



# **GENERAL MEETING**

**21 June 2023**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Date: 21 June 2023

Cr AL Martin  
Cr BP Johnstone  
Cr PJ Pullos  
Cr LP Russell  
Cr JH Scobie  
Cr DA Hardie  
Cr GK Schluter

Please find attached the Agenda for the General Meeting to be held at the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Chambers in Blackall, 21 June 2023 commencing at 8.30am.

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**DA Howard**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****June 2023**

21 June 2023	Council Meeting – Blackall
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**July 2023**

19 July 2023	Council Meeting – Tambo
24-27 July 2023	Bush Councils Convention - Goondiwindi
29 July 2023	Tambo Races – Ladies Day

**August 2023**

16 August 2023	Council Meeting – Blackall
17-20 August 2023	Better in Blackall Festival - Blackall
22-23 August 2023	RAPAD Board – F2F Boulia

**September 2023**

20 September 2023	Council Meeting – Tambo
26-28 September 2023	WQAC - Winton

**October 2023**

2 October 2023	Queen's Birthday
11 October 2023	Council Meeting – Blackall
16-18 October 2023	LGAQ Annual Conference - Gladstone

**November 2023**

2 November 2023	Melbourne Cup Day – Bank Holiday for BTRC
11 November 2023	Remembrance Day
15 November 2023	Council Meeting – Tambo
28-30 November 2023	RAPAD Board and Friends of RAPAD – F2F Brisbane

**December 2023**

20 December 2023	Council Meeting - Blackall
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**Held at Blackall Council Chambers**  
**On Wednesday 21 June 2023**  
**Commencing at 8.30am**

## Order of Business

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Leave of absence/Signing of Attendance Book

Apologies:

Condolences:

- Rhonda Dern
- John Austin Henderson

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Deputations: Nil

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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023  
AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr JH Scobie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr GK Schluter, Cr DA Hardie

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services, Mr Ajay Agwan, Director of Works and Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator, Ms Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

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**Leave of Absence**

Mayor Andrew Martin requires a leave of absence for the meeting.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**                      **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That a leave of absence for Mayor Andrew Martin for today's meeting be granted.**

**Minute No. 01/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**CONDOLENCES:**

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of:

- Lesley Elizabeth Peacock
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Cr GK Schluter for item 5.8** – I, Councillor Schluter, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.8 – Outback Queensland Masters. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the president of the Blackall Golf Club.

As a result of my conflict, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

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**1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes****MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr JH Scobie****Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 April 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.**

**Minute No. 02/05A/23****Carried 6/0**

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**4.1.1. Financial Report for the Month of April 2023**

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a monthly financial report is required to be presented to Council. The financial report for April 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2022-2023.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter****Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council receive the Financial Report for April 2023.**

**Minute No. 03/05A/23****Carried 6/0**

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**4.1.2. DFCCS Operations Report – April 2023**

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for April 2023 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose Centre.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos****Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for April 2023.**

**Minute No. 04/05A/23****Carried 6/0**

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**4.1.3. Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee- Minutes of Meeting 21 April 2023**

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting was held on 21 April 2023.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr JH Scobie****Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's meeting 21 April 2023.**

**Minute No. 05/05A/23****Carried 6/0**

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**4.1.4. Debt Write-Off**

An invoice was issued to a debtor who caused damage to solar bollard lighting in Blackall. The debtor made no attempt to pay the invoice and cannot be located, it is recommended that the debt be written off.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**That Council write off the debt in sum of \$3,321.88 owing for the outstanding invoice 10757 as the debtor has not been located.**

**Minute No. 06/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

#### 4.1.5. RADF Annual Contribution

The RADF committee requests a budget allocation from Council for the 2023-2024 RADF program of \$25,000.00 to enable Arts Queensland to provide \$49,500.00.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**That Council approves of a co-contribution of \$25,000.00 in 2023/2024 for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program.**

**Minute No. 07/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

#### 4.1.6. RADF Application – Youth Dance Program – Bush Beatz

The RADF committee have agreed to support the Red Ridge youth dance program, Bush Beatz for Tambo and Blackall for \$15,000.00

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council endorses the RADF Committee's decision to approve \$15,000.00 for the 2022-2023 Red Ridge youth dance program Bush Beatz.**

**Minute No. 08/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

#### 4.2.1. Director of Works and Services' Operations Report - April 2023

The Director of Works and Services report for April 2023 is presented to Council.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for April 2023.**

**Minute No. 09/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

#### **4.2.2. Blackall-Jericho Road Rehabilitation Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products**

Tenders were requested for the Blackall-Jericho Road Rehabilitation Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products from 12 tenderers.

**MOTION:        Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council accept the tender from Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd at \$386,609.45 (ex GST) as they provide value for money and are a proven supplier.**

**Minute No. 10/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**4.2.3. Reseal Program Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products**

Tenders were requested for the Reseal Program Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products from 12 tenderers.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council accept the tender from Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd at \$813,733.32 (ex GST) as they provide value for money and are a proven supplier.**

**Minute No. 11/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**4.2.4. Blackall-Isisford Road Rehabilitation Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products**

Tenders were requested for the Blackall-Isisford Road Rehabilitation Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products from 12 tenderers.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council accept the tender from Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd at \$470,705.33 (ex GST) as they provide value for money and are a proven supplier.**

**Minute No. 12/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for April is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for April 2023.**

**Minute No. 13/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.2 Planning and Development Report**

The Planning and Development report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activity in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for April 2023.**



**Minute No. 14/05A/23****Carried 6/0****5.3 Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's Report- April 2023**

The Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr JH Scobie****Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**That Council receive the Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report.**

**Minute No. 15/05A/23****Carried 6/0****5.4 Tender of Council's Sales Permit to Get Cypress Sawlogs and Tambo Sawmill**

Council requested tenders for the Tambo Sawmill and Sales Permit with tenders closing on 10 March 2023. One submission was received. Council's solicitors conducted the assessment of the tender in accordance with the criteria in the tender document.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter****Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**That Council, subject to approval from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, accept the tender for the Sales Permit 201304400 and Tambo Sawmill, Lot 6 on SP276172 for the tendered amount of \$220,000.00 (plus GST and stamp duty) from Webster's Select Timbers Trust.**

**Minute No. 16/05A/23****Carried 6/0****5.5 Naming of Street in Blackall**

The road to the east of Walter Street is not currently named. As this area is going to be developed the road requires naming.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr JH Scobie****Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council name the unnamed street in Blackall East Walter Street.**

**Minute No. 17/05A/23****Carried 6/0****5.6 2024 Quadrennial Election Cost Estimate**

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has provided an estimate to Council for the cost of the 2024 Local Government election.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone****Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receive the letter from the Electoral Commission Queensland and note that the 2024 election is being held on 16 March 2024; and**
- 2. \$13,939 (GST exclusive) be allocated in the 2023/2024 budget; and**

3. Ratify the Chief Executive Officer's request to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Local Government for a full postal ballot for the 2024 local government election.

**Minute No. 18/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.7 Council Owned Buildings at 63 and 67 Shamrock Street, Blackall**

Council owns properties at 63 and 67 Shamrock Street, Blackall. 63 Shamrock Street contains the Prince of Wales Hotel and 67 Shamrock Street contains the Old Picture Theatre. The buildings are in disrepair and the work required to make the buildings suitable for use is extensive and costly.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**That Council:**

1. make the necessary applications to demolish the buildings located on 63 and 67 Shamrock Street, Blackall; and
2. engage a suitable contractor to undertake the demolition work.

**Minute No. 19/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.8 Memorandum of Understanding with Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) Ltd**

Red Ridge has approached Blackall-Tambo Regional Council with a memorandum of understanding for a Blackall Community Arts & Cultural Precinct.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**

1. sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) Ltd for the Blackall Community Arts & Cultural Precinct; and
2. on Council's behalf, consult with Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) on the project.

**Minute No. 20/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.9 Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee Meeting 9 May 2023**

The Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee held a meeting on the 9 May 2023.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council receives the Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee report for 9 May 2023.**

**Minute No. 21/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

At this point, 9.26am Cr GK Schluter left the meeting.

#### **5.10 Outback Queensland Masters**

Outback Queensland Masters' is seeking Council's financial and in-kind support for a future event.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

- a. That Council will provide the requested in-kind support with a cap of \$5,000.00; and
- b. The fee associated with hosting 2 x Junior clinics for children in the community not exceeding \$3,000 plus GST.

**Minute No. 22/05A/23**

**Carried 5/0**

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At this point, 9.44am Cr GK Schluter returned to meeting.

#### **5.11 2023-24 Get Ready Queensland Grant Program**

Council has received notification from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority of the funding allocation for the Get Ready Queensland grant program for 2023-2024.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**That Council accept the offer of funding of \$7,760.00 (ex GST) from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for the 2023-24 Get Ready Queensland program.**

**Minute No. 23/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **5.12 Development Application – DA 27-2022-2023 – 1 Banksia Street & 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall**

The Applicant, Bruce F Crook-King, seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot over land 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376.

The proposal is for a Transport depot. The proposal will allow for the housing and operation of up to three (3) trucks and 15 trailers. The proposal will have up to four (4) staff members. The proposal will essentially act as an extension to the existing Storage Facility (truck and trailers for freight transport).

The site is located in the established industrial precinct of Blackall.

Under the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone. The defined use that has been applied for, being a Transport Depot, is subject to Code Assessment in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the Planning Act 2016, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

**Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot over land 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376, subject to the following conditions:**

## **1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL**

- 1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.**
- 1.2 Where these conditions refer to “Council” in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.**
- 1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council’s satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.**
- 1.4 The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.**
- 1.5 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.**
- 1.6 Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.**

## **2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS**

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:**

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision Number	Date
Site Plan	SK1	-	21/04/2023

- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.**

### **3.0 HOURS OF OPERATION**

- 3.1 Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the primary use activity involving heavy vehicle site access, egress and trailer hitching / unhitching.**
- 3.2 Hours of operation are 7:00am to 6:00pm, 7 days a week for ancillary maintenance and servicing activities associated with the primary use.**

### **4.0 LIMITATIONS OF USE**

- 4.1 The use is limited to three (3) trucks, up to 15 trailers and up to four (4) operators on site.**
- 4.2 No loading, unloading or storage of goods is permitted to occur on site.**
- 4.3 All ancillary servicing and maintenance activities undertaken in conjunction with the approved use must be limited to the existing shed. The area within the shed where service and maintenance activities will occur must be maintained to a concrete floor or similar surface treatment to prevent ground and water contamination, and to provide containment of spills and hazardous materials and liquids.**

### **5.0 ACCESS AND MANOEUVRING AREAS**

- 5.1 Design, construct and maintain the Mulberry Street crossover in accordance with the approved plans (see Condition 2.1) and generally in accordance with the standard drawing, Figure 1 or 2, from the General Development Code of the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme.**
- 5.2 All new vehicle manoeuvring areas must be constructed to an all weather standard.**

### **6.0 STORMWATER WORKS**

- 6.1 Undertake the development such that all stormwater, except for rainwater captured on-site in rainwater tanks, is to be drained from the site to a lawful point of discharge and carried without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person or property. All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual.**

### **7.0 SEWERAGE AND WATER**

- 7.1 Maintain the existing connections to Council's reticulated water and sewerage network.**

## **8.0 TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

- 8.1 Maintain the electricity and telecommunication services in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.**

## **9.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 9.1 Store all waste within a waste storage area (for example, general waste, recyclable waste, pallets, empty drums etcetera). The waste storage area must be:**

- 9.1.1 Designed to not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties;**
- 9.1.2 Screened from any road frontage or adjoining property;**
- 9.1.3 Of a sufficient size to accommodate a waste bin/s suitable to service the Short-term accommodation.**

- 9.2 Appropriate materials and equipment are to be available onsite at all times to contain and clean up spills of potentially polluting materials. The materials and equipment must be maintained.**

## **10.0 AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- 10.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise.**
- 10.2 Install and operate all outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – 1997 “Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting”.**

## **11.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- 11.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.**

## **12.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

- 12.1 All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors’ vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the development site, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.**
- 12.2 Construction activity and noise must be limited to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.**

## **ADVISORY NOTES**

- A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work,**

and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.

- B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.
- C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
- D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr BP Johnstone      Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

**Minute No. 24/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **5.13 National Messaging System**

The Federal Government has committed funding for a new National Messaging System to be launched by the end of 2024. This will enable handheld devices to receive emergency warnings in near real-time.

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr GK Schluter      Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That Council receive the National Messaging System report.

**Minute No. 25/05A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.52am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2023.

Signed.....Mayor



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Minute No.	Report Number	Subject	Resolution	Action By	Result
17/12A/22	5.11	Relocation of the Tambo Library and Visitor Information Centre to the Grassland Building	That Council: 1. Approves of the relocation of the Tambo Library and Visitor Information Centre to the Grassland building; and 2. Authorised the Chief Executive Officer to commence the process of the relocation of the Tambo Library and Visitor Information Centre.	CEO	Work underway.
06/05A/23	4.1.4	Debt Write-Off	That Council write-off the debt in the sum of \$3,321.88 owing for the outstanding invoice 10757 as the debtor has not been located.	DFCCS	Complete
07/05A/23	4.1.5	RADF Annual Contribution	That Council approves of a co-contribution of \$25,000.00 in 2023/2024 for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program.	DFCCS	Budgetary allocation will be made.
10/05A/23	4.2.2	Blackall-Jericho Road Rehabilitation Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products	That Council accept the tender from Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd at \$386,609.45 (ex GST) as they provide value for money and are a proven supplier.	DWS	Tenderer has been provided a purchase order.

11/05A/23	4.2.3	Reseal Program Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products	That Council accept the tender from Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd at \$813,733.32 (ex GST) as they provide value for money and are a proven supplier.	DWS	Tenderer has been provided a purchase order.
12/05A/23	4.2.4	Blackall-Isisford Road Rehabilitation Supply, Cart, Heat & Spray of Bituminous Products	That Council accept the tender from Boral Resources (QLD) Pty Ltd at \$470,705.33 (ex GST) as they provide value for money and are proven supplier.	DWS	Tenderer has been provided a purchase order.
16/05A/23	5.4	Tender of Council's Sales Permit to Get Cypress Sawlogs and Tambo Sawmill	That Council, subject to approval from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, accept the tender for the Sales Permit 201304400 and Tambo Sawmill, Lot 6 on SP276172 for the tendered amount of \$220,000.00 (plus GST and stamp duty) from Webster's Select Timbers Trust.	CEO	The tenderer has been provided the Contract of Sale.
19/05A/23	5.7	Council Owned Buildings at 63 and 67 Shamrock Street, Blackall	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the necessary applications to demolish the buildings located on 63 and 67 Shamrock Street, Blackall; and</li> <li>2. Engage a suitable contractor to undertake the demolition work.</li> </ol>	CEO	Tender document is being drafted.
20/05A/23	5.8	Memorandum of Understanding with Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) Ltd	That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) Ltd for the Blackall Community Arts &amp; Cultural Precinct; and</li> <li>2. On Council's behalf, consult with Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) on the project.</li> </ol>	CEO	The document has been executed.

22/05A/23	5.10	Outback Queensland Masters	<p>a. That Council will provide the requested in-kind support with a cap of \$5,000.00; and</p> <p>b. The fee associated with hosting a 2x Junior clinics for children in the community not exceeding \$3,000 plus GST.</p>	CEO	Council is awaiting response from Golf Australia.
24/05A/23	5.12	Development Application – DA 27-2022-2023 – 1 Banksia Street & 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall	<p>That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot over land 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 &amp; 25 on SP210376, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL</p> <p>1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>1.2 Where these conditions refer to “Council” in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.</p> <p>1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council’s satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.</p> <p>1.4 The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.</p> <p>1.5 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.</p>	CEO	This matter to be held over until next meeting.

1.6 Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.

## 2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision Number	Date
Site Plan	SK1	-	21/04/2023

2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.

## 3.0 HOURS OF OPERATION

3.1 Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the primary use activity involving heavy vehicle site access, egress and trailer hitching / unhitching.

3.2 Hours of operation are 7:00am to 6:00pm, 7 days a week for ancillary maintenance and servicing activities associated with the primary use.

## 4.0 LIMITATIONS OF USE

4.1 The use is limited to three (3) trucks, up to 15 trailers and up to four (4) operators on site.

4.2 No loading, unloading or storage of goods is permitted to occur on site.

			<p>4.3 All ancillary servicing and maintenance activities undertaken in conjunction with the approved use must be limited to the existing shed. The area within the shed where service and maintenance activities will occur must be maintained to a concrete floor or similar surface treatment to prevent ground and water contamination, and to provide containment of spills and hazardous materials and liquids.</p> <p>5.0 ACCESS AND MANOEUVRING AREAS</p> <p>5.1 Design, construct and maintain the Mulberry Street crossover in accordance with the approved plans (see Condition 2.1) and generally in accordance with the standard drawing, Figure 1 or 2, from the General Development Code of the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme.</p> <p>5.2 All new vehicle manoeuvring areas must be constructed to an all weather standard.</p> <p>6.0 STORMWATER WORKS</p> <p>6.1 Undertake the development such that all stormwater, except for rainwater captured on-site in rainwater tanks, is to be drained from the site to a lawful point of discharge and carried without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person or property. All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual.</p> <p>7.0 SEWERAGE AND WATER</p> <p>7.1 Maintain the existing connections to Council's reticulated water and sewerage network.</p> <p>8.0 TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY</p>		
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			<p>8.1 Maintain the electricity and telecommunication services in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.</p> <p>9.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>9.1 Store all waste within a waste storage area (for example, general waste, recyclable waste, pallets, empty drums etcetera). The waste storage area must be:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9.1.1 Designed to not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9.1.2 Screened from any road frontage or adjoining property;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">9.1.3 Of a sufficient size to accommodate a waste bin/s suitable to service the Short-term accommodation.</p> <p>9.2 Appropriate materials and equipment are to be available onsite at all times to contain and clean up spills of potentially polluting materials. The materials and equipment must be maintained.</p> <p>10.0 AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</p> <p>10.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise</p> <p>10.2 Install and operate all outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – 1997 “Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting”.</p> <p>11.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>11.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in</p>		
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			<p>connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.</p> <p>12.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES</p> <p>12.1 All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors' vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the development site, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.</p> <p>12.2 Construction activity and noise must be limited to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.</p> <p>ADVISORY NOTES</p> <p>A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.</p> <p>B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.</p> <p>C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.</p>		
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			<p>D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).</p> <p><u>MOTION:</u> Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos</p> <p>That this matter be deferred to the next meeting.</p>		
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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: **4.1.1****SUBJECT HEADING: Financial Report for the Month of May 2023**

Author and Officer's Title: Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

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*Summary: In accordance with s204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 a monthly financial report is required to be presented to Council. The financial report for May 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2022-2023.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the Financial Report for May 2023.**

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**Background**

In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the financial report of Council must be presented at the monthly meeting of Council. This ensures adequate oversight of Council's financial position and performance against the latest approved budget.

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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Governance

Outcome 4- Financial – Manage Council's finances responsibly and sustainably.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

CEO

Director of Finance

Manager of Finance

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

# **FINANCE REPORT TO A MEETING OF THE BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023**

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# FINANCE REPORT TO A MEETING OF BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023

## 1. Cash Position as at 31 May 2023

### Cash at Bank

Operating Accounts \$ 4,226,310

### Short Term Investments

Queensland Treasury Corporation - Cash Fund \$ 19,000,000

Bank - Term Deposits \$ 5,000,000

**\$ 28,226,310**

The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors and unspent grants.

Cash backed Current Liabilities (Employee Entitlements) \$ 2,651,783

Unspent Grants (Restricted Cash) \$ 1,087,395

**\$ 3,739,178**

	<i>Debtors</i>	<i>Creditors</i>	
Balance of recoverable <b>debtors</b> - estimated <b>creditors</b> :	120,556	317,687	-\$ 197,131

Plus cash surplus	28,226,310	3,739,178	\$ 24,487,132
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**Working Capital** **\$ 24,290,001**

## 2. Monthly Cashflow Estimate: June 2023

### Receipts

Rates & Fees & Charges \$ 50,000

Debtors \$ 70,000

Grants/Subsidies \$ 3,633,694

Total \$ 3,753,694

### Expenditure

Payroll \$ 800,000

Creditor Payments \$ 1,800,000

Loan Payments \$ -

Total \$ 2,600,000

Therefore cash is expected to increase by \$ 1,153,694 in the period.

## 3. Comparative Data:

	May 2023	May 2022
Cash position	28,226,310	27,444,866
Working capital	24,290,001	24,029,135
Rate arrears	11,216	28,247
Outstanding debtors	120,556	145,264
Current creditors	317,687	66,934

## FINANCE REPORT TO A MEETING OF BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023

#### 4. Capital Works Summary: 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget
Buildings & Other Structures	2,109,600	357,382	17%
Plant & Equipment	995,000	890,483	89%
Road Infrastructure	4,928,065	2,195,401	45%
Water Infrastructure	50,000	7,907	16%
Sewerage Infrastructure	1,055,000	-	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,137,665</b>	<b>3,451,173</b>	<b>38%</b>

#### 5. Road Works Expenditure : 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

	Budget	Expended YTD Actual	% of Budget Expended
1. Rural Roads	9,847,300	7,504,177	76%
2. Town Streets	400,000	442,505	111%
3. RMPC Works	3,199,745	2,206,298	69%
<b>Total Roads Expenditure</b>	<b>13,447,045</b>	<b>10,152,980</b>	<b>76%</b>

#### 6. Rate Arrears Summary

**Total Rates Outstanding Balance                    \$            62,915**

Rates Outstanding Breakdown	Total	No. of Assessments
Current	\$ 51,699	<b>54</b>
1 Year	\$ 8,385	<b>6</b>
2 Years	\$ 2,831	<b>2</b>
3 Years and over	\$ -	<b>0</b>

BTRC 2022-23 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS		1/07/22 to 30/06/23		SOURCES OF FUNDING		Degree of completion and relevant comments
Particulars	Budget 2022-23	Expenditure YTD	% Expended	Capital Grants	Council Contribution	
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; OTHER STRUCTURES</b>	<b>2,109,600</b>	<b>357,382</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>878,600</b>	<b>1,231,000</b>	
Tambo Dam Tree Lights	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	Project under review
Tambo Dam Beautification	100,000	70,440	70%	-	100,000	In progress
Tambo Truck Museum	200,000	203,943	102%	200,000	-	Historical display to complete
Tambo Racecourse Rock Removal	60,000	-	0%	-	60,000	Complete
Tambo Historic House Shed	40,000	23,490	59%	-	40,000	Complete
Blackall Admin Office South Wall	100,000	1,972	2%	-	100,000	In progress
Blackall Cultural Centre Lighting & Accoustic matting	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	Planning stage
Banks Park snail structure, floor, tank and table	20,000	6,456	32%	-	20,000	In progress
Shade Structures - Blackall Carpark & TMPC	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	Planning stage
LGA Entry Signs - Blackall & Tambo	40,000	3,300	8%	-	40,000	In progress
Four Mile Waterhole - Shed	30,000	29,146	97%	-	30,000	Complete
Tambo TV Transmitters	35,000	-	0%	-	35,000	Provision only - subject to need
Blackall Campdraft Arena BBRF -subject to funding	392,600	-	0%	207,600	185,000	Funding unsuccessful/amend scope
Blackall Airport PAPI Lights - subject to funding	142,000	-	0%	71,000	71,000	Funding unsuccessful
Tambo Childcare Building - subject to funding	100,000	-	0%	100,000	-	Cancelled
Blackall Saleyards Upgrade - subject to funding	550,000	18,635	3%	300,000	250,000	Allflex NX system installed
<b>PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>995,000</b>	<b>890,483</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>995,000</b>	
Plant Replacement including committed orders	763,000	639,483	84%	-	763,000	As per plant replacement program
Plant New - Tractor	182,000	182,000	100%	-	182,000	New plant
Plant New - Elevated Work Platform	50,000	69,000	138%	-	50,000	New plant
<b>ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>4,928,065</b>	<b>2,195,401</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>4,078,065</b>	<b>850,000</b>	
R2R Emmet Road Works	808,300	341,338	42%	808,300	-	In progress
LRCI Stage 3 Local Rd Reseals	1,200,000	-	0%	800,000	400,000	Planning Stage
LRCI Stage 3 Main Street Rehab	800,000	725,980	91%	800,000	-	Complete
Remote Rds RRUP - Langlo Rd Resheet	600,000	-	0%	480,000	120,000	Postponed to next financial year
TIDS Scrubby Creek Rd	400,000	175,992	44%	200,000	200,000	In progress
Blackall Median Strip upgrade	100,000	164	0%	-	100,000	In progress
Banks Park Footpath	30,000	20,970	70%	-	30,000	Complete
Heavy Vehicle Bypass Stage 2 (LRCI & HVSP)	914,765	930,957	102%	914,765	-	Complete
Tambo Streets upgrade - Queen Elizabeth St & Charles St	75,000	-	0%	75,000	-	Planning stage
<b>WATER INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,000</b>	
Water infrastructure renewals and upgrades	50,000	7,907	16%	-	50,000	In progress
<b>SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>1,055,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1,005,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	
Blackall Treatment Works Rehab	705,000	-	0%	705,000	-	Planning stage
Blackall Town Sewer Relining	250,000	-	0%	200,000	50,000	In progress
Tambo Sewer Upgrades - New Lots	100,000	-	0%	100,000	-	Planning stage
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM 22-23</b>	<b>9,137,665</b>	<b>3,451,173</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>5,961,665</b>	<b>3,176,000</b>	

(Accounts: 0100-0001-0000 to 5245-2000-0000. All report groups. 92% of year elapsed. To Level 2. Excludes committed costs)

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (Budget for full year)

Financial Year Ending 2023

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		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE				
		31 May 2023 ACTUAL		AMENDED BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	31 May 2023 ACTUAL		AMENDED BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET
1000-0001	ADMINISTRATION								
1000-0002	Administration	332,834	150%	222,500	222,500	3,473,077	94%	3,701,800	3,701,800
1100-0002	Finance	5,549,831	79%	7,046,000	7,046,000	41,497	56%	74,000	74,000
1200-0002	Oncosts	0	0%	0	0	(134,374)	30%	(447,900)	(447,900)
1300-0002	Stores/Purchasing	0	0%	0	0	(21,519)	-41%	52,800	52,800
2000-0002	Corporate Governance	50,590	---	0	0	725,851	97%	751,200	751,200
2100-0002	Business Activities	26,758	59%	45,000	45,000	90,808	183%	49,700	49,700
2150-0002	Saleyard Operations	1,007,268	65%	1,561,000	1,561,000	769,963	74%	1,036,200	1,036,200
2200-0002	Tambo Sawmill & Weighbridge	3,927	22%	18,000	18,000	55,730	372%	15,000	15,000
2350-0002	Airports/Aerodromes	121,520	119%	102,000	102,000	278,538	91%	306,500	306,500
2450-0002	Tourism	32,052	75%	42,500	42,500	344,152	96%	360,300	360,300
2500-0002	Planning & Development	39,009	87%	45,000	45,000	67,595	104%	65,000	65,000
2580-0002	Economic & Community Develop	2,175,189	54%	4,038,600	4,038,600	530	1%	82,500	82,500
2600-0002	Environmental	74,463	90%	83,100	83,100	196,575	90%	219,000	219,000
2650-0002	Animal Control	15,337	67%	22,800	22,800	9,583	44%	22,000	22,000
2700-0002	Stock Routes	72,760	67%	108,500	108,500	290,516	92%	317,000	317,000
3000-0002	Work Scheme and Community	14,482	85%	17,000	17,000	129,582	104%	125,000	125,000
3100-0002	Council Housing	137,779	63%	220,000	220,000	289,387	97%	299,500	299,500
3300-0002	Child Care Services	256,865	94%	273,200	273,200	328,979	70%	469,500	469,500
3350-0002	Sport and Recreation	66,036	103%	64,400	64,400	56,028	50%	112,000	112,000
3400-0002	Youth Services	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	80,000	80,000
3415-0002	Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre	167,920	100%	168,600	168,600	288,218	106%	271,100	271,100
3445-0002	Disability	169,414	237%	71,500	71,500	107,044	214%	50,000	50,000
3460-0002	Community Services	206,351	118%	175,300	175,300	114,801	35%	325,800	325,800
3470-0002	Miscellaneous Care Services	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	2,000	2,000
3500-0002	Libraries, Education and Arts	16,401	171%	9,600	9,600	216,805	93%	232,300	232,300
3570-0002	RADF & Community Assistance	50,410	99%	51,000	51,000	145,593	46%	314,000	314,000
3600-0002	Halls and Cultural Centres	1,027	34%	3,000	3,000	206,327	90%	230,200	230,200
3700-0002	Showgrounds & Sports Facilities	13,497	150%	9,000	9,000	631,084	91%	692,000	692,000
3740-0002	Funerals	51,756	94%	55,000	55,000	52,935	96%	55,000	55,000
3800-0002	Corporate Buildings	0	0%	0	0	138,065	71%	195,500	195,500
1000-0001	ADMINISTRATION	10,653,476	74%	14,452,600	14,452,600	8,893,370	88%	10,059,000	10,059,000
4000-0001	WORKS AND SERVICES								
4001-0002	Works Office and Depot	0	0%	0	0	2,864,544	93%	3,074,000	3,074,000
4100-0002	Town Street Maintenance	0	0%	0	0	442,505	111%	400,000	400,000
4200-0002	Rural Roads Maintenance	602,681	50%	1,193,500	1,193,500	755,820	94%	800,000	800,000
4300-0002	Flood Risk Management Program	41,400	---	0	0	0	0%	0	0
4500-0002	Recoverable Works	13,935,516	83%	16,769,600	16,769,600	11,024,981	70%	15,684,300	15,684,300
4550-0002	Plant Operations	3,248,185	90%	3,590,000	3,590,000	3,020,232	106%	2,838,500	2,838,500
4600-0002	SES - Disaster Mgmt	48,082	98%	49,000	49,000	57,608	37%	157,500	157,500
4700-0002	Cemeteries	5,704	570%	1,000	1,000	79,270	127%	62,400	62,400
4800-0002	Parks, Gardens and Reserves	0	0%	0	0	1,140,284	113%	1,012,900	1,012,900
4860-0002	Aquatic Centres	0	0%	0	0	529,114	104%	506,700	506,700
5000-0002	Cleansing	339,825	97%	351,400	351,400	251,283	88%	286,500	286,500
5100-0002	Water Supply	895,076	100%	893,600	893,600	471,584	94%	500,400	500,400
5200-0002	Sewerage Services	768,565	100%	767,100	767,100	381,396	112%	340,400	340,400
4000-0001	WORKS AND SERVICES	19,885,034	84%	23,615,200	23,615,200	21,018,619	82%	25,663,600	25,663,600
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE		30,538,509	80%	38,067,800	38,067,800	29,911,989	84%	35,722,600	35,722,600



*Account/Function Specific Comments for Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report*

Account	Description	Revenue	Expenditure
1000-0002	Administration	<i>Includes revenue from sale of railway building \$18,318, Insurance claims \$ 7,800, Employment Subsidies \$ 114,162</i>	
1100-0002	Finance	<i>General rates levied for full year. Financial Assistance Grant - Annual advance due in June 2023</i>	
1200-0002	Oncosts		<i>Includes 1 - Insurance premiums paid for 12 months. 2 - Sick leave expense recognition on 1 July to bring to account liability provision.</i>
1300-0002	Stores/Purchasing		<i>Increase in stores overhead recoveries</i>
2000-0002	Corporate Governance	<i>Includes circus grant \$46,000</i>	<i>Includes circus carnivale contribution exp \$80,829</i>
2100-0002	Business Activities		<i>Includes condition report and maintenance expenditure on commerical buildings</i>
2150-0002	Saleyard Operations		
2200-0002	Tambo Sawmill & Weighbridge		<i>Includes rates and annual environmental permit fees and depreciation</i>
2350-0002	Airports/Aerodromes	<i>Post covid increase in landing fees and contract revenue</i>	
2450-0002	Tourism		
2500-0002	Planning & Development		
2580-0002	Economic & Community	<i>Includes State and Federal capital grants</i>	
2600-0002	Environmental		
2650-0002	Animal Control		
2700-0002	Stock Routes		
3000-0002	Work Scheme and Community		
3100-0002	Council Housing		
3300-0002	Child Care Services	<i>Includes sustainability grant received \$150,000</i>	<i>Transfer of unspent sustainability grant to Lady Gowrie in June 2023</i>
3350-0002	Sport and Recreation		
3400-0002	Youth Services		
3415-0002	Tambo MPC		
3445-0002	Disability	<i>Increase in brokerage services</i>	
3460-0002	Community Services		<i>Increase in program activities planned for 4th quarter</i>
3470-0002	Miscellaneous Care		
3500-0002	Libraries, Education	<i>Increase in State subsidy</i>	
3570-0002	RADF & Community Assistance	<i>Annual funding received</i>	
3600-0002	Halls and Cultural Centres		
3700-0002	Showgrounds & Sports	<i>Additional revenue from camping permits</i>	
3740-0002	Funerals	<i>Funeral Service discontinued</i>	
3800-0002	Corporate Buildings		
4001-0002	Works Office and Depot		
4100-0002	Town Street Maintenance		
4200-0002	Rural Roads Maintenance	<i>Financial Assistance Grants (Roads component), Annual advance due in June 2023</i>	
4500-0002	Recoverable Works		
4550-0002	Plant Operations		
4600-0002	SES - Disaster Management		
4700-0002	Cemeteries	<i>Includes grave fees and expenditure previously accounted for under Funeral Services</i>	
4800-0002	Parks, Gardens and Reserves		
4860-0002	Aquatic Centres		
5000-0002	Cleansing	<i>Rate charges levied for 12 months</i>	
5100-0002	Water Supply	<i>Rate charges levied for 12 months</i>	
5200-0002	Sewerage Services	<i>Rate charges levied for 12 months</i>	

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: **4.1.2****SUBJECT HEADING: DFCCS Operations Report – May 2023**

Author and Officer's Title: Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for May 2023 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, and Tambo Multipurpose.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for May 2023.**

**Background****Blackall Buildings*****Buildings Maintenance***

- Monthly fire alarm system inspections completed at Blackall Cultural Centre.
- Hot water systems installed in Bauhinia Lane huts.

**Tambo Buildings*****Buildings Maintenance***

- Change table installed in Grassland's building bathroom.
- New stove purchased and installed at Tambo Racecourse.
- General maintenance carried out in other buildings.

***Aged Housing***

- There are no vacancies at the Coolibah Village.
- New kitchen light installed in 1/24 Albert Street.
- New handrail installed in 1/24 Albert Street.

**Blackall Visitor Information Centre****Monthly Statistics:****Visitor Numbers to Blackall Tourist Information Centre**

<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>Visitor Numbers</b>
July	3794	July	3291
August	2628	August	3697
September	2100	September	1901
October	904	October	720
November	185	November	345
December	93	December	188
January	101	January	343



<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>Visitor Numbers</b>
February	164	February	286
March	367	March	543
April	928	April	1,001
May	1710	May	2,030
June	3119	June	
Year to Date	16,093	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>14,345</b>

### Issue of Camping Permits

<b>Month</b>	<b>Information Centre</b>	<b>Self - Registration</b>	<b>Total for Month 2022/23</b>
July	426	615	1041
August	378	621	999
September	108	235	343
October	41	83	124
November	25	21	46
December	3	5	8
January	0	0	0
February	1	20	21
March	26	36	62
April	72	130	202
May	259	311	570
June			
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>3,416</b>
<i>2021/2022</i>	<i>2354</i>	<i>2100</i>	<i>4454</i>

### Camping Ground Fees

<b>Month</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>2022/2023 YTD \$</b>
July	\$13,710.25	\$13,710.25
August	\$10,613.00	\$24,323.24
September	\$4,060.68	\$29,503.75
October	\$1,309.00	\$30,812.74
November	\$559.75	\$31,372.48
December	\$102.05	\$31,554.54
January	\$0.00	\$31,554.54
February	\$400.99	\$31,875.54
March	\$725.00	\$32,640.54
April	\$2,256.70	\$35,017.24

Month	\$ Amount	2022/2023 YTD \$
May	\$6,000.45	<b>\$41,017.69</b>
June		

**Year ending 2021/2022 - \$44,561.60.**

### Blackall Library Report

Month	Loans 2021/22	Loans 2022/23	Visitors 2021/22	Visitors 2022/23	Requests 2021/22	Requests 2022/23	Members Added 2021/22	Members Added 2022/23
July	248	<b>231</b>	471	<b>392</b>	21	<b>52</b>	8	<b>9</b>
August	367	<b>336</b>	508	<b>412</b>	62	<b>34</b>	6	<b>15</b>
September	346	<b>318</b>	479	<b>426</b>	27	<b>58</b>	9	<b>9</b>
October	277	<b>376</b>	389	<b>415</b>	30	<b>46</b>	14	<b>6</b>
November	300	<b>389</b>	415	<b>372</b>	41	<b>31</b>	10	<b>8</b>
December	278	<b>359</b>	155	<b>281</b>	43	<b>37</b>	2	<b>5</b>
January	273	<b>359</b>	278	<b>327</b>	111	<b>63</b>	4	<b>4</b>
February	358	<b>352</b>	320	<b>318</b>	77	<b>59</b>	10	<b>6</b>
March	368	<b>465</b>	360	<b>114</b>	59	<b>114</b>	8	<b>4</b>
April	207	<b>356</b>	341	<b>341</b>	65	<b>40</b>	5	<b>6</b>
May	305	<b>295</b>	356	<b>275</b>	20	<b>0</b>	8	<b>0</b>
June	289		296		42		10	
<b>Year to Date</b>	3616	<b>3926</b>	4628	<b>3673</b>	598	<b>534</b>	94	<b>72</b>

### Tambo Library

#### E-Resources Loaned January to March 2023

Brand	Number
Bolinda E-Audio	176
Bolinda E-Audio	43
Overdrive E-Audio	24
Overdrive E-Book	92
Overdrive Magazines	3
<b>Total Resources Loaned</b>	<b>338</b>

#### Percentage of Stock on Loan 02.06.2023

Description	Total	On loan	Percent
Blackall	4744	381	8.03
Tambo	1458	200	13.72

	Loans 2021/22	<b>Loans 2022/23</b>	Visitors 2021/22	<b>Visitors 2022/23</b>	Requests 2021/22	<b>Request s 2022/23</b>	Members Added 2021/22	<b>Member s Added 2022/23</b>
July	396	<b>383</b>	103	<b>136</b>	53	<b>51</b>	4	<b>4</b>
August	381	<b>435</b>	113	<b>160</b>	52	<b>63</b>	3	<b>4</b>
September	425	<b>364</b>	115	<b>107</b>	58	<b>48</b>	9	<b>3</b>
October	375	<b>362</b>	115	<b>144</b>	62	<b>48</b>	3	<b>3</b>
November	400	<b>340</b>	122	<b>186</b>	70	<b>36</b>	1	<b>2</b>
December	326	<b>267</b>	123	<b>108</b>	29	<b>34</b>	1	<b>0</b>
January	363	<b>369</b>	95	<b>115</b>	55	<b>19</b>	8	<b>3</b>
February	445	<b>302</b>	109	<b>132</b>	67	<b>45</b>	1	<b>5</b>
March	521	<b>407</b>	145	<b>108</b>	57	<b>52</b>	11	<b>8</b>
April	346	<b>341</b>	120	<b>114</b>	55	<b>67</b>	6	<b>0</b>
May	435	<b>322</b>	183	<b>139</b>	58	<b>55</b>	3	<b>2</b>
June	398		122		51		2	
<b>Totals</b>	4811	<b>3892</b>	1465	<b>1449</b>	616	<b>518</b>	52	<b>34</b>

<b>Tambo Tourism</b>	Visits 2021/22	<b>Visits 2022/23</b>
July	733	<b>750</b>
August	512	<b>754</b>
September	511	<b>432</b>
October	197	<b>240</b>
November	126	<b>161</b>
December	56	<b>74</b>
January	85	<b>128</b>
February	94	<b>75</b>
March	203	<b>113</b>
April	390	<b>311</b>
May	609	<b>535</b>
June	893	
<b>Totals</b>	4409	<b>3573</b>

### Council Facility Bookings

<b>Blackall</b>	<b>Memorial Hall</b>		<b>Cultural Centre</b>		<b>Showgrounds</b>		<b>Racecourse</b>		<b>Bus</b>	
	21/22	<b>22/23</b>	21/22	<b>22/23</b>	21/22	<b>22/23</b>	21/22	<b>22/23</b>	21/22	<b>22/23</b>
July	0	<b>1</b>	6	<b>7</b>	13	<b>1</b>	1	<b>1</b>	8	<b>4</b>
August	2	<b>1</b>	5	<b>11</b>	15	<b>3</b>	1	<b>0</b>	8	<b>4</b>
September	2	<b>2</b>	5	<b>8</b>	6	<b>6</b>	0	<b>0</b>	5	<b>4</b>
October	2	<b>1</b>	9	<b>8</b>	3	<b>5</b>	2	<b>3</b>	7	<b>11</b>
November	2	<b>1</b>	11	<b>8</b>	1	<b>3</b>	1	<b>1</b>	6	<b>7</b>
December	1	<b>0</b>	2	<b>4</b>	0	<b>1</b>	0	<b>0</b>	1	<b>1</b>
January	1	<b>1</b>	0	<b>3</b>	1	<b>0</b>	0	<b>0</b>	0	<b>3</b>

<b>Blackall</b>	<b>Memorial Hall</b>		<b>Cultural Centre</b>		<b>Showgrounds</b>		<b>Racecourse</b>		<b>Bus</b>	
February	1	1	7	6	1	2	1	1	1	2
March	1	1	6	5	1	5	0	1	3	4
April	1	2	8	4	2	4	1	1	2	3
May	4	1	10	8	4	6	0	0	5	7
June	3		6		6		1		1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	20	12	75	72	53	36	8	8	47	50

<b>Tambo</b>	<b>Shire Hall</b>		<b>Racecourse</b>		<b>Western Sports</b>		<b>Bus</b>	
	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23	21/22	22/23
July	11	7	2	2	2	1	2	1
August	7	13	2	1	0	4	0	2
September	7	2	4	4	0	1	0	2
October	16	7	2	1	2	2	2	4
November	20	10	1	1	2	0	3	4
December	14	7	2	1	2	1	1	3
January	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
February	9	4	0	2	0	2	2	0
March	8	6	0	2	3	0	2	2
April	5	8	2	3	0	1	0	1
May	11	11	2	4	0	4	1	3
June	8		1		2		7	
<b>TOTAL</b>	118	77	20	21	13	16	20	24

### Qantas Report

<b>Month</b>	<b>Pax OFF</b>	<b>Pax ON</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>July</b>	113	115	228	228
<b>August</b>	115	99	214	442
<b>September</b>	133	97	230	672
<b>October</b>	145	140	285	957
<b>November</b>	111	100	211	1168
<b>December</b>	136	106	242	1410
<b>January</b>	99	89	188	1598
<b>February</b>	128	110	238	1836
<b>March</b>	171	143	314	2150
<b>April</b>	132	121	253	2403
<b>May</b>	172	139	311	2714
<b>June</b>				
<b>6 Monthly Average</b>	129.5	111.5	241	241
<b>YTD</b>	1455	1365	2714	2714
<b>Total for 2021/2022</b>	1069	888	1957	1957

- The roster has been distributed for airport employees.

### **Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre**

- The Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre has teamed up with the Central West Indigenous Health unit and we will be hosting a NAIDOC morning in Tambo on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.
- The Centre has been working on new allied health service delivery plan for the new financial year, allowing full allied health services to the community funded by the WQPHN.
- WQPHN has informed the Centre that funding of the Podiatry service will be in addition to 2023/2024 budget allocation of \$100,000.00 for allied health. This will allow the Centre to provide a greater number of physiotherapy and remedial massage appointments to the community.
- Carers gateway are providing an information session for the community on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Allied Health sessions for the month of May:  
Physiotherapy – nil  
Remedial Massage – 16 sessions  
Podiatry – nil

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Economic Development

Outcome 2- Tourism – Foster a sustainable tourism industry that delivers economic outcomes for the community.

Vibrant Communities

Outcome 1- Arts and Culture – Continue to grow our region as the premier arts and cultural hub of Western Queensland.

Outcome 2- Health and wellbeing – The community has access to health services that meet their needs.

Outcome 3- Community Services – Services and facilities that meet the needs of the community.

Outcome 4- Youth – Engage, support, and encourage youth to remain in and return to the community.

Governance

Outcome 5- Customer Service – Provide excellence in customer service.

Infrastructure

Outcome 2- Airports – Aerodrome facilities in both Blackall and Tambo are Operationally safe and compliant with standards as determined by the civil aviation safety authority.

Outcome 5- Council buildings – Civic facilities that meet the needs of the community yet remain financially sustainable.

### **Consultation (internal/external)**

Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator

Tambo Library and Tourism Officer

Customer Service Officers

Multi-Purpose Coordinator

Library Officer

Tourism Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

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**OFFICER REPORTS**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 4.1.3

**SUBJECT HEADING: RADF Meeting Minutes**

Author and Officer's Title: Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The fourth round of the 2022-2023 RADF program closed for applications on April 28th and the RADF Committee held a meeting on the May 17th.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the meeting minutes of the RADF committee dated 17 May 2023.**

**Background**

Applications were invited for the fourth round of funding for the 2022-2023 year with applications closing on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Committee met on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 at 3:35pm via face to face to assess the applications.

One application was submitted for the fourth round, and the RADF committee elected to approve the only application.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Vibrant Communities

Outcome 1 - Arts & Culture – Continue to grow our region as the premier arts and cultural hub of Western Queensland.

Outcome 4 - Youth – Engage, support, and encourage youth to remain in and return to the community.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

RADF Committee were consulted.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Funded projects	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil





### **General Meeting RADF Meeting**

**Date:** 17.05.2023

**Time:** 3:35pm

**Present:** Nadine McLeod (RLO), Linda Hardie, Roz Wood, Wendy Just, Pam Pullos, Pip Fearon and Kiralee Sanderson

**Apologies:** Jane Scobie and Louise Martin

*Moved: Kiralee Sanderson*

*Seconded: Pam Pullos*

*All in Favour – 6/6*

**Previous meeting minutes:**

*Moved: Pam Pullos*

*Seconded: Wendy Just*

*All in Favour – 6/6*

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

RADF refresher training was highly recommended.

Great response from the grant writing workshop. Only suggestion it to hold another during the day for more to attend.

**Correspondence:**

RLO presented two recommendations to the May council meeting. One for the Council contribution to the RADF 23/24 programs and the Council Initiative for Red Ridge bush beatz program.

**Business arising from the correspondence:**

*Nil*

**Financial Report:**

*Round 3 program expenditure 2022/2023 - \$17,892.00.*

*Total funds remaining for 2022/2023 - \$5,103.50.*

*Moved: Nadine McLeod*

*Seconded: Kiralee Sanderson*

*All in Favour – 6/6*

**Business arising from Financial Report:**

*Nil*



### Assessment of Application:

Tambo Tourism and Business Assoc.	Contact – Michael Ellison. Project – Tambo Teddy Bears Wonderland Picnic 2023. RADF Grant requested - \$3,500.00. Total cost of project - \$10,990.00.
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*Motion:* That the RADF committee approves the application received from the Tambo Tourism and Business Association for the Tambo Teddy Bears Wonderland Picnic for \$3500.00.

*Moved:* Kiralee Sanderson

*Seconded:* Pip Fearon

*All in Favour – 6/6*

### General Business:

The committee discussed the fuel, accommodation, and travel expenses for future applications. The discussion was decided to cap the fuel at 0.75c per kilometres and the RADF will fund 65% of the total cost of the application project.

The committee has asked the RLO to add contact details of members of the RADF to be added to future round advertisements, this way they can also assist with questions for future applicants.

*Moved:* Kiralee Sanderson

*Seconded:* Pam Pullos

*All in Favour – 6/6*

The committee would rather have face to face meetings rather than zoom, this will be easy to discuss the applications.

The committee has asked the RLO to email through future acquittals, so they are aware of the expenditure of the applicant's projects.

The RLO asked the committee if they would like to hold another round or roll the surplus over into the new financial year. The amount remaining the 22/23 budget after round 4 will be a total of \$1603.50. The committee have agreed to roll the surplus over to the new financial year.

*Moved:* Pam Pullos

*Seconded:* Wendy Just

*All in Favour – 6/6*



**Next Round:** TBA in new financial year.

**Next meeting:** TBA in new financial year.

**Closure:** 4:22pm

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 4.1.4

**SUBJECT HEADING: RADF Application – Tambo Tourism and Business Association**

Author and Officer's Title: Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the fourth round of the RADF program for 2022-2023 closed for applications, and the Committee recommended that the Tambo Tourism and Business Association application be approved.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council endorse the recommendation of the RADF Committee to approve the application from Tambo Tourism and Business Association, for \$3,500.00.**

**Background**

Applications were invited for the fourth round of funding for the 2022-2023 year with applications closing on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The application from the Tambo Tourism and Business Assoc. was assessed by the RADF Committee at the 17 May 2023 meeting.

The Tambo Tourism and Business Association applied for \$3500.00 in support of the Tambo Teddy Bears Wonderland Picnic in 2023 and the application was approved by the Committee.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Vibrant Communities

Outcome 1 - Arts & Culture – Continue to grow our region as the premier arts and cultural hub of Western Queensland

Outcome 4 - Youth – Engage, support, and encourage youth to remain in and return to the community.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

RADF Committee

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

\$3500.00 – funded project.

**Risk Management Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Funded project.	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: **4.2.1****SUBJECT HEADING: Director of Works and Services' Operations Report – May 2023**

Author and Officer's Title: Ajay Agwan, Director of Works and Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Director of Works and Services report for May 2023 is presented to Council.***Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for 2023.****Background Projects****Blackall-Isisford Road Rehabilitation****Project Budget:** \$2,993,275.07 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Full Rehabilitation of Pavement to 150mm, Chainage 100.770km to Chainage 110.003km**Current Status:** All earthworks, shoulder and pavement works are completed. Prime and first coat seal completed. Signage underway with secondary seal to be completed in September/October 2024.**Blackall-Jericho Road Rehab and Widen****Project Budget:** \$3,490,899.00 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Increase of width from 4m to 8m sealed, build-up of material where required and full rehabilitation of existing pavement to 150mm, Chainage 0.760km to Chainage 6.800km**Current Status:** All subgrade and build up complete. Gravel haulage commencing and pavement works will follow. First coat of seal planned in June end/July first week





### **Shamrock Street Median Strip**

**Project Budget:** \$100,000 (GST exclusive)

**Project Scope:** Replace existing kerb with 200mm x 200mm kerbing to increase to a consistent height on all four sections of median.

**Current Status:** One section fully complete and backfilled with loam where required, second section underway.



### **Snail Structure Banks Park**

**Project Budget:** \$20,000 (GST exclusive)

**Project Scope:** Install a change table facility adjacent to the playground to allow users of the park to supervise children whilst caring for babies.

**Current Status:** Concrete slab and structure in place. Roofing and cladding ordered, plumbing and completion August 2023

### **Scrubby Creek Floodways**

**Project Budget:** \$800,000 (GST exclusive)

**Project Scope:** Upgrade from gravel to concrete floodways at four locations along the Scrubby Creek Road

**Current Status:** Two sites complete, contractor currently off-site, anticipated return in 4 weeks.

**Dawson Developmental Road (Springsure Road) Gravel Re sheeting****Project Budget:** \$574,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Full gravel re sheet 8.2km long x 8m wide from Chainage 171.70km to 179.90km (last 8.2km before the Springsure Boundary)**Current Status:** All gravel haulage complete, gravel crushing complete, and pavement will be completed by mid-June. Maintenance grading of the road to occur after this to allow for consistent presentation of TMR network.**General RMPC (Road Maintenance Performance Contract)****Project Budget:** \$2,625,745 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** General maintenance as required of the National Highway and State-Controlled Network without the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council boundary.**Current Status:** Maintenance activities; surface correction, tractor slashing, signage works, guidepost works, pothole patching, line marking and concrete works have occurred throughout the financial year. Project completed as of June 30.**Charles and Queen Elizabeth Street****Project Budget:** \$75,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Upgrade of gravel road to bitumen**Current Status:** Some procurement under progress, works proposed to commence after TMR program.**Petunia Lane****Project Budget:** \$80,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Installation of road, water and sewer for the housing blocks on Petunia Street.**Current Status:** All water and sewer complete. Roadworks delayed until Blackall Jericho is fully complete**East Walter Street****Project Budget:** \$120,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Installation of road and water for the government housing blocks on Thistle/St Andrews Street.**Current Status:** Water main installation on East Walter underway, once complete roadworks can commence.**Local Government Area Entry Signs****Project Budget:** \$40,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Installation of five boundary signs on State Controlled Roads and two boundary signs on National Highway



**Current Status:** All signs have been installed. The five state-controlled signs (Adavale, Isisford, Jericho, Alpha, Springsure Boundaries) were all pre-painted to allow smooth installation. Due to the size of the National Highway signage they have been installed as blank signs and will be painted onsite.

### **BTRC Reseal Program**

**Project Budget:** \$1,200,000 (GST exclusive)

**Project Scope:** Resealing of 280,000m<sup>2</sup> of existing bitumen road throughout the shire, roads with sites to be sealed are Blackall-Emmet, Ward, Ravensbourne and Old Augathella.

**Current Status:** Cover aggregate onsite for Blackall-Emmet, preparation works have commenced. Works to take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> of June until 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Langlo Road Resheeting**

**Project Budget:** \$600,000 (GST exclusive)

**Project Scope:** 150mm Gravel Re-sheet from Chainage 68.7km to 78.7km (Start at Mt Edinburgh Turnoff)

**Current Status:** All work postponed until 23/24 FY due to the prioritising of TMR works.

### **Blackall Camp draft Upgrade**

**Project Scope:** To make safe the camp draft facility and remove the need for portable panelling.

**Current Status:** Materials have been ordered and the Campdraft Committee have arranged construction with a contractor to complete the work.

### **Blackall Emmet Road R2R**

**Project Budget:** \$808,300

**Project Scope:** Full rehabilitation of damaged sections near Idalia Turnoff and LRC Boundary. Concrete works required have been absorbed by the QRA Flood Damage program.

**Current Status:** All earthworks, shoulder and pavement works are completed. Prime and first coat seal completed. Secondary sealing to occur in line with resealing program.

### **Training**

- Two staff members travelled to Longreach for a 2-day training course on Flood/Rain Gauges.

### **Requests for Action**

- A total of 9 Request for Actions were received and actioned by the Works and Services Department for the month.

Water	2
Sewerage	3
Parks and Gardens	1
Town Streets	3
Rural Roads	0

### **Water and Sewerage**

#### **Water Testing**

- Weekly water testing for e-coli in Blackall (no specimens detected)
- Monthly water testing for e-coli in Tambo (no specimens detected)

**Blackall**

Water consumption ML	15351
Call outs - Water	0
Call outs - Sewer	1
Broken Mains/Services	2
Private Works	2

**Tambo**

Water consumption ML	4916
Call outs - Water	0
Call outs - Sewer	0
Broken Mains/Services	0
Private Works	0

**Parks and Gardens****Blackall Town Streets**

- Mowing and whipper snipping
- Trimming of trees
- Footpath repairs/maintenance
- Planting of new trees
- Nature Strip maintenance

**Blackall Town Entrances**

- Weeding garden beds
- Mowing of grassed areas
- Installation of Better in Blackall signs on Isisford and Jericho Roads
- Trimming of trees on Evora Road to Saleyards

**Blackall Racecourse**

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued by the Racecourse Caretaker.

**Blackall Showgrounds**

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued by the Showgrounds Caretaker.
- Pruning of trees

**Blackall Aquatic Centre**

- Mowing and whipper snipping of Aquatic Centre.

**Banks Park**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.
- Spraying of burs and clover

**Albert Park**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.
- Spraying of burs and clover

**Memorial Park**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.

- Spraying of burs and clover

**Cultural Centre**

- Trimming of hedges
- Weeding garden beds

**Barcoo River Camping Grounds**

- All tourists are keeping the area in a tidy condition.
- Mowing grassed areas

**Pathway to Health**

- Mowing and whipper snipping along pathway

**Blackall Airport**

- Mowing of Airport Road
- Trimming of trees
- Taxiway line marking

**Blackall Cemetery**

- Mowing and whipper snipping of Lawn Section
- Planting of trees in RSL Section

**Blackall Saleyards**

- Planting of trees

**Blackall Admin Office**

- Pruning of palm trees
- Mowing and whipper snipping

**In Kind Support**

- Delivery/pick up of hire items for community functions

**Tambo Town Streets**

- Mowing and whipper snipping

**Tambo Town Entrances**

- Mowing of grassed areas

**Tambo Racecourse**

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued

**Western Sportsground**

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued
- Preparation of Polo Cross fields for Event
- Preparation of Campdraft Arena and Mayne Pavilion for Event

**Tambo Dam**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.

- Installation of new poly composite bollards

#### **E.E Parr Park**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.

#### **Town Hall Grounds**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.

#### **Stubby Bend Camping Grounds**

- All tourists are keeping the area in a tidy condition.

#### **Coolibah Walk**

- Mowing and whipper snipping along pathway

#### **Tambo Cemetery**

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.



#### **Workshop/Fleet**

Provide a wide range of servicing including engine tuning and engine management services, brake, and suspension services, cooling system services, air-conditioning servicing, general repairs and tyres.

#### **QRA Flood Damage Works**

##### **Western Queensland Thunderstorms, 21 - 30 December 2020**

- Pentwyn Road – PC & SL Picone – Medium Formation Grading 60% complete
- Champion Road – AM Earthmoving - Medium Formation Grading 90% complete
- Terrick Road – Picone Earthmoving – Medium Formation Grading 100% complete

##### **Northern and Central Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding event, 21 April - 12 May 2022**

- Wyanga Road – Peter M Williams Pty Ltd – Medium Formation Grading 10% complete
- Woolga Road – Rogers Grader Hire – Medium Formation Grading 100% complete
- Isoroy Road – Rogers Grader Hire - Medium Formation Grading 100% complete
- Idalia Road – Picone Earthmoving - Medium Formation Grading 30% complete

- Melrose Road – Schluter Pastoral Co Pty Ltd – Light/Medium Formation Grading 50% complete

**Scheduled Works Yet to Commence**

- Neverfail Road – AM Earthmoving
- Daracourt Road – AM Earthmoving
- Rostrevor Road – AM Earthmoving
- Ramsay Park Road – Schluter Pastoral Co Pty Ltd
- Melrose Road - Schluter Pastoral Co Pty Ltd
- Stratavon Road - Schluter Pastoral Co Pty Ltd
- Woodbine Road – PC & SL Picone
- Four Mile Road – PC & SL Picone
- Norwood Road – PC & SL Picone
- Avington Road – PC & SL Picone
- Juray Road – Picone Earthmoving
- Rivington Road – Picone Earthmoving
- Springleigh Road – Picone Earthmoving
- Mt Enniskillen Road – Peter M Williams
- Tralee Road – Peter M Williams
- The Springs Road – Peter M Williams
- Ward Road – Rogers Grader Hire
- East West Road – Rogers Grader Hire



**Blackall-Tambo Regional Council**  
**Flood Damage Events - Detailed Summary (13/6/2023)**

QRA Event	Activation	Status	Type	Approved Submission Value (excluding GST)	Progress Claim Value (excluding GST)	Comments
Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and associated low pressure system, 19-27 March 2019	Apr-19	Complete	REPA	\$ 16,114,356.35	\$ 14,593,631.93	REPA submission fully complete, closed out and acquitted
Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 10 November - 3 December 2021	Jan-21	Active	FMRP	\$ 138,000.00	\$ -	Flood Study awaiting LIDAR prior to commencement
Western Queensland Thunderstorms, 21 - 30 December 2020	Jan-21	Active	REPA	\$ 4,047,277.07	\$ 2,198,757.17	REPA Submission 79% completion
Northern and Central Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding event, 21 April - 12 May 2022	May-22	Active	REPA	\$ 22,689,566.94	\$ 6,806,870.08	Event Recently approved, accrued expenditure to be claimed.
Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 21 April - 12 May 2023	Feb-23	Active	REPA	\$ -	\$ -	No submission at this stage. Many sites overlapping with current events.

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

#### **Infrastructure**

Outcome 1- Roads – Council's roads network is well maintained, and Council's town streets are sealed with kerb, channeling, and drainage.

Outcome 3- Water and sewerage systems – Provide safe, reliable, and quality water and sewerage systems.

#### **Environment and Heritage**

Outcome 4- Waste Management – Best practice waste management.

### **Consultation (internal/external)**

Director of Works and Services

Chief Executive Officer

Works Supervisor

Fleet Supervisor

Services Supervisor

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: **4.2.2****SUBJECT HEADING: Work Health and Safety Report**

Author and Officer's Title: Ajay Agwan, Director of Works and Services

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Work Health and Safety Report has been provided to Council.***Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for May 2023.****Background****Near Misses, incidents, and issues**

- Near Miss – 0
- Hazards – 0
- Damage – 0
- Incidents – 2

**Safety Inductions**

Month	Employees	Contractors	Work Camp	Total	Accumulated Total
July 2022	1	5	2	8	8
August 2022	0	0	1	1	9
September 2022	2	2	2	6	15
October 2022	1	2	4	7	22
November 2022	0	2	0	2	24
December 2022	0	1	4	5	29
January 2023	3	2	3	8	37
February 2023	0	8	2	10	47
March 2023	2	6	2	10	57
April 2023	2	5	3	10	67
May 2023	0	4	1	5	72

**Tasks Completed**

- On-going monitoring with projects to ensure correct and completed WHS paperwork is submitted and identify potential hazards and any documentation requirement shortfalls.
- When applicable, provide staff with pertinent information from WHSQ and other safety alert systems.
- On-going review of existing WHS documentation/ procedures/registers/inspection schedules to streamline workflow and ensure compliance.
- Completed required compliance documentation for all staff on commencement of new projects and works.
- Regularly monitor the Hazard Risk Register and update as required.
- Assist staff and/or contractors with WHS issues where either required or identified.
- Continue to update the Safe-Plan safety system to the LGW Suite.



**Training**

- All supervisors, foreman and senior operators attended Safe Work Method Statement for High-Risk Construction Work Training

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Governance

Outcome 1 – Workforce- Council's workforce is trained and supported to competently manage themselves and their work.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Work Health and Safety Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.1

**SUBJECT HEADING: Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May is provided to Council.***Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May 2023.****Background**

SALES	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	YTD	2021/22 Totals
Spelling Cattle	5154	3839	3893	4534	4285	3878	180	1090	2771	3872	5010		38506	69364
Spelling Sheep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Prime & Store Sales	7793	2565	1857	3201	4992	1312	-	-	-	1025	2159		24904	47912
Weaner & Store Sales	2988	2312	6152	2885	4734	-	-	2643	4019	4615	3180		33527	43255
Private Weigh (Same Day)	370	1917	3971	1361	2693	802	329	1173	1926	1419	2982		18943	18331
Private Weigh (Over-night)	725	1152	1014	701	3098	1041	-	-	450	1229	2067		11636	11554
Private Scan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	59
Bull Sales	-	-	54	218	-	-	-	5065	77	-	-		349	331
<b>TOTALS 2022/23</b>	<b>17030</b>	<b>11785</b>	<b>16941</b>	<b>12899</b>	<b>19802</b>	<b>7033</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>5065</b>	<b>9243</b>	<b>12160</b>	<b>15398</b>		<b>127865</b>	
<b>TOTALS 2021/22</b>	<b>17473</b>	<b>23545</b>	<b>20141</b>	<b>19114</b>	<b>13704</b>	<b>6457</b>	<b>3048</b>	<b>11635</b>	<b>20602</b>	<b>15977</b>	<b>17979</b>	<b>21130</b>	<b>190806</b>	

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Economic Development

Outcome 1- Business Investment- Support existing local businesses and the establishment of new businesses in the region.

Outcome 2- Tourism- Foster a sustainable tourism industry that delivers economic outcomes for the community.

Outcome 3- Employment- Encourage regional employment growth and opportunities.

**Consultation (internal/external**

CEO

Saleyards Manager

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.2

**SUBJECT HEADING: Planning and Development Report**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Planning and Development report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activity in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for May 2023.**

**Background**

The table below provides the approved development applications for May 2023.

DATE	NUMBER	DEVELOPMENT TYPE	DEVELOPMENT DETAILS	TOWN
22/05/2023	31-2022-2023	BUILDING	1 IVY STREET – SHED	BLACKALL
23/05/2023	34-2022-2023	PLUMBING	58 ARTHUR STREET- INSTALL NEW SEPTIC TANK & CONNECT TO EXISTING DRAINAGE, S/WATER ETC FOR 6 NEW CABINS	TAMBO
19/05/2023	35-2022-2023	BUILDING	58 ARTHUR STREET- RELOCATION OF SIX CABINS TO SITE	TAMBO
30/05/2023	35-2022-2023	PLUMBING	36 SHAMROCK STREET- CONNECT 3 CABINS TO EXISTING SEWERAGE & CONNECT WATER	BLACKALL

## 1. DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

1.1 No new development applications have been lodged since the last monthly report. Two applications are currently under assessment.

An application has been made by Michele Frost and Kirri Charters, seeking a Development permit for Material Change of Use and Building Work for Short-term accommodation at 18 and 18A Edward Street, Tambo formally described as Lot 61 on TB217 & Lot 2 on RP610529.

The proposal involves the reuse of an existing house for Short-term accommodation. The existing house can accommodate up to 13 people. Access to the site is gained from an adjoining property, the adjoining property is also used for additional parking where required.

The subject site is in the Township Zone whereby Short-term accommodation exceeding accommodation for six (6) guests is subject to Impact Assessment. As the application is subject to Impact Assessment, public notification will be required for a period of 15 business days.

Council did not issue an information request as it had sufficient information to assess the application. The application is currently in the public notification period, with public notification to finish on 23 May 2023. Council received one (1) submission objecting the application. The submission has been addressed as part of the decision report.

The application is in the Decision stage and will be decided at the June General meeting.

1.1	<b>Council reference:</b>	DA26-2022-2023
	<b>Application:</b>	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use and Building Work for Short-term accommodation
	<b>Street address:</b>	18 and 18A Edward Street, Tambo
	<b>Property description:</b>	Lot 61 on TB217 & Lot 2 on RP610529
	<b>Day application was made:</b>	30 March 2023
	<b>Category of assessment:</b>	Impact Assessment
	<b>Public notification required:</b>	Yes
	<b>Applicant:</b>	Michele Frost and Kirri Charters
	<b>Status:</b>	Decision stage

1.2 An application has been made by Bruce Crook-King, seeking a Development permit for Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot at 1 and 3 Banksia Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 and 25 on SP210376.

The proposal involves an expansion to an existing Transport Depot. The expansion involves the storing of 3 trucks and up to 15 trailers. The proposal involves four (4) staff.

The subject site is in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone whereby a Transport Depot is subject to Code Assessment. As the application is subject to Code Assessment, public notification will not be required.

Council sought further information from the applicant regarding the operation of the use. Further information has been provided and conditions to regulate the operation have been included.

The application is in the Decision stage and will be decided at the June General meeting.

1.2	<b>Council reference:</b>	DA27-2022-2023
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<b>Application:</b>	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot
<b>Street address:</b>	1-3 Banksia Street, Blackall
<b>Property description:</b>	Lot 21 and 25 on SP210376
<b>Day application was made:</b>	31 March 2023
<b>Category of assessment:</b>	Code Assessment
<b>Public notification required:</b>	No
<b>Applicant:</b>	Bruce Crook-King
<b>Status:</b>	Decision Stage

## 2. GENERAL PLANNING SERVICES, ENQUIRIES AND ADVICE

### 2.1 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The following customer requests have been received and responded to since the last monthly report:

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
11/05/23	Real estate	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enquiry about using caretakers' accommodation as a dwelling.</li> </ul> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is Commercial precinct of the Township zone.</li> <li>The site is within the Flood hazard overlay.</li> <li>The site contains an existing commercial building and caretakers' accommodation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caretaker's accommodation means the use of premises for a dwelling for a caretaker of a non-residential use on the same premises.</li> <li>If the caretaker's accommodation was used by someone operating the commercial building, then it would be accepted development and not require a development application.</li> <li>if the building was intended to be occupied by someone not associated with the commercial aspect for a residence, then that would be considered a dwelling house.</li> <li>A dwelling house in the Commercial precinct of the Township zone is subject to Code assessment and would need a development approval before being used as a Dwelling house.</li> </ul>	Closed

<b>PLANNING ENQUIRIES</b>			
<b>Date received</b>	<b>Customer Details</b>	<b>Details of Enquiry</b>	<b>Status</b>
18/05/23	Landowner	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enquiry about establishing a container dwelling.</li> </ul> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is in the Rural zone.</li> <li>The site is not affected by any overlays.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A container dwelling would be defined as a dwelling house.</li> <li>A dwelling house where below 8.5m in height is accepted development.</li> <li>Accepted development means a development approval is not required.</li> <li>Building and plumbing approvals will still be required.</li> </ul>	Closed
18/05/23	Landowner	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enquiry about adding additional units to a retirement facility.</li> </ul> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is in the Township zone.</li> <li>The site is affected by the Flood hazard area.</li> <li>The site contains an existing Retirement facility.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The addition of 6 units is considered a material change of use.</li> <li>A material change of use for a Retirement Facility in the Township zone, where located within the Flood hazard area is subject to Impact Assessment</li> <li>Impact assessment is the highest level of assessment and is subject public notification (15 business days) and third-party appeal rights</li> <li>Although Impact assessable the proposal could be supported</li> <li>The proposed new units will have to be set a minimum 300mm above the Blackall defined flood event.</li> </ul>	Closed
22/05/23	Business operator	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enquiry about reusing a chiller box.</li> </ul> <p><u>Planning details</u></p>	Closed

<b>PLANNING ENQUIRIES</b>			
<b>Date received</b>	<b>Customer Details</b>	<b>Details of Enquiry</b>	<b>Status</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is in Mixed use precinct of the Township zone.</li> <li>The site is affected by the Flood hazard area.</li> <li>The site contains existing chiller box and associated infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the chiller box and associated infrastructure is existing and has remained on site it is considered that the use was never abandoned</li> <li>If the chiller box operates at a similar intensity as historically experienced, then a development application will not be required to operate</li> <li>Where it is proposed to increase the intensity or scale of the use then a development application for a material change of use may be required.</li> </ul>	
26/05/23	State Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council met with the State Government and their project team to discuss the Government Employee Housing Project. The project will involve the construction of several dwellings in both Blackall and Tambo. Council is providing assistance with information on utility design and connection and general town planning advice.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES</b>			
<b>Date received</b>	<b>Customer details</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Status</b>
Nil			
<b>SURVEY PLAN APPROVALS</b>			
Nil			
<b>EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES</b>			
Nil			

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Economic Development

Outcome 4 – Land development – Appropriate residential, commercial, and industrial land is available to meet community needs.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

CEO

Rates Officer

Town Planners

**Policy Implications**

Nil



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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.3

**SUBJECT HEADING: Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's Report – May 2023**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

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*Summary: The Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report is provided to Council.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report.**

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**Background****Food premises**

- Food safety assessments were carried out, minor issues were noted and raised with the operators.
- Advice has been provided for a proposed food business in Blackall.
- A food business license application has been received for a food business in Tambo, license was granted to the applicant.
- Food safety assessment were carried out at the Blackall show, one operator was prohibited from trading due to substandard food safety practices.

**Environmental Management/ Public Health**

- A notification was received from Qld Health about a positive malaria case, person has travelled the area. No further action required at this stage.
- Permits for the commercial use of council-controlled areas were issued.

**Local Laws**

- LLO consulted with residents regarding their overgrown allotments.
- Complaints were received about overgrown allotments, consulted with property owners.
- Compliance notices were issued to property owners regarding overgrown allotments.
- Two dogs were found wandering along Blackall-Jericho Road, the dogs were reunited with their owner.
- A notification was received about an alleged dog attack at the Blackall showgrounds, investigation was carried out, witness statements were compiled, and a compliance notice issued to the animal keeper.

**LLO assisted Rural Lands Officer**

- 1080 baiting program has been carried out with landholders.
- Pest management undertaken for Prickly Acacia, Parkinsonia.
- 2 feral cats were destroyed.

**Animal Control**

- Return dog lost during thunderstorm.

**Weed Control**

Spray – Tambo Cemetery.

Spray – Guideposts and culverts etc. – Augathella Road.

Spray – 4 Parthenium plants on Alpha Road (Green hill area).

Spray – 4 Parthenium plants near gates to Tambo air strip.

**Wild Dog Control**

Scalps for Tambo - 23, Blackall – 23 (1/04/2023 to 30/04/2023).

Scalps for Tambo – 36, Blackall – 14 (1/05/2023 to 31/05/2023).

**Agistment**

- 18 cows and calves on Burr Gully

- 120 cows on Boree Reserve

- Permit granted for 1500 steer and heifers to Blackall sale yards.

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- 1345 head (4-day grazing permit on Blackall 4-mile reserve while trying to find another drover to take cattle onto Barcaldine)

**1080**

- 1080 completed in May 2023 with 4325 kgs baited (3275 kg of dog and 1050 kg of pig).
- 30 properties baited for dog, 7 properties baited for pig and 4 properties baited for both with a total of 41 properties baiting.
- Alice Downs rebaited with 163 kg 2 weeks later.

**General**

- Tambo Common muster was completed 17/04/2023 with 213 cows, 84 heifers and 1 steer totalling 298 head plus 112 calves. 3 cows were left out with calves and 3 head still missing (believed dead).
- There were 3 strangers (1steer, 1cow and 1 heifer).
- 80 common cattle plus 19 outside (total of 99 head) were trucked to sale.
- Removed from common were 22 weaners and 1 cow with 9 heifers and 8 cows still to be retrieved.
- 2 common bulls were sold at this stage only 1 could be replaced. The common still has 7 bulls.

**Operational**

- Troughs were cleaned at Gum holes, Rodds, Town, Pound Paddock and 2 at Pound Yards also Greendale.
- Replace float valve at Joe's Bogg (common).
- Glenusk water facility – A new 63mm water line has been placed in the ground and connected to bore head, waiting for the arrival of the new tank. The new troughs are on site.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Environment and Heritage

Outcome 3- Pest Management – Weeds, seeds and pests including wild dogs are effectively controlled.

Outcome 4- Waste Management – Best practice waste management.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Environmental Health / Local Laws Officer

RLO

Queensland Health  
Department of Environment and Science  
Residents  
Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: **5.4****SUBJECT HEADING: Road Hierarchy and Investment Priorities**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group have asked the councils in the RAPAD region to consider the Road Hierarchy and Investment Priority Maps.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council endorse the Road Hierarchy and Investment Priority maps as follows:**

1. Draft North West Hierarchy & Investment Priority Map
2. Draft South West Hierarchy & Investment Priority Map
3. Central West Hierarchy & Priority Map
4. Draft Western Queensland Hierarchy & Priority Map
5. Investment Priority Maps.

**Background**

The Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG) is a partnership between the Department of Transport and Main Roads and local governments.

The ORRTG determine the local roads of regional significance. The network consists of lower-order state controlled roads and higher-order government controlled roads that perform a similar function. The approach helps focus investment of the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme.

The Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) provides funding to local government for transport related initiatives which support state government objects.

The ORRTG have requested that all councils review and endorse the maps which provide the hierarchy and investment priorities for roads.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Governance

Outcome 3 – Leadership- Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Infrastructure

Outcome 1 – Roads-Council's road network is well maintained, and Council's town streets are sealing with kerb, channelling, and drainage.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

RAPAD

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

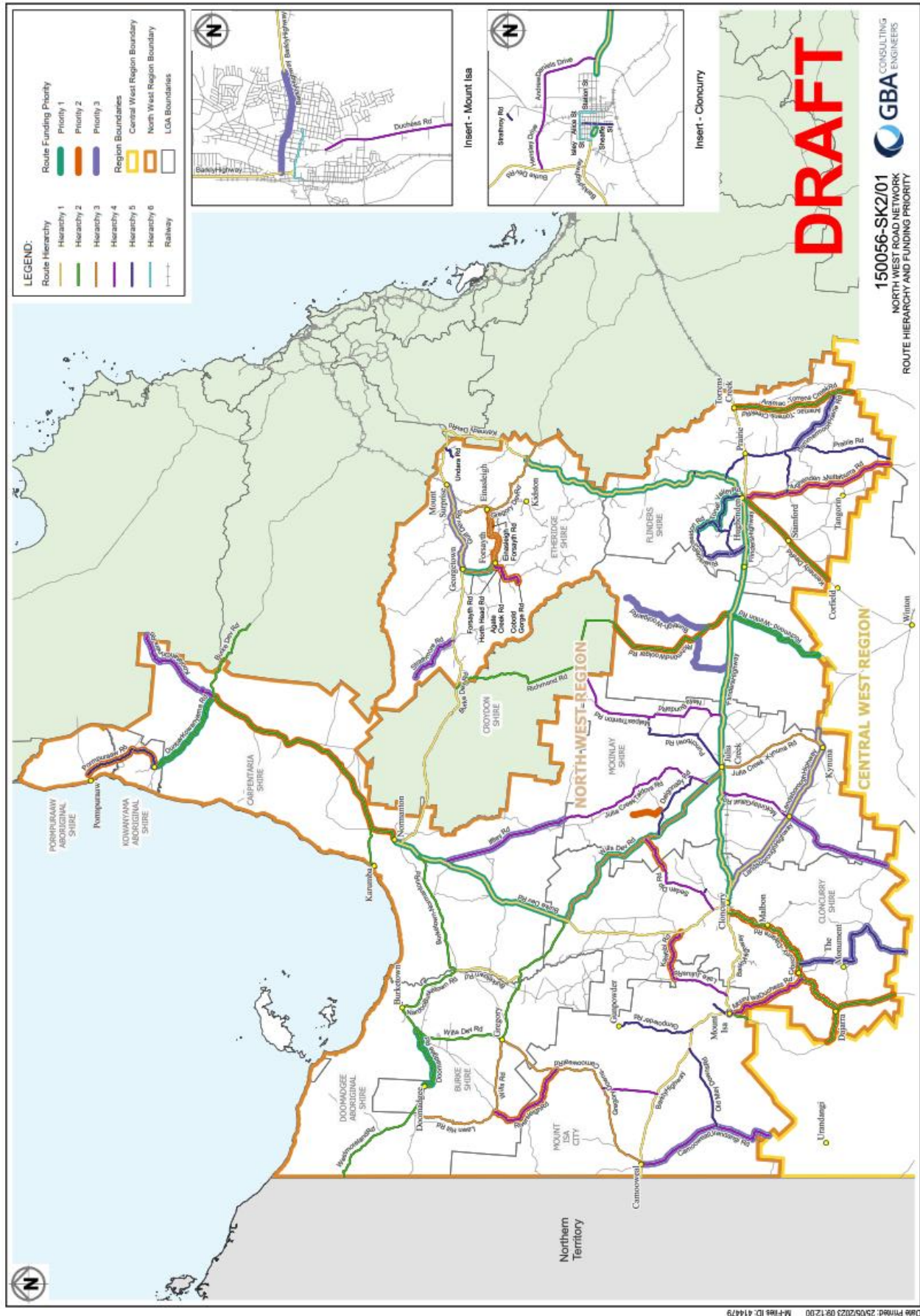
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**Risk Assessment**

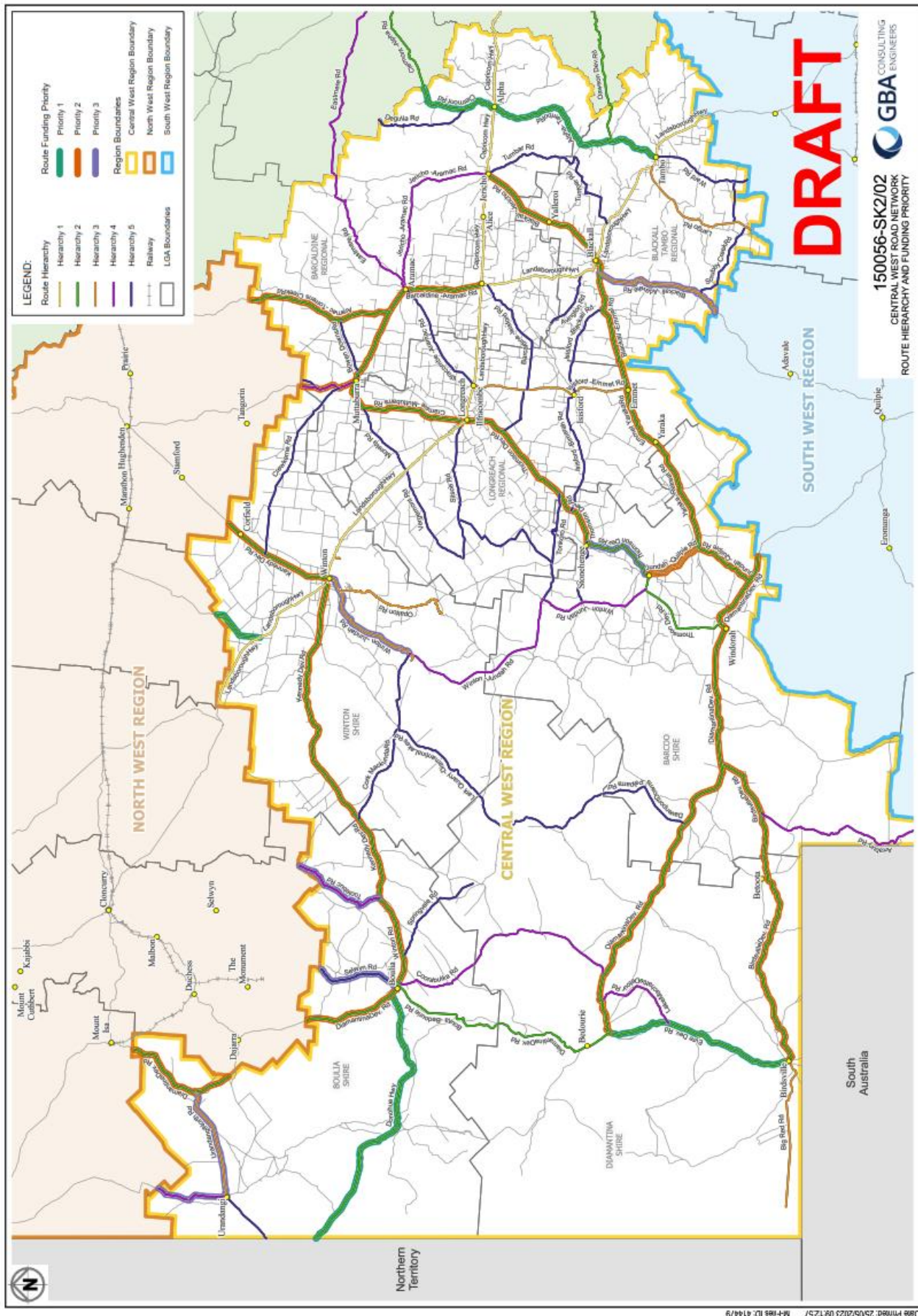
<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Council has input to the road hierarchy and investment priority.	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Council is part of the RAPAD group.	Low

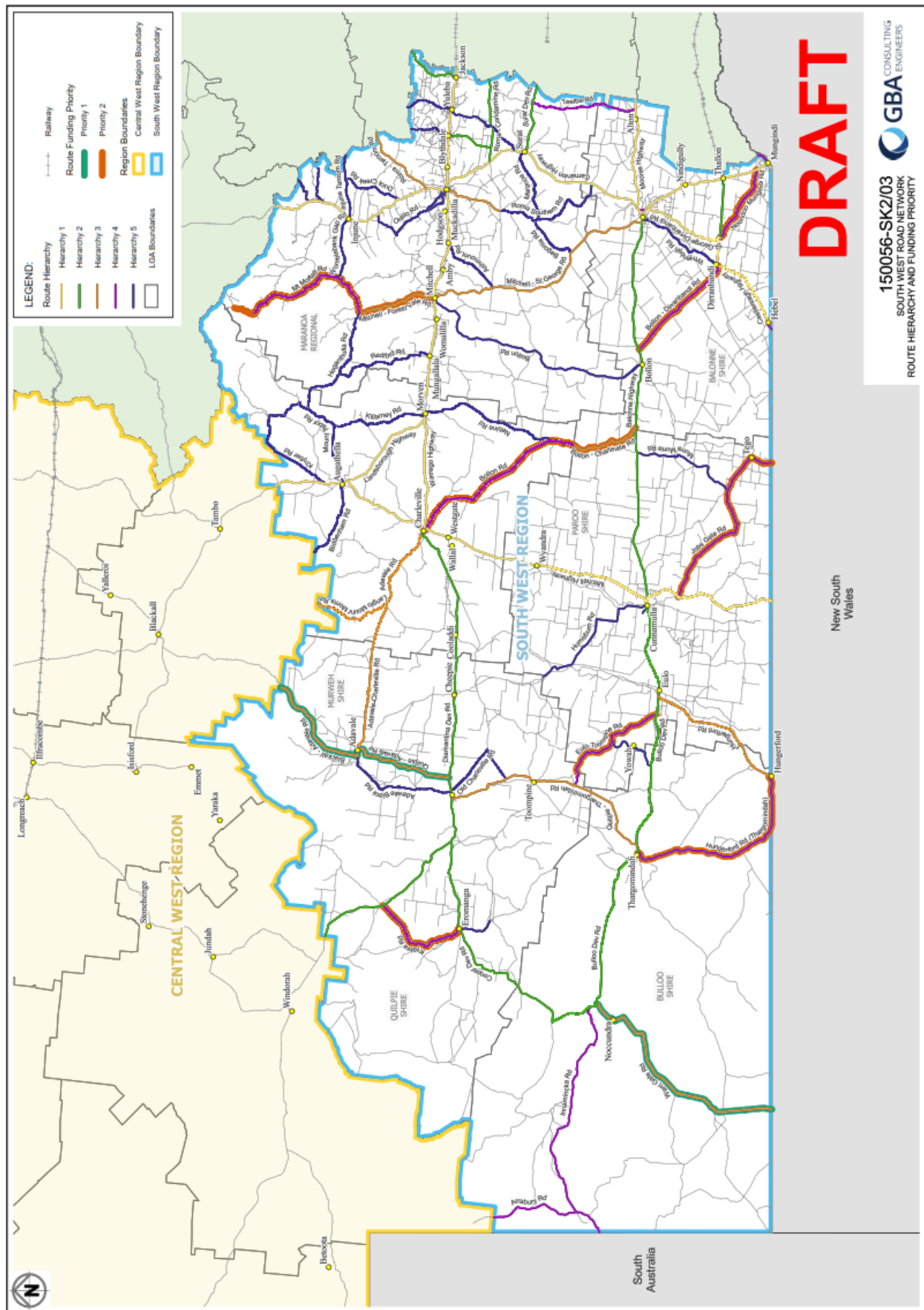
**Risk Treatment**

Nil



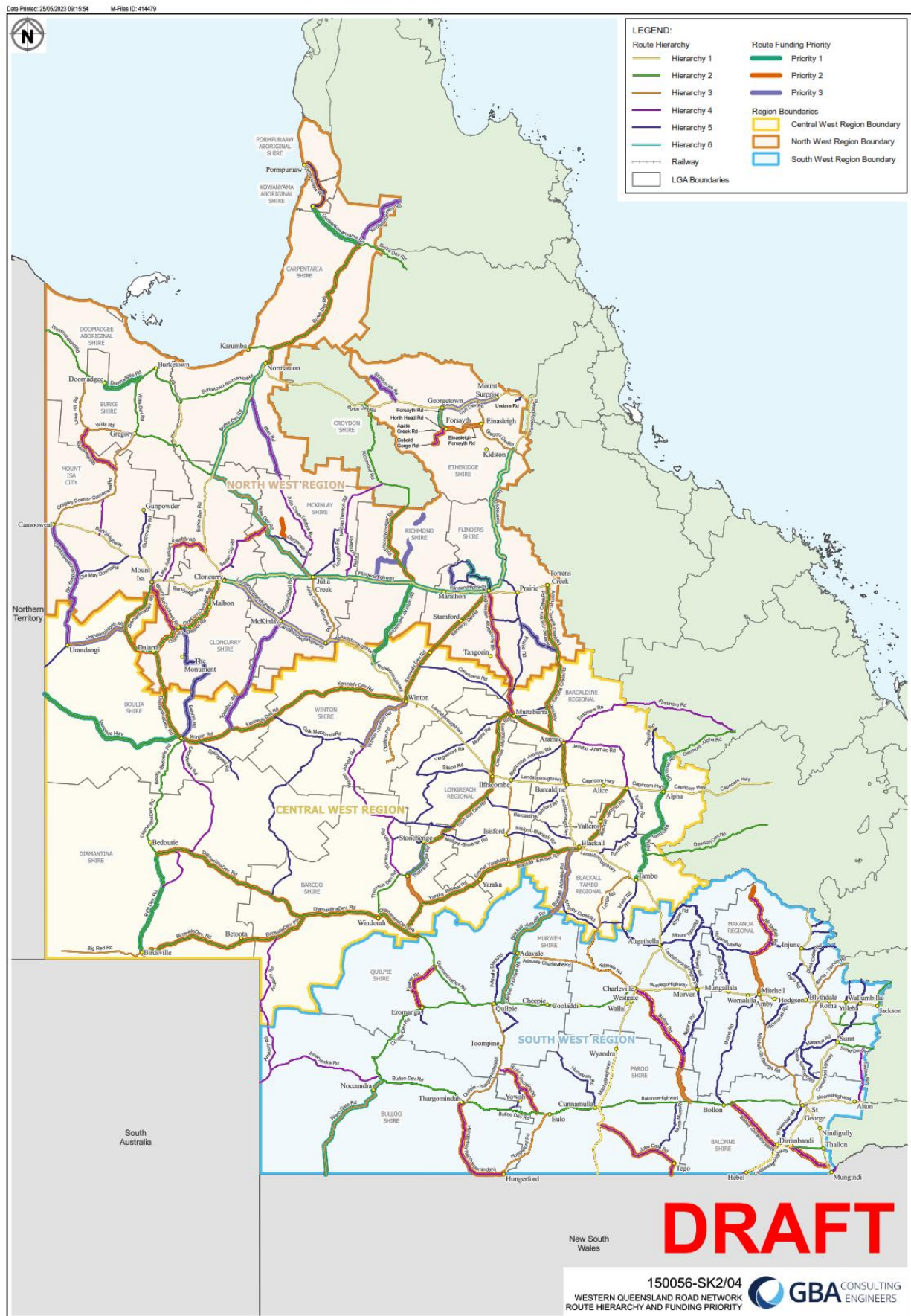




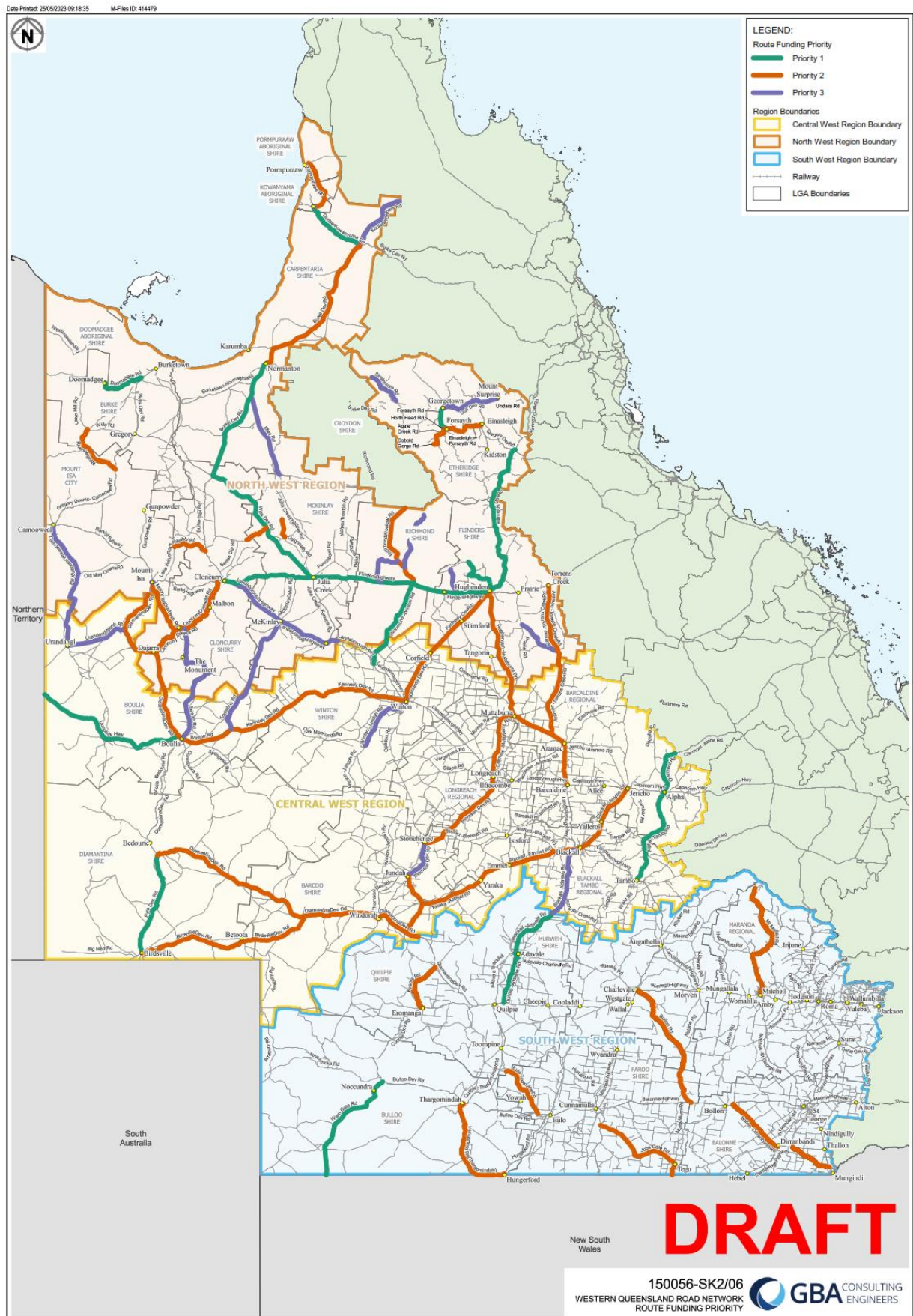












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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.5

**SUBJECT HEADING:** RAPAD Board Communiqué

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué provides information on the matters dealt with at the monthly meetings. The Communiqué is issued quarterly.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023.**

**Background**

The RAPAD Board members include the mayors from Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton Council and the CEO of RAPAD.

The communiqué provides topic discussed at the monthly meetings. Items discussed at the meetings this quarter include:

- Finance, Legal, Risk
- 2032 Brisbane Olympics
- Access to gravel pits
- NBN matters
- Bulk fuel
- Regional Waste Management Strategy development
- September WQAC Assembly in Winton
- Potential RAPAD region Regional University Centre

The following representatives addressed the meeting in RAPAD:

- Assistant Minister for Local Government, Nikki Boyd
- Cr Martin and J Dyke from LGAQ
- Jess Jones from Local Buy
- Jonathan Pavetto from AEC

A copy of the communiqué is attached to this report.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Governance

Outcome 3 – Leadership – Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

Mayor

RAPAD

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil

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## COMMUNIQUE



MAYOR SEAN DILLON  
Barcaldine  
Regional Council



MAYOR SALLY O'NEIL  
Barcoo  
Shire Council



MAYOR ANDREW MARTIN  
Blackall-Tambo  
Regional Council



MAYOR RICK BRITTON  
Boulia  
Shire Council



MAYOR ROBBIE DARE  
Diamantina  
Shire Council



MAYOR TONY RAYNER  
Longreach  
Regional Council



MAYOR GAVIN BASKETT  
Winton  
Shire Council



DAVID ARNOLD  
CEO RAPAD

## BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board has held three meetings this first quarter of 2023 including: two virtual and one face-to-face on February 10, March 31, and February 27 – March 1 respectively.

The face-to-face meeting was held in Winton where directors, councils and RAPAD representatives, and guests had the opportunity to visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs and view the latest additions to this paleontologically significant and magnificent tourism attraction. Across the meetings, the Board welcomed Ms Nikki Boyd MP, Assistant Minister for Local Government; Kaitlin McInnes, Jonathon Pavetto and Simon Smith, AEC; Scott Mason, LG Services; Ms Ann Leahy MP, Member for Warrego & Shadow Minister for Local Government; Josh Dyke, LGAQ; Sonya Cullen, the Dept of the Premier and Cabinet; Jess Jones, Local Buy; Duncan Taylor, Country Universities Centre; Mick Allen, NBN; and Candice Vea Vea, OSDILGP for the AEC consultation. Cr White and Cr Elliott from Winton Shire Council also attended the Winton meeting.



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initiatives that shape  
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prosperous future for  
the RAPAD region of  
Outback Queensland.

## Objects of RAPAD

The objects for which the Company is established are:

- (a) to support, facilitate, promote and encourage the community, environmental and economic development of the region,
- (b) to formulate, develop, facilitate, maintain and implement, or cause to be implemented, strategies, policies and plans relating to the objects in Rule 1.5(a),
- (c) to advocate to, consult with, and advise, relevant State and Federal ministers and government agencies on matters of regional concern, and on the priorities of such matters and the means to ensure effective co-ordination and implementation of the policies, activities and programs of those State and Federal agencies, and
- (d) to facilitate, support, implement, or cause to be implemented, collaborative regional discussion and associated desired outcomes amongst, but not limited, to members.

Source: RAPAD constitution



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## BOARD MEETINGS CONT:

The Winton meeting was also the venue for the quarterly meetings of the RAPAD Regional Water and Sewerage Alliance, the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group and the Central West Regional Pest Management Group.



## ITEMS ACROSS THE THREE RAPAD MEETINGS INCLUDED:

## Finance, Legal, Risk



Across the meetings the Board received and or endorsed monthly 22-23 YTD operating financial statements, noting there were no extraordinary operational or strategic budget matters to report. The Board also noted a range of other operational, financial, legal and risk matters in the normal course of business along with RAPAD Skilling operational updates.

## The Board also received and endorsed:

- a \$15,000 support request from Blue Light Shearing in support of a wool handling training initiative being held in Central West Qld. In support of the request the Board considered several factors including the value of the wool industry to the region, the present and growing need amongst the sheep and wool industry for skilled labour, the growth of the industry given exclusion fencing, favourable weather, the training opportunities for youth and under and unemployed,
- that AEC be appointed to undertake the Water for Economic Development study funded through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure Local Government and Plannings Remote Area Board (RAB) funding program.

## Other



The Board took part in a consultation with AEC who were conducting a high-level tourism and supply chain opportunities assessment relating to the 2032 Brisbane Olympics. RAPAD is linking in with our Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) partners, the SWQROC and NWQROC in this initial scoping paper.



The Board heard from the Mayors and CEOs from Barcoo and Boulia regarding recent letters they had received from the State in relation to gravel pits and the upcoming lack of access. This will potentially impact many if not all council's road maintenance costs detrimentally. The matter had been forwarded up to LGAQ for action given it could become a state wide issue, and discussions had commenced with the relevant departments.



Mick Allen from NBN provided an update on NBN matters, upcoming funding, and the recently completed regional and council area specific digital plans.



The Board considered a preliminary report prepared by LG Services and received an update on the potential for bulk fuel purchasing across the RAPAD councils.



The Board heard from Ann Prince, Debra Mackeen and Kylie Hughes regarding the commencement and consultation process regarding the Regional Waste Management Strategy development, hearing the on-site visits will commence very soon. The RWM Strategy development is funded through the Department of Environment and Science.



The Board heard from the CEO regarding the planning for the September WQAC Assembly to be held in Winton in September. The CEO is chairing the planning committee.

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The Board heard again from Duncan Taylor from Country Universities Centre in relation to a **potential RAPAD region Regional University Centre**. Duncan spoke to the Board on potential governance models for a new entity and advisory groups at the local level. Duncan planned to visit in late April to view possible venues for local centres and this will support the development of a business case.



Assistant Minister for Local Government, Nikki Boyd MP attended the Winton meeting.

The Assistant Minister spoke to:

- First Nations Treaty,
- Crime and recidivist youth crime; requires a community and government approach,
- Electoral expenditure caps in the local government sector,
- The OIA review and recommendations Implementation progress,
- The financial sustainability review Implementation, and methodology review finalisation,
- Advocating to Canberra to increase the grants pool overall,
- Building Our Regions Rd 6 – Water and associated Infrastructure,
- Local Grants and Subsidies Program, and
- W4Q continuing into the future and that they were currently in discussions with LGAQ,

Several issues were raised with the Assistant Minister being RAB funding and RAPADs concerns this was ending, water infrastructure funding and the 2024 local government elections. The Chair took the opportunity to thank the Government for recent housing funding across the region and also impressed the importance of Weeds of National Significance funding.



Cr Martin & J.Dyke from LGAQ, addressed the Board regarding LGAQ and LGAQ policy executive items.



Jess Jones addressed the meeting regarding **bulk fuel procurement** and **current PEAK, Local Buy arrangements** and took feedback from directors on their views on current PEAK, Local Buy issues.



Jonathon Pavetto from AEC addressed the Winton meeting on the Water for Economic Development project approach and undertook initial consultation with the Board. Cr Martin spoke on the alignment of this project and the remote guardians, policy executive focus on water and recent meetings with the Deputy Premier and G.Fralne.

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**CWQ HR Alliance and Attraction and Retention projects:** During the Winton meeting, M. Gronold facilitated a joint virtual meeting of the seven councils staff from across the HR, community services and economic development areas.

During this meeting they were joined by Tatiana Sinha from SEEK and Liza Cameron from Western Game Processing who spoke on the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.



At the March 31 meeting the Board welcomed Ms Ann Leahy MP, member for Warrego and Shadow Minister for Local Government who spoke to:

- Valuations, and encouraged revaluation if concerns were arising,
- Regional Australia Institute Childcare Study,
- The OIA report and recommendations and that the opposition was calling on Government to give 3mth updates so recommendations can be monitored,
- The reforms regarding the COI laws, and
- Electoral cap legislation.



Across the meetings the CEO provided updates on:

- The planned **WQAC Ministerial deputations** occurring in the week of 6/3, with the Deputy Premier, Minister Bailey and Enoch, and federally, Ministers McBain & Chisolm and senior advisers from Ministers Butler and Rowlands offices,
- Housing and the status of the **Local Housing Action Plans**,
- Letters of support for two **Longreach Pastoral College tenders**, noting RAPAD only received the two requests,
- The status of the **DCQ RAPAD MoU** and its application,
- The history of **Central Qld Rail Alliance** and current issues specifically for CWQ. There was discussion on the need for someone to Chair this informal alliance and Cr Rayner agreed to take on the task.

The Board's upcoming meetings for quarter two are planned for May 5, and May 23 and 24 in Longreach.

Further detail can be provided by contacting the CEO, David Arnold on 0428 583 301.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.6

**SUBJECT HEADING: Blackall Livestock Auction Association – Request for Sponsorship**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Blackall Livestock Auction Association Ltd have invited Council to sponsor a Santa and Santa Infused Sale being held at the Blackall Saleyards on 29 June 2023.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council sponsor the Santa & Santa Infused Sale being held at the Blackall Saleyards for \$500/\$1000.**

**Background**

The Blackall Livestock Auction Association Ltd (BLAA) have written to Council inviting Council to sponsor their Santa and Santa Infused Sale being held at the Blackall Saleyards on 29 June 2023.

This year's event follows the successful inaugural event held in 2022. The program will include trade displays, sponsor exhibits, BBQ lunch and ice-cold refreshments. Sponsorship permits the sponsor naming rights for the categories as follows:

Class 1 – Santa Steers

Class 2 – Santa Infused Steers

Class 3 – Santa Heifers

Class 4 – Santa Infused Heifers

Class 5 – Santa or Santa Infused PTIC Female or Cow &amp; Calves.

Council provided sponsorship of \$1000.00 for the 2022 event. Sponsorship by Council for the event at a Council owned facility would portray a positive image to the vendors and buyers at the event.

BLAA have completed a request for assistance application and advise the following:

- The community will benefit from the event by coming along and viewing what local graziers can produce to win awards and present to the community the Santa breed and enjoy a lovely lunch.
- The special circumstance around the event would be to showcase the Santa breed to the community and local graziers can win some great prizes.
- Blackall-Tambo Regional Council will be promoted through advertising and promoted as a sponsor on the day.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Economic Development

Outcome 1 – Business Investment – Support existing local businesses and the establishment of new businesses in the region.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Request for Council Assistance Under \$10,000.00.

**Budget and Resource Implications**

\$500 or \$1000

**Risk Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	The request for sponsorship has not been considered in the 2022/2023 budget.	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	The request is to be considered against Council's policy.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	There is no operational risk to Council as the facility consistently caters for cattle sales.	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Sponsorship would increase Council's visibility at the sale.	Low
Ethical	Low	The request for sponsorship should be compared to similar requests.	Low
Reputation	Low	Sponsorships would demonstrate Council's support of local industry.	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: **5.7****SUBJECT HEADING: Annual Valuation Program Effective 30 June 2024**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Valuer-General of the Department of Resources has written to Council seeking Council's view in relation to the revaluation of the Blackall-Tambo local government area.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council supports the Department of Resources conducting a revaluation of the Blackall-Tambo local government area in 2024.**

**Background**

The Valuer-General from the Department of Resources has written to Council seeking Council's views on conducting an annual valuation of the Blackall-Tambo local government area.

The *Land Valuation Act 2010* requires that a Valuer-General undertakes an annual valuation of rateable land, but they may decide not to do so after considering:

- A market survey report for the local government area that reviews the sales of land and the probable impact of those sales on the value of land since the last annual valuation.
- The results of consultation with the local government for the area and appropriate local and industry groups.

Council has been requested to advise the Valuer-General of its support or otherwise for a revaluation in 2024 and is required to do so by 13 July 2023.

The results of the consultation will be used to inform the Valuer-General's final decision about the program.

The Department of Resources conducted a revaluation for the Blackall-Tambo area in 2023 and it is recommended that Council supports a revaluation in 2024.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Nil

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.8

**SUBJECT HEADING: Revised Corporate Structure**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The corporate structure of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is set by Council and is responsible to the Chief Executive Officer.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council adopts the revised Corporate Structure.**

**Background**

The Corporate Structure for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is aligned with providing services to meet the Corporate Plan objectives.

Council has three divisions that help run services and activities and manage resources, works and services, finance and corporate services, environment, health services and compliance.

The Corporate Structure is set by Council and is responsible to the Chief Executive Officer. The Corporate Structure has been revised due to staff changes.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Organisational Governance

Corporate Structure

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services

Director of Works and Services

**Policy Implications**

Stat 18 – CEO Guidelines for Mayoral and Councillor Requests to Employees for Advice

Policy

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

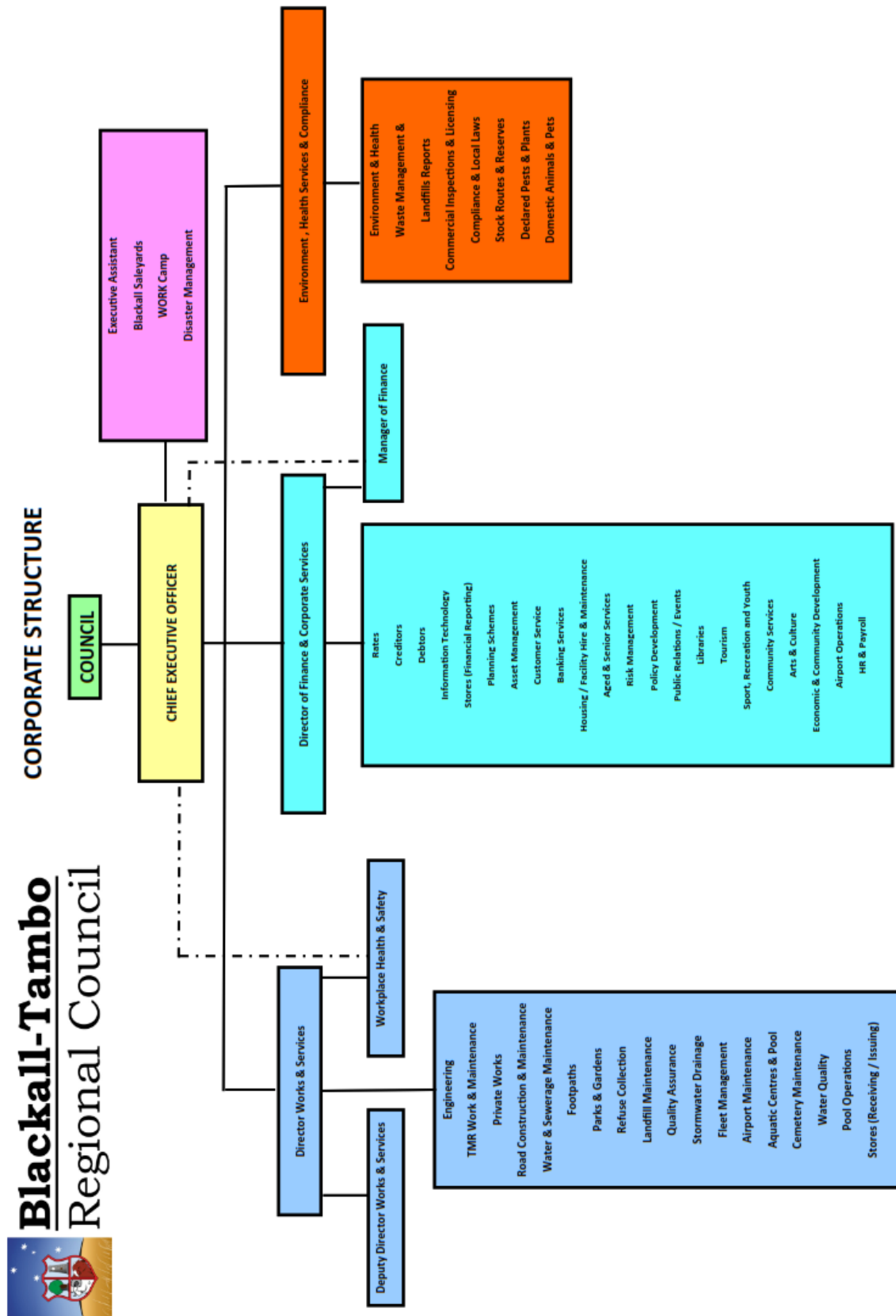
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Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Legal & Regulatory	Low	The Corporate Structure will be updated in Statutory Policy 18.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	The Corporate Structure assists with the management of services, activities and resources.	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil





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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.9

**SUBJECT HEADING: Wild Dog Barrier Fence Calculation Methodology**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: LGAQ have been consulting with local governments regarding the Wild Dog Barrier Fence's annual payment calculation methodology.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council advise LGAQ of the preferred option.**

**Background**

At the 2019 LGAQ Annual Conference, Queensland local governments resolved Motion 59 – Wild dog barrier fence calculation methodology, seeking: *A revised Wild Dog Barrier Fence calculation methodology whereby local governments pay a contribution that is fair and equitable and does not create perverse impacts on those communities who are able to provide their local economies by increasing stocking rates.*

In response to the Resolution the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries provided funding to the LGAQ in June 2021 to:

- a) Examine the role of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF) in the context of a modern invasive animal control method across the areas that is currently projects, given the substantial investment by private and public funded fencing, acknowledging that fencing is just one control mechanism.
- b) Review the current expenditure is sufficient to maintain the WDBF as an effective barrier to the movement of wild dogs.
- c) Given the investment in fencing, review the fund sharing model between local, state and private landholders.
- d) Review the current calculation methodology of the WDBF component of the Land Protection Fund that apportions to contributing local governments.

Synergies Economic Consulting were engaged by LGAQ to undertake a review. In Synergies' Final Issues Paper, May 2022 the key findings were identified.

**Benefits of wild dog control**

- There are significant economic benefits attributable to the protection of livestock enterprises from wild dogs in south-west Queensland. While livestock producers are the primary beneficiaries through a reduction in predation on livestock, there are also flow-on benefits for regional communities, through increased economic activity and employment. In addition, there are also mental health benefits for livestock producers from preventing wild dog attacks and biosecurity benefits in terms of the prevention of the spread of disease.

### **Effectiveness of the WDBF**

- The current level of funding is considered by some stakeholders to be insufficient to ensure the maintenance of the WDBF to the extent necessary to provide landholders within the WDBF protected area with sufficient protection from wild dogs.
- While landholders rely on a suite of measures to protect against wild dogs, exclusion fencing is the primary control measure relied upon by landholders within the WDBF protected area. In addition, the majority of landholders, across all council areas, consider exclusion fencing to be either the most important or one of the most important wild dog control measures.
- Survey results reveal significant variability in terms of level of protection landholders within the WDBF protected area perceive the WDBF offers for their properties. While there is a positive relationship between the level of protection provided by the WDBF and the proximity of landholders to the WDBF, landholders within the WDBF protected area that are not located along the WDBF still perceive there to be some level of protection provided by the WDBF.
- The need for additional protection to that provided by the WDBF has been the primary driver of the significant landholder and government investment in private exclusion fencing.
- While the need for additional protection to that provided by the WDBF has been identified by survey respondents as a key driver of landholders within the WDBF protected area investing in exclusion fencing, the majority of landholders with exclusion fencing still consider the WDBF to provide some protection from wild dogs. In considering this key finding, it is also important to note that fencing, while a key wild dog control measure, cannot be solely relied upon to provide landholders with adequate protection against wild dogs, and that fencing must be implemented in combination with a range of other control measures, such as trapping, baiting, and shooting.

### **Efficiency of the WDBF**

- While increased involvement from landholders in replacing and maintaining the WDBF could enable the replacement of a greater length of the WDBF than is currently possible with existing funding, there is a risk associated with the ongoing maintenance of the WDBF if the responsibility for this activity is transferred to individual landholders. That is, there is a risk that individual landholders will not undertake the activities necessary to maintain the integrity of the WDBF, noting that the deteriorating condition of the WDBF was the key reason for the Queensland Government taking back responsibility for the maintenance of the WDBF in the 1980s.

Synergies Economic Consulting have provided an Additional options analysis report (February 2023) outlining four options for a revised funding methodology. The options that have been modelled are as follows:

- Option 1: Calculation of funding allocations based on:
  - The current methodology with updated data – relative weighting of each council using average stock numbers for sheep and cattle from the last two Australian Bureau of Statistics Agriculture Census (2016 and 2021), in addition to the value of goat population numbers for slaughter and other disposals from the 2016 Agriculture Census.

- Revision of base relative weights using proportions based on the length of WDBF that runs through, and hence provides direction protection to each local government area.
- Option 2: Calculation of funding allocations based on the revision of weightings calculated based on the updates to the methodology as described above, in addition to:
  - The proportion of total area in each council that is protected by landholder exclusion fencing.
- Option 3: Calculation of funding allocations based on both revisions detailed in Options 1 and 2. Based on the proportion of total area in each council that is directly protected by the WDBF and the proportion of the total area in each council that is protected by landholder exclusion fencing.
- Option 4: Calculation of funding allocations based on the following, with each parameter given equal weighting:
  - The current methodology with updated data (see Option 1)
  - The share across LGAs in terms of the length of the WDBF that is used as part of cluster fencing projects
  - The length of the WDBF that is within each LGA
  - The area protected by the WDBF.

The Queensland Government currently contributes 50 percent of the funding requirement for the operation and maintenance of the WDBF. All four options have been modelled with and without the State Government's contribution.

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's 2022-2023 contribution to the WDBF was \$62,927.00. Balonne, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie and Western Downs are the nine local governments that fund the WDBF. A copy of the Additional options analysis is attached to this report.

LGAQ is seeking Council's preferred option on the calculation methodology.

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Environment & Heritage

Outcome 3 – Pest Management – Weeds, seeds and pests including wild dogs are effectively controlled.

### **Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

Mayor

LGAQ

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

### **Human Rights Impact**

Nil

## Risk Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Council makes a budgetary allocation each year towards the WDBF. Each option listed in the Synergies analysis would have a different financial impact on Council.	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Some landholders within the Blackall-Tambo region benefit from the WDBF.	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

## Proposed Risk Treatment

The greatest risk to Council is financial. Each option provided equates to a different level of financial impact. The financial impact needs to be considered alongside the other benefits or impediments.



## Wild Dog Barrier Fence

Additional options analysis  
February 2023

This briefing note contains the results for additional options modelled at the request of the Project Steering Committee, noting that Synergies had previously modelled and reported on a range of management and funding options underpinned by a desktop review and stakeholder consultation process. As these options have been modelled based on a direction by the Committee, while the briefing note contains a summary of the results contained in the accompanying model, it does not include extensive discussion on the merits of the various options.

### Proposed options

Modelling has been undertaken on one alternative option for the management of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF) and four options for a revised funding methodology. The options that have been modelled are as follows:

- For the future management of the WDBF, the continuation of the current governance arrangements, with increased use of landholder partnerships to improve the cost-effectiveness of the replacement of the WDBF
- For the funding methodology:
  - Option 1: Calculation of funding allocations based on:
    - The current methodology with updated data – relative weighting of each council using average stock numbers for sheep and cattle<sup>1</sup> from the last two Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Agricultural Census (2016 and 2021),<sup>2</sup> in addition to the value of goat population numbers for slaughter and other disposals from the 2016 Agricultural Census (2021 data was unavailable due to gaps in goat population numbers)<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Due to the absence of available data, sheep and cattle numbers included in this paper do not separate those stock that are contained within an intensive agricultural enterprise (i.e. feedlot). The Project Steering Committee understands that in these situations stock are usually behind an exclusion fence (or similar); however, due to the absence of reliable data, the options in this paper treat all industries the same.

<sup>2</sup> A multiplier of 2.6 was applied to cattle numbers to account for its relatively higher value than sheep, as per use in the current WDBF precept calculation methodology.

<sup>3</sup> Due to goat population reporting discrepancies in the Agricultural Census (i.e. in some years goats are considered 'feral' and not included), the Project Steering Committee agreed to substitute with slaughter and other disposals.



- Revision of base relative weights using proportions based on the length of WDBF that runs through, and hence provides direct protection to, each local government area (LGA).
- Option 2: Calculation of funding allocations based on the revision of weightings calculated based on the updates to the current methodology as described above, in addition to:
  - The proportion of total area in each council that is protected by landholder exclusion fencing<sup>4</sup>.
- Option 3: Calculation of funding allocations based on both revisions detailed in Options 1 and 2 (i.e. based on proportion of the total area in each council that is directly protected by the WDBF and the proportion of the total area in each council that is protected by landholder exclusion fencing<sup>5</sup>).
- Option 4: Calculation of funding allocations based on the following, with each parameter given equal weighting:
  - The current methodology with updated data (see Option 1)
  - The share across LGAs in terms of the length of the WDBF that is used as part of cluster fencing projects<sup>6</sup>
  - The length of the WDBF that is within each LGA
  - The area protected by the WDBF

The Queensland Government currently contributes 50 per cent of the funding requirement for the operation and maintenance of the WDBF. All four funding options have been modelled with and without this contribution.

Additionally, and as directed by the Project Steering Committee, funding methodology options 2, 3 and 4 were modelled using a capacity to pay element for consideration and is included in Appendix 1. The capacity to pay element is calculated based on each LGA's average gross rate revenue (i.e. average of gross rate revenue from 2018-19 to 2020-21) only, and is not currently utilised in the WDBF funding methodology (however, is included in the Land Protection Fund's research and on-ground components funding methodology).

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Whilst the Committee understands that there are reporting issues with slaughter and other disposals, there was no other data set available that could be utilised.

<sup>4</sup> Landholder exclusion fencing has been calculated using an opportunistic Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' map, which does not represent a complete dataset. Further refinements would be required before final figures can be calculated.

<sup>5</sup> Refer to footnote 5.

<sup>6</sup> Cluster fencing has been calculated from an opportunistic Department of Agriculture and Fisheries' map, which does not represent a complete dataset. Further refinements would be required before final figures can be calculated.





## Management option

As noted above, only one alternative management option was subject to quantitative analysis – the increased use of landholder partnerships to improve the cost-effectiveness of the maintenance and replacement of the WDBF.

Based on cost estimates provided by DAF, the average cost of materials required for the replacement of the WDBF is approximately \$10,880 per kilometre. The total average cost is approximately \$25,335 per kilometre, with the remaining cost attributable to contractor costs covering labour and the use of machinery and equipment.

As noted in the WDBF Final Issues Paper, the WDBF capital expenditure planning is based on the replacement of 50 kilometres of WDBF per annum. Based on the above estimate, for the WDBF to contract the replacement of 50 kilometres of the WDBF, \$1.27 million of funding is required.

Under this alternative management option, WDBF would enter into partnerships with landholders along the WDBF, whereby WDBF provides the materials for replacement of the WDBF, and landholders provide an in-kind contribution of labour and machinery and equipment to undertake the works. The potential cost savings under this option are significant. Noting there are likely to be additional costs in addition to the cost of materials (i.e. delivery of materials, disposal of old fencing, quality assurance), a 10 per cent loading has been applied to the cost of materials required for replacement of the WDBF.

This results in a per kilometre cost estimate of \$11,968, and an annual funding requirement for the replacement of 50 kilometres of the WDBF of \$598,400. This translates to a reduction in the funding required to sustain WDBF's capital expenditure program of up to \$668,225 per annum.<sup>7</sup> The potential reductions to council contributions under this option are shown in the table below.

**Table 1 Funding allocations by Council – alternative management option**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	\$235,307
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	\$6,972
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	\$57,615
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$78,604	\$59,621
Maranoa Shire Council	26.08%	\$369,523	\$295,695

<sup>7</sup> This being the maximum saving based on landholder partnerships being established with enough landholders to enable the replacement of all 50 kilometres of the WDBF at the reduced cost.



Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised funding (FY2023)
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	\$166,745
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	\$53,569
Quilpie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	\$71,355
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	\$103,658

**Note:** The revised funding amounts for FY2023 shown in the table represent maximum reductions to council funding allocations, based on the estimated cost saving being applied to 100 per cent of the 50 kilometres of WDBF replaced annually.

**Source:** Synergies modelling.

## Funding methodology options

The four potential alternative options for the funding methodology have been modelled against a base case of the continuation of the current management arrangements and funding methodology for the WDBF (i.e. total funding requirement and percentage allocations of the local councils remains unchanged).

The impact of all four funding methodology options has been assessed with and without the 50 per cent contribution from the Queensland Government.

### Funding methodology option 1

#### *With Queensland Government contribution*

As shown in the table below, this option results in relatively marginal changes in the funding allocations and FY2023 funding requirements for all councils. The most significant changes are:

- Reductions in allocation to the Balonne Shire Council and Murweh Shire Council
- Increases in allocation to the Maranoa Shire Council and Western Downs Regional Council.

**Table 2 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 1**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	16.38%	\$254,925
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	0.55%	\$7,679
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	5.03%	\$69,615
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$78,804	5.11%	\$70,669
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	32.17%	\$446,242
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	14.16%	\$196,731
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	4.05%	\$56,179
Quilpie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	6.95%	\$86,355





Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	13.57%	\$166,253

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### *Without Queensland Government contribution*

The council funding allocations detailed above are based on the continuation of the Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution. The table below shows the funding allocations for each council for FY2023 under the scenario in which the Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution is discontinued.

**Table 3 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 1 (no State contribution)**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	16.36%	\$509,651
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	0.55%	\$15,357
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	5.03%	\$139,631
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$76,804	5.11%	\$141,737
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	32.17%	\$892,483
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	14.18%	\$393,462
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	4.05%	\$112,359
Ogilvie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	6.95%	\$192,710
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	13.57%	\$376,506

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### **Funding methodology option 2**

##### *With Queensland Government contribution*

This option results in more material changes to the funding allocations across the councils relative to funding methodology option 1. In particular, the funding allocation to the Balonne Shire Council falls from 22.35 per cent to 14.81 per cent, driven by the majority of the Balonne Shire Council being protected by landholder exclusion fencing. The Western Downs Regional Council experiences the most significant increase in percentage allocations under this option relative to the base case.

**Table 4 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 2**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	14.81%	\$205,466
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	1.05%	\$14,576
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	5.10%	\$70,673



Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Bulloo Shire Council	5.65%	\$75,804	8.65%	\$120,006
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	29.06%	\$403,031
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	15.50%	\$214,967
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	5.06%	\$70,448
Oulpie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	6.21%	\$86,180
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	14.54%	\$201,700

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### *Without Queensland Government contribution*

The table below shows the funding contributions by council under funding methodology option 2 in the absence of the Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution.

**Table 5 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 2 (no State contribution)**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	14.81%	\$410,936
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	1.05%	\$29,151
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	5.10%	\$141,345
Bulloo Shire Council	5.65%	\$75,804	8.65%	\$240,013
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	29.06%	\$806,061
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	15.50%	\$429,934
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	5.06%	\$140,897
Oulpie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	6.21%	\$172,360
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	14.54%	\$403,399

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### **Funding methodology option 3**

##### *With Queensland Government contribution*

The table below shows the funding contributions by council under funding methodology option 3 with Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution.

**Table 6 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 3**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	13.17%	\$162,633
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	0.99%	\$13,741
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	5.18%	\$71,623
Bulloo Shire Council	5.65%	\$75,804	8.51%	\$116,036



Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	30.93%	\$429,050
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	15.19%	\$210,640
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	4.51%	\$62,619
Oulpie Shire Council	6.76%	\$93,997	6.99%	\$96,897
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	14.54%	\$201,610

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### *Without Queensland Government contribution*

The table below shows the funding contributions by council under funding methodology option 3 in the absence of the Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution.

**Table 7 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 3 (no State contribution)**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	13.17%	\$365,267
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	0.99%	\$27,461
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	5.16%	\$143,645
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$76,804	6.51%	\$236,073
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	30.93%	\$656,099
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	15.19%	\$421,279
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	4.51%	\$125,236
Oulpie Shire Council	6.76%	\$93,997	6.99%	\$193,795
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	14.54%	\$403,220

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### **Funding methodology option 4**

##### *With Queensland Government contribution*

The table below shows the funding contributions by council under funding methodology option 4 with Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution.

**Table 8 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 4**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	10.11%	\$140,264
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	7.06%	\$97,693
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	6.60%	\$119,267
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$76,804	6.66%	\$92,634
Maranoa Shire Council	26.06%	\$389,523	16.64%	\$261,305



Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	11.70%	\$162,279
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	5.80%	\$80,412
Quilpie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	22.45%	\$311,386
Western Downs Regional Council	9.84%	\$136,550	8.77%	\$121,588

Source: Synergies modelling.

#### *Without Queensland Government contribution*

The table below shows the funding contributions by council under funding methodology option 4 in the absence of the Queensland Government's 50 per cent contribution.

**Table 9 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 4 (no State contribution)**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	10.11%	\$280,527
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,184	7.06%	\$195,785
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	8.60%	\$238,574
Bulloo Shire Council	5.65%	\$78,804	6.65%	\$185,266
Maranoa Shire Council	26.08%	\$389,523	16.84%	\$522,610
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	11.70%	\$324,559
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	5.80%	\$160,824
Quilpie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	22.45%	\$622,772
Western Downs Regional Council	9.84%	\$136,550	8.77%	\$243,176

Source: Synergies modelling.

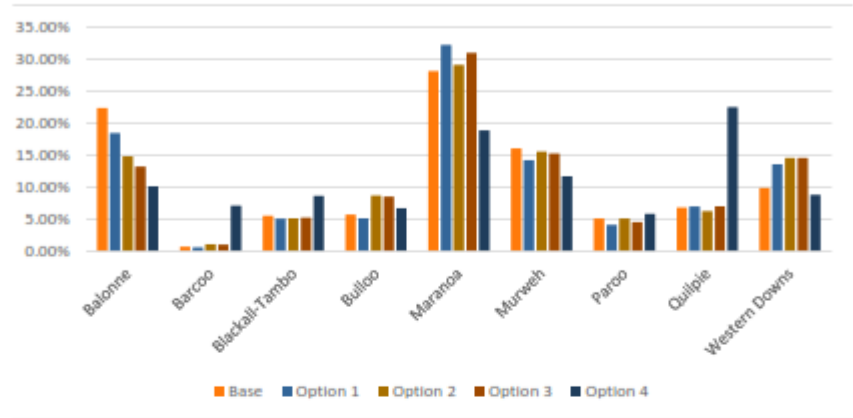
#### **Summary**

The figure below compares council funding allocations under the four options. The changes to the funding methodology under the four options only results in material changes to funding allocations for three councils – Balonne, Maranoa and Western Downs. Moderate to significant changes are revealed under option four for the following councils:

- Reduction in allocation for Balonne Shire Council, Maranoa Regional Council, Murweh Shire Council and Western Downs Regional Council
- Increase in allocation for Barcoo Shire Council, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Bulloo Shire Council, Paroo Shire Council and Quilpie Shire Council.



Figure 1 Comparison of council funding allocations under funding methodology options



Data source: Synergies modelling.





## Appendix 1 – Funding methodology 2, 3 and 4 results with capacity to pay element

**Table 10 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 2**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	13.35%	\$165,142
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	0.91%	\$12,590
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	4.48%	\$62,063
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$76,804	7.70%	\$106,859
Maranoa Shire Council	26.08%	\$389,523	30.45%	\$422,389
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	13.63%	\$169,066
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	4.43%	\$61,450
Ogilvie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	5.52%	\$76,519
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	19.53%	\$270,929

Source: Synergies modelling.

**Table 11 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 3**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	11.63%	\$164,094
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	0.66%	\$11,635
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	4.54%	\$62,912
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$76,804	7.56%	\$104,803
Maranoa Shire Council	26.08%	\$389,523	32.33%	\$446,369
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	13.32%	\$164,750
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	3.93%	\$54,464
Ogilvie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	6.18%	\$85,788
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	19.47%	\$270,033

Source: Synergies modelling.

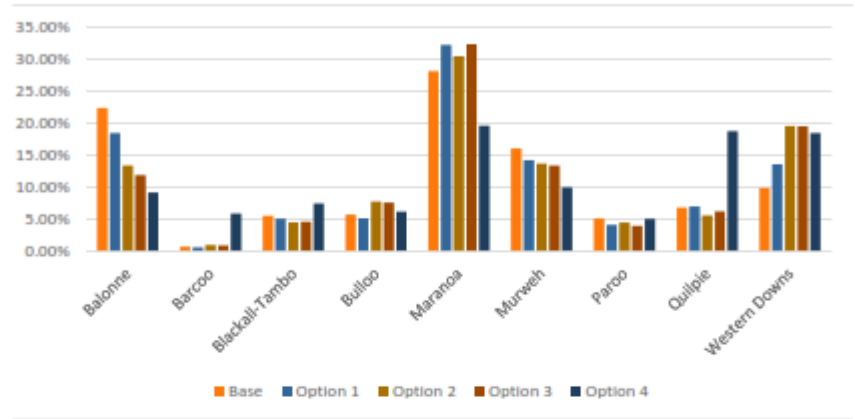
**Table 12 Funding allocations by Council – funding methodology option 4**

Council	Base allocation	Base funding (FY2023)	Revised allocation	Revised funding (FY2023)
Balonne Shire Council	22.35%	\$309,973	9.13%	\$126,656
Barcoo Shire Council	0.66%	\$9,164	5.62%	\$80,672
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	5.49%	\$76,161	7.39%	\$102,546
Bulloo Shire Council	5.66%	\$76,804	6.14%	\$85,108
Maranoa Shire Council	26.08%	\$389,523	19.54%	\$271,066
Murweh Shire Council	16.03%	\$222,290	9.90%	\$137,316
Paroo Shire Council	5.09%	\$70,567	5.01%	\$69,444
Ogilvie Shire Council	6.78%	\$93,997	16.69%	\$259,266
Western Downs Regional Council	9.64%	\$136,550	16.36%	\$254,929

Source: Synergies modelling.



Figure 2 Comparison of council funding allocations under funding methodology options with capacity to pay element



Data source: Synergies modelling.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

**Item No:** 5.10**SUBJECT HEADING:** Living Arts Centre Renewal of Lease

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

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*Summary: The lease for the Living Arts Centre between Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and the Blackall Cultural Association will expire on 30 June 2023.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council approve the lease of the Living Arts Centre on Lot 1 on RP602676 to the Blackall Cultural Association for a period of 30 years.**

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**Background**

The Blackall Cultural Association have been leasing the Living Arts Centre from Council since 1993. The current lease expires on 30 June this year.

Under the current lease the Blackall Cultural Association is mainly responsible for the maintenance of the structure including painting, broken glass, lessee's equipment etc as well as accounts for services. Council has assisted from time to time with the maintenance of the building.

The Blackall Cultural Association conduct workshops and creative activities that attract participants from interstate and locally. The facility and events held at the venue helps promote Blackall as the arts and cultural hub of Central Western Queensland. The Association also use the facility for accommodation purposes when required.

The new lease will be for an additional period of 30 years with terms and conditions that are suitable to both parties.

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**Link to Corporate Plan**

Vibrant Communities

Outcome 1 – Arts and Culture – Continue to grow our region as the premier arts and cultural hub of Western Queensland.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

Blackall Cultural Association

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil



**Risk Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	The Blackall Cultural Association has operated the facility at a high standard.	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.11

**SUBJECT HEADING: Caldervale UHF Tower**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: Council has UHF tower at Caldervale. The tower has been damaged and needs replacing.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's decision to proceed with the installation of a communication tower by N-Com at the Caldervale site.**

**Background**

A communication specialist company tried repairing the communication tower at Caldervale after it was damaged during a weather event. Unfortunately, the tower was further damaged during the process and is no longer suitable for use and there is insufficient height in the remaining structure.

Council needs to replace the structure to enable both repeater systems [radio repeater and council repeater] to operate as designed.

Council has received a quote from N-Com for the supply of a 25m self-supporting tower to be assembled on site without the need of a crane. The structure is prebuilt in sections and freighted on a normal skid.

Assistance from Council will be provided in the following form:

- Staff to assist with the assembly and erection of the structure and rigging of the antennas.
- Provision of backhoe and concrete for the construction of the pad for the structure
- Vehicle to transport small items and staff between Tambo and the site.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Nil

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

Director of Works and Services

Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services

Landholder at Caldervale

N-Com

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

\$33,100.00

**Risk Assessment**

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Financial	Low	No allocation made in the current budget period	Medium
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	The tower provides access to UHF communication in the region.	Low
Operational	Medium	The UHF system is not fully functional due to the reduced height.	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

People in the region rely on the ability to communicate using the UHF repeater towers. As the Caldervale tower is reduced in height this is not able to occur effectively. Replacing the tower will see this service repaired.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.12

**SUBJECT HEADING: Development Application – DA 26-2022-2023 – Short-Term Accommodation- 18 & 18A Edward Street, Tambo**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Applicants, Michele Frost & Kirri Charters, seek a Development Permit for Building Work and Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation (up to 13 guests) over land at 18 & 18A Edward Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 61 TB217 and Lot 2 on RP610529. The Applicant is proposing to use the existing dwelling house for Short-term accommodation.*

*The existing dwelling house known as Oakwood House is a 5-bedroom house with sufficient room to accommodate 13 people at any one time.*

*Access to the site is via a driveway to 18A Edward Street which contains the Tambo Powerhouse which is a local heritage place. No work or alterations are proposed to the heritage place. The proposal provides onsite parking.*

*Under the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Township Zone. The defined use that has been applied for, being a 'Short-term accommodation', is subject to Impact Assessment in the Township Zone.*

*A development application that is subject to Impact Assessment is assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is required to be publicly notified for a minimum of 15 business days. During the public notification period, one (1) submission was received. The issues raised in the submission have been addressed in the decision report.*

*The proposal has been assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is consistent with the intent of the zone code and all other relevant assessment benchmarks.*

*Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Impact Assessment process articulated in the Planning Act 2016, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation (up to 13 guests) over land at 18 & 18A Edward Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 61 TB217 and Lot 2 on RP610529, subject to the following conditions:**

**1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL**

**1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.**

**1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function,**

power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.

- 1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.4 The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.5 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 1.6 Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.

## **2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS**

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision Number	Date
Site Plan	DA26-2022-2023	-	30/03/2023 (Received date)

- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.

## **3.0 LIMITATIONS OF OPERATION**

- 3.1 Guests of the Short-term accommodation are limited to a maximum stay of three (3) consecutive months at any one time.
- 3.2 The total number of guests at any one time must not exceed thirteen (13).
- 3.3 No pets are permitted to stay at the Short-term accommodation.
- 3.4 A minimum one (1) onsite car space is to be available at all times to guests.

## **4.0 SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- 4.1 Maintain and implement a site management plan for the Short-term accommodation. The site management plan is to include measures to manage operational aspects of the development including, but not limited to, hours of operation, noise management, site care and maintenance, complaints management and refuse management.

## **5.0 PRIVACY FENCE**

- 5.1 Construct a 2m high privacy fence to the full length of the western boundary within 3 months of the date of this approval.**

## **6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- 6.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, dust, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise.**
- 6.2 In accordance with the Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulations, all waste storage areas must be kept in a clean, tidy condition, and sufficient waste containers and services are to be provided to cater for the containment and removal of all waste generated on the site. Waste must be removed to a lawful landfill.**

## **7.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.**

## **ADVISORY NOTES**

- A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.**
- B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.**
- C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.**
- D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).**

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## **Background**

### **1.0 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUMMARY**

**TABLE 1 – OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

<b>PROPERTY DETAILS</b>	
<b>Site address</b>	18 and 18A Edward Street, Tambo QLD 4478
<b>RPD</b>	Lot 61 on TB217 and Lot 2 on RP610529
<b>Site Area</b>	2,629m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Landowners</b>	Michele Frost and Kirri Charters
<b>Existing use of land</b>	Dwelling house and Local heritage building (Tambo Powerhouse)
<b>Existing development approval</b>	N/A
<b>APPLICATION DETAILS</b>	
<b>Application No.</b>	DA26-2022-2023
<b>Applicant</b>	Michele Frost and Kirri Charters
<b>Application description</b>	Development Permit for Building Work and Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation
<b>Decision due date</b>	28 June 2023
<b>Main Issues/Resolution</b>	Consistency of use in the Township zone – addressed in assessment report. Submission – addressed in the assessment report.
<b>STATUTORY DETAILS</b>	
<b>Planning Scheme</b>	Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020
<b>Overlays</b>	Nil
<b>Zone</b>	Township Zone
<b>Precinct</b>	N/A
<b>Land use definition</b>	Short-term accommodation
<b>Category of Assessment</b>	Impact Assessment

## 2.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

**TABLE 2 – OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Application properly made	13 April 2023
Confirmation notice issued	17 April 2023
Public notification period	28 April – 23 May 2023
Notice of compliance	24 May 2023
Decision due (decision stage)	28 June 2023

## 3.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 18 & 18A Edward Street, Tambo, formally known as Lot 61 on TB217 & Lot 2 on RP610529. The subject site has an area of 2,629m<sup>2</sup>, and has a 26m frontage to Edward Street.

The site is adjoined to the:

- north by a Edward Street
- south by dwelling houses
- east by a dwelling house
- west by a dwelling house.

The site contains an existing dwelling house that is intended to be used for Short-term accommodation and a Local heritage place, the Tambo Powerhouse. No changes are proposed to the heritage place.



Figure 1 – Aerial of subject site (Source: QLD Government DAMS Mapping)

#### 4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The Applicant is proposing to use the existing dwelling house for Short-term accommodation. The existing dwelling house known as Oakwood House (**see Figure 2** for floor plan) is a 5-bedroom house with sufficient room to accommodate 13 people at any one time.

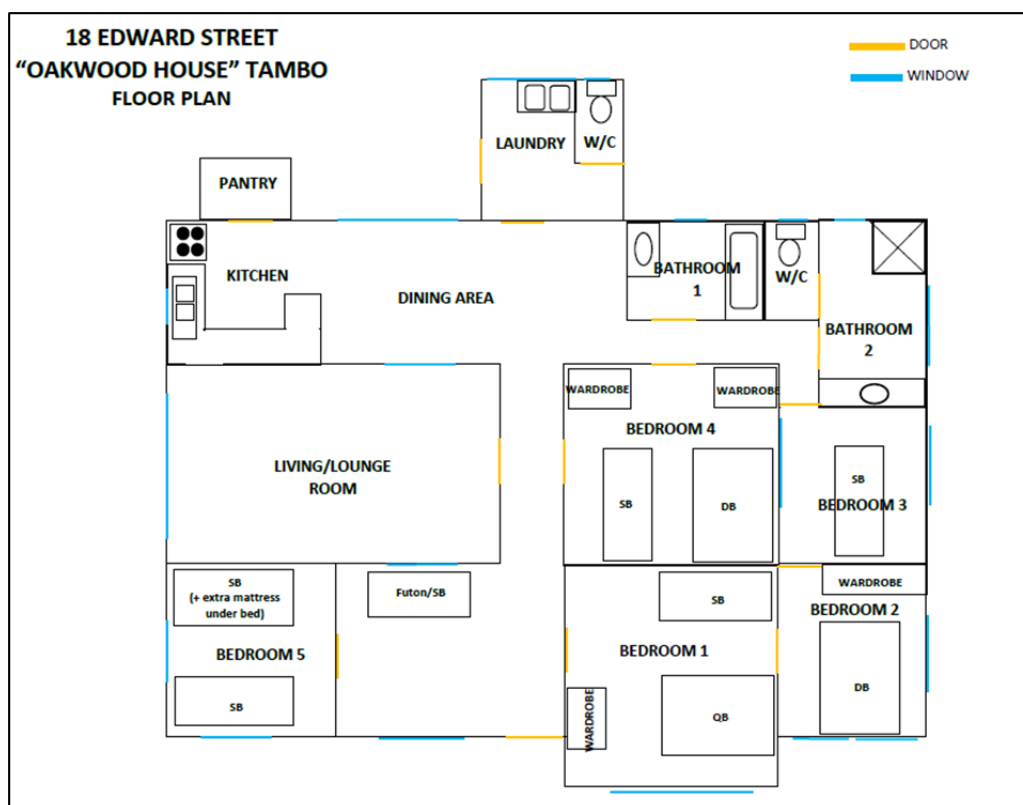
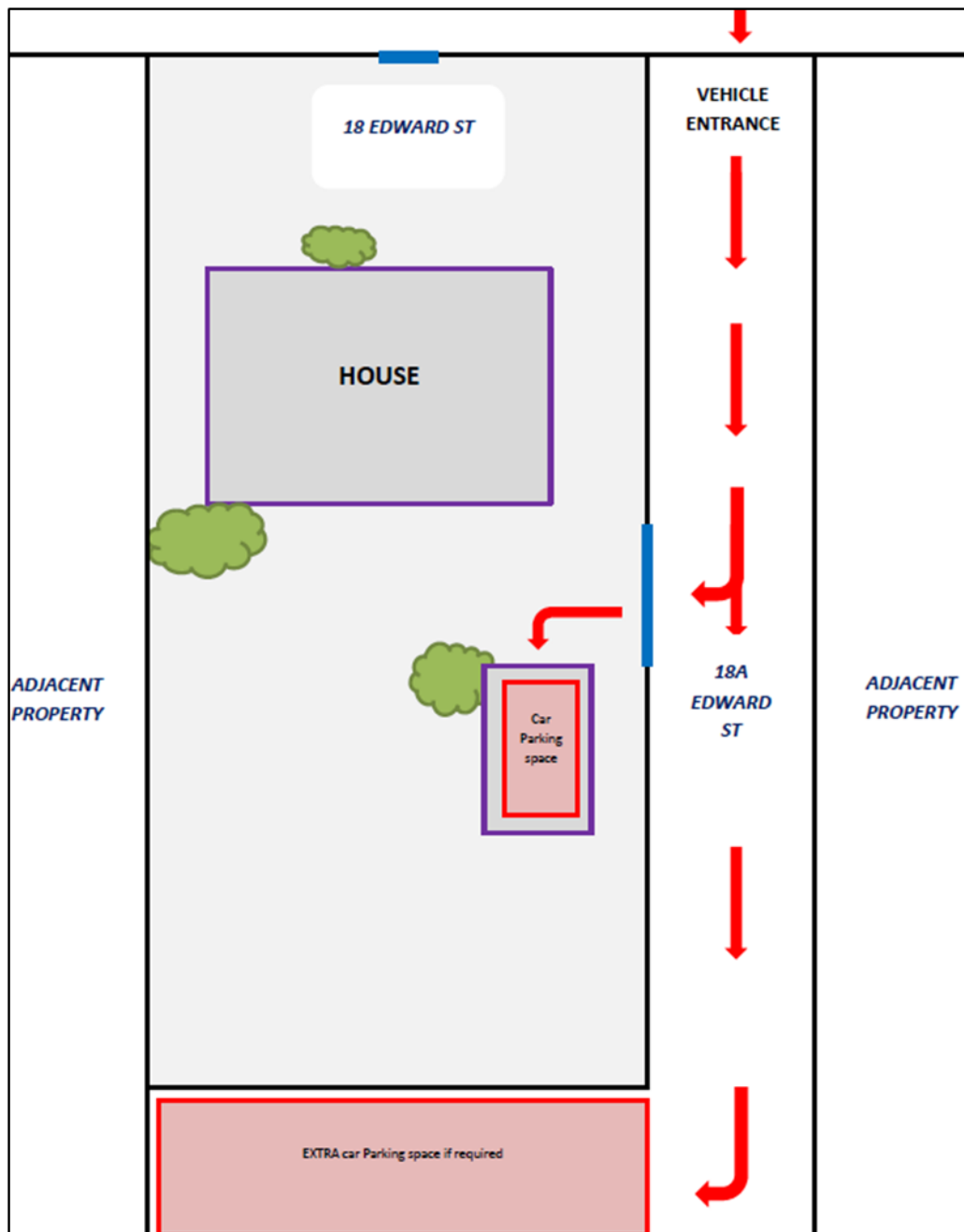


Figure 2 – Oakwood House floor plan (Source: applicant supplied)





**Figure 3 – Site plan** (Source: applicant supplied)

The dwelling will be advertised on Air BnB and will be let for short term stays.

The combined site area is 2,629m<sup>2</sup>. The applicant has applied over 18A Edward Street to allow access to the site and the parking area. Access to the site is via a driveway to 18A Edward Street which contains the Tambo Powerhouse which is a local heritage place. No work or alterations are proposed to the heritage place. The proposal provides onsite parking at the rear of the existing dwelling house.

Attachment A provides a copy of the proposal plan referenced in the recommendation.

## 5.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with section 45 (5) of the Planning Act 2016 (the Act), Impact Assessment is an assessment that:

- (a) **must be** carried out—
  - (i) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and
  - (ii) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this subparagraph; and
- (b) **may be** carried out against, or having regard to, any other relevant matter, other than a person's personal circumstances, financial or otherwise.

*Examples of another relevant matter— a planning need*

This framework for assessing impact assessable applications is clarified as follows –

The categorising instrument for the development is the *Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020*. The entire planning scheme must be assessed as relevant to the application. In this instance, relevant assessment benchmarks are encompassed by the Strategic Framework, the Township Zone Code, General Development Code, and corresponding mapping and planning scheme policies. These benchmarks are addressed in section 5.2.

Where a conflict may be evident between the application and above assessment benchmarks, Council can consider any other relevant matter, such as planning need, to override the conflict and justify the non-compliance. This typically relates to matters that Council deems to be in the public interest, as opposed to personal circumstances.

*The Planning Regulation 2017* (sections 29-31) prescribes additional assessment benchmarks and other general assessment matters, which are addressed as follows:

The Central West Regional Plan and the State Planning Policy

The Regional Plan and SPP are identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore do not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 5.2 below also functions as an assessment of these State Planning Instruments.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

By Council resolution, there is no Local Government Infrastructure Plan in place for the Council Area and Council ceases to charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, this assessment benchmark does not apply to the development and an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

Schedule 9 relates to building work under the Building Act, which is not relevant to this application for material change of use but may be relevant to a subsequent building work application for the construction of the development.

Under Schedule 10, there were no referral triggers relevant to the application.

Approval history / lawful use of the premises and adjoining premises

The site currently contains an existing dwelling house and the Tambo Powerhouse, it is considered that both buildings were lawfully established.

While the approval history of adjoining premises has not been investigated in detail, a general understanding of existing surrounding uses has been considered in this planning assessment and has informed the recommendation with a view to ensuring a compatible land use pattern if the development is approved.

Common material

The application material and subsequent correspondence with Council officers and the applicant has been considered in the preparation of this recommendation.

The planning assessment of the development considers the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent that the assessment benchmark and matter is relevant to the development.

**5.1.1 Public Notification**

The development application required Impact Assessment, which means public notification of the application was required. Public notification was undertaken by Council on behalf of the Applicant.

One (1) properly made submission was received during the public notification. The following table includes the issues raised and how they have been addressed:

Matter raised in submission	Response to matter raised
The site is already being used for short-term accommodation.	When Council was made aware that the site was being used for Short-term accommodation it advised the landowner that a development application was required to be lodged. The landowner has lodged a development application which has been assessed by Council.
Concerns with issues caused by pets of people staying at short-term accommodation.	Council has imposed a condition that does not permit pets to stay at the Short-term accommodation.
The submitter advised that if approved conditions should be included to not allow dogs and include a 2m high privacy fence.	Council has imposed a condition that does not permit pets to stay at the Short-term accommodation. A condition has also been imposed that requires the construction of a 2m high privacy fence for the full length of the western boundary.
Impacts on short term rental accommodation in Tambo and shortage in long term rentals.	Council has assessed this application based on the assessment benchmarks contained within the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020.  Applications are assessed on merit and on a site-by-site basis. It is considered that the proposal will provide a different short term accommodation option for the town of Tambo.
Asbestos issues in defunct powerhouse.	Although the application includes the lot that contains the Tambo Powerhouse building, no works are proposed to that building. The applicant has applied over that site to provide access to the Short-term accommodation and access to the parking area for the Short-term accommodation.

Amenity impacts.	A condition has been included for a Site Management Plan to be developed for the site. The Site Management Plan requires measures to be included to manage operational aspects of the development including, but not limited to, hours of operation, noise management, site care and maintenance, complaints management and refuse management.
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### 5.1.2 Internal Officer Comments

The application was not internally referred as the proposal will be carried out in an existing building that is serviced by necessary urban services.

## 5.2 BLACKALL-TAMBO REGION PLANNING SCHEME 2020

Under the Planning Scheme the development constitutes a Material Change of Use, which is defined in the Planning Act as:

- a) ***the start of a new use of the premises;***
- b) *the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;*
- c) *a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.*

The commencement of Short-term accommodation will result in the start of a new premises on the site. Short-term accommodation is defined below:

### Short-term accommodation:

(a) *means the use of premises for—*

- (i) *providing accommodation of less than 3 consecutive months to tourists or travellers; or*
- (ii) *a manager's residence, office, or recreation facilities for the exclusive use of guests, if the use is ancillary to the use in subparagraph (i); but*

(b) *does not include a hotel, nature-based tourism, resort complex or tourist park.*

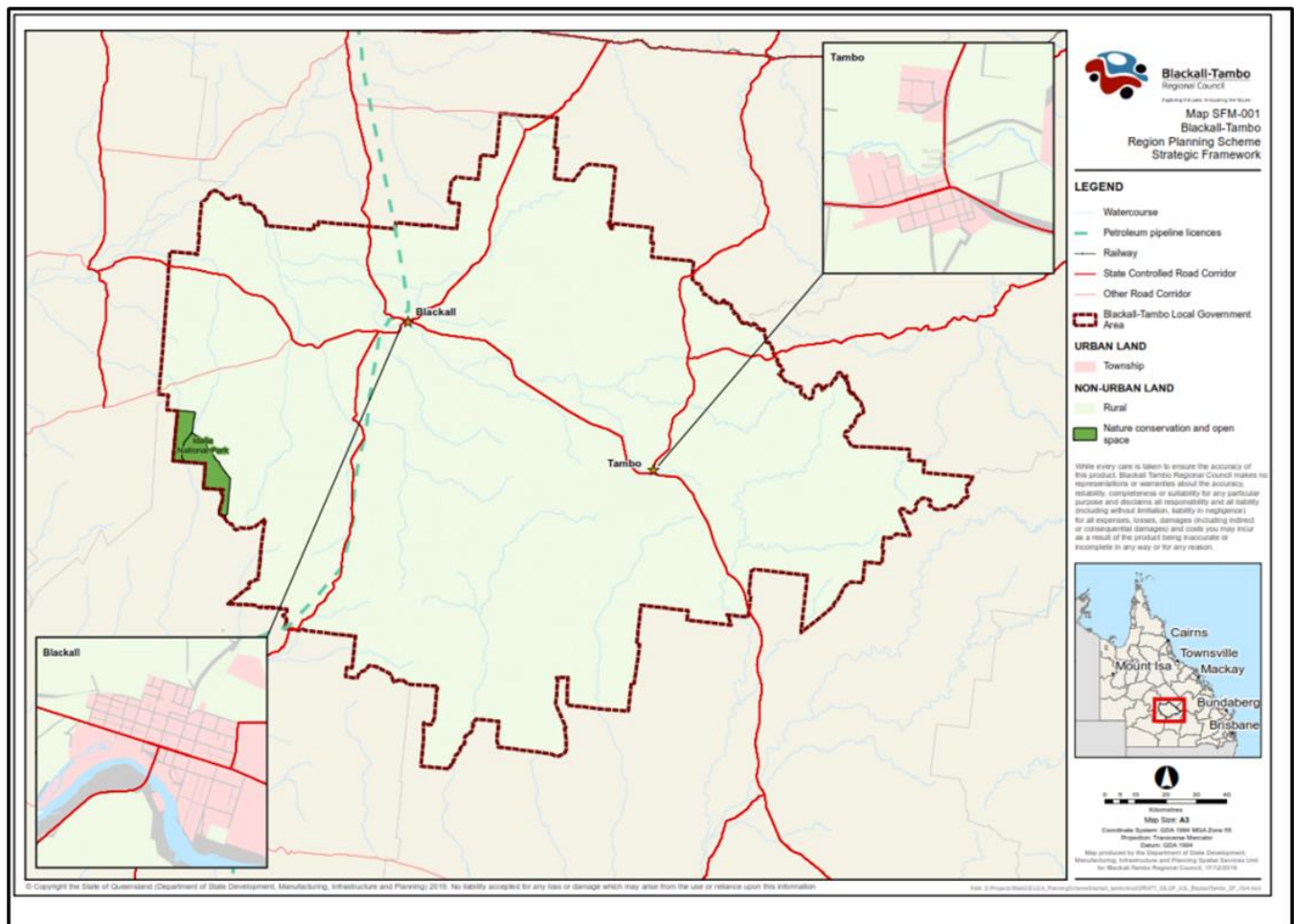
*In accordance with Table 4.4.1 of the Planning Scheme, Short-term accommodation in the Township Zone is subject to Impact Assessment, where the combined number of guests exceeds six (6).*

In accordance with Table 4.5.1 of the Planning Scheme, the relevant assessment benchmarks for the development application is the Planning Scheme. When assessing this application, particular consideration has been given to the following assessment benchmarks:

- Strategic Framework
- Township Zone Code
- General Development Code

### 5.2.1 Assessment of Strategic Framework

The Strategic Framework sets the policy direction for the Planning Scheme. As per the Strategic Framework Map in Figure 5, the subject site is designated as 'Urban Land', being within the township area (coloured pink) of Tambo.



**Figure 4:** Site (denoted in blue) on Strategic Framework Map (Source: Blackall-Tambo Regional Planning Scheme)

The proposal is consistent with Strategic Intent statements relating to infill development in the township areas that result in high quality and inclusive living environments that meet a broad range of community needs and occur in serviceable locations. The Short-term accommodation will contribute to the Region's tourism industry by adding an additional and different option for tourists. Relevant extracts from the Planning Scheme are as follows -

*'The planning scheme seeks to provide for development which meets and is relevant to community needs...'*

*'The planning scheme builds upon the region's established communities, existing natural and historical features and traditional economic strengths, which include agriculture and tourism'.*

*Infill and renewal development within the established towns of Blackall and Tambo is encouraged ....'*

The proposal is consistent with the Strategic Intent statements relating cultural heritage. The Tambo Powerhouse is being retained in situ and will not be impacted. The relevant extract from the Planning Scheme are as follows -

*‘Development must conserve the physical features, fabric and contents that contribute to the cultural heritage significance of the local heritage place and avoids changes to the setting or context of the local heritage place...’*

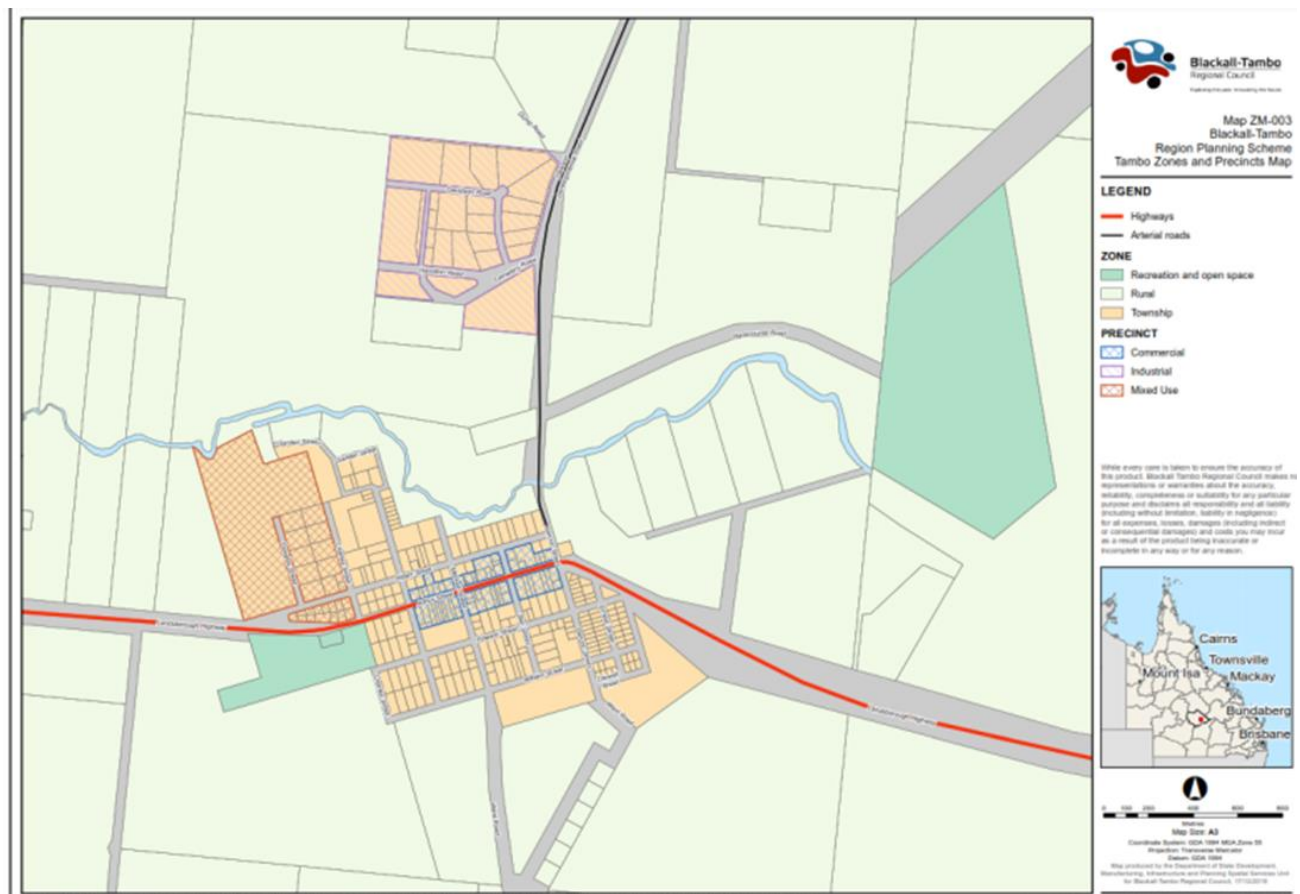
On this basis, there is no conflict between the development and the Strategic Framework as it relates to the site and the proposal development. Relevant extracts from the Planning Scheme are as follows -

### 5.2.2 Assessment of Codes

The following codes are relevant to the proposed development.

#### Township Zone Code

The site is located in the Township Zone, as shown on the Zone Map for Tambo in Figure 5.



**Figure 5:** Site (denoted in blue) located within Township Zone (Source: Blackall-Tambo Regional Planning Scheme)

The development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the purpose, performance criteria and acceptable solutions of the Township Zone Code. In particular:

- The Purpose of the Township zone allows for and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area. The proposal is considered appropriate for the area due to the fact it results in the reuse of an existing dwelling house therefore being consistent with the intended bulk and scale of surrounding development. Conditions have also been imposed to manage any associated impacts.

- Conditions have been imposed to ensure any impacts associated with the Short-term accommodation are appropriately managed.
- The proposal will not compromise the safety or efficiency of the local road network.
- The development, being contained in an existing dwelling, is of a scale that is consistent with the predominant built form in the locality.
- With the imposition of conditions, the development will not cause adverse impacts on residential amenity in terms of privacy, safety, noise, odour and fumes, lighting and traffic generation.
- The development will provide accommodation that is of a reasonable standard.
- Conditions have been included to manage any impacts, including the provision of a Site Management Plan which will manage operational aspects of the development.

### **General Development Code**

The development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the purpose, performance criteria and acceptable solutions of the General Development Code. In particular:

- The existing dwelling has a site cover that is below the permitted 50%.
- The existing dwelling has setbacks that are consistent with QDC requirements.
- The site contains existing trees; no further landscaping is required for this proposal.
- The proposal provides sufficient carparking for the scale of development. Parking is provided at the rear of the existing dwelling.
- The site has existing access from Edward Street.
- The development is connected to all necessary urban services.
- The site is not impacted by flooding.
- The site is not located within a Bushfire prone area.

In summary, this planning assessment demonstrates that the development is consistent with the relevant assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Conditions of approval reflect the elements of the assessment benchmarks to ensure on-going compliance in terms of land use, amenity and servicing.

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

This Impact assessable Development Application for a Development Permit for Building Work and Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation over land at 18 & 18A Edward Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 61 TB217 and Lot 2 on RP610529, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications requiring Impact assessment, which demonstrates the proposal's consistency with the Planning Scheme and other relevant assessment matters.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under section 63 the Act, the notice must state the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the decision notice as follows:

- a) The Purpose of the Township zone allows for and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area. The proposal is considered appropriate for the area due to the fact it results in the reuse of an existing dwelling house therefore being consistent with the bulk and scale of surrounding development.
- b) Conditions have been imposed to ensure any impacts associated with the Short-term accommodation are appropriately managed
- c) The development is connected to reticulated water and sewer as well as telecommunications and electricity services

- d) Development does not conflict with the State Planning Policy 2017 and Central West Regional Plan 2009.

### Link to Corporate Plan

Economic Development

Outcome 1 – Business Investment- Support existing local businesses and the establishment of new businesses in the region.

Outcome 2 – Tourism- Foster a sustainable tourism industry that delivers economic outcomes for the community.

Outcome 4 – Land Development- Appropriate residential, commercial, and industrial land is available to meet community needs.

### Consultation (internal/external)

Council Town Planner

Chief Executive Officer

Rates Officer

Tambo Community

### Policy Implications

Nil

### Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

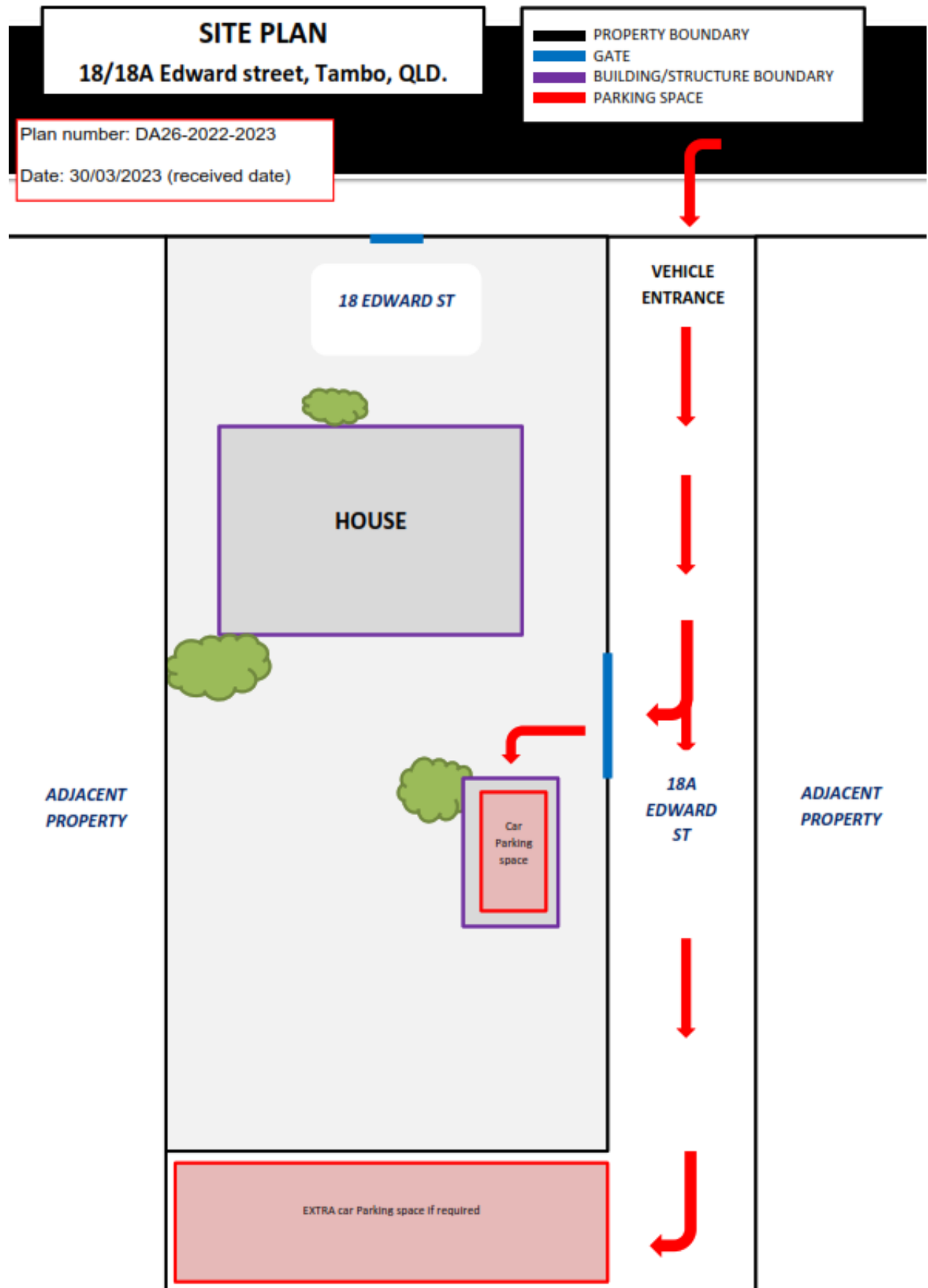
### Risk Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	The application has been assessed in accordance with the Planning Act and the Blackall-Tambo Planning Scheme.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	The application has been assessed against the relevant requirements and public notification was undertaken.	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

### Proposed Risk Treatment

Nil







17 May 2023

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council  
PO Box 21 BLACKALL Q 4472

**OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 18 & 18A Edward Street TAMBO**  
**Your Ref: DA-26-2022-2023**

Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the application for a Material Change of Use for 18 Edward Street from residential to Short Term Accommodation and Building Work.

Why? Clearly this is a retrospective and reactionary application as **the site in question has been operating as an advertised Air BnB for the past 18 months at least.**

I have previously tendered my concerns about the activities undertaken there but received no reply from the council apart from a vague promise to advise as the outcome of that objection. I am still awaiting that outcome. The then "renovations and building work" at least ceased after hours but have continued in a reduced ad hoc manner since.

Nonetheless I will offer the following dot points to substantiate objection:

1. As above, is already being used as short-term accommodation. And also, the recently renovated adjacent cottage at 14 Edward Street, not listed in the Proposed Development appears to have had several short term renters.
- 2 Dogs of renters past (and future potential?) It is ironic that when the applicants had long term tenants, they were not allowed pets of any kind but their online advert says "pet friendly". Since its use as an Air BnB we have multiple issues with the presence of a variety of dogs ranging from pit bull terriers, pig dogs, cattle dogs and other mongrels who in the main seem intent on breaching our boundary fence intent on harming our LICENCED chooks and grandkids pet lambs. This leads to sleepless nights and worry not to mention animal stress. We pay our rates and animal licences but transients seem to be exempt. Why? Especially with the potential risks.

Some tenants I spoke to about their dogs apologise and restrain them but it seems those owning aggressive breeds, reflect their dog's behaviour offering unrepeatable replies leaving nothing to the imagination, along the lines of doing the physiologically impossible.

IF THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED A CONDITION, IDEALLY WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A 2M EXCLUSION FENCE along our adjacent boundary **or better still no dogs permitted.**

3. Impact on other short term rental accommodation and in Tambo. There are two Caravan parks a motel and two hotels and a **shortage of long-term rentals** in town. Surely permanent residents are better for town than passers-by who while they give some fiscal return to a few do nothing to maintain our towns unique lifestyle and older permanent residents who pay their rates and shop locally all the time. Given the prices the present Air BnB charges and receive not much is given in return to the local economy.
4. Other considerations. While council will no doubt benefit from increased rates the non-residential site owners do not offer much local support despite what may be said. Every contractor with whom I've dealt will not deal with them after their initial work for fear of complaints, litigation and denigration. I state this from a personal perspective having mistakenly helped them in the past then been subjected to unwarranted and unsustainable complaints to the police leaving a very poor opinion of their acumen. I have no objection to any person having a go and making a quid but in these tough times I think there is obligation to support our community and not by DIDO

5. Building Works. Are we to believe that the asbestos issues in the defunct power house and smaller cottage are going to be or have been addressed appropriately?

I could go on about other issues such as sanitation (who polices site cleanliness etc), at odd times noisy drunks wandering home after a session at the pub, vehicles revving up after midnight etc and/or being told again to speak with the owners but that only results in being threatened with litigation and allegations of harassment as past experience has shown to us and other permanent town residents.

Finally, again as in previous correspondence to BTRC, this is not an objection based on personality, and no sleight or denigration is intended or implied to the applicants.

For your Consideration,

**Attachment B - Submission Summary**

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**BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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**OFFICER REPORTS**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.13

**SUBJECT HEADING: Development Application – DA 27-2022-2023 – 1  
 Banksia Street & 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

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*Summary: The Applicant, Bruce F Crook-King, seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot over land 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376.*

*The proposal is for a Transport depot. The proposal will allow for the housing and operation of up to three (3) trucks and 15 trailers. The proposal will have up to four (4) staff members. The proposal will essentially act as an extension to the existing Storage Facility (truck and trailers for freight transport).*

*The site is located in the established industrial precinct of Blackall.*

*Under the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone. The defined use that has been applied for, being a Transport Depot, is subject to Code Assessment in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone.*

*Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Code Assessment process articulated in the Planning Act 2016, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot over land 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376, subject to the following conditions:**

**1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL**

- 1.1 The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.**
- 1.2 Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.**
- 1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.**
- 1.4 The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.**

**1.5 The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.**

**1.6 Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.**

## **2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS**

**2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:**

<b>Plan/Document Name</b>	<b>Plan/Document Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Site Plan</b>	<b>SK1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21/04/2023</b>

**2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.**

## **3.0 HOURS OF OPERATION**

**3.1 Hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the primary use activity involving heavy vehicle site access, egress and trailer hitching / unhitching.**

**3.2 Hours of operation are 7:00am to 6:00pm, 7 days a week for ancillary maintenance and servicing activities associated with the primary use.**

## **4.0 LIMITATIONS OF USE**

**4.1 The use is limited to three (3) trucks, up to 15 trailers and up to four (4) operators on site.**

**4.2 No loading, unloading or storage of goods is permitted to occur on site.**

**4.3 All ancillary servicing and maintenance activities, including cleaning of trucks and trailers, undertaken in conjunction with the approved use must be limited to the existing shed. The area within the shed where service and maintenance activities will occur must be maintained to a concrete floor or similar surface treatment to prevent ground and water contamination, and to provide containment of spills and hazardous materials and liquids.**

**4.4 All waste oils are to be collected within a sump and disposed of lawfully at a Blackall-Tambo Regional Council waste oil facility or by an authorised waste oil collection service provider.**

**4.5 Any spray painting associated with the ancillary maintenance of vehicles is limited a maximum of five (5) litres per week. All spray painting must be undertaken within the existing shed and in a manner to ensure there is no spray drift outside the existing shed.**



## **5.0 ACCESS AND MANOEUVRING AREAS**

- 5.1 Design, construct and maintain the Mulberry Street crossover in accordance with the approved plans (see Condition 2.1) and generally in accordance with the standard drawing, Figure 1 or 2, from the General Development Code of the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme.**
- 5.2 All new vehicle manoeuvring areas must be constructed to an all weather standard.**

## **6.0 STORMWATER WORKS**

- 6.1 Undertake the development such that all stormwater, except for rainwater captured on-site in rainwater tanks, is to be drained from the site to a lawful point of discharge and carried without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person or property. All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the *Queensland Urban Drainage Manual*.**

## **7.0 SEWERAGE AND WATER**

- 7.1 Maintain the existing connections to Council's reticulated water and sewerage network.**

## **8.0 TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

- 8.1 Maintain the electricity and telecommunication services in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.**

## **9.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 9.1 Store all waste within a waste storage area (for example, general waste, recyclable waste, pallets, empty drums etcetera). The waste storage area must be:**
  - 9.1.1 Designed to not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties;**
  - 9.1.2 Screened from any road frontage or adjoining property;**
  - 9.1.3 Of a sufficient size to accommodate a waste bin/s suitable to service the development.**
- 9.2 Appropriate materials and equipment are to be available onsite at all times to contain and clean up spills of potentially polluting materials. The materials and equipment must be maintained.**

## **10.0 AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- 10.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise**
- 10.2 Install and operate all outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – 1997 “Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting”.**

## **11.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT**

- 11.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.**

## **12.0 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

- 12.1 All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors' vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the development site, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council.**
- 12.2 Construction activity and noise must be limited to the hours of 06:30 to 18:30 Monday to Saturday, with no work to occur on Sundays or public holidays.**

## **ADVISORY NOTES**

- A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.**
- B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.**
- C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.**
- D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).**

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## **Background**

### **1.0 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUMMARY**

**TABLE 1 – OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

<b>PROPERTY DETAILS</b>	
<b>Site address</b>	1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall QLD 4472
<b>RPD</b>	Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376
<b>Site Area</b>	6,746m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Landowner</b>	Bruce Crook-King
<b>Existing use of land</b>	Storage Facility (truck and trailers for freight transport)

<b>Existing development approval</b>	DA-05-2019-2020 – MCU for Storage Facility (truck and trailers for freight transport) - Approved 19 September 2019
<b>APPLICATION DETAILS</b>	
<b>Application No.</b>	DA27-2022-2023
<b>Applicant</b>	Bruce Crook-King
<b>Application description</b>	Development Application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot
<b>Decision due date</b>	21 June 2023
<b>Main Issues/Resolution</b>	Nil
<b>STATUTORY DETAILS</b>	
<b>Planning Scheme</b>	Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020
<b>Overlays</b>	N/A
<b>Zone</b>	Township Zone
<b>Precinct</b>	Industrial Precinct
<b>Land use definition</b>	Transport Depot
<b>Category of Assessment</b>	Code Assessment

## 2.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

**TABLE 2 – OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

Application lodged and properly made	31 March 2023
Decision due	21 June 2023

## 3.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site (Figure 1 below) is located at 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall, formally described as Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376. The subject site has a combined area of 6,746m<sup>2</sup> and has a 48m frontage to both Banksia and Violet Street and a 25m frontage to Mulberry Street. The site contains an existing Storage facility for the storage of trucks and trailers used in the freight industry.

The site is located within the Industrial Precinct of Blackall and is surrounded by industrial type uses.



**Figure 1** – Aerial of subject site (Source: QLD Government DAMS Mapping)

#### 4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal is for a Transport depot. The proposal will allow for the housing and operation of up to three (3) trucks and 15 trailers. The proposal will have up to four (4) staff members. The proposal will essentially act as an extension to the existing Storage Facility (truck and trailers for freight transport).

**Attachment A** provides a copy of the proposal plan referenced in the recommendation.

#### 5.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with section 45 (3) of the *Planning Act 2016*, Code Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out only –

- (a) Against the **assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument** for the development; and
- (b) Having regard to **any matters prescribed by regulation** for this paragraph.

This framework for assessing Code assessable applications is explained as follows –

Code assessment is a 'bounded assessment' which means only the applicable assessment benchmarks and matters can be considered by Council in deciding the application.

The categorising instrument for the development is the *Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020*, under which the applicable assessment benchmark is the General Development Code.

#### The Central West Regional Plan and the State Planning Policy

The Regional Plan and SPP are identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore do not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 5.2 below also functions as an assessment of these State Planning Instruments.

#### The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

By Council resolution, there is no Local Government Infrastructure Plan in place for the Council Area and Council ceases to charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, this assessment benchmark does not apply to the development and an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

#### Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

Schedule 9 relates to building work under the Building Act, which is not relevant to this application for material change of use but may be relevant to a subsequent building work application for the construction of the development.

The site is mapped as containing native vegetation, however as visible on the aerial in Figure 1, the site is void of any vegetation. As a result, the proposal will not result in vegetation clearing and does not require referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency.

#### Approval history / lawful use of the premises and adjoining premises

The site is subject to a development approval. DA-05-2019-2020 – MCU for Storage Facility (truck and trailers for freight transport) - Approved 19 September 2019.

The approval has been acted on and the use is currently operating from Lot 21 on SP210376. This application is essentially an extension to the existing use and will operate in harmony with that approval. Conditions of approval similar to those on DA-05-2019-2020 have been included on this application to ensure consistency.

#### Common material

The application material and subsequent correspondence with Council officers and the applicant has been considered in the preparation of this recommendation.

The planning assessment of the development considers the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent that the assessment benchmark and matter is relevant to the development.

### **5.1.1 Internal Officer Comments**

Council's environmental health officer provided the following comments:

*'Would the operator be required to provide a stormwater management plan, or provide a chemical interceptor of some sort? The document states 'Water sheds to street'. As I understand they have a concrete pad with a truck repair bay, and allegedly washing cattle trucks of from faeces and the like at times. When I was onsite, I could not see any drainage system on the ground to capture run-off from the site'.*

In response the following conditions (conditions 4.4 and 9.2) of approval has been included:

- Appropriate materials and equipment are to be available onsite at all times to contain and clean up spills of potentially polluting materials. The materials and equipment must be maintained.
- All waste oils are to be collected within a sump and disposed of lawfully at a Blackall-Tambo Regional Council waste oil facility or by an authorised waste oil collection service provider.

It is considered the above condition and conditions relating to stormwater management and not causing environmental nuisance will enable the development to be managed in a way that can address any potential impacts.

A further condition (condition 4.5) has also been included to limit spray painting and to ensure there is no spray drift:

- Any spray painting associated with the ancillary maintenance of vehicles is limited a maximum of five (5) litres per week. All spray painting must be undertaken within the existing shed and in a manner to ensure there is no spray drift outside the existing shed.

## **5.2 BLACKALL-TAMBO REGION PLANNING SCHEME 2020**

Under the Planning Scheme the development constitutes a Material Change of Use, which is defined in the Planning Act as:

- a) the start of a new use of the premises;**
- b) the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;**
- c) a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.**

The use of the land for a Transport Depot will result in a new and intensified use on the land. Under the Planning Scheme, the defined use relevant to the proposal is Transport Depot:

*Transport depot means the use of premises for—*

- (a) storing vehicles, or machinery, that are used for a commercial or public purpose; or*
- (b) cleaning, repairing or servicing vehicles or machinery, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).*

In accordance with Table 4.4.1 of the Planning Scheme a Transport Depot in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone is subject to Code Assessment.

### **5.2.1 Assessment of Codes**

The following code is relevant to the proposed development.

#### **General Development Code**

The development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the purpose, performance criteria and acceptable solutions of the General Development Code. In particular:

- The proposal does not involve any new buildings or structures and therefore the site cover and setbacks remain unchanged.
- The proposal does not require any additional landscaping.
- A condition has been included to ensure all new vehicle manoeuvring areas are constructed to an all-weather standard.
- There is sufficient room onsite for parking for operators.

- A condition has been imposed to ensure the new crossover to Mulberry Street is provided in accordance with Council's standards.
- The site is contained within Blackall's established industrial precinct and is not expected that the use will cause amenity issues for surrounding occupants.
- A condition has been included for the management of spills.
- The site is serviced by existing reticulated water and sewer as well as electricity and telecommunications services.
- A condition has been imposed to ensure stormwater is appropriately managed.

In summary, this planning assessment demonstrates that the development is consistent with the relevant assessment benchmark of the Planning Scheme. Conditions of approval reflect the elements of the assessment benchmarks to ensure on-going compliance in terms of land use, amenity and servicing.

## **6.0 CONCLUSION**

Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Transport Depot over land at 1 Banksia Street and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall formally described as Lot 21 & 25 on SP210376, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications requiring Code assessment, which demonstrates the proposal's consistency with the Planning Scheme and other relevant assessment matters.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under section 63 the Act, the notice must state the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the decision notice as follows:

- a) The Transport Depot is an acceptable use in the Industrial Precinct of the Township Zone;
- b) Conditions have been included to manage the operation of the development.
- c) The site is sufficiently serviced and has access to telecommunications, electricity, reticulated water and sewer;
- d) Development does not conflict with the State Planning Policy 2017 and Central West Regional Plan 2009.

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### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Economic Development

Outcome 1 – Business Investment- Support existing local businesses and the establishment of new businesses in the region.

### **Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

Council Town Planner

Rates Officer

### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil



**Risk Assessment**

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	The application has been assessed in accordance with the Planning Act and the Blackall-Tambo Planning Scheme.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	The applicant has been assessed against the relevant requirements.	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil



Title: Site Plan  
Reference: SK1  
Date: 21/04/2023

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.14

**SUBJECT HEADING: Special Holiday for 2024**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Office of Industrial Relations annually invite local governments to make a request to the Minister for special and show holiday for the following year.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council request a special holiday for the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area as Melbourne Cup Day, 5 November 2024.**

**Background**

Each year, in accordance with the *Holidays Act 1983* local governments are invited by Office of Industrial Relations to request special holidays to be observed during the following year for districts in their area.

Previously, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has requested and been granted a special holiday for Melbourne Cup Day. Melbourne Cup Day for 2024 is Tuesday, 5 November. Council's request must be submitted by 3 July 2023.

Once Ministerial approval has been given, the holiday will be published in the Queensland Government Gazette.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Nil

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	A holiday can only be granted under the <i>Holidays Act 1983</i> , by the Minister.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Strategic	Medium	Local governments are annually invited to request special holidays.	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Council has annually applied for a special holiday for Melbourne Cup Day.	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.15

**SUBJECT HEADING: Infrastructure Investment Program**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The LGAQ are seeking feedback from Council for the Federally funded Infrastructure Investment Program.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council provides feedback to LGAQ for the review into the Infrastructure Investment Program.**

**Background**

It has been announced that an independent review of the Federal Government's \$120 billion Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) will be undertaken.

The review will assess a number of programs including the Bridges Renewal Program, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Roads to Recovery Program and Black Spot Program. The review will investigate what improvements could be made to these sub-programs, including how the Australian Government could deliver them more effectively and lessen any unnecessary administration burden.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) are being consulted as part of the review and consequently are seeking feedback from Councils on the following matters:

1. A list of projects that are under construction or were an election commitment.
2. A list of projects that are not captured by the new parameters.
3. A list of suggestion to achieve easier/smoothen administration for both the Commonwealth and councils. For example, allocative funding, co-contribution levels, layering government grants together, more flexible timelines.

The LGAQ require a response by 30 June 2023.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Infrastructure

Outcome 1 – Roads – Council's road network is well maintained, and Council's town street are sealed with kerb, channelling and drainage.

The main roads network is accessible, safe and fully sealed.

Governance

Outcome 3 – Leadership – Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Actively contribute to wider regional organisations to provide a representation for western Queensland.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

Nil

**Human Rights Impact**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

<b>Risk Category</b>	<b>Risk Tolerance</b>	<b>Summary of Risks Involved</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	This provides an opportunity for Council to have input in Federally funded programs.	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 21 June 2023

Item No: 5.16

**SUBJECT HEADING: Outback Queensland Tourism Association – 2023-2024 Council Partnership**

Author and Officer's Title: Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer

CLASSIFICATION: (if confidential)

*Summary: The Outback Queensland Tourism Association have thanked Council for its ongoing commitment to Outback Queensland tourism during 2022/23 and advises of the increase in fees for the 2023/24 period.*

**Officer's Recommendation: That Council receive the letter from Outback Queensland Tourism Association and approve the membership for 2023-2024 and note the fee will increase by CPI of 6.89%.**

**Background**

The Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) have advised Council that the Board made the decision to increase the OQTA Council Partnership fees for the 2023/24 financial year by applying a CPI adjustment of 6.89%.

The Board intends to use CPI as a benchmark for any future changes to fees for the foreseeable future. The predicted fee for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is \$25,044.00 (inc GST) an increase of \$1,614.00 from the previous period.

By partnering with OQTA Council receives the following benefits:

- Advocacy on tourism issues
- Access to OQTA marketing tools
- Social media and consumer eNews
- 2024 Outback Qld Traveller's Guide
- Consumer shows
- Media program
- Industry insights
- OQTA report card
- Localis
- OQ Assist
- 'Always On' marketing activity
- Best of Queensland experiences program
- Voting rights.

**Link to Corporate Plan**

Economic Development

Outcome 2 – Tourism – Foster a sustainable tourism industry that delivers economic outcomes for the community.

**Consultation (internal/external)**

Chief Executive Officer

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Budget and Resource Implications**

\$25,044.00 (inc GST)

**Human Rights Impact**

Nil

**Risk Assessment**

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Council makes an annual allocation in each budget period.	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

**Proposed Risk Treatment**

Nil





Blackall – Tambo Regional Council  
Cr Andrew Martin  
PO Box 21  
Blackall QLD 4772

14 June 2023

Dear Cr Martin

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Outback Queensland tourism through your partnership with the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) during 2022/23.

Our partnerships with Councils across our region are vital to developing and sustaining a resilient and united industry and your support ensures that our marketing and trade response continues to be inspiring and agile, particularly in the face of increased domestic and international competition.

At OQTA's Conference, Muster and Awards event hosted in Brisbane in March this year we welcomed a record number of Outback products and partners, along with more than 120 trade, media and industry representatives. A record number of Outback operators also attended Australia's largest tourism event, the Australian Tourism Exchange, following the success of our one-on-one tailored Pathway to ATE Mentoring Program.

These activities, along with our targeted marketing and PR campaigns and industry development initiatives, demonstrate our strategy to work collaboratively to amplify our destination's tourism and event offerings and boost innovation and operational excellence.

Lobbying and advocating on your behalf is also a key role for OQTA. We will continue to work with government and our various industry bodies to seek out opportunities to put Outback Queensland on the agenda, drive product development and visitation, and connect and support stakeholders.

As the economic and social impacts of current global market conditions are felt across the state, the importance of tourism and the visitor economy to communities across the Outback region has never been more vital. OQTA has worked with the State Government to secure Tourism Network Funding at a similar level to last financial year, however costs continue to rise across all budget lines, given the current fiscal environment.

The OQTA Board has therefore taken the decision to apply a 6.89% CPI adjustment to OQTA Council Partnership fees for the 2023/24 financial year, with no other increase. The Board intends to use CPI as a benchmark for any future changes to fees for the foreseeable future.

We look forward to working with you to support our local communities and keep our sector viable, sustainable, and attractive to visitors seeking a memorable and authentic holiday experience.

Yours sincerely

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