



ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

21 JANUARY 2025

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 21 January 2025 commencing at 9:00 AM for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
15 January 2025

Next Meeting Date: 11.02.25

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

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 10 December 2024

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 LIFTING MATTERS FROM THE TABLE

File No: 11715

Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is being presented in order for matters that have been laid on the table at previous meetings to be formally lifted from the table prior to being dealt with at this meeting.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following matter be lifted from the table and dealt with accordingly:

- **Post Consultation Commitment to Rockhampton's Buoyed Rowing Course –**
(previous report titled Future Commitment to Rockhampton's Buoyed Rowing Course)

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS**10.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR GRANT MATHERS - FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY TO MONDAY 3 MARCH 2025 INCLUSIVE**

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Sharnie De Klerk - Executive Support Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Grant Mathers is seeking leave of absence for Friday 14 February to Monday 3 March 2025 inclusive.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor Grant Mathers be granted leave of absence for Friday 14 February to Monday 3 March 2025 inclusive.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Grant Mathers has advised the Chief Executive Officer that he wishes to take leave of absence for Friday 14 February to Monday 3 March 2025 inclusive.

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 7ROCKY RIVER RUN CHARITY BENEFICIARY

File No: 6097
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Zac Garven - Tourism and Events Manager
Angus Russell - Executive Manager Advance
Rockhampton
Author: Eileen Brown - Acting Tourism and Events Manager

SUMMARY

This report outlines a request to approve the recommended Charity Partner for the 2025 7Rocky River Run event and details the donation amount to be paid.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the charity beneficiary for the 2025 7Rocky River Run as Hands of Compassion and the donation amount be set at \$2.00 per registration

COMMENTARY

Rockhampton's favourite running event, the 17th annual 7Rocky River Run, is due to take place on Sunday 18 May 2025.

This event is a fun day out, that in 2024 attracted 2,204 participants and also achieved a full complement of registrations 'selling out' every leg of the event for the first time since its inception.

As a major sporting and tourism drawcard for the Rockhampton Region held alongside our picturesque Fitzroy River (Tunuba), the 7Rocky River Run caters to all fitness levels, from competitive athletes to those simply seeking a fun and active day out. The event has become a cornerstone of the region's event calendar, attracting both locals and visitors to experience the excitement, camaraderie, and the beauty of Rockhampton in a celebration of health, wellbeing, and community spirit.

This event is delivered in conjunction with Atlas Multisports along with our naming rights sponsor the 7 Network, and other race and event support sponsors.

To select the charity beneficiary partner for the 2025 event, an Expressions of Interest was sent to the current Council registered Charities. Three (3) submissions were received and evaluated based on the following:

- Project outline / Purpose
- Impact of Charities purpose
- Number of people this charity has a positive impact on
- Support Charity can provide for the event

A consideration also included on donation amounts the applicants have previously received from Council.

Based on the above evaluation, the selected charity beneficiary for 2025 event is 'Hand of Compassion' and the benefit will be based on a donation of \$2.00 per registration received.

BACKGROUND

Last year, the 7Rocky River Run awarded over \$2,500 in prize money across the 21km, 10km, and 5km races and proudly raised \$9,800 for charity, including a significant \$4,200 contribution to the newly established Fitzroy Community Hospice. This generosity underscores the event's commitment to making a positive impact on the local community.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previously committed sponsorship of a cash deliverable of \$2.00 for every registration donated to Fitzroy Community Hospice for the 2024 7Rocky River Run was endorsed in the 14 November 2023 Council Meeting.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The operational costs for this event fall within the current Advance Rockhampton event budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified legal implications relevant to this event.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified staffing implications relevant to this event.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Relevant risk and event management plans are approved prior to this event.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

3.3.2 We design places & deliver events that encourage visitors to come and stay

3.3.2.1 Develop a diverse events calendar that supports liveability & investability within the region

CONCLUSION

The recommended charity beneficiary for the 2025 7Rocky River Run is Hands of Compassion and it is recommended the donation amount be set at \$2.00 per registration for the event due to take place on Sunday 18 May 2025.

11.2 AMENDMENT TO THE TENDER CONSIDERATION PLAN FOR BILLBOARDS AND DIGITAL SIGNAGE

File No: 11715
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Angus Russell - Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Author: Zac Garven - Tourism and Events Manager

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval for the updated Tender Consideration Plan for Billboards and Digital Signage.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the updated Tender Consideration Plan for Billboards and Digital Signage under s230 of the Local Government Regulation.

COMMENTARY

Council engages a number of suppliers across different mediums for advertising services to promote Council and the Region. This report updates the previous Tender Consideration Plan adding new suppliers entering the market which offers Council a new and diverse range of advertising opportunities.

The below table outlines the various suppliers used for billboard and digital signage across Queensland:

Supplier	Details and Process	Previously Approved or New
Bishopp Billboards	Bishopp has a number of traditional and digital billboards spread across Regional Queensland. Bishopp owns and operates the digital billboard on the corner of Fitzroy and East.	Previously approved
Jam Advertising	JAM Outdoor is an outdoor media company based in the regional Queensland city of Bundaberg. Jam currently has over 500 billboard faces across Queensland, with a number of these located on Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road.	Previously approved
Paradise Outdoor Advertising	Paradise Outdoor Advertising is a regional advertising specialty servicing Queensland. More than 1,200 outdoor sites across Queensland are available, and have the potential to reach more than 2.75 million people.	Previously approved
Ooh Media	Ooh Media is a digital signage company with billboards across Queensland, including Rockhampton on Gladstone Road.	Previously approved
ADStrategy	Ad Strategy is a local billboard at Corner Alexandra Street and Bruce Highway	Previously approved
Panorama Signs	Panorama Signs is a local billboard at Corner Musgrave and High Street	Previously approved

GOA	GOA is a regional advertising specialty servicing Queensland.	Previously approved
QMS	QMS is a regional advertising specialty servicing Queensland.	Previously approved
Georgie Marketing	Is a local billboard at Sun Palms Motel, 160 Gladstone Road	Previously approved
Stockland Trust Management	Audience engagement activations and popups within Stockland centres	Previously approved
Stockland Retail	Digital and static advertising placements within Stockland centres	Previously approved
Shopper Media	Shopper Media offers increased exposure in the retail landscape enhancing advertising campaigns and connecting shoppers, shopping centers and advertisers through Smartlite® digital panels	Previously approved
Val Morgan Outdoor	VMO the largest shopping centre path-to-purchase digital outdoor network in Australia also offering digital advertising opportunities in gyms, petrol stations, cinemas and audience engagement activations.	Previously approved
Stream Outdoor	Billboard sites across Queensland. Stream operates a digital billboard on the Bruce Highway, Southside Rockhampton.	Previously approved
Australian Outdoor Sign Company	Australian Outdoor Sign Company offers dynamic state of the art specialty digital billboards with specific locations in and around Brisbane.	Previously approved
Billboards Australia	Billboards Australia has a number of traditional and digital billboards spread across Australia, including Canberra Airport.	Previously approved
Go Transit Media Group	Bus advertising in various locations within Queensland including Rockhampton, Brisbane & Mackay.	Previously approved
Advertising Planning and Promotions	Booking agency for digital billboards in Rockhampton specifically Moores Creek Road opposite Kershaw Gardens.	New

These suppliers are not considered as sole suppliers for the services they provide but are providers who have locations across Queensland that are relevant for marketing campaigns.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on 22 June 2021, Council approved an amendment to the Tender Consideration Plan for Billboards and Digital Signage

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on 8 December 2020, Council approved an amendment to the Tender Consideration Plan for Billboards and Digital Signage

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on 9 October 2018, Council approved the Tender Consideration Plan for Billboards and Digital Signage.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There will be no additional budget implications as they are contained within the existing operational budget.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

S230 of the Local Government Regulation (2012):

"230 Exception if quote or tender consideration plan prepared

(1) A local government may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large- sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the local government-

- (a) decides, by resolution, to prepare a quote or tender consideration plan; and*
- (b) prepares and adopts the plan.*

*(2) A **quote or tender consideration plan** is a document stating*

- (a) the objectives of the plan; and*
- (b) how the objectives are to be achieved; and*
- (c) how the achievement of the objectives will be measured; and*
- (d) any alternative ways of achieving the objectives, and why the alternative ways were not adopted; and*
- (e) the proposed terms of the contract for the goods or services; and*
- (f) a risk analysis of the market from which the goods or services are to be obtained."*

Tender Consideration Plan:

Objective: The objective of this plan is to provide Council with further opportunities to directly engage with billboard and digital signage suppliers across different mediums for advertising services to promote Council and the Region.

How the objective are to be achieved: Billboard and digital signage suppliers will be selected based upon price, availability, target audience, location, traffic counts, longevity and the objectives of the campaign.

How the achievement of the objectives will be measured: This will be dependent on the individual economic impact statements for each marketing campaign.

Alternate ways of achieving the objectives: Issuing an invitation to quote to multiple suppliers. However, due to the specific marketing campaign objectives e.g. target audience, location etc this is not practical.

Proposed term of the Contract: The proposed term will be specific to the requirements of each marketing campaign.

A risk analysis of the market: There are a range of billboard and digital signage suppliers available within the market. Council will manage its risk by approaching the market as outlined above, and engaging reputable suppliers that meet the marketing campaign requirements.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified legal implications to Council relevant to this matter.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are no staffing implications.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Goal 2.2 – We support our communities through our activities and programs

Goal 3.3 – Our work attracts visitors to the Region

Goal 3.4 – We support our Region's economy through our projects and activities

CONCLUSION

Billboards and digital signage are used across a number of marketing campaigns within Council and location decisions are based upon audiences, traffic counts and desired

outcomes. Billboards and digital signage are an important and effective medium for marketing and promotion of our region and our regional activities.

11.3 ONGOING RENEWAL OF TOURISM MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

File No: 11715
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Zac Garven - Tourism and Events Manager
Angus Russell - Executive Manager Advance
Rockhampton
Author: Lauren Law - Tourism Coordinator

SUMMARY

Council maintains memberships with peak bodies and associations within the Tourism Industry, which are detailed within this report. This report seeks Council's approval to deem the nominated suppliers as Sole Suppliers under s235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for ongoing renewal of specialised tourism memberships where other quotes cannot be sourced.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT pursuant to s235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council approves the nominated suppliers as Sole Suppliers for ongoing renewal of specialised tourism and event memberships for marketing, advocacy and consultancy in developing our region's tourism brand within Queensland and Australia.

COMMENTARY

Council currently has annual memberships with peak bodies and associations within the Queensland and Australian Tourism Industry. These strategic memberships provide essential benefits including cooperative marketing opportunities, industry insights and data, professional development, networking forums, and advocacy support. Access to these resources enables Council's Destination Marketing Unit to make informed decisions, leverage broader marketing campaigns, and stay current with tourism trends and best practices.

The below table outlines Council's existing paid memberships and relevant details, which are anticipated to be required on an ongoing basis.

Supplier	Details
Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) <i>(approximate annual spend is currently \$4,000)</i>	A QTIC membership provides exclusive benefits including professional development opportunities, industry advocacy, tourism awards programs, and vital market intelligence. This membership enables Council to participate in state-wide initiatives, access contemporary industry data, and leverage cooperative marketing opportunities that enhance our destination's presence in key markets. The partnership with QTIC ensures Council remains connected to current tourism trends, best practices, and networking opportunities that directly benefit our region's tourism growth and development. QTIC is the peak Industry Council for Queensland so there is no alternative supplier.
Drive Inland Promotions Association <i>(approximate annual spend is currently \$6,000)</i>	This membership enables Council to tap into the growing drive tourism market while leveraging shared resources and marketing initiatives that promote our region as a must-visit destination along Queensland's inland routes. The partnership

	aids in increasing visitor numbers, length of stay, and tourism spend in our region through coordinated marketing efforts and route development strategies.
Drive Queensland <i>(approximate annual spend is currently \$2,500)</i>	A Drive Queensland membership enables Council to tap into the growing drive tourism sector, particularly targeting domestic road travellers, while leveraging shared resources and marketing initiatives that promote our region as a key destination along Queensland's touring routes. Through this alliance, we can enhance our region's visibility to drive tourists, increase visitor numbers and length of stay, and participate in coordinated marketing efforts that showcase our unique attractions to the self-drive market, including representation at ten Caravan and Camping Shows Australia-wide.
The Tourism Group <i>(approximate annual spend is currently \$2,000)</i>	A membership with The Tourism Group is essential for maintaining our Visitor Information Centre's (VIC) accredited status within Queensland's official network. This accreditation ensures our VIC meets industry best practice standards and maintains the recognised yellow 'i' signage that travellers trust. The membership provides access to professional development opportunities for our volunteers, industry updates, networking forums, and resources that enhance our visitor servicing capabilities. This strategic partnership enables our VIC to deliver high-quality visitor information services, contribute to increased length of stay and visitor spend in our region, and maintain its position as a trusted source of local tourism information. The accreditation also strengthens our VIC's credibility with visitors and industry stakeholders.
TravMedia <i>(approximate annual spend is currently \$7,000)</i>	A TravMedia membership is crucial for maximising Council's destinations media exposure and connecting with key travel journalists, editors, and content creators. It is a tourism and travel media network that provides exclusive access to media opportunities, press release distribution services, and a platform to showcase our region's stories to influential travel writers and publications. This enables us to increase our media coverage world-wide, build relationships with travel media professionals, and ensure our destination remains visible in key tourism publications.
Tourism Research Australia <i>(approximate annual spend is currently \$6,552)</i>	Tourism Research Australia is Australia's sole provider of comprehensive national tourism data and intelligence, offering exclusive access to essential visitor survey data that is not available through any other source. The advanced subscription to TRA Online provides critical access to detailed regional visitor spend data, demographic information, and customisable reporting tools that enable us to track tourism performance in our region. This data is fundamental for measuring the success of our tourism initiatives, understanding visitor behaviour patterns, and making informed decisions about tourism strategy and marketing investments. The service allows us to benchmark our performance against other regions and access quarterly updates of both International and National Visitor Survey data, which is essential for strategic planning and reporting on tourism outcomes.

BACKGROUND

Nil

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There will be no additional budget implications as they are contained within the Advance Rockhampton operational budget.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Under s235 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local Government may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if: (a) the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified legal implications to Council relevant to this matter.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are no staffing implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

3.3.1 We promote our Region as an attractive destination for visitors.

CONCLUSION

These memberships are vital for maintaining Rockhampton's competitive position in the tourism market each providing unique and essential benefits to Council's tourism operations. These memberships deliver crucial services including cooperative marketing opportunities, industry advocacy, professional development, accreditation for the Visitor Information Centre, and participation in state-wide tourism initiatives and will be required on an ongoing basis.

11.4 REQUEST TO SUPPORT EXERCISE WALLABY 35TH ANNIVERSARY: MUSIC AND DRAMA COMPANY FESTIVAL

File No: 6097
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Mark Millett - Coordinator Major Venues

SUMMARY

Support from Rockhampton Regional Council is sought by the Singapore Armed Forces Music and Drama Company, to deliver a festival, "Lion City Rhythms & Rockhampton Grooves" to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Military exercise 'Wallaby' in October 2025

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council supports the festival with in-kind support of venue hire, event planning and logistic support including key staff labour costs and marketing / publicity.

COMMENTARY

In 2025, Operation Wallaby will celebrate its 35th year. To mark this occasion the Singapore Armed Forces Music and Drama Company (SAFMDC) would like to hold a festival at the Rockhampton Showgrounds to express their appreciation to the people of Rockhampton for their hospitality and longstanding partnership.

The proposed festival, '*Lion City Rhythms & Rockhampton Grooves*', is intended to blend Singaporean and local Central Queensland Performers to create an inclusive, family -friendly event that attracts a diverse audience.

To elevate the experience, SAFMDC plan to feature a popular Australian artist/band as a headline act and culminate the evening with a stunning fireworks display.

In addition to the performances, SAFMDC plan to include local culinary offerings to showcase the rich food culture of Rockhampton alongside Singaporean flavors, creating a multicultural feast for all attendees.

The proposed venue is the Cremorne Lawn at the Rockhampton Showgrounds, with a tentative date in early October, aligning with the peak period of Exercise Wallaby. This timing will also allow Singaporean soldiers to participate in the festival, fostering camaraderie with the local community.

Furthermore, SAFMDC hope to engage family audiences more effectively this year by offering a festival concept that resonates deeply with Rockhampton's vibrant community.

SAFMDC seek the Council's support to bring this concept to life. Specifically, SAFMDC require council support on the following:

1. Showcasing local talent: Support with engaging local performers
 2. Event planning and logistics: Support with coordinating event setup, operational needs, and securing necessary permits for a seamless execution.
 3. Marketing and publicity: Partnering on marketing efforts to generate widespread awareness and ensure strong community participation.
 4. Venue provision and support: Providing access (in kind) to the Rockhampton Showground venues including the Cremorne Lawn as the ideal location for this music and food festival.
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5. Cultural and community integration: Collaborating to design activities that encourage interaction between Singaporean army personnel who may be present at the event and Rockhampton residents, fostering stronger community bonds.

BACKGROUND

Rockhampton Regional Council has supported the Singapore Armed Forces Music and Drama company (SAFMDC) for the past 25 years, supplying in kind venue hire and staff labour for concerts held at the Pilbeam Theatre.

The Pilbeam Theatre Concerts have been free to the community and well received, with the quality of performance being of a professional standard.

The Concerts have been held in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015, and 2024.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council support has been provided previously to the SAFMDC through 'Civil Events' in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015, and 2024

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

An estimate of costs to council are as follows:

- Value of in kind council services: \$34659.00
 - This includes venue hire value and in-kind event logistics staff labour

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

NIL

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Goal 2.1 Our Community

- We ensure community assets are utilised and appropriate for the needs of the community
- We encourage diversity of community events and innovative use of our places and spaces
- Our work takes into consideration the diversity of our communities throughout the region
- We provide opportunities for people to contribute to their communities
- We support our people and community groups through our program and resources
- Our services, activities and community assets provide opportunities to celebrate our culture and creative arts, and preserve the regions heritage
- We acknowledge and celebrate the regions cultural diversity

CONCLUSION

Council support is requested to assist the Singapore Armed Forces Music and Drama Company hold a festival, '*Lion City Rhythms & Rockhampton Grooves*', to celebrate the 35th year of operation Wallaby and the support that the Rockhampton community provides the Singaporean armed forces each year.

In consideration of the economic benefits operation Wallaby brings to the region each year, council support of the festival is recommended.

11.5 POST CONSULTATION COMMITMENT TO ROCKHAMPTONS BUOYED ROWING COURSE

File No: 11715
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress of the Rowing Technical Advisory Group (RTAG) and presents a single recommended course of action for Council's decision regarding the replacement of the Fitzroy River Buoyed Rowing Course. Extensive consultations and findings from the Rowing Technical Advisory Group (RTAG) have informed this recommendation, which addresses significant short-term challenges while establishing strengthened operational controls to holistically support rowing and balance broader community interests.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the implementation of recommended action plan, as outlined in this report, to replace the existing rowing course with a like-for-like solution.

COMMENTARY**RTAG's Progress & Findings**

Since establishing RTAG in November 2024 to address the future of the Fitzroy River Buoyed Rowing Course, the group has completed three workshops, bringing together a diverse array of stakeholders to collaboratively explore solutions for both short- and long-term challenges. Efforts of all representatives from the rowing community who contributed to this process, are appreciated and recognised.

These workshops prioritised asset sustainability (risk management), operational improvements (design and operations), and asset ownership frameworks. Key guiding principles included:

1. Council's Role:

- Undertake short-term reinvestment options with a focus on improved risk mitigation and sustainability measures.
- Establish a structured transition period aimed at transferring ownership and operational responsibilities to 'rowing' over time.

2. Rowing's Role:

- Advocacy for local clubs and collaboration on operational and ownership responsibilities.
 - Identify and propose opportunities for resource solutions or design improvements to enhance the course's usability and sustainability.
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3. Event Readiness:

- Alignment with state and national standards to maintain Rockhampton's reputation as a premier rowing destination.

RTAG identified that transitioning ownership and operations to the rowing community within two years proposes many challenges due to the complexities of the waterway (Ski Gardens) and resource limitations. However, the group has remained committed to working with Council on the viability of achieving this transition over the next two years.

Officers Recommendation: Like-for-Like Replacement

Council commits to replacing the existing rowing course with a like-for-like solution to ensure continuity for key events, maintaining its existing asset owner and operator role. As a condition of this replacement, Officers will also continue engagement with stakeholders and RTAG to develop a strategy for transitioning asset ownership and operational responsibilities to 'rowing' over a defined period (~two years). This will include consultation on governance structures, financial sustainability, and operational frameworks to ensure readiness for long-term management led by the rowing community, with defined in-kind support provided by Council.

Conditions of Replacement:**Budget & Scope:**

- For Council to commit to replacing the existing rowing course with a like-for-like, 8-lane buoyed course consistent with existing design and specifications, the financial outlay is estimated at \$150,000. This amount is less than previously provided as it is proposed to utilise identified spare parts and stock. It should be noted that until we call for tender, we will be unable to confirm this pricing.
- It has been verbally agreed that if this were Council were to commit to replacing the course like with like, Rowing Queensland (RQ) to relinquish their existing \$20,000 sponsorship from Council for the State Rowing Championships to assist in defraying the cost.

Risk Management:

- With this option it is proposed that RTAG will continue with their collaboration and work closely with Fitzroy River Water, SES, and Maritime Safety to explore/improve operational safety and efficiency.
- Undertake a review and update the "Fitzroy River Rowing Course Installation and Removal Policy" to strengthen risk management, and to improve financial sustainability. Key changes will be consistent with:
 - Refining installation criteria to a to an appropriate minimum regatta level of competition i.e. state level or calculated by event standards, requirements, or economic value. Change to these service levels will be designed to ensure shorter and reduced service periods, thereby significantly mitigating risk. This will mean that the course will not be available for training purposes outside of the regatta events.
 - Reviewing the pricing structure, currently set at 10%, with reassessment to account for the scale and impact of specific events, such as those hosted by

Rowing Australia, ensuring alignment with fair and equitable cost-recovery principles.

- Officers to finalise procurement by early to mid-February 2025 to meet manufacturing and installation timelines for the 2025 regatta season. It is proposed to call for an additional component of the tender to obtain additional key spares to assist in future disaster events. Once a price for spares is known, this will be reported back to Council for a decision.
- Secure a binding commitment from Rowing Queensland (RQ) and Rowing Australia (RA) for a schedule of events commitment through to 2034.

Rationale

- Officers acknowledge that this approach may not fully meet the diverse needs of all community levels. However, the reduction in service is a strategic decision informed by insights from RTAG and broader rowing precedents. This approach is aimed at securing the long-term viability of the rowing course, ensuring the asset and its service requirements align more effectively with Council's risk management obligations while maintaining its status as a competitive and sustainable resource for rowing.
- This option preserves Rockhampton's reputation and economic benefits associated with hosting state and national rowing events.
- This option strengthens partnerships with rowing bodies and the community.

Other Options: Not Recommended

Establish a Temporary Rowing Course:

- Bundaberg withdrew their offer to loan assets necessary for a temporary solution, rendering this option no longer available.
- Manufacturing costs for a temporary solution are comparable to a full replacement, and local resources and expertise are insufficient to deliver the project effectively and within timeframes.
- Rowing Queensland (RQ) did not support reducing course standards (e.g., fewer lanes), making a temporary solution impractical and potentially causing the relocation of State Championships.

Do Not Replace/Withdraw Sponsorship:

- Council could withdraw sponsorship until external funding (e.g., grants or user contributions) is secured to replace the asset under conditions satisfactory to Council and the rowing community.
- This approach would offer time for RTAG to explore design improvements, risk management strategies, and asset management changes, including potential ownership transfers.
- While this option aligns with existing budget constraints, it delays replacement efforts, risks undermining Council's advocated support for rowing, and impacts the region's immediate needs and requirements for upcoming events.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

THAT: The matter lay on the table pending consultation with local rowing communities.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Sponsorship Reallocation: Rowing Queensland will forfeit \$20,000 in sponsorship funding, which will be reallocated to support the replacement of the rowing course.

New Capital Project Allocation: The total capital investment required for the replacement of the rowing course is estimated at \$150,000.

This revised allocation for Sponsorship and Capital outlay will be reflected in the next monthly budget review, estimated at a net of \$130,000.

Operational Budget: Existing operational budget allocations per annum remain sufficient to maintain ongoing service requirements, including the installation and removal of the rowing course.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Existing resources within Fleet, Sports & Active Communities, Contracts and Tenders, and Strategic Planning are sufficient to manage the conditions and commitments outlined in this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Financial Risk: The estimated capital cost of \$150,000 is untested and could lead to further expense if actual costs exceed projections, potentially impacting Council's capacity to fund other projects or respond to unforeseen financial demands.

Operational Risk: The tight timeline for procurement, manufacturing, and installation poses a risk of delays, which may affect readiness for the 2025 regatta season.

Risk of Further Loss: Continuing with the current design exposes Council to potential losses from weather-related events, like those previously experienced when the course is installed. The absence of design enhancements or operational changes to mitigate such risks remains a concern.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

2.1 – Our places and spaces enhance the livability and diversity of our communities

2.2 – We support our communities through our activities and programs

5.1 – Our Region has Infrastructure that meets current and future needs

CONCLUSION

The recommended approach ensures immediate continuity for key rowing events while addressing Council's financial and risk management obligations.

By committing to a like-for-like replacement, Rockhampton retains its reputation as a premier rowing destination, sustaining economic and community benefits.

This strategy balances short-term operational needs with a long-term vision for sustainable asset management, fostering collaboration with the rowing community. Though service reductions are acknowledged, the plan prioritises safety, minimises risks, and secures the course's future as a competitive and resilient regional asset.

11.6 ROCKHAMPTON MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB - FIRST TURKEY MASTER PLAN

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Attachments:

1. Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club - First Turkey Master Plan [↓](#)
2. Mount Archer Activation Master Plan [↓](#)
3. Land Tenure Overview [↓](#)

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SUMMARY

Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club have developed their First Turkey Master Plan and seek Council endorsement.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council, in principle, endorses the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club's proposed First Turkey Master Plan, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Community Engagement: Council will collaborate with the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club to undertake comprehensive community engagement with impacted residents and stakeholders prior to progressing with any further planning or development related to the Master Plan.
- b) Council Involvement in Planning and Design: Council will actively participate in the needs assessment, detailed planning and design processes for all components outlined within the Trailhead Development, including (but not limited to) the toilet/amenities block, bike skills park, carpark expansion, and storage shed, as well as the flow trail drop-off point at the top of Mount Archer.
- c) Further Council Decision-Making: Any project requiring changes to tenure, operational arrangements, or capital commitment from Council will be subject to further reports and brought back to Council for a decision.

COMMENTARY

Council officers have engaged with Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club (the Club) regarding the development and finalisation of their proposed First Turkey Master Plan. The master plan prepared by the Club aims to enhance built facilities for their members, while expanding the recreational opportunities for Mountain Biking in Rockhampton.

Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club has demonstrated a proactive, community-focused effort in developing a master plan that acknowledges environmental and vegetation conservation, community connectivity, health benefits and leveraging mountain bike-based tourism. The inclusion of adaptive trails is particularly noteworthy and demonstrates a forward-thinking approach to inclusivity and diversity.

The master plan outlines opportunities and initiatives, categorised into four (4) key deliverables; trailhead development, adaptive trails, trail improvements and increase tourism. Projects identified within the master plan have been prioritised into short-term, medium-term and long-term aspirational projects that span from a one (1) year to twenty-year delivery timeframe, highlighting the club's dedication to sustainable, long-term growth.

Internal units have reviewed the master plan and recognise its alignment with Council's strategic objectives, as well as with the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. However, several projects outlined in the master plan fall outside the Club's current licence/permit area, necessitating further review and management to mitigate potential impacts on surrounding residents and stakeholders. Additionally, careful consideration is required to ensure appropriate scale, location, and design of proposed infrastructure while also guaranteeing projects are prioritised and delivered based on demonstrated need.

It is therefore recommended that a collaborative approach to community and stakeholder consultation be pursued moving forward, ensuring that Council is fully informed of the perspectives of affected residents and stakeholders. This will also facilitate Council's active involvement in the planning and design of infrastructure, particularly within the Trailhead Development and Mount Archer Flow Trail Drop Points. A complete scope of work will be presented as the Club advances the implementation of the master plan, seeking approval for the lease of surrounding land.

Alignment to Council's Mount Archer Activation Master Plan

Council identified Mount Archer National Park and Fraser Park as an underutilised asset with potential for local tourism, health and economic opportunities and as such prompted the development and subsequent endorsement of an Activation Master Plan in October 2015.

The master plan was developed through comprehensive consultation with key user groups, residents, government agencies, and the broader public, reflecting the collective aspirations of all sectors of the Rockhampton community. Subsequently, an implementation plan was created, encompassing 86 projects organised into five (5) key themes: Infrastructure, Environment, Facilities, Dharumbal Cultural Significance, and Activities; to be delivered through various internal and external stakeholders.

The Master Plans, Implementation Plan identified a small number of projects that directly align with projects included in the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club's First Turkey Master Plan, these included:

Project	Lead Organisation	Status
Investigate skills track within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve	Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club	In progress
Build a compost toilet and drinking fountain with disability access in the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve	Council	Completed
German Street Carpark Design & Construction	Council	Yet to commence
Encourage residents and visitors of benefits from the health outcomes of mountain biking	Advance Rockhampton (previously Regional Promotions)	Completed
Create a range of skills levels for young children through to veteran (mountain bike) riders (construction - over two financial periods).	Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club	Completed

Officers have conducted a high-level review of the projects outlined in the implementation plan and with close to half the action in the plan completed, the majority of those priority projects, Mount Archer has become one of the must visit location in Rockhampton. A comprehensive review will be completed on remaining projects to outline their status and provide detailed information. The outcome of the review will be reported to Council in mid-2025.

BACKGROUND

Formally established in 2005, the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club originated as a community of passionate riders united by a common vision to promote and advance mountain biking within the region.

In recent years, the club has experienced substantial growth, now boasting a membership of 200 and a dedicated team of 40 volunteers who collectively contribute approximately 200 hours per quarter to maintain their 40km trail network. Additionally, the club has expanded its role, successfully hosting a variety of local, state, and national events.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Council officer will be involved, and resources required for the community consultation. Council officer will continue to work with the club to assist throughout the implementation of the proposed projects in the masterplan.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risks identified in the report will be managed by the processes outlined in the condition of the in-principle support which will ensure the active involvement in the subsequent planning and design phases of the projects outlined within the master plan.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The proposal aligns with the following Corporate Plan objectives:

- 2.1 – Our places and spaces enhance the livability and diversity of our communities
- 2.2 – We support our communities through our activities and programs
- 4.3 – Our public spaces add value to our Region and our communities
- 5.1 – Our Region has Infrastructure that meets current and future needs

CONCLUSION

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club has articulated a thoughtfully crafted vision for the future of mountain biking, offering significant community and tourism benefits. In light of this, officers recommend that Council extend in principle support for the First Turkey Master Plan, contingent upon comprehensive community engagement and Council's active involvement in the subsequent planning and design phases of the projects outlined within the master plan.

ROCKHAMPTON MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB - FIRST TURKEY MASTER PLAN

Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club - First Turkey Master Plan

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 1

A full-page background image of a mountain biker in a red and black jersey and a red helmet, riding down a rocky, dusty trail in a forest. The biker's number 154 is visible on the front of the bike. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

First Turkey

MOUNTAIN BIKE RESERVE

Master Plan

Opportunities and Initiatives

September 2024



Cover and inset photo of
First Turkey MTB Reserve,
by Flow Mountain Bikes

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We envision a nationally renowned off road cycling precinct, with iconic trails and inclusive facilities that enhance local and regional cycling tourism

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Executive Summary

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club envisions positioning Rockhampton as a regionally significant and, ultimately, nationally significant off-road cycling destination, as defined by AusCycling. The Master Plan is a forward-thinking roadmap designed to enhance the visitor and rider experience, improve the sustainability of the network, and expand the club's role in both the community and tourism sectors.

Since its formal establishment in 2005, the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club has flourished from a passionate grassroots community into the region's leading advocate for off-road cycling. The club now manages over 40km of trails across 150 hectares within the iconic First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. The network comprises more than 30 trails that cater to all levels, from beginner-friendly green trails to expert-level black gravity trails.

The club relies on dedicated volunteers, contributing over 200 hours of trail maintenance each quarter, ensuring the network remains in excellent condition year-round. Additional efforts are made ahead of major events, reinforcing the club's commitment to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for riders of all skill levels.

In the last five years, Rockhampton has witnessed a significant rise in mountain biking participation, following a national trend of increased interest in the sport. The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club currently boasts its highest membership in history, with close to 200 active members—a clear indication of the community's growing enthusiasm for mountain biking. This rise reflects broader national investments in the mountain biking industry, which has seen a wave of new and upgraded trail networks around Australia, contributing to substantial economic growth in the regions they serve.

This Master Plan identifies the unique opportunity to develop First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve further as a premier mountain biking destination. Capitalising on the fact that the nearest comparable facility is over 400km away, the Reserve serves as an essential recreational resource for the local community, and with further investment aims to establish Rockhampton as a key tourism hub for off road cycling. The projects presented in this Master Plan have the potential to generate considerable economic benefits for local businesses and the broader region.

To achieve these ambitions, the Master Plan outlines four key projects:

Trailhead Development:

Establishing a vibrant trailhead with facilities for visitors, locals, and families. This project will also enhance event-hosting capabilities and provide essential storage for the club.

Adaptive Trails:

Creating inclusive trail circuits to support riders with disabilities, while improving accessibility and emergency access via upgraded creek crossings.

Trail Improvements:

Enhancing existing trails for broader rider appeal and improving the safety and sustainability of the network.

Increase Tourism:

Positioning the network as a world-class destination to boost tourism and economic benefits for the region.

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club's Master Plan calls for significant collaboration and partnerships with the Rockhampton Regional Council, local businesses, community organisations, and both State and Federal Governments to bring these projects to fruition.

Additionally, the club is inviting donations from the community, recognising that grassroots support will be instrumental in advancing these initiatives. By transforming the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve into a nationally recognised destination, Rockhampton has the potential to not only enhance local recreational opportunities but also create a lasting economic impact for the region.

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Introduction + Context

This chapter introduces Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club, its key existing visitation destinations and an overview of known improvements which contribute to future visitation. These items provide a background for the analysis of social media trends and related place-based economic recovery opportunity ideas identified in subsequent chapters.

First Turkey MTB Reserve
Photo by Flow Mountain Bikes

Introduction

1.1 Rockhampton MTB Club

Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club (RMBC) was formally established in 2005, however there has been a mountain bike community riding in what is now known as the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve since the 1990's.

The club currently manages 40kms of trails including over 30 trails ranging from green beginner trails to black gravity trails for the experts.

The trail network is maintained by volunteers and requires at least 200 hours of maintenance per quarter to keep the trails in good riding condition that adheres to regulations. This effort is increased before events.

Mountain biking participation has significantly increased in the Rockhampton region in the last 5 years, which is on trend with the rest of the country. The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club currently has 200 members which is the highest in the history of the club.

The Club hosts as many as 10 regional events per year, with some years also hosting as many as 2 state level events. Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club has hosted national level events in the past and would like to attract this tier of events back to First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve once again.

1.2 Purpose of this document

As a vital part of Rockhampton's public recreational and regional sporting infrastructure, First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve is recognised both locally and nationally. Publications such as Flow Magazine have praised the Reserve as a standout mountain biking destination, a reputation that Advance Rockhampton has successfully leveraged to promote tourism and visitation to the region.

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club, a volunteer organisation, has played an essential role in developing and maintaining this facility. With over 200 hours of volunteer trail maintenance each quarter, the club has pushed the Reserve to its full potential within the resources available. Despite these efforts, the demand for enhanced facilities and expanded offerings continues to grow as the sport and tourism sectors thrive.

The purpose of this document is to present a comprehensive Master Plan that outlines the future development of First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. This Master Plan identifies opportunities to evolve the Reserve into a regionally significant recreational asset that meets the growing needs of the community and positions Rockhampton as a key destination for off-road cycling. The document serves as a strategic roadmap, detailing the desired improvements and necessary investments to elevate First Turkey's status and continue its evolution.

1.3 Document Structure

This document is split into 6 chapters describing the benefits and opportunities for First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.

1 - Introduction + Context

2 - Defining the Benefits

3 - Trends

4 - Opportunities and Initiatives

5 - Project Details

6 - Conclusion

Context

1.4 First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve

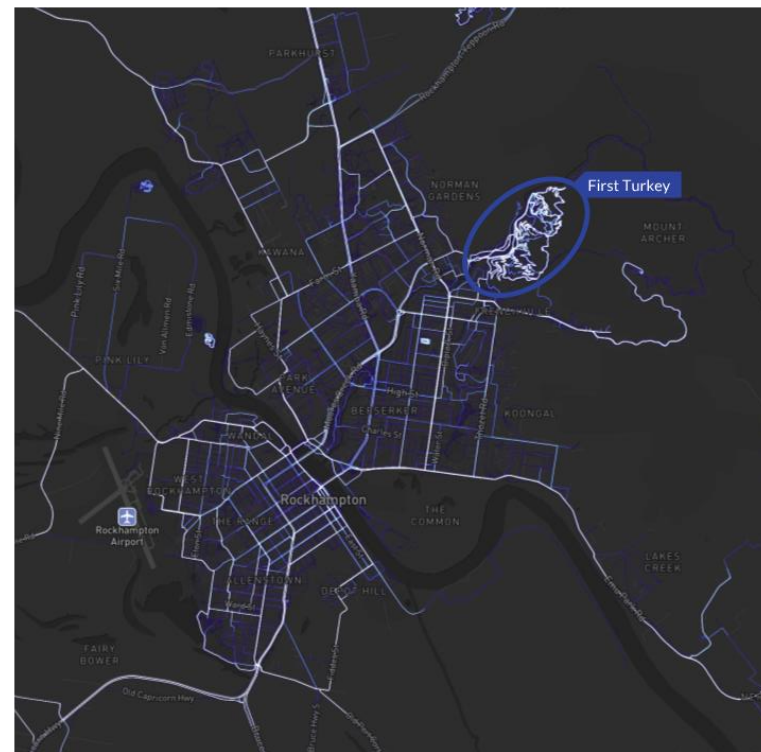
Situated in Rockhampton and bordering Mount Archer National Park, First Turkey Mountain Bike (MTB) Reserve spans 150 hectares of scenic bushland, offering 40km of purpose-built trails that deliver a unique outdoor adventure for both locals and visitors. The Reserve's diverse trails traverse rugged terrain, weaving through dense forests, rocky outcrops, and open ridge lines that provide stunning views of the city and surrounding national park. This combination of challenging terrain and breathtaking scenery creates an unmatched experience for mountain biking enthusiasts of all levels.

In recent years, First Turkey has seen a sharp rise in popularity, both as a recreational hub for the local community and as a recognised destination for mountain bikers from across Australia. This growing interest is reflected in the steady increase in club memberships and the annual influx of tourists. Data from the fitness tracking platform Strava further supports the significant use of the trail network. As illustrated in Figure 1, a heatmap generated from Strava data (white indicating higher usage, blue indicating lower usage) shows the concentration of cycling activity in the Rockhampton area, demonstrating the Reserve's integral role in local and regional cycling.

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club plays a pivotal role in the Reserve's success by hosting numerous events throughout the year. These events range from regional races, drawing riders from Cairns to the Gold Coast, to State and National races, including prestigious events like the Australian National Championships, Fox Superflow, and the Queensland State Championships. These events not only attract riders but also bring along support networks, families, and spectators, injecting tourism dollars into the local economy.

Bike tourism has proven to be highly beneficial for Rockhampton, with visitors who come for cycling events tending to stay longer and spend more compared to the average tourist (Tourism & Events Queensland, 2021). Over the past five years, event data has shown that nearly one-third of race participants are tourists, highlighting the significance of First Turkey as both a recreational and economic asset to the region. The consistent influx of cyclists from across Australia underscores the Reserve's growing reputation as a premier mountain biking destination, benefiting both the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club and the wider community.

Figure 1: Heatmap showing cycling analytics of Rockhampton area and location of First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve (white indicates more cycling)



Context

1.5 Current usage and facilities

Lyle Albert Dobbs Park, a local park of the Rockhampton Regional Council, is currently surrounded by Lot 41, which is leased by RMBC to provide the community with the region's highest quality mountain bike trail network - First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve (First Turkey).

First Turkey has grown in use (Figure 1) and reputation, now featuring approximately 40kms of trails over 150 hectares of bushland and National Park, creating an area for sport, recreation and nature experience which is larger than the Rockhampton CBD.

It is unique amongst Australia's mountain bike parks and has an incredibly accessible location — situated amongst suburban streets and adjoining the Mount Archer National Park. There are also no other mountain bike parks of a comparable quality within 400kms.

Lyle Albert Dobbs Park is now considered as the First Turkey Trailhead (central locale to all visitors and events), as well as the start/finish location for one end of the Mount Archer National Park Zamia Trail (Rockhampton's only hiking trail). Included at the Trailhead is currently a small dirt car park which is often insufficient for the number of visitors, and large empty fields with no amenities.

RMBC host a number of events each year including as many as 10 regional level events and 2 state level events. RMBC have hosted national events in this location but now lack the facilities which are expected at the Trailhead to attract these events back to the region.

RMBC event data indicates that for a typical race event, it is common to have riders travel from Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Emerald, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and the greater South-East Corner (Figure 2). 25% of the Club's total annual income is derived from visitors from outside of Rockhampton Region.

Using known data and modest estimations, First Turkey is likely used by approximately 15,000 people per year, inclusive of all cohorts - local, youth, families, regional and tourist visitors. For comparison and example, the nearest mountain bike location of similar quality (Finch Hatton) is forecast to have 30,000 users per year and features a well-equipped trailhead complete with amenities and facilities.

Counter data (Figure 3) shows an increase in trail use after connection of mountain bike trails which were constructed in late 2022. Prior to this the Zamia Trail was solely used by walkers and was facing declining use by the community. Along with the building of a new mountain bike trail (Pegasus Trail), a section of Zamia Trail was redesigned for dual purpose for mountain bikers and walkers so that the two trails could be linked for the community. In 2023, the full Pegasus Trail was complete, adding a full beginner level bike trail circling the entire Mountain Bike Reserve. Pegasus has proven to be an immensely popular trail, as shown by the counter data provided by Queensland National Parks.

Figure 2: Common locations visited from for race event attendance

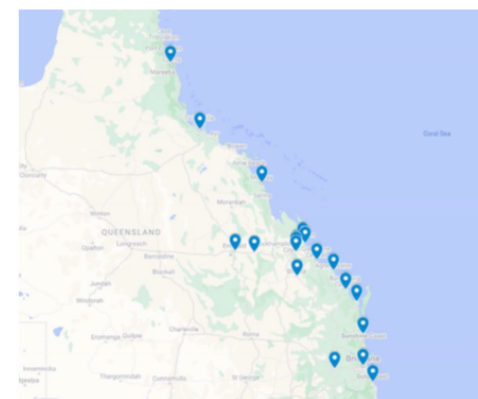
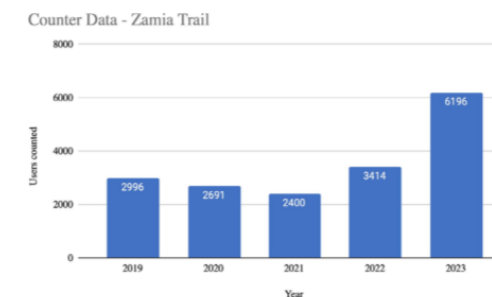


Figure 3: Zamia Trail counter data from QPWS



Context

1.5 Current usage and facilities

Mountain biking presents an opportunity to drive economic growth, improve health, support environmental conservation, and build community.

Traffic Data: Rockhampton City Council has undertaken traffic counts for the German Street car park trail head from 12 June to 10 July. The following provides a summary of the usage of the car park:

- 28.6 cars - Average weekday vehicle parked
- 46.4 cars - Average weekend vehicle parked
- 37.2 cars - School holiday weekday vehicle parked
- 50.5 cars - School holiday weekend vehicle parked

Existing facilities: Existing facilities include:

- Gravel car park at Cnr German Street & Sunset Drive (for approx. 8-10 cars)
- Water fountain at German Street car park
- Composting toilet near the start of the Zamia Trail (2.25km from Trailhead)
- MTB specific signage

Google Map Photos: Photos and features uploaded to google maps of First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve attract on average 50,000 views per year since 2020.

Survey outcomes: A survey was undertaken by Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club in 2023 with the follow key take aways from 326 responses:

- Amazing trails
- Great on mountain signage
- Lacks toilet facilities at the trail head
- No signage like you would see for other sporting facilities on the roads in the area to assist first time visitors.

Survey Comments

"as a female rider, it would be great to have toilets while riding at First Turkey as going in the bush is not safe and unconventional"

"This would be a great addition to assist with bringing more events to Rockhampton and to make it more attractive to walkers and families. Mountain biking is a fantastic tourist attraction, and we need upgraded facilities to continue to attract events."

"Many other Mountain Bike Parks that we have visited for racing, has amenities located at the mail hub, it's essential for race meets and when you take children along to ride. These additions are 100% required for the club and members to better enjoy our world class facilities with First Turkey."

"We travel with our 2 boys from over 1 hr away. Toilets and a change room would be an awesome addition."

"I live out of town and have to get changed in the car into my riding gear. It is very awkward. Change room would be great"

"Living out of town (Emerald), and attending several MTB race events a year, as well as a couple of social rides, being able to go to a proper toilet, get changed into cycling kit, use sanitary bins, and have a shower after we ride would be a fantastic addition to this already fantastic reserve....Especially because we head to a cafe in town on the way through..."

Survey Results

Respondents purpose

- 80% Mountain Bikers.
- 20% Walkers, trail runners and national park users.

Respondents home address

- 84% Local,
- 16 % tourist and regular regional visitors.

Responses to potential amenities at the Trailhead:

- 100% support amenities at the trail head
- 92% scored amenities as essential
- 11 immediate residents support amenities
- 50% of users bring children.



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Defining the Benefits

Mountain biking facilities provide a range of significant community benefits, including enhancements to physical and mental health, support for environmental protection and restoration efforts, and the development of recreational opportunities.

These facilities foster outdoor activity, promote environmental stewardship, and contribute to a healthier and more active community, while also offering spaces for social connection and personal well-being.



First Turkey MTB Reserve
Photo by Flow Mountain Bikes

Mountain Bike Tourism

Mountain Biking is recognised and promoted as a significant destination draw card for Rockhampton, benefitting tourism, the local economy, and the local community.

2.1 Mountain Biking Tourism

Recent data highlights the growing economic impact of mountain biking tourism in Queensland, driven by increased investment in infrastructure and events. A 2022 report by Tourism and Events Queensland estimated that mountain biking contributes over \$530 million annually to the state's economy. This figure encompasses direct spending by cyclists on travel, accommodation, and related services, alongside broader economic benefits generated by events and mountain biking tourism.

Queensland's commitment to developing its mountain biking infrastructure has played a significant role in driving this growth. Investment in new trail networks, bike parks, and the hosting of major international events, such as the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup, has not only drawn in more visitors but also stimulated local economies. By supporting accommodation providers, retailers, and hospitality businesses, mountain biking tourism has become an integral part of regional economic development.

The increased visibility and attraction of mountain biking as a sport and leisure activity continue to position Queensland as a premier destination for both recreational riders and competitive cyclists from across Australia and beyond.

2.2 Mountain Biking as Destination Tourism

Mountain biking has become a mainstream sport with investments in local and regional infrastructure across the country proving to be significant drawcards for regional, national and international tourism. Towns similar in scale or smaller than Rockhampton have, with local and state government support, built entire tourism industries around mountain biking, some within the last 24 months. These towns include:

- Mogo (NSW),
- Finch Hatton (QLD),
- Orange (NSW),
- Narooma (NSW),
- Cairns (QLD),
- Eden (NSW) and
- Derby (TAS).

Special mention goes to Mogo, NSW which have just completed a significant number of trails and are now due to host Sea Otter. Sea Otter Classic draws 80,000 participants at the annual event in Monterey California. It is the World's Largest Cycling Racing & Riding Festival, Summit and Tradeshow in one.

2.3 Rockhampton's Key Tourism Destinations

Advance Rockhampton is a major supporter of the Rockhampton Mountain Bike facilities. Advance Rockhampton, as the Economic Development, Tourism, Events & Marketing Unit of Rockhampton Regional Council, leverages local industry, attractions and events to encourage investment and tourism in the local economy.

Advance Rockhampton has defined the key tourism selling points of Rockhampton Region. These feature in their Strategic Action Plan and are regularly promoted in places such as the Rockhampton Airport, or as features throughout web-based advertising, newspapers and TV.

These primary established tourist activities include:

- Fishing the Fitzroy,
- Mountain Biking,
- Food,
- National Parks and
- Local heritage

Defining the Benefits

2.4 How can Mountain Biking Benefit a Community

Mountain biking can provide key benefits to communities by driving economic growth, improving public health, supporting environmental conservation, and strengthening social bonds.

Economic Growth: Mountain biking attracts visitors who spend on lodging, food, and equipment, boosting local businesses and creating jobs. This influx of tourism can drive economic activity, particularly in rural or regional areas.

Health and Wellness: Mountain biking promotes physical fitness and mental well-being, improving cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and reducing stress. Accessible biking infrastructure supports healthier lifestyles across the community.

Environmental Conservation: Mountain biking fosters a connection with nature, encouraging conservation. Well-designed trails help protect natural environments, with communities often playing an active role in maintaining the landscape.

Community Building: Mountain biking cultivates a sense of community among enthusiasts, creating opportunities for events, group rides, and volunteer efforts. These activities strengthen local connections and build community spirit.

Recreational Development: Investing in mountain biking infrastructure expands recreational opportunities, providing enjoyable and safe outdoor activities for people of all ages and abilities.

Did you know?

Mountain Biking Participation in Australia has grown by over 100% in the last 5 years. There are no signs it will slow down.

For every \$1 invested in cycling infrastructure, around \$5 is returned in the form of health benefits (AusCycling Facilities Guide).

Almost 7000 people attend Crankworx World Tour in Cairns, while mountain bike events across Australia attract top riders from around the world (2023 Aus Cycling Annual Report).

Mountain Biking is a \$1.5 billion industry in Australia in 2024, with enormous growth potential (Cycling overall contributes to \$16.8 billion to the Australian economy [AusCycling Facilities Guide]).

Over 1.5 million Australians participate in mountain biking regularly.

Over 15% of mountain bikers are Women with that percentage growing annually.

Mountain Biking is now more popular than fishing as an active recreation (AusCycling CEO).

It is estimated that over \$100m in MTB trail building since 2020.

Defining the Benefits

2.5 Economic Growth

Studies have shown that mountain bike trails can generate significant economic benefits. For example, a report from the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) indicates that mountain biking contributes hundreds of millions of dollars to local economies annually. This includes spending on accommodation, food, and other local services by visitors.

Tourism Revenue:

A well-developed mountain bike facility attracts visitors from outside the local area, leading to increased spending on accommodation, dining, and other local services. This influx of tourists can significantly boost local economic activity.

Job Creation:

The construction and maintenance of mountain bike facilities create direct employment opportunities. Additionally, increased tourism can lead to job creation in the hospitality and retail sectors.

Increased Property Values:

Proximity to recreational facilities like mountain bike trails can enhance the desirability of nearby properties, potentially increasing property values and generating higher property tax revenues.

Local Business Growth:

Local businesses, such as bike shops, repair services, and outdoor gear retailers, benefit from increased demand driven by the facility. This can lead to higher revenues and stimulate entrepreneurship.

Event Hosting:

A well-established mountain bike facility can host events, competitions, and races, which can attract participants and spectators, generating additional revenue through entry fees, sponsorships, and event-related spending.

Community Investment:

The facility can increase community engagement and local pride, leading to greater local support and potential for community-led funding initiatives or partnerships.

A mountain bike facility can be a financially advantageous investment by stimulating local economies, creating jobs, enhancing property values, and boosting business opportunities.

Figure 4 Cr Neil Fisher speaking at National level race event, First Turkey



Defining the Benefits

2.6 Health and Wellbeing

By encouraging physical activity and outdoor recreation, bike parks contribute to the overall well-being of community members, creating a healthier, more active population. This, in turn, can lead to increased social interactions and a more vibrant community life.

Physical Fitness:

Riding a mountain bike involves cardiovascular exercise, strength training, and endurance. For example, navigating trails requires engaging various muscle groups, thereby improving overall fitness.

Mental Health:

Spending time in nature and engaging in physical activity can reduce stress and improve mood. For instance, the focus required while biking through a challenging trail can provide a mental break from daily worries.

Social Interaction:

Mountain bike parks often foster a sense of community. Joining group rides or participating in events can help build social connections and provide a sense of belonging.

Skill Development:

The challenges of different trails can enhance coordination, balance, and problem-solving skills. For example, mastering technical sections can boost self-confidence and mental resilience.

Connection with Nature:

Riding through natural landscapes can enhance appreciation for the environment and promote a sense of well-being. Exposure to green spaces is linked to improved mood and reduced anxiety.

Mountain bike parks promote a holistic approach to health by combining physical activity, mental relaxation, social interaction, and environmental engagement.

Figure 5 People and places of First Turkey - Ladies social ride group (T), Family time (BL), Moores Creek situated alongside trails (BR)



Defining the Benefits

2.7 Environmental Conservation

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club takes stewardship of the lease seriously. Leave nothing but tyre tracks is the motto and maintaining a pristine trail network is critical to the experience. An established and supported mountain bike community can manage the natural landscape and ensure that activities work with the natural environment.

Managed Use of Natural Areas:

By designating specific areas for mountain biking, these parks help manage and contain recreational activities, reducing the spread of trails into pristine or sensitive ecosystems. For example, a well-maintained bike park minimises the impact on nearby wildlife habitats.

Erosion Control:

Properly designed bike trails with appropriate drainage systems can help prevent soil erosion. For instance, trail builders can use techniques like grading and the installation of water bars to direct runoff and reduce erosion compared to the impact of unmanaged off-trail biking, hiking, or bush walking.

Habitat Preservation:

A well maintained bike park can act as a buffer zone, protecting surrounding natural areas from more intensive development or recreational pressure. This preservation helps safeguard local flora and fauna.

Environmental Education:

Mountain bike parks often incorporate educational signage and programs that promote environmental awareness. For example, parks may offer information about local wildlife and plants, encouraging riders to respect and protect natural resources.

Trail Maintenance and Restoration:

Many bike parks involve volunteer organizations or local groups in trail maintenance and restoration efforts. These activities contribute to ecosystem health by repairing damage and promoting sustainable land use practices.

Reduced Illegal Activities:

By providing a designated space for mountain biking, parks can deter illegal off-trail riding and other activities that might damage sensitive areas. This controlled environment helps prevent environmental degradation that can occur when bikers create unauthorised trails.

Mountain bike parks, when properly managed, can contribute positively to environmental conservation by promoting sustainable practices and protecting natural habitats.

Figure 6 Local native flora flourishing alongside First Turkey Trails



Defining the Benefits

2.8 Community Building

Mountain Bike parks such as First Turkey have become a significant community hub. First Turkey is a meeting place and with the use of social media, has provided significant opportunities to connect, evolve and grow the mountain bike community. There are a number of benefits of mountain biking that build strong and resilient communities.

Social Connectivity:

They create a communal space where people with shared interests can meet and interact. For example, local riders might gather at the park to join group rides or participate in events, fostering friendships and a sense of camaraderie.

Local Engagement:

Mountain bike parks often involve community input in their planning and management. This can include public meetings or volunteer opportunities, allowing residents to have a stake in the park's development and maintenance.

Events and Competitions:

Hosting events like races, festivals, or skills clinics at a bike park can draw people from outside the immediate area, boosting local pride and stimulating the local economy. For instance, a mountain bike race might attract visitors who stay in local hotels and dine at local restaurants.

Youth Programs:

Many bike parks offer programs for youth, including training sessions and youth leagues. These programs not only develop skills but also help integrate younger generations into the community, promoting values such as teamwork and perseverance.

Volunteering Opportunities:

Maintaining and building trails often involves volunteers from the community. This involvement can strengthen community bonds as residents work together towards common goals, enhancing community spirit and cooperation.

Mountain bike parks serve as hubs for social interaction, community involvement, and local engagement, all of which contribute to stronger, more connected communities.

Figure 7 Volunteers spend roughly 200 hours per quarter on physical maintenance of trails



Defining the Benefits

2.9 Recreational Development

Mountain bike parks provide significant opportunities for all ages to experience nature on two or more wheels. They attract visitors to the region and serve as a sporting hub that can result in national and world champions.

Diverse Recreational Opportunities:

These parks provide tailored trails for various skill levels, from beginners to advanced riders. For instance, a park might feature beginner-friendly trails with gentle gradients and advanced trails with technical features, accommodating a wide range of abilities and preferences.

Attracting Visitors:

A well-designed mountain bike park can become a destination for biking enthusiasts, drawing visitors from outside the local area. For example, a park with a reputation for challenging trails and scenic views can attract national or even international bikers, boosting local tourism.

Economic Benefits:

The presence of a mountain bike park can stimulate the local economy by increasing spending in nearby businesses such as hotels, restaurants, and shops. Events like bike races or festivals can further enhance this economic impact by attracting crowds and generating additional revenue.

Innovation in Recreation:

Mountain bike parks often incorporate advanced features like pump tracks, skills courses, and bike maintenance stations. These features enhance the recreational experience and can serve as testing grounds for new technologies and trail designs, contributing to the evolution of recreational infrastructure.

Community Engagement in Recreation:

The development of a bike park often involves community input and collaboration. Local residents may participate in design meetings, volunteer for trail-building projects, or help with park management, fostering a sense of ownership and engagement in recreational development.

Promotion of Active Lifestyles:

By providing a dedicated space for mountain biking, these parks encourage regular physical activity, helping to promote healthier lifestyles. For example, access to well-maintained trails can motivate people to ride more frequently, leading to increased physical fitness and overall well-being.

Skill Development and Education:

Many parks offer educational programs and clinics that help riders improve their skills and learn about bike maintenance. This educational aspect supports the development of both novice and experienced riders, enhancing the overall experience.

Mountain bike parks enhance recreational development by offering diverse opportunities, attracting visitors, boosting local economies, fostering innovation, and promoting active lifestyles.

Figure 8 Training workshops at First Turkey



3

Trends

This section explores how other regions across Australia have successfully embraced mountain biking as a key driver of tourism.

The demand for mountain biking travel continues to grow, with its contribution to local economies far exceeding initial expectations. Mountain bike tourism boosts spending not only at bike shops but also at cafés, restaurants, accommodation providers, fuel stations, and local attractions. Investments in mountain biking infrastructure have proven to significantly enhance economic growth and benefit local communities.



First Turkey MTB Reserve
Photo by Flow Mountain Bikes

Trends: Case Studies

3.1 Case Studies for Mountain Bike Trail Investment

Case studies from Finch Hatton, Narooma, Eden, Orange, and Mogo illustrate the substantial economic and community benefits that well-planned mountain bike trail investments can bring. They provide strong evidence to support similar initiatives in your local area, demonstrating how such projects can attract tourism, create jobs, and promote healthy lifestyles.

These mountain bike facilities demonstrate a return on investment of at least 2:1 annually and some as high as 4:1 annually in spending in the local economy.

A number of case studies have been identified to demonstrate how investment in mountain biking can lead to significant community benefits.

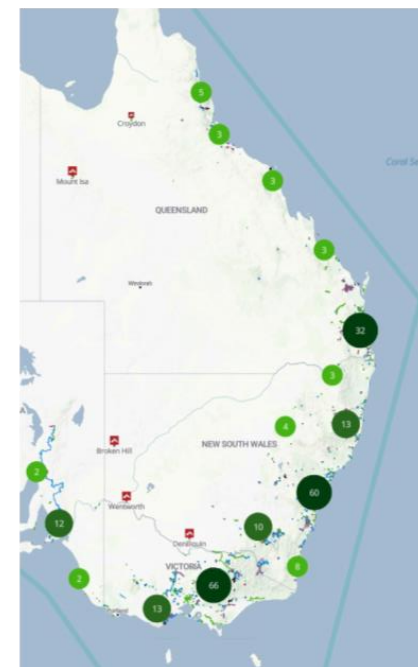
The case studies included in this section highlight the substantial economic and community benefits that well-planned mountain bike trail investments can bring. They not only attract tourism and generate revenue but also promote healthy lifestyles and community engagement. These examples can serve as compelling evidence to advocate for similar investments in the local area.

These case studies underscore the economic and community benefits of investing in mountain bike trails, highlighting the potential for increased tourism, job creation, and enhanced quality of life.

Case Studies include trail developments in the following localities:

- Finch Hatton
- Narooma
- Eden
- Orange
- Mogo
- Derby

Figure 9 Mountain Biking destinations East Coast Australia
Source: Trailforks 2024



Trends: Mountain Bike Trail Investments

Case Studies

Finch Hatton, Queensland



Source: Finch Hatton MTB

Summary: World Trail have constructed 14.5km of airflow trails at Finch Hatton

Currently, there are 16 trails to choose from, designed for skills progression with small to massive berms and jumps. Finch Hatton plans to eventually become one of the largest riding destinations in Queensland.

Another 82km of singletrack is on the agenda, including a 36km adventure trail from Eungella up the range.

The trailhead has a pump track and all the amenities such as toilets, including an uplift service thanks to Off Camber Mountain Biking

Economic Benefits: The Finch Hatton Mountain Bike Trail is expected to bring significant economic benefits to the region. The project is projected to attract 15,600 international visitors and generate \$18.1 million in visitor spending annually. The construction of the trails has created 110.4 full-time equivalent jobs. Additionally, the project has sparked economic activity by encouraging the establishment of businesses catering to tourism and recreation (mackay.qld.gov)

Tourism: The trails are expected to attract 36,000 domestic and international visitors annually. This influx of visitors is projected to generate \$18.1 million in visitor spending each year (Flow Mountain Bike).

Community Benefits: Recreation: The 14.5km of trails in stage one, along with a pump track, provide extensive recreational opportunities for both locals and visitors. The trails are built to international standards, enhancing the region's attractiveness as a mountain biking destination. (connectingmackay.com).

Revitalisation: The project aims to revive the local economy by attracting visitors, supporting local businesses, and preventing population decline in the region (mackay.qld.gov).

Narooma, New South Wales



Source: Narooma MTB trails

Summary: Narooma features over 85km of trails featuring a mixture of cross country, flow and gravity with a mixture of wilderness sections, skills areas and manmade features across the network of 54 trails.

The trailhead features an amenities block and car parking as well as a paid shuttle service provided by Southbound Escapes.

Economic Benefits: Narooma's mountain bike trail network has significantly boosted local tourism, attracting approximately 65,000 visitors annually who contribute to the local economy by spending on accommodation, dining, and other services. The increased footfall has provided a steady revenue stream for local businesses and created job opportunities within the community.

Tourism: The trails have become a major draw for estimated 65,000 tourists annually, increasing local spending on accommodation, dining, and other services. The economic boost helps sustain local businesses and creates jobs in hospitality and tourism. While no figure are available yet as that trails are less than 12 months old, it has been indicated in media sources that mountain bike tourism have overtaken surf tourism in the region in the first year.

Community Benefits: The trails promote active lifestyles and provide a recreational outlet for both residents and visitors. The community benefits from improved mental and physical health due to increased outdoor activities. The trails also serve as a venue for events that foster community spirit and engagement.

Trends: Mountain Bike Trail Investments

Case Studies

Eden, New South Wales



Source: Gravity Eden Mtb Park

Summary: The Gravity Eden Mountain Bike Park was funded by the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF), receiving a multi-million dollar grant from the Commonwealth and New South Wales Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The project included the construction of 58km of gravity-fed trails, built to the highest standards by Contour Works, and the establishment of a Skills Park with a pump track and jump park at the trailhead (nsw.gov) (media.destinationnsw.com).

Additionally, the trails have educational value, as they often include signage about local flora and fauna.

Economic Benefits: Eden's mountain bike trails have become a key attraction, drawing tourists and adventure enthusiasts. This influx has resulted in higher occupancy rates in local accommodations and increased spending in local shops and restaurants. The trail development has also led to the creation of jobs in tourism, maintenance, and hospitality sectors.

Tourism: The trail network is expected to attract a significant number of visitors, enhancing Eden's status as a year-round mountain biking destination. This is anticipated to boost local businesses, from accommodations to cafes, transforming the local economy from a seasonal one to a thriving year-round hub (australiangeographic.com) (Flow Mountain Bike).

Community Benefits: The trails enhance residents' quality of life by providing safe and well-maintained outdoor recreational spaces. The project also serves as a community hub, bringing people together for events and activities (australiangeographic.com).

Orange (Trail of Awesomeness), New South Wales



Source: Orange City Council

Summary: About halfway complete at the time of writing, The Trail of Awesomeness is an 8km green flow trail that descends from the highest point in Glenwood State Forest all the way back to the start of the Galinbundinya Trail.

The Trail of Awesomeness is designed as an iconic flow trail that can be accessed by a loop or by shuttle services. The trail of awesomeness is one of the longest downhill trails in the country.

Economic Benefits: The "Trail of Awesomeness" in Orange has significantly bolstered the local economy by attracting mountain biking enthusiasts from across the region. This attraction has increased visitor spending on local amenities and services, contributing to the economic vitality of the area.

Tourism: The trail network attracts mountain biking enthusiasts from across the region, driving visitor spending on local amenities and services. This economic activity supports local businesses and creates jobs (australiangeographic.com).

Community Benefits: The trail network provides a premier outdoor recreational space that encourages physical activity and fosters a sense of community. Regular events and competitions held on these trails further strengthen community bonds and provide entertainment and engagement opportunities for residents.

Trends: Mountain Bike Trail Investments

Case Studies

Mogo, New South Wales



Source: Eurobodalla Shire Council

Summary: The investment covers the development of 155km of trails, including 125km of new trails and the formalisation of 30km of existing trails around Deep Creek Dam and extending into Wandarra State Forest (therideguide.com) (esc.nsw.gov).

The scale of the project has been able to attract the international Sea Otter Event to Mogo in 2024.

Economic Benefits: The project has received \$8 million in funding from the Australian and NSW Governments, specifically from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund and the NSW Government's Growing Local Economies Fund (Flow Mountain Bike) (esc.nsw.gov).

Tourism: The new trail network is projected to attract an additional 45,000 visitors annually. This increase in tourism is expected to boost local businesses, particularly in hospitality and retail, leading to a more balanced year-round economy rather than one that is heavily dependent on seasonal visitors (Flow Mountain Bike) (therideguide.com).

Community Benefits: Recreation and Health: The trails provide extensive recreational opportunities, catering to a wide range of skill levels from beginners to experienced riders. This promotes healthy outdoor lifestyles and offers a variety of trail experiences due to the diverse topography and soil types in the area (Flow Mountain Bike) (therideguide.com).

Social and Economic Resilience: By transforming Mogo into a premier mountain biking destination, the project aims to enhance the social and economic resilience of the community. The trails will help smooth out the seasonal peaks and troughs of tourism, providing a more stable economic environment (Flow Mountain Bike) (esc.nsw.gov).

Derby, Tasmania



Source: Blue Derby

Summary: Derby includes a network of 34 (over 80kms) of purpose-built named trails and with state government investment transformed the town of Derby of a declining mining and forestry focused community, to the mecca of mountain biking in Australia. Derby is now a mountain biking focused town with everything for transport to accommodation, mountain bike focused. The 80km network cost approximately \$3.1 million over 5 years from 2013 to 2018.

Economic Benefits: Mountain biking in North-East Tasmania attracts approximately 30,000 visitors every year, who spend four to five nights in Derby then another five nights elsewhere in Tasmania.

The return on investment has been estimated at \$30 million per year. In addition, and on the back of the success of Derby, new networks are under construction that are more family oriented in North-East Tasmania and are predicted to attract over 138,000 new visitors, and create 51 full time jobs, contributing \$6.88m to million to the economy.

Tourism: Mountain biking in North-West Tasmania is predicted to attract over 138,000 new visitors, and create 51 full time jobs, contributing \$6.88m to million to the economy.

Community Benefits: Initiatives have been put into place to offer local youth who are not engaged in traditional activities the chance to try out mountain biking in Blue Derby. These initiatives have had a transformative effect on the youth in St Helens, who have few other recreational alternatives. The programs have not only given them a newfound appreciation for nature, but also personal health and wellbeing benefits. Moreover, they have opened up potential career paths in fields such as adventure guiding, mountain bike maintenance, and tour guiding.



4

Opportunities + Initiatives

This section outlines key investment opportunities and initiatives aimed at increasing visitor numbers and improving the facilities at First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve to attract a broader audience.

The opportunities identified are designed to align with the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club's capacity to undertake, initiate, or influence within the short to medium term.

These initiatives focus on enhancing the visitor experience and supporting the growth of the local tourism economy.

This chapter serves as a starting point for discussions on potential projects that can enhance the Reserve and its trailhead, laying the groundwork for securing future funding and partnerships.



Opportunities and Initiatives

4.1 Opportunities and Initiatives Implementation

The case studies demonstrate that a formalised trail structure and facilities create a long lasting and significant social and economic benefit to the local economy. With a return on investment between 4:1 and 8:1 the embellishment of the First Turkey Mountain Bike reserve will enhance the positive impact of the visitor economy on the region.

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club's Master Plan will further enhance the experience for visitors and locals alike through focusing on four key projects:

Trailhead Development:

Developing the Trailhead will create a welcoming recreational area complete with facilities that make it easier for visitors, locals, and families to enjoy First Turkey. Improvements will also give the club a central storage location and greater capability to host large events.

Trail Improvements:

Improving existing trails with features that make them appeal to a greater variety of riders, while improving safety and sustainability of the network.

Increase Tourism:

Improving tourism outcomes for the region with the development of world-class trails.

Adaptive Trails:

The addition of an adaptive trail circuit will make the Reserve more accessible to people with disabilities, who require a different trail design to cater for specialised recumbent bikes. By also improving the creek crossings into the Reserve, it will become fully accessible to both riders and emergency services.

Figure 10 Trailhead facilities at Finch Hatton (during construction)



Potential Outcomes

4.3 Adaptive Trails

Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club is committed to providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy mountain biking and envisage the development of the first adaptive trail circuit in our region.

The proposed circuit will be designed for people with disabilities and the requirements of their reclined bikes. The club has identified an initial suitable course, which could be undertaken as a re-design of existing trails, rather than creating completely new works. To do this, the trails would need to be widened and modified to have less acute turns along with meeting other appropriate guidelines.

We believe that an adaptive trail circuit would be a valuable asset to First Turkey MTB Reserve and the community, widening participation in the sport and bringing additional visitors. As a secondary benefit to creating the adaptive trail circuit, emergency services access would also need improvement.

1. Upgrade to adaptive trail status

Adaptive trails facilitate the inclusion of adaptive bikes on trails. These trails are generally wider to allow 3 and 4 wheel bikes to use the trails with a mix of obstacles. This allows persons with a range of injuries or other mobility issues to embrace mountain biking.

2 & 3. Improve emergency access

Work with emergency services, Council and National Parks to improve access paths to and from key hubs within the mountain biking facility at First Turkey.



Source: Australian Mountain Bike Magazine

Figure 12 Initial adaptive trail circuit concept, First Turkey



Potential Outcomes

4.4 Trail Improvements

Maintaining and improving mountain bike trails is essential for all clubs. This involves a variety of activities, such as adding new features, repairing and realigning trails, and ensuring that the trail network meets the needs of all riders. By prioritising areas that are lacking in any of these areas, clubs can ensure that their trails are safe, diverse, and enjoyable for everyone.

1. Cactus Trail realignment

A realignment at the ending of our Cactus trail would improve safety for riders and other community members. The realignment would redirect high speed riders away from the road and allow them to finish the trail safely and smoothly.

2. Slopestyle features

Dirt Clowns is a jump line that is well used by the mountain bike community. The line currently lacks progression and limits the skillsets that can be developed by users. Upgrading Dirt Clowns to include multiple line choices for a variety of skill levels.



Source: Bermstyle.com

3. Restore and improve current network

The Club has identified a number of trails that would benefit from restoration or improvement. For instance Megatron requires significant restorative works to increase its sustainability.

4. Reinstate older trails

A number of old network trails existing that have been left and are now overgrown. Looking to rediscover those trails and reopen them with restorative maintenance.

5. Explore new trail opportunities

Explore opportunities to reopen older network trails on the northern side of Moores Creek.

6. New Dirt Jump A-Line

Develop a dirt jump A-line along-side the existing jumps trail near Zamia Hub.

Figure 13 Re-alignments needed at First Turkey, where high speed trails end directly into road used by pedestrians and other riders



Potential Outcomes

4.5 Create Destination Tourism Opportunities

With a combination of cycling projects including the renowned First Turkey MTB Reserve, potential future rail trails like the Pineapple Rail Trail, and the expansive Mount Morgan MTB network, Rockhampton could soon be able to offer tourists well over a week's worth of cycling enjoyment.

Achieving this ambitious outcome will require a comprehensive and collaborative effort among all stakeholders to drive planning, funding, and development.

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club identifies the creation of iconic mountain bike trails from Nurim (Mount Archer) to the First Turkey MTB Reserve as a pivotal element in the realisation of this overarching vision.

Nurim's elevation exceeding 600 meters promises an exceptional mountain biking experience, unrivalled in Queensland. Therefore, our Club's focus for bolstering tourism and introducing new cycling experiences to the region, centres on the establishment of world-class Signature Trails connecting the First Turkey MTB Reserve with the summit of Nurim. This concept is illustrated on the following page.

We firmly believe that this endeavour will position Rockhampton as a prominent destination for mountain biking, piquing the interest of enthusiasts nationwide. Such iconic trails have the potential to attract additional visitors to the region, host prestigious national-level races, and seamlessly complement the multi-million-dollar mountain biking project in close proximity at Finch Hatton.

1. Install signature airflow trail

Utilising the full 600m elevation of Mt Archer to create a signature flow trail from the top, down into First Turkey, will create a riding experience like no other in Queensland, optimising destination-based tourism opportunities with a unique national and international level attraction.

2. Leverage a Queensland MTB road trip concept

Establish a marketing campaign with other destinations such as Finch Hatton to market a Queensland Mountain Bike Road trip concept.

3. Attract world class talent

Seek mountain biking talent and accredited coaches/instructors that can run skill clinics, and skill courses from First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve on a regular basis.



Figure 14 Flow trail examples



Source: MTB Mamas

Signature Trails Concept



Initiatives: Short Medium & Long Term Priorities

4.6 Achievable Projects Timelines

A range of projects under the four key location typologies have been identified that may be implemented within five years. These projects are intended to represent short term. Medium terms are identified as required within the 5-to-10-year timeframe and long-term aspirational projects within 20 years.

Trailhead Development	Trail Improvements	Destination Tourism	Adaptive Trails
<p>Short Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mens and Women's toilets Change facilities Showers (indoor or outdoor) Bike wash bay <p>Medium Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Bike Skills Park BBQ / Shelters Upgraded Car Park Improved parking for vendors <p>Long Term Aspirational Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage building 	<p>Short Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail Realignments Restore and improve current network <p>Medium Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slopestyle features (a line b line jump line) Reinstate older trails <p>Long Term Aspirational Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dirt Jump Park Investigate opportunities for new trails 	<p>Short Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund Summit Trails Investigations Leverage a Queensland MTB road trip concept <p>Medium Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build Signature Trails from Summit Enable a shuttle business to operate <p>Long Term Aspirational Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract world class talent Olympic training International level events 	<p>Short Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve emergency access <p>Medium Term Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an adaptive trail <p>Long Term Aspirational Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an adaptive trail network Inclusive national level events

5

Project Details

This chapter focuses on breaking down the overarching vision provided throughout this document into discrete projects that can be addressed one by one or together. Each project is described with its intent, and benefits outlined. The projects have been organised into short term, medium term, or long term timeframes, however, these timeframes are not intended to be binding and will be progressed based on funding availability.

First Turkey MTB Reserve
Photo by Flow Mountain Bikes

Short Term Projects

5.1 What is possible now

Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club has identified a number of short term projects that would have a high impact on the usability and attractiveness of the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. These projects are aimed at enhancing the user experience and enabling a wider section of the community to take part.

Amenities



Source: City of Salisbury

An amenities facility is required at the trailhead. There are nearly 200 members of the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club as well as a significant number of riders and walkers that are not part of the club and use the Trailhead.

The amenities will make a tremendous improvement for visitors from outside of Rockhampton, Rocky-Yeppoon commuters, the Club when hosting events, and all cycling tourists.

Shower



Source: Behance

An outdoor shower facility that is elevated above the ground on a fiber reinforced polymer floor will enable park users to clean off after a ride. The warm weather often results in very dusty conditions and providing an opportunity for an outdoor shower will enable users to wash off before getting in their car to travel home or to accommodation. It is envisaged that the facility would be open to the sky but contain walls.

Fiber reinforced polymer floor enables dirt and water to pass through and return to the ground. This reduces maintenance that is usually required for traditional pipework.

Bike Wash Bay



Source: Bike Cleaner B.V.

With a large visitor economy, it is important that users of the mountain bike park have an ability to wash off their bike pre and post ride. This both protects the bikes as well as limits the spread of weeds between locations.

Mountain bikes are valuable specialised pieces of equipment and are often one of the largest sport or recreation related purchases a person will make. Therefore significant pride and care is taken to maintain their equipment and facilities such as a bike wash bay is highly attractive.

Improved Emergency Access



Source: Jaybro

Emergency Access to the bottom of most trails is needed to ensure the best outcomes for injured riders and emergency services. To ensure emergency vehicles can drive into the Reserve, access points such as creek crossings need some improvement.

To assist further, Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club would like the opportunity to work with first responders to place signage and wayfinding for both riders and emergency services to dedicated meeting areas and pick up zones.

Short Term Projects Cont.

Realignment of trail endings to point away from thoroughfare



Source: Rockhampton MTB Club

The trail Cactus is one of the highest used downhill trails at First Turkey, featuring 2km of intermediate level flow trail. The current exit of this trail is immediately adjoining a major shared use thoroughfare (service road), which is used by pedestrians, service vehicles and other riders. There are concerns about the potential for accidents, with the speed riders carry as they exit the onto the shared space, with near misses often occur.

Realignment of 2-300m of cactus would resolve this issue and make the park safer for all users.

Restorative works and sustainable improvements



Source: Flow Mountain Bikes

The current network of 40km of trails is maintained by volunteers to the tune of approximately 200 hours per quarter. The trails have been maintained well but with the significant growth in users of the Reserve, combined with the effects of Rockhampton's weather, many of the trails need restorations and improvements to their sustainability.

Presently, there are several critical restorations needed, and a significant injection of effort as well as resources is required to bring these trails back up to a safe, usable, high standard.

Signature Trails from the Summit of Mt Archer



Source: Tracks Less Travelled

A signature long flow trail that is traversable for most riders is a proven significant drawcard for the visitor economy. A 6km long trail from the top of Mount Archer into First Turkey will be just that. The trail is envisaged to be a high quality machine built down hill flow trail.

To significantly broaden the potential for major events, a full circuit could be designed, including a 2 way cross country trail (see Signature Trails Concept, earlier).

Leverage a QLD Mountain Bike Road Trip concept



Source: Rockhampton MTB Club

Partnering with the likes of Advance Rockhampton as well as other Councils along the east coast of Queensland, the concept of a Queensland Mountain Bike road trip can be realised.

The concept of the road trip is to demonstrate that from Brisbane, there are riding opportunities every 3 to 4 hours drive as one would travel north. Each mountain bike destination has trails that can be ridden for a number of days as well as other activities and encourage an enhanced visitor economy throughout the greater regions. This can only be achieved with appropriate facilities in place.

Medium Term Projects

5.2 5-10 Year projects

The following represent potential opportunities to an enhanced experience at First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve and facilitate the skills development of the future generations.

Skills Area Pump Track



Source: Wellington Shire Council

A mountain bike-oriented pump track is one of the most usable features by all age groups and is a significant tool used to build skills and bike control. A pump track installed at the trail head adjacent to the existing playground would also enable the community to use the asset with a variety of aged kids having different activities available.

To access a pump track residents currently have to travel to Gracemere, which is not accessible by younger people without a car or someone to drive them.

MTB Focused Skills Park



Source: MTB Skills Queensland (Facebook)

To encourage families to visit First Turkey and help beginner riders develop their skills, a mountain bike specific skills area is needed at the Trailhead

Adjacent to the pump track, a mountain bike-oriented skill development area would include a number of small wooden and rock features designed to mimic in a small scale the challenges that are encountered on the trails. The skills park facilitates skill development and repeat practice which significantly improves confidence.

Skills parks can help in enabling coaching sessions and also reduce accidents on the trails.

Formalised Car Parking



Source: MCE

Car parking in the German Street car park is inefficient. With no order there is often multiple spaces taken up by one car and with bike racks common place manoeuvring can be difficult. A considered formalisation of the car park would greatly improve efficiency and ensure the gate access to the park is maintained free of vehicles.

Overflow parking for the German Street car park occurs to the south where there is currently grassed 90 degree car parking. Formalisation of this car park will create an orderly and organised car parking situation and facilitate parking for cars with bike racks off the road and away from the path of travel of moving cars.

Food Vendor Parking



Source: Rockhampton MTB Club

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club hosts approximately 10 events annually. The First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve is not close to any existing commercial facilities so spectators and competitors must drive to purchase food and beverages.

Installing a dedicated food vendor parking area for food trucks will open the possibility of food trucks attending event days. This could be grassed or a gravel pad and could include electricity and water connections.

Medium Term Projects Cont.

Attract talent and coaching



Source: Rockhampton MTB Club

The competitive side of the Club has been very successful in both state and national competitions. It has been identified that coaching is the primary component that can take the competitive nature of the club to further progress.

In addition, a number of mountain bike facilities off different levels of skills coaching to help any and every rider to be more comfortable on the trails, get better obstacles or be a better racer.

A coach will not only help the club but provide commercial coaching services to the community.

Establish Adaptive Trails



Source: Tourism Whistler

Adaptive riders are persons with a disability that require three or four wheeled bike. These types of bikes require a wider trail, a larger turning radius on corners, and other technical considerations when it comes to trail design (Australia is yet to author guidelines, but other countries are world leaders in this area, see <https://kootenayadaptive.com/adaptiv-e-mountain-biking-trail-standards/>).

We aim to build an adaptive MTB circuit that will feature a variety of terrain and scenery. It will take into account the specific design requirements of adaptive bikes, and be purpose built to provide an accessible adventure for all.

Slopestyle Upgrade



Source: Bermstyle

Dirt Clowns is an existing jumps trail that has been in place for over 2 years. The jump line provides for basic progression however does not facilitate beginner through to semi pro advancement.

Upgrading dirt clowns to include two or three jump lines side by side using a variety of take offs using the same landing will have a significant impact on the progression enables at the park.

This will also be a significant draw card for visitors as there are no other slopestyle designed trails in central Queensland.

Repair and reopen old trails



Source: Rockhampton MTB Club

There are a number of older trails that were built in the 1990s and 2000s that have not been maintained and therefore somewhat lost. These trails could be reinstated with a bit of work.

These trails are both north and south of Moore Creek and mostly located within the existing lease areas. Modifications may be required to the alignments to keep the trails within the lease areas.

Potential Major Attractions

5.3 What can be achieved within 20 years

A number of longer term projects have been identified that either are depending on other components of the masterplan or are significant in both scale and cost.

Storage and Servery



Source: Rockhampton MTB Club

A servery and storage facility at the Trailhead will enable the Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club to store race and event infrastructure as well as maintenance tools and equipment.

Running large events with 2-500 persons attending required significant infrastructure in addition to marshalling, signage and safety equipment that has to be stored at member houses and brought to the events.

Enhance/expand adaptive trails



Source: Flow Mountain Bikes

Building on the single loop trail, Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club aspires to establish a more complete and inclusive experience for adaptive riders, this would up the scale of features, designed to support these customised bikes.

Building on the initial green trail, Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club would seek advice and investigate the upgrade or duplication of existing trails to create a greater adaptive trail network.

Jump Park

Dirt Jumps similar to BMX jumps are unique in Central Queensland. There are no dirt jump facilities within 300km of Rockhampton.

Dirt jumps are usually made from dirt and are arrange in a series of lines that enable a rider to flow through the course without the need to pedal and perform tricks on each jump.

Dirt jump courses are lower speed higher amplitude training environments and is derived from a combination of BMX racing and MTB riding.

The Trailhead is one potentially ideal location to facilitate a dirt jump course that could start small and evolve over time subject to popularity.

The course can be built out of a mixture of materials to reduce maintenance and facilitate riding in most weather conditions.



Source: Shoreham Bike Park

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Conclusion

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club has developed its facilities and community to the fullest extent possible given current resources, funding, and volunteer efforts. To continue growing and positioning First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve as a premier destination for both visitors and competitors, the Club seeks partnerships with local, state, and federal governments, as well as private industry. By hosting major events like regional and state championships, and making incremental improvements to trails and facilities, the Reserve has the potential to significantly boost the local visitor economy, driving long-lasting economic growth through tourism and increased commercial activity.

First Turkey MTB Reserve
Photo by Flow Mountain Bikes

Conclusion

5.1 Next Steps

A masterplan is the first step to realisation of the Vision for First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.

Connecting community, government and industry is required to deliver on the masterplan.

Establish Support

Engage with Rockhampton Regional Council

- Initial conversations have been undertaken with Rockhampton Regional Council since October 2023. A pathway has been provided for more formal consideration of this Masterplan, including community consultation.

Engage with Advance Rockhampton

- As the primary tourism marketing agency in Capricorn region, Advanced Rockhampton can provide significant assistance in achieving a number of the aspirations of the plan. Advance Rockhampton are identified as a critical partner to raise awareness of the mountain bike assets in Rockhampton.

Undertake community consultation

- First Turkey mountain Bike Reserve and the trail head is located within the community and surrounded by houses. It is critical as part of the master planning and futureproofing of the assets that the community provides input into the proposed plan prior to finalisation.

Engage with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS)

- Initial conversations regarding the Summit Trails concept began in roughly 2020 and are now continuing. As the custodians and governing body of Mount Archer National Park, fostering a positive partnership with QPWS is crucial for the over arching vision for First Turkey.

Get shovel ready

Establish Planning Pathways

- Work with Council and Partners to establish clear planning pathways for each of the identified projects.

Prepare detailed plans and briefs

- Where possible, work with existing and new partners to develop detailed plans for projects, identify gaps and future reporting that may be required for the planning pathway.

Understand budgets

- Engage with potential suppliers and existing partners to establish high level budgets.

Identify funding opportunities

The primary sources of funding for Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club is grants, sponsorships and memberships. Memberships generally for basic maintenance, insurances and to run the events. External funding is required for major projects.

Investigate funding opportunities through the following:

- State and national cycling organisations,
- Government grants, and
- Commercial partners or sponsors.

Local Business Support

The Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club extends our heartfelt thanks to our valued sponsors, whose generous support has been instrumental in the development of this Master Plan and the ongoing success of the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.

Their commitment to our club and community helps us continue to grow and realise our vision of creating a premier mountain biking destination. We are proud to have them as partners on this journey, and we look forward to achieving great things together.





ROCKHAMPTON MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB - FIRST TURKEY MASTER PLAN

Mount Archer Activation Master Plan

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 2



mount archer

activation master plan

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strategic partnerships

- BirdLife Capricornia
- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- Commonwealth Government
- Community of Mount Archer
- CQUniversity
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Department of Tourism, Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.

Welcome to Dharumbal Country – Mayimbugu Dharumbal Nunthi

Rockhampton Regional Council acknowledges that Nurrim (Dharumbal word for Mount Archer) is of cultural significance to the Dharumbal people.

Rockhampton Regional Council has sought permission from the Dharumbal Elders to access Dharumbal's cultural knowledge for appropriate stories, the use of language associated with the area, including those areas viewed from this location across the floodplain, language names associated with flora and fauna that can be used in this public format both in literature and signage for example Moondagutta etc.

- Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
- Rockhampton Cycling Club
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- Rocky Road Runners
- The Rockhampton Region Community
- Rockhampton Sunrise (Rotary)

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mayor's message

Mount Archer's imposing and beautiful silhouette has long been regarded as an iconic landmark representing the Rockhampton Region.

Steeped in history, the Mount has a wealth of cultural heritage value. From its significance to the Dharumbal Nation as traditional landowners, to its namesake originating from the region's first European settlers, the Archer Brothers.

Looking down from atop Mount Archer, the mighty Fitzroy River curls its way through the countryside, through beautiful Rockhampton and out to sea. It's a magical spot up there, as the memories of anyone who's shared a picnic in Fraser Park, trekked along a bush trail or watched a sunset over our town can attest.

This beauty has always been recognised but the need to improve accessibility and amenity for our community was first identified by former Mayor Rex Pilbeam, who spearheaded initial infrastructure projects in 1965 to open up the area to the wider community.

Since then, in addition to a number of residents making the top of the Mount their home, a myriad of community members have enjoyed Mount Archer's attributes: from bushwalkers, to trail bike riders, rock climbers, bird watchers, even bridal parties and car clubs. Yet at present, this community asset is underutilised.

Rockhampton Regional Council is committed to the development to healthy, active and engaged community. It has come time to look at this amazing asset, located right in our backyard, and as Rex Pilbeam did for his time, consider our community's aspirations for its future. How can we activate the area and ensure our community continues to benefit from Mount Archer's beauty and amenity?

This Activation Master Plan for Mount Archer has been developed through a range of stakeholder and community engagement activities. It combines the Strategic Goals of our Council with the desires of our community. It identifies not only community uses and facility improvements but also a vision for its future tourism and economic development potential.

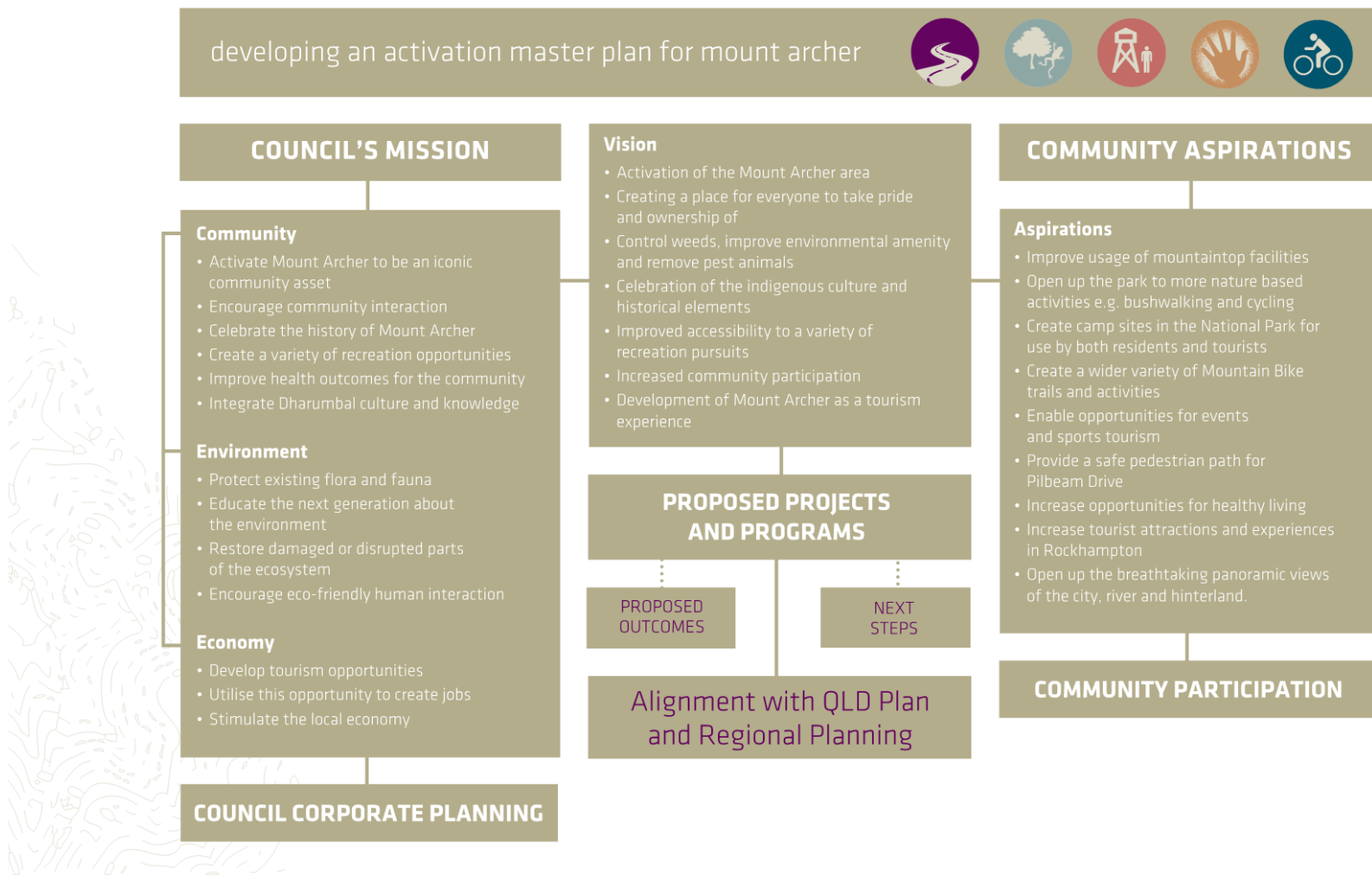
Some of the proposed projects and programs within this Activation Master Plan will, of course, be refined. Amendments will be made as feasibility for projects and budgets are determined just as new and additional projects will surely be identified and implemented.

They must remain dynamic in order to meet the ever-changing wants, needs and desires of our diverse community today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Having an Activation Master Plan is about putting pen to paper to consider how best we deliver our community vision. How do we achieve desired outcomes? What projects and programs can be implemented to this end, and how do we ensure appropriate funding support to make the vision reality?

Rockhampton Regional Council will work closely with our community groups, various State and Commonwealth government agencies and internal team members to get the job done right, to activate the area, and to leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy this beautiful space.

**Mayor of Rockhampton
Cr. Margaret Strelow**



why have an activation master plan for mount archer?

Rockhampton Regional Council has identified Mount Archer National Park and Fraser Park as an underutilised asset with potential for local tourism, health and economic opportunities.

This Activation Master Plan is a documented strategy to guide the future use of Mount Archer for generations to come. The plan expresses the aspirations of all sectors of the Rockhampton Community and will be used as a guide in decision making to achieve these aspirations. With the help of this Activation Master Plan and the participation of the community, the next 20 years of the Mount Archer precinct will see a period of activation, celebration and participation.

When Pilbeam Drive was completed in 1965 and access to the summit was opened, a new day dawned for the peak. Previous councils who hoped to draw people to see the beauty of Mount Archer National Park built the existing facilities at Fraser Park, and the time has now come for these facilities to be upgraded to service future generations.

Once the need for an Activation Master Plan was envisaged, an extensive community consultation program was developed and a range of activities undertaken with stakeholders and community members (see page 42 for a timeline of community consultation). The projects and programs contained within this document were identified as a result of

combining the input from consultation with the broader vision and strategic direction for the Region developed by Council.

This Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has been drafted in conjunction with community and user groups, and truly represents the community's view on the best way to move forward with the area.

The current and future activities outlined in this Activation Master Plan celebrate the indigenous culture and the history of the area while considering its potential to become a recreational hub. This plan considers a vision for the space as well as helping to educate the community regarding the area's management, preservation and care.

Throughout the document, alignment with State and Commonwealth objectives are acknowledged, as well as key stakeholders who will continue to contribute to the Activation Master Plan throughout its execution.

Future projects envisaged for the precinct will create jobs and improve health and lifestyle opportunities; while preserving Mount Archer's natural beauty and environment.

Did you know?

- > The first Europeans to explore the Fitzroy area were the Archer Brothers in 1853.
- > The Archer Brothers originally named the site Mount Berserker, after the Norse warriors who would blaze into battle in an uncontrollable fashion, like the uncontrollable fires on the ranges. The Mountain's name was later changed to Mount Archer in their honour.

A LONG TERM VISION

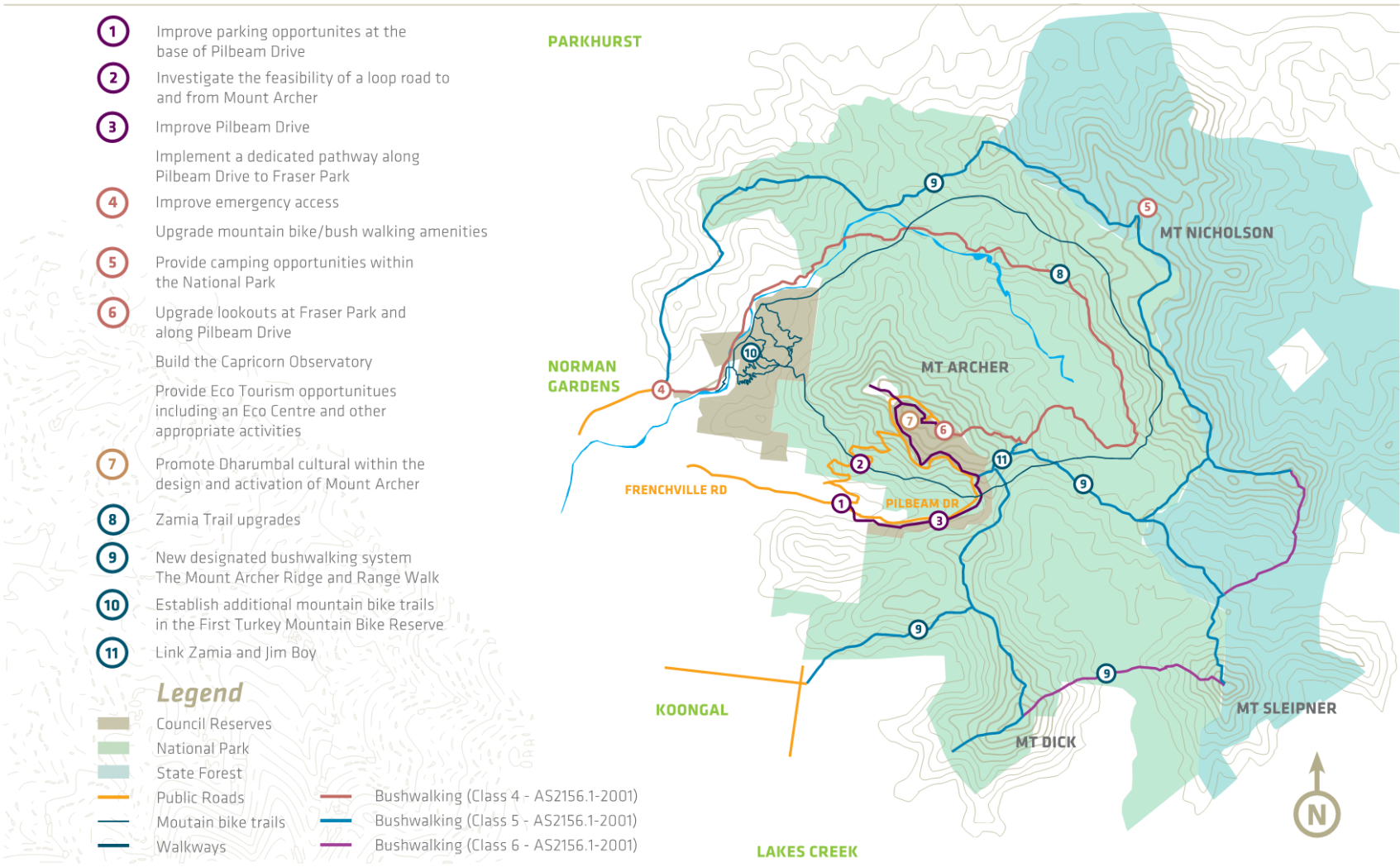
It is important to have a long-term vision for the precinct, and the successful execution of projects is contingent on considering the feasibility of projects, understanding their return on investment for the community, operational planning and budgetary constraints relative to other community priorities. However, the ideas contained in this plan form a solid foundation of progress for Mount Archer and will drive the future of the area with the community's support.

At the end of the day, activation of Mount Archer for recreation and tourism pursuits will enable Rockhampton residents to better enjoy Mount Archer and its attributes, always regarded as an iconic feature of the Rockhampton region.

mt archer future use map

Community Consultation with diverse stakeholder groups has enabled the development of a range of programs and projects to gain improved utilisation of Mount Archer. The exact location of some proposed infrastructure will require detailed consideration, however the Mount Archer Future Use Map, describes some of the exciting potential uses identified in this Activation Master Plan,





Did you know?

- > Mount Archer and the Berserkers were created in the Permian Period around 255-280 million years ago when Australia was still part of Gondwanaland
- > The Permian period was at the start of the period Australia was highly volcanic
- > Mount Archer is part of the Dharumbal nation and is traditional country
- > Nurrim - The Dharumbal word for Mount Archer
- > The story of Moondugutta - is represented in Toonooba (English - Fitzroy River) where the rainbow serpent had left its mark on Dharumbal Nunthi (English - Dharumbal country). Seeing Toonooba from Nurrim is of cultural significance to the Dharumbal people
- > This feature or mark serves as a couple of physical reminders:
 - firstly how Dharumbal Nunthi was formed,
 - secondly it emphasises the balance of relationships and connections between our environment and each other and lastly,
 - it points to social and environmental responsibilities Yadaba Nunthi (English Respect for country) Yadaba for each other. Toonooba connects and echoes to Dharumbal people including people today whom reside on Dharumbal Nunthi to look after Dharumbal Nunthi and Guma (English - Dharumbal land and sea country) because if Yadaba for each other is not healthy, it is then reflected environmentally Moondugutta & Dharumbal Nunthi will become sick.
- > Nurrim also means native raspberry, this location and adjoining areas once had an abundance of native raspberry's



community participation

An iconic asset such as Mount Archer is utilised by a variety of groups, individual residents and tourists alike.

To ensure future plans for Mount Archer reflect the aspirations of our community, an extensive community consultation program was developed to inform the Activation Master Plan.

The input of Mount Archer facility users, past, present and potential, ensures planning which is the right fit for our community both now and into the future.

The consultation program has enabled the identification of overarching goals for usage of the space and the development of a community driven vision for its future development to increase utilisation, improve regional liveability, enable healthy lifestyles, and recognise and care for cultural and environmental values.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Improve health outcomes from passive and recreational exercise
- Environmental appreciation and protection of Mount Archer and the Berserker Range
- Increase and improve accessibility for all community members to appreciate the natural area
- Share and preserve Dharumbal cultural values and history
- Create economic opportunities – for commercial tourism operators, camping operators and more
- Create employment opportunities in both construction and operational phases

CHALLENGES

- Enabling accessibility in naturally hilly terrain while maintaining amenity, setting and the environment
- Recurrence of natural disasters–bushfires, landslides, weather events
- Transportation up and down the mountain will be a significant investment in necessary infrastructure
- Ensuring the safety of visitors to the mountain whilst undertaking activities
- Maintaining the lifestyle of the local community

cyclone marcia

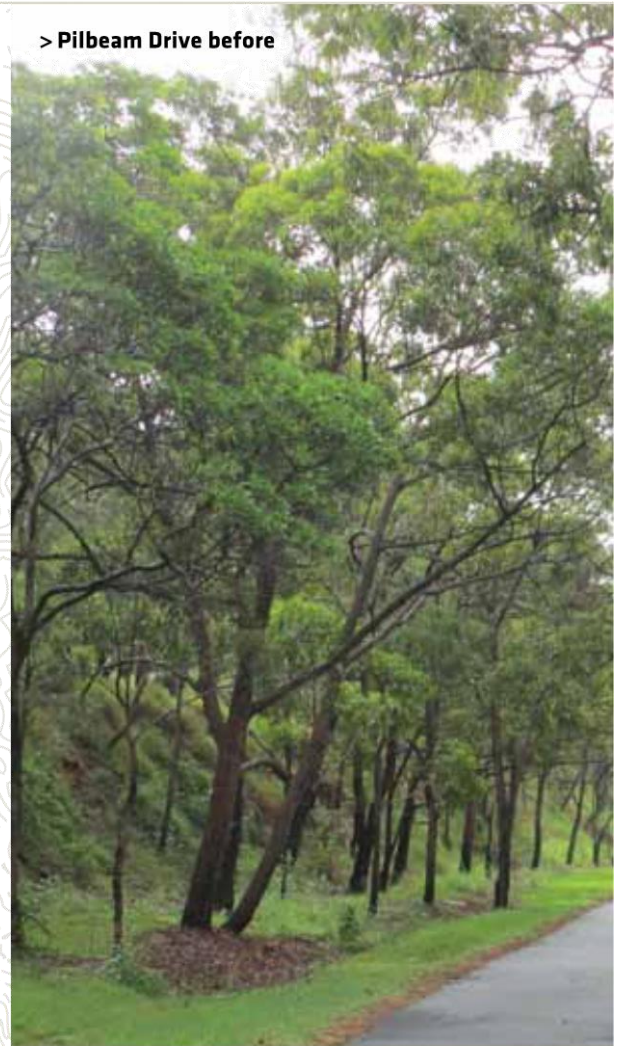
On the 20 February 2015 Cyclone Marcia battered the Rockhampton Region and caused large scale damage to Mount Archer including the natural environment and built environments. Specific projects are planned to be initiated to help with the recovery process.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Heritage and Protection
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River Coastal Catchment
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OUTCOMES
1. Mount Archer Environment Rehabilitation project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake clearing of cyclone damaged vegetation in Fraser Park, walking tracks and other areas in the Mount Archer precinct.• Undertake a weed management program.• Undertake a tree planting program in the Mount Archer precinct to assist with recovery of indigenous flora species.
2. Pilbeam Drive Repair and Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repair road damage along Pilbeam Drive that was caused by the Cyclone Marica event.

> Pilbeam Drive before





Pilbeam Drive after Cyclone Marcia



Fraser Park damage



Damage to native flora



OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND FUNDING

There are a range of stakeholders who share responsibility for and ownership of Mount Archer, its roads, parks and other amenities. These stakeholders include:

- Commonwealth Government
- Queensland State Government
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- The Dharumbal People
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.

Day to day management of the National Park area is overseen by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing. Fraser Park is overseen by Rockhampton Regional Council.

To make this Activation Master Plan a success, all stakeholders must work together in the process of finalising programs and projects, as well as the process of securing resource allocation and funding.





how this document works

The projects and programs listed below are outlined in draft form in this document. They require further design and development. It is planned that the following projects and programs are to be undertaken over the next decade, pending available resources and funding.

An implementation guide will be developed to assist the delivery of programs and projects after consultation with the community is completed. Categories for the implementation guide will include: Remedial, Catalyst, Medium Term, Long Term and Ongoing Projects/Programs.

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has five overarching themes (Infrastructure, Environment, Facilities, Dharumbal Culture and Activities).



INFRASTRUCTURE

Access and Traffic
The Pilbeam Walk
Mount Archer Walkways and Signage



ENVIRONMENT

Flora
Fauna



FACILITIES

Fraser Park Restoration and Expansion
Fraser Park Eco Centre



DHARUMBAL CULTURE

Promote Dharumbal Cultural Significance
Education Regarding Cultural Values and History



ACTIVITIES

Think Health
The Great Mount Archer Bushwalk
Mountain Bike Trails
The Wild Side



This project is the cornerstone of success for the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. As projects progress, if safe roadways and emergency access are not in place, the community will be put at risk. The existing roadways were not made to cope with the increased traffic and multi-use; so for infrastructure to be successful upgrades and increased access needs to be implemented.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Pilbeam Drive Repair and Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Pilbeam Drive road surface including where feasible road widening. • Along Pilbeam Drive, design a new storm water drainage system. • Further investigate the corner of Pilbeam Drive and Frenchville Road for any potential measures to reduce speed of cars travelling down the Mountain. • Investigate the feasibility of a second road to Mount Archer.
2. Base of Pilbeam Drive Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve car parking at the base of Mount Archer, at the saddle, at German Street Bushland and at Fraser Park.
3. Emergency Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct emergency access points to ensure access for emergency vehicles into a variety of places into the National Park including: German Street Bushland (Moores Creek) and Guthrie Street. • Install fire-fighting access to water from pump stations. • Investigate if there is a viable location for a helicopter to land on Mount Archer in case of emergency.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Infrastructure target G32 - Infrastructure provides connectivity and accessibility across the State.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Infrastructure - Provide value for money construction, maintenance and community response services for transport and drainage assets.

Living, Learning & Leisure - Maintain a disaster management response capability able to meet the community's needs when required.

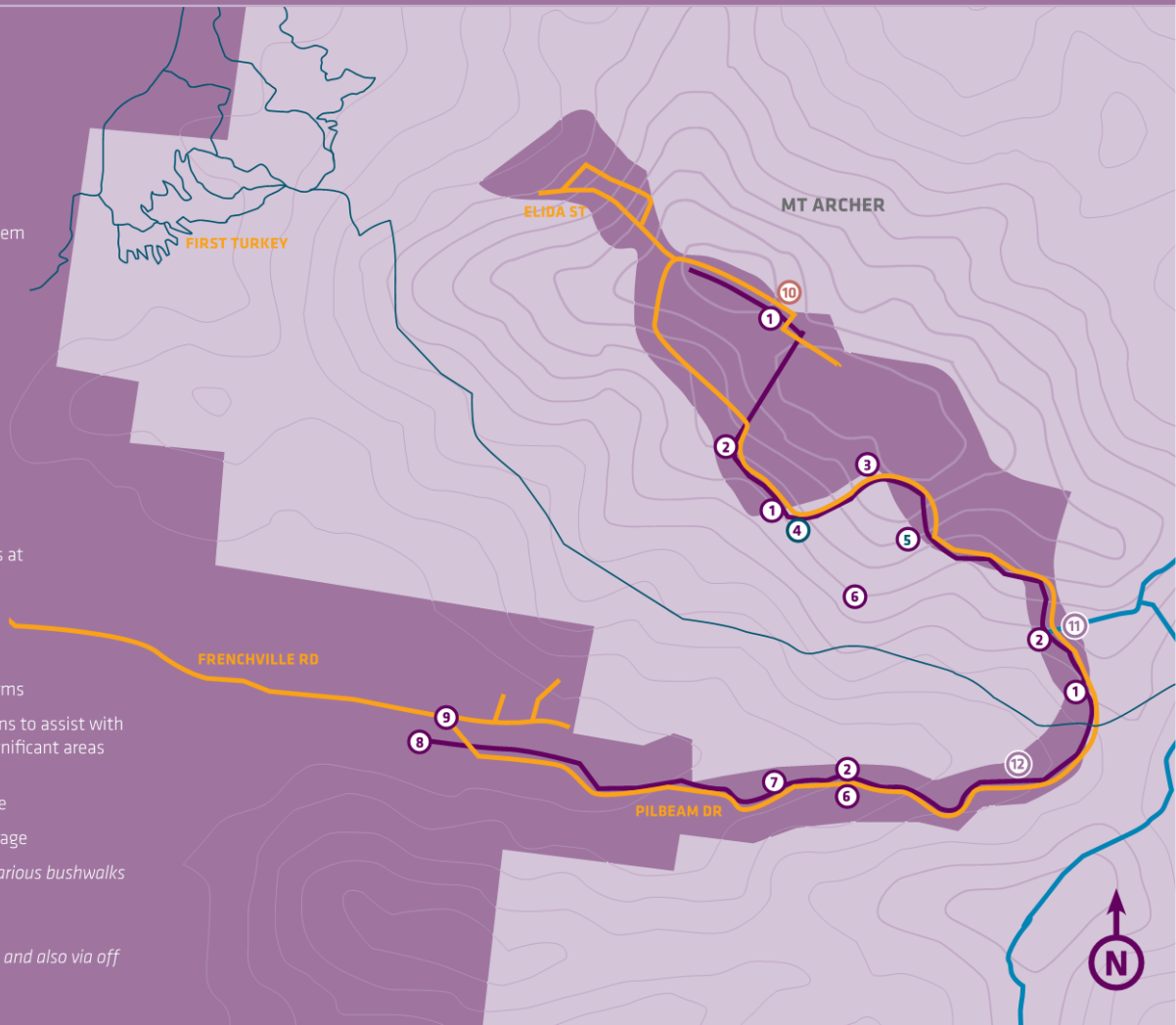
People, Places & Planning - Provide engineering, infrastructure planning and project management services to meet the current and future needs of the community and organisation.

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 1 - Prioritise road safety in the region.

Infrastructure Strategy 5 - Provide accessible and improved parking options.

- 1 Improve parking
- 2 Water point
- 3 Design a new storm water drainage system (along Pilbeam Drive)
- 4 Leap of faith Bungee point
- 5 Outdoor static gym
- 6 Seating and shade
- 7 Improve Pilbeam Drive road surface
- 8 Base of Pilbeam Drive car park
- 9 Investigate ways to reduce speed of cars at this intersection
- 10 Improvement of existing viewing platforms
Implementation of new viewing platforms to assist with Dharumbal lines of sight to culturally significant areas
- 11 Mount Archer Tourist Directional Signage
Pedestrian Way Finding and Health Signage
Located along Pilbeam Drive and along various bushwalks
- 12 Develop The Pilbeam Walk
Investigate options next to Pilbeam Drive and also via off road walking track





the pilbeam walk

To ensure the safety of pedestrians and advocate healthy activity, a dedicated pedestrian walkway will be constructed, from the base of Mount Archer to Fraser Park at the top. Currently there is no safe way for pedestrians to use the main road access without the danger of car collisions.

The walkway will provide health benefits, as well as safely moving pedestrians off the road. In addition to simply providing pedestrian access, the new Pilbeam Walk would include amenities such as water fountains, seating and outdoor gym equipment. This will encourage physical activity and provide a venue for outdoor exercise.

The proposed walkway will be approximately 5KM, and will be constructed over numerous stages. Where possible the walkway will be two metres wide, with one lane going up and one lane going down, delineated with marked lines.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Develop The Pilbeam Walk

- Implement a safe pedestrian walkway from the base of Mount Archer to Fraser Park.
- Implement further signage for healthy outcomes and the 10,000 Steps program.
- Implement a static outdoor.
- Construct dedicated car parks along Pilbeam Drive.
- Upgrade lookout points along Pilbeam Drive.
- Implement water dispensers, waste recepticals and seating at various locations.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

G16 – We are physically and mentally healthy.

RRC Corporate Plan:

People, Places & Planning - Provide engineering, infrastructure planning and project management services to meet the current and future needs of the community and organisation.


RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure the open space network provides linkages with the pedestrian and cycleway network, and areas of environmental, educational and cultural value.

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure development includes networks of safe, direct and convenient pedestrian and cycle paths that integrate with and extend the existing pedestrian and cycle path networks in our neighbourhoods.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure accessible, well maintained open spaces and parks are available throughout the Region for all to enjoy.

People, Places & Planning Strategy 3 - Integrate pedestrian and cycleway systems in all urban communities.



Think Health

Over 65% of adults in Rockhampton are classed as overweight or obese, and only 50% of Rockhampton adults are involved in healthy physical activity – both of these statistics are reflect poorly against the state average. The Rockhampton area is well recognised as having lower rates of physical activities, particularly among older age groups – and Rockhampton Regional Council has an opportunity to facilitate programs and facilities to help change this.

It is determined that Rockhampton has major issues related to physical inactivity and obesity, a leading cause for many health issues.

Major positive influences on physical activity levels in communities include urban planning that facilitates easy access to cycle and walking paths, sidewalks and easy access to parks and trails.

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan has a strong focus on health outcomes for the community.

Rockhampton Regional Council is determined to Think Health, and believe that this Activation Master Plan will help to lower social and health costs to the community and government through increased physical activity.

Benefits of the Pilbeam Walk

- > Take walkers off Pilbeam Drive
- > Create a safer environment for walkers
- > Encourage further walkers onto Pilbeam Walk
- > Improve local amenity
- > Create a tourist walk

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mount archer walkways & signage

As part of establishing lasting infrastructure in the Mount Archer National Park, comprehensive signage needs to be developed for pedestrians, bushwalkers and as part of the Dharumbal Culture Integration projects.

Walkways will present the values and provide opportunities for people to be active and signage will provide users richer experience of their walks.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OUTCOMES
1. Mount Archer Tourist Directional Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A signage plan will be developed incorporating a Dharumbal theme, warnings, what to take on the walk and what you could see along the bushwalk.
2. Pedestrian Way Finding and Health Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrian way finding to connect access from a variety of North Rockhampton locations to bushwalking tracks in Mount Archer. Existing tracks will be signed with 10,000 Steps messages to promote health outcomes. New tracks will incorporate 10,000 Steps milestones. All Pedestrian signage will be themed 'In motion Rockhampton'.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Deliver a range of individual and organisational development services and programmes.

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 1 - Implement correct and appropriately positioned regional and locality welcome signs and directional signage.

Environment Strategy 4 - Develop and promote existing walkways and cycle paths that take in the best of our environment.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure accessible, well maintained open spaces and parks are available throughout the Region for all to enjoy.



Did you know?

- > In 1929, George Westacott predicted that a "Mountainous residence area would one day be constructed, with a road and pedestrian paths leading to Mount Archer."
- > The area was declared a timber reserve in 1940 and mainly ironbark, white mahogany and lemon-scented gum harvested through a small sawmill operation.
- > Antheleme Thozet arrived in Rockhampton during the Coonoona Gold rush seeking his fortune. Rather than finding gold, Thozet found the region's plants fascinating, and remained in the area as a professional botanist.
- > Thozet established experimental gardens in North Rockhampton and Kalka. Today many aspects of Mount Archer (particularly at its base) are named after him, including Thozet's Creek, Thozet Road and Frenchman's Creek.



flora

Protecting the natural environment of the Mount Archer National Park is important when developing the area. There are several challenges presented, such as existing invasive weed species, feral animals and compatibility of uses.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Mount Archer Environmental Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove weed species from Fraser Park and replace with appropriate indigenous species. Re-establish indigenous plant species in the Mount Archer National Park, German Street Bushland and other surrounding areas. Where possible initiate environmental programs that will enhance opportunities for community involvement. Undertake regular independent environmental audit of Mount Archer and surrounding areas. Indigenous flora and weed survey.
2. Creek and Environmental Corridors Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess (and where necessary re-establish) creek banks that are formed from Mount Archer–Thozet, Frenchman's and Moores Creeks. Initiate a collaborative and dedicated task force focused on removing weed species from creeks that are formed from Mount Archer. Assess and strengthen environmental corridors from Mount Archer National Park into Rockhampton. Establish within fire buffer zones fire resistant plant species.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sports and Racing
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Environmental Heritage and Protection, Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Aligns with Environment target G22 - We invest in and adopt sustainable and renewable solutions.

Regional Development Australia – Fitzroy and Central West Regional Roadmap 2013-16:

Fits with Environmental Outcomes – 'protecting and enhancing the region's environmental values'.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Environment - Achieve land rehabilitation and mitigation through direct action, education and volunteer programme delivery.

Environment - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 2 – Reduce the human impact on our Region's landscapes, plants and animals through education, partnerships and regeneration schemes.

Environment Strategy 2 – Ensure the impacts of weeds, pests and diseases are minimised.

Environment Strategy 3 – Protect and manage our natural bushland areas to ensure their health and longevity.




 *Erythrina vespertilio*



 *Banksia intergrifolia*



 *Allocasuarina torulosa*



fauna

ANIMALS AND BIRDS

There is an abundance of animals and birds living on Mount Archer and surrounding areas. Previous surveys indicated 163 bird, 54 mammal, 55 reptile and 13 amphibian species. These include amongst others: the possum, unadorned rock-wallaby and echidna. Currently, feral pests (including deer, wild pigs, wild dogs, wild horses and feral cats) are damaging the Mount Archer ecosystem.

Enhancement of the native trees and a feral pest reduction program would assist land-based mammals to thrive in the area. Mount Archer is home to vulnerable bird species including the Glossy Black Cockatoo. This plan seeks to improve the habitat for fauna that exist at the top of Mount Archer, at the various levels of the Mountain, along creek systems and the various forest environments at the base of Mount.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Mount Archer Environmental Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a regular mammal, reptile and bird surveys under the environmental audit of Mount Archer and surrounding areas. • Create a Mount Archer animal and bird guide that will be available online as an app, and as a hard copy version through the visitor information centre. • Provide opportunities through the app to undertake citizen based research. • Implement an annual bird watching tour events and survey in July and October. • Introduce feral pest reduction program. • Pending research, planning and the potential recreating of appropriate habitats, seek to reintroduce indigenous fauna species.
2. Signage and Interpretive Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement animal and bird interpretive signage for the habitat areas of Fraser Park, the Dry Open Forest, Zamia Walk, Frenchman's Creek and Moores Creek.
3. Creek and Environmental Corridors Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to reintroduce indigenous mammal and reptile species pending results from surveys. • Remove invasive weed species and feral animals. • Regenerate indigenous fauna and flora species. • Where needed re-establish and rejuvenate creek banks and adjoining areas. • Improve the environment holistically.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Birdlife Capricornia
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sports and Racing
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:

Environment - Implement Pest Management Plan actions to control declared pests.

Environment - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 2 - Reduce the human impact on our Region's landscapes, plants and animals through education, partnerships and regeneration schemes.

Environment Strategy 2 - Ensure the impacts of weeds, pests and diseases are minimised.

Environment Strategy 3 - Interlink wildlife and vegetation corridors throughout our communities



Striated Pardalote
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Great Egret
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Eastern Yellow Robin
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Glossy Black Cockatoo
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Eastern Dwarf Tree Frog
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fraser park restoration & expansion

Establishing infrastructure that provides improved access to the summit of Mount Archer goes hand-in-hand with maintaining and expanding current facilities, particularly those at Fraser Park.

The projects and programs contained within this section of the Activation Master Plan build on the existing facilities, improving where possible and then expanding as greater capacity is required to meet demand. A number of additional considerations need to be made when undertaking restoration and expansion activities these include ensuring accessibility for those with mobility issues, creating an all-weather environment for visitors and restoring the botanical collection.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Fraser Park Restoration Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a specific park architecture/development plan for Fraser Park. • Change use of existing café to a community multi-use facility. • Create a core facility at the start of the Zamia walkway with café, camping and cultural education centre. • Provide a unique playground experience within Fraser Park for children. • Implement botanical displays. • Build amphitheatre to be used for educational purposes. • Provide areas for wedding ceremonies to take place.
2. Lookouts Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve existing lookouts, and build new lookouts including canopy walks. • Improve access to viewing platforms by upgrading walking tracks. • Incorporate interpretive trail signage. • Slepner Lookout upgrade
3. The Capricornia Observatory Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the feasibility of constructing the Capricornia Observatory. • Construct an observatory tower to provide 360 degree views of Capricornia. • The elevated platform will provide a video feed to monitor fires and other natural disasters, assisting disaster management efforts.
4. Fraser Park Accessibility Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create landscape architectural drawings. • Design and construct pathways in Fraser Park that allow access to all persons.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of Education
- Department of Environmental Heritage and Protection
- Department of Natural Resources and Mines
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces.

Economy - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 6 - Ensure local parks and reserves include suitable recreational facilities for all ages and abilities to access and enjoy.

Environment Strategy 4 - Ensure our public green spaces and streetscapes are well maintained.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure accessible, well maintained open spaces and parks are available throughout the Region for all to enjoy.





KEY PROJECT: eco centre

There is potential scope to create an Eco Centre at the top of Mount Archer. Thorough investigations will need to be undertaken to understand its viability. This aspirational project would provide food, accommodation, day spa facilities and a conference centre. The Eco Centre could be utilised for education, well-being sessions, wedding functions and cultural and history awareness.

There is also the potential to establish a 'glamping' (five star camping) venue, to capitalise on an underrepresented tourism market. Council has undeveloped blocks that could be utilised to establish the Centre, and a variety of business models could be explored to operate the Centre.

This key project will incorporate eco design values and principles in its design and operation. The Eco centre will be complimentary to the Mount Archer wilderness.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Fraser Park Eco Centre

- Undertake further research to direct the specific design elements of the Eco Centre.
- Explore business and funding models to provide capital for the project.
- Provide business and employment opportunities.
- Construct a multi-use facility in Fraser Park on Council's undeveloped blocks.
- Provide educational institutions with a facility to enable students learning experiences.
- Enable low intensity activities including nature based tourism.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
- Local community
- Local artists
- Private Enterprise
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Tourism and Events Queensland:

Aligns with core tourism target markets, as well as identified target market needs of discovery (discovering nature, rejuvenating), learning/education (cultural aspects), and adventure.

Also: Tourism and Events Queensland's vision to 'encourage profitable and sustainable development that immerses the ideal visitor in experiences that are sensitive to the unique natural, cultural and lifestyle features of Queensland'.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces.

Economy - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.

RRC Community Plan:

Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our eco-tourism, and green and clean tourism options.

Economy Strategy 4 - Grow sustainable tourism options on a local and regional basis, capitalising on our natural, historical, cultural, culinary and artificial assets.





dharumbal cultural significance

As Mount Archer (Nurrim) is part of Dharumbal traditional country, celebrating Dharumbal culture, acknowledging their sacred sites and connecting to country is imperative to activating Nurrim.

Integrating the Dharumbal history will allow future generations to appreciate and better manage the area, and this forms a critical part of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Dharumbal Activation for Mount Archer

- Explore ways to celebrate Dharumbal culture through indigenous engagement
- Seek further indigenous work placement programs in the Mount Archer National Park and other appropriate areas such as a Dharumbal Ranger.
- Establish an indigenous education and skills program for those that are unemployed utilising opportunities in Mount Archer and surrounding areas.
- Investigate early indigenous diversion programs that could utilise Mount Archer and its surrounding areas.
- Establish a collaborative partnership with the Dharumbal people and CQUniversity utilising Mount Archer and surrounding areas.
- Implement the Indigenous Land and Sea Education Program.

2. The Mount Archer Ridge and Range Walk Construction

- Create and implement Dharumbal knowledge workshops to pass indigenous knowledge onto the local community.
- Facilitate opportunities to the Dharumbal people to undertake indigenous treks into the Mount Archer National Park.

3. Signage and interpretive Trails

- Create a project management role for a Dharumbal person to design local Dharumbal totems and indigenous themes along Pilbeam Drive, Mount Archer and Fraser Park.
- Develop further indigenous signage and interpretive trails.

4. Lookouts Project

- Incorporate a viewing platform that allows the Dharumbal people to see Toonooba (the Fitzroy River) and platforms that allow seeing other important cultural sites such as Gawula (Mount Wheeler).

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Indigenous Affairs
- Fitzroy Basin Association
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

RRC Community Plan:

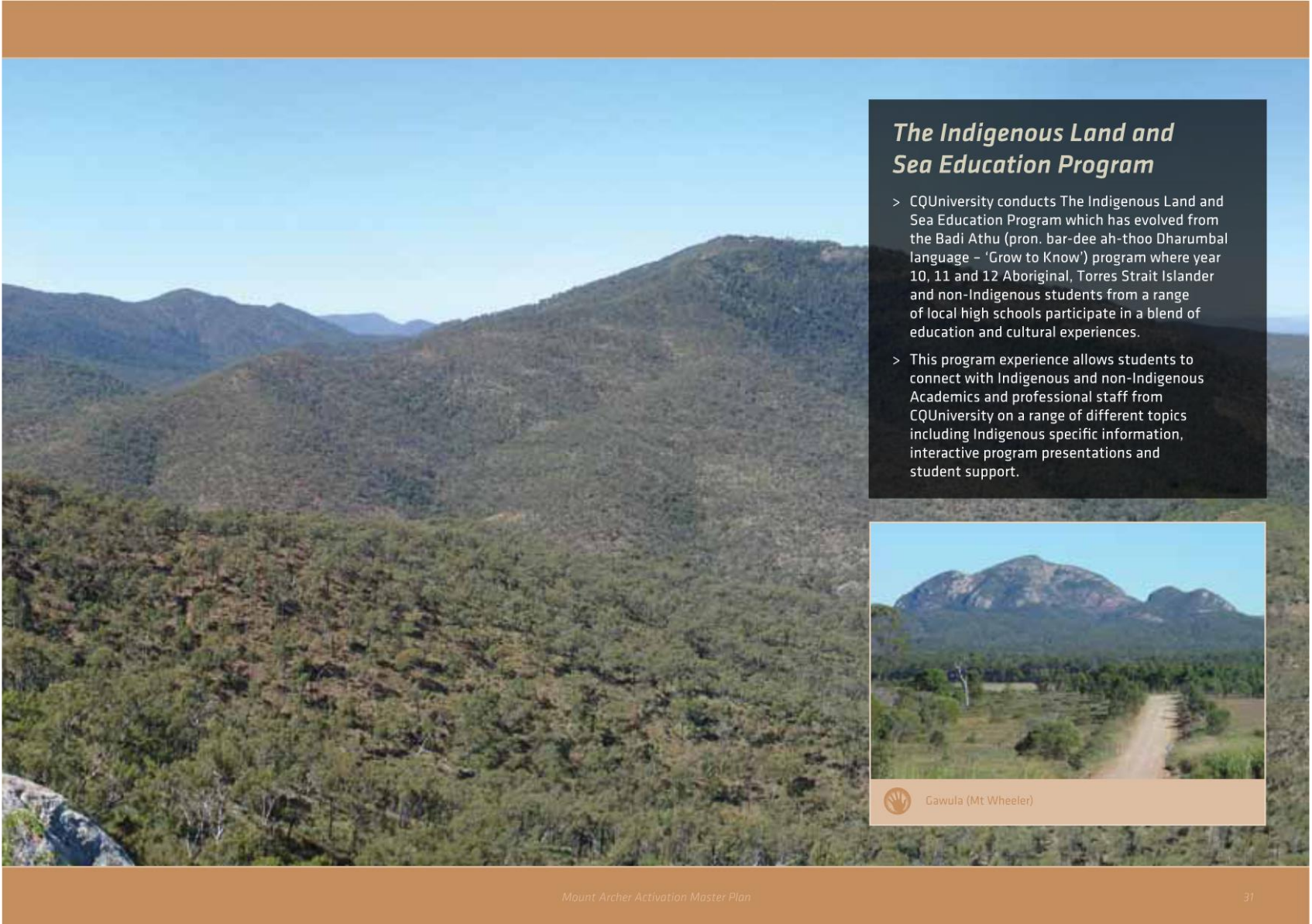
Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Celebrate our strong indigenous history and culture.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Ensure respect for all cultures through community awareness programs.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Implement community signage that shows off the Region's assets and indigenous influences.


People, Places & Planning Strategy 4 - Advocate, promote and protect our heritage buildings, indigenous and cultural sites, and places of significance.


People, Places & Planning Strategy 5 - Ensure development respects the culture and heritage of the traditional land owners and other cultural groups within the Region.



The Indigenous Land and Sea Education Program

- > CQUniversity conducts The Indigenous Land and Sea Education Program which has evolved from the Badi Athu (pron. bar-dee ah-thoo Dharumbal language - 'Grow to Know') program where year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous students from a range of local high schools participate in a blend of education and cultural experiences.
- > This program experience allows students to connect with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Academics and professional staff from CQUniversity on a range of different topics including Indigenous specific information, interactive program presentations and student support.



 Gawula (Mt Wheeler)

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KEY PROJECT: the mount archer ridge and range walk

The Mount Archer Ridge and Range walk could very well be a tourism drawcard for Central Queensland, and has been proposed by locals interested in seeing the bushwalking potential of the area fully recognised.

This Key Project aligns with the environmental values of this Activation Master Plan, while also encouraging tourism and healthy recreation within the area.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS	OUTCOMES
1. Bushwalking Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create an additional 30km of bushwalking trails in the Mount Archer National Park and Fraser Park.• Enable a project with the Department of Correctional Services to assist construction.• Provide a series of bushwalking tracks – easy, medium, hard, expert.• Where possible seek to link bushwalking trails with other trails in/around the area.
2. Zamia Trail Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the surface of the full length of the Zamia trail to allow better accessibility.
3. Campsite Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide two camps within the National Park that will require a walk of at least four hours to reach the campsite.• Enable users/tourists to stay within the National Park on camping trips.
4. Walking Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide access to the National Park from a variety of entry points from North Rockhampton including Frenchville, Norman Gardens and Koongal.
5. Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide signage in a variety of languages/symbols to advise bushwalkers of necessities and potential dangers.• Provide information on habitat areas for bushwalkers.
5. Geo-caching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide Geo-caching locations within the National Park.• Promote Geo-caching adventure to locals and tourists with the help of Capricorn Enterprise.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- The Dharumbal people
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Aligns with Health and Wellbeing target G16 - We are physically and mentally healthy

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Maintain the Region's sports fields, parks, gardens, playgrounds and open spaces.

Economy - Promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.


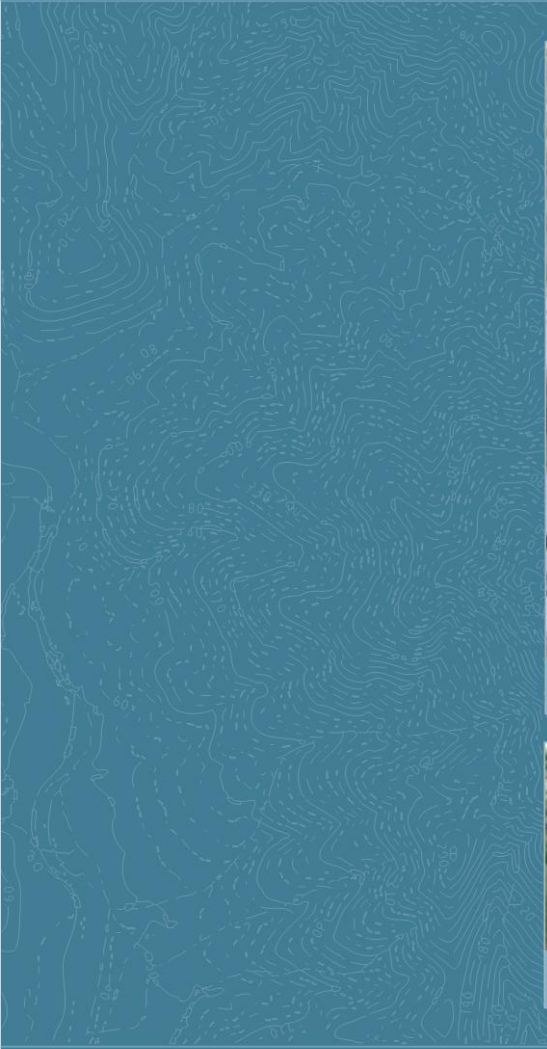
RRC Community Plan:


Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure the open space network provides linkages with the pedestrian and cycleway network, and areas of environmental, educational and cultural value.


Environment Strategy 4 - Enhance and promote our eco-tourism, and green and clean tourism options.


Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure a mix of sporting options and facilities for all ages.


Economy Strategy 4 - Grow sustainable tourism options on a local and regional basis, capitalising on our natural, historical, cultural, culinary and artificial assets.





 Climbing up through the dry rainforest on Mt Slepner





 Walking down Mount Slepner




 The Mount Dick Walk



 The quarry from the rock face on Mount Slepner



 Walking track circuit

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KEY PROJECT: german street bushland park

The German Street Bushland is significant in terms of size, use and ecology. The creation of a site based management plan will assist in the balance between human use and ecological sustainability.

This key project is closely linked to that overleaf – Mountain Bike Trails.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Emergency Access

- Construct emergency access points at the end of Guthrie Street and in German Street Park to allow emergency vehicles easier access to parts of the National Park.

2. German Street Bushland Park Project

- Establish a site based management plan for the German Street Bushland Park area.
- Provide outdoor learning opportunities along the Zamia trails and Moores Creek.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council
- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Conservation Council
- Birdlife Capricornia
- Local community





KEY PROJECT: mountain bike trails

A Mountain Bike Reserve appeals to the eco-tourism objectives of the Activation Master Plan, encouraging outdoor activity and providing unstructured recreation opportunities.

The First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve upgrades will allow for greater use of the mountain by people of all ages and fitness levels. Development of the German Street Park amenities will encourage residents to use the facilities, ensuring that Rockhampton locals benefit as well as tourists.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Work with local clubs and trail builders to develop sustainable mountain bike trails that are tailored to a variety of skill levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve will be well placed to cater for the rapidly growing industry of mountain bike tourism. Create a range of skills levels for young children through to veteran riders. Encourage residents and visitors to benefit from the health outcomes of mountain biking.
2. Sunset Drive Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a compost toilet and a drinking fountain in the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. Investigate a skills track within the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. Fence the Sunset Drive playground area.
3. Sunset Drive Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the amount of carparks in existing car park locations.
4. Signage and Interpretive Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the level of advisory and directional signage in the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve. Ensure safe and skill/fitness level appropriate use by residents and tourists of the First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve.
5. Emergency Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a causeway or similar across Moores Creek to all user and emergency services access to First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve and parts of Mount Archer.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Capricorn Enterprise
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Local Residents
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Health and Wellbeing target G16 - We are physically and mentally healthy.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure - Provide developmental programs for sporting and recreational groups.

RRC Community Plan:

Infrastructure Strategy 3 - Ensure the open space network provides linkages with the pedestrian and cycleway network, and areas of environmental, educational and cultural value.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 1 - Ensure a mix of sporting options and facilities for all ages.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 7 - Develop accessible sport, recreational and entertainment activities for our youth.

Did you know?

- > First Turkey Mountain Bike Reserve is the only Mountain Bike Facility in Central Queensland
- > 734,000 people ride a bike each week in Queensland
- > For 11 years running, more bikes were sold in Australia than cars.
- > Most bike users ride for exercise or recreation.
- > Residents are more physically active in communities with bicycle friendly infrastructure





proposed events calendar

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan includes a vision for a lively future. This will incorporate a calendar of events designed to attract tourists and residents and showcase the precinct's development year-round.

Many of the proposed activities within this Master Plan align with the Capricorn Destination Tourism Plan, an important regional plan that helps direct tourism in the Rockhampton Region.

KEY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OUTCOMES

1. Establish and Execute Regular Events Calendar

Example Schedule:

- **March** - Trekking event from Mt Archer to Mt Chapple and Mt Dick.
- **April** - Open air cinema.
- **May** - Eco-education lectures with local presenters.
- **June** - Mount Archer Billy cart race.
- **July** - Bird watching tour.
- **August** - Festival of Cycling - including the Mt Archer Queen and King of the Mountain (QKOM) Race.
- **September** - Mount Archer Family Fun Day.
- **October** - Bird watching tour.
- **December** - End of year camp out at the summit.

STAKEHOLDERS

- BirdLife Capricornia.
- Capricornia Bushwalkers
- Capricorn Enterprise
- CQUniversity
- The Dharumbal people
- Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Department of Tourism, Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games
- Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchment Inc.
- Local community
- Local entertainers
- Local schools
- Rockhampton Cycling Club
- Rockhampton Mountain Bike Club
- Rockhampton Regional Council

PLANNING & POLICY ALIGNMENT

Queensland Plan:

Health and Wellbeing target G16 - We are physically and mentally healthy.

Regions Targets T7- Liveable Regions - All Queenslanders are highly satisfied with the liveability of their region.

Regions target G8 - Our regions are prosperous and liveable.

RRC Corporate Plan:

Economy - Collaborate with Capricorn Enterprise to ensure the delivery of services to promote the tourist potential and economic development of our Region.

Living, Learning & Leisure - Deliver and facilitate community events and celebrations.

RRC Community Plan:

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 4 - Develop and provide a range of innovative spaces that support and enhance a creative community.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 8 - Increase a diverse range of entertainment options.

Living, Learning & Leisure Strategy 8 - Maintain, support and celebrate our local events and festivals.



Mount Archer Billy Cart Race



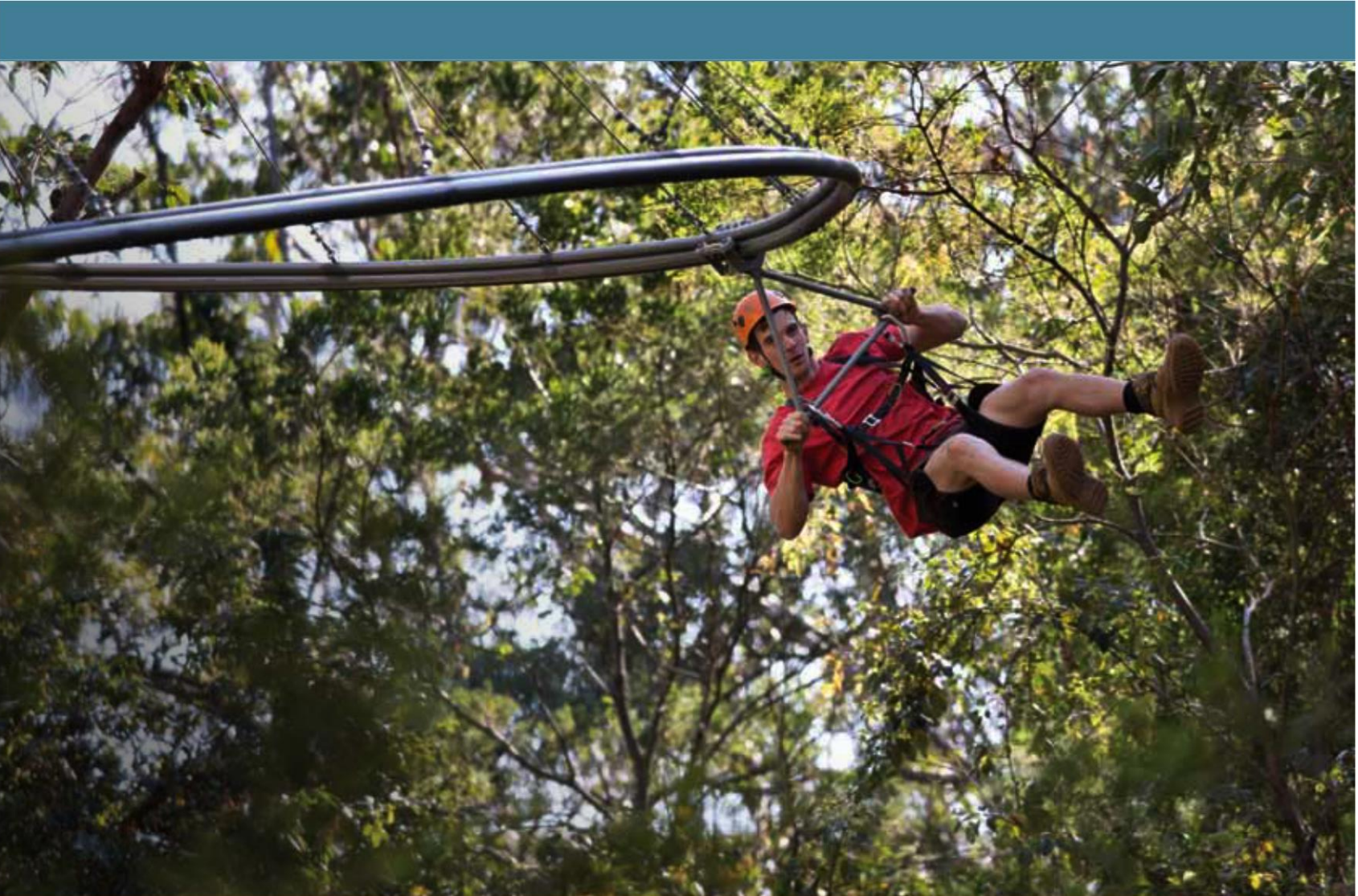
Festival of Cycling



Trekking events



Family Fun Day



where to from here?





references

- Queensland Plan
- Rockhampton Regional Council Community Plan
- Rockhampton Regional Council Corporate Plan
- Tourism and Events Queensland



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ROCKHAMPTON MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB - FIRST TURKEY MASTER PLAN

Land Tenure Overview

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 3

EXISTING LAND TENURE



FUTURE LAND TENURE REQUIREMENTS



11.7 D/170-2022 - MINOR CHANGE TO DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR A STAGED RETIREMENT FACILITY (57 DWELLINGS)

File No: D/170-2022

Attachments: 1. [Locality Plan](#)
2. [Amended Master Plan and Staging Plan](#)

Authorising Officer: Amanda O'Mara - Coordinator Development Assessment
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services

Author: Kathy McDonald - Principal Planning Officer

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Development Application Number: D/170-2022

Applicant: Gemstone Lifestyle No 3 Pty Ltd

Real Property Address: Lot 8 on RP607712 and Lot 24 on RP607814

Common Property Address: 192 Dean Street, Berserker

Area of Site: 25,250 square metres

Planning Scheme: *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015 (v4.4)*

Planning Scheme Zone: Low Density Residential Zone

Planning Scheme Precinct: Nil

Existing Development: Nil

Approval Sought: Amended Decision Notice for 'Other Change' to Development Permit D/170-2022 for a Material Change of Use for a Staged Retirement Facility (57 Dwellings)

Affected Entity: Nil

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION A

That in relation to the application for a Minor Change to D/170-2022 for a Material Change of Use for a Staged Retirement Facility (57 Dwellings), made by Gemstone Lifestyle No 3 Pty Ltd, located at 192 Dean Street, Berserker, described as Lot 8 on RP607712 and Lot 24 on RP607814, Council resolves to issue an Amended Decision Notice subject to the following conditions:

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The owner, the owner's successors in title, and any occupier of the premises is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this development approval.
- 1.2 Where these Conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or to be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by the Council.
- 1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken, completed, and be accompanied by a Compliance Certificate for any

operational works required by this development approval:

- 1.3.1 to Council's satisfaction;
- 1.3.2 at no cost to Council; and
- 1.3.3 prior to the commencement of the use, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.4 Infrastructure requirements of this development approval must be contributed to the relevant authorities, where applicable, at no cost to Council, prior to the commencement of the use, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.5 All development conditions contained in this development approval about infrastructure under Chapter 4 of the Planning Act 2016 should be read as being non-trunk infrastructure conditioned under section 145 of the Planning Act 2016, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.6 The following further Development Permits must be obtained prior to the commencement of any works associated with their purposes:
 - 1.6.1 Operational Works:
 - (i) Road Works;
 - (ii) Access and Parking Works;
 - (iii) Stormwater Works;
 - (iv) Roof and Allotment Drainage; and
 - (v) Site Works.
 - 1.6.2 Plumbing and Drainage Works; and
 - 1.6.3 Building Works:
- 1.7 All Development Permits for Operational Works and Plumbing and Drainage Works must be obtained prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Works.
- 1.8 All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.9 All engineering drawings/specifications, design and construction works must be in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Australian Standards and must be approved, supervised and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland.
- 1.10 Lot 8 on RP607712 and Lot 24 on RP607814 must be amalgamated and registered as one lot prior to the commencement of the use.

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 any condition of this development approval:

<u>Plan/Document Name</u>	<u>Prepared by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Version/ Issue</u>
Master Plan	Jared Poole Design	20 November 2024	BP1485/03.01	U
Staging Plan	Jared Poole Design	18 November 2024	BP1485/03.02	B
Fencing Plan	Living Gems	14 May 2024	BP1485/03.03	C

Statement of Landscape Intent	Zone Landscape Architecture	16 May 2024	L24029	C
Stormwater Management Plan	Westera Partners	15 March 2024	S24-018	A
Engineering Service Report	Westera Partners	15 March 2024	S24-018	A
Traffic Impact Assessment	McMurtrie Consulting Engineers	23 May 2023	063-21-22	A

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

3.0 ROAD WORKS

- 3.1 A Development Permit for Operational Works (road works) must be obtained prior to the commencement of any road works required by this development approval.
- 3.2 All road works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1), Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines, relevant Australian Standards and Austroads Guidelines and the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (road works).
- 3.3 Double barrier lines must be marked in the centre of Dean Street fronting the proposed access driveway to prevent right turn onto the development site from the Dean Street.
- 3.4 A concrete footpath, with a minimum width of 1.5 metres, must be constructed on the eastern side of Dean Street for the full frontage of the development site.
- 3.5 Road signage and pavement markings must be installed in accordance with Australian Standard AS1742.1 "Manual of uniform traffic control devices".
- 3.6 All pathways and access ramps must be designed and constructed in accordance with Australian Standard AS1428 "Design for access and mobility".
- 3.7 All pathways located within a road reserve or public use land must be provided with public space lighting in accordance with Australian Standard AS1158 "Lighting for roads and public spaces".

4.0 ACCESS AND PARKING WORKS

- 4.1 A Development Permit for Operational Works (access and parking works) must be obtained prior to the commencement of any access and parking works on the development site.
- 4.2 All access and parking works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1), Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines, Australian Standard AS2890 "Parking facilities" and the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (access and parking works).
- 4.3 All car parking and access areas must be paved or sealed to Council's satisfaction. Design and construction must be in accordance with the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (access and parking works).
- 4.4 DELETED
- 4.5 A new access to the development must be provided at Dean Street. A small traffic

island with a 'No Right Turn' sign must be installed in the access driveway to prevent right turn onto Dean Street.

- 4.6 Access to development site from Dean Street must be limited to 'left in, left out' only.
- 4.7 All vehicular access to and from the development must be via Dean Street only.
- 4.8 Service and delivery vehicles, including refuse collection vehicles must be via Dean Street only.
- 4.9 Any redundant vehicular crossovers must be replaced by Council standard kerb and channel.
- 4.10 All vehicles must ingress and egress the development in a forward gear.
- 4.11 Adequate sight distances must be provided for all ingress and egress movements at the access driveways in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890.2 "Parking facilities - Off street commercial vehicle facilities".
- 4.12 A minimum of one seventy-seven (77) car parking spaces and six (6) RV parking spaces must be provided on-site in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1).
- 4.13 Universal access parking spaces must be provided on-site in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890.6 "Parking facilities - Off-street parking for people with disabilities".
- 4.14 Parking spaces must be line-marked in accordance with the approved Site Plan (refer to condition 2.1) and in accordance with the Australian Standard AS2890 "Parking facilities" and the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (access and parking works).
- 4.15 Any application for a Development Permit for Operational Works (access and parking works) must be accompanied by detailed and scaled plans, which demonstrate the turning movements/swept paths of the largest vehicle to access the development site including refuse collection vehicles.
- 4.16 All vehicle operations associated with the development must be directed by suitable directional, informative, regulatory or warning signs in accordance with Australian Standard AS1742.1 "Manual of uniform traffic control devices" and Australian Standard AS2890.1 "Parking facilities – Off-street car parking".
- 4.17 All vehicle operation areas must be illuminated in accordance with the requirements of Australian Standard AS1158 "Lighting for roads and public spaces".
- 4.18 All internal pedestrian pathways must be designed and constructed in accordance with Australian Standard AS1428 "Design for access and mobility".
- 4.19 A pedestrian pathway with a minimum width of 1.8 metres must be constructed to provide residents access to/from Stamford Street.

5.0 PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORKS

- 5.1 A Development Permit for Plumbing and Drainage Works must be obtained for the removal and/or demolition of any existing structure on the development site.
- 5.2 All internal plumbing and drainage works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1), Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines, Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008, Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018, Council's Plumbing and Drainage Policies and the provisions of a Development Permit for Plumbing and Drainage Works.
- 5.3 The development must be connected to Council's reticulated sewerage and water networks.
- 5.4 The existing water connection point(s) must be disconnected. A new water connection point must be provided to the development site from existing 100 millimetre diameter main in Stamford Street. A hydraulic engineer or other suitably

qualified person must determine the size of connection required.

- 5.5 Adequate domestic and firefighting protection must be provided to the development and must be certified by a hydraulic engineer or other suitably qualified person.
- 5.6 Note: A 100 millimetre internal water main may be required within the internal road network for fire-fighting purposes. This requirement must be finalised by a suitable qualified person.
- 5.7 The proposed development must be provided with a master meter at the development site boundary and sub-meters for each sole occupancy building in accordance with the Queensland Plumbing and Drainage Code and Council's Sub-metering Policy.
- 5.8 All internal plumbing and sanitary drainage works must be completely independent for each dwelling unit.
- 5.9 Sewer connections, access chambers and water meter boxes located within trafficable areas must be raised or lowered to suit the finished surface levels and must be provided with heavy duty trafficable lids.
- 5.10 DELETED
- 5.11 The existing sewerage infrastructure located adjacent to the southern property boundary must be decommissioned as identified on the approved plans (see condition 2.1). Council's ownership finishes at the existing access chamber on the eastern side of the easement. All proposed sewerage works internal to the site will be privately owned and maintained.

6.0 STORMWATER WORKS

- 6.1 A Development Permit for Operational Works (stormwater works) must be obtained prior to the commencement of any stormwater works required by this development approval.
- 6.2 All stormwater drainage works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1), Queensland Urban Drainage Manual, Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines, sound engineering practice and the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (stormwater works).
- 6.3 All stormwater must drain to a demonstrated lawful point of discharge and must not adversely affect surrounding land or infrastructure in comparison to the pre-development conditions, including but not limited to blocking, altering or diverting existing stormwater runoff patterns or having the potential to cause damage to other infrastructure.
- 6.4 The development must not increase peak stormwater runoff for a selected range of storm events up to and including a one per cent (1%) Annual exceedance probability storm event, for the post-development conditions.
- 6.5 Easements must be provided over all land assessed to be within the inundation area in a one per cent (1%) Annual exceedance probability flood event.
- 6.6 Note: The pedestrian access from the site to Stamford Street is permitted within easement area.
- 6.7 The installation of gross pollutant traps must be in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and all maintenance of the proposed gross pollutant traps must be the responsibility of the property owner or body corporate (if applicable).
- 6.8 All proprietary stormwater quality treatment devices must be routinely checked, serviced and cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Records of all maintenance activities undertaken must be kept and made available to Council upon request. Where replacement cartridges or other necessary components for the system become unavailable, an alternative system approved by Council, is required to be retrofitted into the development to achieve an equivalent pollutant

reduction outcome. All maintenance cost must be borne by the site owner.

- 6.9 Any application for a Development Permit for Operational Works (stormwater works) must be accompanied by engineering plans with details of any new drainage systems including retention systems, inlet and outlet structures, or the amendment and upgrading of existing drainage systems to implement the proposed drainage strategy.
- 6.10 The combined treatment/detention tank water quality improvement devices as identified on the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1) must be landscaped in accordance with Council's requirements. Any application for a Development Permit for Operational Works (stormwater works) must be accompanied by detailed plans and specifications for the detention basin, and the design must:
- 6.10.1 be suitable to the climate and incorporate predominately native species;
 - 6.10.2 maximise areas suitable for on-site infiltration of stormwater;
 - 6.10.3 incorporate shade trees; and
 - 6.10.4 demonstrate that all areas apart from garden beds are fully turfed or hydromulched.
- 6.11 The detailed design of the combined treatment/detention tank as identified on the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1), must ensure the safety of the public and/or tenants and where applicable include all required safety measures and facilities (for example, child proof fences). A maintenance plan for the proposed detention basin system must be submitted as part of any application for a Development Permit for Operational Works (stormwater works).
- 6.12 An amended Stormwater Management Plan must be submitted with the Operational Works application. The amended plan must address the State Planning Policy requirements for water quality for the entire development site. It maybe necessary to treat the eastern catchment flows to a higher standard such that the overall site treatment meets the reduction targets. In addition, commentary should be included around the western catchment flows pre and post and a comparison of same.

7.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

7.1 DELETED

- 7.2 All roof and allotment drainage works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1), Queensland Urban Drainage Manual, Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines, sound engineering practice and the provisions of a Development Permit for Operational Works (roof and allotment drainage works).
- 7.3 All roof and allotment runoff from the development must be directed to a lawful point of discharge and must not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to surrounding land or infrastructure.

8.0 SITE WORKS

- 8.1 A Development Permit for Operational Works (site works) must be obtained prior to the commencement of any site works on the development site.
- 8.2 Any application for a Development Permit for Operational Works (site works) must be accompanied by an earthworks plan that clearly identifies the following:
- 8.2.1 the location of cut and/or fill;
 - 8.2.2 the type of fill to be used and the manner in which it is to be compacted;
 - 8.2.3 the quantum of fill to be deposited or removed and finished cut and/or fill levels;
 - 8.2.4 details of any proposed access routes that are intended to be used to transport fill to or from the development site; and

- 8.2.5 the maintenance of access roads to and from the development site so that they are free of all cut and/or fill material and cleaned as necessary.
- 8.3 All earthworks must be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standard AS3798 "Guidelines on earthworks for commercial and residential developments".
- 8.4 Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to surrounding land or infrastructure.
- 8.5 Retaining structures above one (1) metre in height that are not incidental works to a Development Permit for Building Works, must not be constructed unless separately and specifically certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland and must be approved as part of a Development Permit for Operational Works (site works).

9.0 BUILDING WORKS

- 9.1 A Development Permit for Building Works assessable under the Building Assessment Provisions must be obtained prior to the commencement of any building works on the site.
- 9.2 All building works for Class 1 and Class 10 buildings must be undertaken in accordance with Queensland Development Code, Mandatory Part 1.4 for building over or near relevant infrastructure.
- 9.3 Impervious paved waste storage area/s must be provided in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1) and the Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 and must be:
 - 9.3.1 designed and located so as not to cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties;
 - 9.3.2 surrounded by at least a 1.8 metre high screen fence that obstructs from view the contents of the waste storage area by any member of the public from any public place;
 - 9.3.3 provided with a suitable hosecock and hoses at the refuse container area, and washdown must be drained to the sewer and fitted with an approved stormwater diversion valve arrangement in accordance with the Sewerage Trade Waste provisions and the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018.

As an alternative to a washdown facility, a fully contained commercial bin cleaning service is acceptable provided no wastewater is discharged from the site to the sewer.

- 9.4 Boundary fencing must be erected along the common boundary of the subject development site prior to the commencement of the use in all areas shown on the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1).
- 9.5 The private open space area provided for each unit must be fenced with a 1.8 metre high screen fence. The fence must be constructed of appropriate materials and to Council's satisfaction to prevent viewing of the private open space from a public space and adjoining properties.
- 9.6 All external elements, such as air conditioners, pool and spa pumps and associated equipment, must be adequately screened from public view to Council's satisfaction.

10.0 LANDSCAPING WORKS

- 10.1 Landscaping must be constructed and/or established prior to the commencement of the use in all areas shown on the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1).
- 10.2 Landscaping must be designed in accordance with the requirements of Australian Standard AS 1428 — Design for access and mobility.

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- 10.3 Large trees must not be planted within one (1) metre of the centreline of any sewerage and/or water infrastructure; small shrubs and groundcover are acceptable.
- 10.4 Landscaping, or any part thereof, upon reaching full maturity, must not:
- 10.4.1 obstruct sight visibility zones as defined in the Austroads 'Guide to Traffic Engineering Practice' series of publications;
 - 10.4.2 adversely affect any road lighting or public space lighting; or
 - 10.4.3 adversely affect any Council infrastructure, or public utility plant.
- 10.5 The landscaped areas must be subject to:
- 10.5.1 a watering and maintenance plan during the establishment phase; and
 - 10.5.2 an ongoing maintenance and replanting programme.
- 10.6 Existing established street trees located along Dean Street must be retained where deemed healthy and in good form. Where replacement of street trees is necessary they must be provided in accordance with the approved plans (refer to condition 2.1) and the requirements of Planning Scheme Policy SC6.12 - Landscape Design and Street Trees Planning Scheme Policy.
- 10.7 The street trees required by condition 10.6 must be one or a combination of the following species:
- 10.7.1 *Buckinghamia celcissma* – Ivory Curl
 - 10.7.2 *Corymbia ptychocarpa* – Swamp Bloodwood
 - 10.7.3 *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* – Tuckeroo
 - 10.7.4 *Cupaniopsis parvisolia* – Small Leaf Tuckeroo
 - 10.7.5 *Harpullia pendula* – Tulip wood
 - 10.7.6 *Melicope elleryana* - Pink Flowering Euodia
 - 10.7.7 *Syzygium leuhmannii* - Small Leafed Lilly Pilly
 - 10.7.8 *Waterhousia floribunda* – Weeping Lilly Pilly
 - 10.7.9 *Xanthostemon chrysanthus* – Golden Penda
- 10.8 The street trees must:
- 10.8.1 Be planted between one (1) and 1.2 metres from the edge of the kerb;
 - 10.8.2 Be at least three (3) metres from a driveway;
 - 10.8.3 Be at least five (5) metres apart; and
 - 10.8.4 Be at least six (6) metres from the corner of the kerb at street intersections.
- 10.9 Street trees must be maintained by the owner / developer until established.
- Note:** Street trees become the property of Council. Council reserves all rights to trim or remove street trees as per our requirements and in accordance with the current Street Tree Policy.
- 10.10 Street tree planting must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of Planning Scheme Policy SC6.12 - Landscape Design and Street Trees Planning Scheme Policy.
- 10.11 Street trees and landscaping must not impact on vehicle site distances in accordance with *Australian Standard AS2890 – Parking Facilities*, or unduly restrict visibility to pedestrians in verge areas.
- 10.12 Council approval must be obtained prior to the removal of or interference with street trees located on Council land.
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11.0 ELECTRICITY

- 11.1 Underground electricity services must be provided in accordance with approved Operational Works Plans and the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

12.0 TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 Telecommunications services must be provided to the development in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

13.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Any damage to existing stormwater, water supply and sewerage infrastructure, kerb and channel, pathway or roadway (including removal of concrete slurry from public land and Council infrastructure), that occurs while any works are being carried out in association with this development approval must be repaired at full cost to the developer. This includes the reinstatement of any existing traffic signs or pavement markings that may have been removed or damaged.
- 13.3 'As Constructed' information pertaining to assets to be handed over to Council and those which may have an impact on Council's existing and future assets must be provided prior to the commencement of the use. This information must be provided in accordance with the Asset Design and As Constructed Manual (ADAC).

14.0 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 14.1 Any lighting devices associated with the development, such as sensory lighting, must be positioned on the development site and shielded so as not to cause glare or other nuisance to nearby residents and motorists. Night lighting must be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with Australian Standard AS4282 "Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting".

15.0 OPERATING PROCEDURES

- 15.1 All construction materials, waste, waste skips, machinery and contractors' vehicles must be located and stored or parked within the development site. Storage of materials or parking of construction machinery or contractors' vehicles must not occur within Dean Street, Stamford Street or Edington Street.
- 15.2 No kerbside collection is permitted for waste bins. All waste must be stored and collected within the site.

16.0 STAGED DEVELOPMENT

- 16.1 This development approval is for a development to be undertaken in six (6) discrete stages, namely:
- 16.1.1 Stage One - Ten (10) dwelling, roundabout and three (3) carparks;
 - 16.1.2 Stage Two - Ten (10) dwellings;
 - 16.1.3 Stage Three - Ten (10) dwellings;
 - 16.1.4 Stage Four - Eight (8) dwellings and twelve (12) visitor carparks;
 - 16.1.5 Stage Five - Nineteen (19) dwellings; and
 - 16.1.6 Stage Six - Club house, hobby shed, pool, pickleball court, barbecue/s and five (5) visitor carparks and six (6) recreation vehicle (RV) carparks.
- in accordance with the approved staging plan (refer to condition 2.1).
- 16.2 Stage one must be completed prior to any other stage. All other stages are not required to be undertaken in any chronological order.
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- 16.3 Unless otherwise expressly stated, the conditions must be read as being applicable only to the stages(s) being developed.
- 16.4 The currency period for all Stages is six (6) years from the date this approval takes effect.
- 17.0 STREET LIGHTING
- 17.1 The developer is responsible for all costs associated with the supply and installation of any road lighting or public space lighting in accordance with Australian Standard AS1158 'Lighting for roads and public spaces'.
- 18.0 ENVIRONMENTAL
- 18.1 The Erosion Control and Stormwater Control Management Plan in accordance with the Capricorn Municipal Design Guidelines, must be:
- 18.1.1 Implemented, monitored, and maintained for the duration of the works, and until all exposed soil areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted, landscaped); and
- 18.1.2 Available on-site for inspection by Council Officers whilst all works are being carried out.

ADVISORY NOTES

NOTE 1. 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"). Maximum penalties for breaching the duty of care are listed in the Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation. The information on Aboriginal cultural heritage is available on the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships website www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au

NOTE 2. General Environmental Duty

General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 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.

NOTE 3. General Safety of Public During Construction

The Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices must be complied with in carrying out any construction works, and to ensure safe traffic control and safe public access in respect of works being constructed on a road.

NOTE 4. Property Note (Access)

All vehicular access to and from the development must be via Dean Street only. Direct vehicular access to Stamford Street or Edington Street is prohibited.

NOTE 5. Licensable Activities

Should an activity licensable by Rockhampton Regional Council be proposed for the premises, Council's Environment and Public Health Unit should be consulted to determine whether any approvals are required. Such activities may include a food business. Approval for such activities is required before 'fitout' and operation.

NOTE 6. Infrastructure Charges Notice

This application is subject to infrastructure charges in accordance with Council

policies. The charges are presented on an Infrastructure Charges Notice.

NOTE 7. Advertising Devices

Any Advertising device associated with or attached to the development must be carried out in accordance with Council's Planning Scheme.

NOTE 8. Standard Terms Document for Easements

Easement documents for Council infrastructure must utilise Council's standard terms document - 718579623 to accompany the Survey Plan for endorsement by Council.

NOTE 9. Rating Category

Please note, a Material Change of Use approval may result in an adjustment to a property's rating category. Please contact Council's Rates Department should you require further information.

NOTE 10. Building Works

Council will be a referral agency for the Building Works Permit where the development does not comply with the *Queensland Development Code*. This Development Permit does not constitute a referral agency response from Council.

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting on 27 August 2024, approved a Development Permit for 'Other Change' to Material Change of Use for a Staged Retirement Facility (57 Dwellings) located at 192 Dean Street, Berserker, formally described as Lot 8 on RP607712 and Lot 24 on RP607814.

This development permit is for a Retirement Facility comprising of 57 dwellings a club house, hobby shed, pool, pickleball court and BBQ area along with a total of 83 on-site car parking spaces with each dwelling provided with one (1) enclosed parking space, plus twenty 20 visitor parking spaces and six (6) recreation vehicle parking spaces.

Associated Operational Works permit D/126-2024 was approved on 9 December 2024 and civil construction works have commenced.

PROPOSAL

In accordance with section 78 of the *Planning Act 2016*, the applicant has applied for a 'Minor Change' to the development approval. The applicant has proposed to make the following changes to the development:

- 1) Item 6 and Condition 2.1 have been requested to be amended. This is in relation to the Approved Plans table and will reflect changes to the proposed dwellings from three (3) bedroom dwellings to two (2) bedroom dwellings. Changes to the facilities layout and staging plan have also been proposed.
- 2) Condition 16.1 has been requested to be amended. This is in relation to the staging of the development. Additional stage five and stage six have been included:
 - Stage One - Ten (10) dwellings, roundabout on the entrance and three (3) visitor carparks;
 - Stage Two - Ten (10) dwellings;
 - Stage Three - Ten (10) dwellings;
 - Stage Four - Eight (8) dwellings and fifteen (15) visitor carparks;
 - Stage Five - Nineteen (19) dwellings; and

- Stage six - Five (5) visitor carparks, six (6) recreation vehicle (RV) carparks, club house, hobby shed, pickleball court and barbecue/s.

Consequential changes to conditions of approval are detailed herein.

Table 1 includes the conditions that are to be amended. All conditions to be amended have been requested to or agreed to by the applicant:

TABLE 1 – PROPOSED CHANGES

Requested By Applicant					Council Officer's Response:
Item 6 and Condition 2.1 are to be Amended to the following:					Council Officers agree to the requested changes to reflect updated plans.
<u>Plan/Document Name</u>	<u>Prepared by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Version /Issue</u>	
Master Plan	Jared Poole Design	20 November 2024	BP1485/03.01	U	
Staging Plan	Jared Poole Design	18 November 2024	BP1485/03.02	B	
Fencing Plan	Living Gems	14 May 2024	BP1485/03.03	C	
Statement of Landscape Intent	Zone Landscape Architecture	16 May 2024	L24029	C	
Stormwater Management Plan	Westera Partners	15 March 2024	S24-018	A	
Engineering Service Report	Westera Partners	15 March 2024	S24-018	A	
Traffic Impact Assessment	McMurtrie Consulting Engineers	23 May 2023	063-21-22	A	
Condition 16.1 is to be Amended as follows:					Council Officers agree to the requested changes. The additional stages do not change the overall outcomes of the development or its ability to operate as intended.
From					
16.1 This development approval is for a development to be undertaken in four (4) discrete stages, namely:					
16.1.1 Stage One - Fourteen (14) dwelling houses, Roundabout and three (3) carparks					
16.1.2 Stage Two - Twenty (20) dwelling houses and six (6) carparks;					
16.1.3 Stage Three - Twenty-three (23) dwelling houses, six (6) visitor and six (6) recreation vehicle (RV) carparks; and					
16.1.4 Stage Four - Five (5) visitor carparks, club house, hobby shed, pool, pickleball court and barbecue/s.					
in accordance with the approved staging plan (refer to condition 2.1).					
To					
16.1 This development approval is for a development to be undertaken in six (6) discrete stages, namely:					
16.1.1 Stage One - Ten (10) dwellings, roundabout and three (3) carparks;					

16.1.2 Stage Two - Ten (10) dwellings; 16.1.3 Stage Three - Ten (10) dwellings; 16.1.4 Stage Four - Eight (8) dwellings and twelve (12) visitor carparks; 16.1.5 Stage Five - Nineteen (19) dwellings; and 16.1.6 Stage Six - Club house, hobby shed, pool, pickleball court, barbecue/s and five (5) visitor carparks and six (6) recreation vehicle (RV) carparks. in accordance with the approved staging plan (refer to condition 2.1).	
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PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The change application has been assessed in accordance with section 81 of the Planning Act. Relevantly in assessing the change application, Council as responsible entity has considered:

- The information the applicant included with the application;
- Any properly made submissions about the development application or other change application that was approved;
- Any pre-request response notice or response notice given in relation to the change application; and
- All matters Council, as responsible entity, would or may assess against or have regard to, if the change application were a development application.

The proposed changes generally comply with the applicable assessment benchmarks contained in the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* (v4.4) and no further assessment is required.

INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

For a change application (minor), Council must recalculate the levied charges in accordance with the version of the Charges Resolution in effect when the Infrastructure Charges Notice (ICN) was issued.

Charges Resolution (No. 1) of 2022 for **accommodation (short and long term)** applies to the application. The Infrastructure Charges are as follows:

- A charge of \$1,249,246.20 for 57 x two (2) bedroom dwelling suites (retirement facility); and
- An Infrastructure Credit of \$61,355.30, applicable for the existing two (2) allotments.

In accordance with section 3.1 of Charges Resolution (No.1) of 2022, the base charge will be automatically increased using the Producer Price Index (PPI), adjusted according to the three (3) yearly PPI average quarterly percentage change between financial quarters.

As at the date of the Decision, it is determined the charge for a **Retirement Facility** under the Charges Resolution, when automatic indexation is applied in accordance with section 3.1, exceeds the prescribed amount (maximum charge) under Schedule 16 of the Planning Regulation 2017 (the Planning Regulation). Therefore, the maximum charge under Schedule 16 of the Planning Regulation is reflected herein –

Column 1 Use Schedule	Column 1A Use	Column 2 Adopted Infrastructure Charge for residential	Column 3 Unit	Column 4 Calculated Charge
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		development (\$)				
		(a) 2 or less b'room	(b) 3 or more b'room	(c) Not part of suite		
Accommodation (Long Term)	Retirement Facility	24,609.05	N/A	N/A	Per b'room or suite	\$1,402,715.85
Total Max Charge						\$1,402,715.85
Total Max Credit						\$68,905.30
TOTAL CHARGE						\$1,333,810.55

The Infrastructure Charge is payable in stages:

- A charge of \$246,090.50 for ten (10) dwellings (Stage One); and
An Infrastructure Credit of \$68,905.30 applicable for two (2) existing allotments.
Therefore, a total charge of \$177,185.20 is payable for Stage one.
- A charge of \$246,090.50 for ten (10) dwellings is payable for Stage two;
- A charge of \$246,090.50 for ten (10) dwellings is payable for Stage three;
- A charge of \$196,872.40 for eight (8) dwellings is payable for Stage four;
- A charge of \$467,571.95 for nineteen (19) dwellings is payable for Stage five;
- No charge for Stage six (club house and outdoor open space and recreation).

Therefore, a total charge of **\$1,333,810.55** is payable and will be reflected in an Amended Infrastructure Charges Notice for the development.

CONCLUSION

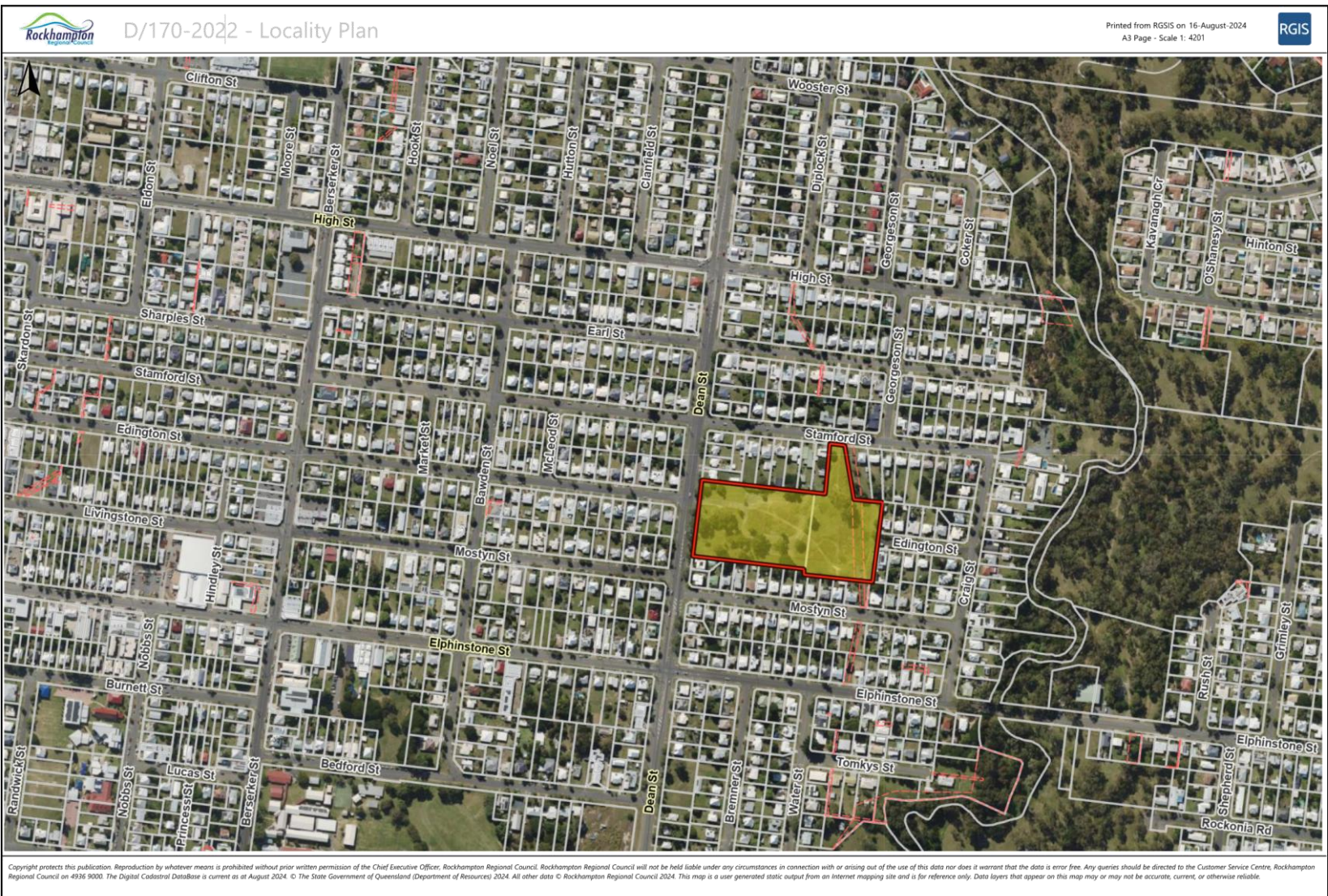
The Applicant's change application is considered reasonable and recommended for approval.

**D/170-2022 - MINOR CHANGE TO
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR
MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR A
STAGED RETIREMENT FACILITY (57
DWELLINGS)**

Locality Plan

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**D/170-2022 - MINOR CHANGE TO
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR
MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR A
STAGED RETIREMENT FACILITY (57
DWELLINGS)**

**Amended Master Plan and Staging
Plan**

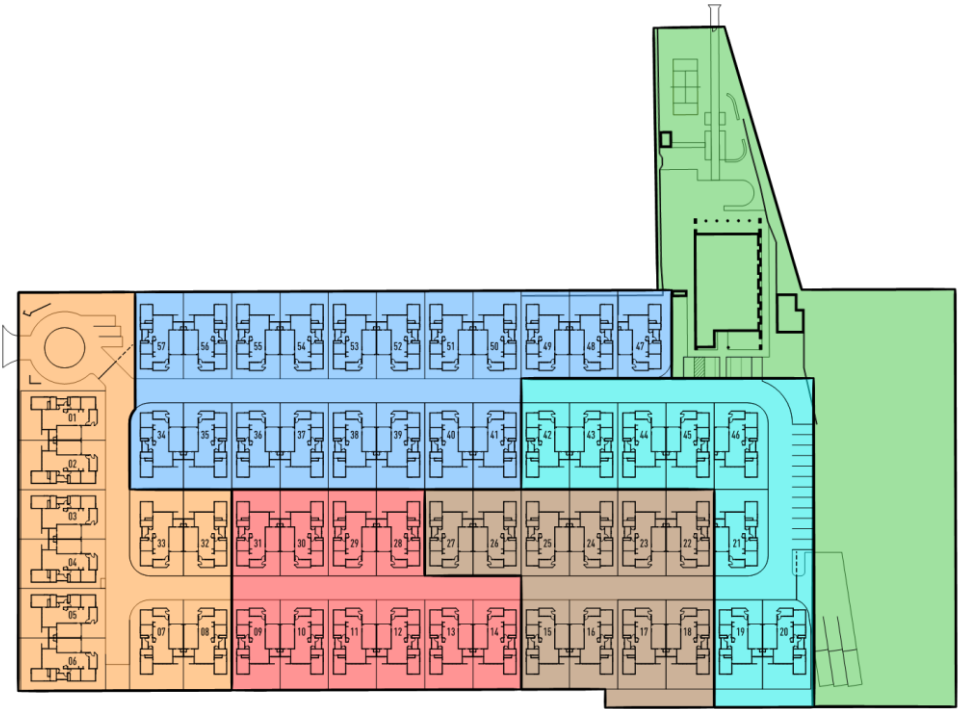
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03.01 Architectural Drawings
Master Plan



03.02 Architectural Drawings
Staging Plan



STAGING LEGEND		CARPARKING (ACCUMULATIVE TOTAL)	DWELLINGS (ACCUMULATIVE TOTAL)
	STAGE 1	3	10
	STAGE 2	3	20
	STAGE 3	3	30
	STAGE 4	15	40
	STAGE 5	15	57
	STAGE 6	26	

RV SPACES COUNTED IN CARPARKING NUMBERS

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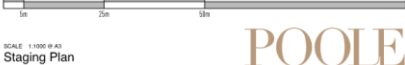
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11.8 PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES 2024-2025

File No: 7816
Attachments: 1. Fees and Charges 24-25 Proposed Childcare Changes [↓](#)
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Acting General Manager Corporate Services
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SUMMARY

This report is to submit minor amendments to Council's Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2024-2025 financial year for adoption.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopts the amendments to the Fees and Charges schedule for the 2024/2025 financial year.

COMMENTARY

The proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges for 2024/2025 are provided in the attached schedule.

Community Services**Childcare**

Proposing a 4% increase for Childcare Fees for 6 months from January – June 2025. This fee increase is to align more closely to other Childcare Centres who increase fees at the beginning of the calendar year and for Council to remain within comparable market pricing.

Council aims to operate this service against identified costs in a relatively cost neutral manner whilst taking into account market conditions.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The 2024/2025 Fees and Charges schedule was adopted by Council on 28 May 2024.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The effect of the changes will have minimal budget impact.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The fees and charges in the schedules can be amended at any time throughout the year in accordance with legislation.

CONCLUSION

These minor amendments are recommenced for inclusion in the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges Schedule. Upon approval by Council, these amendments to the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges Schedule are to be uploaded and presented on the Council website.

PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES 2024-2025

Fees and Charges 24-25 Proposed Childcare Changes

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES 2024/2025**Community Services****Childcare**

Proposing a 4% increase for Childcare Fees for 6 months from January – June 2025. This fee increase is to align more closely to other Childcare Centres who increase at the beginning of the Calendar year and for Council to remain within the market prices.

CCC007 – Proposing to increase from \$125.00 to \$130.00

CCC008 – Proposing to increase from \$125.00 to \$130.00

CCC009 – Proposing to increase from \$120.00 to \$125.00

Current Fees

Fee Number	Item name	GST Authority	2024/2025 (incl GST) Descriptive if Required	2024/2025 (incl GST) \$	Charge basis per unit (Optional)
CCC	Council Long Day Care - Daily Sessional Fee				
CCC007	Nursery	N		\$ 125.00	Per day
CCC008	Toddler	N		\$ 125.00	Per day
CCC009	Preschool	N		\$ 120.00	Per day

Proposed Fees

Fee Number	Item name	GST Authority	2024/2025 (incl GST) Descriptive if Required	2024/2025 (incl GST) \$	Charge basis per unit (Optional)
CCC	Council Long Day Care - Daily Sessional Fee				
CCC007	Nursery	N		\$ 130.00	Per day
CCC008	Toddler	N		\$ 130.00	Per day
CCC009	Preschool	N		\$ 125.00	Per day

11.9 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

File No: 8148
Attachments: 1. [Income Statement - November 2024](#)
2. [Key Indicators Graphs](#)
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Financial Officer presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 30 November 2024.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 30 November 2024 be received.

COMMENTARY

The attached financial report and graphs have been compiled from information within Council's TechnologyOne system. The reports presented are as follows:

1. Income Statement (Actuals and Budget for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024), Attachment 1.
2. Key Indicators Graphs, Attachment 2.

The attached financial statement provides Council's position after five months of the 2024/25 financial year. Results should be approximately 41.7% of the monthly review budget.

The following commentary is provided in relation to the Income Statement:

Total Operating Revenue is at 47% of the monthly review budget. Key components of this result are:

- Net Rates and Utility Charges are at 47% of budget. Council's rates and utility charges for the first six months of the financial year ending 31 December 2024 have been raised and were due on 4 September 2024.
- Fees & Charges are at 47% of budget due to Airport Fees and Development Assessment Fees being ahead of forecast.
- Private and recoverable works are at 31% of budget. This is mostly due to the timing of the works performed and invoiced.
- Grants and Subsidies are ahead of budget at 66% due to recognition of unearned revenue from the 2023/24 financial year carried over to the 2024/25 year and receipt of 85% of the annual Financial Assistance Grant as well as 50% of the Home Assist Secure funding for 2024/25.
- Interest revenue is ahead of budget at 61% due to higher than forecast cash holdings.
- Other Income is at 46% mainly due to recognition of unearned revenue from the 2023/24 financial year carried over to the 2024/25 year as well as additional car rental concession income from the Airport.

- All other revenue items are in proximity to budget.

Total Operating Expenditure is at 40% of the monthly review budget. Key components of this result are:

- Contractors and Consultants and Materials and Plant are at 31% & 39% respectively due to timing of the work performed.
- Asset operational expenses are at 39% due to the timing of payments for services such as electricity which are billed quarterly.
- Administrative expenses are at 34% as the estimated timing of expenditure for most of this account group is later in the financial year for events managed by Community and Culture Unit and Advance Rockhampton.
- All other expenditure items are in proximity to budget.

The following commentary is provided in relation to capital income and expenditure, as well as investments and loans:

Total Capital Income is at 63% of the monthly review budget. This result is influenced by the transfer of grant funds from the 2023/24 financial year to the 2024/25 financial year. These grant funds were received for specific capital projects but had not been spent on those projects by 30 June 2024. This result is also influenced by the receipt of 50% of the 2024-27 Works for Queensland program funding during the month of October and the advance payment of grant funding for the Mt Morgan Water Security Project during the month of November.

Total Capital Expenditure is at 26% of the monthly review budget and the level of capital expenditure is expected to increase in coming months.

Total Investments are \$104.5M at 30 November 2024.

Total Loans are \$129.2M at 30 November 2024.

CONCLUSION

With five months of the financial year passed, indications are that operational activities are mostly on track. Total operational revenue is ahead of budget at 47% due to the levying of the General Rates and Utility Charges for the six months ending 31 December 2024.

The capital program saw \$49.1M spent during the first five months of the financial year and the capital expenditure program will need to gain momentum over the coming months to deliver the projects budgeted for the 2024/25 financial year.

SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Income Statement - November 2024

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 1



Income Statement
For Period July 2024 to November 2025
41.7% of Year Gone

	Adopted Budget	Current Budget	YTD Actual	Commitments	YTD Actuals (inc commitments)	% of Current Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
OPERATING						01
Revenues						5
Net rates and utility charges	(201,515,445)	(201,515,445)	(94,692,363)	0	(94,692,363)	47% A
Fees and Charges	(40,849,613)	(41,322,613)	(19,250,884)	0	(19,250,884)	47% A
Private and recoverable works	(7,732,060)	(7,732,060)	(2,381,684)	0	(2,381,684)	31% A
Rent/Lease Revenue	(3,513,927)	(3,603,927)	(1,575,102)	0	(1,575,102)	44% A
Grants Subsidies & Contributions	(9,724,867)	(11,017,746)	(7,261,055)	0	(7,261,055)	66% A
Interest revenue	(3,506,000)	(3,606,000)	(2,204,300)	0	(2,204,300)	61% A
Other Income	(7,037,053)	(7,215,363)	(3,292,021)	0	(3,292,021)	46% A
Total Revenues	(273,876,965)	(276,613,155)	(130,657,409)	0	(130,657,409)	47% A
Expenses						
Employee Costs	103,886,392	103,896,326	44,628,576	332,594	44,961,170	43% A
Contractors & Consultants	28,343,064	30,531,220	9,323,065	10,637,675	19,960,740	31% A
Materials & Plant	17,452,691	17,494,912	6,801,615	2,949,929	9,751,544	39% A
Asset Operational	29,160,444	29,158,444	11,364,149	2,039,162	13,403,311	39% A
Administrative expenses	17,119,919	17,069,110	5,788,611	3,183,849	8,972,460	34% A
Depreciation	79,980,948	79,980,950	33,250,970	0	33,250,970	42% A
Finance costs	4,129,420	4,129,420	1,746,776	0	1,746,776	42% A
Other Expenses	1,346,235	1,342,435	494,726	9,315	504,040	37% A
Total Expenses	281,419,113	283,602,818	113,398,488	19,152,524	132,551,612	40% A
Transfer / Overhead Allocation						
Transfer / Overhead Allocation	(7,582,450)	(7,610,450)	(3,988,906)	0	(3,988,906)	52% A
Total Transfer / Overhead Allocation	(7,582,450)	(7,610,450)	(3,988,906)	0	(3,988,906)	52% A
TOTAL OPERATING POSITION (SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	(42,303)	(20,787)	(21,247,826)	19,152,524	(2,095,303)	102217% A
CAPITAL	Adopted Budget	Current Budget	YTD Actual	Commitments	YTD Actuals (inc commitments)	% of Current Budget
Total Developers Contributions Received	(7,273,428)	(7,273,428)	(1,645,539)	0	(1,645,539)	23%
Total Capital Grants and Subsidies Received	(42,963,267)	(70,017,139)	(50,982,084)	0	(50,982,084)	73%
Total Proceeds from Sale of Assets	(6,549,000)	(6,549,000)	(500,334)	0	(500,334)	8%
Total Capital Income	(56,785,695)	(83,839,567)	(53,127,958)	0	(53,127,958)	63%
Total Capital Expenditure	194,279,612	188,160,226	49,184,682	80,542,084	129,726,766	26%
Net Capital Position	137,493,917	104,320,659	(3,943,276)	80,542,084	76,598,808	-4%
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			104,495,906			
TOTAL BORROWINGS			129,171,987			

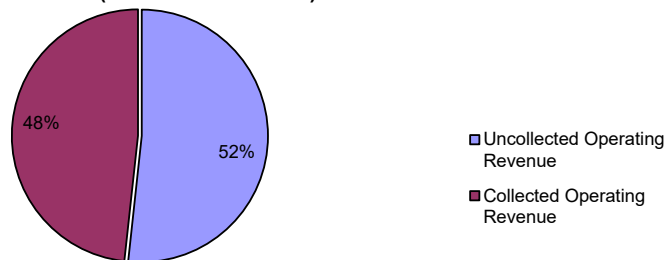
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Key Indicators Graphs

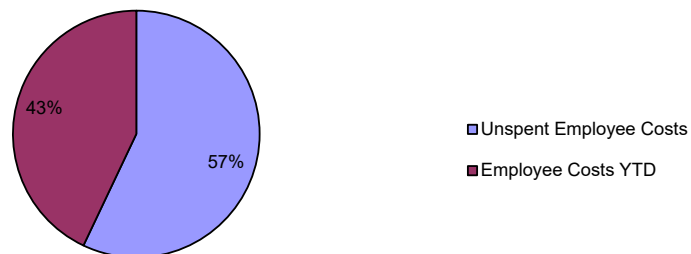
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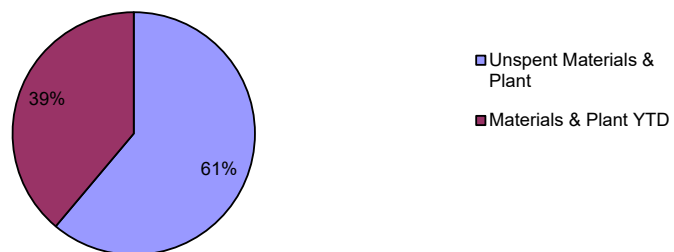
Operating Revenue
(Excluding Net Rates and Utility Charges)
(41.7% of Year Gone)

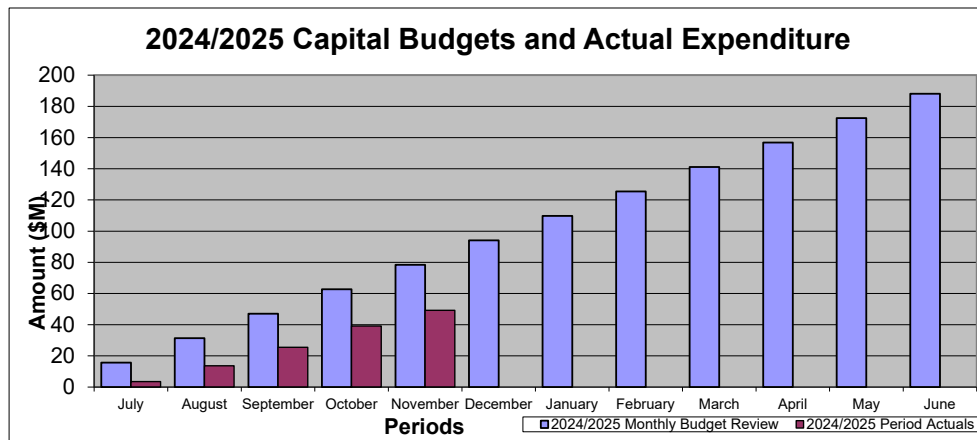
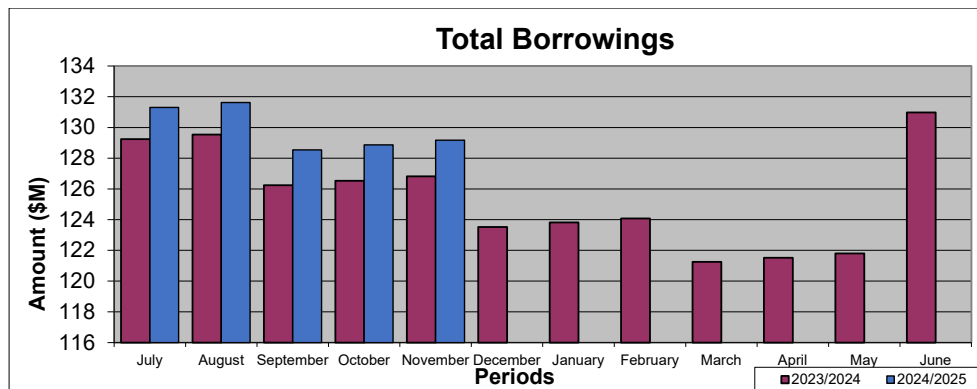
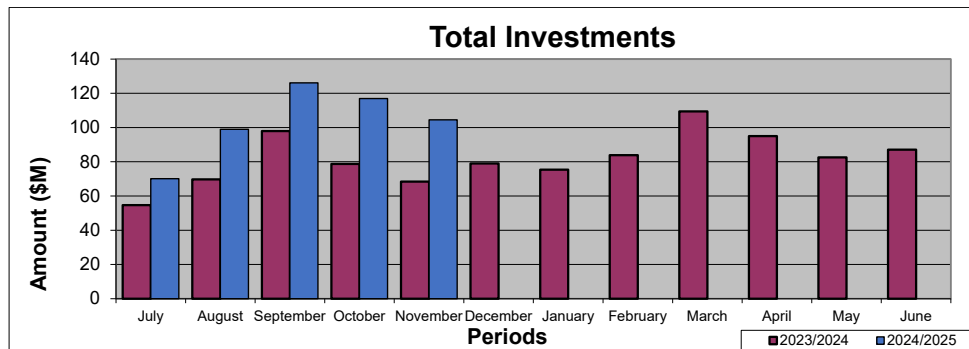


Operating Employee Costs
(41.7% of Year Gone)



Operating Materials & Plant
(41.7% of Year Gone)





11.10 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

File No: 8148

Attachments: 1. Key Indicators Graphs[↓](#)
2. Income Statement - December 2024[↓](#)

Authorising Officer: Megan Younger - Acting General Manager Corporate Services

Author: Michael Clerc - Acting Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Financial Officer presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 December 2024.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 December 2024 be received.

COMMENTARY

The attached financial report and graphs have been compiled from information within Council's TechnologyOne system. The reports presented are as follows:

1. Income Statement (Actuals and Budget for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024), Attachment 1.
2. Key Indicators Graphs, Attachment 2.

The attached financial statement provides Council's position after six months of the 2024/25 financial year. Results should be approximately 50% of the monthly review budget.

The following commentary is provided in relation to the Income Statement:

Total Operating Revenue is at 50% of the monthly review budget. Key components of this result are:

- Net Rates and Utility Charges are at 48% of budget. Council's rates and utility charges for the first six months of the financial year ending 31 December 2024 have been raised and were due on 4 September 2024.
 - Fees & Charges are at 56% of budget due to Airport Fees and Development Assessment Fees being ahead of forecast.
 - Private and recoverable works are at 40% of budget. This is mostly due to the timing of the works performed and invoiced.
 - Grants and Subsidies are ahead of budget at 71% due to recognition of unearned revenue from the 2023/24 financial year carried over to the 2024/25 year and receipt of 85% of the annual Financial Assistance Grant.
 - Interest revenue is ahead of budget at 72% due to higher than forecast cash holdings and interest rates staying higher for longer.
 - Other Income is at 55% mainly due to recognition of unearned revenue from the 2023/24 financial year carried over to the 2024/25 year as well as additional car rental concession income from the Airport.
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- All other revenue items are in proximity to budget.

Total Operating Expenditure is at 47% of the monthly review budget. Key components of this result are:

- Contractors and Consultants are at 37% due to timing of the work performed.
- Asset operational expenses are at 46% due to the timing of payments for services such as electricity which are billed quarterly.
- Administrative expenses are at 39% as the estimated timing of expenditure for most of this account group is later in the financial year for events managed by Community and Culture Unit and Advance Rockhampton.
- All other expenditure items are in proximity to budget.

The following commentary is provided in relation to capital income and expenditure, as well as investments and loans:

Total Capital Income is at 64% of the monthly review budget. This result is influenced by the transfer of grant funds from the 2023/24 financial year to the 2024/25 financial year. These grant funds were received for specific capital projects but had not been spent on those projects by 30 June 2024. This result is also influenced by the receipt of 50% of the 2024-27 Works for Queensland program funding during the month of October and the advance payment of grant funding for the Mt Morgan Water Security Project during the month of November.

Total Capital Expenditure is at 34% of the monthly review budget and the level of capital expenditure is expected to increase in coming months.

Total Investments are \$77.7M at 31 December 2024.

Total Loans are \$126.1M at 31 December 2024.

CONCLUSION

At the half way point of the financial year, operational income and expenses are mostly in line with expectations.

The capital program saw \$64.1M spent during the first six months of the financial year and the capital program will need to gain momentum over the coming months to deliver the projects budgeted for the 2024/25 financial year.

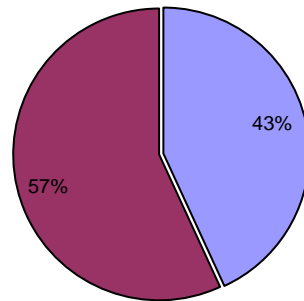
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Key Indicators Graphs

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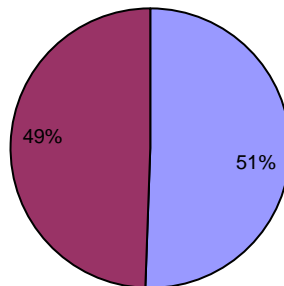
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**Operating Revenue
(Excluding Net Rates and Utility Charges)
(50% of Year Gone)**



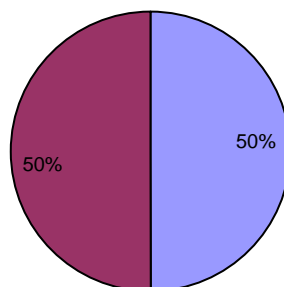
■ Uncollected Operating Revenue
■ Collected Operating Revenue

**Operating Employee Costs
(50% of Year Gone)**

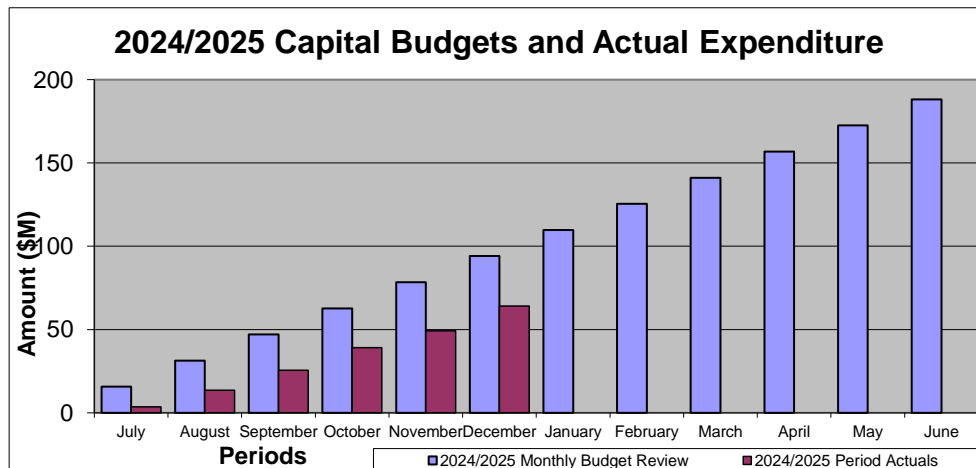
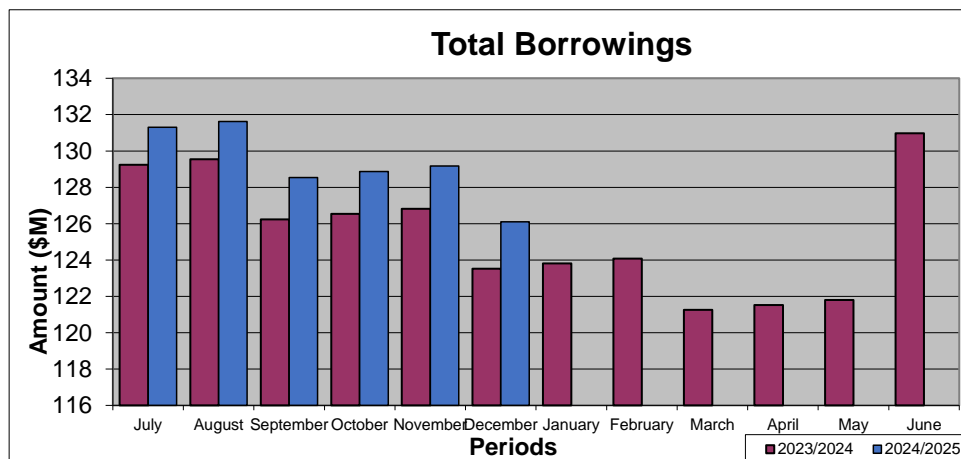
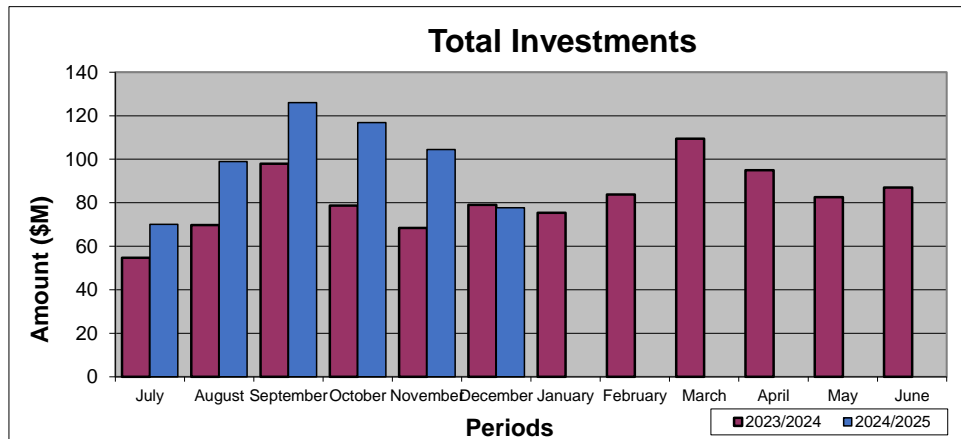


■ Unspent Employee Costs
■ Employee Costs YTD

**Operating Materials & Plant
(50% of Year Gone)**



■ Unspent Materials & Plant
■ Materials & Plant YTD



SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Income Statement - December 2024

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 2



Income Statement
For Period July 2024 to December 2024
50% of Year Gone

	Adopted Budget	Current Budget	YTD Actual	Commitments	YTD Actuals (inc commitments)	% of Current Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
OPERATING						01
Revenues						6
Net rates and utility charges	(201,515,445)	(201,515,445)	(95,841,794)	0	(95,841,794)	48% A
Fees and Charges	(40,849,613)	(41,322,613)	(23,041,786)	0	(23,041,786)	56% A
Private and recoverable works	(7,732,060)	(7,732,060)	(3,114,572)	0	(3,114,572)	40% A
Rent/Lease Revenue	(3,513,927)	(3,603,927)	(1,888,848)	0	(1,888,848)	52% A
Grants Subsidies & Contributions	(9,724,867)	(11,017,746)	(7,769,162)	0	(7,769,162)	71% A
Interest revenue	(3,506,000)	(3,606,000)	(2,611,922)	0	(2,611,922)	72% A
Other Income	(7,037,053)	(7,215,363)	(3,940,803)	0	(3,940,803)	55% A
Total Revenues	(273,878,965)	(276,013,155)	(138,208,886)	0	(138,208,886)	50% A
Expenses						
Employee Costs	103,886,392	103,896,326	51,362,751	327,059	51,689,810	49% A
Contractors & Consultants	28,343,064	30,531,220	11,359,935	12,235,295	23,595,230	37% A
Materials & Plant	17,452,691	17,494,912	8,753,137	2,931,594	11,684,731	50% A
Asset Operational	29,160,444	29,158,444	13,481,040	2,201,096	15,682,136	46% A
Administrative expenses	17,119,919	17,069,110	6,581,135	3,105,337	9,686,472	39% A
Depreciation	79,980,948	79,980,950	39,913,950	0	39,913,950	50% A
Finance costs	4,129,420	4,129,420	2,085,497	0	2,085,497	51% A
Other Expenses	1,346,235	1,342,435	531,725	7,755	539,479	40% A
Total Expenses	281,419,113	283,602,818	134,069,169	20,808,136	154,877,305	47% A
Transfer / Overhead Allocation						
Transfer / Overhead Allocation	(7,582,450)	(7,610,450)	(4,500,523)	0	(4,500,523)	59% A
Total Transfer / Overhead Allocation	(7,582,450)	(7,610,450)	(4,500,523)	0	(4,500,523)	59% A
TOTAL OPERATING POSITION (SURPLUS)DEFICIT	(42,303)	(20,787)	(8,640,240)	20,808,136	12,167,886	41566% A
CAPITAL	Adopted Budget	Current Budget	YTD Actual	Commitments	YTD Actuals (inc commitments)	% of Current Budget
Total Developers Contributions Received	(7,273,428)	(7,273,428)	(1,970,934)	0	(1,970,934)	27%
Total Capital Grants and Subsidies Received	(42,963,267)	(70,017,139)	(51,347,665)	0	(51,347,665)	73%
Total Proceeds from Sale of Assets	(6,549,000)	(6,549,000)	(500,334)	0	(500,334)	8%
Total Capital Income	(56,785,695)	(83,839,567)	(53,818,933)	0	(53,818,933)	64%
Total Capital Expenditure	194,279,612	188,160,226	64,160,685	77,081,901	141,242,585	34%
Net Capital Position	137,493,917	104,320,659	10,341,751	77,081,901	87,423,652	10%
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			77,722,819			
TOTAL BORROWINGS			126,098,978			

11.11 ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Megan Younger - Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Acting General Manager Corporate Services seeking additional nominations to represent Rockhampton Regional Council on an external organisation.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council additionally appoints members to represent Rockhampton Regional Council on the organisation below:

Organisation	Council Representative
Queensland Corrective Services Community Engagement Committee	Councillor Wickerson Alicia Cutler

COMMENTARY

In addition to the reports considered by Council on 9 April & 28 May 2024 regarding the appointment of representatives of Council to external organisations, listed below is an additional external organisation for Council's consideration:

- Queensland Corrective Services Community Engagement Committee

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

There are no legislative implications associated with Council representation on external organisations.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications associated with Council representation on external organisation, save for decisions made by external organisations are not binding on Council in the absence of a formal Council resolution.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal 1.2 We are respected and recognised for our engagement with the community and our contributions to the region.

CONCLUSION

Council adopts the additional nomination to represent Rockhampton Regional Council on the external organisation listed in the report.

**11.12 WHOLE OF COUNCIL CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD
ENDING DECEMBER 2024**

File No: 1392
Attachments: 1. WOC Report - December 2024 [↓](#)
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Damon Morrison - Acting General Manager Corporate Services

SUMMARY

Acting General Manager Corporate Services presenting the Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 December 2024 for Councillors' information.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 December 2024 be "received".

COMMENTARY

The Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 December 2024 is presented for Council's consideration.

WHOLE OF COUNCIL CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2024

WOC Report - December 2024

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

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Whole of Council



Corporate Performance Report

01 December 2024 – 31 December 2024

Corporate Performance Report | 01 December 2024 – 31 December 2024

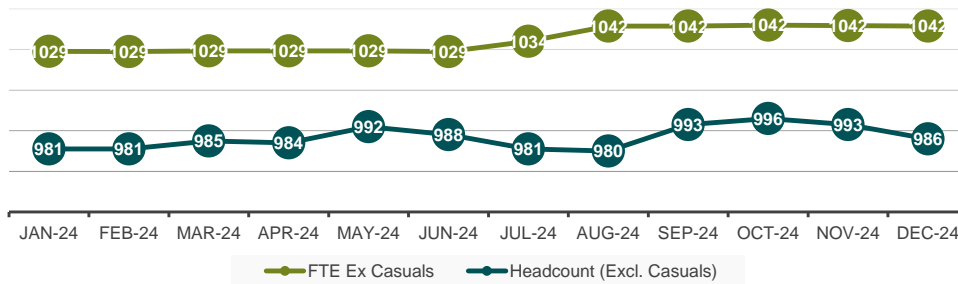
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CORPORATE SERVICES

Human Resources

WORKFORCE



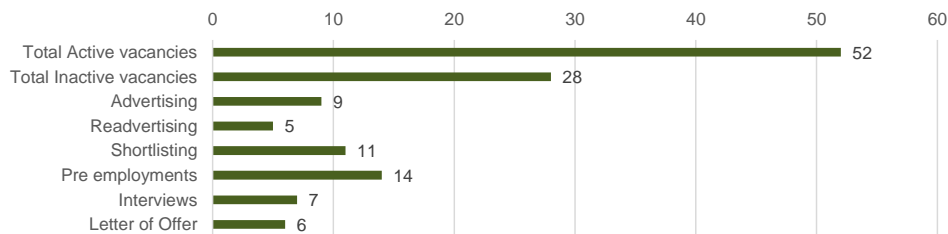
Commentary:

Establishment (FTE) – Our positions include the total number of positions in Council, including Full Time and Part Time. These positions will vary from Permanent roles to Fixed Term roles and the above figures exclude Casuals.

Employees (Headcount) - Our workforce includes the total number of employees employed by Council including full time and part time employees (excludes labour hire and contractors). Figures above show Headcount totals excluding casuals.

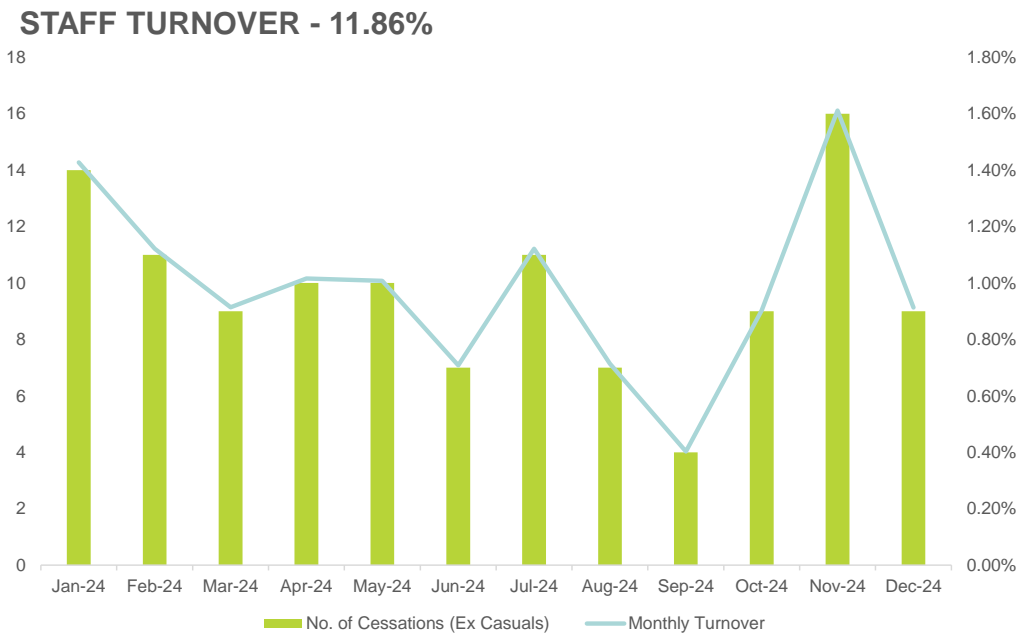
Council had 72 Casuals available for month of December.

RECRUITMENT



Commentary: Active vacancies are those positions currently being recruited, including casual positions, long term leave and fixed term backfilling. Inactive vacancies are positions that are currently under review or on hold.

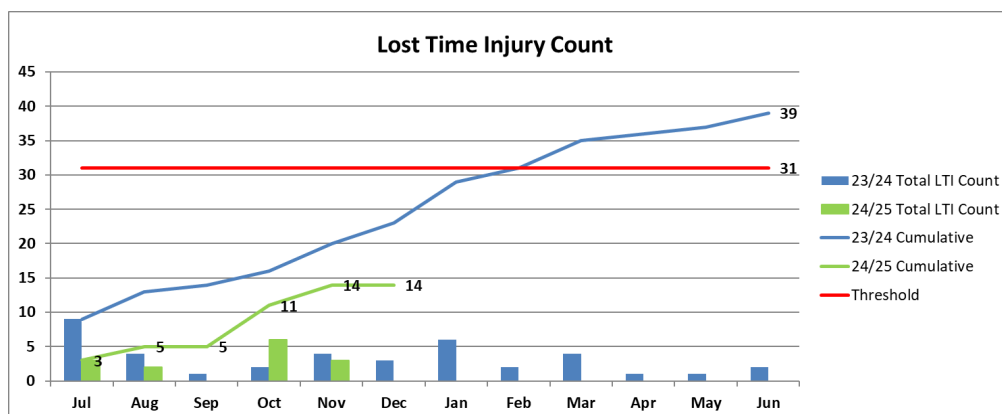
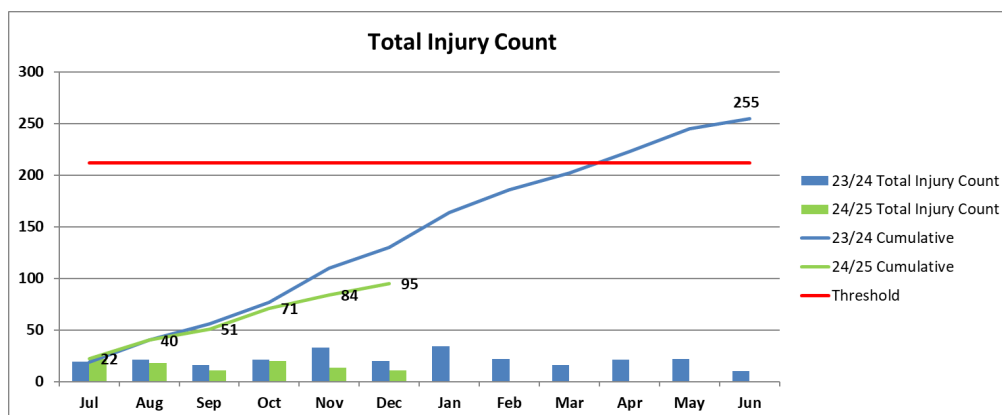
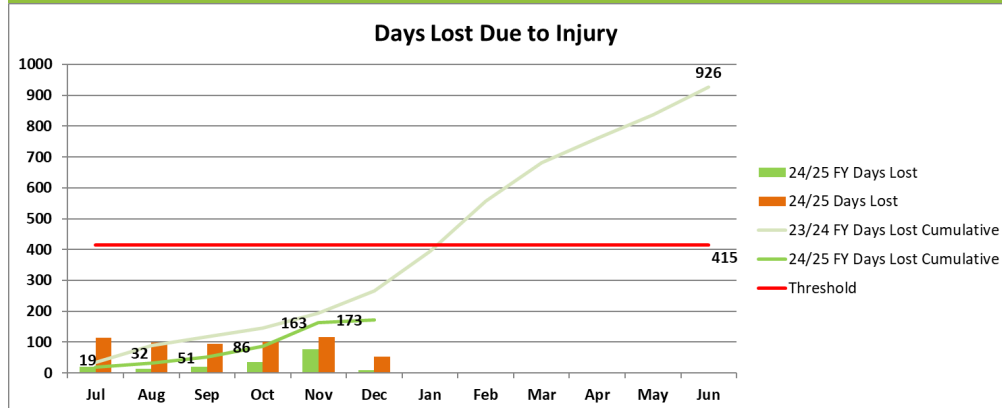
Inactive vacancies for previous month – 21



Commentary: Staff turnover for the previous 12 months is 11.86%. This is considered to be an acceptable level of employee turnover. Casual employees are excluded from staff turnover calculations.

Corporate Performance Report | 01 December 2024 – 31 December 2024

Safety



Corporate Performance Report | 01 December 2024 – 31 December 2024

Administrative Action Complaints

Departmental Report – Number of level 3 Administrative Action Complaints as of 1 July 2024 – 31 December 2024

Department	AAC* Level 3	Queensland Ombudsman Referrals to RRC	Queensland Ombudsman Requests from RRC	Open /closed
Office the CEO	0	0	0	
Regional Services	2	0	0	2 Open
Community Services	1	0	0	1 Closed
Corporate Services	0	0	0	
RRC Totals	3	0	0	2 Open 1 Closed

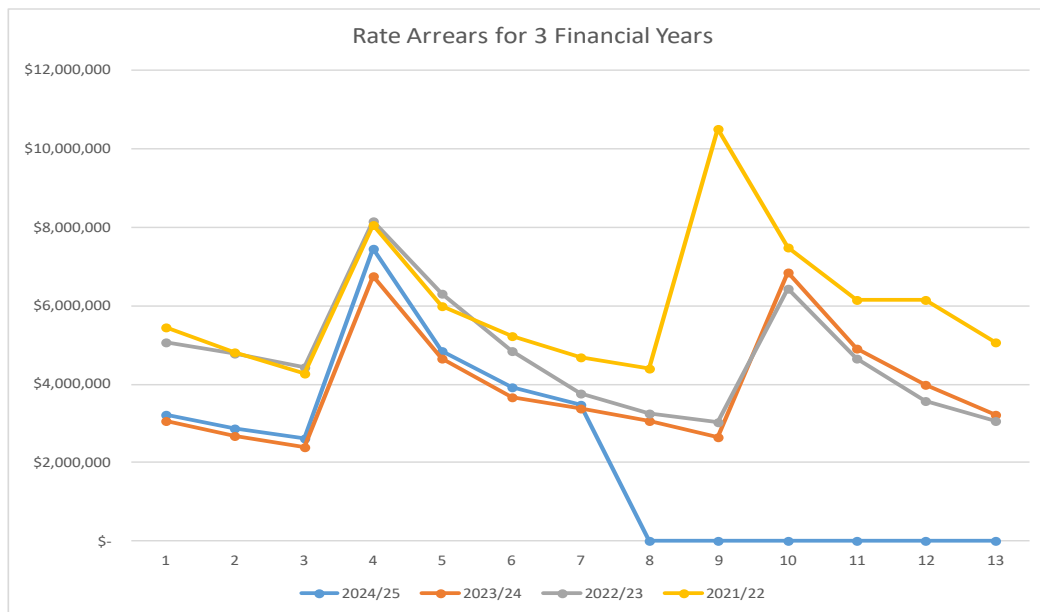
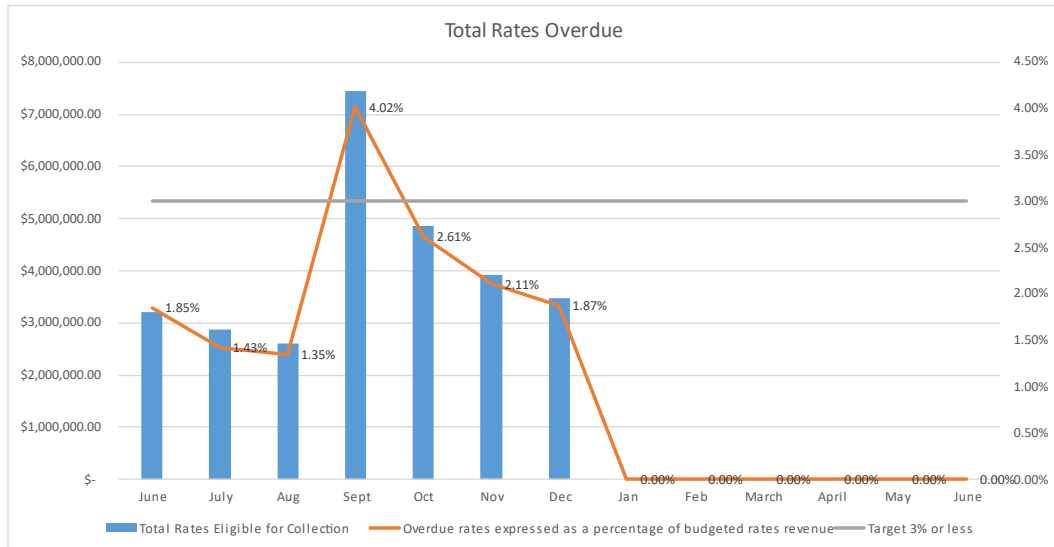
* AAC - Administrative Action Complaints

Service Level Statistics

Service Level	Target	Current Performance
Maintain the ratio of customer queries satisfied by Customer Service Officers, without referral to departments.	80%	93%
IT support services provided within service levels outlined in the IT Service Catalogue.	90%	90%
Ensure availability of system up-time during core business hours (excluding planned outages).	99%	100%
Process records on the day of receipt as per Recordkeeping Charter.	95%	98%
Ensure supplier payments are made within stated trading terms.	90%	93%

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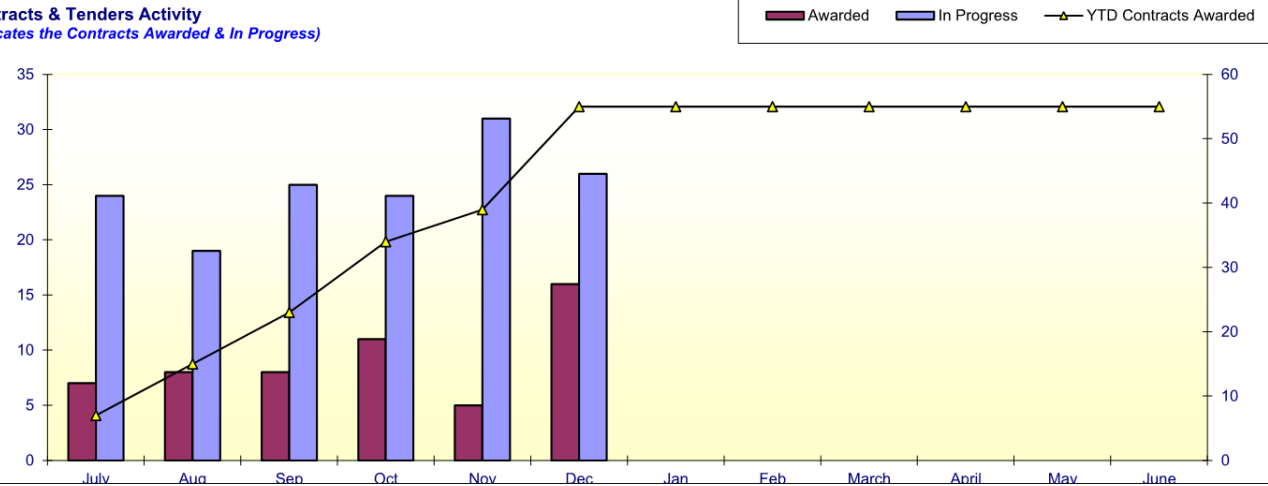
Rates



Procurement & Logistics

Contracts & Tenders Activity

(Indicates the Contracts Awarded & In Progress)



Contracts Awarded: 16

QUO16150 - Runway Friction Testing Report 2024/2025 - Kamen Engineering Pty Ltd - \$7,600
 QUO16151 - Airfield Technical Pavement Inspection 2024/2025 - Kamen Engineering Pty Ltd - \$12,840
 QUO16088 - Design & Install Animal Statues for Botanic Gardens & Zoo - Pinard's Sculpture and Circus Pty Ltd - \$40,000 and Wilie Wildlife Sculptures - \$40,860
 TEN16111 - PSA Maintenance of Pumps - Re-Pump Australia Pty Ltd - SOR
 QUO16161 - Berserker St School, Bedford St Footpath - Bellequip Pty Ltd - \$242,848
 TEN16100 - Bitumen Reseal Program 2024/2025 - Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd - \$611,193
 TEN16076 - Temporary Grandstand Rockynats 05 - Northside Party Hire Pty Ltd - \$115,500
 TEN16083 - PSA Debt Collection Services - Collection House Ltd - SOR
 QUO16105 - Kershaw Gardens Waterfall - McMurtrie Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd - \$397,920
 TEN16023 - Southside Aquatic Centre Changing Places Facility - Linbridge Builders Pty Ltd - \$203,872
 TEN15706 - 2nd WW Memorial Aquatic Centre Solar Facilities - Swann Enterprises Pty Ltd - \$265,000
 TEN16045 - RPQS Consultancy Service - Various Suppliers - SOR
 LB16146 - Supply and Delivery of One Road Sweeper - Rosmech Sales and Service - \$482,460
 TEN16121 - Rockhampton High School Footpath Works - RMS Engineering & Construction Pty Ltd - \$667,287
 TEN16080 - Lakes Creek Road Landfill Car Park and Capping Construction - Schwarz Excavations Pty Ltd - \$1,034,784
 CON16125 - SCADA Hardware & Software Upgrade - Honeywell Ltd - \$1,321,776

Contracts in Progress: 26

TEN15857 - Supply & Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite - Under Evaluation
TEN15981 - PSA Asset Pole Inspections - Document Development
TEN16063 - Rockhampton Sports Precinct Design Development - Under Evaluation
TEN16068 - South Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade - Document Development
TEN16072 - South Rockhampton Cemetery Drainage Upgrade - Under Evaluation
TEN16082 - AV & Production Rockynats 05 - Under Evaluation
TEN16086 - Sports Precinct - Project Validation and Report Brief - Under Evaluation
TEN16087 - Victoria Park Regional Tennis Operator - Under Evaluation
TEN16099 - PSA Supply and Delivery of Water Meters - Under Evaluation
TEN16106 - Sale of Land - 34 Wood St and 402 Denison St - Under Evaluation
TEN16130 - South Yaamba Irrigation Development Business Case - Closing 15 January 2025
TEN16137 - Managed Extended Detection and Response Service - Under Evaluation
QUO16138 - Design, Supply and Delivery Penstocks - Under Evaluation
TEN16139 - Management and Operation of Gracemere Pool - Under Evaluation
TEN16140 - Barrage Vertical Lift Gate Refurbishment - Document Development
TEN16147 - Barrage Vertical Lift Gate Winch Refurbishment - Document Development
TEN16148 - Slurry Seal Program 2025 - Under Evaluation
TEN16156 - Dry Hire of Semi-Trailer Water Tanker - Closing 8 January 2025
TEN16160 - RPQS Provision of Drug and Alcohol Testing & Functional Screening Services - Documents Development
TEN16170 - Pilbeam Theatre Roof Repairs and Replacement - Closing 29 January 2025
QUO16171 - Construction of Shed at Lakes Creek Road Waste Facilities
TEN16172 - Tyre Recycling - Document Development
TEN16173 - Emergency Generator for the Robert Schwarden Pavilion - Document Development
TEN16185 - Rockhampton Airport Solar - Document Development
QUO16186 - Airport Long Term Car Park Lighting - Document Development
TEN16189 - RPQS Hire of Plant and Equipment - Document Development

PSA = Preferred Supplier Arrangement
RPQS = Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers
S&D = Supply and Delivery
SOR = Schedule of Rates

Customer Request Statistics

Customer Requests Completed Monthly & Top 5 Customer Requests

	December
Requests Logged	2696
Same month Completed	2105
% completed same month	78%
Completed Total for Month	1967
Total Pending	2691
Top 5 Requests for Month	Wandering & Restrained for Collection Replacement Bin RRC (Damaged/Lost/Stolen) Property Search Form Water Leak Asset Assets & Facilities Management (Asset)

Total outstanding customer requests up to 3 months old: 2126

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Directorate

POINTS OF INTEREST

- End of Year 'Thank You' function held for Council Volunteers at the Shearing Shed on 9th December 2024 with approximately 100 in attendance.
- 2nd Round of CAP Funding for 2024/2025 financial year opened 2nd December closing 3rd February 2025.
- Installation of Festive Season decorations throughout the region undertaken with 'turning on the lights' of the Christmas Tree held on 7th December 2024. Dismantle scheduled for the week of 12th January 2025.

Community Relations

- Community Relationship Officer (CRO) arranged for the artist responsible for the Jim Webber Room Carpet design to visit the room giving him an opportunity to see first-hand the results of his work produced on carpet. Ray Garrett was thrilled to also learn that it featured in RMOA's 'Colour of Country' exhibition.
- Rockhampton Interagency Network quarterly meetings continue to be a successful conduit for community organisations/groups. The network has grown to 77 member organisations/groups. Council has also been approached to host future Youth Interagency Network meetings.
- Traditional Owners' representatives were nominated (Gloria Malone & Lester Adams) by Darumbal to sit on the Consultative Committee (RRC & Darumbal) ILUA meetings. It is hoped the first meeting will be by end of February 2025.
- CRO provided support towards the Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala Consent Determination Federal Court Hearing.

Environmental Sustainability

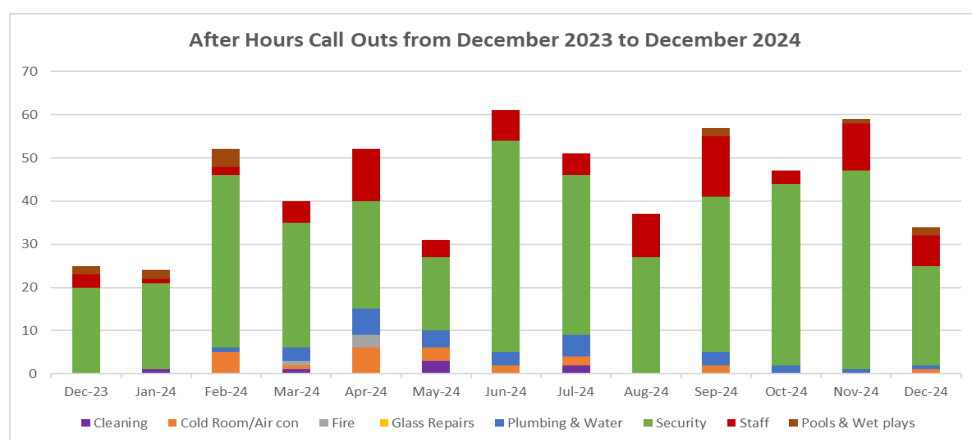
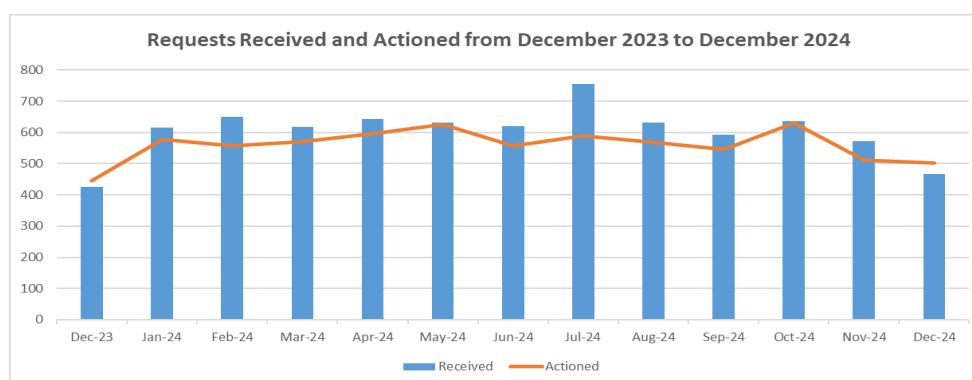
POINTS OF INTEREST

- Natural Resource Management (NRM) – Council is exploring collaborative arrangements with the new Darumbal Land and Sea Rangers program. Officers coordinated on-site meetings at three of Council's active NRM sites, bringing together representatives from the Darumbal Rangers, Capricornia Catchments and CQUniversity to share knowledge on local environmental values and bush restoration approaches.
- Corporate Emissions Reduction Program – The Sustainability Unit worked with internal stakeholders to finalise Council's annual Corporate Emissions Inventory including consideration of Council's Scope 1 emissions (from waste, wastewater treatment, transport fuels and some construction materials), Scope 2 emissions (from electricity consumption) and Scope 3 emissions (predominantly from Council's supply chain). The Team also supported other Sections with Supply Chain Engagement, the development of a Fleet Transition Plan, finalising outcomes from Council's Energy Audits and implementing Council's Environmentally Sustainable Development procedure for new builds and renewals.
- Business improvement projects - Officers supported the Property and Insurance Team to embed environmental considerations within Council's Grazing Lease tender; worked with RRWR to develop supporting resources for the 'Let's Get it Sorted' bin health check project; assisted both Parks and Civil Operations with consideration of vegetation management requirements in the planning, design and delivery of works; and rolled out renewed battery recycling arrangements at City Hall.
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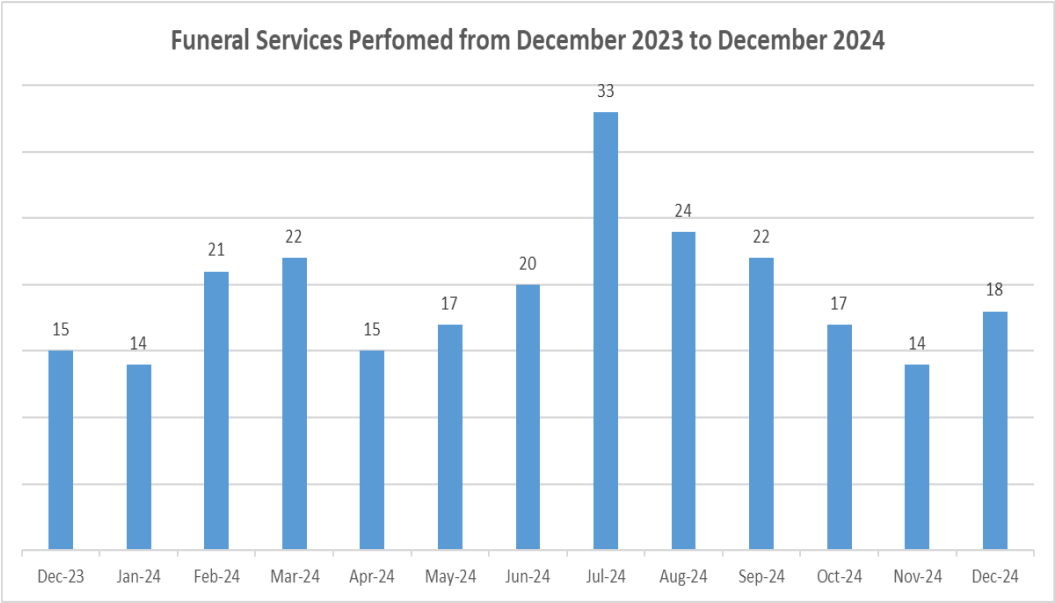
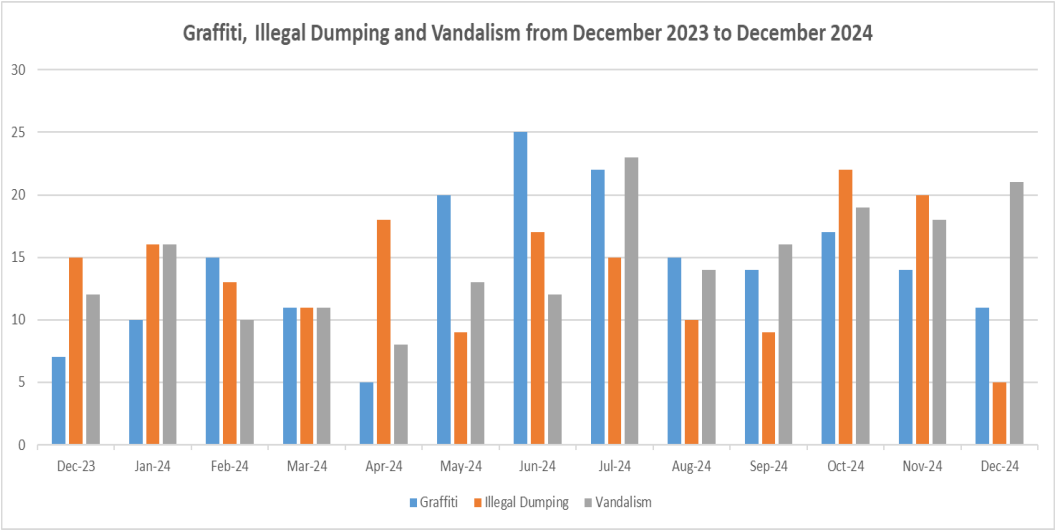
Community Assets & Facilities

POINTS OF INTEREST

- The existing Caravan Waste Disposal Point and plumbing connections at Nuttall Street are nearing end of life. As an alternative to ongoing costly repairs, a new Caravan Waste Disposal Point has been Installed at the Information centre on Gladstone Road. In addition, works have commenced for a Caravan Waste Disposal Point at Cedric Archer Park, Gracemere, to be completed in January.
- Wyatts Wonder Webb at the Kershaw Gardens, received significant damage in an act of vandalism. It is unknown at this stage of when the Wyatts Wonder Webb will be reopened, as we are waiting to hear back from the supplier regarding items that will need to be replaced. Replacement of the Shade Sail above the playground is due to commence in February.
- 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre Solar Project has been awarded and will commence construction soon, with an aim to offset a large portion of the centre's electricity consumption, leading to substantial savings.



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Communities & Culture**POINTS OF INTEREST**

End of Year dance concerts and a citizenship ceremony kept the Pilbeam Theatre busy up until our Carols by Candlelight event, which this year was held over two nights in the theatre instead of an outdoor concert. The second indoor concert led to a substantial increase in funds raised for this year's charity.

Similar to the Pilbeam theatre, the WRCC also hosted smaller dance concerts as well as local graduations for correctional services and local state schools.

The Rockhampton showgrounds hosted the Council's staff end of year gathering as well as the usual markets along with additional Christmas themed markets.

LIBRARIES

- Over 560 First 5 Forever (F5F) bags have been distributed during the first 6 months of the 2024/25 FY, already exceeding the 424 distributed in all of 2023/24. The biggest factor has been a new partnership with Qld Health's Maternal & Child Health Services, who – since August 2024 – have been distributing bags at immunisation clinics. This partnership greatly expands our capacity to reach the F5F target audience of 0-5year olds and their parents & carers.
- Program engagement reached 35,958 for the first 6 months of 2024/25. At an attendance per capita figure of 0.43 (based on SLQ's population metric of 83,723 for the Rockhampton region), RRC Libraries have already exceeded State Library's annual target measure of 0.4.

RMOA

December saw a residency from Camerata, the group responded to RMOA Collection and touring exhibitions. We also held late opening hour for the CBD Christmas Fair, which saw over 450 visitors through the Gallery doors, many first-time visitors to RMOA. The unbound book club held their final meeting of the year with this program winding down in 2025. Our final ticketed program, yoga in the gallery led us into the last weeks of December.

HERITAGE VILLAGE

In November the Rockhampton Heritage Village was awarded with the Voted Most Disability Friendly Tourist Destination in CQ by Access Recreation. Access Recreation participants and support workers were asked to nominate local business that they believe accommodate the needs of people with disability and they chose the Heritage Village.

The largest market of the year was hosted with the Christmas Mega Markets seeing approximately 6,500 people come through the gates to shop from over 150 stallholders.

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LIBRARY STATISTICS	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23	SLQ target	YTD RRL	23/24 RRL	22/23 RRL
Loans (physical & online)	222,334	461,740	448,601	5-8 per capita	2.66	5.53	5.47
Physical visits	86,611	180,829	165,490	4.8 per capita	1.08	2.16	2.02
Programs & activities	730	1,146	898	No target	-	-	-
Program engagement	35,958	59,447	43,328	0.4 per capita	0.43	0.73	0.53
Active members	20,913	20,719	19,791	44% of pop.	25.02 %	24.78 %	24.14%
New members	1,529	3,032	3,180	No target	-	-	-
Customer queries	33,818	70,537	68,404	No target	-	-	-
Total collection	184,483	183,815	187,966	No target	-	-	-
Physical stock	157,445	158,186	167,810	0.85-1.5 per capita		1.94	2.05

HISTORY CENTRE ATTENDANCE

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
144	145	114	151	123	86	-	-	-	-	-	-	763	1746	1778

CHILDCARE STATISTICS UTILISATION %

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
93.2	100	100	100	99.66	94.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96.68	88

MAJOR EVENTS ATTENDANCE

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Venue Event Attendance	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
Pilbeam	34,495	90,984	64,130
R'ton Showgrounds	67015	281,182	169,642
Mt Morgan Showgrounds	1,705	1,624	1,633
Walter Reid events	12,640	8,680	6,901
62 Victoria Parade	4,550	4,616	4,104

HERITAGE VILLAGE ATTENDANCE

Heritage Village Visitor Types	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
General Admittance	3,077	6,118	6,208
School Tours Numbers	1,035	1,988	1,736
Other Tour Numbers	31	57	286
School Holiday Activities July – 6 day period	484	260	256 (Rain)
School Holiday Activities Sept – 6 day period	832	918	374 (Rain)
School Holiday Activities Easter	-	993	731
School Holiday Activities June	-	265	666
Cultural Festival	N/A	-	-
Markets	9,428	12,688	13,375
Emergency Service Day, Halloween	N/A	-	500
Shearing Shed	2,485	4,325	-
TOTAL	17,372	27,612	24,132

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MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS

Site	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
Friends of the Theatre	2,175	4,082	3,895
Friends of the Village	9,976	23,630	27,517
Archer Park Rail Museum	6,018	14,031	10,819
Rockhampton Museum of Art	670	1,127	869
Mount Morgan Railway	3,940	9,593	7,933
TOTAL	22,779	52,462	46,664

RAIL MUSEUMS ATTENDANCE

Museum Attendance	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
Archer Park Museum	2,802	4,305	5,851
Mount Morgan Museum	1,962	2,930	3,252

ROCKHAMPTON MUSEUM OF ART

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
14,915	7,385	6,632	5,427	6,427	6,269	-	-	-	-	-	-

RMOA Activity	YTD 24/25	23/24	22/23
Programs	85	496	321
Member Events	9	16	17
Group Tour Bookings	26	35	55
Corporate Hire	10	32	21
Exhibitions	8	14	13
Artist in Residence (days)	2	60	82
Shop Sales	\$43,309	\$74,215	\$80,313
Attendance	47,055	90,830	81,678

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HOME ASSIST



**State Government – Department of Communities, Housing & Digital Economy –
Home Assist Program**

*This program provides services to the following local government areas:
Rockhampton, Banana, Central Highlands, Gladstone, Livingstone*

Measured Service Type	Reporting Hrs/ Month	Monthly Output Target	Year To Date Actual	Output Service Delivery Targets
Info Refer	86 hrs	105 hrs	593 hrs	1,268 hrs
Home Maintenance	477 hrs	775 hrs	3,950 hrs	9,300 hrs

Home Assist Smoke Alarm Installation Program (commenced in September)

	Current Month	YTD Actual	Financial Year Target
Smoke Alarm Installation Program	\$8,500	\$40,500	\$179,670

CQ Home Assist Secure assisted 295 state funded clients with a total of 558 information, referral and maintenance activities in December.

December Breakdown of Client Services Provided by Region			
Region	Number of Registered Clients	% of Clients Serviced for Month	% YTD Avg
Rockhampton	2,093	71	66
Banana Shire	48	.5	1
Central Highlands	43	.5	1
Gladstone	462	9	13
Livingstone	847	19	19
TOTAL	3,493	100	100

Federal Government – Department of Health and Aged Care –
Commonwealth Home Support Program



Measured Service Type	Current Month Outputs	Monthly Output Service Delivery Target	YTD Actual	Financial Year Service Delivery Target
Total Maintenance output hours	596 hrs	467 hrs	4,305 hrs	5,613 hrs
Complex & Simple Mods	\$32,756	\$44,995	\$248,253	\$539,944

CQ Home Assist Secure assisted 460 federally funded clients with a total of 735 information, referral, maintenance and modification activities in December.

December Breakdown of Client Services Provided by Region			
Region	Number of Registered Clients	% Total Clients Serviced for Month	% YTD Avg
Rockhampton	1,821	54	54
Banana Shire	94	1	1
Central Highlands	84	2	2
Gladstone	849	22	20
Livingstone	891	21	23
TOTAL	3,739	100	100

The program CQ Home Assist Secure handled a total of 2,088 calls in December.

Parks

PARKS MAINTENANCE

- Seasonal conditions have boosted grass growth with our focus turning towards operational maintenance. An agile resource plan that has been finetuned over several years has been implemented with Parks in the first instance optimising our day labour workforce through ordinary and additional hours prior to engaging contractors.
- Ongoing arboriculture inspections/assessments completed for Radiance Lightshow within Botanics, in the lead up in November and throughout the show in December as a public safety control measure.
- Current challenges continue with homeless staying in Parks and Open space areas and vandalism including break and enters, damaging power boxes to get power and fires being started.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- International Zookeeper Day celebrated in October at the Rockhampton Zoo.
- Rockhampton Zoo animal escape drill conducted in October went viral after a segment on Sunrise with over 1.6 million views on TikTok.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Rockhampton Zoo Christmas Clue Competition received a lot of engagement from the public, with 246 participants taking part between 3rd – 19th December.
- Under 5s community event held at the front of the zoo for World Wombat Day, fully booked out with 30 participants. Two wombat paintings completed by kids.

Radiance Lightshow ran throughout Botanic Gardens during December, with an approximate attendance of over 30,000 people. Very minimal damage from this event with the renew footprint

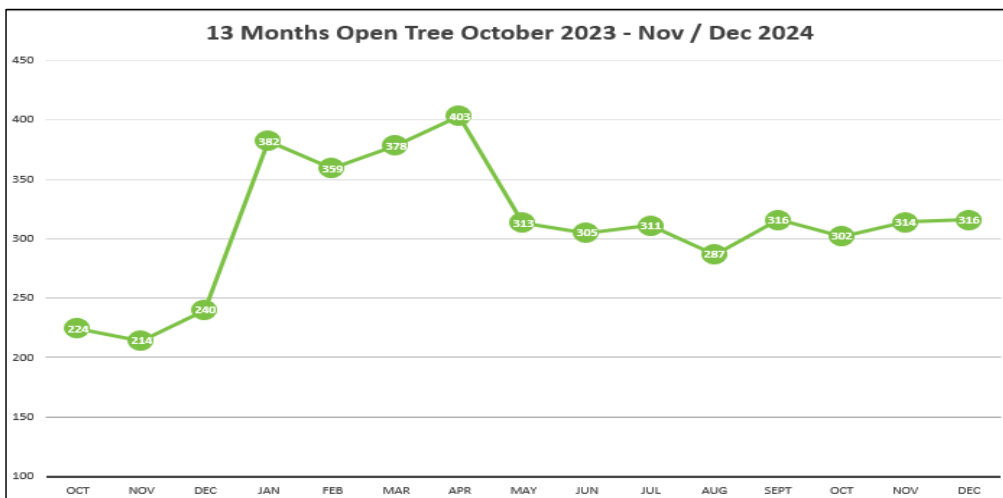
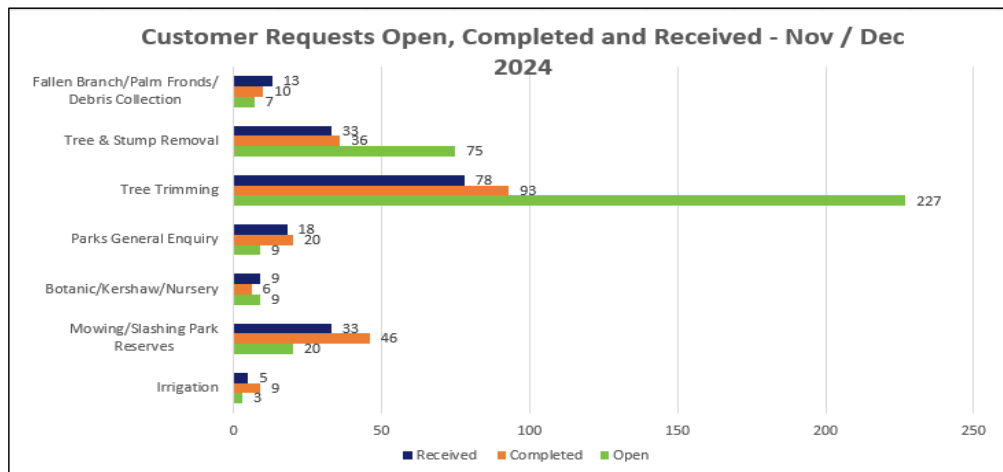
ZOO VISITATION, ENCOUNTERS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- New Chimp Sile arrived safely from Sydney and has been introduced successfully to troop within 2 days.

Measure	Measurement	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Comments
Zoo Visitors	Numbers	10,505	11,505	Very hot days and rainy weather
Volunteers / Students	Volunteer Hours	229	247	
	Student Hours	0	0	
Guest donations	Donation \$	\$1,412	\$1,738	
	Online donations	\$85	\$60	
Money RRC donated to Conservation Trust	15% Encounters	\$1,315	\$3,017	
	15% Donations	\$247	\$270	

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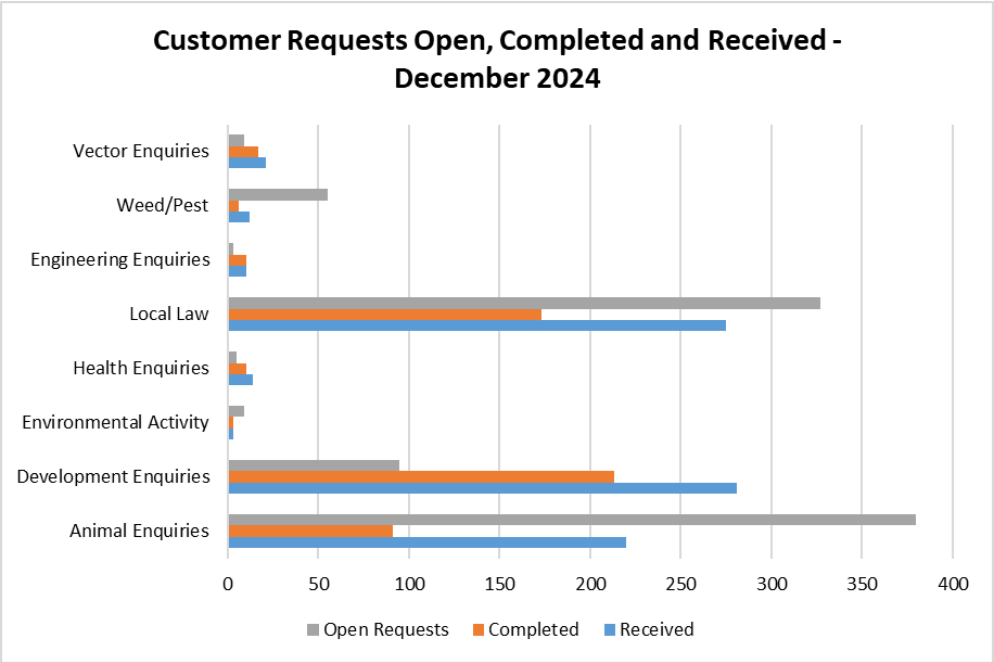
	Total	\$1,562	\$3,287	
Facebook	Facebook Followers	41,237	40,862	
	Facebook Reach	146,754	342,459	
	Facebook Engagements	8,880	14,132	



Planning & Regulatory Services

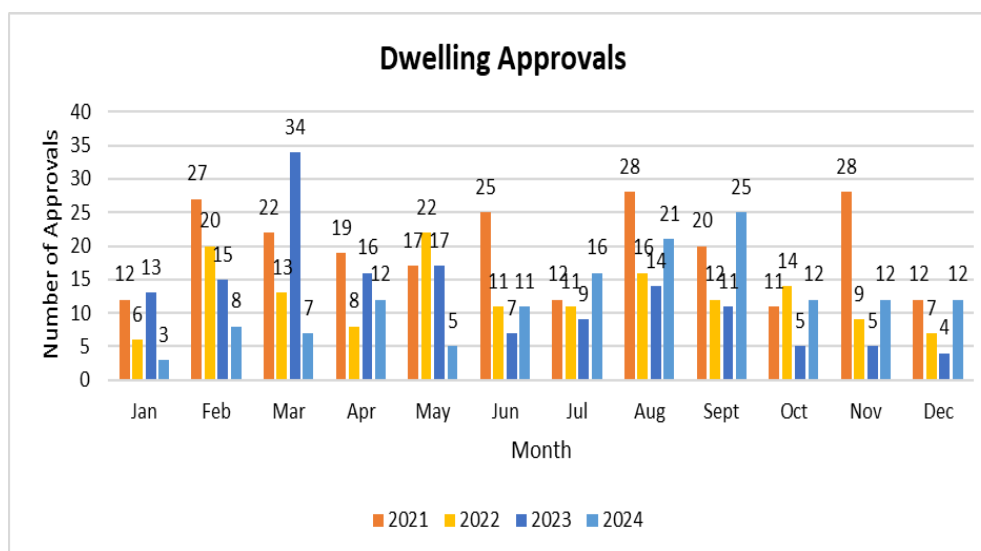
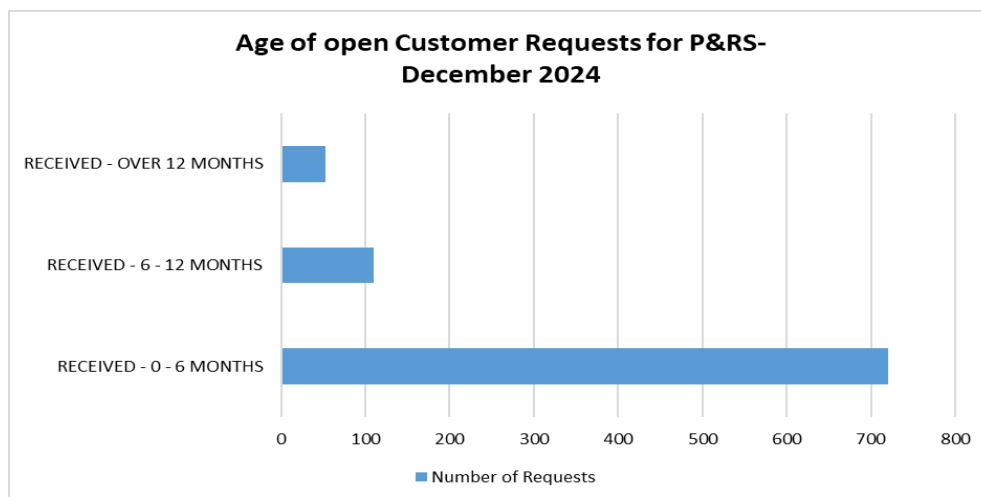
POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Environmental Health team has continued inspections of building sites across the region to minimise the release of sediment and sediment-laden water into the stormwater system and the environment.
- The Vector Management team conducted rural and urban saltmarsh surveillance for mosquito breeding following high tides this month. No significant breeding was observed. Low breeding activity in rural saltmarsh areas this season (August–December 2024) has meant that aerial treatments have not been required.

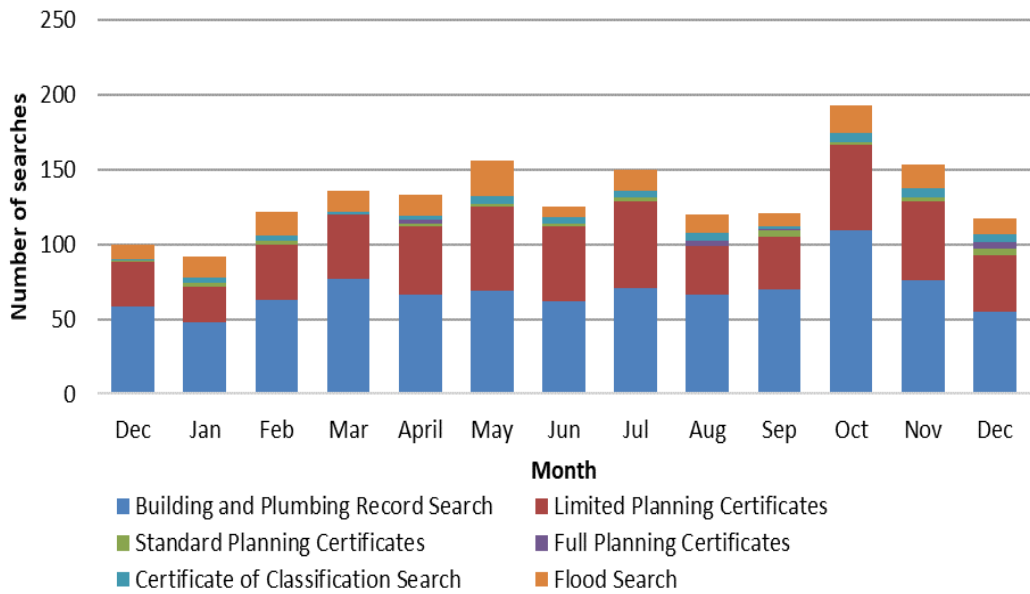


- Open Requests – total number of customer requests currently ‘open’ and under investigation.
- Completed – number of requests completed in December that were received in December.
- Received – number of requests received in December.

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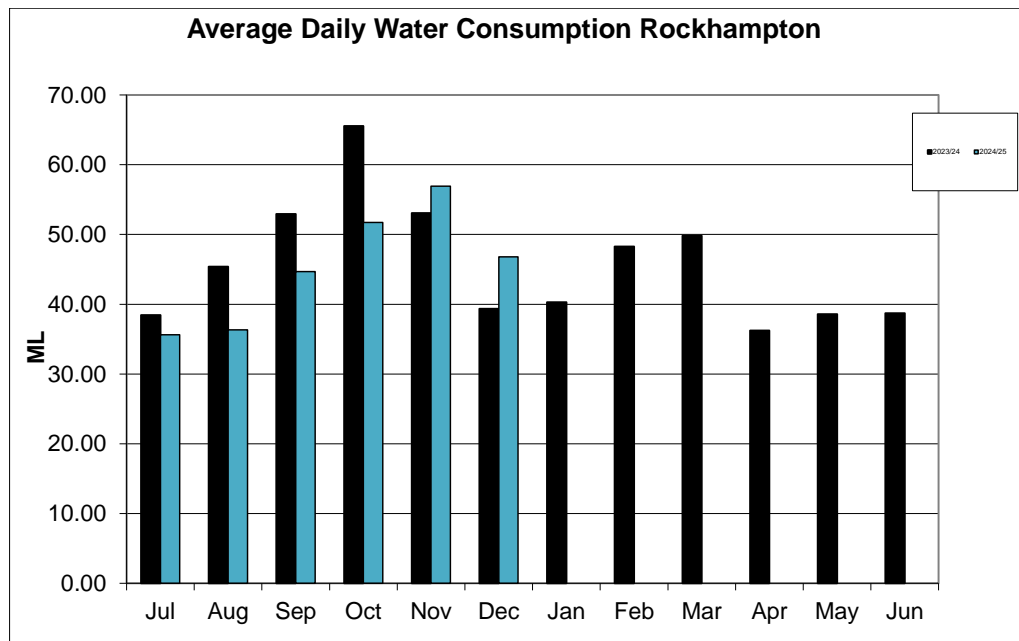


Property Searches Completed in the last 12 Months

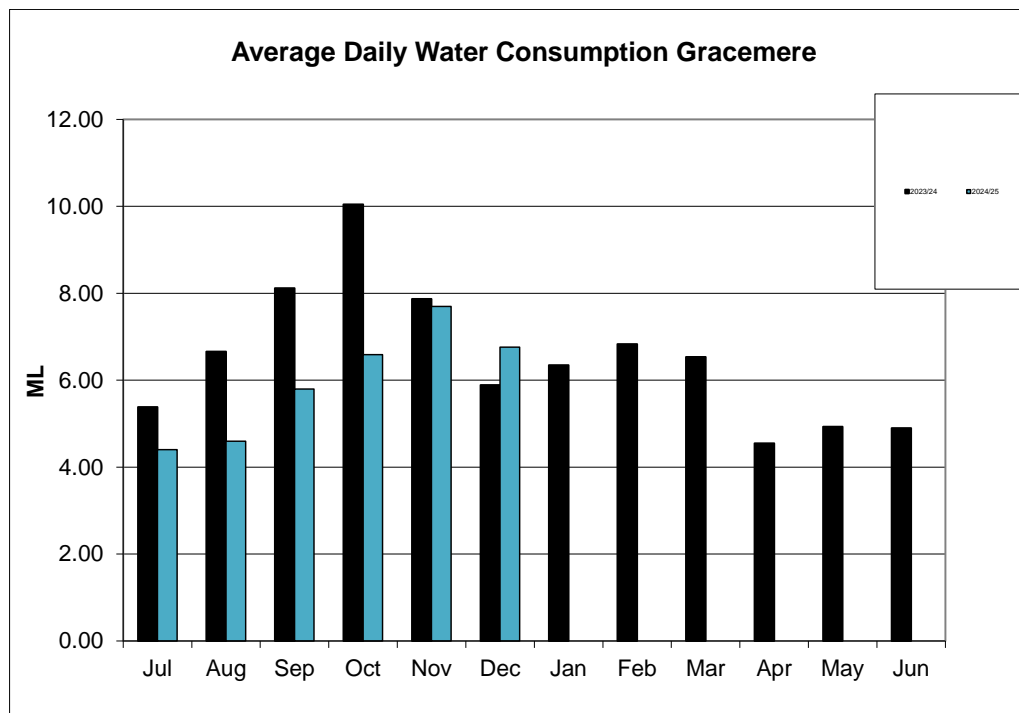


REGIONAL SERVICES**Fitzroy River Water****Drinking Water Supplied**

Data is presented in graphs from July 2023 to June 2024 and July 2024 to June 2025.

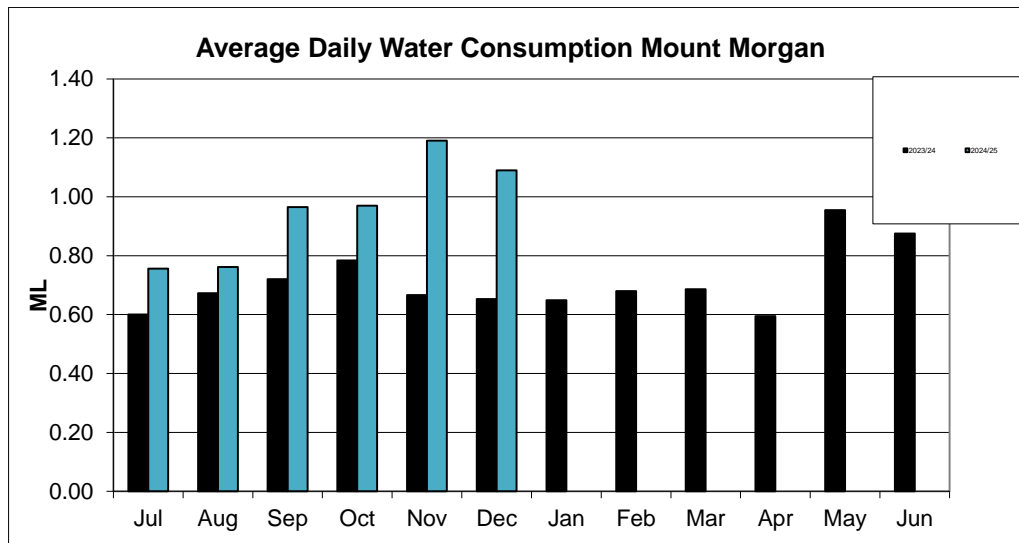
Rockhampton

The average daily water consumption in December was recorded at 46.81 ML/day, representing a decrease from November's consumption rate of 56.91 ML/day. This figure was slightly higher than the consumption level observed during December of the previous year, which stood at 39.36 ML/day. The reduction in consumption during December can be attributed to the holiday season and seasonal weather patterns, which generally influence water usage behaviours.

Gracemere

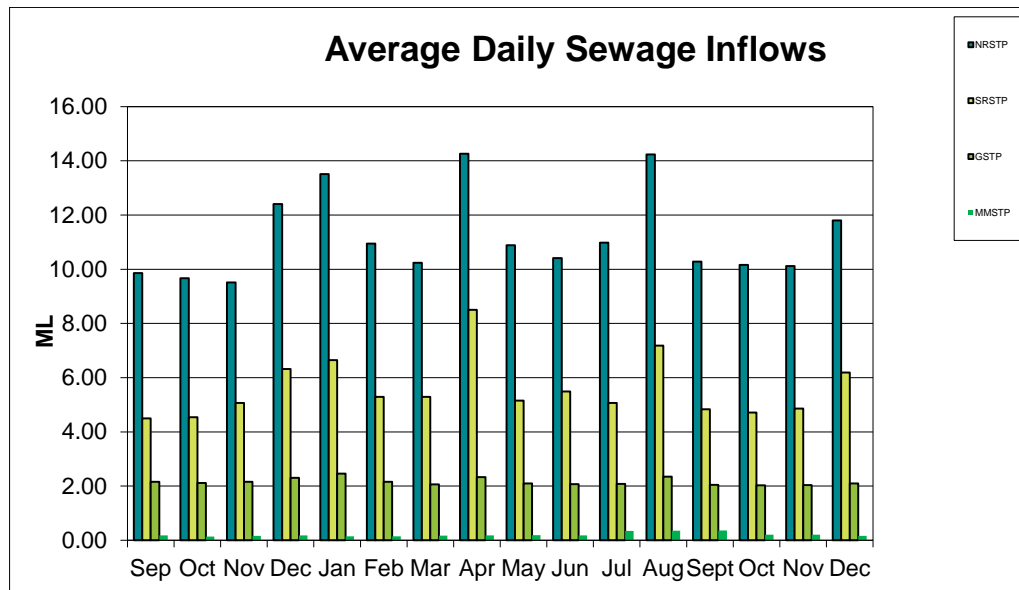
The average daily water consumption in December was recorded at 6.76 ML/day, marking a decrease from the November average of 7.70 ML/day. Despite this reduction, the December consumption level was higher than the figure recorded for the same month in the previous year, which stood at 5.89 ML/day. The decrease in water usage during December compared to November can be attributed to the holiday period, seasonal travel, and increased rainfall, which likely reduced the need for outdoor water use such as irrigation and other water-dependent activities.

Currently, the Fitzroy Barrage Storage is at 99% of its accessible storage capacity, remaining above the threshold established in the Drought Management Plan for initiating water restrictions.

Mount Morgan

The average daily water consumption in December reached 1.09 ML which was a decrease from November's rate at 1.19 ML per day. This usage amount represents a significant increase compared to the same period last year. This rise in consumption aligns with expectations following the recent lifting of water restrictions, which had previously constrained usage over an extended period.

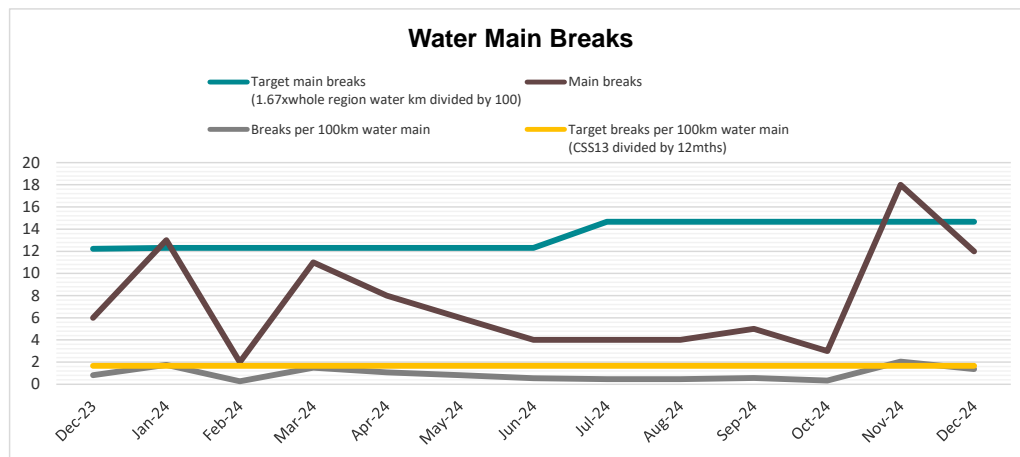
As of the 31st of December 2024, the No. 7 Dam storage level stood at 86.6%. Since April 23, 2024, the town water supply has fully transitioned back to reliance on the water treatment plant for processing water sourced from the No. 7 Dam.

Sewage Inflows to Treatment Plants

The average daily sewage inflows across all sewage treatment plants (STPs) in December recorded an increase compared to November. For example, inflows at the NRSTP rose from 10.12 ML/day in November to 11.80 ML/day in December. Similar patterns were observed at other STPs, reflecting an overall increase in inflows.

This trend is primarily attributed to higher rainfall levels in December, which contributed to increased runoff and infiltration into the sewerage systems. However, when compared to December of the previous year, a modest decline is evident in some STPs, reflecting a year-on-year variation in sewage inflow levels closely related to prevailing weather conditions.

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Regional Water Main Breaks**Performance**

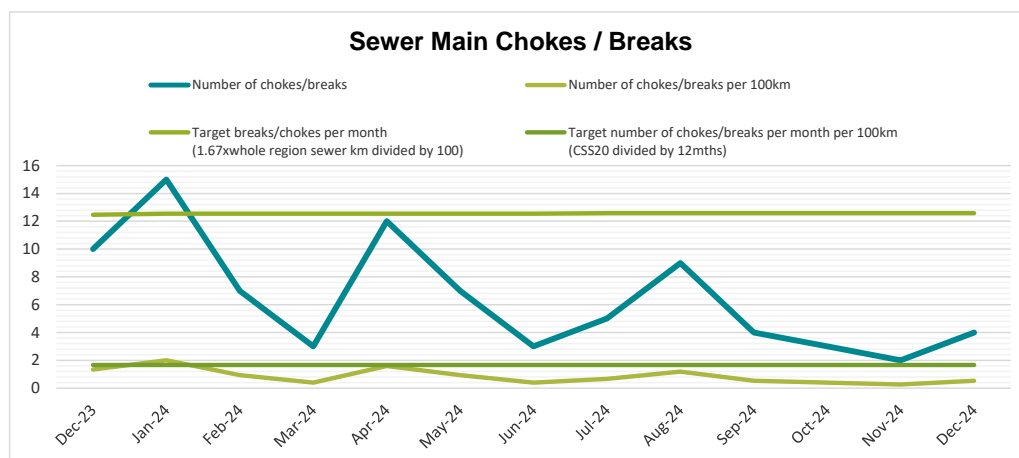
Target achieved with a reduction in water main breaks for the month of December. Changing weather conditions (temperature fluctuations, consumption variations and rainfall events), changes in consumption and resulting ground movement could be contributing factors to recent failures in addition to age of assets and operating conditions.

Response to Issues

Continued defect logging and investigation of main break causes. District metering and pressure management used to assist with identifying the cause of failures. Water mains experiencing repeated failures are assessed against specific criteria for inclusion in the Water Main Replacement program.

	Number of Main Breaks	Target Main Breaks	Breaks per 100 km	Target Breaks per 100 km
December	12	15	1.36	1.67

Locality	Main Breaks
Rockhampton	11
Mount Morgan	1
Regional Total	12

Rockhampton Regional Sewer Main Chokes/Breaks**Performance**

Target achieved with sewer mainline blockages continuing to trend at an acceptable level during this month. Mainline blockages continue to generally be caused by fat deposits and root intrusion.

Issues and Status

Data indicates that a high percentage of blockages/overflows continue to be caused by fat build up and defective pipes allowing tree root intrusion.

Response to Issue

Continue defect logging and CCTV inspection following each individual blockage for prioritisation and inclusion in the Capital Sewer Main Relining program. Rehabilitation programs are also in place annually for the repair of defective mainlines, property connections (jump ups), access chambers and combined lines.

	Number of chokes/ breaks	Target chokes/breaks per month	Number of chokes/ breaks per 100 km	Target number of chokes / breaks per month per 100km
December	4	13	0.5	1.67

Locality	Surcharges Resulting from Mainline Blockages	Mainline Blockages
Rockhampton	2	4
Mount Morgan	0	0
Regional Total	2	4

Water Meter Replacement

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	Number completed	FY to date totals
Reactive Replacement	73	1130
Planned Replacement	0	0
Regional Total	73	1130

Water meter replacements continue to be carried out on a reactive basis, failed meters and meters meeting select criteria are replaced. Reinstatement of the capital water meter replacement program has been provided for in the current capital budget and the recent decision by Council to support the proposed bulk replacement of aged meters will eventually result in a significant reduction in reactive meter replacements.

Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling

Compliance

Environmental Authority EPPR00626313

Condition W1.4: 'Excepting combustion of landfill gas, waste must not be burnt.'

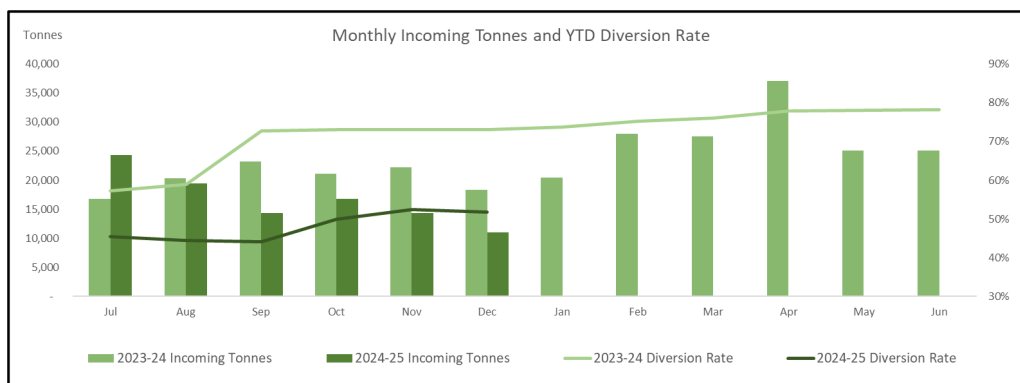
Under Council's Environmental Authority EPPR00626313 (EA) the burning of waste is reportable to DETSI. While fires within Council's Waste Facilities are unintended and unavoidable in most circumstances, this could be considered a breach of Councils EA Conditions and therefore must be reported.

The following events have been reported to DETSI in November and December 2024;

- 2 small fires due to a vape and a chlorine reaction
- 3 smoulders / smoke, due to mobile phone and tablet

For each of the above events, any water was managed as leachate, no persons or plant were harmed, and no environmental harm occurred.

Total Incoming Tonnes



Reading this Chart

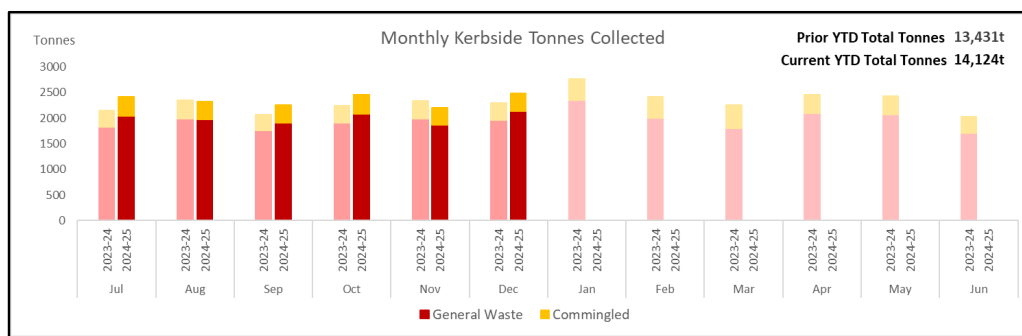
Diversion rate is 52% of incoming waste we recover as opposed to burying in landfill. This is a strategic KPI measuring our progress towards zero waste to landfill by 2050. Incoming tonnes are an indicator of the waste generation trends in our region, and the impact our current strategies are having on reducing those trends. Current year performance is shown in dark green.

Current Commentary

Incoming tonnes in December have decreased compared to the same period last year. This decrease is in the receipt of Clean Earth. For the month of December our diversion rate stands at 52%, largely due to a decrease in incoming Clean Earth for Operational Use purposes.

Kerbside Tonnes

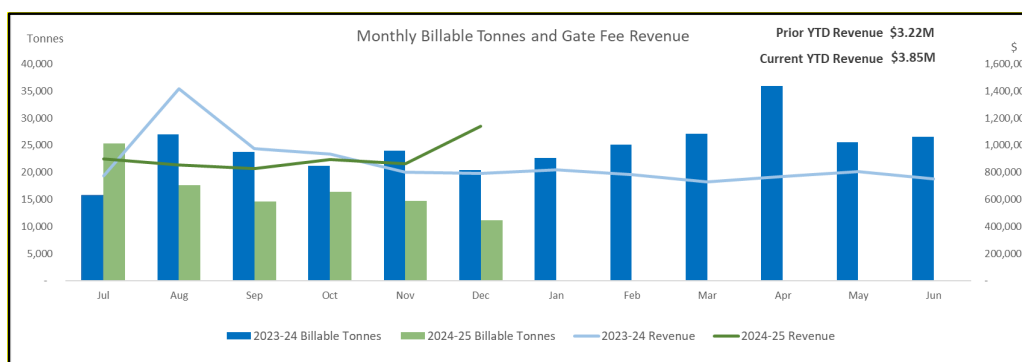
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**Reading this Chart**

Showing total waste generation and recovery rates at the kerbside, providing an indicator of household waste diversion and meeting our strategic KPI to reduce household waste by 25% by 2050.

Current Commentary

Incoming tonnes in December are similar compared to the same period last year with a slight increase in both general waste and commingled recyclables. For the month of December, commingled recyclables represent 15.1% of our total kerbside tonnes.

Billable Tonnes**Reading this Chart**

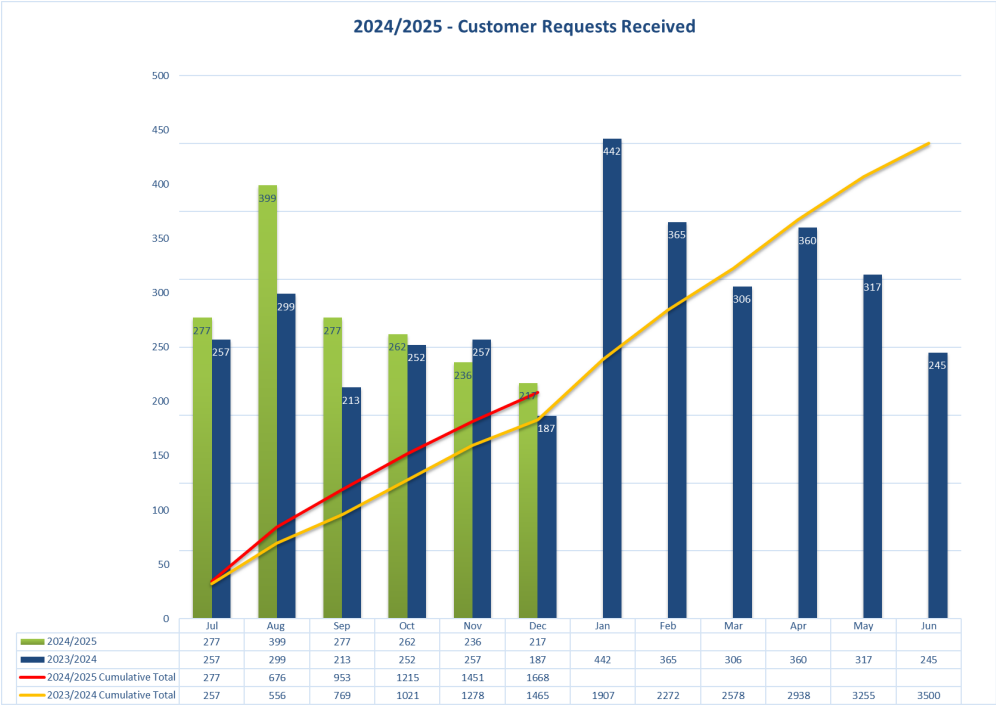
This is a critical measure of waste facility activity levels, the long-term financial sustainability of the business unit, as well as being a relatively strong indicator of economic activity levels in our region. Current year performance is shown in green.

Current Commentary

December revenue has increased compared to the same period last year and is made up of ongoing increased levels of Commercial and Industrial Waste and increased transactions for Municipal Solid Waste.

Civil Operations

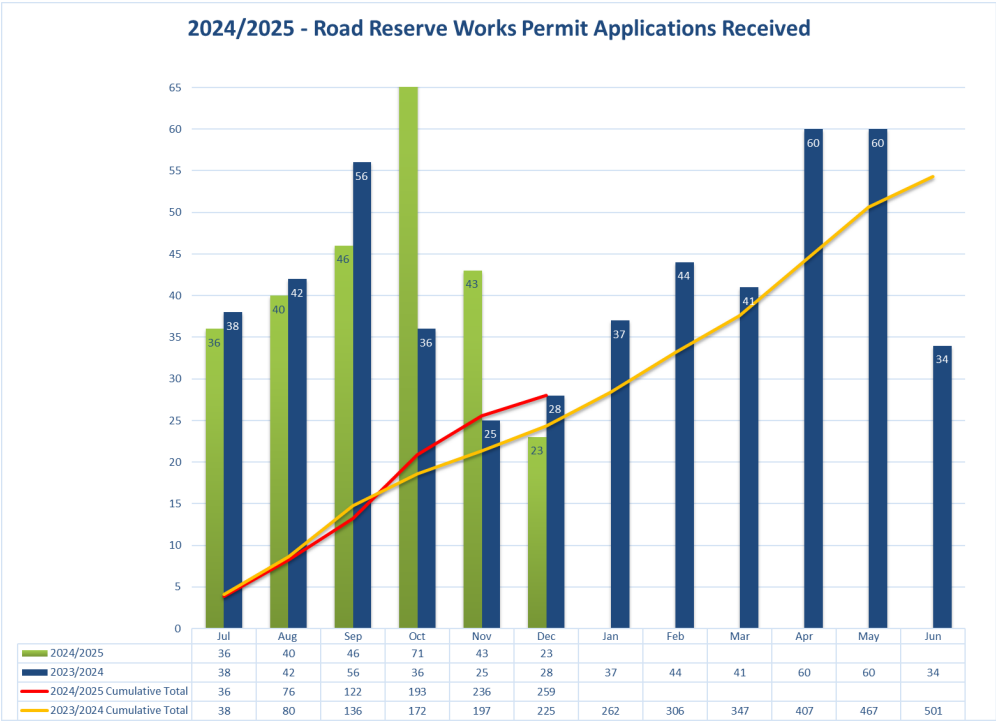
CUSTOMER REQUESTS



Commentary:

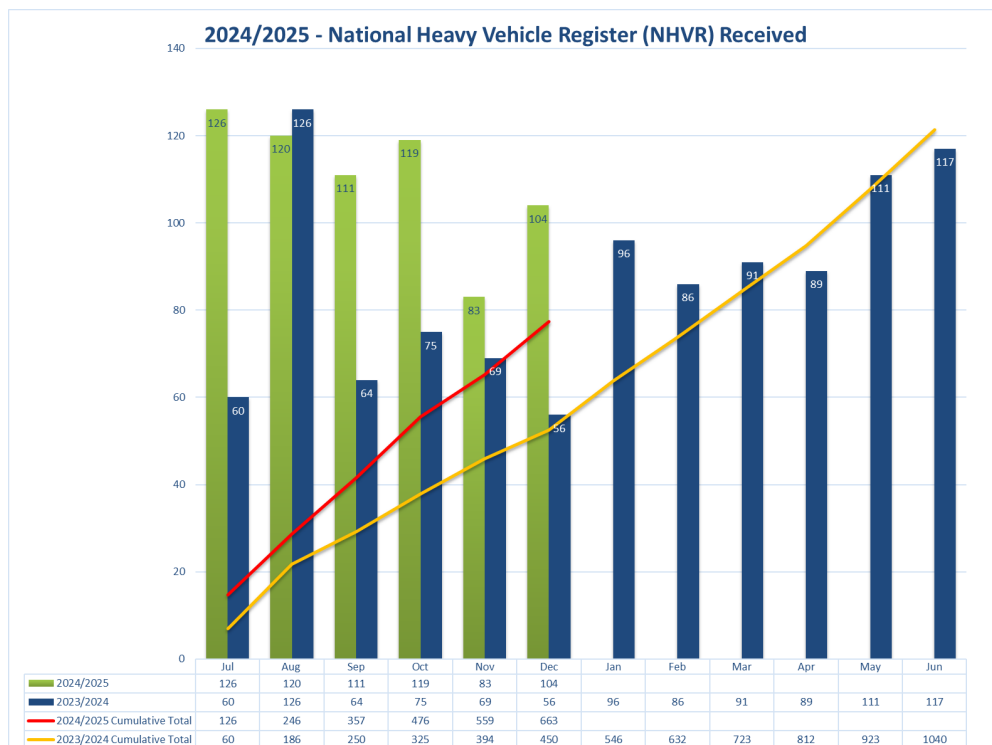
- Typical for December with the shutdown period, request numbers have dropped. Request types varied with signs and lines, waterways, stormwater and street sweeping requests being the highest.

ROAD RESERVE WORKS PERMIT APPLICATIONS



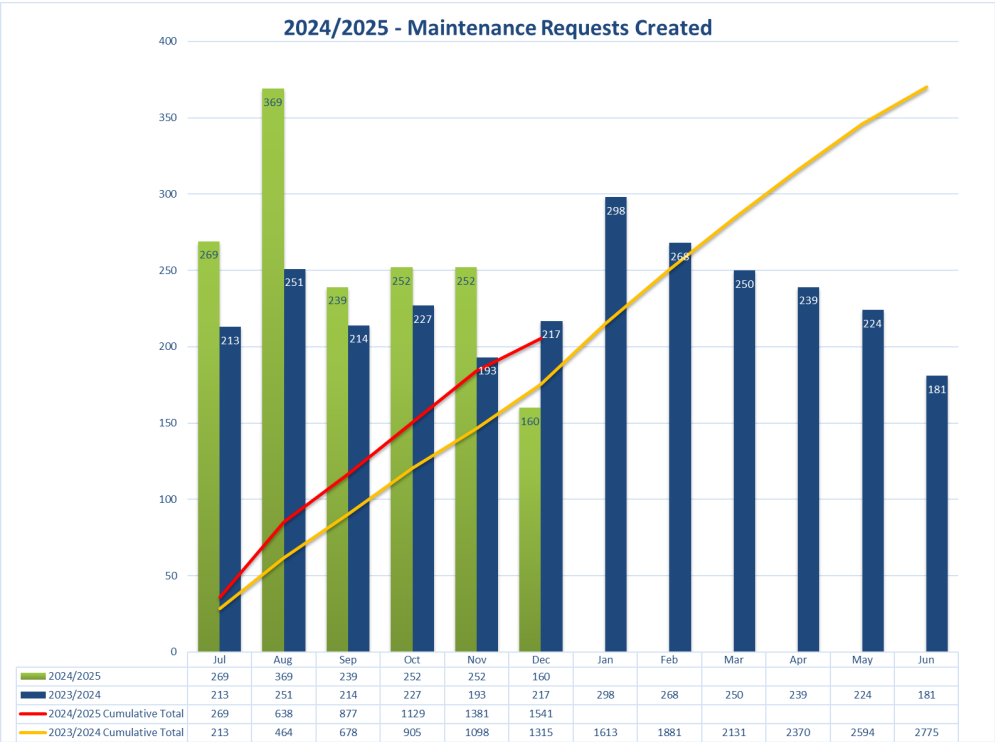
Commentary:

- Application numbers have stabilised again after the October spike. Application types ranged mainly between residential driveways, temporary footpath closures and Ergon work which has been consistently high and are expected to remain high into the new year.

NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGISTER (NHVR)**Commentary:**

- During most months approximately 100 NHVR applications are received and processed, and from 1 July 2024 to 7 January 2025, RRC has received 702 Heavy Vehicle permit applications. Supporting this decision making process, Council maintains several pre-approved routes across the district related to different NHVR configurations so heavy vehicle movements are monitored and managed.
- Last October the pre-approved route lists were reviewed and sorted into specific area routes then with the help of NHVR facilitators were mapped on the portal's route planning tool. NHVR case officers use these route IDs to reconcile against the routes requested by applicants. If the application's heavy vehicle fits the nominated configuration and is within a certain route ID it is automatically 'processed' by NHVR without needing to be forwarded to Council's Road Manager to decide. This will accelerate the NHVR administration process moving forward.

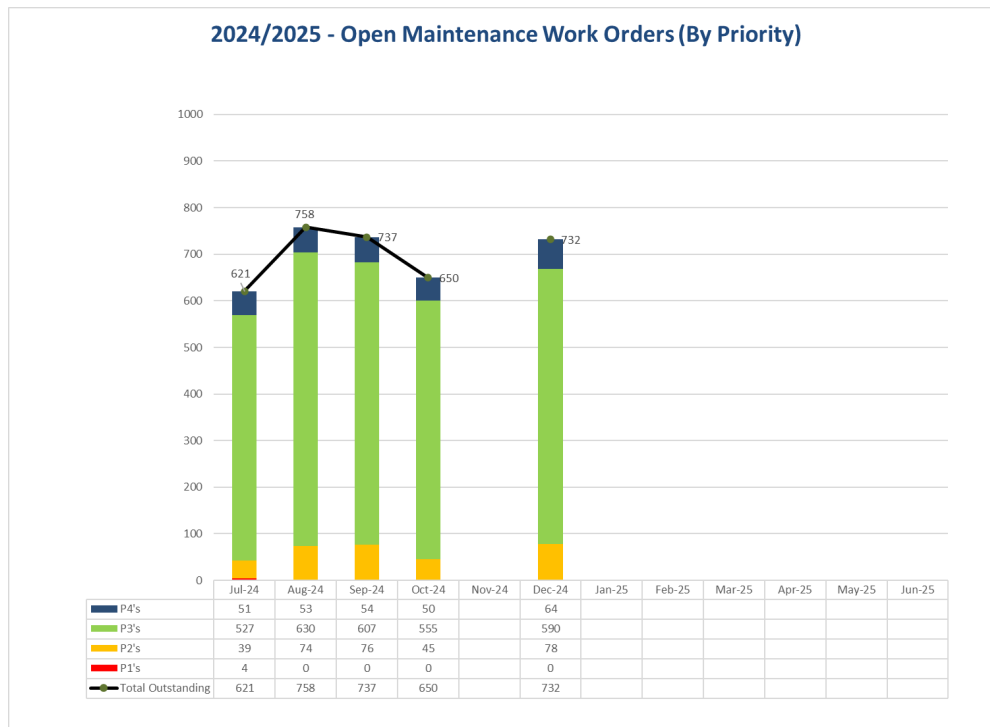
MAINTENANCE WORK ORDERS



Commentary:

- Maintenance work order statistics are closely related to the above customer request data and commentary.
- In addition to customer related work orders, 55 work orders relate to Council's Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) for work on TMR roads over November and December.

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Open Maintenance Work Orders (By Priority)**Commentary:**

- These figures outline the total number of open Maintenance Works Orders at the end of each month.

Average Age of Open Work Orders

	P1's (average days open)	P2's (average days open)	P3's (average days open)	P4's (average days open)
July 2024	25	81	169	85
August 2024	0	57	153	99
September 2024	0	60	156	106
October 2024	0	97	169	120
November 2024	-	-	-	-
December 2024	0	89	190	126

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Commentary:

- These figures outline the average age of open Maintenance Works Orders at the end of each month.
- These figures do not include Work Order Inspections.

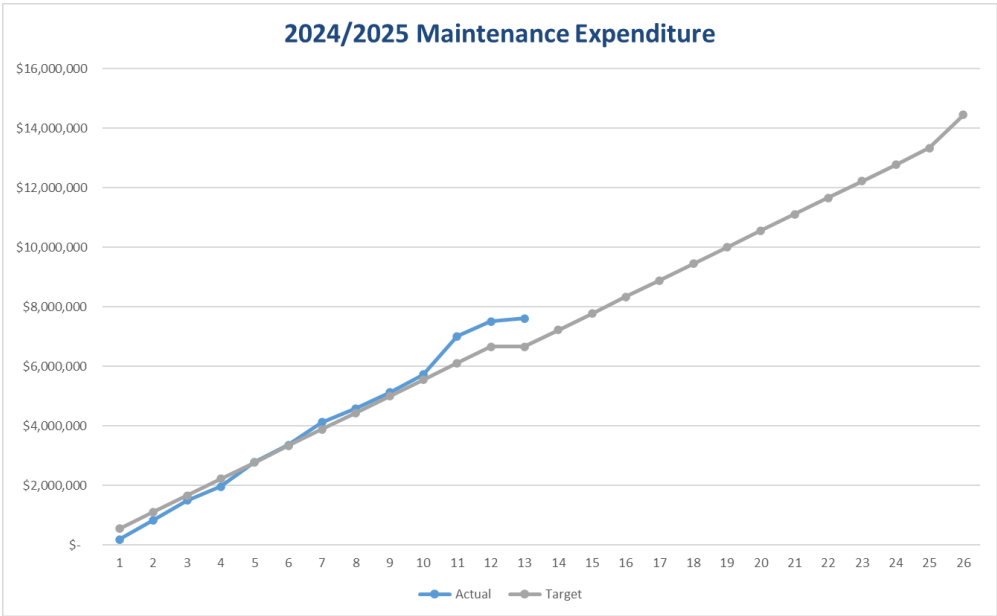
Maintenance Work Order Completed Within Target Timeframe - Overall Performance (YTD)

Priority	Response Target Timeframe	Average Response Time Achieved	Total No. of Work Orders	Response Time Achieved	% Completed within Target Timeframe
P1	< 2 working days	2 days	35	31	89%
P2	< 5 working days	17 days	382	310	81%
P3	< 30 working days	36 days	1,963	1,845	94%
P4	< 60 working days	38 days	74	58	78%
OVERALL PERFORMANCE			2,454	2,244	91%

Commentary:

- These figures outline the overall performance of the unit achieving completion of Maintenance Works Orders within target timeframes for the current financial year.
- These figures do not include Work Order Inspections.

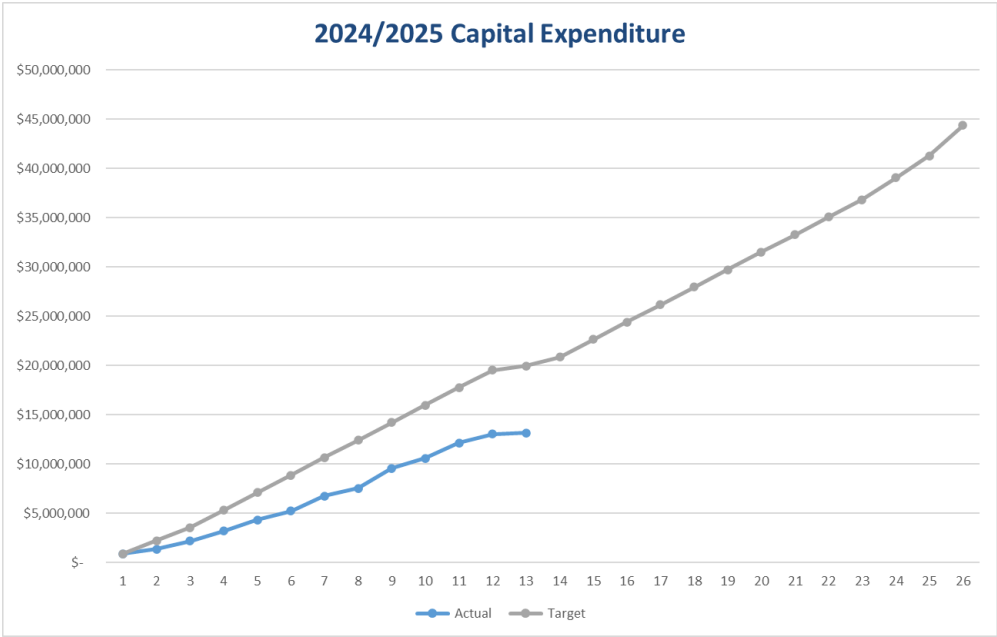
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE



Commentary:

- The overall expenditure for road maintenance is slightly ahead of target. It is anticipated that there will be a drop in expenditure over January period, however this will continue to be monitored closely.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



Commentary:

- Several of the significant projects for the year are in the early design and procurement phases. As such, the expenditure is slightly below expectations at this stage. Several large expenditure programs are scheduled for later in the financial year. This trend will be monitored closely through the year.

ADVANCE ROCKHAMPTON**Key Regional Statistics**

Statistic	Current Period	Previous Period	Variation
GRP	\$6.29B (Jun 23)	\$6.32B (Jun 22)	▼ 0.03%
Population	84,517 (Jun 23)	83,596 (Jun 22)	▲ 1.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.1% (Jun 24)	5.3% (Mar 24)	▼ 0.2%
Jobseeker & Youth Allowance Receipts	4,260 (Nov 24)	4,235 (Oct 24)	▲ 25
Labour Force	46,192 (Jun 24)	45,384 (Mar 24)	▲ 808
Rental Vacancy Rate	0.8% (Sep 24)	0.8% (Jun 24)	-
GST Registered Businesses (Note: Updated stats delayed due to temporary issue accessing data source)	5,803 (Jun 24)	5,743 (Mar 24)	▲ 60
Airport Incoming Flights *Excludes Skytrans	376 (Nov 24)	403 (Oct 24)	▼ 12
Seek Advertisements	1,1174	1,192 (Sep 24)	▼ 301
Residential Building Approvals	\$44.2m (FY24-25 to Oct) vs \$96.0m (FY23-24)		
Commercial Building Approvals	\$68.7m (FY24-25 to Oct) \$193.0m (FY23-24)		

KEY EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS

Net Free Zones Fishing Forum (8 November)

Blueprints to Bid Workshop (13 November)

Rockhampton Energy Forum Lunch (28 November)

Strategise Tender Pricing to Ensure Profitability (4 December)

Night Life Economy Commissioner visit (12 December)

Industry Development – Infrastructure Project Updates

ROCKHAMPTON RING ROAD

- Status: Construction
- Est Completion: 2025/26FY (Stage 1)
- Est Cost: \$1.7B
- 783 jobs during construction

ROCKHAMPTON RAILYARD REJUVINATION

- Status: Initial planning
- Est Completion: TBA
- Est Cost: \$23.7M funding committed over 4 years

FITZROY TO GLADSTONE PIPELINE

- Status: Construction
- Est Completion: December 2026
- Est Cost: \$983M
- 400 jobs during construction

ROCKHAMPTON HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

- Status: Construction
- Est Completion: April 2026
- Est Cost: \$92M

MOUNT MORGAN PIPELINE

- Status: Construction
- Est Completion: September 2025
- Est Cost: \$88M
- ~50 jobs during construction

BROWNE PARK REDEVELOPMENT

- Status: Construction
- Est Completion: Mid 2025
- Est Cost: \$54M
- 96 jobs during construction

MORT & CO FEEDLOT AND FERTILISER FACILITY

- Status: Construction beginning 2025
- Est Completion: TBA
- Est Cost: \$130M
- 507 direct and indirect jobs during construction
- 100 ongoing jobs

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**BOOMER GREEN ENERGY HUB**

- Status: Development
- 150 wind turbines
- Est Cost: \$3.5B
- 350+ jobs during construction
- 30 ongoing jobs

MOUNT MORGAN TAILINGS PROCESSING & REHABILITATION PROJECT

- Status: Early works
- Est Completion: 2025
- Est Cost: \$150M
- 250 jobs during construction
- 150 ongoing jobs

BOULDER CREEK WIND FARM

- Status: Construction
- 38 wind turbines
- Est Cost: \$750M
- Up to 300 jobs during construction
- 12 ongoing jobs

CAPRICORN BESS

- **Development Application submitted**
- Status: Development
- 300MW
- Est Cost: ~\$500M
- 120-150 jobs during construction
- 5-10 ongoing jobs

THE CENTRAL BESS

- Status: Development
- 500MW
- Est Cost: \$423M
- 55 jobs during construction
- 5 ongoing jobs

CLARKE CREEK WIND FARM

- Status: Construction
- 100 wind turbines
- 350 jobs created to date
- \$250m regional investment
- Est Cost: \$3B

MOAH CREEK SOLAR FARM

- Status: Development
- 285MW
- Est Cost: \$600M
- ~300 jobs during construction
- 10 ongoing jobs

MOAH CREEK WIND FARM

- Status: Development
- 60 wind turbines
- Est Code: \$1B
- 300 jobs during construction
- 10 ongoing jobs

MOONLIGHT RANGE WIND FARM

- **State Development approval received**
- Status: Development
- 97 wind turbines
- 300+ jobs during construction
- 10 FTE during operation

MOUNT HOPEFUL WIND FARM

- Status: Development
- 60 wind turbines
- Est Cost: \$1B
- 220 peak workforce
- 12 ongoing jobs

STANWELL BESS

- Status: Construction
- 300MW
- Est Cost: \$747M
- 80 peak workforce
- 6 ongoing jobs

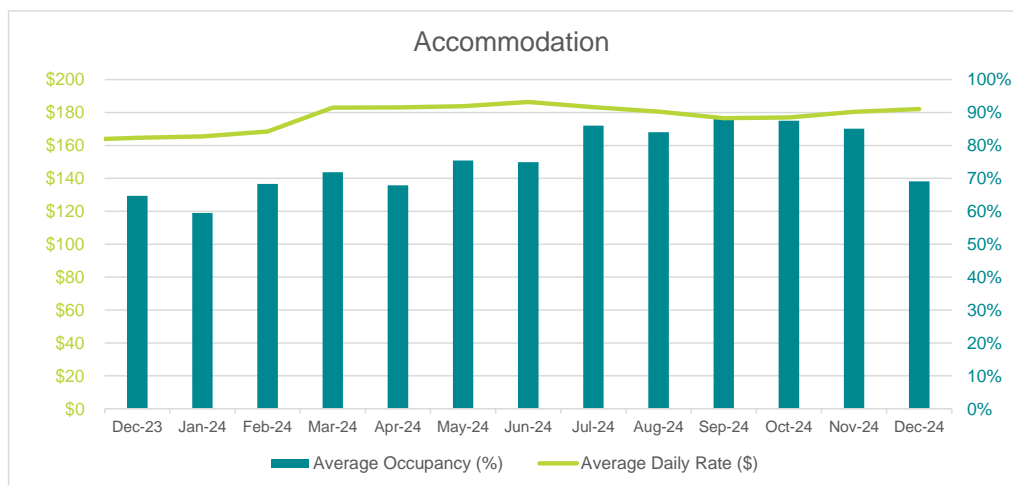
STANWELL FUTURE ENERGY AND TRAINING HUB (FEITH)

- Status: Development
- 60 wind turbines
- Est Cost: \$110M
- Peak workforce TBA
- 6 ongoing jobs

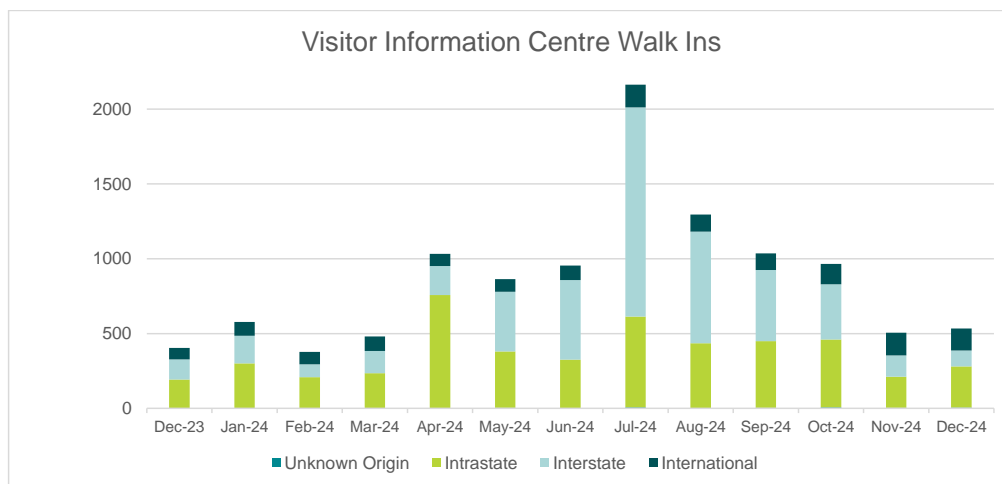
Events

1. **27 November - 24 December 2024 | Radiance** - attendance of over 35,000.
2. **7 December 2024 | CBD Christmas Fair** - Christmas Fair a resounding success with over 6,000 attendees.
3. **4-6 April 2025 | Rockynats 05** - Tenders under review for key suppliers of infrastructure, Street Parade map released, spectator marketing campaign launched, presenting partner Autoglym signed.
4. **18 May 2025 | 7Rocky River Run** - All operational suppliers confirmed, marketing campaign booked, Super Early Bird registrations open.
5. **12-13 June 2025 | Rocky Show** - Guild agreement finalised, Trade and Performer Expressions of Interest Open, Competitions Open, Nominations for Showgirl and Rural Ambassador Open.
6. **25 - 27 July 2025 | Rockhampton River Festival** - Event footprint and operating hours confirmed, Trade, Musician, Workshop and Performer Expressions of Interest Open, Musician applications under review.
7. **30 August 2025 | CapriCon Pop Culture Convention** - Event footprint and operating hours confirmed, Trade, Workshop and Guest Expressions of Interest Open.

Tourism Infrastructure



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**AIRPORT PASSENGER NUMBERS**

	Inbound
This Year	27,600
Last Year	27,400
Variation	+0.2K

November 2024 compared to November 2023

Tourism Positioning and Marketing

CAMPAIGNS – TOP 5 PROJECTS IN TOURISM

- 1. Queensland Tourism Awards** - as part of Tourism Week, we celebrated two wins in the Queensland Tourism Awards including GOLD in the 'Richard Power Award for Tourism Marketing and Campaigns' category for the second consecutive year and BRONZE in the 'Major Festivals and Events' category for the second year running for Rockynats.
- 2. DestinationQ and DestinationIQ** - we attended DestinationQ and DestinationIQ (Indigenous QLD) presented by the QLD Tourism Industry Council as part of Tourism Week. These events bring and industry leaders together to consider the future of the industry, discuss key tourism and events issues, and prioritise to keep Queensland competitive as a destination.
- 3. Major Event Campaign** - we launched our 2025 Major Event Campaign consisting of a digital is a digital campaign aimed at driving visitation to major events from within the region's 4hr drive and SEQ markets, increasing visitor numbers and spend throughout our region. It included digital billboard

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advertising and paid social media Google Ad campaigns targeting the drive market. It features a brand new video and creative digital assets.

4. What's On this Christmas - Explore Rockhampton created and launched the 2024 Self-Guided Christmas Lights Tour on the Explore Rockhampton App, resulting in 2,175 views. We also supported the event team in promotion of the Radiance laser light event by creating a Christmas landing page on the Explore Rockhampton website and promoting the event across Explore digital channels.

5. 2025 Hockey Championships - we have partnered with Hockey Australia to secure the prestigious 2025 Hockey Australia Country Championships, expected to inject over \$2.4 million into the local economy. The event will be held in Rockhampton next August and in addition to sponsorship, our team will support by setting up an event website landing page, promoting the region to visitors and liaising with local accommodation providers.

ADVERTISING**BILLBOARDS**

- Airport: departure lounge bathrooms (MTB/Meerkats) - 16.5K REACH
- Airport: static entry/exit sign (Nurim/Meerkats) - 32K REACH
- Airport: digital exit sign (Explore Rockhampton various x 6) - 32K REACH
- Fitzroy/East: digital billboard (Explore Rockhampton various x 6) - 32K REACH

DIGITAL

- Google Ads 'Every Season a New Reason' - 415K REACH
- Facebook Ads 'Every Season a New Reason' - 65K REACH
- Explore Rockhampton boosted Facebook post - 10K REACH

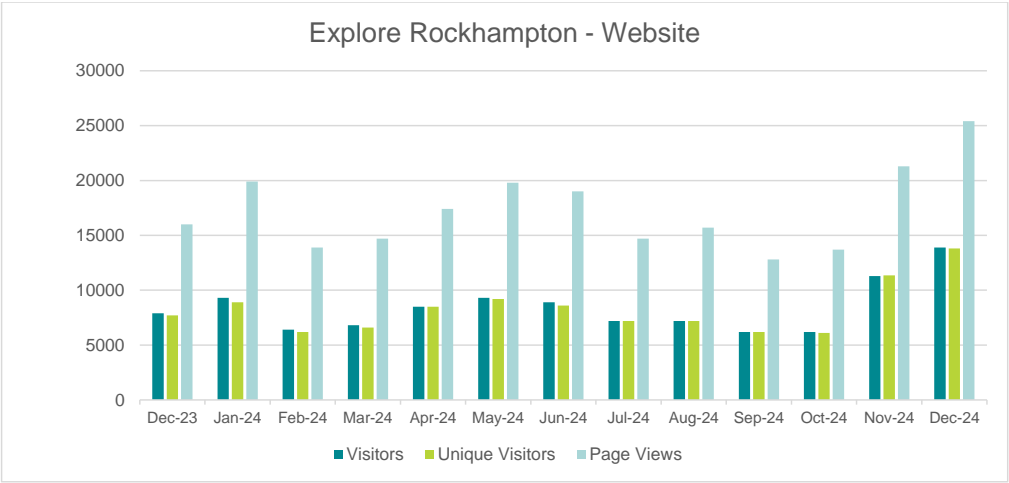
PRINT

- CQ Today - Fortnightly tourism column - 160K REACH

TOTAL REACH: 762.5K

Social Media

@ExploreRockhampton



Website visitation showed an increase with traffic coming mostly via our What's On page during the 2025 Major Event Campaign period.

	Facebook			Instagram		
	Reach	Impressions	Fans	Impressions	Engagement	Fans
This Month	54.1K	149.9K	12,866	37.9K	632	3,750
Last Month	54.5K	149.2K	12,692	28.1K	901	3,708
Variation	-0.4K	+0.7K	+174	+9.8K	-269	+42

December 2024 compared to November 2024

These results are reflection of launching the 2025 Major Event Campaign and having engaging creative on socials.

@MyRockhampton

	Facebook		
	Reach	Impressions	Likes
This Month	67,000	113,650	16,557
Last Month	10,500	19,333	16,525
Variation	+56,600	+94,317	+32

December 2024 compared to November 2024

Rockynats

	Facebook & Instagram	
	Fans	Impressions
Nov-Dec	43,000	198,100

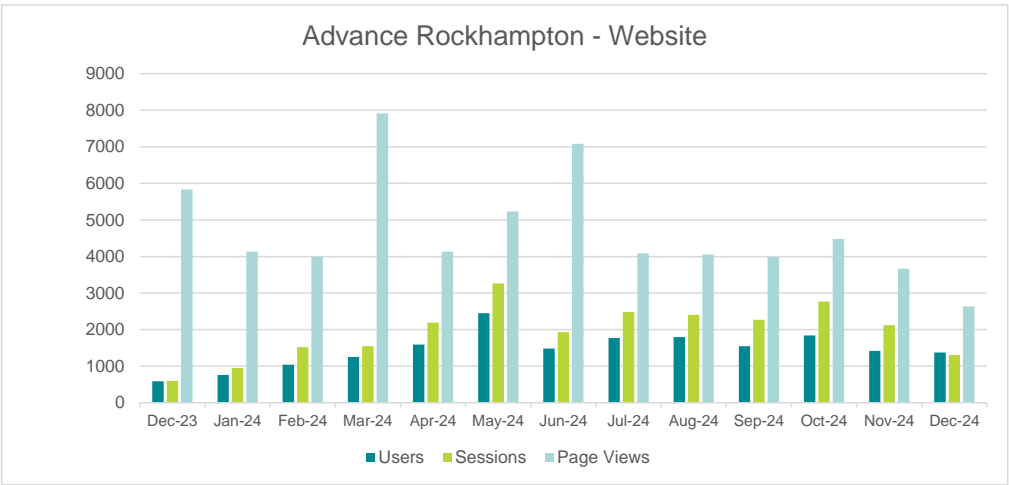
7Rocky River Run

	Facebook & Instagram	
	Fans	Impressions
Nov-Dec	6,280	128,300

Rocky Show

	Facebook & Instagram	
	Fans	Impressions
Nov-Dec	6,200	92,810

@AdvanceRockhampton



	LinkedIn			
	Impressions	Engagements	Reached Users	Followers
This Month	15,030	2,113	7,686	2,898
Last Month	11,730	1,219	6,439	2,873
Variation	+3,300	+894	+1,247	+25

December 2024 compared to November 2024

@FishingTheFitzroy

	Facebook		
	Reach	Page Views	Fans
This Month	107.5K	1.2K	26,979
Last Month	69.3K	1.7K	26,900
Variation	+38.2K	-0.5K	+79

December 2024 compared to November 2024

This page continues to perform steadily with monster barra posts keeping engagement and reach high.

11.13 BAD DEBT WRITE OFFS

File No: 1117

Attachments: 1. **December 2024 - Under \$3,000 Write Offs (confidential)**

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Financial Officer presents a schedule of invoice amounts or credit notes considered to be uncollected/unapplied that have been waived as per 5.5 of the Debt Recovery Policy Version 12, Adopted 25 June 2024.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- the debts under \$3,000 contained in the schedule within the report be received by Council, as these have been written off as bad debts.

COMMENTARY

The attached schedule shows details of the debtors/suppliers and amounts involved as well as detailed comments on efforts undertaken in attempting to effect payment. Council has exhausted all avenues of recovery as per the Debt Recovery Policy. Consequently, the costs of pursuing these debts which have no chance of recovery makes it uneconomical to do so.

BACKGROUND

Each of the debts has been written off into the provision for Doubtful Debts where Council made a provision in the 2024/2025 Financial Accounts as a bad debt expense.

In accordance with the Debt Recovery Policy, Council is required to be presented with a report of unrecoverable bad debts less than \$3,000.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council was last presented with a schedule of bad debts that had been written off on 25 June 2024.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

In accordance with the current Debt Recovery Policy, Version 12, adopted on 25 June 2024, the Chief Financial Officer is delegated with authority to waive debts where all practical means to recover the debt have been exhausted and such debt is less than \$3,000. It is also a requirement that a report of debts that have been waived be presented to Council at the next available meeting. All debts written-off must be recorded in the Bad Debts Register that is regularly reviewed and updated by the Revenue Officer as per Council's Debt Recovery Policy.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council receive the report as presented for the unrecoverable bad debts under \$3,000.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM - COUNCILLOR RENUMERATION

File No: 8246

Attachments: 1. Letter to CEO - Councillor Renumeration [↓](#)

Responsible Officer: Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Shane Latcham has indicated his intention to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 January 2025 as follows:

COUNCILLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide a motion for the 2025 LGAQ Conference to enable changes in Local Government legislation to have Councillor Renumeration increased annually by a minimum of CPI (Consumer Price Index).

BACKGROUND

From July 2020 to June 2025, remuneration for a Rockhampton Regional Council Councillor has increased by 10.5%; compared to CPI (Consumer Price Index) of 23.3%. In real terms, this is a cumulative payment reduction of \$32,767 over that five-year period to maintain neutral cost of living.

Councillors are elected community leaders who deserve a fair pay in line with State Government employees. For the past five years, Councillors have been remunerated at a level significantly less than the increase in the cost of living. Over the past few years, State government employees have received 4.0% + COLA (Cost Of Living Allowance) increases to their wages.

The Renumeration Commission has determined that Councillors are to be paid significantly less than the increased cost of living for the past five years. It is time for the State government to institute changes for a fairer pay for Councillors.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended to support a motion to the 2025 LGAQ Conference for consideration by the LGAQ delegates to have a minimum annual increase in Councillor remuneration of CPI (Consumer Price Index).

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM - COUNCILLOR RENUMERATION

Letter to CEO - Councillor Remuneration

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 1

COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM



Division 1

Norman Gardens | Parkhurst | Limestone Creek

WASTE AND RECYCLING PORTFOLIO

10 January 2025

Mr Evan Pardon
Chief Executive Officer
Rockhampton Regional Council
232 Bolsover Street
ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4700

Dear Evan

Notice of Motion

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 21 January 2025.

"THAT Council provide a motion for the 2025 LGAQ Conference to enable changes in Local Government legislation to have Councillor Remuneration increased annually by a minimum of CPI (Consumer Price Index)."

Yours faithfully

Councillor Shane Latcham
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12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM - AMENDMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 - COUNCIL ELECTION**File No:** 8246**Attachments:** 1. Letter to CEO - Amendment to Local Government Act 2009 - Nomination for Council election [📄](#)**Responsible Officer:** Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Shane Latcham has indicated his intention to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 January 2025 as follows:

COUNCILLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide a motion for the 2025 LGAQ Conference to enable amendments to the Local Government Act 2009 legislation to allow any eligible person to nominate for the positions of Mayor and Councillor concurrently at quadrennial local government elections.

BACKGROUND

The current Local Government Act 2009 legislation does not permit eligible persons to nominate for both Councillor and Mayor concurrently.

The wealth of experience and community representation of a sitting Councillor is lost when they elect to run for the position of Mayor and are unsuccessful candidates for Mayor.

In the workplace, it is not usually a requirement to sacrifice your employment to apply for a promotion. This change would enable a sitting Councillor the opportunity to continue to serve their electorate (if re-elected) and the ability to also contest for the position of Mayor.

If they are elected to the position of Mayor; then the next placeholder in the Councillor election becomes the elected Councillor. This provision already exists in Local Government Act 2009 legislation where an elected Councillor no longer remains in the position for various reasons.

In 2020, under special circumstances where the elected Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Strelow resigned, several Councillors were able to contest for the position of Mayor. Cr Tony Williams was a current Councillor who ultimately was elected to the position of Mayor of Rockhampton Regional Council.

CONCLUSION

At the next quadrennial Local Government election in 2028, the Local Government Act 2009 legislation should be amended to allow any eligible person to be able to nominate for the position of Mayor and Councillor concurrently. It is recommended to support a motion to the 2025 LGAQ Conference for consideration by the LGAQ delegates.

**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR
SHANE LATCHAM - AMENDMENT TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 -
COUNCIL ELECTION**

**Letter to CEO - Amendment to Local
Government Act 2009 - Nomination for
Council election**

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 1

COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM



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12.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM - ADDITIONAL DIVISION AND COUNCILLOR

File No: 8246

Attachments: 1. Letter to CEO - Additional Division and Councillor [↓](#)

Responsible Officer: Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Shane Latcham has indicated his intention to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 21 January 2025 as follows:

COUNCILLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council write to the relevant Queensland Minister and request for a local government change to the change commission for an additional division and an additional councillor as per section 17(25)(c) for Rockhampton Regional Council.

BACKGROUND

The number of divisions, and hence the number of councillors within Rockhampton Regional Council, have not been reviewed subsequent to de-amalgamation between Rockhampton and Livingstone Shire Council in 2014.

Under the current number of divisions it is difficult to achieve reasonable portion of electors without the need to have a division/s that straddle the Fitzroy River. It is also unusual to have an even number of Councillors (including the Mayor) when voting on decisions.

An additional Councillor would likely assist on both of these issues.

CONCLUSION

By adding an additional division and Councillor would support a better reasonable portion of electors per councillor and allow for an uneven number of councillors (including the Mayor) when voting on decisions.

**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR
SHANE LATCHAM - ADDITIONAL
DIVISION AND COUNCILLOR**

**Letter to CEO - Additional Division and
Councillor**

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 1

COUNCILLOR SHANE LATCHAM



Division 1

Norman Gardens | Parkhurst | Limestone Creek

WASTE AND RECYCLING PORTFOLIO

10 January 2025

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12.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR EDWARD ORAM - GREEN WASTE FEES AND CHARGES POST WEATHER EVENT

File No: 8246

Attachments: 1. Letter to CEO - Notice of Motion - Green Waste [↓](#)

Responsible Officer: Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Edward Oram has indicated his intention to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Council meeting, as follows:

COUNCILLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Delegate the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Chair or Acting Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group, to waive the green waste fees adopted by Council in its Fees and Charges Schedule for 48 hours due to a significant weather event for residents of the Rockhampton Local Government Area.

BACKGROUND

After significant weather events, residents often take it upon themselves to tidy their properties, including clearing green waste from trees that accumulates on footpaths in front of their homes.

By offering a designated free green waste disposal period, the council can help streamline this process. This initiative could reduce operational costs and minimize downtime from regular council work, as residents managing their waste would likely reduce the volume of lodged requests for waste collection and cleanup services.

**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR
EDWARD ORAM - GREEN WASTE
FEES AND CHARGES POST
WEATHER EVENT**

**Letter to CEO - Notice of Motion -
Green Waste**

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025

Attachment No: 1

13 January 2025

Mr Evan Pardons
Chief Executive Officer
Rockhampton Regional Council
223 Bolsover street
Rockhampton QLD 4700

Dear Evan,

Notice of Motion

I hereby give my notice of my intention to move the following motion at the meeting of council on Tuesday, 21 January 2025.

That Council:

Delegate the Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Chair or Acting Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group, to waive the green waste fees adopted by Council in its Fees and Charges Schedule for 48 hours due to a weather event for residents of the Rockhampton Local Government Area

Kind regards

Cr Edward Oram

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 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

15 CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move into Closed Session pursuant to section 254J(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

16.1 Legal Matters Report - 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

In accordance with section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

16.1 LEGAL MATTERS REPORT - 1 OCTOBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

File No: 1830

Attachments: 1. Legal Matters Report - 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024

Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Manager Workforce and Governance

Author: Shannon Jennings - Coordinator Legal and Governance

In accordance with section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

SUMMARY

Presenting an update of current legal matters that Council is involved in as at 31 December 2024.

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING