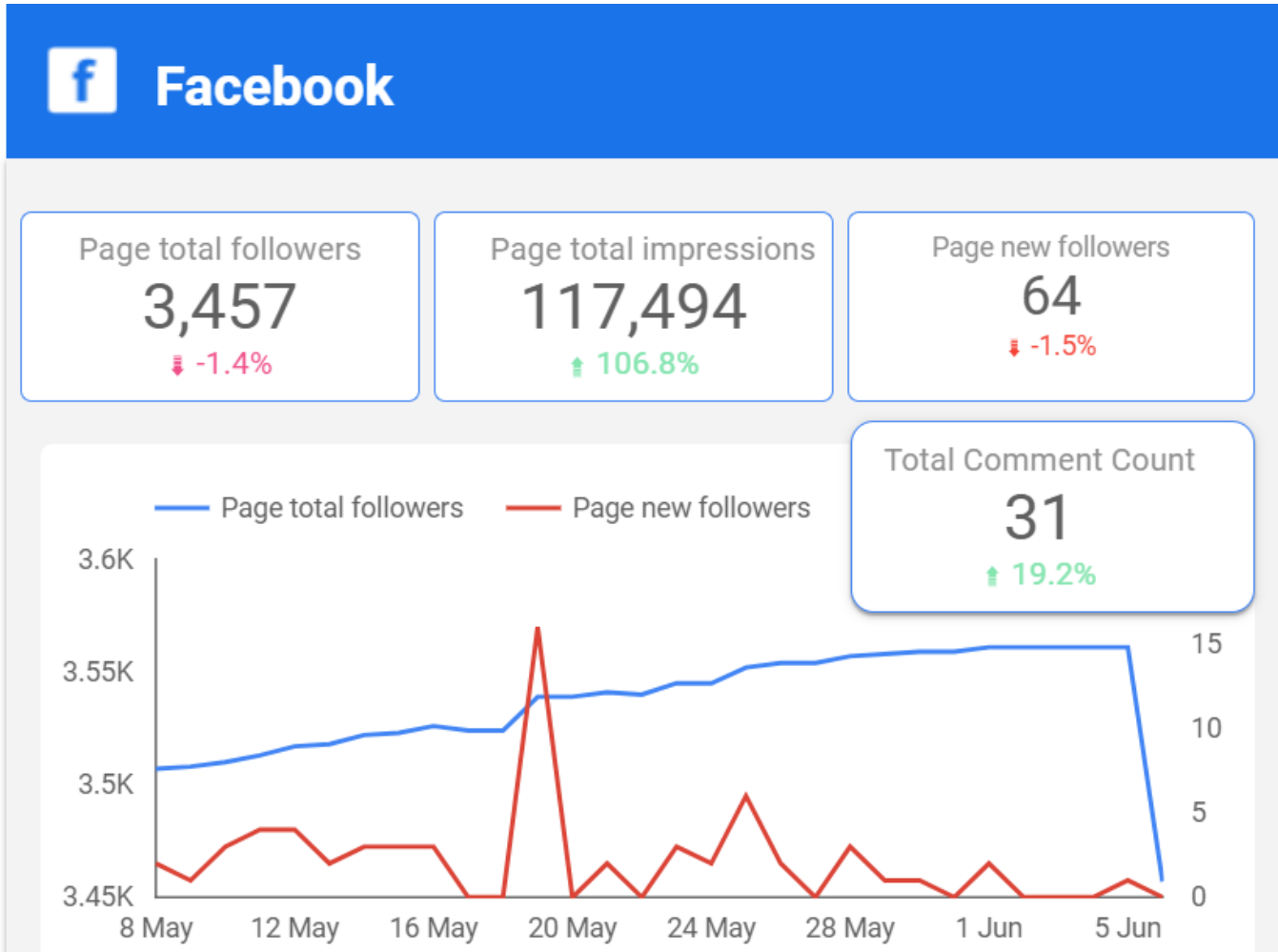
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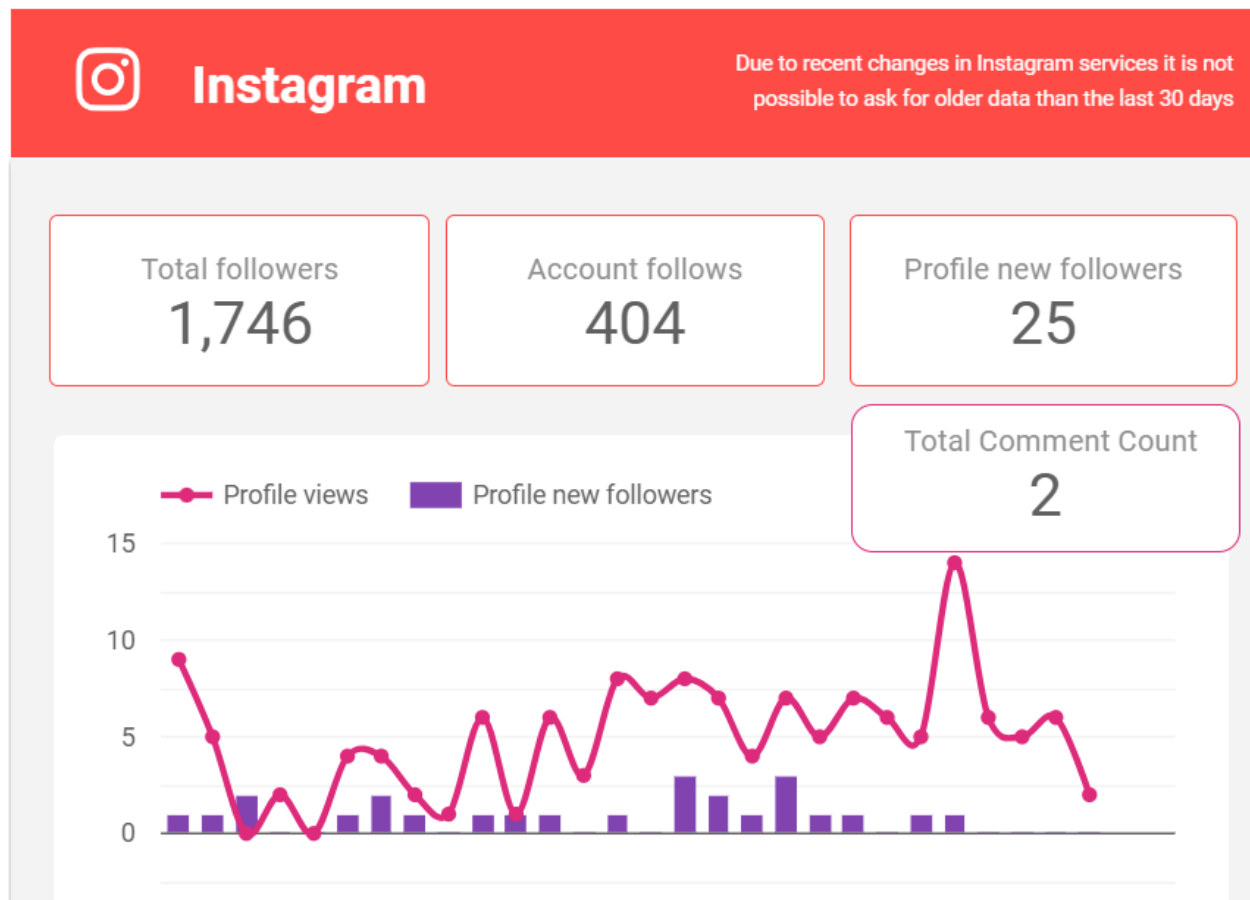
Brisbane over 55's is the dominant market engaging with our website



Social Media Accounts



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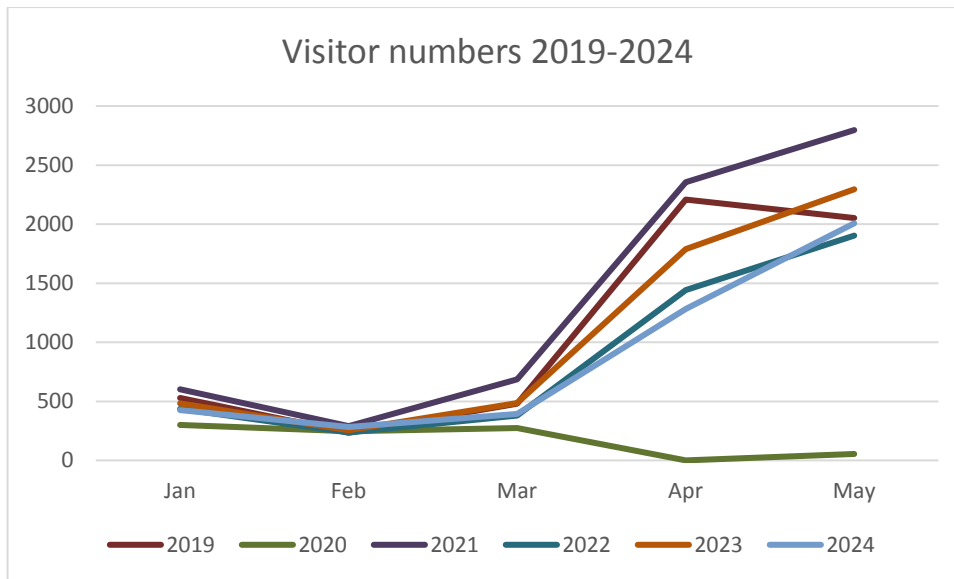


Flinders Discovery Centre (FDC)

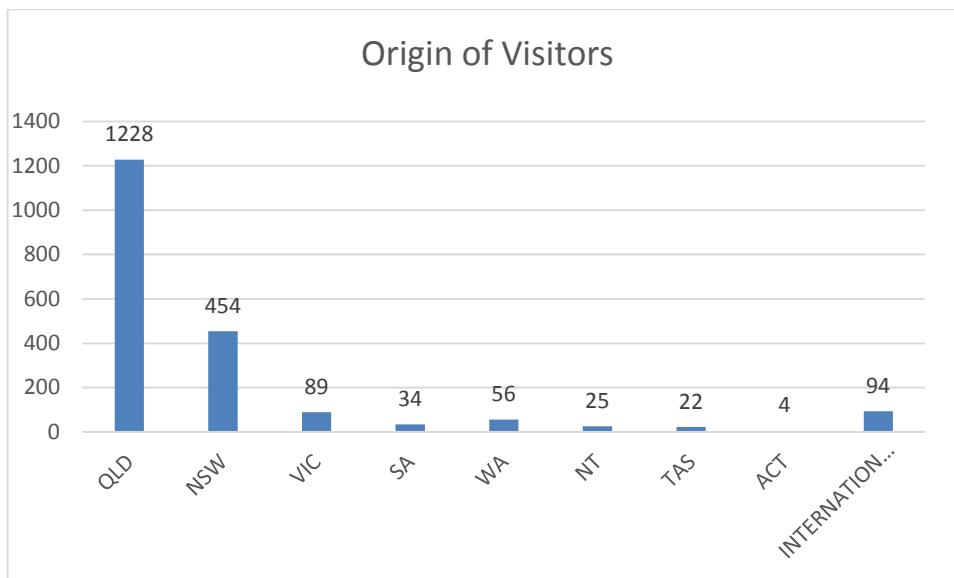
May FDC Visitor Statistics

Walk-in visitors: 2006 Adults: 1793 Children : 213

Visitor numbers are down in comparison to previous years. For the month of May we recorded around 300 less visitors than 2023, even with the additional festival traffic. This downward trend is not isolated to Hughenden with other towns and regions reporting similar downturn. Many tourism businesses across Australia are suffering low occupancies and shorter booking lead times as the economy continue to lose confidence and costs keep increasing for households. Many factors are at play, however the discretionary nature of spending the tourism dollar is under pressure with the high costs of living, fuel, competition from the Cruise market and deals for USA holidays are also some of the contributing factors. Tourism stats from other regions show TTNQ , Whitsundays and the Sunshine Coast show less than 50% occupancy in accommodation houses.



Early season visitation is usually predominantly from QLD and northern NSW.



Free RV Site

There were 344 permits issued and 595 nights stayed for the month of May.

FDC Survey (May Results)

- 80% of visitors were travelling to Hughenden for the first time.
- 38% were travelling into Hughenden from Townsville, followed by Winton at 24%
- Nearly ¼ of responses heard about Hughenden through the internet
- 23% were travelling on a holiday from 2-3 weeks and 22% of responses were travelling on an extended trip (more than 1 year)
- 52% were staying 2-3 nights
- 32% reported that the main reason for travelling into the area was for the Australian Dinosaur Trail, followed by 28% reporting that they were generally exploring Queensland.

- 83% of responses were people over the age of 50
- 37% reported spending between \$50-\$100 on cafes during their visit
- 42% reported spending between \$100-\$200 on fuel during their visit
- 53% spent less than \$50 on groceries during their visit
- 38% were staying at the Allen Terry Caravan Park, 29% at the free RV camp , 17% in motel, hotel or air bnb accommodation.



FDC General Updates

- Staff member attended the Brisbane Camping and Caravanning Show, in partnership with Drive NQ
- Additional display cases for historical displays and fossils are currently in construction; bean bags have been ordered for the night sky viewing room, to increase the comfort for visitors in this display
- Discussion underway with Council regarding review of the FDC Café lease arrangements
- Hughenden did not win the Top Tiny Tourism Town award; Winton won the award for the third time, entering the Hall of Fame



Grant Applications

- Nil update



Tourism Marketing

- Planning underway for 2024/25 marketing plan. Including:
 - o Full page ad for 2025 in the Outback Queensland Travellers Guide
 - o Order of 10,000 Visit Hughenden destination guides
- Local event calendar promotion – Country Music, races and rugby 7's



Tourism Products

- Nil update

AGENDA
26 JUNE 2024 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



5. PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>MEETING VENUE</i>	<i>TOPIC</i>
Monday 15 January 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 16 January 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 19 February 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 20 February 2024	9:00am – 12:20pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 18 March 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 19 March 2024	9:00am – 12:20pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 April 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 24 April 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 15 May 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 22 May 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 19 June 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 26 June 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 July 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 24 July 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 August 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 28 August 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 18 September 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 25 September 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 16 October 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 23 October 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 20 November 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 27 November 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 December 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Wednesday 18 December 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting

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The meeting closed at

Kate Peddle
Mayor
Flinders Shire Council