



Unconfirmed Minutes Burke Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 23 September 2026 9.00am Council Chambers

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01. Opening of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.06am.

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
Ben Stephen; Works Manager
Chelsea Nelson; People and Culture Manager
Gert Strydom; Project Manager – as indicated
James Bell; Project Manager
Jordan Marshall; Executive Assistant (Minutes)
Leonard Locke; Graduate Engineer
Sarath Jayasekara; Infrastructure Engineer
Shannon Moren; Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Manager
Shelly Holland; Community, Economic Development and Communications Manager**

Apologies:

**Amir Akrami; Manager Project Management Office
Madison Marshall; Corporate Services and Governance 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:

- **Cr Paul Poole**
- **Chelsea Nelson; People and Culture Manager**
- **Gert Strydom; Project Manager**
- **Shannon Moren; Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Manager**
- **Shaun Jorgensen; Director of Finance and Technology**

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 260923.01 5/0

03. Prayer

Led by Cr Yanner.

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 Monday 31 August 2026 and Special Meeting Wednesday 16 September 2026

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 31 August 2026 and the Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 16 September 2026 as presented be confirmed by Council.

Moved: Cr Yanner

Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 260923.02 5/0

06. Condolences

Council notes the passing of Thomas (Tom) O’Keefe, Marcus Bismark, Noel Pickering and Dan Lynch expresses their condolences to their families.

07. Declaration of Interests

That Council notes no declarations of interests were received for the meeting.

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

Zachary Revere left the meeting from 9.11am to 9.21am.

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 August 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 maintenance
- Wharf – cleaning of amenities and BBQ equipment
- Assisted with Burketown Order of the Outback Ball Event
- Weekly trips to Gregory for:
 - rubbish collection
 - extraction of septic waste
- Weekly trips to empty skip bins Gregory, Floraville.
- Maintaining parks and gardens

2.2 Roads Crew

6801 Gregory – Camooweal Rd Maintenance:

- Completed REPA works
- Heavy formation grade
- Resheeting 1.2km
- Assist LLOs with installations of illegal dumping signs on 78A

2.3 RMPC

78A – Wills Development Road:

- Grid Inspections – Logging of defects and entering data onto Civica Reflect software

Local Roads:

- Assist LLOs with illegal dumping signs installations around the Shire
- Burketown dump maintenance

Training:

- TMR Pre-season training - Cloncurry
- Complete AC/DC Chemical training - Burketown

2.4 AirportBurketown Airport:

- Under

Gregory Airport:

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

2.5 Workshop and FleetRepairs & Maintenance on the following:

- Repair 545 Ford ranger dual cab
- Repair 480 Western Star Prime Mover
- Repair 554 Combo triple road train
- Repair 572 Garbage truck
- Repair 575 Mini compactor
- Repair 551 Western Star Prime Mover
- Repair 606 Toyota Prado
- Repair 536 Ford ranger dual cab
- Repair 596 Smooth drum roller
- Repair 588 10T truck
- Repair 597 Backhoe
- Depot maintenance

2.6 Stores

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

2.7 Waste Management

- Weekly collection service ongoing.

2.8 Water and SewerageStaff Movements:

- Two Additional casual staff joining the WTP/STP operations crew.

Water Network Production:

Monthly Reading WTP Burketown		
Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
Jul – 14243 kl	August – 13537 kl	- 706 kl

Monthly Reading WTP Gregory		
Previous Month	Current Month	Difference
Jul – 5225 kl	Aug – 5667 kl	+ 412 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. Extension letter to Water Regulators was sent by previous DOE.
- The Desilting of lagoon project will now need to be scheduled.
- Durack water pump foot valve does not sit far enough into lagoon This was to be part of the desilting process.

Water Samples:

- Burketown water samples: Chlorate were within limits.

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.
- Plant operating good with a few minor chlorine pump issues.
- Contractors are still accessing water from the lagoon.
- Still pending contractors' installation of 700 kl storage tank. Determine if we replace pit or install flow metre above ground.

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. Council Officers engaged a contractor to complete some water leak repairs in various locations, including Gregory and Burketown.
- Repairs to water leaks Ongoing.
- Repaired sluice valves
- High priority:
 1. Water leaks
 2. Irrigation repairs: Morning Glory Park, Phillip Yanner Memorial Oval – Parts have arrived and we are working to repair all solenoids that are not working.

Sewerage Treatment Plant:

- Upgrade works being carried out by local contractor on Sewer Station 3
- Caution Hot Surface signs need to be installed as Staff had burnt their hand on the stainless-steel lid. WHS office ordered; pending arrival for installation.
- Unwanted weeds and vegetation management needed – Pending ACDC training to be delivered in August.
- Sewerage Irrigation pumps have been installed; however, the system is not working. Engaged with the installer to quote on the repairs to be done
- STP and irrigation paddock need mowing.
- Sewer station 3 has no SCADA. Austek will be sending out a radio for the comms

Gregory WTP:

- GWTP filtration and Raw Reservoir upgrades are planned by MBS Water. Pipework is being installed on 6th August 2026 by a local plumbing contractor.
- GWTP clarifier and raw water reservoir upgrades are planned by MBS Water. Project currently underway
- Bore water 2nd tests schedule to be taken on 22nd September, once sample bottles arrive
- GHD has been awarded the Bore Project stage 1 – 2 for bore testing and licensing application
- Ongoing:
 1. Calibrating equipment
 2. Clarifier maintenance. New clarifier filled. Check the concrete plinth 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 finalise report on the issues – High priority

Gregory Reticulation:

- External samples were good. Chlorates below limits.
- High flow has been recorded on the reticulation sites. Someone is accessing reticulation water through hydrants. Usually 5:30 am – 6:15 am weekly. GOS has been supplying the Drilling Camp.
- Repairs to leaks. Repaired water leak at Bidunggu Res; it still has a Fire Hydrant leak that needs a replacement kit put through.
- Mowing around Valve and F/H sites. Ongoing.
- A resident still has stockpiles of dirt on the footpath over the water mains. This needs to be removed as we have a FH and isolation ferrule cocks under it.
- A fire hydrant on Gleeson Avenue is starting to have materials stored near and around it.

Burketown Splash Park:

- Operating well now. Email Alerts have been sending out alarms, which is good for operations.
- Issues:
 1. Program had to be reinstalled due faults.
 2. Cracks in slide- rusting on pipework and fixtures, pavement paint peeling off floor exposing concrete. This issue is being handled by Etan Walden with Swimplex. Ongoing.
 3. Gerni and power box extends onto the footpath by approximately 300-400mm. This could potentially cause injuries if someone runs in to it.

Burketown Airport:

- Assist with interim airport runway serviceability inspections
- Fire suppressant and spill kit now available
- Issues:
 1. Apron area has loose stones and dust hazard.
 2. No water onsite for Emergency eye wash
 3. Removing 10+ wallabies – Ongoing.
 4. Dust interfering with weather station. Visibility and cloud height instruments have been coated with dust – Ongoing monitoring and maintenance

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

10.01 Engineering Department Monthly Report

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

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.03 5/0

Attendance

Zachary Revere left the meeting from 9.31am to 9.37am.

Ben Stephen left the meeting at 9.33am.

Shelly Holland left the meeting at 9.34am.

Leonard Locke left the meeting from 9.36am to 9.37am.

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 September 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 August 2026.

2. SUMMARY

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

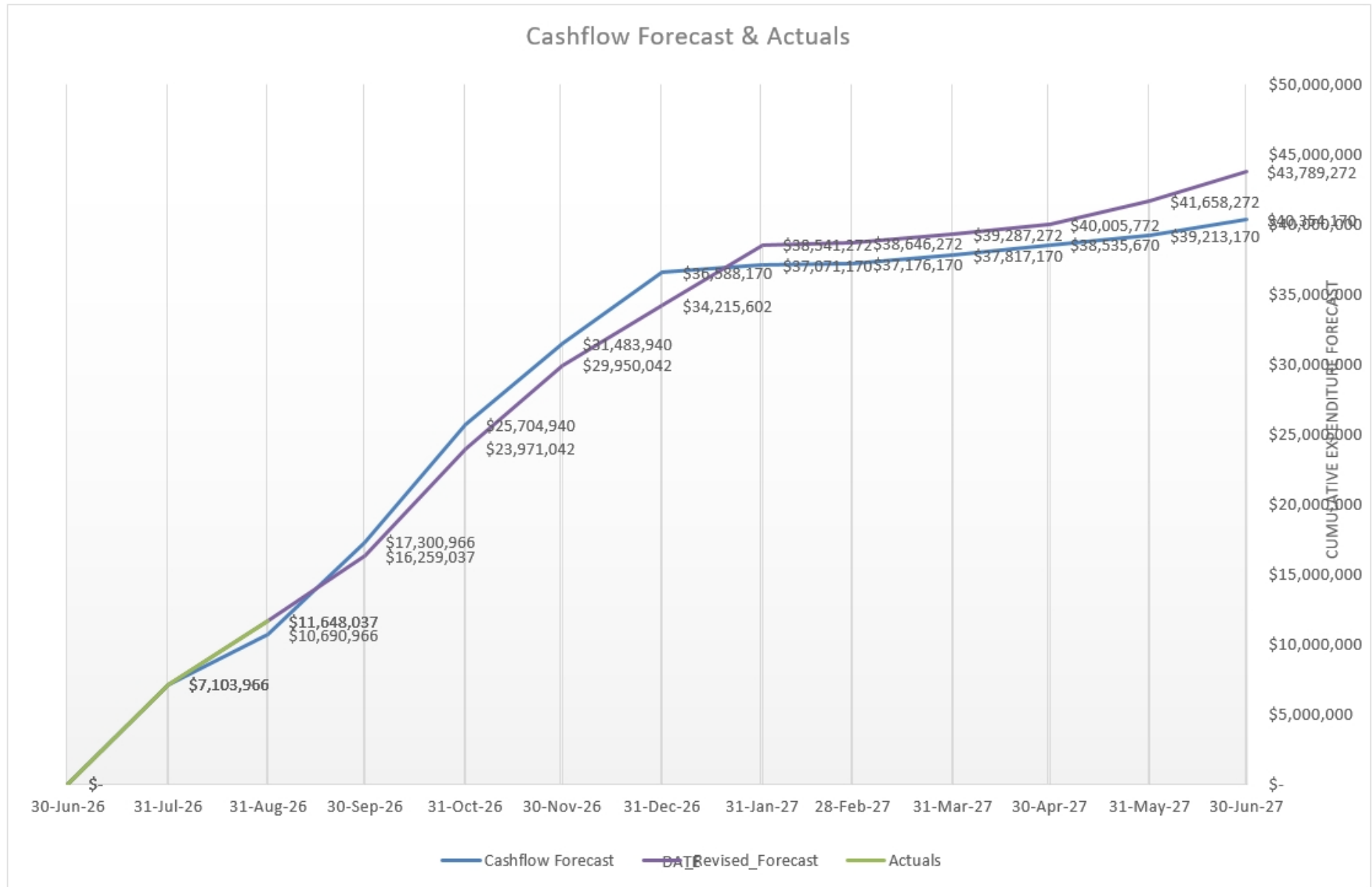
Below please find the summary of the Project and Financial progresses.

- Average Capital Works Program Progress for Carry over projects: 40%
- Average Capital Works Program Progress for 26-27 added projects (excluding projects awaiting funds): 14%
- Average Capital Works Financial Progress for Carry over projects: 30%
- 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 and the actuals for this financial year. The revised forecast is \$43,790,000 (rounded up) expenditure for 26-27 FY. The total expenditure for the month of August is \$11.6m which is \$1m over the forecasted expenditure. This is due to the movement of major projects such as Burketown Airport Upgrade and Gregory Lawn Hill Road Concrete Mattresses projects.



4. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Burketown Airport Road Upgrade:**
 - Preliminary de-grassing has commenced.
 - Service locating and profiling to follow.
 - The contractor is finalizing the Procurement of Airport Road materials.



Figure 1: Burketown Airport Road alignment, de-grassing commenced

- **Gregory Water Treatment Plant Upgrade:**
 - Piping to be installed by the end of September.
 - Raw Water Pumps to be installed by the end of September.
 - Clarifier Pumps to be installed by the end of September.
 - UV is being ordered through the contractor.
 - Integration of the new clarifier into the treatment plan has been awarded. Estimated completion is at the end of November.



Figure 2: Positioning of the new clarifier of Gregory Water treatment Plant as per the red cross on the aerial photo.

- Burketown Community Housing Program
 - Housing project substantially complete.
 - New dwelling at 15 Firefly Street and two units at 41 Musgrave Street, Burketown, together with the new dwelling at 6 Murray Avenue, Gregory, have been completed.
 - Minor outstanding works and project close-out activities are being finalised.



Figure 3: 41 Musgrave St units, fencing and driveway completed.

5. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Capital Works Projects Report on the progress of the Capital Works Program during August 2026.

10.02 Capital Works Projects Status Update Report

That Council note the Capital Works Projects Report on the progress of the Capital Works Program during August 2026.

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260923.04 5/0

Attendance

Shelly Holland entered the meeting at 9.44am.

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:	7 September 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 for which Burke Shire has activated programs associated with:

- 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 active projects are currently on track, except for the Lawn Hill Creek contract, which is delayed due to environmental approvals.

Contract / Package	Contractor	Value	Expenditure to Date	Completion Forecast	Status
2023 DRFA Burketown Airport Reconstruction	Durack Civil	\$27,398,190	\$18,656,352	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	\$21,603,567	Nov 2026	ON TRACK
2023 DRFA Lawn Hill Creek N. Crossing (Betterment)	Durack Civil	\$10,282,605	Nil	TBC	DELAYED
2024 DRFA Gregory River Crossing	Hazell Bros	\$40,577,291	Nil	Oct 2027	ON TRACK
2025 DRFA Package 1	Kenglen Civil	\$3,014,025	\$583,697	Oct 2026	ON TRACK
2025 DRFA Package 2	Saw Civil	\$2,022,571	\$174,672	Sep 2026	ON TRACK
2025 DRFA Package 3	GOS Constructions	\$3,292,587	\$1,669,764	Sep 2026	ON TRACK
2024 DRFA Doomadgee East Rd Ch 0–30	Durack Civil	\$21,493,846	\$8,267,832	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	—	\$32,823,000	\$519,199*
2026 DRFA	From 24 Dec 2025	TBC Submissions in progress	—	TBC	\$0

*Note – Expenditure to date at Program level will differ from Contract level, due to different Contractor and QRA reporting and claim periods

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.

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. Hazell Bros mobilised to the Gregory River Crossing on 30 August 2026, marking the commencement of construction on the largest single structure in the program, 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 **\$32,823,000**.

The project has been divided into three contract packages for external delivery and one package assigned for Council crew delivery. The Council awarded the three external packages at the April 2026 Council meeting following a competitive tender evaluation process.

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

GOS Constructions (Package 3) has substantially completed its Gregory–Lawn Hill Road and Gregory streets scope and has moved north to Burketown streets. Saw Civil (Package 2) has completed maintenance grading on Lawn Hill Road and is progressing works on Riversleigh Road and Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road. Kenglen Civil (Package 1) has completed its emergent works scope and is progressing formation and pavement works on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road.

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

Following the cumulative 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 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	\$18,656,352
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. Council awarded the contract to Durack Civil at the 27th of August 2025 meeting.

Progress this month:

- Burketown Airport remains closed for the reconstruction works, with the replacement bus service continuing to transport passengers through to Doomadgee Airport to link with Rex services.
- Main Runway pavement works are well advanced. Proof rolling of the second layer of Type 2.1 base course has been completed, MARCO rolling of the second layer is continuing, and wet mixing of the third and final layer of Type 2.1 has commenced.
- Haulage of Type 2.1 material from the stockpile to the Main Runway continues, with the stockpile now visibly diminishing as the pavement approaches completion. Topsoil spreading on the flanks is programmed to commence.
- Airfield electrical works commenced during the period, with trench excavation, conduit installation, pit installation and backfill underway, and survey setting out of the electrical scope ongoing.
- Aircraft tie-down works have been set out, with the fibre-reinforced concrete pour programmed. Three RFIs (RFI-088 to RFI-090) covering the second tie-down requirement, tie-down footings and the set-out and locations of the new tie-down items remain under review.
- A Cultural Heritage induction was held during the period. The Contractor is supporting the Runway Under the Stars concert on 10 October.



Figure 1 — Burketown Airport: MARCO rolling of the second Type 2.1 layer with third layer placement following, September 2026

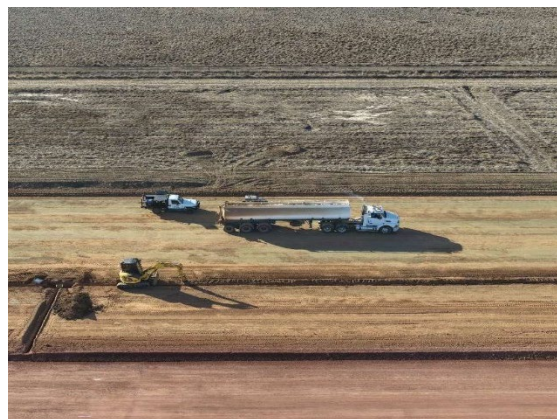


Figure 2 — Burketown Airport: airfield electrical trenching and conduit installation, September 2026



Figure 3 — Burketown Airport: Main Runway pavement looking up chainage, September 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 replacing failed concrete betterments and installing new concrete floodway works as part of the betterment project.

Progress this month:

- The Sites 5–8 package remains at practical completion. The defects list is being progressively closed out, with photographic evidence submitted to Northlane as items are completed.

- Site 4 is the principal work front. The existing pavement has been removed and trimmed to subgrade, cut-off walls excavated, the side track constructed, and traffic transferred. Concrete pavement pouring commenced on night shift from 26 August, targeting approximately 526 m³ at a rate of 50–60 m³ per night, with two shifts remaining to complete the pavement as of 3 September.
- At Site 3, shotcrete placement has commenced with approximately 50–80m³ placed per day, and cut-off walls and starters have been poured. Cut-off walls have been cut in at Site 1. Approximately 770 m³ of shotcrete remains to be placed across the package.
- The Contractor has moved to night shift working to manage heat and productivity, with a rest day incorporated before the night works commenced, and fatigue managed through an extended shift rotation. One minor case of heat stress was reported for a steel fixer and was addressed through a toolbox talk.
- Quality matters raised during the period include dowels out of level in Site 4 LHS bays (NCR issued, with rectification options provided by the structural engineer), isolated areas of steel with less than the specified 50mm cover, gaps in the waterproof membrane at edge boards, and housekeeping and fall protection at the culvert wing walls. The team rectified all items on site during the inspections.
- Waanyi engagement continues, with positive communication reported with the station and Waanyi representatives. One tree of interest has been noted, and Waanyi inspectors continue to submit time records to Northlane.
- Practical completion for the Sites 1–4 package remains 2 October 2026.



Figure 4 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: reinforcement and dowel placement, Site 4 concrete pavement, August 2026



Figure 5 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: completed shoulder pavement, September 2026



Figure 6 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: Road Pavement Pour, Site 4, September 2026



Figure 7 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: Road Pavement Pre-pour inspection, Site 4, September 2026

2023 – DRFA – Floraville Road Stages 4a–7

Contract	5601-2000-12
Contractor	Durack Civil
Contract Value	\$42,135,098
Expenditure to Date	\$21,603,567
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 August and into September 2026, with overall completion stepping from 55.75% as at 7 August 2026 to 73.3% as at 4 September 2026.

Progress this month:

- Out of 16 zones, Zones 9 and 11 were completed and sealed between 19 and 20 August with a two-coat 14mm/10mm C170 seal. The Zone 5 pavement resilience treatment areas were sealed at the same time. With Zones 1–11 now sealed, approximately 22km of continuous reconstructed and sealed pavement has been delivered.
- Linemarking of Zones 1–8 was completed in late August.
- Zone 10 (ch 12700–14700) has been profiled, lime stabilised, cement stabilised and proof rolled, with Type 2.1 base course placed, mixed and compacted. Zone 12 (ch 8700–10700) has been profiled, the subgrade proof rolled, Type 2.5 sub-base placed and cement stabilised, and Type 2.1 base course placement commenced.
- The new concrete floodway at ch 9080 has progressed through successive bay pours, with formwork and reinforcement cycling through the remaining bays.
- Shotcrete batters at ch 17500 and ch 18200 progressed with alternate-bay pours, and concrete batters at ch 18250 four-cell RCBC were poured (seven bays LHS). The wing walls at ch 18250 were formed, reinforced and poured.

- Stage 7 culvert works have commenced, with base excavation, blinding and base slab pours completed at ch 3060, ch 2380 and ch 2540, apron forming underway at ch 3060 and further excavation at ch 3000.
- Concrete edge beams at the Zone 10 pavement resilience treatment areas have been formed and poured.
- Material throughput to 4 September 2026: approximately 3,683 tonnes of lime, 1,646 tonnes of cement, 68,984 tonnes of Type 2.5 sub-base and 72,333 tonnes of Type 2.1 base course. Approximately 15,528kL of water has been extracted. Site inductions have reached 116 personnel.
- Forty-nine RFIs have been raised on the project to date, with 46 responded. Outstanding items relate to a floodway marker substitute product, the pavement design between floodways at ch 8300, and over-excavation at the Stage 6 Site 4 edge beam.
- The Contractor is targeting completion of the Floraville Road scope by 4 November 2026.



Figure 8 — Floraville Road: grading and trimming, Zone 12, September 2026



Figure 9 — Floraville Road: two-coat seal, Zones 9 and 11, August 2026



Figure 10 — Floraville Road: Type 2.1 base course import, Zone 10, September 2026



Figure 11 — Floraville Road: Stage 7 culvert base excavation, September 2026

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

Contract	5603-4000-2
Contractor	Durack Civil
Contract Value	\$21,493,844
Expenditure to Date	\$8,267,832
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 and 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 Doomadgee.

Progress this month:

- Zones 12 and 14 were sealed on 21 and 22 August with a two-coat 14mm/7mm C170 seal, bringing the total sealed length to approximately 10.6km between Ch 18,820 and Ch 30,078.
- Zone 10 subgrade stabilisation was completed in mid-August, with shoulder conditioning, ground surface treatment and trimming following. Zone 11 has been profiled, lime stabilised, gravel imported and balanced, and Zone 9 lime stabilisation commenced in early September.
- Sealing of Zones 8, 10 and 11 is programmed for 9 and 10 September, with the Contractor confirming three zones will be sealed this swing to recover earlier productivity.
- Diversion drains construction remains on hold pending cultural heritage clearance of the drain locations.
- Practical completion remains forecast for 18 December 2026. The Contractor has flagged December as a period of elevated program risk and intends to transfer crew from the Floraville Road project on its completion, targeting completion of Section A stabilisation works in early November.



Figure 12 — Doomadgee East Road: lime stabilisation and depth verification, Zone 11, August 2026



Figure 13 — Doomadgee East Road: two-coat seal complete, Zone 14, August 2026

2024 – DRFA – Gregory River Crossing

Contract	0280-4609-1
Contractor	Hazell Bros Pty Ltd
Contract Value	\$40,577,291
Expenditure to Date	Nil
Scope	Construction of a new ~200m long bridge over the Gregory River near Tirranna Springs Roadhouse, including approach works and provisional culverts
Forecast Completion	SP1: November 2026 SP2: October 2027

Contract 0280-4609-1 includes the construction of a new approximately 200m long bridge over the Gregory River near Tirranna Springs Roadhouse. The contract was awarded to Hazell Bros Pty Ltd at the Special Council Meeting held on 14 July 2026, and a pre-start meeting was held on 30 July 2026.

Progress this month:

- Hazell Bros mobilised to site on 30 August 2026 to commence works, marking the start of construction on the largest single structure in the DRFA program.
- The Contractor's initial intent was to commence tree clearing within the waterway during its first week on site; however, Cultural Heritage monitors were not available during that week and clearing was deferred.
- The Contractor is continuing to establish site facilities and accommodation at Tirranna Roadhouse over the coming fortnight, with full-scale clearing now programmed to commence on 16 September 2026.
- The Contractor is finalising its outstanding preliminary submissions and a baseline construction program will be set once the Contractor's program is agreed. Piling activities are anticipated to commence from October 2026.
- A minor overlap has been identified between the Gregory River Crossing site possession extents and the adjacent Doomadgee East Road contract. Site extents have been identified, and the overlap is being resolved between Northlane and both Contractors, with Durack Civil accessing a water point on the eastern side of the crossing.
- Traffic management along Doomadgee East Road is ready, with the Contractor ready to implement a reduced speed zone past Tirranna Roadhouse, given the existing 100km/h speed limit.



Figure 14 — Gregory River Bridge – Future Centreline

2025 – DRFA Package 1 – Kenglen Civil

Contractor	Kenglen Civil
Contract Value	\$3,014,025
Expenditure to Date	\$583,697
Forecast Completion	October 2026
Roads	Bowthorn Road and Doomadgee Lawn Hill Road

- Emergent works were completed on 13 August, closing out the emergent scope across both roads. Progress across Sites 13–15 was slower than expected due to several plant bogging events in wet material.
- Formation and pavement work on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road progressed to line-item DLH-038 by late August, with the Contractor forecasting progress to approximately line item 100 over the following fortnight.
- Further gravel test pit results remain pending. Bowthorn 01 will require crushing and screening; Bowthorn 03 material appears to match LHD04 quality and is not expected to require processing.
- Northlane inspections on 25 August and 1 September recorded well-controlled works producing an even, well-graded finished surface. Minor observations were raised regarding compaction and sealing of table drains and the absence of signage at the gravel pit entry and exit.
- The quality of works is otherwise excellent, and works are progressing well.



Figure 15 — Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road: completed formation and pavement, August 2026



Figure 16 — Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road: imported gravel placement and compaction, August 2026

2025 – DRFA Package 2 – Saw Civil

Contractor	Saw Civil
Contract Value	\$2,022,571
Expenditure to Date	\$174,672
Forecast Completion	September 2026
Roads	Riversleigh Road, Doomadgee Lawn Hill Road, Lawn Hill National Park Road and Morella Road

Progress this month:

- Maintenance grading on Lawn Hill Road has been completed.
- Approximately 28 lots have been completed on Riversleigh Road with a single grader, and a second grader has commenced works on Doomadgee–Lawn Hill Road.
- Material pushing and stockpiling continues at Riversleigh Pit and GP.08, with the available stockpile area at GP.08 being monitored.
- Variations for the Nicholson River crossing and Doomadgee East miscellaneous works are being formalised following the issue of the scope of works for pricing. Variations for GP68 haulage and an additional 1,400 m³ at GP.08 are under Northlane assessment.
- A heavily scoured creek crossing in Lawn Hill National Park near line items 33/34 has been identified and is being reviewed by Northlane, with direction to be provided to the Contractor.
- EOT-001 (45 days for the delay in contract award) has been closed. Practical completion remains 30 September 2026.
- Waanyi representatives visited the works during the period, with approval confirmed. The Contractor has also noted high traffic volumes on Lawn Hill National Park Road, which are being managed.

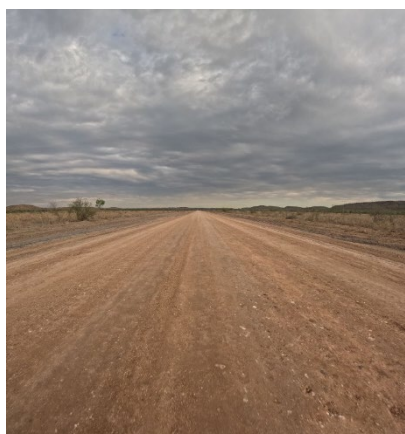


Figure 17 —Riversleigh Road: Completed Grading Works August 2026



Figure 18 —Lawn Hill National Park Road: Completed grading works – August 2026

2025 – DRFA Package 3 – GOS Constructions

Contractor	GOS Constructions
Contract Value	\$3,292,587
Expenditure to Date	\$1,669,764
Forecast Completion	September 2026
Roads	Gregory Lawn Hill Road, Doomadgee East Road (CH30-60), Town Streets (Burke and Gregory)

- Separable Portion 1 (Archie and Dinner Creek crossings) remains complete.
- Separable Portion 2 works on Gregory–Lawn Hill Road are substantially complete, with all scoped items finished other than sealing of the final patch repairs and reconstructed pavement items. The Contractor has completed bulk fill, heavy and medium formation grading, reshaped table drains, and reconstructed unbound granular pavement items.

- Gregory Pump Station Road has been completed, and the Contractor has moved to Gregory Airport Road to undertake patch repairs and reconstructed unbound granular pavement scope. The remaining patch repairs and reconstructed items on Gregory–Lawn Hill Road and Gregory Airport Road were sealed in August.
- The Contractor is now in Burketown to complete the remaining scope on Truganini Road, Doomadgee East Road (Ch 30–60) and the Burketown town streets.



*Figure 19 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: Patch Repairs
August 2026*



*Figure 20 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: cement
stabilised patch repair, August 2026*

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 1–11 now sealed and linemarking complete through Zones 1–8, approximately 22km of continuous reconstructed and sealed pavement has been delivered, in addition to the previous 37km, removing an extended section of deteriorated road surface that posed ongoing risks to motorists.
- On Doomadgee East Road, approximately 10.6km of reconstructed pavement has now been sealed between Ch 18,820 and Ch 30,078, progressively improving a key link between Doomadgee and the wider network.
- The Gregory–Lawn Hill Road concrete mattress betterment works at Sites 5–8 are complete, and the Sites 1–4 package is now well advanced into concrete pavement construction, restoring flood-prone crossings to a betterment standard on a route carrying 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 300 personnel have been inducted across all project sites as at early September 2026. The Contractors' workforces include locally engaged staff where possible.
- Hazell Bros mobilised to the Gregory River Crossing on 30 August 2026, commencing construction of the largest single structure in the program and establishing accommodation and site facilities at Tirranna Roadhouse, with associated local expenditure in the Gregory area.
- GOS Constructions has substantially completed its Gregory–Lawn Hill Road and Gregory Town scope, delivering immediate road safety and amenity improvements for Gregory Township.

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, Doomadgee East Road and Gregory River Crossing 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.
- Cultural Heritage inductions were delivered during the period for the Burketown Airport, Floraville Road and Doomadgee East Road workforces. Northlane coordinated attendance at the induction from all Contractors and Northlane Staff engaged in delivery of the program, in addition to council's staff.
- Waanyi engagement continues on the Gregory–Lawn Hill Road Sites 1–4 package, with positive communication reported with the station and Waanyi representatives and time records for inspectors maintained. Waanyi representatives also visited the Saw Civil work area during the period, with approval granted.
- Community feedback during the period has been positive, with favourable comments received on the Floraville Road and Doomadgee East Road works.

6. QUALITY, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

6.1 Incidents

Date	Project	Category	Description	Root Cause	Actions
18/8/26	Floraville Road	Quality NCR	Windows observed in the 14mm seal spread on Zone 11; works were non-conforming at the time of inspection.	Seal spread rate control	Contractor directed to increase spread rate and hand-broom. Subsequent seal runs inspected and accepted.

Date	Project	Category	Description	Root Cause	Actions
19/8/26	Floraville Road	Quality NCR	10mm cover aggregate stockpile significantly contaminated with dust. Issue recurred in early September with stockpiles left uncovered.	Uncovered aggregate stockpiles	Contractor directed to remove contaminated aggregate and cover stockpiles. NCR requested and matter raised with the sealing subcontractor.
21/8/26	Doomadgee East Road	Environmental Incident	Subcontractor observed draining fuel from a broken-down tractor directly to the ground.	Inadequate plant maintenance and spill control	Contaminated material removed. Contractor incident report requested, and additional site supervision required before the next sealing date.
21/8/26	Doomadgee East Road	Quality NCR	Delamination, lips and lumps of 15–20mm over approximately 9.1m at the Zone 15 to Zone 14 joint (ch 18,820) prior to sealing.	Existing surface preparation at joint	NCR issued. Corrective pre-stone placement completed; residual high points to be monitored and rectified.
28/8/26	Floraville Road	Plant Incident	Multi-tyre roller roll-over.	Under investigation	Incident report received from the Contractor and forwarded to Council. No injuries reported from this incident
2/9/26	Gregory–Lawn Hill Road (Sites 1–4)	Quality NCR	Dowels out of level in Site 4 LHS bays 2, 4, 6 and 8.	Dowel fixing and support	NCR issued. Rectification options provided by the structural engineer. Corrective action required to address cause and prevent recurrence.

Date	Project	Category	Description	Root Cause	Actions
3/9/26	Burketown Airport	Quality NCR	Loose and uncompacted material in conduit trench bases, insufficient aggregate in pit bases and conduit suspended between high points.	Trench preparation and bedding	Non-conforming areas rectified and re-inspected the same day. Compaction testing methodology for trench backfill being resolved with the Contractor.

6.2 General Comments

One plant roll-over (multi-tyre roller, Floraville Road), one environmental incident (uncontained fuel release by a subcontractor on Doomadgee East Road) and five quality non-conformances were recorded during the reporting period — refer Section 6.1. No lost time injuries were recorded across the program. A minor case of heat stress was reported for a steel fixer on the Gregory–Lawn Hill Road Sites 1–4 package and was addressed through a toolbox talk, with a rest day and extended shift rotation introduced to manage heat and fatigue ahead of night shift works.



Figure 21 — Doomadgee East Road: seal spray rate and temperature verification, August 2026



Figure 22 — Gregory–Lawn Hill Road: concrete pavement joint inspection, Site 4, September 2026

7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260923.05 5/0

Attendance

James Bell left the meeting from 10.00am to 10.11am.

Sarath Jayasekara left the meeting from 10.10am to 10.12am.

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:	16 September 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 August 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 – New tenant
 - Unit 2, Lot 153 Musgrave Burketown – Vacant
 - House 1, 95 Anthony Street Burketown – Vacant
 - House 13, Anthony Street Burketown – New tenant
 - 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.
 - Nijinda Durlga Hall – Minor works & Footing repairs (RFQ).
 - Gregory Park – BBQ
 - Parks & Gardens Shed/Office – Roof/Ceiling repairs
- 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

- 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.

2.6 Planning & Building

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

2.7 Grants

- 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 – Completed (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

- Exploring options for Niche Wall at the Burketown & Gregory Cemeteries - Brief will be provided to Council – September Meeting.
- Meeting with Dept Housing – Monday 14th September regarding property management including vacant allotment.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

10.04 Environmental Health, Local Laws and Facilities Monthly Report

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

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.06 5/0

Attendance

Cr Yanner left the meeting at 10.21am.

Leonard Lock left the meeting at 10.28am.

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.

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

Matter now merged under Resolution 260831.10.

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

Completed.

Matter closed.

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, 17th – 19th 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 – 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 – 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 Number – 260831.07 – 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.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution Number – 260831.08 – 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.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260831.10 – 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.

Status

Ongoing.

Resolution Number – 260831.12 – 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.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution Number – 260831.13 – 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.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

Resolution Number – 260831.14 – 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.

Status

Completed.

Matter closed.

1. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Status Report as at 14 September 2026.

11.01 Status Report

That Council receives and notes the contents of the Status Report as at 14 September 2026.

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Murray

Carried 260923.07 4/0

Adjournment

That Council adjourned the meeting from 10.29am to 11.17am for morning tea, all were present at resumption except Cr Yanner, James Bell, Leonard Locke and Shelly Holland.

Attendance

Shelly Holland entered the meeting at 11.22am.

Gert Strydom entered the meeting at 11.42am.

Jordan Marshall left the meeting from 12.10pm to 12.11pm.

Cr Yanner entered the meeting at 12.25pm.

Shelly Holland left the meeting at 12.29pm.

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:	18 September 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 August 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 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	The Housing and Population Strategy and associated Action Group have now been formally allocated to Council's Infrastructure Committee. The Committee Chair, Councillor Murray, has been contacted and provided with an update on work undertaken to date and the current direction of the Strategy. Key workstreams have been identified and allocated, with the Action Group scheduled to meet again in October 2026.	In Progress	Continue progressing the allocated workstreams and engagement with the Department of Housing and Public Works. Brief the Infrastructure Committee Chair on progress ahead of the October Action Group meeting and continue progressing the Strategy under the strategic oversight of the Infrastructure Committee.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
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. Council has approached Northlane regarding the potential to assist with future master planning activities for Burketown and Gregory. In parallel, RPS Consulting continues to progress planning scheme and residential planning control work supported through Council's existing planning scheme funding arrangements.	In Progress	Continue progressing the planning scheme review and associated residential planning controls with RPS Consulting. Further investigate the potential scope and delivery pathway for broader master planning work, including engagement with Northlane, to better inform future residential development, land activation and infrastructure planning across Burketown and Gregory.
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,	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

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	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 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. The Agricultural Industry Business Case and associated Action Group have now been formally allocated to Council's Water and Waste Committee to provide ongoing Councillor oversight and strategic input.		regarding enabling infrastructure and opportunities to support private-sector agricultural development. 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. Advise and brief the Chair of the Water and Waste Committee on work undertaken to date, identified workstreams and proposed next steps. Continue progressing the Action Group's technical, research and stakeholder engagement activities under the strategic oversight of the Committee.

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 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	Early Planning	Define storage requirements, location options and funding pathways. Investigate feasibility,

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	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.		funding options and operational risks.
Tirranna Crossing – Pavement Damage and Rectification	Damage has been identified near the centre of Tirranna Crossing, where water flows across the crossing have progressively formed a significant hole in the pavement. Similar damage has previously been temporarily rectified through sealing works and installation of a steel plate, providing an interim solution pending construction of the new Gregory Crossing bridge. Northlane has been requested to inspect and scope the current damage for inclusion within eligible QRA-funded rectification works associated with the broader crossing project. Preliminary scoping is considering a similar treatment to the previous repair to provide a safe and durable interim solution until the new bridge becomes the primary access for the route.	In Progress	Finalise the repair scope with Northlane, confirm the appropriate funding and delivery pathway, and undertake temporary rectification works, including sealing and installation of a steel plate or other suitable treatment. Target completion ahead of the 2026/27 wet season, recognising that the interim repair will need to remain serviceable until construction of the new Gregory Crossing bridge is completed.

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.
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	In Progress	Finalise revised staging framework, identify priority funding opportunities for gym delivery and commence longer-term planning investigations for future aquatic infrastructure delivery.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	objective requiring separate planning and funding pathways.		

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 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	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 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,

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	management framework across the organisation.		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.
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 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.	In Progress	Review the scope of the planned DRFA-funded road works west of Hell's Gate to determine whether identified 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	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.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	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.		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 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.	Early Planning	Engage with key stakeholders, including the kindergarten and 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.

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Gregory Council Office Initiative	Council has commenced a temporary Gregory Satellite Office initiative using an available Council residence in Gregory. The initiative is intended to provide a more regular Council presence in the township and a practical working base for the CEO, Directors and other Council officers when undertaking work in Gregory. Initial establishment activities have included arranging office furniture and equipment, connectivity and basic office requirements. The	In Progress	Complete establishment of the satellite office, including reliable internet connectivity, workstations, furniture and other minor requirements. Establish a regular schedule of senior staff attendance in Gregory, with the CEO and/or Directors working from the office on a regular basis where practicable. Continue the initiative as a trial across the dry seasons and monitor utilisation, community feedback and operational benefits to determine

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	facility also provides an opportunity to trial additional community-facing uses, including a small pop-up library and community space.		the value of maintaining a longer-term Council presence in Gregory.
'Good Neighbor' and Biosecurity Policy Framework	Council has identified an opportunity to investigate the introduction of a Good Neighbour initiative as part of a broader review of Council's biosecurity policy framework. The initiative would seek to establish clearer expectations and a cooperative approach between Council, landholders and other stakeholders regarding matters such as pest and weed management, property boundaries, fire management and other shared land-management responsibilities. Council currently participates in the North West Queensland regional biosecurity framework, and preliminary work has identified the need to better understand how Council's existing regional commitments are being implemented locally and how any future Good Neighbour initiative would complement, rather than duplicate, existing arrangements.	Early Planning	Undertake a review of Council's existing biosecurity policies, plans and regional commitments, including the North West Queensland regional biosecurity arrangements and their current implementation within Burke Shire. Benchmark Good Neighbour approaches adopted by other Queensland local governments, particularly regional and remote councils, to determine whether Council should adopt a standalone Good Neighbour Policy or incorporate the initiative within a broader suite of complementary biosecurity policies and programs. Prepare options for Councillor consideration addressing proposed scope, stakeholder responsibilities, implementation requirements and the relationship between any new initiative and Council's existing regional biosecurity obligations.
Community Consultation Policy and Engagement Framework	Council has identified the need for a more consistent organisation-wide approach to community consultation, including clearer guidance regarding when consultation should occur, the appropriate level and method of engagement, and how community feedback should inform Council projects and decision-making. This need is particularly relevant in Gregory, where a significant program of township street and infrastructure works will occur and is expected to directly affect residents, businesses and property access over an extended period.	Early Planning	Review Council's existing consultation and engagement practices and benchmark contemporary approaches used by other Queensland local governments. Develop a draft Community Consultation Policy or framework establishing appropriate triggers and minimum expectations for consultation, proportionate to the scale, impact and nature of the matter being considered. As an immediate application, develop a Gregory Community Consultation Calendar to provide structured and regular engagement throughout delivery of the Gregory Township Streets Upgrade and other significant works. The calendar should identify key consultation points, project updates and opportunities for affected residents and businesses to receive information and provide feedback before and during works.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
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 August 2026 for Financial Services was as follows:

- FBT in progress with EIJ Accounting.
- FTC review to be carried out in the coming months.
- QAO external audit final – Financials statements completed by the 7/9/2026 and lodged with QAO on time.
- External audit in progress.
- Reviewing Comprehensive Valuations completed with uploaded due to be completed by mid-September.
- 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.

- Zoning and Building Ordinance program with Shannon Moren for Gregory – confirmed dates and on track.
- Attended LGMA Annual Conference and presented as team leader of the great debate.
- To attend LGFP conference in November as a breakout session facilitator.

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

- AI Weather and Environmental Monitoring Stations – relationship terminated with provided via Telstra - 18 month grant extension confirmed via NEMA – program is worth \$240k. Discussed options and will touch base with Moreton Bay City Manager to discuss their implementation in this space using AI.
- Gregory Starlink SD-WAN deployment – completed.
- Implementing Gearbelt cloud fleet management system/software – in progress and handed over to engineering to finalise.
- \$50k grant award for AI CCTV solution from the IDF (LGAQ) – provider is currently locking in accommodation and travel.
- 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 – discussed at LGMA conference with Shaun Jorgensen to potential chair a council AI initiative.
- Further Starlink Skyloach systems being deployed to fleet.
- New conferencing system installed to Admin building.
- New switching systems ordered for multiple council sites.
- Public Wifi installation to commenced in Gregory for September.
- Finalising concrete installation for new terrestrial TV Sat dish – via N-com.

People and Culture

EBA related

- JCC Meeting took place on 6 August.

Policies

- Leave Policy
- Staff Travel Expenses Policy

Positions advertised

- Parks and Gardens Crew Member – Cleaner
- Airport Officer
- General Operators and Labourers
- Water Operator
- Finance and Procurement Officer
- Economic and Community Development Administration Officer
- Administration Officer

New employees

- Nil

Departures

- Jacquille Chong
- Ethan Walden
- Anthony Punch (casual)

Training and Professional Development

- HSR Refresher Training
- Fire Warden and First Response Training
- RMPC Preseason Training
- Tafe Block in Cairns – Cert III HV Mechanic
- Aerodrome Reporting Officer

Other

- August Edition of Councils Newsletter

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	Trip is planned for September
VIC Signage	New signage will 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.	Not started	Awaiting the vacancy of the VIC building before existing signage can be removed and updated.
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	In Progress	Once the building becomes vacant, progress implementation of the reactivation plan, undertake required maintenance and compliance works, establish the automated visitor information hub, prepare the

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	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.		facility for commercial occupation. Set up automated systems Design updated information boards.
Tourism Signage	Council has received a 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	Signs being measure and photograph so 3x quote requests can be sent out This is a time critical project as we are operating under a grant extension. Once we get the signage dimensions, we can extend a quote request to 3 suitably qualified printers, we would expect to receive the signage back in October and installed prior to December 2026

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	Discussions held regarding a potential future site visit and regional engagement opportunity. Researching options for brown site uptake within the mining and energy resources.	In Progress	Continue with engagement, develop an investment prospectus and meet with industry bodies.
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 facility servicing the Gulf based in Burketown.	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 identified. Of strong interest is agriculture and health. We may also be able to incorporate UQ into this program.
University of Queensland	Met set up with UQ researches and program directors to discuss education, diversification across the ag sectors, research and trials	In discussions	Organise a trip to Brisbane to visit campuses across SWQ
CONFIDENTIAL Investment Prospectus	As a priority, an investment prospectus is being developed targeting new business development, agriculture, tourism, defense and resources.	In progress	CONFIDENTIAL The first draft is attached, for review. Councilors to suggest edits and editions. Will meet with GSD to ensure the Burke Investment Prospectus aligns with the GSD Prospectus. Final draft is expected in October 2026. Once approved by Council, it will be sent to printers.
CONFIDENTIAL Revenue Diversification	A feasibility is being developed for a Micro Village which will target new long term residents, tour operators and fishing clubs for members. Initially, we are looking at 40 sites with amenities. If successful, 40 sites 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 per week which would generate up to \$ \$624,000 gross pa for Council. The concept allows for a fixed percentage to be put into a sinking fund which will	Feasibility Stage	CONFIDENTIAL Working on costings to ascertain feasibility. Working through options for the site, historic flood levels, impact and the change of use. Feedback sought from council for their views 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 regards to accommodation

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	be used to further develop the site and cover repairs and maintenance. The concept is attached for review.		and the reduction in costs on projects. The attached draft concept plan is being put forward to council for feedback, is this something council would like to see developed? Noting that this is a draft concept only.
Small Business	The Better Local Business Grant program is administered by the Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business (CDSB). The program assists Chambers of Commerce, small and family business associations, industry associations and local Councils to bring local business owners and stakeholders together to address key business concerns, issues or opportunities in their region. Trent Yesberg delivered one on one sessions with business owners within the Shire covering areas like finances, bookkeeping, admin, capability statements/tenders/grants, Xero, QuickBooks, MYOB and how to utilise Ai.	Completed	A total of 7 businesses participated in individual sessions or follow-up discussions. The main areas of support requested were business systems and software (5 businesses), financial planning (4 businesses), pricing and sales strategies (4 businesses), and AI and digital tools (3 businesses). Outcomes included improved software and reporting processes, stronger financial and cash flow planning, refined pricing and sales approaches, and greater use of digital tools to improve efficiency. Participants identified practical opportunities to increase profitability, streamline operations and support future business growth, with strong interest expressed in further training and mentoring.
Burketown Bore	Council has progressed exemption and water licence amendment applications to protect the Burke Shire Council artesian bore, wetland and historic bore mound, which have been sustained by continuous artesian flow for more than 125 years. These features are now recognised as important environmental, tourism and community assets If the existing bore is capped and flow ceases, both the wetland and bore mound are likely to deteriorate over time. While a replacement bore could be drilled and connected to the mound, there is no guarantee it would replicate the natural artesian processes that created and sustain the feature today. Council must	In progress	The project has evolved from a bore compliance exercise into the protection of a unique artesian ecosystem. Council's objective is to preserve the historic bore mound and wetland, maintain their environmental values, and leverage these natural assets to support future tourism and economic development in the Shire. - Finalise and lodge the exemption application seeking approval to maintain controlled artesian flow from the existing bore. - Finalise and submit the revised water licence application.

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	therefore carefully weigh the costs and risks of a replacement bore against the benefits of protecting the existing artesian system and its potential to support tourism and economic development opportunities. Engaged Daniel Barclay of Hydrogeologist.com.au undertook a desktop assessment of the water volume required to sustain the Burketown wetland associated with Bore RN330. Completed the 4200_BSC_Burketown Wetland Assessment_v2.pdf, confirming that the wetland has developed over more than 125 years of continuous artesian flow and currently ranges between approximately 4 and 7 hectares in size. Confirmed the current uncontrolled bore flow is approximately 98.6 ML/year, with a licensed entitlement of 119 ML/year. Prepared a revised exemption application under the Great Artesian Basin water requirements, removing references to drilling a replacement bore and incorporating updated technical information (not submitted, awaiting council approval) Commenced work on a revised water licence application to recognise the environmental use of water for maintaining the wetland system. [4200_BSC_B...essment_v2 PDF] Continued discussions with funding bodies regarding grant opportunities to support bore management and associated works.		- Obtain Departmental review and feedback on the exemption application. - Determine whether Council proceeds under the existing grant round or transfers the application to the new funding round to accommodate updated project costs. - Develop a long-term management approach that protects both the wetland and artesian mound while maximising environmental, tourism and economic opportunities. - Progress Council's vision to enhance the site as a regional attraction through nature-based tourism initiatives, including birdwatching, interpretation opportunities and consideration of future artesian bathing experiences

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 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.	In progress	Planning underway for a two day, early dry season event in Burketown featuring a vehicle exhibition on day one, followed 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 ball had a fantastic turnout and was enjoyed by all who attended. Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) received the prestigious Order of the Outback Award. Accepted by Katie Brown, this well deserved recognition celebrates years of tireless advocacy for remote and regional families.	Completed	A debrief will be held to ensure we keep track of new adaptations for the next event.
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 for plastic sports tiles that fit together like a jigsaw and lay on top of the existing surface. Some surface repairs and prep will still need to be undertaken.	In progress	Applying for Sport and Recreation Community Facilities Recovery Initiative funding. Quotes are being sought to resurface the existing asphalt surface with asphalt. Asphalt is the more reliable surface for tennis courts in Gregory because it stays stable in extreme heat, drains well during flooding and can be cleaned quickly after inundation. It also has a much longer lifespan,

Action Topic	Actions to Date	Status	Next Steps
	A Number of new quotes have been received, all closely aligned with the same tiles. 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.		usually twelve to fifteen years before major resurfacing. Sport tiles are more vulnerable to heat related movement and silt build up, and in South West Queensland they are already showing a lifespan of about five years, which means they would be even shorter lived in Gregory's harsher climate. Asphalt is also easier and cheaper to maintain in a remote community. Local contractors can repair and resurface it using standard materials, avoiding the specialised installers and freight costs that sport tiles require. It provides a cooler and more predictable surface for evening play and is the more durable and economical long term option for Gregory.
Food Van	An electrician inspected the van for compliance with the following findings: Replace the three existing RCBO combinations. Replace refrigeration equipment with 2 x Australian-market, RCM-marked undercounter refrigerators and 1 x Australian-market, RCM-marked upright refrigerator.	In progress	Total cost to bring the van up to compliance is \$14,993.50

Corporate Services and Governance

- Attended Mayor's Shire Road Trip.
- Meetings with Get Ready QLD in relation to Burke's Get Ready Activities. An emergency services expo event is planned for Wednesday 7th October 2026. Planning and coordination are underway, with an event flyer currently being developed by the Get Ready Queensland team for release shortly
- Assisted with Order of the Outback Ball.
- Staff attended Fire Warden training.

Planned / Upcoming

- Continuing to work on:
 - implementation and rollout of the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme, including associated policies, procedures and organisational requirements.
 - review of Council delegations.
 - scheduled policy reviews and updates.
- Planning
 - Library activities and outreach initiatives, including activities, workshops, promotion and opportunities to increase community engagement with library services.

3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

11.02 Chief Executive Officer Report

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

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.08 5/0

Attendance

Sarath Jayasekara left the meeting from 12.31pm to 12.44pm.

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:	17 September 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 August 2026.

2. SUMMARY

Council's cash was up by \$23.89mil by the end of August 2026.

Overall council's reporting shows a budget position of 9.24% expended to date. At this stage it is the second 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)	12,427,450	139,078,000	9%
Operating Expenses	(2)	10,591,991	142,676,150	7%
Operating Result (Profit/Loss)		1,835,458 -	3,598,150	-51%
Capital Revenue	(3)	6,884,456	64,976,000	11%
Net Result		8,719,915	61,377,850	14%

Assets & Liabilities		Year To Date Actual	Annual Budget (Target)
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(4)	78,290,075	32,723,963
Other Current Assets	(5)	5,282,647	1,402,000
Non Current Assets	(6)	196,908,041	243,713,937
Total Assets		280,480,763	277,839,900
Liabilities (Current)	(7)	62,093,564	20,190,000
Liabilities (Non Current)	(8)	943,415	930,000
Total Liabilities		63,036,979	21,120,000
Net Community Assets		217,443,785	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%	15%	-46%
² Working Capital Ratio	Greater than 1:1	1.3	1.1
³ Net Financial Liabilities Ratio	Less than 60%	-173%	-172%

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

Notes:

- (1) **Operating Revenues** - Noted that primary grant revenue recognition was from 22/23 DRFA REPA grant funding and 23/24 DRFA REPA grant funding 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** - Noted that \$6.39mil was recognised for the DRFA Burketown Airport Runway project (Betterment).
- (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 August 2025 in the previous year v August 2026 actuals v the budgeted estimated cashflow for 30 June 2027.

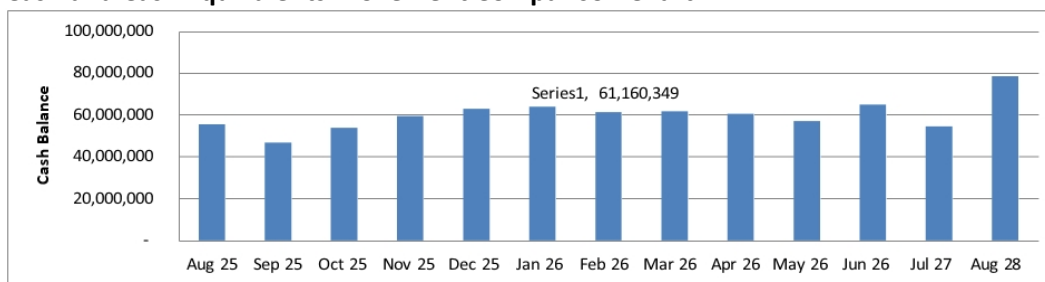
For the month ended 31 August 2026

	Note Ref	31 August 2025 \$	31 August 2026 \$	2026-27 Annual Budget \$	YTD Progress %
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Receipts from customers	(1)	(2,842,660)	19,969,094	9,460,432	211%
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2)	(31,981,615)	(29,856,389)	(163,767,158)	18%
		(34,824,275)	(9,887,296)	(154,306,727)	6%
Rental Income	(3)	36,891	31,075	234,000	13%
Interest Received	(4)	505,025	450,131	1,538,000	29%
Operating Grants and Contributions	(5)	2,701,390	23,145,045	131,932,000	18%
Finance Costs		0	0	-	0%
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities		(31,580,969)	13,739,561	133,704,000	10%
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	(6)	(785,780)	(7,144,152)	(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)	6,818	6,884,456	64,936,000	11%
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities		(778,962)	(259,695)	(3,942,000)	7%
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)	(32,359,931)	13,479,866	(24,544,727)	-55%
Cash at beginning of reporting period		87,640,757	64,810,209	57,268,690	113%
Cash at end of reporting period	(8)	55,280,826	78,290,075	32,723,962	239%

Cash and Cash Equivalents Summary

Cash & Cash Equivalents	Effective Interest Rate	YTD Interest Earnings	Cash Balance
QTC Cash Fund	5.00%	450,737	72,110,451
Westpac General Fund - Trust	-	-	6,179,341
Cash Floats	-	-	283
Total			78,290,075

Cash and Cash Equivalents Movement Comparison Chart



Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted Cash (IAS 7)

Total Cash on hand	\$ 78,290,074.86	%
Restricted Cash - DRFA Operating Grants	\$ 46,053,591.61	58.82%
Restricted Cash - Non-DRFA Operating Grants	\$ 97,136.36	0.12%
Restricted Cash - Capital Grants	\$ 14,474,035.47	18.49%
GST Payable	\$ 808,626.32	1.03%
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 16,856,685.10	21.53%
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>
Projected Unrestricted Cash	\$ 17,429,685.10	
Prior Month Projected Unrestricted Cash Balance	\$ 12,051,477.99	
Explanation for Movement:	\$ 5,378,207.11	
Currently this balance is within expectation based on council's budget process; while this represented funds held in reserve; it will be expended during the course of the year on both operations and capital expenditure.		

Notes to the Statement of Cashflows:

- (1) **Receipts from customers** - Represents movements in relation to reversals of contract assets from 30 June 2026 - distorted due to balance sheet movements mapped into the balances.
- (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 (5.00%); down from 5.23% in July 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 22/23 DRFA REPA grant funding and 23/24 DRFA REPA grant funding during the month.
- (6) **Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment** - Main source of expenditure was on the new Burketown Airstrip which makes up the majority of the balance as at the end of August 2026.
- (7) **Capital Grants and Subsidies** - Noted that \$6.39mil was recognised for the DRFA Burketown Airport Runway project (Betterment).
- (8) **Net Cash Movement** - Council's cash holdings was up by \$23.89mil by the end of August 2026.

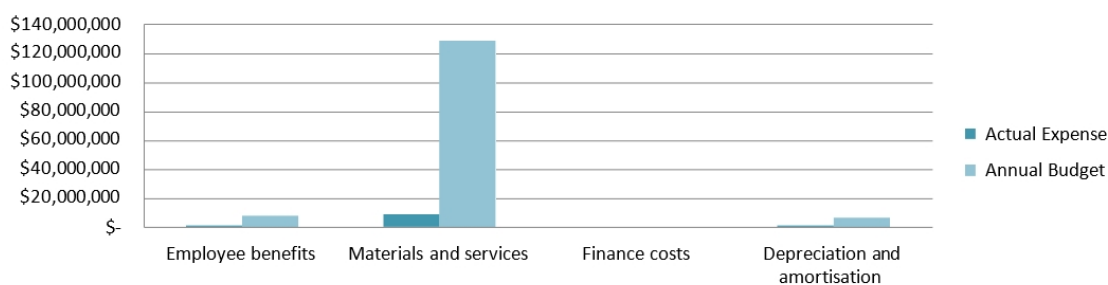
5. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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

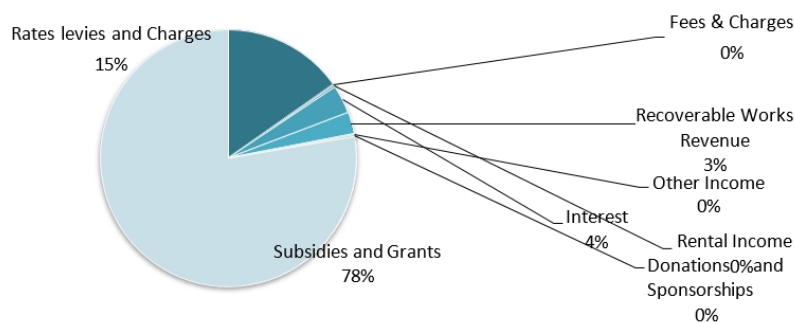
For the month ended 31 August 2026

	Note Ref	31 August 2025 \$	31 August 2026 \$	2026-27 Annual Budget \$	YTD Progress %
Recurrent Revenue					
Rates levies and Charges		1,837,916	1,891,821	3,697,000	51%
Fees & Charges	(1)	25,099	13,757	143,000	10%
Rental Income	(2)	36,891	31,075	234,000	13%
Interest	(3)	505,025	450,737	1,538,000	29%
Recoverable Works Revenue	(4)	-	341,276	1,181,000	29%
Other Income	(5)	13,019	18,007	348,000	5%
Donations and Sponsorships	(12)	-	25,000	5,000	500%
Developer Contributions		-	-	-	0%
Subsidies and Grants	(6)	13,285,390	9,655,775	131,932,000	7%
Total Recurrent Revenue		15,703,340	12,427,450	139,078,000	9%
Capital Revenue					
Sale of non-current assets	(13)	-	-	40,000	0%
Contributions		-	-	-	0%
Subsidies and Grants	(7)	6,818	6,884,456	64,936,000	11%
Total Capital Revenue		6,818	6,884,456	64,976,000	11%
TOTAL INCOME		15,710,158	19,311,906	204,054,000	9%
Recurrent Expenses					
Employee benefits	(8)	- 1,045,912	- 970,835	- 7,858,000	12%
Materials and services	(9)	- 9,227,524	- 8,550,364	- 128,387,950	7%
Finance costs	(10)	- 14,092	- 10,759	- 70,000	15%
Depreciation and amortisation	(11)	- 919,404	- 1,060,033	- 6,360,200	17%
TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENSES		- 11,206,933	- 10,591,991	- 142,676,150	7%
NET RESULT		4,503,225	8,719,915	61,377,850	14%

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 (5.00%); down from 5.23% in July 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 22/23 DRFA REPA grant funding and 23/24 DRFA REPA grant funding during the month.
- (7) **Subsidies and Grants (capital)** - Noted that \$6.39mil was recognised for the DRFA Burketown Airport Runway project (Betterment).
- (8) **Employee benefits** - In relation to employee benefits costs against the budget, we have currently expended \$970k against a budget of \$7.858mil for the year; this is an actual spend of 12.35% 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 August 2026 16.67%

% 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 August 2025 \$	31 August 2026 \$	2026-27 Annual Budget \$	YTD Progress %	Comments
Recurrent Expenses					
Corporate Governance Costs	220,649	171,512	1,208,000	14.20%	On track with budget.
Administration Costs	661,708	509,376	4,822,100	10.56%	On track with budget.
Recoverable Works Expenses	39,838	196,489	915,000	21.47%	Slightly over budget. This is due to cost phasing as a result of timing of works being completed on DRFA projects ahead of the potential flood period.
Engineering Services	9,093,208	8,439,935	126,549,000	6.67%	On track with budget.
Utility Services Costs	154,363	157,471	1,093,000	14.41%	On track with budget.
Net Plant Operating Costs	- 261,678 -	178,831 -	555,000	32.22%	Slightly over budget. Balance will change as more plant is charged to jobs across the year.
Planning and Environmental Expenses	12,205	49,439	364,000	13.58%	On track with budget.
Community Services Costs	353,145	175,808	1,849,850	9.50%	On track with budget.
Finance Costs	14,092	10,759	70,000	15.37%	On track with budget.
Depreciation	919,404	1,060,033	6,360,200	16.67%	On track with budget.
Other Expenses	-	-	-	0.00%	On track with budget.
TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENSES	11,206,933	10,591,991	142,676,150	7.42%	On track with budget.
Recoverable Wages (Capital and DRFA)	-	94,828	501,000	19%	On track with budget.

7. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the month ended 31 August 2026

	31 August 2026	2026-27 Annual Budget
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	78,290,075	32,723,963
Trade and other receivables	5,284,473	1,000,000
Inventories	452,241	300,000
Other financial assets	- 454,067	102,000
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	-	-
Total current assets	83,572,722	34,125,963
Non-current Assets		
Receivables	-	-
Net Property, plant and equipment	196,908,041	243,713,937
Intangible assets	-	-
Total non-current assets	196,908,041	243,713,937
TOTAL ASSETS	280,480,763	277,839,900
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	61,600,544	20,000,000
Borrowings	-	-
Provisions	493,020	190,000
Other	-	-
Total current liabilities	62,093,564	20,190,000
Non-current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	0	-
Interest bearing liabilities	-	-
Provisions	943,415	930,000
Other	-	-
Total non-current liabilities	943,415	930,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	63,036,979	21,120,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	217,443,786	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)	74,372,762	48,672,880
Other reserves	-	-
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	217,443,786	256,719,900

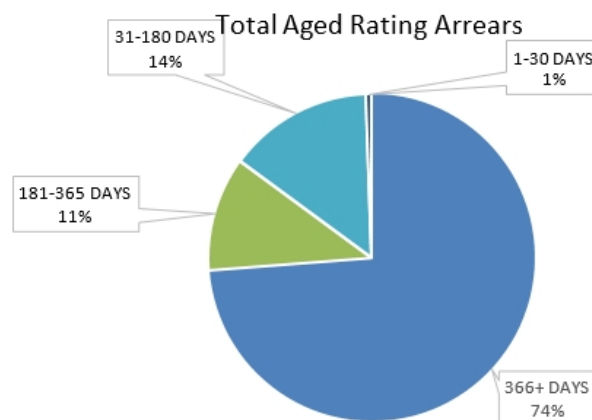
8. RATING ARREARS SUMMARY

The below report shows the outstanding aged rating arrears as at 17 September 2026.

Rating Type	366+ DAYS	181-365 DAYS	31-180 DAYS	1-30 DAYS	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL	69,087	16,762	25,344	555	111,748
SEWERAGE	11,281	3,948	5,097	118	20,444
GARBAGE	7,842	3,169	3,983	93	15,087
WATER	89,252	15,551	18,631	609	124,043
WATER CONSUMPTION	166,471	6,783	6,159	828	180,240
STATE GOVT EMERGENCY	3,229	950	1,311	30	5,520
LEGAL FEES	1,683	-	-	-	1,683
Rating Sale Adjustment	- 39,346	-	-	-	-
Total	309,499	47,164	60,525	2,232	419,420
Prior Month (May)	308,193	51,966	107,337	3,443	470,940
Movt \$	1,306	- 4,802	- 46,813	- 1,212	- 51,521
Movt %	0%	-9%	-44%	-35%	-11%

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		65%	45%	21%
Remaining Arrears Adjusted for On-going Matters		\$ 145,908.05		



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 August 2026 be received and noted.

11.03 Finance Monthly Update Report

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

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.09 5/0

Adjournment

That Council adjourned the meeting from 12.47pm to 1.21pm for lunch, all were present at resumption including James Bell.

12. Closed Session Reports

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

Attendance

Leonard Locke entered the meeting at 1.23pm.

13. Mayoral Report

I attended the following:

- Gulf RWA Stakeholder Advisory Meeting – final meeting – discussed proposed RWA findings and outcomes, outcomes of public consultations and general updates.
- Meet and Greet with TMR NQ Regional Director, Brendan Clancy and District Director NWQ, Henry Mascarenhas – with DoE
- CAPEX Programme Briefing – with CEO and relevant EMT members
- Special Meeting -tender evaluation with CEO, Councillors and relevant EMT members
- Meeting with QRA CEO, Jake Ellwood, Councillors – discuss DFRA and other relevant matters
- Gulf Christian College rep – to discuss options for schooling at Gregory

GSD:

- Attended board and fortnightly catchups
- Terrapave, a GSD member, in the region
- CRR activities continuing – Warren Davies, Movie Nights, Smartphone Camera Workshops, recently supported Ladies Day at Hells Gate.
- Membership growing

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

Moved: Cr Yanner

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Carried 260923.10 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 Clarke

Carried 260923.11 5/0

Attendance

Shelly Holland entered the meeting at 1.27pm.

15. Late Business

That Council accepts the following late business:

- **15.01 2024 DRFA Restoration Works – Escott Weir Contract No.: 5603-6500-0001**
- **15.02 Gregory Town Streets - Storm Water Stage 1 - Contract No.: 0280-4623-0000**

Moved: Cr Camp

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.12 5/0

12. Closed Session

That Council will move into a closed session to discuss confidential items as defined in the Local Government Regulation 2012 in Chapter 8 Administration, Part 2 Local government meetings and committees, under Sections 254 J (3) (g).

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

Council moved into closed session at 1.51pm.

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Poole

Carried 260923.13 5/0

Attendance

Chelsea Nelson, James Bell, Jordan Marshall, Leonard Locke, Shannon Moren and Shelly Holland left the meeting at 1.51pm.

Attendance

Jordan Marshall entered the meeting at 2.32pm.

Move into Open Session

That the meeting resume in open session to consider recommendations arising out of the closed session.

Council resumed open session at 2.52pm.

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.14 5/0

15. Late Business

15.01 2024 DRFA Restoration Works – Escott Weir Contract No.: 5603-6500-0001

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	NorthLane Consulting Engineers
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	18 September 2026

1. PURPOSE

This report provides Council with recommendations to appoint the Principal Contractor to carry out the works designated under this Contract for the tendered price as per **Section 3** – Proposal.

It is noted that the overall project budget is provided for under the QRA Restoration Works funding. The budget includes preliminaries, internal costs and construction costs for restoration works.

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

2. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

As a part of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the 2023/2024 flood event, repairs of the Escott Weir were approved under Restoration Works.

The Tender

The tender for the 2024 DRFA Restoration Works – Escott Weir was released via VendorPanel on the 21st August 2026 and closed on 14th September 2026. The practical completion date is to be no later than the 18th December 2026.

The evaluation panel reviewed each tender in accordance with the probity and evaluation plan and undertook a tender evaluation meeting on 18th of September 2026 to discuss and agree on the consensus scoring.

Table No. 1 – Summary of Tender and Responses

Tender Package	Scope of Work	Number of Tenders Received	Non-conforming Tenders
RFT 5603-6500-0001 - 2024 DRFA Escott Weir is to be completed by 18 th December 2026.	The Scope of Work includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: • Setout and survey control of works; • Clearing of vegetation and disposal as specified; • Stripping topsoil and all required earth working and earth retaining structures; • Supply and installation of rock protection; • Supply and construction of concrete fill; • Supply and construction of sheet piles; • Supply and construction of temporary facilities; • Landscaping and revegetation works; • Traffic management and maintenance of traffic during construction.	3	0

3. PROPOSAL

That Council, having referenced the Tender Evaluation Report, endorses the recommendations of the Tender Evaluation Panel to the extent that the Contract is, in principle, awarded to Hazell Bros Pty Ltd to the amount of \$1,925,714.88 (ex GST).

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The QRA approved project budget allocated for this tender is \$4,280,035.50 (ex. GST) including contingency.

5. RISK

Risk Type	What could happen	Possible consequence
Contract variation – due to wet weather, latent conditions	▪ Increase in Contract Sum	• Project contingency allowed. • Project Management “on the ground” available at most times.

Risk Type	What could happen	Possible consequence
Local Contractor non-award	▪ Criticism of Council ▪ Requested review of procurement methodology	• De-brief with the local business who tendered. • Council briefing on procurement methodology.
Delays to the completion of the project	▪ Not meeting the funding requirements	• Monitor progress closely with Project Management “on the ground” overview. • Seek a time extension from the funding authority if necessary.

6. POLICY & LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council is required to meet all the requirements of the QRA funding guidelines.

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. Requirements of section 254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) are included for reference:

254H Recording of reasons for particular decisions

- 1) *This section applies if a decision made at a local government meeting is inconsistent with a recommendation or advice given to the local government by an advisor of the local government and either or both of the following apply to the decision—*
 - a) *the decision is about entering into a contract the total value of which is more than the greater of the following—*
 - i) *\$200,000 exclusive of GST;*
 - ii) *1% of the local government's net rate and utility charges as stated in the local government's audited financial statements included in the local government's most recently adopted annual report;*
 - b) *the decision is inconsistent with a policy of the local government, or the approach ordinarily followed by the local government for the type of decision.*

Examples of decisions to which this section might apply—

 - *the grant of a licence, permit or approval, however named, under an Act or local law*
 - *the grant of a concession, rebate or waiver in relation to an amount owed to the local government*
 - *the disposal of land or a non-current asset*
- 2) *Also, this section applies if a decision is made at a local government meeting about a conduct breach under section 150AG of the Act that is inconsistent with a recommendation made by the entity who conducted the investigation into the conduct.*
- 3) *The chief executive officer must ensure the minutes of the local government meeting include a statement of the reasons for not adopting the recommendation or advice.*

4) *In this section—*

“advisor”, of a local government, means a person—

- a) who is an employee of the local government or is otherwise engaged to provide services to the local government; and*
- b) whose duties include giving a recommendation or advice.*

7. CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with:

- Queensland Reconstruction Authority
- NorthLane Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd

8. OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report awards Contract 5603-6500-0001 – 2024 DRFA Restoration Works Escott Weir to Hazell Bros Pty Ltd for \$1,925,714.88 ex GST, and
2. Delegates authority to the CEO to enter into negotiations regarding any and all matters associated with executing and delivering the Contract to the maximum value of the Project Budget as follows:
 - a. 2024 DRFA Restoration Works Escott Weir: \$4,280,035.50 excl. GST

15.01 2024 DRFA Restoration Works – Escott Weir Contract No.: 5603-6500-0001

That Council:

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- 2. Delegates authority to the CEO to enter into negotiations regarding any and all matters associated with executing and delivering the Contract to the maximum value of the Project Budget as follows:**
 - a. 2024 DRFA Restoration Works Escott Weir: \$4,280,035.50 excl. GST**

Moved: Cr Murray

Seconded: Cr Camp

Carried 260923.15 4/1

Voted for – Cr Camp, Cr Clarke, Cr Murray and Cr Yanner-4

Voted against – Cr Poole-1

Attendance

James Bell and Shelly Holland entered the meeting at 2.54pm.

Shelly Holland left the meeting from 2.59pm to 3.04pm.

Shelly Holland left the meeting at 3.05pm.

Leonard Locke entered the meeting 3.06pm.

15.02 Gregory Town Streets - Storm Water Stage 1 - Contract No.: 0280-4623-0000

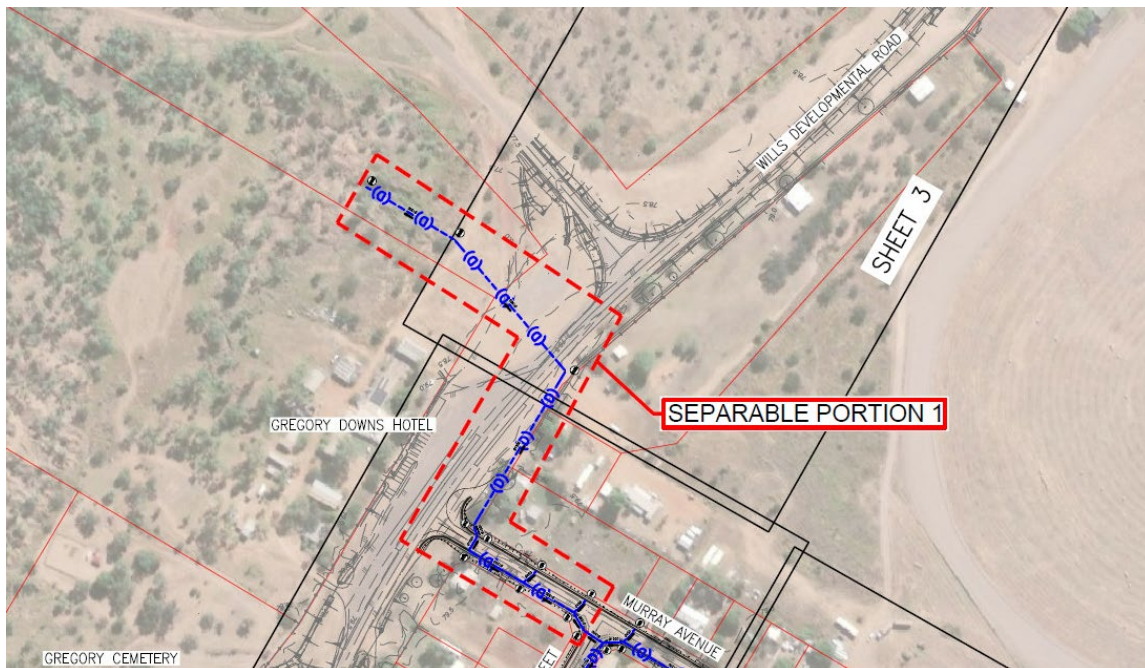
DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Mazen Al Daghtani; Director of Engineering
PREPARED BY:	James Bell; Project Manager
DATE REPORT PREPARED:	15 September 2026

1. PURPOSE

This Council Report provides Council with an update on the Gregory Town Streets - Storm Water Stage 1 - Contract No.: 0280-4623 which has been contracted to Whiskey Plumbing and Civil and outlines the new design and construction laydown areas.

2. BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

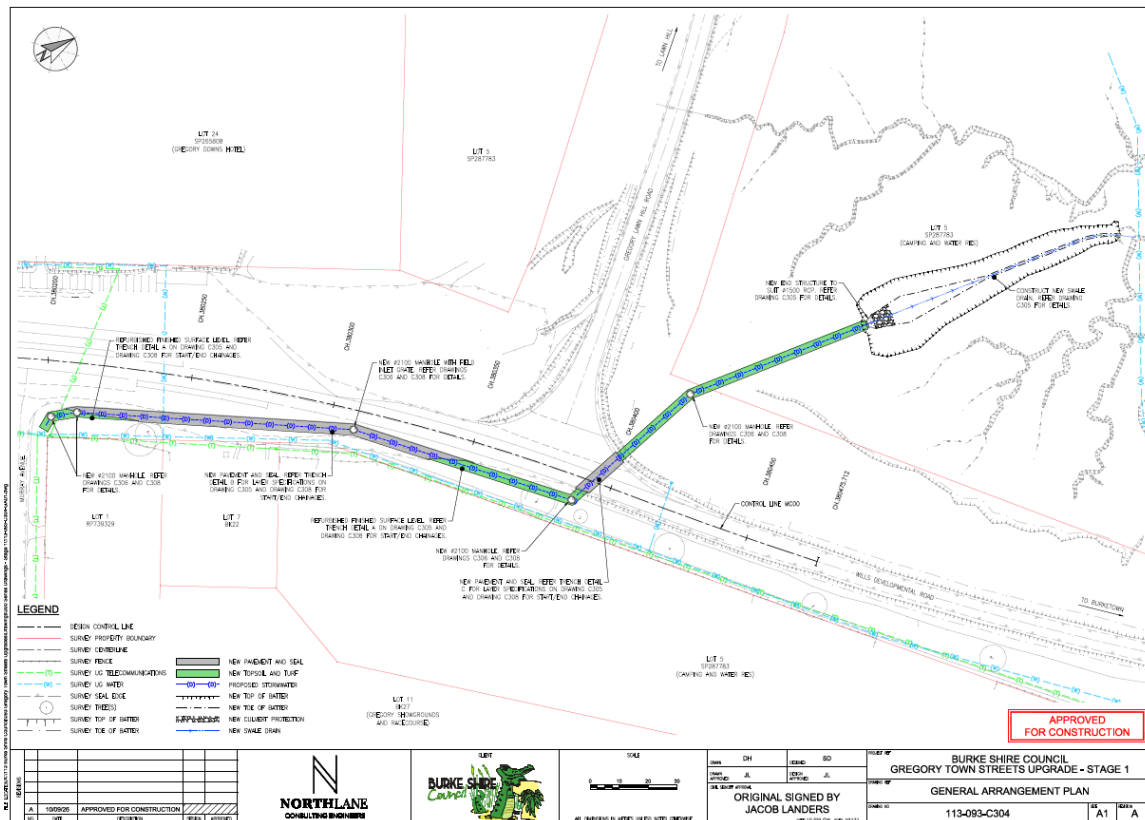
The initial design outfall discharged into the field next to the Gregory Downs Hotel.



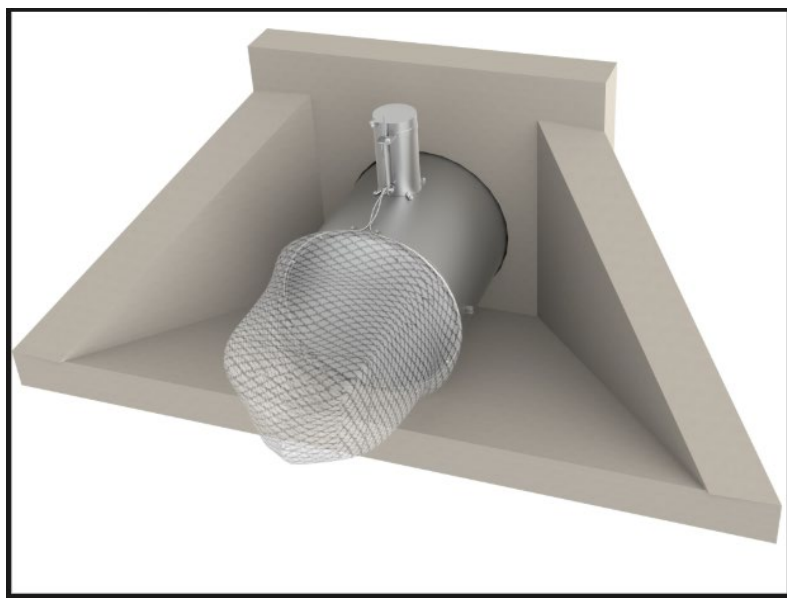
Councillors requested that the design be amended to ensure the outfall discharges into the field further north.

Council presented the Project Cost Variation in the Council Meeting on 31/8/26, and the motion was carried to proceed with the design and construction.

A new design has been completed and is presented below.

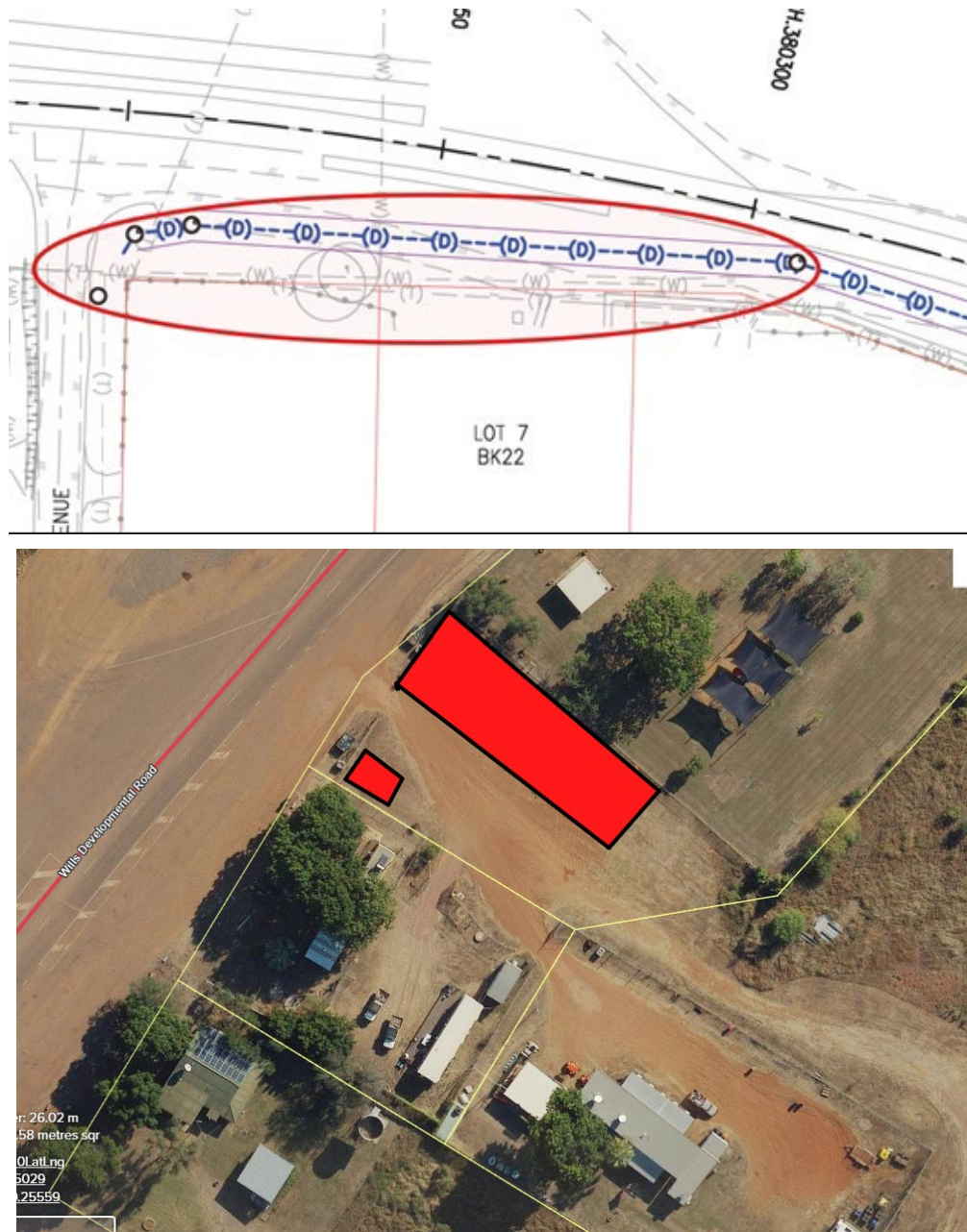


The storm water system discharges into an area classified as a camping and water reserve. In order to reduce the impact of the outfall on the area, especially with respect to scour, the outfall discharges onto rip rap to slow the flow and into a dedicated swale drain. A trash net will be installed at the discharge to prevent debris being discharged into the area.



This stage of the project is constructed with 1500mm Diameter RCPs and 1200mm Diameter Manhole Rings. The Precast elements will be delivered to site and stored in a construction laydown site.

Following a site visit with the Contractor and on the basis that the initial works will start at Murray Avenue and proceed north on the Wills Developmental Road, as outlined below, the Contractor has requested to use the area in front of Council's Yard for the establishment of a site office and semi-permanent laydown area and potential storage over the wet season of the surplus 1500mm RCP's.



3. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of this report, and
2. Proceed with design as presented.

15.02 Gregory Town Streets - Storm Water Stage 1 - Contract No.: 0280-4623-0000

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the contents of this report, and**
- 2. Proceed with design as presented.**

Moved: Cr Clarke

Seconded: Cr Yanner

Carried 260923.16 5/0

Attendance

Shelly Holland entered the meeting at 3.08pm.

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 3.14pm.