

MINUTES

BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: Wednesday 28 July 2021
Venue: Council Chambers, 62 Valentine Plains Road, Biloela
Time: 9.00 am

1.0 Opening of Meeting

“Council recognises that this meeting is held on the Land of the Gaangalu Nation and that the Banana Shire also includes land of the Iman People, Wulli Wulli People, Wadja People, Wakka Wakka People and Darumbal People.”

2.0 Attendance including Apologies & Leave of Absence

3.0 National Anthem & Prayer

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- 4.0.2 2021/22 Budget Meeting held 30 June 2021

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- 12.1.6 Regional Queensland Council of Mayors
- 12.1.7 Australian Citizens Party – Need for a Postal Savings Bank

13.0 Close of Meeting

Opening of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 8:59am

2.0 Attendance including Apologies & Leave of Absence

Councillors – Mayor Nev Ferrier and Crs Semple, Pender, Casey, Leo & Ramsey
Officers - Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate & Community Services, Director Council Services & Director Infrastructure Services

Leave of absence for Cr Boyce is approved due to illness.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

3.0 National Anthem & Prayer

Following the National Anthem Cr John Ramsey led Council in prayer.

4.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Pender

Carried

That the minutes of the 2021/22 Budget Meeting held on the 30 June 2021 to be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

5.0 Mayor's Report / Minute

Mayor reported on the following:-

- Attended the Biloela State High School Investiture of 2021-2022 School leaders and mentors ceremony
 - Attended the Greycliffe Homestead re-opening after repairs and maintenance
 - Attended the Flourish Festival in Kariboe Street
 - Attended the Rotary Club Annual Handover Dinner
 - Visit from Anthony Albanese and Matt Burnett
 - Attended the Star of Taroom and Iman NAIDOC celebrations
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6.0 Business Outstanding

It was noted there is no business arising from previous meetings or matters lying on the table

7.0 Declaration of Interest on Matters on the Agenda

It was noted there are no declaration of interest on matters on the agenda

8.0 Financial Management

8.1 BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Date: 9 July 2021
Author: Nori Luff, Senior Financial and Systems Accountant
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: 1. June 2021 Budget Vs Actuals – Report from Practical
2. Summary of explanations
Minute No: OM005041

Resolution:

That Council receives the Budget Management Report for June 2021.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

Detailed income and expenditure report for financials is provided for Council consideration with explanation on the variances provided by respective budget officers. Post period adjustments are still in progress.

This report ensures the Council have visibility of detailed income and expenditure on a monthly basis.

8.2 FINANCIAL REPORT - PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 21

Date: 21 July 2021

Author: Manager Finance – Peter Rudder

File ID:

Letter ID:

Attachment: Statement of Comprehensive Income - Actual v Budget to 30 June 2021; Statement of Financial Position – Actual v Budget to 30 June 2021; Statement of Cash Flows - Actual v Budget to 30 June 2021; Statement of Changes in Equity to 30 June 2021; and the Cash Report on 30 June 2021

Minute No: OM005042

Resolution:

That Council receive the financial and cash reports, as tabled, for the period ending 30 June 2021.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

1. Introduction

The purpose of the Financial Report is to give Management and Council an overview of the organisation's financial performance for the period ending 30 June 2021.

It is presented in a format which compares the year to date to the 2020-2021 budget. The year-to-date budget is 100% of the adopted budget. The financial analysis contained in this report compares either year to date expenditure with an equivalent budget to date expenditure or, in the case of rates, year to date expenditure with an appropriate cash flow position. In addition to this report, Council was also provided with a management report to provide explanations on variances from budget to actual at the account level.

The Financial Statements attached to this report have not been finalised and are subject to numerous accounting adjustments. It is expected that the audit should be completed by the end of September 2021.

2. Report

Comprehensive Income Statement:

Council recorded an operating deficit of \$1,888,397. At the same time last year, Council had an operating deficit of \$4,721,874. The deficit as per the revised budget is \$3.4M, and there are a number of year-end adjustments required to take place before we know the exact result.

On 30 June 2021, the Cash balance was \$30.8 million. At the same time, in 2020, the cash position was \$30.6, which is comparable to this year's balance. In Spite of the \$1.2 million cash impact on cash due to resource rates amalgamation, Council manages to retain its cash balance. This is possible due to some fiscal measures Council put in place to postpone purchasing the heavy plant, re-prioritising the expenditure, and leveraging external funds.

Capital Expenditure:

Capital expenditure – see separate report.

8.3 MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENDITURE – CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Venkata Peteti - Director Corporate & Community Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Capital Expenditure Report
Minute No: OM005043

Resolution:

That Council note and receive the Major Capital Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2021 for Corporate & Community Services.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Leo

Carried

Report

Providing a report on Council's Major Capital Expenditure as at 30 June 2021 for Corporate & Community Services.

Refer attachment.

8.4 MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENDITURE – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Chris Whitaker - Director Infrastructure Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Capital Expenditure Report
Minute No: OM005044

Resolution:

That Council note and receive the Major Capital Expenditure Report for Infrastructure Services as at 30 June 2021.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

Providing a report on Council's Major Capital Expenditure as at 30 June 2021 for Infrastructure Services.

Refer attachment.

8.5 MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENDITURE – COUNCIL SERVICES

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Chris Welch - Director Council Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Capital Expenditure Report
Minute No: OM005045

Resolution:

That Council note and receive the Major Capital Expenditure Report for Council Services as at 30 June 2021.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

Providing a report on Council's Major Capital Expenditure as at 30 June 2021 for Council Services.

Refer attachment.

8.6 FUNDING PROJECTS – MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENDITURE AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Tom Upton, Chief Executive Officer
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Capital Expenditure Report Funding Projects
Minute No: OM005046

Resolution:

That Council note and receive the Major Capital Expenditure Report for funding projects as at 30 June 2021.

Moved: Cr Ramsey

Seconded: Cr Pender

Carried

Report

Providing a report on Major Capital Expenditure for funding projects as at 30 June 2021.

Refer attachment.

9.0 Corporate & Community Services

9.1.1 ACTION REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Venkata Peteti – Director Corporate & Community Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Resolutions Action Report
Minute No: OM005047

Resolution:

That the Resolutions Action Report for Corporate & Community Services as presented be noted and received.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Semple

Carried

Report

This report is to advise Council of the outstanding matters currently being dealt with by the organisation.

Considerations

1. **Corporate Plan**
N/A
2. **Policy and Legal Implications**
Policy and legal implications will be addressed through each matter.
3. **Financial and Resource Implications**
Budget impacts will be addressed in resolving each matter.
4. **Risk Assessment**
N/A

9.1.2 2020/21 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPERATIONAL PLAN ASSESSMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Venkat Peteti - Director Corporate & Community Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: 2020/21 Operational Plan – 4th Quarter Review
Minute No: OM005048

Resolution:

That Council receive Corporate & Community Services' fourth quarter assessment of the 2020/21 Operational Plan.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

Corporate & Community Services fourth quarter assessment of 2020/21 Operational Plan is attached.

9.1.3 PORTABLE AND ATTRACTIVE ITEMS POLICY

Date: 6 July 2021
Author: Venkata Peteti, Director Corporate and Community Services
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: Portable and Attractive Items Policy
Portable and Attractive Items Procedure
Minute No: OM005049

Resolution:

That Council adopts the Portable and Attractive Items Policy as attached.

Moved: Cr Ramsey

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

A portable and attractive item is a non-consumable item that:

- has a value between \$100 to \$5,000 (exclusive GST); and
- is susceptible to theft or loss due to their portable nature and attractiveness for personal use or resale

The Policy ensures:

- Effective controls and procedures are in place with respect to the procurement, management and disposal of portable and attractive items
- Eliminate the risk of fraud
- Ensure the optimal utilisation of the portable and attractive items

The need for a register for portable and attractive items is identified in the annual audit.

PORTABLE AND ATTRACTIVE ITEMS POLICY

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Banana Shire Council employees, contractors who use, maintain or manage portable and attractive items.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009 (s104 (5b (ii)))
Local Government Regulation 2012 (s180)
Financial Accountability Act 2009
The Public Sector Ethics Act 1994
Banana Shire Council Staff Code of Conduct
Banana Shire Council policies and procedures that relate to procurement

OBJECTIVE

The Policy ensures:

- Effective controls and procedures are in place with respect to the procurement, management and disposal of portable and attractive items
- Eliminate the risk of fraud
- Ensure the optimal utilisation of the portable and attractive items

DEFINITIONS

Portable and Attractive Item	<p>A portable and attractive item is a non-consumable item that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• has a value between \$100 to \$5,000 (exclusive GST); and• is susceptible to theft or loss due to their portable nature and attractiveness for personal use or resale
Examples of Portable and Attractive Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• laptop computers• mobile phones (including smart phones)• Tablet devices• cameras• projectors• label printers• Lawnmowers• televisions• power tools• DVD/video players• Whitegoods (portable coolers, fridges)• other audio-visual equipment

POLICY

1. Council requires a register to be maintained of portable and attractive items.
2. Council requires periodic audits to be undertaken of portable and attractive items to ensure its optimal utilisation.
3. Council considers the misuse of portable and attractive items by employees as a code of conduct issue.
4. Council does not value the portable and attractive items in Council's financials as they are within the threshold of capitalisation.

PROCEDURE

Procedures as approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer and subject to further revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

CERTIFICATION



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

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9.1.4 CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY

Date: 6 July 2021
Author: Venkata Peteti, Director Corporate and Community Services
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: Corporate Credit Card Policy
Corporate Credit Card Procedure
Minute No: OM005050

Resolution:

That Council adopts the Corporate Credit Card policy as attached.

Moved: Cr Casey

Seconded: Cr Pender

Carried

Report

The Corporate Credit Card Policy ensures:

- Effective controls and procedures are in place with respect to the authorisation and operation of Corporate Credit Cards
- Transparency in Council's use of Corporate Credit Cards
- Provision of efficiency and improved service delivery for the procurement of goods and services

The use of Corporate Credit Cards provides ease of purchasing for teams away from Biloela and supports local procurement for small value items.

The procedure developed ensures Council's policy intent is implemented on a day to day basis.

CORPORATE CREDIT CARD POLICY

SCOPE

This policy applies to any Banana Shire Council Councillor or employee issued with a Corporate Credit Card.

LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012
Financial Accountability Act 2009
Financial and Performance Management Standard 2009
The Public Sector Ethics Act 1994
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (Cth)
Banana Shire Council Staff Code of Conduct

OBJECTIVE

The Policy ensures:

- Effective controls and procedures are in place with respect to the authorisation and operation of Corporate Credit Cards
- Transparency in the Council's use of Corporate Credit Cards
- Provision of efficiency and improved service delivery for the procurement of goods and services

DEFINITIONS

Council	Banana Shire Council
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of Banana Shire Council
Cardholder	Staff or Councillor who possess the Corporate Credit Card

POLICY

1. The CEO has the authority to issue the Corporate Credit Card and powers to cease a Corporate Credit Card. For Councillors, CEO must consult with the Mayor on credit cards issue/removal to Councillors.
2. Council supports the use of Corporate Credit Card for efficiency for smaller procurement transactions.
3. Council prohibits the use of Corporate Credit Card for cash withdrawals, personal purposes and on any transaction not in accordance with Council's procurement Policy and or any relevant legislation.

Title: Corporate Credit Card Policy
Function/Activity: Finance & Rates
Responsible Department: Corporate & Community

Adopted: Council Mtg August 2006 OM31402
Reviewed/Amended: EMT Mtg 30/06/08; CEO Doc ID. 560019; CEO
Doc ID. 564788 13/07/09; CEO Doc ID. 739991; CEO Doc ID.
1279586; CEO Doc ID. 1293501; CEO Doc ID. 1746725;
CEO Doc ID. 52244; EMT Mtg 05/12/18

4. Council authorises the CEO to set the limit on the Corporate Credit Card.
5. Council requires the review and approval of all Corporate Credit Card transactions by the cardholder and at least one other person.
6. Council requires audit on Corporate Credit Card transactions and a periodic review of internal controls to support the use of Corporate Credit Card
7. Council requires all cardholders and reviewers of Corporate Credit Card transaction to have training and refresher training.
8. Council requires any fraudulent and suspicious activity of using Corporate Credit Card to be reported appropriately by the relevant legislation.
9. Council requires non-compliance of this policy to be treated seriously and requires the CEO to investigate any non-compliance and prevent the occurrence of the non-compliance

PROCEDURE

Procedures as approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer and subject to future revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

CERTIFICATION

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL

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DATE

9.1.5 CONSIDERATION FOR REMUNERATION FOR DEBT RECOVERY COSTS – ASSESSMENT NO: 12065-69030-000

Date: 1 July 2021
Author: Coordinator – Rates, Melanie Plisch
File No: 12065-69030-000
Letter No: Doc.1636387
Attachment:
Minute No: OM005051

Resolution:

With respect to assessment number 12065-69030-000, Council not grant remuneration of the debt recovery cost, as payment was not made prior to the issue of Statement of Claim.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Leo

Carried

Report

Correspondence has been received from the owner of Assessment No.12065-69030-000, requesting remuneration of \$633.49 for debt recovery costs associated with the issue of Statement of Claim on 4 June 2021.

The owners took possession of the property in June 2020 and the service address provided on the transfer was taken from the Form 1 & 24 prepared by the solicitors and signed by the owners.

Rates and charges for the period July to December 2020 were issued on 13 August 2020 to this address. Payment was received late on 12 October 2020 after the Request for payment commitment due to outstanding rates letter issued 1 October 2020.

Rates and charges for the period January to June 2021 issued 11 February 2021 and payment was due by 18 March 2021.

The following steps were carried out by Council prior to issuing Statement of Claim in an effort to notify ratepayers of their outstanding rates so no further costs were incurred.

Facebook posts

- Issue date – advising property owners rate notices were issuing to check mail
- Week after issue – notifying ratepayers to contact Council if they had not received their notice
- Week before due date – advising due date for rates a week away and to contact Council if they were unable to pay to put a commitment in place
- Date before due date - advising due date for rates tomorrow and to contact Council if they were unable to pay to put a commitment in place

SMS Reminder

- For those who signed up a text message 5 days prior to due date

Request for Commitment Letter (31 March 2021)

- Advising of outstanding balance and requesting payment of commitment. Commitment application included with letter
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Reminder Letter (13 April 2021)

- Advising of outstanding balance and requesting payment of commitment.

Letter of Demand (6 May 2021)

- Letter issued by Council's Recovery Agent

No correspondence was returned to Council undelivered so it was deemed that all correspondence was received.

Payment of outstanding rates and charges and the debt recovery cost has been made on 16 June 2021.

9.1.6 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020-21 FUNDING ROUND MAY 2021

Date: 12 July 2021
Author: Tahalia Shaw
File ID: 2455
Letter ID:
Attachment: RADF Assessment Summary
Minute No: OM005052

Resolution:

That Council approve the funding recommendations as follows:

- 1. Applicant – Queensland Music Teachers' Assoc Inc – Biloela Teachers' Group
Outcome – Recommended totalling \$1800***
- 2. Applicant – Banana Shire Community Arts Assoc Inc
Outcome – Recommended totalling \$3000***
- 3. Applicant – Biloela Community Kindergarten
Outcome – Recommended totalling \$3000***
- 4. Applicant – Taroom District Development Assoc
Outcome – Recommended totalling \$1668***

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Semple

Carried

Report

Four Community Project applications were received for the May round of the 2020-21 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program. No Individual Professional Development applications were received for the May round of the 2020-21.

The applications were assessed by three members of the RADF Assessment Panel:

1. Dominique Tan
2. Alan McTaggart
3. Len Neale
4. Cr Terri Boyce and
5. Cr Brooke Leo

The funding recommendations have been developed as a result of the panel's assessments.

This is the second 2020-21 RADF grants with a balance of **\$41,312** available for community grants. The recommendation presented is within the budget available.

Applicant	Funding Category	Project Title and Brief	Total Project Cost	Grant Requested	Recommendation
Queensland Music Teachers Assoc Inc	Community Project Grant: Skills Development	Voice and V's (violin, viola, violincello) Workshop with Kim Kirkman, voice and strings specialist.	3080	\$1880	Recommended: \$1880
Banana Shire Community Arts Assoc Inc	Community Project Grant: Skills Development	A Creative adventure: Reconnecting Community Towards the costs of running a series of workshops that support the community to participate.	\$7198	\$3000	Recommended: \$3000
Biloela Community Kindergarten	Community Project Grant: Performances and Productions	Meerkat Productions- Theatre for Children A live theatre performance for children of the Banana Shire based around a Children's Book Week 2021 shortlisted book.	3811.50	3000	Recommended: \$3000
Taroom District Development Assoc	Community Project Grant: Events and Festivals	Dawson River Festival ART SHOW Live art show/competition, feature artist presentation and workshop. Demonstration of indigenous art "travelling suitcase" exhibit.	6991	1668	Recommended: \$1668

Cr Boyce and Cr Leo are Council's representative on the RADF Assessment Panel.

3. Financial and Resource Implications

2020-21 RADF Funding Summary		
Item	Income	Expenditure
Total 2020-21 RADF Funding	\$45112	
Returned Funds		
Approved Grants	\$3800	
Budget Available	\$41312	

9.1.7 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24 JUNE 2021

Date: 24 June 2021
Author: Pam Semple, Senior Program Advisor - CRC
File ID: 5318
Letter ID: 1640286
Attachment: CRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Minute No: OM005053

Resolution:

That Council receive and note the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Community Resource Centre Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 June 2021.

That Council endorses the following Community Representatives roles on the CRC Advisory Committee:

- *Community Representative – Kirsty Curtis*
- *Education Representative – Fiona Byrne*
- *Parent Representative – Danielle Jackson*

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

The unconfirmed minutes of Council Advisory Committee meetings are to be presented to Council.

Corporate & Community Services General Business

Cr Casey commented that he had received a comment from a member of the public that the Regional Arts Development Funding program was not operational. Cr Casey asked Director Corporate and Community Services for an update, which was provided.

10.0 Infrastructure Services

10.1.1 Monthly COUNCIL Report – Infrastructure Services

Date: 10 July 2021
Author: Chris Whitaker – Director Infrastructure Services
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment:
Minute No: OM005054

Resolution:

That Council receive the July 2021 Infrastructure Services Monthly Council Report as presented.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

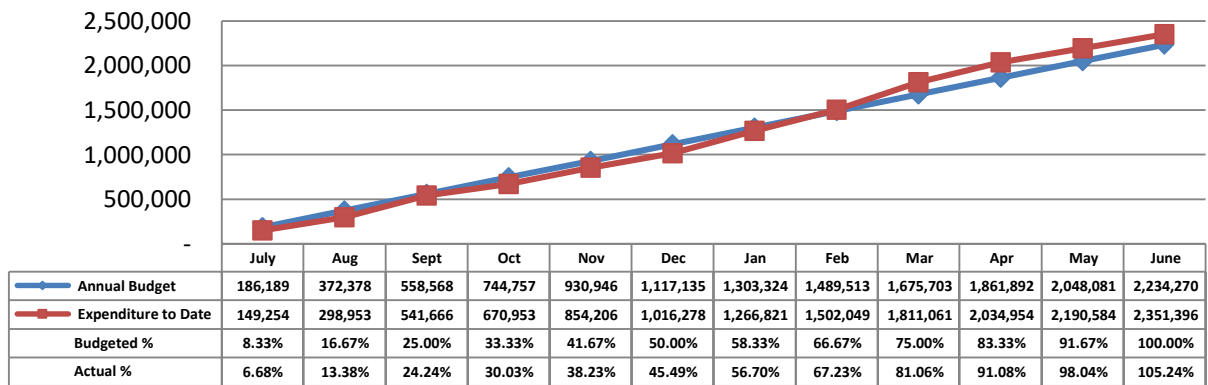
Carried

Report

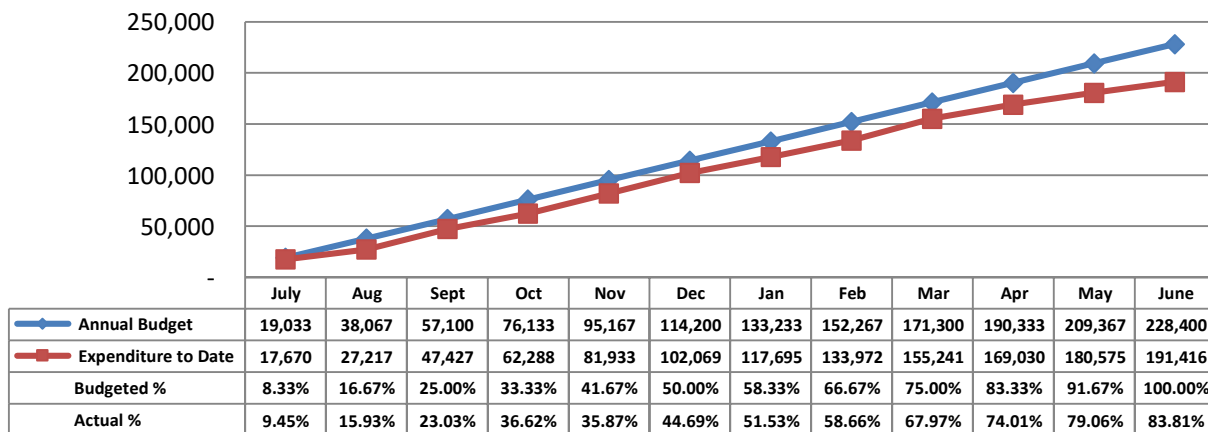
This month's Council report by Infrastructure Services details the following actual expenditure:

- Parks & Open Spaces
- Public Toilets
- Street Cleaning
- Street Lighting
- Bikeways and Footpaths Maintenance
- Roads Bridges and Drainage Maintenance
- RMPC

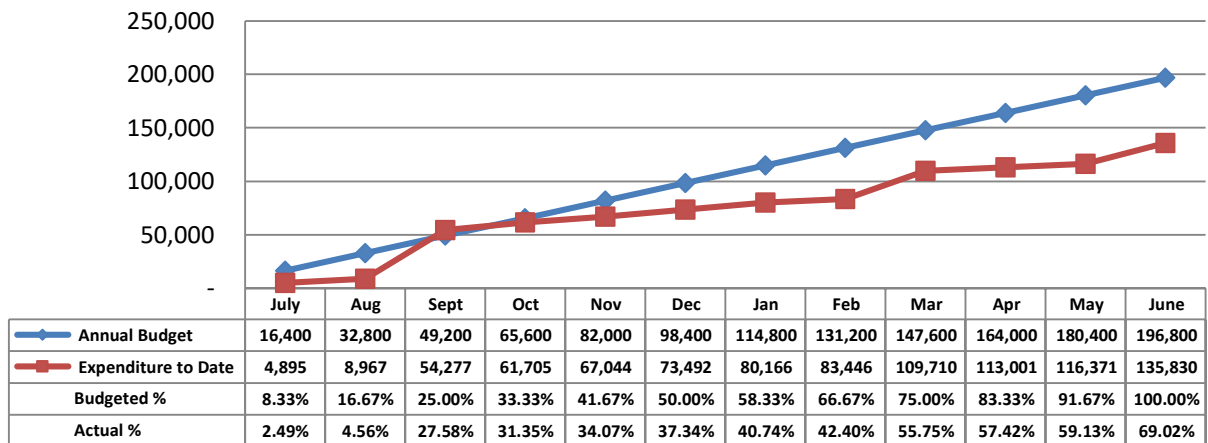
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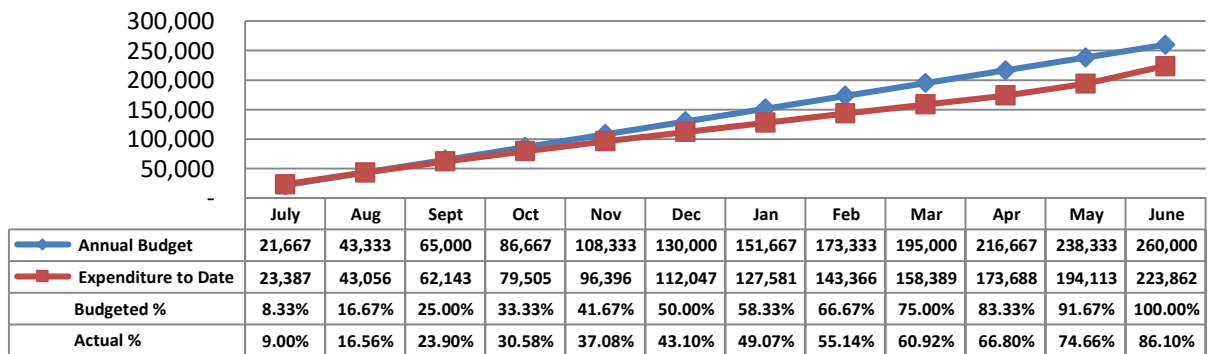
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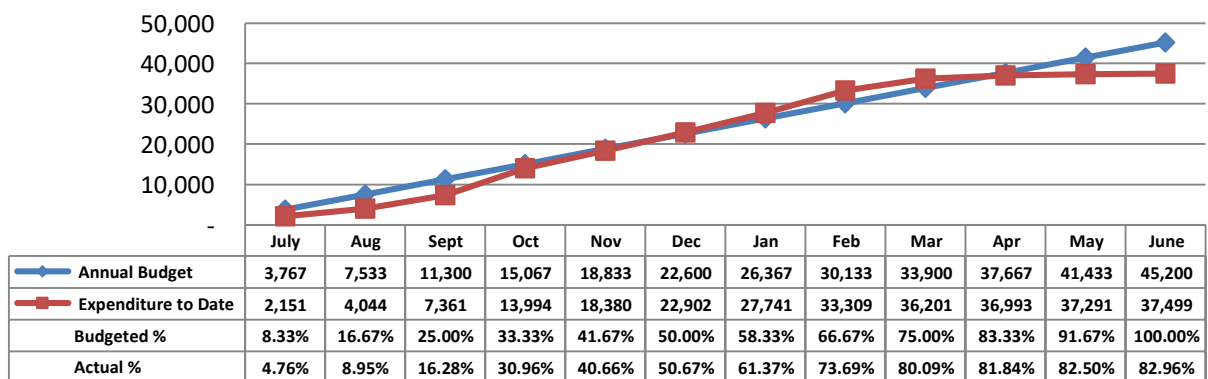
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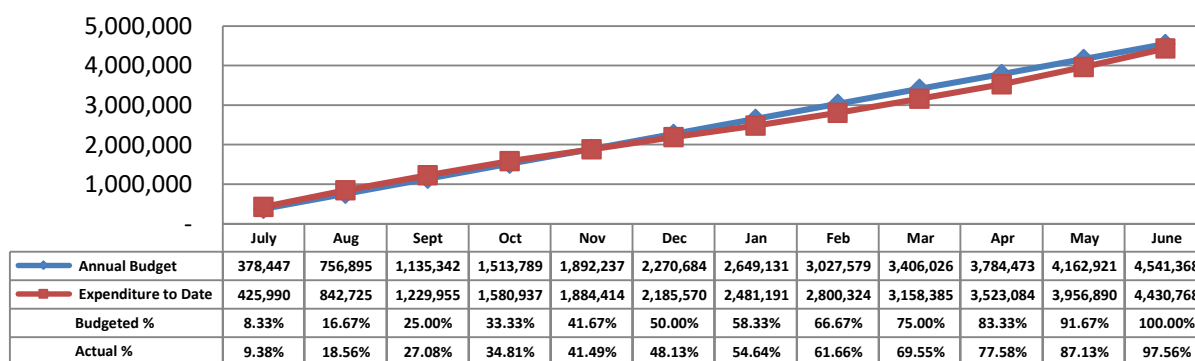
Street Lighting 5380-2380-0000



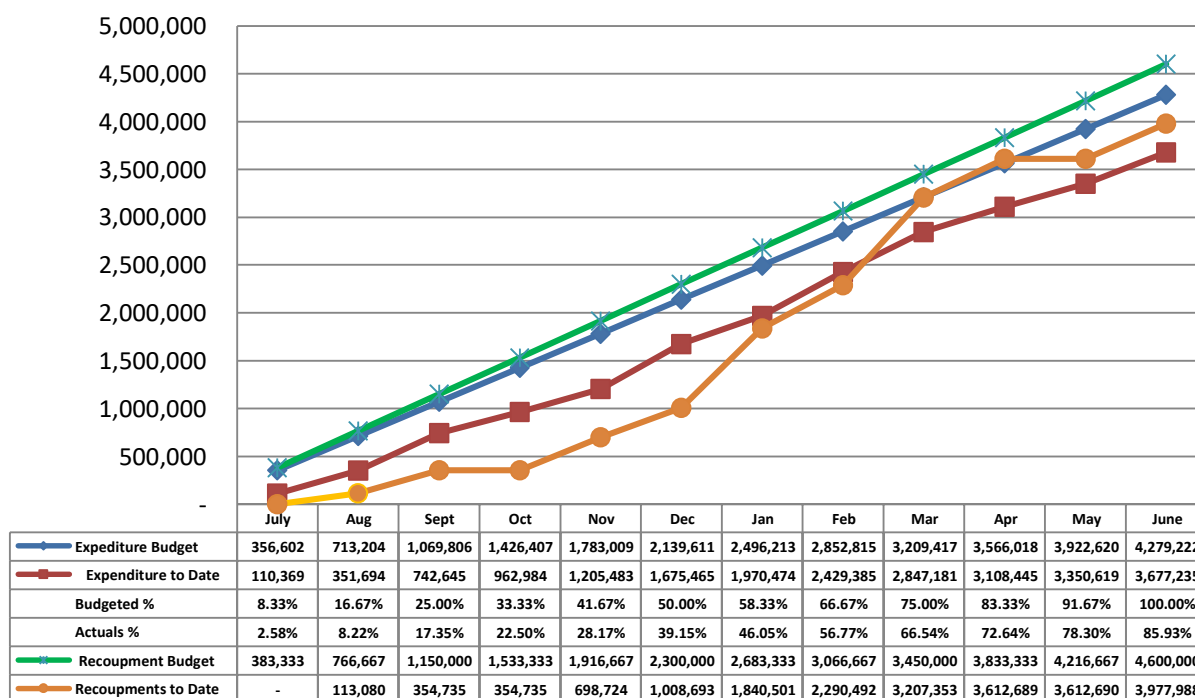
Bikeways & Footpaths 5420-2480-0000



Roads Bridges & Drainage 5200-2480-0000



RMPC Maintenance Expenditure 5100-2480-0000 RMPC Recoupment 5100-1400-0000



Considerations

1. Corporate Plan

Maintaining Council's infrastructure relates to Council's 'Corporate Objective 5 – Plan and deliver effective and efficient infrastructure services'.

2. Policy and Legal Implications

The delivery of this program will be managed in such a way as all appropriate/applicable policies/legislation is complied with.

3. Financial and Resource Implications

The delivery of the various works programs are a significant undertaking by the Works Section which require an extensive commitment by the entire Works group.

All of these various programs will be delivered simultaneously utilising various combinations of Council, Sub-Contractor and Principal Contractor resources.

Critical to the delivery of these inter-connected programs is the diversity and multi-skilled competency of the expanded workforce, with a degree of internal redundancy contained within the Section.

Actual expenditure to date compared to target expenditure for 2019/20 is shown on the included graphs.

4. Risk Assessment

The primary risk factors and control measures that would impede the full delivery of the maintenance program are:

- Wet weather
- Loss of key staff
- Inability to appropriately up-skill, attract and/or retain key staff
- Breakdown of critical plant items
- Availability of key sub-contract plant and services
- Availability of key materials

These risks are constantly being monitored, reviewed and addressed.

10.1.2 ACTION REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Chris Whitaker - Director Infrastructure Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Resolutions Action Report
Minute No: OM005055

Resolution:

That the Resolutions Action Report for Infrastructure Services as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

This report is to advise Council of the outstanding matters currently being dealt with by the organisation.

Considerations

- 1. Corporate Plan**
N/A
- 2. Policy and Legal Implications**
Policy and legal implications will be addressed through each matter.
- 3. Financial and Resource Implications**
Budget impacts will be addressed in resolving each matter.
- 4. Risk Assessment**
N/A

10.1.3 2020/21 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES OPERATIONAL PLAN ASSESSMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Chris Whitaker – Director Infrastructure Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: 2020/21 Operational Plan – 4th Quarter Review
Minute No: OM005056

Resolution:

That Council receive Infrastructure Services' fourth quarter assessment of the 2020/21 Operational Plan.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

Infrastructure Services fourth quarter assessment of 2020/21 Operational Plan is attached.

10.1.4 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2021-2025 FUNDING ALLOCATION

Date: 7 July 2021
Author: Allan Heit – Manager Infrastructure Technology
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: Schedule of Existing & Proposed TIDS Allocation
Minute No: OM005057

Resolution:

That Council endorse the attached 2021-2025 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme funding allocation.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Leo

Carried

Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for the 2021-2025 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme funding allocation.

The Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) is part of a funding program aimed at supporting local transport infrastructure needs of regional, rural and remote communities throughout Queensland. TIDS funding is provided for roads classified as Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS), funding conditions require a schedule of projects and associated cost estimates to be provided to the Bowen Basin Regional Roads and Transport Group.

More detail about LRRS and the Roads and Transport Alliance can be found in: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Business-with-us/Alliances/The-Roads-and-Transport-Alliance.aspx>

A review into the TIDS funding allocation is required due to rescheduling and cost estimate updates for existing projects, changing priorities and an extension of the program. Funding allocation to roads was based on the following road design and construction considerations:

- Current traffic volume – supporting existing road users
- Anticipated traffic volume – supporting connecting infrastructure and industry
- Road safety – intersections, horizontal and vertical alignment conditions
- Locality – spread across the divisions
- Flexible projects – TIDS funding cannot be ‘rolled over’, projects selected are flexible in costs.

The existing TIDS allocation schedule is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**, the proposed TIDS allocation is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** and focuses on completing five significant road networks within the Shire. The proposed TIDS allocation road networks are:

1. **Gibihi Road** (Renamed to Three Chain Road) – Leichhardt Highway to the new Three Chain Road. The road network services vehicles travelling from Theodore to Moura and to Dawson Mine. The road requires widening, pavement strengthening, shoulder repairs, drainage

formation and resealing. The project commenced in 2020/21 and is scheduled for completion in 2022/23

2. **Deearne Road** – The road is frequently used for Taroom residents to travel to the Burnett Highway (177km), the alternate route is through Theodore and Cracow (239km). The road requires widening, pavement strengthening, shoulder and drainage repairs. The project has been ongoing and is scheduled for completion in 2024/25.
3. **Theodore Moura Road** – Kiangra Road to the Moura Township. The road network services vehicles travelling from Theodore to Moura. The project is scheduled to commence in 2021/22.
4. **Harsants Road** – Harsants Road extends from Glencoe Road (located in the North Burnett Shire), upgrading Harsants Road will extend the 'B Double' route from Glencoe Road to the Burnett Highway. The road is currently not suitable for increased heavy vehicle traffic, the road has minimal gravel coverage and significant degradation. The road requires widening, pavement strengthening, gravel re-sheeting, shoulder and drainage repairs. The project is scheduled to commence and be completed in 2024/25.
5. **Crowsdale Camboon Road** – From the existing seal to Drumburle Road intersection. The road is used frequently for primary producers to access grain and livestock facilities. The road has shown significant degradation; formation, pavement and drainage structures will be repaired. The project is scheduled to commence in 2024/25 and be completed in 2027/28.

Considerations

1. Corporate Plan

5. Infrastructure

Plan and deliver effective and efficient infrastructure services.

- a. Manage and develop infrastructure at levels of service which meet community expectations and ensure long term sustainability subject to financial resources.
- b. Focus on essential service delivery especially transport including road, street and bridges network and aerodromes, water and sewerage treatment and supply systems and waste including garbage and water.
- h. Provide and maintain effective transport infrastructure

2. Policy and Legal Implications

There are no Policy and Legal implications associated with this recommendation.

3. Financial and Resource Implications

All projects will require 50% funding from council.

4. Risk Assessment

- a. Economic
There is no economic impact to Council for this recommendation.

- b. Social
There is no social impact to Council for this recommendation.
 - c. Environmental
There is no environmental impact to Council for this recommendation.
 - d. Political
There is no political impact to Council for this recommendation.
 - e. Legislative
There is no legislative impact to Council for this recommendation.
 - f. Operational
There is no adverse operational impact to Council for this recommendation.
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Infrastructure Services General Business

Cr Casey asked Director Infrastructure Services for an update on the floodway located at Argoon Kilburnie Road. Director Infrastructure Services provided an update.

Local Government	TMR Investment ID	Road	Project Work Description	Location Details	Total \$	Contributions		Allocation Year (TIDS Contribution)				
						LG \$	TIDS \$	Prior to 2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Banana	371737	Deearne Road	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement	21/22 = 12.3 - 17.3 22/23 = 17.3 - 22.3 23/24 = 22.3 - 27.5 24/25 = 27.5 - 32.0	6,814,004	3,407,002	3,407,002	1,707,002	400,000	400,000	500,000	400,000
Banana	1167125	Gibihi Road	Rehabilitation, Reseal	21/22 = 9.5 - 11.0 22/23 = 11.0 - 12.7	4,330,000	2,165,000	2,165,000	765,000	700,000	700,000		
Banana	New Project	Baileys Lane	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement	21/22 = 0.2 - 1.5; 4.5 - 5.0	800,000	400,000	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	0
Banana	342104	Theodore-Moura Road	Rehabilitation, Widen & Seal	22/23 = 35.10 - 36.5 23/24 = 36.5 - 38.0 24/25 = 25.7 - 28.6	5,068,796	2,534,398	2,534,398	1,134,398	0	400,000	500,000	500,000
Banana	New Project	Harsants Road	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement	24/25 = 0.0 - 7.1	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0
Banana	1167124	Crowsdale Camboon Road	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement & Seal	24/25 = 18.5 - 24.0	1,200,000	600,000	600,000		0	0	0	600000

Table 1 - Existing TIDS funding

Local Government	TMR Investment ID	Road	Project Work Description	Location Details	Total \$	Contributions		Allocation Year (TIDS Contribution)				
						LG \$	TIDS \$	Prior to 2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Banana	371737	Deearne Road	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement	21/22 = 12.3 - 17.3 22/23 = 17.3 - 22.3 23/24 = 22.3 - 27.5 24/25 = 27.5 - 32.0	6,814,004	3,407,002	3,407,002	1,707,002	400,000	400,000	500,000	400,000
Banana	1167125	Gibihi Road (Renamed to Three Chain Road)	Rehabilitation, Reseal	21/22 = 9.5 - 11.0 22/23 = 11.0 - 12.7	4,330,000	2,165,000	2,165,000	765,000	700,000	700,000		
Banana	342104	Theodore-Moura Road	Rehabilitation, Widen & Seal	21/22 = 35.1 - 36.5 22/23 = 36.5 - 38.0 23/24 = 25.7 - 27.7 24/25 = 27.7 - 29.7	5,868,796	2,934,398	2,934,398	1,134,398	400,000	400,000	500,000	500,000
Banana	New Project	Harsants Road	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement	24/25 = 0.0 - 7.1	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	500,000	0
Banana	1167124	Crowsdale Camboon Road	Form, Widen, Drainage, Pavement & Seal	24/25 = 18.5 - 24.0	1,200,000	600,000	600,000		0	0	0	600000

Table 2 - Proposed TIDS funding

11.0 Council Services

11.1.1 ACTION REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – COUNCIL SERVICES

Date: 1 July 2021
Author: Chris Welch, Director Council Services
File ID:
Letter ID: N/A
Attachment: Resolutions Action Report
Minute No: OM005058

Resolution:

That the Resolutions Action Report for Council Services as presented be noted and received.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

This report is to advise Council of the outstanding matters currently being dealt with by the Department.

Considerations

1. **Corporate Plan**
N/A
2. **Policy and Legal Implications**
Policy and legal implications will be addressed through each matter.
3. **Financial and Resource Implications**
Budget impacts will be addressed in resolving each matter.
4. **Risk Assessment**
N/A

11.1.2 2020/21 COUNCIL SERVICES OPERATIONAL PLAN ASSESSMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Chris Welch – Director Council Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: 2020/21 Operational Plan – 4th Quarter Review
Minute No: OM005059

Resolution:

That Council receive Council Services' fourth quarter assessment of the 2020/21 Operational Plan.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

Council Services fourth quarter assessment of 2020/21 Operational Plan is attached.

Director Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 10:11am

11.1.3 REVIEW OF FAMILY BURIAL PLOTS ON PROPERTIES POLICY

Date: 8 July 2021
Author: Chris Welch, Director Council Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Family Burial Plots on Properties Policy
Minute No: OM005060

Resolution:

That the Family Burial Plots on Properties Policy be reviewed.

Council delegate authority to the CEO to approve burials on Leasehold land, pending the policy review.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Semple

Carried

Report

At the April Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the Family Burial Plots on Properties Policy to manage the circumstances in which burials can occur outside of a designated cemetery and the requirements that will apply to such burials.

The Policy requires, amongst other things, that the property must be freehold (refer to Attachment).

Recently, an application was received from a family who were able to meet all of these requirements with the exception of Item 2. Their property is leasehold and the lease had been in place for about 150 years and there was evidence that a number of family members were already buried on the property prior to the Policy originally taking effect.

In this instance, Council provided conditional approval for the burial subject to the applicants freeholding the graveyard plot in the future. This was duly accepted by the applicants and the burial proceeded. The process of freeholding involves negotiation with the State to purchase the property and extinguishing native title. This is a complicated process as Council has recently experienced with the Banana transfer station site.

The requirement for burial to be on freehold land is intended to ensure that owners' consent to the burial is secured. The concern with burials on leasehold land is that leases are not permanent and tenure may eventually return to the original title holder, most commonly the State. There is no guarantee of protection for the graveyards once the lease expires and is not renewed.

The Policy needs to provide a balance between management of private burials and protection for the burial site going forward.

For discussion.

11.1.4 REVIEW OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR DESEXED AND MICRO-CHIPPED DOGS

Date: 14 July 2021
Author: Chris Welch, Director Council Services
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Doc ID 1642169
Minute No: OM005061

Resolution:

- 1. That Council resolve to amend the annual registration fee for desexed and micro-chipped dogs to nil; and*
- 2. That Council resolve to include in the 2021-2022 Fees and Charges an administration fee of \$15.00 for new registration applications for desexed and micro-chipped dogs; and*
- 3. That Council resolve to include in the 2021-2022 Fees and Charges an administration fee of \$5.00 for changed information.*

Moved: Cr Ramsey

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

At the May Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the 2021-2022 Fees and Charges. The Fees and Charges included the reintroduction of an annual registration fee for desexed and micro-chipped dogs. The purpose of this fee was to recoup the administrative cost of registering these animals which includes the preparation of the annual notice, registration certificate and tags and corresponding with animal owners. Council has been absorbing this cost and the fee is similar to those charged by surrounding Councils.

As a consequence of reintroducing this fee, Council has received significant public backlash and correspondence from affected parties (refer to attachment). One dog owner has sent to Council previous correspondence from Council that states that all desexed and micro-chipped dogs will have lifetime free registration (refer to attachment).

Initial investigations of this correspondence from Council proved difficult to source as nothing had been registered in Council's records management system nor on the animal registration database. Eventually a copy was discovered saved in a work file on the general computer drive. The document itself is undated but the file properties indicate that the notice was included in the general mailout of registration renewals at the start of the 2016/2017 financial year.

Council's then commitment to free lifetime registration for desexed and micro-chipped dogs conflicts with the current decision to charge an annual fee. People who were informed that their dogs would have free lifetime registration could feel rightly aggrieved at the reversal of this position. Council needs to resolve this issue to maintain consistency with its earlier advice.

Council could identify all affected dog owners who were provided the advice in 2016 and whose dogs are still alive. Added to this list would need to be all owners whose dogs were desexed and microchipped between the start of the 2016/2017 financial year and the conclusion of the 2018/2019 financial year, when the advice was no longer included with annual registrations. These dog owners have a fair and reasonable expectation of free lifetime registration for their dogs. Owners of dogs

who have entered on to the registration system since the commencement of the 2019/2020 financial year would not have the same expectation as they have never been advised of the free lifetime registration.

There is a significant body of work involved in separating those with an expectation of free lifetime registration and those without. In addition, having free registration for some dog owners and not others creates inequity in the community that is difficult to defend. The simplest and fairest outcome would be to reinstate the free registration for desexed and micro-chipped dogs.

This solution does come with its own set of issues; Council had anticipated approximately \$25,500 income from these fees, many people have already paid the registration and would have to be reimbursed, the process of reimbursement through the finance system will be complicated.

It is reasonable and authorised under the *Local Government Act 2009* for Council to charge an administration fee to adhere to the requirements imposed under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* for the new registration of dogs and or changed information relating to a registration of a dog.

It is recommended that Council amend its decision to charge annual registration fees for desexed and micro-chipped dogs to nil; and to implement an administration fee for new registrations and changed information of \$15.00 and \$5.00 respectively.

Council Services General Business

Cr Leo asked Director Council Services for an update on My Water. An update was provided by Director Council Services and a discussion followed.

Mayor Ferrier asked Director Council Services for an update on the Taroom Transfer Station. An update was provided by Director Council Services and a discussion followed.

Cr Leo asked Director Council Services for an update on the Queensland Government Recycling Funding that is open for applications. An update was provided by Director Council Services.

Mayor Ferrier requested an update on the scheduling of the meeting with Anglo Coal to view the Dawson North site. A discussion was held and a site visit is to be organised.

Director Corporate and Community Services joined the meeting at 10:21am.

Moved Cr Leo, seconded Cr Casey and carried: That the meeting be adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:26am

Moved Cr Leo, seconded Cr Ramsey and carried: That the meeting recommence at 10:47am.

12.0 Executive Services

12.1.1 ACTION REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS – EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Tom Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: Resolutions Action Report
Minute No: OM005062

Resolution:

That the Resolutions Action Report for Executive Services as presented be received.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Semple

Carried

Report

This report is to advise Council of the outstanding matters currently being dealt with by the organisation.

Considerations

1. **Corporate Plan**
N/A
2. **Policy and Legal Implications**
Policy and legal implications will be addressed through each matter.
3. **Financial and Resource Implications**
Budget impacts will be addressed in resolving each matter.
4. **Risk Assessment**
N/A

12.1.2 2020/21 EXECUTIVE SERVICES OPERATIONAL PLAN ASSESSMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Tom Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File No:
Letter No:
Attachment: 2020/21 Operational Plan – 4th Quarter Review
Minute No: OM005063

Resolution:

That Council receive Executive Services' fourth quarter assessment of the 2020/21 Operational Plan.

Moved: Cr Casey

Seconded: Cr Pender

Carried

Report

Executive Services fourth quarter assessment of 2020/21 Operational Plan is attached.

12.1.3 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2022

Date: 3 June 2021
Author: Thomas Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File ID:
Letter ID: 1632538
Attachment:
Minute No: OM005064

Resolution:

That Council investigate the commissioning of a public art piece to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 6 February 2022.

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Leo

Carried

Report

Council has been approached by The Australian Monarchist League, Queensland Branch enquiring how Council plans to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which falls on 6 February 2022.

Suggestions include

- Morning teas
- Special motions during the February 2022 Council meeting
- Naming of local infrastructure; such as roads, bridges or parks in Her Majesty's honour
- Public art piece

Notable instances from the Diamond Jubilee include:

- Brisbane City Council hosting a tree planting ceremony of 60 trees on Gregory Terrace (Diamond Jubilee Walk) and lighting the Story and Victoria bridges
- Moreton Bay Regional Council named Diamond Jubilee Way – a major arterial road

Council should consider whether a celebration or commemorative artwork was appropriate for the Banana Shire. No direction has yet been received from either the Queensland or Australian Governments in respect to National or State based celebrations.

Council may wish to commission a public art piece to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. This could take a number of forms including:

1. Tile mosaic to beautify the streetscape
2. Sculpture for a public area
3. An acquisitive art competition

12.1.4 RESOURCES COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Date: 15 July 2021
Author: Thomas Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: Round 1 Guidelines
Minute No: OM005065

Resolution:

That Council submit an application for the Moura Community Centre & Museum to the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Casey

Carried

Report

The Queensland State Government has announced the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund to expand social and economic infrastructure in resource communities.

The fund objectives are to:-

1. Increase resource communities access to services to meet that community's needs, maximise its potential or enhances community well-being; and
2. Enhance community safety, reduce social inequity or benefit disadvantaged communities; and
3. Supplement planned community infrastructure investment by the State and resources sector by delivering new projects as soon as possible that provide additional benefits to Queensland Resource communities.

The total funding pool is \$100 million comprising \$70 million contributed by resource companies and \$30 million contributed by the State.

Applications opened on 13 July 2021 and close on 27 August 2021 with successful projects announced in November 2021. The first tranche of funding is up to \$50 million.

There are two funding streams:

1. Minor infrastructure for projects valued between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000
2. Major infrastructure for projects valued between \$1,000,000 and \$8,000,000

Applicants can apply for funding for 100% of the project value.

The assessment criteria for the grant is summarised in the following table.

Funding Objective	Assessment Criteria	Weighting
One	(a) How well the Project demonstrates it will increase access to services that meet the Resource Community's need, maximise its potential or enhance the community's wellbeing.	30%
Two	(a) How well the Application clearly demonstrates the Project will: i. Enhance community safety; or ii. Reduce social inequality; or iii. Benefit disadvantaged communities	30%
Three	(a) The Applicant, its Project Partners (if relevant), and preferred contractors, have the capacity, capability and track record to deliver the Community Infrastructure Project. (b) The readiness of the Project to commence construction and how quickly the infrastructure will be delivered. (c) The extent the Project has stakeholder and community support. (d) The Applicant's commitment and financial and/or in-kind contribution to the Project.	20%
	(e) The extent that the required detailed project plan details the scope, need, Benefits, outcomes, adequate financing arrangements, and value for money of the Project.	20%

Council should nominate a preferred project for the above funding opportunity.

The most advanced project at the present time is the Moura Community Centre & Museum. A concept design is approaching completion and a Bill of Quantities is currently being prepared. The anticipated project budget for this project is between \$5 million and \$6 million.

In terms of existing community infrastructure in Moura the current library facility is inadequate to service current usage.

The existing museum building is also inadequate for current usage.

The proposed new facility will incorporate:-

1. A new Miners Memorial Museum
2. A new Library
3. A shared customer service shopfront in close proximity to the CBD
4. A gallery space
5. Space for a community bank
6. Community meeting rooms and office space

The new facility will integrate with the existing Miners Memorial and Moura Rotary Park as well as bookend one end of the rail corridor community precinct.
This project is close to shovel ready and is the only project that is at a stage that is ready for submission in the first round of funding.

12.1.5 LGAQ CONFERENCE MOTIONS

Date: 23 July 2021
Author: Thomas Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: 1640100
Minute No: OM005066

Resolution:

That Council approve the draft LGAQ motions for submission to the 2021 LGAQ Conference.

Moved: Cr Leo

Seconded: Cr Pender

Carried

Report

Each year Councils across Queensland are invited to submit motions to the annual LGAQ Conference to guide advocacy of the LGAQ with the State Government and other stakeholders.

Council has discussed seven proposed topics for motions based on the following:

1. The development of an integrated renewable energy strategy for Queensland
2. A policy petition from the State to ensure that State facilities continue to be available to all members of the community, particularly in small rural communities
3. Increased effort to manage vermin and feral pest animals across Queensland
4. A strategy to transition urban street lighting to solar lighting
5. Reprioritising of funding for bikeways in rural communities to the rural road network
6. A State government led strategy to mitigate job losses from the proposed phase out of coal-fired power stations and to maintain skills in affected communities
7. The State address the lack of responsiveness from Ergon Energy in respect to connections and line maintenance in rural Queensland

The full form of the draft motions are attached to this report for Councils Consideration.

MOTION 1 – That the Queensland Government develop an integrated renewable energy strategy for Queensland.

RATIONAL

The Queensland Government is actively pursuing a strategy for the development of renewable energy across Queensland, primarily in the form of Wind and Solar Projects.

While the Queensland Government has identified renewable energy zones across Queensland there appears to be a lack of cohesion in respect to the development of renewable energy projects. Private sector entities are leading the establishment of renewable energy projects with the primary criteria for project establishment being access to high transmission power lines and this has led to projects being planned for areas where renewables are not the optimal use of the land or indeed where renewable projects have the capacity to significantly impede the use of adjoining land.

While there are multiple players in the supply side of renewable energy projects in Queensland, the State Government and State Government owned corporations are the primary purchasers of renewable energy and have a very high commercial as well as regulatory capacity to influence how and where renewable energy projects are developed.

Council would like to see the State take the lead in planning how and where renewable energy projects are developed through the development of an integrated renewable energy strategy for Queensland.

MOTION 2 – That the State Government provide direction to school principals encouraging community access to Education Department facilities in small communities.

RATIONAL

In many small rural communities schools operate a number of significant community facilities such as halls, pools and sports facilities. In many small communities the education facilities are the only access that the community has to these types of facilities.

Unfortunately community access to these facilities is heavily reliant on the school principal at the time. While many school principal encourage a high level of interaction between the community and the school, some principals take a far more cautious approach restricting the availability of school facilities to the community.

Reduction in community access to education pools, halls and sporting facilities has an immediate and pervasive impact on small communities because access to public facilities is often more than an hours' drive and, in some cases, can be two to three hours' drive to access public facilities.

Small communities rely on cohesive relationships and shared facilities to prosper and a firm direction from the State on access to education facilities will go a long way to encouraging sustainability in these communities.

MOTION 3 – The Queensland Government increase effort and funding for vermin and feral pest control across the State.

RATIONAL

The mouse plague has highlighted the vulnerability of rural communities to vermin and pest animals. Species with high reproduction rates such as mice, rats and rabbits experience high fluctuations in periods of favourable environmental conditions.

These fluctuations in population result in significant expense to landholders and rural communities in managing fluctuations following periods of low morbidity.

This resolution seeks support from the State for ongoing funding and strategies to manage vermin.

MOTION 4 – That the Queensland Government develop a program to replace existing town lights with solar lights.

RATIONAL

Banana Shire Council currently spends over \$500,000 on street lighting per year. This is a significant cost for the various communities across the Banana Shire and this would be reflected across many communities in Queensland.

A program to replace town street lighting with solar lights would provide a significant saving to local Councils and would have the State taking a significant lead in introducing renewable electricity technology into main line transport infrastructure across the State.

There are a number of examples of solar powered lighting currently in place, offering a reasonable level of confidence of the reliability of solar powered lights in public spaces.

MOTION 5 – That the State Government reprioritise bikeways funding to rural roads at the request of Local Government.

RATIONAL

Banana Shire Council has recently been advised of the installation of bikeways along the Dawson Highway in the town of Moura within the Banana Shire.

The proposed spend on this project approaches \$2,000,000 however there are very few actual bike riders in Moura.

The proposed bikeway will result in the loss of a number of carparks on the Dawson Highway, denying local consumers key car parks and potentially business.

Council is seeking a change of policy by the State that will facilitate a redirection of funding for bikeways to rural roads at the request of the relevant Local Government to ensure that funding is allocated to the highest level of needs for the community and align with the communities priorities.

MOTION 6 – That the State Government take the lead in developing a strategy to mitigate the impact of the proposed closure of coal-fired power stations by developing high value industries in those regions that ensures the maintenance of high skilled job opportunities for those communities.

RATIONAL

The Callide B Power Station is scheduled to close in 2028 with the loss of 110 high skilled, high paying jobs followed in 2038 with the closure of the Callide C Power Station with the loss of a further 160 high skilled, high paying jobs.

The proposed closure will be significantly detrimental to the town of Biloela in the Banana Shire on a number of levels, including:

1. The loss of 270 highly skilled and highly paid jobs in the town
2. The loss of the economic benefit to the community of business with the power station, in particular the loss of shutdowns for the hospitality sector
3. The loss of high paid jobs is likely to result in many families leaving town, reducing critical population mass in the region to support local businesses and government services (particularly health and education)
4. The loss of these roles and the people currently filling them is likely to result in a loss of economic and technical capacity in the Shire essentially deskilling the community

There is a larger number of Queensland Government owned coal-fired power stations across the State, this scenario is likely to be repeated (with varying degrees of severity) across many of the communities supporting the coal-fired power stations.

This motion calls upon the State Government to initiate a strategy with a clear focus on mitigating the impact of closures of coal-fired power stations across the State in order to:

1. Maintain the skills sets, technical and economic capacity of coal-fired power station communities across the State
2. Retain or provide equivalent employment opportunities for existing coal-fired power stations community employees in their respective communities across the State
3. Mitigate the adverse impact of the removal of a major business and employer from the community on small and medium business withing affected communities.

MOTION 7 – That the Queensland Government work with Ergon Energy to improve the responsiveness of Ergon Energy for Council projects across the State.

RATIONAL

Banana Shire Council has undertaken a number of development projects over the last two years to support economic development within the Shire.

Ergon responsiveness to power connections to estates and properties has been somewhat lacking with delays exceeding six months in some cases.

Delays in power connection have put some objectives and projects at risk to the time taken to secure power for sites.

Banana Shire is calling on the Queensland government as the primary stakeholder in Ergon Energy to work with the company to improve responsiveness in respect to Councils strategic priorities

12.1.6 REGIONAL QUEENSLAND COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Date: 15 July 2021
Author: Thomas Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: 1643149 Mackay Regional Council
Minute No: OM005067

Resolution:

That Council delegate authority to the Mayor and CEO to agree to membership of the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors.

Moved: Cr Semple

Seconded: Cr Ramsey

Carried

Report

A meeting of northern Councils was held in Townsville on 30 November 2020 with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attending as observers to discuss the formation of the Northern Alliance of Councils.

This proposal has now transitioned into the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors with the objectives of the association set as –

1. To provide collective representation for the member Local Governments of Regional Queensland.
2. To advocate for regional infrastructure, economic and social planning.
3. To provide a stronger voice for Regional Queensland to promote awareness and engagement with State & Federal Governments to improve access to funding and grants for projects which will benefit Regional Queensland; and
4. To influence State & Federal Elected Members to ensure their policy and legislative positions support Queensland growth.

Membership is proposed for 43 regional Queensland communities with each contributing to funding of the organisation based on population.

The proposed contribution for Banana Shire is summarised below:-

- 2021/22 \$2,606
- 2022/23 \$5,213

The demarcation of the role of this group and the CQROC is unclear at present. I recommend to Council that approval to participate in the Regional Queensland Council of Mayors be delegated to the Mayor and CEO pending CQROC taking a position.

12.1.7 POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Date: 22 July 2021
Author: Thomas Upton – Chief Executive Officer
File ID:
Letter ID:
Attachment: Doc. 1639582
Minute No: OM005068

Resolution:

Council resolves that:

- 1. The reduction in bank branches has reduced access to banking and financial services in rural communities.***
- 2. Access to banking services through existing commercial arrangements between banks and Australia Post do not offer long term security of access to services in rural communities.***
- 3. Banana Shire Council supports the establishment by the Commonwealth, of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank as the more reliable and secure way to ensure continued access to banking services for rural communities.***

Moved: Cr Pender

Seconded: Cr Leo

Carried

Report

Attached to this report is correspondence from the Australian Citizens Party including draft legislation to establish a Postal Savings Bank in Australia. The Australian Citizens Party is seeking Council support for the establishment of the Postal Savings Bank.

Councillors would be well aware of the withdrawal of banking services across Australia over the last 30 years and how the adverse effect of this has been disproportionately felt by small rural communities.

Three commercial banks currently banking have banking service arrangements with Australia Post (National Australia Bank, Commonwealth Bank and Westpac Bank). The National Australia Bank and Commonwealth Bank have agreements extending through to 2030 with Westpac Bank currently negotiating longer term arrangements with Australia Post.

The existing commercial arrangements between the major banks and Australia Post does not offer the same level of security of access to banking services as government mandated services such as that proposed by the proponents of the Postal Savings Bank.

Council endorsement of the proposal is recommended.

Executive Service General Business

Mayor Ferrier provided an update on Central Queensland Beef Corridors and a discussion followed.

Cr Pender raised the matter of Shovel Ready Projects with the CEO and a discussion followed.

Cr Casey asked Director Corporate and Community Services about the promotional banner systems around Biloela. Director Corporate and Community Services advised that a report would be provided to Council now that the Community Engagement Sessions have been held.

Cr Ramsey asked Director Council Services for an update on the Baralaba transfer station bins. An update was provided by Director Council Services.

13.0 Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 11:22am

To be confirmed 25th August 2021 Ordinary Meeting

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
