



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

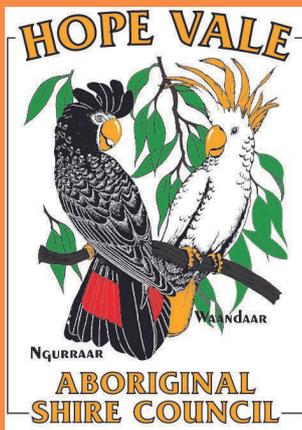
FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MAY 2024 REPORT TO COUNCIL

10 MAY 2024

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Overview

MAY 2024

REPORTING PERIOD



The year-to-date financial report for May 2024 indicates that the Council is progressing well towards achieving a robust financial outcome for the fiscal year 2023-24. Despite facing challenges like a constricted labor market due to recent regional disaster events and inflationary pressures impacting concrete and steel prices, the Council's financial performance remains resilient.

Efficiency, sustainability, and financial stability are evident in the financial statements for the year-to-date period. Noteworthy elements of this report include an operating surplus showcased in the income statement, an improved working capital position depicted in the balance sheet, and the net cash flow from the Council's operational activities outlined in the cash flow statement. Additionally, eight out of nine sustainability metrics for this reporting period have been successfully achieved.

The Council's profit margin year-to-date stands at 2.4%, aligning with both the budget projections and the previous reporting period. Key revenue sources including sales, recoverable works, interest, and internal revenue account for 51.6% of the total year-to-date recurrent revenue, indicating a 1% increase compared to the prior month.

The majority of the Council's year-to-date expenditure, totaling 73.5%, is attributed to materials and services, alongside employee benefits. The increased expenditure during this period is indicative of increased building activities compared to the previous reporting period. Depreciation costs have been fully recognised in the operating results up to 31 May 2024, surpassing forecasted values and expected to remain elevated for the remainder of the financial year.

The debtors' balance has decreased by \$400k, indicating a 24% reduction compared to the previous reporting period.

The Valuation and Indexation assessment has been finalised on the Council's land, buildings, and infrastructure assets reveal a 5% increase in the replacement cost of building assets and a 7% escalation in infrastructure assets, while land assets show no change. These replacement costs will be integrated into the forthcoming 2024-2025 annual budget.

The Proforma Financial Statements for 2023-2024 were finalised and submitted to the auditors on 26 April 2024, adhering to our agreed milestone reporting date. Feedback on the Financial Statements is anticipated to be received within the current month.



FINANCIAL YEAR END 30 JUNE 2024

MAY 2024 YEAR TO DATE

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

SALES

Do & Charge Responsive Maintenance - 25 Bayanbi St
Roofing Program - Upgrades - Shed Program

RECURRENT GRANTS

Aged Care - CHSP - SGFA - Kindy
Animal Management - Childcare - Disability

CAPITAL GRANTS

Everlina Plaza Upgrade - ICCIP Water - QRA Betterment
R2R - Spring Hill Road Culverts - NDRRA

OWN SOURCE REVENUE

Utility Charges 22-23 - Rental Income
Fees and Charges

INTEREST

Interest generated on cash fund held with
Queensland Treasury Corporation

OTHER

Aged Services Medicare Benefits

CAPITAL INCOME

Proceeds on Sale of Assets

\$16,614,467 **\$1,914,522** **\$25,136** **\$18,554,125**

RECURRENT **CAPITAL** **CAPITAL** **TOTAL**
REVENUE **REVENUE** **INCOME** **INCOME**

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Comparable with budget forecast

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Comparable with budget forecast

DEPRECIATION

Year to date \$4,257,763

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (NDRRA)
Council damaged road network

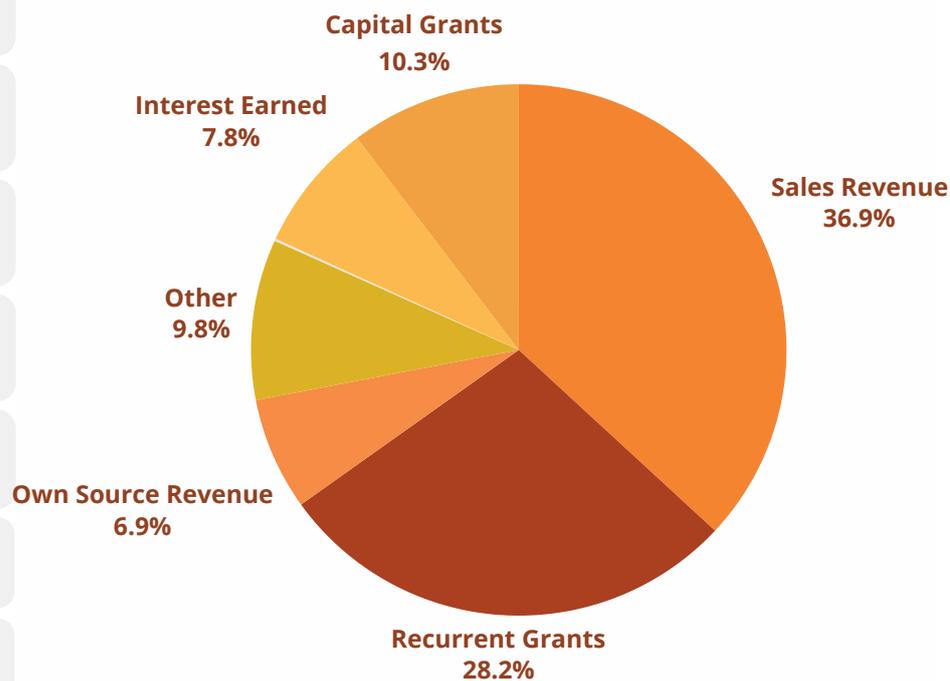
FINANCE COSTS

Bank Fees and QTC Administration Charges

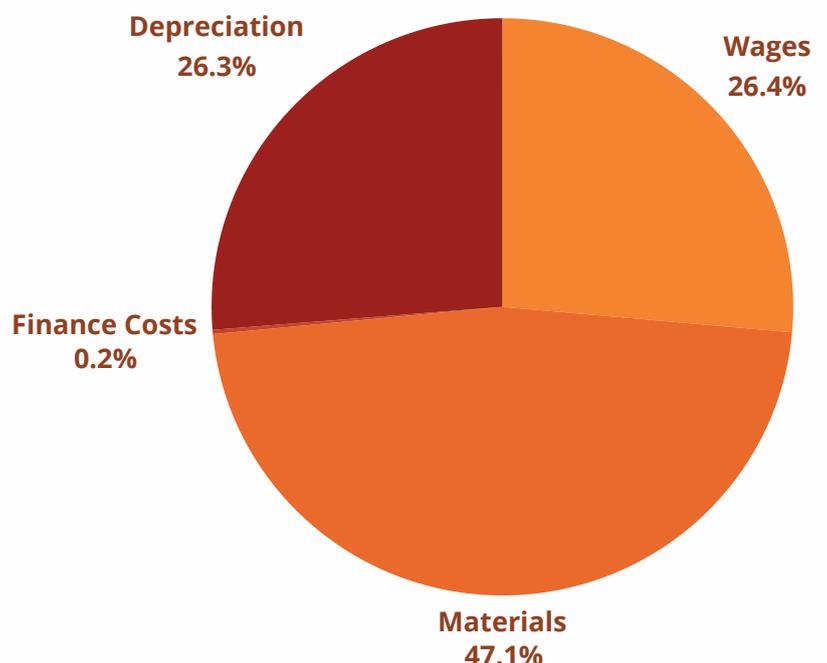
\$16,205,349 **\$0** **\$16,205,349**

RECURRENT **CAPITAL** **TOTAL**
EXPENSES **EXPENSES** **EXPENSES**

TOTAL INCOME YTD MAY 2024



TOTAL EXPENSES YTD MAY 2024





MAY 2024 YEAR TO DATE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
POSITION

**PROPERTY PLANT
& EQUIPMENT**

\$96,941,185

LARGEST ASSET CATEGORY

- BUILDINGS
- PLANT & EQUIPMENT
- ROAD NETWORK
- WATER & SEWERAGE
- OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE
- BUILDINGS
- COUNCIL HOUSING
- VEHICLES & MACHINERY



\$43,324,596
CURRENT ASSETS



\$119,334,082
NON CURRENT ASSETS



\$162,658,678
TOTAL ASSETS

Capital Works In Progress

\$2,304,859



\$910,345
CURRENT LIABILITIES



\$145,494
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

\$1,055,839
TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$161.6

MILLION

COMMUNITY EQUITY



Community Equity
increased by over

\$2.35 million

in current financial year

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FINANCIAL YEAR END 30 JUNE 2024

YTD MAY 2024

THE BIG NUMBERS YTD

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
POSITIVE
CONTRACT REVENUE
CASHFLOW



- HOUSING RESPONSIVE MAINTENANCE
- HOUSING UPGRADE PROGRAM
- HOUSING EXTENSION REBUILD PROGRAMS
- HOUSING SHED PROGRAM
- HOUSING PAINT PROGRAM
- HOUSING DISABILITY MODIFICATIONS
- HOUSING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
- STATE GOVERNMENT HOUSING
- STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

YTD
Cash at Bank
INCREASE

YTD
COMMUNITY
EQUITY
INCREASE



NET RESULT
\$2.34M

DEBTORS BALANCE

\$1,319,782

RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS

\$981,926

UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE

\$39,174,879

GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED

\$3,872,034

STATE GOVERNMENT GRANT
FUNDING

\$3,039,825

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT
FUNDING

GST RECEIVABLE
MAY 2024

\$25,928

CONTRACT ASSETS & LIABILITIES

\$237,115



FINANCIAL YEAR END 30 JUNE 2024

MAY 2024 YEAR TO DATE

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS

The Financial Sustainability of Councils continues to be the cornerstone of the Local Government Act 2009 and a core responsibility of Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

1. Operating Surplus Ratio
2. Asset Sustainability Ratio
3. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio
4. Council Controlled Revenue Ratio
5. Population Growth Ratio
6. Operating Cash Ratio
7. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio
8. Asset Consumption Ratio
9. Leverage Ratio



TARGET MEASURES

Target Ranges as determined by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning are:

- Operating Surplus Ratio - Between 0 - 10%
- Asset Sustainability Ratio - > 90%
- Net Financial Sustainability Ratio - < 60%
- Council Controlled Revenue Ratio - Contextual
- Population Growth Ratio - Contextual
- Operating Cash Ratio - > 0%
- Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio - > 4 months
- Asset Consumption Ratio - > 60%
- Leverage Ratio - 0 - 3 times



OUR YTD MAY 2024 STATISTICS



1. Operating Surplus Ratio 2.4%
2. Asset Sustainability Ratio 41.2%
3. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio -254.03%
4. Council Controlled Revenue Ratio 3.8%
5. Population Growth Ratio 2.7%

6. Operating Cash Ratio 39.9%
7. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio 40.2 months
8. Asset Consumption Ratio 61.5%
9. Leverage Ratio 0



Capital Works

WIP & COMPLETED PROJECTS BY ASSET CATEGORY AND VALUE

CAPITAL ASSET PROJECTS WORKS IN PROGRESS

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

QRA Cooktown-Mclvor Road Betterment	\$1,295,134
REPA 2021 Road Assets	\$750,323
NDRRA REPA Emergent Works	\$75,000
ATSI TIDS Road Asset Protection	\$246,827

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

LRCI Phase 3 - MPC Oval Upgrade	\$127,456
QRRRF 22-23 Aerodrome Design	\$127,172

WATER & SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

ICCIP Water Bore 1	\$325,000
ICCIP Water Bore 2	\$325,000

BUILDINGS OTHER

W4Q 21-24 Council Building Upgrades	\$198,750
LGGSP Everlina Plaza	\$1,691,807
Business Precinct	\$50,000
Everlina Plaza Offices	\$50,000

\$4,886,392

FORWARD ORDERBOOK

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

QRRRF Spring Hill Road Culverts
R2R Tee Tree Road Bitumen Seal
Local Recovery and Resilience Program
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program
REPA 2024 Road Assets

BUILDINGS OTHER

SES Building Facilities Upgrade
MIIFF MPC Gym Security Upgrade

\$5,862,418

CAPITAL WORKS COMPLETED YEAR TO DATE

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

FNQROC Bitumen Reseal Mclvor Rd
FNQROC Bitumen Reseal Elim Beach Rd
FNQROC Bitumen Reseal Hopevale Access Rd
FNQROC Bitumen Reseal McLean Drive
FNQROC Bitumen Reseal Binthin St
FNQROC Bitumen Reseal Bayanbi St
FNQROC Bitumen Reseal Bathurr St
QRA Alligator Creek Road Betterment

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

BOR5 Community & Cultural Park

WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Chlorine Probes

BUILDINGS OTHER

Aged Care Solar Bollards
Childcare Upgrade
Business Precinct Extension – Offices
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - Everlina Plaza Post Office
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - Warehouse
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - Cabinetmakers Shed
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - Business Precinct

BUILDINGS RESIDENTIAL

W4Q 21-24 Council Building - 4A Alec Cameron Drive
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - 4B Alec Cameron Drive
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - 2 Flierl Street
W4Q 21-24 Council Building - 4A Flierl Street

\$5,447,170

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE
PROJECTS IN WIP
\$2,879,117**

NEW HOUSING - WORKS IN PROGRESS - \$3,826,143



BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

YEAR TO DATE MAY 2024

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

QBUILD HOUSING PROGRAM

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$7K

QBUILD ORDERS RECEIVED IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD
Existing Painting Program Variations 4

\$0K

QBUILD TENDERS SUBMITTED IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD

\$311K

YEAR TO DATE TENDERS SUBMITTED AND AWAITING APPROVAL
Bathroom 3 | Kitchen 1 | Paints 1 | Quoted Do & Charge 2
Windows 1 | Robes 1 | Government School 1
Verandah 1

QBUILD RESPONSIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

- ✓ OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- ✓ SUSTAINABILITY
- ✓ COMPLIANCE
- ✓ IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



1684

WORK ORDERS RECEIVED YTD

1832

WORK ORDERS ISSUED TO SUBCONTRACTORS YTD

33

WORK ORDERS NOT YET ISSUED TO SUBCONTRACTORS YTD

1710

WORK ORDERS ISSUED AND COMPLETED BY SUBCONTRACTORS YTD

116

WORK ORDERS ISSUED AND NOT COMPLETED BY SUBCONTRACTORS YTD

1556

WORK ORDERS INVOICED TO QBUILD YTD

149

WORK ORDERS OUSTANDING YTD (As at 10 May 2024)

28

WORK ORDERS OVER 60 DAYS YTD (As at 10 May 2024)

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MAJOR PROJECTS

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$9.35M

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM VALUE

\$6.46M

PROJECT VALUE OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$294K

PROJECT VALUE OF BUILDING WORKS NOT YET COMMENCED

\$2.59M

YEAR TO DATE VALUE OF WORKS COMPLETED

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ROADS

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$11.46M

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM VALUE

\$2.62M

PROJECT VALUE OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$5.56M

PROJECT VALUE OF CIVIL WORKS NOT YET COMMENCED

\$3.28M

YEAR TO DATE VALUE OF WORKS COMPLETED





BUILDING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

YTD MAY 2024

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS UPDATE

EVERLINA PLAZA TERRACE/STREET FRONTAGE UPGRADE PROJECT

Commence Construction: February 2024

Completion Date: June 2024

Scope of works

This project sees an upgrade to the existing Everlina Plaza frontage including refurbishment and store development of the Hope Vale Supermarket. It aims to maintain and extend the functional life of the existing infrastructure.

External modifications in the road reserve will involve building a new footpath and installing a corresponding ramp. Additionally, the project will include erecting new street awning, adding plaza signage to improve visual aesthetics, and upgrading stormwater drainage to direct runoff directly to the kerb instead of onto the grassed verge. Internal plaza improvements will feature new access points to the supermarket, as well as the installation of roller shutters and fixed aluminum glazed double doors at the Muni Street Entry.

Project Status

During this reporting period, all structural steel work has been procured and is currently under construction based on the engineered fabrication drawings. The steel supplier and roller of radiused rafters is Australian Professional Galvanizing (APG) based in Cairns however the steel fabrication and erection is being completed by local subcontractors.

Recently all steel work was delivered to site. A delay of approximately 3 weeks was encountered for the delivery of steel work due to the supplier having to transport the steelwork to Brisbane for rolling. This was contrary their initial advice during project tendering stage in which Council was advised that the steelwork would be rolled locally in Cairns.

The temporary modification of local traffic and erection of the temporary fencing is in place. The certified traffic management plans developed have been implemented in readiness for construction works to commence in this reporting period. The temporary line marking and road closures are shown below and will be maintained for the remaining duration of the project.

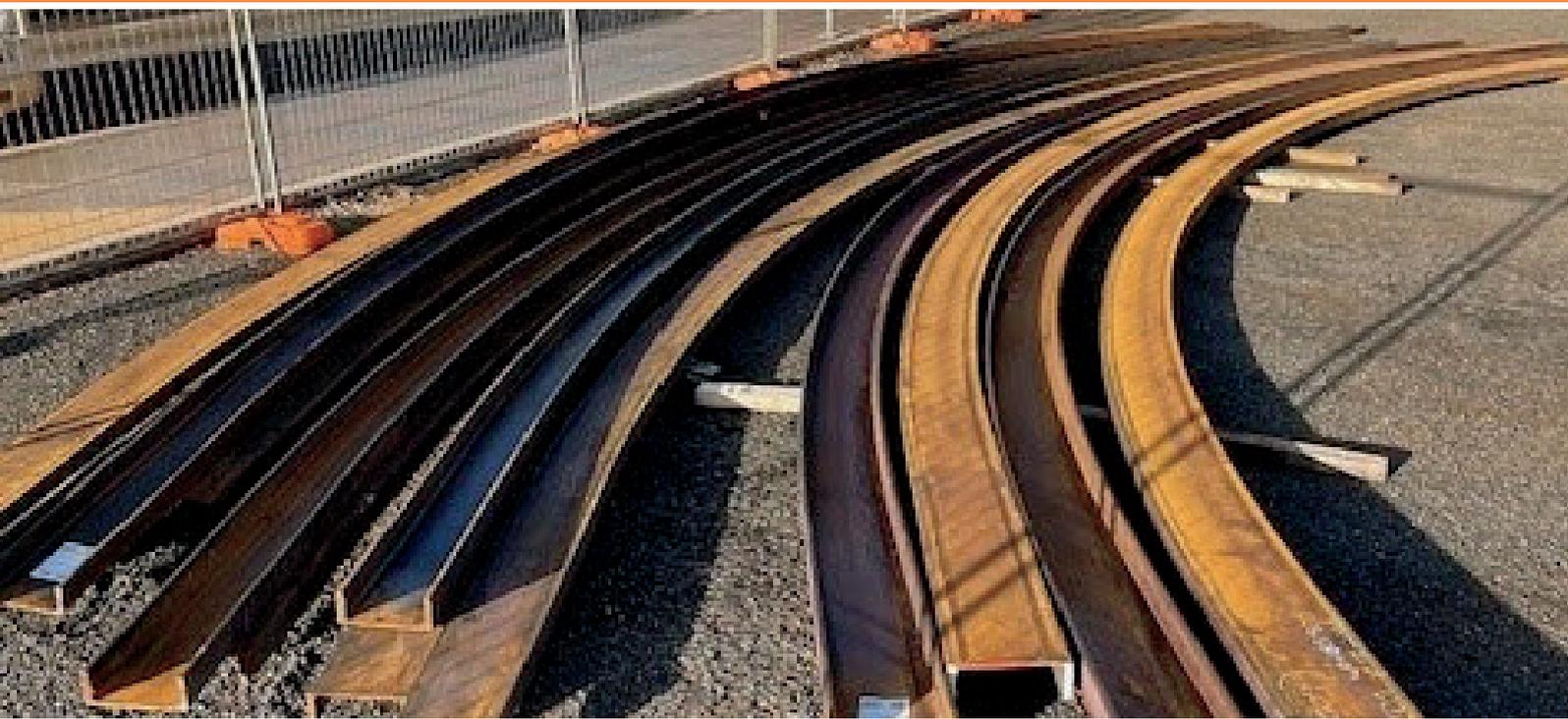
Notification of the altered local traffic conditions has been provided to residents via Council social media and IT platforms. Signage depicting the works being constructed was also erected during this reporting period.

From the detailed site survey files of the Everlina Plaza and road frontage received, council has undertaken a construction review of the stormwater outlets from the terrace and confirmed no services clashes as expected with stormwater discharge via kerb outlets to Muni Street.

Works forecast to commence in this month include the installation of the roof stormwater drainage, earthworks for the construction of the front terraced area plus the commencement of onsite steel fabrication. Critical path for the forecast programmed works is the availability of the concreter and welding subcontractors.



Everlina Plaza Terrace Progress of Works





BUILDING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

YTD MAY 2024

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS UPDATE

LOT 25 BAYANBI STREET - GEH HOUSING

Commence Construction: March 2023
Completion Date: July 2024

Scope of works

Construction 1 x 2 Bedroom House
Construction 3 x 3 Bedroom House

Project Status

Progress on the construction of houses 1 and 3 has experienced significant delays, primarily in the plasterboard works, leading to setbacks. While doors and hardware installation has progressed in these houses, other construction tasks are yet to begin.

Meanwhile, activities are ongoing to build the boundary and driveway retaining walls on the site. Efforts are also focused on removing large boulders from the premises, storing them temporarily for future relocation to the McIvor Road pit site.

During this reporting period, achievements include completing the door and hardware installations in houses 2 and 4, as well finalising the plasterboard installations. Carpentry fit-outs in houses 2 and 4 are underway, with plumbing and electrical services close to completion, except in areas where the services integrate with the retaining walls.

Additionally, work has started on concrete pathway aprons in houses 2 and 4, accompanied by ongoing external painting and tiling tasks.

SES BUILDING RECREATIONAL UPGRADE

Commence Construction: July 2024
Completion Date: September 2024

Scope of works

Construction of an outdoor concrete extension for servicing of equipment, bathroom facilities upgrade and the construction of a designated covered outdoor seating area, complete with tables and BBQ facilities.

Project Status

The structural design of the outdoor area has been amended from what was originally scoped, to include a roofed outdoor covered area. This amended design has been issued to suppliers for the pricing of materials based off the bill of quantities. We expect the structural engineer to issue stamped drawings within the next week and procurement of equipment and materials is forecast to be sourced within this same timeframe.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

YTD MAY 2024

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS UPDATE

MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE 24/7 GYM SECURITY ACCESS SHADE SAIL UPGRADE

Commence Construction: June 2024
Completion Date: December 2024

Scope of works

Installation of fixed security camera, 24/7 digital gym access with enhanced security features and installing shade sails over the outdoor gym.

Project Status

Quotes for the digital access, security camera installation and shade sail installation have been sourced, received and confirmed.

Potential dates have been identified for the pre-construction project management meeting with representatives from the Department of Sport and Recreation which is a requirement under the funding conditions. Discussions will progress throughout May to confirm a meeting date, so to align with Councils forecast construction works to commence in June 2024.

FORWARD REMOTE CAPITAL WORKS - PLUG IN PROGRAM

Commence Construction: March 2023
Completion Dates: May and June 2024

Scope of works

Construction 3 x 3 Bedroom Granny Flat
Construction 2 x 2 Bedroom Granny Flat
Construction 3 x 3 Bedroom Granny Flat

Construction 1 x 5 Bedroom House
Construction 2 x 4 tBedroom House

Project Status

Throughout the reporting period, significant progress has been made at 38 Poland Street, 109 Rose Street, and 93 Rose Street. Key milestones include the successful installation of vinyl flooring at 38 Poland Street, 20 Flierl Street, and 109 Rose Street. Furthermore, tiling has been completed at 38 Poland Street, 109 Rose Street, 20 Flierl Street, 54 Poland Street, 61 Wenke Street, and 7 Flierl Street. Concurrently, final fit-outs are in progress across all job sites, accompanied by finishing touches in the painting phase. External cleaning operations are slated to continue for the next six weeks, leading up to the anticipated handover stage. QBuild has conducted inspections at 38 Poland Street, 109 Rose Street, and 20 Flierl Street in preparation for the scheduled handovers in May 2024.

Forecast May 2024 Completion



Forecast June 2024 Completion





BUILDING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

YTD MAY 2024

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WORKS (ICCIP) - WATER BORES

Commence Construction: January 2024

Completion Date: July 2024

Scope of works

Construction of two (2) new water bores.

Project Status

Located within the water treatment plant area, water bore 1 has been constructed, installed and is functional. The water regulator is satisfied with the water tests submitted to date and it is anticipated that the regulator will issue confirmation of compliance this month which permits Council to connect the new bore to our existing reticulated water supply.

Council's existing bore infrastructure includes telemetry components which automates the operation of the bore pumps and measures the flow of water from the bore into the water treatment plant. This component is necessary for the existing bores due to their distance away from the water treatment plant being that manual operation of these bores is not practical.

Being that bore 1 is constructed within the water treatment plant area, which houses the existing telemetry system, connecting the bore to this full system is not considered a requirement for this specific bore, however the installation of a high and low level sensor will be included as a safeguard to the bore running dry.

Bore sink and pressure tests were conducted to investigate possible locations for the construction of bore 2. Of the two sites identified, the preferred site location is situated 600 meters north of Council's water treatment plant outbound along the right-hand side of Elim Beach Road which sees the bore infrastructure constructed within the existing road reserve. During the construction phase of the bore, a dedicated site access area of approximately 900m² is required. The site access area sits outside of the dedicated road reserve, therefore clarification of whether any potential access restrictions to the bore construction site itself, is being sought.

The second location identified sees the bore site again situated north of the water treatment plant outbound however located on the left-hand side of Elim Beach Road. Whilst the bore construction site is also located within the existing road reserve, the location poses likely complications relating to electricity supply and connection into reticulation. The site is not currently powered as all existing electricity infrastructure runs along the right-hand side of the road as does council existing water infrastructure. The additional cost for the provision of electricity supply and underground boring required for connection to Council's existing water reticulation makes this site not feasible.

Quotes for the construction and installation of bore 2 have been sourced and this project is shovel ready and is forecast to commence preliminary works this month.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WORKS (ICCP)

water bore 1



GRANT FUNDING

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS IN DEVELOPMENT

REGIONAL PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (RPPP) STREAM ONE: HOPE VALE ENERGY PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Scope of Works

Detailed scoping, planning, design and consultation activities for a proposed Energy Precinct including a business case and feasibility study.

A Hope Vale Energy Precinct aims to improve the township and regions connectivity, liveability and productivity, which supports the delivery of Councils vision for Hope Vale by addressing key challenges that affect Hope Vales access to opportunities.

Project Status

The project kick-off meeting was just recently held with Peak Services Energy Advisory division who have been engaged to undertake an assessment of the townships current and future energy requirements and to develop an energy options paper to support and form part of Council's future resilient and sustainable energy security strategy for Hope Vale.

The report is expected to be finalised in June 2024. Analysis and assessment data from this report will frame the basis of the Hope Vale Energy Precinct Development and Planning application.

REGIONAL PRECINCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (RPPP) STREAM TWO: HOPE VALE SPORT AND RECREATION PRECINCT DELIVERY

Scope of Works

Construction and delivery of infrastructure projects identified within the Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan document.

The project area covers a total of 18.59 hectares and is in the township of Hope Vale and incorporates the current showgrounds and rodeo grounds. There is opportunity to extend the precinct to the north across Theile Street into the western diversion drain and extend landscape treatments along the southern boundary abutting the local residential area.

Project Status

To further develop an application, it is recommended that council both, endorse the Hope Vale Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan - Design Development Report, and undertake community and stakeholder engagement that fosters collaboration and encourages partnership cooperation for the implementation of the Hope Vale Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That, Council:

- (a) endorse the Hope Vale Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan - Design Development Report
- (b) undertake community and stakeholder engagement that fosters collaboration and encourages partnership cooperation for the implementation of the Hope Vale Sport and Recreation Precinct Master Plan.



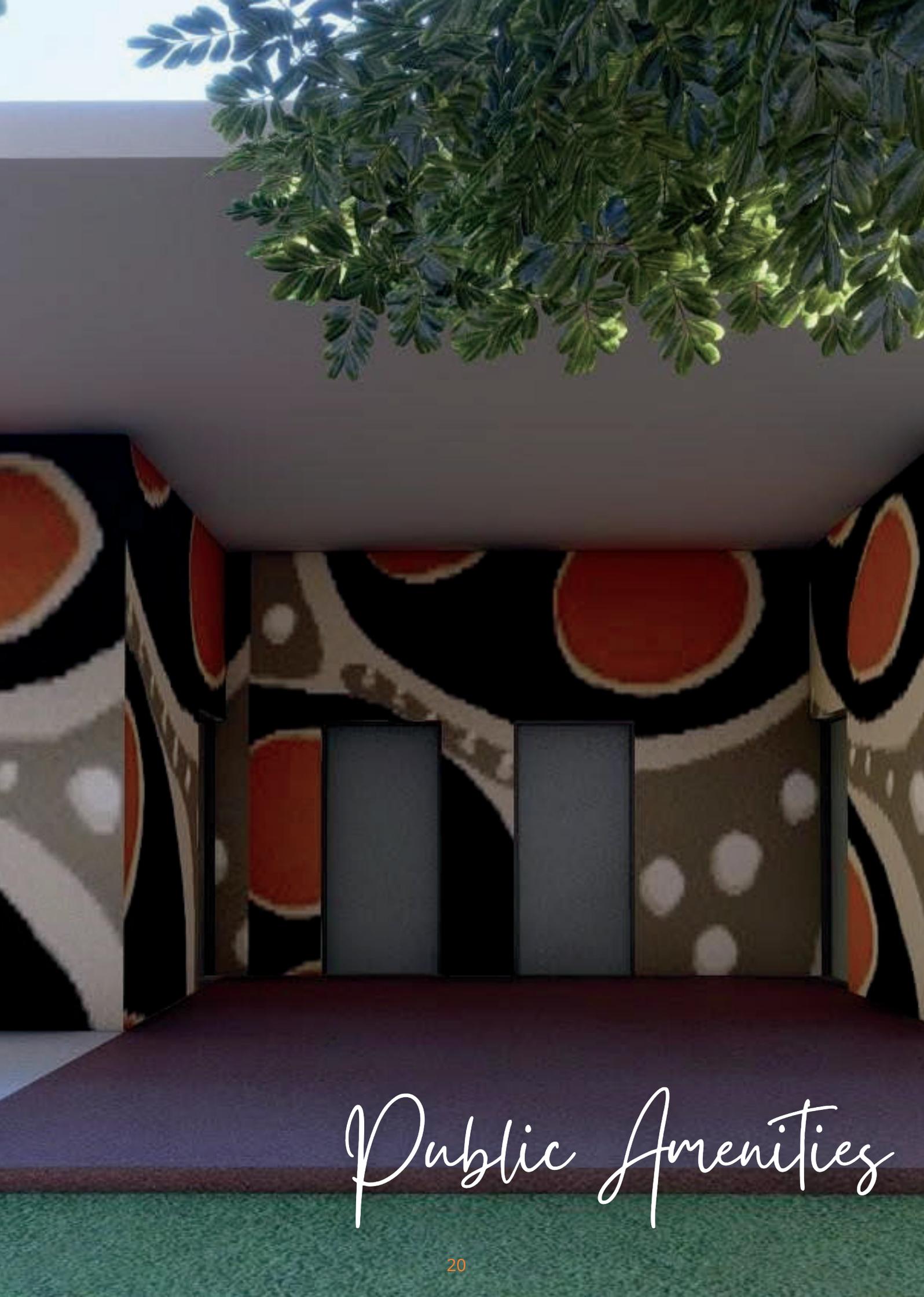
Club House Cafe

Active Playspace





Spectator Stands



Public Amenities



Car Parking



Sports Grounds



GRANT FUNDING

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS PENDING

WALKING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS GRANT (WLGG) 2023-2024

Application Submitted: 8 December 2023

Grant Funding Sought: \$50,000

Scope of Works

Design and development of Walking Network Plan.

Status: Pending

The Department of Transport and Main Roads have advised that applications are currently being assessed and that an announcement of successful recipients has been extended to June 2024.

COMMUNITY BROADCASTING FOUNDATION (CBF)

Application Submitted: 5 March 2024

Grant Funding Sought: \$79,113

Council Co-contribution: \$15,264

Scope of Works

Development of a 5-year strategy for our local community radio station and replacement of end of life studio equipment.

Status: Pending

Announcement of successful recipients is expected in June 2024.

ACTIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS GRANT

Application Submitted: 6 March 2024

Grant Funding Sought: \$25,000

Scope of Works

Delivery of two coaching and skill development clinics in Hope Vale for local women and girls in a range of sporting codes.

Status: Pending

Announcement of successful recipients is expected in late May 2024.



GRANT FUNDING

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS PENDING

SUPPORTING MEDICATION MANAGEMENT IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE ROUND 2

Application Submitted: 3 April 2024
Grant Funding Sought: \$20,000

Scope of Works

The integration of medication management to Electronic National Residential Medication Chart (eNRMC) software.

Status: Successful

A formal letter of offer and grant agreement is to be provided within the next six to ten weeks.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND (GCBF)

Application Submitted: 29 April 2024
Grant Funding Sought: \$64,409

Scope of Works

Procurement of dedicated Hope Vale Community Radio Station vehicle for mobile live broadcasts.

Status: Pending

Announcement of successful recipients is expected in October 2024.

GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM: SUBMISSION ONE - EVERLINA PLAZA OFFICES

Application Submitted: 15 January 2024
Grant Funding Sought: \$6,454,000
Council Co-contribution: \$2,766,000

Scope of Works

This project sees the redevelopment of the Retail Precinct incorporating a two (2) storey commercial building. Constructing, expanding and upgrading of existing Everlina Plaza precinct tenancy block to encompass:

- Commercial office suites
- Conference/training rooms
- Toilet block courtyard upgrade
- Street front streetscaping

Status: Pending

Announcement of successful recipients is expected in late May 2024.



RETAIL PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT - EVERLINA PLAZA OFFICES
total project value: \$9,220,000



GRANT FUNDING

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS PENDING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE - WASTE INITIATIVES HOPEVALE COUNCIL WASTE PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

The Council has submitted four waste management initiatives proposals for consideration to the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

Collectively, these proposals require a budget of \$4,204,000 and could bring about substantial enhancements by introducing sustainable waste management and resource recovery practices. These proposals align with the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy of Queensland as well as regional waste plans, and therefore have the potential to acquire funding support through flexible funding agreements.

WASTE PROPOSAL ONE - ELIM BEACH MOBILE RUBBISH SERVICE

Grant Funding Sought: \$745,000

Scope of Works

This proposal aims to establish efficient and sustainable waste collection infrastructure at Elim Beach, through the introduction of multiple mobile skip bin trailers. The primary goal is to ensure a consistent supply of mobile bins that are situated conveniently throughout Elim Beach, that are easily accessible, regularly emptied, and securely locked. The mobile skip bin trailers are designed to reduce waste, while also providing convenience for waste disposal. The proposal also encompasses the remediation of the unofficial landfill sites and preventing illegal dumping activities by launching an awareness campaign to promote environmentally-conscious behavioral changes within the community.





GRANT FUNDING

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS PENDING

WASTE PROPOSAL TWO - NEW GARBAGE COMPACTOR

Grant Funding Sought: \$766,000

Scope of Works

The council's proposal aims to improve waste collection services in Hope Vale by acquiring an automated, larger garbage compactor. The proposal seeks the acquisition of a 15-cubic-meter garbage compactor equipped with a sidarm loader and automation on a truck chassis. This investment is intended to optimise the waste collection process, incorporating bin counters and underbody weight scales to ensure precise data collection during collection operations.





GRANT FUNDING

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS PENDING

WASTE PROPOSAL THREE - KERBSIDE BIN STABILISATION AND PUBLIC BIN INSTALLTION

Grant Funding Sought: \$230,000

Scope of Works

The proposed solution for stabilizing kerbside residential bins and installing public bins in Hope Vale aims to address several issues affecting the township. By stabilizing the residential bins, the proposal intends to alleviate the impact of scavenging animals, improve waste management efficiency, and enhance the visual appeal of public spaces. The plan includes replacing the current kerbside bins with 550 new 240L kerbside wheelie bins featuring the council's logo, acquiring 550 wheelie bin gravity latches to prevent spillage when knocked over, and procuring eight (8) durable metal public bins adorned with a laser-cut council logo.

WASTE PROPOSAL FOUR - LANDFILL REVITALISATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

Grant Funding Sought: \$2,463,000

Scope of Works

The proposal focuses on the segregation of waste streams to ensure proper disposal and recycling. It involves the removal and proper disposal of legacy waste, the establishment of a fully equipped gatehouse facility providing essential services such as water, power, and sanitation. Security protocols will be put in place to prevent unauthorized access, and the procurement of necessary equipment will facilitate landfill operations. Furthermore, the plan includes hiring two additional employees to bolster landfill operations and provide compliance training. The council will conduct a waste stream audit and engage consultancy services to evaluate the viability of implementing a containers-for-change initiative in Hope Vale.

GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM: SUBMISSION TWO - DIGITAL SERVICE CENTRE

Application Submitted: 15 January 2024

Grant Funding Sought: \$1,782,000

Council Co-contribution: \$763,800

Scope of Works

This project sees the expansion of the existing Business Precinct to construct a connecting block to support the implementation of a digital services centre.

Status: Pending

Announcement of successful recipients is expected in late May 2024.



BUSINESS PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT - DIGITAL SERVICES CENTRE

total project value: \$1,782,000



Business Unit Analysis

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AGED CARE

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RADIO BROADCASTING

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHILD CARE

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KINDERGARTEN

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LIBRARY

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NDIS CONNECTOR

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SPORT & RECREATION

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



About Council Operations

Weather and it's impact

Unprecedented wet weather and the impact on Council's building construction, civil construction and essential services

Hope Vale has experienced unprecedented rainfall through the current financial year, resulting in a total rainfall accumulation exceeding 2553mm. This extended and intense period of rainfall, particularly notable during the typically drier El Niño cycle, has significantly impacted council's business continuity, project delivery and day-to-day operations.

Over the course of 315 days,

HOPE VALE HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY 174 RAIN AFFECTED DAYS

Challenges to Business Continuity

Road Infrastructure Impairment - The extensive rainfall and prolonged flooding has caused extensive damage on essential access roads within the network and bridges, crucial for daily operations.

Utility Disruptions - Flooding has disrupted access to vital services like electricity, water, and telecommunications, critical for council's recovery response efforts as well as for the communities functionality.

Resident Accessibility - Persistent rain and flooding hindered the ability of safe commuting for some residents. In efforts to address resident accessibility, Council coordinated small watercraft to ferry residents across swollen creeks on Elim Beach road.

Impact on Project Timelines

Construction and Maintenance Delays - Both civil and building projects have experienced setbacks due to the inclement weather, resulting in delays and increased project costs.

Resource Constraints - The widespread effects of the prolonged wet season and declared disaster events have disrupted supply chains statewide, with shortages of materials and equipment needed for completing council projects.

Effects on Council Operations

Emergency Response Focus - Where councils labour and resources have been redirected towards emergency response and recovery efforts, it places strain on council's 'business as usual' operations.

Environmental Consequences - Prolonged rainfall has triggered environmental issues such as embankment failures on Elim Beach Road, erosion of natural waterways, and water pollution from debris and sediment.

Community Services Disruption - Community services, such as waste collection have experienced disruptions, with the bypass road to council's landfill flooded for extended periods of time, necessitating waste transportation to Cooktown and impacting service delivery.

Despite these challenges, council and the community have demonstrated great resilience during this extraordinary period. On a local level council must adapt by improving resilience strategies.

Council has proactively pursued funding opportunities aiming to bolster community resilience through investments in resilient infrastructure, purchasing emergency response assets and by altering timelines and amending forecasts for critical projects with our external funding partners.

Furthermore, effective communication both within community and externally with our stakeholders is vital to managing expectations and to coordinate responses effectively.



WEATHER AND ITS IMPACT

elim beach road, subjected to inundation from flood waters.

About Access to Infrastructure

Inability to access critical infrastructure and it's impact

Unprecedented wet weather and the impact on access to critical infrastructure facilities

The Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road serves as a pivotal access route for heavy plant and machinery to access the critical infrastructure hub on the northeastern side of the township. This hub includes critical facilities such as water, wastewater, transfer station, landfill, and energy infrastructure. However, frequent and prolonged inundation of the Bypass Road has exacerbated several critical issues that impact both the community and the council's core operations.

Disruption of Waste Management Services

The inundation of the Bypass Road has led to significant disruptions in waste management services. The primary route across Everlina bridge being non-navigable for heavy vehicles such as garbage trucks results in the inability to access council's landfill site. Consequently, waste has been redirected to the Cooktown landfill, incurring substantial ongoing expenses.

Environmental and Health Risks

The accumulation of uncollected garbage poses severe health risks. Decomposing waste attracts pests such as rodents and insects, which are vectors for diseases. Improper management of temporary waste collection sites could further lead to contamination of local water bodies and soil, exacerbating environmental degradation.

Logistical Challenges

The necessity to utilise a temporary waste disposal site, prior to transferring waste to Cooktown, has proven to be neither efficient nor cost-effective. This arrangement demands enhanced coordination and additional resources, complicating logistical operations.

Economic Impact

The additional costs incurred from managing waste through alternative strains operational budgets, especially during periods of high waste volume. This situation will potentially lead to further operational challenges and increased financial burdens.

Long-term Infrastructure Concerns

Everlina bridge on Elim Beach road, serving as the only alternative access route to essential infrastructure, is not suited for heavy machinery as it is load-limited to 2 tonnes. This limitation shows that the bridge is neither fit for purpose nor adequately designed to meet current or future demands, highlighting a need for long-term infrastructure planning and maintenance.

The ongoing accessibility issues requires not only immediate temporary interventions but also long-term strategic planning to address infrastructure inadequacies. Potential solutions could include upgrading the causeway or Everlina bridge to reduce future access disruptions to council critical infrastructure, whilst also meeting the demands of heavy vehicle traffic. Such strategic measures seek to safeguard against environmental, health, and economic issues while enhancing logistical efficiency.

About Access to Infrastructure

Inability to access critical infrastructure and it's impact

Unprecedented wet weather and the impact on access to critical infrastructure facilities

To address the ongoing challenges, the following strategic actions are recommended:

a. investigate temporary interventions

Investigate temporary solutions to ensure continuity of critical services during inundation events. This could involve the use of mobile waste management solutions.

b. options analysis

Conduct a detailed options analysis to explore alternative solutions for infrastructure enhancements. This should consider not only the upgrading of existing routes such as the causeway or Everlina bridge but also the construction of potential long term infrastructure needs.

c. development of business case

Prepare a comprehensive business case to evaluate the costs, benefits, and feasibility of various infrastructure improvement options. This analysis will include cost estimates, potential funding sources, risk assessments, and expected outcomes.

d. long-term strategic planning

Plan long-term infrastructure upgrades to ensure that roads and bridges are capable of handling heavy vehicle traffic and meeting the demands of the community and the council's operational needs.

Implementing these recommendations would mitigate environmental, health, and economic issues while improving logistical efficiency and readiness for future challenges.

RECOMMENDATION

That, Council:

- (a) investigate temporary solutions to ensure continuity of critical services during inundation events.
- (b) conduct a detailed options analysis to explore alternative solutions for infrastructure enhancements
- (c) prepare a comprehensive business case to evaluate the costs, benefits, and feasibility of various infrastructure improvement options.
- (d) plan long-term infrastructure upgrades to ensure that roads and bridges are capable of handling heavy vehicle traffic and meeting the demands of the community and the council's operational needs.



WEATHER AND ITS IMPACT

heavy vehicle bypass causeway, subjected to inundation from flood waters.

About the Civil Network

Current Projects

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS 2021 FLOOD EVENT RECONSTRUCTION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC ASSETS (REPA)

ROADS COMPLETED TO DATE

Alligator to Brannican Road
Brannican Road
Elim Road to Spring Hill Connection Road
Spring Hill Road
Tee Tree Road

ROAD YET TO COMPLETE

COOKTOWN MCIVOR ROAD

An extension of time has previously been approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the balance of works to be completed on Cooktown-McIvor Road by the end of June 2024 in conjunction with the associated Betterment program of works. During this extension of time no work has been able to recommence on due to the heavily saturated pavement and continual flooding on the causeway as shown. A further extension of time was submitted to the QRA on 7 May, seeking approval for the balance of works completed by 30 September 2024.



COOKTOWN - MCIVOR ROAD (REPA) WORKS 2021
flooded causeway on cooktown-mcivor road

About the Civil Network

Current Projects

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS 2021 FLOOD EVENT

BETTERMENT FUND 2021

COOKTOWN - MCIVOR ROAD PROJECT

Scope of works

Construction of an increased 75mm pavement thickness and two coat bitumen seal commencing chainage 5076 through to 12,377.

Project Status

A second extension of time was sought in October 2023 for works to be completed by June 30, 2024, due to significant delays caused by wet weather conditions and the Sandy Creek Bridge load limit.

The Cooktown McIvor Road Bridge at Sandy Creek is assessed as not suitable for the haulage of material following a lack of maintenance and prolonged rains in 2023. The bridge requires remedial works in order to have gravel trucks safety and legally access the bridge. To restore temporary access across Sandy Creek, a temporary bridge was sourced, and was expected to be installed in early March. However the prolonged wet weather conditions saw the gravel pavement at the site saturated, which further delayed the installation of the temporary bridge. The prolonged delays saw the temporary bridge deployed to Mareeba Shire Council where it will be required to remain in place until September 2024 due to their immediate access needs.

Once advised the temporary bridge was redeployed, Council considered other remedial, cost effective options including a more permanent solution. Consequently, Council month saw the engagement of two north Queensland based organisations to provide a permanent bridge solution. The revised design solution provides council an asset with an increased asset life of 15-20 years before any further maintenance work is required.

Interim works have commenced on the steel fabrication of the bridge deck unit and the total bridge construction is expected to take approximately four (4) weeks. Once fabricated, the bridge will be transported to Hopevale and installed over a three day period.

The existing bridge will be inaccessible for a period of one week. Council will be undertaking bore hole testing in the coming weeks to confirm existing gravel depths prior to the laying of any new material. The bitumen seal may be reduced to ensure sufficient thickness of pavement. If the road is sealed without a sufficient thickness of gravel the new seal will fail under traffic. The public notice will to be issued for a twenty one day works notice period. Further, I have drafted a letter of notice for issuing to the affected residents in the week commencing 13 May 2024. QRA have been provided the extension of time approval until June 30 2024, with a further extension sought until September 30 2024. Once the bridge is installed gravel cartage will resume.

The bridge is currently under construction.



COOKTOWN - MCIVOR ROAD BETTERMENT PROJECT
sandy creek bridge currently under construction

About the Civil Network

Current Projects

ATSI TIDS - ROAD ASSET PROTECTION PROJECT

Commencement Date: March 2024

Completion Date: June 2024

Scope Of Works

Councils primary access road asset sees five entrances with unsealed surfaces that slope towards the road. Due to inadequate drainage, steep gradients, and unsealed driveways, this has resulted in the spillage of excessive materials, silt, and gravel onto the road asset.

Project Status

Works have been completed to reprofile the existing batters within the road reserve to ensure appropriate drainage between the entrance accesses funnelling water from the Access Road.

Since flushing out the pipes upstream and downstream of each drive access and removing the overgrown vegetation which was preventing the pipes beneath several of the driveways from functioning properly. the survey of existing levels was captured which informed the detailed design. Construction will recommence in June dependent on the progress made on Cooktown Mclvor Road and Tea Tree Road as the access sealing needs to be completed with the wider sealing program.

The design amendments are being incorporated into the design model and the final design documentation will be available in late May 2024. The amended design documentation will increase the pavement thickness of the driveway to ensure appropriate cover the pipes and provide a seal for the impacted residents.

Construction is expected to be less than four weeks, weather permitting. Council will however, seek an extension of time if the Cooktown-Mclvor Road works extend beyond June. Council are working with stakeholders to facilitate this process.

ROADS TO RECOVERY - TEE TREE ROAD BITUMEN SEAL

Commencement Date: June 2024

Completion Date: July 2024

Scope Of Works

The scope of construction includes road formation works, sub-base and base material installation, and a 150m two coat bitumen seal application commencing chainage 0 through to 150.

Project Status

Sealing preparation works will commence in late June to ensure the road surface is ready to be sealed with the wider sealing program.

The construction program is forecast to include one week of pavement preparation to ensure there are no defects prior to being sealed. To optimise cost-efficiency and minimize mobilisation expenses, the bitumen seal is being combined with the Cooktown - Mclvor Road betterment project. Due to the impacts of severe Tropical Cyclone Jasper, and the impact of the QRA's delay associated with Cooktown - Mclvor Road, completion is now forecast in July 2024.

Council will seek an extension of time due to the Cooktown-Mclvor Road works extending beyond June. Council are working with stakeholders to facilitate this process.

About the Civil Network

Current Projects

QRRRF 2022-2023 SPRING HILL ROAD CULVERTS

Commencement Date: May 2024

Completion Date: June 2024

Scope Of Works

Installation of three (3) culvert crossings through gravel invert on Spring Hill Road.

A review of the construction estimate has determined that it would be unlikely that all three creek crossing could be delivered under the approved budget due primarily with the increase in steel prices. In amending the scope ,two crossings will be delivered under the approved budget, with additional funding for the remaining three crossings being sought under the 23/24 QRRRF funding.

Project Status

Design documentation and an environmental assessment (SARA) for working in red fishway has been completed. Given the works occur in gravel inverts, dry weather is critical for the project to commence. The project plan forecasted a May 2024 commencement date to ensure no standby costs were associated with the delivery of these works. However due to the prolonged inundation of these sites, this is no longer feasible. This date also considers the construction of the three (3) concrete floodways with associated rock protection.

Construction works to commence upon the creeks have sufficiently dried out. To ensure this project is completed Council has applied for an extension of time from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, until October 2024. This extension will allow the creek crossings to naturally dry out before construction works commence.

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING, 13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023

RECONSTRUCTION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC ASSETS (REPA) - EMERGENT WORKS

Scope of Works

The council has initiated and is currently undertaking emergency repair works on multiple roads including Link Road, Everlina Bridge approaches, Aerodrome Road, Thiele Mclvor Road, and the Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road. These vital repairs are being conducted by the Council's Civil Construction department and encompass road grading, culvert repairs, and patching of potholes. Upon the completion of the emergency works, the Council will submit a claim to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to recover the incurred expenses.

Of the 90 day emergency works period, 88 days were rain affected which severely hampered construction efforts. In light of this, Council has been granted an extension of time to complete the emergency works until June 30. Consequently, works are continuing on Elim Beach road, Alligator Creek road, and Dump Road (Tip Road) to reinstate safe passage for residents. Further, recent temporary measures have been implemented to address the embankment failures on Elim Beach road and avert further erosion risks at the site.



RECONSTRUCTION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC ASSETS - EMERGENT WORKS

dump road



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grant funding applications submissions pending

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DISASTER RECOVERY FUND (DRF) 2023-2024

Application Submitted: 20 March 2024

Grant Funding Sought: \$4,779,662

Scope of Works

Upgrade of Everlina Bridge to a dual lane carriageway.

Status: Pending

There have been no requests for information from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority during this reporting period.

Notification from Queensland Reconstruction Authority is expected in July 2024.

QUEENSLAND RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION FUND (QRRRF) 2023-2024

Application Submitted: 18 January 2024

Grant Funding Sought: \$500,000

Scope of Works

Culvert installation through two creek crossings located at creek crossing as shown as Site 4 and Site 5 Spring Hill Road.

Status: Pending

There have been no requests for information from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority during this reporting period.

Notification from Queensland Reconstruction Authority is expected in June 2024.





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grant funding applications submissions pending

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DFRA)

TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING
(13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)

RECONSTRUCTION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC ASSETS (REPA) ROAD NETWORK

Application Submitted: 20 March 2024

Grant Funding Sought: \$4,200,000

Scope of Works

The road assets which form part of Council's submission under the Reconstruction of Essential Public Asset Program are as follows:

Aerodrome Road, Alligator Creek Road, Alligator Creek Road to Brannican Road Connection Road, Banana Farm Road, Bathurr Street, Binthin Street, Brannican Road, Coloured Sands Road, Cooktown-Mclvor River Road, Elim Beach Campground Access Road, Elim Road, Elim Road to Spring Hill Connection Road, Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road, Keller Road, Link Road, North Street, Rehab Road, Reservoir Road, Spring Hill Road, Tea Tree Farm Road, Theile Mclvor Airport Road, Tip Road, Water Bores 4 and 8 Access Road.

Status

Council has been activated under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon & Flooding 13 December 2023 – 28 December 2023) event.

A full damage assessment of Hope Vale's road network commenced on 15 January through to 17 January 2024. All roads were inspected with the exception for Rehab Road and Spring Hill Road. Only partial inspections have been undertaken on Rehab Road and Spring Hill Road as these roads remained impassable during the damage assessments.

From the damage assessment, a scope of works and bill of quantities was prepared for Council to submit the REPA funding submissions in March 2024. However, due to Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) not releasing the new statewide benchmark rates until just recently, this delayed our submission, an issue which has affected many other Councils across Queensland also. The significance of these rates are that they form the basis of the bill of quantities construction estimates for the REPA reconstruction works. They are a standardised set of rates for each of the submissions work activities, gravel re-sheeting and bitumen sealing based on historical data and current market prices. Subsequently, the benchmark rates for Hope Vale Council have now been approved. and this reporting period sees the bulk of our applications now submitted. The final estimate sees Councils road network damage in excess of \$4,000,000.

There is a single site on Elim Beach Road that requires further geotechnical investigation before this application can be submitted. Additionally, the remaining chainage on Spring Hill Road will be inspected, once the creek crossings have receded. These remaining inspections are forecast to occur in June or July dependent on weather conditions.



ELIM BEACH ROAD EMBANKMENT FAILURE
geotechnical investigation required to submit a repair funding application



About the Civil Network

grant funding applications submissions pending

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DFRA)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING
(13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)**

RECONSTRUCTION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC ASSETS (REPA) BRIDGE NETWORK

**Application Submitted by: 31 May 2024
Grant Funding Sought: Approximately \$400,000**

Scope of Works

Bulls Crossing Bridge

Status

Council has been activated under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon & Flooding 13 December 2023 – 28 December 2023) event.

The damage assessment of council's bridge assets commenced on 15 January through to 17 January 2024. Further bridge structural inspections were undertaken in late January at Sandy Creek Bridge on Cooktown-Mclvor Road and Everlina Bridge on Elim Beach Road.

Remedial design works have now been completed for Bulls Crossing Bridge on Elim Beach Road. Council representatives met with the design engineers on 3 May 3rd of May to discuss the funding application. A detailed plan for the bridge repairs, including a scope of works, cost estimates, and the remedial design, has been prepared to supplement the funding submission. The submission is anticipated to be finalised by the 17 May 2024 and submitted to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), by 29 May 2024.



About the Civil Network

grant funding applications submissions in development

LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM (LRRG)

Grant Funding Made Available: **\$1,000,000**

Project Plans Due to QRA: **30 March 2025**

Scope of works

Identify projects which assist council address economic, social and community recovery needs and support future resilience measures.

Produce a detailed project plans for each nominated project which outline councils proposed activity, milestones, budget and specific recovery and resilience needs.

Project Status

The Local Resilience Action Plan formed the basis for project nominations to submit to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). For each project nominated, project plans and cost estimates are currently being developed.

The project nominations have been split into two groups. Group 1 nominated projects sees the procurement of disaster assets to assist Council in responding to natural disasters and severe weather events, whilst Group 2 nominated projects involve producing detailed design drawings and planning approval applications.

The project nominations within Group 1 include:

- Procurement of 3 x mobile generator units (on trailers)
- Procurement of 2 x vehicle messaging boards (on trailers)
- Procurement of 1 x emergency response trailer. The trailer carries signage, barrier boards and witches' hats to secure a site and control traffic, brooms and shovels, chainsaws and safety equipment to remove trees and debris and fuels and 12-volt and 240-volt power supply.

Council is in the process of sourcing quotations for the supply of these items.

The project nominations within Group 2 include:

- Upgrade of switchboards at Everlina Plaza to allow for future development and provide food security
- Construction of a pedestrian footpath between the Miller Estate and the town centre.

In relation to the construction of a pedestrian footpath, a surveyor was engaged to provide on ground measurement in April to supplement the project submission and to inform the scope of works. The design and documentation of the pedestrian footpath is scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2024..

Group 1 project plans will be submitted to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for approval in early June 2024 , with Group 2 projects being submitted shortly thereafter in August 2024.