



Confirmed Minutes
Burke Shire Council Ordinary Meeting
Monday 31 August 2026
9.00am Council Chambers

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01. Opening of Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.07am.

02. Record of Attendance

**Cr Ernie Camp; Mayor – Chair
Cr John Clarke; Deputy Mayor
Cr Clinton Murray
Cr John Yanner
Cr Paul Poole**

**Zachary Revere; Chief Executive Officer
Mazen Al Daghestani; Director of Engineering
Shaun Jorgensen; Director of Finance and Technology
Amir Akrami; Manager Project Management Office
Ben Stephen; Works Manager
Chelsea Nelson; People and Culture Manager – as indicated
Jordan Marshall; Executive Assistant (Minutes)
Leonard Locke; Graduate Engineer
Sarath Jayasekara; Infrastructure Engineer – as indicated
Shannon Moren; Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Manager**

Apologies:

**Madison Marshall; Corporate Services and Governance Manager
Shelly Holland; Community, Economic Development and Communications Manager**

02.01 LGR 2012 Section 254K – Participating in meetings by audio link or visual audio link

That Council, in accordance with section 254K of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allows the following person/s to participate in the meeting by audio link or visual audio link:

- **Amir Akrami; Manager Project Management Office**
- **Sarath Jayasekara; Infrastructure Engineer**
- **Shannon Moren; Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Manager**
- **Shaun Jorgensen; Director of Finance and Technology**

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260831.01 5/0

03. Prayer

Led by Cr Camp.

04. Consideration of applications for leave of absence

That Council notes that no applications for leave of absence were received.

05. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting(s)

05.01 Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 22 July 2026

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 22 July 2026 as presented be confirmed by Council.

Moved: Cr Poole

Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 260831.02 5/0

06. Condolences

Council records its sincere condolences to the families and communities affected by the recent devastating floods and landslides in Nepal.

Council records its condolences to the family of Dolly Parton following her passing and acknowledged her extraordinary contribution to music, philanthropy and communities around the world.

07. Declaration of Interests

i. Cr Clinton Murray – Item 11.04 Refresh of Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (Trade Services, and Wet & Dry Plant and Equipment Hire)

Cr Clinton Murray informed the meeting that he considered he had a perceived conflict of interest in Item 11.04 Refresh of Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (Trade Services and Wet & Dry Plant and Equipment Hire).

The nature of the disclosed interest was that Cr Murray, or an entity in which he has an interest, was named as a supplier on the proposed refreshed Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers. Item 11.04 concerned approval of the refreshed register and did not involve the award of a particular contract.

Cr Murray advised that he would remain in the Chambers during consideration of Item 11.04 but would not vote.

Cr Murray remained in the Chambers throughout consideration of Item 11.04 and did not indicate a vote.

08. Registers of Interests

In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, section 201B (2), The councillor or councillor advisor must, in the approved form, inform the chief executive officer of the particulars required to be included in a register of interests under a regulation for the new interest or the change to the particulars within 30 days after the interest is acquired or the change happens.

09. Consideration of Notice(s) of Motion and Petitions

09.01 Notices of Motion

09.02 Petitions

That Council notes no notices of motion or petitions were received for the meeting.

Attendance

Sarath Jayasekara entered the meeting at 9.11am.

10. Engineering Services Reports

10.01 Engineering Department Monthly Report

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	Ben Stephen; Works Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	20 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Goal- Asset Sustainability. Council makes appropriate infrastructure investments (operations, maintenance, renewals, upgrades, acquisitions, disposals) to ensure the delivery of appropriate levels of service. These decisions are made with reference to financial, asset and community sustainability.

1. PURPOSE

This report is provided to Councillors for information and outlines the works carried out by the Engineering Department for the month of July 2026 and proposed works for the month ahead.

2. SUMMARY

The key items for noting are provided below with associated background detail.

2.1 Parks, Gardens and Cemetery

- Cleaning council facilities
- Splash park
- Wharf – cleaning of toilets and bbq are taking up quite a bit of our time, people are using the public toilets to wash themselves in and leaving a lot of mud behind for us to clean, cleaning fish on the tables and leaving fish guts around the eating area.
- Assisted with Burketown camp draft rodeo setting up and cleaning after the event
- Trying very hard to maintain the rubbish pit
- Weekly trips to Gregory -rubbish collection, septic pump outs
- Weekly trips to empty skip bins Gregory, Floraville.
- Maintaining parks and gardens

2.2 Roads Crew

Road Maintenance:

- REPA works underway.
- Mellish Park road maintenance completion.

Road Inspections:

- Doomadgee West Road
- 78A – WDR (Jacks Gully traffic management)

Training:

- Level 1 Bridge Inspection – Charters Towers

2.3 RMPC78A – Wills Development Road:

- Inspections – Logging of defects and entering data onto Civica Reflect software (Ongoing)
- Pothole patching
- Guideposts installations

Local Roads:

- Pothole patching on Nicholson River weir road
- Install guideposts and signs - Truganini Rd

Training:

- Level 1 Bridge Inspection – Charters Towers

2.4 AirportBurketown Airport:

- Currently under the upgrade works. The interim runway is operational.
- Airport serviceability inspections are being completed either by WTP Supervisor, Works Manager, and Governance Manager for the interim runway.
- The following issues have been raised and are being investigated:
 1. The interim Runway pavement has loose stones where planes have been touching down.
 2. Apron area has loose stones and dust hazard.
 3. No water onsite for Emergency eye wash and spill/contamination and fire suppressing equipment (Extinguishers).
 4. Removing 20 wallabies daily. Found gate unlocked and opened throughout the day for Durack to access worksite from stockpiles on western fence line. Still removing 10+ wallabies – Ongoing.
 5. The Airport Upgrade contractor was requested to relocate trolley fire extinguisher and place at fuel bowser on Temporary Runway. This has not yet been completed.

Gregory Airport:

- No inspections conducted on airport due to staff on leave.

2.5 Workshop and FleetRepairs & Maintenance on the following:

- Tyre replacement: 559, 549, 544,
- Service Ute – 545
- Repair Prime Mover exhaust manifold – 480
- Service & repair Hydraulic Lines – 601
- Repair Mower Deck – 610
- Repair Rubbish truck brake pads – 572
- Repair – 615
- Repair – 529
- Rodeo prep assistance – Genset

2.6 Stores

- Ongoing issuing of Items, PPE, materials etc
- Order various store items and equipment for work crew and workshop.
- Delivered and complete EOFY stocktake.

2.7 Waste Management

- Weekly collection service ongoing.

2.8 Water and SewerageStaff Movements:

- Gregory currently has no staff. Staff working from Burketown.
- Conduct weekly visits.

Water Network Production:

Monthly Reading WTP Burketown		
Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
Jun – 12211 kl	Jul – 14244 kl	+ 2033 kl

Monthly Reading WTP Gregory		
Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
Jun – 4770 kl	Jul – 5256 kl	+ 486 kl

Burketown & Gregory – High Priority Works:

- Scada defect list: MBS Water and Austek working on it.
- STP Blivet upgrade. Currently working with MBS Water – Ongoing.
- GWTP Filtration and Raw Reservoir upgrades are planned. Clarifier onsite Concrete plinth needs to be checked for cracks and loading operations.
- MBS Water to update SOPs – Ongoing.

Burketown & Gregory Projects:

- Planning for de-silting of lagoons for 2025 – 26 under way. Collaboration with QWRAP members - Ongoing.

Water Samples:

- Burketown water samples: Chlorate were within limits
- Gregory water samples: Aluminium was over the limit - .002 test results 0.05
- Burketown and Gregory Monthly water samples:
- Raw water samples at the following locations: NRPS and Gregory raw water intake well. Please note that Raw water samples are not reportable failure.

Burketown Sewerage:

- Sewer Samples are continuously failing due to high pH and Suspended solids. pH needs to be below 8 for irrigation to land. Current pH test >9 – 10 ph. Ongoing. Scope of works needs to be done to control pH and Algae.

Burketown Water Treatment Plant:

- SOPs will be finalised when SCADA project is completed. Ongoing. MBS has visited the site. Found that the SCADA issues need to be repaired. P&ID needs to be fixed. Ongoing.
- ACDC license to be completed for weed management around WTP/NRPS/STP sites. Training scheduled Aug 31st – Sep 4th 2026 – Held in Burketown. Training list did not include WTP staffs.
- Contractual staff engaged to fill in managing the BWTP, GWTP and Splash Park whilst Supervisor take Leave.
- Durack are still accessing water from the lagoon. More trucks are expected, as the road work (on Floraville Rd) gets closer to Burketown.
- New pumps have been ordered for NRPS as they have not decided what we are going to do about water supply for Durack Civil.
- Durack needs to remove their pump outside of the WTP fenced area, yard. This has been noted by WHOS contractor who has flagged that the site is not Secured as their fencing does not keep site secured from people entering BWTP depot.
- Training staff on calibrating analysers. pH , Turbidity online and bench top equipment.
- Scada issue with filters. Cannot isolate filters to work on it.

Burketown Reticulation:

- Due to staff shortages and higher priorities, we had to concentrate on both Water Treatment Plant issues and have been repairing when we can or in Emergencies. Contractor has been engaged to complete some of the water leaks in various locations; Gregory and Burketown.
- Casual staff assisting at the WTPs.
- Repairs to water leaks Ongoing.
- High priority:
 1. Water leaks
 2. Irrigation repairs: Morning Glory Park, Phil Yanner Memorial Oval – Parts have been ordered and waiting on arrival.

Sewerage Treatment Plant:

- STP Blivet Upgrade. Currently working with MBS Water.
- Caution Hot Surface signs need to be installed as Staff had burnt his hand on the stainless-steel lid. WHS office ordered and pending arrival for installation.
- Unwanted weeds and vegetation management needed – Pending ACDC training to be delivered in August.
- Sewerage Irrigation pumps have been installed. Rectifying issues with foot valves is stopping the pump operations. Pulled the foot valve out and cleaned but cannot work out why it is still stopping pumps after a minute.
- STP and irrigation paddock needs mowing.
- Sewer station 3 – No Scada now.
- Sewer Station 1 has a power issue with Pump 1. Currently only one pump is working. An Electrician has been organised to investigate and replace any faulty parts. Fixed issue with overload but pump has tripped again.

Gregory WTP:

- WTP Supervisor will need to formalise training for the new starter, as a new spreadsheet has been implemented for GWTP and Reticulation.
- Contractor arrived into Burketown and will fill in with the management of WTPs and STPs – Train contract staff in Gregory.
- GWTP Upgrade works are in progress. Pipe work is being installed 6th August 2026 by local plumbing contractor to connect the new Clarifier with the water treatment plant.
 - Ongoing
 - 1. Calibrating equipment
 - 2. Clarifier maintenance. New clarifier filled. Concrete plinth to be check for cracks and loading operations.
 - 3. Chlorine pump maintenance.
 - 4. Acid bund maintenance and Acid pump maintenance.
 - 5. New ABLE genset not compatible with the GWTP solar. Matt Brewster to finalised report into the issues – TBC by Quality and Systems Officer.
 - 6. One Solar bank currently down. Matt Brewster to finalise report and quote to repair – TBC by Quality and Systems Officer.
 - 7. Q Energy contractor (MB) serviced the GWTP solar.

Gregory Reticulation:

- External samples were good. Chlorates below limits.
 - High flow is being recorded on the retic sites. Someone is accessing Retic water through hydrants without authorisation. Usually 5:30 am – 6:15 am weekly. A Contractor (in Gregory) has been taking water for a drilling crew. Private Work has now been completed for the Contractor. A service agreement for them to access water during working hours will need to be prepared. Alarms are coming with high flow rate which the operators having to attend site to inspect alarms. High Flow Low pressure will bring the risk of mains burst.
 - Repairs to leaks ongoing.
 - Mowing around Valve and F/H sites – Ongoing.

Burketown Splash Park:

- There have been a few issues that have been raised to the contractor (Swimplex).
- SOPs and the new batch of Tablets arrived – Located at Graduate Engineer desk TBC.
- New GERNI has been installed. The location does not allow it to reach the whole of playground area – Pending review.
- Issues:
 - 1. Power outages have been quite frequent here in Burketown and we have been attending site to reset the fault.
 - 2. Program had to be reinstalled due faults.
 - 3. DULCO controller for dosing has been freezing and had to get reset a couple of times due to readings being low vs Manual tests which were high.
 - 4. Cracks in slide- rusting on pipework and fixtures, pavement paint peeling off floor exposing concrete. This issue is being handled by Quality and Systems Officer with Swimplex.
 - 5. Gerni and power box extends onto the footpath by approximately 300-400mm. This could potentially cause injuries if someone runs in to it.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Engineering Department Works and Services monthly report for July 2026.

10.01 Engineering Department Monthly Report

That Council receive and note the Engineering Department Works and Services monthly report for July 2026.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260831.03 5/0

10.02 Capital Works Projects Status Update Report

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	Amir Akrami; Project Management Office Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	14 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Goal - Asset Sustainability. Council makes appropriate infrastructure investments (operations, maintenance, renewals, upgrades, acquisitions, disposals) to ensure the delivery of appropriate levels of service. These decisions are made with reference to financial, asset and community sustainability.

1. PURPOSE

This report seeks to inform Council of the progress of the Shire's 2026/27 Capital Works Program, from 1 to 31 July 2026.

2. SUMMARY

The total 26-27 FY Capital Works Program budget is \$68,918,000. The lifetime budget for Capital Works program including the WIP for the carryover projects and 25-26 FY budget is \$77,248,310 including \$72,976,310 funding of carry over projects.

Below please find the summary of the Project and Financial progresses.

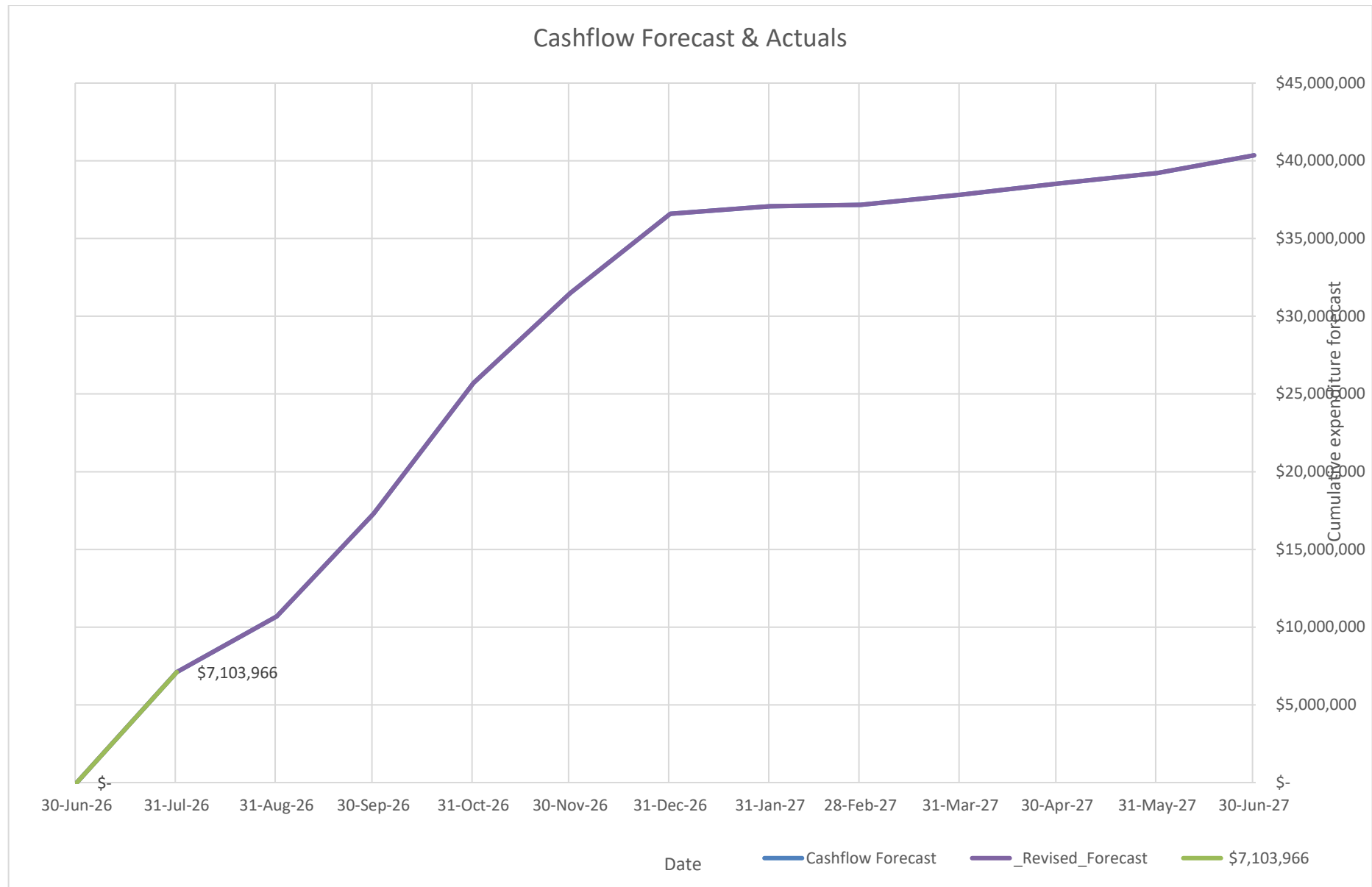
- Average Capital Works Program Progress for Carry over projects: 33%
- Average Capital Works Program Progress for 26-27 added projects (excluding projects awaiting funds): 13%
- Average Capital Works Financial Progress for Carry over projects: 28%
- Average Capital Works Financial Progress for 26-27 added projects (excluding projects awaiting funds): 2%

Attached please find a list of Capital Works Projects including details such as the description and status of each project.

3. CASHFLOW

Below please find the Cashflow Forecast baseline for this financial year. The forecast is \$40,350,000 (rounded up) expenditure for 26-27 FY.

Burketown Airport Upgrade Project, Gregory Lawn Hill Road Concrete Mattresses, and Lawn Hill Creek Crossing Upgrade are the expected to have the largest expenditure.



4. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Gregory Water Treatment Plant
 - Piping for the connection of the new clarifier to the water treatment plant is being installed.
 - Raw Water Pumps Delivered
 - Clarifier Pumps Delivered
 - UV system is being ordered.
 - Scada contract for the integration of the new clarifier into the water treatment plant has been awarded. Estimated completion is before June 27.



Figure 1: The new Clarifier at Gregory Water Treatment Plant

- Gregory SES Admin and Training Donga Installation
 - Contractor has completed works.
 - Building certificates are to be issued.



Figure 2: Gregory SES donga during the installation

- Gregory Town Street Reconstruction:
 - RAF funding application has been successful securing \$9,963,000 of grant.
 - Stage 1 of the works include upgrading the drainage infrastructure for approximately 300m in length from the outfall toward the town. For this stage, the Contract has been awarded - mobilisation in August
 - Outfall being redesigned by Northlane.



Figure 3: Gregory Stormwater Contract (Stage 1 of Gregory Town Street Reconstruction) kick off meeting, proposed alignment

5. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Capital Works Projects Report for the progress of Capital Works Program during the month of July 2026.

10.02 Capital Works Projects Status Update Report

That Council notes the Capital Works Projects Report for the progress of Capital Works Program during the month of July 2026.

Moved: Cr Poole

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260831.04 5/0

Attendance

Chelsea Nelson entered the meeting at 10.06am.

10.03 DRFA Works Project Status Report

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	Amir Akrami; Manager Project Management Office
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	11 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Goal – Asset Sustainability Council makes appropriate infrastructure investments (operations, maintenance, renewals, upgrades, acquisitions, disposals) to ensure the delivery of appropriate levels of service. These decisions are made with reference to financial, asset and community sustainability.

1. PURPOSE

This report seeks to inform Council of the progress of the Shire's ongoing Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) Works Program.

2. SUMMARY

This report details the progress to date and forecasted cash flow for the following disaster events Burke Shire have activated programs associated under:

- 2023 DRFA – Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 2022 - 30 April 2023
- 2024 DRFA – Tropical Cyclone Kirrily, Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 25 January - 26 February 2024
- 2025 DRFA – Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 21 March - 19 May 2025
- 2026 DRFA – North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather, commencing 24 December 2025

The table below provides a high-level summary of the status of all contracts and procurement activities as at the date of this report. All projects are currently on track.

Contract / Package	Contractor	Value	Expenditure to Date	Completion Forecast	Status
2023 DRFA Burketown Airport Reconstruction	Durack Civil	\$27,398,190	\$13,364,013	Nov 2026	ON TRACK
2023 DRFA Gregory Lawn Hill Road (Sites 1–4)	Lohman's Contracting	\$4,278,978	\$606,100	Sites 5–8: Complete Sites 1–4: Oct 2026	

Contract / Package	Contractor	Value	Expenditure to Date	Completion Forecast	Status
2023 DRFA Floraville Road Stages 4a–7	Durack Civil	\$42,135,098	\$21,603,568	Nov 2026	ON TRACK
2023 DRFA Lawn Hill Creek N. Crossing (Betterment)	Durack Civil	\$10,282,605	Nil	TBC	ON HOLD
2024 DRFA Gregory River Crossing	Hazel Bros	\$40,577,291	Nil	Dec 2027	AWARDED
2025 DRFA Package 1	Kenglen Civil	\$3,014,025	\$237,691	Sep 2026	ON TRACK
2025 DRFA Package 2	Saw Civil	\$2,022,571	\$174,673	Sep 2026	ON TRACK
2025 DRFA Package 3	GOS Constructions	\$3,292,587	\$227,290	Sep 2026	ON TRACK
2024 DRFA Doomadgee East Rd Ch 0–30	Durack Civil	\$21,493,846	\$4,545,438	Dec 2026	ON TRACK

3. AWARDED FUNDING

The following table summarises the approved restoration funding across all active DRFA programs:

DRFA Event	Activation Period	Approved REPA	Betterment	Total Approved Funding	Expenditure to Date
2023 DRFA	20 Dec 2022 – 30 Apr 2023	\$158,793,000	\$40,138,000	\$198,931,000	\$120,743,644
2024 DRFA	25 Jan – 26 Feb 2024	\$156,862,000	—	\$156,862,000	\$23,584,755
2025 DRFA	21 Mar – 19 May 2025	\$18,700,000	—	\$18,700,000	\$519,199.88
2026 DRFA	From 24 Dec 2025	TBC — Submissions in progress	—	TBC	\$0

3.1 2023 PROGRAM – Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 2022 - 30 April 2023

Burke Shire Council's approved restoration funding (REPA) for the 2022/2023 Northern Queensland Monsoon and Flooding event from December 2022 to April 2023 is \$158,793,000, with an additional \$40,138,000 in Betterment funding approved.

The works are divided into multiple packages with Council crews also undertaking work. Eleven packages have been awarded to contractors.

Burke Shire Council has reported approximately \$120,743,644 in program expenditure to date for the delivery of the 2023 DRFA works, and scope rolled over from previous years.

Where required, Extension of Time requests have been made to QRA for the 2023 program with overall program completion scheduled for 31/12/2026. EOTs, where required, have been granted for relevant submissions. The Gregory–Lawn Hill Road concrete mattress works (Sites 5–8) reached practical completion during the reporting period.

3.2 2024 PROGRAM – Tropical Cyclone Kirrily, Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 25 January - 26 February 2024

Burke Shire Council's approved restoration funding (REPA) for the Northern and Western Queensland Monsoon, January 2024 event is \$156,862,000.

Burke Shire Council has reported approximately \$23,584,755 in program expenditure for the delivery of the 2024 DRFA works. The Gregory River Crossing contract was awarded to Hazel Bros at the Special Council Meeting held on 14 July 2026, and the Doomadgee East Road (Ch 0–30) contract continues to progress ahead of a December 2026 practical completion date.

3.3 2025 PROGRAM – Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 21 March – 19 May 2025

Burke Shire Council's approved restoration funding (REPA) for the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding 21 March – 19 May 2025 event is \$18,700,000.

The event includes three contract packages for external delivery and one package assigned for Council crew delivery. The three external packages were awarded at the April 2026 Council meeting following a competitive tender evaluation process.

All three external contracts have been executed and all three contractors are now active on site, with extensions of time granted to each package to account for the delayed contract award.

GOS Constructions (Package 3) has completed its Archie and Dinner Creek crossing scope (SP1) and is progressing works along Gregory–Lawn Hill Road, Gregory Pump Station Road and Gregory Airport Road. Kenglen Civil (Package 1) is fully mobilised, with gravel haulage and formation works underway on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road. Saw Civil (Package 2) has completed mobilisation and dilapidation surveys and has commenced works on Riversleigh Road, with practical completion now programmed for 30 September 2026.

3.4 2026 PROGRAM – North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather, commencing 24 December 2025

Following the accumulative flooding events commencing from late-December, Burke Shire Council was activated under the associated Tropical Cyclone Koji event.

Damage data field collection is complete and submission preparation remains in progress, with submissions being progressively lodged with the QRA once finalised.

4. AWARDED CONTRACTS ONGOING, OR COMPLETE THIS MONTH

4.1 2023 Program Contracts (Ongoing)

2023 – Betterment Project 2 – Burketown Airport Runway Reconstruction

Contract	0280-4613-0001
Contractor	Durack Civil
Contract Value	\$27,398,189.58
Expenditure to Date	\$13,364,013
Forecast Completion	November 2026
EOT Status	EOT Approved with QRA through to December 2026

Contract 0280-4613-0001 includes betterment works on the Burketown Airport, including full reconstruction of the main runway and aprons. The contract was awarded to Durack Civil at the 27th of August 2025 Council meeting.

Progress this month:

- Burketown Airport remains closed for the reconstruction works, with the replacement bus service continuing to transit passengers through to Doomadgee Airport to link with Rex services.
- A key project milestone was achieved in early August with placement of Type 2.5 lower sub-base across the full length of the Main Runway now complete, following completion of lower sub-base stabilisation and proof rolling.
- Placement of the first layer of Type 2.1 base course on the Main Runway is now underway and progressing up chainage, with base mixing and compaction continuing. Haulage of Type 2.1 material from the stockpile to the Main Runway is ongoing, with stockpiles being turned and mixed to prevent loss.
- The lower sub-base stabilised layer on the apron has been completed, and stress-test rolling of the layer has commenced. Survey conformance reports for the lower sub-base have been received.
- Following the successful NEMA reallocation of savings from other NQRP projects, the Airport Drive (Airport Road) works have been ordered under the Contract. Preliminary documentation and site control are being established, procurement is being finalised, and five RFIs (RFI-077 to RFI-081) covering cut-off wall steel detail, bitumen board, blinding thickness, concrete mix designs and proof-rolling of flanks remain under review.
- Site inductions have reached 61 personnel plus 23 visitor inductions. Five toolbox talks were delivered during the period, focusing on people–plant and plant–plant interactions.



Figure 1 — Type 2.1 base course placement on the Main Runway, August 2026



Figure 2 — Completed apron lower sub-base stabilised layer, August 2026



Figure 3 — Main Runway with Type 2.5 sub-base placement complete, August 2026



Figure 4 — Trimming and grading of the Main Runway pavement, August 2026

2023 – Betterment Project 3 – Gregory Lawn Hill Road Concrete Mattresses

Contract	5601-3000-003 and 5601-3000-004
Contractor	Lohman's Contracting
Scope	Replacement of failed concrete betterments and installation of new concrete floodway
Forecast Completion	Sites 5–8: Complete Sites 1–4: October 2026

Contracts 5601-3000-003 and 5601-3000-004 include betterment and REPA works on Gregory–Lawn Hill Road. Works include replacement of failed concrete betterments and installation of new concrete floodway works as part of the betterment project.

Progress this month:

- The Sites 5–8 package has reached practical completion. The works are of an exceptional quality, and the team are very happy with the overall finish on the job. Practical completion inspections were undertaken across Sites 5, 6, 7 and 8 on 20–21 July and all four sites were assessed as accepted, with a limited list of rectification items including minor silicone repairs, minor backfill compaction and reinstatement of rock protection at one culvert.
- Shrinkage cracking to the mag-edge finishes at Site 5 continues to be monitored. All cracks observed remain under 3mm and are non-structural; a further inspection with a full wet-down is programmed to confirm no progression.
- The Sites 1–4 package is progressing well. At Site 3 the rat wall footing and starters have been poured and approximately 80% of steel, formwork and expansion joints are installed. At Site 4 excavation and clearing of debris from the existing mattresses is complete and the side track has been constructed. Saw-cutting for dowels has commenced at Sites 1 and 2.
- Lohman's will mobilise additional crews from approximately 17 August, including a dedicated pavement crew, a nightshift pour crew and a day-shift steel and formwork crew, to commence shotcrete batters and concrete pavement works across the sites.
- Waanyi Cultural Heritage inspectors continue to be engaged ahead of all clearing activities, with a minimum five day notice provided. Time records for the inspectors are being maintained by the Contractor and submitted to Northlane.
- Practical completion for the Sites 1–4 package remains 2 October 2026, with the Contractor forecasting completion of works by late September 2026.



Figure 5 — Site 4: preparation of existing mattresses, August 2026

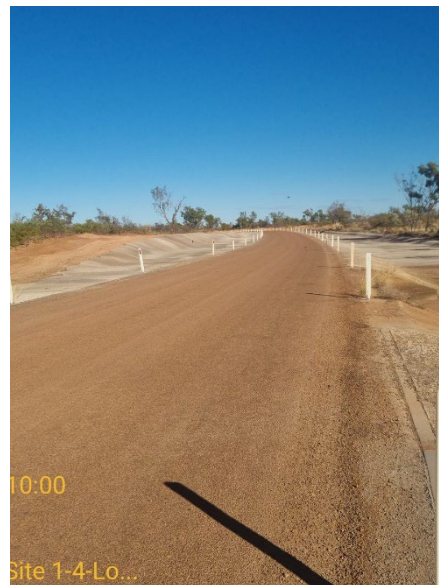


Figure 6 — Completed works, July 2026

2023 – DRFA – Floraville Road Stages 4a–7

Contract	5601-2000-12
Contractor	Durack Civil
Contract Value	\$42,135,098
Expenditure to Date	\$21,603,568
Scope	Construction of final stages of the Floraville Road project between Armraynald Gravel Pit and Burketown
Forecast Completion	November 2026

Contract 5601-2000-12 includes construction of the final stages of the Floraville Road project. Works have continued to accelerate through July and into August 2026, with overall completion stepping from 37.0% as at 3 July 2026 to 55.75% as at 7 August 2026.

Progress this month:

- Zones 5 and 7 were completed and sealed in late July with a two-coat 14mm/10mm C170 seal. With Zones 1–8 now sealed, a continuous sealed length of approximately 16km has been delivered this year.
- Zone 9 (ch 14700–16700) earthworks are complete, lime stabilisation of the subgrade is complete and cement stabilisation of the sub-base is underway. Zone 11 (ch 10700–12700) has been profiled and lime stabilisation of the subgrade is in progress, with sub-base import and cement stabilisation to follow.
- Pavement resilience treatment edge beams have been poured at three locations in Zone 5 (ch 24200, ch 24350 and ch 24500).
- The new concrete floodway at chainage (ch) 9,080m was poured on 8 August, with formwork and reinforcement for the balance of the structure in preparation. Preparation of the Stage 6 floodway in Zone 12 has commenced.
- The four-cell reinforced concrete box culvert at ch 18,250m has been installed, lean-mix infill placed between units and the endwalls poured. The side track remains in use around the structure. Culvert 1 aprons and wingwalls in Zone 8 have also been poured.
- Shotcrete batter works continued at Ch 17450m–18000m. Road furniture and guide posts have been installed on Stages 4a and 5 and linemarking set-out has commenced.
- Material throughput to 7 August 2026: approximately 2,808 tonnes of lime, 1,115 tonnes of cement, 55,442 tonnes of Type 2.5 sub-base and 66,386 tonnes of Type 2.1 base course. Approximately 11,384kL of water has been extracted. Site inductions have reached 105 personnel.
- A cultural heritage clearance request has been issued for tree clearing and monitoring at the Albert River access crossing.



Figure 7 — Floraville Road: completed seal, Zone 8, August 2026



Figure 8 — Floraville Road: Seal, July 2026



Figure 9 — Floraville Road: Stage 5 Culvert 1 box culvert installation, August 2026



Figure 10 — Floraville Road: new concrete floodway at ch 9080, August 2026

2024 – DRFA – Doomadgee East Road (CH0-30)

Contract	5603-4000-2
Contractor	Durack Civil
Contract Value	\$21,493,844
Expenditure to Date	\$4,545,438
Scope	Reconstruction of Doomadgee East Road between CH 0 and 30,078
Forecast Completion	December 2026

Contract 5603-4000-2 includes construction of the final stages of Doomadgee East Road between CH 0 to Ch 30,078. The Contractor is well established on site and is working in sequential zones from the far (Ch 30,000) end of the road back towards Burketown.

Progress this month:

- Sealing of Zones 13, 15 and 17 (approximately 3.6km) was completed between 9 and 11 July, comprising a 14mm C170 first coat and 7mm C170 second coat.
- Swing 3 (14–28 July) delivered pavement works to Zone 16 (ch 28800–27320, 1,480m) and Zone 14 (ch 26120–24620, 1,500m), including profiling, lime slaking and stabilisation, gravel import from the QCrush quarry, and proof rolling of the lime-stabilised and base layers.
- Sealing of Zones 14 and 16 was completed at the end of July.
- On return to site in August the Contractor has commenced profiling and lime stabilisation in Zone 12, with gravel import programmed to follow. Shoulder grading, ground surface treatment and final trim are progressing behind the pavement crew, and diversion drain locations were confirmed on site on 5 August in a joint inspection between Northlane and the Contractor.
- Practical completion remains forecast for 18 December 2026, and the Contractor has confirmed there are no concerns with meeting the date.



Figure 11 — Doomadgee East Road: pavement placement, Zone 16, July 2026



Figure 12 — Doomadgee East Road: seal complete, July 2026

2025 – DRFA Package 1 – Kenglen Civil

Contract	Kenglen Civil
Contractor	\$3,014,025
Contract Value	\$237,691
Expenditure to Date	September 2026
Forecast Completion	Bowthorn Road and Doomadgee Lawn Hill Road

- The Contractor is now fully mobilised. The dozer arrived on site 17 July and commenced pushing material at pit LHD04 on 18 July; road trains mobilised 21 July and gravel carting commenced 22 July.
- Formation and pavement work on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road have progressed to approximately line items 30–35, with works planned to reach approximately Ch 30km within the coming fortnight.

- Emergent works and maintenance grading are complete on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road and largely complete on Bowthorn Road. The Musselbrook Creek sand and silt deposit has been opened up and emergent works completed.
- An approximately 50m saturated section towards the end of Bowthorn Road remains too wet to work. Options including geofabric-wrapped rock mattresses are being scoped and priced, and the section is being allowed to dry while works continue on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road.
- Gravel pit testing has returned good results at LHD04, which is now the primary source. Bowthorn 01 returned poor results, and additional testing has been requested at Bowthorn 01 and Bowthorn 03. Crushing and screening of LHD18 material has been ordered, with the plant programmed to mobilise to site within approximately three weeks.
- Northlane's site inspection of 5 August recorded good blending of borrow pit material with the existing subgrade, good moisture control and compaction, well-shaped drains and clear signage on a road that was effectively untrafficable eight weeks ago.
- Practical completion remains 13 September 2026.



Figure 13 — Works complete – Doomadgee Lawn Hill Road



Figure 14 — Gravel Pit QA Sampling

2025 – DRFA Package 3 – GOS Construction

Contract	GOS Constructions
Contractor	\$3,292,587
Contract Value	\$227,290
Expenditure to Date	September 2026
Forecast Completion	Gregory Lawn Hill Road, Doomadgee East Road (CH30-60), Town Streets (Burke and Gregory)

- Separable Portion 1 (Archie and Dinner Creek crossings) is complete. Patch repairs and reconstructed pavement items were sealed on 15 July, table drains were reshaped and cleaned, rock protection was reinstated over geofabric, and guardrail, end treatments and flood markers were installed at Archie Creek on 20–21 July.

- Separable Portion 2 works on Gregory–Lawn Hill Road have progressed from the highest to lowest chainage and include heavy and medium formation grading, bulk fill, reshaped table drains, patch repairs and reconstructed unbound granular pavement. Three patch repairs (GLH060, GLH064 and GLH066) were sealed on 15 July.
- Gregory Pump Station Road was completed in late July and the Contractor has moved to Gregory Airport Road to undertake patch repairs and reconstructed unbound granular pavement scope.
- Gravel pit testing has been completed at GP28, GP32 and GP34. Groundwater interference was encountered while test pitting at GP34 (Nugaburra Road) and available material quantities are being confirmed.
- Practical completion for SP2 remains programmed for 1 September 2026.



Figure 15 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: guardrail and end treatments complete at Archie Creek, August 2026



Figure 16 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: cement stabilised patch repair, August 2026

4.2 Pre-Construction Contracts

2023/2024 DRFA — Lawn Hill Creek North Crossing Raised Causeway (Durack Civil)

The Lawn Hill Creek North Crossing has been approved for betterment funding. The works include the installation of a new culvert crossing structure over Lawn Hill Creek and associated realignment works.

This contract has been allocated to Durack Civil. Contract documentation has not yet been executed and site possession has not been issued; the project therefore remains on hold. Following the Waanyi cultural survey undertaken at the crossing on 24–25 June, a detailed scar tree inspection was completed on 21–22 July, at which two scar trees within the works area were formally located, measured and photographed for the project record. We are working to resolve.

2025 DRFA — Package 2 (Saw Civil)

Mobilisation and dilapidation surveys are complete and the crew mobilised to the Lawn Hill National Park / Riversleigh area from 20 July.

Works have recently commenced on Riversleigh Road, with grading and haulage underway from early August – a detailed update will be provided from next month as works have just commenced.

Material pushing and stockpiling continues at Riversleigh Pit and GP.08, with available stockpile area at GP.08 being monitored. Practical completion remains at 30 September 2026.

A heavily scoured creek crossing in Lawn Hill National Park near line items 33/34 and damage at the Nicholson River crossing have been identified for Council review; Northlane has issued a scope of works to the Contractor for pricing

2024 DRFA — Gregory River Crossing

The Gregory River Crossing project includes the construction of a new ~200m long bridge over the Gregory River near Tirranna Springs Roadhouse.

- Tenders closed on 25 May 2026 and the contract was awarded to **Hazell Bros Pty Ltd** at the Special Council Meeting held on 14 July 2026.
- A pre-start meeting was held on 30 July 2026, attended by Council's Principal Representative, Northlane and the Hazell Bros project team.
- The project is currently in the pre-construction phase pending issue of Possession of Site. The Contractor is finalising its preliminary submissions.
- Site establishment is targeted for September 2026, with piling activities anticipated to commence thereafter.
- The Contractor is working to a 2:1 roster with planned working hours of 6:30am to 5:30pm subject to daylight.
- Practical Completion remains at 31 October 2027.

5. COMMUNITY BENEFIT

The Burke Shire DRFA Works Program delivers significant and tangible community benefits across the following areas. These outcomes are monitored and reported monthly as part of Northlane's commitment to transparent, value-focused program delivery.

5.1 Safety and Operation

The reconstruction and restoration works being undertaken under the DRFA program deliver immediate and lasting improvements to road safety and network operability across Burke Shire.

- Floraville Road (Stages 4a–7) is a primary road link east of Burketown. With Zones 1–8 now sealed, approximately 16km of continuous reconstructed and sealed pavement has been delivered, removing an extended section of deteriorated road surface that posed ongoing risks to motorists, freight operators and emergency services.
- On Doomadgee East Road, approximately 6km of reconstructed pavement has been sealed between Ch 23,446 and Ch 30,078, improving a key link between Doomadgee and the wider network.
- The Gregory–Lawn Hill Road concrete mattress betterment works (Sites 5–8) have reached practical completion, restoring four flood-prone crossings to a betterment standard on a route that carries both community and tourist traffic to Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park.
- The Burketown Airport reconstruction, when complete, will ensure aviation access is reliably available to the Burketown community — a critical lifeline for our remote community dependent on air services for medical, freight, and passenger connectivity.

5.2 Economic

The DRFA program is delivering substantial economic benefit to the Burke Shire region and broader Queensland economy.

- The combined approved funding across all four DRFA programs exceeds \$400 million, representing a significant injection of construction activity into the region.
- Workforce engagement: over 200 personnel have been inducted across all project sites as at early August 2026. The Contractors' workforces include locally engaged staff where possible.
- All nine awarded contracts are now either active on site or in pre-construction, with the award of the Gregory River Crossing contract to Hazell Bros in July 2026 adding a further major package to the forward program.
- GOS Constructions has completed emergent pothole repairs and patch repairs along Gregory–Lawn Hill Road, delivering immediate road safety and amenity improvements ahead of the permanent works.

5.3 Community and Cultural

Council, Northlane and the delivery contractors are committed to respectful engagement with the local Indigenous community and broader Burke Shire community throughout all project works.

- Cultural Heritage (CH) monitors are actively engaged on the Floraville Road, Burketown Airport, Gregory–Lawn Hill Road and Doomadgee East Road projects. CH inspections were completed prior to all clearing activities and at new work fronts throughout the reporting period, in compliance with the Cultural Heritage Management Plans.
- A detailed Waanyi scar tree inspection was undertaken at the Lawn Hill Creek North Crossing on 21–22 July, at which two scar trees were formally located, measured and recorded — continuing the respectful engagement established during the June cultural survey.
- Community feedback during the period has been positive, with favourable comment received on the Floraville Road works at a community event and from road users on the Gregory–Lawn Hill Road works.

6. QUALITY, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

6.1 Incidents

Date	Project	Category	Description	Root Cause	Actions
9/7/26	Doomadgee East Road	Quality NCR	14mm cover aggregate not spread in an evenly distributed manner in accordance with clause 14.4 of MRTS11.	Seal crew spread control	Aggregate respread on 10/7/26. Completed seals subsequently inspected and observed to be performing well.
24/7/26	Floraville Road	Near Miss	Near miss between two road trains on the side track at ch 18250.	Traffic management on detour	Incident report provided by the Contractor. Toolbox talk held on traffic control lights; traffic controls on the side track reviewed.

Date	Project	Category	Description	Root Cause	Actions
8/8/26	Floraville Road	Quality NCR	Wind-borne lime observed during spreading in Zone 11, and dry, dusty conditions observed on completed lime stabilised subgrade.	Inadequate wet curing; spreading in windy conditions	NCR requested under clause 8.6.11 of MRTS07B. Back-watering and wet curing requirements reinforced with the Contractor at progress meetings.

6.2 General Comments

One near miss (two road trains on the Floraville Road side track at ch 18250 — refer Section 6.1) and four quality non-conformances were recorded during the reporting period (minor NCR's omitted from table above). No lost time injuries were recorded across the program. Random alcohol and drug testing was undertaken on the Floraville Road project during the period, and one worker was removed from site following a code of conduct breach in Burketown.



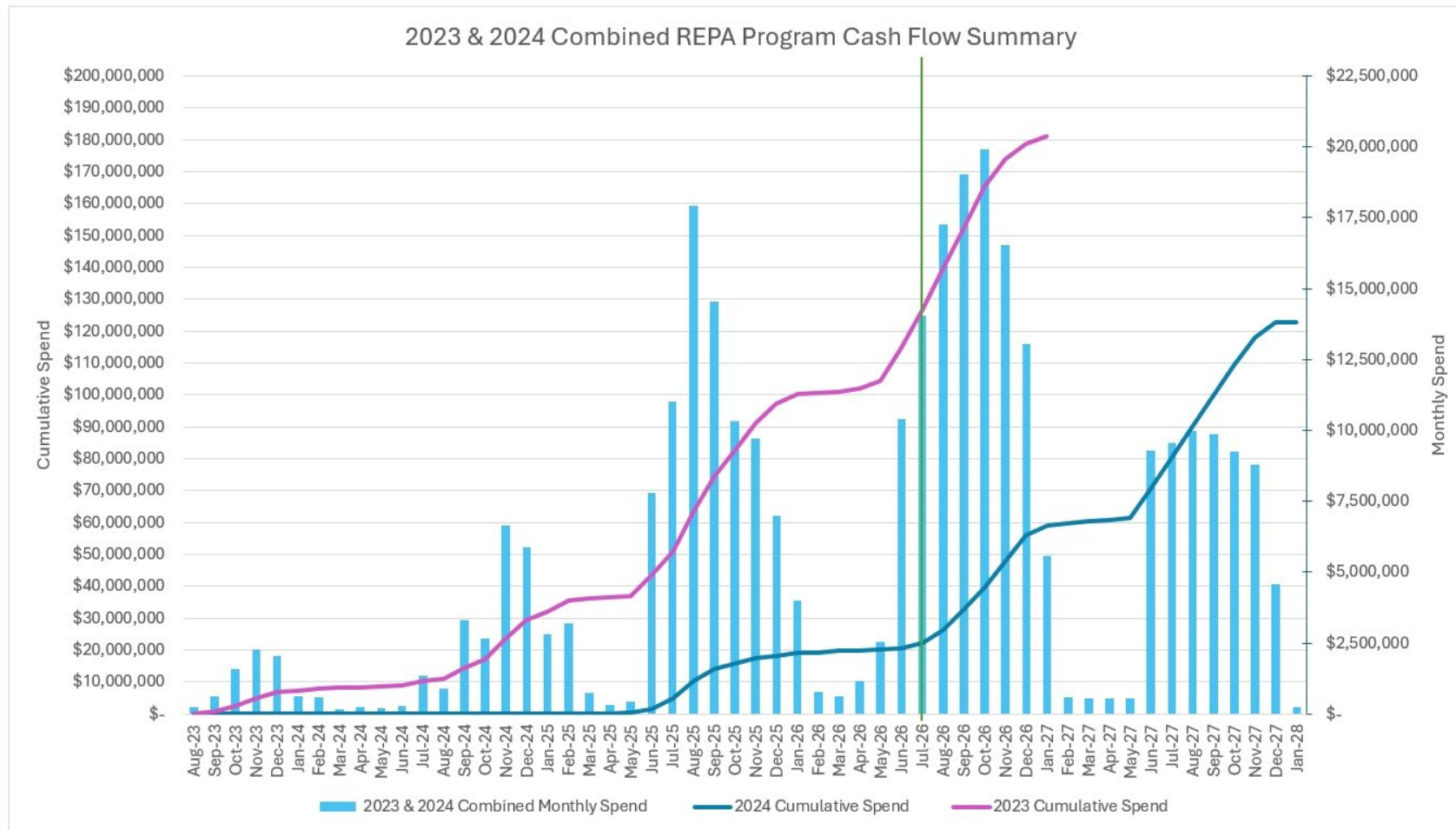
Figure 17 — Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road: formation and pavement works inspection, August 2026



Figure 18 — Patch repair inspection, July 2026

7. FORECAST CASHFLOW

The expenditure to date and forecasted monthly program cash flow for the DRFA works are shown below. This figure displays the contract values for all packages currently awarded or completed under the DRFA funding.



8. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) Status Update Report for the progress during the month of July 2026.

10.03 DRFA Works Project Status Report

That Council notes the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) Status Update Report for the progress during the month of July 2026.

Moved: Cr Poole

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260831.05 5/0

Attendance

Sarath Jayasekara left the meeting from 10.35am to 10.37am.

Jordan Marshall left the meeting from 10.37am to 10.38am.

Shannon Moren left the meeting from 10.56am to 10.58am.

10.04 Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Monthly Report

DEPARTMENT:	Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	Shannon Moren; Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	17 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Corporate Plan 2025-30

1. PURPOSE

This report is provided to Councillors for information and outlines the works carried out by the Environmental Health, Local Laws & Facilities Department for the month of July 2026 and proposed works for the month ahead.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Facilities & Housing

- Property Summary:
 - Unit 7, Lot 172 Musgrave Street Burketown – Short Term Lease
 - Unit 1, Lot 153 Musgrave Burketown – Vacant
 - Unit 2, Lot 153 Musgrave Burketown – Vacant
 - House 1, 95 Anthony Street Burketown – Vacant
 - House 13, Anthony Street Burketown – Short Term Lease
 - House 20, Murray Avenue Gregory – Vacant

2.2 Maintenance

- Focus areas:
 - Seniors Complex - Ceiling/Roof replacement (Unit 6), Deck resurfacing, Footing repairs.
 - Burketown Works Depot – Wall/Window Repairs, Door Replacement, Deck Replacement, Footing Repairs.
 - Burketown Gym – Window replacement
 - Nijinda Durlga Hall – Minor works & Footing repairs (RFQ).
 - Gregory Park – BBQ
 - Parks & Gardens Shed/Office – Roof/Ceiling repairs
- Tree Lopping – Complete
- Gutter Clearing – Scheduled to commence September
- Key & Lock Audits of Council Assets – Postponed DTBA
- Visitor Information Centre – Assessment to be completed by licenced contractor. Funding to be sourced.

2.3 Local Laws

- Keeping Our Community Clean & Safe Campaign:
 - May – Overgrown Allotments
 - June – Kerbside/Road Reserve Dumping
 - July – Battery Disposal

- August – Illegal Dumping



- September – Wet Seasons Preparation
- October – Abandoned Vehicles
- November – Waste Oil Disposal (Motor Oil & Cooking Oil)

2.4 Animal Management

- Burton VET Contracting onsite 21st August 2026.
- Animal Registration Audit – October 2026
- Animal Management Community Education Program – Working with AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities) on development.
- 1080 Baiting Program – October 2026

2.5 Environmental Health

- Food Business Licences – In progress
- Food Business Inspections – Inspector Onsite 28th September to 2nd October 2026.
- Unsupervised Bin Site, Gregory & Burketown Rubbish Tip Project – Commenced & Ongoing.
- 1 x Illegal dumping incident – Gregory River



2.6 Planning & Building

- Investigating unlawful developments (Burketown & Gregory). Town Planner & Certifier onsite
- Supply Scheme Funding Project – Commenced 2026.
- Land Use Survey Project – Due to commence September 2026.
- Town Planner & Certifier onsite 14th September – 17th September 2026.

2.7 Grants

- Fighting Illegal Dumping Partnership Program – Round 1A – Successful
- Seeking funding:
 - Heritage – Renovation/Improvement Grants
 - Cemetery – Niche Wall & Mass Grave

2.8 Training

- Diploma of Local Government (Planning) (EHLLFM) – Ongoing. Expected completion December 2026.
- ACDC Weed Identification Training – to be completed onsite 31st August 2026 to 4th September 2026.
- Supervising the manufacture of LRFABs Training – Date to be confirmed.
- Pest Management Training (LLO) – Ongoing

2.9 Other

- Tender TDR2026.6 Sale of 22 Gregory St, Burketown – Tenders submissions closed Thursday 9th July 2026. Submissions being reviewed.
- Tender TDR2026.9 Lot 1 SP287783 – To be released Tuesday 25th August 2026.
- Exploring options for Niche Wall at the Burketown & Gregory Cemeteries - Brief will be provided to Council – September Meeting.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Monthly Report for July 2026.

10.04 Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Monthly Report

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Monthly Report for July 2026.

Moved: Cr Yanner

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260831.06 5/0

10.05 Asset Management Level of Service – Footpaths

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	Sarath Jayasekara; Infrastructure Engineer
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	12 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Corporate Plan. Asset Sustainability - to ensure the delivery of appropriate levels of service.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed Level of Service related to maintenance of Footpaths to council for consideration.

2. BACKGROUND

Council manages approximately 1.9 km of concrete footpaths, with the majority located within the Burketown town centre. The gross replacement value of this network is \$378,411.

Current asset conditions have no impact on footpath usability. As shown in Figure 1, the entire network is currently rated in fair condition.

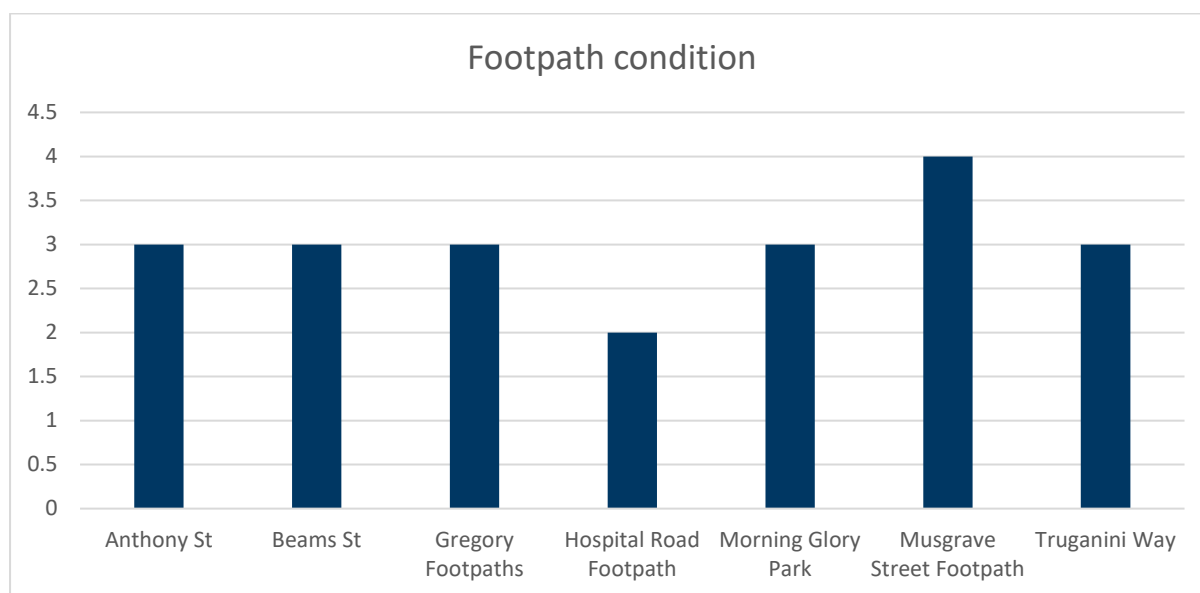


Figure 1: Footpath average condition

3. PROPOSED CRITERIS FOR ROUTINE INSPECTION

The proposed Defect Intervention Level & Response Time (IL/RT) criteria for Routine Maintenance are shown in Table 1.

Defect Category 9 - Concrete Footpath Defects					
Defect Category	Defect ID	Defect Intervention Level Criteria / Description	Initial Intervention level	Corporate Priorities	Upper IL & Response
26	FA	Bike path/lanes Surface defects			
	FA1_H	Any verified defect identified by inspections, complaint, notification by the Public that is hazardous - vertical and horizontal misalignment (Transverse and Longitudinal)	Displacement>20 mm	1 - Hazard	As a hazard - temporary signs to warn users and repair the defect in two weeks
	FA2_H	Holes, Scouring and Gaps (undermining)	area >25cm ² (50mm x 50mm)	1 - Hazard	As a hazard - temporary signs to warn users and repair the defect in two weeks
	FA3_M	Footpath Minor Defects (cracks, unevenness and manhole cover displacement)		5 - Preventative	Monitor and plan works if defect exceed 20%
	FA4_H	Exposed reinforcements	Sharp edges, Step >20mm	1 - Hazard	As a hazard - temporary signs to warn users and repair the defect in two weeks
	FA5_M	Overhanging / Obstacles (grass and trees)		5 - Preventative	Monitor and plan works if defects exceed 20%
	FA6_H	Slippery surface	Signs of any slippery materials (Oil, mould, silt, etc) on footpath	1 - Hazard	As a hazard - temporary signs to warn users and Pressure wash with water or appropriate chemicals to remove the hazard within 24 hours.

Table No. 1: Defect Intervention Level & Response Time (IL/RT) criteria

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated approximately 4 hours per months will be spent for the inspection and reporting.
No major impact to the current resources expected.

5. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Policy	Reference	Details
Asset & services management policy	FIN-POL-011	Provide guidelines to implement consistent asset management practices that sustain appropriate services to the Burke Shire community.

6. RISK

Risk Type	What could happen	Possible Consequences
Budget	No budget available for maintenance	Allocate funds in annual budget

7. CONCLUSION

Defect Intervention Level & Response Time (IL/RT) criteria for the Routine Maintenance Report is now presented to Council in accordance with asset & services management policy.

8. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Defect Intervention Level & Response Time (IL/RT) criteria for Concrete Footpath Defects within the Routine Maintenance Report, as presented in Table 1.

10.05 Asset Management Level of Service – Footpaths

That Council endorse the Defect Intervention Level & Response Time (IL/RT) criteria for Concrete Footpath Defects within the Routine Maintenance Report, as presented in Table 1.

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260831.07 5/0

10.06 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Phase 1 RFT – Outfall Relocation Variation 1

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani, Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	James Bell; Project Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	10 August 2026

1. PURPOSE

This report provides Council with a recommendation to approve the variation to the scope of works for the Principal Contractor to carry out the additional works of moving the outfall location designated under this Contract as part of Phase 1 of the 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Project, namely the Stormwater Pipeline from the town streets to the outfall at the river.

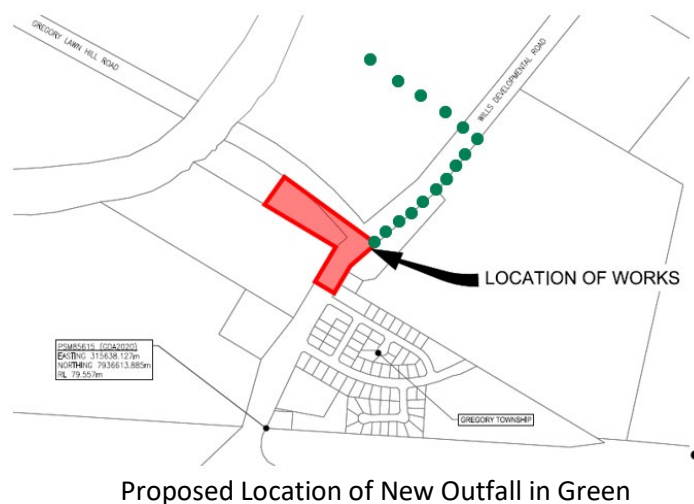
The details of the project budget are provided in **Section 4 – Financial and Resource Implications**

2. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

The contract for Phase 1 of the 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Project has been awarded to Whiskey Plumbing and contracting.

Councillors requested that the outfall be relocated away from the tourist camping location at the Gregory River Bridge.

Gregory Current Location and Proposed Location



Contract Sum (Install Only)	\$812,729.10 + GST
Variation (Supply and Install 175m)	\$758,164.66 + GST
Total Contract Sum	\$1,570,893.76 + GST

In accordance with the Council request, the project team is working on the design. Whilst the design is not yet finalised, to fast track the process, it has been assumed that the additional length of the

outlet will be 175m. Accordingly, the variation cost for 175m additional pipes and manholes (including supply and installation) was obtained. The design will confirm the exact length of the additional pipe.

3. PROPOSAL

That Council endorses the recommendation vary the contract and instruct Whiskey Plumbing & Civil Pty Ltd to order, transport and lay an extra 175m of 1.5m diameter RCPs and associated manholes for an additional amount of \$758,164.66 + GST.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The project budgets and sources of funds are as follows:

R2R: \$490k
FAGS: \$290k
Council cash: \$125k
RAF: \$9,963,000

Total: \$10,868,000

5. RISK

Risk	Possible Consequence	Mitigation
Contract variation – due to wet weather, latent conditions, fuel, and material escalation due to fuel crisis	Increase in Contract Sum	- Available Funds. - Staged Works over the Wet Season.
Delays to the completion of the project	Not meeting the funding requirements	Staged Works over the Wet Season.

6. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council must also meet all relevant local government procurement requirements outlined in the Local Government Act 2009, Local Government Regulation 2012, and Council's Procurement Policy. These requirements have been met through the tender process involved with these projects.

7. CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with:

- Council Direction

8. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report and relevant attachments, and
2. Awards the Contract Variation for the relocation of the outfall by 175m for Phase 1 of the 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Project, namely the Stormwater Pipeline from the town streets to the outfall at the river, for the installation of the culvert units to Whiskey Plumbing & Civil Pty Ltd for the Variation value of \$758,164.66 excluding GST plus additional 20% potential variations due to latent conditions or design requirements.

10.06 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Phase 1 RFT – Outfall Relocation Variation 1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report and relevant attachments, and
2. Awards the Contract Variation for the relocation of the outfall by 175m for Phase 1 of the 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Project, namely the Stormwater Pipeline from the town streets to the outfall at the river, for the installation of the culvert units to Whiskey Plumbing & Civil Pty Ltd for the Variation value of \$758,164.66 excluding GST plus additional 20% potential variations due to latent conditions or design requirements.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 260831.08 5/0

Adjournment

That Council adjourned the meeting from 11.20am to 11.27am for morning tea, all were present at resumption except Cr Murray, Ben Stephen, Jordan Marshall and Mazen Al Daghtani.

Attendance

Jordan Marshall entered the meeting at 11.28am.

Mazen Al Daghtani entered the meeting at 11.29am.

Cr Murray entered the meeting at 11.32am.

11. Chief Executive Officer Reports

11.01 Status Report

Resolution Number – 250625.06 – Assessment of Organic Waste Management Options at the Burketown Waste Facility

That Council:

1. Advise both proponents of the preferred proponent and enter a MOU arrangement with Finn Biogas
2. Confirm costs with Finn Biogas
3. Proceed with finding funding sources

Status

Ongoing. Awaiting funding.

Resolution Number – 251015.09 – Queensland Scheme Supply Fund Project

That:

1. To commence the Queensland Scheme Supply Fund project, Council resolve to undertake a Planning Scheme Amendment in accordance with Section 18 of the Planning Act 2016; and the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to give notice of the Planning Scheme Amendment to the Chief Executive in accordance with section 18(2) of the Planning Act 2016; and
2. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to enter into any necessary contracts/agreements to procure the services of suitable consultants to progress the Queensland Scheme Supply Fund project to an expedient and satisfactory conclusion.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 251212.18 – Late Business – Council Housing

That the CEO review the possibility of funding an additional three bedroom house in Burketown similar to the current houses being constructed by Oly Homes.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260128.21 – Closed Session Report – Northlane Civil Engineering Consultancy - 3 Year (+1) Services Agreement

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report
2. Approves the renewal of a 3 year service arrangement with Northlane Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd with the possibility of a further 1 year extension from the date of 31 January 2026.
3. Delegates authority to the CEO to enter into negotiations regarding any and all matters associated with executing the Service Agreement Contract.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution Number – 260227.11 – Tender for Proposed Sand Extraction Under Quarry Management Allocation QMAN –100674

That Council:

1. note the contents of this report;
2. resolves pursuant to section 227 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to invite written tenders for a contract for the proposed sand extraction under Quarry Management Allocation MA-100674;
3. resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the power to negotiate and finalise all matters associated with advertising the request for tender on behalf of Council (including by signing necessary documents on behalf of Council), and otherwise deal with all matters that arise in connection with the request for tender; and
4. ensure the following are finalised as part of the process:
 - a Quarry Management Plan (QMP);
 - Environmental Authority approval through DETSI;
 - Development Approval through SARA, including assistance from Council's Town Planning Consultant.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260227.13 – Draft User Agreement between Burke Shire Council and the Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association Inc.Officer's Recommendation

That Council:

1. note the contents of this report.
2. approve the attached user agreement between Burke Shire Council and Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association Inc.
3. resolves to delegate authority of the Chief Executive Officer the finalisation of the User Agreement between Burke Shire Council and Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association Inc.

Councillors Recommendation

That the matter be deferred to the March Council Meeting.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260422.15 – 0280-4623 Burketown and Gregory Drainage Phase 1 RFT

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report;
2. Not proceed with any of the current Tenders; and
3. Delegates to the CEO to enter into a contract for the supply of the culvert units for Gregory Drainage Project up to the project budget of \$905,000.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260422.31 – Late Business – Closed Session Report – Gregory Crossing ILUA

Council resolves as follows:-

1. Council notes the contents of this Report.
2. Council resolves to validate the Gregory Crossing Project by way of an indigenous land use agreement and authorises the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to enter into ILUA negotiations with the Gangalidda and Garawa People to consent to the construction and all other necessary future acts in order to construct the Gregory River Crossing.
3. Council agrees subject to negotiations with Gangalidda and Garawa and compliance with the Local Government Regulations, to offer non-monetary compensation to Gangalidda and Garawa People comprising the transfer of Lot 96 on B1364, Lot 88 on B 1364 and 50% of part of Lot 10 on 13620 in return for native title consent for the Project.
4. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are authorised to sign the final Gregory Crossing ILUA subject to completion of negotiations with Gangalidda and Garawa on behalf of Council.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260529.07 – 0280-4057 – Gregory WTP – UV Installation

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report;
2. Progress with the quotation presented by Aquatec Maxcon to the limit of the full amounts identified in their quotations - \$354,049.00 + GST; and
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into and execute a contract; and approve and execute any necessary variations to the contract, for the supply and installation of the inline UV system, to enable procurement of long lead-time components prior to site mobilisation and support achievement of the required regulatory deadlines.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260529.24 – Late Business – Request for Tender and Lease – Part of Lot 1 on SP287783

That Council:

1. Approves the invitation of public tenders for the lease of part of Lot 1 on SP287783 on the terms of the Request for Tender and Lease.
2. Delegates the CEO the power to commence the tender process and invite written tenders in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260624.15 – 2026/27 Grants to Community Organisation Requests

That Council:

1. Notes the contents of the report; and
2. Approves the donation requests received for the 2026/27 financial year as follows:

Schedule of Recommended Grants to Community Organisations 2026/2027

Group/ Organisation	2025/2026 Request - Cash and In-kind	Adopted Council Budget 2025/2026	Event/Activities Details Date for 2026/2027	Particulars of grant request Received 2026/2027	Total of monetary value of grant request for 2026/2027
Burketown Childcare and Family Hub	Miscellaneous fundraising events • \$5,000 cash • Printing • Matched donations for cash for cans up to \$10,000.00	\$15,000.00 Cash + \$1,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$16,000.00</i>	Miscellaneous fundraising events	\$15,000.00 Cash + \$1,000.00 in-kind • \$5,000 cash • Printing • Matched donations for cash for cans up to \$10,000.00	\$15,000.00 Cash + \$1,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$16,000.00</i>

Moungibi Housing Co-operative Society Ltd - Football Club	Host Battle of the Gulf Football Cluster June 2027 • Bins, portable toilets, use of rodeo grounds, 130 chairs, marquees, rubbish collection, folding tables, PA system. General use of Phillip Yanner Sports Oval Facilities - general use of facilities. Football Presentation and Fundraising Activities – use of Nijinda Durlga Permission to put 20ft container at the Phillip Yanner precinct to house club equipment.	\$0 Cash + \$10,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$10,000.00</i>	Host Battle of the Gulf Football Cluster June 2027, and ongoing support	\$0 Cash + \$10,000.00 in-kind • Skip bin & wheelie bins, portable toilets, use of rodeo grounds including shelter, 50 chairs, marquees, rubbish collection, folding tables, PA system. • General use of Phillip Yanner Sports Oval Facilities - general use of facilities. • Football Presentation and Fundraising Activities – use of Nijinda Durlga	\$0 Cash + \$10,000.00 in-kind <i>Total \$10,000.00</i>	
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Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association	Burketown Campdraft and Rodeo, 18th – 20th July 2025 • Cleaning, skip bin, use of council machinery, printing, advertising, rubbish collection • Use of big generator for vendors	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$3,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$8,000.00</i>	Burketown Campdraft and Rodeo, 17 th – 19 th July 2026	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$4,000.00 in-kind Cleaning of amenities before and after event, skip bin use and rubbish collection, use of council machinery, printing, advertising,	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$4,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$9,000.00</i>
Moungibi Housing Co-operative Society Limited	Community Market & Fair - Saturday 16 August 2025 • \$3,000.00 Cash • Road closure, 130 chairs, 20 tables, bins, portaloo, marquees, letter of support for alcohol consumption, support to compile event programs, rubbish collection	\$3,000.00 Cash + \$4,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$7,000.00</i>	Community Market & Fair - Saturday 15 August 2026, 4.00PM – 10.00PM	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$3,500.00 in-kind Road closure, support to set up road closure, 130 chairs, 20 tables, skip bin and wheely bins, portaloo, marquees, letter of support for alcohol consumption, support to compile event programs, rubbish collection	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$3,500.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$8,500.00</i>

QCWA Gregory Branch	Gregory QCWA Horse Sports & Family Fun Day • Rubbish Collection • Erect street banners	\$2,500.00 Cash + \$500.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$3,000.00</i>	Gregory QCWA Horse Sports and Family Fun Day – September School Holidays 2026	\$2,500.00 Cash + \$1,000.00 in-kind • Rubbish Collection • Erect Street Banners	\$2,500.00 Cash + \$1,000.00 in-kind <i>Total \$3,500.00</i>
Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation	World Barramundi Fishing Championships • \$5,000.00 Cash • Hall hire • Printing • Rubbish collection	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$2,500.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$7,500.00</i>	Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation World Barramundi Fishing Championships – 2 nd – 4 th October	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$3,000.00 in-kind • Hall Hire for event including kitchen • Extra bins at wharf and hall • Printing	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$3,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$8,000.00</i>
Gregory Downs Jockey Club	Gregory Saddles & Paddle - 2 May 2026 • Cash \$6,000.00 • Printing of booklets and program • Slashing of grounds • Rubbish collection	\$6,000.00 Cash + \$3,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$9,000.00</i>	Gregory Saddles & Paddle - 1 May 2027	\$6,000.00 Cash + \$3,000.00 in-kind • Printing of advertising • Printing of race-books • 2 skip bins / rubbish collection • Slashing of grounds	\$6,000.00 Cash + \$3,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$9,000.00</i>

North West Canoe Club	Gregory Saddles and Paddles - 3 May 2026 • Rubbish bins • Portaloo • Rubbish collection	\$0.00 Cash + \$2,500.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$2,500.00</i>	Gregory Saddles and Paddles - 2 May 2027	\$0.00 Cash + \$2,500.00 in-kind • Rubbish bins and skip bins • Portaloo • Rubbish collection	\$0.00 Cash + \$2,500.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$2,500.00</i>
Gregory District Sporting Association	Gregory Campdraft 19 th – 21 st June 2026 • Cash \$3,000.00 • Use of portaloo • Skip bin use • Rubbish collection	\$3,000.00 Cash + \$2,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>	Gregory Campdraft 2027 – 18 th to 20 th June 2027	\$3,000.00 Cash + \$2,000.00 in-kind • Use of portaloo • Skip bin use • Rubbish collection	\$3,000.00 Cash + \$2,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>
Royal Flying Doctors	Cash Donation	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$0 in-kind <i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>	Annual Donation	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$0 in-kind	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$0 in-kind <i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>
LifeFlight	Cash Donation	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$0 in-kind <i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>	Annual Donation	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$0 in-kind	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$0 in-kind <i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>

Mt Isa School of the Air	• Magazine page sponsorship • Hall hire for annual camps • Rubbish collection	\$350.00 Cash + \$2,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$2,350.00</i>	Mt Isa School of the Air Camp and Magazine	Application not yet received. Amount determined by previous years contribution. • Magazine page sponsorship • Hall hire for annual camps • Rubbish collection	\$350.00 Cash + \$2,000.00 in-kind <i>Total: \$2,350.00</i>
Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association (Auspicing funds for Community Cricket)	N/A	N/A	Community Cricket Grounds – application from the community, to auspice funds through BRSA to fix the cricket pitch near the old pools with the aim to revitalise social competitions. Letter of support provided from BRSA with application.	• Cash \$5,000.00 – purchase cricket mat, glue & freight • Use of the oval behind the school • Watering and mowing of the oval when needed. • Sikaflex and sand to fix pitch • Use of Councils grader	\$5,000.00 Cash + \$3,500.00 in-kind
Burketown State School	School activities	Nil – no request received	School activities	Nil – no request received	Nil

Sundry Grants	Grant requests to be approved at Council discretion – funerals, event support etc.	<i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>	Grant requests to be approved at Council discretion – funerals, event support etc.	Budget: \$5,000.00	<i>Total: \$5,000.00</i>
TOTAL		\$182,250		\$61,850.00 cash + \$35,500.00 in-kind	Total \$97,350.00
Status Ongoing					

Resolution – 260624.19 – Closed Session Report – Debt Write-off – Rates Assessment 00019-00000-000

1. The write-off of the rates arrears and interest owed to council of \$13,855.48 for Rates Assessment 00019-00000-000 conditional to receipt of payment from the ratepayer.
2. And to delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate on council behalf a payment arrangement with the ratepayer for the balance remaining with a view that full payment is finalised by no later than 31 December 2026.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260714.02 – 2024 DRFA Restoration Works – Gregory River Crossing Contract No.: 0280-4609-1

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report; and
2. Awards Contract 0280-4609-1 – 2024 DRFA Restoration Works Gregory River Crossing to Hazell Bros (QLD) Pty Ltd for \$40,577,291.00 ex GST; and
3. Delegates authority to the CEO to enter into negotiations regarding any and all matters associated with executing and administering the Contract to the maximum value of the Project Budget of \$75,280,000.00.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260714.03 – 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Phase 1 RFT – Revised Pricing

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report; and
2. Awards the Contract for Phase 1 of the 0280-4623 Gregory Stormwater, Sewer, and Town Streets Upgrade Project, namely the Stormwater Pipeline from the town streets to the outfall at the river, for the installation of the culvert units to Whiskey Plumbing & Civil Pty Ltd for the contract value of \$812,729.10 + GST; and
3. Delegates authority to the CEO to enter into negotiations regarding any and all matters associated with executing and administering the Contract including variations up to \$369,270.90 + GST dependent on amended budgets.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution – 260714.04 – Statement of Estimated Financial Position 2025/26

That Council receives and notes:

1. The Statements of Financial Position and Cashflow for 2025/26; and
2. The Statement of Income and Expenses 2025/26 and Council Projects Expenditure 2025/26.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260714.05 – Review of Debt Policy 2026-2027

That Council re-adopts the Debt Policy as part of the annual review carried out by officers.

Status

Adopted.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260714.06 – Adoption of 2026-27 Budget and Associated Documents**Adoption of Revenue Statement, rates, and associated matters 2026-27**

1. That Council:
 - (a) Adopts, in accordance with section s169 (2) and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Revenue Statement 2026-2027;
 - (b) Adopts, in accordance with section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories into which rateable land is categorised and the description of those categories, as per the first and second columns of the table appearing at section 4.3 of the Revenue Statement 2026-2027;
 - (c) Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs;
 - (d) Adopts, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category. This is as per the schedule below;

Residential Categories				
Differential Category	Category Description	Rate in the \$	Minimum General Rate	Capped %
1 – Residential – Burketown <0.8 Ha	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes within the township of Burketown which has an area of less than 0.8 Hectares.	2.40930	\$1,346.00	No Cap
2 – Residential – Gregory <0.8 Ha	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes within the township of Gregory which has an area of less than 0.8 Hectares.	6.65102	\$1,346.00	No Cap

3 – Other Land 0.8Ha <10 Ha- (All Areas)	Land used , or capable of being used, in whole or in part for rural or residential purposes with an area of between 0.8 hectares or more but less than 10 Hectares that is not otherwise categorised.	2.41096	\$1,386.00	No Cap
4 – Multi Residential (All Areas)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of multi-unit dwellings, including flats or units, guest houses and private hotels.	2.15870	\$1,346.00	No Cap
Commercial and Industry Categories				
Differential Category	Category Description	Rate in the \$	Minimum General Rate	Capped %
10 – Commercial – Burketown	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for commercial purposes within the township of Burketown.	2.47546	\$1,441.00	No Cap
11 – Commercial – Gregory	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for commercial purposes within the township of Gregory.	7.35046	\$1,441.00	No Cap
12 - Commercial - Other	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for commercial purposes outside the townships of Burketown and Gregory.	3.20202	\$1,441.00	No Cap
13 – Clubs and Not for Profit (All Areas)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purposes of a club, sporting organisation or religious institution.	1.41704	\$1,441.00	No Cap
14 – Transformer Sites (All Areas)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of a transformer.	3.86806	\$1,653.00	No Cap
15 – Commercial – Rural Tourism	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for commercial tourism purposes located outside of a township.	11.26608	\$1,440.00	No Cap
16 – Industry – Burketown	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for industry purposes within the township of Burketown.	1.97524	\$1,441.00	No Cap
17 – Industry – Gregory	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for industry purposes within the township of Gregory.	7.49314	\$1,441.00	No Cap
Rural Categories				
Differential Category	Category Description	Rate in the \$	Minimum General Rate	Capped %
20 – Rural Land 10 - <1,000 Ha	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for rural residential or rural grazing purposes which is 10 Hectares or more but less than 1,000 Hectares.	1.26370	\$1,484.00	No Cap
21 – Rural Land 1000 -<300,000 Ha (Grazing Land)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for rural grazing purposes which is 1,000 Hectares or more but less than 300,000 Hectares.	0.53556	\$1,484.00	3.5%
22 – Rural Land 300,000 -<500,000 Ha (Grazing Land)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for rural grazing purposes which is 300,000 Hectares or more but less than 500,000 Hectares.	0.62396	\$1,484.00	No Cap
23 – Rural Land >=500,000 Ha (Grazing Land)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for rural grazing purposes which is 500,000 Hectares or more.	0.41070	\$1,484.00	No Cap
24 – Rural Land >=10Ha (Cropping Cultivation)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for rural cropping purposes which is 10 Hectares or more.	3.46236	\$1,484.00	No Cap
Intensive Business and Industry Categories				

Differential Category	Category Description	Rate in the \$	Minimum General Rate	Capped %
30 – Rateable Prospecting	Land with a prospecting permit.	132.03032	\$3,597.00	No Cap
31 – Mining Lease less than 100 Ha	Land used as a mine (pursuant to a Mining Lease issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) for the mining or large-scale reprocessing of minerals, with an area of less than 100 Hectares.	132.03032	\$3,597.00	No Cap
32 – Mining Lease 100 -<1,000Ha	Land used as a mine (pursuant to a Mining Lease issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) for the mining or large-scale reprocessing of minerals, with an area of 100 Hectares or more but less than 1,000 Hectares.	132.03032	\$35,958.00	No Cap
33 – Mining Lease 1000 -<10,000Ha	Land used as a mine (pursuant to a Mining Lease issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) for the mining or large-scale reprocessing of minerals, with an area of 1,000 Hectares or more but less than 10,000 Hectares.	132.03032	\$359,580.00	No Cap
34 – Mining Lease 10,000 -<20,000Ha	Land used as a mine (pursuant to a Mining Lease issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) for the mining or large-scale reprocessing of minerals, with an area of 10,000 Hectares or more but less than 20,000 Hectares.	132.03032	\$719,160.00	No Cap
35 – Mining Lease >=20,000Ha	Land used as a mine (pursuant to a Mining Lease issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) for the mining or large-scale reprocessing of minerals, with an area of 20,000 Hectares or more.	1318.60476	\$3,161,721.00	No Cap
37 – Mining Rehabilitation 100 - <250 employees and/or contractors	Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) previously used for large scale mining which employed, at its peak, 100 or more employees and/or contractors, but less than 250 employees and/or contractors, presently being rehabilitated.	132.03032	\$359,580.00	No Cap
38 – Mining Rehabilitation 250 - <500 employees and/or contractors	Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) previously used for large scale mining which employed, at its peak, 250 or more employees and/or contractors, but less than 500 employees and/or contractors, presently being rehabilitated.	132.03032	\$719,160.00	No Cap
39 – Mining Rehabilitation > = 500 employees and/or contractors	Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) previously used for large scale mining which employed, at its peak, 500 or more employees and/or contractors, presently being rehabilitated.	132.03032	\$1,438,320.00	No Cap
40 - Mining Rehabilitation with incidental activity 100 - <250 employees and/or contractors	Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) previously used for large scale mining which employed, at its peak, 100 or more employees and/or contractors, but less than 250 employees and/or contractors, partly being rehabilitated and partly being used for	132.03032	\$418,928.00	No Cap

	incidental new mining, reprocessing or other activity.			
41 - Mining Rehabilitation with incidental activity 250 - <500 employees and/ or contractors	Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) previously used for large scale mining which employed, at its peak, 250 or more employees and/or contractors, but less than 500 employees and/or contractors, partly being rehabilitated and partly being used for incidental new mining, reprocessing or other activity.	132.03032	\$837,855.00	No Cap
42 - Mining Rehabilitation with incidental activity > = 500 employees and/or contractors	Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i>) previously used for large scale mining which employed, at its peak, 500 or more employees and/or contractors, partly being rehabilitated and partly being used for incidental new mining, reprocessing or other activity.	132.03032	\$1,675,713.00	No Cap
43 - Petroleum Lease < 10000Ha	Petroleum Lease issued with an area less than 10,000 Hectares.	132.03032	\$28,766.00	No Cap
44 - Petroleum Lease 10000 <20000Ha	Petroleum Lease issued with an area of 10,000 hectares or more but less than 20,000 Hectares.	132.03032	\$57,534.00	No Cap
45 - Petroleum Lease > 20000Ha	Petroleum Lease issued with an area 20,000 Hectares or more.	132.03032	\$115,065.00	No Cap
46 – Intensive Accommodation (5 - 10)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with 5 or more accommodation units up to and including 10 accommodation units.	2.00676	\$9,315.00	No Cap
47 - Intensive Accommodation (11 - 25)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with 11 or more accommodation units up to and including 25 accommodation units.	2.00676	\$13,455.00	No Cap
48 – Intensive Accommodation (26 - 50)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with 26 or more accommodation units up to and including 50 accommodation units.	2.00676	\$26,910.00	No Cap
49 - Intensive Accommodation (51 - 100)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with 51 or more accommodation units up to and including 100 accommodation units.	2.00676	\$53,820.00	No Cap
50 - Intensive Accommodation (101 - 200)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with 101 or more accommodation units up to and including 200 accommodation units.	2.00676	\$107,640.00	No Cap
51 - Intensive Accommodation (201+)	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for the purpose of an accommodation work camp with 201 or more accommodation units.	2.00676	\$215,280.00	No Cap

52 – Solar Farm 1 - 10 MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from solar energy with an installed capacity of 1 MW up to 10 MW.	2.18396	\$5,175.00	No Cap
53 - Solar Farm 11 - 40 MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from solar energy with an installed capacity of 11 MW up to 40 MW.	2.18396	\$10,350.00	No Cap
54 - Solar Farm 41 - 100 MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from solar energy with an installed capacity of 41 MW up to 100 MW.	2.18396	\$20,700.00	No Cap
55 - Solar Farm 101 + MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from solar energy with an installed capacity of 101 MW and/or greater.	2.18396	\$41,400.00	No Cap
56 – Wind Farm 1 - 10 MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from Windfarms with an installed capacity of 1 MW up to 10 MW.	4.36790	\$10,350.00	No Cap
57 - Wind Farm 11 - 40 MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from Windfarms with an installed capacity of 11 MW up to 40 MW.	4.36790	\$20,700.00	No Cap
58 - Wind Farm 41 - 100 MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from Windfarms with an installed capacity of 41 MW up to 100 MW.	4.36790	\$41,400.00	No Cap
59 - Wind Farm 101 + MW	Applies to land used, or intended to be used, for the generation of electricity from Windfarms with an installed capacity of 101 MW and/or greater.	4.36790	\$82,800.00	No Cap

- (e) Adopts, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the waste management utility charges to be made and levied, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as per section 5.1 of the Revenue Statement 2026-2027;
- (f) Adopts, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the sewerage utility charges to be made and levied, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as per section 5.2 of the Revenue Statement 2026-2027;
- (g) Adopts, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 99 and 101 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the water utility and consumption charges to be made and levied, for the supply of water services by the Council, as per section 5.3 of the Revenue Statement 2026-2027;
- (h) Resolves, pursuant to section 102(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read;
- (i) Adopts, pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that the differential general rates made and levied shall be subject to a discount as specified in, and subject to the conditions stated in, section 7.3 of the Revenue Statement 2026-2027;

- (j) Resolves, pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that interest be charged on all overdue rates and charges at the rate of 8% per annum, calculated on daily rests as compound interest;
- (k) Resolves, pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges be levied:
 - (i) for the half year 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026 - in August/September 2026; and
 - (ii) for the half year 1 January 2027 to 30 June 2027 - in February/March 2027;
- (l) Resolves, pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges be paid within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice; and
- (m) Adopts, pursuant to sections 120, 121, and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the concessions as detailed in Section 8 of the Revenue Statement 2026-2027.

Adoption of Budget and associated matters 2026-27

2. That Council:

- (a) Adopt, pursuant to section 107A of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year, incorporating:
 - a. The statement of Income and Expenditure;
 - b. The statement of Financial Position;
 - c. The statement of Cashflow;
 - d. The statement of Changes in equity;
 - e. Project Expenditure 2026-2027;
 - f. The long-term financial forecast;
 - g. Sustainability Ratios;
 - h. The Revenue Statement 2026/2027 (adopted by Council resolution earlier in this meeting); and
 - i. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget, as tabled.

Status

Adopted.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260722.09 – Queensland Audit Office 2026 Interim Audit Report

That the 2026 Interim Audit Management Report is now presented to Council be received and noted.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260722.10 – Burke Shire Special Holiday 2027

1. That Council note the contents of the report; and
2. That Council nominates Tuesday 2nd November 2027 as the Special Holiday date for the Burke Shire Local Government Area.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution – 260722.14 – Disestablishment of Existing Internal Committees and Establishment of a Revised Internal Committee Structure

That council resolves as follows:-

1. Receives and notes the report;
2. Discontinues all existing internal advisory and standing committees of Council established under Council Resolution 240424.21, other than the Audit and Risk Committee and the Joint Consultative Committee, noting that this resolution does not affect Council's appointments, representations or delegations to external organisations, statutory bodies, regional organisations or other external committees.
3. Establishes the following Standing Committees:
 - (a) Governance, Administration & Recruitment Committee;
 - (b) Water, Waste & Energy Committee;
 - (c) Infrastructure, Planning & Projects Committee; and
 - (d) Community, Economy & Events Committee;
4. Appoints the Chairperson of each Standing Committee as detailed in this report;
5. Appoints the membership of each Standing Committee as detailed in this report;
6. Confirms that each Standing Committee must operate in accordance with its adopted Terms of Reference, Council's Meeting Procedures and Standing Orders Policy, the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012;
7. Authorises the Mayor, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, to refer strategic matters to the relevant Standing Committee where Council identifies the need.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, where required, to establish officer Action Groups comprising relevant Council employees to support the work of a Standing Committee, including through research, analysis, technical advice, stakeholder engagement, review work, draft policy development and preparation of supporting documentation;
9. Requires that recommendations arising from Standing Committee discussions be progressed through a formal officer report prepared or endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer;
10. Requires that formal reports arising from Standing Committee work be referred to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration and determination by the Full Council;
11. Notes that the relevant Standing Committee Chair may introduce or speak to the Committee's recommendations at the Ordinary Meeting of Council, while the responsible Council officer presents the officer report to Council; and

12. Requests the Chief Executive Officer prepare draft Terms of Reference for each Standing Committee for Council's consideration at a future Ordinary Meeting.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution – 260722.15 – Late Business – LGAQ Annual Conference – Submission of Motions

That the following motions for the LGAQ Annual Conference be approved:

- Motion 1 – Standardised Cultural Heritage Policy for Local Governments
- Motion 2 – Cultural Heritage Training for Local Government Sector
- Motion 3 – Qld Electoral Boundary Redistribution
- Motion 4 – Imminent Changes to Provision of Landline Service
- Motion 5 – Regional and Remote Industrial Land Activation Fund

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

1. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Status Report as at 17 August 2026.

11.01 Status Report

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Status Report as at 17 August 2026.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 260831.09 5/0

Attendance

Leonard Locke left the meeting from 11.55am to 12.09pm.

Leonard Locke left the meeting at 12.10pm.

Shannon Moren left the meeting from 12.14pm to 12.16pm.

11.02 Chief Executive Officer Report

DEPARTMENT:	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Zachary Revere; Chief Executive Officer
PREPARED BY:	Zachary Revere; Chief Executive Officer
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	27 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Goal – Good Governance Council develops implements and maintains an effective and compliant governance framework (governance, finance, risk).

1. PURPOSE

To summarise the key actions and updates within the Office of the CEO for the month of July 2026.

2. UPDATES

Chief Executive Officer

Strategic Advocacy and Regional Collaboration

Planning has commenced for future State, Federal and regional delegations to support advocacy priorities for Burke Shire and the broader Gulf region.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Darwin Delegation	Initial discussions held regarding a delegation involving the Cross Border Commissioner, Gulf Savannah Development, Frank Shadforth from Seven Emu, and relevant Northern Territory local governments regarding Savannah Way and Highway 1 advocacy.	In Progress	Engage relevant stakeholders and develop draft delegation agenda and advocacy objectives.
Brisbane Delegations Post-2026/27 Budget	Planning for Council's post-budget Brisbane delegation has been completed, with a targeted advocacy calendar developed to align with the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils event in Brisbane. Meeting requests have been issued and the delegation schedule has been secured, providing Council with an opportunity to directly progress its key advocacy priorities with relevant State Ministers and Government	Scheduled	Attend scheduled meetings and progress Council's identified advocacy priorities with relevant Ministers and Government representatives. Following the delegation, document outcomes, commitments and required follow-up actions for Council.
Brisbane Delegations Pre-2027/28 Budget	Listed for future action.	Not Proceeding	Listed for future action.

Economic Development

Council discussions have focused on long-term regional economic opportunities, tourism activation opportunities and strategic land development considerations.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Burketown North Expansion	Initial discussions commenced internally regarding acquisition opportunities in the cemetery area on the western side of the road. Future development opportunities in northern Burketown were raised during early strategic discussions with the Director-General of the Department of Regional Development. Discussions focused on potential growth opportunities, funding pathways and opportunities to support future expansion.	In Progress	Investigate land tenure, acquisition pathways and strategic development constraints.
Burketown South Development	Discussions commenced internally regarding revisiting development opportunities. Future development opportunities in southern Burketown were raised during early strategic discussions with the Director-General of the Department of Regional Development. Discussions focused on potential growth opportunities, funding pathways and opportunities to support future expansion.	Early Planning	Review previous proposals and test State appetite for development facilitation.
Housing and Population Strategy Development	Council has continued formal engagement with the Department of Housing and Public Works regarding development of the Housing and Population Strategy and the work required to position future housing projects for State Government support. The Housing and Population Strategy Action Group has met for the first time and identified a number of priority workstreams to progress the Strategy. Council also briefed the Minister for Housing during its Brisbane delegation, outlining the need for a longer-term partnership approach to housing delivery in Burke Shire. Discussions were positive and included Council's proposed staged approach to increasing housing supply, with existing and serviceable land around Firefly Street identified as the initial focus. The broader Burketown North expansion remains a longer-term strategic growth opportunity, requiring progressive planning, land, infrastructure and stakeholder engagement to prepare the area for future development.	In Progress	Continue engagement with the Department of Housing and Public Works to progress the Housing and Population Strategy and identify opportunities for State partnership and future housing delivery. Progress planning and land investigations associated with the initial housing opportunities, while commencing the longer-term strategic planning required for Burketown North. Following the restructure of Council's committee framework, allocate the Housing and Population Strategy and associated Action Group to the relevant committee to provide ongoing Councillor oversight and strategic input.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	Master planning remains an essential function for the projects progression.		
Residential Planning Controls and Master Planning	Council has commenced a review and planning discussions regarding long-term residential development outcomes within Burketown, particularly around Firefly Street and future growth areas. Concerns were raised by Councillors regarding the risk of inappropriate residential outcomes, including shed-style dwellings, dongas and light industrial-style residential development inconsistent with Council's desired long-term vision for the township. External planning advice received from RPS Consulting has confirmed that the current planning scheme and building approval framework provides a reasonable level of control regarding residential dwelling standards and inappropriate development outcomes. Discussions have also reinforced the importance of progressing future Burketown and Gregory master planning processes to further guide built form, residential character, flood resilience, tourism activation and long-term development outcomes throughout the Shire.	In Progress	Continue progressing Burketown and Gregory master planning investigations, identify opportunities to strengthen planning controls where required, and prepare future strategic planning and land use recommendations for Council consideration.
Agricultural Industry Business Case	The Agricultural Industry Business Case Action Group has met for the first time and commenced identifying the key workstreams required to progress the project. The Action Group identified an opportunity to engage with universities, agricultural colleges and other research institutions to explore a potential partnership approach to developing the evidence base and technical work required for the Business Case. Given the specialist agricultural, research and technical expertise required, early contact has commenced with several institutions to determine whether the project could provide an applied research opportunity while supporting Council to better define the workstreams required. Relevant State Ministers have been briefed on Council's ambitions to grow the agricultural industry within Burke Shire, with positive interest received. The Coordinator-General has also been briefed, including on the relationship between	In Progress	Continue engagement with universities, agricultural colleges and research institutions to identify a suitable technical or research partnership and further define the scope and evidence requirements for the Business Case. Through the Action Group, continue developing the key agricultural, water, land, infrastructure, policy and investment workstreams required to underpin the project, while maintaining engagement with State Government and industry regarding enabling infrastructure and opportunities to support private-sector agricultural development.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	future agricultural development and broader enabling infrastructure priorities such as the Port of Karumba, regional transport connections and strategic bridge infrastructure required to support reliable year-round industry. Council has also continued advocacy regarding relevant State agricultural development initiatives, with an increasing focus on how Council and Government can work with existing landholders and private industry to reduce barriers, better understand risk and create the conditions for proponents willing to invest in new agricultural opportunities within the Shire.		Following the restructure of Council's committee framework, allocate the Agricultural Industry Business Case and associated Action Group to the relevant committee to provide ongoing Councillor oversight and strategic input.

Airport and Aviation Operations

Council continues planning for long-term airport sustainability, aviation service delivery and future infrastructure requirements at Burketown and Gregory.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Burketown Airport Office and Hangars	Discussions commenced regarding future office and hangar infrastructure opportunities.	Early Planning	Seek funding pathways for design, concept development and construction planning.

Energy Resilience and Sustainability

Council has continued discussions regarding improving local energy resilience, reducing operational power costs and exploring renewable energy opportunities across Council facilities and communities.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Solar on Council Assets	Council successfully secured external grant funding to support the installation of solar infrastructure across Council-owned assets. Preliminary discussions have commenced regarding project scope, delivery options and the prioritisation of facilities to maximise operational savings, energy resilience and long-term financial benefits.	In Progress	Determine the extent of project delivery, confirm priority sites for installation, finalise project scope and delivery methodology, and commence implementation planning in accordance with the approved funding agreement.
Gregory Power Resilience	Discussions held regarding small-cell solar and community battery options for Gregory.	In Progress	Seek technical advice, identify grant funding opportunities and develop a preliminary concept. Locate archival records and review findings for relevance

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
			to current energy and tourism opportunities.
Burketown Community Battery	Community battery opportunity identified for Burketown.	Early Planning	Undertake preliminary investigations and test alignment with energy resilience funding.

Disaster Management and Resilience

Significant focus continues to be placed on strengthening disaster preparedness, flood resilience, supply chain continuity and operational readiness ahead of future wet seasons.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Albert River Flood Study	Discussions held regarding the need to secure funding for a flood study to consider changes to Albert River approaches to reduce flooding impacts.	Early Planning	Investigate opportunities and define the study scope. Prepare for Bush Council Delegation and future delegation efforts.
River Gauge Technology	Discussions commenced regarding sonar or radar river gauge options, including potential trials on creeks along Floraville Road.	In Progress	Investigate technical feasibility, trial sites and supplier options. LGAQ Innovation Manager potential to be involved.
DDMG Wet Season Debrief Response	Need identified to understand what did and did not work well during the 2025/26 wet season, including fuel availability for aviation and power generation. Opportunity identified to run a pre-wet season workshop for local businesses and rural properties on how resupply works.	In Progress	Finalise Council feedback and identify practical recommendations for future disaster planning. Work with Ernie as DDMG Chair and develop workshop agenda, stakeholder list and communications plan for workshop.
Gregory Emergency Storage	Need identified for storage at Gregory to support disaster and operational resilience. Cold storage options discussed, noting private business opportunities but also risks associated with energy reliability. Council may be able to seek funding for purchase and solar power to reduce running costs.	Early Planning	Define storage requirements, location options and funding pathways. Investigate feasibility, funding options and operational risks.

Budget and Strategic Planning

Council has continued progressing budget-linked planning, priority project development and post-budget engagement preparations.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Cliffdale Station Information	Action identified to provide Cliffdale Station information to Sean Dillon MP as raised through LGAQ communication.	In Progress	Prepare and provide relevant information to support advocacy or follow-up.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Post-Budget Road Trip		Concluded	
Priority Projects List 2026-2027		Concluded	
Health and Wellbeing Precinct – Stage 2	Council has commenced reviewing the future staging approach for the Health and Wellbeing Precinct project, including separating the existing Stage 2 concept into revised Stage 2 and Stage 3 delivery phases. Current discussions recognise the gym component as a higher short-term priority, with aquatic infrastructure and pool delivery identified as a longer-term strategic objective requiring separate planning and funding pathways.	In Progress	Finalise revised staging framework, identify priority funding opportunities for gym delivery and commence longer-term planning investigations for future aquatic infrastructure delivery.

Roads and Operational Infrastructure

Operational discussions have continued regarding Floraville Road works, local material utilisation opportunities and road safety improvements.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Creek and Crossing QR Code Storytelling Initiative	Initial concept discussions commenced regarding the installation of QR codes on creek and crossing name signage throughout Burke Shire to provide historical, cultural and community information explaining how individual creeks, crossings and locations received their names. The initiative is intended to support tourism storytelling, local history preservation and broader visitor engagement across the Shire road network.	Early Planning	Identify priority creek and crossing locations, commence collection of local historical and cultural information, and investigate signage design and QR code implementation opportunities.
Asset Management Framework Implementation	Council commenced development of six-monthly Works Depot Work Plans to improve operational planning and visibility of maintenance activities. While the exercise provided some value, it became evident that the approach did not provide the long-term strategic asset management framework required to effectively manage Council's infrastructure portfolio. With the appointment of a new Director of Engineering, Council has identified the implementation of a comprehensive asset management framework as a strategic priority. Rather than continuing standalone	In Progress	Progress the staged implementation of Council's Asset Management Framework, commencing with the review and refinement of Council's existing Asset Management Policy and the development of Levels of Service for each major asset class. The Levels of Service will establish the standard of service Council intends to provide and will form the

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	works plans, future operational planning will be driven through structured asset management planning that links service expectations, asset condition, maintenance requirements, renewal planning and long-term financial sustainability. This work will build upon Council's existing Asset Management Policy and establish a more mature asset management framework across the organisation.		foundation for a suite of Departmental Asset Management Plans covering key asset classes, including: • Roads and drainage • Water supply • Sewerage • Buildings and facilities • Parks and open spaces • Airport infrastructure • Plant and fleet • Waste management infrastructure • Other critical community infrastructure These Departmental Asset Management Plans will replace the former six-monthly Works Depot Plans as Council's primary operational planning documents. They will identify asset condition, maintenance requirements, renewal priorities, lifecycle risks, intervention standards and long-term capital requirements for each asset class. Collectively, these plans will inform the development of a consolidated 10-Year Asset Management Strategy, providing Council with a structured framework for investment, renewal planning, service delivery and long-term financial sustainability. This framework will enable operational decisions to be driven by agreed service levels, asset performance and lifecycle planning rather than reactive maintenance alone.
Tirranna Crossing Warning Lights and Road Status Signage		Concluded	
Cattle Grid Renewal and Road Safety Program	A number of ageing and narrow cattle grids across the Shire road network have been identified as potential traffic hazards	In Progress	Review the scope of the planned DRFA-funded road works west of Hell's Gate to determine whether identified

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	requiring progressive replacement with contemporary, wider grid infrastructure. Several cattle grids between Gregory and Boodjamulla National Park, including around the Lawn Hill Station turn-off, have already been scoped and incorporated into current works programs. Contractors are progressively undertaking these upgrades, with further works expected over the coming months. Additional cattle grids west of Hell's Gate through to the Northern Territory border have been identified as requiring assessment and potential replacement.		cattle grid replacements are currently included and, where they are not, investigate whether they can appropriately be incorporated into the project scope. Undertake a broader assessment of cattle grids across the Shire, including those associated with stock routes, and ensure these assets are appropriately captured within Council's developing asset management framework. This should include consideration of appropriate Levels of Service, inspection requirements, condition assessment, renewal standards and long-term replacement planning.

Waste Management and Landfill Operations

Council has continued progressing strategic waste management planning, including redevelopment planning for the Gregory Unsupervised Bin Site and preliminary regional waste collaboration discussions with Cloncurry Shire Council.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Gregory Unsupervised Bin Site Redevelopment	Early redesign and scoping work commenced to transition the site into a formal unsupervised bin site. Initial project management responsibilities assigned to relevant project and operational staff. Early stage quotations, concept designs and planning investigations are underway for future Council consideration and inclusion in the 2026-2027 Budget. Cleanaway has commenced remediation activities at the Gregory Unsupervised Bin Site, with an initial collection of general waste completed and significant progress made in addressing historic issues. A subsequent collection was delayed following a mechanical breakdown of the contractor's vehicle. During excavation activities, larger-than-anticipated volumes of waste were identified, indicating that it may require further assessment.	In Progress	Finalise preliminary concepts, quotations and scope of works for future Council presentation and budget consideration. Continue working with Cleanaway to complete the removal of remaining waste once vehicle repairs are completed. Undertake a further site inspection to assess the extent of waste, review remediation requirements and costs, and determine the most appropriate long-term remediation strategy for the site.
Cans for Kindy Recycling Initiative	Initial discussions and concept development have been undertaken	Early Planning	Engage with key stakeholders, including the kindergarten and

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	regarding the establishment of a Cans for Our Kindy recycling initiative, aimed at supporting local fundraising opportunities while improving recycling and waste diversion outcomes within the community. Responsibility for progressing the concept has now been delegated to the Economic Development, Community and Communications Manager, who will work with relevant stakeholders to further develop and implement the initiative.		relevant community groups, finalise the operating model for the initiative, identify collection and processing arrangements, and progress implementation of the program.

Organisational Development

Council has commenced a structured response to the organisational culture audit and is progressing steps towards a new organisational culture program.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Response to Organisational Culture Audit		Concluded	
Management Team Development and Leadership Upskilling	The Manager of People and Culture and Chief Executive Officer met with representatives from the Australian Institute of Management (AIM) and the Institute of Executive Coaching and Leadership (IECL) to explore opportunities to strengthen leadership capability, coaching skills and professional development across the organisation. IECL is an internationally recognised coaching and leadership development provider and delivers International Coaching Federation (ICF) accredited coach education and advanced team coaching programs. Discussions focused on the development of a tailored leadership and management capability program for Burke Shire Council, including executive coaching, team development, leadership masterclasses and structured professional development pathways for managers and emerging leaders. The initiative forms part of Council's broader commitment to investing in its people, building internal capability and supporting long-term organisational sustainability through workforce development.	In Progress	Work with AIM and IECL to design a tailored leadership development program for Council's Executive Management Team and managers, incorporating coaching, mentoring and capability development initiatives. Progress development of an internal mentoring framework and a supervisor development pathway to support future succession planning, strengthen leadership capability across the organisation and create opportunities for employees to progress into management roles over time.

Financial Services and Information Technology

Major focus in July 2026 for Financial Services was as follows:

- Currently revising council FBT and updating FBT returns with EIJ Accounting.
- QAO external audit final – preparation of financial accounts.
- Debt collection follow up (both rating and general debtors).
- Marsh – Commenced reviewing Comprehensive Valuations.
- Commenced scoping and implementation planning for migration of accounting and council ERP system due to the information received about the future of PCS from provider – a more detailed overview of the matter will be addressed in due course. \$250k budgeted for 2026/2027 to commence process from July 2026.
- Assisting with Zoning and Building Ordinance program with Shannon Moren for Gregory.
- Community Consultation Facilitation.
- Assisting with implementation of Child Safe Policies with Madison Marshall and review of overall governance.
- Reviewing RoPS Submissions and Panel review of half year RoPS with Peak Services and review of contracts and departures.
- Delivering Budget briefings to staff (management with supervisors and outdoor staff set for August).

Major focus in July 2026 for Technology Services was as follows:

- AI Weather and Environmental Monitoring Stations – relationship terminated with provided via Telstra – seeking grant extension with NEMA currently to repurposes.
- Gregory Starlink SD-WAN deployment in progress – System testing commenced Mid-August
- Implementing Gearbelt cloud fleet management system/software – QR coding being installed to vehicles and briefed officers involved and resolving device issues.
- \$50k grant award for AI CCTV solution from the IDF (LGAQ) – contact with provider – site visit to commence September due to travel and accommodation availability.
- Investigating options for the delivery of an AI readiness Assessment – to be included in a larger IDF grant submission involving the implementation of Co-Pilot Developer.
- Investigating options for further Vendor Cyber-risk training based on QAO prescriptions due to recently reported industry breaches.
- Reviewing ICT Asset listings.
- Multiple ICT system repairs and deployments carried in in August.

People and Culture

EBA related

- The next JCC Meeting is scheduled for 6 August

Policies

- Nil – pending JCC Meeting approval

Positions advertised

- Director of Corporate
- General Operators and Labourers
- Water Operator
- Finance and Procurement Officer
- Economic and Community Development Administration Officer
- Administration Officer

New employees

- Mazen Al Daghestani
- Clairice MacNamara
- Anthony Punch

Terminations

- Aidan El Majda
- Kristy Chong
- Christopher Wilson
- Lionel Kum Sing
- Lahleejah Yanner

Training and Professional Development

- Face-to-face Microsoft Office training (Outlook, Word, Excel)
- Level 1-2 Bridge Inspection
- Respiratory Fit Testing

Community, Economic Development and Communications Manager**Communications**

Ensuring communications represent Council in a professional manner and promotes the Shire as the place to live, play and invest.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Media Library	A Shire wide trip is planned for the near future to build a media library. This will allow photos and videos to be available for tenders, promotions, media, training and tourism. Each year this will be repeated ensuring the availability of fresh content.	Planning	Waiting for a 2 week wide window.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Branding	Branding is a very important part of any organization, we are in the process of setting up templates to ensure a consistent message that delivers a professional image across all aspects of Council	Ongoing	In progress.
Signage	New signage is being developed for the Visitor Information Centre (VIC). This will allow easier to read information boards, clear signage and will be introducing a Happy Croc to enhance a welcoming and relatable feel.	In progress	Awaiting the vacancy of the VIC building before existing signage can be removed and updated.
Tourism Signage	Council has received a \$28,750.00 NWQ Economic Diversification Strategy Grant for the upgrade of Tourism signage. An audit is underway to identify signs in need of replacement including size, and fixing measurements. Designs will be inline with councils direction to lift the standard of assets, increase brand awareness, and tell the story of our celebrated history. It is hoped that all signed bridges will have new signage with QR codes that will go into greater depths of the history of each. Depending on the budget, a new "Welcome to Burketown" sign is proposed for the Hell's Grate road border, something that will be a bucket list photo opportunity	In progress	Tour identified signage, measure and photograph. Update designs. Send out 3 quote requests. This is a time critical project as we are operating under an extension.

Economic Development

Council discussions have focused on long-term regional economic opportunities, tourism activation opportunities and strategic land development considerations.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Century Mine Engagement	Discussions held regarding a potential future site visit and regional engagement opportunity.	In Progress	Waiting on Century for a proposed date
Remote Education	Met with the founder of Country Universities regarding the needs of further education in Burke. Toured different facilities and put forward a proposal to set up a dedicated further education	In discussions	Set up a meeting with JCU to discussed utilizing their facility in Burketown as part of further education. Other options or additions are the hall and VIC depending on what courses are

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	facility servicing the Gulf based in Burketown.		identified. Of strong interest is agriculture and health.
Burketown Information Centre Reactivation	Following confirmation that Council will resume operation of the Burketown Information Centre, the Economic Development, Community and Communications Manager prepared a detailed reactivation and commercialisation plan for the facility. The proposal includes establishment of an automated and unstaffed visitor information hub, reactivation of tourism services, implementation of a commercial tenancy Expression of Interest process, development of a flexible co-working space, and activation of broader tourism and economic development opportunities associated with the site. The plan also identifies required maintenance, compliance works, cleaning and building preparation activities necessary to return the facility to operational use. Have applied for iSite accreditation, we have failed to meet the criteria in the pass but we are hopeful we may be able to work through their concerns. This will allow us to use the i logo and be an accredited information centre.	In Progress	Progress implementation of the reactivation plan, undertake required maintenance and compliance works, establish the automated visitor information hub, prepare the facility for commercial occupation, and commence an Expression of Interest process to secure a suitable tenant or operator for the site. Designing updated information boards.
Investment Prospectus	As a priority, a new investment prospectus will be developed targeting new business development, agriculture, tourism, and resources.	In progress	The draft is well underway, with a target for completion being October 2026

Communities

Focusing on developing a more inclusive community and exploring events and programs that incorporate both the urban and rural families.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
Mud Mates & Motorheads	Established a community event targeting mental health and social connection across the shire and wider Gulf community. The Mud Mates & Motorheads Manual	In progress	Planning underway for a two day, early dry season event in Burketown featuring a vehicle exhibition on day one, followed

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	Challenge launches prior to the wet season, introducing a \$10 registration to build manually powered vehicles from salvaged farm equipment, old bikes and anything else that can be begged, borrowed or repurposed. The Mud Mates & Motorheads Members Facebook Group allows participants and families to collaborate, share ideas, and solve design challenges while working in their sheds over the wet season. . This is not about money or what you have, it's about mateship, sharing ideas and competing in an all out, mud covered event. This event will be promoted to locals extending out to the wider Gulf community. There is interest from other organisations' that also wish to be involved.		by racing and a mud covered obstacle course on day two. Will meet with local organisations' to discuss combining events which would increase turnout for both. There will be prizes for adults 1st \$2,000 2nd \$1,000 3rd \$500 and under 16's 1st \$1,000 2 nd \$500 3rd \$250
Order of The Outback Ball	The team have been busy finalizing sponsors, catering, details for guests as well as decorating the hall.	In progress	Still waiting for the last of the sponsorship to come in, finalizing the layout and decorations. locking in numbers
Movie in the Park Calendar	Utilizing existing council assets, Council will be holding movies in the park.	Planning	Equipment is being tested including the brightness of the projector Quotes are being secured for a new projector and screen. This will allow for easier setup and more portability. The new projector will be able to be used in lighter conditions allowing operations in early evenings. Licencing will be
Revenue Diversification	A feasibility is being developed for a Micro Village which will target long term residents, tour operators and fishing clubs for members. Initially, we are looking at 40 sites with amenities. If successful, 40sites could generate a steady income for Council offsetting lost revenue from the closure of Century Mine. Sites would be on a 12 month lease at \$300 0 per week which would generate up to \$ \$624,000 pa for Council. The concept allows for a fixed percentage to	Feasibility Stage	Working on costings to ascertain feasibility Working through options for the site, historic flood levels, impact and the change of use. It is hoped that a draft concept will be ready for Council by October 2026. Feedback sought from council is their view on the benefits to the community, the economic benefits for Council, long term investment opportunities for both Council and participating entities. It will also provide information on how the site will allow certainty for future development and tourism with

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
			regards to accommodation and the reduction in costs on projects.
Gregory Tennis Courts	The tennis courts in Gregory are not in a fit state for use. A quote was received in 2011 and again in 2023 for \$669,500 from Advantage Sports & Leisure. We are now in discussions with Tennis Queensland to discuss options including resurfacing and the suitability of sports tiles which are used across a number of remote locations from Broom to Cairns. Feedback from the Mayor's Road Trip was that they would be predominately used in the evenings, so we will also look at lighting options ensuring they are fit for purpose.	In progress	Awaiting for another couple of quotes and to discuss options with Tennis Queensland. Applying for Sport and Recreation Community Facilities Recovery Initiative funding.

July 2026 Events

Community General

- Food Van: Once an electrical certificate is issued, the van can then be prepped for service. Council have been approached by a local business to lease the van.

Project Works

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Burketown Information Centre Reactivation	Following confirmation that Council will resume operation of the Burketown Information Centre, the Economic Development, Community and Communications Manager prepared a detailed reactivation and commercialisation plan for the facility. The proposal includes establishment of an automated and unstaffed visitor information hub, reactivation of tourism services, implementation of a commercial tenancy Expression of Interest process, development of a flexible co-working space, and activation of broader tourism and economic development opportunities associated with the site. The plan also identifies required maintenance, compliance works, cleaning and building preparation activities necessary to return the facility to operational use.	In Progress	Progress implementation of the reactivation plan, undertake required maintenance and compliance works, establish the automated visitor information hub, prepare the facility for commercial occupation, and commence an Expression of Interest process to secure a suitable tenant or operator for the site.
Burketown Bore	Following discussions with the Department, advisors and council management are considering shifting away from immediate	In progress	Review these funding and regulatory risks, after which the exemption application

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	rehabilitation or replacement grant funding. Instead, they plan to apply for an exemption and a water licence variation to change the licence purpose to "Environmental," allowing the current uncontrolled bore to remain non-water-tight for a 10-year period (maintaining the status quo roughly until 2036) and avoiding physical damage to the tourism mound asset.		and water licence variation will be amended and lodged, keeping future rehabilitation funding options open without tying the application to a new controlled bore.

Corporate Services and Governance

- Attended the QPS Disaster Management Stakeholder Engagement Workshop in Mount Isa with the Mayor and CEO.
- Met with Get Ready Queensland to discuss potential community preparedness activities for Burke Shire. A funding application has been submitted, with planning and preparations underway for an activity proposed for early October.
- Completed and submitted required 2025–26 Library funding reporting and acquittal documentation.
- Assisted with the planning and coordination of the Mayor's Road Trip.

Planned / Upcoming

- Work on implementation and rollout of the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme, including associated policies, procedures and organisational requirements.
- Undertake a review of Council delegations.
- Progress scheduled policy reviews and updates.
- Continue planning and preparations for the proposed Get Ready Queensland activity in early October.

Other

- Kristy Chong finished with Council.
- Clairice MacNamara came onboard as a casual and is now fulltime in the role.
- Bek and Clairice undertook Microsoft Office Training.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Chief Executive Officer's Report for July 2026.

11.02 Chief Executive Officer Report

- 1. That Council receives and notes the contents of the Chief Executive Officer’s Report for July 2026; and**
- 2. That Council:**
 - i. Determines, for the purposes of the Burke Shire Council Committees Standard Terms of Reference, that the predominant purpose of the Housing and Population Strategy 2027-2030 relates to housing planning, residential land supply and housing-enabling infrastructure, and refers the matter to the Infrastructure, Planning and Projects Committee; and**
 - ii. Determines, for the purposes of the Burke Shire Council Committees Standard Terms of Reference, that the predominant purpose of the Agricultural Industry Business Case relates to water security, productive water use and associated enabling infrastructure, and refers the matter to the Water, Waste and Energy Committee.**

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 260831.10 5/0

Attendance

Cr Yanner left the meeting at 12.43pm.

11.03 Finance Monthly Update Report

DEPARTMENT:	Finance and Technology
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Shaun Jorgensen; Director of Finance and Technology
PREPARED BY:	Shaun Jorgensen; Director of Finance and Technology
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	16 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Operational Plan 2026-27 Council Budget 2026-27

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report has been constructed to provide a snapshot of the progress of council's operations (financial) against budget targets at 30 June 2027 as adopted by the council budget. The below report will focus on providing information to key decision makers in regards to key metrics, trends and actuals for the month ended July 2026.

2. SUMMARY

Council's cash was down by \$10.419mil by the end of July 2026.

Overall council's reporting shows a budget position of 3.84% expended to date. At this stage it is the first month of operations for the new year so movements are currently minimal.

The following report will cover off on the following key areas (in order) of the list:

1. Overall Operating Summary (Actual v Budget)
2. Statement of Cash Flows
3. Statement of Income and Expenditure
4. Organisational Services Performance
5. Statement of Financial Position
6. Rating Arrears Summary
7. Exercise of Delegations
8. Officer's Recommendations

3. OVERALL OPERATING SUMMARY (ACTUAL V BUDGET)

The below summary shows a brief snapshot of how council is tracking in the current year against the budget for the year as adopted by council for the 30 June 2027.

Overall Financial Performance	Note Ref	Year To Date Actual	Annual Budget (Target)	YTD Progress %
Operating Revenue	(1)	3,765,467	139,078,000	3%
Operating Expenses	(2)	5,480,059	142,676,150	4%
Operating Result (Profit/Loss)	-	1,714,592	- 3,598,150	48%
Capital Revenue	(3)	-	64,976,000	0%
Net Result	-	1,714,592	61,377,850	-3%

Assets & Liabilities		Year To Date Actual	Annual Budget (Target)
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(4)	54,390,212	32,723,963
Other Current Assets	(5)	5,130,619	1,402,000
Non Current Assets	(6)	192,594,308	243,713,937
Total Assets		252,115,139	277,839,900
Liabilities (Current)	(7)	53,062,588	20,190,000
Liabilities (Non Current)	(8)	937,681	930,000
Total Liabilities		54,000,269	21,120,000
Net Community Assets		198,114,871	256,719,900

Sustainability Outlook¹

*Financial Sustainability Ratios and Measures of Sustainability	Target	Current Month YTD	Prior Month
¹ Operating Surplus Ratio (%)	Between 0% and 10%	-46%	5%
² Working Capital Ratio	Greater than 1:1	1.1	1.3
³ Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	Less than 60%	-172%	-17%

*Ratios are currently distorted as accruals represent significant distortions in reporting figures.

Notes:

- (1) **Operating Revenues** - Noted that primary grant revenue recognition was from \$3.504mil DRFA funding recorded during the month.
- (2) **Operating Expenses** - Refer to the operational cost dissection per section of this report. Note that accrued expenses journals are yet to be posted for 30 June 2026 ahead of audit and are currently distorted the reported figures. These journals will be posted pre-external audit commencement and corrected for the August 2026 council report.
- (3) **Capital Revenue** - Currently no revenue is recognised due to the first month of operations, however \$6.488mil of works has been completed on the Airport and will be recognised in the August 2026 finance report at this stage.
- (4,5,6,7,8) - Accounts relate to balance sheet movements, all of which will move in correlation to Council operating movements; as such no items by exception to report at this stage.

¹Definitions

¹ The working capital ratio: measures council's ability to offset short term obligations with current assets.

² The net financial liabilities ratio: measures council's ability to increase borrowings where necessary.

³ The operating surplus ratio: measures council's ability to cover operational costs through operational revenues.

4. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The below statement shows a comparison between the cashflow of July 2025 in the previous year v July 2026 actuals v the budgeted estimated cashflow for 30 June 2027.

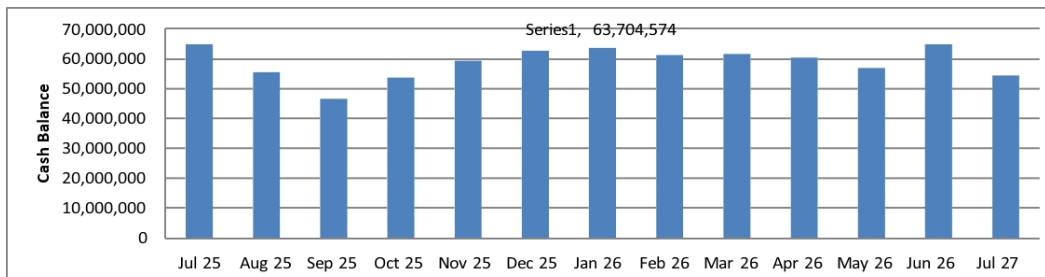
For the month ended 31 July 2026

	Note Ref	31 July 2025 \$	31 July 2026 \$	2026-27 Annual Budget \$	YTD Progress %
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Receipts from customers	(1)	(2,053,730)	(297,779)	9,460,432	-3%
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2)	(17,806,426)	(3,697,819)	(163,767,158)	2%
		(19,860,157)	(3,995,598)	(154,306,727)	3%
Rental Income	(3)	22,098	17,374	234,000	7%
Interest Received	(4)	274,559	220,888	1,538,000	14%
Operating Grants and Contributions	(5)	2,575	376,508	131,932,000	0%
Finance Costs		0	0	-	0%
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities		(19,560,926)	(3,380,828)	133,704,000	-3%
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	(6)	(882,632)	(7,039,169)	(68,918,000)	10%
Net movement on loans and advances		0	0	0	0%
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		0	0	40,000	0%
Capital Grants and Subsidies	(7)	88,182	0	64,936,000	0%
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities		(794,450)	(7,039,169)	(3,942,000)	179%
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0	0	0%
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0	0	0%
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities		0	0	0	0%
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(8)	(20,355,376)	(10,419,996)	(24,544,727)	42%
Cash at beginning of reporting period		87,640,757	64,810,209	57,268,690	113%
Cash at end of reporting period	(8)	67,285,381	54,390,212	32,723,962	166%

Cash and Cash Equivalents Summary

Cash & Cash Equivalents	Effective Interest Rate	YTD Interest Earnings	Cash Balance
QTC Cash Fund	5.23%	220,888	50,894,749
Westpac General Fund - Trust	-	-	3,495,180
Cash Floats	-	-	283
Total			54,390,212

Cash and Cash Equivalents Movement Comparison Chart



Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted Cash (IAS 7)

Total Cash on hand	\$ 54,390,212.20	%
Restricted Cash - DRFA Operating Grants	\$ 26,332,513.03	48.41%
Restricted Cash - Non-DRFA Operating Grants	\$ 349,845.48	0.64%
Restricted Cash - Capital Grants	\$ 23,862,609.32	43.87%
GST Payable	-\$ 1,145,209.91	-2.11%
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 4,990,454.28	9.18%
Contract Assets - Cash to be received by 30 June 2026		
LRCI 2 and 3	\$ 323,000.00	<i>Director to Finalise with Department</i>
Insurance	\$ 250,000.00	<i>In query with LGM</i>
Airport Betterment QRA Funding	\$ 6,488,023.71	<i>To be reconciled for August 2026</i>
Projected Unrestricted Cash	\$ 12,051,477.99	
Prior Month Projected Unrestricted Cash Balance	\$ 12,080,477.73	
Explanation for Movement:	-\$ 28,999.74	
Minimal movement due to works completed during the month and the potential distortion of accrued expenses. We expect this balance to improve based on 30 June 2026 adjustment to be carried in the coming weeks for year-end balance date/audit.		

Notes to the Statement of Cashflows:

- (1) **Receipts from customers** - First month of new budget year; impacted by revenue accruals to be posted.
- (2) **Payments to suppliers and employees** - Significant amounts spend on DRFA funded works during the month for the 22/23 and 23/24 flood damage program makes up the predominant amount of the monthly movement.
- (3) **Rental Income** - Rental income is on track with budget.
- (4) **Interest Received** - Interest is on track with budget with an effective interest rate provided by the QTC (5.23%); down from 5.28% in June 2026. Council will become progressively less reliant on surplus bank interests over time to fund shortfalls; this has been anticipated as part of the annual budget planning conducted.
- (5) **Operating Grants and Contributions** - Noted that primary grant revenue recognition was from \$3.504mil DRFA funding recorded during the month.
- (6) **Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment** - Main source of expenditure was on the new Burketown Airstrip which makes up \$6.488mil of the balance spent.
- (7) **Capital Grants and Subsidies** - Currently no revenue is recognised due to the first month of operations, however \$6.488mil of works has been completed on the Airport and will be recognised in the August 2026 finance report at this stage.
- (8) **Net Cash Movement** - Council's cash holdings was down by \$10.419mil by the end of July 2026.

5. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

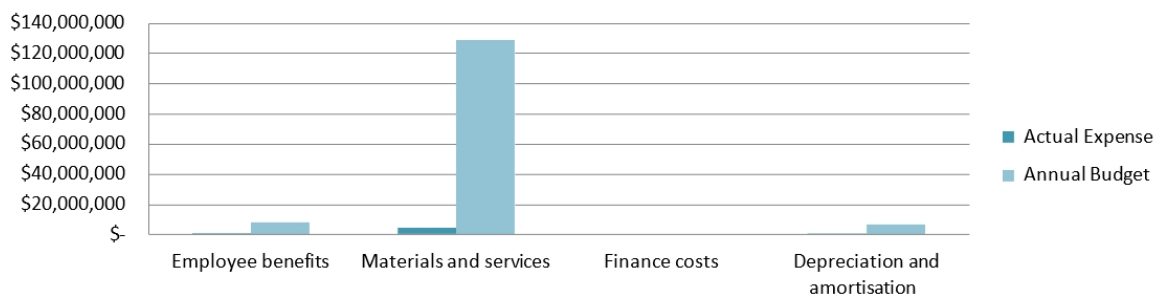
The below statement shows a comparison between the income and expense statement of July 2025 in the previous year v July 2026 actuals v the budgeted income and expenditure for 30 June 2027.

For the month ended 31 July 2026

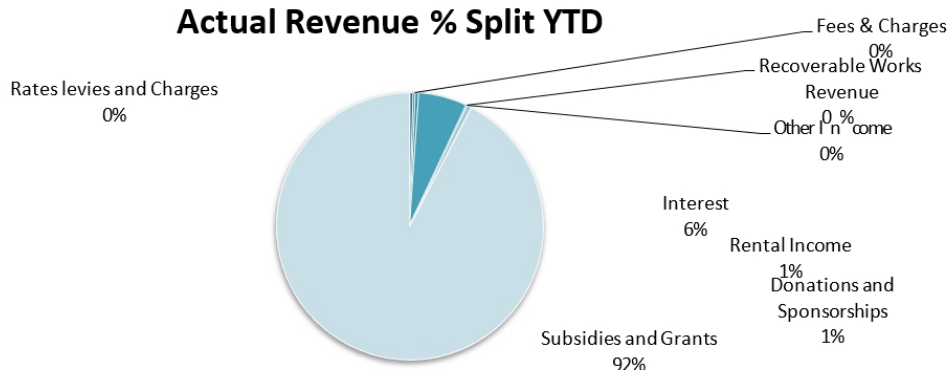
for the month ended 31 July 2026

	Note Ref	31 July 2025 \$	31 July 2026 \$	2026-27 Annual Budget \$	YTD Progress %		
Recurrent Revenue							
Rates levies and Charges		12,425	-	13,947	3,697,000	0%	
Fees & Charges	(1)	11,614		10,695	143,000	7%	
Rental Income	(2)	22,098		17,374	234,000	7%	
Interest	(3)	274,559		220,888	1,538,000	14%	
Recoverable Works Revenue	(4)	227,410		2,816	1,181,000	0%	
Other Income	(5)	10,536		3,647	348,000	1%	
Donations and Sponsorships	(12)	-		19,750	5,000	395%	
Developer Contributions		-		-	-	0%	
Subsidies and Grants	(6)	15,000		3,504,244	131,932,000	3%	
Total Recurrent Revenue		573,641	3,765,467	139,078,000	3%		
Capital Revenue							
Sale of non-current assets	(13)	-		-	40,000	0%	
Contributions		-		-	-	0%	
Subsidies and Grants	(7)	88,182		-	64,936,000	0%	
Total Capital Revenue		88,182	-	64,976,000	0%		
TOTAL INCOME		661,822	3,765,467	204,054,000	2%		
Recurrent Expenses							
Employee benefits	(8)	-	662,160	-	549,635	7,858,000	7%
Materials and services	(9)	-	17,855,878	-	4,395,144	128,387,950	3%
Finance costs	(10)	-	7,790	-	5,264	70,000	8%
Depreciation and amortisation	(11)	-	460,339	-	530,017	6,360,200	8%
TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENSES		-	18,986,167	-	5,480,059	142,676,150	4%
NET RESULT		-	18,324,344	-	1,714,592	61,377,850	-3%

Expenditure Actual v Budget



Actual Revenue % Split YTD



Notes to the Statement of Income and Expenditure:

- (1) **Fees & Charges** - This amount is on track with budget.
- (2) **Rental Income** - Rental income is on track against budget.
- (3) **Interest** - Interest is on track with budget with an effective interest rate provided by the QTC (5.23%); down from 5.28% in June 2026. Council will become progressively less reliant on surplus bank interests over time to fund shortfalls; this has been anticipated as part of the annual budget planning conducted.
- (4) **Recoverable Works Revenue** - Minimal movement to report for the month due to it being the first month of operations for the new year.
- (5) **Other Income** - Minimal movement to report for the month due to it being the first month of operations for the new year.
- (6) **Subsidies and Grants (operating)** - Noted that primary grant revenue recognition was from \$3.504mil DRFA funding recorded during the month.
- (7) **Subsidies and Grants (capital)** - Currently no revenue is recognised due to the first month of operations, however \$6.488mil of works has been completed on the Airport and will be recognised in the August 2026 finance report at this stage.
- (8) **Employee benefits** - In relation to employee benefits costs against the budget, we have currently expended \$549k against a budget of \$7.858mil for the year; this is an actual spend of 6.99% year to date.
- (9) **Materials and services** - Refer to the cost disaggregation in the operating statement. Currently on track with budget overall.
- (10) **Finance costs** - On track with budget.
- (11) **Depreciation and amortisation** - On track with budget.
- (12) **Donations and Sponsorship Revenue** - Donations are made of up amounts contributed to council for the Order of the Outback Ball Event.
- (13) **Sale of non-current assets** - Minimal movement year to date.

6. BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The below report shows the expenditure split between the various organisational departments of council.

It is expected that movements should be no more than 8.33% month on month (100% divided by 12 months).
Benchmark for July 2026 8.33%

% YTD Actual expense v Annual Budget
YTD actual v budget is on track
YTD actual v budget is unfavourable (1%-5% movement larger than expected)
YTD actual v budget requires review (>5% movement larger than expected)

Organisational Services						
	31 July 2025	31 July 2026	2026-27 Annual Budget	YTD Progress %	Comments	
	\$	\$	\$			
Recurrent Expenses						
Corporate Governance Costs	125,784	120,230	1,208,000	9.95%	Slightly over budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Administration Costs	391,033	354,900	4,822,100	7.38%	On track with budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Recoverable Works Expenses	935,668	106,548	915,000	11.64%	Slightly over budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Engineering Services	16,818,526	4,162,037	126,549,000	3.29%	On track with budget. Currently distorted by DRFA budget.	
Utility Services Costs	124,704	95,241	1,093,000	8.71%	Slightly over budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Net Plant Operating Costs	-	100,229	60,186	555,000	10.84%	Slightly over budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.
Planning and Environmental Expenses	18,221	14,083	364,000	3.87%	On track with budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Community Services Costs	204,330	151,925	1,849,850	8.21%	On track with budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Finance Costs	7,790	5,264	70,000	7.52%	On track with budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Depreciation	460,339	530,017	6,360,200	8.33%	On track with budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Other Expenses	-	-	-	0.00%	On track with budget.	
TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENSES	18,986,167	5,480,059	142,676,150	3.84%	On track with budget however this is distorted by QRA funded works. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	
Recoverable Wages (Capital and DRFA)	-	62,176	501,000	12%	On track with budget. Impacted by accruals which are due to be posted for August 2026.	

7. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the month ended 31 July 2026

	31 July 2026	2026-27 Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	54,390,212	32,723,963
Trade and other receivables	2,946,957	1,000,000
Inventories	431,565	300,000
Other financial assets	1,752,098	102,000
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
Total current assets	59,520,831	34,125,963
Non-current Assets		
Receivables	-	-
Net Property, plant and equipment	192,594,308	243,713,937
Intangible assets	-	-
Total non-current assets	192,594,308	243,713,937
TOTAL ASSETS	252,115,139	277,839,900
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	52,569,568	20,000,000
Borrowings	-	-
Provisions	493,020	190,000
Other	-	-
Total current liabilities	53,062,588	20,190,000
Non-current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	0	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	937,681	930,000
Other	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	937,681	930,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,000,269	21,120,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	198,114,872	256,719,900
Community Equity		
Shire capital	39,529,889	104,505,889
Asset revaluation reserve	103,541,131	103,541,131
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	55,043,848	48,672,880
Other reserves	-	-
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	198,114,872	256,719,900

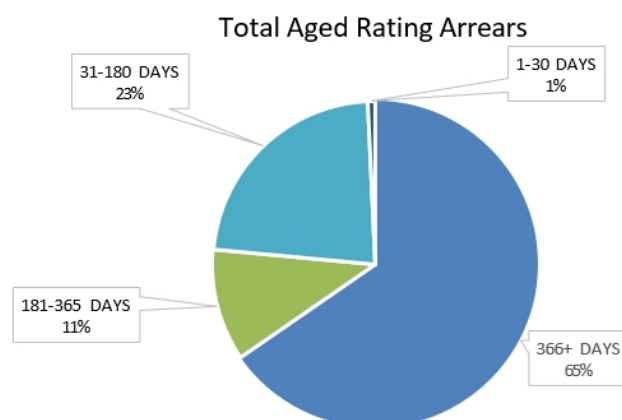
8. RATING ARREARS SUMMARY

The below report shows the outstanding aged rating arrears as at 16 August 2026.

Rating Type	366+ DAYS	181-365 DAYS	31-180 DAYS	1-30 DAYS	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL	69,451	18,248	38,799	858	127,356
SEWERAGE	11,418	4,755	15,699	218	32,090
GARBAGE	8,074	4,115	10,413	155	22,757
WATER	89,146	16,919	32,874	949	139,887
WATER CONSUMPTION	164,440	6,817	6,947	1,215	179,419
STATE GOVT EMERGENCY	3,326	1,114	2,605	48	7,093
LEGAL FEES	1,683	-	-	-	1,683
Rating Sale Adjustment	- 39,346	-	-	-	-
Total	308,193	51,966	107,337	3,443	470,940
Prior Month (May)	323,391	59,397	115,964	6,725	505,478
Movt \$	- 15,198	- 7,431	- 8,627	- 3,282	- 34,538
Movt %	-5%	-13%	-7%	-49%	-7%

Debt Collection Actions Executed for May 2026:

	Number of assessments	Amount Outstanding	Previous Month	Movement
<i>Ratepayers subject to further legal rectification</i>	1	\$ 231,927.16	\$ 230,356.84	\$ 1,570.32
<i>Assessments to progress to Rating Sale</i>	2	\$ 41,584.43	\$ 55,266.96	-\$ 13,682.53
(\$) Sum of Debt Actions in progress		\$ 273,511.59	\$ 285,623.80	-\$ 12,112.21
(%) of Total Rating Arrears		58%	45%	13%
Remaining Arrears Adjusted for On-going Matters		\$ 197,428.55		



9. EXERCISE OF DELEGATIONS

Clause 9 of Council's Rate Debt Recovery Policy determines how debtors can enter into a plan to pay their outstanding debts (rates and charges and other receivables) to Council. Clause 11 delegate's authority to negotiate payment plans to the CEO. The following delegations were exercised.

Debt Write off (Amount written off)	Payment arrangement and repayment term	Authorising officer (CEO)
Nil	Nil	Nil

Debt Write off requested > \$1,000

Nil

10. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the financial report for the 31 July 2026 be received and noted.

11.03 Finance Monthly Update Report

That the financial report for the 31 July 2026 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 260831.11 4/0

Attendance

Cr Yanner entered the meeting at 12.47pm.

11.04 Refresh of Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (Trade Services, and Wet & Dry Plant and Equipment Hire)

DEPARTMENT:	Finance and Technology
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Shaun Jorgensen; Director Finance and Technology
PREPARED BY:	Shaun Jorgensen; Director Finance and Technology
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	13 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Corporate Plan, Good Governance - Council decision-making promotes financial and asset sustainability.

1. PURPOSE

To inform Council of the Tender refresh process conducted and the evaluation outcome to recommend appointment of suppliers meeting the pre-qualification requirements to be included on the following registers:

- 0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-01 - Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers Trade Services
- 0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-02 - Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers Wet & Dry Plant and Equipment Hire

2. BACKGROUND

From April 2026; council engaged the process of refreshing the Burke Shire Council Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (RoPS). The process includes the following steps.

Council Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers Refresh Process:

1. Maintained the Plan and approved RoPS scope, documentation, and evaluation criteria.
2. Advertise the tender publicly via approved channels for at least 21 days.
3. Receive and record submissions securely before the closing date.
4. Open and check compliance of all tenders against mandatory requirements.
5. Evaluate tenders using published criteria and sound contracting principles.
6. Prepare an evaluation report with recommendations for Council or delegated authority.
7. Obtain formal approval through a Council resolution or delegated sign-off.
8. Notify all tenderers of the outcome and offer feedback to unsuccessful suppliers.
9. Establish the RoPS and formally register approved suppliers.
10. Manage and review the RoPS with ongoing performance monitoring and periodic renewals.

Tender Particulars:

The tender Contract base period for each RoPS issued to market is for one (1) year and 3 x one (1) year extension options.

A Tender Refresh clause has been built into each contract, allowing a regular return to the market at set intervals throughout each year to allow for the inclusion of new suppliers to be added to the register (in particular, to support the ongoing addition of new and local businesses).

Pursuant to legislation, and Council's Procurement Policy and Procedure, the abovementioned tender were released to market on 4 June 2026 and closed on 30 June 2026. Of the process conducted:

- There were 10 supplier responses (Trade Services) and 18 supplier responses (Plant Hire)
- Individual Tender evaluations commenced shortly after, and secondary consensus was reached on 31 July 2026
- Of the responses evaluated, 10 suppliers (Trade Services) and 18 suppliers (there are 3 with contract issues to be negotiated) (Plant Hire) were successful (subject to the finalisation of any outstanding Terms and Condition clarifications) in the tables listed below:

Successful Submissions:

FIGURE 1:
0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-01 - Register of Prequalified Suppliers Trade Services
Mikkelsen Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd
Precision Service Locating Pty Ltd
Blackform Contracting Pty Ltd
Arid To Oasis Solutions Pty Ltd
CARPENTARIA ELECTRICAL
AA TAYLORS TREELOPPING
Wattworx Pty Ltd
Allover Downunder
Rwa Electrical & Trade Services Pty Limited
Mount Isa Pest Control

FIGURE 2:**0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-02 - Register of Prequalified Suppliers Wet & Dry Plant and Equipment Hire**

SmithPlant
TM & C WHITE GRADER HIRE
FLEET CREW Commercial Fleet Rental Investments Pty Ltd
Arid To Oasis Solutions Pty Ltd
Ausroad Plant Services Pty Ltd
The Trustee For Wilson Mobile Contracting Unit Trust
United Rentals Australia Pty Ltd
Robinson Civil Constructions FNQ Pty Ltd
Hastings Deering (Australia) Limited
The Stabilising Pty Ltd
Silkwood Sands Pty Ltd
FRENCH'S GRADER HIRE PTY LTD
Arkey Haulage Pty Ltd
Rollers Australia Pty Ltd
DCDL Taylor Family Holdings Pty Ltd, trading as AA Taylors Treelopping
Allover Downunder
Blackform Contracting Pty Ltd
Clinton James Murray

3. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

As this is a register of pre-qualified suppliers with no predefined scopes of work or specific budgetary considerations, expenditure will fall within the relevant areas of Council and their internal budgets as managed by the relevant financial delegates.

4. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Instrument	Reference	Details
Local Government Regulation 2012	Chapter 6 > Section 232	Exception for register of pre-qualified suppliers

5. RISK

Risk Type	What could happen	Possible Consequences
Financial	Inadequate internal financial controls regarding expenditure of adopted budget.	Councils budgeted expenditure being exceeded.
Procurement	Inadequate internal controls regarding execution of the register	Procurement processes not followed: risk assessments not occurring, insurance, licences and qualifications not vetted resulting in suppliers not allocated accordingly

6. CRITICAL DATES & IMPLICATIONS

Resolution is sought at the earliest opportunity in order to provide supplier feedback and implement the contract refresh for Council use as soon as practically possible.

Contract terms will be brought into line with the existing panel arrangements to consolidate all panel contract management activities going forward.

7. CONSULTATION

Councillors

CEO

Director of Finance and Technology Manager

Peak Procurement Services

8. CONCLUSION

The refresh of the Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers provides Council with a compliant, transparent, and efficient mechanism to engage additional suppliers for ongoing goods and services. The recommended suppliers have been evaluated in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and the Local Government Regulation 2012, ensuring value for money, open and effective competition, and support for local business where possible. It is recommended that Council endorse the proposed Refresh of the Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers and approve its implementation for the nominated term.

9. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- A. Appoint the suppliers as identified in Figure 1 and Figure 2 as pre-qualified suppliers to Council's register of pre-qualified suppliers for tenders 0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-01 and 0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-02; and
- B. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, to negotiate and enter into contract, finalise, and execute any and all matters in relation to this procurement activity.

11.04 Refresh of Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (Trade Services, and Wet & Dry Plant and Equipment Hire)

That Council:

- A. Appoint the suppliers as identified in Figure 1 and Figure 2 as pre-qualified suppliers to Council's register of pre-qualified suppliers for tenders 0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-01 and 0280-4202-0002-ADM-0225-02; and
- B. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, to negotiate and enter into contract, finalise, and execute any and all matters in relation to this procurement activity.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260831.12 4/0

Cr Murray did not vote on the matter.

Attendance

Cr Murray left the meeting from 1.00pm to 1.01pm.

Leonard Locke entered the meeting at 1.02pm

Chelsea Nelson left the meeting at 1.06pm.

11.05 Operational Plan 2025-2026 – June 2026 Quarter Review

DEPARTMENT:	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Zachary Revere; Chief Executive Officer
PREPARED BY:	Madison Marshall; Corporate Services and Governance Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	17 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Goal – Good Governance Council develops, implements and maintains an effective and compliant governance framework (Governance, finance, risk)

1. PURPOSE

To provide Council with an outline of progress made through the June 2026 Quarter towards the achievement of Council's 2025/2026 Operational Plan.

2. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Under Section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Chief Executive Officer is required to present a written assessment of the progress made towards implementing the Annual Operational Plan at regular intervals of not more than three months.

The Operational Plan identifies planned activities for the organisation, consistent with the new Corporate Plan 2025-2030 and the annual Budget.

Attached is the update for the June 2026 Quarter review of progress against Council's 2025/2026 Operational Plan for Council consideration.

3. PROPOSAL

That Council receives and notes the contents of the June 2026 Quarter review report of progress towards implementation of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The annual Operational Plan is aligned to the annual budget in accordance with the principal of planning and the provisions of Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2009.

5. RISK

Risk Type	What could happen	Possible consequence
Strategic and operational alignment	Non-alignment between Corporate Plan, Operational Plan and Budget.	Ineffective, inefficient and non-compliant operations.
Compliance	Content requirements of Operational Plan not met.	Compliance

6. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Instrument	Reference	Details
Local Government Act 2009	Section 104 Financial Management systems	5) (a) (v) The system of financial management established by a local government must include an annual operational plan. (5) (b) (vi) financial accountability documents must include a report on the results of an annual review of the implementation of the annual operational plan. (7) A local government must carry out a review of the implementation of the annual operational plan annually.
Local Government Regulation 2012	Division 4 Annual Operational Plan Section 174 Preparation and adoption of the annual operational plan	(1) A local government must prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each financial year. (2) The local government may, but need not, adopt the annual operation plan for a financial year at the same time the local government adopts its budget for the financial year. (3) The chief executive officer must present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months. (4) A local government may, by resolution, amend its annual operational plan at any time before the end of the financial year. (5) A local government must discharge its responsibilities in a way that is consistent with its annual operational plan.
Local Government Regulation 2012	Division 4 Annual Operational Plan Section 175 Annual operational plan contents	(1) The annual operational plan for a local government must— - be consistent with its annual budget; and - state how the local government will— - progress the implementation of the 5-year corporate plan during the period of the annual operational plan; and - manage operational risks

7. CRITICAL DATES & IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the report on progress in implementation of the Operational Plan to be presented to Council at least quarterly.

8. CONSULTATION

The Executive Management Team have contributed to the update of the June Quarter Operational Plan.

This report highlights Council's implementation of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan actions/projects for the June 2026 Quarter of the 2025/2026 Financial Year. Reasonable progress has occurred for the June Quarter.

9. CONCLUSION

This report highlights Council's implementation of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan actions/projects for the June 2026 quarter of the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

10. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the contents of this report and attachments regarding Council's progress towards the implementation of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan for the June 2026 Quarter.

11.05 Operational Plan 2025-2026 – June 2026 Quarter Review

That Council receives and notes the contents of this report and attachments regarding Council's progress towards the implementation of the 2025/2026 Operational Plan for the June 2026 Quarter.

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 260831.13 5/0

Attendance

Chelsea Nelson entered the meeting at 1.09pm.

11.06 Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-2030 – June 2026 Quarter Update

DEPARTMENT:	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Zachary Revere; Chief Executive Officer
PREPARED BY:	Madison Marshall; Corporate Services and Governance Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	17 August 2026
LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN/S:	Burke Shire Council Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-30

1. PURPOSE

To provide the June 2026 Quarter Update on the implementation of the Burke Shire Council Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-30.

2. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Council is required to do a quarterly update on the new 5-year Sports and Recreation Strategy that was adopted by Council 25 June 2025.

The strategy provides Council and the community with a direction on Council's approach to supporting and promoting sport and recreation in the Burke Shire.

3. PROPOSAL

Continue quarterly update of strategy.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A number of items listed for delivery in the Sport and Recreation Strategy are yet to be funded which is an ongoing process.

5. RISK

Risk Type	What could happen	Possible consequence
Resources and Reputation	Council unable to deliver the strategy due to resourcing issues.	Dissatisfaction with Council from key stakeholders: community, funding agencies etc.

6. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Instrument	Reference	Details
Corporate Plan 2025-2030	Goals	Community: Council acts, directly or through facilitation or advocacy, to promote healthy, inclusive and sustainable communities in the Burke Shire.

Instrument	Reference	Details
Corporate Plan 2025-2030	Strategies	Community 1. Council provides facilities, spaces, services, events and activities that promote and support community engagement, health, well-being and sustainability. 2. Council supports and/or partners with organisations, services, events and activities that promote and support community engagement, health, well-being, the inclusion of arts and culture and sustainability. 3. Council acts (directly or through facilitation, advocacy or partnerships) to address accommodation issues that impact on community well-being and sustainability.

7. CRITICAL DATES & IMPLICATIONS

The Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-30 allocates completion timeframes for particular activities. Council's ability to fund these activities is often dependent on receipt of external funding, so these timeframes are, in many cases, aspirational.

8. CONSULTATION

Periodic consultation is taking place between Council and Club and Association representatives:

9. CONCLUSION

Monitoring the implementation of the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-30 helps Council to progress key goals and strategies in the Corporate Plan 2025-30, particularly as these relate to community health, wellbeing and sustainability.

10. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-30 update for the June 2026 Quarter.

11.06 Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-2030 – June 2026 Quarter Update

That Council note and receive the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2025-30 update for the June 2026 Quarter.

Moved: Cr Yanner

Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 260831.14 5/0

12. Closed Session Reports

That Council notes no closed session reports were received for the meeting.

Attendance

Jordan Marshall left the meeting from 1.19pm to 1.20pm.

13. Mayoral Report

I attended the following:

- Gulf Regional Plan – initial session to discuss Plan development and proposed scope between DSDIP representatives, CEO and Mayor – further session will be planned to discuss with whole of Council
- Burke Shire Quiz Night – facilitated by GSD and supported by Council – thanks to all who helped make this night a great one.
- Meeting with Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer – a GSD CRRO initiative
- Interviews Director of Corporate Services shortlisted applicants – with CEO, PCM and Cr Clarke
- Road Trip and Get Ready Qld Week Campaign Briefing – with CEO and other relevant Council team members
- Mayor’s Community Road Trip – with Cr Yanner, Cr Clarke (in Gregory), CEO (Zac), DoE (Mazen), Graduate Engineer (Leonard), MF&T (Shaun), CEDC&M (Shelly), CS&GM (Madison). Travelled along all road networks, held community functions at Burketown, Hell’s Gate and Gregory. Thank you to those who organised and the members of the public who came along to speak with us.
- NWQROC Face to Face Meeting Cloncurry – with CEO and Cr Poole
- NWRRTG Face to Face Meeting Cloncurry – with CEO and Cr Poole
- NWQRWA Strategic Group – Quarterly Meeting – with CEO and Cr Poole
- Gregory ILUA Discussions with Stakeholder – With CEO, Cr Clarke
- Meeting and Dinner with Shortlisted DCS candidate in Burketown
- WQAC Conference in Brisbane – with CEO and Cr Poole – I was part of a panel entitled “Rebuilding the Rules: The New Federal DFRA Framework – What the Changes Mean and What Can We DO About Them? “. Cr Poole was also part of a panel entitled “Planes, Prices and the Productivity Commission: “What We Heard” – Inquiry into the Determinants of Regional Airfares and the Future of Regional Aviation”
- Attended numerous delegations with CEO and Cr Poole whilst in Brisbane for WQAC:
 - Premier Crisafulli
 - Deputy Premier Bleijie – Min for State Development, Infrastructure, Planning and Industrial Relations
 - Advisor for Minister Powell – Min Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
 - Minister Last – Minister for Natural Resources, Mines, Regional and Rural Development
 - Minister O’Connor – Minister for Housing, Public Works, Youth

- Minister Ann Leahy – Minister for Local Government, Water, Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers
- Assistant Minister Dillon – Assistant Minister for Primary Industry Development, Water and Western Qld
- Co-ordinator General Gerald Coggan
- Minister Mickelberg – Minister for Transport and Main Roads
- Robbie Katter MP – Member for Traeger
- Assistant Minister James – Assistant Minister for Tourism, Early learning, Creative Industries and Far Nth Qld
- Minister Purdie – Min for Police and Emergency Services
- Deputy Leader of the Opposition Cameron Dick – Shadow Minister for State Development, Regional Infrastructure and Planning and Regional Development; Shadow Minister Boyd – Shadow Minister for Local Government, Water, Fire, Disaster Recovery, Emergency Services and Volunteers; Shadow Minister Enoch – Shadow Minister for Closing the Gap, Reconciliation, Seniors, Disability Services, Integrity and The Arts; Shadow Minister Fentiman – Shadow Treasurer and Minister for Women
- Leader of the Opposition, Steven Miles
- Topics discussed: Gregory ILUA support, Boodjamulla NP Access, Protected Area Infrastructure Impacts, Century Mine Transition, Resource and Regional Development Projects, Housing Strategy, Community Housing and Enabling Infrastructure for this and Housing in General, Local Government Sustainability, Water Security, Disaster Recovery including Funding, Remote Industrial Land Activation Funds, Agricultural Development, Project Facilitation for Mining/Ag/Burke Shire Growth, Savannah Way Sealing and Shire Wide Priority Road Projects, Tourism Growth and Enabling Supporting Infrastructure, Shire Police Resourcing, Wet Season Resilience, Projects to Close the Gap.
- This conference and delegations were arranged before the incident that led to my broken ribs. Even though I was still quite uncomfortable, I am pleased I attended. I believe we undertook some really vital conversations and advanced all of the above topics with Government. We did take a regional approach to our discussions – often bringing in our neighbouring Shires to our advocacy – Doomadgee, Carpentaria, Mornington Island Shires.

GSD:

- Board and informal catch ups continue regularly
- Upcoming Tourism stakeholders road trip across the Gulf Savannah
- Continuing to progress the Port of Karumba work.
- Engaged a CRO for Doomadgee.
- CEO, Cr Poole and I caught up with a GSD member whilst in Brisbane.

That Council notes the contents of the written report provided by Councillor Camp.

Moved: Cr Yanner

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260831.15 5/0

14. Councillor Reports

That Council notes the contents of the verbal reports provided by Councillors Clarke, Murray, Poole and Yanner.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260831.16 5/0

15. Late Business

That Council notes no late business reports were received for the meeting.

16. Deputations and presentation scheduled for meeting

That Council notes no deputations or presentations were scheduled for the meeting.

17. Closure of meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 1.34pm.

I hereby certify that these pages numbered 1 to 100 – constitute
the Confirmed Ordinary minutes of the Council Meeting of Burke
Shire Council held on Monday 31 August 2026.

Mayor Cr Ernie Camp