



# ORDINARY MEETING

## AGENDA

**13 MAY 2014**

*Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 13 May 2014 commencing at 10:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.*

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
6 May 2014

Next Meeting Date: 10.06.14

**Please note:**

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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**1 OPENING**

The opening prayer will be presented by Reverend Jamie Maclean of the Gracemere Baptist Fellowship.

**2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

Councillor C E Smith  
Councillor C R Rutherford  
Councillor G A Belz  
Councillor S J Schwarten  
Councillor A P Williams  
Councillor R A Swadling  
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Mayor, Councillor Margaret Strelow, has tendered her apology and will not be in attendance.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 8 April 2014

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

## 6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

### 6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**File No:** 10097

**Attachments:** 1. Business Outstanding Table for Ordinary Council

**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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#### **SUMMARY**

*The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Ordinary Council Meeting is presented for Councillors' information.*

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding table for the Ordinary Council Meeting be received.

# **BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Business Outstanding Table for Ordinary Council**

**Meeting Date: 13 May 2014**

**Attachment No: 1**

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Comments
10 April 2013	Notice of Motion - Councillor Ellen Smith - Footpath Survey in Gracemere	<p>THAT Council officers conduct a footpath survey in Gracemere to identify "missing links" in pathways and prepare a short and long term strategy to indentify same, and consider costings in the present and future budgets.</p> <p>That a report on a framework for a footpath strategy relating to the Rockhampton Regional Council area be brought back to the table.</p>	Martin Crow	31/12/2013	Approximately 20 footpath projects to a combined value of \$2.5M listed in the Forward works program for Gracemere. 1 project to a value of \$230K in 13/14 budget. Overall footpath strategy being addressed as part of active transport strategy.
24 September 2013	Mayoral Minute - Camping at Woolwash	<p>That in recognition of the economic value of the contribution that Motorhome, Caravans and Campervan owners make to communities when they visit –</p> <p>1.Council initiate a six month trial period in which 24 hour free parking is allowed at the Woolwash and that signage be amended accordingly.</p> <p>2.That at the end of March 2014 Council review the benefits or otherwise of the trial.</p>	Michael Rowe	1/10/2013	Trial underway and Options report being prepared.
13 November 2013	Review of Community Banner Pole System	That a further report be provided on alternative banner pole locations at Stapleton Park and other localities and the type of banner pole.	Shane Turner	27/11/2013	<p>Have requested information from Infrastructure on possible relocation of Stapleton Park Pole and the associated costs.</p> <p>Have also requested some suggestions for additional locations to site Banner Poles in Gracemere Mt Morgan etc.</p> <p>Expect to bring report back to the March Council meeting.</p>

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Comments
13 November 2013	Proposed Renewal of Lease for Delizi's Restaurant, Pilbeam Theatre - Lot 20 on SP217271.	<p>THAT Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Under s236 (1)(c)(iii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, approve the renewal of the lease over part of Lot 20 on SP217271 (known as Lease Area D) to John Cornwell and Gianni De Luca (Delizi's Restaurant) located at the Pilbeam Theatre, 62 Victoria Parade Rockhampton; and</li> <li>2. Renew the lease under the current lease conditions, excluding Lease Area C, for a further term of three (3) years, increasing annually by CPI;</li> <li>3. That a further report on options for Lease Area C to be brought to the table.</li> </ol>	Drew Stevenson	27/11/2013	Meeting to be held with developer of adjacent property to discuss impacts for Art Gallery and Theatre
10 December 2013	Capricorn Enterprise Funding Agreement	That the matter lay on the table to return to the Council Meeting on 28 January 2014.	Rick Palmer	24/12/2013	

**7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil

## **9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **9.1 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 29 APRIL 2014**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting, held on 29 April 2014 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

**(Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 29 April 2014****9.1.1 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2014 - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNIT**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** 1. Facilities Operational Report for March 2014  
**Responsible Officer:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services  
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Sharon Sommerville - Coordinator Facilities

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information for Councillors on the operational activities of the Facilities Management Unit during March 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Facilities Management Unit Monthly Operational Report be received.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 29 April 2014****9.1.2 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****File No:** 7822**Attachments:** 1. **Community Assistance Program - Attachment to report to Communities Committee 29 April 2014****Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services**SUMMARY**

*Applications to the Community Assistance Program have been received from QSquash Central Region and AM Media Consultants Pty Ltd t/a Special Children's Christmas Party. The applications were assessed and both are recommended for funding for a total amount of \$6,000.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approves the following applications for funding from the Community Assistance Program:

Applicant	Purpose of Grant/Sponsorship	Grant/sponsorship Recommended
QSquash Central Region	2014 Queensland Junior Squash Championships	\$3,000
AM Media Consultants Pty Ltd t/a Special Children's Christmas Party	2014 Central Queensland Special Children's Christmas Party	\$3,000

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 29 April 2014****9.1.3 INFORMATION BULLETIN COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** 1. Information Bulletin Communities and Facilities  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of March 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Information Bulletin reporting on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of March be received.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 29 April 2014****9.1.4 INFORMATION BULLETIN FOR ARTS AND HERITAGE FOR MARCH 2014**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** 1. Information Bulletin Arts and Heritage for March 2014  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

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**SUMMARY**

*The report provides information on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for March 2014*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the information bulletin reporting on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for March 2014 be received.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 29 April 2014****9.1.5 TENDER 11100 - CATERING FOR ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION**

**File No:** 11100  
**Attachments:** 1. Testimonial Letter from Beef Australia for Olive Catering  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

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**SUMMARY**

*Tender 11100 for exclusive catering rights in the Robert Swarten and James Lawrence pavilions at the Rockhampton Showgrounds has now closed. Council's approval to award the contract is now required.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to:

- (a) not to enter into an exclusive tender for catering in the Robert Swarten and James Lawrence Pavilions; and
- (b) establish a hire fee for the use of the Robert Swarten and James Lawrence Pavilions subject to users providing their own catering utensils.

**Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 29 April 2014****9.1.6 PROPOSED TERM LEASE OF RESERVE LOT 6 ON R26251 AND LOT 2 ON R2616 (CITY CHILD CARE AND ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL)**

**File No:** 374  
**Attachments:** 1. Drawing 11/024A/CEN  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

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**SUMMARY**

*Council direction is sought in relation to correspondence received from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines regarding a proposed term lease for the land on which the Library and part of the Child Care Centre sit.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council make representation to State Government regarding dealing with part of Reserve Lot 6 on R26251 and Lot 2 on R2616 (Childcare Centre) prior to formalising any action.

**9.2 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 29 APRIL 2014****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Health & Compliance Committee meeting, held on 29 April 2014 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

**(Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 29 April 2014****9.2.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

**File No:** 10097

**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Health and Compliance**

**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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**SUMMARY**

*The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Health and Compliance Committee is presented for Councillors' information.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Health and Compliance Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 29 April 2014****9.2.2 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY STATEMENT FOR MARCH 2014**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Health & Environment

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information about the activities of Rockhampton Regional Council's Environment and Health Section for the month of March 2014. The Section consists of three units namely Environment and Public Health, Pest Management and Vector Management.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Health and Environment Activity Statement for March 2014 be received.

**Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 29 April 2014****9.2.3 LOCAL LAWS MONTHLY STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2014**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** 1. Local Laws Monthly Statistics for March 2014  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Steve Best - Manager Local Laws

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**SUMMARY**

*The Local Laws Monthly Statistics for March 2014 is submitted for consideration of the Health and Compliance Committee.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Local Laws Monthly Statistics for March 2014 be received.

**9.3 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 30 APRIL 2014****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, held on 30 April 2014 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

**(Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 30 April 2014****9.3.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>10097</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>

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**SUMMARY**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Parks and Recreation Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 30 April 2014****9.3.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2014  
– PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** 1. **Project Summary Report - Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Authorising Officer:** **Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**  
**Author:** **Andrew Collins - Special Projects Officer**

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**SUMMARY**

*Project summary report for Capital Projects currently being delivered by Community Services Department on behalf of the Parks and Open Spaces section.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT the Community Services Capital Works monthly report for April 2014 for Parks and Recreation be received.
2. THAT an update on the status of the road works component and implications of time variation on the World War II Memorial Pool project be presented to the next Council meeting on 13 May 2014.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 30 April 2014****9.3.3 MARCH CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNIT**

**File No:** 1484

**Attachments:** 1. Facilities Capital Progress Report for March 2014

**Responsible Officer:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services  
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

**Author:** Sharon Sommerville - Coordinator Facilities

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information on progress of Parks and Recreation capital projects being undertaken by the Facilities Management Unit during March 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the March Progress Report from the Facilities Management Unit in relation to Parks and Recreation capital projects be received.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 30 April 2014****9.3.4 REQUEST FOR TENURE FOR ROCKHAMPTON DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC AT DUTHIE PARK**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>1464</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Map indicating proposed Trustee Permit area for Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club Inc</b> <b>2. Request for reduction in fees and charges letter from Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club Inc</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks</b> <b>Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Sophia Czarkowski - Sports &amp; Education Officer</b>

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**SUMMARY**

*Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club Inc currently Leases the building and utilises associated land at Duthie Park, Mills Avenue, North Rockhampton (Lot 202 LN2700). The Club does not have tenure over the land it uses and requires tenure to formalise its usage for insurance and security purposes. Additionally, the Club is currently being charged the incorrect Lease fee for the building which needs to be addressed.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****THAT:**

1. Council grant Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club Inc a Trustee Permit over part of Duthie Park (Lot 202 LN2700) for the purposes of dog training and related activities for a period of three (3) years from 1 January 2014.
2. Council accede to the request for a reduction in Lease and Permit fees and charges from \$2,970 per annum to \$600 per annum for the initial year to be reviewed on expiry of that initial period.

**Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 30 April 2014****9.3.5 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT**

**File No:** 1464  
**Attachments:** 1. Parks Monthly Report March 2014  
**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

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**SUMMARY**

*This report provides information on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for the month of March 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for March 2014 be received.

**9.4 WATER COMMITTEE MEETING - 30 APRIL 2014****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Water Committee meeting, held on 30 April 2014 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Water Committee, 30 April 2014****9.4.1 FRW FINANCE AND STRATEGIC MATTERS REPORT - MARCH 2014**

**File No:** 1466  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

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**SUMMARY**

*This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 31 March 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the FRW Finance and Strategic Matters Report for March 2014 be received.

**Recommendation of the Water Committee, 30 April 2014****9.4.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO FITZROY RIVER WATER FOR REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI ON PUMP STATION ON PILBEAM DRIVE**

**File No:** 8181  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Responsible Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

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**SUMMARY**

*Councillor Fisher, on behalf of residents of Division 10, asked that Fitzroy River Water be thanked for their prompt action to remove graffiti on the pump station on Pilbeam Drive just before the Easter break.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT, on behalf of the residents of Division 10, Fitzroy River Water be thanked for their prompt action regarding the removal of graffiti on the pump station on Pilbeam Drive before Easter.

**9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING - 30 APRIL 2014****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, held on 30 April 2014 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

**(Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 30 April 2014****9.5.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>10097</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Business Outstanding Table for Infrastructure Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>

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**SUMMARY**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Infrastructure Committee be received.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 30 April 2014****9.5.2 LAWRIE STREET FOOTPATH CONDITION**

**File No:** 1963, 8054  
**Attachments:** 1. Lawrie St Footpath Photo's  
**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services  
**Author:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

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**SUMMARY**

*A condition assessment has been carried out on the footpath in front of the commercial area along Lawrie Street, Gracemere.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT the renewal of the footpath in Lawrie Street, Gracemere be placed in the future works program for consideration during budget deliberations;
2. THAT the Department of Transport and Main Roads be consulted with regards to impacts on streetscaping plans as a result of the future upgrade planning for Lawrie Street between the Capricorn Highway and Ranger Street.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 30 April 2014****9.5.3 CIVIL OPERATIONS SECTION'S WORKS PROGRAM FOR MAY 2014****File No:** 7028

- Attachments:**
1. **Civil Operation Section's Works Program April - May 2014**
  2. **Customer Requests received by Civil Operations and Engineering Services Sections - March 2014**
  3. **Urban and Rural Capital Projects Report - Financial Year to Date - March 2014**

**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Russell Collins - Manager Civil Operations

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**SUMMARY**

*The Civil Operations Section submits a monthly report outlining the details of the programmed works for the upcoming month to assist Council's Executives and Councillors when they receive enquiries from their constituents in relation to road and associated road reserve works.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Civil Operations Section's Works Program for May 2014 report be received.

**Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 30 April 2014****9.5.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR STEPHEN SCHWARTEN - KERSHAW STREET DRAINAGE ISSUE****File No: 8246****Attachments: Nil****Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**

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**SUMMARY**

*Councillor Stephen Swarten has indicated his intention to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

1. That a report on the drainage issues, and an update on previously proposed solutions for the Caribea Estate, be presented to the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting.
2. That the existing stormwater system be investigated to ensure that there are no blockages and that it is operating at design capacity.

**9.6 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE MEETING - 30 APRIL 2014****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Business Enterprise Committee meeting, held on 30 April 2014 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

**(Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

**Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 30 April 2014****9.6.1 RRWR FINANCE AND STRATEGIC MATTERS REPORT - MARCH 2014****File No:** 7927**Attachments:**

1. Operational Budget Report - March 2014
2. Capital Budget Report - March 2014

**Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Craig Dunglison - Manager RRWR

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**SUMMARY**

*This report details Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling's financial position and other significant operational matters as at 31 March 2014.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling's Finance and Strategic Matters Report as at 31 March 2014 be received.

**Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 30 April 2014****9.6.2 RRWR FINANCE AND STRATEGIC MATTERS REPORT - MARCH 2014**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>7927</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Airport Income Statement 13/14 - March 2014</b> <b>2. Airport Capital Management Report 13/14 - March 2014</b> <b>3. Customer Service Statistics - March 2014</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Ross Cheesman – General Manager Corporate Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Trevor Heard – Manager Rockhampton Airport</b>

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**SUMMARY**

*The report details the financial position and other strategic matters for Rockhampton Airport.*

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Airport, Finance and Strategic Matters report for March 2014 be “received”.

**10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS**

Nil

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## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.1 REVIEW OF THE FITZROY BARRAGE FISHWAY AND OPTIONS FOR IMPROVED OPERATION

<b>File No:</b>	<b>7687</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Fitzroy Barrage Fishway - Background, Effectiveness, Options</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Nimish Chand - Manager FRW Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jason Plumb - Coordinator Treatment and Supply</b>

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#### SUMMARY

*The Fitzroy Barrage fishway is a vertical-slot fishway that is part of the Fitzroy Barrage infrastructure operated by Fitzroy River Water. The purpose of the fishway is to facilitate the passage of fish species from the downstream side of Fitzroy Barrage to the upstream freshwater environment. Achieving successful passage is important for many aquatic species to help ensure long-term sustainable population within the Fitzroy River ecosystem. The effectiveness of the fishway has been reviewed and a number of options for improved design and performance identified. This report provides a summary of the current fishway structure, its effectiveness and the opportunities for improving its design and performance.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Review of the Fitzroy Barrage Fishway and Options for Approved Operation be received.
2. THAT the reallocation of \$40,000 from available funds within the Barrage Crane Restoration project allocation to allow completion of the upgrade works to install rocks on the fishway floor to provide a cost-effective improvement to the effectiveness of the fishway be approved.

#### BACKGROUND

With the Fitzroy Barrage providing an effective barrier to separate the downstream tidal part of the Fitzroy River from the upstream freshwater impoundment, the Fitzroy Barrage fishway is an important part of the Barrage structure to assist the passage of fish between the two separated waterways.

The Fitzroy Barrage fishway has been through a number of changes since the original structure was built in 1970. These changes have been made mostly to improve the design and effectiveness of the fishway but also to protect it from being destroyed during moderate and major flood events. Details of these changes to the fishway are provided in the attached report.

The most significant change in the design of the fishway was made in 1994 to change it to a full vertical-slot fishway. This upgrade to the fishway was considered at the time to provide a highly effective means of facilitating fish passage, however, subsequent advances in the knowledge of fish migration and fishway design have highlighted some deficiencies in the design of the current fishway (see attached report). The deficiencies in the current design relate mainly to the limited ability to enable passage by very small fish and species of crabs and other crustaceans due to the unfavourable flow velocity or limited accessibility posed by the current fishway design.

In order to improve the effectiveness of the Fitzroy Barrage fishway, further upgrading of the design of the structure or indeed the construction of a new fishway, is required to deliver the improved performance required.

## OPTIONS FOR UPGRADING THE FITZROY BARRAGE FISHWAY

In 2007 a report by EarthTech Engineering Pty Ltd outlined a number of options that could be considered in order to upgrade the Fitzroy Barrage fishway to improve its effectiveness over a broader range of tidal conditions, and for passing small fish and other migratory aquatic species. The options identified in this report vary considerably with respect to their complexity, extent to which they improve the fishway and also their cost. Table 1 provides a summary of these options.

**Table 1.** Upgrade options, the likely improvements to fish passage and the associated construction costs

Upgrade Option	Improvement/s Gained	Estimated Cost
Construct New Fishway	Increased tidal range for access Lower flow velocity for small fish Improved attraction flows	\$600k-\$2M
Construct New Fish Lock	Increased tidal range for access Lower flow velocity for small fish Improved attraction flows	\$1.5M-\$2.5M
Construct New Elver Pipe	Provides passage for elvers	\$50k-\$200k
Extend Current Fishway	Increased tidal range for access	\$200k-\$800k
Reduce Vertical-Slot Width	Lower flow velocity for small fish	\$30k-\$70k
Install Additional Baffles	Lower flow velocity for small fish	\$30k-\$70k
Install Rocks on Floor	Lower flow velocity for small fish Improved passage of elvers, crabs	\$15k-\$40k
Raise walls and step mesh	Improved attraction flows Improved entry to fishway	\$200k-\$500k

The first two options listed in Table 1 would deliver all the desired improvements to the passage of fish and other aquatic species, however, they are very expensive options to consider. Extending the current fishway to improve the tidal range for access would provide improved fish passage but not for small fish and other aquatic species. Given the high estimated cost, this option is not particularly favourable. The construction of an elver pipe would greatly enhance the ability to passage elvers, although this option could also prove quite costly to construct.

Modification of the existing fishway structure represents the most cost-effective means of delivering improved performance of the fishway. The option to install rocks on the floor of the existing fishway would deliver a cost-effective means of improving the passage of small fish and other non-fish species, whilst retaining the existing functionality of the fishway. This option would not improve the access to the fishway over a broader range of tidal conditions, however, it represents a good first step to improve the effectiveness of the existing structure. If this project does go ahead it is recommended that further work be done to identify a cost-effective means of improving the access to the fishway over a broader tidal range.

## LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The operation and maintenance of the Fitzroy Barrage fishway is listed as part of the operating rules for the Fitzroy Barrage in the current Fitzroy Basin Resource Operations Plan. Council has a legislative obligation under the *Water Act 2000* to abide by this and other operating rules relating to the Fitzroy Barrage Water Supply Scheme.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The current budget does not contain any specific allocations for the upgrading of the Fitzroy Barrage fishway, as this project was not included in any prior budget planning for this financial year. It is likely though that part of the capital allocation in project number C0581085 will remain unspent due to the completion of the Barrage Crane Restoration at a cost less than that originally estimated.

Given this possible option, funding (\$40k) could be reallocated from C0581085 to fund the completion of the works to install rocks on the floor of the existing fishway.

**CONCLUSION**

Although the Fitzroy Barrage fishway provides the means for passage of some fish species around the physical barrier created by the Fitzroy Barrage, its overall performance is somewhat limited with respect to the size and type of species that can pass through the fishway and tidal "window" over which passage can be achieved. This report outlines some options for improving fish passage around the Barrage, and recommends that one of these be pursued. Upon adoption of the recommendation, this upgrade work can commence in time for completion during the coming winter.

# **REVIEW OF THE FITZROY BARRAGE FISHWAY AND OPTIONS FOR IMPROVED OPERATION**

## **Fitzroy Barrage Fishway - Background, Effectiveness, Options**

**Meeting Date: 13 May 2014**

**Attachment No: 1**



## **FITZROY BARRAGE FISHWAY -**

**Background  
Effectiveness  
Options**

Report

Fitzroy River Water

February 2014

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report aims to provide a brief overview of the Fitzroy Barrage Fishway and its effectiveness and also provide a high level examination of some possible options for its improvement

The current Fitzroy Barrage Fishway was rated as a top performer in 1997. Since 1997 improvements in the understanding of fish migration and the design of fishways has meant that it now falls short of best practice design. A number of options could be implemented to improve fish passage past the Fitzroy Barrage, most of which require significant capital investment ranging from moderate to major levels of expenditure. A more detailed study by experts in fish migration may be required to examine in detail the benefits and costs of most of the options identified in this report. The option of installing rocks onto the floor of the existing fishway would appear to provide significant improvements in passage to the species that are poorly served by the current fishway, by reducing flow velocity. This upgrade option is able to be completed for a comparatively modest capital cost.

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## 1. BACKGROUND

The Fitzroy Barrage was constructed between 1966 and 1970 and is located 65 km from the mouth of the Fitzroy River within the city of Rockhampton and is the interface between two different fish habitats, being the brackish or saline estuary and the freshwater river and upstream impoundment. The 340 m wide gated structure currently forms a 55 km long freshwater impoundment upstream, and artificially reduces the original tidal limit. The initial pool and weir design fishway from 1970 was modified in 1987 to include baffles, and modified again in 1994 to a full vertical-slot design. The fishway was again modified in November 2012 following almost complete destruction of the vertical baffles in the 2011 flood, to rebuild the vertical baffles and strengthen them to provide protection against flood damage. This construction work was completed at a total cost of \$110,000. The fishway flood damage protection was tested in floods in February 2013, and survived with no damage.

The fishway at the Barrage is essential to allow the migration of fish past the Barrage. Many fish species are diadromous and move from the estuarine salt water environment to freshwater and / or vice versa. The movement up or down river past the Barrage can be an essential requirement to their breeding cycle. Even potamodromous fish, those that only migrate within the fresh water, often need to make their way back up past the Barrage after they have been washed downstream during floods. Additionally, other non-fish fauna such as crustaceans and turtles may also need to pass the Barrage for various reasons.

## 2. EFFECTIVENESS

### *General Findings*

In 1981 an assessment was made of the original pool and weir system with a finding that the system was relatively ineffective (Kowarsky & Ross 1981). In 1997, a practical fishway effectiveness study of the new vertical-slot fishway was undertaken by Queensland Department of Primary Industries (Stuart 1997). The structure currently in place is essentially the same as the structure assessed in 1997, apart from minor changes to materials and dimensions and the inclusion of a top debris screen, to protect the fishway from damage caused by large rocks entering through the top of the fishway during major flood events.

One measure of the success of a fishway is the ability to pass fish of a wide size range. The 1997 study found that the Fitzroy Barrage Fishway successfully allowed the migratory passage of fish of a wide size range, ranging from 22 mm in length to 650 mm in length. However, it was found that the water velocities were too great to allow the small size classes of fish below 40 mm in length to adequately pass the fishway (Stuart 1997). Overall the 1997 assessment was that the fishway was very successful and at the time passed more fish of a greater diversity than any other fishway in Australia (Stuart 1997).

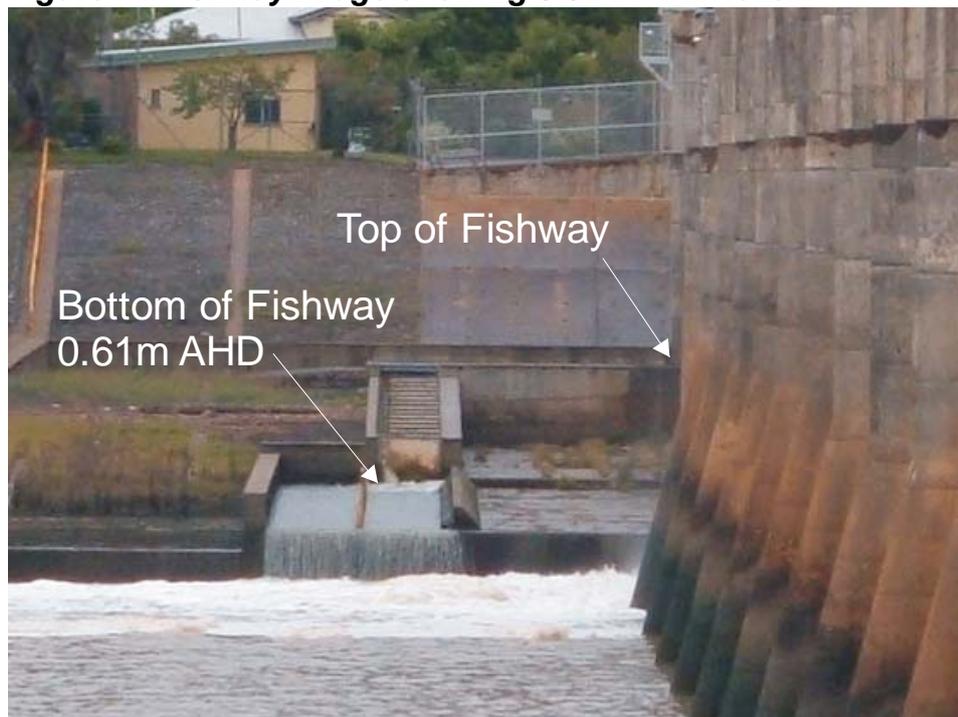
In 2007 FRW commissioned EarthTech to assess the implications of raising the Barrage on the passage of fish past the Barrage. Part of this study required assessing the current effectiveness of the Barrage fishway. The EarthTech study found that since the construction of the vertical-slot fishway in 1994, advances in the understanding of fish migration and improvements in fishway design have occurred that now leave the current fishway falling below best practice design. With small slow-moving species not being adequately passed by the fishway, and crowding of

larger species occurring at times when access to the fishway is limited to certain periods of the tidal cycle, the overall effectiveness of the fishway is somewhat limited.

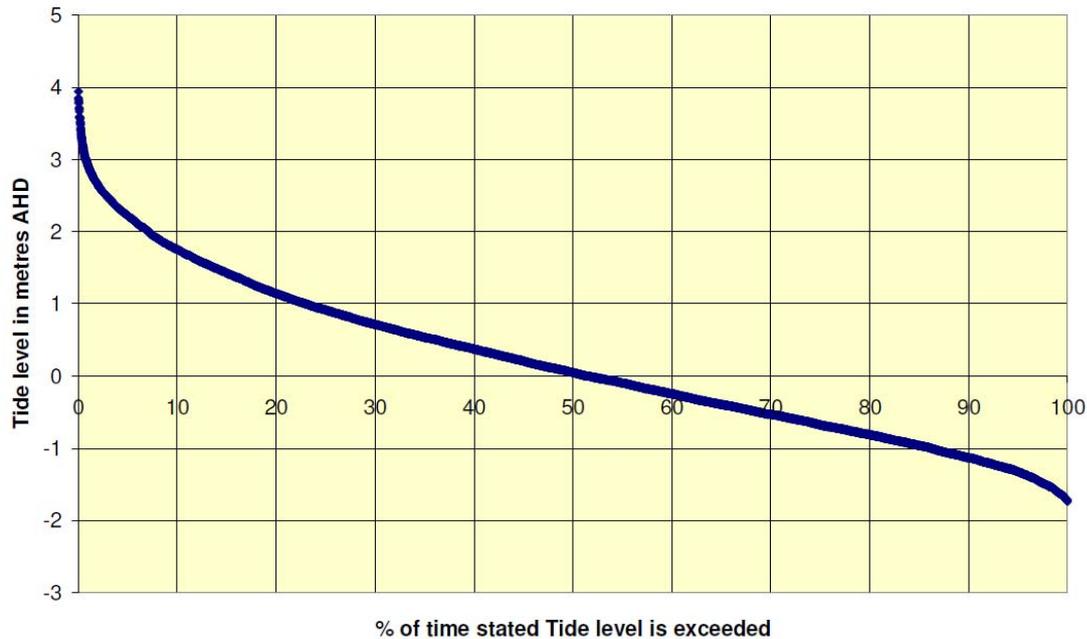
### ***Access and Velocity***

The Barrage fishway is only accessible for upstream migration for fish when the tide level is above the bottom of the fishway at 0.61 m AHD, see Figure 1. Additionally the flow velocity of the water in the fishway needs to be less than 1.4 m/s for effective passage by most species (EarthTech 2007). Engineering calculations show that for the current fishway design, the height differential between each cell must be less than 100 mm to achieve a velocity less than 1.4 m/s (EarthTech 2007).

***Figure 1. Fishway image showing 0.61 m AHD level.***



The EarthTech report obtained a model output from CSIRO providing a time-level duration curve for the tidal level at the Fitzroy Barrage, see Figure 2. EarthTech calculated the percentage of time that the tidal level on the estuary side of the barrage was above 0.61 m, i.e. when the fish could access the fishway, as 32.8% of the time, or on average approximately eight hours per day.

**Figure 2. CSIRO modelled tide level duration curve.**

The report also calculated the percentage of time that the velocity in the fishway would be below the design level of 1.4 m/s. For this the EarthTech report used a freshwater level in the Barrage of 3.2 m AHD to calculate when the height differential between each cell gave a velocity below 1.4 m/s. EarthTech determined that the velocity would be less than 1.4 m/s for 8.9% of the time. As the full supply level for the Barrage is 3.78 m AHD and the water level often remains at or close to this level, 3.78 m AHD would be a more appropriate freshwater level to use to determine the amount of time the velocity is below 1.4 m/s in the fishway. This gives a rough estimate of the percentage of time that the fishway is operating at or below design velocity of only approximately 4% of the time. Or on average approximately one hour per day. When the flow in the fishway is above the design level, smaller fish are unlikely to be able to successfully negotiate the fishway.

### ***Attraction***

Migrating fish often use chemical cues in the water flowing downstream to navigate their way upstream. At the Barrage the freshwater released into the estuary provides this cue. One concern raised by the 1997 study was the fact that fish could be attracted away from the fishway by releases from gates along the Barrage. This concern is reduced by the operation of the Barrage so that Gate One, closest to the fishway, is the first gate to open and last gate to close when the Barrage gates are raised or lowered. The more recent EarthTech report still raised concerns that the 8 m distance between the fishway and Gate One may still hinder fish locating the fishway by attracting them away from the fishway. Additionally, as the tidal level rises, the distance from Gate One to the where the freshwater from the fishway meets the estuarine water increases. The rising tidal level also moves the point of attraction up the fishway away from the fishway entrance. With the protective mesh over the top of the fishway this could confuse some fish that are too large to pass through the mesh, preventing them from finding the fishway entrance.

### ***Untargeted Fauna***

The EarthTech report also briefly discusses other fauna that were not actively investigated or discussed by the 1997 study. The conclusion they reached was that the fishway provided inadequate passage for crabs, other crustaceans, and small eels (elvers / glass eels). Juvenile eels are good at climbing, and can scale high dam walls, but generally require a trickle of water to follow (Wohlsen *et al* 2002). The water velocities in the fishway are generally too great for these fauna to migrate through the fishway, and gentle flowing water over the structure that they could climb is absent.

Turtles are also not represented in the species findings caught in the fishway. Data on turtles in the Burnett River suggests that turtles of greater width than the vertical slots in the fishway, are restricted in their passage up vertical slot fishways (Hamann *et al* 2007). This would mean that turtles greater than 150 mm in width would have difficulty passing through the fishway. Turtles are able to climb minor obstacles in their path and different species can often be seen climbing rocks and logs in streams. Larger obstacles with steep sides or requiring longer travel paths can provide a barrier (Hamann *et al* 2007).

The Tartrus Weir, on the McKenzie River is identified as a barrier to turtle migration, and a project (currently on hold) was set up by SunWater to design and install a turtleway past the weir. The Tartrus Weir (Figure 1 of Appendix A) presents a much greater challenge to turtles than the Fitzroy Barrage, as the traversable sides are steep to vertical and 4 to 6 m high, compared to the gentle slope and only 0.5 to 1.5 m climb required at high tide over the overflow crests on the Fitzroy Barrage (Figure 2 of Appendix A). Turtles have been observed passing over the overflow bypass section at the Kolan River Barrage (Hamann *et al* 2007), which is of comparable size and slope to the Fitzroy Barrage overflow next to the fishway. Turtles have also been observed on the overflow structure of the Fitzroy Barrage. Hence it is likely that turtles are able to negotiate past the Fitzroy Barrage, although to what extent on a population basis is still unknown.

In 2010, Greening Australia contacted FRW to gain access to the fishway to take turtles waiting below the fishway. This action was not a “rescue”, but was done so that they could take Fitzroy River turtles (*Rheodytes leukops*) and relocate them to protected nesting sites up river that Greening Australia had prepared.

### ***Illegal Fishing***

The *Fisheries Regulations 2008* prohibit fishing within 400 m upstream or downstream of the Fitzroy Barrage. Rockhampton Regional Council Subordinate Local law No. 4 also prohibits access on to and swimming within 200 m upstream and 400 m downstream of the Barrage. FRW has signage on and around the Barrage indicating the restricted area.

Fishing in or near the fishway can significantly impact the effectiveness of the fishway. FRW has remotely operated CCTV cameras on the Barrage monitored by the FRW Duty Operator who is on duty 24 hours a day. If illegal fishing is observed by the operator they are able to operate the warning system on the Barrage which consists of sirens, flashing lights, and a voice message instructing the offenders to leave and that relevant enforcement agencies have been alerted. If the illegal fishing continues the Duty Operator contacts and informs Queensland Fisheries.

Queensland Fisheries officers attend if staffing levels permit, but often logistical factors such as travel time or prior commitments preclude this.

### ***Legislative requirements***

A Barrage across a waterway would be classed as a “waterway barrier works” under the *Fisheries Act 1994*. Section 76G of the act essentially states that approval for the construction or raising of a waterway barrier works can only be given by the chief executive if they are reasonably satisfied that the waterway barrier works will include, a fishway that adequately provides for the movement of fish across the barrier works. This is likely to require designing and constructing a fishway that meets current best practice as determined by the regulating authority. This requirement to meet current best practice is not triggered for the Fitzroy Barrage unless the barrage height is raised.

The current Fitzroy Basin Resource Operations Plan authorises Council as the operator of the Fitzroy Barrage Water Supply Scheme to operate the Fitzroy Barrage fishway when the Barrage storage level is above 3.2 m AHD. Fitzroy River Water acts accordingly to ensure that this legislative obligation is fulfilled.

## **3. OPTIONS**

The EarthTech report concluded that the fishway should be improved to ensure that the fish passage:

- i) operates over a wider range of flow conditions;
- ii) passes a larger biomass of fish<sup>1</sup>;
- iii) passes smaller fish species more effectively, and
- iv) passes climbing species such as crustaceans, elvers, and climbing fish species.

The report then provided a number of options that could be undertaken to try to achieve the improvements suggested. The current literature was also assessed to examine possible options that have emerged in recent years. In the Central Queensland and Mackay Regions, the Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) and Reef Catchments (Mackay) have been extensively involved with the development of fishways in many of the region’s natural waterways. The FBA and Reef Catchments were also contacted to obtain their initial thoughts on options available to bring the fishway up to current best practice.

The range of options available include:

### ***1. Increasing the downstream length of the current vertical-slot fishway:***

This option would increase the time that the fishway is accessible to fish over the tidal cycle instead of being restricted to tidal periods greater than 0.61 m AHD. This would improve access, but would not decrease flow velocities. This would mean that the faster swimming and larger fish size classes would be advantaged by this action (increased time of access), but no improvement for smaller or slower swimming fish would be likely (flow still too fast to utilise fishway at these times). The cost for this option would likely be in the range \$200k to \$800k depending on how far down the vertical-slot fishway is extended.

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<sup>1</sup>means pass a greater total aggregate mass of fish through the fishway. This statement is concerned with large fish being restricted in their movement through the fishway as evidenced by observation of overcrowding near the fishway when tidal levels restrict access to the fishway

## ***2. Installing a new vertical-slot fishway.***

An additional new vertical-slot fishway could be designed to allow more effective passage of the fish that are not as effectively assisted by the current fishway. The best target would be small and slow moving fish species. Additionally a new fishway could be designed to optimise attraction flows, and to operate over a larger period of the tidal cycle. As the Barrage is a wide structure, to maximise attraction the best site would be on the opposite bank from the current fishway. Any new vertical slot fishway would be constructed parallel to the flow so as to minimise the engineering required to reduce flood impact damage. The cost for this option would likely be in the range \$600K to \$2M.

## ***3. Installing a fish lock.***

Fish locks are enclosed channels that have an attraction flow that brings fish into the channel, which is then blocked off on the downstream end, opened up on the upstream end and filled with water to the upstream level so that the fish can then swim up and out into the upstream water body (see Appendix A Figure 3.). Fish locks are very effective at passing a wide range of life stages and size classes of fish, and they can operate effectively over the full range of tidal and flow conditions seen at the Fitzroy Barrage. Due to their small foot print fish locks if designed correctly are not significantly at risk from flood damage. Fish locks have many moving parts and require active control of these parts to operate. This is usually performed by a programmable logic controller (PLC). Because of the greater complexity, routine maintenance and repair is required to ensure a fish lock is able to function. The cost for this option would likely be in the range \$1.5M to \$2.5M, with possibly \$50K to \$100K per annum operating and maintenance costs. Reef Catchments informed us that at the current time none of the ten fishlocks, that they are aware of in Australia, were operating due to outstanding maintenance issues.

## ***4. Installing a passage for elvers, small fish, and crustaceans.***

This option is targeted at the classes of fauna that are least assisted by the current vertical slot fishway. Within this option several sub options are available.

i. A typical elver passage can be set up with small pipes that contain roughened materials such as coarse brush bristles, providing a surface for the elvers to wriggle up. The cost for an elver pipe is likely to be in the range of \$50K to \$200K depending on configuration.

ii. The baffles within the vertical-slot fishway can be changed from continuous vertical-slots to keyhole slots. Keyhole slots have slots of different width at different heights so that areas within the vertical slot have different flow velocities. This allows smaller fish to pass through the smaller slots which have lower velocities. The velocities through the larger slots would increase, possibly impacting some species, hence careful calculations and knowledge of the species targeted is needed. The cost for this work including design costs is likely to be in the range \$30K to \$70K.

iii. Multiple smaller baffles between the larger baffles forming a mini fishway within each cell of the fishway can be constructed. This provides smaller fish with a passage of lower velocity and more numerous areas to shelter in. The cost to retrofit this is likely \$30K to \$70K

iv. Since the EarthTech report in 2007, work has been undertaken examining the use of rock placed on the base of vertical-slot fishways (see Appendix A Figure 4) to provide areas of slower moving water and shelter at the bottom of the fishway that will allow smaller fish, elvers, and crustaceans to make their way up vertical-slot fishways that previously were a barrier due to the higher water velocities. Many vertical-slot fishways now incorporate the addition of rocks on the bottom of the fishway, and it has become a standard recommendation in fishway design manuals. The cost to retrofit rock to the base of the current vertical slot fishway is likely to be in the range \$15K to \$40K.

### ***5. Sloped trash rack.***

The current fishway has a vertical trash rack at the upstream end of the fishway. Vertical trash racks clog up with debris and need constant manual attention to clear them to allow the fishway to operate optimally. Sloped trash racks are essentially self-cleaning and require minimal attention and are recommended in current design manuals. FRW has designed a sloped trash rack that could be constructed and installed in-house by FRW. The construction and installation is likely to cost \$20K to \$40K. This addition to the fishway would not improve the ability of the fishway to pass fish and other species that are limited by high velocity flows or the restricted width of the openings in the vertical-slot baffles.

### ***6. Improved fishway attraction and entry.***

Attraction is a major aspect of fishway design. The current fishway entrance is often overtopped and drowned out at high tides, diffusing and reducing the strength of the attraction flow. The protective mesh may prevent some larger fish from entering the fishway as at high tide the attraction flow exits through the mesh. Two changes could be made to the fishway to alleviate these issues. The side walls of the fishway could be raised so that the fishway is not overtopped and the attraction flow passes out the fishway channel. This would also allow the protective mesh to be stepped with 200mm gaps, providing multiple entrances for large fish close to the tide and fishway junction. Unfortunately as the majority of the fishway is constructed perpendicular to the river flow, any increase in height dramatically increases the risk of significant damage during flood flows. Performing these changes would likely cost \$200k to \$500k.

## **4. CONCLUSIONS**

The main limitations of the current vertical-slot fishway are the poor passage through the fishway of small and slow moving species such as elvers, crustaceans, and small fish, due to water velocities that are too great for these species; and the crowding at times of larger fish due to access to the fishway being restricted to a small part of the tidal cycle. The passage of small fish issue could be significantly improved by retrofitting rock to the base of the current fishway, with a capital investment of less than \$40k, with most work able to be performed by Council staff. The overcrowding of larger fish issue is likely to be most cost effectively improved by extending the downstream end of the current vertical slot fishway. This option has a more significant cost implication, and would need a detailed study completed to determine what can physically be done with the current structure and the actual costs involved.

The Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) have recently received \$2 Million to undertake fish access improvements in the Fitzroy River catchment. This money is required to cover all aspects including further scientific studies, design of any improvements to

be undertaken in the catchment, and the construction costs for any improvements undertaken. FBA currently have no plans to spend this money on any works at the Fitzroy Barrage to improve the effectiveness of the existing fishway. A check of Federal and State government funding programs has not revealed any current funding initiatives that would be able to provide funding for fishway improvement.

***Recommendations:***

1. It is recommended that a short report specifically on the use of rock on the base of the current vertical slot fishway be undertaken by FRW. And that if the full cost of retrofitting the rock is less than \$40k, and significant benefits to the passage of small or slow moving species will result, then the retrofitting of rock by FRW be undertaken.
2. It is recommended that the accumulation of debris on the vertical trash rack and cost of maintaining the current rack be monitored and assessed and a NPV assessment undertaken to determine if installation of a sloped rack provides a positive cost benefit.
3. It is recommended that a study into the potential for the extension of the downstream end of the current vertical slot fishway be undertaken. This study is to look at the engineering requirements and costs involved to provide an extension that allows significantly greater access to species that have been identified as suffering from crowding during peak times.
4. It is recommended that high level discussions with FBA are undertaken to identify any potential for collaboration between FRW and FBA in regards to future Fitzroy River fish passage projects and opportunities to make use of the significant funding recently received by the FBA.

The short report on retrofitting rock to the base of the vertical slot fishway should cost under \$2K of officer's time. The study into the extension of the downstream end of the vertical slot fishway may involve \$8K of officer's time and likely require external input from fishway experts and minor input from external engineering consultants. By limiting the scope of external input to only those items unable to be addressed by council officers, the costs should be able to be kept below \$30K. It should be noted that this study is not to provide a detailed design for the works, but to allow costing estimates to be determined.

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## APPENDIX A

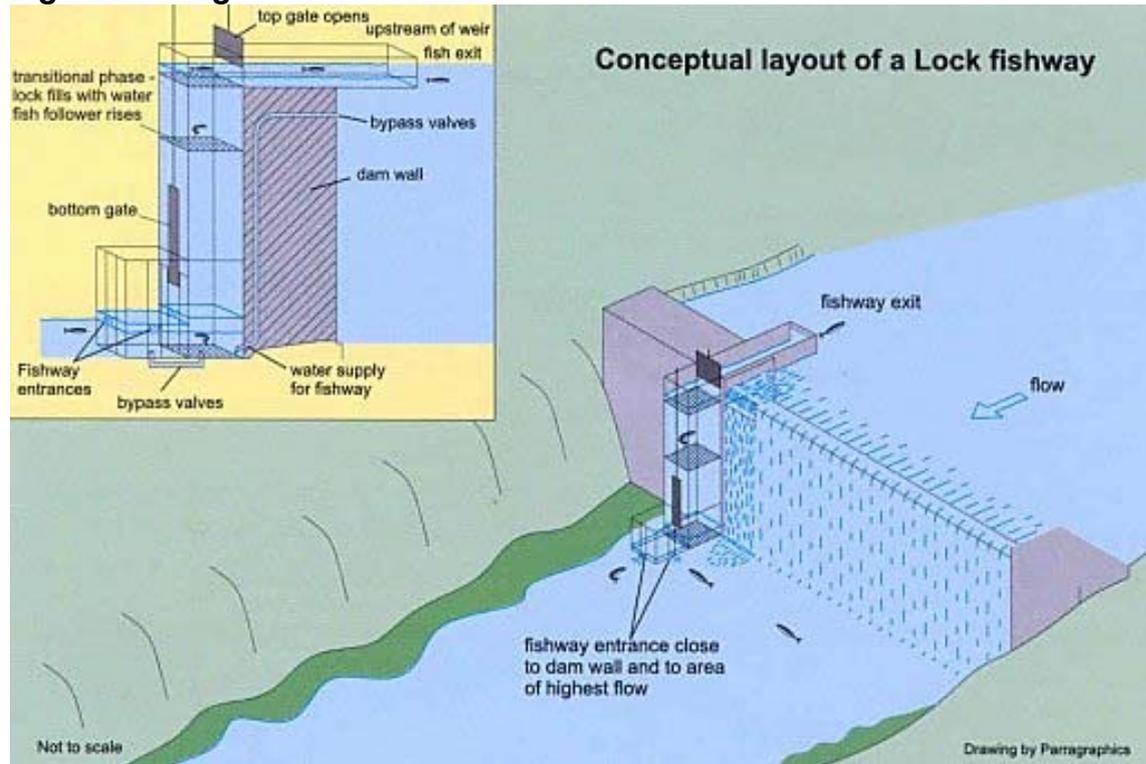
**Figure 1. Tartrus Weir**



**Figure 2. Fitzroy River Barrage ogee overflow**



**Figure 3. Diagram of a fish lock.**



**Figure 4. Rock at bottom of a Fishway to provide small fish passage.**



**11.2 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - JULY TO DECEMBER 2014**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>1460</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Proposed Schedule of Meetings July - December 2014</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>
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**SUMMARY**

*Chief Executive Officer presenting the Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the period July to December 2014.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the period July to December 2014 be adopted.

**BACKGROUND**

The Schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the period July to December 2014 has been reviewed and is presented for consideration by Council.

The following points are brought to Councillor's attention:

- The Parks and Recreation and Business Enterprise Committee meetings have been changed to commence at 9am to give extra time for the larger Committees.
- The Performance and Service and Planning and Development Committee meetings in July have been moved to the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the month so Councillors can attend QME from 22-25 July.
- Meetings have been condensed in December, to allow for the Christmas recess.
- As the meeting schedule is based on a four weekly cycle, when there are five (5) Tuesdays in a month, no meetings have been scheduled on the Tuesday or Wednesday of that week.
- The Audit and Business Improvement, Resource Industry and South Rockhampton Flood Levee Advisory Committee meeting dates for this period have not been included in the meeting schedule.

# **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - JULY TO DECEMBER 2014**

## **Proposed Schedule of Meetings July - December 2014**

**Meeting Date: 13 May 2014**

**Attachment No: 1**

**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
JULY TO DECEMBER 2014**

**JULY 2014**

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
30 JUNE		1 JULY	Parks & Recreation (9am)	Communities (12.30pm)	Health & Compliance (3pm)	2 JULY	Business Enterprise (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	3 JULY		4 JULY	
7 JULY		8 JULY	Council (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		9 JULY				10 JULY		11 JULY	
14 JULY		15 JULY				16 JULY				17 JULY		18 JULY	
21 JULY		22 JULY				23 JULY				24 JULY		25 JULY	
28 JULY		29 JULY	Performance & Service (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		30 JULY				1 AUG		2 AUG	

**AUGUST 2014**

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
4 AUG		5 AUG	Parks & Recreation (9am)	Communities (12.30pm)	Health & Compliance (3pm)	6 AUG	Business Enterprise (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	7 AUG		8 AUG	
11 AUG		12 AUG	Council (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		13 AUG				14 AUG		15 AUG	
18 AUG		19 AUG				20 AUG				21 AUG		22 AUG	
25 AUG		26 AUG	Performance & Service (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		27 AUG				28 AUG		29 AUG	

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1 SEPT		2 SEPT	Parks & Recreation (9am)	Communities (12.30pm)	Health & Compliance (3pm)	3 SEPT	Business Enterprise (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	4 SEPT		5 SEPT	
8 SEPT		9 SEPT	Council (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		10 SEPT				11 SEPT		12 SEPT	
15 SEPT		16 SEPT				17 SEPT				18 SEPT		19 SEPT	
22 SEPT		23 SEPT	Performance & Service (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		24 SEPT				25 SEPT		26 SEPT	

**OCTOBER 2014**

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
29 SEPT		30 SEPT	Parks & Recreation (9am)	Communities (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	1 OCT	Business Enterprise (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	2 OCT		3 OCT	
6 OCT	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	7 OCT	Council (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		8 OCT				9 OCT		10 OCT	
13 OCT		14 OCT				15 OCT				16 OCT		17 OCT	
20 OCT		21 OCT	Performance & Service (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		22 OCT				23 OCT		24 OCT	
27 OCT		28 OCT				29 OCT				30 OCT		31 OCT	

**NOVEMBER 2014**

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
3 NOV		4 NOV	Parks & Recreation (9am)	Communities (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	5 NOV	Business Enterprise (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	6 NOV		7 NOV	
10 NOV		11 NOV	Council (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		12 NOV				13 NOV		14 NOV	
17 NOV		18 NOV				19 NOV				20 NOV		21 NOV	
24 NOV		25 NOV	Performance & Service (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		26 NOV				27 NOV		28 NOV	

**DECEMBER 2014**

MONDAY		TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1 DEC		2 DEC	Parks & Recreation (9am)	Communities (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	3 DEC	Business Enterprise (9am)	Infrastructure (12.30pm)	Water (3pm)	4 DEC		5 DEC	
8 DEC		9 DEC	Council (9am)	Planning & Development (1.30pm)		10 DEC				11 DEC		12 DEC	
15 DEC		16 DEC				17 DEC				18 DEC		19 DEC	
22 DEC		23 DEC				24 DEC				25 DEC		26 DEC	
29 DEC		30 DEC				31 DEC				1 JAN		2 JAN	

**12 STRATEGIC REPORTS**

Nil

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**15 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS**

*Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.*

## 16 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

#### 17.1 Update on De-Amalgamation Matter

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

## 17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

### 17.1 UPDATE ON DE-AMALGAMATION MATTER

**File No:** 10321/8782

**Attachments:** Nil

**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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#### SUMMARY

*Chief Executive Officer will provide a verbal update on de-amalgamation matter.*

**18 CLOSURE OF MEETING**