Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: **Wednesday, 28 October 2026**

Time: **9:00am**

Location: **Council Chambers**

Peter Franks

Chief Executive Officer

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Date Prepared: **21 September 2026**

Author: **Coordinator Planning & Building**

Attachments: **1. Proposal Plans ⇩**

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	P Blundell Family Trust	**ADDRESS**	109 Cobra Road, Mareeba
DATE LODGED	20 August 2026	**RPD**	Lot 23 on SP184955
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Material Change of Use – Tourist Attraction (Expansion to Vintage Vehicle and Machinery Museum)		
FILE NO	MCU/26/0015	**AREA**	15.6023 hectares
LODGED BY	U&i Town Plan	**OWNER**	P Blundell
PLANNING SCHEME	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016		
ZONE	Rural zone		
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT	Impact Assessment		
SUBMISSIONS	Nil		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of a development application described in the above application details.

The application is impact assessable and no properly made submissions were received in response to public notification of the application.

The application and supporting material has been assessed against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 and does not conflict with any relevant planning instrument.

Draft conditions were provided to the Applicant/care of their consultant and have been agreed.

It is recommended that the application be approved in full with conditions.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. That in relation to the following development application:

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
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DATE LODGED	20 August 2026	**RPD**	Lot 23 on SP184955
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Material Change of Use – Tourist Attraction (Expansion to Vintage Vehicle and Machinery Museum)		

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

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

And

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

(A) APPROVED DEVELOPMENT: Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Tourist Attraction (Expansion to Vintage Vehicle and Machinery Museum)

(B) APPROVED PLANS:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
1680-21 WD01	Site Plan	Tony Hales Building Designer	19/11/2021
RCL-771288 S07	Frame Set Out For a Shed 12M x 30M x 3.6M	Rapid Sheds & Construction	21-Jul-2026
RCL-771288 S08	Elevation Framing For a Shed 12M x 30M x 3.6M	Rapid Sheds & Construction	21-Jul-2026
RCL-771288 S09	Frame Weight For a Shed 12M x 30M x 3.6M	Rapid Sheds & Construction	21-Jul-2026
RCL-771288 S10	Side Elevation Framing For a Shed 12M x 30M x 3.6M	Rapid Sheds & Construction	21-Jul-2026
RCL-771288 S11	Roof Framing Plan For a Shed 12M x 30M x 3.6M	Rapid Sheds & Construction	21-Jul-2026
RCL-771288 S12	Elevation Sheeting Layout For a Shed 12M x 30M x 3.6M	Rapid Sheds & Construction	21-Jul-2026

(C) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

(a) Development assessable against the Planning Scheme

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

   - found necessary by Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and
   - to ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval.

2. Timing of Effect

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

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

3. General

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

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

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

   3.4 Hours of Operation

   The operating hours shall be between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Sunday.

   3.5 Waste Management

   On site refuse storage area must be provided and be screened from view from adjoining properties and road reserve by one (1) metre wide landscaped screening buffer, 1.8m high solid fence or building.

   3.6 Noise Nuisance

   Refrigeration equipment, pumps/ compressors and mechanical ventilation systems must be located, designed, installed and maintained to achieve a maximum noise level of 3dB(A) above background levels as measured from noise sensitive locations and a maximum noise level of8dB(A) above background levels as measured from commercial location.

4. Infrastructure Services and Standards

4.1 Stormwater Management

4.1.1 The applicant/developer must take all necessary steps to ensure a non-worsening effect on surrounding land as a consequence of the development.

4.1.2 All stormwater drainage collected from the site must be discharged to an approved legal point of discharge.

4.2 Water Supply

The quality of water provided on site for human contact or consumption must be of a standard for drinking water set by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2004 (National Health and Medical Research Council and the National Resource Management Ministerial Council).

4.3 On-site Wastewater Management

All on site effluent disposal associated with the approved use must be in compliance with the latest version of On-Site Domestic Wastewater Management Standard (ASNZ1547) to the satisfaction of the Council's delegated officer.

4.4 Car Parking/Internal Driveways

The developer must ensure that the development is provided with sufficient on-site car parking spaces which are available for use solely for the parking of vehicles associated with the approved use. All car parking spaces and internal driveways must be constructed to at least compacted gravel standard, clearly identifiable and appropriately drained prior to the commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

4.5 Lighting

Where outdoor lighting is installed, illumination resulting from direct, reflected or other incidental light emanating from the subject land does not exceed eight (8) lux when measured at any point 1.5m outside the property boundary of the subject site. The lighting fixtures installed on site must meet appropriate lux levels as documented within Australian Standard 4282 - Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.

(D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

(a) An Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice has been issued with respect to the approved development. The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice details the type of infrastructure charge/s, the amount of the charge/s and when the charge/s are payable.

(b) The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice does not include all charges or payments that are payable with respect to the approved development. A number of other charges or payments may be payable as conditions of approval. The applicable fee is set out in Council's Fees & Charges Schedule for each respective financial year.

(c) Compliance with applicable codes/policies

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

(d) Compliance with Acts and Regulations

The erection and use of the building must comply with the Building Act and all other relevant Acts, Regulations and Laws, and these approval conditions.

(e) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

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

(f) Cultural Heritage

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

(g) Electric Ants

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

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

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

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

(E) RELEVANT PERIOD

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

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

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

- Development Permit for Building Work

(G) OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

- Nil

2. That an Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice be issued for the following infrastructure charge/s for:

Development Type	**Rate**	**Measure**	**Charge**	**Credit Detail**	**Balance**
Tourist Attraction	**per m2 GFA**	**GFA (m2)**			
Shed 8	$3.50	360	$1,260.00	Nil	$1,260.00
Shed 9	$3.50	360	$1,260.00	Nil	$1,260.00
Shed 10	$3.50	360	$1,260.00	Nil	$1,260.00
TOTAL CURRENT AMOUNT OF CHARGE					**$3,780.00**

THE SITE

The subject site is situated at 109 Cobra Road, Mareeba and is described as Lot 23 on SP184955. The site is irregular in shape with an area of 15.6023 hectares and is zoned Rural under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016.

The site has approximately 570 metres of frontage to Cobra Road which is constructed to bitumen sealed standard. Access is gained from Cobra Road via an established crossover which is located in the approximate centre of the site's frontage.

The site's north-eastern boundary adjoins Cobra Creek. The site is generally flat, with a slight slope towards Cobra Creek at the rear.

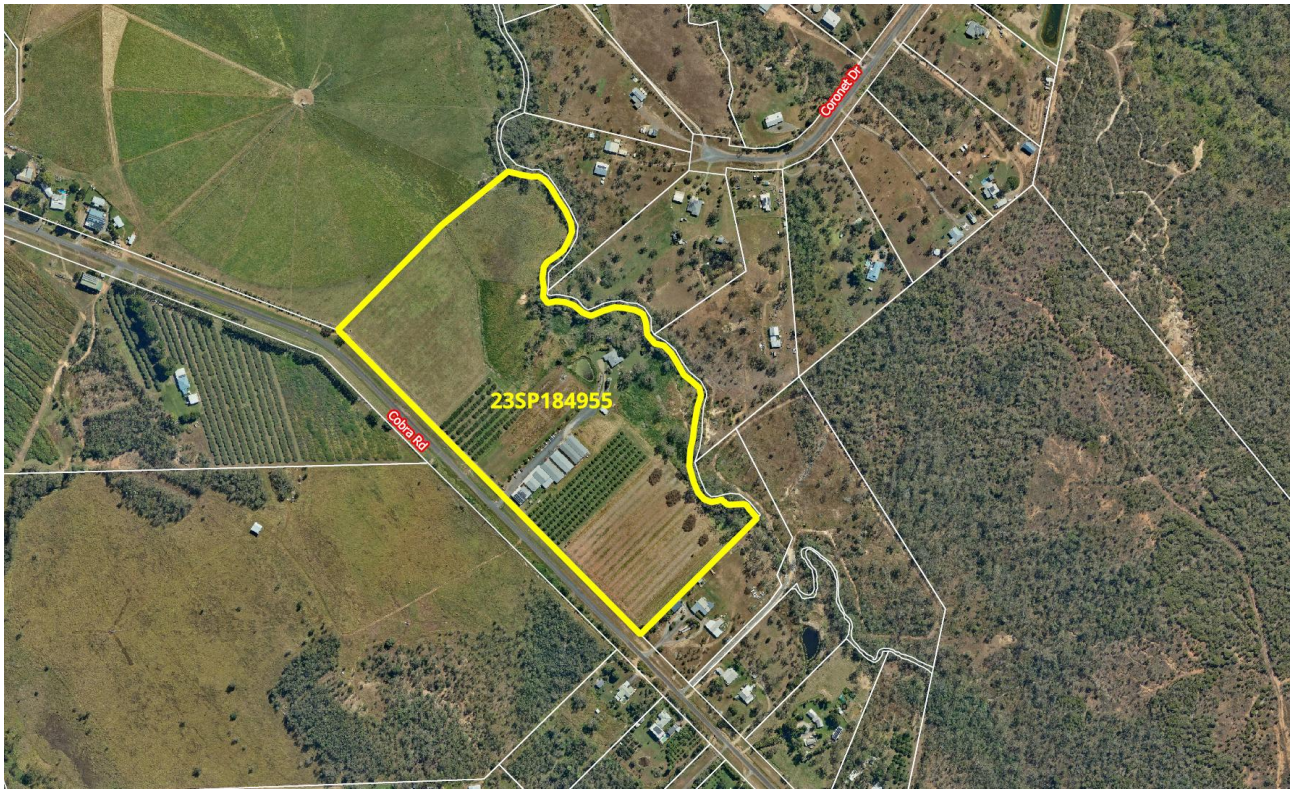
The is developed for agricultural (orchard) and tourism (Blundell Classic Ford Museum) purposes (fruit tree orchard). A central sealed driveway gives access to site, including a modern single storey dwelling house at the rear, overlooking Cobra Creek. Multiple outbuildings are established along the central driveway.

The subject site is connected to the following infrastructure services:

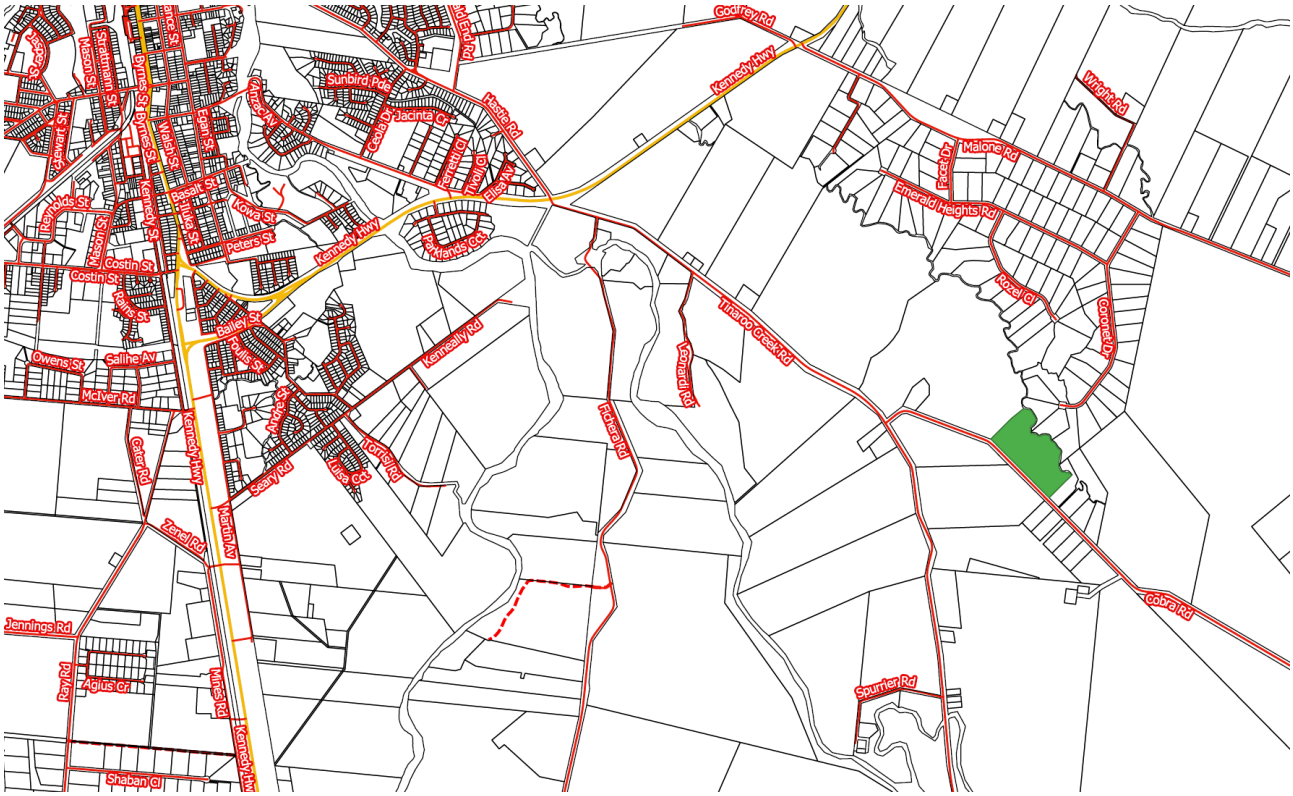
- Ergon Energy electricity supply;
- SunWater supplied water supply;
- Telecommunications infrastructure; and

- Local road network.

Surrounding allotments are identified within either the rural or rural residential zone being utilised for either agricultural or rural lifestyle purposes.



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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Nil

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS & APPROVALS

1. **MCU/22/0015** – 109 Cobra Road – Material Change of Use – Tourist Attraction (Blundell Classic Ford Museum) – Approved 17 August 2022.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

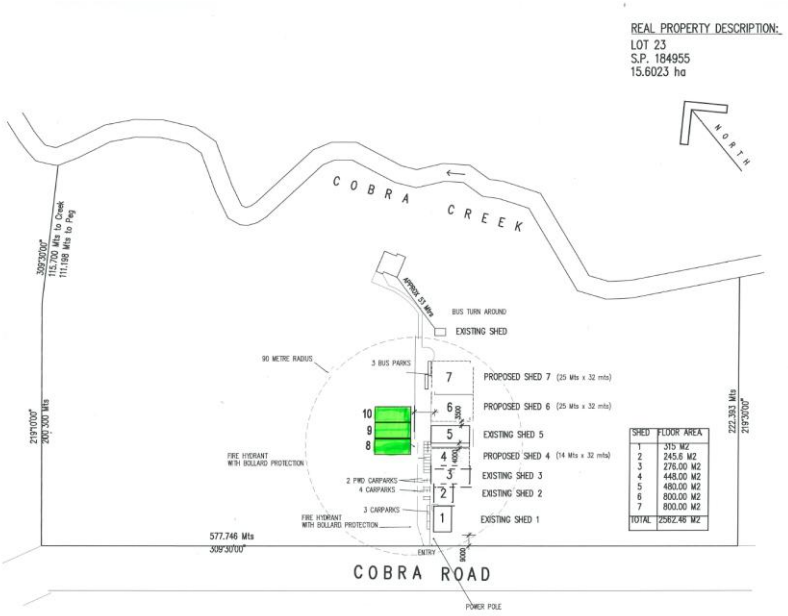
The development application seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Tourist Attraction (Expansion to Vintage Vehicle and Machinery Museum) in accordance with the plans shown in Attachment.

The application describes the proposal as follows:

> *"The Applicant seeks the required development approval from the Mareeba Shire Council ('Council') for a Material Change of Use under the Planning Act 2016 at 109 Cobra Road, Mareeba to facilitate the development the extension of the existing Ford Museum on the property.*
>
> *It is the objective of the proponent to deliver a unique and secure vintage vehicle and machinery museum that can be enjoyed by all. The development application requests that the Council issue a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use in order to allow the development of a vintage vehicle and machinery museum over consisting of three (3) Proposed*

Sheds / pavilions. Each shed is 30m long by 12m wide, carefully selected to provide a space to store and display various items from the museum. That equates to a total of 360m2 multiplied by three (3) comes to 1,080 m2.

The Plans of Development which are the subject of this application are included as Attachment 1 of this report. The intent of this museum development is to provide an alternative form of Tourist Attraction to the Mareeba Locality, which is modern, providing opportunities that will encourage and promote visitors into the local area."



The location of the three (3) proposed sheds is highlighted in green above.

REGIONAL PLAN DESIGNATION

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

PLANNING SCHEME DESIGNATIONS

Strategic Framework:	**Land Use Categories** • Rural Area • Rural Agricultural Area • Rural other **Natural Environmental Elements** • Biodiversity Areas
Zone:	Rural zone
Overlays:	Agricultural Land Overlay Airport Environs Overlay Bushfire Hazard Overlay Environmental Significance Overlay Hill & Slope Hazard Transport Infrastructure Overlay

Planning Scheme Definitions

The proposed use is defined as:

Column 1 ***Use***	***Column 2*** ***Definition***	***Column 3*** ***Examples include***	***Column 4*** ***Does not include the following examples***
Tourist attraction	Premises used for providing onsite entertainment, recreation or similar facilities for the general public. The use may include provision of food and drink for consumption on site.	Theme park, zoo	Hotel, major sport, recreation and entertainment facility, nightclub entertainment facility

RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

Theme 2 – Thriving economy

Policy Outcome 1 – Economic growth and diversification

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

Strategies

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

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

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

Comment

The proposed development continues the site's established rural economic diversification and will not compromise future rural potential. The additional exhibit sheds increase the museum's appeal to visitors, in addition to allowing for the protection of local and national heritage items.

The proposed development satisfies Strategy 1.5.

Policy Outcome 4 – Rural economies

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

Strategies

4.4 Support rural economic diversification by enabling land use outcomes that accommodate diverse economic activities (such as agribusiness, agritourism, critical minerals, ecotourism, ecosystem services, outdoor recreation and rural industries) where these activities maintain a direct connection to the rural, natural or resource value of the surrounding area.

Comment

The proposed development continues the site's established rural economic diversification and will not compromise future rural potential. The additional exhibit sheds increase the museum's appeal to visitors, in addition to allowing for the protection of local and national heritage items.

The proposed development satisfies Strategy 4.4.

(B) State Planning Policy

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

(C) Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016

Strategic Framework

3.3 Settlement pattern and built environment

3.3.1 Strategic outcomes

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

Comment
The primary uses of the subject site will continue to be agriculture and tourism.

The proposed sheds will be collocated with the existing museum structures; all being sited immediately adjacent to the central driveway.

The collocation of the existing and proposed sheds, together with the access and parking area prevents the proposed development from fragmenting or alienated agricultural land.

The proposed development satisfies this outcome.

3.3.11 Element—Rural areas

3.3.11.1 Specific outcomes

(3) Tourism, rural industry, intensive animal industries and outdoor recreation facilities are developed in the *rural area* in a way which:
- (a) does not impede or conflict with agricultural activities and production; and
- (b) does not compromise rural character and scenic qualities; and
- (c) does not adversely impact on ecological and biodiversity values.

Comment
The primary uses of the subject site will continue to be agriculture and tourism.

The proposed sheds will be collocated with the existing museum structures; all being sited immediately adjacent to the central driveway.

The collocation of the existing and proposed sheds, together with the access and parking area prevents the proposed development from fragmenting or alienated agricultural land.

The rural character and scenic qualities will remain substantially unchanged with the proposed additional sheds largely screened by the existing fruit tree orchard and established sheds.

The are no mapped ecological and biodiversity areas impacted by the proposed development. The development complies.

3.4.8 Element—Air and noise quality

3.4.8.1 Specific outcomes

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

Comment
The proposed development will not result in adverse air, noise or odour impacts.

3.7.2 Element—Rural and Agricultural land

3.7.2.1 Specific outcomes

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

Comment
The primary uses of the subject site will continue to be agriculture and tourism.

The proposed sheds will be collocated with the existing museum structures; all being sited immediately adjacent to the central driveway.

The collocation of the existing and proposed sheds, together with the access and parking area prevents the proposed development from fragmenting or alienated agricultural land.

The proposed development satisfies this outcome.

(4) Built infrastructure and non-agricultural uses within farms will be co-located and clustered with existing farm dwellings and infrastructure to prevent encroachment on productive land.

Comment
The primary uses of the subject site will continue to be agriculture and tourism.

The proposed sheds will be collocated with the existing museum structures; all being sited immediately adjacent to the central driveway.

The collocation of the existing and proposed sheds, together with the access and parking area prevents the proposed development from fragmenting or alienated agricultural land.

The proposed development satisfies this outcome.

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

Comment
The proposed development complies.

3.7.7 Element—Tourism

3.7.7.1 Specific outcomes

(5) A variety of small-scale, low impact tourist facilities are established across the rural landscape, including:
- (a) tourist attractions and facilities within *activity centres*;
- (b) cultural interpretive tours;
- (c) nature based tourism;
- (d) sports and recreational activities;
- (e) tourist attractions;
- (f) adventure tourism;
- (g) farm based tourism;
- (h) food based tourism;
- (i) bed and breakfasts;
- (j) camping and recreational vehicle facilities;
- (k) cycle tourism.

Comment
The proposed development complies with this outcome.

(6) Small scale tourism related development is sensitively designed, scaled and located so as to not compromise the natural landscape values and agricultural values of Mareeba Shire.

Comment
The primary uses of the subject site will continue to be agriculture and tourism.

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The rural character and scenic qualities will remain substantially unchanged with the proposed additional sheds largely screened by the existing fruit tree orchard and established sheds.

The are no mapped ecological and biodiversity areas impacted by the proposed development.

The development complies.

Relevant Developments Codes

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

- 6.2.9 Rural zone code
- 8.2.1 Agricultural land overlay code
- 8.2.2 Airport environs overlay code
- 8.2.3 Bushfire hazard overlay code
- 9.3.2 Commercial activities code
- 9.4.2 Landscaping code

9.4.3 Parking and access code
9.4.5 Works, services and infrastructure code

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

Relevant Codes	Comments
Rural zone code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Agricultural land overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Airport environs overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Bushfire hazard overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Commercial activities code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Landscaping code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Parking and access code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Works, services and infrastructure code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.

(D) Planning Scheme Policies/Infrastructure Charges Plan

The following planning scheme policies are relevant to the application:

Planning Scheme Policy 4 - FNQROC Regional Development Manual

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

(E) Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice

Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 1) of 2026 does not identify a charge rate for tourist attraction, instead it states that Council will calculate an infrastructure charge on the approved use at the time the decision is made.

Of the other use charge rates stated in Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 1) of 2026, Council officers consider a Winery to be the closest in term of infrastructure impacts. This charge rate was applied to the original museum approval.

The identified charge rate for a winery is $17.50/m2, where serviced by the five infrastructure networks.

As the proposed development will only be serviced by transport infrastructure, the relevant charge rate would be 20% of $17.50/m2 or $3.50/m2.

Based on $3.50m2, the applicable infrastructure charge is:

- Shed 8 -GFA of 360m2 = $1,260.00
- Shed 9 - GFA of 360m2 = $1,260.00
- Shed 10 - GFA of 360m2 = $1,260.00

Total Charge = $3,780.00

REFERRAL AGENCY

This application did not trigger referral to a Referral Agency.

Internal Consultation

Not applicable.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

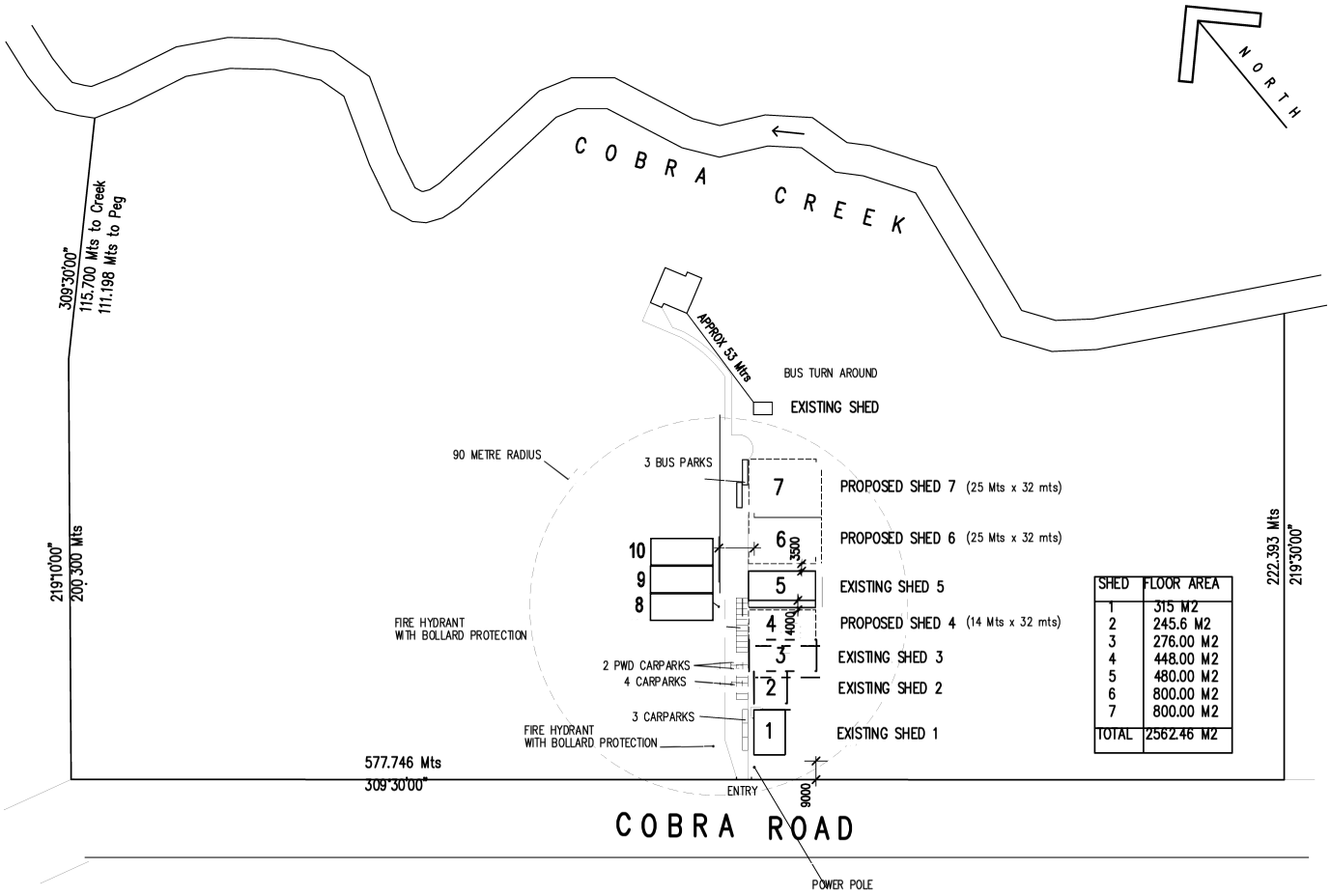
The development proposal was placed on public notification from 2 September 2026 to 23 September 2026. The applicant submitted the notice of compliance on 1 October 2026 advising that the public notification requirements were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

No submissions were received.

PLANNING DISCUSSION

Nil

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
LOT 23
S.P. 184955
15.6023 ha



SHED	FLOOR AREA
1	315 M2
2	245.6 M2
3	276.00 M2
4	448.00 M2
5	480.00 M2
6	800.00 M2
7	800.00 M2
TOTAL	2562.46 M2

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Client's Approval:

I/We have inspected these plans for my/our proposed dwelling and I/We are satisified they are true and accurate as per the quotation, finishing schedule and building agreement that I/We previously signed for the home.

I/We understand that a refrigerator and washing machine are generally illustrated on the plan to demonstrate space usage and in some instances other items to be "owner supplied" are illustrated.

I/We understand that unless included in the Quotation/Finishing Schedule or added by varation, such items are not included in the building agreement.

Signed:

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Date: .....

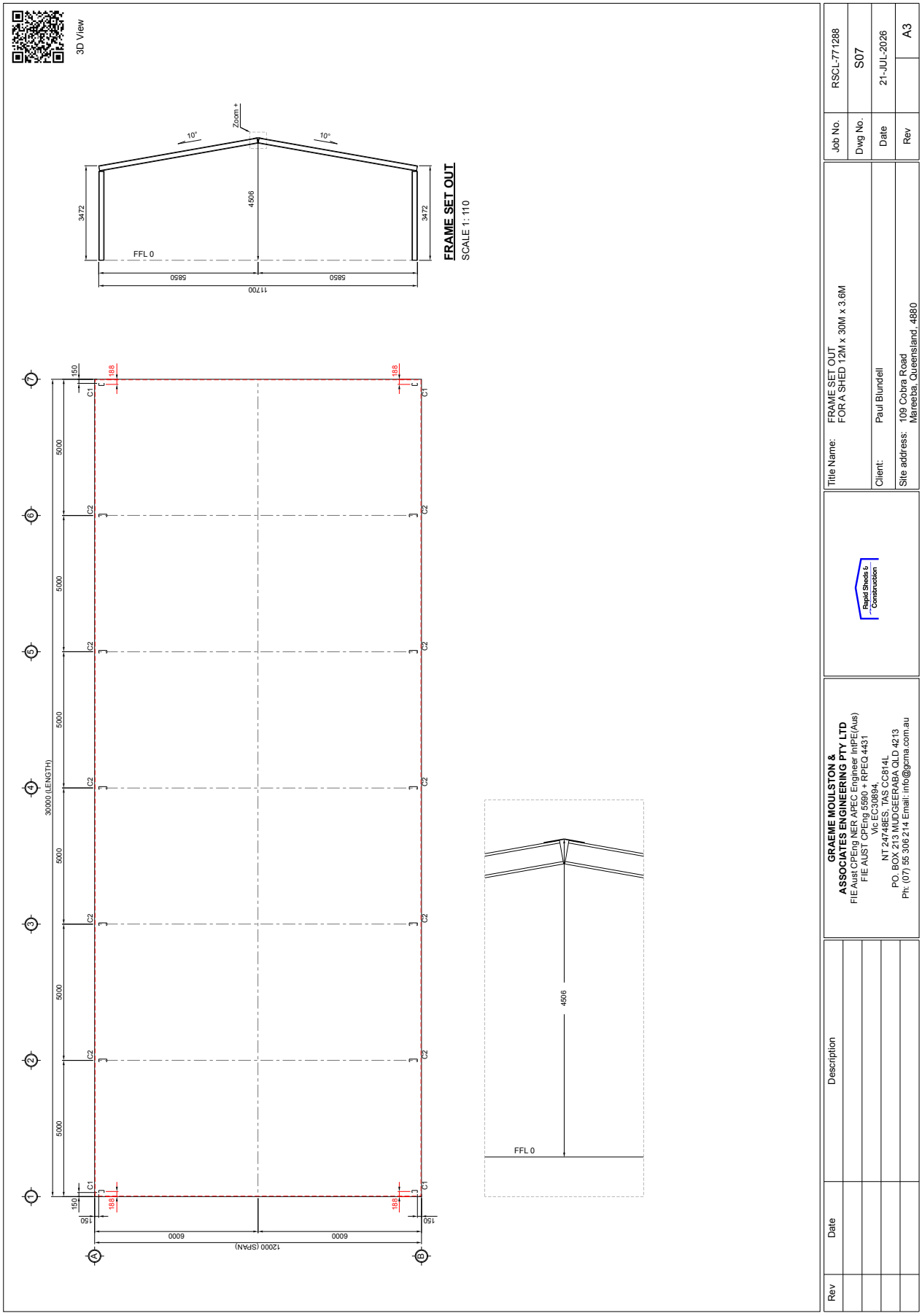
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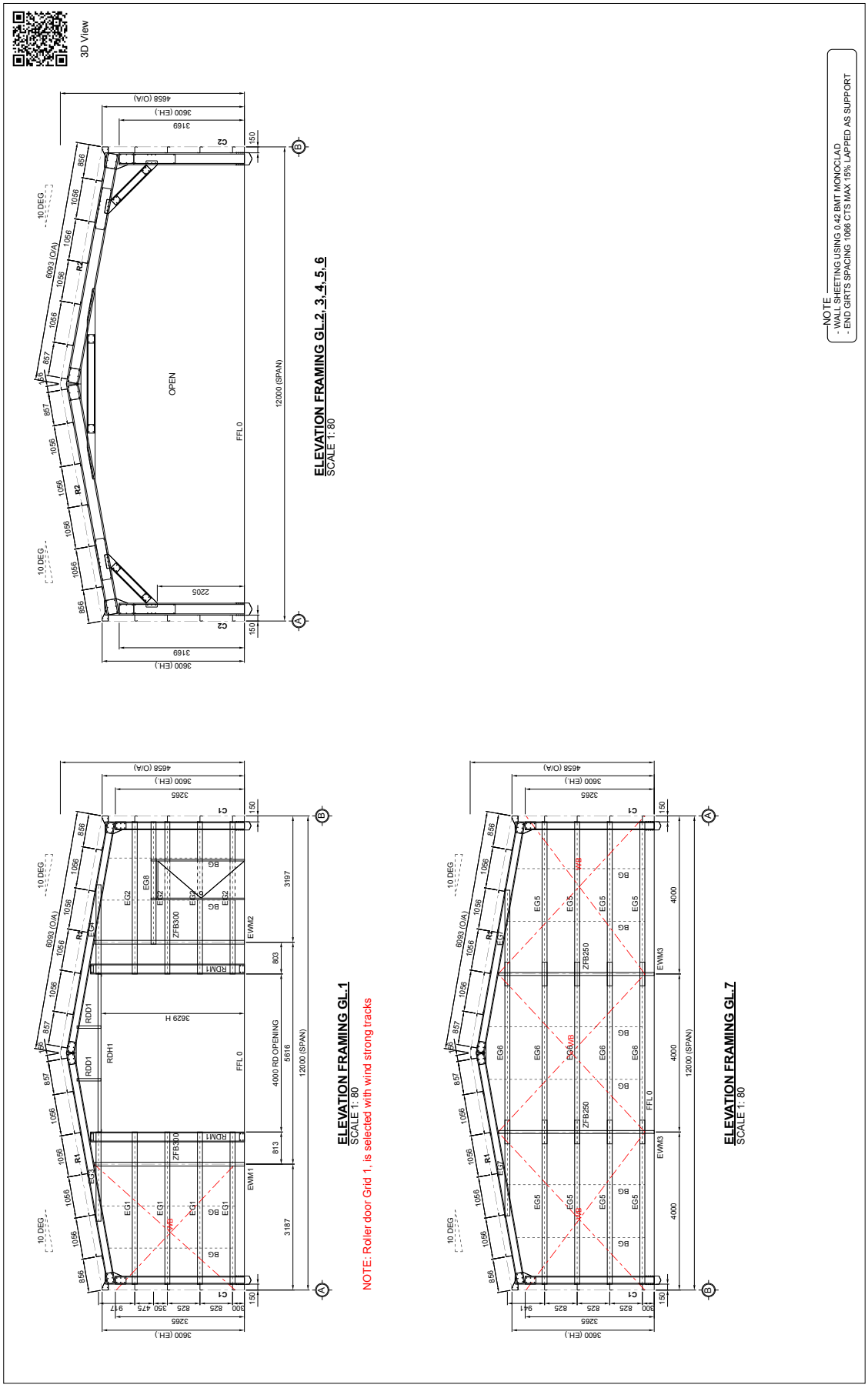
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Mr. PAUL BLUNDELL

Site Address:
109 COBRA ROAD,
MAREEBA.

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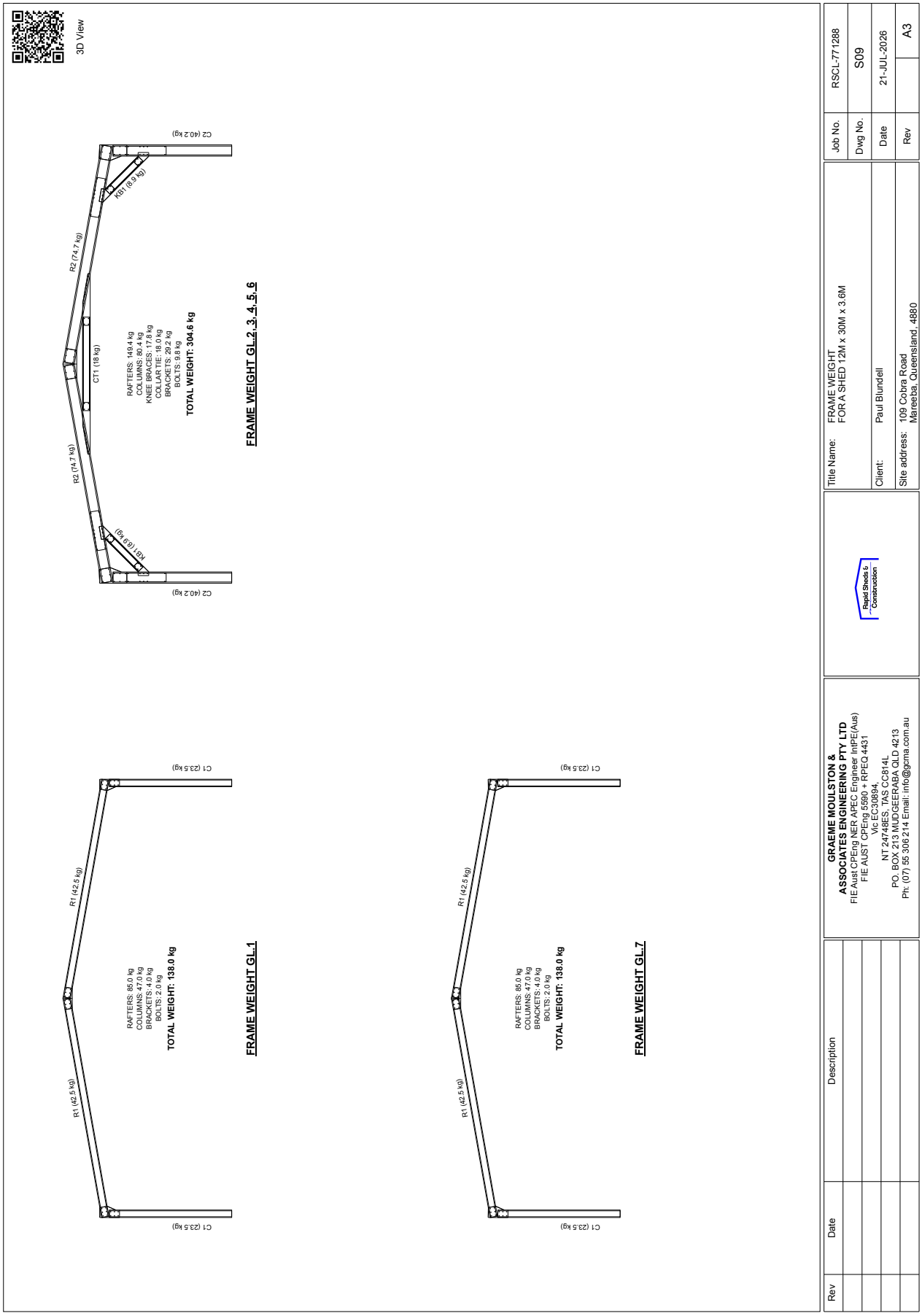
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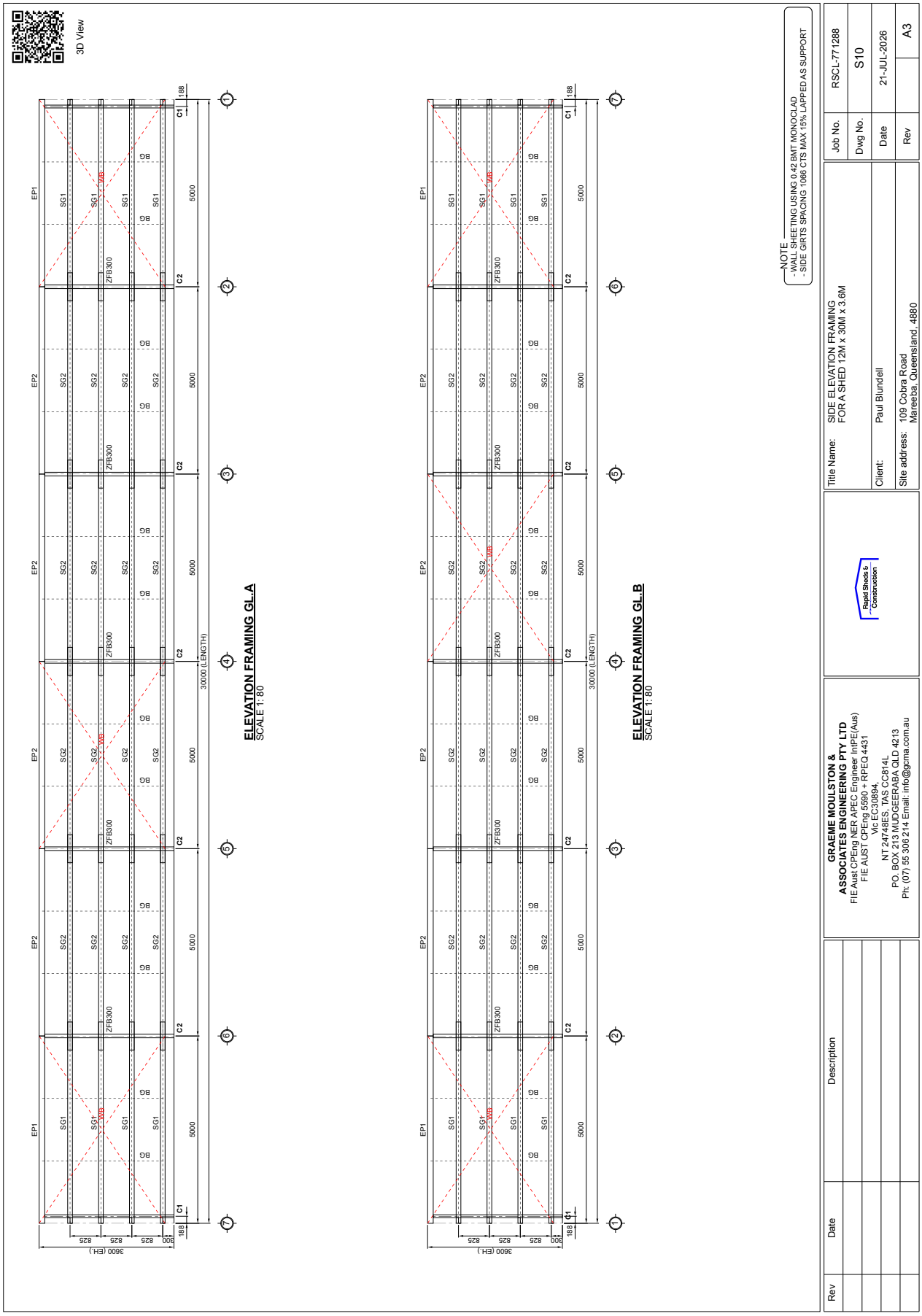
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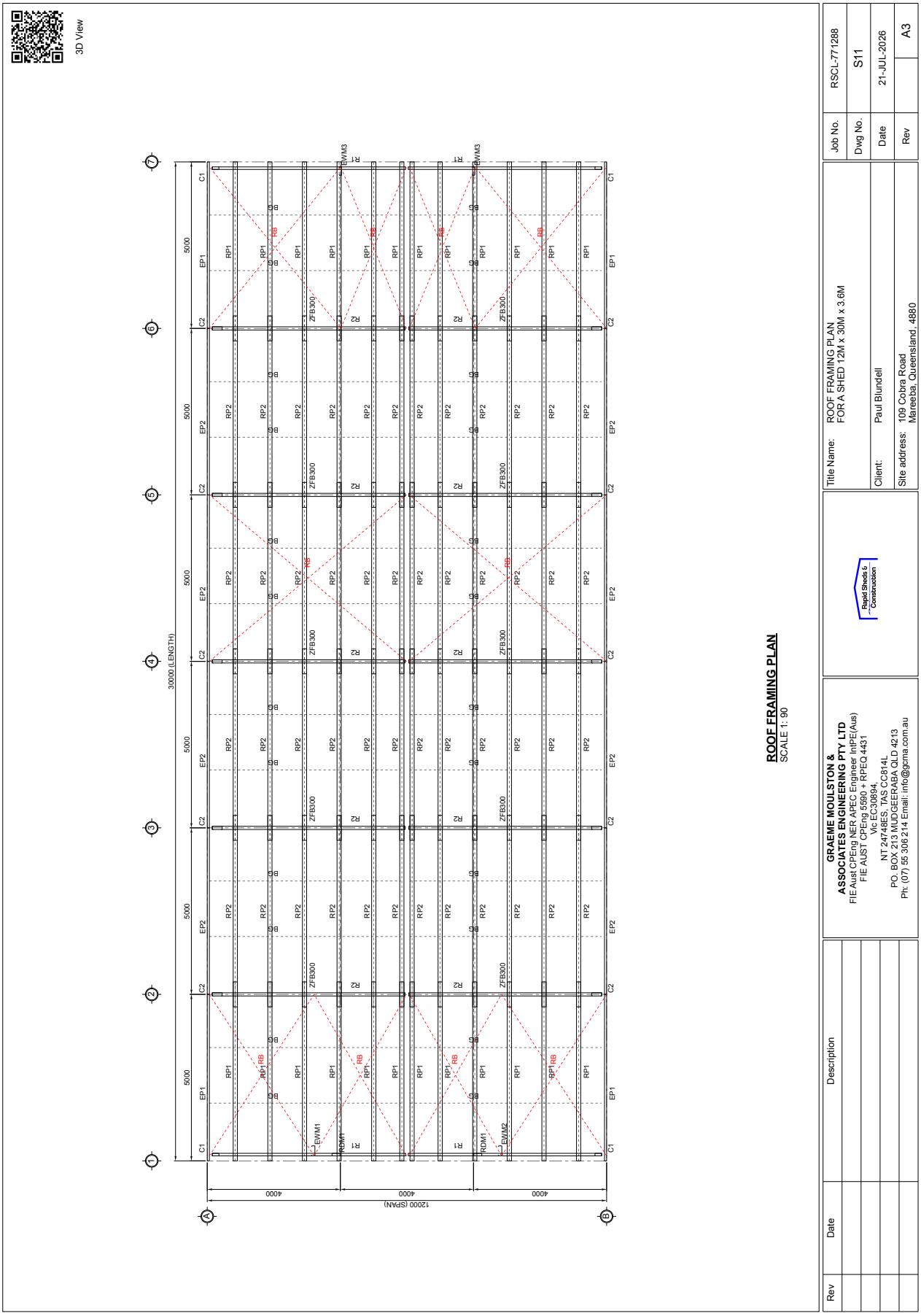
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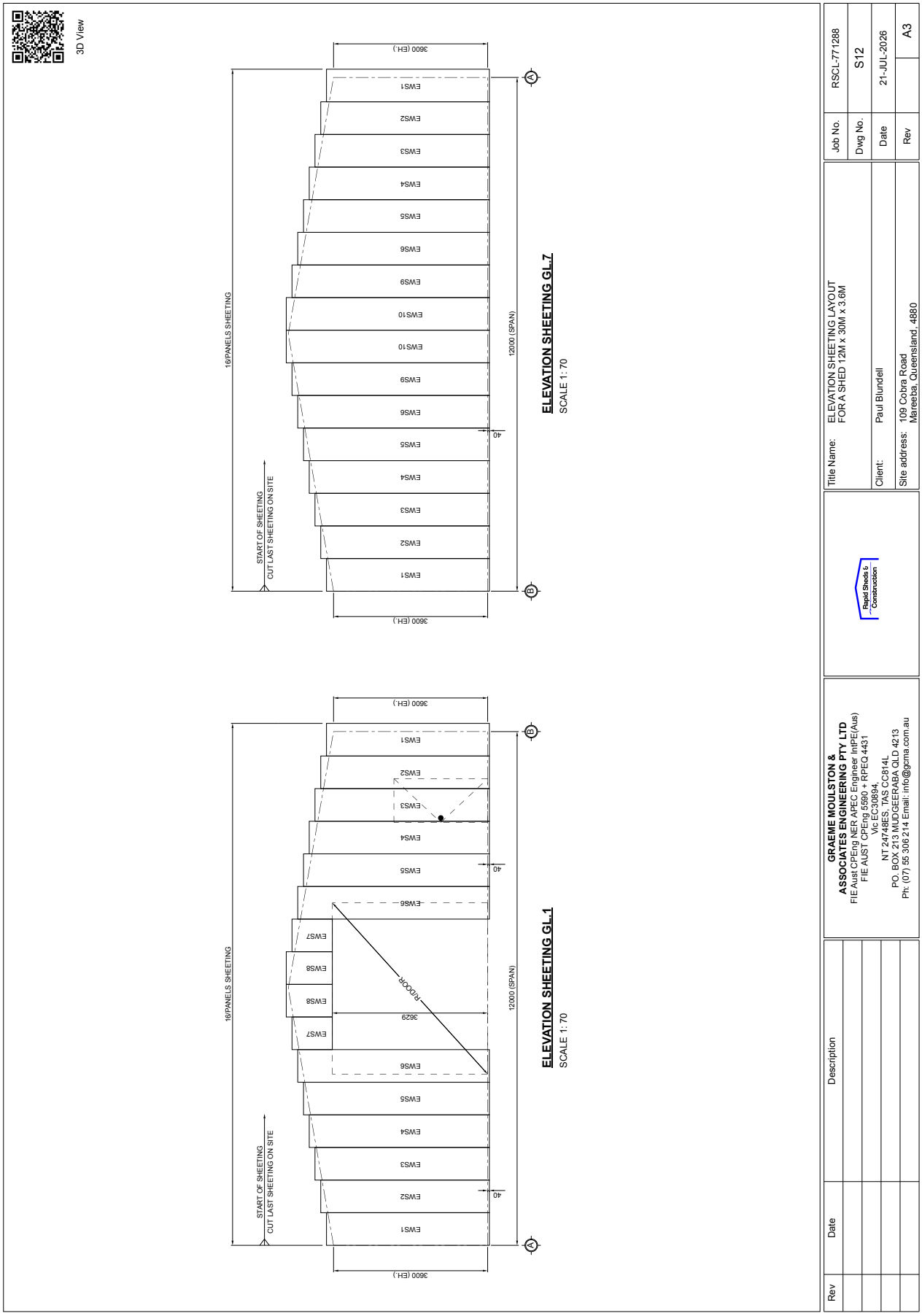
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3D View
C2 (40.2 kg)
KB1 (8.9 kg)
R2 (74.7 kg)
CT1 (18 kg)
RAFTERS: 149.4 kg
COLUMNS: 80.4 kg
KNEE BRACES: 27.7 kg
COLLAR TIE: 18.0 kg
BRACKETS: 29.2 kg
BOLTS: 9.8 kg
TOTAL WEIGHT: 304.6 kg
FRAME WEIGHT GL 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
C1 (23.5 kg)
R1 (42.5 kg)
RAFTERS: 85.0 kg
COLUMNS: 47.0 kg
BRACKETS: 4.0 kg
BOLTS: 2.0 kg
TOTAL WEIGHT: 138.0 kg
FRAME WEIGHT GL 1
FRAME WEIGHT GL 7
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3D View
ELEVATION FRAMING GL.A
SCALE 1: 80
ELEVATION FRAMING GL.B
SCALE 1: 80
NOTE
- WALL SHEETING USING 0.42 BMT MONOCLAD
SIDE GIRTS SPACING 1066 CTS MAX 15% LAPPED AS SUPPORT
Title Name: SIDE ELEVATION FRAMING
FOR A SHED 12M x 30M x 3.6M
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3D View
ROOF FRAMING PLAN
SCALE 1: 90
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12000 (SPAN)
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5000
EP1
EP2
C1
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RP1
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3D View
ELEVATION SHEETING GL.7
SCALE 1: 70
ELEVATION SHEETING GL.1
SCALE 1: 70
16/PANELS SHEETING
START OF SHEETING
CUT LAST SHEETING ON SITE
12000 (SPAN)
3600 (EH.)
40
3629
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8.2 METE PROPERTY PTY LTD & MACMARD PTY LTD - MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - SHOWROOM AND OUTDOOR SALES (EXTENSION TO EXISTING MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIP) - LOT 1 ON SP245578 & LOT 73 ON M35645 - 313-317 BYRNES STREET, MAREEBA - MCU/26/0012

Date Prepared: **21 September 2026**

Author: **Coordinator Planning & Building**

Attachments:
1. **Proposal Plans** ⇩
2. **State Assessment and Referral Agency response dated 22 September 2026** ⇩

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	Mete Property Pty Ltd & Macmard Pty Ltd	**ADDRESS**	313-317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba
DATE LODGED	13 August 2026	**RPD**	Lot 1 on SP245578 & Lot 73 on M35645
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Material Change of Use – Showroom and Outdoor Sales (extension to existing motor vehicle dealership)		
FILE NO	MCU/26/0012	**AREA**	Lot 1 – 4,048m2 Lot 73 – 2,023m2
LODGED BY	U&i Town Plan	**OWNER**	Lot 1 – Mete Property Pty Ltd Lot 73 – Macmard Pty Ltd
PLANNING SCHEME	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016		
ZONE	Centre zone		
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT	Impact Assessment		
SUBMISSIONS	Nil		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of a development application described in the above application details.

The application is impact assessable and no properly made submissions were received in response to public notification of the application.

The application and supporting material has been assessed against the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 and does not conflict with any relevant planning instrument.

It is recommended that the application be approved in full with conditions.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. That in relation to the following development application:

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	Mete Property Pty Ltd & Macmard Pty Ltd	**ADDRESS**	313-317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba
DATE LODGED	13 August 2026	**RPD**	Lot 1 on SP245578 & Lot 73 on M35645
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Material Change of Use – Showroom and Outdoor Sales (extension to existing motor vehicle dealership)		

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

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

And

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

(A) APPROVED DEVELOPMENT: Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Showroom and Outdoor Sales (extension to existing motor vehicle dealership)

(B) APPROVED PLANS:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
1706-PD- A-000	Cover Sheet	Clarke and Prince Architects	02/06/26
1706-PD- A-001 B	Locality & Site Plan	Clarke and Prince Architects	13/07/26
1706-PD- A-100	Floor Plan – Existing & Demolition	Clarke and Prince Architects	02/06/26
1706-PD- A-102	Floor Plan - Proposed	Clarke and Prince Architects	02/06/26
1706-PD- A-400	Elevations	Clarke and Prince Architects	02/06/26

(C) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

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

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

- found necessary by Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and
- to ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval.

2. Timing of Effect

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

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

3. General

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

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

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

3.4 Waste Management

On site refuse storage area must be provided and be screened from view from adjoining properties and road reserve by one (1) metre wide landscaped screening buffer, 1.8m high solid fence or building.

3.5 Noise Nuisance

Refrigeration equipment, pumps, compressors and mechanical ventilation systems must be located, designed, installed and maintained to achieve a maximum noise level of 3dB(A) above background levels as measured from noise sensitive locations and a maximum noise level of 8dB(A) above background levels as measured from commercial locations.

3.6 Air Conditioner & Building Plant Screening

The applicant/developer is required to install and maintain suitable screening to all air conditioning, lift motor rooms, plant and service facilities located at the top of or on the external face of the building. The screening structures must be constructed from materials that are consistent with materials used elsewhere on the facade of the building. There are to be no individual external unscreened air conditioning units attached to the exterior building facade.

4. Infrastructure Services and Standards

4.1 Frontage Works

The applicant/developer is required to construct the following works, designed in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual standards (as amended) to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer:

- A two (2) metre wide concrete footpath along the full frontage of Lot 73 on M35645.
- Adjustments and relocations necessary to public utility services resulting from these works.

4.2 Stormwater Management

4.2.1 The applicant/developer must take all necessary steps to ensure a non-worsening effect on surrounding land as a consequence of the development.

4.2.2 All stormwater drainage collected from the site must be discharged to an approved legal point of discharge.

4.3 Car Parking/Internal Driveways

4.3.1 All car parking spaces and internal driveways must be concrete, bitumen or asphalt sealed and appropriately drained prior to the commencement of the use and to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

4.3.2 All car parking spaces and internal driveways must be constructed in compliance with the following standards/to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer:

- Australian Standard AS2890:1 Off Street Parking - Car Parking Facilities;
- Australian Standard AS1428:2001 - Design for Access and Mobility.

4.4 Fencing

(i) A 1.8 metre high (neutral colour) solid screen fence must be maintained along the full length of the site's common boundaries with Lots 12 and 17 on M356113.

(ii) The fencing is to be maintained in good order for the life of the development, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

4.5 Lighting

Where installed, external lighting must be designed and installed in accordance with *AS4282 – Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting* so as not to cause nuisance to residents or obstruct or distract pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

(a) An Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice has been issued with respect to the approved development. The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice details the type of infrastructure charge/s, the amount of the charge/s and when the charge/s are payable.

(b) The Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice does not include all charges or payments that are payable with respect to the approved development. A number of other charges or payments may be payable as conditions of approval. The applicable fee is set out in Council's Fees & Charges Schedule for each respective financial year.

(c) Compliance with applicable codes/policies

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

(d) Compliance with Acts and Regulations

The erection and use of the building must comply with the Building Act and all other relevant Acts, Regulations and Laws, and these approval conditions.

(e) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

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

(f) Cultural Heritage

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

(g) Electric Ants

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

Certain restrictions and obligations are placed on persons dealing with electric ant carriers within the electric ant restricted zone. Movement restrictions apply in accordance with Sections 74–77 of the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016*. Penalties may be imposed on movement of electric ant carriers and electric ants in contravention of the

legislated restrictions. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check if the nominated property lies within a restricted zone.

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

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

(E) REFFERAL AGENCY CONDITIONS

State Assessment and Referral Agency conditions dated 22 September 2026.

(F) RELEVANT PERIOD

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

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

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

- Development Permit for Building Work

(H) OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

- Nil

2. That an Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice be issued for the following infrastructure charge/s for:

Development Type	**Rate**	**Measure**	**Charge**	**Credit Detail**	**Balance**
	$ per m2	***m2***			
Showroom & Office	$122.30	197m2	$24,093.10	Nil	$24,093.10
TOTAL CURRENT AMOUNT OF CHARGE					**$24,093.10**

THE SITE

The subject site is situated on the corner of Byrnes Street and Lerra Street at 313-317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba and is described as Lot 1 on SP245578 and Lot 73 on M35645. The site is regular in shape with an area of 6,071m2 and is zoned Centre under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016.

Byrnes Street and Lerra Street are constructed to bitumen/asphalt sealed standard with kerb and channelling on all sides.

The site contains the Mareeba Mazda and Mitsubishi Car Dealership which includes a car display yard on the southern half of the lot and sales office, maintenance workshop and staff/customer parking on the northern half of the lot.

All urban services are connected to the existing development.

Adjacent uses include the BP Service Station to the south, Clean Choices Car Wash to the West and residential housing to the east.



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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Nil

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS & APPROVALS

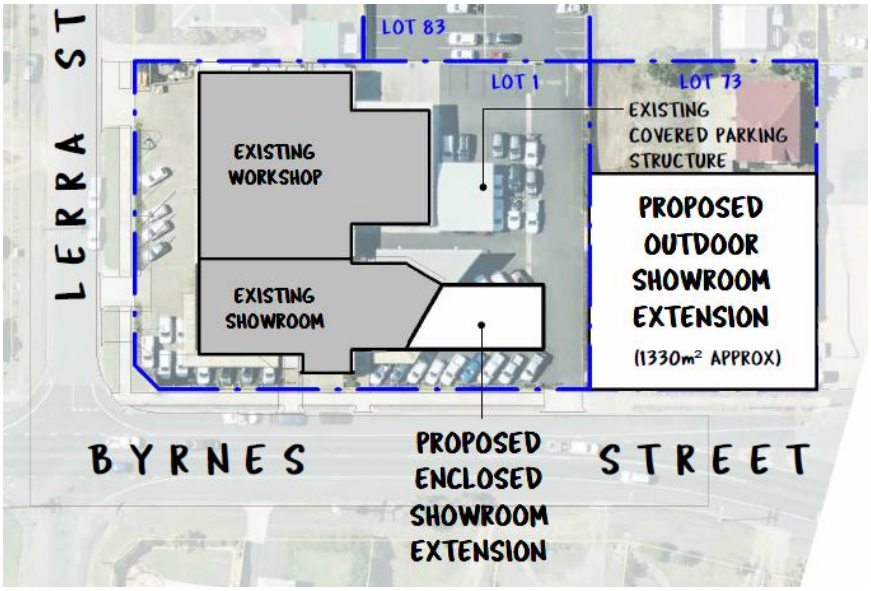
1. **MCU/11/0019** – 313-315 Byrnes Street – Material Change of Use – Motor Showroom & Vehicle Repair Station – Approved 19 October 2011.
2. **DA/17/0001** – 22 Iluka Street – Material Change of Use – Motor Showroom – Light (Vehicle Storage Yard) – Approved 17 May 2017.
3. **MCU/22/0004** – 313-315 Byrnes Street – Material Change of Use – Extensions to Low Impact Industry (Motor Vehicle Repair Workshop) – Approved 24 May 2022.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The development application seeks a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Showroom and Outdoor Sales (extension to existing motor vehicle dealership) in accordance with the plans shown in Attachment.

The application describes the proposal as follows:

> *"This development application is seeking a development permit to extend its existing indoor and outdoor showroom area under the Planning Act 2016 at 313-317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba.*
>
> *Currently subject Lot 1 contains the Mareeba Mazda and Mitsubishi Car Dealership and Service Centre.*
>
> *The balance of the property contains hardstand areas for vehicular parking, along with landscaping. The development seeks an overall expansion to the existing covered showroom area to include approximately 176m2 of showroom area along with two (2) offices and lounge area. The proposed extension will essentially replace the existing outdoor showroom area previously used to display vehicles with the new enclosed internal showroom structure located to the south of the current enclosed vehicle showroom area. Additionally, the proposal extends the outdoor showroom area replaced by the new indoor showroom into Lot 73 on M35645. That extends the outdoor sealed showroom by an additional 1,330sqm."*



REGIONAL PLAN DESIGNATION

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

PLANNING SCHEME DESIGNATIONS

Strategic Framework:	**Land Use Categories** • Centre Area **Transport Elements** • State controlled road • B-Double route • Principal cycle route
Zone:	Centre zone
Mareeba Local Plan:	Town Centre Fringe
Overlays:	Airport environs overlay Transport infrastructure overlay

Planning Scheme Definitions

The proposed use is defined as:

Column 1 ***Use***	***Column 2*** ***Definition***	***Column 3*** ***Examples include***	***Column 4*** ***Does not include the following examples***
Outdoor sales	Premises used for the display, sale, hire or lease of products where the use is conducted wholly or predominantly outdoors and may include construction, industrial or farm plant and equipment, vehicles, boats and caravans. The use may include ancillary repair or servicing activities and sale or fitting of accessories.	Agricultural machinery sales yard, motor vehicles sales yard	Bulk landscape supplies, market
Showroom	Premises used primarily for the sale of goods of a related product line that are of a size, shape or weight that requires: • a large area for handling, display or storage • direct vehicle access to the building by members of the public for loading and unloading items purchased or hired.	Bulky goods sales, motor vehicles sales showroom, bulk stationary supplies	Food and drink outlet, shop, outdoor sales

RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

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

(A) Far North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 (FNQ Regional Plan 2026)1

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

Theme 2 – Thriving economy

Policy Outcome 2 – Regional centres, precincts and sectors

Facilitate planning for the regional activity centres and sectors that promote collaboration, innovation and investment.

Strategies

2.1 Support the preferred regional growth pattern, and promote self-containment and service delivery, through a regional network of activity centres (Map 10 and Tables 2 and 3).

Comment
Mareeba is a Major Activity Centre and the proposed development expands the long-established car dealership in Mareeba's Centre zone.

The proposed development reinforces Mareeba's role as a Major Activity Centre and satisfies Strategy 2.1.

(B) State Planning Policy

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

(C) Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016

Strategic Framework

3.3 Settlement pattern and built environment

3.3.1 Strategic outcomes

(2) Mareeba Shire is supported by a network of compact, activity centres of varying scales. These activity centres form the primary focus for population growth. Each activity centre will maintain its individual character while growing to support and service the local economies of its catchments. The level of service provision within each activity centre is consistent with its role and function within the defined activity centre hierarchy. Growth is managed to ensure a high level of centre amenity and streetscape character is maintained, thus fostering vibrant, lively hubs of social interaction, trade and exchange.

Comment

The subject site is located within the Mareeba Major Regional Activity Centre. The proposed development is consistent with the level of service expected for a major regional activity centre.

The expansion of the dealership operations within Lot 1 and on to adjoining Lot 73 (both Centre zoned) is able to occur whilst improving amenity and streetscape.

The development complies with Strategic outcome (2).

3.3.3 Element—Major regional activity centre

3.3.3.1 Specific outcomes

(1) The role and function of Mareeba as the major regional activity centre for services in Mareeba Shire is strengthened. Mareeba is to accommodate the most significant concentrations of regional-scale business, retail, entertainment, government administration, secondary and tertiary educational facilities and health and social services within the shire.

(2) Development within Mareeba over time enhances the Shire's self-sufficiency in terms of services offered, business and employment opportunities.

(3) Mareeba is characterised by a relative lack of development constraints, and is supported by an expanding major industry area and Mareeba Airport. Mareeba has significant residential, industrial and commercial growth potential.

(4) The centre area of Mareeba continues to be focussed on the core area around Byrnes Street (between Rankin and Lloyd Streets), with significant expansion of centre activities within underutilised sites within the Byrnes Street core, in Walsh Street and south along Byrnes Street. New development will improve the streetscape of the town centre including streetscape improvement.

(5) Regional scale services and employment are provided in Mareeba, including:
- *(a) primary, secondary and tertiary educational establishments;*
- *(b) major supermarkets and large format retailers;*
- *(c) factory outlets and warehouses;*
- *(d) government administration;*
- *(e) hospitals and social services;*
- *(f) major recreation and health and fitness facilities.*

Comment

The subject site is located within the Mareeba Major Regional Activity Centre. The proposed development is consistent with the level of service expected for a major regional activity centre.

The development complies with Specific Outcomes (1) through (5).

3.7 Economic development

3.7.1 Strategic outcomes

(3) Mareeba Shire is increasingly provided with retail and business opportunities and improved government services to enhance self-sufficiency. These opportunities and services are consolidated through the clustering and co-location of commercial uses in activity centres and are particularly focussed within Mareeba. Kuranda, as a village activity centre, maintains its level of self-reliance through servicing its local catchment with a range of services and employment opportunities.

3.7.6 Element—Retail and commercial development

3.7.6.1 Specific outcomes

(1) Commercial development will be facilitated by:
- *(a) consolidation and co-location of centre activities in existing centre areas;*
- *(b) identification of space adjacent to centre areas to cater for the expansion of commercial activities;*
- *(c) infrastructure provision in areas identified as able to cater for new commercial development;*
- *(d) maintenance of a high standard of infrastructure, services and amenity in existing commercial areas to support further business investment and expansion.*

(3) Centre areas provide a vibrant, busy setting for community activity, social interaction and local trade and exchange. Each centre area retains its relaxed rural atmosphere and unique character, and provides for a high level of pedestrian activity.

(4) The following features are integrated or provided by new commercial development:
- *(a) attractive streetscapes with shade trees and awnings;*
- *(b) active shop fronts;*
- *(c) pedestrian and cyclist comfort and convenience;*
- *(d) universal design principles;*
- *(e) spaces for community activity and social interaction;*
- *(f) CPTED initiatives.*

Comment
The development complies with Specific Outcomes (1), (3) and (4).

Relevant Developments Codes

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

6.2.1 Centre zone code
7.2.2 Mareeba local plan code
8.2.2 Airport environs overlay code
9.3.2 Commercial activities code
9.4.2 Landscaping code
9.4.3 Parking and access code
9.4.5 Works, services and infrastructure code

The application included a planning report and assessment against the planning scheme. An officer assessment has found that the application satisfies the relevant acceptable outcomes (or

performance outcome where no acceptable outcome applies) of the relevant codes set out below, provided reasonable and relevant conditions are attached to any approval.

Relevant Codes	Comments
Centre zone code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Mareeba local plan code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Airport environs overlay code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Commercial activities code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
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Parking and access code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.
Works, services and infrastructure code	The application can be conditioned to comply with the relevant acceptable outcomes (or performance outcomes where no acceptable outcome is provided) contained within the code.

(D) Planning Scheme Policies/Infrastructure Charges Plan

The following planning scheme policies are relevant to the application:

Planning Scheme Policy 4 - FNQROC Regional Development Manual

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

(E) Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice

Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No. 1) of 2026 identifies the applicable charge rates for the use.

- Showroom/Office - $122.30/m2 GFA – development proposes 197m2 GFA = $24,093.10

The outdoor sales has no GFA and is therefore subject to no charge.

All lot credits have been consumed by the existing development.

The total charge payable for the new development is **$24,093.10**

REFERRAL AGENCY

The application triggered referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency as a Concurrence Agency (State transport infrastructure – State controlled road).

That Department advised in a letter dated 22 September 2026 that they require the conditions to be attached to any approval (Attachment).

Internal Consultation

Not applicable.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The development proposal was placed on public notification from 2 September 2026 to 23 September 2026. The applicant submitted the notice of compliance on 1 October 2026 advising that the public notification requirements were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

No submissions were received.

PLANNING DISCUSSION

Nil

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1. ARCHITECTURAL - CLARKE AND PRINCE PTY LTD
1706-PD-A-000 COVER SHEET
1706-PD-A-001 LOCALITY & SITE PLAN
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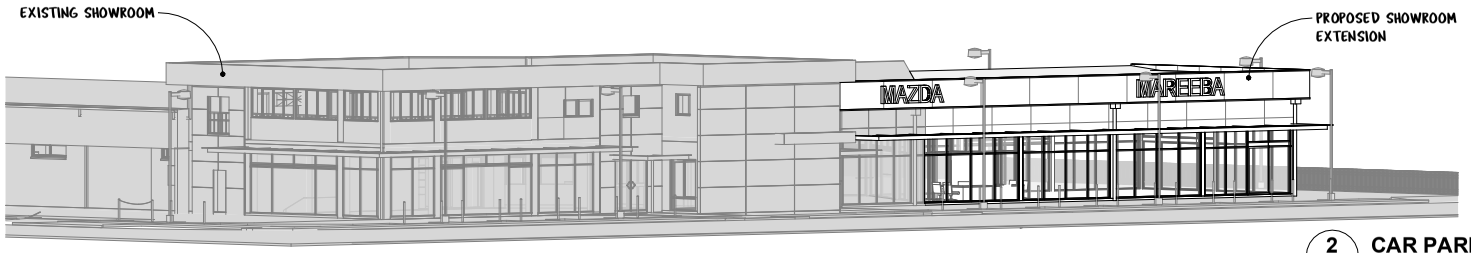
PROPOSED SHOWROOM EXTENSION

MAREEBA MAZDA & MITSUBISHI

313-315 BYRNES STREET, MAREEBA



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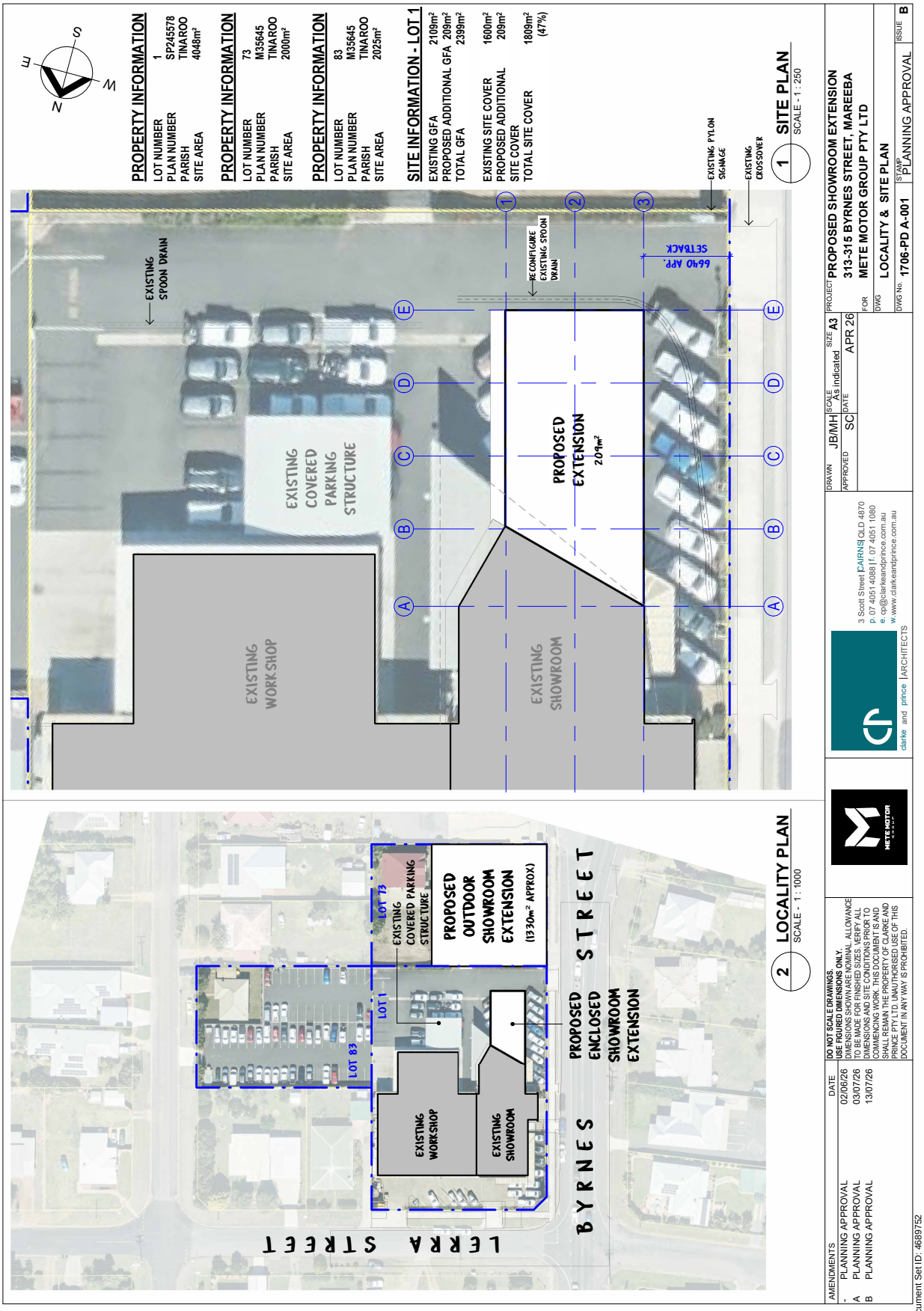
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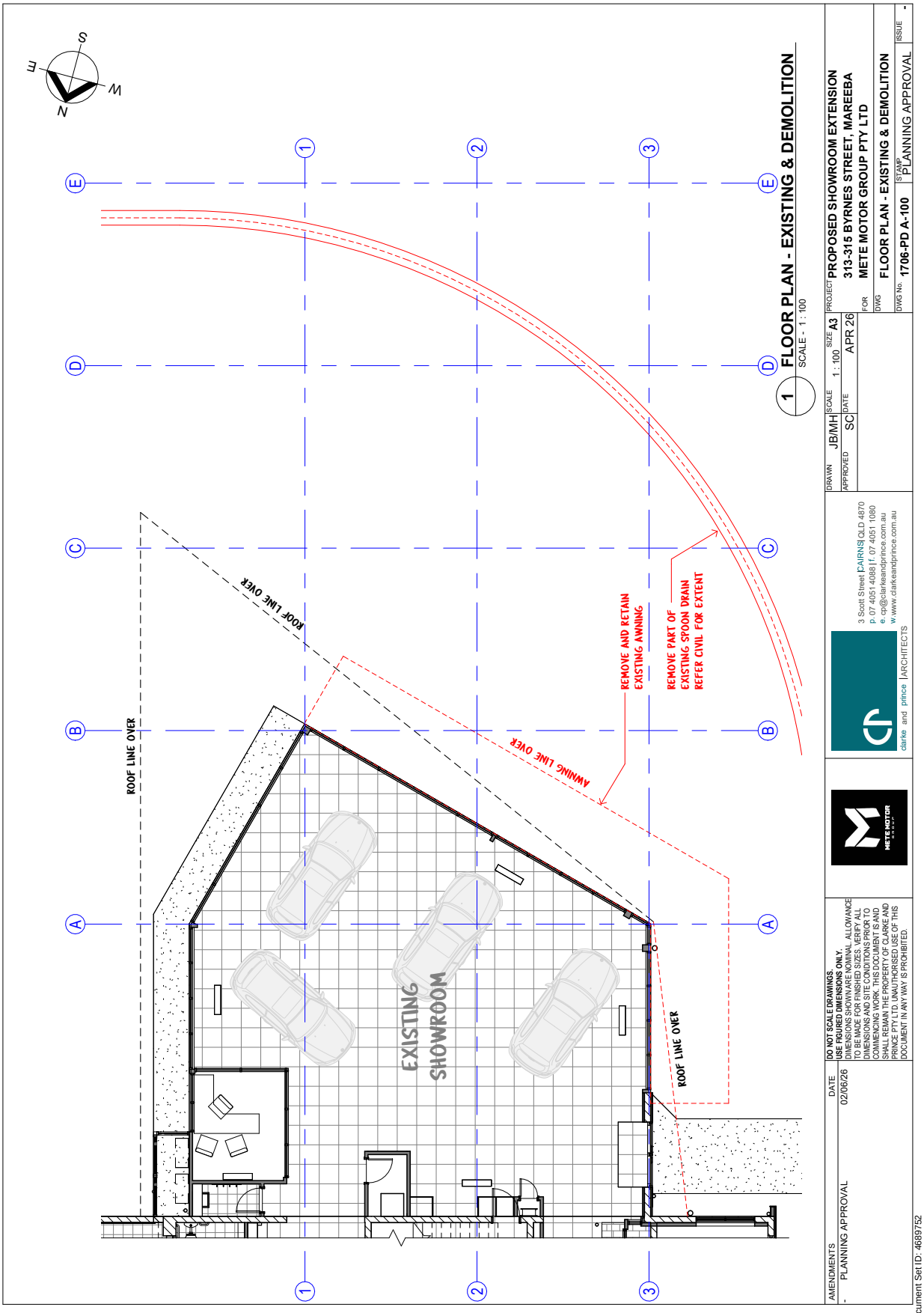
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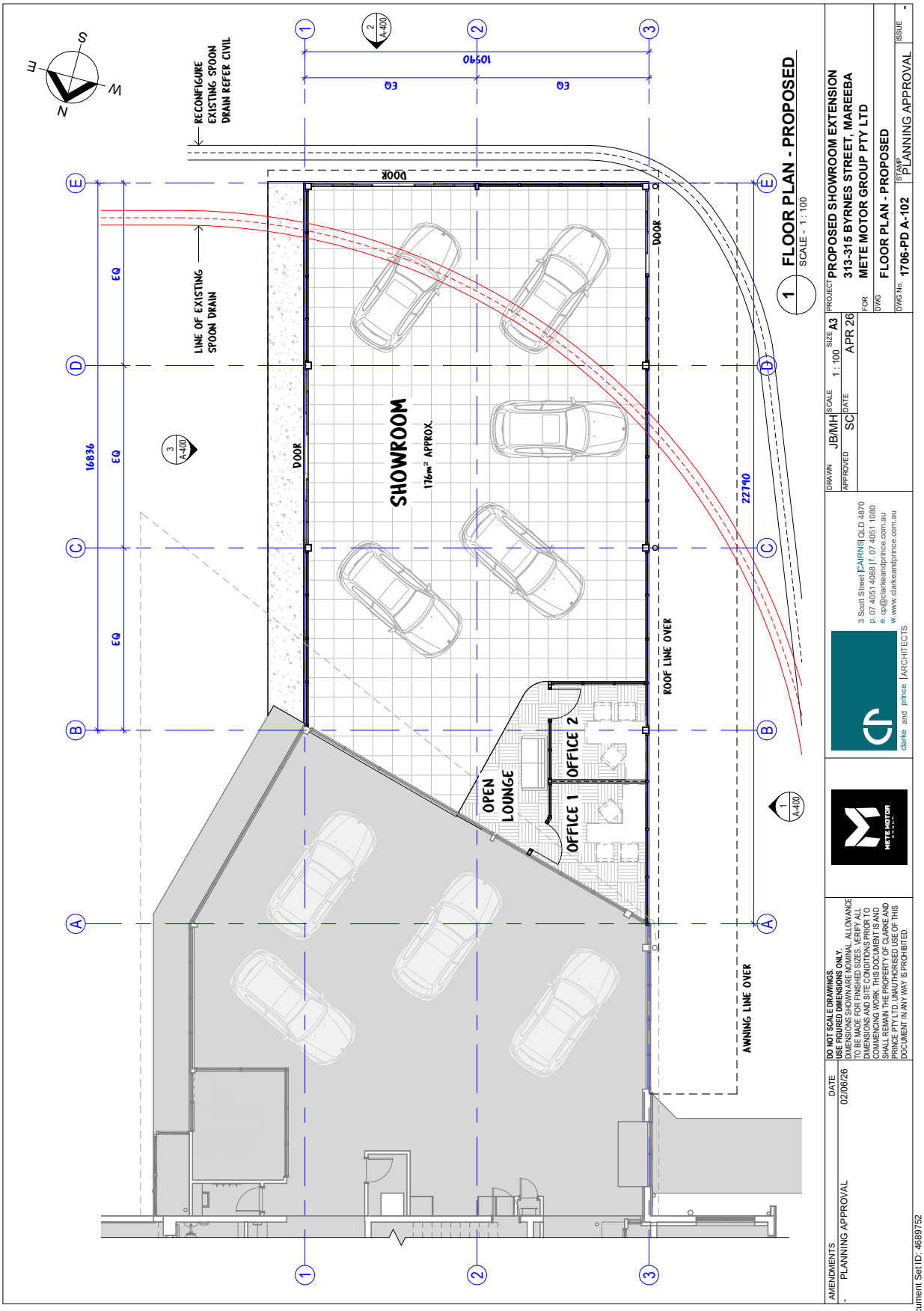
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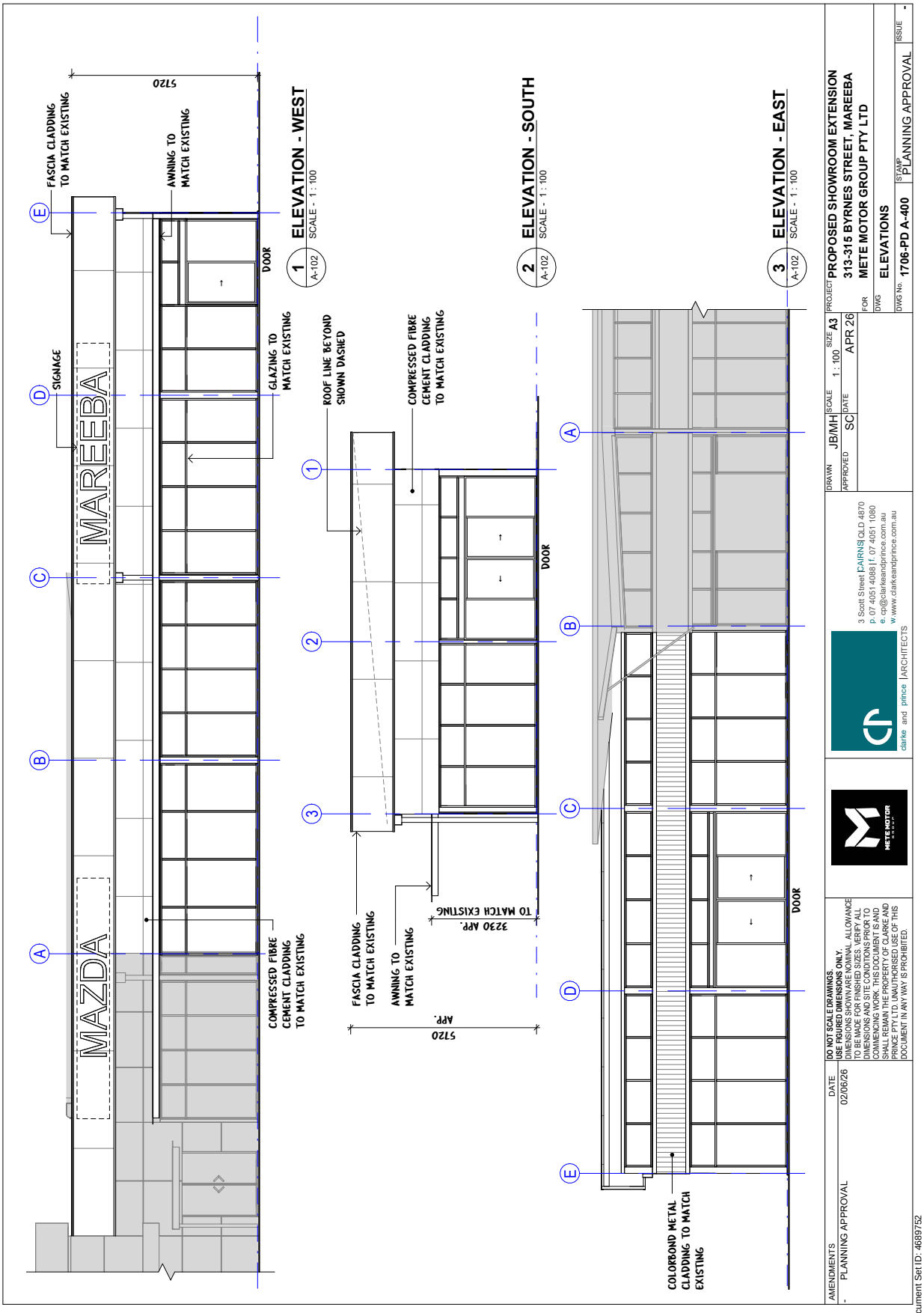
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SARA reference: 2608-54183 SRA
Council reference: MCU/26/0012
Applicant reference: M2-26

22 September 2026

Chief Executive Officer
Mareeba Shire Council
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planning@msc.qld.gov.au

Attention: Carl Ewin

Dear Sir/Madam

SARA referral agency response—Material Change of Use for Showroom and Outdoor Sales - 313-315 and 317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba

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

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 24 August 2026.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions
Date of response:	22 September 2026
Conditions:	The conditions in **Attachment 1** must be attached to any development approval
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in **Attachment 2**
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in **Attachment 3**

Development details

Description:	Development permit	Material change of use for Showroom and Outdoor Sales
SARA role:	Referral agency	

Far North Queensland regional office
Ground Floor, Cnr Grafton and Hartley Street, Cairns
PO Box 2358, Cairns QLD 4870

SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4, Item 1 - Material change of use of premises within 25m of a state transport corridor (10.9.4.2.4.1) (Planning Regulation 2017)
SARA reference:	2608-54183 SRA
Assessment manager:	Mareeba Shire Council
Street address:	313-315 and 317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba
Real property description:	Lot 1 on SP245578 and Lot 73 on M35645
Applicant name:	Macmard Pty Ltd & Mete Property Pty Ltd a.t.f the Mete Family Trust
Applicant contact details:	C/-U&iTown Plan PO Box 71 Mareeba QLD 4880 ramon@uitownplan.com.au
Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:	The decision has been assessed for compatibility with human rights under the Human Rights Act 2019. The decision was found not to limit human rights under the Human Rights Act 2019 therefore, it is reasonable to conclude the decision is compatible with human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules). Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

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

For further information please contact Taryn Pace, Principal Planner, on (07) 4037 3244 or via email CairnsSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Brett Nancarrow
Manager (Planning)

cc Macmard Pty Ltd and Mete Property Pty Ltd C/-U&iTown Plan, ramon@uitownplan.com.au

enc Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions
Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 4 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions

2608-54183 SRA

Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
10.9.4.2.4.1 – Material change of use of premises within 25m of a state transport corridor—The chief executive administering the *Planning Act 2016* nominates the Director-General of Department of Transport and Main Roads the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	**Stormwater management** Stormwater management of the development must not cause worsening to the operating performance of the state-controlled road, such that any works on the land must not: • create any new discharge points for stormwater runoff onto the state-controlled road. • concentrate or increase the velocity of flows to the state-controlled road. • interfere with and/or cause damage to the existing stormwater drainage on the state-controlled road.	At all times.
2.	**Access to Lot 73 on M35645** The access crossover to Lot 73 on M35645 (317 Byrnes Street, Mareeba) is only to be used for the loading and unloading of new and trade-in vehicles for storage and display within the outdoor showroom area.	Prior to the commencement of use and to be maintained at all times.

2608-54183 SRA

Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the *Planning Act 2016*, its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) (version 3.6). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.
2.	Any advertising sign or devices that will be visible from a state-controlled road may be subject to future Council assessment. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) Roadside Advertising Manual (RAM) provides an assessment benchmark that assists DTMR and local governments to evaluate proposals for roadside advertising devices to ensure that they meet road safety and traffic operation objectives. The RAM also provides technical criteria for current and potential roadside advertisers. The applicant should seek advice from the DTMR to ensure that an advertising device(s) visible from a state-controlled road, and beyond the boundaries of the state-controlled road, is unlikely to create a traffic hazard for the state-controlled road. Note: DTMR has powers under section 139 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2015* to require removal or modification of an advertising sign and / or a device which is deemed to create a danger to traffic. For more information regarding the RAM or the Third-Party Advice process, please contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads at Far.North.Queensland.IDAS@tmr.qld.gov.au

Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response

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

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

- The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 1 of SDAP in that the development:
    - does not adversely impact the structural integrity or physical condition of the Byrnes Street state-controlled road, or the adjoining intersection
    - does not result in an increase in the likelihood or frequency of accidents, fatalities or serious injury for road users
    - has been conditioned to ensure stormwater does not compromise the operating performance of the state-controlled road

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP (version 3.6), as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- State Planning Policy mapping system
- section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 4—Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

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

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part 7: Miscellaneous

30 Representations about a referral agency response

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

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

8.3 JACQSHAR PTY LTD - CHANGE APPLICATION (OTHER CHANGE) TO EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY (EXPANSION OF EXISTING QUARRY) - LOT 46 ON SP328230 & LOT 175 ON FTY1871 - 1886 KENNEDY HIGHWAY, KURANDA - MCU/23/0009

Date Prepared: **15 October 2026**

Author: **Supervisor Planning & Building**

Attachments:
1. **Decision Notice Approval dated 10 August 2023** ⇩
2. **Approved Plans** ⇩
3. **Proposed Plans - Quarry Expansion into Lot 175 (State Forest)** ⇩
4. **SARA Referral Agency Response** ⇩

APPLICATION DETAILS

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	Jacqshar Pty Ltd	**ADDRESS**	1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda
DATE LODGED	3 July 2026	**RPD**	Lot 46 on SP328230 and Lot 175 on FTY1871
TYPE OF APPROVAL	Development Permit		
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Change Application (Other Change) to Existing Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry)		
FILE NO	MCU/23/0009	**AREA**	Lot 46 – 62.34 ha Lot 175 – 87.8 ha (approx.)
LODGED BY	Planning Plus	**OWNER**	Lot 46 – Jacqshar Pty Ltd Lot 175 – State of Queensland
PLANNING SCHEME	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016		
ZONE	Lot 46 – Rural Lot 175 – Conservation		
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT	Impact Assessment		
SUBMISSIONS	0		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 8 August 2023, Council, under delegated authority approved an application seeking a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry) over land situated at 1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda, known as “Top Rock Quarry”.

The applicants now seek to expand the quarry operations into the southern adjoining allotment and have lodged this Change Application (Other Change) to amend the existing Development Permit to accommodate the expanded extraction area.

The southern adjoining allotment (Lot 175 on FTY1871) is a State Forest which is zoned Conservation under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016. Extractive Industry is an impact assessable land use within this zone so public notification was a mandatory requirement for the Other Change request. No submissions were received during the mandatory public notification period.

Council officers are satisfied the proposed quarry expansion can occur into the adjoining State Forest with minimal net ecological impacts, with appropriate environmental offsets having been arranged with the State. Considering the quarries location, access from the State controlled Kennedy Highway, and the substantial setbacks achieved to surrounding sensitive land uses, no other town planning issues where identified.

It is recommended that the Other Change request be approved.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

(A) That in relation to the following development application:

APPLICATION		PREMISES	
APPLICANT	Jacqshar Pty Ltd	**ADDRESS**	1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda
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and in accordance with the Planning Act 2016, the applicant be notified that the application for a development permit for the development specified in (A) is:

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

And

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

(B) APPROVED DEVELOPMENT: Development Permit For Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry)

(C) APPROVED PLANS:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
016-2302-00-DRG-0001A	Quarry Expansion Plan	Neon Consulting	16.03.23
016-2302-00-DRG-0002A	Waterway Top of Bank Assessment	Neon Consulting	16.03.23
439201-1 Rev. B	**Sales Permit Site Plan**	**RPS**	**30/04/2026**
439201-2 Rev. B	**Proposed Staged Expansion Area**	**RPS**	**30/04/2026**

(D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

(a) Development assessable against the Planning Scheme

1. Development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the approved plans and the facts and circumstances of the use as submitted with the application, subject to any alterations:
   - found necessary by the Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and
   - to ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval.
2. Timing of Effect
   2.1 The conditions of the development permit must be complied with to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer prior to the commencement of the use except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.
   2.2 Prior to the commencement of use, the applicant must notify Council that all the conditions of the development permit have been complied with, except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval.
3. General
   3.1 The development approval would not have been issued if not for the conditions requiring the construction of infrastructure within the conditions of approval.
   3.2 The applicant/developer is responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.
   3.3 All payments or bonds required to be made to the Council pursuant to any condition of this approval must be made prior to commencement of the use and at the rate applicable at the time of payment.
   3.4 All works must be designed, constructed and carried out in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual requirements (as amended) and to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer.

3.5 Hours of Operation

All operations pursuant to the extractive industry, or in any way connected with the extractive industry will, for site operations and for removal of material, be limited to the hours between 7.00am and 6.00pm Mondays to Friday and 7:00am to 5:00pm Saturdays (except Public Holidays), PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Council will have the right at any time, and from time to time, to fix other hours of operation, and upon the fixing of any such other hours of operation pursuant to the permit, or in any way connected therewith, the extractive industry will be limited to such other hours. The Applicant will not be allowed to conduct nor permit nor suffer to be conducted, any extractive industry operation nor run nor start any motors, machinery, or the like, nor remove any materials from the said land on any Sunday or Public Holiday, or at any time outside the hours mentioned or such other hours as will be fixed by Council.

3.6 The Applicant shall provide Council with records of quantities of material extracted from the site on a monthly basis.

3.7 All operations pursuant to the extractive industry must be carried out in accordance with the Integrated Site Management Plan, except where modifications are required by the conditions of this approval or the related Environmental Authority.

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

3.9 Scale and Intensity

The combined extraction volume of development approvals MC2003/27 and MCU/23/0009 must not exceed 100,000 tonnes per annum.

3.10 Rehabilitation

A Site Rehabilitation Management Plan is to be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person detailing the timing/staging of vegetation removal, method of removal and the sequence of operations and rehabilitation works.

Site rehabilitation works must be provided in a progressive manner in accordance with extraction sequences and staging. The method of rehabilitation needs to be detailed with appropriate revegetation strategies indicated including the species list to be used including plant source.

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

3.11 Prevention of the spread of weeds and pests

The applicant must ensure the development is carried out in a manner that prevents the spread of weeds, seeds or other pests into clean areas or away from any existing infested areas.

(E) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

(a) Compliance with applicable codes/policies

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

(b) Compliance with Acts and Regulations

The erection and use of the building must comply with the Building Act and all other relevant Acts, Regulations and Laws, and these approval conditions.

(c) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

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

(d) Cultural Heritage

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

(e) Transportation of Soil

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

(f) Electric Ants

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

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

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

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

(F) REFFERAL AGENCY CONDITIONS

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning conditions dated 28 August 2026.

(G) RELEVANT PERIOD

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

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

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

- Nil

(I) OTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL

- Nil

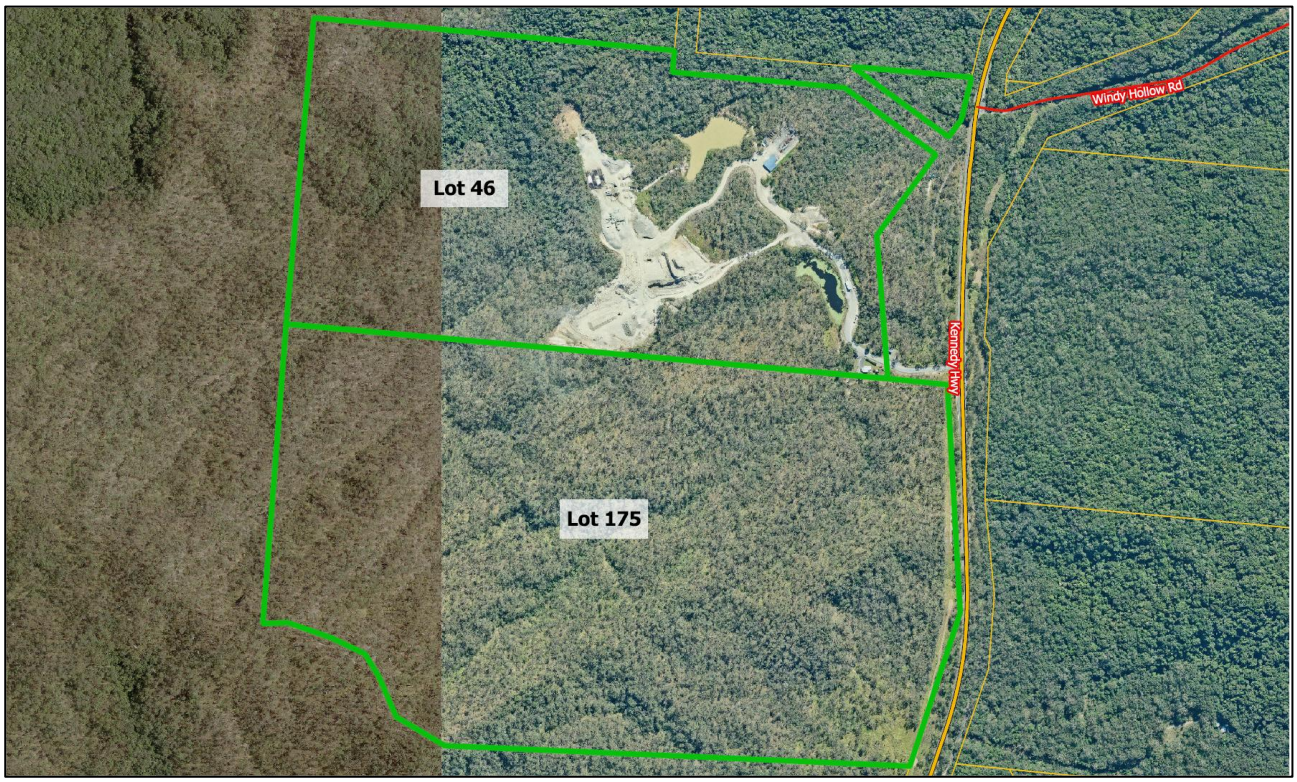
THE SITE

The subject land is described as Lots 46 on SP328230 and Lot 175 on FTY1871, situated at 1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda. The land is situated approximately 1.5 km north of the intersection of the Kennedy Highway and Speewah Road.

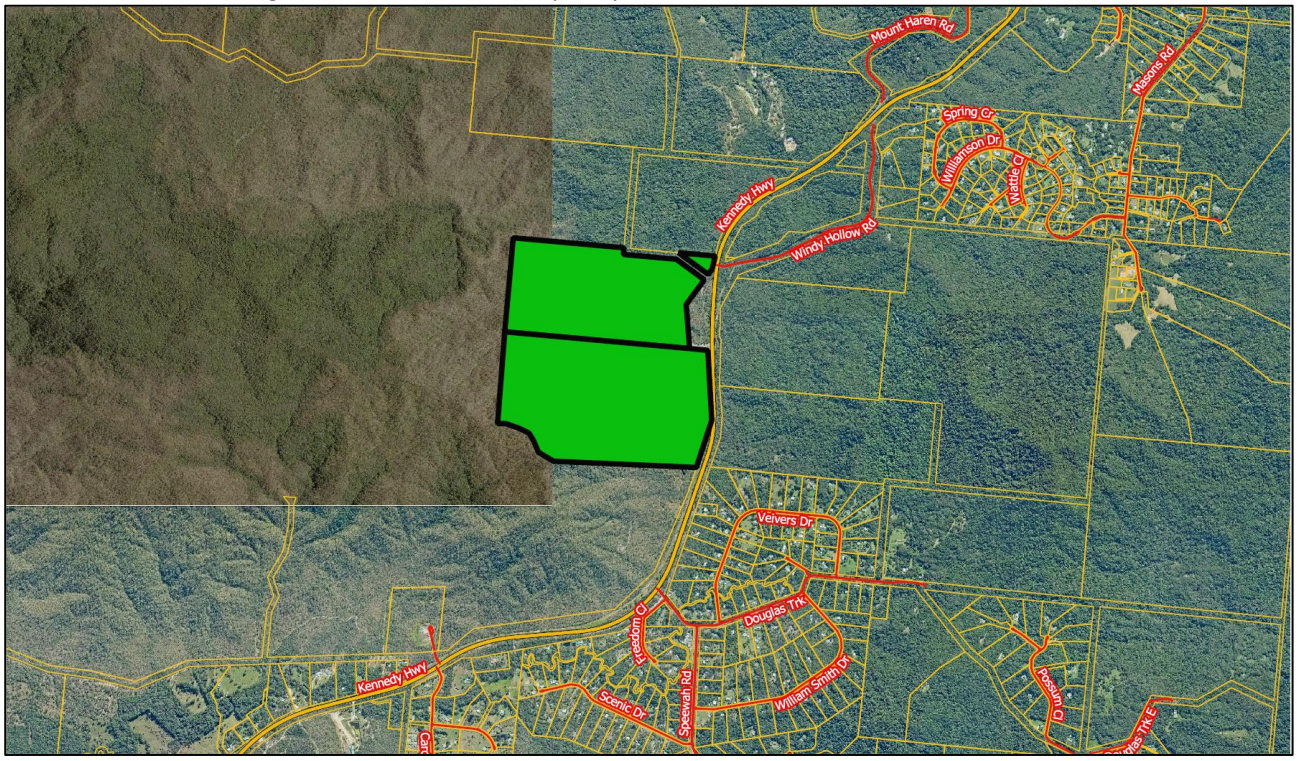
Lot 46 has an area of 62.34 hectares and is zoned Rural under the Planning Scheme. Lot 46 includes frontages of approximately 570 metres to the Kennedy Highway and 560 metres to an unformed/unnamed road reserve. Lot 46 is currently improved by an established extractive industry (hard rock quarry) which covers approximately 9 hectares of the property. Access to the site is obtained directly off the Kennedy Highway via a State approved substantial intersection. Lot 46 is improved by a caretakers residence and multiple outbuildings ancillary to the existing extractive industry use.

Lot 175 has an area of approximately 87 hectares and is zoned Conservation under the Planning Scheme. Lot 175 includes approximately 720 metres of frontage to the Kennedy Highway, however, no formal access exists. Lot 175 remains unimproved with a fully vegetated undulating topography.

The subject land is adjoined by State Forest (Conservation zone) to the west and similarly sized Rural zoned lots to the north and east. The Speewah rural residential node is located 730 metres to the south.



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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

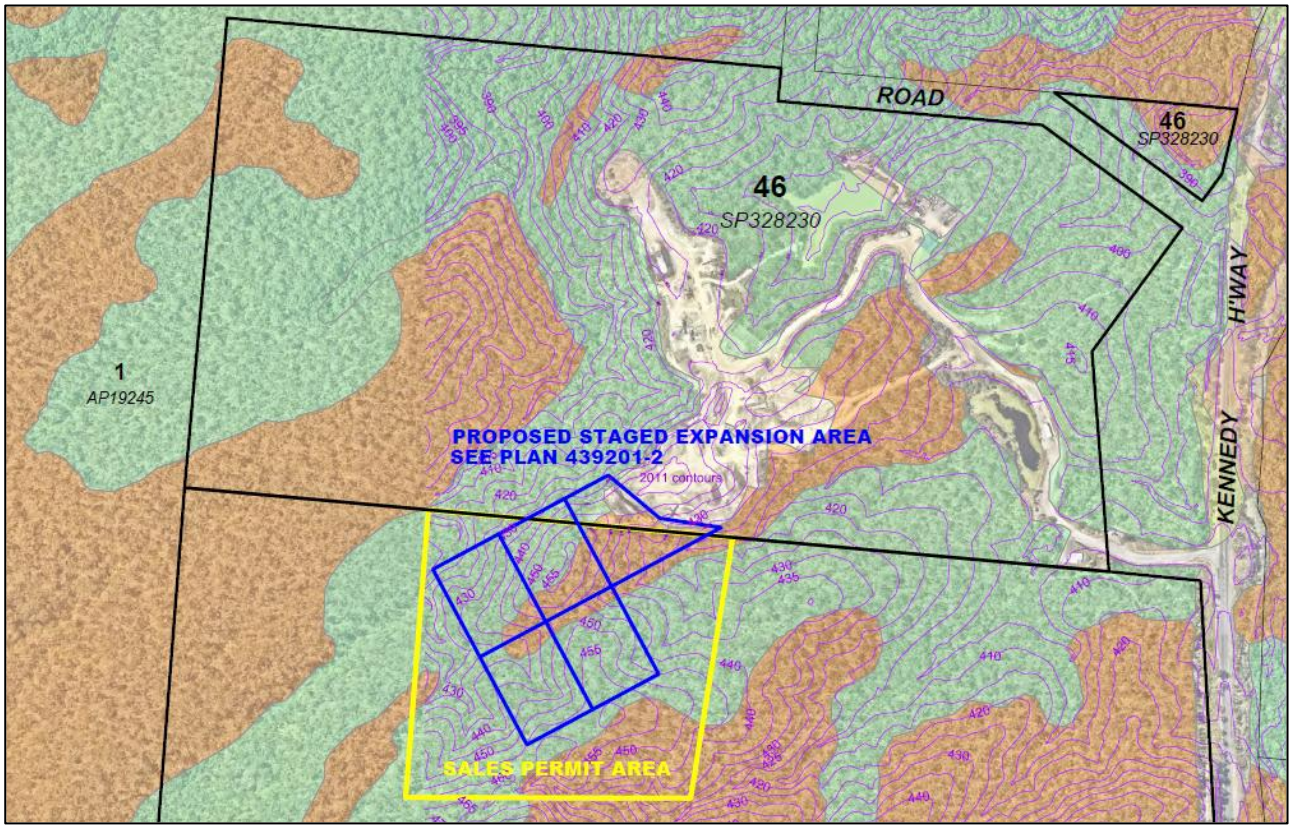
On 8 August 2023, Council, under delegated authority approved an application seeking a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry) over land situated at 1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda, described as Lot 46 on SP328230. This quarry has been operational for some time and is known as "Top Rock Quarry". The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 made this application code assessable only as it involved the expansion of an existing quarry.

Following continued demand in the construction industry and noting several large upcoming public projects such as the Barron River bridge replacement and duplication of the Cairns Western Arterial Road, the applicant has determined the need to further expand the extraction area to shore up the necessary resources. To this end, this application seeks to expand the proposed extraction area on to adjoining Lot 175 on FTY1871.

This additional land is an existing State Forest, the purpose of which may include economic activities such as timber production and resource extraction. The applicant has been working with the Department of Primary Industries and has obtained a Sales Permit which permits the extraction of quarry material subject to the relevant approvals.

The applicants now seek to expand the quarry operations into the southern adjoining allotment and have lodged this Change Application (Other Change) to the existing Development Permit to accommodate the expanded extraction area.

The southern adjoining State Forest is zoned Conservation under the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016. Extractive Industry is an impact assessable land use within this zone so the level of assessment was elevated to 'impact' despite the development involving an expansion to an existing quarry (ordinarily code assessable only). The proposed expanded extraction area is shown on the below plan:



PREVIOUS/CURRENT APPLICATIONS & APPROVALS

MC2003/27

On 18 May 2004, Council issued a development permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry over land described as Lot 46 on RP851443, situated on the Kennedy Highway, Kuranda.

The approval allowed for the extraction of rock, gravel and other material sand from approximately 2 hectares of the subject site.

MCU/23/0009

On 8 August 2023, Council, under delegated authority approved an application seeking a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry) over land situated at 1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda, described as Lot 46 on SP328230. The Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016 made this application code assessable only as it involved the expansion of an existing quarry.

REGIONAL PLAN DESIGNATION

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

PLANNING SCHEME DESIGNATIONS

Strategic Framework:	**Land Use Categories** • *Conservation Area* • *Rural Area* ▪ *Rural other* **Natural Environmental Elements** • *Biodiversity Areas* **Transport Elements** • *State Controlled Road* • *Principal Cycle Routes*
Zone:	Rural Zone Conservation Zone

Overlays:	Bushfire hazard overlay Environmental significance overlay Hill and slope overlay Transport infrastructure overlay

Planning Scheme Definitions

The proposed use is defined as:-

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

RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

Theme 2 – Thriving economy

Policy Outcome 1 – Economic growth and diversification

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

Strategies

1.2 Support the co-location of compatible land uses, such as industry, education, commercial, retail and other employment activities, near major transport corridors, as indicated on Map 12.

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

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

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

Comment

The proposed development is for the expansion of a long-established hard rock quarry which is directly accessed from the Kennedy Highway. The proposed expansion will help accommodate the continued demand for quarry material in the region. The proposed development satisfies Strategies 1.2 and 1.5.

Policy Outcome 4 – Rural economies

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

Strategies

4.1 Promote rural economies by:

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

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

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

(1) compatible infrastructure purposes, or

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

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

Comment

The proposed development is for the expansion of a long-established hard rock quarry. The proposed expansion will help accommodate the continued demand for quarry material in the region. The proposed quarry expansion will not impact on the broader Priority Agricultural Area. The proposed development satisfies Strategy 4.1.

Theme 3 – Ecotourism and biodiversity

Policy Outcome 3 – Regional landscapes and biodiversity

The environmental, cultural, social and economic features that comprise the region's unique tropical and rural landscapes are identified and supported through land use outcomes that:

- *Promote long-term land management; and*
- *Maintain landscape character,*

while planning across the region is informed by regional biodiversity to:

- *Improve ecological functioning; and*

- *Reflect the intrinsic environmental values that underpin the region's social and economic assets.*

Strategies

3.2 Maintain the integrity of the region's regional landscapes including inter-urban breaks, scenic amenity and coastal hillslopes.

3.6 Planning and decision making considers the regional biodiversity network (Map 16 and Table 6) to:

a. improve ecological processes and biodiversity conservation outcomes
b. Identify opportunities for revegetation
c. increase resilience of natural habitats
d. avoid natural habitat fragmentation and support ecological connectivity.

Comment

The existing and proposed expanded quarry area is not visible from the Kennedy Highway which is a mapped scenic route. The proposed development will maintain the integrity of the regions scenic landscape values.

The proposed development will involve the clearing or regulated vegetation, which is unavoidable in order to access resources on-site, and clearing will be limited to that which is necessary for the operation. The expanded quarry area encroaches into State Forest, and the State has consented to the making of the application as well as issued a Sales Permit. Furthermore, the clearing proposed will be offset in accordance with State requirements.

An ecological assessment and flora survey report was carried out and submitted as part of the application. This assessment and report concluded that no listed protected plants would be impacted by the proposed development, nor would the development impact on broader habitat connectivity.

The proposed development satisfies Strategies 3.2 and 3.6.

(a) State Planning Policy

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

(b) Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016

Strategic Framework

Strategic Framework

3.3 Settlement pattern and built environment

3.3.11 Element—Rural areas

3.3.11.1 Specific outcomes

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

Comment

The development proposes the expansion of a long-established hard rock quarry into adjoining land. The proposed development is not likely to impact on any adjoining properties, nor will the expansion be noticeable from the Kennedy Highway.

The proposed development complies with Specific outcome (1).

3.4 Natural resources and environment

3.4.2 Element – Conservation areas

3.4.2.1 Specific Outcomes

(1) The ecological values and processes of *conservation areas,* including World Heritage Areas, are recognised and protected from development which is incompatible with these values.

(2) *Conservation areas* include areas of high scenic amenity value and are protected from development which compromises these scenic values.

(3) Development within *conservation areas* will be limited to:

(a) visitor facilities designed to facilitate nature appreciation and blend with the natural environment;
(b) facilities for ecological research;
(c) small-scale maintenance buildings and depots associated with the management of natural values;
(d) essential infrastructure corridors;
(e) uses in accordance with a relevant Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

(4) New development adjacent to *conservation areas* will:

(a) be compatible with natural values; and
(b) sensitively located and setback from *conservation areas*; and
(c) ensure no irreparable disturbances to the areas of ecological significance; and
(d) mitigate the cumulative impacts of development; and
(e) ensures contaminants do not impact *conservation areas*.

Comment

The proposed quarry expansion will extend into the adjoining State Forest (Lot 175 on FTY1871). State Forests may be used for economic activities such as timber production and resource extraction (quarrying). The Department of Primary Industries has issued a Sales Permit that covers the proposed expanded extraction area.

The existing and proposed expanded quarry area is not visible from the Kennedy Highway which is a mapped scenic route. The proposed development will maintain the integrity of the regions scenic landscape values.

The proposed development will involve the clearing or regulated vegetation, which is unavoidable in order to access resources on-site, and clearing will be limited to that which is necessary for the operation. The clearing proposed will be offset in accordance with State requirements (Refer to SARA Referral Agency Response included as Attachment).

An ecological assessment and flora survey report was carried out and submitted as part of the application. This assessment and report concluded that no listed protected plants would be impacted by the proposed development, nor would the development impact on broader habitat connectivity.

The proposed development does not compromise Specific Outcomes (1) – (4).

3.4.3 Element—Pest and weed management

3.4.3.1 Specific outcomes

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

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

Comment

The proposed development will operate in accordance with an approved Integrated Site Management Plan which will address pest and weed management.

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

3.4.4 Element—Biodiversity areas

3.4.4.1 Specific outcomes

(1) Development avoids adverse impacts on the ecological values of biodiversity areas and where avoidance is not possible the adverse impacts are minimised and, for an area of high ecological significance, no net loss in biodiversity values is achieved.

(2) Development on lots containing biodiversity areas ensures their ongoing protection and retention through application of conservation covenants or dedication for public use.

(3) Biodiversity areas that are considered to be of regional, state or higher levels of significance are awarded levels of protection commensurate with these values.

(4) The ecological values of biodiversity areas which have been degraded are rehabilitated as part of the development, and commensurate with the scale of development.

(6) Endangered and of-concern ecosystems and threatened species habitat including upland refugia ecosystems, wet sclerophyll, and the habitat of endemic species are protected across all land tenures.

Comment

The proposed quarry expansion will extend into the adjoining State Forest (Lot 175 on FTY1871). The State does allow State Forests to be used for economic activities such as timber production and resource extraction (quarrying). The Department of Primary Industries has issued a Sales Permit that covers the proposed expanded extraction area.

The existing and proposed expanded quarry area is not visible from the Kennedy Highway which is a mapped scenic route. The proposed development will maintain the integrity of the regions scenic landscape values.

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The proposed development does not compromise Specific Outcome (1) – (4) and (6).

3.4.6 Element—Watercourses and wetlands

3.4.6.1 Specific outcomes

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

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

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

Comment

The proposed extraction areas on-site are appropriately setback from nearby seasonal watercourses.

The proposed development complies with Specific outcomes (1), (3) and (5).

3.4.8 Element—Air and noise quality

3.4.8.1 Specific outcomes

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

Comment

The proposed development is for the expansion of a long-established hard rock quarry operation which is appropriately setback from any nearby sensitive receptor. Through the implementation of appropriate setbacks, the development is not likely to impact on the amenity of surrounding sensitive land uses. The development complies with Specific outcome (1).

3.6 Transport and infrastructure

3.6.1 Strategic outcomes

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

Comment

The proposed development is for the expansion of a long-established hard rock quarry operation which is accessed directly from the Kennedy Highway. The application was referred to TMR through SARA. The development complies with Strategic outcome (1).

3.7.11 Element—Extractive resources

3.7.11.1 Specific outcomes

(2) Extractive industries:

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

(b) avoid areas of ecological significance and values;

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

Comment

The proposed quarry expansion will extend into the adjoining State Forest (Lot 175 on FTY1871). TH State does allow State Forests to be used for economic activities such as timber production and resource extraction (quarrying). The Department of Primary Industries has issued a Sales Permit that covers the proposed expanded extraction area.

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The proposed development does not compromise Specific Outcome (2).

Relevant Developments Codes

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

6.2.3 Conservation zone code
6.2.9 Rural zone code
8.2.3 Bushfire hazard overlay code
8.2.4 Environmental significance overlay code
8.2.8 Hill and slope overlay code
9.3.5 Industrial activities code
9.4.2 Landscaping code
9.4.3 Parking and access code
9.4.5 Works, services and infrastructure code

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

Relevant Codes	Comments
Conservation zone code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable

	outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Rural zone code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Bushfire hazard overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Environmental significance overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Hill and slope overlay code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Industrial activities code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Landscaping code	The proposed development is for a sand extraction operation within the Rural zone. Landscaping is not considered necessary. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Parking and access code	The proposed development is for the expansion of a large hard rock quarry that is not accessible to the public. Formalised carparking is not considered necessary. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.
Works, services and infrastructure code	The application complies or can be conditioned to comply with the codes relevant acceptable outcomes. Where an acceptable outcome is not provided or an acceptable outcome cannot be

	complied with, it is considered the development can comply with the corresponding higher order performance outcome. Refer to separate code document for full commentary.

Planning Scheme Policies/Infrastructure Charges Plan

The following planning scheme policies are relevant to the application:

Planning Scheme Policy 4 - FNQROC Regional Development Manual

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

Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notice

The proposed development will be accessed via the existing State approved access on to the Kennedy Highway and will not place any additional demand on any of Council's trunk infrastructure networks. Infrastructure charges are not necessary in this instance.

REFERRAL AGENCY

The application triggered referral to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning as a Concurrence Agency (SARA – State Transport Infrastructure and Vegetation Clearing).

That Department provided their referral agency response on 28 August 2026 (Attachment) which is required to be attached to any approval.

Internal Consultation

Not applicable

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The development proposal was placed on public notification from 17 August 2026 to 4 September 2026. The applicant submitted the notice of compliance on 9 September 2026 advising that the public notification requirements were carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

No submissions were received.

PLANNING DISCUSSION

Nil

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Dear Applicants,

Decision Notice
Planning Act 2016

I refer to your application and advise that on 8 August 2023, under delegated authority, Council decided to approve the application in full subject to conditions.

Details of the decision are as follows:

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application No:	MCU/23/0009
Street Address:	1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda
Real Property Description:	Lot 46 on SP328230
Planning Scheme:	Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme 2016

DECISION DETAILS

Type of Decision:	Approval
Type of Approval:	Material Change of Use Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry)
Date of Decision:	8 August 2023

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Version: 2, Version Date: 10/08/2023

CURRENCY PERIOD OF APPROVAL

The currency period for this development approval is six (6) years starting the day that this development approval takes effect. (Refer to Section 85 "Lapsing of approval at end of currency period" of the *Planning Act 2016*.)

INFRASTRUCTURE

Where conditions relate to the provision of infrastructure, these are non-trunk infrastructure conditions unless specifically nominated as a "***necessary infrastructure condition***" for the provision of trunk infrastructure as defined under Chapter 4 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS

(C) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S CONDITIONS (COUNCIL)

(a) Development assessable against the Planning Scheme

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

   - found necessary by the Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and
   - to ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval.

2. Timing of Effect

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

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

3. General

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

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

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

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

3.5 Hours of Operation

All operations pursuant to the extractive industry, or in any way connected with the extractive industry will, for site operations and for removal of material, be limited to the hours between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm Mondays to Friday and 7:00am to 5:00pm Saturdays (except Public Holidays), PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Council will have the right at any time, and from time to time, to fix other hours of operation, and upon the fixing of any such other hours of operation pursuant to the permit, or in any way connected therewith, the extractive industry will be limited to such other hours. The Applicant will not be allowed to conduct nor permit nor suffer to be conducted, any extractive industry operation nor run nor start any motors, machinery, or the like, nor remove any materials from the said land on any Sunday or Public Holiday, or at any time outside the hours mentioned or such other hours as will be fixed by Council.

3.6 The Applicant shall provide Council with records of quantities of material extracted from the site on a monthly basis.

3.7 All operations pursuant to the extractive industry must be carried out in accordance with the Integrated Site Management Plan, except where modifications are required by the conditions of this approval or the related Environmental Authority.

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

3.9 Scale and Intensity

The combined extraction volume of development approvals MC2003/27 and MCU/23/0009 must not exceed 100,000 tonnes per annum.

3.10 Rehabilitation

A Site Rehabilitation Management Plan is to be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person detailing the timing/staging of vegetation removal, method of removal and the sequence of operations and rehabilitation works.

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Site rehabilitation works must be provided in a progressive manner in accordance with extraction sequences and staging. The method of rehabilitation needs to be detailed with appropriate revegetation strategies indicated including the species list to be used including plant source.

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

3.11 Prevention of the spread of weeds and pests

The applicant must ensure the development is carried out in a manner that prevents the spread of weeds, seeds or other pests into clean areas or away from any existing infested areas.

REFERRAL AGENCIES

The referral agencies applicable to this application are:

- Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 3 - Clearing native vegetation.
- Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 1, Table 1 – State transport infrastructure thresholds (Purpose 17 – Extractive industry)
- Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4 – Material change of use near a State transport corridor

A copy of any referral agency conditions are attached.

APPROVED PLANS

The following plans are Approved plans for the development:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Title	Prepared by	Dated
016-2302-00-DRG-0001A	Quarry Expansion Plan	Neon Consulting	16.03.23
016-2302-00-DRG-0002A	Waterway Top of Bank Assessment	Neon Consulting	16.03.23

ADVISORY NOTES

The following notes are included for guidance and information purposes only and do not form part of the assessment manager conditions:

(D) ASSESSMENT MANAGER'S ADVICE

(a) Compliance with applicable codes/policies

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

(b) Compliance with Acts and Regulations

The erection and use of the building must comply with the Building Act and all other relevant Acts, Regulations and Laws, and these approval conditions.

(c) Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

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

(d) Cultural Heritage

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

(e) Transportation of Soil

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

(f) Electric Ants

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

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

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

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

PROPERTY NOTES

Not Applicable.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT PERMITS REQUIRED

Not Applicable.

SUBMISSIONS

Not Applicable.

RIGHTS OF APPEAL

You are entitled to appeal against this decision. A copy of the relevant appeal provisions from the *Planning Act 2016* is attached.

During the appeal period, you as the applicant may suspend your appeal period and make written representations to council about the conditions contained within the development approval. If council agrees or agrees in part with the representations, a "negotiated decision notice" will be issued. Only one "negotiated decision notice" may be given. Taking this step will defer your appeal period, which will commence again from the start the day after you receive a "negotiated decision notice".

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OTHER DETAILS

If you wish to obtain more information about Council's decision, electronic copies are available on line at www.msc.qld.gov.au, or at Council Offices.

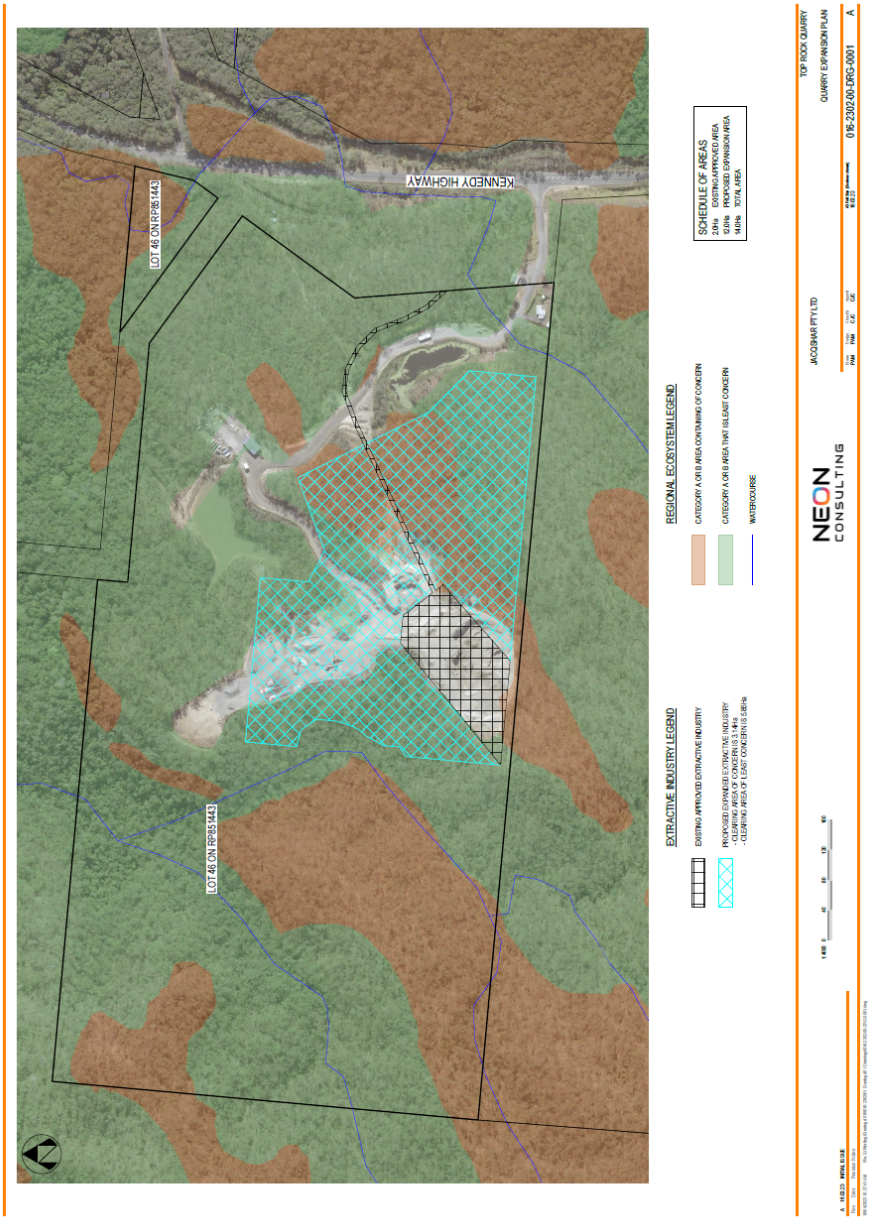
Yours faithfully

BRIAN MILLARD
COORDINATOR PLANNING SERVICES

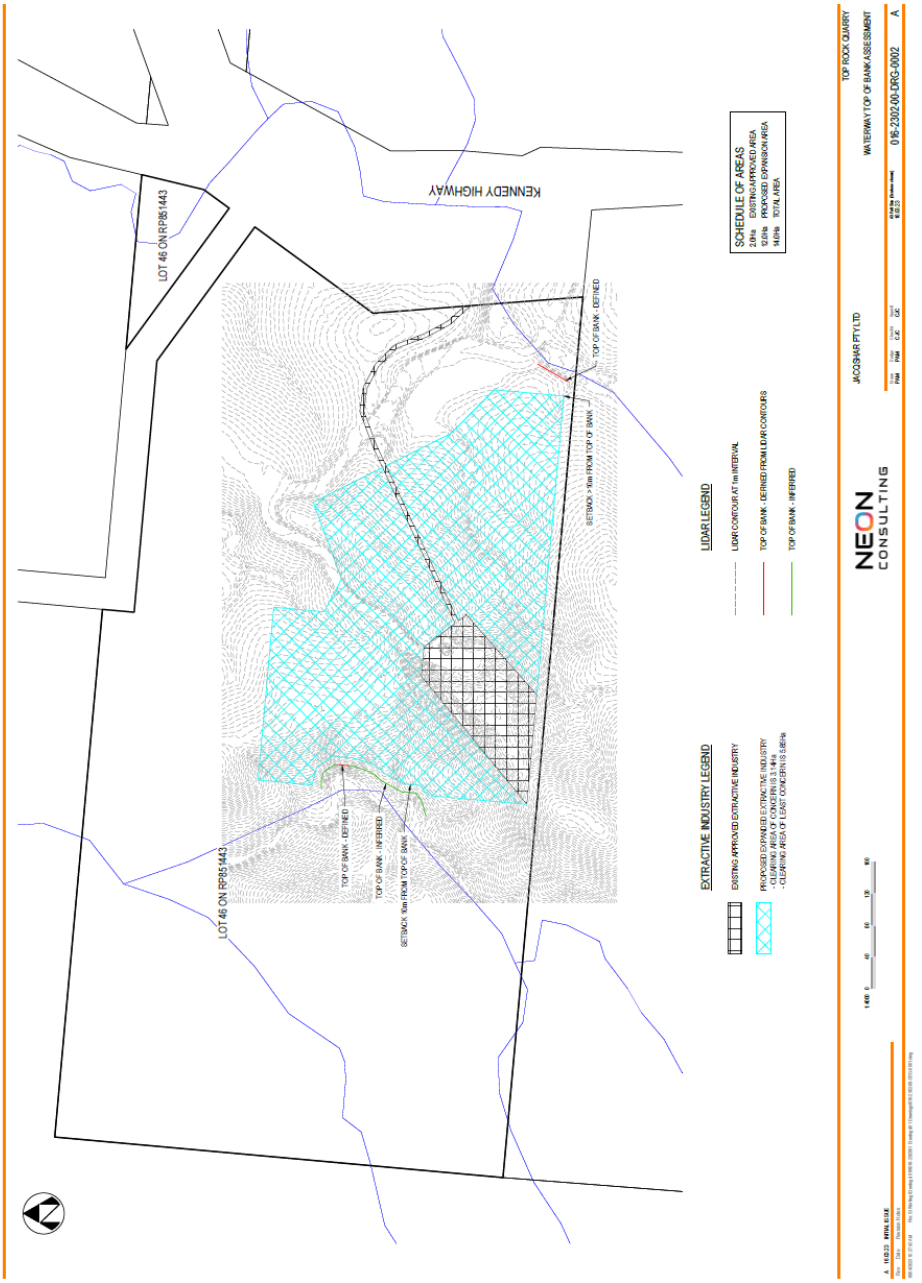
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Referral Agency Response

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Queensland Government

SARA reference: 2305-34663 SRA
Council reference: MCU/23/0009
Applicant reference: 18-13/000895

28 June 2023

Mareeba Shire Council
PO Box 154
MAREEBA QLD 4880
info@msc.qld.gov.au

Attention: Carl Ewin

Dear Mr Ewin

SARA referral agency response—1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda

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

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 18 May 2023.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions
Date of response:	28 June 2023
Conditions:	The conditions in **Attachment 1** must be attached to any development approval
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in **Attachment 2**
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in **Attachment 3**

Development details

Description:	Development Permit	Material change of use - Extractive Industry (Quarry expansion)
SARA role:	Referral agency	
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 3, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) – Clearing native vegetation Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 1, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) - State transport infrastructure thresholds	

DA Advisory Team (DAAT)
Level 13, 1 William Street, Brisbane
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	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) – State transport corridors
SARA reference:	2305-34663 SRA
Assessment manager:	Mareeba Shire Council
Street address:	1886 Kennedy Highway, Kuranda
Real property description:	Lot 46 on SP328230
Applicant name:	Jacqshar Pty Ltd c/- Planning Plus
Applicant contact details:	PO Box 399 REDLYNCH QLD 4870 info@planningplusqld.com.au
Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:	A consideration of the 23 fundamental human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules). Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

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

For further information please contact Leanne Simpson, Principal Planning Officer, on 5352 9707 or via email DAAT@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Phil Joyce
Acting Executive Director, Planning Group

cc Jacqshar Pty Ltd c/- Planning Plus, info@planningplusqld.com.au

enc Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions
Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 4 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions
Attachment 5 - Documents referenced in conditions

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Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Material change of use – Extractive industry (Quarry expansion)		
Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 3, Item 1 – Clearing native vegetation - The chief executive administering the *Planning Act 2016* nominates the Director-General of Department of Resources to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	Clearing of native vegetation must: (a) only occur within area A (A^1 - A^4) as shown on the attached: (i) Vegetation Management Plan, prepared by Queensland Government, reference VMP 2305-34663-SRA, Sheet 1, Version 1, dated 2023; and (ii) Attachment to Plan: 2305-34663-SRA, Derived Reference Points, prepared by Queensland Government, no reference and undated.	At all times
2.	Enter into an agreed delivery arrangement to deliver an environmental offset, in accordance with the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*, to counterbalance the significant residual impacts on the matter/s of state environmental significance being: (a) clearing prescribed regional ecosystems that are *of concern* regional ecosystems being: • 3.17 hectares of *Of Concern* Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a (b) 7.89 hectares of Essential habitat for Litoria serrata (tapping green eyed frog) within the following regional ecosystems: • 3.17 hectares of *Of Concern* Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a • 4.73 hectares of *Least Concern* Regional Ecosystem 7.11.51a	Prior to commencing any works that impact on clearing prescribed regional ecosystems that are *Of concern* regional ecosystems and clearing defined regional ecosystems that are Essential habitat

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Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the *Planning Act 2016*, its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) (version 3.0). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

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Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response

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

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

- The application is for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Extractive industry (Quarry expansion)
- The site is within 25m of a state-controlled road (Kennedy Highway)
- The proposed development involves a total assessable clearing area of 5.92 hectares of Category B Least concern regional ecosystem and 3.17 hectares of Category B Of concern regional ecosystem.
- The application requires assessment by SARA against the *State Development Assessment Provisions* (SDAP), version 3.0:
  - State code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment
  - State code 6: Protection of state transport networks
  - State code 16: Native vegetation clearing
- SARA has assessed the development against State codes 1 and 6 and found the development complies with the relevant performance outcomes as appropriate access is provided to the site and the proposal does not seek to increase the extraction limit already approved on the site.
- SARA has assessed the development against State code 16 and found the development complies with the relevant performance outcomes as:
  - the proposal seeks to avoid and minimise impacts on native vegetation
  - clearing associated with the development maintains the composition, structure and function of the regional ecosystem
  - clearing associated with the development maintains ecological processes and ensures the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape
  - environmental offsets will be provided through an agreed delivery arrangement in accordance with the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014* to counterbalance the significant residual impacts on matters of state environmental significance.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP (version 3.0), as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 4—Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Attachment 5—Documents referenced in conditions

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Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

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

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Planning Act 2016*
2 In the instance an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

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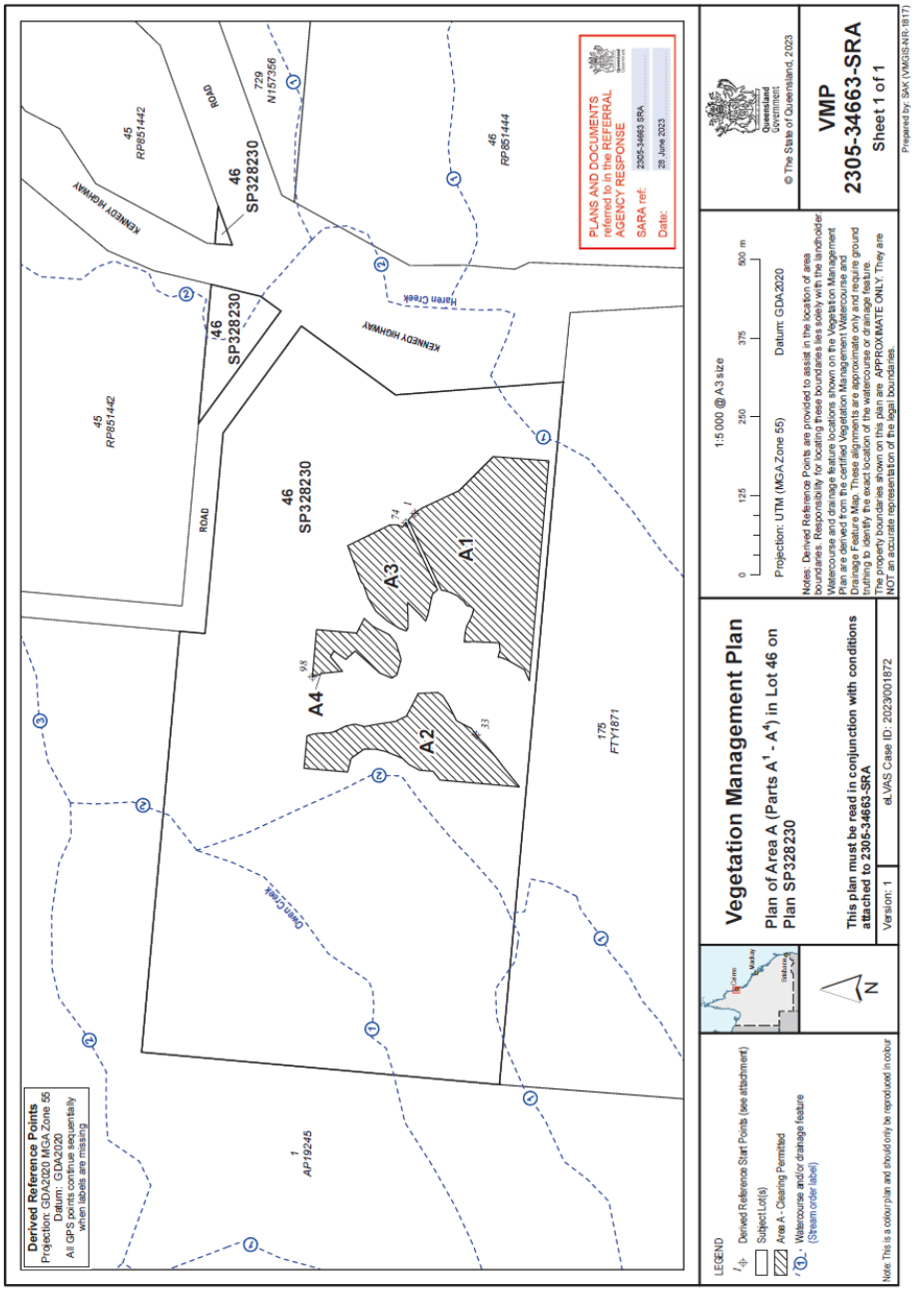
Part 7: Miscellaneous

30 Representations about a referral agency response

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

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

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Attachment to Plan: 2305-34663-SRA
Derived Reference Points
Datum: GDA2020, Projection: MGA Zone 55

PLANS AND DOCUMENTS referred to in the REFERRAL AGENCY RESPONSE
SARA ref: 2305-34663 SRA
Date: 28 June 2023

Notes: Derived Reference Points are provided to assist in the location of area boundaries.
Responsibility for locating these boundaries lies solely with the landholder and delegated contractor(s).
Coordinates start at a point indicated on the accompanying plan and proceed in a clockwise direction.

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Appeal Rights

PLANNING ACT 2016 & THE PLANNING REGULATION 2017

Chapter 6 Dispute resolution

Part 1 Appeal rights

229 Appeals to tribunal or P&E Court

(1) Schedule 1 of the *Planning Act 2016* states –
   (a) Matters that may be appealed to –
      (i) either a tribunal or the P&E Court; or
      (ii) only a tribunal; or
      (iii) only the P&E Court; and
   (b) The person-
      (i) who may appeal a matter (**the *appellant***); and
      (ii) who is a respondent in an appeal of the matter; and
      (iii) who is a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter; and
      (iv) who may elect to be a co-respondent in an appeal of the matter.

(Refer to Schedule 1 of the Planning Act 2016)

(2) An appellant may start an appeal within the appeal period.
(3) The ***appeal period*** is –
   (a) for an appeal by a building advisory agency – 10 business days after a decision notice for the decision is given to the agency; or
   (b) for an appeal against a deemed refusal – at any time after the deemed refusal happens; or
   (c) for an appeal against a decision of the Minister, under chapter 7, part 4, to register premises or to renew the registration of premises – 20 business days after a notice us published under section 269(3)(a) or (4); or
   (d) for an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice – 20 business days after the infrastructure charges notice is given to the person; or
   (e) for an appeal about a deemed approval of a development application for which a decision notice has not been given – 30 business days after the applicant gives the deemed approval notice to the assessment manager; or
   (f) for any other appeal – 20 business days after a notice of the decision for the matter, including an enforcement notice, is given to the person.

   Note –
   See the P&E Court Act for the court's power to extend the appeal period.

(4) Each respondent and co-respondent for an appeal may be heard in the appeal.
(5) If an appeal is only about a referral agency's response, the assessment manager may apply to the tribunal or P&E Court to withdraw from the appeal.
(6) To remove any doubt. It is declared that an appeal against an infrastructure charges notice must not be about-

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(a) the adopted charge itself; or
(b) for a decision about an offset or refund-
(i) the establishment cost of trunk infrastructure identified in a LGIP; or
(ii) the cost of infrastructure decided using the method included in the local government's charges resolution.

230 Notice of appeal

(1) An appellant starts an appeal by lodging, with the registrar of the tribunal or P&E Court, a notice of appeal that-
(a) is in the approved form; and
(b) succinctly states the grounds of the appeal.
(2) The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the required fee.
(3) The appellant or, for an appeal to a tribunal, the registrar must, within the service period, give a copy of the notice of appeal to –
(a) the respondent for the appeal ; and
(b) each co-respondent for the appeal; and
(c) for an appeal about a development application under schedule 1, table 1, item 1 – each principal submitter for the development application; and
(d) for and appeal about a change application under schedule 1, table 1, item 2 – each principal submitter for the change application; and
(e) each person who may elect to become a co-respondent for the appeal, other than an eligible submitter who is not a principal submitter in an appeal under paragraph (c) or (d); and
(f) for an appeal to the P&E Court – the chief executive; and
(g) for an appeal to a tribunal under another Act – any other person who the registrar considers appropriate.
(4) The *service period* is –
(a) if a submitter or advice agency started the appeal in the P&E Court – 2 business days after the appeal has started; or
(b) otherwise – 10 business days after the appeal is started.
(5) A notice of appeal given to a person who may elect to be a co-respondent must state the effect of subsection (6).
(6) A person elects to be a co-respondent by filing a notice of election, in the approved form, within 10 business days after the notice of appeal is given to the person.

231 Other appeals

(1) Subject to this chapter, schedule 1 and the P&E Court Act, unless the Supreme Court decides a decision or other matter under this Act is affected by jurisdictional error, the decision or matter is non-appealable.
(2) The *Judicial Review Act 1991*, part 5 applies to the decision or matter to the extent it is affected by jurisdictional error.
(3) A person who, but for subsection (1) could have made an application under the Judicial Review Act 1991 in relation to the decision or matter, may apply under part 4 of that Act for a statement of reasons in relation to the decision or matter.
(4) In this section –
decision includes-
(a) conduct engaged in for the purpose of making a decision; and

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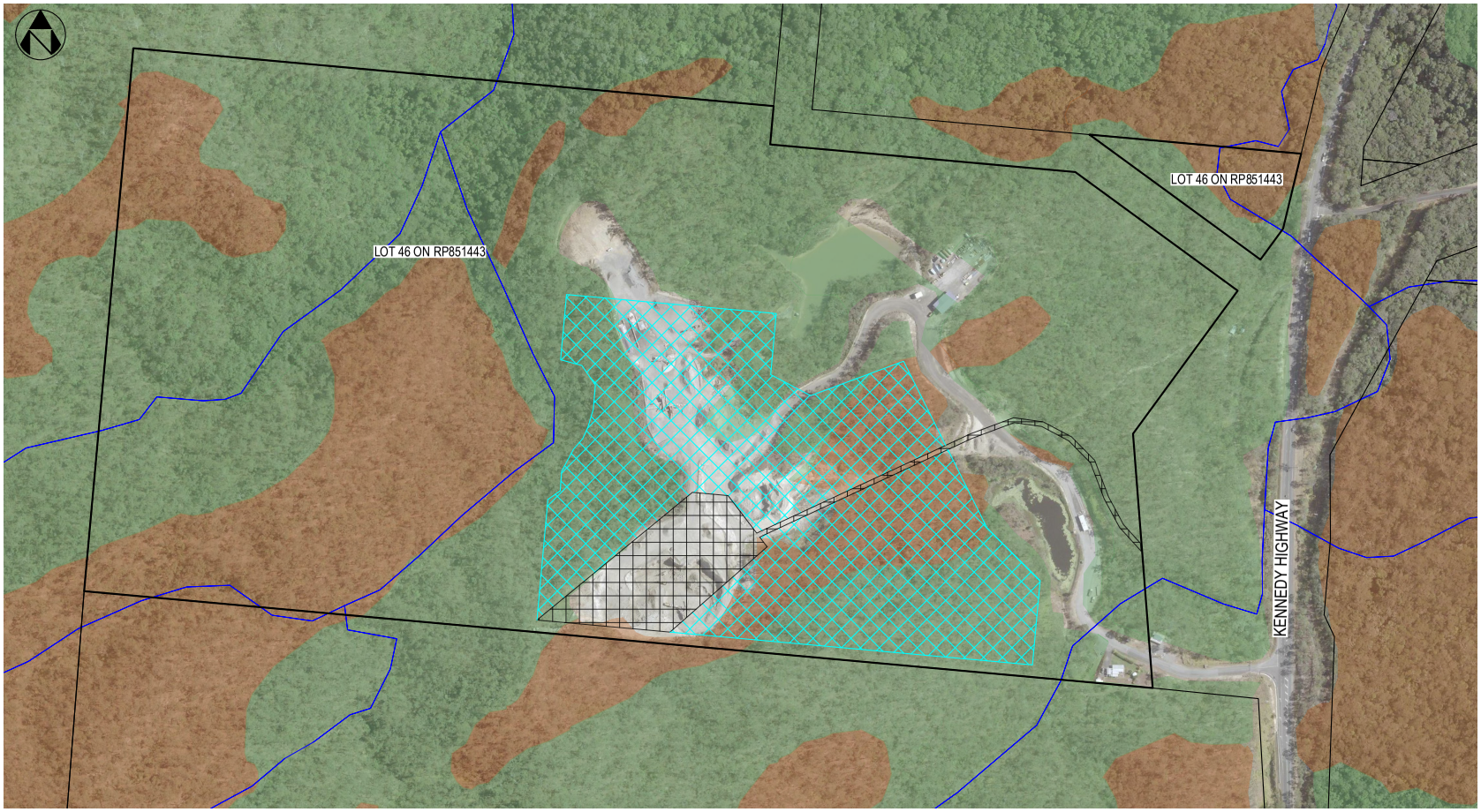
(b) other conduct that relates to the making of a decision; and
(c) the making of a decision or failure to make a decision; and
(d) a purported decision ; and
(e) a deemed refusal.

non-appealable, for a decision or matter, means the decision or matter-
(a) is final and conclusive; and
(b) may not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, quashed, set aside or called into question in any other way under the Judicial Review Act 1991 or otherwise, whether by the Supreme Court, another court, a tribunal or another entity; and
(c) is not subject to any declaratory, injunctive or other order of the Supreme Court, another court, a tribunal or another entity on any ground.

232 Rules of the P&E Court

(1) A person who is appealing to the P&E Court must comply with the rules of the court that apply to the appeal.
(2) However, the P&E Court may hear and decide an appeal even if the person has not complied with the rules of the P&E Court.

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EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY LEGEND

EXISTING APPROVED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY

PROPOSED EXPANDED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY
- CLEARING AREA OF CONCERN IS 3.14Ha
- CLEARING AREA OF LEAST CONCERN IS 5.85Ha

REGIONAL ECOSYSTEM LEGEND

CATEGORY A OR B AREA CONTAINING OF CONCERN

CATEGORY A OR B AREA THAT IS LEAST CONCERN

WATERCOURSE

SCHEDULE OF AREAS

2.0Ha	EXISTING APPROVED AREA
12.0Ha	PROPOSED EXPANSION AREA
14.0Ha	TOTAL AREA

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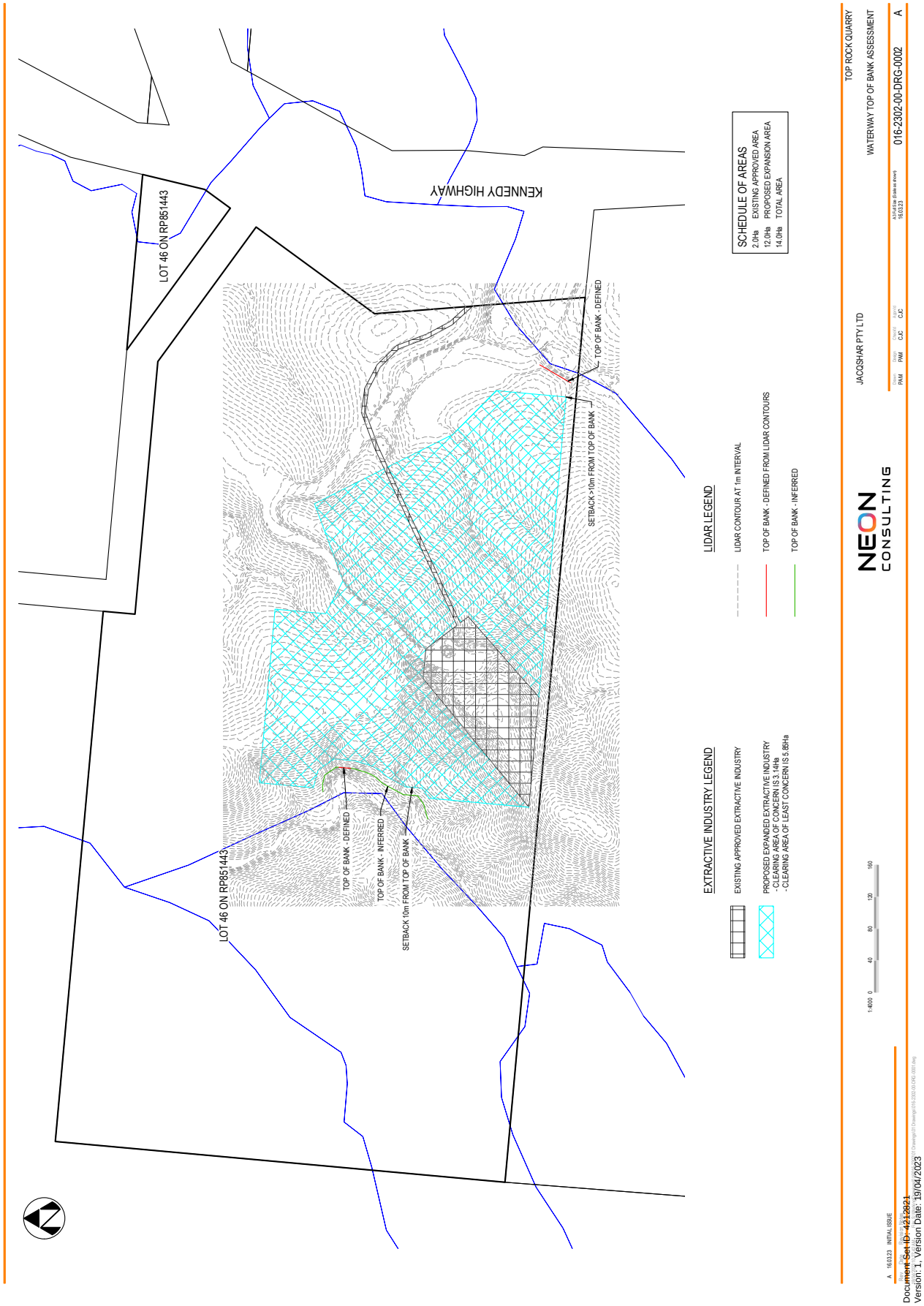
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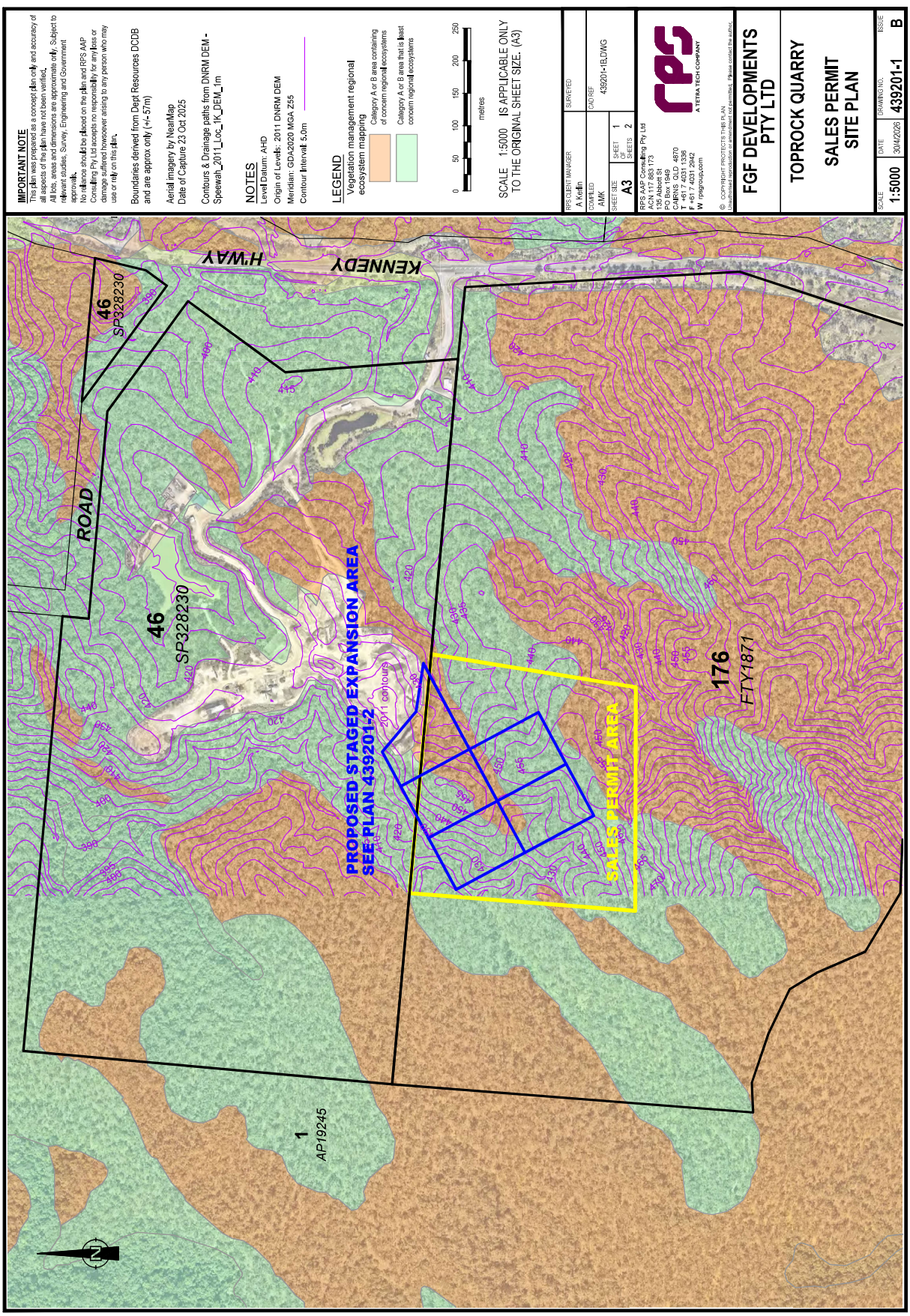
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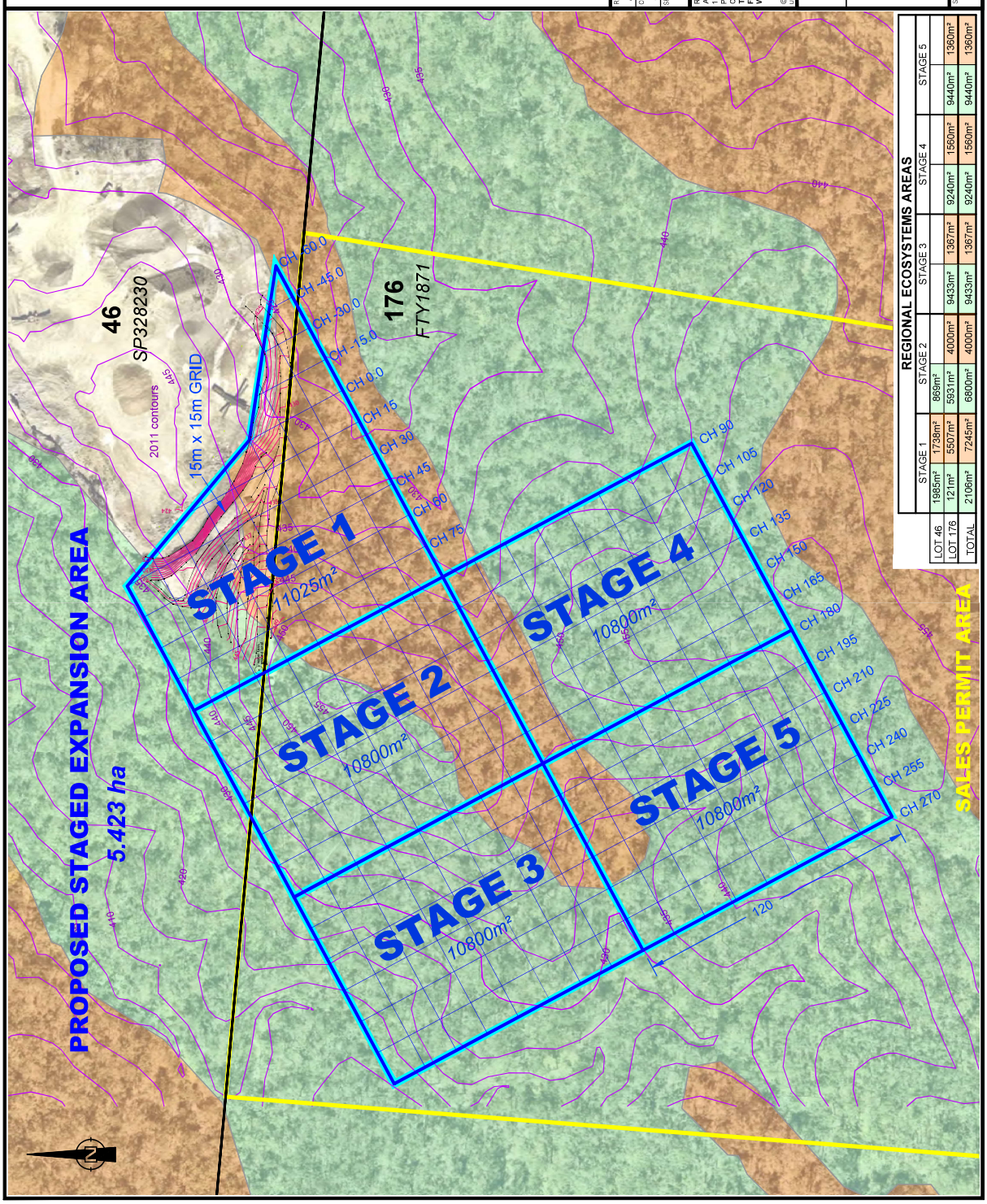
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SARA reference: 2607-53431 SRA
Applicant reference: 18-13/001435
Council reference: MCU/23/0009

28 August 2026

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

Attention: Brian Millard

Dear Mr Millard

SARA referral agency response – Change (Other) to Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Kennedy Highway, Mareeba

(Given under section 28 of the Development Assessment Rules)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 17 July 2026.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions
Date of response:	28 August 2026
Conditions:	The conditions in **Attachment 1** must be attached to any development approval
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in **Attachment 2**
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in **Attachment 3**

Development details

Description:	Development permit	Change Application (Other Change) To Existing Development Permit for Material Change of Use - Extractive Industry (Expansion of Existing Quarry)
SARA role:	Referral agency	

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SARA trigger:	o Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 3, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) Material change of use that involves clearing native vegetation o Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 1, Table 1, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) Development impacting on state transport infrastructure o Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) Material change of use of premises near a state transport corridor
SARA reference:	2607-53431 SRA
Assessment manager:	Mareeba Shire Council
Street address:	1886 Kennedy Highway, Mareeba
Real property description:	Lot 175 on FTY1871 and Lot 46 on SP328230
Applicant name:	Jacqshar Pty Ltd
Applicant contact details:	C/- Planning Plus PO Box 399 REDLYNCH QLD 4870 info@planningplusqld.com.au
Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:	Consideration of the *Human Rights Act 2019* sections 15 to 35 has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules). Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

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

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For further information please contact Taryn Pace, Principal Planning Officer, on (07) 4037 3244 or via email CairnsSARA@dsdip.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Kaye Atkins
Executive Director, Planning Services

cc Jacqshar Pty Ltd, info@planningplusqld.com.au

enc Attachment 1—Changed conditions to be imposed
Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant
Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response
Attachment 4 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions
Attachment 5 - Documents referenced in conditions

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Attachment 1—Changed Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Material change of use		
Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 3, Item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) - Material change of use that involves clearing native vegetation —The chief executive administering the *Planning Act 2016* nominates the Director-General of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing, and Regional and Rural Development to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	Clearing of native vegetation must: (a) only occur within area A (A^1 - A^4) as shown on the attached: (i) Vegetation Management Plan, prepared by Queensland Government, reference VMP 2607-53431 SRA, Sheet 1, Version 3; and (ii) Attachment to Plan: 2607-53431 SRA, Derived Reference Points, prepared by Queensland Government, no reference and undated.	At all times
2.	Enter into an agreed delivery arrangement to deliver an environmental offset, in accordance with the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*, to counterbalance the significant residual impacts on the matter/s of state environmental significance being: • clearing prescribed regional ecosystems that are of concern regional ecosystems being: o Stage 1: 0.44ha Of Concern Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a o Stage 2: 0.63ha Of Concern Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a o Stage 3: 0.76ha Of Concern Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a o Stage 4: 1.33ha Of Concern Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a o Expansion Stage 1: 0.05ha Of concern Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a • 7.87 hectares of Essential habitat for Litoria serrata (tapping green eyed frog) within the following regional ecosystems: o Stage 1: total 0.76ha of Essential Habitat (0.44ha Of Concern RE 7.11.33a and 0.32ha Least Concern RE 7.11.51a) o Stage 2: total 0.67ha of Essential Habitat (0.63ha Of Concern RE 7.11.33a and 0.04ha Least Concern RE 7.11.51a) o Stage 3: total 1.96ha of Essential Habitat (0.76ha Of Concern RE 7.11.33a and 1.2ha Least Concern RE 7.11.51a) o Stage 4: total 2.57ha of Essential Habitat (1.33ha Of Concern RE 7.11.33a and 1.24ha Least Concern RE 7.11.51a) o Stage 5: total 1.14ha of Essential Habitat mapped as Least Concern RE 7.11.51a o Stage 6: total 0.76ha of Essential Habitat mapped as Least Concern RE 7.11.51a	Prior to commencing any works that impact on clearing prescribed regional ecosystems that are Of concern regional ecosystems and clearing defined regional ecosystems that are Essential habitat

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	o Expansion Stage 1: 0.05ha Of concern Regional Ecosystem 7.11.33a	

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Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the *Planning Act 2016*, its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) (version 3.0). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

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Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response

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

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

- SARA assessed the development against the following code(s) of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), version 3.0 and version 3.6:
    - State code 1: Development in a State-controlled Road environment (State code 1)
    - State code 6: Protection of state transport networks (State code 6)
    - State code 16: Native vegetation clearing (State code 16).
- The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 1 and State code 6 of SDAP as appropriate access is provided to the site and the proposal does not seek to increase the extraction limit already approved on the site.
- The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 16 of SDAP in that the development:
    - seeks to avoid and minimise impacts on native vegetation
    - avoids impacts on vegetation and minimises and mitigates impacts on vegetation where avoidance is not possible
    - maintains ecological processes and ensures the regional ecosystem remains in the landscape
    - provides environmental offsets through an agreed delivery arrangement in accordance with the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014* to counterbalance the significant residual impacts on matters of state environmental significance.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP (version 3.0), as published by SARA
- the SDAP (version 3.6), as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 4—Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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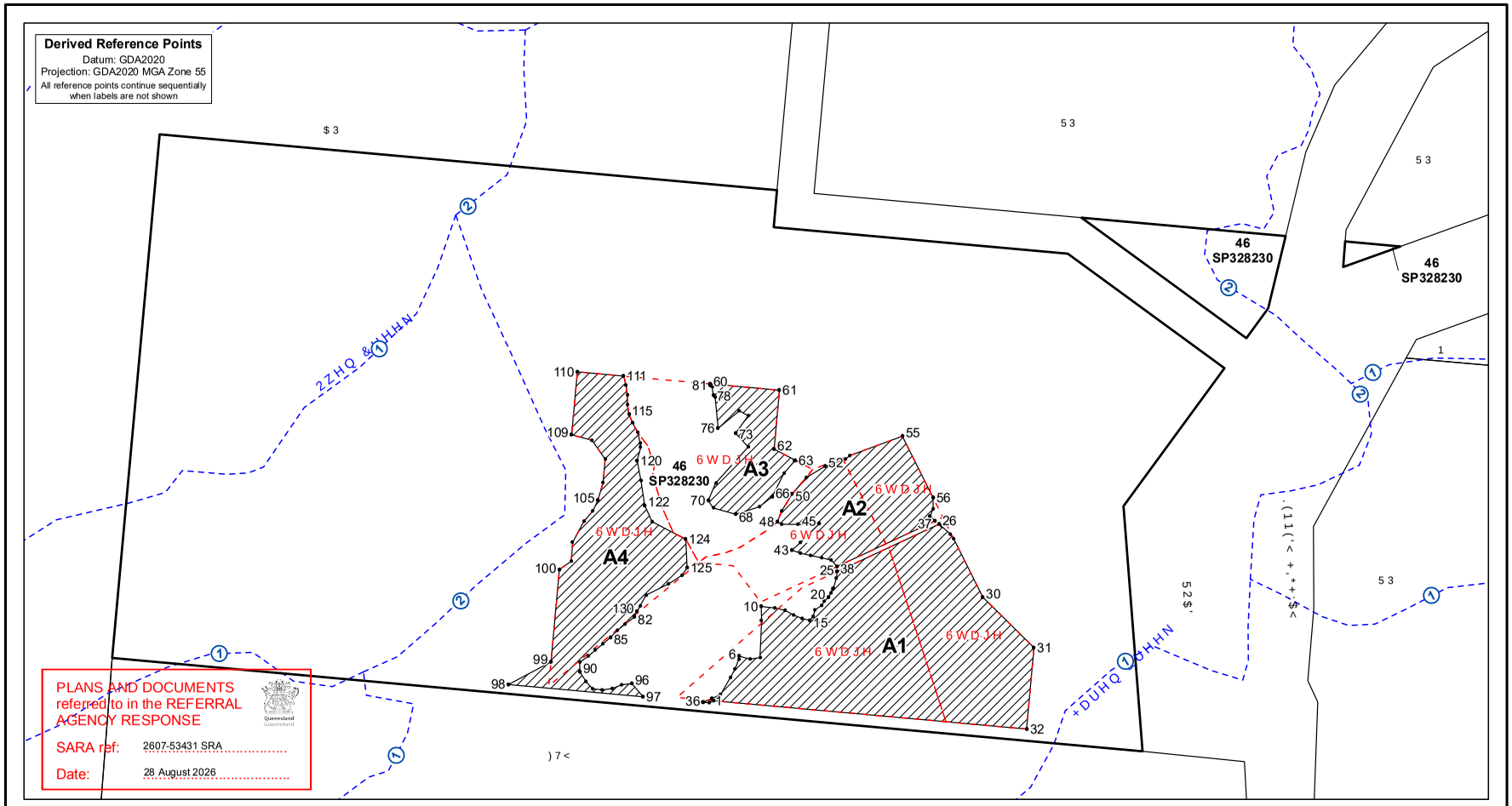
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Attachment 5—Documents referenced in conditions

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LEGEND

- •1 Derived Reference Points (see attachment)
- Subject Lot
- Area A - Clearing Permitted
- (1) Watercourse and/or drainage feature (Stream order label)
- Development Stages

Note: This is a colour map and must be reproduced in colour



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Scale: 1:4,000 @ A3 paper size

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Projection: GDA2020 MGA Zone 55 Datum: GDA2020

Notes: Derived Reference Points are provided to assist in the location of area boundaries. Responsibility for locating these boundaries lies solely with the landholder.
Watercourse and drainage feature locations shown on the Vegetation Management Plan are derived from the certified Vegetation Management Watercourse and Drainage Feature Map. These alignments are approximate only and require ground truthing to identify the exact location of the watercourse or drainage feature.
The property boundaries shown on this plan are APPROXIMATE ONLY. They are NOT an accurate representation of the legal boundaries.

Vegetation Management Plan

Plan of Area A (Parts A1 - A4) in Lot 46 on Plan SP328230

This plan must be read in conjunction with conditions attached to 2607-53431 SRA

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PLANS AND DOCUMENTS referred to in the REFERRAL AGENCY RESPONSE

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SARA ref: 2607-53431 SRA

Date: 28 August 2026

Attachment: 2607-53431 SRA
Derived Reference Points
Datum: GDA2020, Projection: MGA Zone 55

Notes: Derived Reference Points are provided to assist in the location of area boundaries.
Responsibility for locating these boundaries lies solely with the landholder and delegated contractor(s).
Coordinates start at a point indicated on the accompanying plan and continue sequentially when labels are not shown.

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Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

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

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part 7: Miscellaneous

30 Representations about a referral agency response

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

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

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8.4 PROPOSED ROAD NAME FOR MCGRATH ROAD RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (MCGRATH DEVCO PTY LTD) - RECONFIGURING A LOT - SUBDIVISION (2 INTO 12 LOTS) - LOTS 1 & 12 ON SP356474 - 30 MCGRATH ROAD, MAREEBA

Date Prepared: **12 October 2026**

Author: **Coordinator Planning & Building**

Attachments:
1. **Plan of Subdivision** ⇩
2. **McGrath Devco Pty Ltd - Road Naming submission** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The operational works application for reconfiguring a lot development approval RAL/25/0017, situated at 30 McGrath Road, Mareeba, is currently being assessed by Council officers with construction expected to commence in the coming months. The developer has written to Council proposing a name for the new road to be opened as part of the development.

The proposed road name is not included on the list of pre-approved road names for the Mareeba district. As such, Council is required to give specific approval for this name, however the general principle is that the developer can select a name and Council will approve the name provide it is not objectionable.

It is recommended that Council approve the use of the proposed road name.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the use of the Wynter Court for the new road to be opened as part of reconfiguring a lot development approval RAL/25/0017.

BACKGROUND

RAL/25/0017 – Reconfiguring a Lot – Subdivision (2 into 12 Lots)

On 17 December 2025, Council approved an application for reconfiguring a lot - subdivision (2 into 12 lots) over land described as Lots 1 & 12 on SP356474, situated at 30 McGrath Road, Mareeba. Development Permit RAL/25/0017 remains in effect.

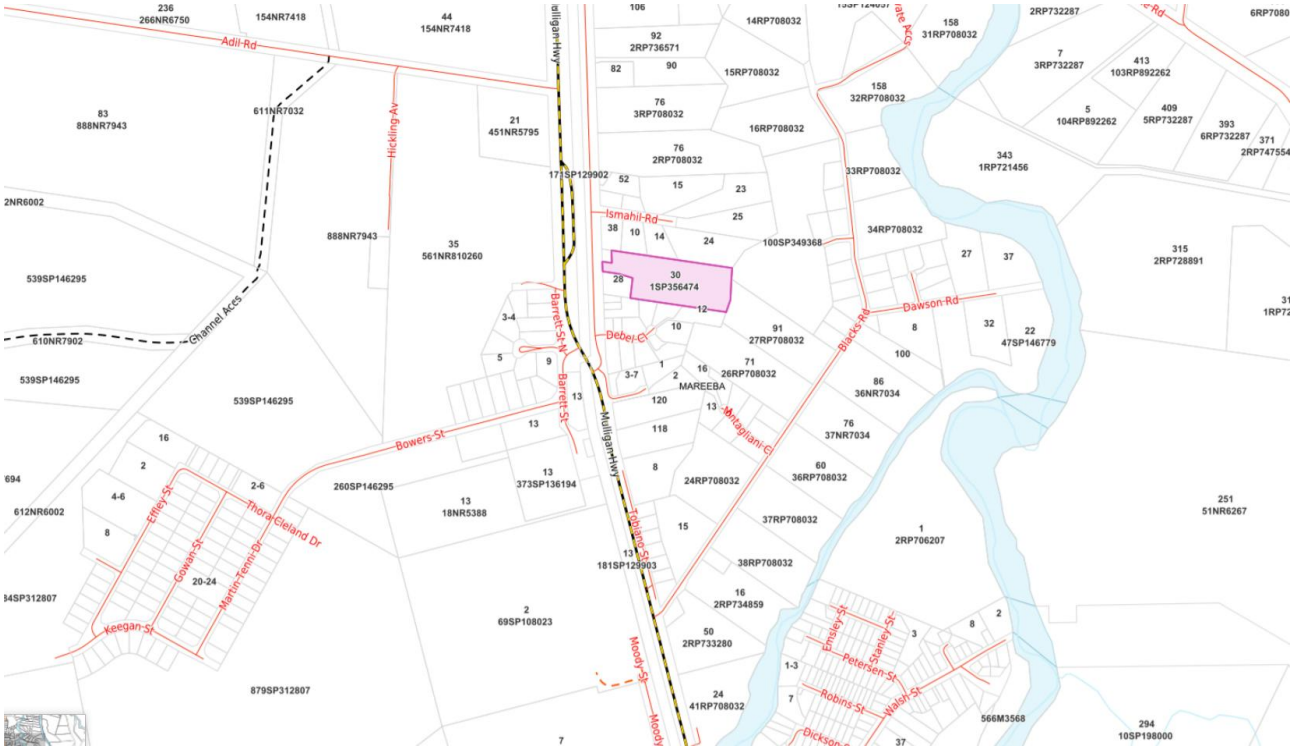
The approved lot layout is provided in an Attachment.

OW/26/0004 – Operational Works (Roadworks, Earthworks, Stormwater Drainage and Water Reticulation

On 2 June 2026, a subsequent application for the operational works associated with Development Permit RAL/26/0017 was made to Council.

An information request was made on 15 June 2026, and a response has since been provided by the applicant.

Determination of this application is expected in October 2026, with works to commence shortly afterwards.



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McGrath Devco Pty Ltd (the developer) has written to Council proposing the name **Wynter Court** for the new road to be opened off McGrath Road as part of reconfiguring a lot development approval RAL/25/0017.

The developer explains that the proposed road name is the name of their daughter.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Road and Water Crossing Naming Procedure and Road and Water Crossing Naming Policy established the process for the naming of new roads opened during subdivision development.

Both the procedure and policy encourage developers to select a proposed road name from a pre-approved list of available road names, though it also provides an avenue for developers to nominate a name/s which are not on the pre-approved lists.

Where a developer proposes a road name which is not on the pre-approved list, the request must be forwarded to Council for approval.

Comment

The proposed road name is not included on the list of pre-approved road names. As such, Council is required to give specific approval for this name.

The road naming submission included in Attachment provides an explanation for the origin of the proposed name. Whilst the policy encourages the selection of names from the pre-approved list, historically, it has been very common practice for property developers to name new roads after family members.

There is no similarly named road in the Locality.

It is recommended that Council approve the use of Wynter Court for the new road to be opened off McGrath Road.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Nil

Operating
Nil

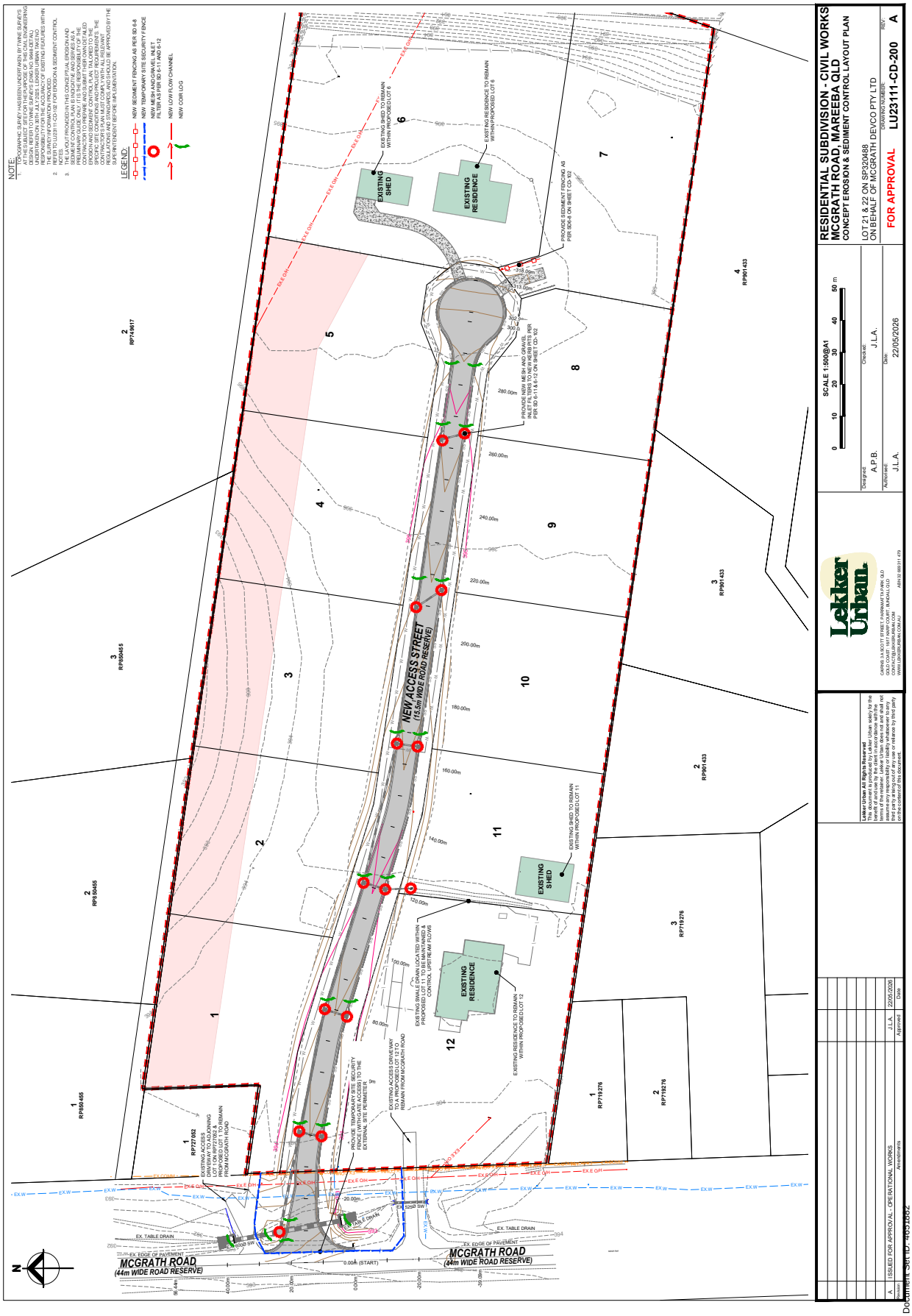
LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Subject to approval of the road name, the developer will be notified of Council's decision and will be required to erect appropriate road name signage.



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McGrath Devco Pty Ltd
Suite 2278, 94 Byrnes Street, Mareeba

Ref: RAL 25/0017

Attention: Manager Development & Governance
Mareeba Shire Council

Re: Proposed Road Name – Wynter Court

Dear Sir/Madam,

McGrath Devco Pty Ltd would like to request that the new road being created as part of our subdivision development be named **Wynter Court**.

The name **Wynter** has family significance to the developer and we would appreciate Council's consideration of the name for the new road.

We understand the proposed name will be subject to Council's road naming requirements and approval process.

Kind regards,

Steven Grist

Director

McGrath Devco pty ltd

Brian Millard

From: BrianM@msc.qld.gov.au
Subject: FW: RAL/25/0017 - Request for further information regarding Road Naming Request

From: Arkadian Developments <Arkadiandev@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 October 2026 9:53 PM
To: Dee Petersen <DeeP@msc.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: RAL/25/0017 - Request for further information regarding Road Naming Request

Hi Dee,

Thanks for getting back to me.

To expand on my original submission, Wynter is the name of my daughter, Wynter Rose Grist. My wish is to name the new road after her, creating a lasting family connection to a development that I have personally worked to bring to fruition.

As a local resident raising my family in the Mareeba area, this project has personal significance to me. Naming the road Wynter Court would be a meaningful way to reflect that connection and leave something for my daughter to look back on in years to come.

The proposed name is short and straightforward to pronounce, with the spelling reflecting her given name. I appreciate that it remains subject to Council's checks for duplication and other naming requirements.

I understand Council's policy gives preference to names with local historical or cultural significance. I would appreciate Council considering this request on its merits, recognising our family's connection to the area and to this development.

If this explanation is insufficient, could you please clarify the specific criterion or concern that needs to be addressed, and whether there is scope for Council to consider a family-based name in these circumstances? That would help me provide a more targeted response.

Kind regards,
Steve Grist
Director
McGrath Devco Pty Ltd

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8.5 DELEGATIONS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **21 September 2026**

Author: **Manager Information Systems & Governance**

Attachments: **1. Register of Delegations (amended excerpt) - Council to CEO - Tracked ⇩**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the delegations update service provided by King & Co via the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ), Council is advised of updates to Legislation that require amendments to existing delegations or new delegations to be made by Council.

All legislative delegations have undergone a bi-annual review. As a result, Council Officers have undertaken a review of the full Register of Delegations at the start of September 2026. To adopt the necessary changes, a tracked excerpt of the full Register of Delegations as confined to those statutes for which amendment is required is here provided for Council for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer all the powers appearing in the attached document titled Register of Delegations – Council to CEO with such powers to be exercised subject to any limitations and conditions declared in the *Delegations and Authorisations Policy*; and
2. Council notes and accepts the list of legislation with amended dates of reprint; and
3. Any prior delegations of power relating to the same matters are revoked.

BACKGROUND

General

Council has, under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) (LGA) delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the necessary statutory powers under various pieces of legislation to enable the CEO to effectively perform the requirements of the role and efficiently manage the operations of the Council. All delegations are made subject to the limitations on the attached documentation.

Powers may be delegated to the CEO via a resolution of Council or conferred directly to the CEO under a provision of an Act or Regulation. Such delegation avoids the necessity for excessive referral of administrative matters to Council for formal resolution.

Section 260 of the LGA provides that the CEO must establish a Register of Delegations to record all delegations and that the public may inspect the Register of Delegation, and the Register must hold the particulars prescribed under section 305 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).

This report and the recommended update to delegations of power to the CEO, if executed by resolution of Council, provides the basis for good decision making and accountability while maintaining statutory compliance.

The attachment "Register of Delegations (excerpt) – Council to CEO" shows the proposed insertions, deletions, or amendments to provisions in tracked mode. The excerpt contains only the provisions that are subject to a change, and not the entirety of the legislative instrument.

In addition to these updates, there are several legislative instruments that have been reviewed by Parliament, with no material changes made to the delegable powers. However, as a result of the review, Parliament has updated each date of reprint, otherwise known as the 'current as at' date. The date of reprint indicates all changes to the legislation that commenced before or on that reprint date. To ensure Council's Register of Delegations remains accurate, the following reprint dates are proposed to be updated throughout Council's register:

Legislation	**New date of reprint**
Animal Care and Protection Act 2001	27/04/2026
Biosecurity Act 2014	27/04/2026
Biosecurity Regulation 2016	27/04/2026
Coexistence Queensland Act 2013	01/07/2026
Environmental Protection Regulation 2019	21/06/2026
Land Act 1994	28/04/2026
Libraries Act 1988	29/06/2026
Local Government Electoral Act 2011	01/07/2026
Local Government Regulation 2012	26/06/2026
Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014	1/07/2026
Mineral Resources Act 1989 – Council to CEO	16/06/2026
Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004	29/06/2026
Planning Act 2016	27/04/2026
Planning Regulation 2017	19/06/2026
Property Law Act 2023	28/04/2026
Public Health Act 2005	27/04/2026
Regional Planning Interests Act 2014	29/06/2026
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008	07/06/2026
River Improvement Trust Act 1940	28/04/2026
Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018	04/06/2026
State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999	01/07/2026
Stock Route Management Act 2002	27/04/2026
Transport Infrastructure Act 1994	01/07/2026
Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995	01/07/2026
Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009	01/07/2026
Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023	01/07/2026

Water Act 2000	01/07/2026
Water Regulation 2016	26/06/2026
Work Health and Safety Act 2011	29/03/2026
State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014	04/07/2026

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

Legal and Compliance

Legal risk arises from unlawful exercise of statutory power. The currency of Council's Register of Delegations ensures the integrity of Council's lawful exercise of statutory power and associated sub-delegations to support the administrative functions of Council.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Delegations and Authorisations Policy

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Immediate update to RelianSys Delegations+ Register of Delegations and Instrument of Delegation.

Register of Delegations (amended excerpt)

Council to CEO

Resolution Date: 28 October 2026

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Document Reviewed:	13 January 2026
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Amended/Substituted/Renumbered:	
Inserted:	264, 265 and 359
Omitted/Expired:	
Note:	

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a registered provider, to enter an agreement with the System Governor about the provision of financial assistance offered under this section.	Section 264 *Aged Care Act 2024*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a body, to enter an arrangement with the System Governor about the provision of financial assistance offered under this section.	Section 265 *Aged Care Act 2024*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a person that has information or documents relevant to the Complaints Commissioner's functions, to give the information or documents upon request by the Complaints Commissioner. Nb. It is not mandatory to comply with the request.	Section 359(1) *Aged Care Act 2024*

Anti-Discrimination Act 1991

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Note:	This is a new register.

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power to impose genuine occupational requirements for a position.	Section 25(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to fix special terms if job capacity is restricted by an impairment.	Section 34 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, in the circumstances set out in section 48(a) and (b), to restrict access to sites of cultural or religious significance by people who are not of a particular sex, age, race or religion.	Section 48 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to supply age-based benefits and concessions.	Section 49 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to require a minor to be accompanied by an adult as a term of supplying goods and services.	Section 50 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, in the circumstances set out in section 88(a) and (b), to supply accommodation of different standards to different workers.	Section 88 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*

Chief Executive Officer	Power to do an act to benefit members of a group of people with an attribute for whose welfare the act was designed if the purpose of the act is not inconsistent with the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.*	Section 104 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to do an act to promote equal opportunity for a group of people with an attribute if the purpose of the act is not inconsistent with the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, subject to section 105(2).	Section 105(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to do an act that is reasonably necessary to protect public health.	Section 107 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to do an act that is reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of people at a place of work.	Section 108 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to restrict participation in a competitive sporting activity in accordance with section 111.	Section 111(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to the tribunal for an exemption from the operation of a specified provision of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.*	Section 113(1)(a) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to the tribunal for the renewal of an exemption from the operation of a specified provision of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*.	Section 113(7) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to seek an order for the transfer of an application under section 113 from the industrial relations commission to QCAT.	Section 113AA(5) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to appeal the tribunal's decision on an application mentioned in section 113.	Section 113A(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to rely on the defence to vicarious liability that reasonable steps were taken to prevent the worker or agent contravening the Act.	Section 133(2) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*

Chief Executive Officer	Power to comply with a notice issued by the Commissioner.	Section 143(1) and (2) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, if giving a written response to a notice issued by the Commissioner, to give the written response to the Commissioner and a copy to the complainant and any other respondent.	Section 143(2B)(a) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, if giving a written response to a notice issued by the Commissioner, to advise the Commissioner whether the written response or a copy has been given to the complainant and any other respondent.	Section 143(2B)(b) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to give the Commissioner: (a) the specified information; and the specified documents or documents of a specified class.	Section 156(1)(c) and (d) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to object to giving information or a document on the ground of legal professional privilege.	Section 156(5) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to take part in a conciliation conference at the direction of the Commissioner.	Section 159(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to seek the Commissioner's permission to be represented by another person at a conciliation conference.	Section 163 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to resolve the complaint at the conciliation conference and sign the agreement.	Section 164(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to request that the Commissioner refer a complaint to the industrial relations commission or QCAT.	Section 167(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*

Chief Executive Officer	Power to record the terms of a resolution agreement in a document signed by the complainant and the respondent and to file the document with the tribunal.	Section 189(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to the tribunal for an order varying or revoking an order made under section 190(2).	Section 190(3) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to seek an order for the transfer of a complaint from the industrial relations commission to QCAT.	Section 193A(5) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power as the respondent to a representative complaint to apply for the tribunal to fix a later date as the opt-out date.	Section 195(4) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power as the respondent to a representative complaint in the circumstances in subsection 198(1), to seek an order of the tribunal under subsection 198(2).	Section 198(1)(b) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to seek an order that a complaint no longer continue as a representative complaint.	Section 199(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to seek the leave of the tribunal to make a further order under section 199(1).	Section 199(2) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to request the Commissioner's advice about the application of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* to a specific situation.	Section 228 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to comply with a tribunal request for further information.	Section 230 *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to give the Commissioner written notice of a change of address for service.	Section 263E(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*

Chief Executive Officer	Power to give all relevant parties a copy of written notice of a change of address for service.	Section 263E(2) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to advise as to an email address or fax number for service.	Section 263I(1) *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*

Child Safe Organisations Act 2024

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Note:	New Register.

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a child safe entity, to implement and comply with child safe standards.	Section 11(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to ask the Minister to declare that the Council is subject to the obligations under section 11.	Section 12(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a child safe entity, to give the Commission a written response to an assessment report.	Section 17(2) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to provide an enforceable undertaking.	Section 19(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to the Commission to amend an enforceable undertaking.	Section 20(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to respond to the Commission's written notice of intention to publish a non-compliance.	Section 24(3) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a prescribed CSS entity, to, for the purposes prescribed in subsections 48(2)(a), (b) and (c), disclose confidential information to another prescribed CSS entity.	Section 48(2) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024

Chief Executive Officer	Power to, as a prescribed CSS or RCS entity, enter into a written agreement with the Commission about sharing or exchanging information under part 2 or 3.	Section 54 Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to make a record or disclosure of confidential information where it is a permitted use.	Section 56(3) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to use confidential information or disclose it to someone for a permitted use under section 56(5).	Section 57(3) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as an occupier, to consent to the entry and to sign an acknowledgment of consent.	Section 77(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to comply with a requirement made under section 86(1).	Section 87(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to comply with a requirement made under section 91(3)(a).	Section 92(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to claim compensation from the State if loss is incurred because of the exercise of power by or for an authorised officer.	Section 95(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power for apply to the Commission for an internal review of a reviewable decision.	Section 99(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to provide the Commission with further information about an application for internal review.	Section 100(4) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to QCAT for an external review.	Section 101 Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to make a submission to the Commission.	Section 105(1) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024
Chief Executive Officer	Power to consult with the Commission about a recommendation.	Section 105(3) Child Safe Organisations Act 2024

Electrical Safety Act 2002

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DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power to comply with an unsafe equipment direction.	Section 122D(5) *Electrical Safety Act 2002*

Electrical Safety Regulation 2013

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Note:	

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
~~Chief Executive Officer~~	~~Power, as a person conducting a business or undertaking that performs work on an electric motor forming part of a vehicle, to ensure that a person does not contravene subsection 72(1).~~	~~Section 72(2) Electrical Safety Regulation 2013~~

Environmental Protection Act 1994

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Inserted:	463, 463D(3), 436E(2)
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DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
~~Chief Executive Officer~~	~~Power, as an affected person, to make written comments to the chief executive about a TOR notice.~~	~~Sections 42 and 43 *Environmental Protection Act 1994*~~
Chief Executive Officer	Power to comply with a requirement made of the person under section 462(2)(c).	Section 463 *Environmental Protection Act 1994*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply to the administering executive for return of a seized thing.	Section 463D(3) *Environmental Protection Act 1994*
Chief Executive Officer	Power to apply for a forfeiture order.	Section 463E(2) *Environmental Protection Act 1994*

Information Privacy Act 2009

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Note:	Notes to sections 48 to 72 removed

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to take all reasonable steps to comply with the obligations of the agency in relation to a data breach. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 48 *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to give the other agency written notice of the data breach. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 48(4) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to extend the period within which the assessment must be completed. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 49(2) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to give written notice to the information commissioner. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 49(3)(b) *Information Privacy Act 2009*

Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to prepare a statement about the eligible data breach and give it to the information commissioner. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 51 *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, take all reasonable steps to provide the information to the information commissioner. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 52(2) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to notify individuals of the information mentioned in subsection 53(2) (including publishing on the agency website). ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 53(1) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to provide the information commissioner with information about how to access the notice. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 53(3) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a disclosing agency, to disclose relevant personal information held by the agency to a receiving agency if the receiving agency is the subject of an eligible data breach. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 54(2) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a disclosing agency, to charge a fee for provision of the personal information. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 54(6) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to give a written notice to the information commissioner. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 59(2) *Information Privacy Act 2009*

Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to give a written notice to the information commissioner s. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 60(3) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to :- (a) review the application of the exemption each month for the period during which the exemption is relied on; and (b) give the commissioner a summary of the review as soon as practicable after it is completed. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 60(4) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to comply with a direction given by the information commissioner given under subsection 61(2). ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 61(3) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to make a submission to the information commissioner about the data breach. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 61(5) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to take all reasonable steps to facilitate entry by an authorised officer on the date and time consented to or stated under subsection 68(2)(d). ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 68(3) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to agree to an authorised officer exercising a power mentioned in subsection 69(1)(a) or (b) by audio visual link. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 69(2) *Information Privacy Act 2009*

Chief Executive Officer	Power, as a person of whom a requirement is made under section 70(1), to comply with the requirement. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 71(1) *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to keep a register of eligible data breaches of the agency. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 72 *Information Privacy Act 2009*
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as agency, to prepare and publish on the agency's website a policy about how it will respond to a data breach, including a suspected eligible data breach. ~~Note this section does not commence operation until 1 July 2026 (see section 219).~~	Section 73 *Information Privacy Act 2009*

Local Government Act 2009

Document Reviewed:	~~12 March~~ 2 July 2026
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Inserted:	
Omitted/Expired:	142(1)(a)
Note:	

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
~~Chief Executive Officer~~	~~Power to give a remedial notice, as defined by section 138AA(1), to the owner or occupier of a property who is required to take the action stated in the remedial notice.~~	~~Section 142(1)(a) *Local Government Act 2009*~~

Right to Information Act 2009

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Amended/Substituted/Renumbered:	
Inserted:	185
Omitted/Expired:	
Note:	

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as an agency, to give the information commissioner the information prescribed by regulation about the operation of this Act in relation to the agency during that year.	Section 185 *Right to Information Act 2009*

Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011

Document Reviewed:	~~23 February~~ 8 July2026
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Inserted:	224(3)
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DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011	**NOTE: The State (via ~~DERM~~ DES as it was previously known) has delegated certain powers of the chief executive to local governments under section 263(1)(b) of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* This has been done via:** • **the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Local Government) Delegation (No. 1)~~2015~~2019.** **The delegations specifically include the power to sub-delegate to an "appropriately qualified entity"**	
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as the owner of a seized thing, to apply to the chief executive for its return.	Section 224(3) *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

Document Reviewed:	~~1~~ 8 July ~~2025~~2026
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Amended/Substituted/Renumbered:	678(2)
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Note:	

DELEGATE	DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Chief Executive Officer	Power, as an eligible person in relation to a reviewable decision under section 89(5), 118(5), 144F(5) 256(5), 269(5) or 497(5) of the *Work Health and Safety Regulation* to apply to the regulator for an internal review of the decision.	Section 678(2) *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*

8.6 TRUSTEE LEASE RENEWAL - MAREEBA ART SOCIETY INC. - LEASE A IN LOT 564 ON SP103858

Date Prepared: **29 September 2026**

Author: **Manager Information Systems & Governance**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks approval for renewal of the trustee lease held by the Mareeba Art Society Inc. over part of Reserve land Lot 564 on SP103858, located on Byrnes Street Mareeba.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Decides that section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) applies to the proposed lease dealing outlined in this report; and
2. Approves the grant of a community trustee lease over a portion of Lot 564 on SP103858 to the Mareeba Art Society Inc. ABN 51 049 227 895 for a term of 10 years commencing 25 November 2026.

BACKGROUND

Mareeba Art Society Inc. currently hold a trustee lease over a portion of Lot 564 on SP103858 described as Lease A, located on Byrnes Street, Mareeba. The lease is due to expire on 24 November 2026.

Renewal of term

Council is in receipt of correspondence dated 9 September 2026 from the Mareeba Art Society Inc. seeking renewal of tenure for a further term of 10 years.

The new lease will be issued in accordance with the *Community Group Exclusive Use of Council Land and Facilities Policy.*

Assessment of group

Mareeba Art Society Inc. meet the definition of a Community Group under Council's *Community Group Exclusive Use of Council Land and Facilities Policy* and *Community Tenure Guidelines* and is preliminarily assessed as a Type two (2) Community Group.

Mareeba Art Society Inc. have effectively managed the land since November 1996 in accordance with the terms of their current lease.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) (LGR) provides that a local government may dispose of an interest in land (including all or part of an interest in land such as by

lease) other than by tender auction if interest in land is disposed of to a community organisation as defined in Schedule 8 of the LGR as follows:

community organisation means—

(a) an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or

(b) another entity whose primary object is not directed at making a profit.

The entity Mareeba Art Society Inc. conforms with this definition.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Nil

Operating
Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Mareeba Art Society Inc. to be informed of resolution and presented with draft lease for consideration.

8.7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **7 October 2026**

Author: **Manager Finance**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of financial matters for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receives the Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2026;
2. empanels four (4) sole suppliers to be added to the Sole Supplier Register; and
3. remove three (3) sole suppliers from the Sole Supplier Register.

BACKGROUND

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

The 2025/26 financial year audit has been completed. The 2025/26 Financial Statements and Queensland Audit Office Closing Report were presented to the Audit Committee on 6 October 2026.

For the period ending 30 September 2026, actual results are in line with the year-to-date budget. There are no issues or concerns to discuss or highlight, any variances at this stage are due to budget allocation timing issues.

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

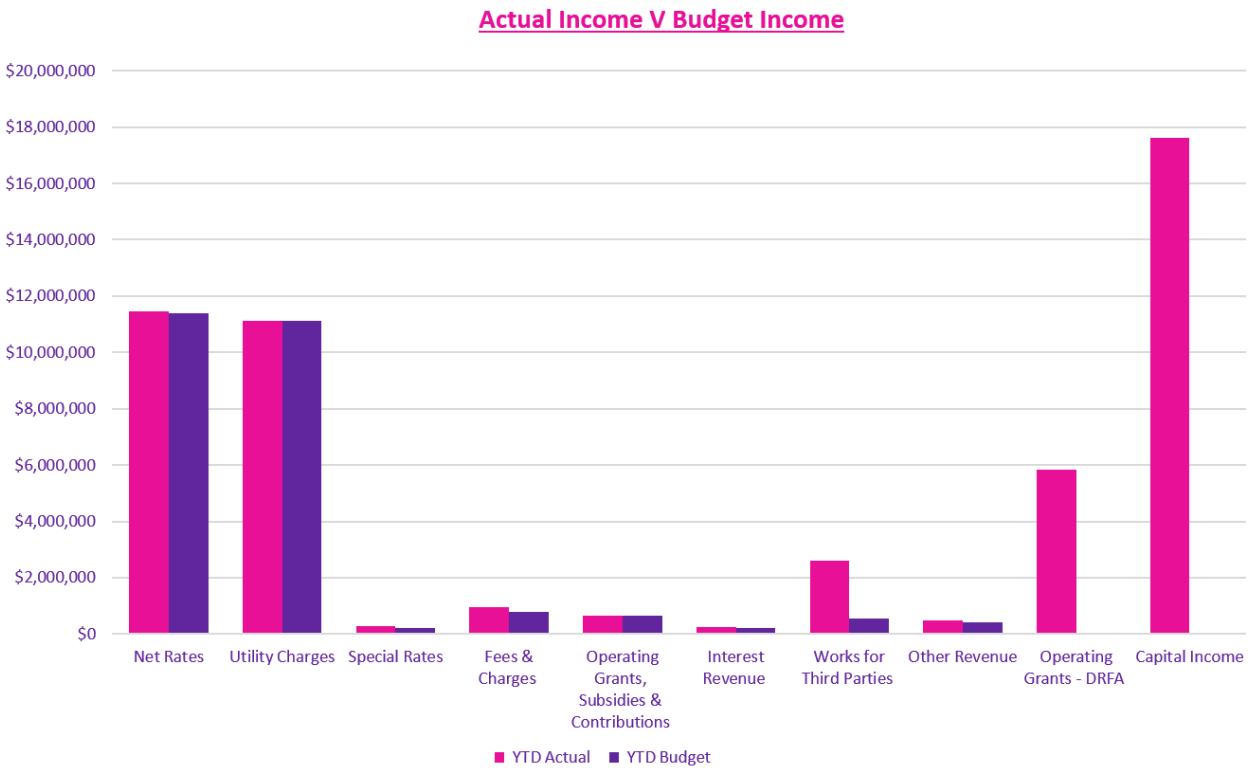
September 2026 – Snapshot	**Actuals YTD $**	**Budget YTD $**
Council Operating Income	27,748,488	25,349,394
Council Operating Expenditure	15,617,661	15,075,084
Council Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**12,130,827**	**10,274,310**
Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) - Surplus/(Deficit)	(529,661)	-
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**11,601,166**	**10,274,310**
Total Capital Income	17,608,624	45,000

Council's significant operating surplus is primarily due to the issue of rate notices for the July to December period, with the full rates income recognised up to 31 December.

Income Analysis

Council operating income for the period ending 30 September 2026 is **$27,748,488** (excluding $17,608,624 in capital income and $5,838,848 in DRFA income) compared to the year-to-date operating budget of **$25,349,394**.

The following graph shows actual income against budget for the period ending 30 September 2026:



Income	Actuals YTD $	Budget YTD $	Note
Net Rates	11,453,377	11,378,117	
Utility Charges	11,114,533	11,129,186	**1**
Special Rates	284,724	219,039	
Fees & Charges	947,838	789,787	**2**
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	645,834	649,596	
Interest Revenue	243,814	220,000	
Works for Third Parties	2,590,795	556,250	**3**
Other Revenue	467,573	407,419	
Total Council Operating Income	**27,748,488**	**25,349,394**	
Operating Grants - DRFA	5,838,848	-	**4**
Capital Income	17,608,624	45,000	**5**
Total Income	**51,195,960**	**25,394,394**	

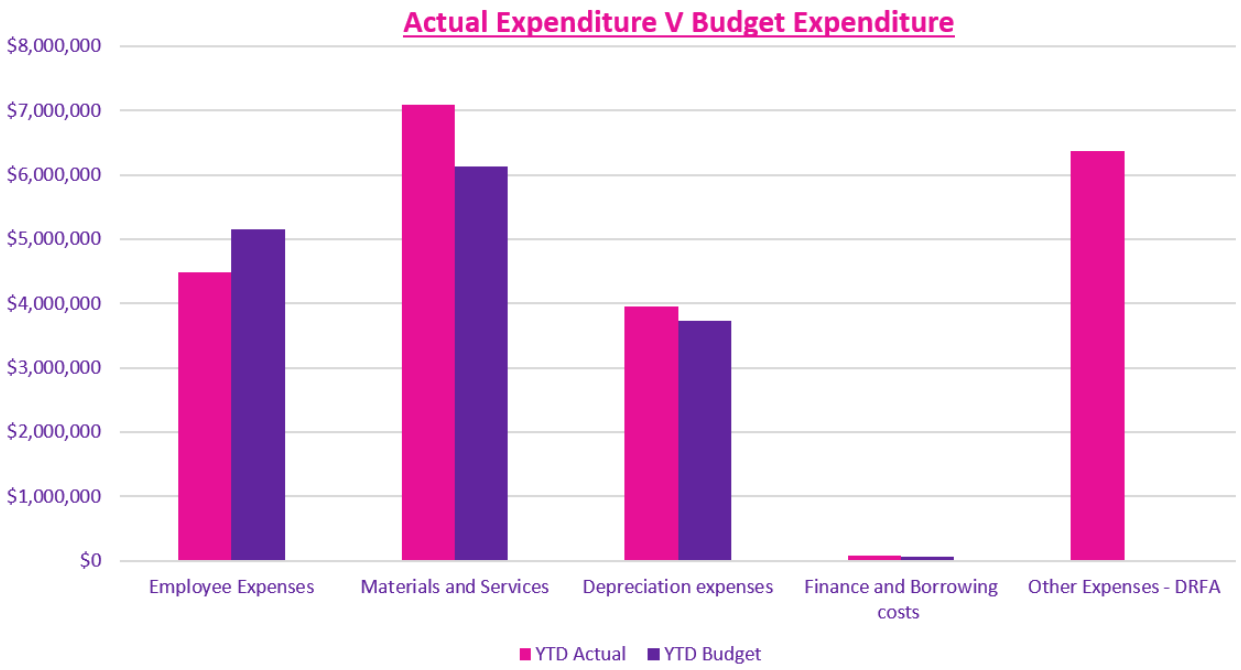
Notes:

1. Rates for the half year ending 31 December 2026 were levied in August with the discount date closing 11 September 2026.
2. The favourable variance is due to higher than anticipated revenue from building and plumbing applications, planning applications, and animal registrations and fines. This trend may stabilise over the remainder of the year.
3. The favourable result is due to unbudgeted third-party works and Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) with Department of Main Roads and Transport income received. While third party works income budget is spread evenly over 12 months, actual receipts do not follow this pattern but align with the reported year to date expenditure. The variance is expected to align with the budget by year end.
4. Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) restoration works are not budgeted for and there will be an expenditure offset against this revenue.
5. Capital income represents interest on constrained works, capital grants received for future projects and developer contributions that are not budgeted for.

Expenditure Analysis

Total council operating expenses for the period ending 30 September 2026 amount to **$15,617,661** (excluding $6,368,509 in DRFA expenditure), compared to the year-to-date operating budget of **$15,075,084**.

The graph below shows actual expenditure against budget for the period ending 30 September 2026.



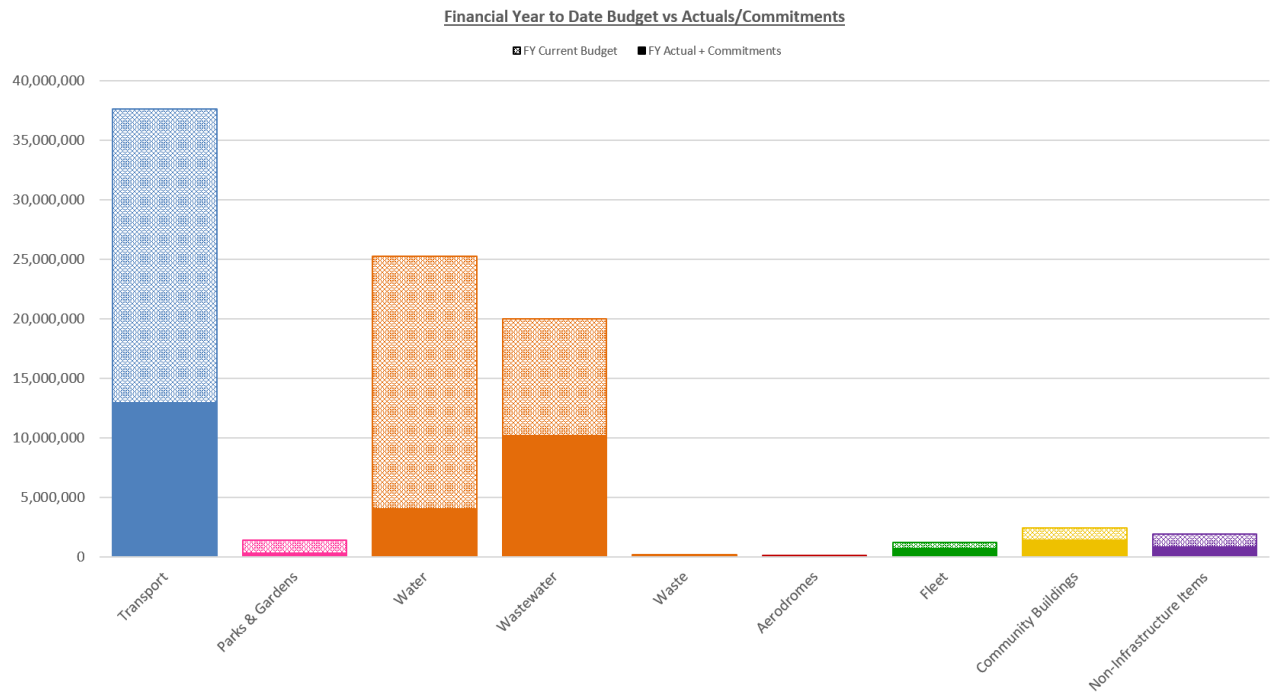
Expenses	Actual YTD $	Budget YTD $	Note
Employee Expenses	4,490,019	5,157,920	**1**
Materials and Services	7,085,882	6,124,796	**2**
Depreciation Expenses	3,955,973	3,736,734	
Finance and Borrowing Costs	85,787	55,634	
Total Council Operating Expenses	**15,617,661**	**15,075,084**	
Other Expenses - DRFA	6,368,509	-	**3**
Total Expenses	**21,986,170**	**15,075,084**	

Notes:

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

Capital Expenditure

Total capital expenditure of **$30,477,020** (including commitments) has been spent for the period ending 30 September 2026 against the 2026/27 annual capital budget of **$90,130,509**.



Loan Borrowings

Council's loan balance is **$5,548,190** as at 30 September 2026.

Rates and Charges

The total rates and charges payable as at 30 September 2026 are **$4,314,583** which is broken down as follows:

	30 September 2026		30 September 2025	
Status	**No. of properties**	**Amount $**	**No. of properties**	**Amount $**
Valueless Land	3	26,546	3	13,869
Payment Arrangement	271	396,082	220	291,473
Collection House	217	1,747,217	220	1,309,749
Exhausted – awaiting sale of land	11	441,249	8	405,590
Exhausted – mining leases	4	77,172	10	970,083
Sale of Land	-	-	0	-
Other *(includes current rates)*	955	1,626,318	1023	1,732,199
TOTAL	**1461**	**4,314,583**	**1484**	**4,722,963**

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

Collection House recorded payments of **$65,778** for the month of September 2026.

Sundry Debtors

The total outstanding for Sundry Debtors as at 30 September 2026 is **$4,027,944** which is made up of the following:

Current	30 days	60 days	90 + days
$3,993,222	$7,109	$5,457	$22,156
99.14%	0.18%	0.14%	0.55%

Vandalism Expenses

For the period to September, a total of **$20,701** has been spent on repairs and maintenance due to vandalism. These costs are not budgeted and include employee expenses and materials and services.

Procurement

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

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

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

b) Council resolved that, because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders.

There are currently 76 suppliers endorsed by Council as sole suppliers. In addition to these suppliers, it is recommended that Council empanels the following suppliers to the Sole Supplier Register:

SUPPLIER NAME	SERVICES RENDERED
SOL1 Pty Ltd	Sol1 Pty Ltd is an Australian owned Proxmox authorised partner providing virtualisation licensing and support.
Smith & Loveless Australia Pty Ltd	Only producer of SF7 Bursh Sets for Mareeba STP Inlets.
E-Waste Recycling	E-Waste Recycling Australia provides the collection, transportation, and recycling of all e-waste products deposited at Council transfer stations, including televisions, computers, monitors, printers, laptops, and other electronic equipment.
Sitech Construction Systems Pty Ltd	Authorised Dealer for Trimble solutions for both civil construction and marine construction applications, ranging from land-based construction projects to marine applications such as dredging, hydrographic surveying and construction.

After a review of the current Sole Supplier Register, it is recommended that Council removes the following suppliers from the Sole Supplier Register:

- Cairns Scuba Air Pty Ltd
- Northern Groundwater Services
- Roger Henshaw Consultancy Services

This will bring the total number of sole suppliers to 77.

Risk Implications

Nil

Legal/Compliance/Policy Implications

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the financial report to be presented to local government if the local government holds its ordinary meetings more frequently (than once per month) - to a meeting in each month.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION.

Nil

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Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

Consolidated			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	24,126,820	24,004,808	48,009,612
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,274,186)	(1,278,466)	(2,556,932)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**22,852,634**	**22,726,342**	**45,452,680**
Fees and Charges	947,838	789,787	2,223,430
Operating Grants and Subsidies	645,834	559,596	10,431,096
Operating Grants and Subsidies - DRFA	5,838,848	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	90,000	180,000
Interest Revenue	243,814	220,000	880,000
Works for Third Parties	2,590,795	556,250	2,225,000
Other Revenue	467,573	407,419	1,083,086
Total Operating Revenue	**33,587,336**	**25,349,394**	**62,475,292**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	4,490,019	5,157,920	21,117,968
Materials and Services	7,085,882	6,124,796	20,933,864
Other Expenses - DRFA	6,368,509	-	-
Depreciation expense	3,955,973	3,736,734	14,947,093
Finance and Borrowing costs	85,787	55,634	222,537
Total Operating Expenses	**21,986,170**	**15,075,084**	**57,221,462**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**11,601,166**	**10,274,310**	**5,253,830**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	96,392	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	16,989,649	-	2,766,657
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	521,852	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	731	45,000	180,000
Total Capital Income	**17,608,624**	**45,000**	**2,946,657**
Net Result	**29,209,790**	**10,319,310**	**8,200,487**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

General	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	12,924,907	12,800,400	25,600,799
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	(1,274,186)	(1,278,466)	(2,556,932)
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**11,650,721**	**11,521,934**	**23,043,867**
Fees and Charges	713,956	584,506	1,402,305
Operating Grants and Subsidies	644,834	547,596	10,368,096
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	67,950	162,500	650,000
Works for Third Parties	2,577,580	556,250	2,225,000
Other Revenue	442,726	361,919	901,086
Total Operating Revenue	**16,097,767**	**13,734,705**	**38,590,354**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	3,949,957	4,539,939	18,592,064
Materials and Services	4,644,202	3,161,574	9,028,027
Depreciation expense	2,772,079	2,654,330	10,617,432
Finance and Borrowing costs	64,002	34,384	137,537
Total Operating Expenses	**11,430,240**	**10,390,227**	**38,375,060**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**4,667,527**	**3,344,478**	**215,294**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	96,392	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	5,312,690	-	250,000
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	421,020	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	724	45,000	180,000
Total Capital Income	**5,830,826**	**45,000**	**430,000**
Net Result	**10,498,353**	**3,389,478**	**645,294**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

Disaster Recovery Funding			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	-	-	-
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**-**	**-**	**-**
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	5,838,848	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	-	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	**5,838,848**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	77,765	-	-
Materials and Services	6,290,744	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	-	-
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**6,368,509**	**-**	**-**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**(529,661)**	**-**	**-**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	1,932,179	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	-	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**1,932,179**	**-**	**-**
Net Result	**1,402,518**	**-**	**-**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

Waste	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	2,793,781	2,776,604	5,553,208
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**2,793,781**	**2,776,604**	**5,553,208**
Fees and Charges	182,322	164,399	657,595
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	60,000	60,000
Interest Revenue	35,590	20,000	80,000
Works for Third Parties	4,909	-	-
Other Revenue	20,683	37,250	149,000
Total Operating Revenue	**3,037,285**	**3,058,253**	**6,499,803**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	43,660	46,584	189,642
Materials and Services	950,184	1,405,542	6,108,325
Depreciation expense	65,632	61,403	245,615
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**1,059,476**	**1,513,529**	**6,543,582**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**1,977,809**	**1,544,724**	**(43,779)**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	30,269	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**30,269**	**-**	**-**
Net Result	**2,008,078**	**1,544,724**	**(43,779)**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

Wastewater	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	3,590,635	3,573,200	7,146,399
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**3,590,635**	**3,573,200**	**7,146,399**
Fees and Charges	10,918	19,406	77,625
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	56,056	25,000	100,000
Works for Third Parties	8,306	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	**3,665,915**	**3,617,606**	**7,324,024**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	174,391	188,366	766,937
Materials and Services	511,466	619,259	2,101,791
Depreciation expense	589,692	528,253	2,113,037
Finance and Borrowing costs	21,785	21,250	85,000
Total Operating Expenses	**1,297,334**	**1,357,128**	**5,066,765**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**2,368,581**	**2,260,478**	**2,257,259**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	4,317,116	-	1,536,000
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	46,226	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	4	-	-
Total Capital Income	**4,363,346**	**-**	**1,536,000**
Net Result	**6,731,927**	**2,260,478**	**3,793,259**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

Water	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	4,731,642	4,779,383	9,558,765
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**4,731,642**	**4,779,383**	**9,558,765**
Fees and Charges	40,642	21,476	85,905
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,000	12,000	63,000
Operating Contributions	-	-	-
Interest Revenue	64,786	12,500	50,000
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	4,164	8,250	33,000
Total Operating Revenue	**4,842,234**	**4,833,609**	**9,790,670**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	322,011	383,031	1,569,325
Materials and Services	908,053	885,095	3,602,418
Depreciation expense	519,208	475,419	1,901,691
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**1,749,272**	**1,743,545**	**7,073,434**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**3,092,962**	**3,090,064**	**2,717,236**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	5,427,664	-	980,657
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	19,711	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	3	-	-
Total Capital Income	**5,447,378**	**-**	**980,657**
Net Result	**8,540,340**	**3,090,064**	**3,697,893**

Budgeted Income Statement by Fund to September 2026

Benefited Area			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2026/27 Budget
Revenue			
Rates and utility charges	85,855	75,221	150,441
Less Discounts and Pensioner Remissions	-	-	-
Net Rates and Utility Charges	**85,855**	**75,221**	**150,441**
Fees and Charges	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Operating Contributions	-	30,000	120,000
Interest Revenue	19,432	-	-
Works for Third Parties	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenue	**105,287**	**105,221**	**270,441**
Expenditure			
Employee Expenses	-	-	-
Materials and Services	71,977	53,326	93,303
Depreciation expense	9,362	17,329	69,318
Finance and Borrowing costs	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**81,339**	**70,655**	**162,621**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	**23,948**	**34,566**	**107,820**
Capital Income			
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Subsidies	-	-	-
Capital Income Other	-	-	-
Interest on Contributions/Reserves	4,626	-	-
Donated Assets	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	-	-	-
Total Capital Income	**4,626**	**-**	**-**
Net Result	**28,574**	**34,566**	**107,820**

8.8 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) 2026/27 COMMUNITY GRANT ROUND

Date Prepared: **10 September 2026**

Author: **Senior Community Officer**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents for Council approval, the applications recommended for funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 2026/27 Community Grant Round.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves seven (7) community grant round applications outlined in this report with a total value of $40,520.

BACKGROUND

The RADF Community Grant Round opened on 1 July 2026 and closed on 31 August 2026. The grant round was extensively promoted across the shire through direct stakeholder communication, newspaper and social media advertising.

The RADF Advisory Committee assessed the applications according to the established assessment criteria. The following seven (7) projects are recommended for funding at a total value of $40,520.

Projects Recommended for Funding

1. Voices from the Verge $4,780

Developed by a Mount Carbine artist, Voices from the Verge is a youth-focused, capacity and skills building project that will support 20 marginalised young people from the Tablelands Home Education Group to undertake training in smartphone filmmaking and storytelling. Participants will capture and share their collective stories, collaboratively creating a short documentary.

2. Italian Stories of Mareeba, Migration, Memory and Place $10,000

A Queensland based practitioner will deliver a community-led cultural heritage project, exploring and preserving Mareeba Shire's Italian migration stories through bilingual storytelling, family memories, photographs, oral histories and historical interpretation. Participatory community workshops will connect local families with their heritage, informing a lasting creative outcome that return these stories to the Mareeba Shire community.

3. 30th Anniversary Project $7,940

The Kuranda Arts Cooperative 30th Anniversary Project will celebrate three (3) decades of local artistic achievement and community participation through a curated exhibition and professionally produced history video. The project will celebrate this milestone by documenting its history and strengthening its capacity for the future.

4. I am Nature: School Holiday Workshops $1,800

Julatten based artist will deliver I Am Nature; a series of creative workshops for local children and their families, connecting them with the local animals and flora. Using natural and recycled materials, participants will collaborate on a giant sculpture together, storytelling and creating their own unique art to take home.

5. Reimagining Mareeba's Stories: Accessible Interpretation Project $10,000

Mareeba Heritage Museum will renew two (2) museum exhibitions through professional curatorial review, improved interpretation, enhanced historical imagery, and contemporary graphic design. New exhibition-quality panels will strengthen readability and storytelling while preserving the objects, immersive displays, and community character that make the Museum unique.

6. Age of Faith $3,000

A local artist from Speewah will hold a painting exhibition at Northsite gallery that features six (6) large scale oil on canvas paintings. Original works inspired by the reminder that life is fragile and distant in the regions during the Covid Pandemic. The works seek to celebrate the features of the lived experience of the tropic and the wet tropics environments in far north Queensland.

7. Yarra Sculpture Gallery Winter Residency 2027 $3,000

A Mount Carbine based artist will undertake an eight (8) week residency with Yarra Sculpture Gallery in Melbourne in 2027, developing new work, and extending their practice and networks. Knowledge and experience gained from the residency will be shared locally through a workshop and public showing.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Political and Reputational

The RADF Advisory Committee comprises community-based arts and cultural representatives who provide independent recommendations on grant applications. By assessing applications against established criteria, the committee supports transparent and impartial decision making, reducing the likelihood of political and reputational risks.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating
The RADF 2026/27 Community Round Budget is $40,500.

Is the expenditure noted above included in the current budget?
Yes, there is sufficient allocation in the 2026/27 budget to fund the recommended community grants.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Applicants will be notified of the outcome after 28 October 2026..

8.9 ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

Date Prepared: **12 October 2026**

Author: **Director Corporate and Community Services**

Attachments: **1. Mareeba Shire Council Annual Report 2025/2026** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that each local government prepare an annual report for each financial year and adopt the annual report within one (1) month after the day the Auditor-General gives the Auditor-General's audit report about the local government's financial statements for the financial year to the local government.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Annual Report for the 2025/26 Financial Year.

BACKGROUND

Council is required by section 182 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to prepare and adopt an annual report. Adoption of the annual report is required within one (1) month after the day the auditor-general gives the auditor-general's audit report about the local government's financial statements for the financial year to the local government. This year, the audit report was received by the Auditor-General on 9 October 2026.

The 2025/26 Annual Report (inclusive of the Financial Statements) is provided for Council's consideration and adoption.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Preparation of an annual report is a requirement of *the Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Nil.

Operating
Nil.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

In accordance with section 182 of the *Local Government Regulation*, the local government must publish its annual report on its website within two (2) weeks of adopting the annual report. The annual report will be made available to the community through the website.

Annual Report 2025/2026

Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL



A Growing, Confident, Sustainable Shire

The 2025/2026 Annual Report highlights Council's achievements, activities and performance throughout the year, demonstrating our commitment to delivering on the strategic priorities outlined in the Corporate Plan 2024–2028 and the objectives of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan.

The report provides a transparent account of Council's operations, financial performance and service delivery, reflecting our dedication to good governance, accountability and continuous improvement while fostering community confidence in the work we do.

This Annual Report is structured into six sections:

Introduction – A review of the year from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, together with an overview of the Councillors, our organisation, and the Mareeba Shire.

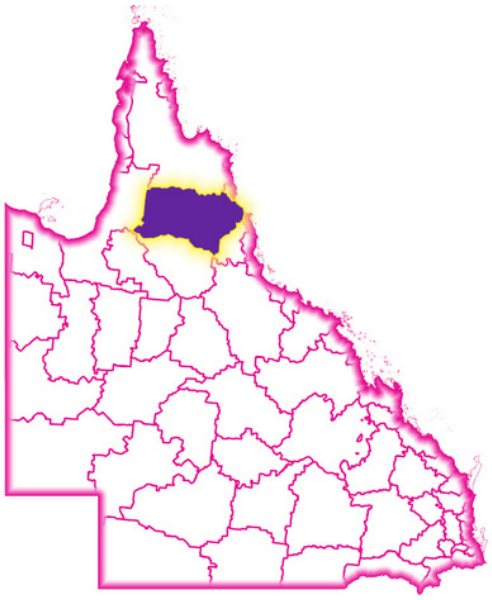
Highlights – Showcasing the key achievements and milestones of the 2025/2026 financial year, including community engagement activities and significant projects.

Annual Performance – Reporting on Council's achievements and progress in delivering the objectives and actions outlined in the Corporate Plan and Operational Plan.

Legislative Compliance – Providing an overview of Council's governance framework, accountability measures, and leadership practices, including statutory disclosures required under legislation.

Financial Review – Summarising Council's financial performance and position for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Financial Statements – Presenting the audited financial statements and accompanying notes for the year ended 30 June 2026.



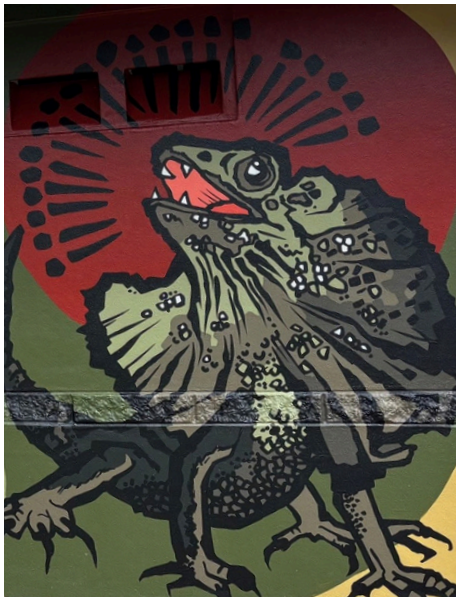
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Mural at the Kuranda Centenary Park by arist Violet Shaban.
The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Mareeba Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

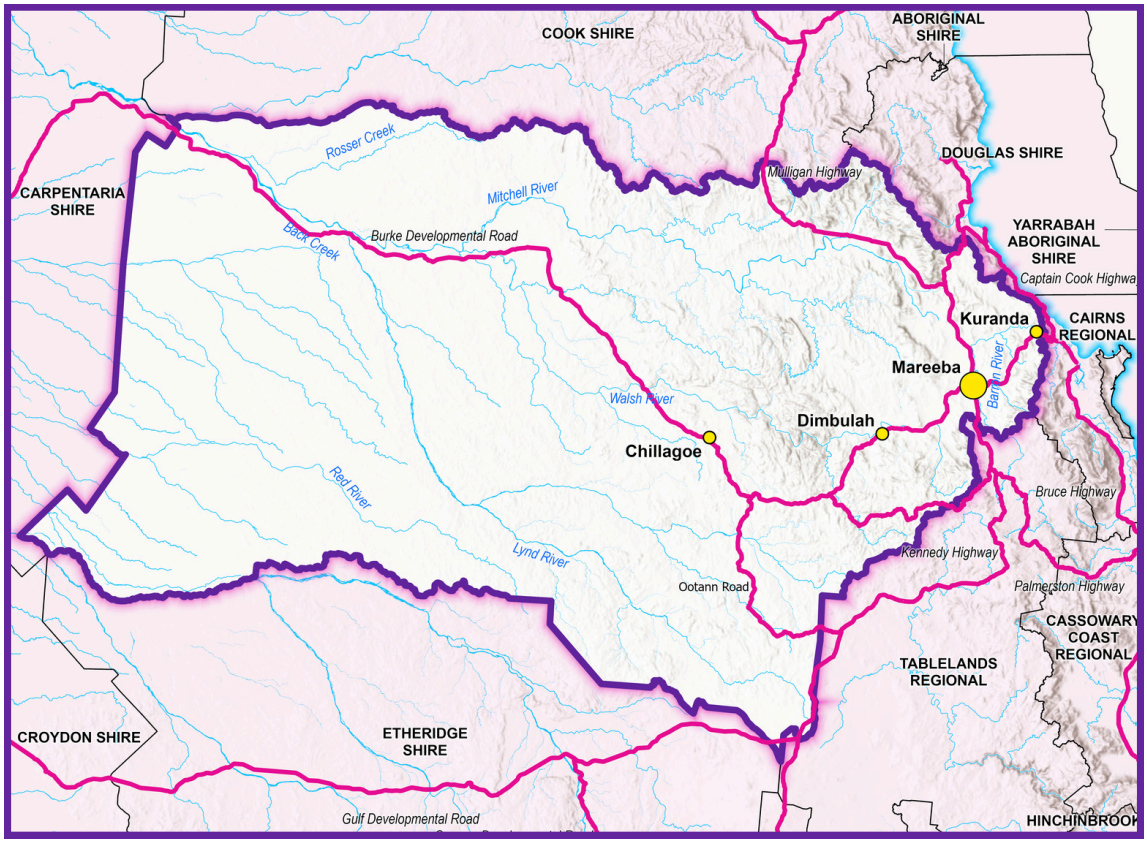
✦ Shire Profile

Mareeba Shire is a diverse and growing region in Far North Queensland, home to more than 24,205 residents across the communities of Mareeba, Kuranda, Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Biboohra, Koah, Speewah, Mutchilba, Irvinebank, Julatten and Mount Molloy. Spanning approximately 53,547 square kilometres, the Shire extends from the Atherton Tablelands across the base of Cape York Peninsula and encompasses rural, remote, agricultural, Indigenous and tourism communities.

Mareeba is the Shire's principal regional centre and the largest town in Far North Queensland outside Cairns. It serves as an important transport, agricultural, commercial and service hub for communities across the Far North, including Cape York Peninsula and the Gulf of Carpentaria. Its strategic location, less than an hour from Cairns International Airport and within proximity to the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics World Heritage Areas, provides strong connections to regional, national and international markets.

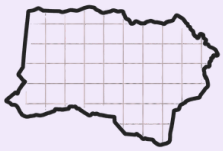
The Shire has a diverse and resilient economy, with agriculture, horticulture, livestock, mining, tourism, retail, construction, health and community services all contributing to the region's prosperity. Reliable water resources, productive agricultural land, established transport connections and strategic infrastructure provide a strong foundation for continued investment and economic growth.

Mareeba Shire is also well positioned to embrace emerging opportunities. Renewable energy, aviation, industrial development and new agricultural enterprises are creating opportunities to diversify the local economy and support future employment and investment. At the same time, the Shire's rich cultural heritage, diverse communities, natural landscapes and distinctive lifestyle continue to make it a special place to live, work, visit and invest.



✦ Shire Profile

Community



53,491 km²



1.1%
Population growth
(June 2024/25)



2,885
Volunteers



24,205
Residents



14.3%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Population



44.1
Median Age



10%
Speak a Language other than English at Home



75
Different Cultural Associations and Ethnic Backgrounds

Economy



2,300
Local Businesses



7,957
Local Jobs
(Census 2021)



9,088
Employed Residents
(Census 2021)



97.4%
Small Businesses employing less than 20 employees



$620,000
Median House Price
(March 2026)



$500
Median Weekly Rent
(3 bedroom house)



$1,201
Median Weekly Household Income



$1.35 billion
Gross Regional Product
(30 June 2025)



Largest Industry
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Data Source: Economy ID - National Economics (NIEIR) - Modelled series & ABS Census 2021













What We Look After

TRANSPORT

2,310 km	Total Shire Roads
1,637 km	Unsealed Roads
672 km	Sealed Roads
57 km	Footpaths
240 km	Kerb & Channel
81	Bridges
130	Major Culverts
3,471	Minor Culverts

PARKS & OPEN SPACES

252 ha	Parks & Recreational Reserves
10	Cemeteries

FACILITIES

9	Depots
2	Caravan Parks
1	Commercial Buildings
53	Council Buildings
3	Aquatic Facilities
1	Industrial Estates
3	Aerodromes
14	Public Halls
28	Public Toilets

WASTE

1	Landfills
10	Waste Transfer Stations

WASTEWATER

2	Wastewater Treatment Plants
30	Reticulation Pump Stations
135 km	Sewer Mains maintained
1,862	Manholes
4,306	Wastewater Connections

LAND PROTECTION

77	Properties treated for vertebrate pest control
166	Feral pigs trapped
1,690	Priority weed infestations treated
437 km	Weed lines treated

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COMMUNITY

122	Community Groups & Organisations Supported
64	Groups provided subsidised land/ facilities
$49,062	Regional Arts Development Fund Contribution
$237,716	Community Partnerships Program

LIBRARIES

10,114	Membership
61,206	Visitors In Person
70,000	Visitors Online
131,206	Total Visitors
59,697	Items borrowed physical
29,798	Items borrowed online
89,495	Total items borrowed

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

$82,000	Mareeba Heritage Centre Grant
$126,756	Mareeba Heritage Centre Management Fee
$130,810	Kuranda VIC Management Fee
$46,400	Mareeba Shire Tourism Grant

Key Service Statistics

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

120	Dwellings approved
69	Planning Development Applications

BUILDING APPROVALS

$48,261,174	Value of residential approvals
$14,477,275	Value of non-residential approvals
327	Total number of building approvals

REGULATORY SERVICES

3,979	Dogs registered
263	Environmental Health Inspections

ECONOMY

10,121	Ratable Properties
$576,634	Tourism investment

CUSTOMER SERVICE

25,398	Call centre calls received
11,048	Customer requests created

WASTE

1,582 t	Recyclable materials collected

PARKS & OPEN SPACES

98	Cemeteries Interments
18,000 km	Sweep Kerb and Channel
50,000 m²	Pressure clean footpaths
21,500	Emptied bins
100 ha	Undertake hazard reduction burns

FACILITIES

45,641	Swimming pool admissions
1,644	Public hall usage
25,143	Caravan park site rentals

Mayor and CEO Update



It is our pleasure to present Mareeba Shire Council's Annual Report for 2025/26, reflecting a year of progress, partnership and continued commitment to our growing, confident and sustainable Shire.

The year has demonstrated the strength and resilience of our community and the important role Council plays in supporting the people, businesses and communities that make Mareeba Shire such a special place to live, work, visit and invest.

A significant milestone this year has been the progress of the Mareeba CBD Blueprint, a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of Mareeba's business centre. Developed in partnership with the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce and a community-based Stakeholder Reference Group, the project engaged more than 800 residents, business owners and visitors, including through 190 community surveys. The resulting shared vision, precinct plan and construction-ready designs provide a strong foundation for future investment and will help create a CBD that is welcoming, vibrant, accessible and reflective of Mareeba's unique character.

Across the Shire, Council has continued to invest in the infrastructure and services that underpin our communities. This included the completion of the 2025/26 Water Main Renewal Program, continued restoration of disaster-affected infrastructure, progress on the Roads Strategy and ongoing improvements to Council's asset management practices. These initiatives support the long-term sustainability and liveability of our towns and communities.

Council has also maintained a strong focus on financial sustainability and responsible governance. The adoption of an updated Long-Term Financial Plan and continued refinement of the Long-Term Asset Management Plan provide important foundations for informed decision-making and sustainable investment for the $1.1 billion assets owned and managed by Council.

Supporting our community extends beyond infrastructure. Council continued to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience, support community organisations and cultural activities, improve access to services and information, and advocate for the needs of our communities at regional, State and Federal levels.

Economic growth and future opportunities have also remained a priority. Work progressed on the Planning Scheme review, housing and residential land supply and the Economic Development Strategy. These initiatives contribute to a stronger foundation for future investment, employment and sustainable growth across the Shire.

None of these achievements are possible without collaboration. Council acknowledges the significant contribution of our residents, community groups, volunteers, businesses, industry representatives, regional partners and all levels of government. We also recognise the commitment of our Councillors and Council workforce, whose knowledge, professionalism and dedication underpin the delivery of services and projects across the Shire.

Looking ahead, Council remains focused on delivering responsible and sustainable outcomes for our communities, while planning for the opportunities and challenges that come with growth. Our focus will continue to be on sound financial management, reliable infrastructure, quality services, environmental stewardship, economic opportunity and meaningful engagement with our community.

Together, we are continuing to build a growing, confident and sustainable Shire that is well positioned for the future — while respecting the character, history and strong community spirit that make Mareeba Shire home.

Cr Angela Toppin AM
Mayor

Peter Franks
Chief Executive Officer

Councillors

Mareeba Shire Council comprises the Mayor and six Councillors, who are elected by the community to provide leadership, strategic direction and representation on matters important to the Shire.

Through their involvement in Council and community committees, Councillors maintain strong links with residents, organisations and stakeholders, helping to ensure local priorities and community aspirations are reflected in Council's decision-making.



L-R Cr Amy Braes, Cr Mladen Bosnic, Cr Mary Graham, Mayor Angela Toppin AM, Deputy Mayor Cr Lenore Wyatt, Cr Ross Cardillo and Cr Nipper Brown.



Mayor Angela Toppin AM, Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group.



Deputy Mayor Cr Wyatt as the Presiding Officer for the Australian Citizenship Ceremony



Cr Bosnic MC for the Mareeba Anzac Day Service



Cr Braes Chair for the Mareeba CBD Project Blueprint Stakeholder Reference Group



Cr Brown MC for the Mareeba Multicultural Festival



Cr Cardillo Chair for the Great Wheelbarrow Race



Cr Graham Chair for the Mareeba Multicultural Festival

Council Committee Representation



- Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) (Chair)
- Local Government Association of Queensland, Policy Executive for District 10
- Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) (Chair)
- Mareeba District Disaster Management Group
- Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) (Chair)
- Tinaroo Water Committee
- Flexichoice
- Speewah District Residents Association
- Collaborating for Community Safety (Chair)

Cr Angela Toppin AM
Mayor



- Irvinebank Progress Association
- Local Authority Waste Management Advisory Committee (LAWMAC)
- LDMG (Deputy Chair)
- Great Wheelbarrow Race Advisory Committee (Proxy)
- North Queensland Council of Mayors (Proxy)
- Davies Park Sporting Precinct Committee
- Far North Queensland Regional Regional Organisation of Councils
- Mareeba District Disaster Management Group
- Mareeba Area Fire Management Committee
- Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)
- Traffic Advisory Committee

Cr Lenore Wyatt
Deputy Mayor



- Traffic Advisory Committee
- FNQ Regional Roads Group
- LDMG (Deputy Chair)
- Mareeba Heritage Centre Management Committee
- Mareeba Chamber of Commerce Sub Committee
- Mareeba Liquor Industry Action Group
- Julatten and Molloy Association of Ratepayers and Residents (JAMARR)
- Flexichoice

Cr Mladen Bosnic

Council Committee Representation



Cr Amy Braes

- LDMG Environment/Infrastructure (Chair)
- Small Business Friendly Council
- Speewah District Residents Association
- LAWMAC (Proxy)
- Audit Committee
- Barron Catchment Care
- Davies Park Sporting Precinct Committee
- FNQ Regional Roads Group
- Kuranda Interagency Networks
- Reef Guardian
- Blueprint Stakeholder Reference Group (Chair)



Cr Nipper Brown

- Chillagoe Alliance
- JAMARR
- Kuranda Interagency Networks
- LDMG Community Support
- Mareeba Area Fire Management Committee
- NQ Sports Foundation
- Pest Advisory Committee
- Speewah District Residents Association
- Crime Stoppers
- Great Wheelbarrow Race Organising Committee
- FNQROC Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
- Northern Gulf Resource Management Group



Cr Ross Cardillo

- NQ Sports Foundation (Proxy)
- Audit Committee (Proxy)
- Barron Catchment Care
- Collaborating for Inclusive outcomes in Mareeba
- Great Wheelbarrow Race Organising Committee (Chair)
- FNQROC Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
- LDMG Health and Environment
- Mareeba Chamber of Commerce Sub Committee
- Mareeba Multicultural Festival Committee
- Northern Gulf Resource Management Group Pest Advisory Committee
- Reef Guardian
- Tinaroo Water Committee



Cr Mary Graham

- Audit Committee
- Collaborating for Inclusive outcomes in Mareeba
- Flexichoice
- LDMG Economic Development
- Mareeba Liquor Industry Action Group
- Mareeba Multicultural Festival Committee (Chair)
- Irvinebank Progress Association

Organisational Structure

Elected Council Mayor and six Councillors



Chief Executive Officer
Peter Franks

Executive Support, Communications, Disaster Management, Economic Development & Tourism



Director Corporate & Community Services
Jennifer McCarthy



Director Infrastructure Services
Glenda Kirk

Executive Support, Town Planning, Building & Plumbing Services, Trade Waste

Administration & Executive Support



Manager Finance
Elisa Tatti
Statutory Accounting, Budgets & Financial Reporting, Rating & Revenue, Asset Accounting, Stores, Procurement



Manager Technical Services
Sam Wakeford
Fleet & Workshop, GIS, Survey, Design, Soils Laboratory, Facilities Management, Aerodromes



Manager Human Resources
Greg Newman
Workforce Management, Recruitment & Selection, Training & Development, Payroll, Workplace Health & Safety



Manager Assets & Projects
Jacqui Perkowicz
Asset Management, Project & Contract Management, Grant Management



Manager Information Systems & Governance
Roy Ladner
Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Business Systems Support, Governance and Compliance, Land Tenure and Leasing, Records Management



Manager Works
Kael Whitnell
Road Maintenance Performance Contracts (RMPC), Transport Infrastructure, Bridges, Parks & Gardens, Land Protection, Disaster Recovery Projects



Manager Customer & Community Services
Shellie Buckle
Customer Service, Community Engagement, Libraries, Cemetery Records Management, Local Laws, Environmental Health



Manager Water & Waste
Morris Hamill
Water & Wastewater Reticulation, Water & Wastewater Treatment, Waste Services, Dam Management & Safety

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✦ Corporate Plan 2024 - 2028

Snapshot

Our Vision

A growing, confident and sustainable Shire.

Our Mission

To promote the prosperity and liveability of our communities by providing cost-effective services, fostering collaborative partnerships and maintaining accountable governance.

Our Values

Sustainable

United Team

Customer Focused

Community Partnerships

Ethical Conduct

Striving to be Better

Skilled Workforce

Our Strategic Priorities

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Performance

Corporate Plan Progress

In accordance with section 165 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Mareeba Shire Council prepares and adopts a five-year Corporate Plan to provide strategic direction for the local government area. The Corporate Plan sets out Council's vision, priorities and objectives over a five-year period and provides the foundation for planning, decision-making, service delivery and resource allocation.

The Corporate Plan 2024–2028 sets out Council's vision for a growing, confident and sustainable Shire. It identifies the strategic priorities that guide Council's activities and, investment and decision making, and provides a framework for delivering services, infrastructure and initiatives that respond to the needs of the Mareeba Shire community.

The Corporate Plan is supported by an Annual Operational Plan, which translates Council's strategic priorities into specific projects, activities and actions to be delivered during the financial year. The Annual Budget provides the financial resources required to deliver these priority commitments and maintain services and infrastructure in an efficient, effective and sustainable manner.

Council monitors progress throughout the year with quarterly Operational Plan reviews. These reviews provide regular oversight of delivery and enable Council to assess progress, identify emerging issues and respond where priorities or circumstances change.

Progress against the Corporate Plan is reported annually through the Annual Report, providing the community with a transparent account of Council's performance and achievements.

The Corporate Plan 2024–2028 identifies five strategic priorities that guide Council's operations and decision-making:

- Financial Sustainability and Governance
- Community and Culture
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Liveability and Environment
- Economy and Growth

The following section highlights Council's progress and achievements during 2025/2026 in delivering outcomes under each of these strategic priorities.

Financial Sustainability and Governance

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

FG1 Effective and sustainable financial management
- All decisions should support Council's strategic direction and Long-Term Financial Plan
- Optimise Council's revenue, based on realistic and equitable policies and practices and consider opportunities for non-rate revenue sources

FG2 Effective business management
- Commitment to continuous improvement in all operations to ensure financial sustainability
- Further develop and implement business practices including information and technology solutions, that meet corporate and customer needs

FG3 A Skilled and sustainable workforce
- Continue to provide appropriate opportunities to develop, attract and retain staff
- Enhance an organisational culture which reflects shared vision and values
- Continue to promote a 'safety first' environment

FG4 Effective Governance
- A governance framework that ensures sound organisational management
- Ongoing adherence to the Local Government principles, Act and Regulations
- Ethical, transparent and accountable decision making in the interest of the entire community
- Manage organisational risk in a cost-effective way

Major Achievements

- The Long-term Financial Plan was adopted as part of the Budget on 16 July 2025;
- The Long Term Asset Management Plan was updated on 16 July 2025;
- Cyber security monitoring and training continued throughout 2025/26;
- Information Systems Strategy implementation continued, including the transition to Employee Self Service (ESS) and other TechnologyOne enhancements, with ESS functionality now fully deployed. Migration of the Property & Rating suite to CiA commenced;
- The organisation-wide leadership training program continued throughout 2025/26 to strengthen leadership capability while meeting Council's compliance and operational requirements;
- Workforce Management focus saw the implementation of new recruitment software to streamline the recruitment process and branding initiatives;
- Strong compliance performance was maintained, including full adherence to employee-related legislation, completion of LGW Mutual risk obligations and ongoing implementation of the Safety Management System;
- Accountable governance was demonstrated through adoption of the Annual Internal Audit Plan, completion and reporting of the External Audit and the scheduled presentation of the Annual Report to Council.

Financial Sustainability and Governance

Mareeba Shire Council remains committed to maintaining long-term financial sustainability through responsible financial management, continuous business improvement, investment in its workforce and strong governance. Throughout 2025/26, Council continued to deliver key initiatives that strengthened organisational capability, enhanced financial management practices and reinforced accountability across all areas of operation.

Council adopted its Long-Term Financial Plan in July 2025, ensuring alignment with updated sub-asset management plans and the Local Government Infrastructure Plan. This integrated approach supports informed long-term decision-making and sustainable investment in Council's infrastructure assets. Comprehensive asset revaluations were also completed during the year, with updated valuations for footpaths and stormwater networks incorporated into the 2025/26 financial statements, ensuring the continued accuracy of Council's asset portfolio.

Council continued to strengthen internal financial reporting and business systems by improving access to financial information and providing targeted training and support to staff. These initiatives enhanced users' ability to effectively utilise Council's financial systems and interpret key financial documentation. Work also progressed on the implementation of the Information Systems Strategy, including the successful organisation-wide deployment of Employee Self Service (ESS) functionality and commencement of the migration of the Property and Rating suite to TechnologyOne CiA, further modernising Council's business systems.

Developing and maintaining a skilled and sustainable workforce remained a priority throughout the year. Council's organisation-wide training program continued to build leadership capability while ensuring staff met compliance, legislative and operational requirements. The implementation of new recruitment software also commenced, supporting a more streamlined recruitment process and strengthening Council's employer branding, with further enhancements to be introduced as implementation progresses.

Council strengthened organisational resilience, governance and workplace safety throughout 2025/26. Cyber security monitoring and staff awareness training continued to build organisational capability and resilience against emerging cyber threats. Council maintained compliance with employment-related legislation and fulfilled its obligations under the Local Government Workcare Mutual (LGW Mutual) Risk program. The Safety Management System was reviewed and updated, further embedding safety into day-to-day operations, with safety performance continuing to trend positively during the year.

Council also demonstrated its commitment to accountable governance through the adoption and delivery of the Annual Internal Audit Plan, completion and reporting of the external audit process and adoption of the Annual Report in accordance with statutory requirements.

These achievements demonstrate Council's continued commitment to sound financial management, modern business practices, workforce capability and accountable governance, ensuring the organisation remains well positioned to deliver sustainable and cost-effective services to the Mareeba Shire community.

Community and Culture

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

CC1 An engaged community
- Inform, engage and partner with the community on matters of shared importance
- Encourage and support community organisations to enhance their sustainability
- Partner with community groups and individuals for mutual benefit

CC2 A vibrant and healthy community
- Continue to value the area of arts, culture and heritage to enrich lifestyles and to enhance community cohesion
- Advocate and promote community initiatives that support a healthy lifestyle
- Support and promote key community events

CC3 A resilient community
- Partner with community stakeholders to build community resilience for emergencies and disasters
- Support the community to be prepared for, mitigate, respond to and recover from disasters
- Support the Local Disaster Management Group to ensure effective decision-making regarding disaster events

Major Achievements

- Initiatives strengthened the connection between arts and tourism, including promotion of the public art trail online, successful delivery of the RADF grants program and reporting of 2024/25 program outcomes to Council;
- Enhanced Online Presence - Improvements to Council's online presence included better access to information and services, removal of outdated website content and enhanced e-recruitment through integration with Scout Talent;
- Community safety outcomes were supported through active advocacy, including collaboration at community safety meetings and engagement with the State Member on social housing challenges and discarded needles;
- Council continued to promote disaster resilience through Get Ready initiatives and support of the LDMG, including participation in Awareness in August at Mareeba Hospital, holding the LDMG Community Support Sub-Group annual meeting on 22 October 2025, securing funding for a Community Recovery Resilience Officer and appointing two officers (through State and Federal funding) to strengthen the community resilience network and preparedness across the Shire.



Dinner and Disater event for Get Ready Queensland



RADF Artist Violent Shaban painting the Kuranda Centenary Park Mural



Mareeba CBD Project Blueprint Stakeholder Reference Group

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Community and Culture

In 2025/26, Mareeba Shire Council continued to foster an informed, connected and resilient community by strengthening partnerships, encouraging participation and delivering initiatives that support wellbeing, culture, safety and disaster resilience.

Community participation was strong across a range of projects. The Mareeba CBD Project Blueprint Masterplan commenced in mid-2025 to develop a shared community vision, precinct plan and construction-ready designs to guide the future development of Mareeba's central business district. Council partnered with the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce and a community-based Stakeholder Reference Group to ensure local perspectives informed the project.

Targeted engagement also supported planning for the Kuranda Community Precinct, Geraghty Park in Julatten and the Walsh-Rankin Street Upgrade Project, while the Mareeba Shire Waste Survey attracted more than 1,000 responses. Connecting with Community sessions in Chillagoe, Koah, Kuranda and Mount Molloy provided further opportunities for residents to engage directly with elected representatives.

Council strengthened partnerships to support community wellbeing and safety through the Collaborating for Community network and engagement with community services, education, health and public safety stakeholders. Council also advocated on local issues including discarded sharps and housing and homelessness challenges. This advocacy contributed to a partnership with Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service to deliver safe sharps disposal workshops for community groups.

Through the Community Partnerships Program, Council provided $237,716 in funding and in-kind support to not-for-profit organisations delivering events, programs and initiatives across the Shire.

Arts, culture and heritage continued to strengthen community connection and regional identity. The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) provided $49,062 to nine projects supporting the Shire's arts, cultural and heritage sectors. An artist networking event and six-part grant writing workshop series supported 123 participants to develop skills and increase their capacity to access future funding. Council also promoted the Mareeba Shire Public Art Trail, strengthening the connection between arts, culture and tourism.

Council improved access to information and services through enhancements to its website and community-focused library initiatives. The Mareeba Library hosted an Aged Care Reforms Information Hub, while the Pop-Up Free Barber Service returned during Queensland Youth Week 2026, with sessions delivered across Dimbulah, Chillagoe, Mareeba and Kuranda.

Building disaster preparedness and resilience remained a key priority. Through the Local Disaster Management Group, Get Ready activities and community awareness initiatives, Council supported preparedness across the Shire. Funding for a Community Recovery Resilience Officer and the appointment of two additional resilience officers through State and Federal funding increased Council's capacity to support communities before, during and after disaster events. Council also shared local experience of Tropical Cyclone Jasper and subsequent flooding through the LGAQ Council to Council initiative, strengthening knowledge-sharing and disaster management practices with other local governments.

Together, these achievements demonstrate Council's commitment to meaningful community participation, strong partnerships, cultural vitality, social wellbeing and resilience across the Mareeba Shire.

Transport and Infrastructure

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

TI1 Safe, reliable and resilient Infrastructure

- Deliver safe and effective transport networks
- Maintain safe and reliable drinking water supply
- Maintain safe and reliable wastewater service
- Where possible develop infrastructure to mitigate against future severe weather events

TI2 Sustainable Infrastructure for the future

- Manage Council infrastructure in accordance with Long Term Asset Management and Long Term Financial Plans
- Integrate infrastructure planning to meet future capacity needs
- Partner with community, private sector and government to optimise Council infrastructure
- Advocate for significant local and regional infrastructure through the State and Federal governments

Major Achievements

- Long Term Asset Management Plan updated and adopted by Council on 16 July 2025;
- Continuous review of Asset Management Plan and sub-plans;
- Capital budget preparation aligns with Long Term Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan;
- Substantially progressed the interim amendment of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP);
- Continued to rectify disaster-impacted infrastructure assets in accordance with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) approvals and funding guidelines;
- Implemented water treatment and reticulation asset renewal projects, including completion of the 2025/26 Water Main Renewal Program and release of tenders for upcoming water main renewals in Mareeba and Mount Molloy;
- Progressed the preparation of the Roads Strategy, with a draft strategy developed;
- Progressed the development of the Mareeba CBD Blueprint construction-ready plans.



Henry Hannam Drive Resheet



Oak Forest Road Bridge Upgrade



Constance / Herberton Street Roundabout Installation

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Transport and Infrastructure

In 2025/26, Mareeba Shire Council continued to strengthen its commitment to delivering safe, reliable and sustainable infrastructure through strategic planning, proactive asset management and targeted infrastructure renewal. Guided by sound asset management principles, Council focused on maintaining essential infrastructure while planning for the future needs of the growing community.

A significant focus during the year was the continued improvement of Council's asset management framework. Ongoing asset data verification, condition assessments, defect identification and maintenance prioritisation enhanced Council's understanding of its infrastructure portfolio and informed future investment decisions. These activities also supported the continued refinement of the Long-Term Asset Management Plan (LTAMP) and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP), ensuring infrastructure planning remains aligned with long-term service delivery and financial sustainability. Council also substantially progressed the interim amendment of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP), further strengthening the integration of strategic land use planning with future infrastructure requirements.

Council continued to restore infrastructure impacted by natural disasters through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) program, delivering essential reconstruction works in accordance with approved funding guidelines. These projects remain critical to improving network resilience and ensuring community infrastructure is restored to a safe and functional standard.

Investment in essential water infrastructure remained a priority throughout the year. Council completed the 2025/26 Water Main Renewal Program, improving the reliability and efficiency of the water distribution network, while preparing for future renewal works through the release of tenders for additional water main replacements in Mareeba and Mount Molloy. These projects support Council's ongoing commitment to providing a safe, secure and reliable water supply for residents and businesses.

Strategic planning also progressed across several key infrastructure initiatives. Development of the Roads Strategy advanced during the year, with a draft strategy prepared for discussion with Councillors to guide future investment and maintenance priorities across the road network. Council also continued progressing the Mareeba CBD Blueprint, with project milestones remaining on schedule and construction-ready plans being developed to support future revitalisation of the town centre.

These achievements demonstrate Council's ongoing commitment to providing quality infrastructure that meets the needs of today's community while preparing for future growth. Through responsible asset management, continued infrastructure renewal and long-term strategic planning, Council is building a resilient, sustainable and well-connected shire for future generations.

Liveability and Environment

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

LE1 Attractive and accessible public facilities

- Manage open spaces, parks and council facilities to encourage active communities and support quality of life
- Deliver council services which enhance liveability
- Partner with community organisations to enhance the use of existing facilities and promote recreation opportunities
- Enhance connectivity and accessibility within communities

LE2 Sustainable Planning and protection of environmental assets

- Maintain a planning scheme that balances the various land uses across the Shire while protecting environmental assets
- Promote water quality of our region's waterways limiting impact on the Great Barrier Reef and Gulf of Carpentaria
- A coordinated approach to land management and the control of biosecurity threats

LE3 Environmentally responsible service delivery

- Continue to investigate and implement cost-effective practices across council operations to minimise impact on the environment
- Provide environmentally responsible and cost-effective waste services to the community
- Provide community education on sustainable waste management practices, including recycling, circular economy principles and environmental stewardship

Major Achievements

- Ongoing Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) meeting participation;
- Sewer manhole refurbishment underway;
- Progressed the review and update of Council's Waste Strategy to align with the Regional Waste Plan, emerging State Government waste priorities and future waste management needs;
- Finalised the kerbside waste collection contract and waste disposal services;
- Commenced the 10-year review of the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme including consideration of Residential Land Supply and Housing Needs;
- Substantially progressed the interim amendment of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP);
- Continued implementation of the Reef Guardian Action Plan.



Cassowaries walking past a feral pig trap



Hazard Reduction Burn in Mt Molloy



Constance Street sewer main upgrade

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Liveability and Environment

Council continued to progress key initiatives supporting the strategic priority to improve the liveability of the Shire by enhancing amenity and valuing natural assets.

Regional collaboration remained an important focus, with Council continuing its participation in Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) meetings. Participation in FNQROC provides an important platform for regional councils to collaborate, share information and advocate on matters affecting Far North Queensland communities.

Council continued work on essential sewer infrastructure, with sewer manhole refurbishment works underway. The refurbishment program supports the ongoing maintenance and performance of the sewer network and contributes to the continued delivery of essential services across the Shire.

Significant progress was made in waste management planning and service arrangements. Council progressed the review and update of its Waste Strategy to ensure it aligns with the Regional Waste Plan, emerging Queensland Government waste priorities and the Shire's future waste management needs. Council also finalised the kerbside waste collection contract and waste disposal services, providing a framework for the continued delivery of waste management services to the community.

Strategic planning for the Shire's future development also progressed, with the 10-year review of the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme commencing. The review includes consideration of residential land supply and housing needs and will assist in ensuring the planning framework remains relevant to the Shire's changing needs.

Council also substantially progressed the interim amendment of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP). The LGIP is an important component of Council's planning framework, supporting the consideration and coordination of infrastructure requirements associated with existing and future development.

Environmental stewardship continued to be a priority, with Council progressing implementation of the Reef Guardian Action Plan. The Action Plan supports Council's ongoing commitment to environmental management and the protection of the Shire's valued natural assets.

Together, these initiatives represent continued progress across regional collaboration, essential infrastructure, waste management, strategic land-use planning and environmental stewardship. Council remains focused on maintaining effective services, supporting responsible growth and development and protecting the natural assets that contribute to the liveability and character of the Mareeba Shire.

The work undertaken throughout the reporting period provides a strong foundation for continued planning and service delivery into the future, while supporting Council's commitment to a sustainable and liveable Shire for the community.

Economy and Growth

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

EG1 Sustainable economic development and growth

- Promote and expand opportunities for business to grow and/or establish themselves within the Shire
- Partner with community, private sector and government to harness opportunities for growth and innovation
- Highlight the positive attributes and benefits of Mareeba Shire to attract and retain business and investment

EG2 Effective strategic partnerships

- Advocate Council's strategic and operational position on key issues affecting the community to other government sectors
- Maintain and develop close and productive working relationships with relevant stakeholders, including State and Federal governments
- Fostering and developing relationships with industry groups, community organisations, business and individuals to promote and develop the Shire

Major Achievements

- Commenced the 10-year review of the Mareeba Shire Council Planning Scheme including consideration of Residential Land Supply and Housing Needs;
- Continued active participation in the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), including attendance at ongoing regional meetings to support collaboration and advocacy on shared priorities;
- Maintained advocacy with State and Federal Governments through regular engagement with State Members and ongoing participation by the Mayor in the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Policy Executive;
- Continued support for local business and industry through ongoing engagement with Local Tourism Organisations (LTO) and the Chamber of Commerce;
- Completed the development of Council's Economic Development Strategy to support future economic growth and investment opportunities across the region;
- Mareeba Industrial Estate Stage 11 development is pending final costing;
- Tom Gilmore Mareeba Aviation Industrial Precinct promotional opportunities continue through Council's website, social media channels and e-newsletter;
- Engagement continues with airport users group and FNQ Aviation Museum.



Mayor Toppin AM with the State Delegation Brief for FNQROC



Mareeba CBD Blueprint Stakeholder Reference Group



Deputy Mayor Cr Wyatt promoting tourism for Mareeba Shire

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Economy and Growth

In 2025/26, Mareeba Shire Council continued to promote and encourage investment in local industry through strategic planning, regional collaboration and targeted initiatives that support economic growth and long-term prosperity. Council remained focused on strengthening partnerships, attracting investment and creating an environment where businesses, industry and the community can thrive.

Council continued to foster strong strategic partnerships at the local, regional and state levels to advocate for the interests of the Mareeba Shire. Active participation in the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), together with ongoing engagement through the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Policy Executive, ensured Council remained well positioned to influence regional priorities and advocate for investment in critical infrastructure and economic development initiatives. Council also maintained close relationships with State and Federal Governments, Local Tourism Organisations and the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce, strengthening collaboration to support local businesses, tourism and industry.

Supporting sustainable economic growth remained a key priority throughout the year. Council completed the Economic Development Strategy, providing a clear framework to guide future investment, business attraction and economic diversification across the region. Council also continued implementing initiatives under the Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP), recognising that increasing housing supply is essential to supporting workforce attraction, business growth and the long-term sustainability of the local economy. Progress also continues on the proposed transition of the Community Housing for Seniors Service to community management, creating opportunities to expand local housing availability.

The Mareeba Industrial Estate Stage 11 development is at final costing stage. This industrial land precinct supports future opportunities for local business and industry.

The Tom Gilmore Mareeba Aviation Industrial Precinct also remains a significant focus for economic development. Continued collaboration with the airport user group and the Far North Queensland Aviation Museum strengthened stakeholder relationships and supported the ongoing promotion of the precinct as a key regional aviation and industry hub.

These achievements demonstrate Council's commitment to building a resilient and diverse local economy by supporting industry growth, encouraging investment and strengthening strategic partnerships. Through proactive planning, targeted advocacy and collaboration with government, business and the community, Council continues to position the Mareeba Shire as an attractive destination for investment, innovation and sustainable economic development.



Mareeba Industrial Park



Mareeba Aiport

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Operational Plan Progress

Council establishes key performance measures through the annual Operational Plan. The table below presents the objectives/projects for the 2025/26 financial year, along with corresponding outcomes and their progress throughout the year. These objectives represent actionable targets that guide Council's efforts in progressing toward its vision of "a growing, confident and sustainable Shire."

Ongoing Completed In Progress Not Commenced

Project	Outcome	Progress
Long-term Financial Plan	• Ensure Long Term Asset Management Plan and Financial Plan aligns with revised Sub-Asset Management Plans and Local Government Infrastructure Plan	✓
Comprehensive Asset Revaluations: • Footpaths	• Comprehensive revaluations completed	✓
Internal Access to Financial Information	• More users able to operate financial systems and locate relevant documentation • Provide in-house training and support	✓
Information Systems Strategy implementation	• Continue to provide further system enhancements • Transition Technology One to CiAnywhere	✓
Sustainable Workforce	• Training and development to improve efficiencies and ensure workplace safety	✓
Workforce Management	• Review recruitment process and employer branding initiatives	✓
Cybersecurity Enhancements	• Continue to monitor security measures as defined by the ACSC Essential 8 • Renew incident response partnership • Continue cyber awareness and response training	✓

Operational Plan Progress continued

Ongoing Completed In Progress Not Commenced

Project	Outcome	Progress
Compliance Monitoring	• Comply with relevant legislative requirements • Comply with requirements of the LGW Mutual Risk Obligation program	✓
Accountable Decision Monitoring	• Fulfil Audit Committee objectives including implementation of Internal Audit Plan • Achieve External Audit compliance • Prepare and present Annual Report in line with statutory and regulatory requirements	✓
Arts Connection to Tourism	• Promote public art trail • Implement Regional Art Development Fund (RADF) community grant round • Implement arts sector capability building activities through RADF	✓
Enhanced Online Presence	• Improved access to online information and services	✓
Community Safety	• Advocate for community safety	✓
Disaster Resilience	• Promote resilience through Get Ready initiatives • Support LDMG	✓
Review Asset Management Plans across asset classes	• Undertake data verification • Undertake condition assessment and defect identification across individual asset classes. • Document and review maintenance prioritisation and operational activities • Improvement of asset management processes to be reflected in Long Term Asset Management Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan • Undertake interim amendment of LGIP and incorporate into LTAMP	✓

Operational Plan Progress continued

Ongoing Completed In Progress Not Commenced

Project	Outcome	Progress
Restoration of Assets	• Rectify disaster impacted infrastructure assets in accordance with funding guidelines and approvals	✓
Secure Water Supply	• Implement water treatment and reticulation asset renewal projects	✓
Roads Strategy	• Finalise preparation of Roads Strategy	✓
Mareeba CBD Blueprint	• Progress development of Mareeba CBD Blueprint	✓
Waste Management Services Strategy	• Review and update Waste Strategy to align with Regional Waste Plan and Council's future waste management needs	◷
Planning Scheme Review	• Undertake 10 Year review of MSC Planning Scheme and supporting documents • Provide updated planning data for LGIP renewal	◷
Reef Guardian Council	• Implement Reef Guardian Action Plan	✓
Strategic Partnerships	• Continue active participation in FNQROC • Continue to Advocate to State and Federal Governments for key priorities • Continue to support LTO and Chamber of Commerce	✓

Operational Plan Progress continued

Ongoing Completed In Progress Not Commenced

Project	Outcome	Progress
Housing Strategy	• Implement Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) initiatives • Divest Community Housing for Seniors Service to community management for leveraging additional stock	
Economic Development Strategy	• Prepare an Economic Development Strategy	
Mareeba Industrial Estate	• Implement staged development of Masterplan • Continue promotion and marketing through external agent	
Tom Gilmore Mareeba Aviation Industrial Precinct	• Produce Promotional Strategy • Promote development	



Mareeba CBD

MAREEBA CBD BLUEPRINT

Shaping the heart of Mareeba

The Mareeba CBD Blueprint marks an important step towards revitalising the heart of our town and creating a vibrant, welcoming centre for the whole community.

Described as a once-in-a-generation planning initiative, the Blueprint has brought together Council, the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce, a dedicated Stakeholder Reference Group, businesses, property owners, residents, visitors and other key stakeholders to develop a shared vision for the future of Mareeba's central business district.

The project adopted a broad and collaborative approach to engagement, drawing on local knowledge, stakeholder expertise and community perspectives to inform the Masterplan. Engagement was undertaken through community surveys, CBD pop-in sessions, workshops and targeted stakeholder discussions, with more than 800 residents, business owners and visitors contributing and 190 community surveys received. This approach ensured a diverse range of views and priorities were considered throughout the planning process, helping to shape a shared vision. Feedback highlighted priorities including improved shade and greenery, pedestrian safety, accessibility, public amenities, lighting, stormwater infrastructure, outdoor dining, events and opportunities to celebrate Mareeba's heritage and culture.

The resulting Masterplan provides a long-term framework to guide the revitalisation of the CBD, including construction-ready planning for improved infrastructure, movement and circulation, streetscapes, public spaces and landscaping. Byrnes Street is reinforced as the heart of daily community life, complimented by distinct precincts across Atherton Street, Railway Avenue, the Post Office precinct and key car parking and connection areas.

At the centre of the vision is a simple ambition: a safe, green and vibrant town centre that celebrates Mareeba's identity, supports local business and provides spaces for people to connect, linger and explore.

The benefits of this vision extend well beyond the physical appearance of the CBD. Improved accessibility, safer and more comfortable pedestrian connections, increased shade and greenery, better public amenities and opportunities for events and activities will help create a town centre that is more enjoyable and inclusive for people of all ages and abilities.

For local businesses, a more attractive and people-focused CBD has the potential to encourage greater foot traffic, longer visitor stays, outdoor dining and increased local spending, while creating an environment that supports existing businesses and encourages future investment. The Blueprint also seeks to strengthen Mareeba's role as a regional destination, encouraging visitors and travellers to stop, explore and experience the town.





Scan the QR code or visit Mareeba Shire Council's website for more information and to view the Mareeba CBD Masterplan.

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MAREEBA CBD BLUEPRINT Continued

Shaping the heart of Mareeba

Importantly, the Blueprint celebrates what makes Mareeba unique. Its design principles seek to embed Mareeba's rich Indigenous, multicultural and agricultural stories within the public realm, creating a town centre that reflects the character, history and diversity of the community.

The project has also been made possible through significant Australian Government support, with $2.143 million provided through the regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP). This funding has enabled the development of the Masterplan and construction-ready planning that will position Council to pursue future funding opportunities and progressively deliver the identified improvements.

The Mareeba CBD Blueprint is ultimately about more than streets, buildings and infrastructure. It is about creating a place where people want to meet, businesses can thrive, visitors feel welcome and the community can take pride in its town centre.

Council gratefully acknowledges the valuable contribution of everyone who shared their time, ideas and expertise in bringing this significant project to fruition. The Blueprint is a strong example of what can be achieved when Council, community, business and government partners work together towards a shared vision.

Together, we are shaping the future heart of Mareeba – a place that celebrates who we are today and creates opportunities for generations to come.



Byrnes Street Gateway - Masterplan Artist Impression
(North Facing Indicative Perspective)

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Community Engagement

Community participation exceeded expectations for the Mareeba CBD Project Blueprint Masterplan, a once in a generation planning initiative that will guide the future development of Mareeba's central business district. The project is delivering a shared community vision, a precinct plan and construction ready designs to support future funding opportunities.

Commencing in mid-2025, Council partnered with the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce and engaged a community based Stakeholder Reference Group to ensure local voices shaped the project. More than 800 residents, business owners and visitors participated in engagement activities, and 190 community surveys received.

Community feedback played a significant role in informing the final Masterplan. Council endorsed the Precinct Plan on 18 February 2026, with the project scheduled for completion in October 2026 following the delivery of detailed design and construction-ready plans.

Councillors travelled to Chillagoe, Koah, Kuranda, and Mount Molloy as part of the final Councillors Connecting with Community engagement sessions, providing residents with opportunities to discuss local priorities and community issues directly with elected representatives.

Council continued to facilitate the Collaborating for Community stakeholder meetings, bringing together representatives from community services, education, health and public safety sectors. Chaired by Mayor Angela Toppin AM, the meetings focus on identifying service gaps, strengthening partnerships and implementing practical actions to improve community wellbeing and safety.

Targeted community engagement was undertaken to inform future planning for the Kuranda Community Precinct and Geraghty Park in Julatten, as well as the Walsh-Rankin Street Upgrade Project, which will deliver improvements to traffic flow, road safety and stormwater infrastructure within a key business precinct. Council also conducted the Mareeba Shire Waste Survey to gauge community views on potential waste service enhancements, receiving more than 1,000 responses.

Grants to Community Organisations	Amount
Cash	$ 25,718
Rate Rebates and Charge Remissions	$ 176,717
In-Kind Assistance	$ 7,281
Community Loan	$ 28,000
Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)	$ 49,062
Total	**$ 286,778**



Stannary Tales public art project in Irvinebank by artist Amanda Feher funded by the RADF program.













Community Events

Mareeba Shire Council plays an active role in hosting and supporting community events across the Shire, creating opportunities for residents and visitors to connect, celebrate and participate in the lifestyle of the region.

ANZAC Day
Working alongside the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) and local RSL sub-branches across the Shire, Council proudly supports ANZAC Day ceremonies each year. It is a time for the community to come together, reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans, and honour those who gave their lives for Australia.

Australian Citizenship Ceremonies
Australian citizenship ceremonies mark the final legal and symbolic step in becoming a member of the Australian community. During the year, Council hosted five ceremonies, welcoming 94 new citizens from 27 countries. The most common countries of origin were New Zealand, the United Kingdom and South Africa.

Get Ready Tablelands
Building on the success of the inaugural event, Council again hosted the Get Ready Tablelands event at the Mareeba Drive-In. Residents were encouraged to engage with local organisations, access practical preparedness information, and learn how to better prepare for disasters. The event also featured a screening of the *Stories of Jasper* documentary and a free family movie for the community to enjoy.

Great Wheelbarrow Race
Hundreds of runners took part in the iconic Great Wheelbarrow Race, covering 140 kilometres from Mareeba to Chillagoe during a fun-filled and challenging three-day event. Nearly $240,000 was raised for local charities, highlighting the event's ongoing contribution to the community.

Mareeba Multicultural Festival
Celebrating the region's cultural diversity, the Mareeba Multicultural Festival gives community members the opportunity to showcase their heritage through food, performances and interactive workshops. The annual event brings people together to learn from one another and strengthen community connections.

Seniors Morning Tea
As part of Seniors Month celebrations, Council welcomed 250 residents to a free Seniors Morning Tea at the Mareeba International Club, featuring entertainment and delicious food. Five local groups received grants to help deliver events and activities for seniors throughout the Shire.

Community Events Continued

Australia Day Awards
Celebrating the people who help make Mareeba Shire a great place to live, the Australia Day Awards acknowledge exceptional community service and achievement.

Citizen of the Year: Stacey Crockford
Over the past year, Stacey has revitalised Rosies – Friends on the Street in Mareeba, restoring a vital weekly outreach for vulnerable community members. As Branch Coordinator, she leads volunteers, manages donations and ensures the service runs smoothly. Stacey has grown Rosies from one team to six, mentoring student volunteers and fostering compassion, connection and community spirit.



Young Citizen of the Year Velenia Musso-Tatti and Citizen of the Year Stacey Crawford

Young Citizen of the Year: Velenia Musso-Tatti
Velenia was School Captain and demonstrated outstanding community leadership through extensive volunteering. She received the Tom Braes Outstanding Community Service Award, a School Service and Cultural Award and a Certificate of Community Service from the Order of Australia Association.

- Sportsperson of the Year: Oliver Hampton
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year: Harry Sullivan
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year (Highly Commended): Finnlay Ford
- Arts and Culture Award: Peter Shimmin
- Junior Arts and Culture Award: Toby Fealy
- Community Service Award: Alison McLean
- Community Service Award (Highly Commended): Annette Morrison
- Junior Community Service Award: Mareeba Lions Club Young Leaders
- Environmental Achievement Award: Speewah Rural Fire Brigade
- Community Organisation of the Year: Mareeba Friends of the Hospital Foundation Bingo Volunteers



2026 Mareeba Shire Australia Day Award Winners

Community Events Continued

Volunteers

Volunteers across the Mareeba Shire offered their skills, time and commitment to many community programs and events. Volunteers are actively involved with the following programs and events:

Great Wheelbarrow Race
From the early stages of planning to the excitement of the race weekend, the Great Wheelbarrow Race would not be possible without the dedication and teamwork of volunteers and committee members. The volunteers help with event planning, driving trucks, keeping time, marshalling competitors and supporting the countless moving parts that make the race a success.

Mareeba Multicultural Festival
Actively involved with planning and fundraising throughout the year, the Mareeba Multicultural Festival committee plays an important role in helping Council deliver this much-loved community event.

Mareeba Shire Community Resilience Network Community Guardians
The Community Guardian volunteers are a dedicated group of residents united by a shared vision for a resilient and prepared Mareeba Shire. This growing network plays an important role in disaster management by helping Council identify local concerns, supporting community meetings and events and acting as extra eyes and ears on the ground during emergencies. Community Guardians are vital in ensuring a strong two-way flow of information between Council and our community.

Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee
The RADF Advisory Committee is a passionate group of volunteers who share their experience and knowledge to provide advice to Council on the development of the local arts, culture and heritage sector. The Committee also plays a hands-on role in delivering the RADF program by reviewing community grant applications, assessing them against standard criteria and making funding recommendations.

Mareeba Shire Libraries
The library volunteers enrich events with live music, support daily library tasks, assist with storytime sessions and help with craft activities. High school volunteers run the Library's popular LEGO Club.





Legislative Compliance / Disclosures

GOVERNANCE

Mareeba Shire Council continues to be a responsible local government, operating in accordance with legislation and focusing on the ethical business activities and relationships between Councillors, senior management, employees, the community, government departments, business clients and other key stakeholders.

Council has a governance framework outlined below, that enhances organisational performance, whilst monitoring and maintaining compliance with legislative and other controls.

- Building awareness of organisational responsibilities and accountabilities;
- Strong financial stewardship and fiscal responsibility;
- Monitoring and maintaining compliance with legislation, policy, standards and controls;
- Integral practices, procedures and ethical decision-making with continuous improvement activities and transparent reporting; and
- Involving the community as a key stakeholder in decision-making and consultation opportunities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management is the identification, assessment and prioritisation of risks. It also includes the steps taken to minimise such risks. Council possesses an *Enterprise Risk Management Policy*, and associated framework and process, which guide Council in managing risks in all aspects of operations. Risk management is integrated into other governance instruments to ensure effective identification, mitigation, and monitoring. All identified risks are monitored, and annually reviewed and reported to the Audit Committee and Council.

Council will continue its commitment to ongoing work towards integrating risk management activities into all organisational areas to ensure compliance with *AS ISO 31000:2018 Risk management – Guidelines.* Additionally, Council continues to support a commitment to best practice via representative attendance at regional and inter-state risk focus events.

ROLE OF COUNCIL AND ELECTED MEMBERS

Council and its Elected Members continue to fulfil their roles and responsibilities in accordance with legislative requirements. Council is committed to effective, transparent, and accountable governance.

Section 12 of the *Local Government Act 2009* states that the role of elected members is to:

- represent the current and future interests of residents in the local government area;
- ensure that the Council acts responsibly, achieves the goals set out in the Corporate Plan, and complies with all laws that apply to local governments;
- provide high-quality leadership to the community and Council;
- participate in Council meetings, policy development, and decision-making, for the benefit of the local government area;
- be accountable to the community for the local government's performance.

The Mayor and Elected Members perform their roles by attending and participating in Council meetings, engaging with residents within the Council area, and participating in policy development and decision-making processes. The Mayor has additional responsibilities to those listed above, which include chairing Council meetings, being a member of each standing committee of Council, leading and advising Council's Chief Executive Officer, and representing Council at ceremonial or civic functions.

The Mayor and Elected Members are elected democratically by the community to represent the current and future interests of the residents within the entire local government area. One of the Councillors is elected as Deputy Mayor by their fellow Councillors.

The Mayor and Elected Members hold monthly Ordinary Meetings to consider and decide upon strategic matters of interest to shire residents and Council's operations generally. Additionally, Special Meetings are held when required to deliberate upon and resolve urgent matters.

ELECTED MEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE

The below list outlines Councillor attendance at Council meetings held between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026. Leave was granted for all unattended meetings by Councillors.

	Ordinary Meeting	Special Meeting
Mayor Angela Toppin AM	11	1
Deputy Mayor Lenore Wyatt	12	1
Cr Amy Braes	12	1
Cr Edward (Nipper) Brown	12	1
Cr Ross Cardillo	11	1
Cr Mary Graham	12	1
Cr Mladen Bosnic	11	1

Meetings Held

- Ordinary meetings: 12
- Special meetings: 1

ELECTED MEMBER REMUNERATION

The amount of remuneration paid to Local Government Councillors for the time and effort spent on Council business is determined by the Local Government Remuneration Commission (the Commission) under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

The Commission has determined that the Mareeba Shire Council is a B2 Category Council and the following annual remuneration amounts applied to B2 Category Councils during the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

- Mayor - $149,895
- Deputy Mayor - $93,684
- Councillors - $79,630

The total remuneration paid to each Councillor and the total superannuation contribution paid on behalf of each Councillor during the pay periods falling between 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 is listed in the table below.

In addition to remuneration for time spent on Council business, Local Government Councillors are also entitled to receive reimbursement of all approved expenses incurred in undertaking their role as a Councillor. Council has adopted the Councillor Remuneration, Expenses Reimbursement and Resources policy as required by section 250 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* on 15 April 2020.

In accordance with the policy, Councillors are provided with reimbursements of expenditure for their vehicles, as well as incidental costs such as mobile phone costs and other costs related to Council business.

The total amount of expenses reimbursed to each Councillor during the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 is as follows:

Councillor	Remuneration Paid $	Superannuation Paid $	Reimbursement Paid $
Cr Angela Toppin AM	149,895	15,912	3,709
Cr Lenore Wyatt	93,684	11,242	3,709
Cr Amy Braes	79,630	9,556	3,709
Cr Nipper Brown	79,630	9,556	3,709
Cr Ross Cardillo	79,630	9,556	3,709
Cr Mary Graham	79,630	9,556	3,709
Cr Mladen Bosnic	79,630	9,556	3,709

In accordance with policy provisions, Councillors were also provided with the facilities and resources necessary to effectively undertake the requirements of their position.
These facilities and resources include:

- Administrative and secretarial support
- Office space and Council meeting rooms
- Access to computers
- Use of Council landline telephone and internet access
- Access to fax, photocopier, scanner, printer and stationery
- Council owned vehicles available for business use by all Councillors
- Insurance cover under relevant Council policies (Public Liability, Councillors' Liability, Personal Accident, Workers Compensation)
- Provision of meals (lunches/morning teas) when attending Council meetings and workshops
- Attendance at approved work-related conferences and workshops
- Travel and accommodation to attend Council related business

COUNCILLOR CONDUCT MATTERS

The table below reflects complaints dealt with during the financial year in accordance with Councillor conduct framework provided for under Chapter 5A of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

Complaints referred to the assessor under section 150P(2)(a) of the Act by a government entity other than the assessor	3
Matters, mentioned in section 150P(3) of the Act, notified to the Crime and Corruption Commission	Nil
Notices given under section 150R(2) of the Act	Nil
Notices given under section 150S(2)(a) of the Act	Nil
Occasions information was given under section 150AF(3)(a) of the Act	Nil
Occasions the local government asked another entity to investigate, under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act for the local government, the suspected conduct breach of a councillor	Nil
The total number of referral notices given to the local government under section 150AC(1) of the Act during the financial year	Nil
For suspected conduct breaches the subject of a referral notice mentioned in s186(1)(g) of the Regulation, the total number of suspected conduct breaches; and the total number of suspected conduct breaches; and the total number of suspected conduct breaches for which an investigation was not started or was discontinued under section 150AEA of the Act	Nil
The number of matters not decided by the end of the financial year under section 150AG(1) of the Act	Nil
The average time taken by the local government in making a decision under section 150AG(1) of the Act	N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AND COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COMPLAINTS

Council is committed to dealing fairly with administrative action and competitive neutrality complaints. All complaints are processed in accordance with provisions of Council's adopted *Administrative Action Complaint Management Policy.* The objectives of the policy are to ensure that Council has a robust process in place for responding to, recording, reporting and learning from complaints to improve services to the community.

The Complaints Management System governed by the policy aims to:

- Be fair and objective. All complaints are considered on their merits and the principles of natural justice are observed.
- Support continuous improvement. Where applicable, the outcomes from a complaints management process are applied to improve business operations, policies and procedures.
- Be open and accountable. The decisions and outcomes regarding a complaint are made available to the affected person, subject to statutory provisions.
- Be accessible and simple to understand. The process facilitates feedback from the community in a form that encourages participation.

The table below reflects Council's broad level performance in resolving complaints during the financial year. Complaints carried over from the previous 2024/25 financial year remained consistent at 3 units. Both the total number of complaints lodged and complaints resolved increased by 19 units each in comparison with the previous 2024/25 financial year. The number of complaints outstanding at the end of the financial year remained consistent with the previous 2024/25 financial year at 3 units.

Description	Number
Complaints carried over from the previous financial year	3
Complaints lodged during 2025/26	64
Complaints resolved during 2025/26	64
Complaints not resolved at close of the financial year	3
The number of complaints not resolved under the complaints management process that were made in the previous financial year 2024/25	0

Competitive Neutrality Complaints

During the 2025/26 financial year Council was not in receipt of any competitive neutrality complaints.

During the same period, Council was not in receipt of any Queensland Productivity Commission notices of investigations, nor any Queensland Productivity Commission recommendations on any competitive neutrality complaints.

Summary of Investigation Notices

During the 2025/26 financial year, Council did not receive any notices of investigation by the Queensland Competition Authority, under section 49 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012.*

During the same period, Council did not receive Queensland Competition Authority recommendations on any competitive neutrality complaints under section 52(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012.*

AUDIT

Audit Committee

Council's Audit Committee comprises three (3) members, an independent member as chairperson (John Andrejic) and two Councillors. The two Councillors elected as audit committee members were Cr Mary Graham and Cr Amy Braes and Cr Ross Cardillo as Proxy. The independent chairperson is also responsible for probity audits.

Three meetings of the Audit Committee were held during the financial year – 13 August 2025, 30 September 2025 and 10 March 2026.

Items considered by Audit Committee throughout the 2025/26 year included:

- Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025;
- External Audit strategy, results and recommendations for the 2025/26 financial year;
- Internal Audit strategy and project status;
- Enterprise Risk Management including Business Continuity Plans, Compliance Checklist and Policy renewals;
- Audit Committee Self-Assessment.

Three-year Strategic Internal Audit Plan, incorporating the 2025/26 Annual Internal Audit Plan

The projects that are included in 2025/26 and 2026/27 of this Strategic Internal Audit Plan are subject to an annual review process to ensure they remain relevant. This may involve revision of planned projects and re-prioritisation, where appropriate, to meet the changing needs of the organisation.

Year	Project	Department
2025/26	Customer Services Efficiency, Effectiveness & Performance focus	Customer & Community Services
2025/26	Procurement Practices Compliance & Processes, Control Effectiveness (Process Improvement & Compliance focus)	Finance
2026/27	Facilities Management (Efficiency, Effectiveness & Performance focus)	Technical Services - Facilities
2026/27	HR Onboarding and Offboarding Practices - process improvement & compliance focus	Human Resources

COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Compliance with section 23 *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*

Council's commitment to the Queensland Public Sector Ethics Principles and the Local Government Principles is embedded in its policies, procedures, administrative practices and management processes. These frameworks also reflect the requirements of Council's Employee Code of Conduct.

Under the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*, all public sector entities, including local governments, must include an implementation statement in their Annual Report. This statement outlines the actions taken during the reporting period to comply with legislative requirements relating to the development, accessibility, education and training associated with codes of conduct and public sector ethics.

The four ethics principles established under the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994* are:

- Integrity and impartiality;
- Promoting the public good;
- Commitment to the system of government;
- Accountability and transparency.

Council's Employee Code of Conduct aligns with current legislative requirements and incorporates these ethics principles. Ethics education and training form part of the induction process for all new employees and are reinforced through periodic refresher training for all staff.

Training covers:

- The operation of the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*
- The application of ethical principles and obligations
- The Employee Code of Conduct, including its alignment with Council's corporate values, goals, and strategic priorities
- Employee rights and responsibilities relating to breaches of the Employee Code of Conduct

During the reporting period, ethics education and training were provided to new employees, contractors, volunteers and work experience students.

Copies of the ethics principles and the Employee Code of Conduct are available at all Council workplaces for staff reference. The Employee Code of Conduct is also available for public inspection upon request.

Council's administrative procedures and management practices are designed to support the ethical obligations of public officials and uphold the standards set out in the Employee Code of Conduct. All employees are expected to maintain high ethical standards and contribute to the delivery of effective, accountable and professional public administration.

Registers kept by Council

Council's registers provide a source of truth for various subject matters and help ensure efficient, effective, and transparent governance processes. Council kept the following registers during the 2025/26 year:

Register of Members Interests
Register of Councillor Conduct
Register of Delegations by Council
Register of Delegations by the Chief Executive Officer
Register of Roads
Register of Assets
Register of Cost Recovery Fees
Register of Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws
Register of Lands
Register of Policies
Cemetery Register
Impounding Register
Gifts and Benefits Register
Register of On-site Sewerage Facilities
Beneficial Enterprises
General Complaints Database
Large Contracts Register
Preferred Suppliers
Pre-qualified Suppliers
Register of Councillors
Register of Electoral Gifts
Right to Information Database
Sole Supplier Register

Overseas Travel

No overseas travel was undertaken during the 2025/26 financial year.

Senior Management Remuneration

The below table shows the range of remuneration (excluding superannuation) for the 12 month period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 provided to Council's senior management staff.

The total remuneration payable (excluding superannuation) in 2025/26 to senior management was $948,482.

Package Range	Number
$400,000 - $499,000	1
$200,000 - $299,000	2

Councillor Advisors

Council has not resolved to allow a Councillor to appoint Councillor Advisors.

Special Rates and Charges

Council did not, during the year, take any action in relation to, or expend funds on, a service, facility or activity, under section 190 (1)(d) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

- supplied by another local government under an agreement for conducting a joint government activity; and
- for which the local government levied special rates or charges for the financial year.

Concessions for Rates and Charges

The Rate Rebate and Remission Policy sets out Council policy, as per annual budget resolution, in relation to the granting of rebates and remissions on rates and charges.

The Local Government Regulation 2012 - Chapter 4, Part 10 Concessions, gives local governments the power to grant concessions for rates and charges.

A concession may only be of the following types:
a) a rebate of all or part of the rates or charges;
b) an agreement to defer payment of the rates or charges;
c) an agreement to accept a transfer of unencumbered land in full or part payment of the rates or charges.

A concession may only be granted by resolution of Council and, for Mareeba Shire Council, this is done as part of the annual budget adoption process and also noted in the adopted Revenue Statement.

Conduct of Business Activities

Application of Code of Competitive Conduct

The following business activities were conducted by Council during the 2025/26 financial year:
- Water Supply;
- Sewerage;
- Waste Management;
- Soil Laboratory;
- Building Certification.

The *Local Government Act 2009 section 45(b)* requires that a Council's Annual Report must identify the business activities that are a significant business activity. Significant business activity does not include a roads activity, or an activity related to the provision of library services. All significant business activities have had the Competitive Neutrality Principles applied. The *Local Government Regulation 2012 section 19* identifies the following expenditure thresholds for significant business activities:

- 10,000 or more premises being connected to water service for the provision of combined water and sewerage services;
- $9.7 million for another business activity.

The Regulation also provides that a Local Government must use the financial information for the previous financial year that was presented to the Local Government's budget meeting to identify each new significant business activity for the financial year. None of Council's business activities exceeded the threshold for a significant business activity for the 2025/26 financial year. The business activities listed above were also conducted by Council in the previous financial year (2024/25) and there were no new business activities commenced in 2025/26.

Changes to Tender

There were no occasions during the year where persons who submitted a tender were invited to change their tender to take account of a change in the tender specification prior to Council making a decision under section 228(7) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Particular Resolutions

Non-Current Assets as an Expense

There were no resolutions made during the year under section 206(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (setting an amount for each different type of non-current physical asset below which the value of an asset of the same type must be treated as an expense). It has previously been determined that the threshold for capitalisation of asset classes other than land is $5,000. These details form part of Note 13 to the Financial Statements.

Debt Policy

The Debt Policy details the principles upon which Council bases its decisions when considering the type of expenditure to be funded by borrowings for the financial years 2025/26 to 2034/35, the total current and projected borrowings and the ranges of periods over which they will be repaid.

Revenue Policy

The Revenue Policy (adopted annually) governs the principles used by Council for making and levying rates and utility charges, exercising powers to grant rebates and concessions, for recovering unpaid amounts of rates and charges and the setting of miscellaneous fees and charges.

Procurement

Council procurement is governed by the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), and Council's own Procurement Policy and associated procedures.

As set out in section 104(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), Council employees must have regard for the sound contracting principles, when conducting procurement activities.

These principles are:
1. Value for money;
2. Open and effective competition;
3. The development of competitive local business and industry;
4. Environmental protection;
5. Ethical behaviour and fair dealing.

Council is required to publicly tender contracts with an expected value of more than $200,000 (excluding GST).

Council is not required to publicly tender work valued at more than $200,000 where an exemption is applied. Exemptions included the use of Local Buy, Council's registers of pre-qualified suppliers and sole suppliers, and emergency orders as endorsed by Council.

To be considered a sole supplier, Council must be satisfied that the supplier is the only supplier reasonably available to Council.

On 12 December 2025, Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) was amended through the *Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025* (Qld). The amendments modernised procurement thresholds, clarified the regulatory framework and provided councils with greater flexibility while maintaining governance and accountability requirements.

As a result of these amendments, the public tendering threshold increased from $200,000 to $280,000 (excluding GST). The new threshold applied to Council from 18 February 2026.

Council uses VendorPanel, an online procurement portal, to manage public tenders and selected quotation processes.

Supplier Location	Number
Contracts awarded to suppliers within Council's local government area	9
Contracts awarded to suppliers within Far North Queensland	17
Contracts awarded to suppliers outside Far North Queensland	1
Contracts awarded to interstate suppliers	0

Major Construction Contracts Awarded

Council values economic development in our region and aims to support local businesses whenever possible. The following table shows the total number of major construction contracts awarded and provides a breakdown of those contracts by the geographical location of the supplier.

Financial Review

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council has successfully completed its Financial Statements within the statutory deadlines set by the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The independent Queensland Audit Office audit report presents an unqualified result, reflecting the accuracy and integrity of Council's financial records.

To foster transparency and understanding within the community, we have produced a Community Financial Report. This report is designed to provide a clear and accessible overview of our financial performance and position over the past financial year. To improve stakeholders comprehension of the key elements of our financial statements, the Community Financial Report utilises language and visual aids such as graphs and tables to present Council's 2025/26 results.

During the 2025/26 financial year, Council has:

- Continued to refine and implement our Asset Management Plan, supporting informed and strategic asset management decisions;
- Maintained a robust financial position, resulting in an operating surplus of $16.8 million, which continues to strengthen Council's long-term financial sustainability. This operating surplus is committed to fund asset renewals and upgrades in accordance with long term asset management plans and
- Kept debt levels relatively low, with an end-of-year loan balance of $5.6 million.

About the Financial Report

The Community Financial Report is prepared in accordance with Section 179 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Financial Review below focuses on the following elements:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- Statement of Financial Position;
- Statement of Changes in Equity;
- Statement of Cash Flows and
- Measures of Financial Sustainability Performance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The Statement of Comprehensive Income (often referred to as the Profit and Loss Statement) shows the details of Council's operating and capital income and expenses for a specified reporting period. Income minus expenses result in either a profit or loss amount known as the net result. A Summarised Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2026 is shown in the table below.

Summary of Statement of Comprehensive Income	2025/26 $'000	2024/25 $'000
Operating Revenue	104,527	93,104
Less: Operating Expenses	(87,713)	(72,037)
Operating Result	**16,814**	**21,067**
Plus: Capital Income	23,485	28,893
Less: Capital Expenses	(7,899)	(1,458)
Net Result	**32,400**	**48,502**

It is important to note that the Net Result does not represent surplus cash funds available. A significant portion of Council's income is restricted to specific purposes and cannot be used for general operations. For instance, Benefited Area income and funds governed by legislative provisions are earmarked for designated uses. Additionally, capital grants are allocated specifically to maintain or expand Council's infrastructure and are not available for operational expenditure.

Operating Results

Council's operating position reflects the ability to meet running costs using operating revenue. This includes Council's ability to fund future acquisition and replacement of assets.

Operating position is calculated by subtracting operating expense from operating revenue. This calculation does not include revenue or expenses for capital projects (assets).

Statement of Comprehensive Income - Operating	2025/26 $'000	2024/25 $'000
OPERATING REVENUE		
Rates & Utility Charges (Net of discount and remissions)	43,362	42,014
Fees & Charges	2,719	2,420
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	41,674	35,934
Sales & Services Revenue	10,234	6,780
Interest – Investment & Rates	5,212	4,419
Other Revenue	464	680
Lease and Rental Income	862	857
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	**104,527**	**93,104**
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		
Employee Benefits	19,716	19,786
Materials & Services	52,965	38,815
Finance Costs	316	317
Depreciation & Amortisation	14,716	13,119
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	**87,713**	**72,037**
OPERATING RESULT	**16,814**	**21,067**

Operating Revenue and Expenditure

Council's operating position for the year ended 30 June 2026 reflects a surplus of $16.8 million. The gross surplus shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, represents the difference between income and expenses for a given period. However, it doesn't necessarily equate to actual surplus cash available for general use. Various factors, like restricted funds, non-cash items, and specific allocations—mean that it doesn't translate directly into extra cash available for discretionary use.

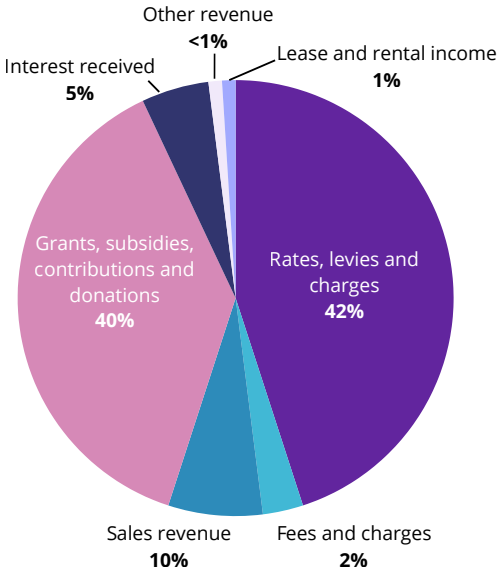
Accounting depreciation continues to have a substantial impact on Council's operating results. Depreciation and amortisation expenses totalling $14.7 million have been recorded to reflect the usage and deterioration of community assets over their expected lifespans.

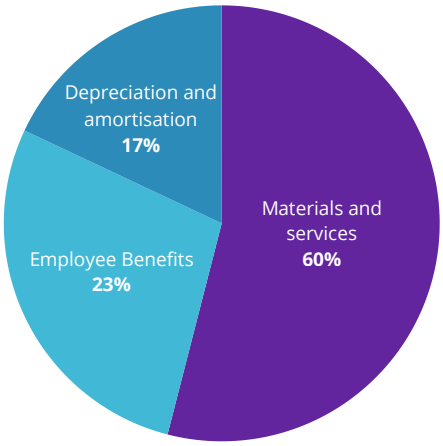
During the 2025/26 financial year, Council received $105 million in operating revenue. The primary source of this revenue was Rates and Charges, which contributed $43 million (42%). The second largest revenue source came from grants, subsidies, contributions, and donations, which provided $41 million (40%). Of this grant income, 66% related to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The remaining operating revenue was generated from fees and charges, rental income, interest revenue, and other income sources.

Council's operating expenses for the 2025/26 financial year totalled $88 million. The largest component was materials and services, which accounted for $53 million (60%) of total operating expenses. Approximately 52% of materials and services expenditure related to DRFA works, with unspent grant funding carried forward to be allocated to these works in the 2026/27 financial year.

Employee benefits totalled $19 million (23%), while depreciation and amortisation amounted to $14 million (17%).





Net Result

Council's net result is determined by subtracting total expenses (operating and capital) from total revenue (operating and capital), excluding any adjustments for asset revaluations. For the 2025/26 financial year, the net result includes the following key items:

- $23 million in capital grants, subsidies, contributions, and donations received from various government agencies to support the provision of capital infrastructure. Of this amount, $1 million was recorded as contributed assets, representing non-cash revenue.
- $8 million in capital expenses, primarily reflecting the value of assets that were replaced or disposed of during the year.

Other Comprehensive Income

Council conducted a comprehensive valuation of Drainage and Footpaths, along with a desktop revaluation of all other asset classes (excluding Plant and Fleet) to report fair values as at 30 June 2026. This process resulted in an increase in Council's total asset values by $47 million.

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Capital Expenditure

Key capital works undertaken during the year include:
- $6.4M for Leadingham Creek Road widen and seal;
- $1.5M for Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes (Northern) revitalisation;
- $2M towards continued water main replacements;
- $5.2M for Constance Street rising main;
- $3.6M for Llyod Street sewer main.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The Statement of Financial Position, commonly known as the Balance Sheet, provides a snapshot of Council's assets and liabilities at a point in time. This statement measures what Council owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities). The difference between these two elements represents the net wealth (equity) of Council and the community, known as Community Equity.

Each section of the Statement of Financial Position is broken down into detailed subheadings, with cross-references to Notes in the Financial Statements for further clarification.





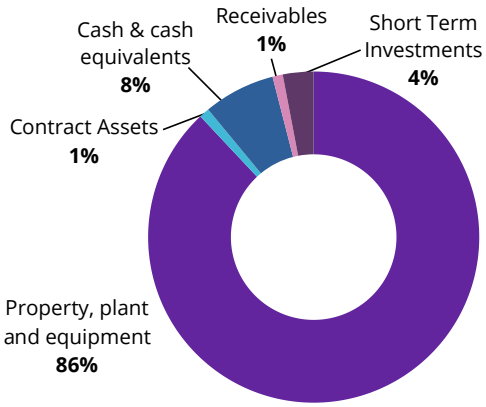
Bushy Creek bridge, Mt Lewis Road Julatten completed after the bridge washed away during Cyclone Jasper in 2023. Assistance provided by the Australian and Queensland governments through the jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Assets

Assets represent a resource owned Council which provides economic value. There are two asset categories, current and non-current.

- Current assets include cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, inventories, and other financial assets that can be converted into cash within one year.
- Non-current assets consist of property, plant, and equipment, intangibles, and other financial assets.

As of 30 June 2026, Council's total assets amounted to $1,127 million. This includes $164 million in current assets (liquid assets or amounts receivable within twelve months) and $964 million in non-current assets. The most significant portion of Council's assets is in property, plant, and equipment, valued at $963 million, which accounts for 86% of the total assets.

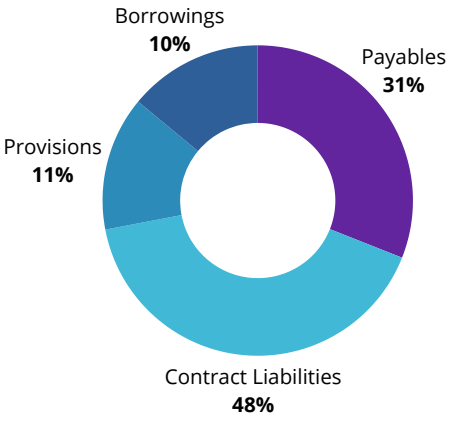


Asset	What is it?	Why it matters?	30 June 2026 $'000
Cash & Cash Equivalents	Cash on hand and bank balances.	It shows how much cash is readily available to meet immediate expenses or emergencies.	90,743
Short term investments	Term Deposits less than a year.	Provides a way for Council to earn some interest while keeping funds accessible for future needs.	42,000
Receivables	Amounts owed to Council by others, such as unpaid rates, fees, or other charges that residents or businesses need to pay.	It indicates expected cash inflows, helping to plan for future cash availability.	15,324
Property, Plant & Equipment and Intangible Assets	All physical assets owned by Council such as land, buildings, roads, water and wastewater.	Represents Councils investment in assets that are essential for delivering services to the community.	963,504
Contract Assets	These are amounts Council is yet to receive for works already provided.	It shows money that is expected to come in, to offset expenditure that has already been incurred.	13,920
Inventories	The total value of goods and materials on hand to be used in works or to be sold.	Provides insight into resources available for future use.	1,616

Liabilities

Liabilities represent what Council owes. There are two liability categories, current and non-current.

- **Current liabilities** are short term financial obligations that are due within one year. For example amounts payable to suppliers.
- **Non-current liabilities** are financial obligations that are not due for more than a year. This includes loans, employee leave entitlements, and provisions for future expenditures, such as landfill restoration costs.



As of 30 June 2026, Council's total liabilities stood at $60 million, comprising $50 million in current liabilities and $10 million in non-current liabilities. Current liabilities are obligations that are due to be settled within twelve months.

Liability	What is it?	Why it matters?	30 June 2026 $'000
Payables and Other Liabilities	These are amounts the council owes to suppliers or contractors for goods and services already received but not yet paid for.	It shows the council's current obligations, helping to understand what payments are due in the near future.	19,215
Provisions	Amounts set aside to cover future liabilities or expenses that are likely to occur but where the exact amount or timing is uncertain. This could include things like employee leave entitlements.	It reflects the council's preparedness to meet future obligations, ensuring that funds are available when these liabilities arise.	6,485
Contract Liabilities	These are amounts Council has received in advance for goods or services that it has yet to provide.	It shows money that is expected to be incurred, to offset revenue that has already been received.	28,342
Borrowings	Council's borrowings consist of a loan from the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC).	It indicates the level of debt the council is carrying, helping to assess the long-term financial commitments and the impact on future budgets.	5,682

Queensland Treasury Debt

The Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) is the State Government's lending agency, providing financing to local governments and state agencies within Queensland for infrastructure projects.

Council did not undertake any new borrowings during the 2025/26 financial year. As of 30 June 2026, the loan balance was $5.6 million. Repayments of this debt are made quarterly, covering both principal and interest, in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the Queensland Treasury Corporation.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

The difference between assets and liabilities represents the total community equity or net wealth of Council. The Statement of Changes in Equity illustrates the overall change in Council's "net wealth" over the year. As of 30 June 2026, Council's net wealth was $1,067 million. This community equity comprises an asset revaluation reserve and retained surpluses, which increased by $47 million and $32 million, respectively, during the year. The asset revaluation surplus reflects the changes in the value of Council's assets over time.

Council's retained surplus represents funds available to be reinvested into assets, either now or in the future, to support community services. These surpluses also serve as a buffer against unforeseen financial challenges or adverse changes to the business environment.

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW

The Statement of Cashflow measures the inflow and outflow of cash during the reporting period, categorised into three main activities:

- **Operating activities:** These are the routine, day-to-day functions of Council, including receipts from rates, fees and charges, interest earned on investments, and payments for employee wages, materials, and services;
- **Investing activities:** This category includes capital grants for the purchase and construction of property, plant, and equipment, as well as proceeds from the sale of assets, including term deposits and
- **Financing activities:** These involve the repayment of loans and any inflows from new loans drawn down during the year (if applicable).

Statement of Cashflow	2025/26 $'000	2024/25 $'000
Opening Balance	66,574	68,372
Plus: Cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	24,935	40,802
Cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	(321)	(42,164)
Cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	(445)	(436)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AVAILABLE AT END OF YEAR	**90,743**	**66,574**

At the end of the year, Council held $132 million in cash, as reflected in the Statement of Financial Position under cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. This cash represents Council's future commitments for various obligations, including provisions for staff leave entitlements, asset replacements / renewals, grant-related expenditure and future commitments / projects.

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FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS

Financial sustainability measures indicate whether Council is operating in a financially sustainable manner. There are 8 ratios Council is required to report on.

#	Type	Measure	Rationale	Target Met
1	Financial Capacity	Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	Capacity to generate revenue internally	✓
2	Financial Capacity	Population Growth Ratio	Population growth/decline pressures on Council	✓
3	Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Holistic overview of Council operating performance	✓
4	Operating Performance	Operating Cash Ratio	Cash operating performance (less depreciation and other non-cash items)	✓
5	Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Unconstrained liquidity available to Council	✓
6	Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Capital renewals program performance	✓
7	Asset Management	Asset Consumption Ratio	Extent to which assets are being consumed	✓
8	Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	Ability to repay existing debt	✓

Measure	Target	Actual Current Year	5 Year Average	Narrative
Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	N/A	44.09%	54.18%	A higher council-controlled revenue ratio suggests a council can generate its own operating revenue effectively, reducing dependence on external sources and enabling better response to unexpected financial challenges. A lower ratio indicates limited capacity to influence revenue, making the council more reliant on external, often less reliable, income sources like grants and contracts.
Population Growth Ratio	N/A	1.27%	1.14%	A growing council population enhances the ability to generate revenue through rates and statutory charges but also increases the need for investment in new infrastructure. In contrast, a shrinking population reduces opportunities for revenue generation and requires adjustments in spending to match the declining use of infrastructure and community assets.

Measure	Target	Actual Current Year	5 Year Average	Narrative
Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than 0%	16.09%	15.44%	An operating surplus ratio above 0% indicates that a council is managing its finances well, generating surplus funds for capital or other needs. A ratio below 0% suggests operating expenses exceed revenue. While a single-year deficit isn't necessarily concerning, long-term deficits can hinder a council's ability to fund capital projects and initiatives internally, potentially leading to a reliance on external funding.
Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	30.30%	32.39%	A positive operating cash ratio suggests that a council is generating surplus cash from its core operations, indicating the ability to self-fund capital expenditures. A negative operating cash ratio signals financial sustainability challenges and potential liquidity issues, as it means the council's cash position is declining, with revenues failing to cover operational costs.
Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	19.9 months	N/A	A higher unrestricted cash expense cover ratio indicates that a council has enough free cash to cover future planned or unplanned expenses, such as infrastructure investments or disaster recovery. However, an excessively high ratio might suggest cash hoarding, poor cash management, or large upcoming capital needs. A low ratio points to limited liquidity for capital investment or emergencies, but this isn't a concern for councils with efficient cash management and strong borrowing capacity. However, if a council also has a negative operating cash ratio, a very low or negative unrestricted cash expense cover ratio could indicate potential solvency issues.
Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 80%	88.94%	113.44%	An asset sustainability ratio close to 100% indicates that a council is adequately spending on asset renewal to offset deterioration, as approximated by depreciation. Ratios significantly below this level may suggest underspending on capital replacement. However, because this measure relies on depreciation rather than detailed asset planning data, it may not fully reflect the needs of councils with large investments in new capital assets, especially in rapidly growing communities. In such cases, a lower asset sustainability ratio is not concerning if the council is addressing the capital needs of its current and future population.
Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	71.21%	73.90%	A minimum target of 60% for the asset consumption ratio suggests that a council's assets are being consumed in line with their estimated useful lives. If the ratio falls below this target, the council may need to increase investment in asset replacement or maintenance to ensure assets meet community needs. Conversely, if the ratio is significantly higher than the target, the council might need to review its asset management plans to reassess current service levels or the accuracy of the estimated useful lives of its assets.
Leverage Ratio	0 – 3 times	0.2 times	0.3 times	A higher leverage ratio signifies that a council's capacity to take on additional debt is limited due to high existing debt levels or decreasing operational performance. Conversely, a lower ratio suggests greater capacity for additional borrowing. However, a lower leverage ratio does not automatically ensure that further debt will be approved, as borrowings are assessed through a separate process by the Department and QTC, which considers various factors. Similarly, councils with higher leverage ratios may still be eligible for additional borrowings if there are other mitigating circumstances.

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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2026

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Income			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3a	43,362	42,014
Fees and charges	3b	2,719	2,420
Sales revenue	3c	10,234	6,780
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3d(i)	41,674	35,934
Total recurrent revenue		97,989	87,148
Other income			
Rental income	16	862	857
Interest income	4a	5,212	4,419
Other income	4b	464	680
Total other income		6,538	5,956
Total operating revenue		104,527	93,104
Capital income			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3d(ii)	23,453	28,773
Capital income	5	32	120
Total capital income		23,485	28,893
Total income		128,012	121,997
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	6	19,716	19,786
Materials and services	7	52,965	38,815
Finance costs	8	316	317
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13	14,623	13,030
Amortisation of intangible assets	14	93	89
Total recurrent expenses		87,713	72,037
Other expenses			
Capital expenses	9	7,899	1,458
Total other expenses		7,899	1,458
Total expenses		95,612	73,495
Net result		32,400	48,502
Other comprehensive income			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the net result			
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	13	46,639	115,972
Total other comprehensive income for the year		46,639	115,972
Total comprehensive income for the year		79,039	164,474

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	90,743	66,574
Short term investments	10	42,000	34,500
Receivables	11	15,252	9,349
Inventories	12	1,616	1,558
Contract assets	15	13,920	14,523
Total current assets		163,531	126,504
Non-current assets			
Receivables	11	72	83
Property, plant and equipment	13	963,079	906,428
Intangible assets	14	425	348
Total non-current assets		963,576	906,859
Total assets		1,127,107	1,033,363
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Payables	17	15,893	10,797
Contract liabilities	15	28,342	18,556
Borrowings	18	461	450
Provisions	19	4,575	4,686
Other liabilities	20	497	186
Total current liabilities		49,768	34,675
Non-current liabilities			
Payables	17	2,629	2,629
Borrowings	18	5,221	5,677
Provisions	19	1,910	1,840
Other liabilities	20	196	198
Total non-current liabilities		9,956	10,344
Total liabilities		59,724	45,019
Net community assets		1,067,383	988,344
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus		442,044	395,405
Retained surplus		625,339	592,939
Total community equity		1,067,383	988,344

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	Asset revaluation surplus $ '000	Retained surplus $ '000	Total equity $ '000
Balance as at 1 July 2025		395,405	592,939	988,344
Net result		–	32,400	32,400
Other comprehensive income for the year				
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	13	46,639	–	46,639
Total comprehensive income for the year		46,639	32,400	79,039
Balance as at 30 June 2026		442,044	625,339	1,067,383
Balance as at 1 July 2024		279,433	544,437	823,870
Net result		–	48,502	48,502
Other comprehensive income for the year				
Increase in asset revaluation surplus	13	115,972	–	115,972
Total comprehensive income for the year		115,972	48,502	164,474
Balance as at 30 June 2025		395,405	592,939	988,344

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		58,195	47,812
Payments to suppliers and employees		(80,475)	(58,679)
Interest received		5,360	3,921
Non capital grants and contributions		42,098	47,983
Borrowing costs		(243)	(235)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	25	24,935	40,802
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		4,201	243
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		33,416	22,243
Net movement in short term investments		(7,500)	(19,500)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(30,438)	(45,150)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(321)	(42,164)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(415)	(404)
Other financing activity payments		(30)	(32)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(445)	(436)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		24,169	(1,798)
plus: cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		66,574	68,372
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	90,743	66,574

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and material accounting policies.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2026

Note 1. Information about these financial statements

(a) Basis of preparation

Mareeba Shire Council ("Council") is constituted under the *Queensland Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. They are prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes and these financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations as applicable to not-for-profit entities.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the revaluation of certain classes of property, plant and equipment which are measured at fair value.

(b) Recurrent/capital classification

Revenue and expenditure are presented as "recurrent" or "capital" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the following basis: Capital revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets. It also includes non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers.

The following transactions are classified as either "capital income" or "capital expenses" depending on whether they result in accounting gains or losses:

- disposal of non-current assets
- discount rate adjustments to restoration provisions
- revaluations of property, plant and equipment (Note 13)

(c) New and revised Accounting Standards adopted during the year

Council adopted all standards which became mandatorily effective for annual reporting periods beginning on 1 July 2025.

The relevant standards for Council were:

- AASB 2023-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lack of Exchangeability

(d) Standards issued by the AASB not yet effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not mandatorily effective at 30 June 2026, these standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. The standards are not expected to have a material impact for Council.

Council has assessed all the standards / interpretations currently issued which are not yet effective and have determined that there is no expected material impact on the reported financial position or performance.

(e) Estimates and judgements

Council makes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. These are based on the best information available to Council at the time, however due to the passage of time, these assumptions may change and therefore the recorded balances may not reflect the final outcomes. The significant judgements, estimates and assumptions relate to the following items and specific information is provided in the relevant note:

- Revenue recognition - Note 3
- Valuation, impairment and depreciation of property, plant and equipment - Note 13
- Provisions - Note 19
- Contingent liabilities - Note 23
- Financial instruments and financial risk management - Note 28

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Note 1. Information about these financial statements (continued)

(f) Rounding and comparatives

The financial statements are in Australian dollars and have been rounded to the nearest $1,000 or, where that amount is $500 or less, to zero, unless otherwise stated. Council uses the Australian dollar as its functional currency and its presentation currency. Comparative information is generally restated for reclassifications, errors and changes in accounting policies unless permitted otherwise by transition rules in a new Accounting Standard.

(g) Volunteer services

Council utilises volunteers in the following areas:

- Library Services
- Community Guardians
- Advisory Committees to Council:
  - Regional Arts Development Fund
  - Multicultural Festival
  - Great Wheelbarrow Race

Council's volunteers perform a range of unpaid activities. Their contributions to Council would not have been purchased if they had not been donated, hence their contributions cannot be readily identifiable and measured at fair value as they cannot be reliably measured.

(h) Taxation

Council is exempt from income tax, however Council is subject to Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST) and payroll tax on certain activities. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

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Note 2. Analysis of results by function

(a) Components of Council functions

The activities relating to the Council's components reported on in Note 2(b) are as follows:

Governance and corporate services
The objective of governance and corporate services is for Council to be open, accountable, transparent, and to deliver value for money on community outcomes, provide accurate, timely and appropriate information to support sound decision making and meet statutory requirements.

The Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer are included in governance.

The corporate services function includes: finance, information services, record management and human resources. Roles within this function include budget support, financial accounting, customer service and information technology services.

Community services
The goal of community services is to ensure Council is a healthy, vibrant, contemporary and connected community. Community services provide well managed and maintained community facilities, and ensure the effective delivery of cultural, health, welfare, environmental, recreational services and the promotion of tourism.

Planning and development
This function facilitates the Shire's growth and prosperity through well planned and quality development. The objective of planning and development is to ensure the Mareeba Shire is well designed, efficient and facilitates growth yet also preserves the character and natural environment of the Shire. This function includes activities and services related to neighbourhood and regional planning, and management of development approval processes.

Works infrastructure
The objective of the works infrastructure program is to ensure the community is serviced by a quality and effective road network. This function provides and maintains transport infrastructure, including the maintenance and provision of the drainage network and provides maintenance for all parks and gardens.

Waste management
The goal of this function is to protect and support our community and natural environment by sustainably managing refuse. This function provides refuse collection and disposal services.

Water infrastructure
The goal of this program is to support a healthy, safe community through sustainable water services. This function manages the supply of water to the community.

Sewerage infrastructure
This function protects and supports the health of our community by sustainably managing sewerage services including maintaining infrastructure for sewerage collection and treatment.

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Note 2. Analysis of results by function (continued)

(b) Income, expenses and assets attributed to Council functions

	Gross program income					Gross program expenses			Net result from		
Functions	Recurring grants $ '000	Recurring other $ '000	Capital grants $ '000	Capital other $ '000	Total income $ '000	Recurring $ '000	Capital $ '000	Total expenses $ '000	recurring operations $ '000	Net result $ '000	Total assets $ '000
2026											
Governance and corporate services	12,593	26,067	11,869	31	50,560	(4,121)	(6,807)	(10,928)	34,539	39,632	354,390
Community services	431	1,210	–	–	1,641	(8,838)	–	(8,838)	(7,197)	(7,197)	–
Planning and development	138	1,078	–	–	1,216	(2,564)	–	(2,564)	(1,348)	(1,348)	–
Works infrastructure	27,870	10,468	5,958	–	44,296	(53,855)	(3)	(53,858)	(15,517)	(9,562)	571,702
Waste management	456	6,541	–	–	6,997	(5,933)	–	(5,933)	1,064	1,064	7,682
Water infrastructure	21	9,802	1,664	1	11,488	(7,289)	(386)	(7,675)	2,534	3,813	90,273
Sewerage infrastructure	165	7,687	3,962	–	11,814	(5,113)	(703)	(5,816)	2,739	5,998	103,060
Total	41,674	62,853	23,453	32	128,012	(87,713)	(7,899)	(95,612)	16,814	32,400	1,127,107
2025											
Governance and corporate services	13,280	24,903	9,594	–	47,777	(3,843)	(940)	(4,783)	34,340	42,994	314,279
Community services	2,544	1,660	–	–	4,204	(10,381)	–	(10,381)	(6,177)	(6,177)	–
Planning and development	–	1,524	–	–	1,524	(1,423)	–	(1,423)	101	101	–
Works infrastructure	19,837	6,124	13,470	120	39,551	(39,815)	–	(39,815)	(13,854)	(264)	531,668
Waste management	256	6,214	–	–	6,470	(5,110)	–	(5,110)	1,360	1,360	7,271
Water infrastructure	17	9,533	4,137	–	13,687	(6,570)	(29)	(6,599)	2,980	7,088	84,255
Sewerage infrastructure	–	7,212	1,572	–	8,784	(4,895)	(489)	(5,384)	2,317	3,400	95,890
Total	35,934	57,170	28,773	120	121,997	(72,037)	(1,458)	(73,495)	21,067	48,502	1,033,363

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 3. Revenue

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000

(a) Rates, levies and charges

Rates, levies and charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.

General rates	24,369	23,807
Separate rates	291	302
Water	6,420	6,161
Water consumption, rental and sundries	2,801	2,735
Sewerage	6,830	6,517
Waste management	5,130	4,914
Total rates and utility charge revenue	45,841	44,436
Less: discounts	(2,073)	(2,018)
Less: pensioner remissions	(406)	(404)
Total rates, levies and charges	43,362	42,014

(b) Fees and charges

Revenue arising from fees and charges are recognised at the point in time when the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the services being provided.

The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of service or in some cases, the customers required to pay on arrival. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.

Licences granted by Council are all either short-term or low value and all revenue from licences are recognised at the time the licence is granted rather than over the term of the licence.

Revenue from infringements is recognised on issue of infringement notice after applying the expected credit loss model relating to impairment of receivables for initial recognition of statutory receivables.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Fines, penalties and infringements	88	161
Permits, licences and registrations	328	345
Applications	315	239
Cemetery services	302	314
Building/plumbing domestic applications	199	214
Building/plumbing commercial applications	31	18
Water, wastewater and waste fees	1,079	742
Other fees and charges	377	387
Total fees and charges	2,719	2,420

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Note 3. Revenue (continued)

(c) Sales revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods and materials is recognised at the point in time that the customer obtains control of the goods, generally at delivery. Revenue from services is recognised when the service is rendered.

Proceeds from the sale of land held for development, less the cost of the land sold are recognised in revenue on the signing of a valid unconditional contract of sale (Note 12).

Council generates revenues from contract and recoverable works, which generally comprises a recoupment of material costs together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees. Contract revenue and associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity based on costs incurred at the reporting date. Revenue is measured at the fair value of contract received or receivable in relation to that activity. Where consideration is received for the service in advance it is included in other liabilities and is recognised as revenue in the period when the service is performed.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Rendering of services		
Contract and recoverable works	10,097	5,729
Total sale of services	10,097	5,729
Sale of goods		
Sale of scrap / surplus plant	107	123
Sale of goods / materials	30	47
Net revenue from sales of land held for development	–	881
Total sale of goods	137	1,051
Total sales revenue	10,234	6,780

(d) Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

Grant income under AASB 15

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

The performance obligations vary in each agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others. Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract. Where control is transferred over time, revenue is recognised using either costs or time incurred.

Grant income under AASB 1058

Assets arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 is recognised at the assets fair value when the asset is received. Council considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

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Note 3. Revenue (continued)

Capital grants

Where Council receives funding under an enforceable contract to acquire or construct a specified item of property, plant and equipment which will be under Council's control on completion, revenue is recognised as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed. For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred.

Donations and contributions

Where assets are donated or purchased for significantly below fair value, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the council.

Donations and contributions are generally recognised on receipt of the asset since there are no enforceable performance obligations.

Physical assets contributed to Council by developers in the form of road works, stormwater, water and wastewater infrastructure and park equipment are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control of the asset and there is sufficient data in the form of drawings and plans to determine the approximate specifications and values of such assets. Non-cash contributions with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds are recognised as non-current assets. Those below the thresholds are recorded as expenses.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(i) Operating		
State government subsidies and grants	1,233	711
Commonwealth government subsidies and grants	12,419	13,199
Disaster recovery funding arrangements (DRFA)	27,830	19,777
Contributions	192	2,247
Total recurrent grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	41,674	35,934

The Financial Assistance Grant is provided by the Commonwealth under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (Commonwealth) and is recognised upon receipt according to accounting standards. A bring-forward payment of 80% of the 2026/27 Financial Assistance Grant was received in 2025/26.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(ii) Capital		
State government subsidies and grants	13,491	19,720
Commonwealth government subsidies and grants	7,677	7,268
Donated assets	1,443	1,208
Contributions	842	577
Total capital grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	23,453	28,773

Capital revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment of new assets. It also included non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers. Council received a significant amount of capital grants during the year in response to declared disaster events in previous years. These grants were provided to support reconstruction activities to essential public assets.

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Note 3. Revenue (continued)

(iii) Timing of revenue recognition for grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

	2026		2025	
	Revenue recognised at a point in time $ '000	Revenue recognised over time $ '000	Revenue recognised at a point in time $ '000	Revenue recognised over time $ '000
Grants and subsidies	16,511	46,139	16,528	44,147
Donated assets	1,443	–	1,208	–
Contributions	1,034	–	2,824	–
	18,988	46,139	20,560	44,147

Note 4. Interest and other income

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(a) Interest income		
Interest received from term deposits	1,727	1,299
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges	238	231
Interest received from Queensland Treasury Corporation	3,247	2,889
Total interest income	5,212	4,419
(b) Other income		
Animal impounding	22	20
Fuel rebates	68	98
Legal recoveries	134	135
Other income	240	427
Total other income	464	680

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Note 5. Capital income

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(a) Gain on disposal of non-current assets			
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment		182	75
Less: carrying value of disposed property, plant and equipment	13	(151)	(123)
		31	(48)
Proceeds from disposal of land		19	–
Less: carrying value of disposed land	13	(18)	–
		1	–
(b) Other			
Insurance Recoveries		–	168
		–	168
Total capital income		32	120

Note 6. Employee benefits

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Staff wages and salaries		18,059	17,662
Councillors' remuneration*		642	606
Termination benefits		434	480
Superannuation	24	2,117	2,035
		21,252	20,783
Other employee related expenses		234	228
		21,486	21,011
Less: capitalised employee expenses		(1,770)	(1,225)
Total Employee benefits		19,716	19,786

*Councillors' remuneration represents salaries paid in respect of carrying out their duties.

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Additional information:		
Total full time equivalent Council employees at the reporting date:		
Elected members	7	7
Administration staff	92	89
Depot and outdoors staff	97	95
Total full time equivalent employees	196	191

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Note 7. Materials and services

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
All contractors excluding hire of plant	40,014	27,058
Audit fees*	116	136
Bulk water purchases	777	757
Communications and IT	1,682	1,700
Donations paid	465	663
Electricity	1,342	1,590
Fuels and oils	609	577
Goods and materials	6,395	4,033
Insurance	439	383
Legal fees	429	285
Licences, fees, subscriptions and memberships	639	660
Professional/consultancy services	445	151
Rent, rates and leasing expenses	332	332
Bad debts (recovered)/write off	(740)	393
Other expenses	21	97
Total materials and services	52,965	38,815

*Total audit fees quoted by the Queensland Audit Office relating to the audit of the 2025/26 financial statements are $139,300 (2024/25:$135,500).

Note 8. Finance costs

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Finance costs charged by the Queensland Treasury Corporation	146	157
Unwinding of discount on provision for restoration	73	81
Interest on leases	2	1
Bank charges	95	78
Total finance costs	316	317

Note 9. Capital expenses

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(a) Loss on disposal of non-current assets			
Proceeds from disposal of land and improvements		4,000	–
Less: carrying value of disposed land	13	(881)	–
Less: carrying value of disposed improvements		(4,586)	–
Loss on disposal of non-current assets		1,467	–

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Note 9. Capital expenses (continued)

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(b) Other capital expenses		
Write-off of buildings	670	6
Write-off of drainage	–	23
Write-off of other infrastructure	138	–
Write-off of roads and bridges	4,535	911
Write-off of sewerage	703	489
Write-off of water	386	29
Total other capital expenses	6,432	1,458
Total capital expenses	7,899	1,458

Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash float	2	2
Petty cash	1	1
Cash at bank	489	565
Deposits at call	90,251	66,006
Balance per Statement of Financial Position	90,743	66,574
Balance per Statement of Cash Flows	90,743	66,574
Short term investments - current		
Term deposits	42,000	34,500
Total short term investments	42,000	34,500

Restricted and internally allocated cash and cash equivalents

Unrestricted cash
Council is exposed to credit risk through its investments in the QTC Cash Fund. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio investing in a wide range of high credit rated counterparties. Deposits with the QTC Cash Fund are capital guaranteed.

Cash and cash equivalents	90,743	66,574
Short term investments	42,000	34,500
Less: externally imposed restrictions on cash	(11,534)	(18,556)
Unrestricted cash	121,209	82,518

Council's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments are subject to a number of internal and external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

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Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(i) Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date relate to the following cash assets:		
Unspent government grants and subsidies	11,534	18,556
Waste levy refund received in advance	693	384
Total externally imposed restrictions on cash assets	12,227	18,940
(ii) Internal allocations of cash at the reporting date: Internal allocations of cash may be lifted by a Council with a resolution.		
Constrained works	7,327	7,661
Future capital works	50,753	38,960
Future non-capital works	901	3,030
Total internally allocated cash	58,981	49,651

Cash at bank and cash on hand at 30 June 2026 includes $692,862 received in advance from the State Government for the State Waste Levy for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 years. This money has been set aside to help fund the Council's future waste levy expenses through to 2027/28.

Cash and deposits at call are held in various financial institutions in normal term deposits and business cheque accounts. These financial institutions have a short term credit rating of between A1+ to A3.

Trust funds

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a separate trust bank account and separate accounting records are maintained for funds held on behalf of outside parties. Funds held in the trust account include those funds from the sale of land for arrears in rates, deposits for the contracted sale of land, security deposits lodged to guarantee performance and unclaimed monies (e.g. wages). The Council performs only a custodian role in respect of these monies and because the monies cannot be used for Council purposes, they are not considered revenue nor brought to account in the financial statements since Council has no control over the assets.

Trust funds held for outside parties		
Monies collected or held on behalf of other entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those entities	1,537	1,325
	1,537	1,325

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Note 11. Receivables

Settlement of receivables is required within 30 days from invoice date.

Receivables are measured at amortised cost which approximates fair value at reporting date.

Rates and Charges: Council is empowered under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* to sell an owner's property to recover outstanding rate debts and therefore the expected credit loss is immaterial. Impairment of rates and charges will occur only if arrears are deemed to be greater than the proceeds Council would receive from the sale of the respective property.

Other Debtors: Council identifies other debtors as receivables that are not rates and charges or government receivables for community organisation loans.

Government Receivables: Federal and State government organisations that are a statutory receivables to Council; these monies are guaranteed and payments are made to Council in the required timeframes. Historical data has shown no history of defaults by government agencies and therefore no material risk in default.

Loans to community organisations are recognised at their face value. Terms are for a maximum of 10 years with no interest charged. Security is not normally obtained.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Current		
Rateable revenue and utility charges	2,250	2,757
GST recoverable	657	922
Accrued income	6,948	5,069
Prepayments	1,138	946
Other debtors	4,386	553
Loans and advances to community organisations	35	29
Total	15,414	10,276
less: Provision for impairment		
Provision for doubtful debts	(162)	(927)
Total provision for impairment - receivables	(162)	(927)
Total current receivables	15,252	9,349
Non-current		
Loans and advances to community organisations	72	83
Total non-current receivables	72	83

The impairment of receivables relates to overdue rates and charges where collection remains uncertain. Council acts in accordance with its Debt Recovery Policy and current internal processes that are in place to retreive the outstanding debts.

Interest is charged on outstanding rates in accordance with section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. No interest is charged on other debtors. Council applies normal business credit protection procedures prior to providing goods or services to minimise credit risk. There is no concentration of credit risk for rates and utility charges, fees and other debtors receivable.

The council does not require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables.

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Note 12. Inventories

Stores and raw materials
Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average cost except for land where the cost is allocated to the relevant parcel.

Land held for resale
Land acquired by Council with the intention of reselling it (with or without further development) is classified as inventory.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(a) Inventories held for sale		
Miscellaneous saleable items	–	4
(b) Inventories held for distribution		
Plant and equipment stores	945	883
(c) Land purchased for development and sale		
Land	671	671
Total inventories	1,616	1,558

Other disclosures

Inventories recognised as an expense for the year included:		
- Real estate for resale	–	168
- Stores and materials	3,418	2,888
- Trading stock	2	18

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Note 13. Property, plant and equipment

	Land $ '000	Buildings $ '000	Plant and fleet $ '000	Road, drainage and bridge network $ '000	Water $ '000	Sewerage $ '000	Other infrastructure assets $ '000	Work in progress $ '000	Total $ '000
2026									
Measurement basis	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
Fair value category	Level 2 & 3	Level 3		Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	
Opening gross balance at 1 July	18,816	112,855	8,643	648,992	140,296	134,734	48,592	79,753	1,192,681
Additions	–	–	–	1,398	45	–	–	35,427	36,870
Disposals	(899)	(8,067)	(919)	(5,471)	(622)	(1,509)	(463)	–	(17,950)
Revaluation increments to equity (ARS)	1,971	6,876	–	65,090	11,917	11,072	4,663	–	101,589
Work in progress transfers	513	1,663	1,250	24,193	1,248	2,213	1,463	(32,713)	(170)
Total gross value of property, plant and equipment at 30 June	20,401	113,327	8,974	734,202	152,884	146,510	54,255	82,467	1,313,020
Opening accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 July	–	39,186	4,328	129,171	56,041	38,843	18,684	–	286,253
Depreciation expense	–	1,717	504	7,219	1,905	2,122	1,156	–	14,623
Depreciation on disposals	–	(2,812)	(768)	(936)	(237)	(807)	(325)	–	(5,885)
Revaluation increments (decrements) to equity (ARS)	–	2,475	–	42,401	4,901	3,292	1,881	–	54,950
Total accumulated depreciation and impairment property, plant and equipment at 30 June	–	40,566	4,064	177,855	62,610	43,450	21,396	–	349,941
Total net book value of property, plant and equipment	20,401	72,761	4,910	556,347	90,274	103,060	32,859	82,467	963,079
Other information									
Range of estimated useful life (years)	Not depreciated	11 - 185	1 - 16	10 - 130	5 - 150	7 - 200	5 - 120	Not depreciated	
***Asset additions comprise**									
Asset renewals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12,557	12,557
Other additions	–	–	–	1,398	45	–	–	22,870	24,313
Total asset additions	–	–	–	1,398	45	–	–	35,427	36,870

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Note 13. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Land $ '000	Buildings $ '000	Plant and fleet $ '000	Road, drainage and bridge network $ '000	Water $ '000	Sewerage $ '000	Other infrastructure assets $ '000	Work in progress $ '000	Total $ '000
2025									
Measurement basis	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
Fair value category	Level 2 & 3	Level 3		Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	
Opening gross balance at 1 July	18,816	105,235	7,258	534,299	128,180	125,800	48,219	66,935	1,034,742
Additions	–	–	–	908	106	193	–	45,151	46,358
Disposals	–	(17)	(409)	(1,063)	(147)	(895)	(9)	–	(2,540)
Revaluation increments to equity (ARS)	–	7,577	–	106,544	–	–	–	–	114,121
Work in progress transfers	–	60	1,794	8,304	12,157	9,636	382	(32,333)	–
Total gross value of property, plant and equipment at 30 June	18,816	112,855	8,643	648,992	140,296	134,734	48,592	79,753	1,192,681
Opening accumulated depreciation and impairment at 1 July	–	34,962	4,210	127,531	54,495	37,269	17,566	–	276,033
Depreciation expense	–	1,603	405	6,251	1,664	1,980	1,127	–	13,030
Depreciation on disposals	–	(11)	(287)	(128)	(118)	(406)	(9)	–	(959)
Revaluation increments (decrements) to equity (ARS)	–	2,632	–	(4,483)	–	–	–	–	(1,851)
Total accumulated depreciation and impairment property, plant and equipment at 30 June	–	39,186	4,328	129,171	56,041	38,843	18,684	–	286,253
Total net book value of property, plant and equipment	18,816	73,669	4,315	519,821	84,255	95,891	29,908	79,753	906,428
Other information									
Range of estimated useful life (years)	Not depreciated	11-185	1-16	10-130	5-150	7-200	5-120	Not depreciated	
***Asset additions comprise**									
Asset renewals	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12,502	12,502
Other additions	–	–	–	908	106	193	–	32,649	33,856
Total asset additions	–	–	–	908	106	193	–	45,151	46,358

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Note 13. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(a) Recognition

Each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at amortised cost or fair value. Items of plant and equipment, infrastructure assets and buildings with a total value of less than $5,000 are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of property, plant and equipment are capitalised. Borrowing costs relating to the acquisition of property, plant and equipment are expensed as finance costs when they are incurred.

Land under roads and reserve land under the *Land Act 1994* or the *Land Title Act 1994* is controlled by Queensland State Government and not recognised in Council's financial statements.

(b) Measurement

Property, plant and equipment assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or fair value (as shown in the table above) less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

(c) Depreciation

Land is not depreciated as it has an unlimited useful life. Depreciation on other property, plant and equipment assets is calculated on a straight-line basis so as to write-off the net cost or revalued amount of each depreciable asset, less its estimated residual value, progressively over its estimated useful life to Council. Management believe that the straight-line basis appropriately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

Depreciation methods, estimated useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where necessary to reflect any changes in the pattern of consumption, physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence, or management intentions. The condition assessments performed as part of the annual valuation process for assets measured at depreciated current replacement cost are used to estimate the useful lives of these infrastructure assets at each reporting date. Details of the range of estimated useful lives for each class of asset are shown in Note 13.

(d) Impairment

Property, plant and equipment held at cost is assessed for indicators of impairment annually. If an indicator of possible impairment exists, Council determines the asset's recoverable amount. Any amount by which the assets carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

(e) Valuation

Land, buildings, roads, drainage, bridges, water, sewerage and other infrastructure assets are measured on the revaluation basis, at fair value, in accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. Plant and fleet, and work in progress are measured at cost.

Non-current physical assets measured at fair value are revalued, where required, so that the carrying amount of each class of asset does not materially differ from its fair value at the reporting date. This is achieved by engaging independent, professionally qualified valuers to determine the fair value for each class of property, plant and equipment assets at least once every 5 years. This process involves the valuer physically sighting a representative sample of Council assets across all asset classes and making their own assessments of the condition of the assets at the date of inspection.

In the intervening years, Council uses internal engineers and asset managers to assess the condition and cost assumptions associated with all infrastructure assets, the results of which are considered in combination with an appropriate cost index for the region. Together these are used to form the basis of a management valuation for infrastructure asset classes in each of the intervening years. With respect to the valuation of the land and improvements, buildings and major plant asset classes in the intervening years, management engage independent, professionally qualified valuers to perform a "desktop" valuation. A desktop valuation involves management providing updated information to the valuer regarding additions, deletions and changes in assumptions such as useful life, residual value and condition rating. The valuer then determines suitable indices which are applied to each of these asset classes.

On revaluation, accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of remaining useful life.

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Note 13. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

In accordance with AASB 13 fair value measurements are categorised on the following basis:

Level 1: Fair value based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2: Fair value based on inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability
Level 3: Fair value based from data unobservable in the market.

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

Each annual review asseses the indicators of change in gross value and fair value due to changes in condition (impairment), useful life and remaining useful life, residual value, pattern of consumption and change in use.

Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 and level 3 fair values

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)	Other interim revaluation adjustment
Land and improvements (level 2 and level 3)	Market approach by direct comparison	30/06/24	APV Valuers & Asset Management	APV asset revaluation index applied 11%	Nil

Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)

- The indexation percentage for land and improvement assets has been derived from market sales analysis via Pricefinder using sales transactions of other properties (price per square metre of land area) within the region adjusted for differences between key attributes of the properties and current zoning.

Buildings (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/24	APV Valuers & Asset Management	APV civic building construction costs index applied 6.5%	Nil

Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)

- The indexation percentage for the construction costs of building assets has been derived from reference to costing guides issued by the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Rawlinson's (Australian Construction Handbook), Construction Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and APV Valuers & Asset Management internal market research and costings.

Bridges (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/22	APV Valuers & Asset Management	Below revaluation index threshold	Nil
Kerb and Channel (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/23	APV Valuers & Asset Management	Below revaluation index threshold	Nil
Roads (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/25	APV Valuers & Asset Management	Below revaluation index threshold	Nil
Drainage (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/26	APV Valuers & Asset Management	N/A	Nil
Footpaths (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/26	APV Valuers & Asset Management	N/A	Nil

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Note 13. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)	Other interim revaluation adjustment
Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)					
• The indexation percentages for the construction costs of bridges, kerb and channel, roads have been derived from reference to Rawlinson's (Australian Construction Handbook) Producer Price Index and APV Valuers & Asset Management internal market research and costings. • Drainage and Footpaths were comprehensively revalued during 2025/26.					
Water assets (level 3)	Current replacement cost	31/12/22	Australis Advisory Group	APV asset revaluation index applied 8.5%	Nil
Sewerage assets (level 3)	Current replacement cost	31/12/22	Australis Advisory Group	APV asset revaluation index applied 8.2%	Nil
Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)					
• The indexation percentages for the construction costs of water and sewerage assets have been derived from reference to Rawlinson's (Australian Construction Handbook) Producer Price Index and APV Valuers & Asset Management internal market research and costings. • Standardised unit rates for construction costs have been determined by asset usage, material, depth, length and size. • The same standard of design and construction has been applied to componentisation of costs for complex assets.					
Other infrastructure assets (level 3)	Current replacement cost	30/06/23	APV Valuers & Asset Management	PPI non-residential building construction Qld index applied 9.68%	Nil
Key assumptions and estimates (related data sources)					
• The indexation percentage for the construction costs of other infrastructure assets has been derived from Producer Price Index and APV Valuers & Asset Management internal market research, costings and benchmarking against other valuations.					

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Note 14. Intangible assets

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Intangible assets are as follows:		
Software		
Opening gross carrying value	2,826	2,826
Closing gross carrying value	2,996	2,826
Opening accumulated amortisation and impairment	(2,478)	(2,389)
Amortisation charges	(93)	(89)
Closing accumulated amortisation and impairment	(2,571)	(2,478)
Net carrying value at end of financial year	425	348
Total intangible assets - net book value [1]	425	348

(1) The software has a finite life estimated at 10 years. Straight line amortisation has been used with no residual value.

Note 15. Contract balances

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(a) Contract assets		
Current		
Contract assets	13,920	14,523
Total current contract assets	13,920	14,523
(b) Contract liabilities		

Where Council has invoiced the customer or the grantor amounts in excess of what it has incurred in relation to a contract or in constructing an asset, this gives rise to a contract liability.

Current		
Grants received upfront to construct Council controlled assets	17,374	8,248
Non-capital performance obligations not yet satisfied	10,968	10,308
Total current contract liabilities	28,342	18,556
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year		
Funds to construct Council controlled assets	8,248	9,930
Non-capital performance obligations	10,308	282
Total revenue included in the contract liability	18,556	10,212

Satisfaction of contract liabilities
The contract liabilities in relation to capital grants relate to funding received prior to the work being performed since revenue is recognised as Council constructs the assets. Council expects to recognise the contract liability as income in the next year.

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Note 15. Contract balances (continued)

(c) Significant changes in contract balances

The changes in contract liabilities are mainly due to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) restoration works and the receipt of advance payments ahead of the completion of the related works.

Note 16. Leases

Council as a lessee

Council does not separate lease and non-lease components for any class of assets and has accounted for lease payments as a single component.

The right of use asset is measured using the cost model. The right of use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of asset accounting policy.

Council has made an assessment that no right of use assets and associated lease liabilities have been identified in the leases where Council is a lessee.

Exceptions to lease accounting

Council has applied the exceptions to lease accounting for both short term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. Council recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Council has reviewed commitments for expenditure as previously reported and has not identified any commitments required to be recognised under AASB 16 Leases. Refer to Note 22 for commitments for expenditure.

Leases at significantly below market value / concessionary leases

Council has a number of leases at significantly below market value for land and buildings which are used for:

- Visitor centres
- Community halls
- Sporting facilities

The leases can range between 10 to 100 year terms and require payments of $1 per annum if demanded. The use of right of use assets is restricted by the lessors to specified community services which Council must provide, these services are detailed in the leases.

Council has elected to measure the right of use asset arising from concessionary leases at cost which is based on the associated liability at initial recognition. Council does not believe that these leases are individually material.

Council as a lessor

When Council is a lessor, the lease is classified as either operating or finance lease at inception date, based on whether substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset have been transferred to the lessee. If the risks and rewards have been transferred then the lease is classified as a finance lease, otherwise it is an operating lease.

If the lease contains lease and non-lease components, then the non-lease components are accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

The lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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Note 16. Leases (continued)

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000

Operating leases

Where Council retains the risk and rewards relating to a lease, the lease is classified as an operating lease.

The minimum lease receipts are as follows:

Not later than one year	363	711
Between one and five years	1,677	3,139
Later than five years	2,972	3,434
Total lease receipts	5,012	7,284

The relevant assets are included in Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 13) as the rental is incidental or the asset is held to meet Council service delivery.

Lease and rental income	862	857
Total operating lease income (rental income)	862	857

Note 17. Payables

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000

Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.

Current

Creditors	5,922	5,253
Accrued expenses	9,761	5,396
Other entitlements	210	148
Total current payables	15,893	10,797

Non-current

Security deposit (capping of landfill)	2,629	2,629
Total non-current payables	2,629	2,629

Security deposit (capping of landfill)
The Second Waste Disposal Agreement with Veolia, dated 19 June 2017 provides for Council to charge a security deposit per tonnage. Under that contract, the security deposit is accessible by Council in the event that Veolia fails to fulfil their landfill capping obligations. An apportionment of the security deposit is to be refunded once the capping of the landfill commences.

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Note 18. Borrowings

Interest is expensed as accrued, no interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment dates vary from 16 March 2036 to 15 June 2040.

Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out Council's planned borrowings for the next ten years. Council's current policy is to only borrow for capital projects and for a term no longer than the expected life of the asset. Council also aims to comply with the Queensland Treasury Corporation's (QTC) borrowing guidelines and ensure that sustainability indicators remain within acceptable levels at all times.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Current		
Loans - QTC	430	420
Loans - other	31	30
Total current borrowings	461	450
Non-current		
Loans - QTC	5,221	5,646
Loans - other	–	31
Total non-current borrowings	5,221	5,677

The QTC loan market value at the reporting date was $4,801,332. This represents the value of the debt if Council repaid it at that date. As it is the intention of Council to hold the debt for its term, no adjustment is required to be made in these accounts.

No assets have been pledged as security by Council for any liabilities, however all loans are guaranteed by the Queensland Government. There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the 2025/26 financial year.

All borrowings are in $A denominated amounts and carried at amortised cost.

Note 19. Provisions

Annual Leave
A liability for annual leave is recognised. Amounts expected to be settled within 12 months are calculated on current wage and salary levels and include related employee on-costs. Amounts not expected to be settled within 12 months are calculated on projected future wage and salary levels and related employee on-costs, and are discounted to present values. This liability represents an accrued expense.

As Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the annual leave beyond 12 months after the reporting date, annual leave is classified as a current liability.

Long Service Leave
A liability for long service leave is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The value of the liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increases in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employee remaining in Council's employment or other associated employment which would result in Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The interest rates attaching to Commonwealth Government guaranteed securities at the reporting date are used to discount the estimated future cash outflows to their present value. The provision is discounted using the Commonwealth Bond yield rates published on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning website.

Where employees have met the prerequisite length of service and Council does not have an unconditional right to defer this liability beyond 12 months, long service leave is classified as a current liability. Otherwise it is classified as a non-current liability.

Refuse Restoration
A provision is made for the cost of restoring refuse dumps where it is probable Council will have an obligation to rehabilitate the site when the use of the facilities is complete.

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Note 19. Provisions (continued)

The calculation of the provisions use assumptions including application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. The provisions are reviewed at least annually and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time.

Refuse restoration provision represents the present value of anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the dump sites, decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites.

As refuse dumps are on state reserves which the Council does not control, the provision for restoration is treated as an expense in the year the provision is first recognised. Changes in the provision are treated as an expense or income.

The provision recognised for refuse sites is reviewed at least annually and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. The provision for 2025/26 is for two sites in Mareeba. One Mareeba site was closed in the 2017/18 financial year. The second site in Mareeba closed in the 2021/22 financial year, however Council is not financially responsible for the capping costs of this site, only the ongoing monitoring and maintenance costs.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Current		
Annual leave	2,374	2,476
Long service leave	2,065	2,093
Refuse restoration	136	117
Total current provisions	4,575	4,686
Non-current		
Long service leave	181	173
Refuse restoration	1,729	1,667
Total non-current provisions	1,910	1,840

Details of movements in provisions

Refuse restoration		
Balance at beginning of financial year	1,784	1,889
Increase due to unwinding of discount	74	81
Amounts used	(117)	(99)
Increase/(decrease) in provision due to change in rates	(104)	(87)
Change in provision due to change estimated future cost	228	–
Balance at end of financial year	1,865	1,784

Note 20. Other liabilities

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Current		
Waste levy refund received in advance	497	186
Total current other liabilities	497	186
Non-current		
Waste levy refund received in advance	196	198
Total non-current other liabilities	196	198

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Note 20. Other liabilities (continued)

Waste levy received in advance
The State Government has made advance payments to Council since June 2022 to mitigate the impact on households which took effect from 1 July 2022. Advance payments have been made to Council for future years through to 2027/28. The apportioned amounts have been recognised as a current liability and non current liability respectively as at 30 June 2026.

Note 21. Asset revaluation surplus

The asset revaluation surplus (ARS) comprises revaluation movements on property, plant and equipment.

Note 22. Commitments for expenditure

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
(a) Contractual commitments		
Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:		
Waste contracts	43,788	5,884
Cleaning and maintenance contracts	7,968	6,023
	51,756	11,907
(b) Capital commitments (exclusive of GST)		
Commitment for the construction of the following assets contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities:		
Property, plant and equipment		
Transport	9,958	482
Water	999	750
Wastewater	8,478	5,424
Buildings	437	157
Plant and fleet	–	56
Other infrastructure	918	2,689
Total commitments	20,790	9,558
These expenditures are payable as follows:		
Within the next year	19,995	8,434
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	795	1,124
Total payable	20,790	9,558

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Note 23. Contingent liabilities

Details and estimates of maximum amounts of contingent liabilities are as follows:

Local Government Mutual

The Council is a member of the local government mutual liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or it is unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises.

As at 30 June 2025 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

Local Government Workcare

Council is a member of the Queensland local government worker's compensation self-insurance scheme, Local Government Workcare. Under this scheme Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self insurance licence be cancelled and there was insufficient funds available to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the Queensland Government's worker's compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The indemnity amount provided by Council as at 30 June 2026 in relation to the Local Government Workcare Bank Guarantee is $633,600.

Note 24. Superannuation

Council contributes to the Brighter Super Regional Defined Benefits Fund (the scheme), at the rate of 12% for each standard permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the Brighter Super trust deed and may be varied on the advice of an actuary. The Regional Defined Benefits Fund is a complying superannuation scheme for the purpose of the Commonwealth Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation and is also governed by the *Local Government Act 2009*. The scheme is managed by the Brighter Super trustee.

The scheme is a pooled defined benefit plan and it is not in accordance with the deed to allocate obligations, plan assets and costs at the Council level.

Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future contribution rate obligations, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.

Council may be liable to the scheme for a portion of another local governments' obligations should that local government be unable to meet them, however the risk of this occurring is extremely low and in accordance with the Brighter Super trust deed changes to council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.

The last completed triennial actuarial assessment of the scheme as required under *Superannuation Prudential Standard 160* was undertaken as at 1 July 2024. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2024, the net assets of the scheme exceeded the vested benefits and the scheme was in a satisfactory financial position as at the valuation date." The measure of vested benefits represents the value of benefit entitlements should all participating employees voluntarily exit the scheme. The Council is not aware of anything that has happened since that time that indicates the assets of the scheme are not sufficient to meet the vested benefits as at the reporting date.

No changes have been made to prescribed employer contributions which remain at 12% of employee salary or wages and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.

The next triennial actuarial review is not due until 1 July 2027.

The most significant risks that may result in Brighter Super increasing the contribution rate, on the advice of the actuary, are:

Investment risk - The risk that the scheme's investment returns will be lower than assumed and additional contributions are needed to fund the shortfall.

Salary growth risk - The risk that wages or salaries will rise more rapidly than assumed, increasing vested benefits to be funded.

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Note 24. Superannuation (continued)

	Notes	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Superannuation contributions made to the Regional Defined Benefits Fund		106	113
Other superannuation contributions for employees		2,011	1,922
Total superannuation contributions paid by Council for employees	6	2,117	2,035

Note 25. Reconciliation of operating result

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Net operating result from income statement	32,400	48,502
Non-cash items		
Depreciation and amortisation	14,716	13,119
Finance costs - unwinding of discount	73	81
Finance income - accrued income	(801)	(949)
Bad debts written off	(740)	393
	13,248	12,644
Investing and development activities		
Net (profit)/loss on disposal of assets	7,866	1,338
Capital grants and contributions	(22,009)	(27,565)
Donated assets	(1,443)	(1,208)
	(15,586)	(27,435)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(4,013)	(3,915)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(59)	128
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets	(235)	2,023
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(1,439)	(1,103)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	660	10,026
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(41)	(68)
	(5,127)	7,091
Net cash inflow/outflow from operating activities	24,935	40,802

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Note 26. Reconciliation of liabilities arising from finance activities

	As at 30/06/25			As at 30/06/26
	Opening Balance $ '000	Cashflows $ '000	Non-cash changes (new leases) $ '000	Closing balance $ '000
Loans	6,065	(385)	–	5,650
Loans - other	62	(30)	–	32
	6,127	(415)	–	5,682

	As at 30/06/24			As at 30/06/25
	Opening Balance $ '000	Cashflows $ '000	Non-cash changes (new leases) $ '000	Closing balance $ '000
Borrowings	6,469	(404)	–	6,065
Loans - Other	21	(32)	73	62
	6,490	(436)	73	6,127

Note 27. Events after the reporting period

There has not been any event that occurred after the end of the reporting period that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the current or future financial results of the Council.

Note 28. Financial instruments and financial risk management

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities

Council has exposure to the following risks arising from financial instruments; **(i)** market risk, **(ii)** credit risk, and **(iii)** liquidity risk.

This note provides information (both qualitative and quantitative) to assist statement users evaluate the significance of financial instruments on the Council's financial position and financial performance, including the nature and extent of risks and how the Council manages these exposures.

Risk management framework

Council is responsible for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework, together with developing and monitoring risk management policies.

Council approves policies for overall risk management, as well as specifically for managing credit, liquidity and market risk.

Council's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced, to set appropriate limits and controls and to monitor these risks and adherence against limits. Council aims to manage volatility to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of Council.

Council's audit committee oversees how management monitors compliance with Council's risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by Council. Council's audit committee is assisted in its oversight role by internal audit. Internal audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the audit committee.

Council does not enter into derivatives.

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Note 28. Financial instruments and financial risk management (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. These obligations arise principally from Council's investments and receivables from customers.

Exposure to credit risk is managed through regular analysis of credit counterparty ability to meet payment obligations. Investments in financial instruments are required to be made with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) or similar state/commonwealth bodies or financial institutions in Australia, in line with the requirements of the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

The carrying amounts of financial assets at the end of the reporting period represent the maximum exposure to credit risk for the Council, refer to Notes 10 and 11.

Council does not require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables. Council does not have trade receivables for which no loss allowance is recognised because of collateral.

At reporting date, the exposure to credit risk for trade receivables by type of counterparty was as follows:

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Property charges	2,250	2,757
GST recoverable	657	922
Community organisations	107	112
Other	25,092	19,219
Total	28,106	23,010

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Council will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Council's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stress conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Council's reputation.

Exposure to liquidity risk

Council is exposed to liquidity risk through its normal course of business and through its borrowings with the Queensland Treasury Corporation.

Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash deposits to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows.

	0 to 1 year $ '000	1 to 5 years $ '000	Over 5 years $ '000	Total contractual cash flows $ '000	Carrying amount $ '000
2026					
Payables	15,760	196	2,629	18,585	19,215
Loans - QTC	560	2,242	3,705	6,507	5,650
Loans - other	31	–	–	31	32
	16,351	2,438	6,334	25,123	24,897

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Note 28. Financial instruments and financial risk management (continued)

	0 to 1 year $ '000	1 to 5 years $ '000	Over 5 years $ '000	Total contractual cash flows $ '000	Carrying amount $ '000
2025					
Payables	10,983	198	2,629	13,810	13,810
Loans - QTC	560	2,242	4,266	7,068	6,066
Loans - other	30	31	–	61	61
	11,573	2,471	6,895	20,939	19,937

The outflows in the above table are not expected to occur significantly earlier and are not expected to be for significantly different amounts than indicated in the table.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market indices, such as interest rates, will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk
Council is exposed to interest rate risk through bank deposits and borrowings with QTC.

Council has access to a mix of variable and fixed rate funding options through QTC so that interest rate risk exposure can be minimised.

The impact of a reasonably priced change in interest rates (assumed to be 1%) would not be expected to have a material impact on Council's future profits or equity.

Council does not account for any fixed-rate financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, therefore a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

(b) Fair value

The fair value of trade and other receivables and payables is assumed to approximate the value of the original transaction, less any allowance for impairment.

The fair value of borrowings with QTC is based on the market value of debt outstanding. The market value of a debt obligation is the discounted value of future cash flows based on prevailing market rates and represents the amount required to be repaid if this was to occur at balance date. The market value of debt is provided by QTC and is disclosed in Note 18.

QTC applies a book rate approach in the management of debt and interest rate risk, to limit the impact of market value movements to clients' cost of funding. The book value represents the carrying value based on amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Note 29. National competition policy

Council applies the competitive code of conduct to the following activities:

- Water services
- Sewerage services
- Waste management
- Laboratory services
- Building services

This requires the application of full cost pricing, identifying the cost of community service obligations (CSO) and eliminating the advantages and disadvantages of public ownership within that activity.

The CSO value is determined by Council, and represents an activities cost(s) which would not be incurred if the primary objective of the activities was to make a profit. Council provides funding from general revenue to the business activity to cover the cost of providing non-commercial community services or costs deemed to be CSO's by Council.

The following activity statements are for activities subject to the competitive code of conduct:

	Water services 2026 $'000	Sewerage services 2026 $'000	Waste management 2026 $'000	Laboratory services 2026 $'000	Building services 2026 $'000
Revenue for services provided to the Council	301	53	260	123	-
Revenue for services provided to external clients	9,824	7,853	6,881	108	-
Community service obligations	-	-	-	-	-
	10,125	7,906	7,141	231	-
Less: expenditure	7,590	5,166	5,447	299	7
Surplus (Deficit)	2,535	2,740	1,694	(68)	(7)

Note 30. Transactions with related parties

(a) Key management personnel

Transactions with key management personnel

Key management personnel (KMP) are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities either directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) at Council. KMP include the Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and some executive management.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
The compensation paid to key management personnel comprises:		
Short-term employee benefits	1,685	1,591
Post-employment benefits	163	161
Total	1,848	1,752

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Note 30. Transactions with related parties (continued)

(b) Other related parties

Transactions with other related parties

Other related parties include the close family members of KMP and any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members. Close family members include a spouse, child and dependent of a KMP or their spouse.

Details of transactions between Council and other related parties include:

Transaction type	Additional information	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Purchase of materials and services from entities controlled by KMP	30(b)(i)	1,558	1,477
Employee expenses for close family member	30(b)(ii)	97	84
		1,655	1,561

(i) Council purchased the following material and services from entities that are controlled by members of KMP. All materials and services purchased from entities controlled by KMP were at arm's length and were in the normal course of Council operations.

	2026 $ '000	2025 $ '000
Transport Services	1	1
Minor Purchases	4	4
Waste Contract Services	1,553	1,472
	1,558	1,477

(ii) Council employs 196 full time equivalent employees of which 1 is a close family member of KMP. All close family members of KMP were employed through an arm's length process. They are paid in accordance with the Award for the job they perform.

(c) Outstanding balances

There were no balances outstanding at the end of the reporting period in relation to transactions with related parties.

(d) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

Council does not make loans to or receive loans from related parties. No guarantees have been provided.

(e) Commitments to/from other related parties

There were no commitments in the 2025/26 financial year.

(f) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed

Most of the entities and people that are related parties of Council live and operate within the Mareeba Shire. Therefore on a regular basis, ordinary citizen transactions occur between Council and its related parties. Some examples include:

- Payment of rates
- Dog registration
- Use of public pool
- Borrowing books from a Council library

Council has not included these types of transactions in its disclosure, where they are made on the same terms and conditions available to the general public.

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General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2026

Management Certificate

for the year ended 30 June 2026

These General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared pursuant to sections 176 and 177 of the *Local Government Regulation* 2012 (the Regulation) and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation, we certify that:

i. the prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulations 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and

ii. the general purpose financial statements, as set out on pages 1 to 39, present a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.

Angela Toppin
Mayor
06/10/2026

Peter Franks
Chief Executive Officer
06/10/2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the councillors of Mareeba Shire Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Mareeba Shire Council (the council).

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information and the certificate given by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s. 40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2026:

a) I received all the information and explanations I required.

b) I consider that, the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts were complied with in all material respects.

c) In my opinion, the financial report:

   i. gives a true and fair view of the council's financial position as at 30 June 2026, and of its financial performance for the year then ended

   ii. complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The council is responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in Mareeba Shire Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 was the current year financial sustainability statement, current year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios (unaudited) and unaudited long-term financial sustainability statement and annual report.

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My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the council for the financial report

The council is responsible for:

- the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the Local Government Regulation 2012, and other prescribed requirements and Australian Accounting Standards, and such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- the establishment and keeping of accounts in accordance with prescribed requirements
- assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is intended to abolish the council or to otherwise cease operations of the council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. My auditor's report must state whether I have received all the information and explanations required, and whether I consider the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:
www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

A further description of my responsibilities under the *Auditor-General Act 2009* and *Auditor-General Auditing Standards* is located at the Queensland Audit Office website at:
www.qao.qld.gov.au/audit-program/audit-standards

This description forms part of my auditor's report.

M Manuel

9 October 2026

Megan Manuel
as delegate of the Auditor-General

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Mareeba Shire Council

Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026

		Target Tier 4	Actual 2026	5 Yr Av. 2022-26
Audited ratios				
Council's performance at 30 June 2026 against key financial ratios and targets.				
Liquidity				
1. Unrestricted cash expense coverage ratio				
Total cash and equivalents add current investments add available ongoing QTC working capital limit less externally restricted cash / Total operating expenditure less depreciation and amortisation less finance costs	x 12	Greater than 4 months	**19.9 months**	**N/A**
The unrestricted cash expense cover ratio is an indicator of the unconstrained liquidity available to a council to meet ongoing and emergent financial demands, which is a key component to solvency. It represents the number of months a council can continue operating based on current monthly expenses. In 2025/26, Council has sufficient unrestricted cash to cover a portion of its future planned expenses, such as infrastructure investments, and if necessary, address unplanned expenses or disaster recovery effects.				
Operating performance				
2. Operating surplus ratio				
Operating result / Total operating revenue		Greater than 0%	**16.09%**	**15.44%**
The operating surplus ratio is an indicator of the extent to which operating revenues generated cover operational expenses. Any operating surplus would be available for capital funding or other purposes. In 2025/26 Council closed the financial year with a reasonable operating result without reliance of the early payment of the Financial Assistance Grant.				
3. Operating cash ratio				
Operating result add depreciation and amortisation add finance costs / Total operating revenue		Greater than 0%	**30.30%**	**32.39%**
The operating cash ratio is a measure of council's ability to cover its core operational expenses and generate a cash surplus excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs. Council budgets a surplus each year to ensure it generates a surplus from its core operations, enabling it to primarily self fund capital expenditure in line with Asset Management Plan and the Long Term Financial Forecast.				
Asset management				
4. Asset sustainability ratio				
Capital expenditure on replacement of infrastructure assets (renewals) / Depreciation expenditure on infrastructure assets		Greater than 80%	**88.94%**	**113.44%**
The asset sustainability ratio approximates the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by a council are being replaced as they reach the end of their useful lives. Over the long term, Council is adequately renewing its assets as they reach the end of their useful lives.				
5. Asset consumption ratio				
Written down replacement cost of depreciable infrastructure assets / Current replacement cost of depreciable infrastructure assets		Greater than 60%	**71.21%**	**73.90%**
The asset consumption ratio approximates the extent to which Council's infrastructure assets have been consumed compared to what it would cost to build a new asset with the same benefit to the community. Council's assets are being consumed in line with their estimated useful lives.				

Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026 (continued)

	Target Tier 4	Actual 2026	5 Yr Av. 2022-26
Debt servicing capacity			
6. Leverage ratio			
Book value of debt / Total operating revenue less total operating expenditure add depreciation and amortisation	0 - 3 times	**0.2 times**	**0.3 times**

The leverage ratio is an indicator of a council's ability to repay its existing debt. It measures the relative size of the council's debt to its operating performance. In 2025/26 Council has the ability to repay its existing debt and maintain a relatively low level of debt.

Note 1 - basis of preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to calculate the 6 reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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Certificate of Accuracy (audited ratios)

This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



Angela Toppin
Mayor
06/10/2026



Peter Franks
Chief Executive Officer
06/10/2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of Mareeba Shire Council

Report on the Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying current year financial sustainability statement of Mareeba Shire Council (the council).

The financial sustainability statement for the year ended 30 June 2026, comprises the statement, explanatory notes, and the certificate of accuracy given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s.212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in my opinion, in all material respects, the current year financial sustainability statement is accurately calculated in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the statement in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 which describes the basis of accounting. The current year financial sustainability statement has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 for the purpose of fulfilling the council's reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Regulation 2012. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The council is responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the Council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026, but does not include the financial sustainability statement and our auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 was the general-purpose financial statements, current-year financial sustainability statement - contextual ratios (unaudited), the unaudited long-term financial sustainability statement and the annual report.

My opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the general-purpose financial report.

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In connection with my audit of the financial sustainability statement, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial sustainability statement and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the councillors for the current year financial sustainability statement

The council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 and the Local Government Regulation 2012. The council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the council determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the statement that is accurately calculated and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the current year financial sustainability statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this statement.

My responsibility does not extend to forming an opinion on the appropriateness or relevance of the reported ratios, nor on the council's future sustainability.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of material accounting policy information used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council.

I communicate with the council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

M Manuel

9 October 2026

Megan Manuel
as delegate of the Auditor General

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

Mareeba Shire Council

Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026

		Actual 2026	5 Yr Av. 2022-26
Contextual ratios (unaudited)			
Financial capacity			
1. Council controlled revenue			
Net rates, levies and charges add fees and charges / Total operating revenue		**44.09%**	**54.18%**
2. Population growth			
Prior year estimated population / Previous year estimated population	- 1	**1.27%**	**1.14%**

Council controlled revenue is an indicator of a council's financial flexibility, ability to influence its operating income, and capacity to respond to unexpected financial shocks. The outcome is influenced by a moderate proportion of rates revenue, which accounts for 45% of operating revenue and fees and charges contributing just 3%. As a result, Council has limited flexibility to increase revenue and is somewhat dependent on grants and contracts.

Population growth is a key driver of a council's operating income, service needs, and infrastructure requirements into the future. Inputs for this ratio are provided by the State. The population growth is in line with Council estimate.

Note 1 - basis of preparation

The current year financial sustainability statement - Contextual Ratios is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024. The amounts used to calculate the 2 reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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Certificate of Accuracy (contextual ratios - unaudited)

This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this current year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



Angel Toppin
Mayor
06/10/2026



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Chief Executive Officer
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Unaudited Long Term Financial Sustainability Statement prepared as at 30 June 2026

	Target 2026	Actual 2026	Forecast 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Measures of financial sustainability												
Liquidity												
1. Unrestricted cash expense coverage ratio	Greater than 4 months	**19.9 months**	N/A for long term sustainability statement									
The unrestricted cash expense cover ratio is an indicator of the unconstrained liquidity available to a council to meet ongoing and emergent financial demands, which is a key component to solvency. It represents the number of months a council can continue operating based on current monthly expenses.												
Operating performance												
2. Operating surplus ratio	Greater than 0%	**16.1%**	8.3%	8.9%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%
The operating surplus ratio is an indicator of the extent to which operating revenues generated cover operational expenses. Any operating surplus would be available for capital funding or other purposes.												
3. Operating cash ratio	Greater than 0%	**30.3%**	32.2%	32.8%	32.8%	32.8%	32.8%	32.8%	32.7%	32.7%	32.7%	32.7%
The operating cash ratio is a measure of council's ability to cover its core operational expenses and generate a cash surplus excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs.												
Asset management												
4. Asset sustainability ratio	Greater than 80%	**89%**	96%	172%	87%	89%	88%	92%	89%	110%	87%	90%
The asset sustainability ratio approximates the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by a council are being replaced as they reach the end of their useful lives.												
5. Asset consumption ratio	Greater than 60%	**71%**	73%	72%	70%	69%	67%	65%	64%	64%	62%	60%
The asset consumption ratio approximates the extent to which council's infrastructure assets have been consumed compared to what it would cost to build a new asset with the same benefit to the community.												

	Target 2026	Actual 2026	Forecast 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Debt servicing capacity												
7. Leverage ratio	0 - 3 times	**0.2 times**	0.3 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.2 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times	0.1 times
The leverage ratio is an indicator of a council's ability to repay its existing debt. It measures the relative size of the council's debt to its operating performance.												
Financial capacity												
8. Council controlled revenue	N/A	**44.1%**	75.4%	75.4%	75.4%	75.5%	75.5%	75.5%	75.6%	75.6%	75.7%	75.7%
Council controlled revenue is an indicator of a council's financial flexibility, ability to influence its operating income, and capacity to respond to unexpected financial shocks.												
9. Population growth	N/A	**1.3%**					0.9%					
Population growth is a key driver of a council's operating income, service needs, and infrastructure requirements into the future.												

Mareeba Shire Council Financial Management Strategy

Council measures revenue and expenditure trends over time as a guide to future requirements and to make decisions about the efficient allocation of resources to ensure the most effective provision of services. Council ensures that its financial management strategy is prudent and that its long-term financial forecast shows a sound financial position whilst also being able to meet the community's current and future needs.

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Certificate of Accuracy - Long Term Financial Sustainability Statement

This long-term financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with Section 212(5) of the Regulation we certify that this long-term financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.



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06/10/2026



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8.10 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026/27 PROGRESS REPORT

Date Prepared: **28 September 2026**

Author: **Director Corporate and Community Services**

Attachments: **1. Operational Plan Progress Report July to September 2026** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report provides information regarding the progress of the 2026/27 Operational Plan projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the progress report on the implementation of the 2026/27 Operational Plan for the period July to September 2026.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides that a local government must prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each year. The Operational Plan is a statement of specific works to be undertaken and services to be provided to progress the goals and objectives set out in a Council's Corporate Plan over a period of one (1) year.

Council adopted the Operational Plan for 2026/27 on 17 June 2026.

In accordance with section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Chief Executive Officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than three (3) months.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is a statutory requirement for an assessment of progress in implementing the Operational Plan to be presented to Council at least on a quarterly basis.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Nil

Operating
Nil

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Financial Sustainability and Governance

"A financially sustainable council that applies strategic decision making and good governance to deliver cost-effective services."

Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Long-term Financial Plan	**FG 1**	Effective and sustainable financial management	Finance	• Ensure Long Term Asset Management Plan and Financial Plan aligns with revised Sub-Asset Management Plans and Local Government Infrastructure Plan	• Confirmed both Long Term Asset Management Plan and Financial Plan align • Finalised Long Tern Financial Plan adopted alongside budget at Special Budget meeting in July 2026	• Completed
Comprehensive Asset Revaluations: • Bridges	**FG 1** **TI 2**	Effective and sustainable financial management Sustainable Infrastructure for the future	Finance	• Comprehensive revaluations	• Preparations to commence shortly	• Not commenced
Internal Access to Financial Information	**FG 2** **FG 3**	Effective Business Management A Skilled and Sustainable Workforce	Finance	• More users able to operate financial systems and locate relevant documentation • Provide in-house training and support	• Continued improvements on reporting options and training available as requested	• In progress
Information Systems Strategy implementation	**FG 2**	Effective business management	Information Systems & Governance	• Continue to provide further system enhancements • Continue migration of Property & Rating suite to CiAnywhere	• Initiated readiness assessment project with vendor to support Property & Rating CiA migration	• In progress
Sustainable Workforce	**FG 3**	A skilled and sustainable workforce	Human Resources	• Training and development to improve efficiencies and ensure workplace safety	• Organisation wide training program delivered to meet the requirements of Council	• Completed

Financial Sustainability and Governance

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Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Workforce Management	**FG 3**	A skilled and sustainable workforce	Human Resources	• Enhance recruitment software as necessary to improve applicant and employer experience	• Further enhancements of recruitment software are being introduced as required	• In progress
Cybersecurity Enhancements	**FG 4**	Effective governance	Information Systems & Governance	• Continue to monitor security measures as defined by the ACSC Essential 8 • Renew incident response partnership • Continue cyber awareness and response training	• Monitoring of cybersecurity measures • Ongoing phishing, cybersecurity and AI awareness training	• In progress
Compliance Monitoring	**FG 4**	Effective governance	Human Resources	• Comply with relevant legislative requirements • Comply with requirements of the LGW Mutual Risk Obligation program	• Full compliance with employee related legislative requirements achieved • All requirements of LGW mutual risk obligations program completed • Safety Management System in place and being implemented	• Completed
Accountable Decision Making	**FG 4**	Effective governance	All	• Fulfil Audit Committee objectives including implementation of Internal Audit Plan • Achieve External Audit compliance • Prepare and present Annual Report in line with statutory and regulatory requirements	• Audit committee meeting to be held on 6th October which will endorse Internal Audit Plan and Financial Statements and Annual Report will be presented to Council October meeting • External audit achieved compliance	• In progress

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Community and Culture

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

Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Arts Connection to Tourism	**CC 2**	A vibrant and healthy community	Customer & Community	• Promote public art trail • Implement Regional Art Development Fund (RADF) community grant round • Implement arts sector capability building activities through RADF	• RADF Community Grants Round opened 1 July 2026 and closed 31 August 2026. Round is highly competitive with 24 applications lodged • RADF Advisory Committee met on 14 September to assess applications and make recommendations to Council	• In progress
Enhanced Online Presence	**CC 1**	An engaged community	All	• Improved access to online information and services	• Ongoing improvements to website content, as required and as opportunities for enhancements are identified	• In progress
Community Safety	**CC 2** **EG 2**	A vibrant and healthy community Effective strategic partnerships	Customer & Community Office of the CEO	• Advocate for community safety	• Collaborating for Community Safety meeting held July 2026 • Motion lodged with Local Government Association Queensland requesting Queensland Government respond to increasing community safety issues caused by discarded needles in public spaces • Kuranda Interagency meeting attended	• In progress

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Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Disaster Resilience	**CC 3**	A resilient community	Customer & Community Office of the CEO	• Promote resilience through Get Ready initiatives • Support LDMG • Continue to support the Community Guardians and further develop the Community Resilience Network	• Delivered training courses across the region – First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Chainsaw, • Held Farmers Forum in Dimbulah and Farm Fire workshop in Mareeba • Continue to develop the Community Guardians Network • Commenced community consultation on Disaster Resilience Plans	• In progress

Transport and Infrastructure

"The provision of quality infrastructure to service our growing community using sound asset management principles."

Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Review Asset Management Plans across asset classes	**TI 1** **TI 2** **LE 1** **FG 1**	Safe, reliable and resilient infrastructure Sustainable Infrastructure for the future Attractive and accessible public facilities Effective and sustainable financial management	Assets & Projects Technical Services Finance Works	• Undertake data verification • Undertake condition assessment and defect identification across individual asset classes. • Document and review maintenance prioritisation and operational activities • Improvement of asset management processes to be reflected in Long Term Asset Management Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan • Finalise interim amendment of LGIP and incorporate into LTAMP	• Continuous improvement in data, condition assessment, defect identification, maintenance prioritisation and operational activities continue across various asset classes • Interim amendment of the LGIP is with the independent reviewer ahead of adoption by Council.	• In progress
Restoration of assets damaged by disasters	**TI 1**	Safe, reliable and resilient infrastructure	Disaster Recovery Works Water & Waste	• Rectify disaster impacted infrastructure assets in accordance with funding guidelines and approvals • Seek Betterment opportunities where possible • Support LGAQ and Queensland Government advocacy for DRFA arrangements continuation	• Ongoing per DRFA Approvals. • Betterment opportunities investigated in line with activated events	• In progress

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Transport and Infrastructure

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Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Secure Water Supply	**TI 1**	Safe, reliable and resilient infrastructure	Water & Waste	• Continue implementation of water treatment and reticulation asset renewal projects	• 2026-2027 water main renewal program of works underway in Mareeba, Mt Molloy water main renewals project works to commence January 2027	• In progress
Roads Strategy	**TI 1** **TI 2** **EG1**	Safe, reliable and resilient infrastructure Sustainable Infrastructure for the future Sustainable economic development and growth	Works Assets & Projects Technical Services	• Finalise preparation and implementation of Roads Strategy	• Further development of elements identified within Draft Roads Strategy	• In progress
Mareeba CBD Blueprint	**TI 1** **TI 2** **LE 1** **EG1**	Safe, reliable and resilient infrastructure Sustainable Infrastructure for the future Attractive and accessible public facilities Sustainable economic development and growth	Assets & Projects	• Continue to progress development of Mareeba CBD Blueprint • Source funding opportunities to implement initiatives per construction ready designs	• Progress remains on track with milestones • Detailed construction ready designs have been reviewed by Council officers, ready to be updated by the consultant	• In progress

Liveability and Environment "Improve the liveability of the Shire by enhancing amenity and valuing natural assets"						
Project	**Corporate Plan Ref**	**Corporate Plan Goal**	**Business Section**	**Performance Measures**	**Actions Taken July to September 2026**	**Progress:** • **Not commenced** • **In Progress** • **Completed**
Waste Management Services Strategy	**LE 3**	Environmentally responsible service delivery	Water & Waste Finance	• Implement new kerbside collection contract • Commence review of waste management service contractual needs • Review and update Waste Strategy to align with State and Regional Waste Plans and Council's future waste management needs as determined through 2026 community survey outcomes • Promote waste education, resource recovery and recycling opportunities	• Waste management services tender reviewed and to be workshopped with Council in conjunction with waste management servicing needs • Waste strategy reviewed and updated following initial feedback from Council will be presented to Council with suggested changes for a final review in October	• In progress • In progress
Planning Scheme Review	**LE 2**	Sustainable Planning and protection of environmental assets	Planning & Building	• Continue major review of MSC Planning Scheme and supporting documents • Provide updated planning data for LGIP renewal	• Draft Residential Land Supply & Housing Needs Assessment received, and officers are considering proposed options and infrastructure demands. • LGIP review is continuing	• In progress
Reef Guardian Council	**LE 2**	Sustainable Planning and protection of environmental assets	Technical Services	• Implement Reef Guardian Action Plan	• Implementation of Action Plan Continues • Attendance at Reef Guardian Council Executive Committee and Working Group meeting	• In progress

Economy and Growth

"Promote and encourage investment in local industry to build a resilient economy."

Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Strategic Partnerships	**EG 2** **CC 2** **TI 2** **LE 1** **EG1**	Effective strategic partnerships A vibrant and healthy community Sustainable Infrastructure for the future Attractive and accessible public facilities Sustainable economic development growth	Office of the CEO	• Continue active participation in FNQROC • Continue to Advocate to State and Federal Governments for key priorities • Continue to support LTO and Chamber of Commerce • Update the suite of MSC Advocacy documents	• Ongoing FNQROC meetings • Regular meetings with state members • Mayor participation in LGAQ Policy Executive is ongoing • Supported LTO at Irvinebank Festival and Mareeba Multicultural Festival with Tourism Stall and provided secretariat support for Quarterly LTO Board Meeting • Held an Advocacy Workshop facilitated by Section 51 with internal MSC stakeholders to progress advocacy priorities	• In progress
Housing Strategy	**EG 1**	Sustainable economic development and growth	All	• Continue to implement MSC Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) initiatives • Divest Community Housing for Seniors Service to community management for leveraging additional stock	• Continued liaison with Department of Housing and Public Works to progress divestment proposal • Initiated road opening survey work in affected reserve land	• In progress

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Economy and Growth

"Promote and encourage investment in local industry to build a resilient economy."

Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Economic Development Strategy	**EG 1**	Sustainable economic development and growth	Office of the CEO	• Promote local and regional economic development based on MSC Economic Development Strategy	• Economic Development strategy adopted 15 July 2026 • JCU Tax Help Clinics hosted in Kuranda, Mareeba and Dimbulah Successful EOI for Regional Business Gateways Funding – full application submitted • Ongoing participation in SBFC Program and submission of annual program report	• Completed

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Economy and Growth

"Promote and encourage investment in local industry to build a resilient economy."

Project	Corporate Plan Ref	Corporate Plan Goal	Business Section	Performance Measures	Actions Taken July to September 2026	Progress: • Not commenced • In Progress • Completed
Mareeba Industrial Estate	**EG 1**	Sustainable economic development and growth	Technical Services Information Systems & Governance	• Finalise costing and funding options for staged implementation of Stage 11 of revised Masterplan • Continue promotion and marketing through external agent • Advocate for funding to catalyse construction of Stage 11	• Awaiting Ergon electrical costings for stage 11 • Grant opportunities being explored	• In progress
Tom Gilmore Mareeba Aviation Industrial Precinct	**EG 1** **EG 2**	Sustainable economic development and growth Effective strategic partnerships	Tourism & Economic Development	• Promote development opportunities • Continue engagement with airport user group and FNQ Aviation Museum	• Development opportunities promoted by Council website, social media and e-newsletter • Engagement continues with airport user group and FNQ Aviation Museum	• Completed

8.11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **14 September 2026**

Author: **Manager Assets and Projects**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

The capital works program is tracking within budget.

Infrastructure and Assets

Infrastructure and Assets Projects included in the current capital works program were identified through Council's decision-making framework and project prioritisation criteria, which uses a risk-based, multi-criteria approach to rank projects in order of priority. The decision-making framework and criteria are aligned with Council's Long-Term Financial Plan and Asset Management sub-plans, which focus of renewal of existing assets.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
All capital works are listed in and funded by the 2026/27 Capital Works Program.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Infrastructure Services Capital Works Report Project Highlights – September 2026

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

Program: Parks & Gardens

Background:

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

This project is funded by the Queensland Government's Multicultural Connect Grant Program in partnership with Mareeba Shire Council.

Scope of Work:

The project scope of work includes:

- Installation of a multicultural welcome sign to acknowledge and celebrate Mareeba's rich diversity.
- An extended concrete pathway network to improve accessibility and functionality.
- Basketball court upgrade to enhance the event space.
- Refurbishment of the pavilions to support the diverse activities the park hosts.
- New park furniture and drinking fountain to improve the parks amenities.

Works Progress:

The new concrete basketball court base has been installed and is curing before the sports surfacing and line marking can be applied. The internal concrete footpath connections have been completed and the pavilions refurbishment commenced with structures surfaces and roof cleaning being completed prior to painting commencing.

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Basketball Court Concrete Pour and New Seat Slabs



Footpath Articulated Joints Installed in the Fig Tree Root Zone

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Concrete Concourse & Footpath Completed



Concrete Footpath Completed

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Pavilions Refurbishment Complete

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Project Name: Ada Creek Causeway Upgrade

Program: Infrastructure Services

Background:

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

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

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

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

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

Scope of Work:

The causeway projects scope of works includes:

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

Works Progress:

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

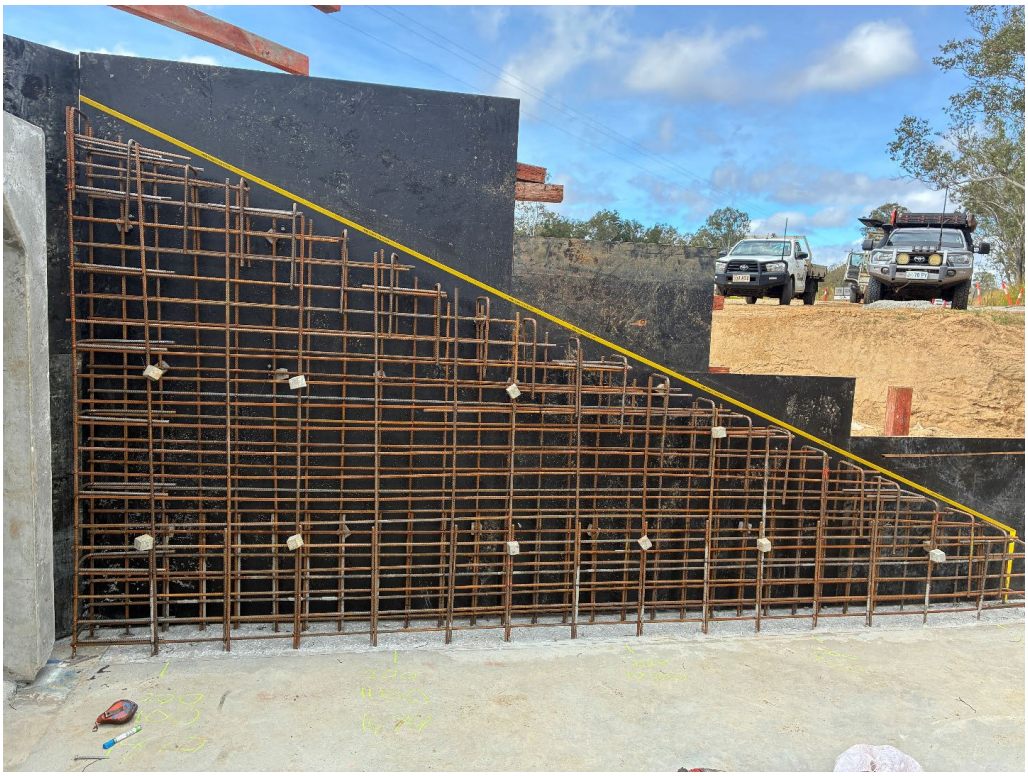
Roadworks base gravel boxing out and reinstatement has commenced on both the northern and southern approaches to the culvert structure.

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Ada Creek Apron Formed Up Ready to Pour



Ada Creek Wing Wall Steel Pre-Pour

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Ada Creek Roadway Concrete Deck Complete

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Project Name: Walsh Street Safety and Stormwater Upgrade

Background

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

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

Scope of Work

The scope of works includes:

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

Progress Update

Construction Progress Summary

- All stormwater pipe installation is complete.
- Underground electrical conduiting works is complete.
- Works around kerb inlet pits and kerbing installation is complete.
- Roundabout reconfiguration works have commenced with preparation underway to minimise traffic disruption during upcoming asphalting works planned for November.

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Placement and Compaction of Base Gravel Prior to Kerb Construction.



Kerb Installation Eastern side of Walsh-Rankin Street

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Electrical Conduiting Works For Pedestrian Island Streetlights



Kerb Inlet Pit Lids and Lintels Installation

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Stormwater Pit Formwork Installation



Stormwater Pit Lid And Manhole Access Concrete Pour

Infrastructure Services Capital Works Report
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Project Name: Leadingham Creek Road Rehabilitation, Widen and Seal

Program: Rural Roads

Background

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

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

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

Scope of Works

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

Progress Update

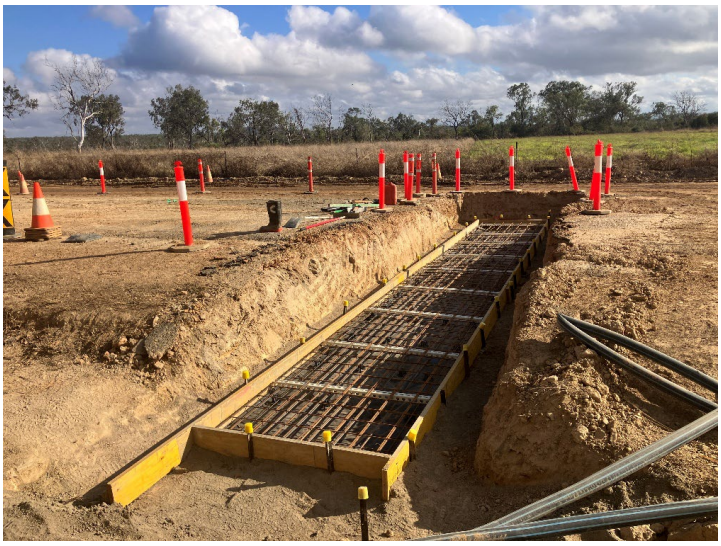
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1) Bulk earthworks, embankment works
2) Importing of subgrade material
3) Construction of Culvert Crossings

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Embankment works



Culvert crossing construction

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Chainage 8.04 – 11.48

4) Preparation of base for new culvert construction



Preparation of culvert base slab subgrade

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Project Highlights – September 2026

Project Name: 2026-2027 Water Main Replacement

Program: Water

Background

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

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

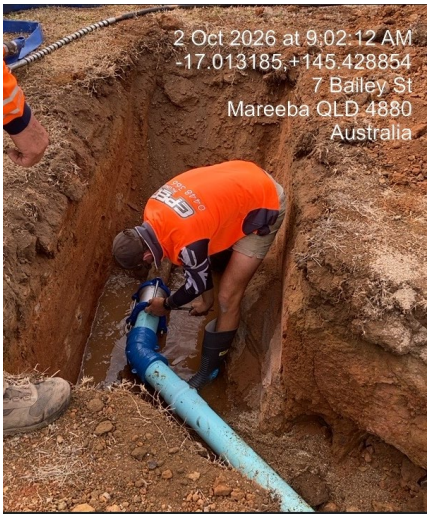
Scope of Works

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

Progress Update

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

Additional works have progressed along Bailey and Lannoy Street within Kenneally estate.



Before



After

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Project Name: Geraghty Park Julatten Pump Track

Program: Parks and Gardens

Background

The Geraghty Park Playground in Julatten was identified for renewal and upgrade under Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. The existing playground had reached the end of its useful life and required replacement.

During the project planning process, a community request was received proposing the development of a pump track in place of a traditional playground. In response, Council undertook broader community engagement to seek feedback on the proposed development of a pump track in place of a traditional playground. The feedback process identified an opportunity to provide a more contemporary recreational facility that responds to community interests and provides an activity suitable for children, young people and families. This project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes:

- A purpose-built asphalt pump track incorporating interconnected rollers, berms and riding features suitable for bicycles, scooters, skateboards and similar wheeled recreational equipment.
- A covered picnic table

Progress Update

All works to finalise the pump track have been completed. Further works are progressing to provide a sheltered picnic table and the removal of the old playground located behind the hall.



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Project Name: Mareeba Cemetery Columbarium Wall

Program: Cemeteries

Background

Mareeba Cemetery is an established cemetery servicing the Mareeba community and surrounding district, with Council responsible for the ongoing management, maintenance and provision of cemetery infrastructure.

Council has identified the need to provide an additional above-ground columbarium wall to accommodate increasing demand for cremation interments. A columbarium provides a dedicated facility for the interment of cremated remains within individual memorial niches, providing an alternative to traditional burial plots.

The works comprise the construction of a new columbarium wall within the Mareeba Cemetery. The facility will provide additional double niche capacity while making efficient use of the existing cemetery land and complementing the existing cemetery infrastructure and memorial areas.

Scope of Works

The scope of works includes:

- Site preparation, establishment of the required foundations and slab,
- Construction and finishing of the concrete block and clay brick columbarium wall
- Installation of individual niches and reinstatement of surrounding areas.

Progress Update

All construction works are completed.





Completed columbarium wall

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

Program: Facilities

Background

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

The conversion of the function centre will provide Council with an additional community resilience asset. Once completed, the facility will provide an important community resource that can support local residents during emergency and disaster events.

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

Scope of Works

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

Progress Update

Installation of the emergency generator and associated electrical works is complete. Upgrades to the kitchen and bathroom facilities are nearing completion, with installation of the external window debris screens scheduled for mid-October 2026.



New Generator & housing structure



Bathroom upgrades near completion

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

Program: Wastewater

Background

The Atherton Street Sewer Pump Station upgrade is a critical infrastructure project that will replace ageing, capacity-constrained assets to ensure reliable wastewater services and support future growth in Mareeba Shire. Currently operating in poor condition and at capacity, the existing system services approximately 2,467 Equivalent Persons (798 dwellings). The proposed upgrade will increase capacity to approximately 6,920 Equivalent Persons (2,768 dwellings), enabling an additional 1,970 connections.

This project will modernise the sewer network, improve operational efficiency, reduce infrastructure risk, and directly support increased housing supply by enabling new residential development. This project is funded by the Queensland Government Residential Activation Fund.

Scope of Works

The projects scope of works includes:

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

Progress Update

During September, refurbishment works completed on inside sections of the wet well. These works include the restoration of the internal structure and preparation for the installation of new mechanical and electrical components.

The new rising main alignment has been marked out in preparation for excavations and installations works.

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New Rising main alignment markup



Refurbished internal sections of wet well

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Project Name: Kenneally Road Gravity Sewer Main Upgrade

Program: Wastewater

Background

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

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

Scope of Works

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

The project scope includes:

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

Progress Update

During September, trenching works for the House Connection Branches (HCB's) continued along Constance Street, with steady progress achieved throughout the month despite rock encountered whilst excavating the trenches. The contractor worked closely with Council to effectively manage traffic conditions, particularly around school peak periods, ensuring disruption to motorists and pedestrians was minimised as much as practicable.

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Trenching works encountering rock



Trenching works for the House Connection Branches

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0006639	26/27 Bitumen & Asphalt Reseal Program	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting.	Construction
CP0006640	26/27 Gravel Resheet Program	Re-sheets scheduled for Cobra Rd, Emerald Falls Rd, Kanervo Rd, Bolton Rd and Kay Rd. Procurement of gravel underway.	Construction
CP00797	TIDS 22/23 24/25 Rankin/Walsh St R'bout	Stormwater pit installation is complete with general reinstatement, gravel compaction and kerb tie-ins also completed around the structures. Kerb and channel works have been completed with concrete footpath reinstatement about to commence. The electrical sub-contractor has completed the underground conduiting for the streetlighting installation.	Construction
CP0002040	KDA KIA08 Barron Falls/Masons Rd/L-out	Designs to be completed prior to end of Calendar year by external consultant. Fee proposals requested.	Design
CP0002041	KDA KIA09 Barron Falls Rd Thongon-Mason	Detailed design commenced, anticipate completion by end of calendar year.	Design
CP0002048	KDA Kda Heights Rd Intersection Upgrade	External consultant engaged for design.	Design
CP0002050	MBA McIver Rd Upgrades	Concepts completed mid-May 2026, with Construction Designs to be completed October 2026	Design
CP0002051	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch3.598-5.2	Works complete	Construction
CP0002052	TIDS 24-27 DIM Leadingham C/R 8.04-11.48	Signs installed. 12-Mile Crossing demolished and excavated to depth.	Construction
CP0002056	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch5.2-6.72	Majority subgrade works complete. Importing of base material commenced.	Construction
CP0002060	KDA Oak Forest Rd Rehab & Widen	Design in progress	Design
CP0002061	KOAH Koah Rd Widen & Seal to 8m	Concept plan completed, Detailed design pending resourcing	Design
CP0002063	DIM Leadingham Ck Rd - Ch6.72-8.04	Culvert works complete.	Construction
CP0002066	DIM Leafgold Weir Rd Widen Curves	Design in progress	Design
CP0002077	MBA Fassio Rd Widen & Bitumen Seal	Design in progress	Design
CP0002082	CRC Ootann Rd Widen & Seal CH72.5 - 77.7	External Consultant to be engaged to deliver design.	Design
CP0006656	MBA Barron River Fire Trail Upgrade, Lloyd St to Herberton St	Works underway. Bulk earthworks underway, rock being imported.	Construction
CP0006685	ARR Tyrconnell Rd Renewal 26/27	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting.	Construction
CP0006686	MBA Emerald End Rd Renewal 26/27	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting.	Construction
CP0006687	BIB Bilwon Rd Renewal 26/27	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting.	Construction
CP0006688	MBA Malone Rd Renewal 26/27	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting.	Construction

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0006689	MUT Mutchilba Rd Renewal 26/27	Being delivered as part of FNQROC contract. Evaluation of tenders complete. Recommendation was provided to Council at September meeting.	Construction
CP0001558	MBA Tinaroo Creek Rd Ada Creek Causeway	Culverts have been installed and the concrete roadway sections completed. The concrete batter installation is the only outstanding concrete works remaining. Road works have commenced to widen and transition the road approaches onto the new structure.	Construction
CP0003897	KOAH Kanervo Road Bridge Repair Defects	Site inspection to be undertaken and decision made whether outsourcing or completing internally.	Planning
CP0003925	MBA Springmount Rd New Bridge Granite Ck (DESIGN Component)	Tenders to be called for External design	Design
CP0003689	MBA CBD Drainage Upgrade Stage 1	Project planning will be undertaken in conjunction with the Mareeba CBD Blueprint Project	On Hold
CP0003695	Irvinebank Jessie St/Rubina Tce Upgrade	Survey complete, design to be scheduled	Design
CP0006622	MBA Ray/George Fabris Rd Intersection Proposed New Cwy (DESIGN Component)	External Consultant will be engaged.	Design
CP0006629	MBA Ray Rd Future Drainage Corridor George Fabris Rd to Chinaman Ck	External consultant engaged for concept design	Design
CP0006651	MBA Ray Rd Zenel Rd Detention Basin and Downstream Drain (DESIGN Component)	External consultant engaged for concept design	Design
CP0006655	2026/27 Renew Minor Culverts & Drainage	Advertisement of additional inspector and acting bridge foreman designated to facilitate works. Works to be programmed upon receiving inspection data.	Planning
CP00844	MBA Amaroo Drainage Upgrades	Programmed for dry season 2027	Planning
CP0001665	Mt Molloy Footpath & Furniture Refurb	Design to be scheduled	Design
CP0001666	KDA Barron Falls Rd Replace Footpath	Work scheduled for 2027.	Design
CP0001671	MBA Byrnes St Replace Slippery Tiles (GRANT CO-CONTRIBUTION Project subject to receiving grant of $1.5M)		On Hold
CP0001790	MBA WNP Anzac Avenue Footpath Renewal	In procurement	Procurement
CP0001821	2026/27 Shire wide Footpath Renewal Program	No works currently scheduled. Subject to inspections.	Planning
CP0001803	Julatten Geraghty Pk Pump Track	Pump track construction completed. Picnic setting to be installed.	Construction
CP0001805	MBA Bicentennial Lakes Northern	Civil construction is complete. Interpretive signage has been developed with manufacture commencing.	Construction
CP0001810	KDA Gregory Terrace Park Minor Refurb	Works schedule for 2027.	Planning
CP0001848	MBA Jensen Park Refresh Softfall	Works schedule for 2027.	Planning
CP0001928	MUT Refurb Community Hall Park	Works schedule for 2027.	Design
CP0003670	MBA Amaroo Park Shade	P&G to extend the irrigation coverage and plant additional shade trees prior to the wet season.	Construction

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0003817	SPW Playground Softfall Replacement	Programmed for 2027	Not Commenced
CP0003818	KDA KIAC Kuranda Community Precinct Upgrade	Planning and investigation. The old school building concrete slabs need to be made safe prior to playground installation.	On Hold
CP0002694	FY26/27 - CHI WTP Arsenic Filters	To be programmed	Not Commenced
CP0002700	FY26/27 - WTP Minor Infrastructure	Development of design documents underway.	Design
CP0002702	FY26/27 - Water Main Replacement	Works commenced on Johnstone St, Meehan St, Shepherd St and Kelly St.	Construction
CP0002703	FY26/27 - Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Review of SCADA infrastructure undertaken. Scope of works and system requirements documentation issued to service providers.	Procurement
CP0002705	FY26/27 - Hydrants & Valve Renewal	The scope of works documentation undergoing final review.	Design
CP0002706	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Filtration System	Scheduling meetings with suitable contractor/contractors to carry out site assessments prior to issuing RFQ.	Planning
CP0002707	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Filtration Instruments	Scheduling meetings with suitable contractor/contractors to carry out site assessments prior to issuing RFQ.	Planning
CP0002708	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Sediment Tank Instrumentation	Scheduling meetings with suitable contractor/contractors to carry out site assessments prior to issuing RFQ.	Planning
CP0002712	FY26/27 - KDA WTP Process Telemetry	Scheduling meetings with suitable contractor/contractors to carry out site assessments prior to issuing RFQ.	Planning
CP0002714	FY26/27 - KDA SCADA - Additions	Assessment of SCADA infrastructure underway.	Planning
CP0002716	FY26/27 - MBA Wylandra Diesel Generator	Capacity assessments conducted, preparation of design documents underway.	Design
CP0002761	FY26/27 - MBA WTP Reservoir Upgrade (GRANT CO-CONTRIBUTION)	Design complete. Awaiting suitable funding.	On Hold
CP0002764	MOL Replace Hunter Ck Weir	Construction works to commence once on-site conditions become safe.	Construction
CP0003668	CHI Renew Water Line	Works on hold. Awaiting suitable funding.	On Hold
CP0003820	QRRRF KDA WTP Intake Works	Tender awarded	Procurement
CP0006657	FY26/27 MBA Wylandra Water Booster Pump Stn	Capacity assessments conducted, preparation of design documents underway.	Design
CP0006705	MOL Main St Water Main Replacement	Contract awarded	Procurement
CP0001043	Atherton St Pump Station Refurb	Wet well internal refurbishment completed; ready for mechanical and electrical installations. New rising main alignment set out for upcoming excavation and installation works.	Construction
CP0002474	FY24 to 27 - MBA Sewer CCTV & Reline Prog	New rising main alignment set out for upcoming	Construction
CP0002481	FY24/25 - MBA Constance St Rising Main	The sewer main line installation has been completed. The contractor is now undertaking road crossings and completing property connections to the main	Construction
CP0002484	25/26 WW Pump Station Ancillary	Parts have been ordered and waiting for delivery.	Procurement

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0002492	KDA WWTP Components	The existing inlet works at the Kuranda Wastewater Treatment Plant have reached the end of their serviceable life. Planning and design activities for a replacement structure are underway, with preliminary engineering assessments having commenced.	Construction
CP0002494	FY26/27 - WW Pump Station Ancillary	Parts have been ordered and waiting for delivery.	Procurement
CP0002495	FY26/27 - WW Reticulation Pumps Renewal	Scope in development	Design
CP0002499	FY26/27 - MBA Kenneally Rd Pump Station	Pumps have been ordered, awaiting delivery.	Procurement
CP0002500	FY26/27 - MBA Prestige Gdn Pressure Main and Pump Station Pump	Design consultant engaged	Design
CP0002502	FY26/27 - Telemetry/SCADA Upgrades	Review of SCADA infrastructure undertaken. Scope of works and system requirements documentation with suppliers for quoting.	Design
CP0002503	FY26/27 - Manhole Rehab and Replace	In procurement	Procurement
CP0002505	FY26/27 - MBA WWTP Minor Component	Design works commenced and once completed we can then release requests for quotes..	Design
CP0002506	FY26/27 - KDA WWTP Liquid Alum Control Panel	Preparing for RFQ	Planning
CP0006698	MBA TS Buy Back Shop Works	Planning the buy back shop works to fit in with available budget.	Planning
CP0006699	MBA Weighbridge Data Recording Upgrade	Working with providers for the most suitable application to get the best outcome.	Planning
CP0006701	MBA TS Leachate Pump Annual Program	Programmed for 2027	Not Commenced
CP0006588	MBA Airport - Fire Water Tank	Programmed for 2027	Not Commenced
CP0003930	Asset 6221 Forklift Forks Upgrade	Procurement Stage	Procurement
CP0006660	Grader Machine Control Unit	Control unit ordered, awaiting delivery.	Procurement
CP0006663	New Job Truck To Replace Asset 1327 Mitsubishi Triton Dual Cab	Project completed	Completed
CP0006668	Replace Asset 1408 Mazda BT 50 4x4 Ute	Final stage of fit out	Construction
CP0006669	Repaint Cab Asset 632 Mitsubishi Canter 4x4 Truck With 3 Way Tipping Body	Programmed for 2027	Not Commenced
CP0006670	Replace Asset 400 Caterpillar 318 Excavator	Planning Stage	Planning
CP0006678	Replace Asset No 4062 Kubota Front Deck Mower	Project complete, mower in service	Completed
CP0006704	Replace Asset 2064 Toyota Landcruiser 4X4	Project complete	Completed
CP0006707	Replace Asset 1278 Diesel Holden Cruze Sedan	Project complete, vehicle in service	Completed
CP0006708	Replace Asset 624 Fuso Job Truck	Project complete, vehicle in service	Completed
CP0003724	DIM Depot Upgrade Fuel Bowsers	Programmed for 2027	Not Commenced

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Project Code	Project Description	Project Comment	Project Stage
CP0001059	Mba/Dim Aquatic Condition Assessment	Condition Reports to be received October 2026.	In Progress (for the non-infrastructure projects)
CP0001816	25/26 Shire Wide Toilet Facilities	Chillagoe Town Hall Toilet Facility. Contract awarded and in design	Design
CP0001955	MBA Arnold Park Basketball Court & Park Upgrade	The new concrete basketball court has been constructed and is curing in preparation for surfacing and line marking. The extended concrete footpath network has been completed. Preparation works have commeced for the repainting of the pavilions.	Construction
CP0003718	MBA Davies Park Field 2 Lighting Upgrade	Works on hold. Awaiting suitable funding.	On Hold
CP0003890	25/26 Annual Minor Building Refurb	Pioneer Cemetery, Mareeba. Gazebo structure ordered and site inspection and verification of existing conditions complete.	Construction
CP0003893	DIM Caravan Pk & KDA Pool Painting	All works are now completed	Completed
CP0003913	MBA Cedric Davies Hub Place of Refuge	Internal construction continuing. Electrical works complete Toilet facililty upgrade underway.	Construction
CP0003934	Annual Facilities LED Lighting	Bartley Park Kuranda. Awaiting funding application results.	Planning
CP0006648	KOAH Hall Upgrade	Construction continuing. New storage shed ordered and awaiting delivery.	Construction
CP0006682	MBA Railway Ave Entrance Precinct Toilet Facility	Contract awarded ready for construction to commence pending building design approval by certifier.	Construction
CP00793	MBA Women's Restroom Refurb	Back toilets to be left, and decommissioned. Building to be assessed and repairs to be carried out.	Planning
CP0001085	Mba Cemetery Expansion Planning	On Hold Pending review	On Hold
CP0003754	Mareeba CBD Blueprint	Detailed design package has been reviewed and feedback provided to ensure the different design elements are well integrated.	Design
CP0003909	Mba Cemetery New Double Columbarium Wall	Columbarium wall complete.	Construction
CP0006659	MBA Cemetery New Coffin Lowering Device	Stock has arrived at Brisbane Port, awaiting clearance to warehouse.	Procurement
CP00932	MBA MIP Expansion	Electrical Designs under review by Ergon, preliminary pricing of infrastructureto be completed.	Design

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **14 September 2026**

Author: **Facilities Officer**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline Council's Fleet, Design, Soils Lab, Survey, Quality, GIS, Facilities and Investigation Services activities undertaken by Infrastructure Services during the month of September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Technical Services

Design, quality, and investigations:

Investigation activities undertaken in September included:

Activity	New Requests	Closed Requests	Active EOM
Road Infrastructure Review	14	20	76
Drainage Investigations	0	2	18
Parks Investigations	1	1	3
Miscellaneous e.g. Planning; Local Laws	1	8	29

Routine Activities	Investigations Completed
Traffic Count/Surveys	10
As Constructed Plans	3
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Permits/Investigations	16
Before You Dig Requests	122

Soil Laboratory:

Council's Soil Laboratory provides NATA-accredited soil and material testing for internal and external services. The laboratory delivered 167 tests in September, with 60% of testing being delivered for external clients.

GIS:

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

Operational Works and Subdivisions:

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

Locality	Subdivisions Name/Description	Road
Works Approved for Commencement		
Kuranda	Jum Rum Rainforest Estate Stage 2	Fallon Road
Kuranda	2 - 6 Black Mountain Road	Black Mountain Road
Mareeba	Quill Street Development	Quill Street
Mareeba	The Edge – Stage 4	Antonio Drive
Mareeba	Two Rivers Community School	Chewko Road
Mareeba	Wylandra Estate	Wylandra Drive

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

Facilities

Repairs and Maintenance:

Bartley Park, Kuranda

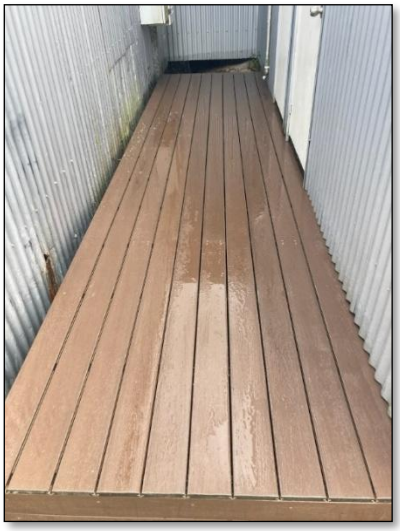
Damaged fencing around the cricket club was repaired and replaced, while the fencing surrounding the cricket nets was fully replaced due to extensive damage caused by Cyclone Jasper.





Geraghty Park Hall, Julatten

Deck renewal at Geraghty Park Hall has been completed.



Kuranda Recreation Centre

The Council's gurney crew has completed cleaning the tennis courts at the Centre.



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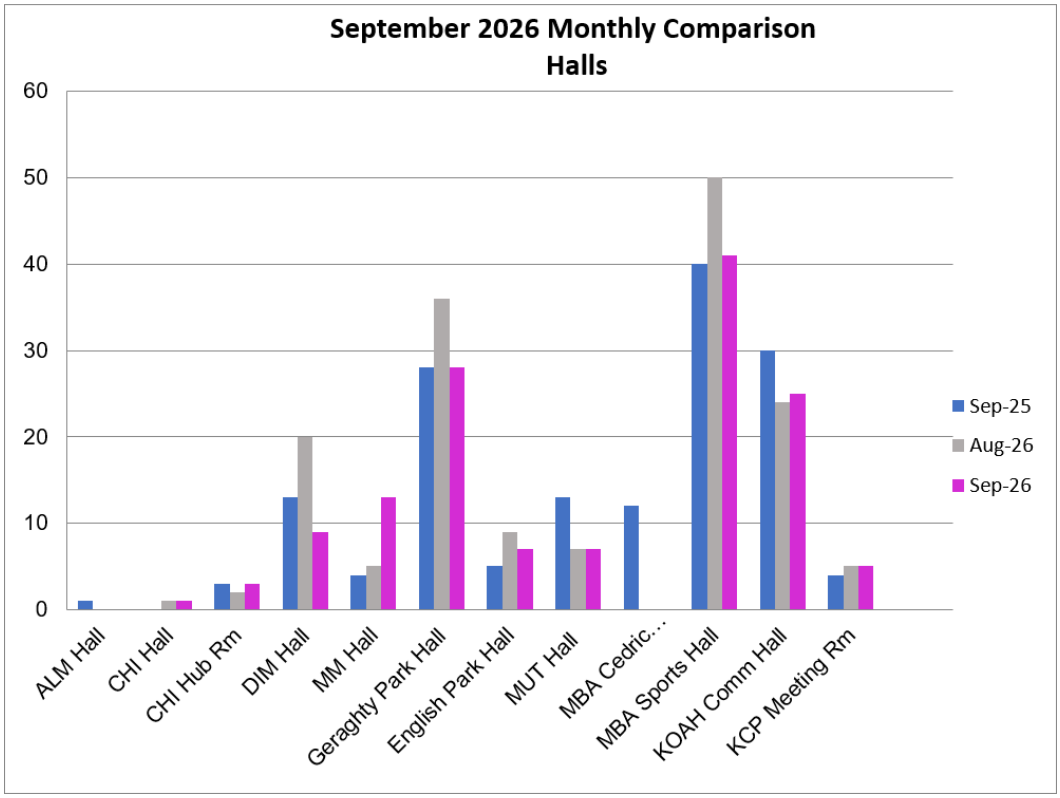
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Contracts Awarded:

Contract Name	Awarded to:
Cleaning & Waste Removal Services – Mt Molloy & Julatten	Mark Hammond
Cleaning & Waste Removal Services – Irvinebank & Town Common	Buzz Property Maintenance

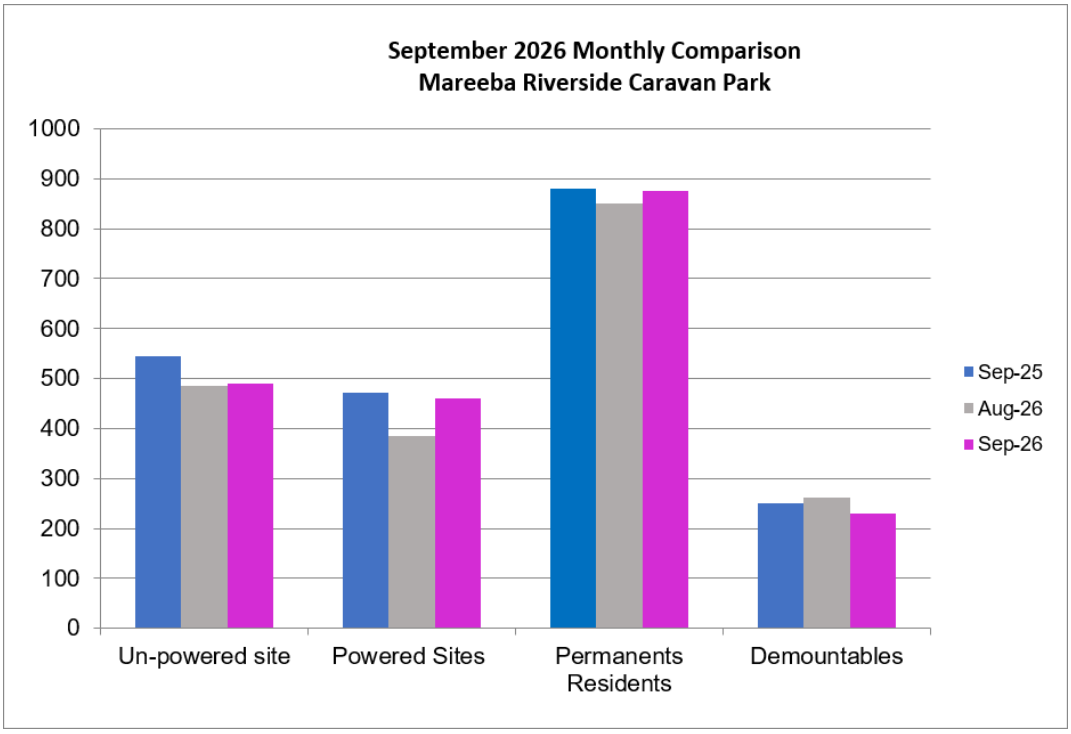
Community Halls:

Maintaining safe and efficient access to Council's Community Halls is recognised as an important aspect for the community's ongoing wellbeing. Utilisation of the halls remained generally stable against previous months numbers. Cedric Davies Function Room remained closed for September as refurbishment works are undertaken.

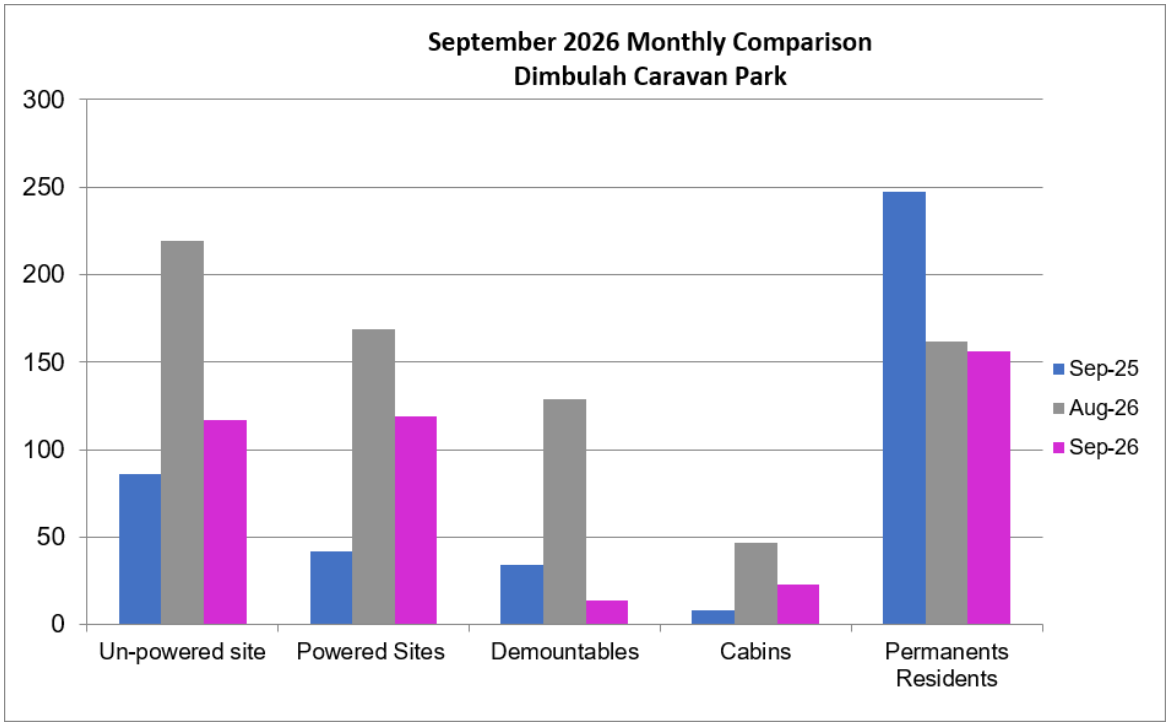


Caravan Parks:

Mareeba Riverside Caravan Park: Utilisation of the Caravan park generally remained stable.

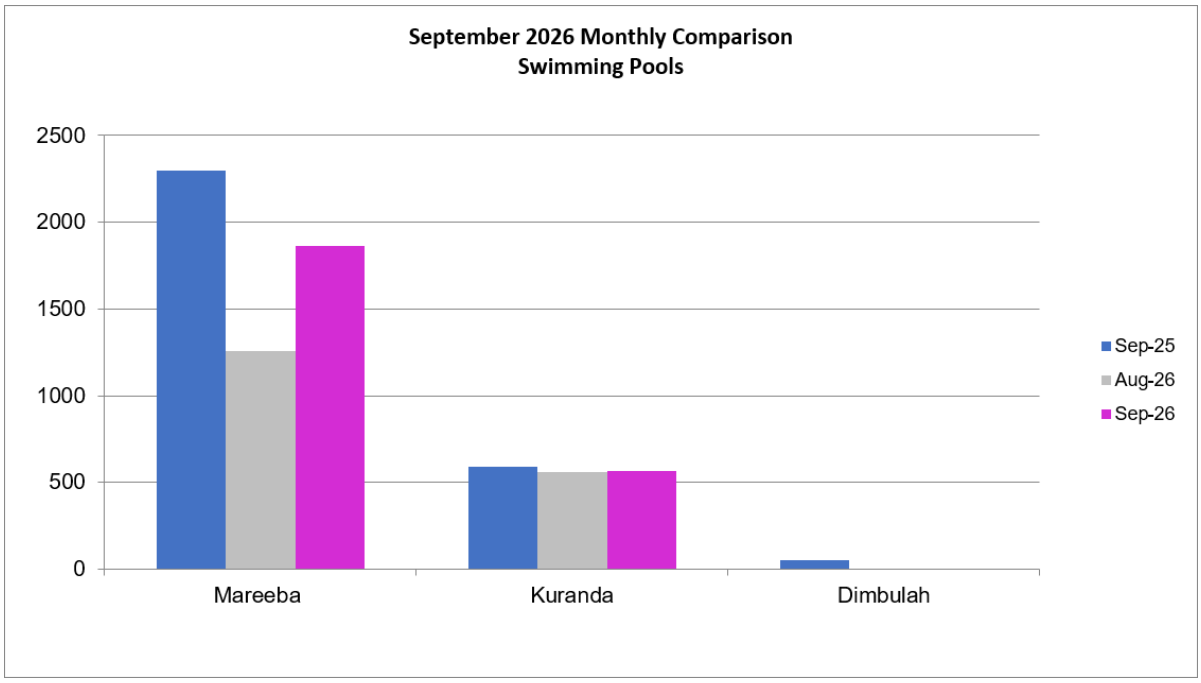


Dimbulah Caravan Park: There was a slight downturn from the previous month, however overall numbers are in line with the same month last year.



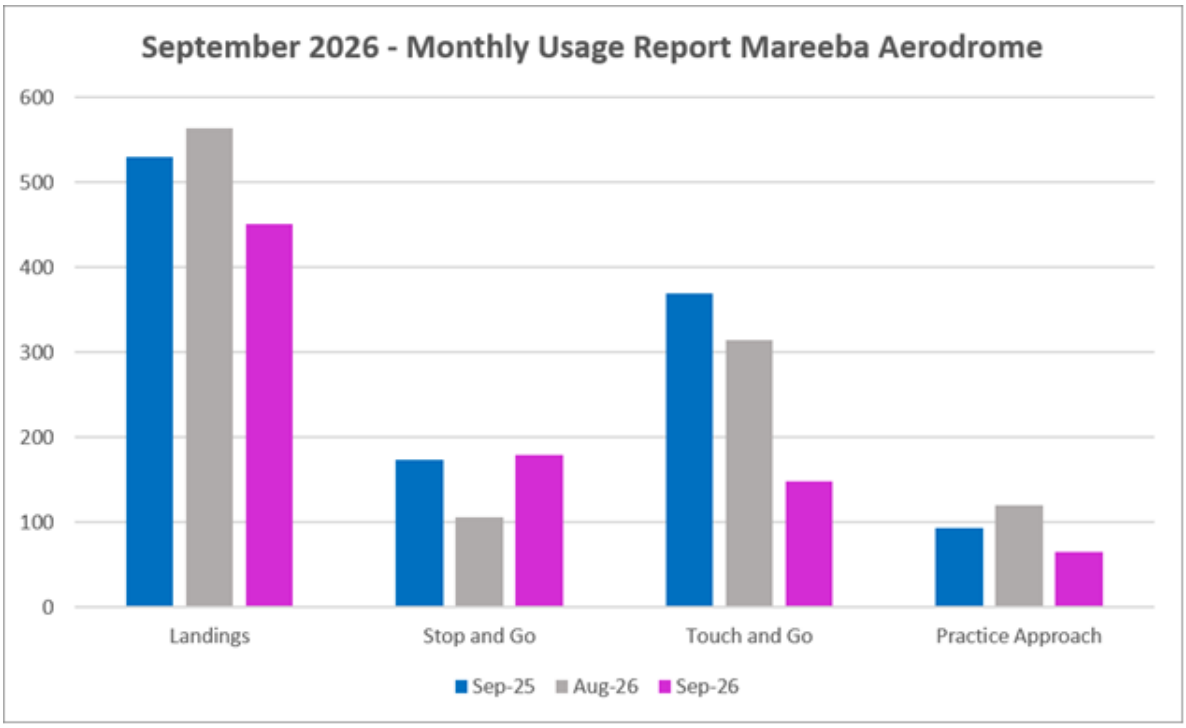
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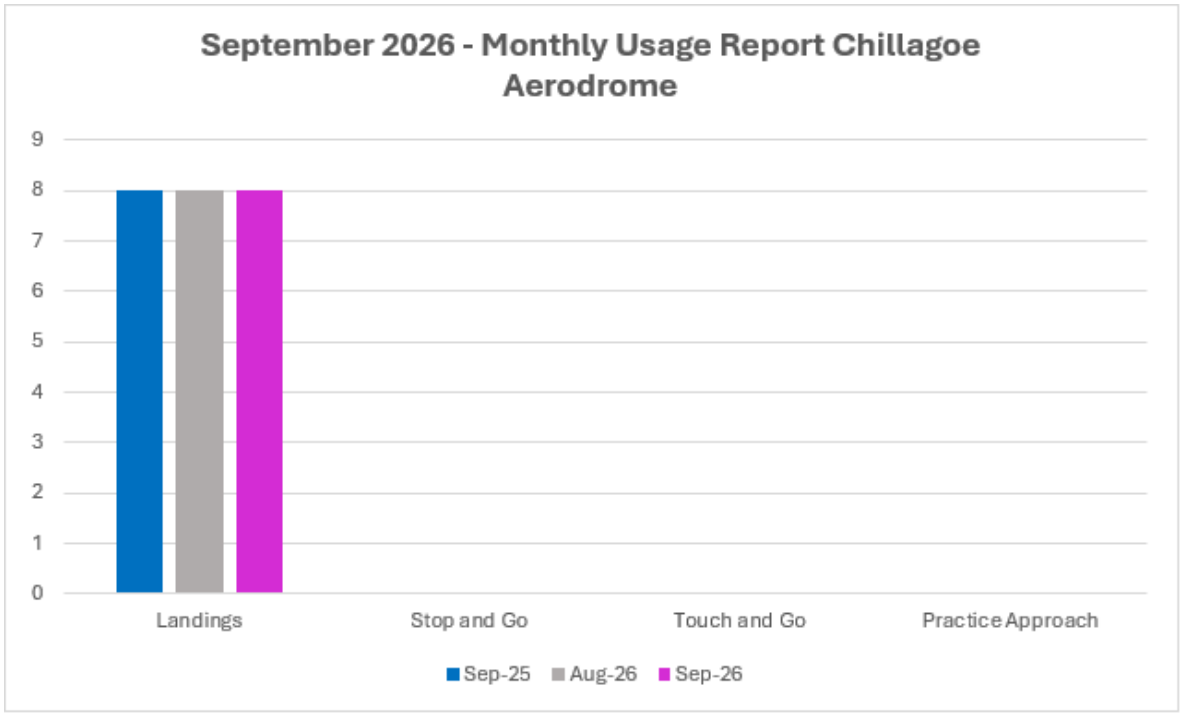
Attendance at Mareeba was up considerably on the previous month, with expectations that attendances will increase as warmer months return. The Dimbulah Aquatic Facility maintenance has been completed, re-opening to the public on Monday, 5 October 2026.



Aerodromes:

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





LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.2 2027-2028 CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITISATION

Date Prepared: **8 October 2026**

Author: **Assets & Projects Support Officer**

Attachments: **1. Current MSC Infrastructure Services Project Prioritisation Criteria 2027-28 ⇩**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed project prioritisation criteria and risk assessment methodology for prioritising infrastructure projects as part of the 2027/28 Capital Works Program development.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Project Prioritisation Criteria to develop the 2027/28 Proposed Capital Works Program.

BACKGROUND

Council generates approximately $44.8 million in net rates and utility charges and owns approximately $1.2 billion of assets (current replacement cost) that are managed to deliver services to the community. Council also receives other funding including grants which brings the total operating revenue to approximately $60.6 million.

Like most local government authorities, Council has limited funds available for Capital Works projects. To address this issue, the International Infrastructure Management Manual provides several methods for prioritising projects, including a multi-criteria analysis which is part of Council's project prioritisation process. The Project Prioritisation methodology relies on criteria and weighting for each asset class.

Asset Management Principles for Capital Investment Decision Making

Why does Council invest in assets?

Local governments invest in assets to provide services to their communities. Asset investment can be used to sustain services (capital renewal including rehabilitation and replacement) or to improve services (capital upgrade or expansion).

Capital renewal projects may reduce future operating and maintenance expenditure and do not add depreciation expense. Decisions to invest in capital upgrades or expansion to improve service levels permanently adds depreciation, operating and maintenance costs because it increases the asset base.

Project Prioritisation - MSC Methodology for Prioritising Capital Projects

Multi-criteria Analysis

Each criterion is prepared with a rating system that is weighted at Council's discretion to develop a priority or appraisal score which is used to rank the projects within the program.

The percentage weightings can be varied to reflect the relative importance between each criterion. Regardless of the significance one or more criteria may have against another, the total percentages must equal 100%. For example, Council may decide safety is of upmost importance and give it 30%

weighting with the balance being allocated (in proportionate amounts) across the remaining criteria.

Each year, Council officers review the criteria used to evaluate projects and where appropriate recommend improvements for Council's consideration. This year the focus continues to be on objective criteria where possible.

2027/28 Proposed Criteria Changes

No changes are proposed for 2027/28 as compared with the 2026/27 criteria.

Asset Management Sub Plans in place of priority Scores

As asset management sub plans continue to be developed, the approved projects in the asset management sub-plans will be included for funding consideration without a priority score. The asset management strategic planning process considers the entire portfolio of assets, the priority score and the broader Council strategic direction to provide an optimised capital investment program. New projects that have not been considered within the most recent asset management sub plan will be scored using the criteria for Council's consideration and will also be considered in the next update of the relevant asset management sub plan.

Capital Works Project Proposal Appraisal Summary Sheets

Projects are ranked according to the appraisal score and presented to Council. Projects are identified as discretionary or non-discretionary and grouped accordingly. Non-discretionary projects are typically those which are required to sustain services or external funding is already approved. Detailed information is provided for projects that are proposed for funding.

References

- The International Infrastructure Management Manual
- Institute of Public Works Engineers Australia National Asset Management System (NAMS Plus3)
- AS NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management Standard
- Local Government Asset Investment Guidelines 2006, Local Government Victoria
- Lower Order Road Design Guidelines, Institute of Public Works Engineering QLD 2016
- FNQROC Regional Development Manual

RISK IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL

The adopted prioritisation multi criteria analysis will inform Capital Works proposals for 2027/28.

Environmental

Environmental risk implications associated with capital projects are considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

Infrastructure and Assets

Council’s Capital Works Prioritisation process sets the criteria for assessing and prioritising replacement and upgrading infrastructure and assets. In addition to the appraisal criteria, infrastructure and asset risk implications associated with capital projects are also considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

Political and Reputational

Political and reputational risk implications associated with capital projects are considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

Legal and Compliance

Legal and compliance risk implications associated with capital projects are considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

Health and Safety

Health and safety risk implications associated with capital projects are considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

Service Delivery and IT

Service delivery and IT risk implications associated with capital projects are considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Legal compliance and policy risk implications associated with capital projects are considered within the risk management component of project prioritisation.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Is the expenditure noted above included in the current budget?
The Criteria will provide the framework for Council officers to assess and prioritise projects for Council review.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Water Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation					Weighting
Risk	What would happen if Council did nothing? Risk assessed with Likelihood and Consequence rating using ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management Standard.					25%
	1	Low Risk	Manage by routine procedures.			
	2	Moderate Risk	Planned action required (i.e. Make safe and include in forward programs).			
	3	Significant Risk	Prioritised action required (i.e. Make safe and program in current/next program).			
	4	Extreme Risk	Immediate Corrective Action required.			
Condition/ Capacity of surrounding assets to service the need	Condition of current asset			Capacity to service the need		25%
	1	Very Good	Excellent physical condition, observable deterioration is insignificant. No adverse service reports.	1	Very good ability to service the need.	
	2	Good	Observation or testing indicates that asset is meeting all service requirements. Minor deterioration observed.	2	Good ability to service the need.	
	3	Fair	Moderate deterioration evident. Minor components or isolated sections need replacement or repair now but not affecting short term structural integrity.	3	Fair ability to service the need.	
	4	Poor	Serious deterioration and significant defects affecting structural integrity. Asset is now moving into zone of failure.	4	Poor ability to service the need.	
	5	Very Poor/ Unsafe	Failed or failure imminent. Immediate need to replace most or all of asset.	5	Very poor ability to service the need.	
Criticality	This gives priority to renew water mains, pumps and reservoirs that would have the greatest impact on the community if they fail.					50%
	1	Insignificant Impact	<=100mm supply main or booster pump primarily for irrigation supply such as a park or garden. No part of a treatment plant is considered insignificant.			
	2	Minor Impact	150mm supply main or booster pump for small area (5 or less domestic connections) where supply could be re-routed, and service delivery not affected. For a treatment plant, it would be a minor impact if there is a spare or a temporary work-around available.			
	3	Moderate Impact	150mm supply main or booster pump for small area (5 or less domestic connections) where supply cannot be re-routed. For a treatment plant, it would be a moderate impact if it is not a critical control point but there is no spare available. It may cause water restrictions.			
	4	High Impact	Entire reservoir catchment impacted, or substantial proportion of CBD impacted. Reservoir, Trunk Main or Major Pump Station. For treatment plants this would include any critical control point asset that would reduce the clear water storage and initiate water restrictions.			
	5	Very High Impact	Entire water scheme impacted, or entire CBD impacted. Treatment Plant or CBD Trunk Main or Major Pump Station for CBD. Dialysis Patient or essential service such as but not limited to hospitals, schools, aged care facilities. For treatment plants this would include any critical control point asset that would stop the treatment process. Any area that is impacted with no water for an extended period and that could result in legal action.			
						100%

Wastewater Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation					Weighting
Risk	What would happen if Council did nothing? Risk assessed with Likelihood and Consequence rating using ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management Standard.					25%
	1	Low Risk	Manage by routine procedures.			
	2	Moderate Risk	Planned action required (i.e. Make safe and include in forward programs).			
	3	Significant Risk	Prioritised action required (i.e. Make safe and program in current/next program).			
	4	Extreme Risk	Immediate Corrective Action required.			
Condition/ Capacity of surrounding assets to service the need	Condition of current asset			Capacity to service the need		25%
	1	Very Good	Excellent physical condition, observable deterioration is insignificant. No adverse service reports.	1	Very good ability to service the need.	
	2	Good	Observation or testing indicates that asset is meeting all service requirements. Minor deterioration observed.	2	Good ability to service the need.	
	3	Fair	Moderate deterioration evident. Minor components or isolated sections need replacement or repair now but not affecting short term structural integrity.	3	Fair ability to service the need.	
	4	Poor	Serious deterioration and significant defects affecting structural integrity. Asset is now moving into zone of failure.	4	Poor ability to service the need.	
	5	Very Poor/ Unsafe	Failed or failure imminent. Immediate need to replace most or all of asset.	5	Very poor ability to service the need.	
Criticality	This gives priority to renew sewer mains and pumps that would have the greatest impact on the community if they fail.					50%
	1	Insignificant Impact	No part of the wastewater reticulation network or treatment plant is considered insignificant.			
	2	Minor Impact	100mm connection for small area (5 or less domestic connections) where wastewater could temporarily (1 day) be removed by truck. For a treatment plant, it would be a minor impact if there is a spare or a temporary work-around available.			
	3	Moderate Impact	100mm connection for small area (more than 5 domestic connections) where wastewater could not temporarily be removed by one truck or more than 1 day. For a treatment plant, it would be a moderate impact if it is not a critical control point and there is no spare available.			
	4	High Impact	Entire pump station catchment impacted or substantial proportion of CBD impacted. Trunk Main or Major Pump Station. For treatment plants this would include any critical control point asset that would impact treatment but not initiate a bypass.			
	5	Very High Impact	Entire wastewater scheme impacted or entire CBD impacted. Treatment Plant or CBD Trunk Main or Major Pump Station for CBD. Essential service such as but not limited to hospitals, schools, aged care facilities. For treatment plants this would include any critical control point that results in a bypass.			
						100%

Waste Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation					Weighting
Risk	What would happen if Council did nothing? Risk assessed with Likelihood and Consequence rating using ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management Standard.					20%
	1	Low Risk	Manage by routine procedures			
	2	Moderate Risk	Planned action required (i.e. Make safe and include in forward programs)			
	3	Significant Risk	Prioritised action required (i.e. Make safe and program in current/next program)			
	4	Extreme Risk	Immediate Corrective Action required			
Utilisation	Assessing the use of the facility. Cubic metres of waste per year.					20%
	1		Very low <2000t			
	2		Low >2000t but <5000t per year			
	3		Medium >5000t but <20000t per year			
	4		High >20000t but <50000t			
	5		Very high >50000t			
Condition/ Capacity of surrounding assets to service the need	Condition of current asset			Capacity to service the need		20%
	1	Very Good	Excellent physical condition, observable deterioration is insignificant. No adverse service reports.	1	Very good ability to service the need.	
	2	Good	Observation or testing indicates that asset is meeting all service requirements. Minor deterioration observed.	2	Good ability to service the need.	
	3	Fair	Moderate deterioration evident. Minor components or isolated sections need replacement or repair now but not affecting short term structural integrity.	3	Fair ability to service the need.	
	4	Poor	Serious deterioration and significant defects affecting structural integrity. Asset is now moving into zone of failure.	4	Poor ability to service the need.	
	5	Very Poor/ Unsafe	Failed or failure imminent. Immediate need to replace most or all of asset.	5	Very poor ability to service the need.	
Criticality	This gives priority to transfer station and landfill assets that would have the greatest impact on the community if they fail, are inaccessible or service is interrupted.					40%
	1	Insignificant Impact	No interruption or delays to service.			
	2	Minor Impact	Failure of critical asset components that interrupts or delays Council providing the service at the site for up to 1 day.			
	3	Moderate Impact	Failure of critical asset components that interrupts or delays Council providing the service at the site for less than 1 week.			
	4	High Impact	Failure of critical asset components that interrupts or delays Council providing the service at the site for greater than 1 week.			
	5	Very High Impact	Very high number of ratepayers using transfer station or trench. Failure of critical asset components that stops Council providing the service at the site.			
						100%

Roads Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation		Weighting
Condition	Condition		20%
	1	Approximately 0 - 20% of useful life consumed.	
	2	Approximately 20 - 40% of useful life consumed.	
	3	Approximately 40 - 60% of useful life consumed.	
	4	Approximately 60 - 80% of useful life consumed. 5 -10yrs	
	5	80 - 100% of useful life consumed. 0 - 5 years.	
Safety and Functionality	Safety and ability to perform its primary function.		15%
	1	No casualty crashes in the last 5 years **AND** no congestion **AND** road design is appropriate for traffic volume and heavy vehicles (no edge wear, intersection swept paths are appropriate).	
	3	1 casualty crash in the last 5 years **OR** moderate congestion **OR** heavy vehicle swept paths are slightly less than minimum required, **OR** straight section of road where the width is too narrow for traffic volume and heavy vehicles (visible edge wear, and gravel resheets of road edge required).	
	5	2 casualty crashes in the last 5 years **OR** significant congestion **OR** heavy vehicle swept paths are significantly less than minimum required **OR** curved/poor visibility section of road where the width is too narrow for traffic volume and heavy vehicles (visible edge wear, and gravel resheets of road edge required).	
Traffic (Annual Average Daily Traffic)	1	< 10	15%
	2	10 to 50	
	3	51 to 150	
	4	151 to 300	
	5	> 300	
Heavy Vehicle %	1	0-5%	15%
	2	5% - 15%	
	3	15% -25%	
	4	25% - 35%	
	5	> 35%	
Whole of Life Cost Impact	Renew our existing assets before improving service levels to reduce Whole of Life Cost impact on annual budget.		20%
	1	Expansion of road network (new road and/or upgrading from gravel to bitumen).	
	2	Upgrade or widening to improve service level to road users and/or adjacent properties.	
	3	Rehabilitation and proactive upgrade to protect existing road pavement where deterioration is commencing (e.g. bitumen edge drop-off).	
	4	Rehabilitation and upgrade to protect existing road pavement where significant deterioration has occurred and is impacting on safety (e.g. eroding and narrowing of pavement).	
	5	100% renewal of existing road (rehabilitation).	
Criticality	Road hierarchy to demonstrate how critical the road is to the community (using the Lower Order Road Design Guidelines to further define Rural Secondary Access criticality). Add one to the score if it is a LRRS road. Add one to the score if it is a road with school frontage or essential service.		15%
	1	Rural Secondary Access (Local Access)	
	2	Rural Secondary Access (Minor Road) or Urban Access	
	3	Primary Access or Industrial Access	
	4	Collector	
	5	Arterial	
			100%

Bridges Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation				Weighting
Condition	1	Very Good	Approximately 0 - 20% of useful life consumed.		30%
	2	Good	Approximately 20 - 40% of useful life consumed.		
	3	Fair	Approximately 40 - 60% of useful life consumed.		
	4	Poor	Approximately 60 - 80% of useful life consumed.		
	5	Very Poor	80 - 100% of useful life consumed.		
Functionality	Ability to perform its primary function.				20%
	1	Very Good	No wet weather road closures		
	2	Good	Short road closures (<1 day) during Q5 events only OR traffic control for Heavy Vehicles for up to 2 weeks.		
	3	Fair	Short road closures (<1 day) for annual rain events. Medium road closures (1 day - 1 week) for 5-yearly rain events		
	4	Poor	Medium road closures (1 day - 1 week) for annual rain events. Long road closures (1 - 2 weeks) for 5-yearly rain events		
	5	Very Poor	Long road closures (1 - 2 weeks) annual events. Very long road closures (> 2 weeks) for 5-yearly events.		
Average Annual Daily Traffic Count (AADT)	1	< 10			15%
	2	10 to 50			
	3	51 to 150			
	4	151 to 300			
	5	> 300			
Heavy Vehicle Usage	1	0-5%			15%
	2	5% - 15%			
	3	15% -25%			
	4	25% - 35%			
	5	> 35%			
Detour Distance	Urban			Rural	20%
	1	Very Low	Detour >0km & <1km	Detour >0km & <5km	
	2	Low	Detour >1km & <5km	Detour >5km & <15km	
	3	Medium	Detour >5km & <10km	Detour >15km & <30km	
	4	High	Detour >10km	Detour >30km & <50km	
	5	Very High	No alternate access	Detour over 50km or no alternative	
					100%

Drainage Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation			Weighting
Properties Affected	Score		Properties affected	25%
	1	Very Low	0 – 2	
	2	Low	3 – 5	
	3	Medium	6 – 10	
	4	High	11 – 15	
	5	Very High	> 15	
Risk to Council or other public assets	What would happen to other public assets the drain is protecting if the project doesn't proceed? Risk assessed with Likelihood and Consequence rating using ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management Standard.			25%
	1	Low Risk	Manage by routine procedures	
	2	Medium Risk	Planned action required (i.e. Make safe and include in forward programs)	
	3	High Risk	Prioritised action required (i.e. Make safe and program in current/next program).	
	4	Very High Risk	Immediate Corrective Action required.	
Condition	1	Very Good	All components free of defects and structure well maintained. Only planned maintenance required. Approximately 0 - 20% of useful life consumed.	25%
	2	Good	Minor maintenance required plus planned maintenance. Free of defects affecting performance, integrity, and durability. Approximately 20 - 40% of useful life consumed.	
	3	Fair	Defects affecting durability which require monitoring and/or maintenance. Significant maintenance required to return to accepted level of service. Approximately 40 - 60% of useful life consumed	
	4	Poor	Defects affecting performance and structural integrity. Renewal or upgrade required. Approximately 60 - 80% of useful life consumed.	
	5	Very Poor	Unserviceable. Requires urgent attention, life, and property at risk. 80 - 100% of useful life consumed.	
Functionality	1	Very Good	No soil erosion and/or water draining freely.	25%
	2	Good	Minor soil erosion and/or mild water ponding, water drains in a reasonable timeframe.	
	3	Fair	Moderate erosion and/or some periods of water detention.	
	4	Poor	Significant soil erosion and/or long periods of water detention. Structural damage on other assets expected in the medium term.	
	5	Very Poor	Significant soil erosion with imminent structural damage impact on other assets and/or very long periods of water detention.	
				100%

Traffic Facilities Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation			Weighting
Safety	Risk level from Road Safety Review, number and severity of reported incidents, road geometry issues.			30%
	1	Very Low		
	2	Low		
	3	Medium		
	4	High		
	5	Very High		
Average Annual Daily Traffic Count (AADT)	1	< 10		25%
	2	10 to 50		
	3	51 to 150		
	4	151 to 300		
	5	> 300		
Community Concern	Number of Customer Requests received.			15%
	1	Very Low	1 resident or customer request.	
	2	Low	>1 to <3 residents writing or customer requests.	
	3	Medium	>3 to <10	
	4	High	>10 to <20	
	5	Very High	>20 residents or petition.	
Cost Effectiveness	Takes account of population served and the benefits by proceeding with the project.			15%
	1	Very Low		
	2	Low		
	3	Medium		
	4	High		
	5	Very High		
Strategic Significance	Strategic Significance to Council.			15%
	1	Very Low	Supplementary	Does not provide a public focus for Council, and is not a key area for Council activities.
	2	Low	Secondary	Does not provide a public focus for the Council.
	3	Medium	Standard	Provides a regular focus for the Council.
	4	High	Intermediate	Provides an important public focus for the Council.
	5	Very High	Premium	Provides a key public focus for the Council, and is a defining icon of Council service.
				100%

Parking Criteria

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation			Weighting
Access Improvement	Will improve accessibility to Council facilities, schools, tourism attractions, business centres and public amenities.			40%
	1	Very Low	Alternative parking available with no impact on adjacent properties.	
	2	Low		
	3	Medium	Alternative parking available with some impact on adjacent properties.	
	4	High		
	5	Very High	No alternative parking available with high impact on surrounding properties.	
Safety Improvement	Safety improvement for pedestrians.			30%
	1	No Improvement		
	2			
	3	Moderate improvement. Protected on street car parking.		
	4			
	5	Major improvement to safety. Off street carpark separated from traffic flows.		
Strategic Significance	Strategic Significance to Council.			30%
	1	Supplementary	Does not provide a public focus for Council, and is not a key area for Council activities.	
	2	Secondary	Does not provide a public focus for the Council.	
	3	Standard	Provides a regular focus for the Council.	
	4	Intermediate	Provides an important public focus for the Council.	
	5	Premium	Provides a key public focus for the Council, and is a defining icon of Council service.	
				100%

Footpaths

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation				Weighting
Functionality and/or Condition	Ability to perform its primary function		Condition		20%
	1	Very Good	1	Approximately 0 - 20% of useful life consumed.	
	2	Good	2	Approximately 20 - 40% of useful life consumed.	
	3	Fair	3	Approximately 40 - 60% of useful life consumed.	
	4	Poor	4	Approximately 60 - 80% of useful life consumed.	
	5	Very Poor/Unsafe	5	80 - 100% of useful life consumed.	
Whole of Life Cost (financial sustainability)	1	Extension/Expansion of the Footpaths Pedestrian and Cycle Network.			20%
	3	Infill improvement of the Footpaths Pedestrian and Cycle Network, filling missing connections.			
	5	Replacement or upgrade of existing footpath that reduces operational cost.			
Connectivity, Utilisation and POS Hierarchy	1	No connectivity or utilisation benefit to the community.			20%
	3	Improvement for a 'Secondary' pedestrian/cycleway route.			
	5	Improvement for a 'Primary' pedestrian/cycleway route.			
Environment and Wellbeing	1	Negative impact or no improvement on any of the following: aesthetic appeal, connection to nature, climate change resilience or environmental health outcome.			20%
	2	Improves aesthetic appeal.			
	3	Improves environmental health outcome (e.g. encouraging alternative transport).			
	4	Improves connection to nature (e.g. improving connectivity between parks, improving accessibility to the environment).			
	5	Builds climate change resilience (e.g. creating shade for footpaths, reducing heat reflection and absorption). Improves resilience to natural disaster events.			
Safety	1	Potentially introduces a new safety hazard.			20%
	3	No safety benefit.			
	5	The project removes a safety hazard or improves safety.			
					100%

Parks and Open Spaces

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation				Weighting
Functionality and/or Condition	Ability to perform its primary function		Condition		20%
	1	Very Good	1	Approximately 0 - 20% of useful life consumed.	
	2	Good	2	Approximately 20 - 40% of useful life consumed.	
	3	Fair	3	Approximately 40 - 60% of useful life consumed.	
	4	Poor	4	Approximately 60 - 80% of useful life consumed.	
	5	Very Poor/Unsafe	5	80 - 100% of useful life consumed.	
Whole of Life Cost (financial sustainability)	1	Expansion of the Parks and Open Spaces portfolio. e.g. additional park, playground, toilet, or high maintenance garden. Extension of the footpath network (not infill) requiring additional labour.			20%
	2	Additional feature that requires significant additional labour for the life of the asset. e.g. new hedges, gardens with irrigation required, fence, bollards, rotunda, BBQs, lighting, and bins.			
	3	Additional feature that requires minimal additional labour for the life of the asset. e.g. new picnic facilities, basic playground feature (e.g. Swings or basic static equipment), onsite car park, bollards, drinking water tap, sign, drought tolerant tree, footpath network infill).			
	4	Replacement or upgrade of existing feature that does not increase operational cost, or operational cost reductions are made in other areas so that this project is WOLC neutral.			
	5	Replacement or upgrade that reduces operational cost.			
Connectivity, Utilisation and POS Hierarchy	1	No connectivity or utilisation benefit to the community.			20%
	2	Improvement for an open space with an asset hierarchy of 'Other' where there are no existing features. Streetscape improvement on an "Access" street.			
	3	Improvement for an open space with an asset hierarchy of "Other" where there are existing park features.			
	4	Improvement for a 'Minor' park or 'Secondary' pedestrian/cycleway route. Streetscape improvement on a "Collector" road.			
	5	Improvement for a 'Park' or 'Primary' pedestrian/cycleway route. A CBD/town entrance streetscape.			
Environment and Wellbeing	1	Negative impact or no improvement on any of the following: aesthetic appeal, connection to nature, climate change resilience or environmental health outcome.			20%
	2	Improves aesthetic appeal.			
	3	Improves environmental health outcome (e.g. bins, encouraging alternative transport, commemorative gardens and cultural spaces).			
	4	Improves connection to nature (e.g. Creating green or habitat corridors, improving connectivity between parks, improving accessibility to the environment).			
	5	Builds climate change resilience (e.g. solar panels, water conservation, creating shade, reducing heat reflection and absorption). Improves resilience to natural disaster events.			
Safety	1	Potentially introduces a new safety hazard.			20%
	3	No safety benefit.			
	5	The project removes a safety hazard or improves safety.			
					100%

Facilities

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation				Weighting
Environmental and/or Public Health Impact	Projects will contribute to the natural and built environment and improve public health outcomes.				
	1	Very Low Contribution/Improvement			10%
	2	Low Impact Contribution/Improvement			
	3	Medium Impact Contribution/Improvement			
	4	High Impact Contribution/Improvement			
	5	Very High Impact Contribution/Improvement			
Utilisation	Assessing the use of the facility. (Average number of people per year with consideration to the community size and the purpose of the facility)				15%
	1	Very Low			
	2	Low			
	3	Medium			
	4	High			
	5	Very High			
Whole of Life Cost	Renew our existing assets before improving service levels to reduce Whole of Life Cost (WOLC) impact on our annual budget.				30%
	1	Expansion of Facilities portfolio - new facility.			
	2	Upgrade or expansion of a facility to improve service level to the community.			
	3	Renewal and proactive upgrade to protect existing facility where deterioration is commencing.			
	4	Renewal and upgrade to protect existing facility where significant deterioration has occurred and is impacting on safety.			
	5	100% renewal of existing facility.			
Functionality and Condition (use the highest score)	Ability to perform its primary function		Condition		30%
	1	Very Good	1	Approximately 0 - 20% of useful life consumed.	
	2	Good	2	Approximately 20 - 40% of useful life consumed.	
	3	Fair	3	Approximately 40 - 60% of useful life consumed.	
	4	Poor	4	Approximately 60 - 80% of useful life consumed.	
	5	Very Poor/Unsafe	5	80 - 100% of useful life consumed.	
Strategic Significance	Strategic Significance of building to the Council.				15%
	1	Supplementary	Does not provide a public focus for Council, and is not a key area for Council activities.		
	2	Secondary	Does not provide a public focus for the Council.		
	3	Standard	Provides a regular public focus for the Council.		
	4	Intermediate	Provides an important public focus for the Council.		
	5	Premium	Provides a key public focus for the Council, and is a defining icon of Council service.		
					100%

Aerodromes

Criteria	Rating/Interpretation			Weighting
Risk	What would happen if Council did nothing? Risk assessed with Likelihood and Consequence rating using ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management Standard.			40%
	1	Low	Manage by routine procedures.	
	2	Moderate	Planned action required (i.e. Make safe and include in forward programs).	
	3	Significant	Prioritised action required (i.e. Make safe and program in current/next program).	
	4	Extreme	Immediate Corrective Action required.	
Condition	Condition of the current asset.			30%
	1	Very Good	Excellent physical condition, observable deterioration is insignificant. No adverse service reports.	
	2	Good	Observation or testing indicates that asset is meeting all service requirements. Minor deterioration observed.	
	3	Fair	Moderate deterioration evident. Minor components or isolated sections need replacement or repair now but not affecting short term structural integrity.	
	4	Poor	Serious deterioration and significant defects affecting structural integrity. Asset is now moving into zone of failure.	
	5	Very Poor/Unsafe	Failed or failure imminent. Immediate need to replace most or all of asset.	
Functionality	Ability to perform its primary function.			30%
	1	Very Good		
	2	Good		
	3	Fair		
	4	Poor		
	5	Very Poor/Unsafe		
				100%

9.3 BIOSECURITY PLAN - AMENDMENT

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Attachments: **1. Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan 2025-2030 (Amended)** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the recent amendments to the Queensland *Biosecurity Act 2014* and the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016* which commenced on 27 April 2026. As a result of these changes, Council was required to review and update its Community Biosecurity Plan (the "Plan") to ensure references, local priority species and emerging threats align with current legislation.

The review identified the need for technical amendments but no material changes to Council's or the community's responsibilities, the scope of the Plan or its management priorities. Accordingly, the revised Plan is presented as an amendment to the existing Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the amended 'Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan 2025-2030'.

BACKGROUND

The Queensland *Biosecurity Act 2014* (the "*Act*) establishes the framework for managing biosecurity risks across Queensland. The Act imposes obligations on individuals, organisations and local governments to manage and minimise risks associated with invasive plants, pest animals, diseases and contaminants.

On 27 April 2026, amendments to the *Biosecurity Regulation 2016* (the "*Regulation*") commenced, changing how prohibited and restricted matter is administered throughout Queensland.

The primary purpose of the amendments is to improve the State's capacity to respond more effectively to emerging biosecurity threats by enabling faster updates to declared pest, weed and disease listings through subordinate legislation rather than requiring amendment to the *Act* itself.

Historically, prohibited and restricted biosecurity matter classifications were embedded within the *Act* and amended infrequently. Under the new legislative framework, prohibited and restricted matter is now administered through the *Regulation*, allowing the Queensland Government to amend listings relating to pests, weeds, animal diseases and contaminants more rapidly in response to emerging biosecurity risks.

The most significant reform is the relocation of the **Schedule 1 (prohibited matter)** and **Schedule 2 (restricted matter)** lists from the *Act* into the *Regulation*. This means regulated pests, weeds, pathogens and diseases are no longer fixed in primary legislation and can be amended more quickly through subordinate regulation. Specific changes relevant to Mareeba Shire, and the Community Biosecurity Plan are outlined below.

Amazon frogbit *Amazon frogbit (Hydrocharis laevigata syn. Limnobium laevigatum)*

Is now categorised as:

- Category 3 *(must not be disturbed or released into the environment)*
- Category 5 *(must not possess or keep)*

Council has previously listed Amazon frogbit within its local laws thereby enabling Council to issue Biosecurity Orders, which was required as Amazon frogbit was not previously categorised under the *Act*.

White ball acacia *Acaciella angustissima category (2, 3 ,4, 5)*

Acaciella's in Queensland are no longer scheduled as prohibited, allowing landholders to manage plants for the purpose of control work (new alert species for Mareeba Shire).

Parramatta grass *(Sporobolus africanus) category (3)*

- all three (3) weedy Sporobolus now listed as Category 3 restricted matter
- makes it easier to deliver compliance as now same Category 3 restricted matter for *S. africanus, S. pyramidalis* and *S. fertilis*
- no longer require herbarium sample to distinguish for compliance programs
- generally, been grouping them in biosecurity plans

Wild dogs

Dog and dingo have been separated within the schedule.

- **dog (*Canis familiaris*), other than a domestic dog category (3, 4, 6)**
- **dingo (*Canis familiaris*) categories (3, 4, 5, 6)**

With the removal of category 5, for a domestic dog.

The amendments do not alter the General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO), which applies to all persons, including local governments, businesses, landholders and members of the community. Everyone has a legal obligation to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise biosecurity risks associated with their activities. For Council, this includes risks arising from council-controlled activities and the use of contractors.

While the amendments do not materially change legislative obligations under the General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO), they introduce a more agile regulatory environment that may require more frequent operational, planning and compliance responses by Council.

As a result of the legislative changes, Council reviewed the Plan to ensure it remains consistent with legislative requirements and that local priority species and emerging biosecurity threats are appropriately addressed. The review identified the need for technical amendments but no material changes to Council's or the community's responsibilities, the scope of the Plan or its management priorities. Accordingly, the revised Plan is presented as an amendment to the existing Plan rather than as a new plan.

Consultation

Consultation with the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) and Far North Queensland Region of Council's, Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee (FNQROC NAMAC) were undertaken to ensure the legislative changes were understood and communicated among the relevant agencies.

As the amendments are technical in nature and do not materially change the Plan's scope, management priorities or the responsibilities of Council or the community, further community consultation is not required.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

By relocating prohibited and restricted biosecurity matter into the Regulation, the State can update pest and disease listings more quickly in response to emerging threats.

For regional and rural councils, this creates heightened exposure to:

- invasive weeds along road reserves and stock routes
- pest animals affecting agricultural areas
- emerging plant and livestock diseases
- contaminated soil and vegetation movement
- aquatic pest risks affecting waterways and dams

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* requires a Council to adopt a Biosecurity Plan by resolution following community consultation, having regard to the level of appropriate consultation and any submissions made.

The Plan is non-prescriptive, aimed at providing guidance and tools for the management of Invasive plants and animals within the Mareeba Shire Council local government area. There is a focus general biosecurity obligation which means that everyone is responsible for managing pest plants and animals that are under their control or that they know about or should reasonably be expected to know about.

As a result of the legislative changes, the Plan may require more frequent updates in future, as changes occur to prohibited and restricted matter.

Potential changes include:

- more regular revisions to local pest priorities and alert species
- enhanced mapping and surveillance programs
- closer coordination with local producers and state agencies
- increased community awareness campaigns

This increases the importance of proactive monitoring, contractor controls, machinery hygiene, roadside management and responsive local biosecurity planning.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Consultation for the 'Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan 2025-2030' was undertaken via Council website, social & traditional media and PMAC, prior to endorsement 17 December 2025. As the amendments are technical in nature and do not materially change the Plan's scope, management priorities or the responsibilities of Council or the community, further community consultation was not required.

The updated Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan for 2025-2030 and Snapshot will be published to Council's website.

Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan

2025 - 2030

Amended: October 2026

Amendment record

Version #	Summary of changes	Date of adoption
1	Biosecurity Plan 2020-2025	17/12/2025
1.1	Minor amendments to plan due to changes in the Biosecurity Act 2014 & the Biosecurity Regulations 2016.	28/10/2026



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Acronyms

BSO	Biosecurity Security Order
DAF	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
DNRME	Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy
FNQROC	Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils
HEV	High Environmental Value
MSC	Mareeba Shire Council
MSCBP	Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan
MLGA	Mareeba Local Government Area
NAMAC	Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NTWEP	National Tropical Weed Eradication Program
PMAC	Pest Management Advisory Committee
WONS	Weeds of National Significance

1 Biosecurity Plan and Overview

The aim of the Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan (2025–2030) is to bring together efforts from all sectors of the local community by providing a cohesive framework for effective and targeted biosecurity management within the Mareeba Local Government Area (MLGA).

The Plan uses a risk-based approach to.

- Assist in the prioritisation of resources to manage invasive plants and animals.
- Develop management strategies for high priority invasive plants and animals which occur, or might occur, within the MLGA.
- Provide management outcomes for specific high priority species; and
- Provide for the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment and liveability of the MLGA.

The plan complements existing key projects and programs delivered in collaboration with the community, organisations, and various partnerships. These initiatives aim to promote biosecurity awareness and enhance the local community's understanding, with a focus on the identification, control, and eradication of invasive plants and animals.

The Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) facilitated the Biosecurity risk assessment process using the State Biosecurity planning framework and assists in developing the action plans for the priority species.

The risk assessment and planning framework was used to develop action plans for invasive species control recommendations.

These action plans have been developed with consideration of management priorities, known species distribution, feasibility, and achievability. They also consider existing and potential impacts on key biosecurity considerations within the MLGA, including human health, social amenity, the economy, and the environment.

In addition, the plan outlines species management responsibilities across individuals, agencies, and organisations, while providing landholders with strategic guidance and practical tools to help prioritise the management of invasive plants and animals.

Vision

A community united in managing biosecurity risks to the Mareeba Local Government Area

2 Introduction

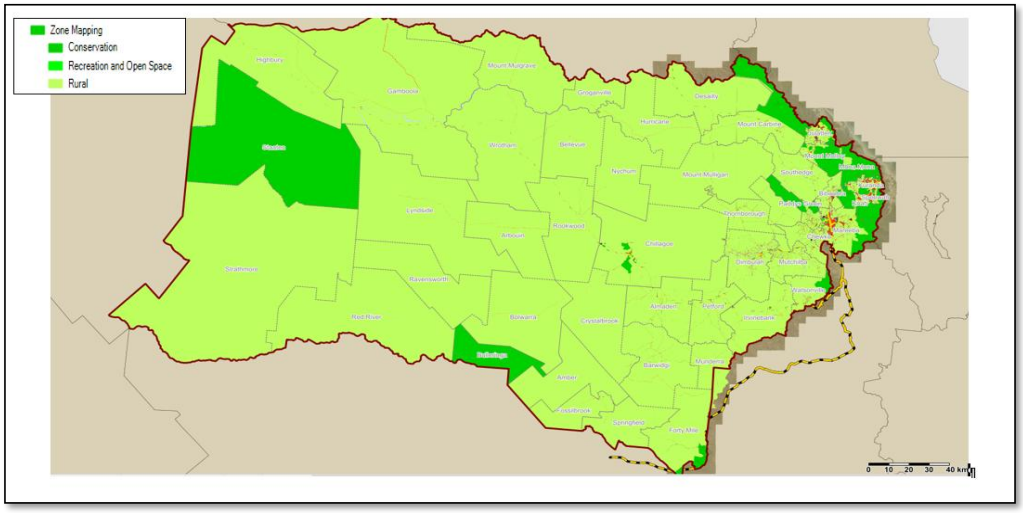
Mareeba Shire is located on the Northern Tablelands which supports a great diversity of regional ecosystems and environmentally sensitive areas. It straddles the three bioregions of the Wet Tropics, the Einasleigh Uplands and Cape York.

The MLGA contains important landscape linkages for biodiversity of tropical rainforests, open eucalypt woodlands and dry savannah country, including a network of important riparian corridors and waterways.[1]

[1] http://plan.northerngulf.com.au/northerntablelands/

3 Protecting the Regions Assets and Environment

The Mareeba Shire stretches across the base of Cape York Peninsula and comprises rural and remote agricultural communities in an area of 53,491km2,[2] approximating the size of Tasmania. The MLGA had an estimated resident population of 24,003 as of 30 June 2024.[3]



Map 1 Mareeba shire council local government area

3.1 Protecting Agricultural Lands

Mareeba's agriculture sector generates employment, income and business growth and positions the MLGA as the key contributor to making the Far North region the third largest fruit producing region in Australia[4]. It is important for landholders and key stakeholders to have a collaborative approach when setting priorities for invasive plants and animal management on affected properties.

3.2 Protecting our Inland Waters and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

The MLGA inland waterways (rivers, creeks, and wetlands) have an inherent value to the broader community, environment and the economy. These waterways are unique and form part of an inland water system flowing both to the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Great Barrier Reef.



Photo 1 Chillagoe Creek, Chillagoe



Photo 2 Removal of Amazon Frobit by Cleanco - Barron River, Kuranda

[2] Compiled and presented in economy.id®. http://economy.id.com.au/fnqroc

[3] profile.id.com.au/fnqroc/population-estimate

[4] Cunningham-Reid. A., Mareeba Shire Demographic and Socioeconomic Profile 2018

When managed effectively, healthy inland waters can sustain their environmental, economic, cultural, and recreational benefits while also safeguarding the aquatic and ecological biodiversity they support. Proper stewardship ensures that these freshwater systems continue to provide clean water, habitat for native species, opportunities for cultural connection, and spaces for recreation and tourism.

3.3 Protecting Community, Residential and Tourism Values

MSC recognises that sustainability extends beyond caring for the natural environment and physical assets. It also involves understanding and addressing the social and economic impacts of our actions as a community.

Providing the community with residential spaces, parklands and gardens, is an important part of the MLGA, it's where people live, work and relax, whilst being able to continue the connections between people, culture and nature.



Photo 3 Kuranda Walking Tail from Barron Falls

The MLGA area is rich in history, with picturesque landscapes attracting locals and tourists to visit the region, which is reflected by relatively high visitor and international worker population, further supporting the local economy.

The implementation of this plan will assist in contributing to the long-term protection of the local environment, ecosystems and attractions, by working with the community and stakeholders to keep the environment free from invasive plants and animals for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

3.4 Engaging with Stakeholders

The plan recognises the importance of a collaborative approach between key stakeholders and community organisations involved in the management of invasive plants and animals in the MLGA.

The aim of biosecurity engagement is to capture concepts, principles, ideas and share information for the planning and management of invasive plants and animals; and to

- Build relationships with an emphasis on community engagement.
- Determine goals, management and resourcing; and
- Monitoring of projects and programs.



Figure 1 Collaborative Network of Stakeholders

4 Queensland Biosecurity Act

The Queensland Biosecurity Act 2014 (the Act) requires each local government in Queensland to produce a Biosecurity Plan that prioritises invasive plants and animals, ensuring that the highest priority species are targeted and managed. Both prohibited and restricted matter lists are now listed in the Queensland Biosecurity Regulations 2016.

The Act provides guidance on the management of non-native plants and animal species and uses the term 'biosecurity matter' to describe all non-human living things. Biosecurity matter is divided into prohibited matter and restricted matter.

Under the Act, local governments are only required to consider 'Prohibited' or 'Restricted' invasive plants and animals within the biosecurity plan.

However, other invasive plants and animals which may have the potential to impact the local government area can also be considered, these can include invasive plants and animals such as exotic (not native to Australia) or native species which are not naturally occurring within the MLGA area.

4.1 Local Government Laws

Locally declared pests can be managed either under Council's Local Laws or through a Biosecurity Order under the Biosecurity Act 2014. These measures give Council the ability to work with landholders to ensure pests are controlled and do not spread. This helps protect local farming, the environment, and the wider community from the impacts of invasive plants and animals.

4.1.1 Categories of restricted matter

Restricted matter is divided into seven categories (Table 1), each outlining requirements to reduce, control, or contain its spread and impacts.

Table 1 Restricted invasive matter biosecurity obligations

Restricted Invasive Biosecurity Matter (invasive plants and animals)	
Prohibited matter	Prohibited matter refers to species not yet established in Queensland but capable of harming health, amenity, the economy, or the environment. Everyone including residents, visitors, businesses, and community groups must stay informed and take steps to prevent its entry and spread
Restricted matter	Restricted matter is biosecurity matter already present in Queensland that threatens health, amenity, the economy, or the environment. It must be managed to limit impacts and prevent its spread to uninfested areas.

Reporting Requirements	Examples
Category 1 and 2 **You must report** Call Biosecurity Queensland immediately (Category 1) or within 24 Hours (Category 2)	Includes: electric ants, Asian honeybees, certain animal and aquatic diseases, certain noxious fish, invasive plants and animals such red-eared slider turtle.
Category 3 **Must not be distributed.** This means it must not be released into the environment unless the distribution or disposal is authorised by a regulation or under a permit**.**	Includes all invasive plants and animals where deliberate distribution or disposal is a key source of spread of invasive plants, animals and noxious fish.
Category 4 **You must not move** This is to prevent the spread into other areas of the state.	Includes specific invasive plants and animals, such as noxious fish, feral pigs.
Category 5 **You must not possess or keep** Unless you have a permit under the Biosecurity Act 2014 or another act.	Invasive plants and animals and noxious fish e.g. miconia, rabbits and carp.
Category 6 **You must not feed** Except for the purpose of preparing for or undertaking a control program.	Invasive animals such as feral deer, rabbits, wild dogs and noxious fish such as carp, and tilapia.
Category 7 **Must be humanely killed and disposed of to prevent spread** Must be destroyed and disposed of as soon as practicable *(generally limited to noxious fish)*	Noxious fish such as carp and tilapia.

More information on prohibited plants and animals is available at:

https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land-management/health-pests-weeds-diseases/weeds-diseases/invasive-plants/prohibited

4.2 General Biosecurity Obligation

The General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) is one of the core principles of the Biosecurity Act and represents a major shift in thinking – from prescriptive to outcome-based management. This means that everyone has a responsibility for managing biosecurity risks.

4.3 Biosecurity Risks and Biosecurity Events

Responsibilities under the GBO, biosecurity risks and biosecurity events are determined by the following[5]

A biosecurity risk is the risk that exists when you deal with:

- any pest, disease or contaminant.
- something that could carry a pest, disease or contaminant (e.g. animals, plants, soil, equipment—known as 'carriers').

A biosecurity event is an event that:

- has, or may have, a significant harmful effect on human health, social amenity, the economy, or the environment; and
- is caused by a pest, disease or contaminant.

4.4 Biosecurity Risks

The GBO is an overarching obligation that requires all persons who deal with biosecurity matter, or a carrier, to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise the risk. However, the obligation only arises when the person *knows or ought reasonably to know* that the biosecurity matter, carrier or activity poses or is likely to pose a biosecurity risk.

For example:[6]

- A commercial grower should stay informed about the pests and diseases that could affect or be carried by crops, as well as invasive plants and animals that could be on the property.
- A livestock owner should stay informed about pests and diseases that could affect or be carried by animals, as well as invasive plants animals that could be on the property.
- A landowner should stay informed about the invasive plant's animals (such as wild dogs) that could be on the property.
- For the transportation of agricultural produce, checks should be made as to whether the activity could pose a risk for the spread of diseases or pests.
- For areas where people live or work in a high biosecurity zone (e.g. a builder or developer might be in the fire ant biosecurity zone), the requirements of what precautions need to be made for the controls of what cannot be moved into and out of the zone need to be taken into consideration; and
- A residential gardener should know about the biosecurity risks that might affect their plants.

4.5 What are reasonable and practical steps?

The steps that are considered reasonable and practical will vary depending on the situation and the risks involved. Key factors include:

- How likely an activity is to pose a risk, the more likely it is, the more action is required.
- How harmful an activity could be (e.g. whether it could cause human deaths, extensive productivity losses or other significant economic or community losses.
- How much the person managing the activity knows, or should reasonably be expected to know, about the risk (e.g. how dangerous it is and how it is spread);

[5] https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/policy-legislation-regulation/biosecurity-act-2014/general-biosecurity-obligation

[6] https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/policy-legislation-regulation/biosecurity-act-2014/general-biosecurity-obligation

- What methods are available to minimise the risk (e.g. equipment and work practices.

Information is widely available on reasonable and practical steps that can be taken to meet the GBO for many common pests and diseases (e.g. on government and industry websites).

4.6 Measures to Reduce Biosecurity Risks

In most cases, biosecurity risks can be reduced by following simple steps. For example.

Manage pests (e.g. invasive plants and wild dogs) and diseases that could have negative impacts on neighbouring properties.

- Carefully examine animals before moving them. Moving animals will pose a biosecurity risk if they are carrying pests or diseases that could adversely affect the environment or agricultural industries. Check for animal diseases that could be spread by contact with other animals, and for invasive plant seeds.
- Closely inspect pot plants and potting mix before taking them home. They will pose a biosecurity risk if they are carrying yellow crazy ants or electric ants, or plant pests, invasive plants or diseases that are not already present in a suburb or area.

5 Biosecurity Planning

5.1 Landowners Property Planning

Landowners are encouraged to, and benefit from, preparing Pest Management Plans for land under their control.

Benefits of planning:[7]

- Property owners are encouraged to effectively control invasive plants and animals.
- Comply with invasive plant and animal laws in Queensland.
- Integrate control activities and other components of a property plan.
- Coordinate control activities with neighbours.
- Improve efficiency by ensuring control activities are prioritised and resources are used at optimal times.
- Monitor how well control activities are working.
- Report progress to funding bodies and local governments.

Other control methods include:

- Provide and maintain access for pest control programs.
- Participate in baiting and trapping programs.
- Reduce priority invasive plants.
- Develop a property pest management plan and when required, a farm biosecurity plan.

For more information on pest management plans contact Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on; 132523 or visit their website. https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/pest-management-planning/develop-plan

[7] ww.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/land-management/health-pests-weeds-diseases/weeds-diseases/controlling-weeds/planning

Table 2 Examples of Obligations and Actions which landholders could consider

	Reasonable and Practicable Actions
Action Plan Primary Producers (Horticulture)	Regularly check crops, orchards, and nurseries for unusual pests, weeds, or diseases
	Keep machinery, vehicles, bins, and tools clean before moving them on or off the property.
	Use clean, certified planting material and buy from trusted suppliers.
	Set up simple on-farm biosecurity measures like visitor sign-in, wash-down areas, and clear farm signage.
	Actively manage weeds and pest animals on your land.
	Keep records of chemical use, pest treatments, and plant/produce movement.
	Train staff and contractors on how to spot and handle biosecurity risks.
	Report anything unusual (new pests, diseases, or weeds) as soon as possible.
	Implement trapping and baiting programs for pest animals (e.g., feral cats, rabbits, wild dogs, pigs).
	Develop a property pest management plan and/or a farm biosecurity plan**.** Install pest-appropriate fencing
	Reasonable and Practicable Actions
Action Plan Primary Producers: (Grazing)	Regularly check livestock for signs of pests, diseases, or unusual behaviour.
	Keep fences, watering points, and feed storage areas well maintained to reduce pest and weed risks.
	Maintain good livestock records, including movements, treatments, and purchases.
	Quarantine new or returning stock before mixing with the main herd.
	Manage declared weeds and pest animals on grazing land.
	Clean vehicles, machinery, and equipment before moving them on or off the property.
	Train staff and contractors on farm biosecurity practices.
	Report unusual pests, diseases, or suspected prohibited matter immediately.
	Develop a property pest management plan and/or a farm biosecurity plan**.** Install pest-appropriate fencing.
	Reasonable and Practicable Actions
Action Plan Landholders Fruit Production	Regularly inspect fruit trees and crops for unusual pests, diseases, or weeds.
	Keep harvest bins, machinery, vehicles, and tools clean before moving them on or off the property.
	Source clean, certified planting stock and rootstock from trusted suppliers.
	Implement orchard biosecurity measures such as visitor sign-in, hygiene stations, and restricted access to production areas.
	Manage declared weeds and pest animals on the property and around orchards.
	Prune and dispose of plant waste correctly to avoid spreading pests and diseases.
	Keep accurate records of chemical use, pest treatments, and fruit movement
	Train family, staff, and contractors to recognise and respond to biosecurity risks.
	Report any unusual pests, diseases, or suspected restricted matter immediately.
Action Plan Nursery Industry and Plant Sellers	**Reasonable and Practicable Actions**
	Inspect plants regularly for signs of pests, diseases, or unusual growth before sale or distribution.
	Only source stock and propagation material from clean, reputable suppliers
	Keep production areas, benches, tools, and pots clean and free from soil or plant debris.
	Quarantine and monitor new or returning plants before mixing with existing stock.
	Clearly label plants and maintain traceability records of where stock was sourced and sold for major supplies.
	Train staff to recognise biosecurity risks and apply hygiene practices when handling plants.
	Manage weeds and pest animals around nursery sites and retail outlets.
	Report unusual pests, diseases, or suspected restricted matter immediately.

Action Plan Landholders ***(Rural Residential, Lifestyle, Urban Residential)***	**Reasonable and Practicable Actions**
	Regularly inspect your property, gardens, and yards for unusual pests, weeds, or plant diseases.
	Maintain fences, garden beds, and water points to reduce pest and weed habitat.
	Only source plants, seeds, and animals from reputable suppliers.
	Dispose of garden waste responsibly, such as through council green waste collection or composting, to avoid spreading pests.
	Manage weeds and pest animals on your property, including rabbits, feral pigs, deer or invasive plants.
	Implement trapping and baiting programs for pest animals (e.g., feral cats, rabbits, wild dogs, pigs).
	Train household members or staff (if applicable) to recognise and respond to biosecurity risks.
	Report unusual pests, diseases, or suspected prohibited matter to council or Biosecurity Queensland immediate.
	Maintain clean tools, equipment, and vehicles that move on and off the property.
	Reasonable and Practicable Actions
Action Plan Road Corridor & infrastructure managers & Contractors ***(Road & Rail, Power & Communications, Water & Sewage Network)***	Responsibility for transporting clean equipment to and from the site, ensuring that all machinery, vehicles, and tools are free of weeds, soil, seeds, and other contaminants to prevent the spread of pests, diseases, and invasive species
	Completion of the Weed Declaration Form as part of site requirements, providing a formal record of inspection and cleaning in line with environmental regulations, landholder conditions, and project-specific weed management protocol
	Consultation with Council officers in identified high-risk weed areas prior to commencing works to confirm requirements, obtain necessary approvals, and ensure compliance with local weed management protocols.
Action of Developers	**Reasonable and Practicable Actions**
	Monitor and comply with applicable biosecurity restrictions and movement controls, within the local government area.
	Implement controls to prevent the spread of invasive plants, animals, pests and diseases during development activities.
	Manage soil, fill, topsoil, mulch, vegetation and waste materials to prevent the spread of biosecurity risks.
	Clean vehicles, machinery and equipment where there is a risk of transferring pests or contaminants.
	Consult with relevant authorities regarding the disposal and movement and restrictions for contaminated materials.
	Report newly identified priority pests prohibited matter or restricted matter to the relevant authority.
	Select and manage landscaping materials and species in accordance with applicable legislation, local government requirements and local design standards.
	Comply with local government biosecurity plans, requirements and directions from biosecurity officers.
Action Plan Local Government (MSC)	Regularly engage with stakeholders on education and awareness on pest species
	Risk assessment on priority species
	Pest management control and surveillance
	Vehicle and equipment hygiene is maintained
	Data collection of infestations
	Pest management and treatment in line with pest risk on Council land
	Provide community assistance and education programs to support pest management
	Prioritise pest weed and animal management with achievable outcomes
	Develop and implement best practise for roadside slashing weed hygiene

5.2 Failing to Comply General Biosecurity Obligations

Failing to comply with the Act could result in a biosecurity officer or MSC Land Protection Officer issuing a Biosecurity Order requiring specific action to be taken within a reasonable timeframe [8]. This formal compliance action ensures an individual, business or other organisation improves the way they manage biosecurity risks.

6 Local Government Area Collaboration

In recognition of the vast spaces and limited resources available community wide, MSC actively collaborates in managing biosecurity risks across the MLGA and participates in several groups to share information and efficiently deploy resources, such as (PMAC), neighbouring councils and (FNQROC).

6.1 Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC)

The purpose of MSC's PMAC to provide expert advice to Council on community biosecurity matters to assist Council and advise on emerging pest management issues and projects.

PMAC also

1. Advise on the preparation and review of the Mareeba Shire Community Biosecurity Plan.
2. Provide advice on prioritising invasive plant and animal species, including emerging species, to plan for management strategies and resource requirements.
3. Provide a forum to share knowledge and collaborate on invasive species management, control and sustainable environmental solutions including site rehabilitation, restoration and revegetation.
4. Identify and advise on funding and partnership opportunities for resourcing and cost sharing.
5. Provide expert advice on other matters as referred to the PMAC Committee by the Council regarding Biosecurity.

6.2 Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC)

FNQROC has facilitated the establishment of several committees. To assist in the collaboration of information and resources between Council's resulting in the distribution of action plans targeted at priority species.[9]

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee (NAMAC) is one of the established committees, which is actively involved in pest management, landscape repair and restoration, biodiversity conservation and general landscape management.[10] Local governments work together with key stakeholders and partners to provide the community with information on best practice land and invasive species management.

7 Priority Invasive Plants and Animals in the MLGA

Tables 3 and 4 provide a list of invasive plants and animals which are either found in or may affect the MLGA. Action plans have been developed for priority invasive species listed in Table 3. These action plans are located at the back of this plan.

[8] www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/policy-legislation-regulation/biosecurity-act-2014/general-biosecurity-obligation

[9] https://www.fnqroc.qld.gov.au/

Table 3 MSC priority and other invasive species listing

Species Common Name	Biosecurity Act 2014Categories Categories							Invasive Plant Programs and Classifications **WONS- Weeds of National significance NTWEP – National Tropical Weed Eradication Program**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Priority Species List								
Amazon frogbit			3		5			WONS
Bellyache bush			3					WONS
Gamba grass			3					
Giant rats tail grass			3					
Giant sensitive plant			3					WONS
Hymenachne			3					
Kosters Curse		2	3	4	5			
Lions tail								
Miconia species		2	3	4	5			NTWEP
Parkinsonia			3					
Parthenium			3					WONS
Rubber vine			3					WONS
Salvinia			3					
Siam weed			3					
Sickle pod			3					
Thunbergia species			3					WONS
Water hyacinth			3					WONS
Water lettuce			3					WONS
Electric Ants	1							
Cat *(other than a domestic cat)*			3	4		6		
Feral pig			3	4		6		
Rabbit								
Deer species			3	4		6		
Dog *(other than a domestic dog)*			3	4		6		
Dingo			3	4	5	6		
Other Invasive Plants and Animals List								
Aleman grass Pest fact								-
African tulip Pest fact			3					-
Agave Pest fact								
Buddleia			-					-
Broad-leaved privet Pest fact			3					-
Camphor laurel Pest fact			3					-
Cats claw creeper Pest fact			3					WONS
Calotrope Pest fact			-					-
Cestrum			-					-
Cherry guava			-					-
Chinese privet Pest fact			3					-
Chinee apple Pest fact			3					-
Coffee			-					-
Coral bush			-					-
Grader grass Weblink			-					-
Giant bramble Pest fact			-					-
Guava Pest fact			-					-
Himalayan magnolia			-					-
Japanese sunflower Pest fact			-					-
Lantana Pest fact			3					WONS
Leucaena Pest fact			-					-

Species Common Name	Biosecurity Act 2014Categories Categories							Invasive Plant Programs and Classifications WONS- Weeds of National significance NTWEP – National Tropical Weed Eradication Program
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Madeira vine Pest fact			3					WONS
Navua sedge Pest fact			-					-
Parkinsonia Pest fact			3					WONS
Prickly acacia Pest fact			3					WONS
Singapore daisy Pest fact			3					-
Thatch grass			-					-
Tobacco weed Pest fact			3					
Turbina vine Pest fact			-					-
Wynn cassia			-					-
Yellow oleander Pest fact			3					-
Thatch grass								-
Tobacco weed								-
Cane toad Pest fact								
Eastern gambusia Pest fact			3	4	5	6		
Indian myna Pest fact								
Tilapia Pest fact			3	4	5	6		

8 Key Projects and Programs

The following key projects and programs are active across the MLGA and highlight the partnerships and programs that are currently underway and may be continued for the duration of this plan. The seven projects and programs for the MLGA have been determined in consultation with key stakeholders with the aim of establishing management goals, performance indicators and outcomes.

These key projects and programs have been established over several years, with the aim of removal and eradication of invasive plants and animals, with the assistance of community groups; local industries and businesses.

Table 4 Key projects and programs for invasive plants and animals

Jatropha (Physic, and Bellyache Bush & Rubber vine)	
Management Goal	Strategic and staged removal from Irvinebank to the Walsh River Junction.
Performance Indicator	Staged removal from upper tributaries.
Strategic Actions	• Reduce infestation in the Emu Creek area. • Survey lower Mitchell Flats to protect the adjoining waterway catchments • To locate and control infestations. • Promote individual landholders and other departments to control target plants and monitor for recurrence. • Facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks, with landholders in high-risk areas. • Identify funding opportunities to assist in all the above programs.
Project Partners	Mareeba Shire Council, Southern Gulf Catchments NRM, Mitchell River Watershed Management Group, Landholders, Australian Native Bee Research Group, Australian Agriculture Colleges Corporation, Biosecurity Queensland, Traditional Owners, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

Gamba Grass containment and eradication	
Management Goal	Management and containment
Performance Indicator	Prevention of spread and containment of infestations. Management of plantings on private lands, and community engagement and awareness.
Strategic Actions	• Remove gamba grass from western catchments of the upper Walsh. • To ensure that infestations located are controlled. • Promote individual landholders and other departments to control target plants on their lands and monitor for recurrence. • Facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks with landholders. Identify funding opportunities to assist in all the above programs. • Roadside control to reduce the spread.
Project Partners	Mareeba Shire Council, Landholders, Tablelands Regional Council, Cook Shire Council, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Mitchell River Watershed Management Group, Biosecurity Queensland and FNQROC

Parthenium - Parthenium detection and removal	
Management Goal	Strategic surveillance, detection and removal of incursions across entire MLGA.
Performance Indicator	Detection and removal of incursions and introductions of Parthenium, new incursions mapped, and monitoring of historical sites.
Strategic Actions	• To ensure that all incursions are located and controlled. • Promote individual landholders and other departments on their lands and monitor for recurrence at controlled sites. • Facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks with landholders in high-risk areas. • Identify funding opportunities to assist in all the above programs.
Project Partners	Mareeba Shire Council, Landholders, Mitchell River Watershed Management Group, Local Bushwalking Clubs, Biosecurity Queensland, FNQROC.

Siam Weed Eradication	
Management Goal	Map and containment of Siam Weed from the Gibb and Emu Creek, and Rifle Creek, Mt Molloy, Watsonville, Mt Carbine and Dimbulah.
Performance Indicator	All new incursions detected and controlled
Strategic Actions	• Revisits and monitoring to monitor seed bank. • Promote individual landholders and other departments on their lands and monitor populations and impacts of target pest. • Facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks with landholders in high-risk areas.
Project Partners	Mareeba Shire Council, Landholders, Biosecurity Queensland, Mitchell River Watershed Management Group, FNQROC.

National tropical weed eradication program, - (Mikania vine and Miconia spp.)	
Management Goal	In partnership with the Nation tropical weed eradication program to locate and control all infestations within the MLGA with the aim to eradicate.
Performance Indicator	Surveys completed within management areas, all target invasive plants located mapped and treated with no reproductive events.
Strategic Actions	• Participate in survey and control program. • To ensure that all infestations located are controlled prior to seeding. • Assist or facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks with landholders in high-risk areas.
Project Partners	National Tropical Weed Eradication program, Mareeba Shire Council, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

Animal Pest Specific Programs

Feral pigs and wild dogs, coordinated baiting programs	
Management Goal	Deliver coordinated programs to reduce population and impacts through selective baiting and trapping.
Performance Indicator	Reduction of impacts from feral pigs or dogs on primary industry and environment, reduction of feral pig or wild dog numbers, successful delivery of selective baiting and trapping to minimise impacts.
Strategic Actions	• To ensure that all landholders in management area participate/contribute to programs. • Promote individual landholders and other departments on their lands to monitor populations and impacts of target pest. • Facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks with landholders in high-risk areas. • Feral pig traps to reduce impacts in peri urban areas.
Project Partners	Mareeba Shire Council, Landholders, Biosecurity Queensland.

Feral Deer	
Management Goal	Map distribution of feral deer in the shire
Performance Indicator	Mapping of populations.
Strategic Actions	• To ensure that all landholders participate/contribute to programs. • Promote individual landholders and other departments on their lands to monitor populations and impacts of target pest. • Facilitate public awareness programs such as displays at local field days and run awareness talks with landholders in high-risk areas. • Control isolated deer populations.
Project Partners	Mareeba Shire Council, Landholders, Biosecurity Queensland, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

8.1 Key objectives and actions

This table summarises the Plan's objectives and the results they are intended to achieve through coordinated action.

Table 5 Key objectives and outcomes

Key objectives	Key Objectives
1.	• The introduction, establishment and spread of invasive plants and animals are prevented.
2.	• Stakeholders are committed to and undertake coordinated management of invasive plants and animals.
3.	• Strategic directions are established, maintained and owned by stakeholders.
4.	• Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and have ownership of invasive plant and animal management
5.	• Integrated systems for managing the impacts of established invasive plants and animals are developed and widely implemented

Action Plan: - The introduction, establishment and spread of invasive plants and animals are prevented					
Desired Outcome 1	**Issue**	**Strategic Objective**	**Strategic Action**	**Success Criteria**	**Success Indicators**
Introduction of invasive plants and animals is prevented through strong biosecurity systems.	Pathways such as trade, transport, and movement of soil, machinery, and plants enable new species to enter.	Identify, monitor, and manage key pathways to prevent invasive species from entering the region.	• Strengthen compliance and enforcement of biosecurity regulations.	• Reduced risk of invasive plants and animals entering the region.	• Number of inspections and compliance checks. • Adoption rate of hygiene practices.
Spread of invasive plants and animals is detected early and contained.	New incursions may spread quickly without rapid detection and response.	Maintain surveillance and rapid response protocols.	• Provide information sessions on invasive species identification.	• Early detection and containment actions are effective. • Incursions are eradicated before widespread establishment.	• Number of community/industry reports. • Response time from detection to action. • Incursions successfully contained or eradicated.
Community and industry actively support invasive species prevention.	Low awareness and engagement increase the risk of spread.	Enhance awareness, capacity, and participation in biosecurity measures.	• Run community awareness campaigns. • Deliver information sessions and workshops. • Encourage reporting to relevant authorities.	• Community and industry participation in prevention. • Improved knowledge and proactive biosecurity practices	• Number of campaigns and workshops delivered. • Participation levels. • Number of reports received.

Action Plan: Stakeholders are committed to and undertake coordinated management of invasive plants and animals					
Desired Outcome 2	**Issue**	**Strategic Objective**	**Strategic Action**	**Success Criteria**	**Success Indicators**
Stakeholders demonstrate long-term commitment to pest and weed management.	Competing priorities (e.g., production vs. conservation); limited resources to maintain long-term programs.	Strengthen and sustain stakeholder commitment	• Provide information to landholders for pest management planning. • Promote clear roles and responsibilities under legislation.	Stakeholders actively prioritise pest and weed management as part of core business operations.	• Stakeholders with plans. • Ongoing participation in weed and pest eradication programs.
Coordinated control programs target priority pests across boundaries	Unaligned pest control allows reinfestation	Implement strategic, cross-boundary pest control programs.	• Facilitate joint aerial control programs. • Monitor results collectively.	Effective, sustained reduction in priority pest species across multiple properties.	• Coordinated control programs delivered annually • Measurable reduction in targeted pest populations. • Positive feedback from participants.
Partnerships between agencies, landholders, Traditional Owners, and community groups are strong and collaborative.	Limited funding/resources to support partnerships; risk of duplication of effort.	Strengthen cross-sector partnerships and collaboration.	• Support joint on-ground projects, with neighbouring Councils and local NRM groups. • Share resources, knowledge, and equipment between organisations.	Partnerships deliver coordinated and efficient pest and weed management outcomes.	• Partnership established. • Cross-boundary collaborative projects. • Joint resource-sharing initiatives
Stakeholders work together to achieve shared outcomes for pest and weed management	Differing priorities and expectations; lack of a shared vision or consistent approach.	Build shared ownership of pest and weed management goals	• Facilitate cross-boundary planning sessions and workshops, through PMAC, and other methods	Stakeholders act collectively with a common vision.	• Participation in regional workshops. • Evidence of collective outcomes reported.
Shared resources and expertise enhance pest management outcomes.	Smaller landholders and groups lack access to equipment, funding, and expertise.	Facilitate resource-sharing and capacity building among stakeholders	• Equipment loan schemes (pig traps). • Apply for joint funding grants.	Increased access to tools and expertise for coordinated pest management.	• Number of grant applications submitted annually. • Satisfaction rate from stakeholders accessing support.

Action Plan: Strategic directions are established, maintained and owned by stakeholders					
Desired Outcome 3	**Issue**	**Strategic Objective**	**Strategic Action**	**Success Criteria**	**Success Indicators**
Stakeholders collaboratively establish, maintain, and own strategic directions for pest and weed management	Fragmented responsibility among stakeholders	Ensure inclusive, transparent, and accountable collaboration across all stakeholders.	• Establish transparent communication channels.	• Ongoing commitment and accountability. • Clear governance and communication in place.	• Number and diversity of stakeholders engaged. • Frequency of consultation sessions. • Stakeholder satisfaction levels.
Shared responsibility and ownership of pest and weed management outcomes across all sectors.	Limited alignment of efforts between community, industry, and government.	Foster joint accountability and cooperative action for pest and weed outcomes	• Develop partnerships. • Encourage joint projects and funding bids. • Build capacity in local groups and industry partners.	• Increased collaboration across sectors. • Shared initiatives demonstrate collective action.	• Number of joint projects undertaken. • Co-funded initiatives.
Strategies are adaptive, evidence-based, and supported by continuous improvement	Strategies become outdated or fail to respond to emerging threats.	Monitor, evaluate, and improvement of strategies.	• Report outcomes annually. • Integrate new research and technology.	• Strategies remain relevant and effective • Stakeholders recognise ongoing improvement.	• Updated strategies with evidence-based changes. Adoption of new technologies.
Prevention systems are adaptive, evidence-based, and continuously improved	Biosecurity measures may become outdated or fail to respond to emerging threats.	Maintain dynamic and evidence-based prevention frameworks that respond to changing risks.	• Review prevention measures annually. • Integrate new technologies (e.g., drones, eDNA monitoring). • Share data and lessons learned across stakeholders.	• Prevention strategies remain current and effective. • New tools and technologies are applied to prevention efforts.	• Updated prevention frameworks documented. • Adoption of new technology in surveillance and monitoring.

Action Plan: **Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and have ownership of invasive plant and animal management**					
Desired Outcome 4	**Issue**	**Strategic Objective**	**Strategic Action**	**Success Criteria**	**Success Indicators**
Stakeholders are informed, knowledgeable and committed to invasive plant and animal management.	Limited awareness among community, landholders, and other stakeholders about pest plant and animal impacts and responsibilities.	Increase stakeholder knowledge, engagement, and shared responsibility in pest and weed management.	• Deliver targeted awareness campaigns (fact sheets, website, social media). • Encourage reporting of invasive plants.	Community and stakeholders demonstrate improved understanding of pest management obligations	• Awareness campaigns delivered annually. • Increase in invasive species reporting. • Stakeholders show improved knowledge.
Active landholder participation in pest management programs	Landholders may not undertake timely or adequate control of invasive plants and animals.	Improve landholder compliance and participation in coordinated management efforts.	• Promote the General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) under the Biosecurity Act. • Support local pest management groups.	Increased landholder compliance and timely pest control actions	• Landholders demonstrate GBO awareness. • Increase in landholders participating in council programs.
Strong community partnerships support pest and weed management.	Limited collaboration between council, community, and external organisations	Build and maintain partnerships to share resources, expertise, and responsibility	• Collaborate with Landcare, Traditional Owners, and industry groups. • Establish joint projects (weed control days, feral animal monitoring).	Evidence of collaborative projects delivering shared pest management outcomes.	• Community projects conducted School program delivered, as required.

Action Plan: - **Integrated systems for managing the impacts of established invasive plants and animals are developed and widely implemented**					
Desired Outcome 5	**Issue**	**Strategic Objective**	**Strategic Action**	**Success Criteria**	**Success Indicators**
A coordinated and collaborative system is established for managing invasive species across landscapes	Current management efforts are fragmented and often duplicated between stakeholders.	Work on an integrated frameworks that connect government, industry, and community efforts	• Participate in regional partnerships and joint planning frameworks. • Share resources, expertise, and data.	• Strong cross-sector collaboration	• Stakeholder participation rates. • Examples of shared funding, staff, or equipment.
All landholders and communities share responsibility for managing invasive species.	Limited resources and uneven participation hinder success.	Strengthen community, industry, and government partnerships for shared responsibility.	• Provide training, tools, and resources to local groups. • Establish co-investment and incentive schemes. • Celebrate and reward community achievements.	• Broad and sustained participation in management activities. • Resources and costs are shared across stakeholders.	• Number of landholders and groups actively involved. • Increased community reporting and action.

8.2 Alert Species

Pest plant and animal alert species in (table 6 and table 7) have been found in North Queensland local government areas but have not yet been discovered in the Mareeba Shire region despite suitable habitats. Department of Agriculture and Forestry has detailed species information.

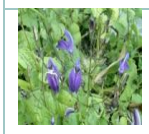
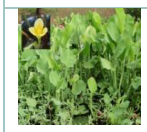
The community has a responsibility to be vigilant and reports can be submitted to the Mareeba Shire Council through one of the following methods:

- Phone 1300 308 461
- Email info@msc.qld.gov.au
- Visit the customer service centres at
    - 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba
    - Kuranda Library 18-22 Arara Street, Kuranda.

8.3 Invasive Plant Alert Species

The following tables include information about invasive plants and animals which may be found in the MLGA and how they can be spread.

Table 6 Invasive Plants which could be found in the MLGA

Species	Common name	Scientific name	Vicinity	Likely source and mode of spread
	Bunny Ears Cactus	*Opuntia microdasys, O.leucotricha, O.rufida*	Mareeba and Cairns	Nursery and ornamental gardens
	Bog Moss	*Mayaca fluviatilis*	Cassowary Coast	Aquariums and water plants
	Brillantaisia	*Brillantaisia lamium*	Douglas, Cairns and Cassowary Coast	Machinery, vehicles, livestock and potted plants
	Cha-om or Pennata wattle	*Senegalia insuavis*	Cairns, Whitsunday Regional Council	Private gardens
	Hiptage	*Hiptage benghalenses*	Douglas Shire	Ornamental gardens and wind
	Hygrophilla	*Hygrophila costata*	Cairns, Cassowary Coast & Hinchinbrook	Aquariums and water plants
	Limnocharis	*Limnocharis flava*	Cairns, Cassowary Coast and Townsville	Aquariums and water plants
	Madras Thorn	*Pithecellobium dulce*	Cairns and Cassowary Coast	Ornamental gardens
	Mexican Bean tree	*Cecropia species*	Douglas, Cairns, Cassowary Coast	Ornamental gardens, birds and flying foxes
	Mimosa	*Mimosa pigra*	Northern Territory and Mackay	Boats and fishing gear

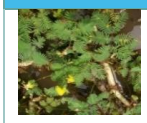
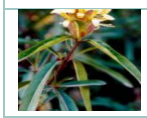
Species	Common name	Scientific name	Vicinity	Likely source and mode of spread
	Water Mimosa	*Neptunia oleracea and N. plena*	South-east QLD, Cairns	Private gardens and flood events
	Sagitaria	*Sagittaria platyphylla*	Townsville, Mackay and South-east Queensland	Aquariums and water plants
	Crofton Weed	*Ageratina adenophora*	Tableland Regional Council Southeast Queensland	Ornamental gardens Machinery, vehicles & animals
	Baleria or porcupine flower	*Barleria prionitis*	Townsville, Boigu Island	Prickly shrub, grown in gardens

Table 7 Pest animals which could be found in the MLGA

Species	Common name	Scientific name	Vicinity	Likely source and mode of spread
	Asian Spiny Toad	*Bufo melanostictus*	Cairns	Transport via plane or sea
	American Corn Snake	*Pantherophis guttatus*	Cairns	Pet trade
	Fox	*Vulpes*	Central Queensland	Natural migration
	Red-eared Slider Turtle	*Trachemys scripta elegans*	South-east Queensland (eradicated)	Aquariums and pet trade
	Fall Army Worm	*Spodoptera frugiperda*	Far North Queensland, Torres Strait	Transport via plane or sea

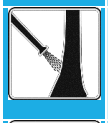
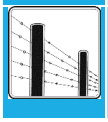
9 Action Plans for Control of Priority Plant Pest and Animal Species

Action plans have been developed for priority pest plant and animals which occur in the local government area. The action plans detail specific requirements and strategies for management in addition to what is required of all people under the general biosecurity obligation. The action plans outline management objectives based on established principles of pest management and are designed to assist all stakeholders to:

- Understand the biology and distribution of priority pest plant and animals.
- Implement appropriate strategic actions at the most appropriate time to have the greatest impact on the targeted pest (best management practice) and ensure they meet their general biosecurity obligation.

Plan and coordinate pest management activities with neighbouring properties by targeting common management objectives and goals within relevant geographic areas.

Table 8 Key to control method icons

Key to control methods which can be found in the biosecurity action plans		
	**Frill or stem injection**	Herbicide can be applied to woody weeds and trees via cuts or frills made close to the ground around the trunk or stem. This approach is best used when it is ok to leave the dead plant standing.
	**Basal bark**	Herbicide can be applied to woody weeds or vines with a low-pressure spray (which usually includes diesel or synthetic oil) to the lower stem. This method is not suited to use near or in water ways.
	**Cut stump**	Many vines, trees and woody weeds can be controlled by applying herbicide to the freshly cut stem. The application is made quickly with a dabber or spray before the plants vascular tissue closes over.
	**Chop or grub**	Many weeds can be selectively managed manually by grubbing or chopping. This approach is useful for reducing the competition from weeds while native vegetation or desirable plants re-establish.
	**Drill/stem injection**	Herbicide can be applied as a measured dose into evenly spaced, downward-facing holes drilled near the base of each stem. Cordless or petrol- powered drills are usually used due to their portability.
	**Best practice grazing**	Carefully managing stocking rates will keep healthy groundcover which provides competition for many weeds. Grazing can also be used in some situations to knock weeds down prior to control.
	**Hand removal**	Many weeds can be removed manually, particularly when they are at a seedling stage. Hand weeding is very selective and can be used where as little as possible disturbance is required.
	**Foliar spray**	Most weeds can be controlled at various life stages by applying herbicide via a spray. Sprays applicators can be low or high pressure and are suited to covering larger areas or dense infestations.
	**Biocontrol**	The release of carefully selected natural pests or diseases of plants and animals can control them, or to interrupt their reproduction. Biocontrol is most effective when integrated with other control tools.
	**Slashing**	Slashing can often be used to reduce the growth or reproduction of many weeds and is particularly useful before other control actions. Timing is critical in order to prevent the spread of seeds or fragments.
	**Mechanical removal**	Large scale infestations may require mechanical removal or control. Machinery can also be used to clean up after control activities but will usually require follow-up to control and prevention work.
	**Fire**	A well planned and timed fire can be a very effective management tool which can reduce or stimulate dormant seeds or control living plants. It is most suited to fire adapted vegetation types.
	**Exclusion fencing**	There are a wide range of fencing materials and designs to protect domestic and agricultural assets. Fencing can also be used manage grazing pressure or access to reduce weed or disease spread.

Key to control methods which can be found in the biosecurity action plans		
	**Pesticide**	Pesticides are used in certain situations to control anything from ants to wild dogs. There are strict usage and permitting requirements for many pesticides. They can be an effective tool over large areas.
	**Trapping**	Trapping is widely used for feral pigs but can also be used to control wild dogs, feral cats and feral deer. Trapping is labour intensive but can very target specific when conducted using best practice tools.
	**Shooting**	Shooting or hunting is sometimes used to control individual animals. It is usually less effective and even disruptive to other control strategies but is a useful tool to supplement trapping and baiting.

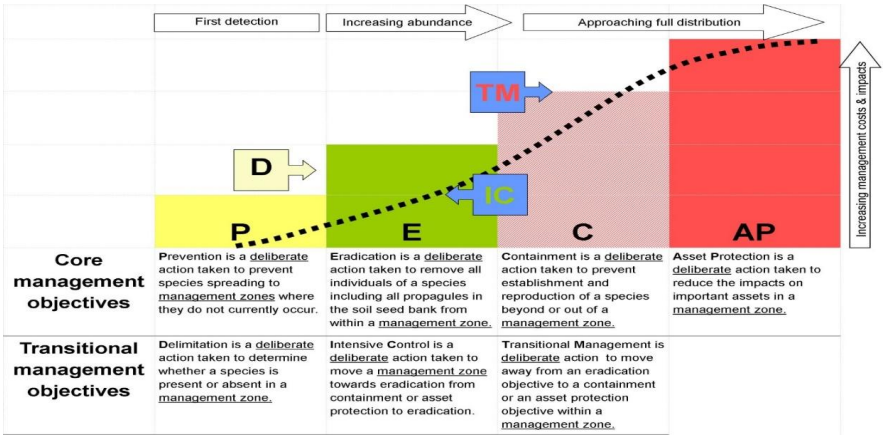
Table 9 Key to mechanism of spread

Key to mechanism of spread		
	**Droppings**	Many plants have evolved to use animals to spread seeds by producing a tasty fruit. Seeds are eaten along with the flesh of the fruit and can be dispersed in droppings up to kilometres away.
	**Illegal dumping**	Deliberate or accidental spread of many plants can occur when green waste is not disposed of responsibly. Areas of bushland, creeks and farmland often suffer impacts from dumped garden plants.
	**Machinery and vehicles**	Slashers and earthworks equipment are most commonly blamed, for moving pests, but cars, 4wds, motorcycles, boats and caravans are all capable of moving pest plants and animal's great distances.
	**People and animals**	Some plants have seeds adapted to stick to and hitch a ride on passing animals and can move long distances attached to animals' fur or peoples' clothing.
	**Stock, raw materials & produce**	Raw materials and produce including hay, animal feed, seed mixes and even livestock can contain or carry weed seed or other biosecurity risks like invasive ants, pathogens or diseases.
	**Vegetative**	Many plants can spread from cuttings, stem or root fragments. For some species this is their primary means of reproduction but for others it is in addition to producing seeds or spores.
	**Water**	Many aquatic plants rely entirely on water to spread their seeds. Others have seeds or fragments which can float for long distances and move during regular flows or on flood events.
	**Wind**	Many plants have seeds which are lightweight with attachments to help them glide or float on the air or in the wind. The lightweight seeds can also get caught on vehicles and clothing.

10 Appendix 1 Action Plan Management Zones and Control Methods

The action plans use catchment-based management zones to identify the location-specific management actions required for each priority pest plant and animal. The management zones are based on the pest management concept of the 'invasion curve'. The invasion curve describes how as a biosecurity issue becomes more abundant over time the management options and strategies available to manage it or its impacts also change. At each stage of the curve, as the area occupied by the pest or weed increases, the implied impact and required resources to respond also increase.

The key message is that prevention and early intervention are the most cost-effective (proactive) actions we can take. When these actions are not successful, we need to carefully consider the most strategic (reactive) management approaches to ensure local impacts and potential spread to new areas is reduced.



	P	E	C	AP
Core management objectives	**P**revention is a deliberate action taken to prevent species spreading to management zones where they do not currently occur.	**E**radication is a deliberate action taken to remove all individuals of a species including all propagules in the soil seed bank from within a management zone.	**C**ontainment is a deliberate action taken to prevent establishment and reproduction of a species beyond or out of a management zone.	**A**sset **P**rotection is a deliberate action taken to reduce the impacts on important assets in a management zone.
Transitional management objectives	**D**elimitation is a deliberate action taken to determine whether a species is present or absent in a management zone.	**I**ntensive **C**ontrol is a deliberate action taken to move a management zone towards eradication from containment or asset protection to eradication.	**T**ransitional **M**anagement is deliberate action to move away from an eradication objective to a containment or an asset protection objective within a management zone.	

Figure 1 Action plan management objectives

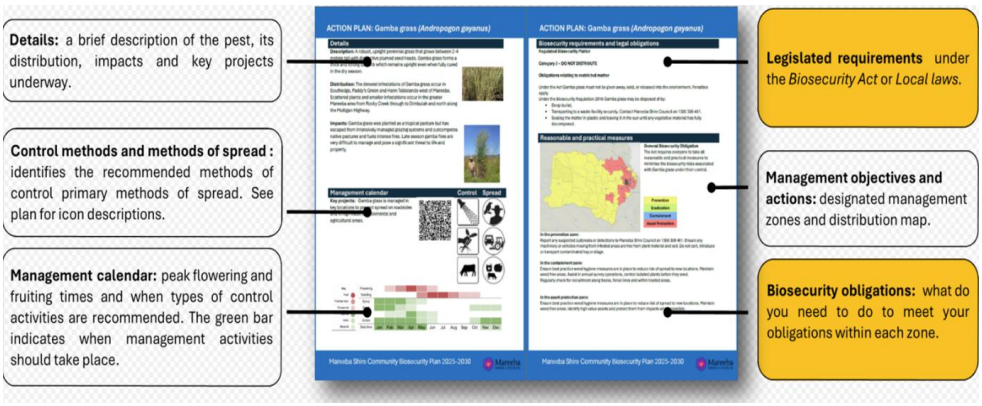


Figure 2 Action plan explanation

ACTION PLAN: Amazon frogbit and frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*)

Details

Description: A floating, mat-forming aquatic plant with dangling roots and glossy semi-circular leaves which are spongey underneath. As the leaves mature, they are held more upright on swollen stems. Mature plants may reach up to 50cm tall. Flowers are small, white and form a fleshy berry-like capsule which is usually held under the water or in the mud.



Distribution: Amazon frogbit was initially detected in Granite Creek and has subsequently entered the Barron River due to spread on flood waters. It is not currently known to occur in the gulf watersheds but may be in use in home aquariums or traded on social media.

Impacts: Amazon frogbit is a floating aquatic weed that can smother and choke waterways. It grows in still or slow-moving water and can rapidly expand to cover the entire water surface with a thick mat of vegetation. This shades out any submerged plant life and impedes oxygen exchange impacting fish and aquatic organisms.

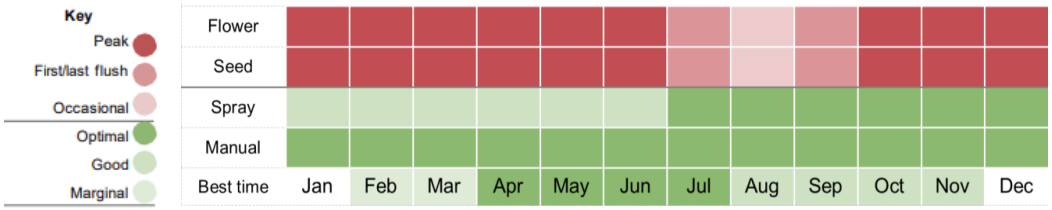


Management calendar

Key projects: A sentinel site project is in place to detect outbreaks into the gulf catchments. Control works to protect key assets are undertaken as required. Downstream infestations in the Barron River are often temporarily cleared by wet season floods. A top of infestation management program on along Chinaman and Atherton Creeks is continuing

Control Spread





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ACTION PLAN: Amazon frogbit and frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

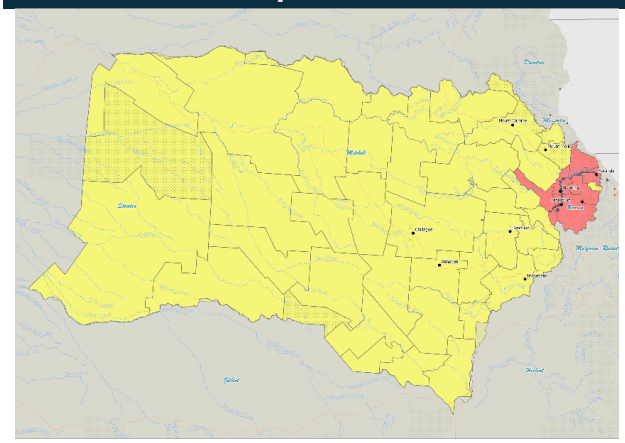
Declared Local Pest

Category 3 – MUST NOT DISTRIBUTE
Category 5 – MUST NOT BE POSSESSED OR KEPT

DO NOT SELL OR SUPPLY
DPO NOT OFFER OR DISPLAY FOR SALE OR SUPPLY
DO NOT INTRODUCE, PROPAGATE OR BREED

Amazon frogbit is a locally declared plant under Mareeba Shire Council Local Laws. It is also locally declared in the Cairns, Cassowary Coast and Tablelands local government areas. It is an offence under Local Law to distribute or propagate. Penalties apply.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Amazon frogbit under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:

Contact Mareeba Shire Council to report any suspect plants on 1300 308 461.

You are responsible to know what you are buying online or at local markets to ensure you don't unintentionally introduce Amazon frogbit from a contaminated source.

Be responsible and do not dump garden pond or fish tank contents into waterways.

In the asset protection zone:

Remove and bag specimens from water features and dispose of accordance with the regulation. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 if you require advice on disposal.

If you have Amazon frogbit in your possession do not share contaminated material including aquatic plants and do not dump garden pond or fish tank contents into waterways.

You are responsible to know what you are selling online or at local markets to ensure you don't unintentionally spread Amazon frogbit.

ACTION PLAN: Bellyache bush & physic nut (*Jatropha spp.*)

Details

Description: A squat, thick stemmed shrub 2.4-4m tall. Seedlings single stemmed with deeply divided purple leaves. Mature leaves are a brighter green with up to 5 lobes and coarse dark brown hairs on the margins. Small red flowers followed by green fleshy pods. Physic nut (*J. curcas*) is a similar plant to *J. gossypiifolia* with pale veined large green leaves that are less deeply lobed.



Distribution: Bellyache bush is currently restricted to riparian areas in the Lower Walsh River and Emu Creek but is readily spread on floodwaters so may be present in the gulf plains. Infestations are known from the Palmer River to the north and Charters Towers area to the south.

Impacts: The fruits are poisonous to humans and livestock which when eaten lead to symptoms of gastroenteritis and sometimes death. Bellyache bush has a devastating impact on rangeland river systems and pastures.



Management calendar

Key projects: A containment area is in place to prevent the spread into the Staaten River catchment form Mitchell River.



Control





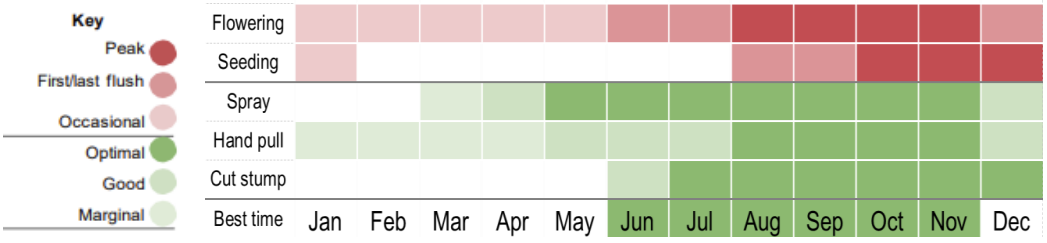


Spread









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ACTION PLAN: Bellyache bush & physic nut (*Jatropha spp.*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

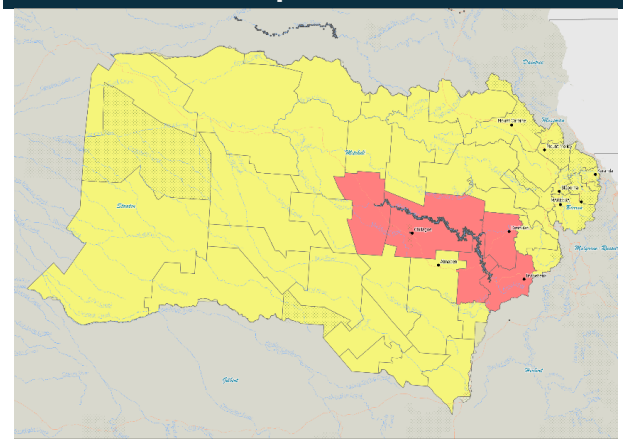
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act bellyache bush must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 bellyache bush may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting to a waste facility securely. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with bellyache bush under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Report any suspect plants to Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.

To prevent spread to new locations or introduction from known infestations ensure machinery, vehicles and raw materials are free from soil which may contain seed.

Spell stock in holding yards for 7 days prior to releasing to pasture/rangeland to allow for seed to pass through the gut or fall from hooves and hide.

In the asset protection zone:
Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce risk of spread to new locations.

Regularly check for recruitment along tracks, water courses, fence lines and in areas near known infestations. Control isolated plants before they seed.

You are responsible to ensure materials or products leaving your property are free from bellyache bush seed or plant material. Do not move or sell contaminated produce, soil and spell stock for at least 7 days prior to movement.

ACTION PLAN: Thunbergia (*Thunbergia grandiflora*)

Details

Description: A rapidly growing vine which forms large underground tubers. Thunbergia climbs and smothers native vegetation. Thunbergia has lavender-blue trumpet shaped flowers. The leaves may vary from a choko-like shape to an oval with a narrow-pointed tip.



Distribution: Thunbergia vine occurs as a significant infestation and scattered locations in the Kuranda area and at several isolated outbreaks near Myola, Speewah and Julatten. The main method of spread for Thunbergia vine has been through the sharing plants between gardeners so most infestations are associated with house gardens.

Impacts: Thunbergia vine climbs and smothers native vegetation, killing and often pulling down mature trees with the weight of the vine.

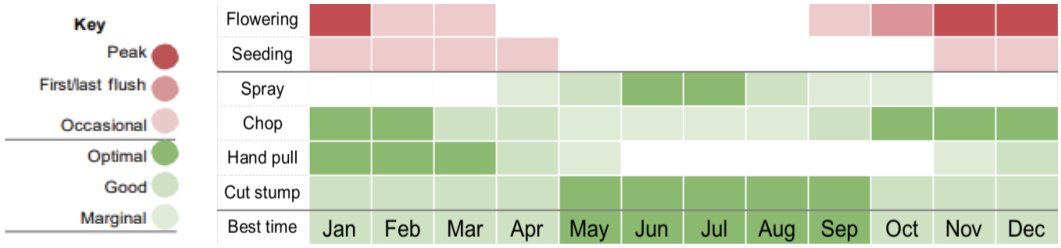


Management calendar

Key projects: Eradication of infestation from dumped garden waste in Julatten.

Control Spread





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ACTION PLAN: Thunbergia (*Thunbergia grandiflora*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

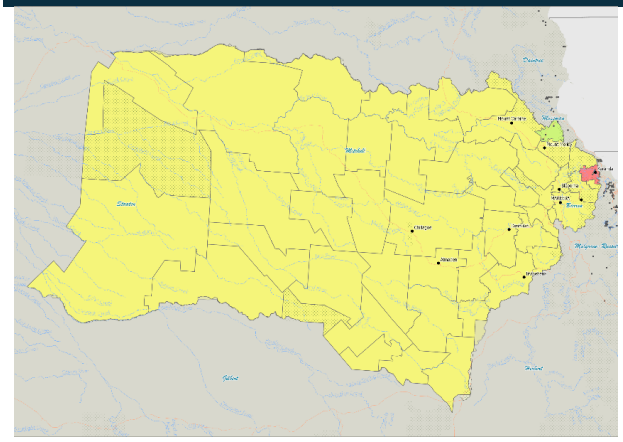
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act thunbergia must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 thunbergia may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting to a waste facility securely. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with thunbergia under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Report any suspect plants to Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.

In the eradication zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Landholders can assist the program by maintaining easy access to treatment areas or by assisting council staff during control activities.

If your property has an active infestation, make sure your green waste does not contain thunbergia and is disposed of in accordance with the regulation.

In the asset protection zone:
Manage risk of spread from your property and protect priority assets using best practice methods to control infestations where practical to do so.

If your property has an active infestation, make sure your green waste does not contain live plant material and is not disposed of in areas where the plant might establish like creeks and bushland.

ACTION PLAN: Cat (*Felis catus & Prionailurus bengalensis x Felis catus), other than a domestic cat*)

Details

Description: Cats have a long history of naturalisation in Australia. A feral cat is any non-domestic cat which is not owned by a person. They have the same markings to domestic cats but may be larger in size particularly around the head and shoulders. Their fur is generally short, and they may be any colour. Males may weigh up to 6 kg, females up to 4 kg. They are usually most active at night.



Distribution: Feral cats are present in all areas of mainland Australia and many islands.

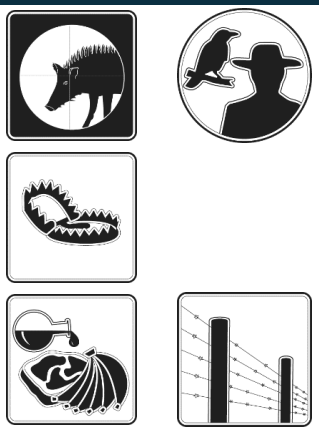
Impacts: Feral cats eat any small to medium prey item they can catch including birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fish and insects. They compete directly with native carnivores and are a definitive host of toxoplasmosis which can be transmitted to birds and other mammals including humans. Feral cats may scavenge around towns and may prey on domestic pets and poultry.

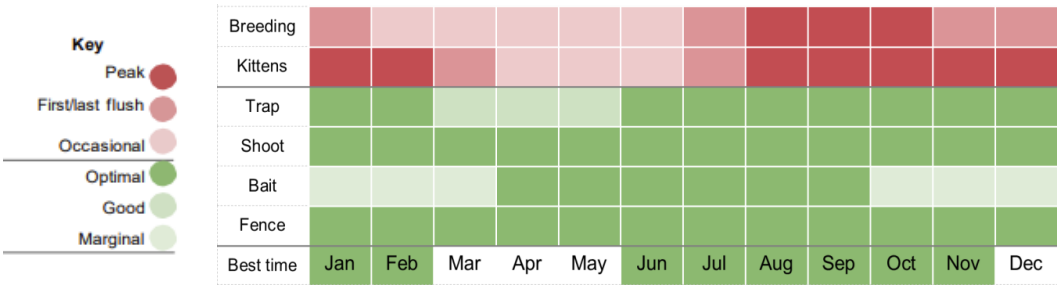


Management calendar

Key projects:
In urban and settled areas Mareeba Shire Council will respond to individual issues as they arise on a case-by-case basis.

Control **Spread**





ACTION PLAN: Cat (*Felis catus & Prionailurus bengalensis x Felis catus), other than a domestic cat*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
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Category 6 – DO NOT FEED

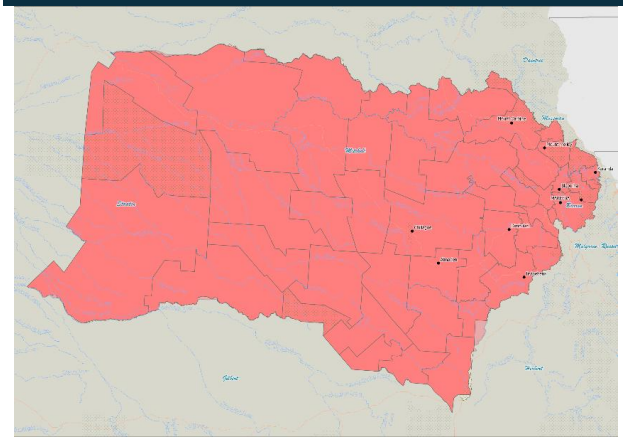
Under the Act you must not move, keep, feed, give away, sell or release feral or unowned cats into the environment. Penalties apply.

Local Laws

Mareeba Shire Council has laws and regulations (Local Law 2) concerning animals. It is an offence to:

- Keep more than two cats on any property (without an approval)
- To allow cats to wander onto public or other private property
- Or to keep cats without a microchip

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with feral and unowned cats under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the asset protection zone:
Feral cats are restricted matter under the Biosecurity Act 2014. They must not be moved, fed, given away, sold, or released into the environment without a permit. This includes releasing or dumping of domestic cats or feeding of unowned cats. The description of feral cat includes Bengal cat hybrids derived from *Prionailurus bengalensis x Felis catus*.

Any other species of cat is prohibited in Queensland and must be reported within 24 hours to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

Domestic cats are managed in accordance with Mareeba Shire Councils local laws.

ACTION PLAN: Feral deer

Details

Description: A feral deer is any deer not contained within an escape proof enclosure. Rusa (*Cervus timorensis*) are the main feral deer known in the Mareeba Shire. Other pest deer that may be present in the region include Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*), Fallow Deer (*Dama dama*) and Chital deer (*Axis axis*).

Refer to the Deer Scan website for more information on identification.

Distribution: Rusa deer are known from the Speewah and Koah areas. Chital and Rusa deer may also be present in the western regions.



Rusa deer

Impacts: Feral deer pose a serious traffic hazard, and may harass stock, compete for pasture or damage crops and gardens. They can be aggressive to people or gore domestic animals. Deer cause significant environmental damage from grazing/browsing, contributing to erosion, fouling water points and competing for resources. Feral deer may carry diseases of livestock.

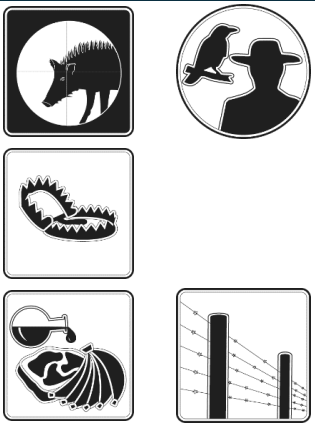


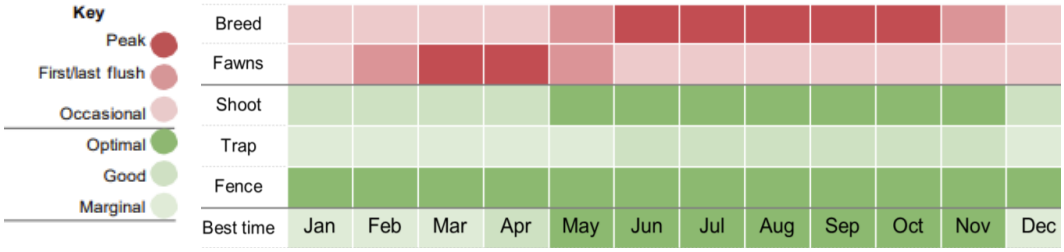
Chital deer

Management calendar

Key projects:
In urban and settled areas Mareeba Shire Council will respond to individual issues as they arise on a case-by-case basis.

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ACTION PLAN: Feral deer

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

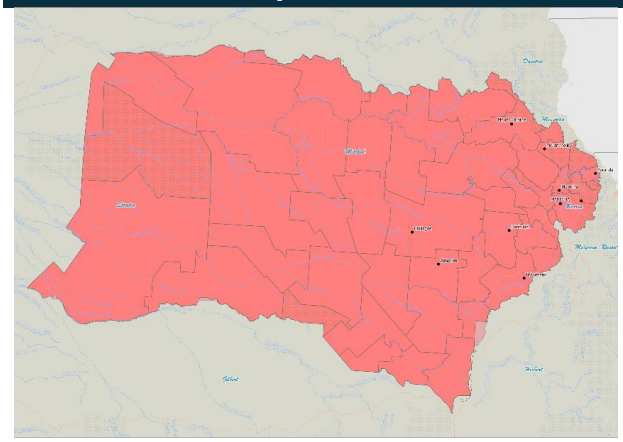
Regulated Biosecurity Matter

Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
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Category 6 – DO NOT FEED

Under the Act you must not move, keep, feed, give away, sell or release feral deer into the environment. Penalties apply.

Local Laws
Mareeba Shire Council has laws and regulations (Local Law 2) outlining requirements for proper enclosures to contain animals.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with feral deer under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the asset protection zone:
Farmed deer must be contained in a deer-proof enclosure. Deer contained within a deer-proof fence (e.g. on farms or in game parks) are not restricted invasive pests. Any deer not actively being farmed within a deer-proof fence is considered feral or wild and subject to control.

Fencing requirements are enforceable under Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management).

Landholders should consider various management solutions including fencing, enclosure traps and shooting, dependant on their location and capability.

ACTION PLAN: Feral pig (*Sus scrofa*)

Details

Description: Feral pigs include all pigs ranging from typical black wild pigs to buff or spotted black or white which may resemble a typical farmed pig. By definition, a feral pig is any pig which is not domesticated and is living in a wild state. They are generally nocturnal, and camp in thick cover during the day. Feral pigs are omnivorous and can range from 5 to 50 square kilometres. Feral pigs breed throughout the year often producing two weaned litters per year.



Distribution: Feral pigs occur across the entire region wherever there is access to water.

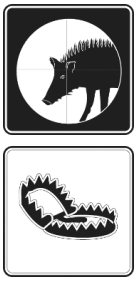
Impacts: Feral pigs damage crops, stock, property and the natural environment. They transmit disease and could spread exotic diseases such as foot and mouth if this was introduced to the country.



Management calendar

Key projects:
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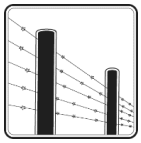
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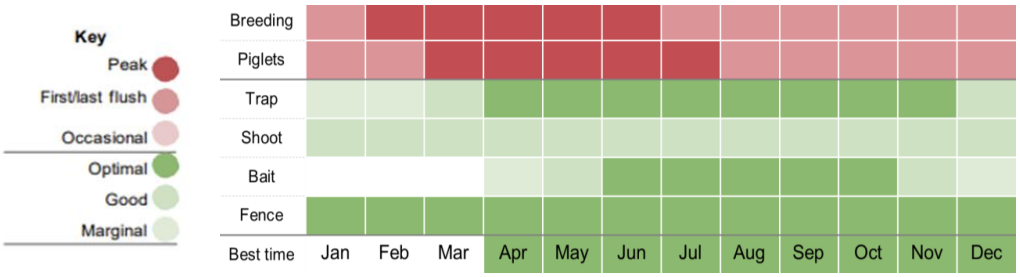


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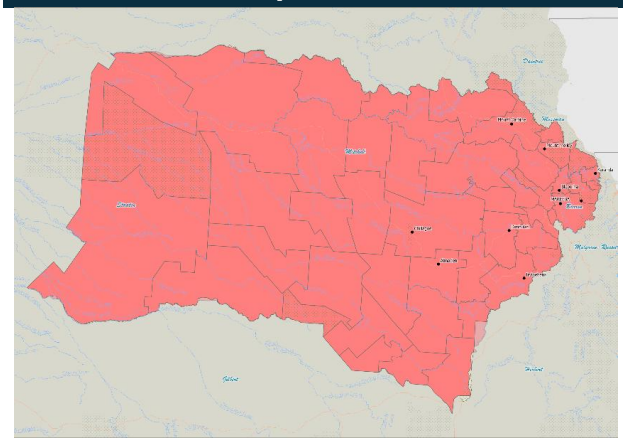
Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
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Category 6 – DO NOT FEED

Under the Act you must not move, keep, feed, give away, sell or release feral pigs into the environment. Penalties apply.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with feral pigs under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the asset protection zone:
Pig proof fencing is by far the most effective measure for reducing the impacts of feral pigs on domestic gardens and small crops.

A range of control options from shooting, to trapping and baiting are used to control feral pigs when required.

Property managers should coordinate control activities with neighbours.

ACTION PLAN: Gamba grass *(Andropogon gayanus)*

Details

Description: A robust, upright perennial grass that grows between 2-4 metres tall with distinctive plumed seed heads. Gamba grass forms a thick and strong tussock which remains upright even when fully cured in the dry season.



Distribution: The densest infestations of Gamba grass occur in Southedge, Paddy's Green and Hann Tablelands west of Mareeba. Scattered plants and smaller infestations occur in the greater Mareeba area from Rocky Creek through to Dimbulah and north along the Mulligan Highway.

Impacts: Gamba grass was planted as a tropical pasture but has escaped from intensively managed grazing systems and outcompetes native pastures and fuels intense fires. Late season gamba fires are very difficult to manage and pose a significant threat to life and property.

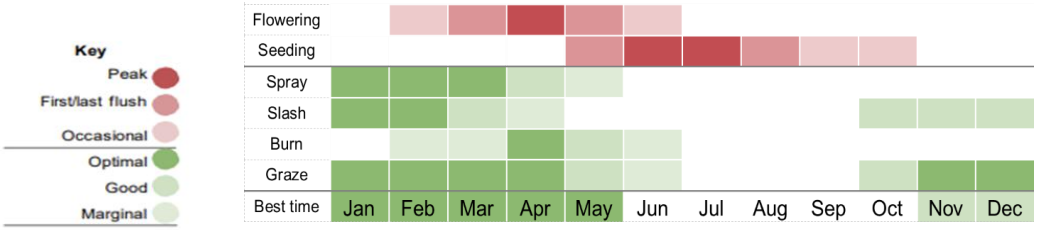


Management calendar

Key projects: Gamba grass is managed in key locations to prevent spread on roadsides and in high value environmental and agricultural areas.







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ACTION PLAN: Gamba grass *(Andropogon gayanus)*

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

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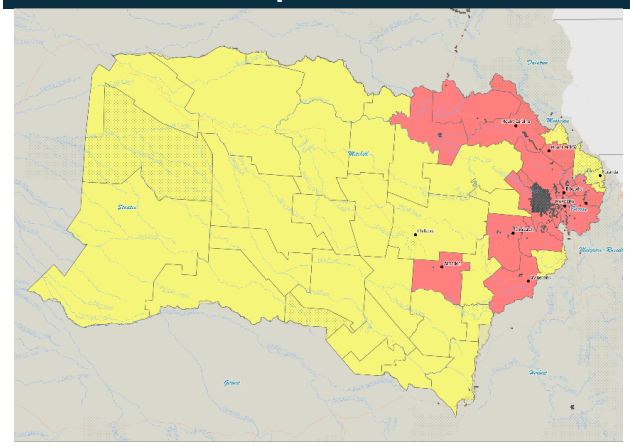
Obligations relating to restricted matter

Under the Act Gamba grass must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 Gamba grass may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting to a waste facility securely. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving it in the sun until any vegetative material has fully decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Gamba grass under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Report any suspected outbreaks or detections to Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461. Ensure any machinery or vehicles moving from infested areas are free from plant material and soil. Do not cart, introduce or transport contaminated hay or silage.

In the containment zone:
Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce risk of spread to new locations. Maintain weed free areas. Assist in annual survey operations, control isolated plants before they seed.
Regularly check for recruitment along tracks, fence lines and within treated areas.

In the asset protection zone:
Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce risk of spread to new locations. Maintain weed free areas. Identify high value assets and protect them from impacts where possible.

ACTION PLAN: Rat's tail grasses (*GRT and other Sporobolis spp)*

Details

Description: A group of robust, upright perennial grasses 0.6 –1.7 metres tall. Flower spikes are about 40cm long and transform from a distinctive dark 'rats-tail' shape when young to an open pyramid when mature. Leaves are narrow and tough and are rasp like to touch.



Distribution: Rat's tail grasses are scattered across most of the eastern Tablelands are but in higher densities in Mareeba and surrounds. These grasses generally prefer a drier savannah climate. *Sporobolus pyramidalis* and *Sporobolus natalensis* both occur in the region.

Impacts: Rats tails grasses are large stature species which can drastically outcompete desirable pastures. They are unpalatable to stock causing selective over-grazing of native grasses. They are a major problem in over-stocked or disturbed systems. In natural systems they invade creek lines and woodlands in drier savannah environments. Rat's tail grasses are well adapted to fire.



Management calendar

Key projects: Giant rat's tail grasses are targeted for control on roads and reserves to prevent further spread. Individual properties should ensure property is kept clean and fence lines /access tracks are managed.

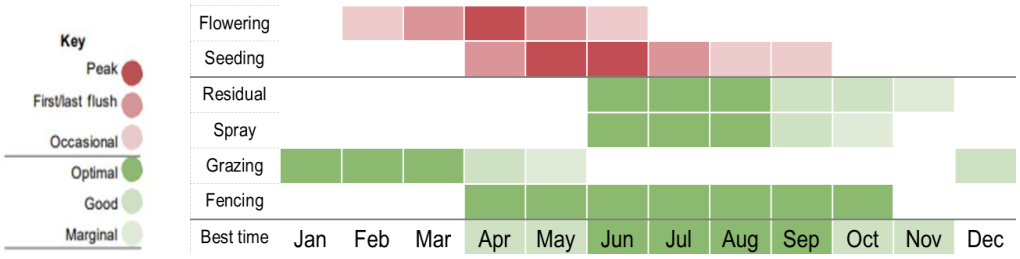
Identification of weedy Sporobolus grasses can be difficult. If a plant is detected outside of areas of known distribution a herbarium specimen should be collected to aid identification.

Control



Spread





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ACTION PLAN: Rat's tail grasses *(GRT and other Sporobolis spp)*

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

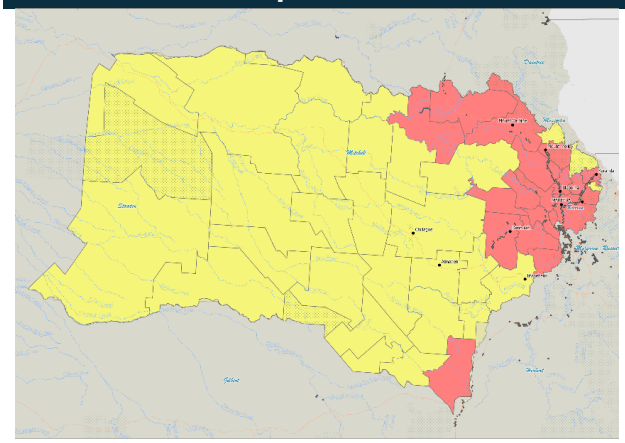
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act restricted Sporobolus species must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 restricted Sporobolus species may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with restricted Sporobolus species under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Ensure any machinery or vehicles moving from infested areas are free from plant material and soil.

In the asset protection zone:
Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce risk of spread to new locations. Maintain weed free areas. Control isolated plants before they seed. Regularly check for recruitment along tracks, fence lines and in areas adjacent to known infestations.

Spell any stock in a holding paddock for at least 7 days before moving from areas that are either known to be, or may be, infested with the species.

ACTION PLAN: Giant sensitive plant (*Mimosa diplotricha*)

Details

Description: A shrubby or sprawling annual that has four angled branches with a line of sharp, hooked prickles along the angles. Giant sensitive plant is like the common sensitive weed but grows as a small shrub rather than a ground cover. The seed is very long-lived and may remain viable for up 50 years in some situations.



Distribution: Giant sensitive plant is isolated to several small outbreaks on rural properties in Julatten and Kuranda. Outside of Mareeba Shire it occurs in all Wet Tropics coastal catchments but is most common in Hinchinbrook and Cassowary Coast.

Impacts: Giant sensitive plant chokes up cane, pastures and crops causing lost productivity and contaminating produce. It can grow as free – standing shrub or a scrambling climber smothering pasture and native vegetation.

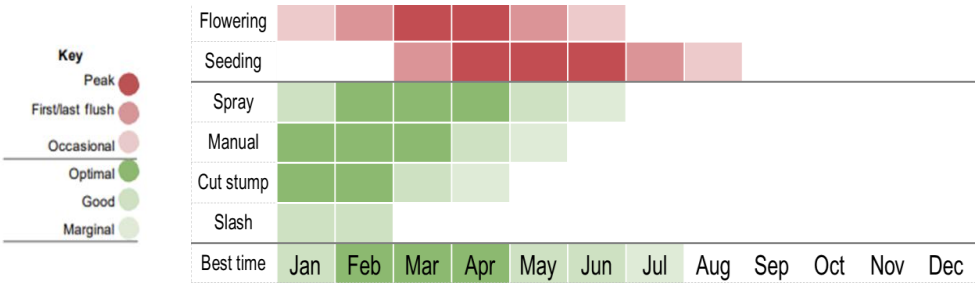


Management calendar

Key projects: All known sites are under monitoring and treatment in the Mareeba Shire area. A successful bio-control agent is present in the Wet Tropics which significantly impacts developing seeds.

Control Spread





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ACTION PLAN: Giant sensitive plant (*Mimosa diplotricha*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

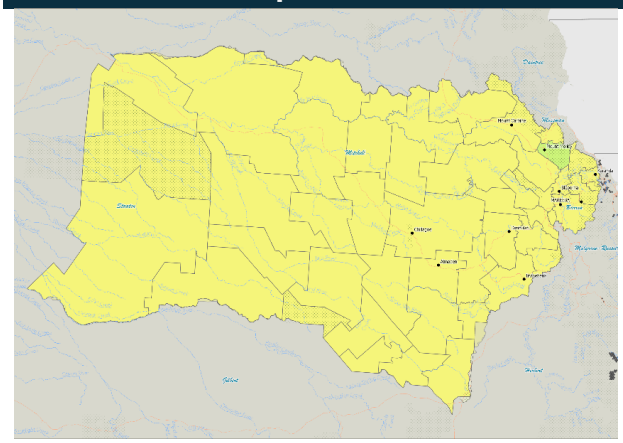
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act giant sensitive plant must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 giant sensitive plant may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba shire Council on 1300 308 461),
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with giant sensitive plant under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Giant sensitive plant can be spread via vehicles, machinery and stock.

Stock should be spelled for 7 days prior to being released to drop any ingested seed.

In the asset protection zone:
Maintaining healthy pasture and ground cover will assist in the management of GSP.

Restricting stock and machinery movement to and from infested areas is essential to reduce spread to new locations.

Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce risk of spread to new locations.

ACTION PLAN: Kosters curse (*Miconia crenata syn. Clidemia hirta*)

Details

Description: A perennial shrub 0.5 to 2m high. Kosters curse has distinctive opposite leaves with parallel veins with a quilted appearance and covered in short stiff hairs. Small white flowers and deep purple/blue berries covered in short hairs. Can be easily confused with native bluetongue but distinctive leaves and fruit are the key features.



Distribution: The current Australian distribution is restricted to the Julatten area and an isolated outbreak in the Maple Creek area of Wooroonooran National Park.

Impacts: Koster's curse is a serious pest of the environment and agriculture in over 16 countries. It has potential to spread to humid coastal districts of Australia. It smothers native vegetation and pastures by forming dense thickets.



Management calendar

Key projects: Kosters curse is actively targeted during roadside weed management programs. Monitoring and surveillance to assist with containment to known infestations.

Control Spread



Key
Peak
First/last flush
Occasional
Optimal
Good
Marginal

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Flower												
Seed												
Spray												
Manual												
Best time												

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ACTION PLAN: Kosters curse (*Miconia crenata syn. Clidemia hirta*)

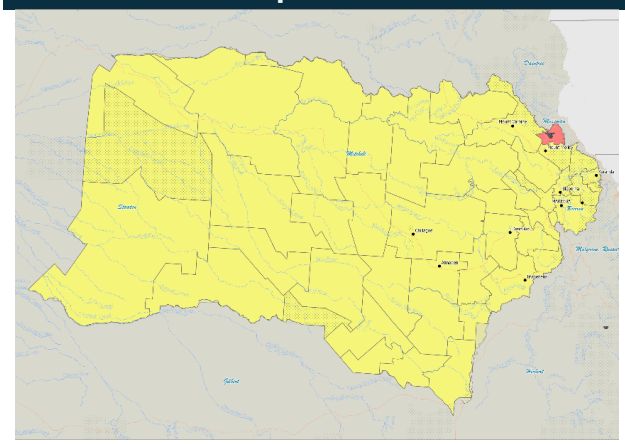
Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

Category 2 – MUST BE REPORTED
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
Category 4 – DO NOT MOVE
Category 5 – DO NOT POSSESS OR KEEP

Under the Act all sightings of Kosters curse must be reported, in addition it must not be kept, moved, given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Kosters curse under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Ensure that machinery, stock and materials are from weed free areas or subject to a detailed hygiene to reduce the risk of spread. maintaining healthy fire regimes and pastures will improve the ability of your property to rubber vine.

In the asset protection zone:

Control plants along waterways and roadsides from the top-down or in an east-west direction. Assist management programs by assisting with access and maintaining healthy rangelands.

Report new infestations.

ACTION PLAN: Lion's tail (*Leonotis nepetifolia*)

Details

Description: Lion's tail is an erect, sparsely branched annual herb 1-2m tall. It has four angled stems with opposite leaves and compound orange flowers. Spherical seed pods are held long into the dry season.



Distribution: A single localised infestation occurs in the Wrotham Park district. Most outbreaks of lion's tail are associated with gardens, particularly around older or historical settlements.

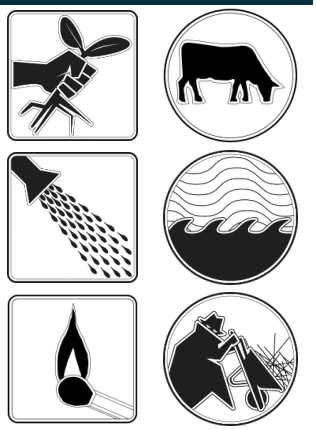
Impacts: A weed of environment and production Lion's tail can outcompete native grasses and pastures. It will also grow in riparian zones, riverbanks and flood outs. In the tropical savannah. Lion's tail prefers disturbed soils. It is a heavy seed producer and once established it can continue to outcompete native and improved pastures.

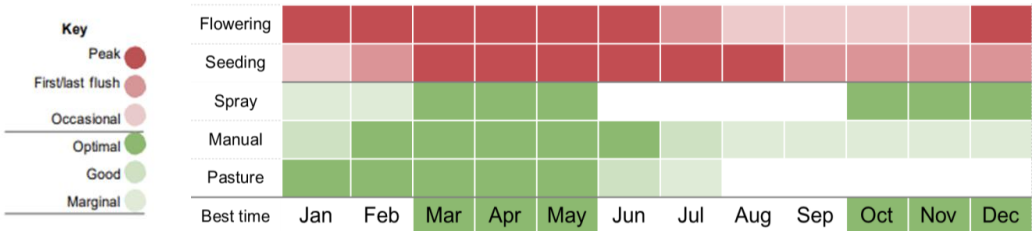


Management calendar

Key projects: An ongoing management program is removing a single outbreak scattered over a 3km square area.

Control Spread





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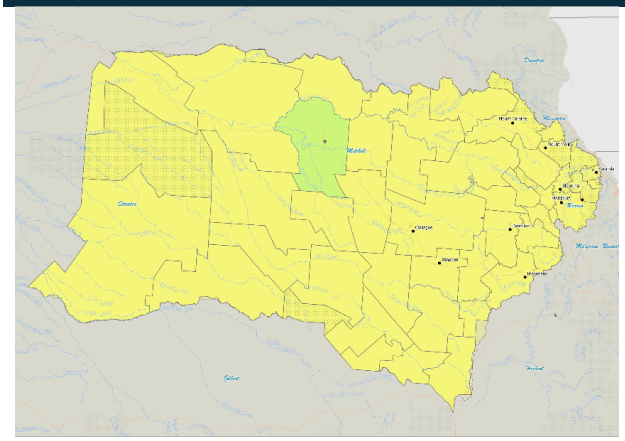
Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN: Lion's tail (*Leonotis nepetifolia*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Lion's tail is not regulated under the Biosecurity Act 2014 or Local laws

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with lion's tail under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council to report any suspect plants on 1300 308 461.

Seek advice prior to works in vicinity of known locations.

Do not move soil and seek advice prior to works in vicinity of known locations. Do not move or accept plant material or soil unless you are sure it is from a clean source.

In the eradication zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council to report any suspect plants on 1300 308 461.

Maintaining healthy pasture and ground cover will assist in the management of lions-tail. Restricting stock movement to and from infested areas is essential to recue spread to new locations.

Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce risk of spread to new locations.

ACTION PLAN: Miconia (*M. calvescens & M. racemosa*)

Details

Description: Miconia is a small tree (up to 15m) with very large leaves up to 70cm long. The underside of the leaves is a distinct, deep iridescent purple. It produces clusters of small white flowers followed by red/purple berries. *M. racemosa* is a shrub to 3m which has leaves with prominent veins and a 'quilted' texture on top. It produces small white or pink flowers on panicles followed by small purple/black berries.



Distribution: Current incursions of *Miconia calvescens* occur in the rainforest areas of Kuranda and Julatten. A single location of *Miconia racemosa* occurs in the Myola/Fairyland area and is also a target of the National cost-shared eradication program.

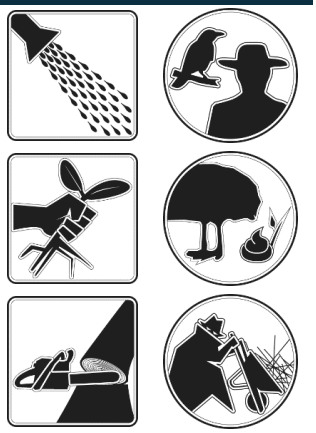
Impacts: Miconia produces hundreds of small berries every year which are attractive to birds and are spread long distances. It forms dense thickets in rainforest understoreys, potentially replacing native plants and affecting wildlife.

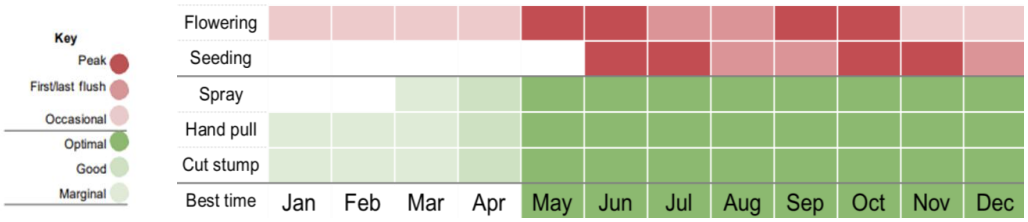


Management calendar

Key projects: A National eradication program is underway on all known infestations. Bi-annual surveys are conducted to monitor all known infestations and to ensure no fruiting plants have gone undetected.

Control Spread





ACTION PLAN: Miconia (*M. calvescens & M. racemosa*)

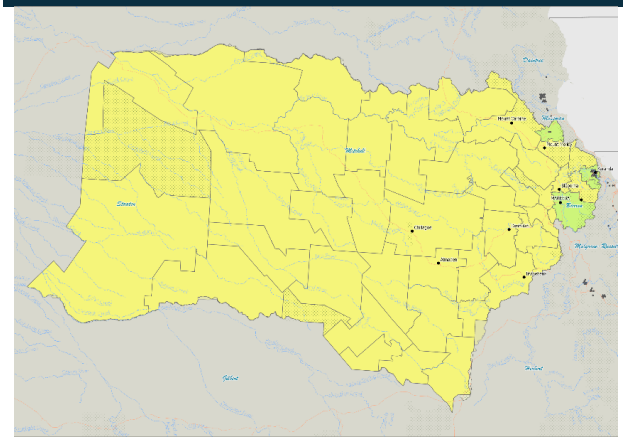
Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

Category 2 – MUST BE REPORTED
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
Category 4 – DO NOT MOVE
Category 5 – DO NOT POSSESS OR KEEP

Under the Act all sightings of Miconia must be reported, in addition it must not be kept, moved, given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Miconia under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
All persons are required to report plants they think may be Miconia within 24 hours to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

In the eradication zone:
All persons are required to report plants they think may be Miconia within 24 hours to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

If you have a known infestation on your property, you can assist the survey and control team by maintaining property access points and tracks.

Do not disturb or remove soil and plant material from a known infestation location, even if no plants are visible, until Biosecurity Queensland are consulted on 13 25 23

You are responsible to ensure materials or products leaving your property are free from Miconia seed or plant material if your property has a known infestation location.

You are responsible for ensuring machinery and vehicles avoid known infestation areas *or* undertake appropriate wash down procedures prior to leaving site.

ACTION PLAN: Hymenachne (*H. amplexicaulis* & hybrids)

Details

Description: A robust, upright perennial aquatic grass 1-2 metres with distinctive stem clasping leaves. Flowers and seeds are held on dense spikes at ends of stems. Stems are pithy inside and are able to float. An aquatic grass which develops roots at each node. The native hymenachne (*H. acutigluma*) is slenderer, has reddish nodes, leaves that do not clasp around the stem and are held more upright.



Distribution: Widespread in the catchments of the Barron, Rifle, Devil Devil, upper Walsh and Lake Mitchell. The Lake Mitchell infestation is possibly the largest single infestation in Queensland. There is an isolated infestation in Mary Farms.

Impacts: Hymenachne blocks drainage systems in farms. It readily invades and outcompetes native plants in wetlands and waterways. Inhibits fish passage and breeding opportunities for key species like barramundi. Hymenachne can also impede boat access and potentially damage infrastructure like bridges and weirs.

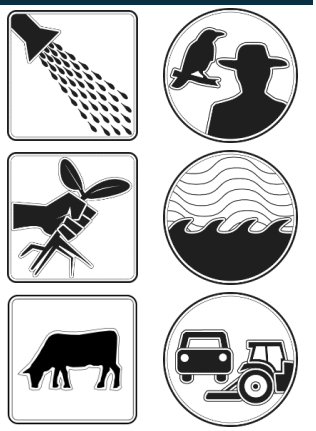


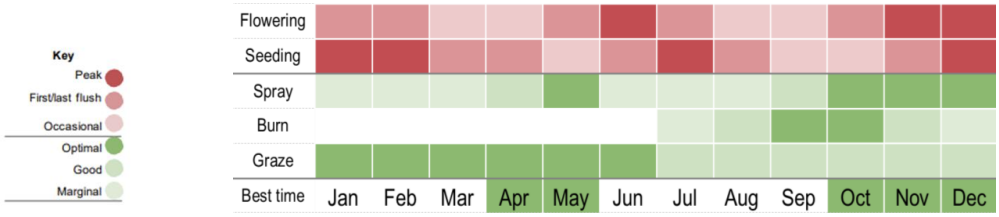
Figure 1 L-r H. amplexicaulis, H. x calimitosa, H. acutigluma.

Management calendar

Key projects: Management in the Barron River, Devil Devil Creek and Granite Creek is targeted toward protecting key assets, reducing spread to new areas and reducing impacts.

A hybrid *H. x calimitosa* between *H. amplexicaulis* and *H. acutigluma* occurs in Abattoir Swamp and is treated the same as Olive hymenachne under the regulation.





ACTION PLAN: Hymenachne (*H. amplexicaulis* & hybrids)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

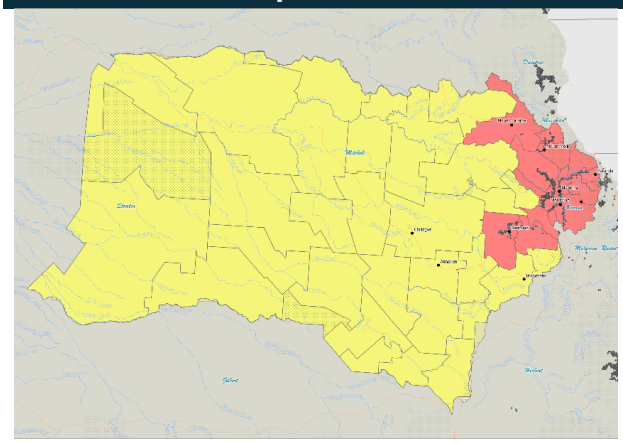
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act olive hymenachne and hybrids must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 hymenachne and hybrids may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with hymenachne under their control.

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Olive hymenachne seed can be spread via vehicles, machinery and stock. Waterways and dams should be monitored in the growing season to detect any new outbreaks.

Stock should be spelled for 7 days prior to being released to drop any ingested seed.

In the asset protection zone:
Ensure best practice weed hygiene measures are in place to reduce spread from known infestations.

Maintain weed free areas. Identify high value assets and protect them from impacts where possible.

Clean all watercraft prior to moving between regions, particularly lowland rivers of the Wet Tropics where Olive Hymenachne can be abundant

ACTION PLAN: Parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)

Details

Description: A small smooth-barked shrub or small tree to 10m with distinctive zig-zag branches with sharp spines. Parkinsonia has small oblong-shaped leaflets on 20-40cm long leaf branches held on a short spine tipped stalk. Yellow flowers are followed by pencil shaped seed pods containing small hard seeds which can spread on flood water.



Distribution: Parkinsonia has established in scattered locations in the gulf watersheds on Walsh Creek and Walsh River near Chillagoe and near the Junction of the Lynd and Mitchell Rivers.

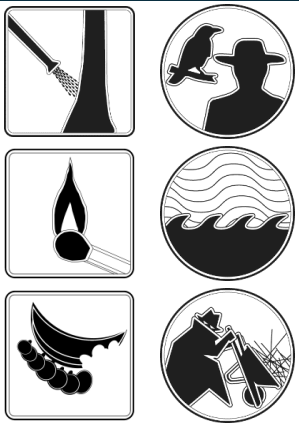
Impacts: Parkinsonia forms dense thorny thickets on the more fertile soils along water courses, river flats, wetland margins and floodplains. It outcompetes native species and rangelands pastures and restricts access to water ways.

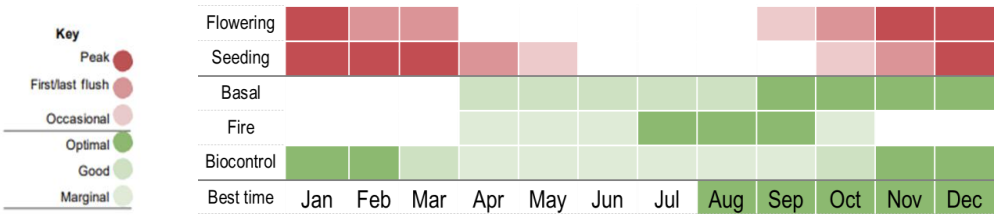


Management calendar

Key projects: Delimitation beyond known sites is required to establish full extent. Healthy rangeland pastures and appropriate fire regimes are key tools in broad acre management.

Control Spread





ACTION PLAN: Parkinsonia (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

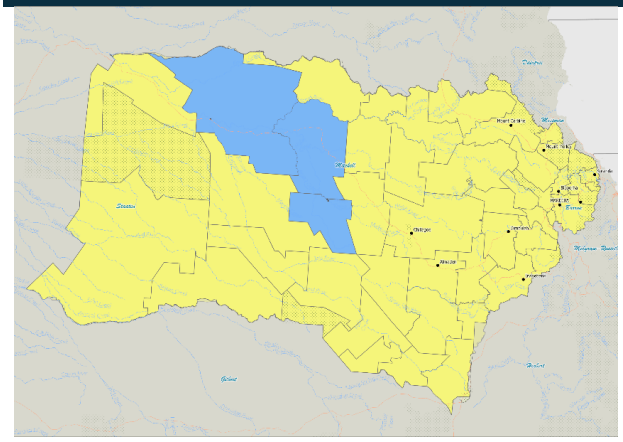
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act Parkinsonia must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 Parkinsonia may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Parkinsonia under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council to report any suspect plants on 1300 308 461.

Ensure that machinery, stock and materials are from weed free areas or subject to a detailed hygiene to reduce the risk of spread. maintaining healthy fire regimes and pastures will improve the ability of your property to Parkinsonia.

Be on the lookout after flood events or stock movements for seedlings.

In the containment zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council to report any suspect plants on 1300 308 461.

Ensure that machinery, stock and materials are from weed free areas or subject to a detailed hygiene to reduce the risk of spread. maintaining healthy fire regimes and pastures will improve the ability of your property to Parkinsonia.

Be on the lookout after flood events or stock movements for seedlings.
Spelling stock for at least 7 days prior to introduction or moving of stock can reduce the risk of spread of seeds on fur or in the gut.

ACTION PLAN: Parthenium (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)

Details

Description: Parthenium weed is an annual herb with a deep tap root and an erect stem that becomes woody with age. As it matures, the plant develops many branches in its top half and may eventually reach a height of two metres.



Distribution: Several highly localised infestations occur around Mareeba. Heavier Infestations occur to the south of Mareeba Shire in the Upper Hebert and Burdekin. The introduction of Parthenium is often associated with poultry feed or contaminated machinery from outside of the region.

Impacts: Parthenium is a weed of crops and grasslands causing loss of crop and pasture production. Parthenium weed also causes severe allergic reactions including hay fever and dermatitis in susceptible people. Parthenium is often spread as a contaminant in poultry and stock feed.



Management calendar

Key projects: A Pest Survey Program annual treatment and surveillance program is underway on known infestations. Several biocontrol agents exist for Parthenium weed but low densities of the weed in the Mareeba area means that manual or herbicide control will be more effective at controlling plants before they can set seed.

Control





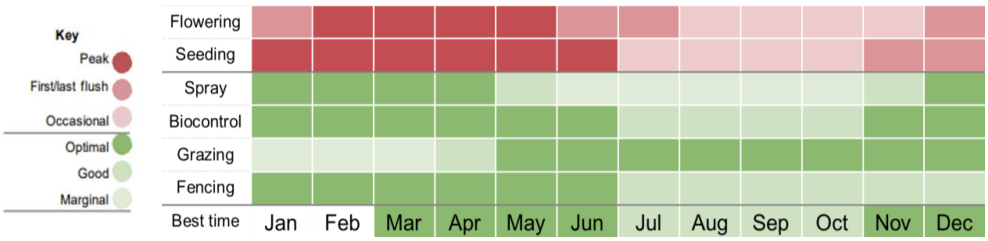


Spread









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ACTION PLAN: Parthenium (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

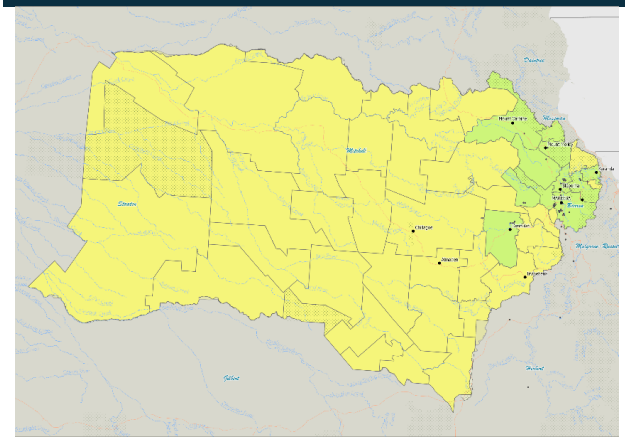
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act Parthenium must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 Parthenium may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Parthenium under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Be aware that contaminated poultry feed or hay may contain seeds and enquire where materials you are purchasing have been sourced from. Ensure any machinery or vehicles moving from infested areas are free from plant material and soil.

In the eradication zone:
Report any suspected outbreaks or detections to Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.

Do not disturb or remove soil and plant material from a known infestation location, even if no plants are visible. Landholders can assist the program by maintaining easy access to treatment areas or by assisting council staff during control and survey activities.

You are responsible for ensuring machinery and vehicles avoid known infestation areas *or* undertake appropriate wash down procedures prior to leaving site. Ensure agricultural and raw materials are sourced from a reliable supplier and are from a weed free area.

Spell any stock in a holding paddock for at least 7 days before moving from known infestation areas.

ACTION PLAN: Rubber vine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*)

Details

Description: A vigorous twining climber which begins as a multi-stem shrub with long whip like shoots. Can present as low shrubs or a canopy of vines. Distinctive glossy paired leaves and large white to purple funnel shaped flowers. Produces paired rigid seedpods which split to release fine cotton like seed.



Distribution: Widespread ranging from sparse to common in the savannah and rangelands. More prevalent in areas protected from fire like riparian zones, vine forests and rocky outcrops. The wind-borne seeds are also spread by vehicles along roadsides.

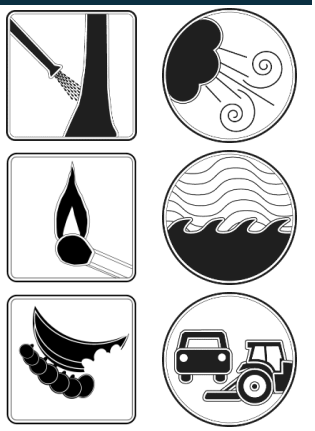
Impacts: Rubber vine smothers native vegetation and pasture and can impede stock movement. The dense vine thickets shade out grasses which alters fire regimes and vegetation composition. It is poisonous to stock. Rubber vine has particularly high impacts in areas sheltered from fire like riverbanks and rocky escarpments.

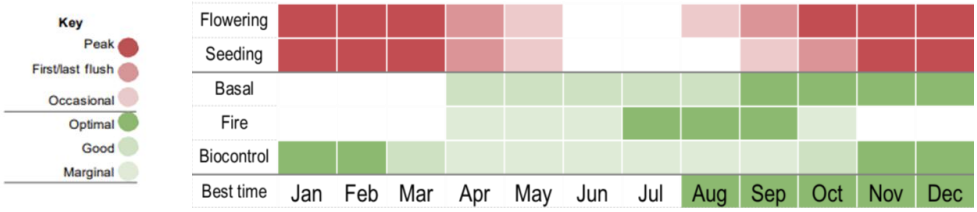


Management calendar

Key projects: A successful rust bio-control agent seasonally suppresses outbreaks. Healthy rangeland pastures and appropriate fire regimes are key tools in broad acre management. The species is actively targeted during roadside weed management programs.

Control Spread





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ACTION PLAN: Rubber vine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

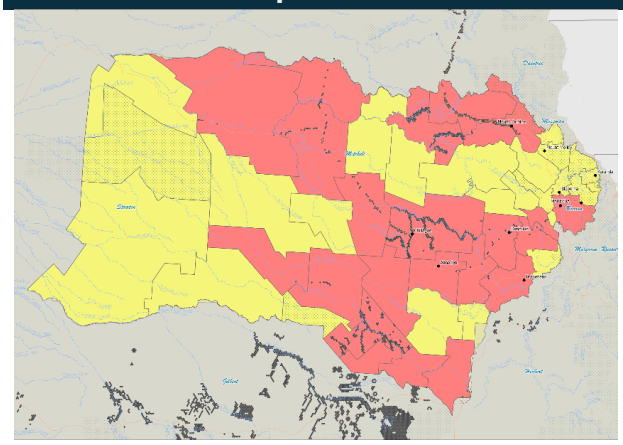
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act rubbervine must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 rubbervine may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with rubbervine under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Ensure that machinery, stock and materials are from weed free areas or subject to a detailed hygiene to reduce the risk of spread. maintaining healthy fire regimes and pastures will improve the ability of your property to rubber vine.

In the asset protection zone:

Control plants along waterways and roadsides from the top-down or in an east-west direction. Assist management programs by assisting with access and maintaining healthy rangelands.

Report new infestations.

ACTION PLAN: Salvinia, water lettuce and water hyacinth.

Details

Description: These floating aquatic weeds are often found together. Salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) is a floating fern with small, coarsely hairy oval leaves which repel water. As the plant matures it turns from bright green to brown and bunches up into tight rafts. Water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*) resembles an open head of lettuce. The leaves are spongy, light green and repel water. Water hyacinth (*Eichhorina crassipes*) has glossy, spoon shaped leaves held upright on swollen stems. It produces distinctive purple/lilac flowers.



Distribution: Salvinia, water hyacinth and water lettuce are common aquatic weeds in several Wet Tropics basins and reintroduction sources may include watercraft, aquariums or gardens.

Impacts: These floating aquatic weeds float on still or slow-moving water and can grow rapidly to cover the entire water surface with a thick mat of vegetation. This shades out any submerged plant life and impedes oxygen exchange impacting on fish and aquatic organisms.



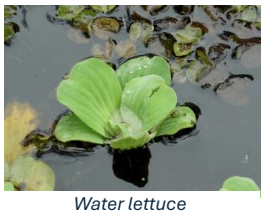
Management calendar



Key projects: Periodic release of a weevil biocontrol can reduce coverage of salvinia in the warmer seasons. Spraying of dense infestations of all three species are conducted in key locations including Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes, dams, water supplies and intakes as required.



Salvinia



Water lettuce



Water hyacinth

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ACTION PLAN: Salvinia, water lettuce and water hyacinth.

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

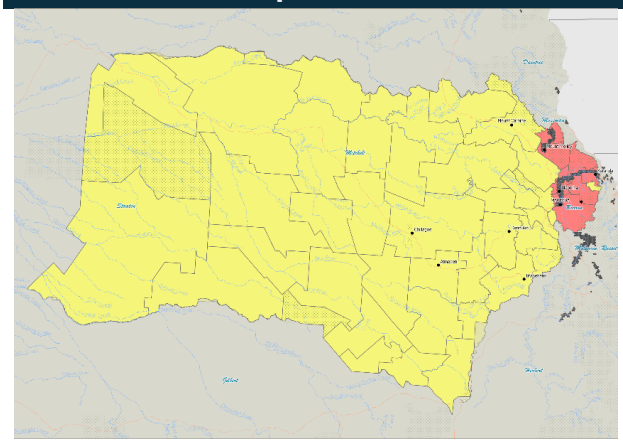
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act Salvina, water lettuce and water hyacinth must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 Salvina, water lettuce and water hyacinth may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Salvina, water lettuce and water hyacinth under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council to report any suspect plants on 1300 308 461.

You are responsible to know what you are buying online or at local markets to ensure you don't unintentionally introduce salvinia, water hyacinth and water lettuce from a contaminated source. Be responsible and do not dump garden pond or fish tank contents into waterways.

In the asset protection zone:

If you have salvinia, water hyacinth or water lettuce in your possession do not share contaminated material including aquatic plants and do not dump garden pond or fish tank contents into waterways.

Remove and bag specimens from water features and dispose of accordance with the regulation. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 for advice on safe disposal.

You are responsible to know what you are selling online or at local markets to ensure you don't unintentionally spread salvinia, water hyacinth or water lettuce.

ACTION PLAN: Siam weed (*Chromolaena odorata*)

Details

Description: A scrambling woody shrub to 3 metres (sometimes higher as a scrambling climber) with distinctive forked leaf venation and purple flush on new leaves. Siam produces clusters of mauve-white flowers in May-June and October.



Distribution: Currently known from Emu Creek, Mt Carbine and along sections of the Barron River. Siam weed is widespread but localised in the Upper Herbert from Ravenshoe to Blencoe and in Mossman, Tully/Murray and Lower Johnstone catchments.

Impacts: Siam weed can form dense thickets and outcompete native species and pasture in both disturbed and undisturbed sites. Siam prefers richer soils in alluvial and riparian zones but will grow in almost any environment in the wet or dry tropics.

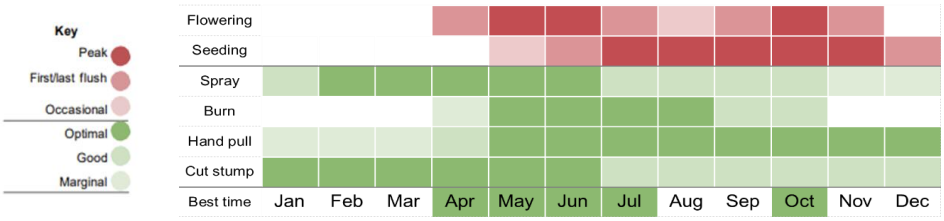


Management calendar

Key projects: Detailed survey and surveillance is required to ensure Siam has not established in the western catchments of the region. Siam weed is a management target for the Mareeba Shire and surveillance operations are in place to maintain the current level of control and limit spread.

Control Spread





ACTION PLAN: Siam weed (*Chromolaena odorata*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

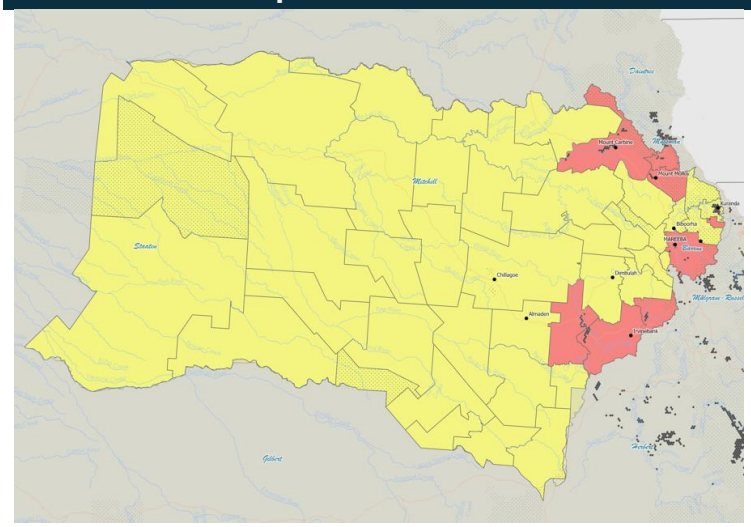
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act Siam weed must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 Siam weed may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting to a waste facility securely. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with Siam weed under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
To prevent spread to new locations or introduction from known infestations ensure machinery, vehicles and raw materials are free from soil which may contain seed.

Report any suspect plants to Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.

In the asset protection zone:
Undertake control works on known infestations in April prior to peak flowering period in May-June. Follow up control works during May-June to ensure any missed plants are controlled before they can produce seed.

Do not disturb or remove soil and plant material from a known infestation location, even if no plants are visible.

You are responsible for ensuring machinery and vehicles avoid known infestation areas or are appropriately washed down prior to leaving your property.

You are responsible to ensure materials or products leaving your property are free from Siam weed seed or plant material

ACTION PLAN: Sicklepod (*Senna obtusifolia*)

Details

Description: Sicklepod is a vigorously growing woody shrub growing to 1.5-2m tall and 1m wide with bright green leaves, yellow flowers and long curved seed pods. Normally an annual though plants that have been slashed or survive chemical application often re-shoot and survive another year.



Distribution: Sicklepod is increasing in distribution in Mareeba Shire due to spread on roadsides and rivers. It occurs in scattered locations in the eastern catchments and is moving from the Burke Developmental Road and waterways in the central west.

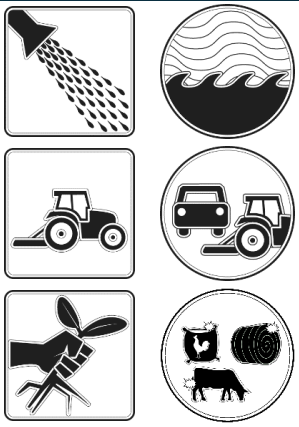
Impacts: Sicklepod can invade and completely dominate pastures, grasslands, riverbeds and wetland margins. It becomes a major weed of crops within 2 or 3 seasons. Sicklepod will invade natural areas especially following disturbance. It is a problem weed of roadsides

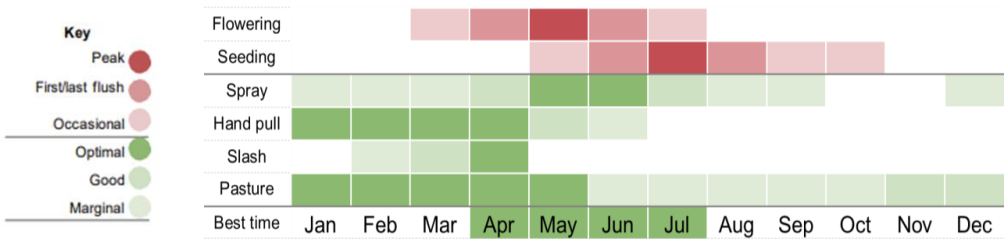


Management calendar

Key projects: Asset protection and spread prevention programs are underway. Weed hygiene measures are in place to protect clean areas and properties. The species is actively targeted during roadside weed management programs.

Control Spread





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ACTION PLAN: Sicklepod (*Senna obtusifolia*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

Regulated Biosecurity Matter

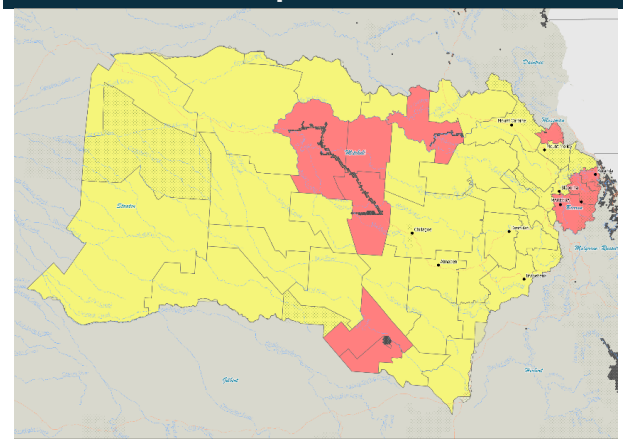
Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Under the Act sicklepod must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

Under the Biosecurity Regulation 2016 sicklepod may be disposed of by:

- Deep burial,
- Transporting securely to a waste facility. Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461,
- Sealing the matter in plastic and leaving the matter in the sun until any vegetative material being disposed has decomposed.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with sicklepod under their control.

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the prevention zone:
Contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461 to report any suspect plants.

Cleaning down machinery and equipment between movements between properties will assist to reduce spread.

Spelling stock in a holding paddock for at least 7 days prior to turnout or movement will ensure any ingested seed is passed before moving.

Ensuring raw materials like quarry products are sourced from a clean site will assist to prevent the introduction of sicklepod

In the asset protection zone:
Spot spraying isolated outbreaks as they occur and prior to slashing or grazing will assist to prevent development and spread of seed. Slashing prior to flowering may prevent seed formation in some situations.

Careful follow up after disturbance such as movement of soil, fire or heavy grazing will limit the establishment of dense infestations.

ACTION PLAN: Wild dog / Dingo (*Canis lupus familiaris, Canis lupus dingo*)

Details

Description: Wild dogs include wild domestic dogs and hybrids.



Distribution: Wild dogs and dingos occur across all parts of the region but are generally more visible in the savannah.

Impacts: Both wild dogs and dingos can cause stock losses in calving season. They also often carry parasites and pathogens. Near towns they can cause nuisance and impact on domestic animals. Wild dogs are generally not aggressive to people however they may display threatening behaviour in urban areas such as attacking domestic dogs, scavenging or stalking.



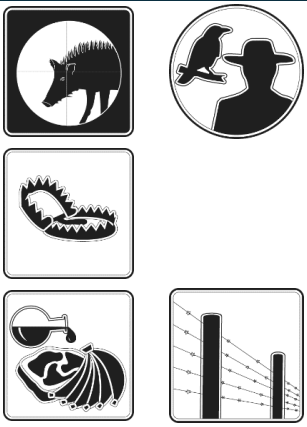
Management calendar

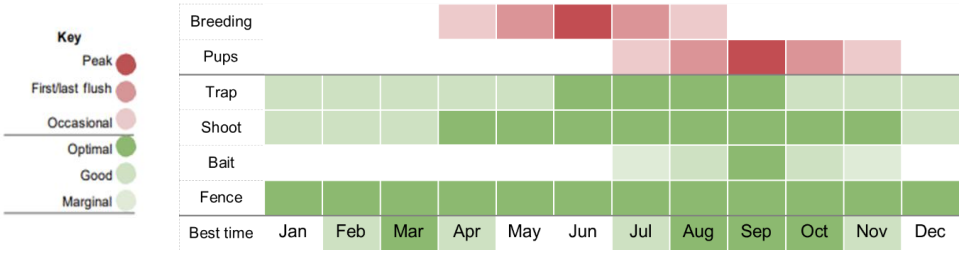
Key projects:

In urban and settled areas Mareeba Shire Council will respond to individual issues as they arise on a case-by-case basis.

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the dingo is protected within protected areas (e.g. national parks). Protected areas have their own management principles, which help to conserve their natural resources and natural condition; however, the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation's good neighbour policy allows for the management of wild dogs in protected areas in certain circumstances.

Control Spread





ACTION PLAN: Wild dog / Dingo (*Canis lupus familiaris, Canis lupus dingo*)

Biosecurity requirements and legal obligations

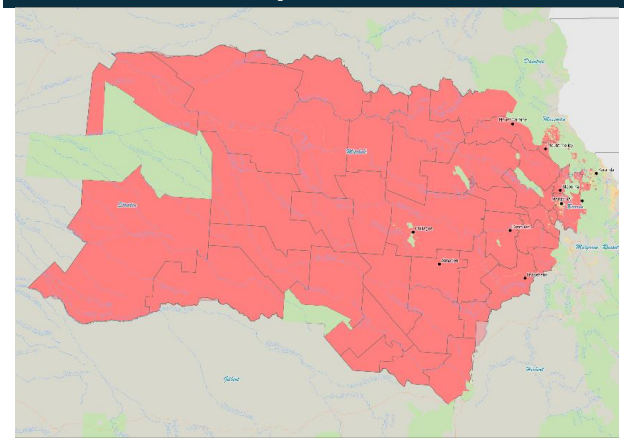
Regulated Biosecurity Matter

Category 3 – DO NOT DISTRIBUTE
Category 4 – DO NOT MOVE
Category 5 – DO NOT KEEP
Category 6 – DO NOT FEED

Under the Act you must not move, keep, feed, give away, sell or release wild dogs into the environment. Penalties apply.

The biosecurity plan does not include management of straying or problematic domestic dogs (including hunting dogs). These animals are domestic animals and are managed in accordance with Mareeba Shire Council's Local Laws. For domestic dog queries contact Mareeba Shire Council on 1300 308 461.

Reasonable and practical measures



General Biosecurity Obligation
The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with wild dogs under their control.

Nature Conservation Act Applies

Prevention
Eradication
Containment
Asset Protection

In the asset protection zone:
Dog proof fencing is by far the most effective method of reducing the impacts of wild dogs on domestic stock and pets. Fencing also restrains your domestic animals and may assist in preventing other animals such as wallabies or pigs entering your property.

If you have grazing animals, then targeting control activities to reduce wild dog numbers prior to calving is the best way to reduce impacts.

Landholders and property managers should coordinate control activities with neighbours.

Nature Conservation Act applies:
Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the dingo is protected within protected areas (e.g. national parks). Protected areas have their own management principles, which help to conserve their natural resources and natural condition; however, the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation's good neighbour policy allows for the management of wild dogs in protected areas in certain circumstances.

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

Date Prepared: **14 September 2026**

Author: **Manager Water and Waste**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to summarise Council's Water and Waste activities undertaken by the Infrastructure Services Department during the month of September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Water and Wastewater Treatment:

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

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

Water Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda	Chillagoe	Dimbulah	Mt Molloy*
Water Plant Average Daily Production (kL)	8,795	603	272	485	169
Number of Connections	4,648	1,146	174	288	125
Average Daily Water Consumption per Connection (L)	1,892	526	1,562	1,684	132

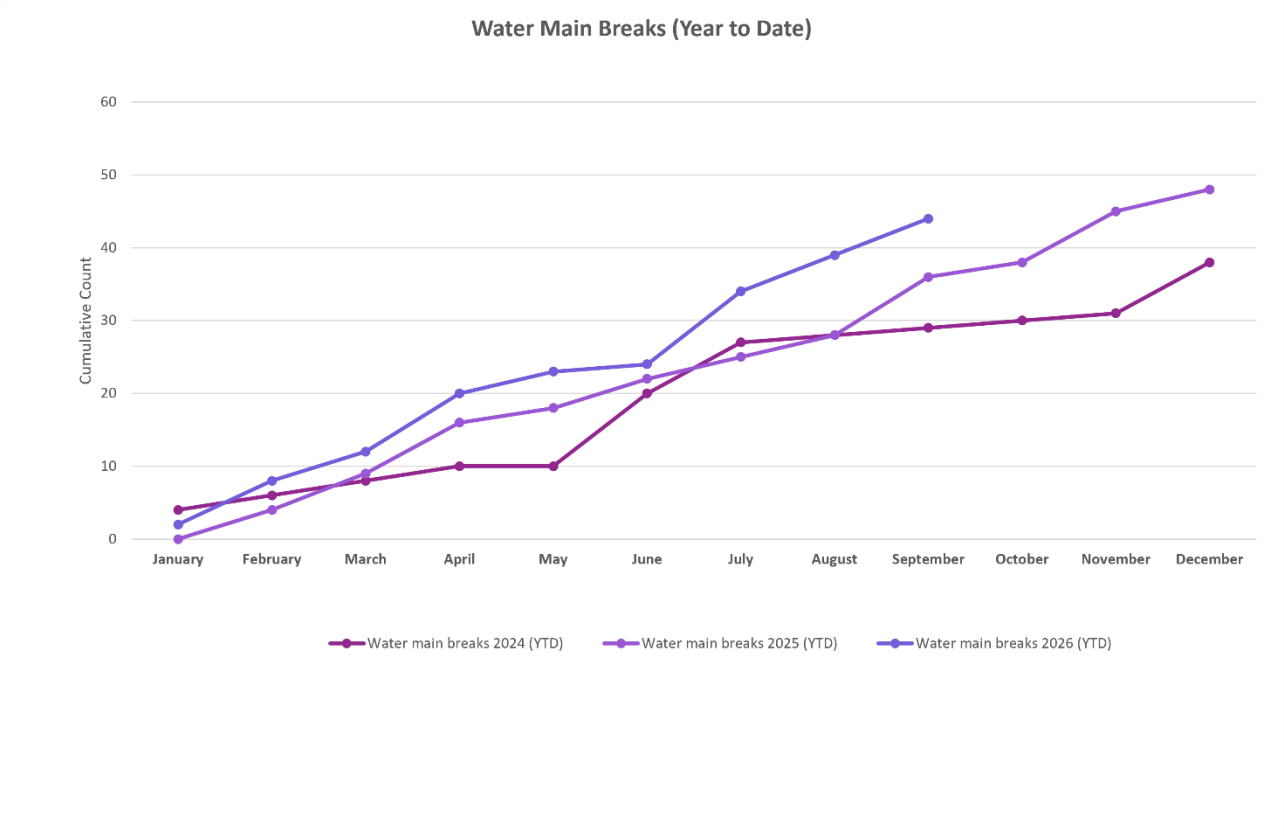
** Mt Molloy is an untreated, non-potable water supply.*

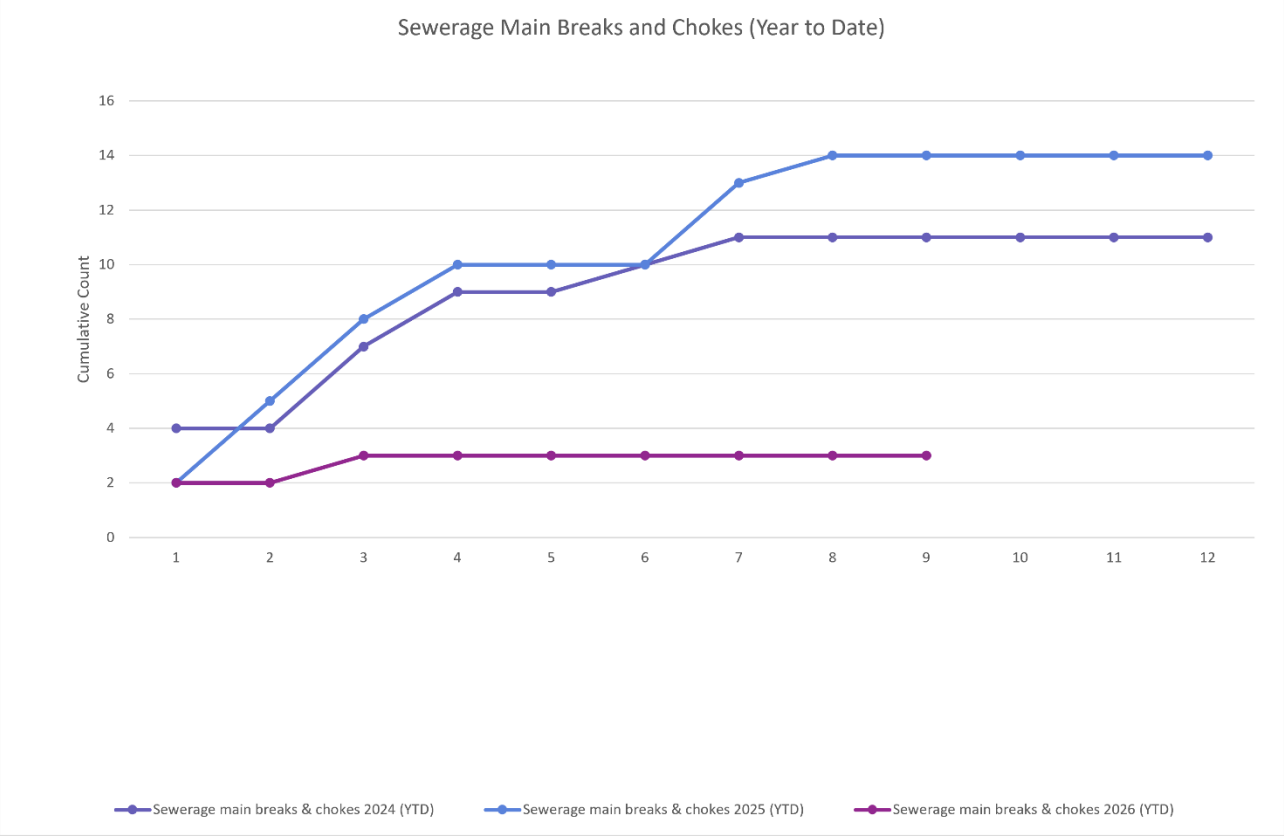
Wastewater Treatment	Mareeba	Kuranda
Wastewater Plant Average Daily Treatment (kL)	2,147	201
Number of Connections	4,306	395
Average Daily Inflow per Connection (L)	499	510

Water and Wastewater Reticulation:

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

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



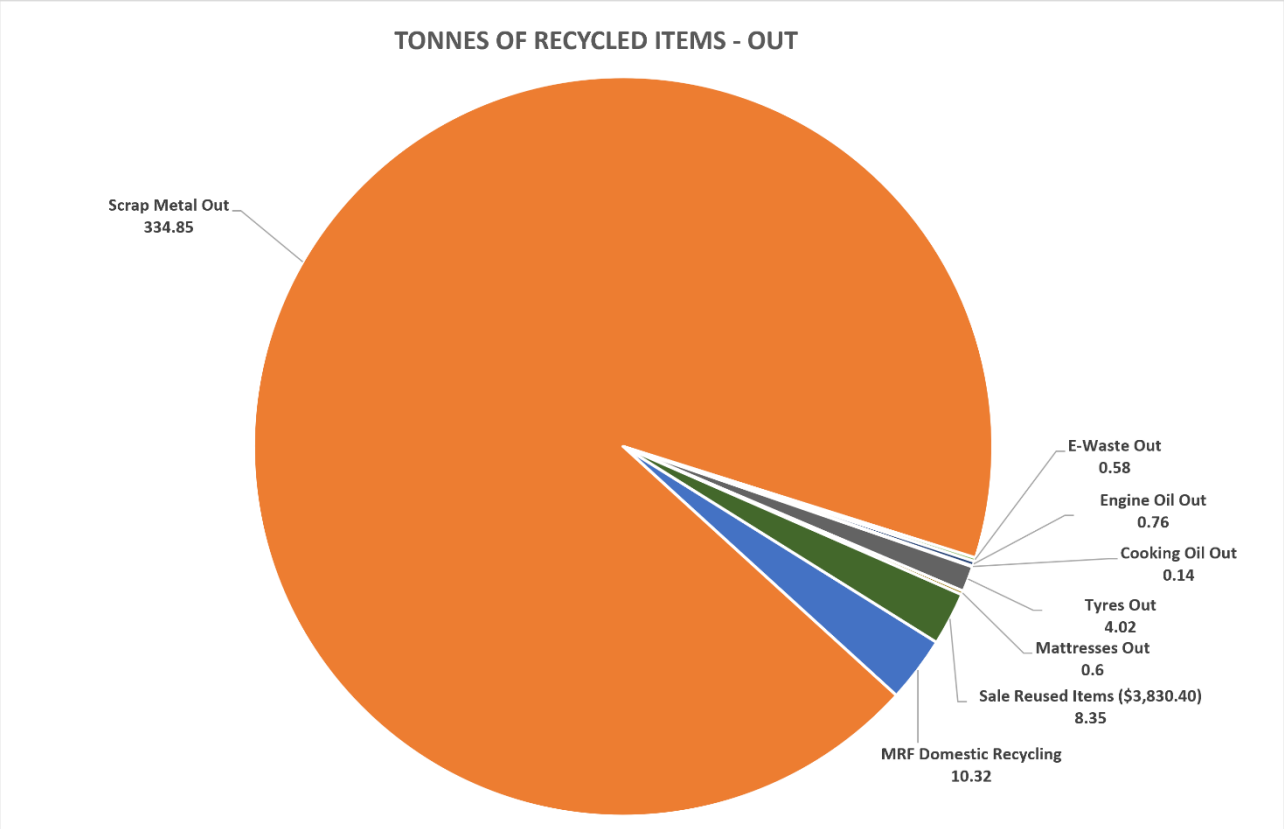


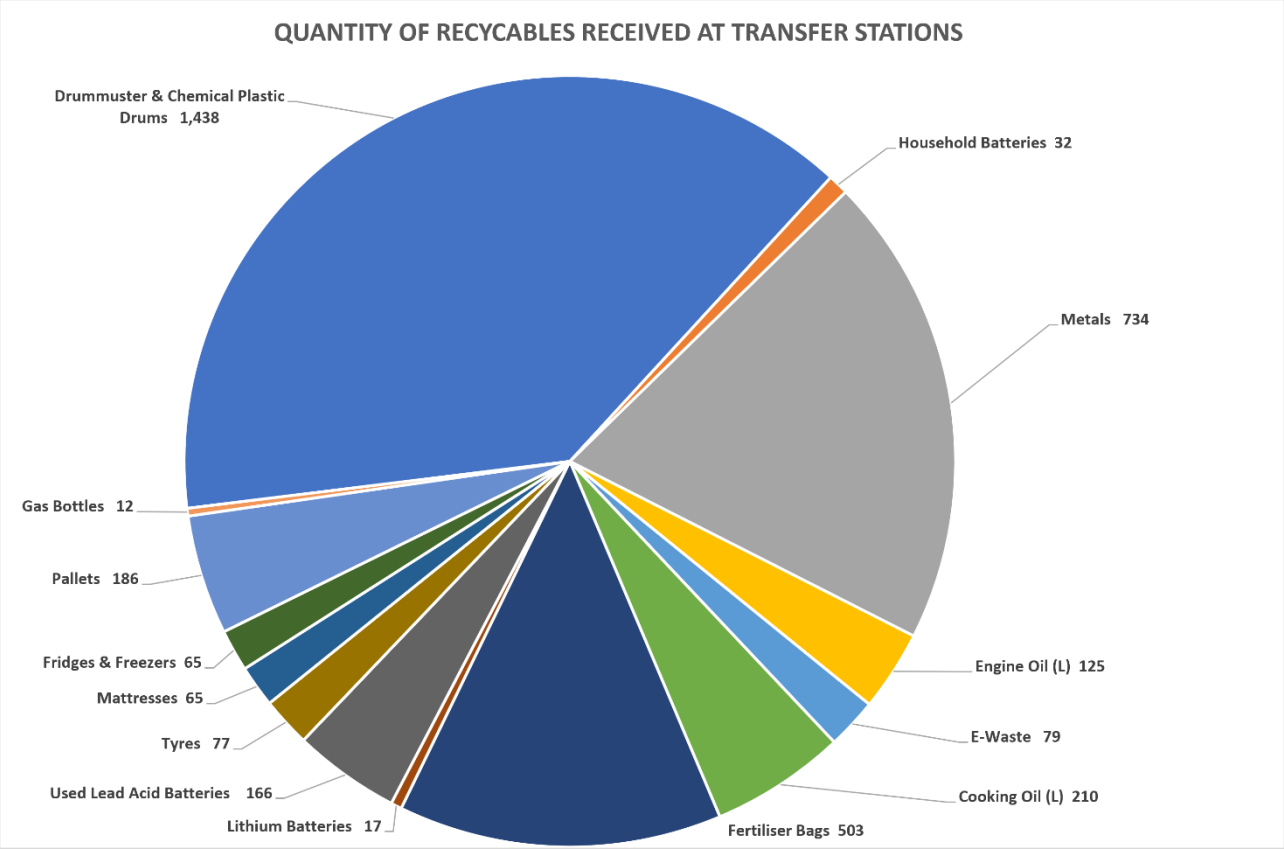
Waste Operations:

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

Recycling

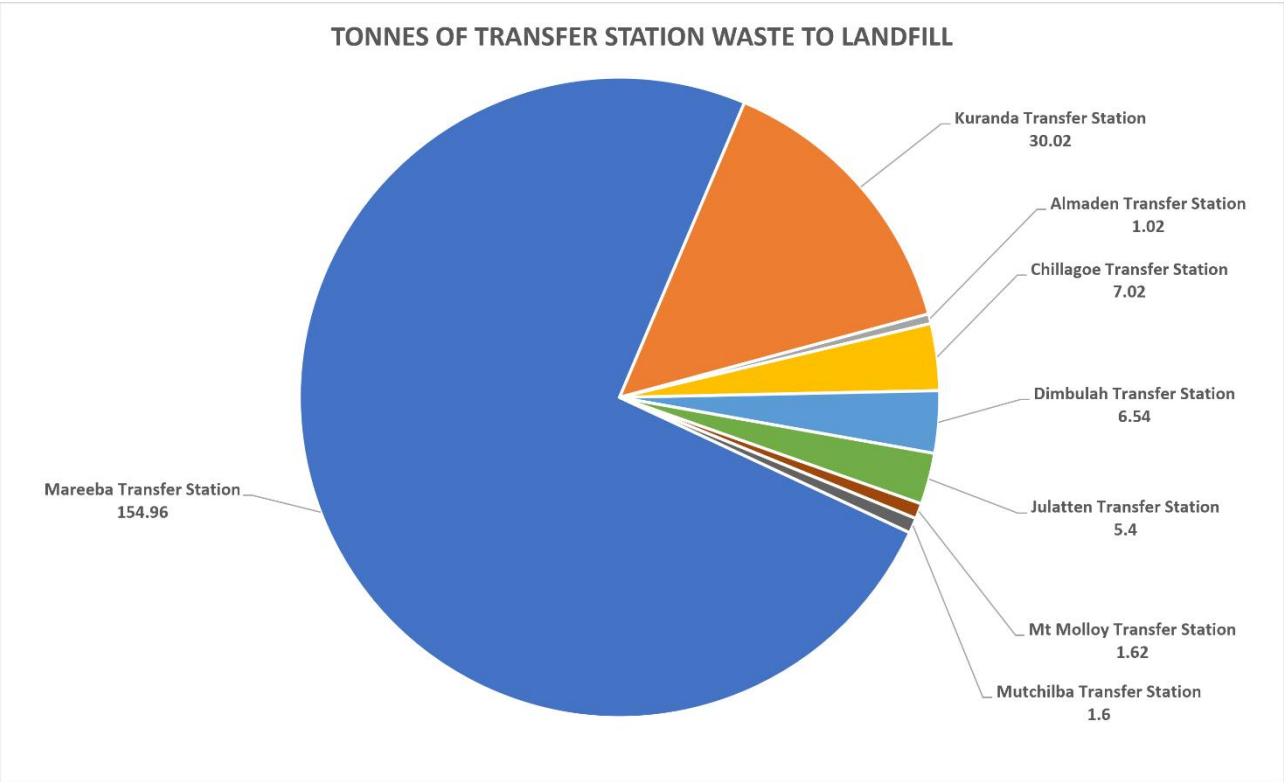
Residents continue to actively recycle at transfer stations. During September, 10.32 tonnes of domestic items were recycled at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The highest count of recyclable items received at transfer stations were 1,438 DrumMUSTER & chemical plastic drums, 734 metal items and 503 fertiliser bags.





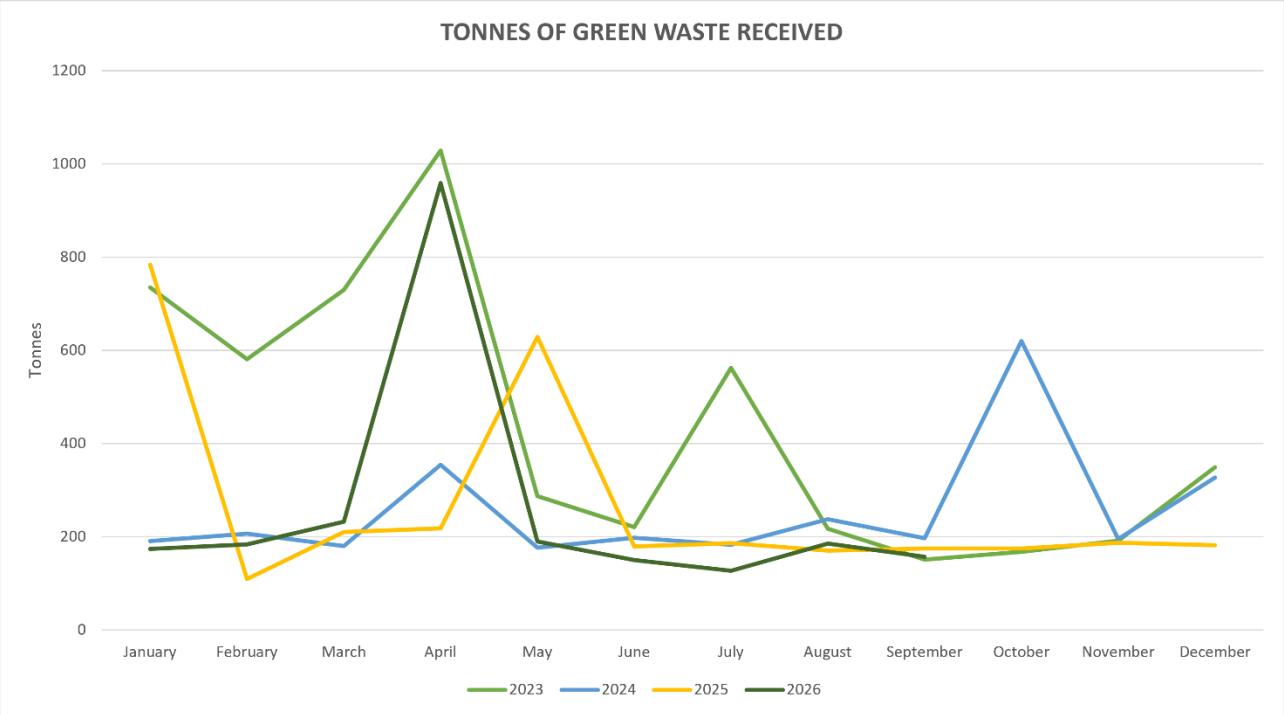
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste

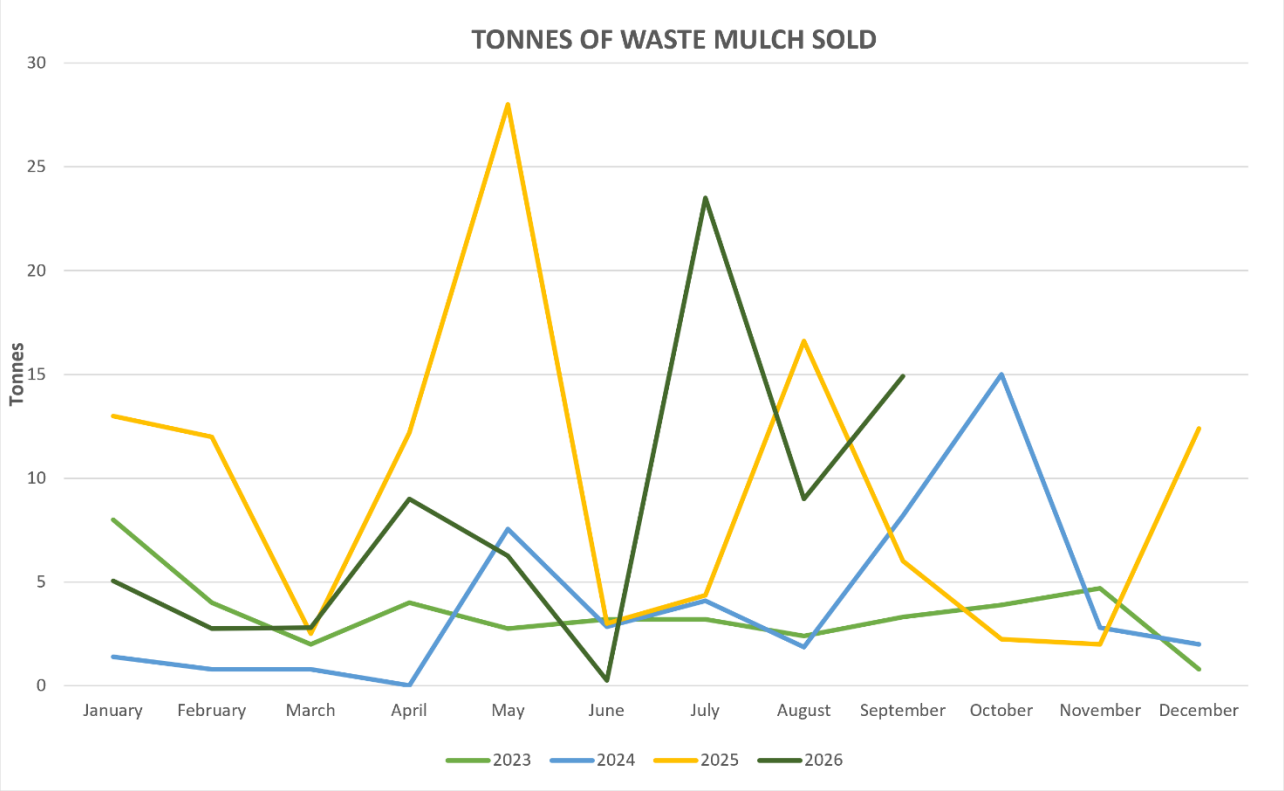
Kerbside Collection Waste and Transfer Station Waste is transported to the Springmount Waste Facility. During September, 208.18 tonnes of waste from transfer stations and 412.88 tonnes from kerbside collection waste was sent to landfill.



Green Waste:

During September, Council received a total of 156.76 tonnes of green waste, and 14.91 tonnes of mulch was sold.





RISK IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

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

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

Nil

Operating

Nil

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.5 DRAFT WASTE STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Date Prepared: **7 October 2026**

Author: **Manager Water and Waste**

Attachments: **1. Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy 2026-2036 Draft for Community Consultation ⇩**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (Qld)* requires all Queensland local governments to prepare, adopt and implement a Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (also referred to as a Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy). This legislative requirement ensures councils establish a strategic framework for managing waste services, improving resource recovery outcomes, and supporting the objectives of the State's waste management agenda.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2026–2036 for public exhibition and consultation. Subject to Council approval, the draft Strategy will be released for a 28-day public consultation period, during which submissions and feedback will be invited from the community and key stakeholders. Feedback received will be considered before the final Strategy is presented to Council for adoption

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2026-2036 for public consultation.

BACKGROUND

The Mareeba Shire Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2026-2036 (the Strategy) establishes the strategic direction for the management of waste and resource recovery services across the Shire over the next decade. It provides a framework for Council to make informed decisions regarding service delivery, infrastructure investment and resource recovery initiatives while responding to evolving community expectations, environmental challenges and legislative requirements.

The waste and resource recovery sector continues to evolve rapidly, driven by changes in legislation, emerging technologies, market conditions and increasing expectations for environmental sustainability. To ensure services remain effective, efficient and compliant, Council must continue to adapt to this changing operating environment.

Council's existing Waste Management Services Strategy 2018-2027 was developed during a period of significant reform within Queensland's waste sector. That strategy guided Council through several major changes, including the introduction of the Queensland Government's waste disposal levy on 1 July 2019, changes to waste disposal charging arrangements, and the transition towards a more sustainable user-pays model for waste disposal services. It also provided strategic direction during closure of the former Mareeba landfill and towards alternative waste management arrangements to the Bedminster facility.

With the Bedminster contract now concluded, and significant changes occurring across the waste management sector, there is a need to establish a new strategic framework for the next 10 years. Growing community expectations, increasing regulatory requirements, emerging resource recovery

opportunities and ongoing financial pressures all require a considered and forward-looking approach to waste management.

The Mareeba Shire faces a number of unique challenges that influence the delivery of waste and resource recovery services, including:

- A large geographic area and dispersed population.
- High transport and logistics costs.
- Limited local recycling and processing infrastructure.
- Significant distance from end markets for recyclable materials.
- The absence of a kerbside recycling service.

The Strategy has been developed in accordance with the principles of the waste hierarchy and circular economy and aligns with relevant State and regional waste management policies and objectives.

KEY CHALLENGES

The Strategy identifies several key challenges that must be addressed over the next decade:

- Managing residual waste while increasing resource recovery outcomes.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate change impacts associated with waste management.
- Maintaining financially sustainable waste services in a regional environment.
- Developing circular economy opportunities within the constraints of a remote and dispersed community.

Strategic Priorities to 2036

To address these challenges, the Strategy focuses on the following strategic priorities:

- Improve service efficiency and financial sustainability.
- Increase recycling and waste diversion from landfill.
- Strengthen community engagement and influence behaviour change.
- Enhance regional collaboration to deliver equitable, accessible and affordable waste services.
- Maintain environmental performance and regulatory compliance.

Strategic Focus Areas

The Strategy is underpinned by four (4) key focus areas:

1. Community Engagement and Improved Resource Recovery Awareness.
2. Resource Recovery Infrastructure and Development of Local Markets.
3. Sustainable Infrastructure Planning and Investment.
4. Council Leadership and Leading by Example.

This strategic framework will guide Council's investment, decision-making and service delivery over the next 10 years, supporting the transition towards a more sustainable, efficient and resilient waste and resource recovery system for the Mareeba Shire.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Legal and Compliance

The *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (Qld)* requires all Queensland local governments to prepare, adopt and implement a Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (also referred to as a Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy).

In accordance with *Section 16(4)* of the *Act*, when a draft waste management strategy is released for public consultation, a minimum submission period of 28 days must be provided to enable community and stakeholder feedback.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Council officers to place the draft waste strategy on its website for public feedback.

Subject to Council approval, the draft Strategy will be released for a 28-day public consultation period, during which submissions and feedback will be invited from the community and key stakeholders. Feedback received will be considered before the final Strategy is presented to Council for adoption.

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About this strategy

The Mareeba Shire Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2026–2036 (Strategy) sets the direction for the future management of waste and resource recovery services across the Shire over the next ten years. This Strategy represents an important step in establishing a sustainable and financially responsible pathway for waste and resource recovery in Mareeba Shire. Through incremental improvements and collaboration with the community, Council can reduce its reliance on landfill and deliver improved environmental outcomes for current and future generations.

While the Strategy looks forward over a ten-year period, Council will maintain a view of changes to regional, State and Federal policies and waste strategies. It provides a framework for Council to make informed decisions about waste infrastructure and services while responding to changing community expectations, environmental challenges and legislative requirements.

The Strategy is guided by Queensland's waste and resource recovery objectives while recognising the specific circumstances of Mareeba Shire, including the absence of a kerbside recycling service, limited resource recovery and processing infrastructure and distance to end-markets. It also fulfils Council's statutory obligation to prepare and implement a waste reduction and recycling plan under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.

This Strategy is built around four key objectives:

1. **Establish an affordable and financially responsible pathway** for waste and resource recovery in Mareeba Shire
2. **Avoid creating waste** through education, awareness and informed decision making.
3. **Protect the environment and community** from the impacts of waste generation, handling and disposal.
4. **Recover maximum value from materials** where practical and economically viable, supporting resource recovery opportunities and the development of a local circular economy.

To achieve these objectives, the Strategy identifies a range of short, medium and long-term actions focused on improving waste management practices, strengthening resource recovery opportunities, enhancing community education and planning for future infrastructure needs.

Our Priorities to 2036

- Improve and enhance waste management and infrastructure to support service efficiency and financial sustainability
- Increase recycling and waste diversion to reduce the volume of waste requiring disposal
- Strengthen community education and behaviour change programs
- Build regional collaboration to deliver equitable, accessible and affordable service
- Maintain environmental and regulatory compliance
- Pursue funding opportunities that improve waste management outcomes whiles minimising financial impacts on ratepayer



Factors that impact our strategy – challenges

Challenge 1: Managing Residual Waste & Balancing Resource Recovery

- Mareeba Shire Council is the geographical location for the Springmount Waste Management Facility, which receives the majority of residual waste from Far North Queensland (FNQ), providing a cost advantage for Council.
- While there is capacity to expand the Mareeba Landfill, the benefit needs to be weighed with the risk due to environmental, regulatory and financial considerations.
- The Queensland Less Landfill, More Recycling 2035: Waste Strategy acknowledges the challenge for regional communities to significantly change resource recovery and has proposed no targeted change for reducing waste to landfill in regional communities.
- Greater emphasis on waste avoidance, reuse and resource recovery can help minimise reliance on landfill, however the current Queensland waste levy and 100% advance payment to Council does not incentivise local resource recovery.

Challenge 2: Economic Costs

- The cost of delivering waste services continues to increase due to rising operational, transport, fuel and regulatory costs.
- Regional councils often face higher per-capita service delivery costs because of dispersed populations and large service areas.
- Infrastructure renewal, maintenance and future investment requirements place ongoing pressure on Council budgets.
- Balancing affordable services with community expectations and environmental outcomes remains a key challenge.
- Minimise cost impacts on the community, recognising cost-of-living pressures while maintaining financially sustainable waste services.

Challenge 3: Cultivating a Circular Economy in a Regional Context

- With a larger population, resource recovery providers and infrastructure are more likely to establish operations in Cairns. This limits the access to local processing infrastructure and end markets for recovered materials.
- Developing local opportunities for reuse, repair and resource recovery can help retain value within the community.
- Partnerships with industry, neighbouring councils and community organisations are required to improve circular economy outcomes. Council needs to consider the resources required to lead regional initiatives.
- Supporting behaviour change and encouraging responsible consumption can help reduce waste generation and increase resource recovery.

Challenge 4: Mitigating Climate Change Impacts from Waste Management

- Waste management activities contribute to greenhouse gas emissions through waste decomposition, transport and operational activities.
- Organic materials disposed of to landfill generate methane, a potent greenhouse gas.
- Increasing resource recovery and reducing waste generation can help lower the community's environmental footprint.
- Future waste services should support Council's broader sustainability and climate resilience objectives.

Principles for decision making

Principles for decisions

This Strategy highlights key initiatives that are considered fundamental to deliver improved serviceability and make incremental gains in resource recovery to the Mareeba community. We also recognise that community needs and the regulatory environment will evolve over the lifetime of this strategy. It is important that decisions on waste are strategic and shape a future that is sustainable, both financially and environmentally, and moves the region on a pathway to accountable resource recovery.

In considering decisions in the public interest, Council will be guided by these key principles in strategic decision making.

- Principle 1 – Waste management is an essential service
- Principle 2 – Waste infrastructure is suitably located, meets the service demand appropriate to the local communities and is designed for safety and resilience.
- Principle 3 – We are pragmatic in increasing our local/regional capacity to recover resources, taking into account cost and the overall social, environmental benefit.
- Principle 4 – We have an ongoing need for a residual waste solution. For now, that aligns to best-practice landfilling and we will remain open to exploring alternative technology such as regionally scaled waste to energy.
- Principle 5 – We recognise the value in regional waste management solutions and delivery of solutions and services in collaboration with government, industry and the tertiary education sector.

Waste management hierarchy and principles

The Waste Management Principles outlined in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 will guide the Council in planning decisions:

- The polluter pays principle – all costs associated with minimising the amount, containing, treating and disposing of waste; and rectifying environmental harm caused by waste should be borne by those who generate the waste;
- The user pays principle – all costs associated with the use of a resource should be included in the prices of goods and services that result from the use;
- The proximity principle – waste and recovered resources should be managed as close to the source of generation as possible; and
- The product stewardship principle – there is a shared responsibility between all persons who are involved in the life cycle of a product for managing the environmental, social and economic impact of the product.





Strategic alignment

This Strategy aligns with and supports a range of Federal, State, regional and local plans and policies, including:

- Mareeba Shire Council Corporate Plan 2024–2028
- Far North Queensland Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Management Plan
- Queensland Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy; and
- National Waste Policy: Less Waste, More Resources Action Plan.

Appendix C provides a detailed summary of the legislation, policies, strategies and plans considered during the development of this Strategy.

Less Landfill, More Recycling 2035: QLD Waste Strategy

Mareeba Shire aims to contribute to the Queensland Waste Strategy 2035 targets, but acknowledges that our contribution will be incremental and need funding support from the State.

QLD priorities that we align to and use as a reference point for decision making are:

2025 Outcomes

- **Less waste disposed to landfill**
- **Boost in recycling**
- **Less litter in our environment**
- **Minimise cost impacts**

You can read the *Less Landfill, More Recycling 2035: Queensland Waste Strategy* here: https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/waste-reduction-recycling/strategy-plans/queensland-waste-strategy

Alignment to the Corporate Plan

Council's Corporate Plan 2024-2028 establishes the strategic direction for the future of the Mareeba Shire and has informed the development of this Waste Strategy. Effective waste management requires decisions that are strategic, sustainable and aligned with the long-term interests of the community. By balancing financial responsibility, environmental stewardship and service delivery outcomes, Council will continue to progress towards a more accountable and sustainable resource recovery future. The following principles will guide decision-making as waste and resource recovery initiatives are planned and implemented:

Sustainable

- Deliver waste and resource recovery services that are financially responsible, environmentally sustainable and responsive to the needs of the community.

Customer Focused

- Place the community at the centre of waste service planning and delivery, ensuring services meet local needs and expectations.

Community Partnerships

- Work collaboratively with residents, businesses, industry and other stakeholders to improve waste and resource recovery outcomes.

Ethical Conduct

- Make transparent, evidence-based decisions that are accountable, consistent and in the best interests of the community.

Striving to be Better

- Pursue continuous improvement and innovative approaches that enhance service delivery, operational efficiency and environmental performance.



Where are we now

Current services and infrastructure

Council currently manages a large and diverse waste network consisting of kerbside services, transfer stations and a landfill (currently closed). Service delivery is completed using a range of Council staff and private sector suppliers specialising in waste collection, disposal and resource recovery.

Council manages a network of waste transfer facilities across the Mareeba Shire that provide essential services to residents, businesses and visitors. Maintaining this network in a financially sustainable manner is critical to ensuring reliable waste services into the future.

Council's current waste management model includes the transportation of residual waste to a regional privately operated landfill for disposal. This approach reduces the need for Council to develop and operate additional landfill capacity while allowing resources to be focused on the efficient delivery of local waste services and infrastructure. Council maintains the licence to operate the Mareeba Landfill, but has elected to "mothball" this facility and will act responsibly to maintain the site with ongoing monitoring, maintenance and rehabilitation.

Council Infrastructure Type	Number of Infrastructure
Landfill (non-active)	**1**
Major transfer stations	**2**
Minor transfer stations	**8**
Buy-back shop	**1**
Recycling Street - Kuranda	**1**
Containers for Change Bag Drop locations	**3**



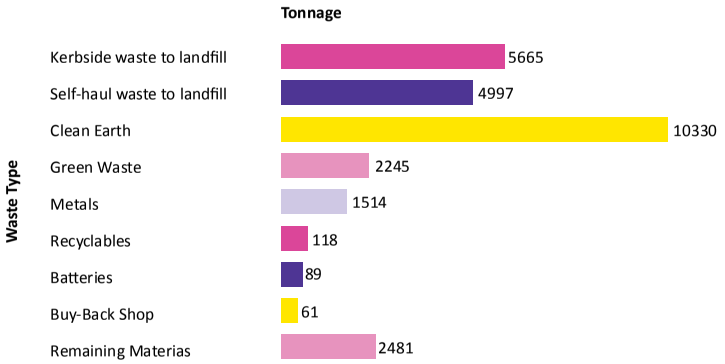


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Waste trends and performance

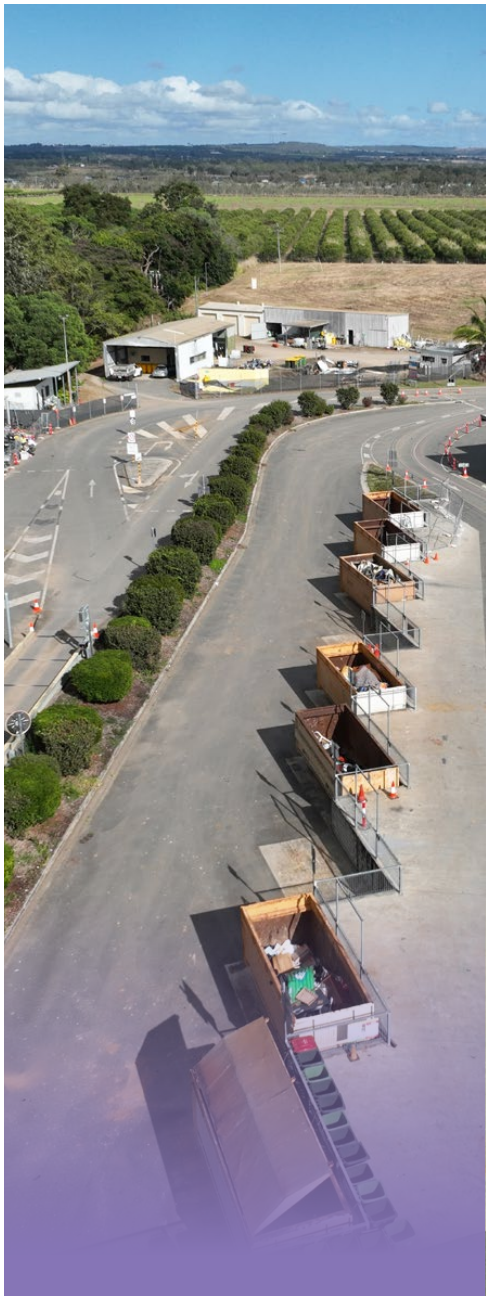
Green waste, steel, clean earth and general waste are the most frequently deposited materials by tonnes and transactions at Mareeba waste facilities. Green waste and steel are highly recoverable and present opportunities to support the local circular economy.

Council will increasingly focus on expanding the resource recovered across the transfer station network as product stewardship schemes and regional collection and processing capacity is enhanced.

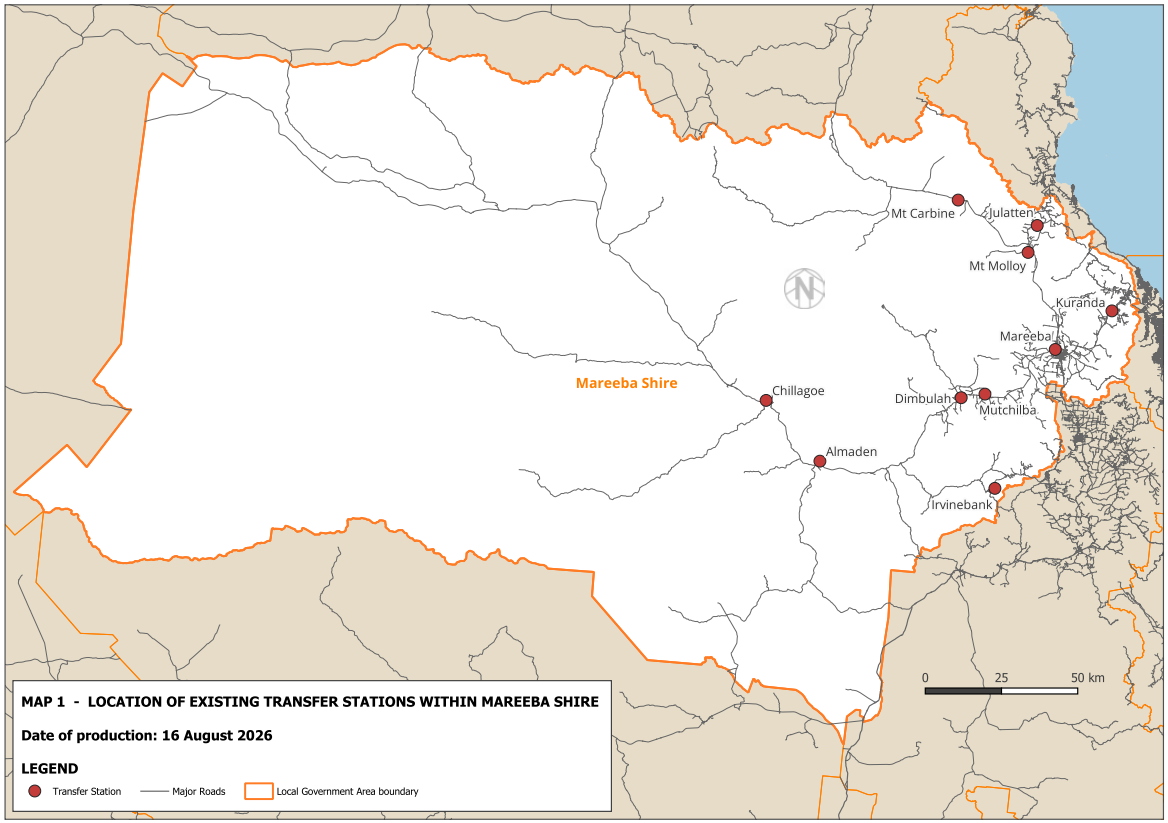


Council will align future resource recovery expansion to align with QLD waste strategy priority wastes:

- Organics
- Plastics
- Batteries
- Mattresses
- Tyres
- Electronics
- Textiles



Transfer station network



The future of kerbside recycling and organics

In 2026, Council surveyed the community to understand the community appetite for a kerbside recycling, kerbside garden organics collection services, or both. For kerbside recycling in particular, while there is a higher proportion of the population likely to use the service, the cost of the service is a barrier to implementation.

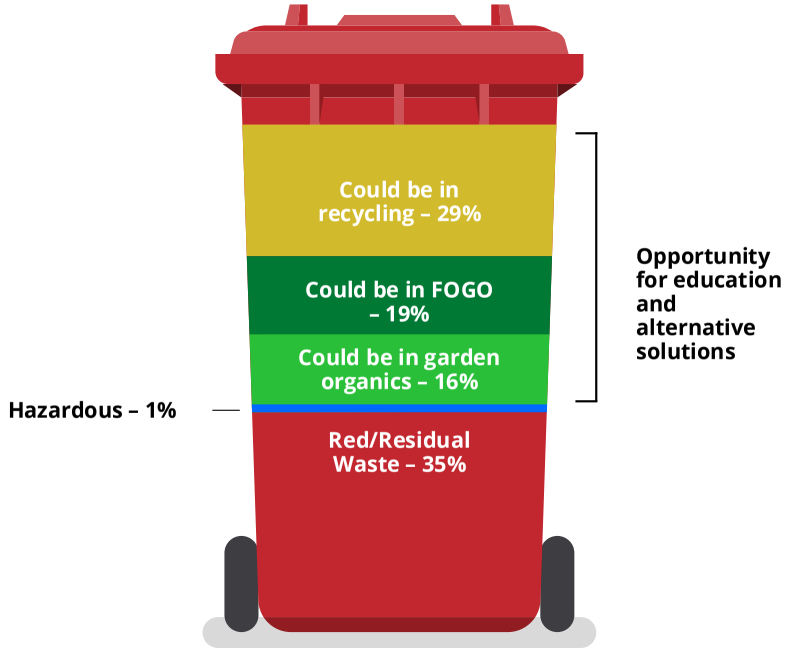
Council has listened to the community and will continue with the current service offering of a 240L weekly kerbside residual waste service.

Approximately 64% of the waste that is placed in the kerbside waste (red lid) bin currently disposed to landfill could be diverted through recycling or organics processing. This highlights an opportunity to strengthen community engagement, education and behavior change initiatives. However, with the current QLD waste levy setting's and cost of living pressure, Council acknowledges the challenge in introducing these services.

Council will continue to monitor broader policy changes that impact cost of service delivery and re-engage with the community when it is appropriate.

From the 2026 community survey, we gathered the following insights from the 1,094 survey respondents:

- Kerbside recycling – 55.1% would be likely to use the service, however 71.8% are not willing or able to pay.
- Kerbside garden organics – 32% would be willing to use the service, however 85.6% are not willing to pay.





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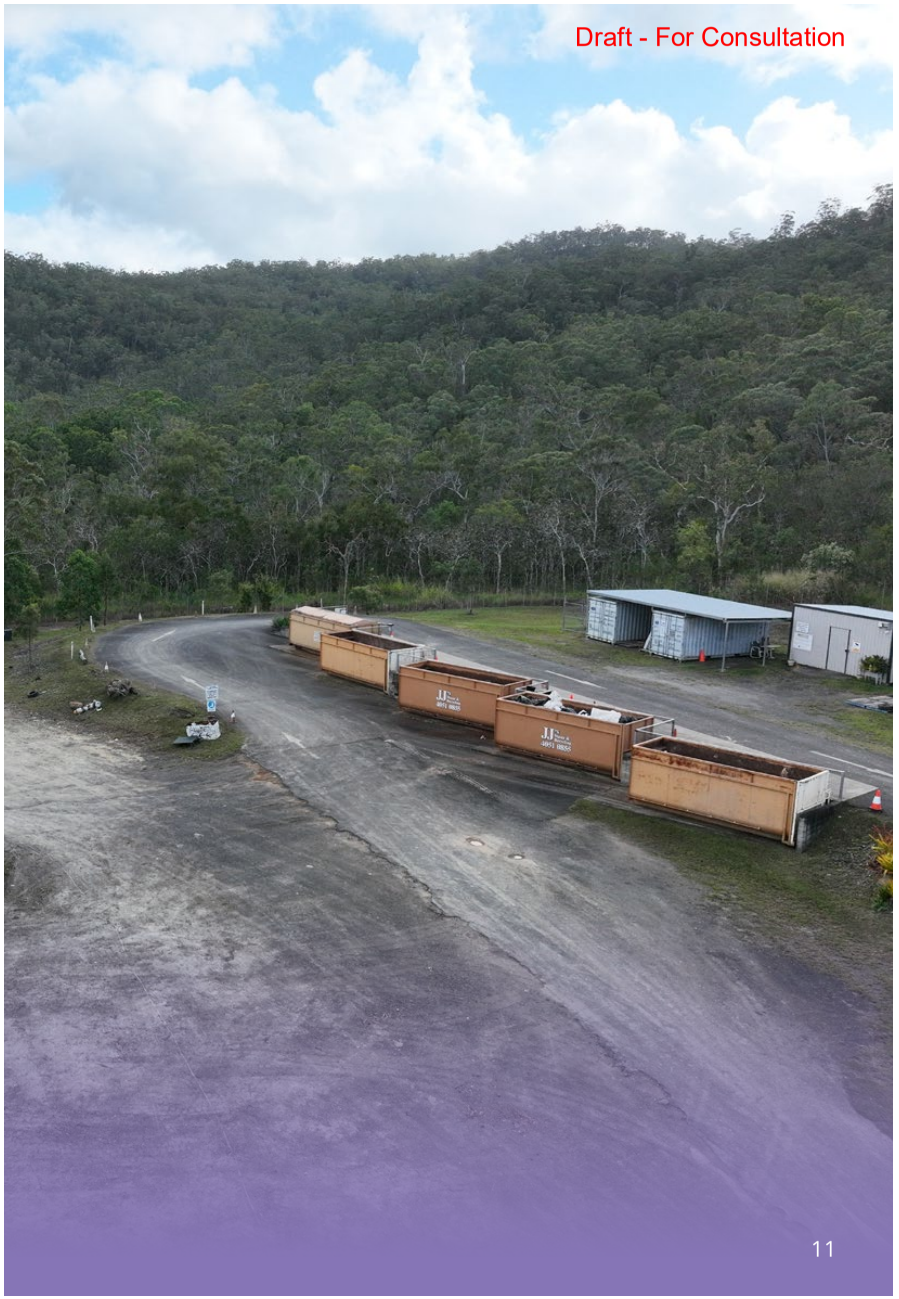
Waste transfer facilities

Council's waste transfer network costs over $1.3M per annum to operate and there is a need to transport waste across significant distances to maintain compliance for waste disposal as well as offer resource recovery opportunities. A part of this strategy was to review transfer station use, examining the customer usage and tonnes generated, to ensure affordable and accessible options are available.

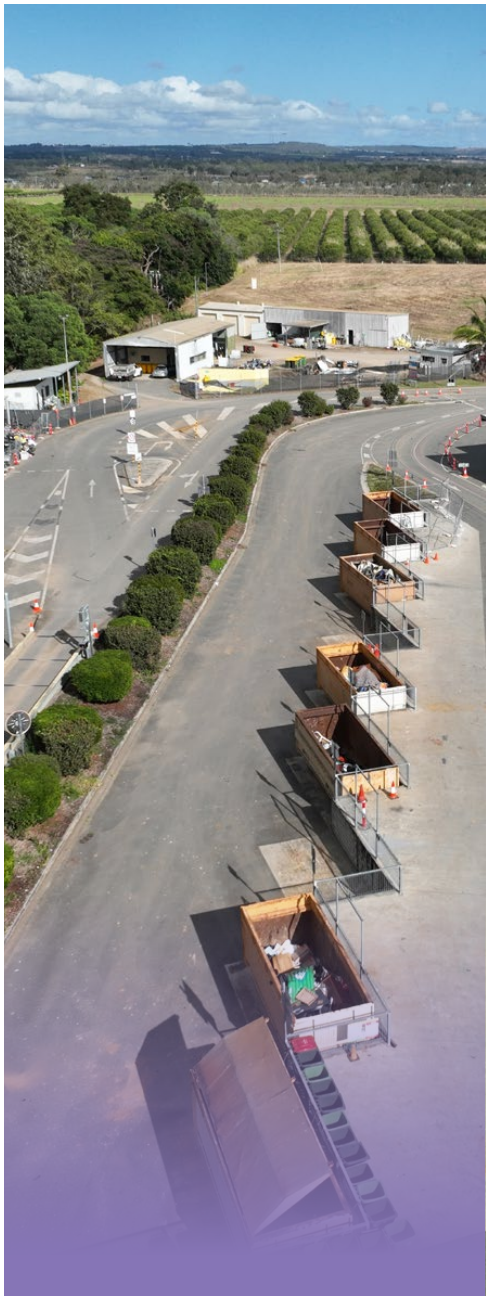
For this Strategy, Council will continuously review efficiencies and customer accessibility to the transfer network, in terms of drive-time/distance and spread of hours across weekdays/weekends. The proximity of several sites within a 25-minute drive time of one another is illustrated on the "drive time map". Council will also take into account the compliance risk of continued site operation, community accessibility and cost of operations, including the need for waste infrastructure upgrades.

The operational and environmental compliance of the transfer station network will also continuously reviewed. At the time of this strategy development, Julatten was identified as a higher risk due to the tight site constraints and the location being adjacent to the Wet Tropics area.

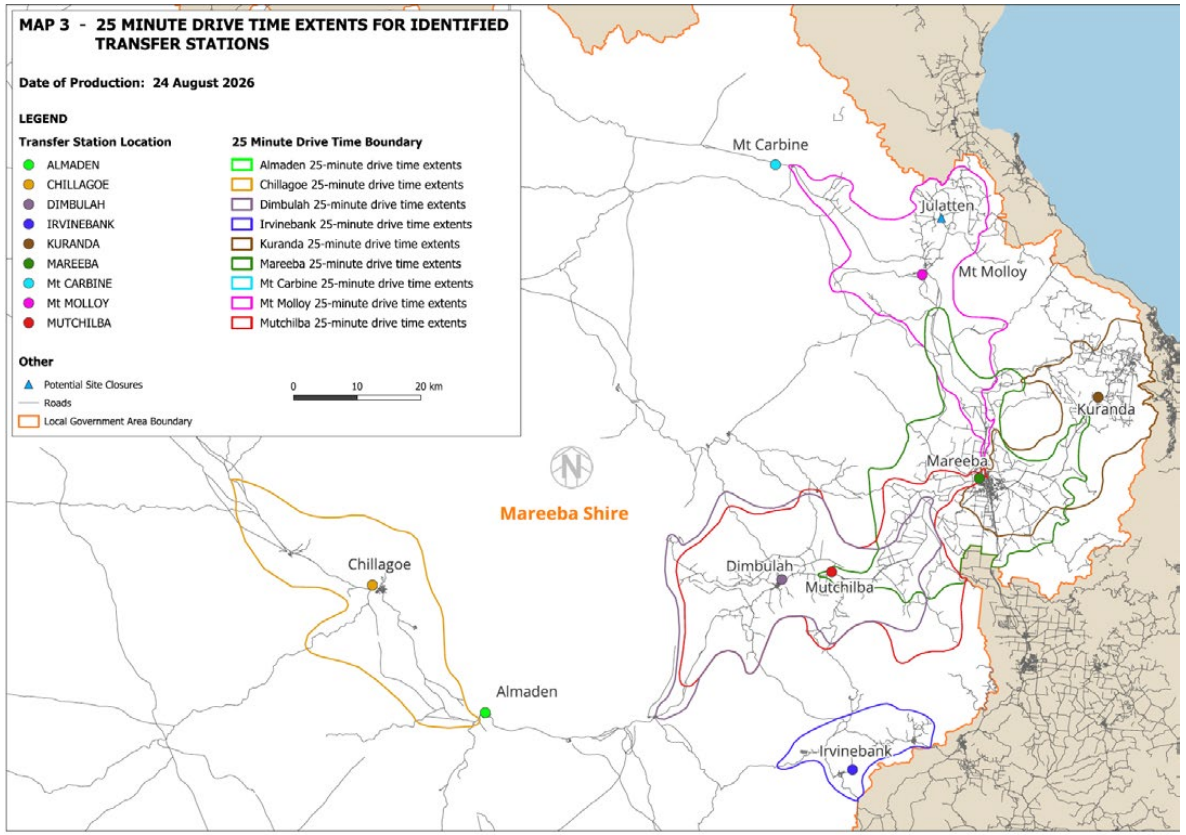
The significant majority of residents have access to a waste disposal facility within a 25-minute drive from their home, consistent with a commonly applied service accessibility benchmark for local government waste facilities across Queensland.



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Transfer Station Network - Drive time map



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How we finance waste services now and in the future?

Waste services account for $7.3 million of Council expenditure, with projections estimating a significant increase by 2036.

The majority of waste and recycling services operate on a ‘user pays’ model, encompassing kerbside waste collection charges, a waste levy, and disposal costs at waste facilities. Council promotes resource recovery and diversion from landfill by enabling the majority of recycling at no cost to the resident.

The Waste Facilities charge helps fund essential waste services across the Mareeba Shire to provide waste infrastructure and services beyond individual households by supporting all residents, businesses, and visitors. It contributes to services such as provision of transfer station operations, landfill rehabilitation and after-care and compliance activities which ensure a healthy environment and safe community.

Applying cost management strategies will be essential for forecasting expenses and finding savings. Council will continue to explore efficiency improvements, appropriate capital deployment and ongoing review of facilities to minimise the financial impact on households.



Our partners

We acknowledge that we cannot achieve our goals alone and we are part of a broader system. Council will foster key waste related partnerships including:

Local: Residents, business and industry, developers, visitors, volunteers and community groups

Regional: Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)

State: Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI), Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP), Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV)

Council's Role
Partner with relevant stakeholders to deliver waste education, information, initiatives, and programs.
Improve waste infrastructure and service capacity to mitigate climate change.
Provide equitable waste services to the community.
Improve reuse and resource recovery solutions.
Manage waste in a sustainable way, both financially and operationally.
Demonstrate leadership in circular economy development through Council's operations.
Track performance and set progressive improvement targets

Regional Partner's Role
Coordinate regional initiatives and target grant funding for regional infrastructure investment.
Advocate for "fit-for-FNQ" resource recovery and waste diversion infrastructure and services.
Coordinate delivery of product stewardship schemes across Far North Queensland
Share resourcing to deliver efficient waste service delivery

Community's Role
Our community will play a significant role in waste reduction by the choices they make in purchasing, resource reuse and recycling.
Dominated by the agriculture and horticulture industry, our local businesses can minimise waste creation and drive circular economy, particularly through organics recovery.
Local contractors partner with Council to deliver waste services. They can bring innovation and insight in the way Council manages waste and support local job creation.
Visitors minimise litter in our natural and built environments.



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Focus Area 1: Community Engagement & Improved Resource Recovery Awareness

Objective

Improve the waste network performance through education and behaviour change programs to maximise waste avoidance and resource recovery.

Key actions

Education: Create a waste education program that leverages the Council transfer network resource recovery infrastructure and resource it appropriately to achieve the Focus Area objective. Initial areas targeting increased awareness of free recycling opportunities.

Engagement: Maintain and create avenues to capture community feedback to understand changing community needs and adapt the services.

Collaboration: Advocate for and promote product stewardship schemes that can be implemented across the local region. Target support for priority wastes i.e batteries, solar panels, and mattresses.

Partnerships: Facilitate local circular economy initiatives by supporting buy-back shop services and community programs.

Engagement: Work with relevant agencies and community to develop initiatives and programs to reduce illegal dumping.

Monitoring: Perform waste characterisation surveys of kerbside and/or self-haul waste as needed to collect data for use in developing targeted behaviour change programs and investment priorities.

Success measures

1. Broader range of resource recovery initiatives and capture across the transfer station network.

2. Implement litter and illegal dumping management

3. Increased household recycling participation.





Focus Area 2: Resource Recovery Infrastructure & Local Markets

Objectives

Council strives for continual improvements in resource recovery and efficiencies across all waste facilities.

Increase local diversion of waste into usable materials and reduce reliance on external facilities where viable.

Key actions

Infrastructure: Implement infrastructure and collections systems across the Council waste network and community for broader resource recovery of materials (mattresses, solar panels, timber, etc).

Service: Expand services at transfer network or broader to align with State priority waste targets – Container Refund Scheme (CRS), mattresses recovery, batteries, plastics, textiles)

Service: Target funding for home and community composting to align with Queensland Government as an alternative to kerbside organics collections.

Engagement: Continue to review introduction of kerbside recycling and/or garden organics and harness funding benefit and/or transport subsidies from Queensland Government to reduce cost of service delivery.

Leadership: Focus on recovery of materials generated by Council business and prioritise re-use within Council's operations to demonstrate Circular Economy leadership where possible.

Partnerships: Promote the diversion of garden organics materials from the regional waste stream to local compost facilities to further enhance local circular economy with local agribusiness.

Monitoring: Maintain asset conditions and renewal programs to ensure service reliability, capacity and safety.

Success measures

1. Improved infrastructure and systems to sort self-haul waste and increased waste diversion.

2. Higher uptake of product re-use within the local economy, particularly within Council operations.

3. Regional garden organics processing to support State organics priorities.

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Focus Area 3: Sustainable Infrastructure and Investment

Objective

Council demonstrates strategic service delivery planning and investment in infrastructure.

Maintain social licence with compliant waste operations

Key actions

Planning: Review the waste transfer network to align service availability and access with community benefit, utilisation and affordability – including consideration of alternative service arrangements.

Services: The expansion of the kerbside collection service area to deliver a weekly waste collection service to a greater resident population.

Planning: Assess waste transfer logistics across the network to deliver cost savings and reduce emissions.

Collaboration: Feed Mareeba's material flows into the Queensland statewide infrastructure roadmap and access targeted resource recovery infrastructure investment.

Infrastructure: Maintain asset conditions and renewal programs to ensure service reliability, capacity, environmental compliance and safety.

Infrastructure: Plan for capping completion of Mareeba Landfill and after-care management to mitigate environmental risk.

Success measures

1. Maintain equitable and practical access to Council's waste transfer network and kerbside collection services across the region.

2. Remediation of Mareeba landfill is progressively completely to mitigate the environmental and financial impact to Council.

3. Future residual waste disposal security is maintained for the community.

4. Waste facilities demonstrate better practice environmental management with nil non-compliances.





Focus Area 4: Lead by Example

Objectives

Collaborate at a regional level to create opportunities to manage waste and resources at scale fit-for purpose to the Far North Queensland region.

Operate a financially sustainable waste business, based on the principles of full-cost pricing.

Key actions

Policy: Reduce Council waste generation through avoidance, minimisation and use of recovered material by embedding within policies and procedures to support and achieve behaviour change.

Efficiency: Embed cost efficiency strategies in planning and service delivery and maintain full cost pricing to ensure long-term financial sustainability of waste operations.

Collaboration: Collaborate with FNQROC Council's to target regionally significant waste opportunities and advocate for funding to deliver initiatives.

Environmental compliance: Monitor and maintain environmental compliance with reporting of waste infrastructure and services in accordance with regulations, licenses and general environmental duties.

Reporting: Establish targets for resource recovery and waste initiatives:

- Regularly report progress to Council and the community.
- Adjust strategies and actions based on performance data and emerging initiatives.

Disaster Preparedness: Maintain services and infrastructure suitable to support community resilience and operational readiness before, during and after emergency events.

Success measures

1. Council is actively engaged in regional collaboration and solutions which maximise the potential for knowledge and cost sharing.

2. Council targets and secures funding to mitigate the cost impact of resource recovery on ratepayers.

3. Annual review and development of full cost price model, rehabilitation model and 10- year capital works program.

4. Continuous auditing and reporting of waste performance for management and the community.

APPENDIX A – Waste transfer stations

Council currently delivers the following services across the region:

10 supervised transfer stations (Charges apply for all waste disposal)

- Domestic Waste
- Domestic Green Waste
- Special management waste
- Commercial & industrial waste
- Construction & demolition
- Harzardous waste & chemicals
- Sorting fee for mixed loads
- Weighbridge (minimum fee applicable)
- Recycling of a range of materials – Cardboard, plastics, Ag plastics, gas bottles, batteries, e-waste, scrap steel

Waste from Outside the Shire: Charged at commercial rates; proof of residency may be required.

Wastes Not Accepted: Includes regulated/hazardous waste, contaminated soil, wet paint, caravans, agricultural plastic film, asbestos, and similar materials.

Vehicle Limits: Vehicles over 4.5T are accepted at Mareeba and Kuranda. For minor sites, Vehicles over 4.5T are not permitted.

Location	Open hours per week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Almaden	5	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Chillagoe	9	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Dimbulah	7	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Irvinebank	7	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Julatten	12	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Kuranda	23	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Mareeba	54	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mt Carbine	6	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
Mt Molloy	6	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Mutchilba	6	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗

Note 1: Operating days and hours vary across the 10 waste transfer stations, with each site operating on different schedules depending on location, service demand, and resource availability.

Note 2: Transfer stations efficiencies will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.



APPENDIX B - Policy and Legislative Framework

Government level	Waste targets and responsibilty
Federal	**Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020** Australia's primary Commonwealth legislation designed to transition the country to a circular economy. It regulates the export of specific waste materials and establishes frameworks to manage the environmental impacts of products throughout their lifecycles.
	National Waste Policy 2018 The following five key principles for waste and resource recovery will help Australia move to a circular economy: • avoid waste • improve resource recovery • increase use of recycled material and build demand and markets for recycled products • better manage material flows to benefit human health, the environment, and the economy • improved information to support innovation, guide investment and enable informed consumer decisions
	2024 National Waste Policy Action Plan The 2024 National Waste Policy Action Plan outlines Australia's priorities for transitioning to a safe circular economy and supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 on responsible consumption and production.
	Australia's Circular Economy Framework 2024 Australia's Circular Economy Framework guides the transition to a circular economy, providing businesses with clear priorities and practical pathways to reduce waste and emissions, drive innovation, and improve productivity.

Government level	Waste targets and responsibilty
Federal	**2025 National Packaging Targets** The National Packaging Targets (NPTs) are a key commitment from Australian industry and government to transition towards a circular economy for packaging. They apply to all packaging made, used, and sold in Australia: • 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable packaging • 70% of plastic packaging being recycled or composted • 50% average recycled content included in packaging • the phase out of problematic and unnecessary single-use plastics packaging
	National Plastic Plan The National Plastic Plan outlines our approach to increase plastic recycling, find alternatives to unnecessary plastics and reduce the impact of plastic on the environment.
	Recycle Mate Recycle Mate is a national recycling education platform that promotes responsible waste management, improves recycling outcomes, and supports circular economy objectives.
	Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF) The Recycling Modernisation Fund is driving over $1 billion in combined investment to expand Australia's recycling infrastructure and processing capacity, supporting the transition to a circular economy.

Government level	Waste targets and responsibilty
State	**Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011** The Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 supports Queensland's transition to a circular economy through waste avoidance, resource recovery and responsible waste management. Key provisions include the waste levy, container refund scheme, single-use plastic bags, waste management planning requirements, product stewardship, litter and illegal dumping offences, and end-of-waste frameworks.
	Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act (WRR Act) A strategic plan for a better way of managing waste in Queensland by harnessing the potential value of resources that have traditionally been discarded. Key targets are: • 25 per cent reduction in household waste by 2050 • 90 per cent of waste is recovered and does not go to landfill by 2050. • 75 per cent recycling rates across all waste types by 2050
	Waste Disposal Levy 2019 The Levy is a state-wide waste management tax designed to discourage landfill use and promote recycling. First implemented on July 1, 2019, it currently applies to general waste within 39 designated local government areas and higher rates apply for regulated wastes.
	Resource Recovery Industries 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan Sets out a plan to support industry growth and job creation in resource recovery, including framework for grant funding. The Action Plan interacts with resource recovery precinct planning provides for beneficial co-location of recycling and post-recycling.
	Single-Use Plastics Bans The State Government banned single-use plastic bags in July 2018 and passed laws in December 2020 to ban other single-use plastic products, including straws, from 1 September 2021. Other single use plastic items are continually being reviewed for inclusion in the ban.

Government level	Waste targets and responsibilty
State	**Recycling Modernisation Fund** A joint initiative of the Queensland and Australian governments providing $40 million in funding support for industry infrastructure expansions or upgrades to address gaps in the State's waste reprocessing capacity.
	Organics Strategy 2022-2032 Provides the overarching framework and action for improved management of organic materials along the organics supply chain and consumption chain.
	Energy from Waste Policy 2021 Non-statutory policy sets framework for role of EfW in Queensland and key performance and compliance indicators.
	Containers for Change collection scheme Queensland container refund scheme facilitates a 10-cent refund for eligible drink containers at approved container refund points. Recently approved inclusion of wine and spirit bottles from November 2023.
Regional	**Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Group** The Far North Queensland Regional Resource Recovery Plan (RRR Plan) is a collaborative blueprint developed by 11 councils within the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC). It provides a long-term strategy to tackle region-specific waste challenges, improve resource recovery rates, and guide infrastructure.

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9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, WORKS SECTION ACTIVITY REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to summarise Council's Transport Infrastructure, Parks and Open Spaces, TMR Routine Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) and Land Protection operational activities undertaken by Infrastructure Services during the month of September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Activity	Location
Unsealed Road Grading	Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Cane Road, Crothers Road, Harrigan Road, Healy Road, Jeffrey Road, Martin Avenue Connect Road - Motor Inn, Martin Road, McCorry Road, McIver Road, Oak Forest Road, Paglietta Road, Railway Street, Torrisi Road, Roos Road, Big Sands Lane
Bitumen Patching	Chewko Road, Fallon Road Return Lane, Barron Falls Road, Bilwon Road, Black Mountain Road, Coondoo Street, Churchill Creek Road, Copland Road, Davies Creek Road, Euluma Creek Road, Fallon Road, Fraser Road, Highland Drive, Kenneally Road, Koah Road, Malone Road, Masons Road, McDougall Road, McIver Road, McLeans Bridge Road, Morrish Road, Mount Kooyong Road, Mount Lewis Road, Myola Road, Narcotic Creek Road, Oak Forest Road, Ray Road, Rob Veivers Drive, Shanty Creek Road, Silkwood Avenue, Speewah Road, Tyrconnell Road, Walsh River Road, Country Road
Unsealed Road Maintenance	Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Bakers Road, Boyles Road, Geraghty Park Road, Henry Hannam Drive, Hickory Road, Jeffrey Road, Karma Waters Road, Kauri Street, McCorry Road, McKean Road, McLeans Bridge Road, Mount Perseverance Road, Mungana Road, Oak Forest Road, Pump Road, Railway Street, River Street, Scrub Street, Spear Road, Two Chain Road
Tree Trimming	Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Bakers Road, Black Mountain Road, Boyles Road, Buchan Street, Cadagi Drive, Clacherty Road, Coondoo Street, Euluma Creek Road, Frew Street, Ganyan Drive,

Activity	Location
	Green Forest Road, Highland Drive, Jeffrey Road, Kanervo Road, Kauri Street, Kuranda Crescent, McCorry Road, Morrish Road, Nine Mile Road, Oak Forest Road, Pinnacle Road, Pump Road, Queen Street (DTMR), River Street, Sanctuary Close, Scenic Drive, Speewah Road, Stoney Creek Road, Veivers Drive, Wetherby Road, Weir Road, Black Mountain Road, Mount Molloy Depot Access
Slashing	Bakers Road, Clacherty Road, Euluma Creek Road, Leadingham Creek Road, McDougall Road, McLeans Bridge Road, Morrish Road, Mount Lewis Road, Sides Road, Jim Weir Road
Road Furniture – Repair/Replace	Chewko Road, Coondoo Street Turn Lane, Rob Veivers Drive Turn Lane, Therwine Street Roundabout, Warril Drive Turn Lane, Arara Street, Armstrong Road, Austin Road, Bakers Road, Barron Falls Road, Beh Road, Bilwon Road, Black Mountain Road, Bolton Road, Borland Street, Boyles Road, Brown Road, Brown Street, Buchan Street, Butler Drive, Byrnes Street, Byrnes Street (North), Cedar Park Road, Clacherty Street, Close Street, Coconut Grove, Colquhoun Street, Coondoo Street, Dempster Street, Dickenson Close, Douglas Track, Eccles Street, Edmonds Road, Euluma Creek Road, Fallon Road, Fassio Road, Fuelling Street, Ganyan Drive, Green Forest Road, Hawkins Road, Hellcat Close, Henry Hannam Drive, Hickory Road, Highland Drive, Inverardi Road, Jeffrey Road, Jordison Road, Kanervo Road, Kelly Road, Koah Road, Leadingham Creek Road, Lockwood Road, Masons Road, McDougall Road, Meeroo Street, Mona Mona Road, Morrish Road, Mt Mulligan Road, Myola Road, Narcotic Creek Road, Oak Forest Road, Ootann Road, Pickford Road, Quinn Road, Railway Avenue, Rains Road, Raleigh Street, Rankin Street, Rob Veivers Drive, Saddle Mountain Road, Sandy Creek Road, Smiths Track, Speewah Road, Springmount Road, Starcke Street, Stoney Creek Road, Therwine Street, Thongon Street, Thooree Street, Tyrconnell Road, Vallely Road, Walsh Road, Walsh Street, Wilkes Street, Windy Hollow Road, Wrights Lookout Road, Black Mountain Road, Lappa-Mount Garnet Road, Possum Close
Inlet/Outlet Culverts	Euluma Creek Road, McLeans Bridge Road, Wetherby Road, Christensen Road

TMR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (RMPC)

The following RMPC works were carried out in September 2026.

Location	Activity
32A - Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba)	• Rest Area Servicing at Edmund Kennedy Bridge.

Location	Activity
34A - Mulligan Highway (Mareeba - Mount Molloy)	• 26/27 Sign Replacement program. • Pothole patching at various locations as required. • Cleaning inlets and outlets of pipes identified in 26/27 inspections.
34B - Mulligan Highway (Mount Molloy - Lakeland)	• Roadside Litter Collection - Rifle Creek and Mt Carbine Truck Stop. • Additional services to clean up illegal dumping at Mt Carbine truck stop. • Roadside Litter Collection including dumped tyres. • Rest Area Servicing at Rifle Creek. • Clean inlets and outlets of pipes identified in 2026/27 inspections. • Straighten and number guideposts where required. • Install 2026/27 replacement signs.
653 - Mossman-Mount Molloy Road	• Roadside litter collection - Hunter Creek, Environ Park and Lyons Park. • Rest Area Servicing at Hunter Creek. • Pothole patching at various locations. • Straighten and number guideposts where required. • Install a “Side Road, Junction (L)” sign for Mount Molloy bound traffic.
89B - Burke Developmental Road (BDR)	• Rest Area Servicing at Eureka Creek. • Medium Formation Grading from Almaden to Chillagoe. • Install 2026/27 Replacement Signs. • Road repairs to blow outs along graded sections of road and abrasive material west of Wrotham Park. • Install 1metre Flood Marker at Trimbles Crossing. • Medium Formation Grading from Elizabeth Creek to Trimbles. • Medium Formation Grading from Lynd to Boundary.
664 - Mareeba to Dimbulah Road	• Replace/straighten guideposts where required. • Supply only - 2026/27 replacement signs. • Cleaning inlets and outlets of pipes identified in 2026/27 inspections.

Location	Activity
6632 - Herberton - Petford Road	• Grading (Other Formation Works). • Install 2026/27 replacement signs.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

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

Description	Comment
Mowing	• Irrigated areas as per schedule about 12-15 days between mows.
Playing fields mowing	• Davies Park once a week at 50mm. • Borzi Park and Firth Park once a week at 25mm.
General maintenance	• Weeding and mulching garden beds and medians in Mareeba and Kuranda.
Gurney Crew	• Pressure cleaning Mareeba and Kuranda footpaths as per routine, Pressure cleaning Playgrounds as required.
Playgrounds	• Replace toddler swing seat at Mary Andrews Park.
Slashing	• Mount Molloy approaches. • Barron Esplanade.
Burials	• Mareeba – 2 coffins inground Lawn Section, 1 Ashes in Lawn Section, 1 Ashes in Columbarium Wall, 1 coffin inground in Protestant Section. • Dimbulah – 0. • Kuranda Old Cemetery – 0. • Mount Molloy Cemetery – 0. • Chillagoe – 0.
LOA	• Mareeba Cemetery. • Pioneer Cemetery. • Dimbulah Cemetery. • Dimbulah Tennis Courts and the main park.
Tree Trimming	• Chillagoe tree jobs completed. • Tree trimming in Kuranda and Mareeba streets for ease of mowing and street sweeper access.
Fire Management	• Hazard reduction burns completed in Mareeba and Mount Molloy. • Firebreak maintenance completed.
Events	• Provide additional rubbish collection for Cardiac Challenge.
Footpath Maintenance	• Normal pressure cleaning only.
Projects	• Tree planting and irrigation installation Bi-Lakes North. • Arnold Park adjustments to Irrigation to suit new footpaths and Basketball Courts.

LAND PROTECTION

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

Weed/Pest	Activity
Parthenium Weed	• Inspections carried out on all sites. All landholders are complying with their biosecurity obligation.
Amazon Frogbit	• Foliar spray treatment in Mareeba Lakes, Chinaman and Atherton Creeks.
Feral Pigs	• 21 pigs trapped in the Mareeba, Mutchilba and Kuranda areas.
Bellyahe Bush, Siam Weed & Rubbervine	• Work has continued on multi weed clean up on Emu Creek, Petford. Survey hand removal and cut stump of various weeds along the river system.



Amazon Frogbit in Atherton Creek (Chewko Road Bridge)

CUSTOMER REQUESTS

During September, the Works Group received 142 Customer Requests (CRs) with 159 resolved (resolved requests include those received prior to August 2026). The table below shows the number of requests lodged per Works Section for the month.

Month	Roads	Parks and Gardens	Pest Management
September	79	50	13

At the time of reporting, the Works Group had 91 open requests.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Operating

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

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

9.7 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **2 October 2026**

Author: **Coordinator Disaster Recovery**

Attachments: **Nil**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline the progress of Council's activities funded under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) during the month of September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2024-10 Jarawee Road Stabilisation	Bridge works complete. Approach works near complete, line marking scope remaining.
T-MSC2025-33 Warril and Mount Haren Landslip Remediation	Contract awarded to Australian Ground Engineering (AGE). Works commenced in May 2026 at Mt Haren Road. Works commenced at Warril Drive.

Water and Sewer Program (exceptional circumstances package)

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

Betterment Fund (exceptional circumstances package)

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

Project Name	Update
T-MSC2025-24 Gully Betterment Program	Contract awarded to S&K Civil Contracting Pty Ltd. Works completed on Fraser Road, Mona Mona Road and Fantin Road. Works in progress on Hillview Road.
T-MSC2025-25 Wolfram Road Culvert Upgrade	Contract awarded to Gregg Construction Pty Ltd. On site works are near complete.
T-MSC2025-26 Lockwood Road Upgrade	Contract awarded to IKCO Pty Ltd T/A Ikin Civil. Works commenced September 2026.

Local Recovery and Resilience Grants (LRRG)

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

Approval has been received for Council's submission, which included a range of retrospective and current projects. An extension of time has been approved, allowing Council to finalise the remaining projects. This includes the delivery of furniture and completion of works at the Community Led Activation Centres.

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
DRQ-MSC2026-01 - Eastern Roads 1 & DRQ-MSC2026-02 - Eastern Roads 2	Contract awarded to IKCO Pty Ltd T/A Ikin Civil in June 2026. Works progressing well, original contract works complete, additional works in progress.
DRQ-MSC2026-05 - Western Roads 1 & DRQ-MSC2026-06 - Western Roads 2	Contract awarded to Gregg Construction Pty Ltd in June 2026. Works on site near complete.
DRQ-MSC2026-03 - Dimbulah Roads 2	Contract awarded to Watto's Earthmoving and Machinery Hire Pty Ltd in July 2026. Works progressing well.
DRQ-MSC2026-04 - Mid-Western Roads	Contract awarded to MC Group Pty Ltd in July 2026. Works on site near complete.

Project Name	Update
DRQ-MSC2026-08 - Sealed Roads	Contract awarded to Stratos Civil Pty Ltd in July 2026. Includes Fallon Road works. Works progressing well.
Hastie Road Embankment	Approval received for geotechnical solution. Onsite investigations complete, design near complete.
Kuranda Depot Access Slip	Approval received for geotechnical solution. Temporary works complete to stabilise site prior to the 25/26 wet season. Further works to stabilise site to be completed in 2026.
Top Eureka Creek Road Culvert	Rock protection works complete. Rock mattress works to be undertaken in 2026.
Cooktown Crossing, Kondaparinga Road	Approval received for replacement of Cooktown Crossing on Kondaparinga Road. Construction to be as per current DAF guidelines (like for like). Site investigations have commenced. Temporary road closure for Geotechnical investigations is scheduled from 12 – 16 October. Resident and community notification in progress, signs installed.
Butler Drive, Kuranda Landslip	Approval received for stabilisation of downslope bank adjacent Butler Drive. Slip has compromised stormwater drainage. Site investigations progressing well.
Aerodrome Drain, Mareeba	Approval received for rock mattress works at end of aerodrome drain adjacent Ray Road. Works to be undertaken in FY 26/27.

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

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

Emergency Works (EW)

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

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Projects

Project Name	Update
Spring Valley Road Causeway	Failed crossing removed and temporary crossing constructed under Emergency Works. Reconstruction of concrete causeway on Spring Valley Road now completed by S&K Civil Contracting Pty Ltd. Will be removed from the next report.

Project Name	Update
Argyle Street, Dimbulah	Approval received for pavement works on Argyle Street, Dimbulah.
Volkman Road	Approval received for pavement works on Volkman Road, Arriga.
Hurricane Road Maintenance	Gravel supply awarded to Mt Carbine quarries.
REPA Submissions	REPA submissions progressing well, with approvals so far being approximately 98% of submission values.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

Funding arrangements state that eligible expenditure is reimbursed.

Expenditure is considered eligible when:

1) Extraordinary costs are incurred that could normally not be absorbed by, or reasonably managed within, the local government or state agency's financial, human and other resource capacity; and

2) Costs are directly associated with the delivery of eligible works on eligible essential public assets that have been damaged by an activated eligible disaster.

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

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9.8 TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **21 September 2026**

Author: **Director Infrastructure Services**

Attachments: **1. Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 15 September 2026** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Mareeba Shire Council Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Receives the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held Tuesday, 15 September 2026; and
2. Writes to the Department of Transport and Main Roads advocating for additional flood monitoring infrastructure across the Shire, including cameras and river height monitoring stations at key crossings, to improve flood intelligence, road closure management, and network resilience.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) is an advisory committee to Council under Section 265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The TAC provides information and advice to Council regarding traffic, road and transport matters.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Financial

There are ongoing costs associated with investigation of traffic matters to ensure a safe road environment for our community. In most cases, any safety improvements on Council roads determined from these investigations will be funded from operational budgets or referred for consideration in future capital budget deliberations.

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Nil

Operating
Internal resources for investigation and follow up actions.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

Transport and Council Infrastructure: The provision of quality services and infrastructure for our growing community that is planned and managed using sound asset management principles.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

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MINUTES
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 15 September 2026
Commenced at 9:35am

Members Present:

Mladen Bosnic (Chair)	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor
Lenore Wyatt	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor (Teams)
Scott Adamson (Proxy for John Ridgway)	Queensland Police Service (QPS) – Sergeant
Richard Sheedy (Proxy for Kim Yap)	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Manager (Maintenance & Assets) (Teams)

Non-Members Present:

Marita Stecko	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Road Safety Advisor
Frances Schafer	Mareeba Chamber of Commerce (Chamber)
Ross Cardillo	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor (Teams)
Glenda Kirk	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Director Infrastructure Services
Marjorie Anthony	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Secretariat

1. WELCOME

The Chair commenced the meeting at 9:35am, extending a warm welcome to all attendees.

Apologies were noted as follows:

Angela Toppin	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Mayor
Amy Braes	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor
Sam Wakeford	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Manager Technical Services
John Ridgway	Queensland Police Service (QPS) – Sergeant
Kim Yap	Transport and Main Roads (TMR) – Principal Engineer

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2026 were noted as a true and accurate record; however, they were not adopted due to an insufficient number of members present who were eligible to confirm the minutes.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Walsh Street Temporary Traffic Measures

- The Walsh Street Upgrade Project focuses on the section of Walsh Street primarily between the Herberton Street and Rankin Street roundabouts. The project aims to enhance the safety of the overall traffic and pedestrian environment near Coles and K-Hub, including upgrades to traffic devices and civil infrastructure within this section of Walsh Street as well as improving the capacity of the underground stormwater system.
- Work commenced late February 2026, and it is expected that the project will last approximately 20 weeks, dependent on delivery of supplies and favourable weather conditions. The project commenced at the Constance-Hastie Street intersection and concludes on Walsh Street, between Herberton and Rankin Streets. Not all areas of the project will be impacted at the same time.

- Stormwater pipe trenching works and pipe installation are complete across Constance, Rankin and Walsh Streets. Excavation works have commenced on Rankin Street between the Walsh Street roundabout and Byrnes Street and will continue for approximately two weeks. The works involve installing underground electrical infrastructure and traffic sensor loops to support the Byrnes Street traffic signals. Works are programmed for completion by the end of 2026.

3.2 Byrnes / Rankin Streets Drainage / Mareeba CBD Blueprint *(MSC – Glenda Kirk)*

- MSC raised with TMR the issue of stormwater drainage at the corner of Byrnes / Rankin Street intersection which has resulted in inundation of footpaths, particularly on the western side of Byrnes Street north of the intersection and east of the intersection (near McDonald's and in the Coles car park)
- The Mareeba CBD Blueprint Project Masterplan was adopted by Council on 18 February 2026. Detailed design underway with the long-term plan being delivered in stages, subject to available funding. MSC and TMR are currently sharing traffic modelling analysis regarding changes in traffic patterns resulting from the conversion of Atherton Street to a one-way street.
- The Draft Detailed Design was received in late August and is currently under review by Council. Finalisation of the design is anticipated by late October 2026.
- Link to Mareeba CBD Project Blueprint - Mareeba Shire Council

3.2.1 Pedestrian Crossing / Lighting – Atherton / Walsh Streets intersection

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

3.2.2 Pedestrian Crossings – Byrnes Street

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

3.3 Emerald End Speed Limit Review *(MSC - Glenda Kirk)*

- A report on the review of speed limits was submitted to the speed management committee on 16 March 2026, requesting their feedback concerning the proposal to adjust the speed limit for the first 1.1 km of Emerald End Road to 60 km/h.
- New 60 km/h speed limit signage installed by MSC late July 2026 in accordance with the report recommendation.
- There being no further action required by this Committee, it is recommended this item be removed from the Agenda.

3.4 32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns-Mareeba) – Request for Deer Warning Signs *(MSC – Glenda Kirk)*

- Speewah Rural Fire Brigade advise of a planned cool-burn in 2026 raising concerns of increased frequency of deer feeding, asking if signage can be installed on the Kennedy Highway in the area of Speewah / Koah.
- Deer Warning Signage installed by TMR.
- There being no further action required by this Committee, it is recommended this item be removed from the Agenda.

4. STANDING ITEMS LIST

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

Item	Location	Subject Matter / issue	Reason
4.1	**Borzi Rd Culvert**	Request for update on failing culvert just off the bend	Culvert has been included for betterment & future capital program considerations.
4.2	**Sutherland Street – TMR Risk Assessment**	A risk assessment by TMR on Sutherland Street near Mareeba State Primary School identified visibility issues and absence of school zone signs, reducing speed to 40km/h. MSC shared speed traffic data with QPS on May 1, 2025. MSC & TMR convened on-site in June 2025 for signage and traffic flow review.	Signage upgrade delayed until sewerage works finish in 2026/27.
4.3	**Hastie St Signage / Parking Issues**	Kids Campus requested the removal of redundant **signage** on Constance & Hastie Sts, Mareeba. Concerns raised regarding parents **parking** on centre islands along Hastie St.	MSC investigated parking and pedestrian safety concerns around Constance & Hastie St, with signage improvements completed and support received from QPS and TMR. Council continues to engage with St Thomas's School and the Catholic Diocese regarding parking solutions and potential funding opportunities. Parking upgrades on Hastie Street remain unfunded, with a parking study identifying significant existing parking availability within a short walking distance of the school. In the interim, Council will provide 10 additional parking bays on Constance St and improve pedestrian access through new footpaths along Constance St and Arnold Park, increasing safe access to nearby parking.
4.4	**6632 Herberton – Petford Rd, Irvinebank**	Request to upgrade to a **single coat seal**	TMR raised with their Planning Department for future inclusion.
4.5	**6632 Herberton - Petford Rd, Irvinebank**	QPS reported a fatality and raised concerns about a gravel section called "**Microwave Corner**" located at 1445 Herberton-Petford Road, Irvinebank, citing speed issues and multiple crashes. They inquired about signage and sealing the road.	MSC advised that unsealed or gravel roads are not marked due to changing road conditions. MSC included this road in MSC's submission of priority locations for consideration under the TMR Tablelands Upgrade Strategy. TMR has since completed and provided a Road Safety Assessment Report, with the site also considered through the Targeted Road Safety Program/Blackspot process. Minor maintenance to be managed under RMPC.
4.6	**32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba)**	**Kuranda Range Road** / Repairs / Ongoing Closure	Works continue with updates being provided by TMR through social media channels and email notifications to Council.

Item	Location	Subject Matter / issue	Reason
4.7	**32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba)**	**Barron River Bridge**, Kuranda - Weight Restrictions	Ongoing monitoring by TMR; Planning study completed with pre-construction activities including geotechnical investigations & environmental & cultural heritage studies are underway.
4.8	**32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba)**	Improvements for heavy vehicles turning into **Kay Road**	TMR advise this has been sent to their Planning unit for evaluation within the safety program. 15/09/2026 Projects for safety funding are submitted annually in July for consideration as part of a statewide assessment process.
4.9	**32B Kennedy Hwy (Mareeba-Atherton)**	**McIver Road Intersection** Vehicles turning south from McIver Rd are causing congestion with vehicles backed up to the school during peak times. A slip lane is required for vehicles wanting to turn north.	
4.10	**664 Mareeba-Dimbulah Rd**	Request for turning lane into Mareeba Rodeo Grounds	Traffic data provided by MSC passed onto TMR for consideration by their Planning Unit and inclusion on their safety program. 16/06/2026 MSC to facilitate a meeting with event organisers, MSC, TMR and QPS to review the event management plans of the Rodeo, Savannah in the Round and FNQ Rotary Field Days and work out a solution to the significant traffic back log.
4.11	**89B Burke Developmental Road Upgrade Strategy**	Heavy vehicle operators highlight the necessity for amenities along the BDR west of Chillagoe	TMR advise there is no funding available for setting up amenities along the BDR. Community consultation to be undertaken with results to be provided to TMR. A compilation of possible projects recognized by MSC has been forwarded to TMR for evaluation & consideration as part of the BDR Upgrade Strategy. 16/06/2026 MSC to provide information to TMR on recommencement of mining activity (Mungana) upgrade to inform the strategy
4.12	**89B Burke Developmental Rd**	Remaining unsealed section of approx. 3.5kms	A funding application has been submitted by TMR for the sealing of the above section in their annual funding round for the State; considerations are set for September with results expected in March 2027.

Item	Location	Subject Matter / issue	Reason
4.13	**TMR Mareeba Southern Approach / Mareeba Bypass** • 32A/32B Kennedy Hwy / Byrnes St T-Intersection • Mba Connection Rd / Byrnes St • Mba Heritage Centre • Mba Bypass • B-Double Route (accessing Reynolds St)	Southern approach into Mareeba incorporating the Mareeba Bypass	TMR advise Mareeba Bypass Planning project underway with the Department progressing planning for southern section. Business Case for the alignment will be completed late 2024. Construction of the Bypass remains unfunded.
4.14	**Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy**	Heavy Vehicle Set Areas north of Mareeba	TMR advise project remains unfunded and continue to make application for funding opportunities.
4.15	**Tablelands Network Upgrade Strategy (TNUS)**	34A Mulligan Hwy (Mt Molloy-Lakeland) – Request provision for pedestrians to safely cross Main Street, Mt Molloy	
4.16	**Tourist Signs on State Controlled Roads**	Concerns regarding dilapidated tourist signs on State-controlled roads throughout the Shire	The TMR Road Corridor Management team is actively communicating with the relevant business owners, allowing them sufficient time to reply regarding the necessity of signage. An update will be provided to TAC in due course.

5. NEW REQUESTS / CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Queen Street, Chillagoe – Request to reduce speed limit *(QPS – John Ridgway)*

Chillagoe stakeholders and residents have approached QPS seeking a reduction in the Queen Street speed limit from 60 km/hr to 40 km/hr, citing concerns about heavy vehicle traffic and speeding through the town's main residential and business area.

- TMR sought clarification regarding the specific location to which the request relates.
- QPS to provide further details on the request, including whether it is based on identified compliance and road safety issues or is primarily driven by community concerns and complaints.

5.2 Lynd River Crossing, River Height Monitoring Station *(MSC – Cr Amy Braes)*

The committee's support is sought in advocating for the installation of a permanent river height monitoring station at the Lynd River Crossing on the Burke Developmental Road (near Highbury).

- MSC to write to TMR advocating for additional flood monitoring infrastructure across the Shire, including flood cameras and river height monitoring stations at key crossings, to improve flood intelligence, road closure management, and network resilience.

5.3 Byrnes Street, Mareeba – Request for Double-line marking *(MSC – Cr Lenore Wyatt)*

Requests consideration be given to installing double centre lines from the Basalt Street intersection north to Herberton Street to improve safety and traffic flow, as vehicles waiting to turn left or right are frequently holding up traffic behind them.

- Driver frustration resulting from these delays has been identified as a potential safety concern, with TMR to investigate further.

6. ROAD, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MATTERS BY AGENCY

Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

9:30am Tuesday, 15 December 2026

9. CLOSURE

There being no additional matters to address, the Chair expressed gratitude for everyone's attendance before concluding the meeting at 10:24am.

4. STANDING ITEMS LIST *(History)*

Item	Organisation	Issue	Recommendation / Follow Up Action	Agency
4.1	**Mareeba Chamber** *(Josh Musumeci)*	**Borzi Rd Culvert** Request for update on failing culvert just off the bend	17/09/2024 MSC to inspect. 17/12/2024 MSC reported the temporary repair was unsuccessful, with further works carried out late November. Culvert has been included for betterment & future capital program considerations. MSC unable to specify a timeline for the permanent repairs, indicating that the project is prioritized within its Project Management Lifecycle (PLM) system for consideration by Council. Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing Item list.	MSC
4.2	**TMR** *(Road Safety)*	**Sutherland St – TMR Risk Assessment** A risk assessment has been completed by TMR on Sutherland Street behind the Mareeba State Primary School identifying visibility issues & requirement to change the speed limit to 40 indicating school zone area	17/12/2024 TMR to forward the results of the assessment onto MSC who will arrange to undertake a speed limit & review 18/03/2025 MSC reviewed the Risk Assessment requesting an on-site inspection with TRM (Safety) to discuss potential options 17/06/2025 An inspection carried out by MSC has confirmed that 40kph school zone signs are properly installed for the school frontage on Constance, Sutherland, & Atherton Sts. A review to relocate the northern school zone sign located at the intersection of Sutherland / Middlemiss Sts to adjacent the 50kph sign fronting Brady Park Sports Oval will be undertaken. MSC has provided speed traffic data to QPS on 01/05/2025 16/09/2025 MSC & TMR met on-site in June 2025; a comprehensive review of the signage and traffic flow in the area is underway; this item moved to the Standing Items list for ongoing monitoring. Signage upgrade intended to proceed following the completion of significant current sewerage works which are programmed through to 2026/27, as this will be installed in the location of the upgraded signage.	TMR / MSC
4.3	**MSC** *(Glenda Kirk)*	**Hastie St Signage / Parking Issues -** Kids Campus requested the removal of redundant signage on Constance & Hastie Sts, Mareeba. Concerns raised regarding parents parking on centre islands along Hastie St.	18/03/2025 MSC investigations concluded and recommendations regarding signage and parking regulations on Constance & Hastie Streets have been made. MSC are also seeking assistance from QPS regarding enforcement on illegal parking. The Chair requested TAC members to forward correspondence outlining their concerns in this location to assist Council with future discussions with St Thomas's and Mareeba Kids Campus regarding options to improve parking. 17/06/2025 Letters of Support received from QPS & TMR concerning parking & pedestrian safety issues seeking improvements. Letters of support will be held by MSC for future funding opportunities. MSC has written to the Catholic Diocese concerning the parking issue and will continue discussions with the Parish / Diocese. TMR stated that they will also monitor future funding opportunities. 16/09/2025 MSC has completed the tidy-up of parking signage on Hastie & Constance Streets, parking issues remains on the agenda with discussions continuing with the school and the Catholic Diocese. 16/12/2025 Mayor has written to the Diocese once again regarding school parking on vacant land, as it has become a temporary carpark while the currently sewer main upgrade works are occurring significantly easing parking congestion around the school and improved safety & accessibility for both staff and families. 17/03/2026 MSC & St Thomas's School met on 12 March 2026 16/06/2026 Parking upgrades on Hastie St remain unfunded for the foreseeable future. Any upgrades would be costly and result in minimal additional parking. Council has completed a brief parking study earlier this year and identified that	MSC

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			there are approximately 320 car parks within a 5-minute walk of one of the St Thomas's school gates, of which around 200 are within a 2-minute walk of the school. During the study, 25% of car parks within 100 metres were vacant, and the vacancy figure was closer to a 50% car park vacancy within a 5-minute walk of the school. In the interim, as part of the current Walsh-Rankin St upgrade, Council will be marking an additional 10 parking bays on Constance St. Council will be commencing construction of a new footpath on the western side of Constance St between the Theatre Hall and Hort St shortly, and a new footpath through Arnold Park in late 2026. This will make a further ~100 car parks accessible to St Thomas's within a 5-minute walk. This information was shared with St Thomas's and it is understood they have shared this information with the staff and parents.	
4.4	**MSC** *(Former Cr Mario Mlikota)*	**6632 Herberton – Petford Road, Irvinebank** Request to upgrade to a single coat seal	06/12/2022 Complaints received from residents regarding the condition of the Herberton - Irvinebank Road with MSC asking if it was possible for TMR to provide an upgrade to a single coat dust seal. TMR advised MSC to list as a defect through RMPC. MSC and TMR to develop a programme including crossings for minor staged improvements 21/03/2023 Due to numerous engineering constraints TMR does not support dust sealing of gravel resheeted roads, general issues involve non-compliant material specifications, geometric design constraints etc. Cr Mlikota advised residents will be submitting to TMR a petition 20/06/2023 Residents have expressed with MSC their frustrations regarding works and the limited funding for this road network. Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update following mtg 19/09/2023 TMR raised with their Planning Department for future inclusion 12/12/2023 TMR has included for submission of low volume unseal road at Herberton-Petford Road. ~~23/01/2024 TMR advised no change~~ 18/06/2024 TMR advised there is no change. Committee agreed to remove from Agenda items, placing the matter on a standing item list for future reference. 17/09/2024 TMR advised no change.	TMR
4.5	**QPS** *(Dallas Trembath)*	**6632 Herberton-Petford Road –** Request to seal section known as "Microwave Corner"	QPS reported a recent fatality and expressed concerns about a gravel section of road locally referred to as "Microwave Corner" located at 1445 Herberton-Petford Road, Irvinebank. They indicated that speed is a significant issue on this road and noted that multiple crashes, both reportable and non-reportable, have taken place at this particular site. QPS inquired about signage and whether it would be possible to seal that specific section of the road. MSC stated that unsealed or gravel roads are not marked due to changing road conditions. In April 2025, TMR sought the council's assistance in compiling a prioritized list of sites and treatments for consideration under the Tablelands Upgrade Strategy. MSC has submitted a list of locations that includes details regarding Herberton-Petford Road. 16/09/2025 Road safety assessment completed by TMR; MSC requests a copy. (John Gillespie to follow up and advise MSC) 16/12/2025 The Road Safety Assessment Report to be finalised by TMR and a copy provided to MSC. 17/03/2026 Sam Wakeford from MSC will be attending the Targeted Road Safety Program / Blackspot Working Bee in Cairns on, 24 March 2026, where this issue will be discussed 16/06/2026 Road safety assessment report received by MSC	TMR

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4.6	**MSC**	**32A Kennedy Highway (Cairns-Mareeba)** Kuranda Range Road	TMR is designing long-term solutions for repair and recovery works to the damaged road network. These are complex sites which require detailed investigation and design based on the forward material availability and construction methodologies. The Australian and Qld Governments have committed $262.5M to improve safety and resilience on Kuranda Range Road. TMR is looking at various treatments at strategic locations, including additional guardrails, shoulder widening, centre line treatments, vegetation management and slope stability treatments. Additional Intelligent Transport Systems technology stations will be installed to enhance real-time monitoring of road conditions and traffic behaviour. These works will commence after completion of the recovery works to mitigate further disruptions to road users. The complexity of the geotechnical repairs and the limited space within the road corridor necessitate night closures to ensure the safety of both road workers and drivers. On-going night works operating under single lane traffic control since January 2026. It is anticipated shorter-term or ad-hoc night closures will be required for the scope of works at some sites in 2026. Advance notice will be provided to stakeholders ahead of any change in traffic conditions. The Chair praised TMR for keeping the public updated and informed on the ongoing works. Link to TMR updates Kuranda Range Road 2023 cyclone reconstruction works | Department of Transport and Main Roads	TMR
4.7	**MSC**	**32A Kennedy Hwy (Cairns-Mareeba)** Barron River Bridge, Kuranda - Weight Restrictions	• Ongoing testing and monitoring program continues to ensure the bridge remains safe; TMR progressing a planning study to investigate long-term solutions. Inspections will be carried out every 3 months with rehabilitation works being carried out where necessary. • Testing and maintenance works on the bridge continue. Planning study to investigate long-term solutions is progressing with the planning project confirming the preferred alignment and scope of a replacement bridge over the Barron River, including a viable delivery strategy that also considers the ongoing management and rehabilitation of the existing bridge • Planning, including Business Case, has commenced with geotechnical investigations in progress. • Stakeholder Survey results not known at time of TAC meeting. MSC / TMR meeting scheduled for 25 January 2024. MSC raised concerns regarding the further reduced load limit of the bridge to 42.5t. • TMR advise recent inspections identified an issue with some Macalloy bars. The Macalloy post-tensioning bars were retrofitted to provide additional strength after the bridge opened to traffic in 1963. Crews will recommence inspections and carry out works to protect the macalloy bars with works expected to be complete by late June 2024. Any changes to the current traffic conditions on the bridge (single lane operation and 42.5t load limit) will be advised. The planning study for a long-term solution for the bridge is progressing as quickly as possible and expected to be completed in late 2024. Detailed design and construction of a long-term solution are currently unfunded. • TMR advise further testing and maintenance works were completed between 4 – 29 November 2024. Bridge is fully opened with 42.5t load limit in place. TMR will continue to monitor the bridge via an ongoing detailed monitoring and inspection program quarterly, to ensure the bridge remains safe and in service. Next inspection is scheduled for February 2025 and one lane will be closed.	TMR

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			• Further testing and maintenance carried out between 3-28 February 2025. TMR currently working on a detailed cost estimate and the business case stage. The only changes to the below middle updated - 06 - 16 March NDT inspection of test locations – traffic at single lane operation between 0700-1600. - 19 - 30 March Weld repairs of any identified defects – traffic at single lane operation between 0700-1600 with up to 10min full traffic holds between 0900-1500 when required. • TMR advised the planning study was completed in December 2024. The preferred long-term option, as identified in the planning study, is a new bridge on a new alignment, downstream from the existing bridge. The new bridge option features: - a new pathway for pedestrians, mobility device users and bike riders, separated from traffic with a barrier - wider traffic lanes to meet the latest design standards - roadworks on the approaches to the bridge, including a new roundabout at the Black Mountain Road intersection - removal of the existing bridge once the new bridge is complete. • The Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2024–25 to 2027–28 includes $15 million towards preconstruction activities. • Load limit of bridge remains at 42.5t. TMR advise pre-construction activities including geotechnical investigations & environmental & cultural heritage studies are underway. Project timeline looks like: Early 2026: design development begins 2028: construction starts 2031: replacement bridge opens to traffic 2031: existing bridge decommissioner and removed. • This item to be moved to the Standing Items List; however, MSC requests that TMR continues to provide updates to council as they become available. Link to TMR Project update: Kennedy Highway (Cairns - Mareeba), Barron River bridge (Kuranda), replacement | Department of Transport and Main Roads	
4.8	**MSC** *(Former Cr Mario Mlikota)*	**32A Kennedy Hwy / Kay Rd Intersection -** Improvements for heavy vehicles turning into Kay Road	Concerns raised re heavy vehicles experiencing difficulties entering Kay Road from the Kennedy Hwy Heavy vehicles are having to cross both lanes to manoeuvre the turn TMR are aware of the matter and are investigating options TMR to investigate options to improve turning for heavy vehicles entering Kay Rd from Kennedy Hwy TMR advised previously; remaining sites from Tranche 1 and 2 of the High Risk Roads Upgrade including Kay Road / Kennedy Highway intersection being potentially included in Tranche 3 TMR will review in post construction Audit TMR programmed a day and night audit, including Kay Road intersection	TMR

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			The results of the full audit anticipated end of February 2022 Issues identified during the audit will be prioritised in future works under High Risk Roads Upgrade Programme 15/03/2022 TMR advised auditing process is complete; everything except Kay Road looks good 21/06/2022 TMR confirms this will be tabled at internal meeting, Contractor has been engaged to complete Audit 20/09/2022 TMR confirmed this will be tabled at an internal meeting and further confirmed a contractor has been engaged to complete audit. Further works have been programmed by TMR as part of High Risk Roads Targeted Road Safety Program; upgrade works to be carried out at priority intersections including Kay Road; TMR to follow up 06/12/2022 Works will be considered by TMR in Tranche 3 of the High Risk Roads Upgrade Programme 21/03/2023 TMR (MR) followed up after the meeting and advised the current intersection geometry includes a widened sealed pavement for the left turn and a right turn lane of sufficient length and width for the right turn into Kay Road. The intersection is lit. Any upgrade to this intersection is unfunded and is a lower priority against other state priorities. 20/06/2023 Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC an update following the meeting. 19/09/2023 Further correspondence received from School Bus driver raising concerns of no turning lane, stating there are more heavy vehicles utilizing Kay Road than light vehicles. TMR advised it will remain in tranche. Council to provide traffic count data for Kay Rd to assist with advocacy. 12/12/2023 Traffic count data for Kay Rd taken July 2023 forwarded to TMR 01/12/2023 to assist with advocating for funding to have intersection upgraded. Data provided to TMR planning unit. 23/01/2024 TMR confirmed traffic data received and passed onto their planning team. 18/06/2024 Further concerns raised by school bus driver advising if a vehicle or truck is waiting to exit Kay Rd, the bus is having to stop in a 100 zone to turn left off the highway. There are numerous HV movements from the 2 major plantations and hay & cattle production along Kay Rd 17/09/2024 TMR advise this has been sent to their Planning unit for evaluation within the safety program. 17/12/2024 TMR advise there is no further update, stating it will provide an update when it becomes available. Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing Item list. 16/03/2026 TMR identified this location as a potential site under the Safer Sooner Funding initiative. Given the absence of any crash history at this location, other sites with recorded crashes were given priority.	
4.9	**MSC** *(Glenda Kirk)*	**32B Kennedy Hwy (Mareeba-Atherton)** McIver Road Intersection	16/09/2025 Vehicles turning south from McIver Rd is causing congestion with vehicle backed up to the school during peak times. A slip lane is required for vehicles wanting to turn north.	TMR / MSC
4.10	**MSC** *(Cr Ross Cardillo)*	**664 Mareeba-Dimbulah Road** Request for turning lane into Mareeba Rodeo Grounds	18/06/2024 MSC advised with the increased usage of Kerribee Park concerns were raised regarding traffic turning right from the Mareeba-Dimbulah Rd into the grounds. To facilitate safe vehicle turning into the park, it was suggested TMR investigate the construction of a passing / turning lane at the entrance and look at road shoulder wear in this location. 17/09/2024 TMR were requested that their Planning Unit undertake a review into the potential need for a turning lane from Mareeba-Dimbulah Rd into the main entrance of Kerribee Park Rodeo Ground being gate 2. MSC noted that significant annual events at the venue include Rotary Field Days; Savannah in the Round; Mareeba Rodeo; camping facilities available during tourist season. It was suggested by MSC, TMR undertake a safety assessment. MSC to review records to provide any supporting information to assist in potential traffic count data for events.	TMR

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			17/12/2024 MSC deployed traffic counters each side of the Rodeo Grounds on the Mareeba-Dimbulah Road for the period 15-22 October during Savannah in the Round. Traffic data forwarded to TMR which has been passed onto their Planning unit for consideration & inclusion on their safety program with updates to be provided. Traffic data recorded vehicle movements on Mareeba-Dimbulah Road increased by around 22,000 vehicles during the 6 days associated with the event. Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing Item list. **16/06/2026 MSC to facilitate a meeting with event organisers, MSC, TMR and QPS to review the event management plans of the Rodeo, Savannah in the Round and FNQ Rotary Field Days and work out a solution to the significant traffic back log.**	
4.11	**MSC** *(Glenda Kirk)*	**89B Burke Developmental Road Upgrade Strategy** Heavy vehicle operators highlights the necessity for amenities along the BDR west of Chillagoe	21/03/2025 Mayor writes to Minister requesting consideration; TMR advised there is no funding available for setting up amenities along the BDR. A compilation of possible projects recognized by MSC has been forwarded to TMR for evaluation & consideration as part of the BDR Upgrade Strategy 16/03/2026 MSC Mayor proposing to write to the Minister **16/06/2026 MSC to provide information to TMR on recommencement of mining activity (Mungana) upgrade to inform the strategy.**	TMR / MSC
4.12	**TMR** *(Kim Yap)*	**89B Burke Developmental Road** – Unsealed section of approximately 3.5 kms	16/09/2025 TMR advise funding is being sought for the unsealed portion of the BDR from Chillagoe, covering approximately 3.5 kms, to be reinstated on the agenda. 16/12/2025 Funding application made by TMR 17/03/2026 A funding application has been submitted by TMR for the sealing of the above section in their annual funding round for the State; considerations are set for September with results expected in March 2027.	TMR
4.13	**MSC**	**TMR Mareeba Southern Approach** • 32A/32B Kennedy Hwy / Byrnes St T-Intersection • Mareeba Connection Road / Byrnes St • Mareeba Heritage Centre • Mareeba Bypass • B-Double Route (accessing Reynolds St)	21/03/2023 TMR advised of shoulder widening plans on highway. MSC advised of shoulder edge wear on both sides of the road near the Jackaroo Motel and Heritage Centre. TMR to provide advice by 31 March 2023. TMR (MR) and MSC (SW) to inspect various areas following the TAC meeting 20/06/2023 Following this TAC Meeting, TMR (KY) & MSC (SW) to inspect the Mareeba Centenary Park entrance with a view to preparing a plan for the work to be undertaken through RMPC. 19/09/2023 Outcome of on-site inspection by TMR & MSC on 20/06: Shoulder edge wear at the northern entrance to Centenary Park; works have been completed by Council through RMPC; Bollards to be installed; Drain between Centenary Park driveways requires regrading to ensure drain is functional as picking machine display installed in overland drainage path; and future options to be considered regarding parking on the south-west of Jackaroo Motel TMR advised 32A/32B intersection is being designed for signalised Intersection. Delivery will be carried out when funding is available. 12/12/2023 Jackaroo Motel dust issue resolved with bollards installed by MSC under RMPC on north side of park entry opposite Motel. Mba Centenary Park entrance widened & sealed. Mba Bypass planning is ongoing	TMR

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			23/01/2024 TMR considering B-Double route as part of the Mareeba Bypass Planning; TMR propose to have draft updates from Planning Team on progress 18/06/2024 TMR confirmed a Mareeba Bypass Planning project is underway. The current planning project will look at the full bypass, it will progress planning for the southern section & review & confirm the alignment of the northern section. $2.2M has been allocated to the Planning Project by Qld Government under the Transport System Planning Program & it is anticipated the business case for the alignment will be completed late 2024. Construction of the Mareeba Bypass currently remains unfunded. 17/12/2024 TMR advise there is no change. Committee agreed to remove this item from the agenda, placing it on the Standing Items list.	
4.14	**TMR**	**Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy** Heavy Vehicle Set Areas North of Mareeba	04/12/2018 TMR advised AECOM engaged to undertake freight study; with a view of the study being completed within 6-8 months (late 2018) Preferred upgrades and new facilities across the Atherton Tablelands area identified; further consultation being undertaken with key stakeholders with a focus on a: proposed HV Rest Area on Mulligan Hwy (north of Mba) proposed HV Rest Area on Kennedy Hwy (west of Speewah) proposed HV Stopping Place at the top of Rex Range (Mt Molloy Rd) Study is anticipated to be completed by late 2019; construction of any upgrades are currently unfunded Further information published on TMR's website; link provided below https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/aboutus/corpinfo/Media/TMR-Tablelands-Heavy-Vehicle-Managment-Strategy.pdf Mareeba Chamber to write to Cynthia Lui making recommendations Study being undertaken by TMR Following the meeting TMR advised the Business Case for this study is being finalised, and pending the necessary investment funding being approved/secured, TMR will then be in a position to release the proposed layouts Study completed, funding being sourced as works are currently unfunded; TMR will review funding options in 03/2020 TMR advised strategy is being dissected identifying separate upgrade projects TMR recommends that TAC support the delivery of outcomes of the study as a priority for Mareeba and that any bay around Mareeba would assist Moved by David Hamilton Seconded by Cr Wyatt TMR advised project pending funding opportunity TMR advised no change; State Government heading into caretaker period, subject matter will be considered further post 31/10/2020 TMR advised seed funding available with some design having commenced, project to be shovel-ready for when funding becomes available, area north of Biboohra being considered Project planning continuing but remains unfunded; TMR propose to develop a webpage to outline the project progress TMR advised facility at the top of Rex Range, Julatten is underway TMR pricing options at Springs Road and facility north of Biboohra Biboohra facility not yet funded, TMR looking to downsize as original plans were for $5M,	TMR

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			need to be accessible to road trains. TMR still reviewing and aware of drainage issues. Need right price for approval; discussion with MSC required Further submission made by TMR under another funding program MSC asked if Mareeba Rodeo Grounds could be utilized as amenities are already there; suggesting entrance into grounds could be widened providing a possible reduction in scope & cost 15/03/2022 TMR reviewing the old sugar area on Mulligan Hwy; Biboohra cost is blowing it out of scope funding and keeps pushing it back Cr Wyatt suggested dropping speed limit at Biboohra intersection as it is a town to 80km/hr zone to assist; TMR advised Pickford Rd also has a lot of HV traffic for quarries could warrant 80/km zone 21/06/2022 TMR advised plans are with strategic planners for these works, TMR will follow up regarding website approval and will send link if approved for updates available 20/09/2022 MSC propose need to look at longer term truck stopping area around Mareeba; MSC previously suggested Council owned parcel of land opposite current site on Mulligan Highway; MSC to table and requests TMR to investigate 06/12/2022 Matter is ongoing 21/03/2023 Heavy vehicle stopping facility constructed at the top of the Rex Range near Nine Mile Road (Mossman-Mt Molloy Road). MSC seeking an update on other locations on the northern and southern approaches to Mareeba and Springs Road. TMR (MR) advised an update on planning would be provided by end of March 2023. MSC will continue advocating for the location north of Barrett Street Intersection as a potential site for a heavy vehicle pullover area. 20/06/2023 Item to remain on Agenda pending TMR Planning team providing MSC with an update following the meeting 19/09/2023 The Tablelands Heavy Vehicle Management Strategy is complete and is being used to inform heavy vehicle improvements on the Tablelands. TMR is continuing to apply for funding to progress the outcomes of the strategy. 23/01/2024 TMR advise these projects remain unfunded, TMR continuing to make application for funding Committee agreed to remove from Agenda items, placing the matter on a standing item list for future reference. 17/09/2024 TMR advised remains unfunded, no change.	
4.15	**MSC** *(Glenda Kirk)*	**Tablelands Network Upgrade Strategy** (TNUS)	Request provision for pedestrians to safely cross Main Street, Mt Molloy MSC confirms email forwarded to TMR on 21 July 2025 raising the issue and informs the Department that Council has allocated funds for footpath renewals in Mt Molloy through its Capital Works program. MSC seeks to collaborate with the Department particularly in relation to a crossing point; although scope is not yet finalised. TMR stated that a pedestrian crossing was assessed as part of the Tablelands Network Upgrade Strategy project. As a result, this crossing has not been prioritised for this location in comparison to other projects; however, a refuge may be considered outside the project's scope. MSC (Sam Wakeford) will initiate further discussions with TMR.	TMR
4.16	**MSC** *(Glenda Kirk)*	**Tourist Signs on State Controlled Road –** Dilapidated tourist signs throughout the Shire	TMR advise an internal review of signs will be undertaken including assessing of signs still required and compliance with current TMR policies. TMR will contact relevant operators to arrange replacement signs if required, noting the cost of replacing rests with the applicant / operator. The TMR Road Corridor Management team is actively communicating with the relevant business owners, allowing them sufficient time to reply regarding the necessity of signage. An update will be provided to TAC in due course. 16/06/2026 TMR to provide update	TMR

9.9 PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27 AUGUST 2026

Date Prepared: **23 September 2026**

Author: **Director Infrastructure Services**

Attachments: **1. Pest Management Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 27 August 2026** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Mareeba Shire Council Pest Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 27 August 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the minutes of the Pest Management Advisory Committee Meeting held Thursday, 27 August 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) is an advisory committee to Council under Section 265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The PMAC provides Council with strategic guidance and/or recommendations in relation to its regional pest management role.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL/COMPLIANCE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital
Nil

Operating
Internal resources for investigation and follow up actions.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

Transport and Council Infrastructure: The provision of quality services and infrastructure for our growing community that is planned and managed using sound asset management principles.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

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MINUTES
PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday 27 August 2026
Commenced at 9:15am

Members Present:

Ross Cardillo (Chair)	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Councillor
David Preece	Cape York NRM
Mia Beki	Gulf Savannah NRM

Non-Members Present:

Glenda Kirk	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Director Infrastructure Services
Graham Wienert	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Coordinator Land Protection
Keely Macmillan	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Technical Officer (QA / Environment)
Kael Whitnell	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Manager Works
Jacobus Grundling	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Coordinator Parks & Open Spaces
Sonia Van Dorssen	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Secretariat
Ken Goleby	Tablelands Regional Council (TRC) – LPO
John Brisbin	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council / Mitchell River Catchment Care
Jasmine Crossland	Gulf Savannah NRM
Mia Beki	Gulf Savannah NRM
Gareth Humphries	Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)
Catherine Retter	Kuranda EnviroCare
Anne Clarke	Kuranda EnviroCare

Via Teams

Travis Sydes	FNQROC
Michael Graham	Biosecurity Queensland
Elliot Dunn	Transport and Main Roads (TMR)
Brooklyn Lancaster	Natural Resources & Mines, Manufacturing & Regional & Rural Development
Louise Leotta	Natural Resources & Mines, Manufacturing & Regional & Rural Development

1. OPENING AND APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:15am welcoming all and thanking everyone for their participation and attendance.

Apologies were noted as follows:

Angela Toppin	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) – Mayor
Cr Nipper Brown	Mareeba Shire Council (MSC) - Councillor
Alan Pedersen	Karma Waters – Landholder
Luke Cabassi	Cane Growers
Anthony Cabassi	Cane Growers & Rural Fire Brigade
Margot Warnett	Barron River Catchment Care
Paul Barnes	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Maurice Thompson	Banana Growers
Des Grainer	Nguddaboolgan Native Title Aboriginal Corporation – Senior Ranger
Jess Conroy	Douglas Shire Council
Andrew Cooper	Sunwater
Mario Di Carlo	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF)
Brad Everett	Douglas Shire Council
Evizel Seymour	Terrain NRM
Amias Bong	Barbarrum Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting conducted on 26 March 2026 are noted as accurate.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1. Biosecurity Northern Australia

Council wrote to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Member for Leichhardt in May 2026 highlighting biosecurity concerns for Northern Australia and requesting information on contingency plans should screw worm or lumpy skin disease be introduced.

Responses received:

Honourable Tony Perrett MP, Minister for Primary Industries (Qld) dated 9 July 2026 advising the Queensland Government has various measures in place, including reopening the Cape York Biosecurity Centre at Coen, establishment of a new Biosecurity Queensland and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol office between Cooktown and Coen, employment of additional frontline biosecurity officers, and general improvements to biosecurity planning, communication and reporting activities.

Honourable Julie Collings MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry commending Council's proactive approach to biosecurity and outlined the Australian Government's significant investments and collaborative efforts to manage animal disease risks in northern Australia, including targeted surveillance, Indigenous Ranger programs, and cross-agency operations.

4. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES BY MSC *(Graham Wienert)*

An update was provided detailing the land protection activities conducted within the Mareeba Shire Council area since the previous meeting 26 March 2026.

- **Parthenium weed -** property inspections each month, large reductions in known locations. No new sites detected.
- **Amazon Frogbit –** Foliar spray on frogbit infestation in Mareeba lakes.
  Chinaman creek Mareeba, foliar spray creek bank to open waterways for hand removal and herbicide control later in the year.
- **Giant rats tail grass -** Roadside treatment of GRT completed for this year.
- **Gamba Grass –** Roadside treatment completed for this year. Gamba has been steadily spreading within the shire. MSC land protection officers attended **Cooktown gamba grass taskforce in May.**
- **Bellyache Bush Leaf Miner:** MSC assisted QLD Biosecurity in the release of a Leaf Miner moth over the last couple years. LPOs assisting QLD Biosecurity visited the sites to collect samples and inspect sites for the leaf miner presents.
- **Siam weed:** Julatten, Mt Molloy and Watsonville treated. Large infestation reported in Mt Molly on Rifle Creek.
- **Navua Sedge:** Foliar spray with selective herbicide for Navua sedge in the Mt Molly, Julatten areas. Navua sedge is targeted in this area due to the higher rainfall and grazing properties in the area.
- **Electric ants:** Sentinel site surveys at MSC transfer stations every 3 months, samples given to QLD DAF for ID, no suspect ants found.
- **Rabbits:** Calicivirus released in the Almaden and Mutchilba areas as per customer request.
- **Wild dogs/Feral pigs –** Coordinated 1080 baiting carried out, 14 rural properties**.**
- **Hoggone baiting (Sodium Nitrite)** pig baiting carried out in Julatten wildlife reserve. 25 pig carcasses counted.
- **Pig Traps –** Nine (9) properties loaned pig traps with 112 pigs trapped**.**
- **Customer Requests** – 48 actioned and completed.

External works for TMR

- Weed treatment program was completed for 2025/26 FY.

Funding

- **Cyclone Jasper recovery funding for pest and weeds:** (Amazon Frogbit) Aerial surveillance for Amazon Frogbit of Lake Mitchell assisted by Gulf Savannah NRM was carried out. The first stage of surveillance was to target the areas of the lake with higher likelihood of the weed being located.
- Follow up high resolution drone survey of Lake Mitchell carried out with assistance by Gulf Savannah NRM (No Amazon frogbit was detected).
- **Cyclone Jasper recovery funding for pest and weeds (Gulf Savannah NRM) -** LPO assisted Gulf Savannah NRM in the aerial surveillance of the upper Mitchell River from Lake Mitchell to Karma Waters Station; the survey was to identify the extent of a Siam weed infestation in the area.
- **Cyclone Jasper recovery funding for pest and weeds: (Giant Sensitive plant) -** Survey was carried out on the Barron River Mareeba to Kuranda; no giant sensitive plants were detected, other weeds noted were Siam weed is in low/scatted densities. Siam weed was expected as it is already in the Tinaroo and Rocky Creek area feeding into the Barron River. Several African Tulip plants were located in the Mareeba area which will be treated in the next round of surveillance; and medium density in the Kuranda area.
- Flaggy Creek was surveyed for Giant Sensitive plant assisted By Djabugay Rangers.

Planned Works for the next 6 months

- Emu Creek/ Mitchell River catchment Bellyache Bush and Rubber vine control.
- Lions Tail control, Chillagoe Burke Developmental Road.
- Continue Amazon Frogbit on Chinaman and Atherton Creeks.
- Parthenium weed site inspections and control.
- Miconia survey and removal in Kuranda area.
- Wild dog / Feral pig coordinated baiting and trapping as requested.

TC Jasper funding

- Second round of survey of Lake Mitchell for Amazon Frogbit (November/December).
- eDNA sample collection on the Mitchell River catchment to detect Amazon Frogbit.
- Second round of survey work Barron River for Giant Sensitive plant (November).
- Continue survey work on Flaggy Creek Kuranda for Giant Sensitive plant.
- Feral pig funding: traps to start rolling out to loan to landholders.
- Instructional video and media on feral pig management and trapping techniques.

5. PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION BY AGENCIES

5.1. Wet Tropics Management Authority *(Gareth Humphreys)*

- Yellow Crazy Ants (YCA) – more ants coming up Gillies Range towards the Tablelands, small patches of infestation, the cause of movement is unclear but concerning. Still active in FNQ.
- Rolling out toolbox talks, happy to talk with field teams. MSC and TRC to reach out and organise.
- TRC raised issue of misunderstanding of YCA and Electric Ants in community.

5.2. Cape York NRM *(David Preece)*

- Hosted Gamba Grass Sub-regional planning session in conjunction with FNQROC's Councils and QPWS.
- Aerial mapping and training postponed until April 2027. Priorities in Cape York. Hymenachne in South Cape York. Ongoing finding.
- Funding programs around Cooktown and surrounds.
- New multi-year funding secured for pig control targeting wetlands and turtle nesting areas west area of Cape York.
- Purchased 4 boar blankets; blankets are available for loaning to the public.

5.3. Mitchell River Watershed Management Group / JAMARR / Kowanyama Aboriginal SC *(John Brisbin)*

Mitchell River Watershed Management Group/JAMARR

- Seeking funding for mechanical removal of Hymenachne from Abattoir Swamp. Mechanical removal preferred due to community reluctance to using herbicides.
- Seeking to replace pig trap which was washed away in TC Jasper. Intend to have trap available for hire to community members.
- Mitchell River forum being hosted at Mt Carbine on 24 October 2026; invitations to be issued.
- Expressed interest in assisting Kuranda Envirocare with African Tulip removal project.

5.4. Kuranda Envirocare *(Anne Clarke, Cathy Retter)*

- Invasive pests – Have previously had success with yellow crazy ants (YCA) community group. Looking to reinstate program with funding received from WTMA. Intention for program to be aimed at machinery/transport companies whose works involve the transfer of soil. Community campaigns to engage community and raise awareness and encourage behaviour change. Intention for online training component and to qualify companies as being YCA safe/responsible companies.
- Seeking Council support to remove from Council land and community awareness campaign.
- African Tulips
    - have mapped extent of African Tulips in Kuranda area.
    - Compiled best practise methods plan/guideline to control these things.
    - Invited to submit an EOI to Terrain NRM for removal program on private property (funding focussed at private property, not public land).
    - Seeking support from Council with removal of trees from Council land in conjunction with their program should they be successful in securing funding.
    - Working with council on community awareness/campaign
    - MSC [Glenda Kik] requested a copy of the draft documents 'Best Practice Guide and Mapping' be shared with Council with a view to share with other Councillors.

5.5. FNQROC *(Travis Sydes)*

- African Tulip bio-control likely to come to Australia in coming years. Understand that testing is underway.
- FNQROC developed fact sheets and best practise guides for African Tulip last year. Noted that these are available to Kuranda Envirocare.
- Offered to Kuranda Envirocare that if they need assistance with mapping or resources to reach out.
- Bird Flu – emergency exercise in September, Local Government specific, communication and invite to come out.
- EOI – Terrain invasives projects, encourage people to think about what might get into it. Target to improve native revegetation.
- Cat management program (We Tropics), out to stakeholders.
- Feral pig management – Japanese encephalitis vaccination in order.
- Gamba Grass - Teams from NT on board to help guides; next 6 to 12 months

5.6. Natural Resources & Mines, Manufacturing & Regional & Rural Development *(Brooklyn Lancaster / Louise Leotta)*

- Neem and Chinee Apple targeted in Chillagoe. Unsure what to do with the Neem tree, only found handful of Chinee Apple.
- Didn't visit Mungana mine, possible next year.
- Concentrating on fire management due to limited funding. If issues on their land, groups are encouraged to lodge through enquiries system.
- Two (2) teams attended Cooktown Gamba Grass in April on USL blocks.

5.7. Transport & Main Roads *(Elliot Dunn)*

- Council to provide official quote for this financial year to finalise the contract.
- TMR has competing priorities and limited funds for land protection activities.
- Roadsides – minimise weed cluster on roadsides.
- Write to TMR with concerns with land protection matters.
- Adherence to the WTMA Code of Practice on state-controlled roads and the importance of canopy connectivity over the roads.

5.8. Biosecurity Queensland *(Michael Graham)*

- Currently recruiting additional staff.
- Focus on compliance work. Can intercept compliance work immediately. Main interceptions are 20 to 30 prohibited cactus, vegetables cold communities, southeast Asia ingredients. Individual and commercial growers.
- Finalised cecropia remote survey program using drones and Ai model. Able to take out on the ground compliance
- Illegal animal trade: Recently intercepted an African spur tortoise. Additional staff have increased capacity to act immediately and get on top of compliance activities.

5.9. Gulf Savannah *(Mia Beki)*

- Works underway on Kondaparinga Station with rangers.
- Working closely with MSC for delivery of works associated with TC Jasper funding (Siam weed, rubber vine, salvinia)
- eDNA testing has been underway in following rivers: Walsh, Hodgkinson and St George Rivers
- Drone treatment in Lake Mitchell area for Siam and rubber vine. Similar program past Mt Garnet.

5.10. Tablelands Regional Council *(Ken Goleby)*

- Wet start to the year, hampers control methods for weeds, managed to get through main roads contract.
- Attended Gamba taskforce in Cooktown.
- Community involved Priors Creek for cat's claw creeper.
- Ongoing feral pig trapping in conjunction with property owners.
- Dogs, coordinated baiting coming up (40-50 properties).
- Rabbit virus release once weather drying out.
- Electric ants quarterly. Note that more information needs to be conveyed to public regarding the difference in invasive ant species.
- Burns, controlled burns nearly completed, Mt Garnet, Innot Hot Springs with DNR. Assisted QPWS in Ravenshoe with burns. Rocky Creek burn around campsite, white ball acacia site.
- Biosecurity Bird flu coming up through Travis
- Noted YCA training offer from WTMA.

5.11. Mareeba Shire Council *(Jacob Grundling)*

The MSC Fire Management Team has successfully completed 95% of Bushfire Mitigation Tasks for 2026 (remaining 5% will not be completed this season and will be assessed for next season). MSC has assisted the Department of Resources with one (1) planned burn in Watsonville, as well as assisting Mt Molloy RFB on one (1) planned burn.

6. H5 BIRD FLU

6.1. Mareeba Shire Council *(Glenda Kirk)*

- Bird Flu – first discussed as a potential issue at PMAC 2 years ago, now had cases in QLD.
- Dept Primary industries, primary lead agency. At council local level – matters will be managed through the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG). Disaster management level – big impacts on poultry level, flow on to domestic pets and wildlife.
- Update guidance from DPI came out today to be distributed with minutes:

Links for more information:

- Avian influenza – Biosecurity Queensland
- Avian influenza (bird flu) – Australian Government
- National H5 bird flu dashboard – Australian Government
- H5 bird flu resource centre – Wildlife Health Australia
- National Principles for wildlife carcass management - H5 bird flu event – Australian Government

Specific information about bird flu in wildlife and human health guidance:

- H5 bird flu – public guidelines for carcass management - Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- Working with bird and bat droppings - Workplace Health and Safety Queensland
- National guidelines for avian influenza: protecting people who work with birds and wildlife
- Avian influenza in humans (bird flu) - Queensland Health
- Understanding avian influenza in the workplace - Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

Advice for general public

- **AVOID** contact with sick or dead wild birds or wildlife and their environment. Do not touch or collect sick or dead wild birds or wildlife.
- **RECORD** what you see. If safe, record information on the number of dead birds/animals, species, location, date and time.
- **REPORT** sick or dead wild birds to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888 (24/7) or 13 25 23.

7. MAREEBA SHIRE COMMUNITY BIOSECURITY PLAN

7.1. Mareeba Shire Council *(Graham Weinert)*

Provided update on proposed amendments to MSC's Biosecurity Plan to reflect recent legislative changes. Amendments will include:

- Amazon Frogbit reclassification as Cat 3 + 5 under Biosecurity Act
- Giant Rats Tail (GRT) species change Sporobolus spp
- Change of 'Feral Cats' to 'cats other than owned'
- Wild dogs and Dingos separated
- Inclusion of Developers Action Plan

8. STANDING ITEMS

8.1. Funding and Partnership Opportunities

- Terrain NRM funding opportunity for private landholders (Kuranda Envirocare submitting EOI)

  Funding opportunity - DETSI $25K community groups revegetation of sporting facilities. Envirocare [Cathy Retter] suggested Kuranda Esplanade area could do with revegetation after cyclone. Envirocare to provide information regarding proposed activities to MSC for review.

8.2. Upcoming Events

Event	Timing
FNQROC Training Exercise	FNQROC to advise (TRC to host)
Crazy Ant Training	To be organised by organisations as required
Mitchell River Catchment Forum (JAMARR)	24 October 2026 @ Mt Carbine

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 25 March 2027 9:00am – 11:00am

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting at 10:15AM.

Action Item List

Item	Action	Responsible Agency / Person(s)	Due Date
1.	nil		

10 OFFICE OF THE CEO

10.1 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Date Prepared: **14 September 2026**

Author: **Tourism & Economic Development Officer**

Attachments: **1. MSC SBF Annual Report 25-26 (under separate cover)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information relating to Council tourism and economic development activity for the Mareeba Shire region during the first quarter of the financial year, July 2026 – September 2026.

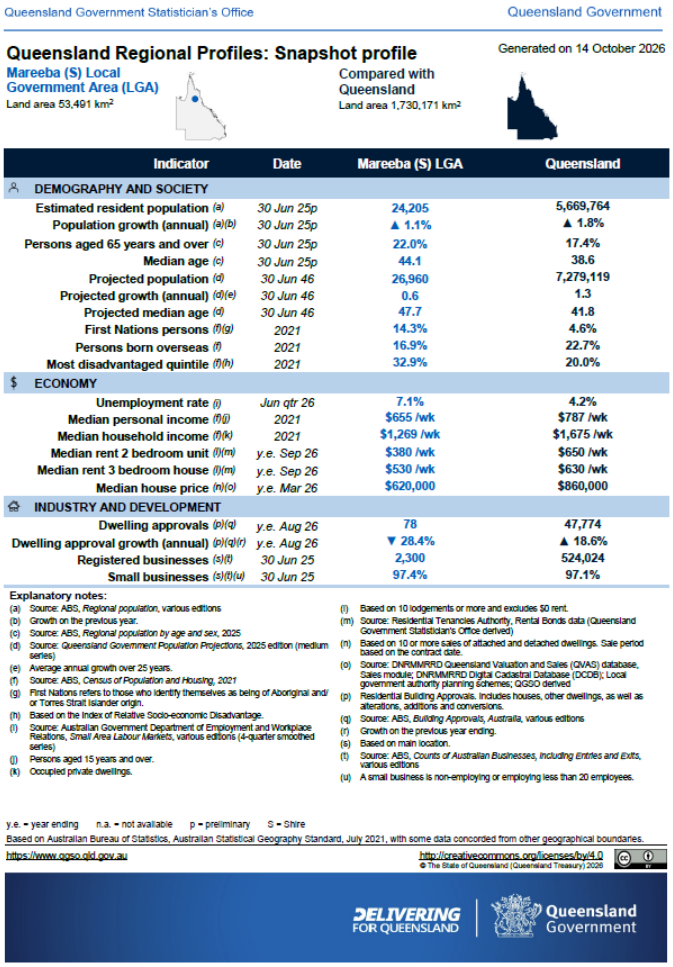
RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Tourism and Economic Development report for the July to September 2026 quarter.

TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1. STATE OF THE REGION – ECONOMIC UPDATE



Queensland Government Statistician's Office — Queensland Government

Queensland Regional Profiles: Snapshot profile

Generated on 14 October 2026

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

Compared with Queensland
Land area 1,730,171 km²

Indicator	Date	Mareeba (S) LGA	Queensland
DEMOGRAPHY AND SOCIETY			
Estimated resident population (a)	30 Jun 25p	24,205	5,669,764
Population growth (annual) (a)(b)	30 Jun 25p	▲ 1.1%	▲ 1.8%
Persons aged 65 years and over (c)	30 Jun 25p	22.0%	17.4%
Median age (c)	30 Jun 25p	44.1	38.6
Projected population (d)	30 Jun 46	26,960	7,279,119
Projected growth (annual) (d)(e)	30 Jun 46	0.6	1.3
Projected median age (d)	30 Jun 46	47.7	41.8
First Nations persons (f)(g)	2021	14.3%	4.6%
Persons born overseas (f)	2021	16.9%	22.7%
Most disadvantaged quintile (f)(h)	2021	32.9%	20.0%
ECONOMY			
Unemployment rate (i)	Jun qtr 26	7.1%	4.2%
Median personal income (f)(j)	2021	$655 /wk	$787 /wk
Median household income (f)(k)	2021	$1,269 /wk	$1,675 /wk
Median rent 2 bedroom unit (l)(m)	y.e. Sep 26	$380 /wk	$650 /wk
Median rent 3 bedroom house (l)(m)	y.e. Sep 26	$530 /wk	$630 /wk
Median house price (n)(o)	y.e. Mar 26	$620,000	$860,000
INDUSTRY AND DEVELOPMENT			
Dwelling approvals (p)(q)	y.e. Aug 26	78	47,774
Dwelling approval growth (annual) (p)(q)(r)	y.e. Aug 26	▼ 28.4%	▲ 18.6%
Registered businesses (s)(t)	30 Jun 25	2,300	524,024
Small businesses (s)(t)(u)	30 Jun 25	97.4%	97.1%

Explanatory notes:
(a) Source: ABS, *Regional population*, various editions
(b) Growth on the previous year.
(c) Source: ABS, *Regional population by age and sex*, 2025
(d) Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections*, 2025 edition (medium series)
(e) Average annual growth over 25 years.
(f) Source: ABS, *Census of Population and Housing*, 2021
(g) First Nations refers to those who identify themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
(h) Based on the Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage.
(i) Source: Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, *Small Area Labour Markets*, various editions (4-quarter smoothed series)
(j) Persons aged 15 years and over.
(k) Occupied private dwellings.
(l) Based on 10 lodgements or more and excludes $0 rent.
(m) Source: Residential Tenancies Authority, Rental Bonds data (Queensland Government Statistician's Office derived)
(n) Based on 10 or more sales of attached and detached dwellings. Sale period based on the contract date.
(o) Source: DNRMMRRD Queensland Valuation and Sales (QVAS) database, Sales module; DNRMMRRD Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB); Local government authority planning schemes; QGSO derived
(p) Residential Building Approvals. Includes houses, other dwellings, as well as alterations, additions and conversions.
(q) Source: ABS, *Building Approvals, Australia*, various editions
(r) Growth on the previous year ending.
(s) Based on main location.
(t) Source: ABS, *Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits*, various editions
(u) A small business is non-employing or employing less than 20 employees.

y.e. = year ending n.a. = not available p = preliminary S = Shire

Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Statistical Geography Standard, July 2021, with some data concorded from other geographical boundaries.

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The latest Queensland Government Statistician's Office Regional Profile, shows Mareeba Shire's estimated resident population has reached 24,205, growing by 1.1% over the year to June 2025. The Shire supports approximately 2,300 registered businesses, 97.4% of which are small businesses, reinforcing the importance of small business to the local economy. Housing remains comparatively affordable compared to broader Queensland, with a median house price of $620,000 and median weekly rents of $530 for a three (3)-bedroom house and $380 for a two (2)-bedroom unit. Mareeba Shire also has an older demographic profile than Queensland overall, with a median age of 44.1 years and 22% of residents aged 65 years or over. Longer-term projections anticipate the population reaching approximately 26,960 by 2046, highlighting the continued importance of economic development, business growth, workforce attraction and investment in the Shire.

Mareeba Shire's Gross Regional Product was $1.35 billion in the year ending June 2025, growing 0.7% since the previous year. Gross Regional Product (GRP) is a measure of size or net wealth generated by the local economy. In the Mareeba Shire, Agriculture continues to be the most productive industry, generating $260 million in 2024/25.



Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2026. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions).

2. SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY COUNCIL

Mareeba Shire Council continues its commitment as a member of the Queensland Small Business Friendly Program, recognising the important contribution small and family businesses make to local employment, economic activity and the vibrancy of communities across the Shire. With 2,300 registered businesses in Mareeba Shire and 97.4% classified as small businesses, creating an environment in which small businesses can establish, grow and thrive remains an important focus of Council's economic development activities.

Council submitted its 2025–26 Small Business Friendly Program Annual Report to the Queensland Small Business Commissioner in September 2026. The report highlights a strong year of practical business support, including delivery of the 12-month Munch & Learn Small Business Development Program, which offered 28 free workshops across Mareeba and Kuranda and attracted more than 500 registrations; and the Mareeba Shire Business Resilience & Digital Capability Program, delivered with Tourism Tribe, which provided intensive digital capability and resilience support to 25 local businesses.

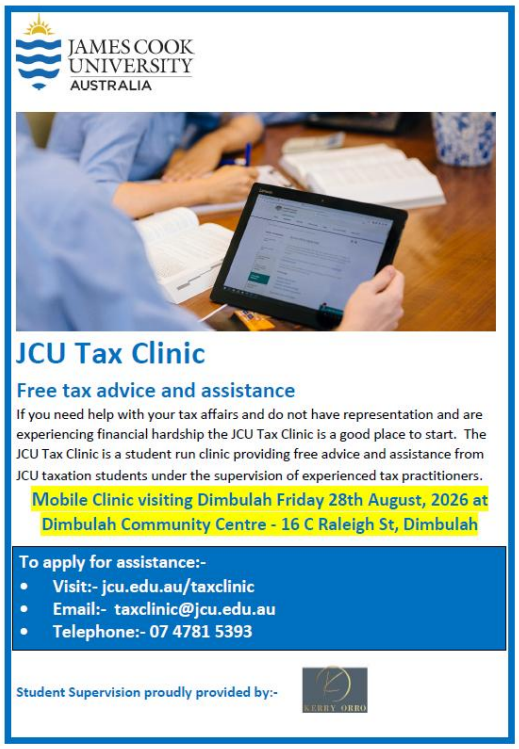
Council also strengthened its longer-term commitment to creating a supportive business environment through adoption of the Mareeba Shire Economic Development Strategy 2026–2030. The Strategy includes a specific direction to "Position Mareeba as a Business-Friendly Shire", with actions focused on attracting investment, streamlining planning and approvals, supporting value-added agriculture and tourism investment, developing vibrant town centres, strengthening workforce capability and supporting youth entrepreneurship and small business skills.

Participation in the Small Business Friendly Program has contributed to improved engagement with local businesses and other levels of government, increased internal Council awareness and support for small business, and the introduction of new small business initiatives. Council also continues to support local businesses through its procurement approach, including local supplier concessions and consideration of local business preference in tender evaluations.

3. JCU FREE TAX HELP CLINICS

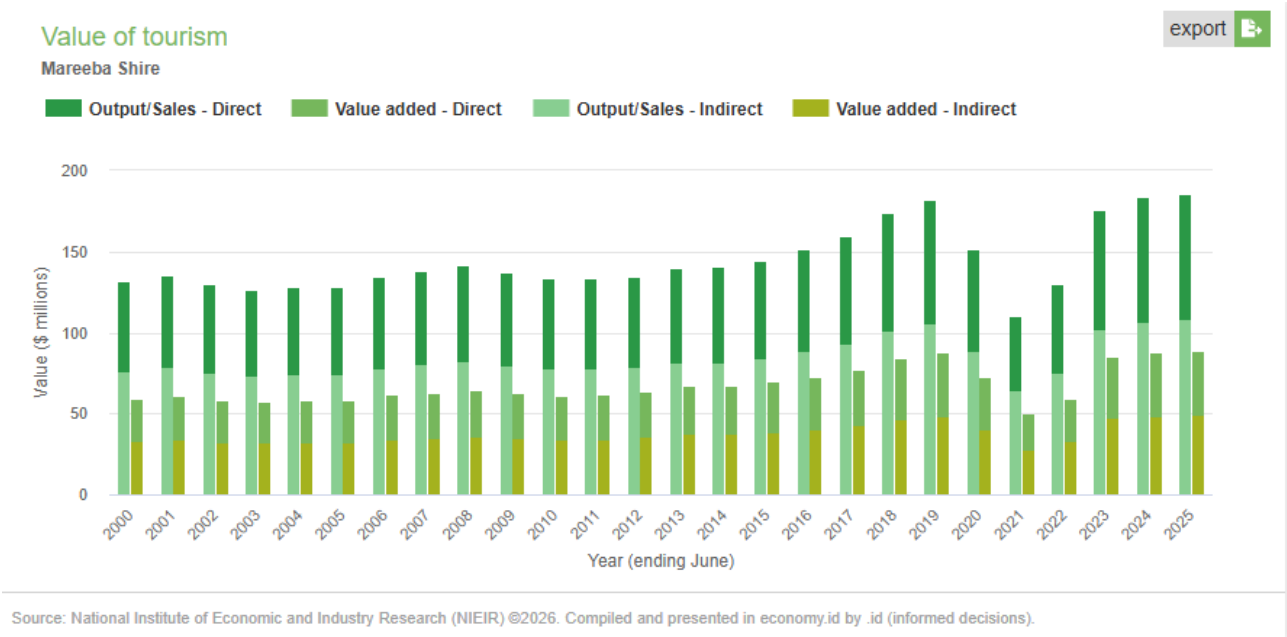
Council supported the promotion and delivery of free James Cook University Tax Help Clinics across Mareeba Shire during July and August 2026, providing residents and small businesses with access to confidential, one-on-one taxation assistance. Clinics were held in Kuranda, Mareeba and

Dimbulah, with JCU taxation students, under professional supervision, assisting with tax returns, ATO notices and assessments, taxation queries and ongoing ATO matters. The initiative helped bring accessible, face-to-face professional support directly into local communities, particularly for people experiencing financial hardship or without access to professional tax representation.



4. TOURISM

Tourism continues to make a significant contribution to the Mareeba Shire economy. In 2024/25, tourism generated an estimated $185.5 million in total sales and $88.8 million in value added, while supporting 902 direct and indirect jobs, equivalent to 9.9% of total employment in the Shire. Tourism sales have increased by approximately $34 million since 2019/20, while value added has grown by $16.4 million, demonstrating the sector's continued economic importance and recovery and growth over recent years.



Council continues to support Mareeba Shire Tourism Inc. (MST), the Local Tourism Organisation for

the Mareeba Shire, to promote the region and strengthen engagement with visitors, tourism operators and local communities. During the quarter, Council and Mareeba Shire Tourism attended both the Irvinebank Festival and Mareeba Multicultural Festival, operating visitor information stalls and distributing Mareeba Shire Visitor Guides and tourism information. The events provided valuable opportunities to speak directly with locals and visitors, promote attractions and experiences across the Shire, and connect with tourism operators. Attendance at the Irvinebank Festival was particularly valuable in strengthening relationships with businesses and communities across the western areas of the Shire, while supporting and showcasing an important community-led event.



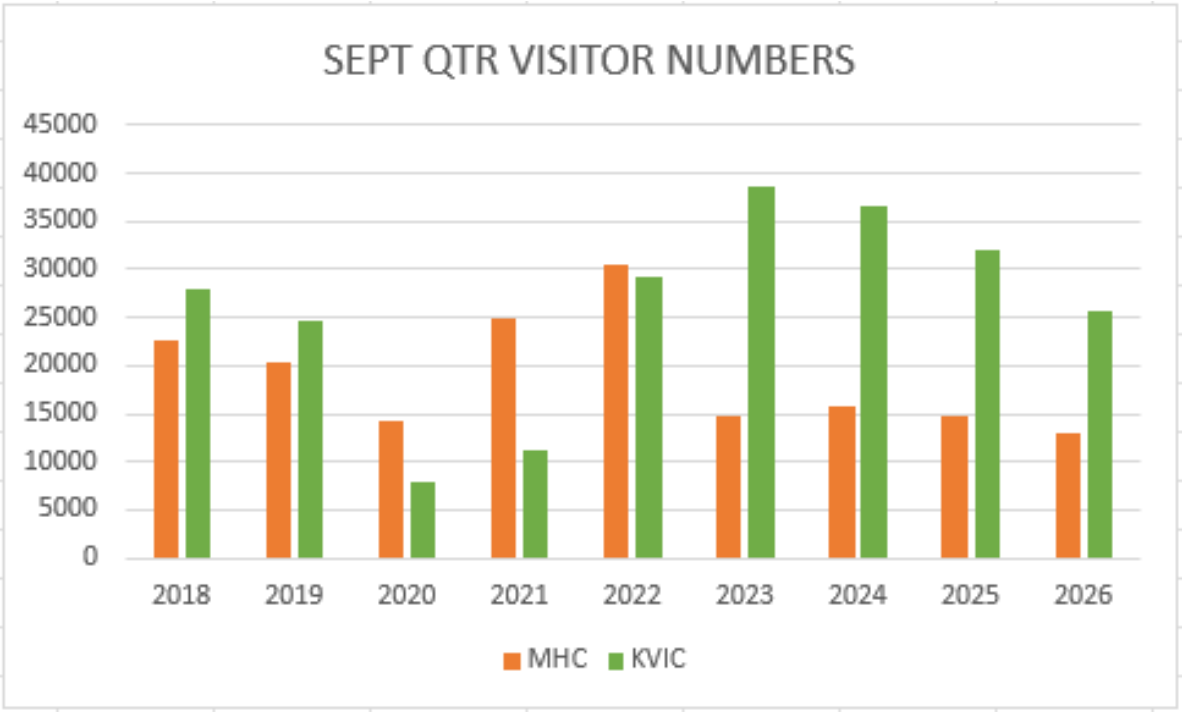


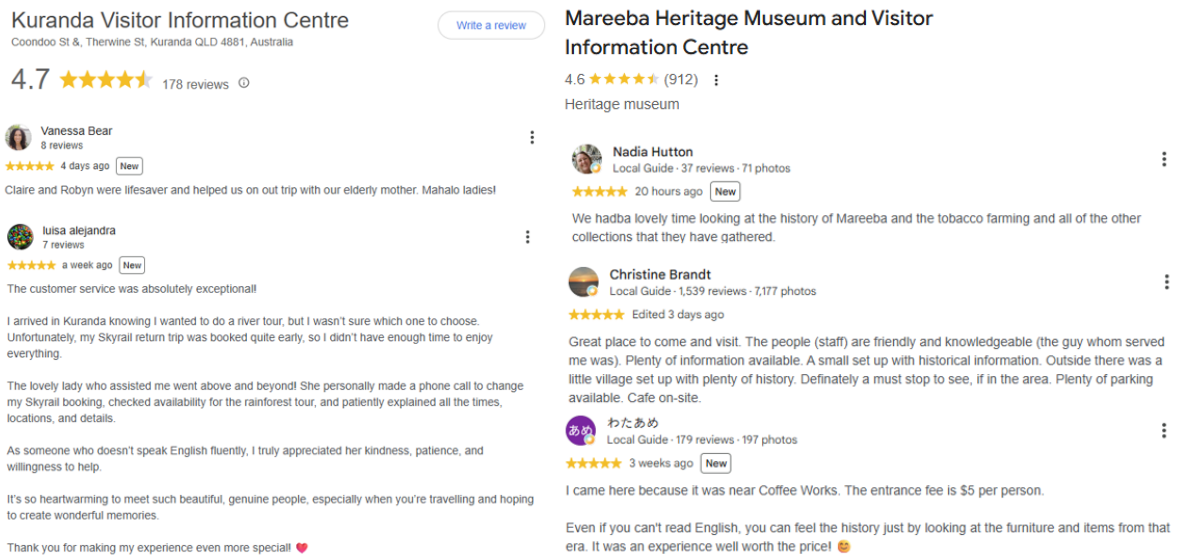
Council's Deputy Mayor and Tourism & Economic Development Officer joined the Drive Queensland Partners stand at the Melbourne Caravan & Camping Show to promote Mareeba Shire to the drive and touring market. The event attracted a record 34,528 attendees, many of whom were planning trips to Cape York. This provided an excellent opportunity to position Mareeba as the last major service and supply hub before travelling north. Council representatives promoted the Shire's tourism experiences, accommodation and attractions, as well as Mareeba's role in providing groceries, fuel, vehicle repairs, supplies and other essential services for Cape York and Far North Queensland travellers.



5. VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE UPDATE

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





Kuranda Visitor Information Centre

Coondoo St &, Therwine St, Kuranda QLD 4881, Australia

Write a review

4.7 178 reviews

Vanessa Bear
8 reviews
4 days ago New
Claire and Robyn were lifesaver and helped us on out trip with our elderly mother. Mahalo ladies!

luisa alejandra
7 reviews
a week ago New
The customer service was absolutely exceptional!

I arrived in Kuranda knowing I wanted to do a river tour, but I wasn't sure which one to choose. Unfortunately, my Skyrail return trip was booked quite early, so I didn't have enough time to enjoy everything.

The lovely lady who assisted me went above and beyond! She personally made a phone call to change my Skyrail booking, checked availability for the rainforest tour, and patiently explained all the times, locations, and details.

As someone who doesn't speak English fluently, I truly appreciated her kindness, patience, and willingness to help.

It's so heartwarming to meet such beautiful, genuine people, especially when you're travelling and hoping to create wonderful memories.

Thank you for making my experience even more special!

Mareeba Heritage Museum and Visitor Information Centre

4.6 (912)

Heritage museum

Nadia Hutton
Local Guide · 37 reviews · 71 photos
20 hours ago New
We hadba lovely time looking at the history of Mareeba and the tobacco farming and all of the other collections that they have gathered.

Christine Brandt
Local Guide · 1,539 reviews · 7,177 photos
Edited 3 days ago
Great place to come and visit. The people (staff) are friendly and knowledgeable (the guy whom served me was). Plenty of information available. A small set up with historical information. Outside there was a little village set up with plenty of history. Definately a must stop to see, if in the area. Plenty of parking available. Cafe on-site.

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Local Guide · 179 reviews · 197 photos
3 weeks ago New
I came here because it was near Coffee Works. The entrance fee is $5 per person.

Even if you can't read English, you can feel the history just by looking at the furniture and items from that era. It was an experience well worth the price!

6. VISITOR SENTIMENT

Visitor sentiment across Mareeba Shire remained strong in September Quarter 2026, with an overall sentiment score of 76.66/100, up 0.05% compared with the previous year. Online reviews recorded an average rating of 4.53 out of five (5), with 86.21% of reviews positive and negative reviews falling. Positive feedback particularly highlighted staff friendliness, family friendliness, location convenience, professionalism, and scenic views, providing a positive indication of the quality of experiences being delivered across the Shire. (Source: Localis Sentiment Report September 2026).

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

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

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil.

11 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275J of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

{ TC "11.1 Human Resources Progress and Information Report" \l2 }**11.1 Human Resources Progress and Information Report**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - b of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with industrial matters affecting employees.

12 BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

13 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

14 FOR INFORMATION

14.1 SUMMARY OF NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DELEGATED DECISIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

Date Prepared: **1 October 2026**

Author: **Planning & Development Technical Officer**

Attachments: **Nil**

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

New Development Applications					
Application	**Lodgement Date**	**Applicant**	**Site Address & Property Description**	**Application Type**	**Status**
MCU/26/0017	07/09/2026	Out Woop Woop Eco Lodge C/- Aspire Town Planning	994 Leadingham Creek Road Dimbulah Lot 3 on RP740298	MCU - Tourist Park	Assessment Stage
MCU/26/0018	08/09/2026	B Williams & E Elder C/- Rapid Building Approvals	2620 Mossman - Mount Molloy Road Mount Molloy Lot 32 on SP198626	MCU – Dwelling House (Secondary)	Decision Notice
MCU/26/0019	10/09/2026	Respect Group limited C/- Brazier Motti	5 Macrae Street Mareeba Lot 877 NR 4849 & Lot 853 NR 6836	MCU - Extension to Existing Residential Care Facility	Assessment Stage
MCU/26/0020	30/09/2026	A Wells C/- Neil Beck Town Planner	19 Mason Street Mareeba Lot 2 on RP715731	MCU - Combined Application - MCU - Multiple Dwelling (3 x Units) and ROL - (1 into 2 Lots)	Application Stage

Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
Application	**Date of Decision Notice**	**Applicant**	**Address**	**Property Description**	**Application Type**
MCU/26/0018	15/09/2026	B Williams & E Elder C/- Rapid Building Approvals	2620 Mossman - Mount Molloy Road, Mount Molloy	Lot 32 on SP198626	Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Dwelling House (Secondary Dwelling)
RAL/26/0023	22/09/2026	Giuseppe A Cardillo and Tina Cardillo C/- Freshwater Planning Pty Ltd	326 Springs Road, Mareeba	Lot 1 on RP735312 and Lot 2 on DA808468	Development Permit for Reconfiguration of a Lot - 2 into 3 lots (Subdivision and Boundary Realignment) and creating access easements
OPW/26/0001	16/09/2026	NQ Farming Pty Ltd TTE C/- OSE Group	30 Peters Street, Mareeba	Lot 453 on SP247821	Operational Works - Roadworks, Earthworks, Stormwater Drainage and Water and Sewer Reticulation for Development Permit RAL/23/0010
OPW/26/0005	23/09/2026	Tait Morton Johnston Pty Ltd C/- Arcos Group	68-70 Constance Street, Mareeba	Lot 16 on M35636 and Lot 17 on M35636	Development Permit for Operational Works Associated for Development Permit MCU/25/0017 (Mareeba PCYC)

Negotiated Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
Application	**Date of Decision Notice**	**Applicant**	**Address**	**Property Description**	**Application Type**
Nil					

Change to Existing Development Approval issued					
Application	**Date of Decision**	**Applicant**	**Address**	**Property Description**	**Application Type**
Nil					

Referral Agency Response Decision Notices issued under Delegated Authority					
Application	**Date of Decision**	**Applicant**	**Address**	**Property Description**	**Application Type**
NIL					

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

Survey Plans Endorsed					
Application #	**Date**	**Applicant**	**Address**	**Survey Plan Property Description**	**No of Lots**
RAL/20/0014	15/09/2026	S & K Gargan	78 & 576 Collins Weir Road, Mutchilba	Survey Plan of Lots 51 - 53 on SP349382 Cancelling Lot 49 on SP220744 and Lot 50 on SP328227	3
RAL/24/0014	24/09/2026	Terry O'Neil C/- Neil Beck Town Planner	Speewah Road and 84 Cardinia Boulevard, Speewah	Survey Plan of Lots 9 & 784 on SP362153 Cancelling Lot 9 on SP181514 & Lot 784 on N157259	2
RAL/26/0005	24/09/2026	Wong Lau Developments Pty Ltd C/- Steven Watkinson Solicitors	136 Fantin Road, Koah	Survey Plan of Lots 1 – 4 on SP359970 Cancelling Lot 175 on SP352625	4

14.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Prepared: **14 October 2026**

Author: **Executive Support Officer**

Attachments:
1. **Audit Committee Minutes 11 August 2026** ⇩
2. **Audit Committee Minutes 6 October 2026** ⇩

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Please see the following Minutes of the Audit Committee Meetings held:

11 August 2026

6 October 2026

Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, 11 August 2026

Audit Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2026 AT 9:00 AM

1 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cr John Andrejic (Chair), Cr Mary Graham, Cr Amy Braes.

2 OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS / OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE -

JENNIFER MCCARTHY (DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES), GLENDA KIRK (DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES), ELISA TATTI (MANAGER FINANCE), CR ANGELA TOPPIN (MAYOR), ANDREA MCGRATH (STATUTORY ACCOUNTANT), ROY LADNER (MSC MANAGER INFORMATION SYSTEMS & GOVERNANCE, OBSERVING), MIKE SCHUCK (MSC SENIOR ADVISOR GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE OBSERVING), SUZANNE CLARK (MSC COORDINATOR GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE OBSERVING).

EXTERNAL ADVISORS IN ATTENDANCE –

MARTIN LUWINGA (QAO VIA TEAMS, LEFT MEETING AT 11:22AM), TRACEY MAYHEW (CROWE), SYED MANSOOR (CROWE), AMIRA MEDIODIA (PACIFICA VIA TEAMS).

3 APOLOGIES

Peter Franks (Chief Executive Officer), Cr Ross Cardillo, Carolyn Eagle (Pacifica), Sian Fergusan (Pacifica).

4 DECLARATION OF ANY MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY AUDIT COMMITTEE AND OBSERVERS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/9

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND INTERNAL CONTROL

6.1 BUDGET 2026/27

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/10

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee notes the report.

CARRIED

6.2 LONG TERM ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026/27 - 2035/36

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/11

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That Audit Committee notes the attached Long Term Asset Management Plan 2026/27 to 2035/36.

CARRIED

6.3 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/12

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee note the attached report.

CARRIED

6.4 AUDIT MATRIX REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/13

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee note the attached report and support officers in their endeavours to implement the suggested recommendations.

CARRIED

6.5 ANNUAL ASSET VALUATION REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/14

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee note the report.

CARRIED

6.6 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 JUNE 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/15

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee note the report and:

1. approve the draft financial statements being provided to QAO contract auditors;
2. acknowledge the QAO Briefing Paper;
3. acknowledge the Interim Audit Report 2026 (as presented to Council at the 17 June 2026 meeting).

CARRIED

7 INTERNAL AUDIT

7.1 INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/16

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee note the attached report.

CARRIED

8 GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/17

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee receive and note the report, to include the amendments to the Enterprise Risk Register, updates to the Risk Treatment Plan series and the Business Continuity Management Plan and associated sub-plan instruments as hereto attached.

CARRIED

8.2 COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/18

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Committee notes the attached CEO endorsed compliance checklist.

CARRIED

8.3 NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT LEGAL MATTERS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/19

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That Audit Committee note the report.

CARRIED

9 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

9.1 PURCHASING REPORT JUNE 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/20

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING DATES FOR 2027

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/21

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That Audit Committee note this report.

CARRIED

10.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF ASSESSMENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/22

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee notes this report.

CARRIED

11 NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT LEGAL MATTERS - CEO

Nil

12 MATTERS TO BE REPORTED TO COUNCIL

Nil

The Meeting closed at 11:33am.

The minutes of this meeting have been confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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CHAIRPERSON

13 August 2026

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DATE

Mareeba SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Audit Committee Meeting

MINUTES OF MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2026 AT 10:00 AM

1 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cr John Andrejic (Chair), Cr Mary Graham, Cr Amy Braes.

2 OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Franks (MSC Chief Executive Officer), Glenda Kirk (Director Infrastructure Services), Elisa Tatti (Manager Finance), Cr Angela Toppin (Mayor), Andrea McGrath (Statutory Accountant).

External Advisors in Attendance –

Tracey Mayhew (Crowe via Teams), Syed Mansoor (Crowe, via Teams), Tina Mowatt (QAO), Amira Sheehan (Pacifica via Teams, joined meeting at 10:07am and left meeting at 10:20am).

3 APOLOGIES

Jennifer McCarthy (MSC Director Corporate and Community Services), Cr Ross Cardillo, Martin Luwinga (QAO), Carolyn Eagle (Pacifica), Sian Fergusan (Pacifica).

4 DECLARATION OF ANY MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY AUDIT COMMITTEE AND OBSERVERS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/23

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND INTERNAL CONTROL

6.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/24

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee note the Financial Report for the period ending 31 August 2026.

CARRIED

6.2 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/25

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee note the attached report.

CARRIED

7 INTERNAL AUDIT

7.1 INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/26

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee note the attached report.

CARRIED

7.2 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2026/2027

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/27

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee note the attached report and endorse the proposed annual internal audit plan for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

CARRIED

8 EXTERNAL AUDIT

8.1 EXTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/28

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee receive and note the attached reports.

CARRIED

8.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/29

Moved: Cr Mary Graham
Seconded: Cr Amy Braes

That the Audit Committee receive and recommend the report for execution. **CARRIED**

9 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

9.1 PURCHASING REPORT AUGUST 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/30

Moved: Cr Amy Braes
Seconded: Cr Mary Graham

That the Audit Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

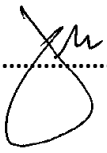
10 NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT LEGAL MATTERS - CEO

Nil

11 MATTERS TO BE REPORTED TO COUNCIL

The Meeting closed at 10:42am.

The minutes of this meeting have been confirmed as a true and accurate record.



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CHAIRPERSON

6 October 2026

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DATE