SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, 4 November 2026

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: **Wednesday, 4 November 2026**

Time: **9:00 AM**

Location: **Warren Truss Chamber**
45 Glendon Street
Kingaroy

Mark Pitt PSM
Chief Executive Officer

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012,* please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

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6 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

6.1 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

File Number: **04-11-2026**

Author: **Executive Assistant**

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PRECIS

Adoption of Council's Annual Report 2025/2026

SUMMARY

Pursuant to *Section 182* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is required to prepare an Annual Report which contains audited financial statements, statutory information as required by legislation as well as an assessment of Council's performance in implementing its Corporate and Operational Plans.

The Annual Report 2025/2026 is Council's report card to our community and stakeholders on our performance, achievements, and planned outcomes. It reveals Council's strategic and financial positions, and it details Council's performance in meeting the strategic priorities outlined in Council's Corporate Plan.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That South Burnett Regional Council adopt the South Burnett Regional Council 2025/2026 Annual Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No direct financial or resource implications arise from the production of Annual Report. Considerable staff time goes into the production of the document which is produced in-house within Council.

The Annual Report provides detailed information on financial performance.

LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The annual report links to all areas of the Corporate and Operational Plan.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)

Contributions were sourced from the Mayor, the Senior Leadership Team (Chief Executive Officer, General Managers and Managers) and senior officers. The Financial report and statements were presented to the External Auditors with feedback received incorporated into the draft report. Internal consultation was undertaken with the Senior Management Team and Councillors with the Chief Executive Officer the final approval for the draft report to be presented to Council for adoption.

A hard copy of the final draft will be provided to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)

Council's Annual Report has been compiled in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and pursuant to *Section 182* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the Council must prepare and adopt an annual report.

POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS

No direct policy/local law/delegation implications arise from this report.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No direct asset management implications arise from this report which have been identified.

REPORT

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2025-26 Annual Report ⇩


SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL
REPORT
2025-26

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Council wishes to thank all contributors and stakeholders involved in the development of this document.

We acknowledge and respect the Wakka Wakka and Auburn Hawkwood people, the traditional owners of this land that we live, work and play on and respect their cultures, their ancestors and their elders past and present and future generations.

We acknowledge the many volunteers within our community who generously give their time and energy to enrich the lives of those around them and make our region a great place to live and visit.

ACCESSIBILITY

The 2025/2026 Annual Report is available online at www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Hard copies can be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries.

To purchase a copy call 1300 789 279, 07 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

The South Burnett Regional Council 2025/2026 Annual Report was adopted by Council on 4 November 2026.

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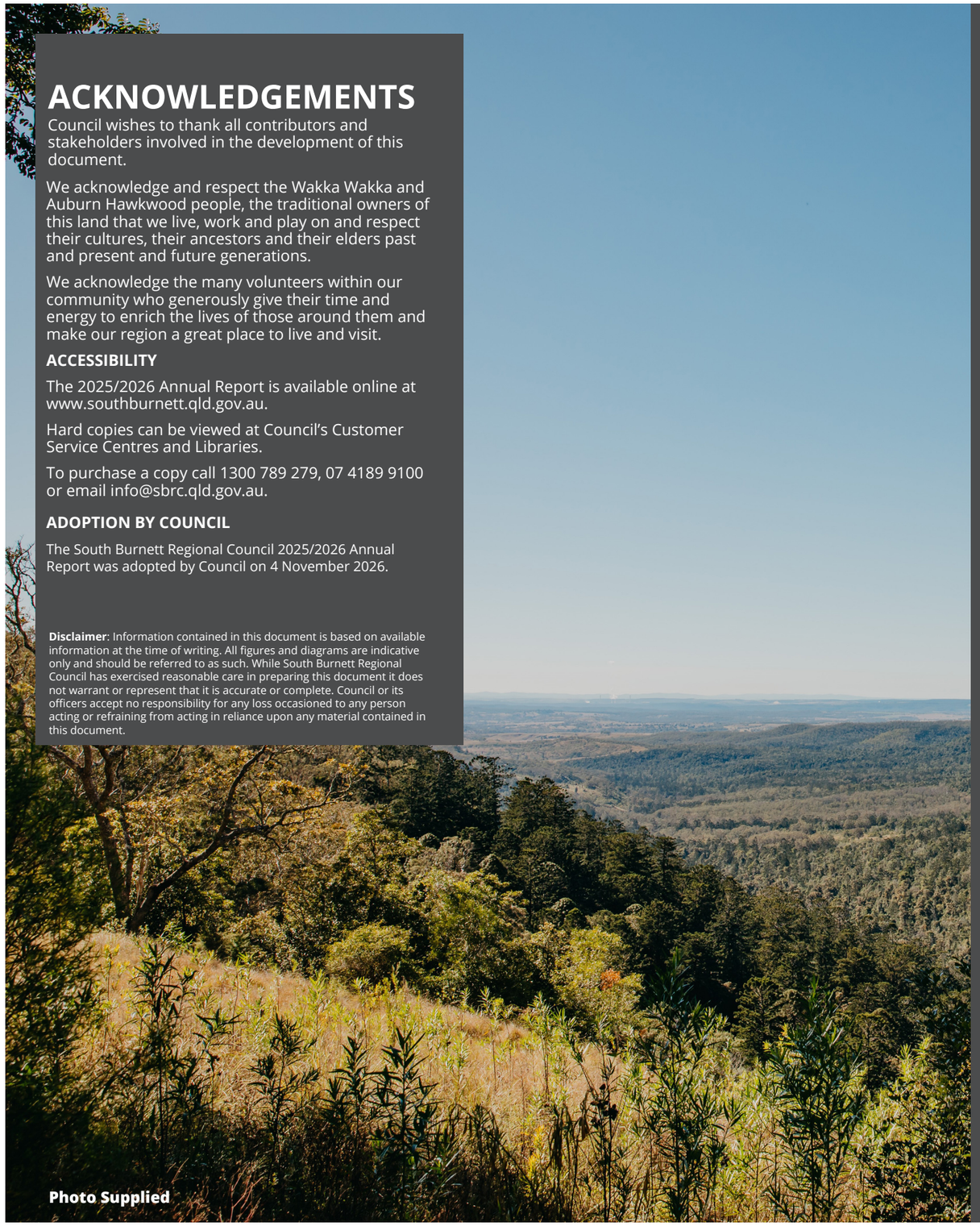
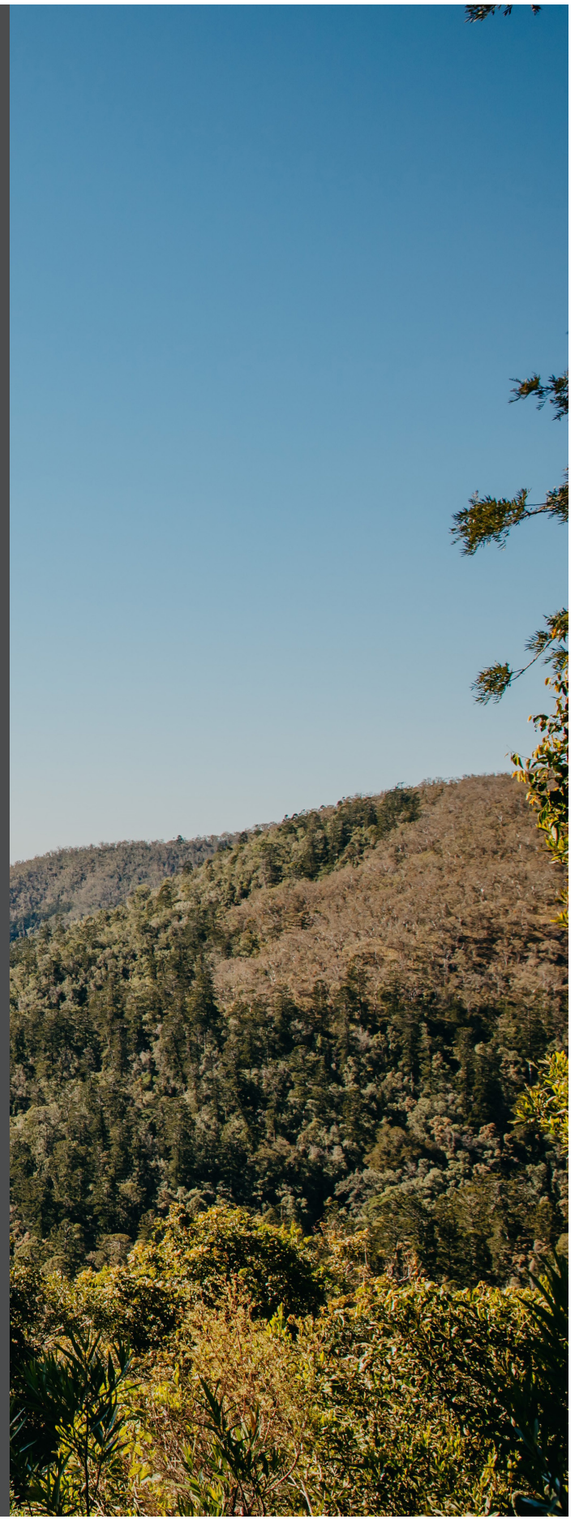


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WELCOME TO OUR 2025/2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report is our formal reporting mechanism that assesses the progress towards meeting the outcomes of the five strategic priorities set out in Council's Corporate Plan 2025-2030:

ENHANCING LIVEABILITY AND LIFESTYLE

Elevate the South Burnett region to be recognised as a "Region of choice".

PROVIDING KEY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR TOWNS & VILLAGES

Develop, renew and maintain community infrastructure through sound asset management principles.

GROWING OUR REGION'S ECONOMY AND PROSPERITY

Boost our economy through investment and innovation that promotes population growth and community wellbeing.

SAFEGUARDING OUR ENVIRONMENT

A sustainable environment, proactively and responsibly managed in collaboration with the community and other partners for future generations.

ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE

An organisation that is characterised by effective leadership, responsible management, good governance and quality service delivery.

OUR PURPOSE

"TO DELIVER THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FOR OUR CUSTOMERS, WITHIN THE RESOURCES WE HAVE"

Our Vision

An organisation known for its exceptional customer service, empowering employees to go above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction.

OUR CORE VALUES

HONESTY

RESPECT

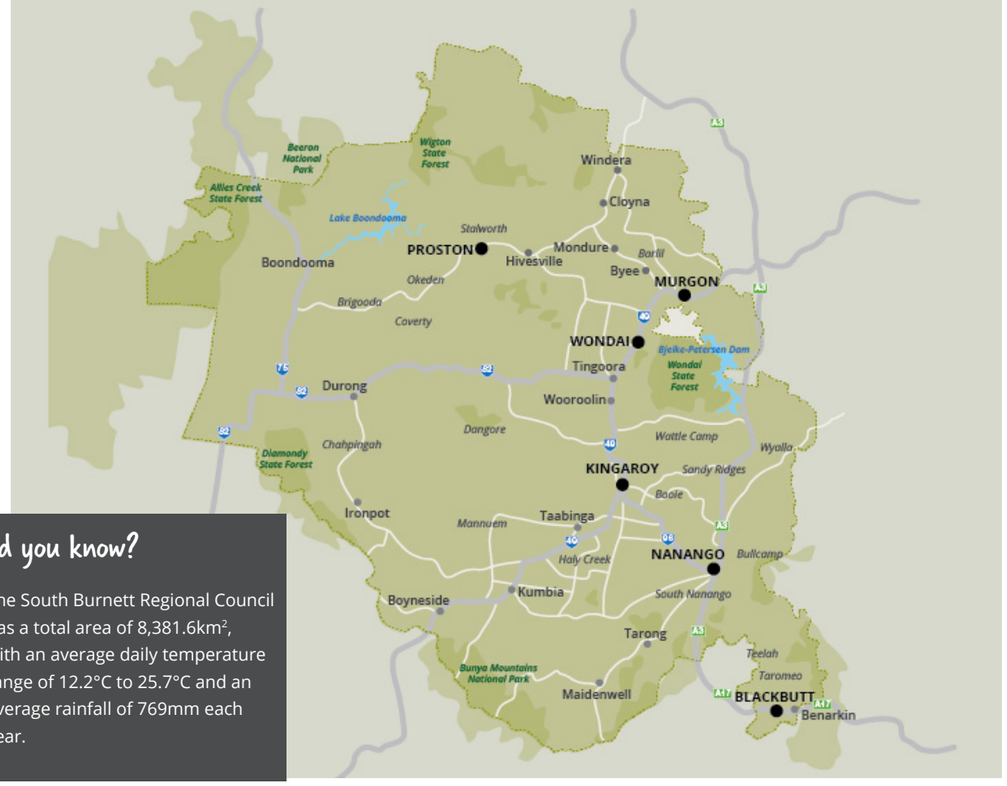
ACCOUNTABILITY

INTEGRITY

UNITY







Our Region

Located on the edge of the Great Dividing Range and set against a backdrop of the Bunya Mountains, the South Burnett is a unique blend of vibrant country towns and laid-back living.

SITUATED inland from the Sunshine Coast and an easy two-hour drive from Brisbane, the South Burnett is a great place to make a home.

The South Burnett region is uniquely positioned to offer lifestyle and employment opportunities which other regions can only envy. The region covers a geographical area of approximately 8,381.6km^2 and is home to 34,290 people.

The close-knit communities with many towns less than 15 minutes from each other, deliver services normally associated with larger populations. Natural surrounds and rolling landscape give the region a relaxed atmosphere. An array of services, retail and events can be found across the region, along with high quality educational, medical and recreational facilities.

Peanuts, navy beans, cattle and pigs are among the region's notable produce, enabling globally significant value-added processing.

The South Burnett region has a lively history, from the tribes that traversed the region on their way to the Bunya Mountains through to Queensland's longest serving Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, and a symbol of traditional country fare, Lady Flo's pumpkin scones.

Our residents enjoy a relaxed country lifestyle, contrasted with abundant opportunities and possibilities afforded by our innovative industries. From agriculture, manufacturing, mining and renewable energy, to art, culture, tourism, health and quality education, the South Burnett really does have it all.

Did you know?

The South Burnett Regional Council has a total area of 8,381.6km^2, with an average daily temperature range of 12.2°C to 25.7°C and an average rainfall of 769mm each year.

Our Services

A snap shot of the services Council provides to the community.

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

South Burnett Animal Management Centre

Council commenced operation of the South Burnett Animal Management Centre from 1 July 2025. Services provided include, operation of the animal housing facility, processing impounded animals including dangerous dogs, rehoming and adoption of unclaimed animals.

3200km ROADS

Council maintains 3200km of roads, pathways, drainage structures and bridges.

6 POOLS

There are 6 pools located in the South Burnett, with 4 solely owned by Council, providing many programs for the community.

46 PARKS & 32 PLAYGROUNDS

Council's Parks Team maintain 46 parks and 32 playgrounds across the region.

Council mows 906 hectares of land

SOUTH BURNETT DISASTER DASHBOARD

Council is primarily responsible for coordination and management of disaster and emergency events (preparation, preparedness, response and recovery) in the South Burnett Region.

When disaster strikes go to dashboard.southburnett.qld.gov.au

6 LIBRARIES

South Burnett Libraries comprise of branches with each library offering a collection of quality resources across a variety of formats and subjects. Free wi-fi and computer access is available at each location, with many programs and events throughout the year.

3 DAMS WITH 2 RECREATION PARKS

- Gordonbrook Dam
- Council operates 2 tourist parks at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and Boondooma Dam.

Further information and bookings can be made at: https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/dams

10 HALLS

Council has a total of 10 Community Halls, 4 halls are community run and 6 are available for hire, through Council's booking portal, Bookable: https://southburnett.bookable.net.au

OTHER FACILITIES & SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNCIL:

- 9 Waste Water Treatment Plants
- 8 Water Treatment Plants
- 13 Cemeteries
- 3 Aerodromes at Kingaroy, Nanango and Wondai
- Coolabunia Saleyards & Tick Clearing Facility
- South Burnett section of the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail and Blackbutt to Somerset section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
- 42 Public Amenities
- 2 Heritage Museums at Wondai & Kingaroy
- 4 Historic Venues - Ringsfield House, Kingaroy 1913 Chambers, Boondooma Homestead and the Proston Railway building
- 4 Visitor Information Centres
- 2 Art Galleries at Wondai and Kingaroy
- Material Laboratory
- 4 Water Standpipes located at Nanango, Blackbutt, Benarkin and Hivesville
- 17 Waste Management Facilities throughout the region, with no charge on household residential waste disposal (fees apply to select items and for commercial waste)
- Council supports the community by offering grant programs to assist community organisations and individuals

Council maintains 604kms of water mains

Weekly Bin Collections and a Fortnightly Recycling Service

IMPORTANT SERVICES PROVIDED:

Council upholds community safety by complying with relevant local laws to maintain:

- Environmental Health Services - food licencing, business inspections & managing public health risks
- Compliance - Animal management and collection of roaming dogs and livestock
- Vegetation management, biosecurity and roadside burning and clearing

Mayor Report

Mayor Kathy Duff



On behalf of our Council team, Councillors, CEO Mark, the Senior Leadership Team and the whole organisation, I am pleased to present the 2025/2026 Annual Report which showcases the achievements and progress that has been made by Council.

It has been rewarding to work with our Council team over the last twelve months to begin delivering on our Community Plans, our Works for Queensland projects and our second budget which has again been put together by our Council team without relying on outside consultants.

Our team is delivering on the vision that has been included in our Corporate Plan and that is "An organisation known for its exceptional customer service empowering employees to go above and beyond to ensure customer satisfaction" and I believe our focus has been very much on our purpose which is " to deliver the best possible outcomes for our customers, within the resources we have."

As a Council we recognise that every interaction with our Customers, whether online, over the phone, or in person is an opportunity to build trust, demonstrate accountability and improve outcomes. By placing our Customers, at the centre of everything, we can ensure our decisions and services reflect real priorities, enhance satisfaction and foster a culture of continuous improvement across our organisation.

Our Community Plans are helping to guide us in our decision making with each town and village having their own individual plans. We have been back out to the community as a report card on what we have achieved from their community plans and to give the community a chance to relook at the plans and alter, add or change the priorities.

We are using the community plans to help shape our budgets particularly our Capital Works program going forward. The budget is always challenging but I am pleased that we were again able to deliver a very modest rate rise because our focus was on the cost of living pressures and the low socio-economic region that we serve. We have continued to roll out the Works for Queensland projects and staff and Councillors are working closely with the community in each of the divisions to deliver these projects.

We are continuing to deliver millions of dollars of flood repairs that is being supported by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. We have also in this budget again delivered a large reseal program to reduce potholes and maintenance on our sealed network. This year has seen a review of the organizational structure with an emphasis on locals working locally. We are spending some funds to upgrade the depots in the outlying towns and are in the process of transitioning to the new structure to help to create more efficiencies.

Our Council continues to look for cost savings in the organisation to reduce our operating deficit, however we realise it is important that we can maintain community services while holding rates to an affordable level. Advocating to both the State and Federal Governments to reduce cost shifting and for more support continues to be a priority.

We are joined by other local governments across Queensland asking for a bigger share of the funds, particularly from the Federal Assistance Grants. Councils right across Qld are also advocating strongly to retain the current level of support from the Federal Government for disaster funding.

Volunteers are the backbone of our region and to every volunteer across the South Burnett, I say thank you. Your commitment to many not-for-profit organisations allows Council to work side-by-side with you to ensure our region continues to grow and prosper.

Thank you to Visit South Burnett for continuing to fly the flag for our region. It is exciting to see the roll out of "Wouldn't you like to be in my shoes" as Robyn Dower and Charlie Spagalli work together on this wonderful video promotion of our region.

BIEDO, our economic development arm of Council has been altered. The General Manager is now fully employed by Council and is our Economic Development Officer. BIEDO has been downsized to a not-for-profit group supported by Council but solely for the purpose of applying for grants that will be delivered by BIEDO volunteers or through Council's Economic Development Officer.

I extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Councillors, CEO Mark, the Senior Leadership team and our dedicated staff for their tireless work, professionalism and commitment to serving our community throughout the year. Your efforts continue to make a meaningful difference every day.

In closing I feel truly honoured and blessed to hold the position of Mayor. I will continue to lead a team of Councillors and Staff who are committed to working together to deliver the best possible outcomes for our wonderful South Burnett region.

CEO Report

CEO Mark Pitt PSM



It gives me great pleasure to present the 2025/2026 South Burnett Regional Council Annual Report.

Well, what a Year!

As another financial year closes, it is worth reflecting on how much South Burnett Regional Council delivers in 12 months. Behind every sealed road, upgraded facility, community event, playground and completed project are careful planning, consultation, procurement, engineering, financial management and the commitment of our people.

Getting things done

Across the region, Council invested strongly in roads and infrastructure, delivering resealing, rehabilitation, drainage and disaster recovery works. Major initiatives included the Gordonbrook Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Off-Stream Storage project and work associated with the South Burnett Industrial Circular Economy Precinct.

Other projects are building long-term capability. Yurika Dark Fibre is strengthening digital infrastructure for businesses, schools, health services and the wider community—helping position the South Burnett as "Smart Country". Upgrades at Coolabunia Saleyards improved safety, animal welfare and user experience, while investment in parks, playgrounds, sporting facilities and public spaces enhanced liveability across our towns.

One Region, Many Stories

Local government does not simply deliver projects in communities; it must understand what those communities want and need. During the year, we progressed Community Plans through engagement in Wondai, Proston, Kumbia, Kingaroy, Nanango, Hivesville, Maidenwell, Murgon and Blackbutt. These plans give communities a stronger voice in shaping their future and help Council focus on what matters locally.

Investing in people

Council is not only roads, parks, water and buildings; Council is people. We continued to invest in traineeships, apprenticeships, cadetships, graduate roles and other career pathways that build qualifications, experience and confidence while developing the skills our organisation needs.

School-based trainees and work experience students also gained an insight into local government careers, reinforcing our responsibility to create opportunities and strengthen our future workforce.

More than delivering services

Our role extends beyond direct service delivery. Council advocated strongly for the South Burnett at state and national levels, including presenting 13 motions to the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference. Our Council advocated strongly against the proposed changes to Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements by the Commonwealth Government to ensure that our community was not forgotten in times of greatest need.

We supported community organisations, arts, culture and youth initiatives, and promoted the South Burnett as a place to live, work, invest and build a career. We also assumed operation of the South Burnett Animal Management Centre and strengthened international connections through our Friendship Agreement with Nikopol District in Ukraine.

But here's the thing...

None of this happens because of one person, department or team. It happens because hundreds of people contribute every day from customer service, road crews, planning, finance and animal management to libraries, engineering, facilities, projects, administration and leadership.

Together, they turn plans into services, infrastructure and outcomes for the community, often without fanfare and always with a focus on getting the job done.

So, what a year!

Before moving too far into the new financial year, we should recognise 2025/2026 for what it was: a year of hard work, progress, challenges, opportunities and achievement. There will always be more roads to fix, projects to deliver, customers to help and challenges to overcome. That is local government and it is why our work matters.

Every day, in ways big and small, we help make the South Burnett a better place to live, work and visit. That is something we can all be proud of.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Annual Report. Council welcomes your feedback. I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely acknowledge the Council Leadership Team, Council Staff and the Mayor and Councillors for their commitment and support throughout the year and for your contribution to a year worth celebrating.

Now, onwards and upwards to the next one.

Strategic Highlights 2025/2026

At the conclusion of each 12 month reporting period, it is important to reflect on the performance of Council's efforts.



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Strategic Priority: Enhancing liveability and lifestyle

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS
Develop and implement fit for purpose initiatives to enhance community parks, gardens as well as sport and recreational facilities for presentation and maintenance.	• Council provided work environment for trainees funded by Queensland Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative and working on Council owned environmental areas/parks and rail trail. Skilling Queensland Program Round 1 successfully completed • Containers for Change bins have been installed in parks across the region
Foster and encourage vibrant arts, culture and heritage growth in our communities	• RADF Major Funding round released in May • Ongoing programming underway and will continue in line with the Arts Queensland funding agreement
Partner with our region's youth to ensure the voice of youth is heard	• Youth Council very active including holding a movie night in October • Youth Council has grown to 14 members in 2026 • Youth Council organised a youth expo and talent show in Memorial Park, Kingaroy, delivered with grant funding. Good attendance with stalls, activities, food and JC Action Sports doing BMX display and stunts
Develop, in consultation with communities, Community Plans that identify key priorities for each town and village to inform Council's prioritisation	• Council participated in a deputation to the police minister through WBBROC for support in operational costs of running CCTV or QPS taking over the systems • Council was successful in receiving a Secure Communities Grant for the install of CCTV cameras, lighting and fencing with ongoing implementation and installation of new CCTV cameras and lighting under the Secure Community Grant – Round 1 • Council submitted another funding application under Secure Communities – Round 2 • Ongoing operation transition of Murgon and Wondai CCTV systems underway • The second round of Community meetings were held with the Mayor, Councillors and senior staff with feedback received over the 2025/2026 financial year • Community Plans adopted at the Council meeting on 19 November 2025 - resolution 2025/223
Support, advocate and facilitate real outcomes on mental health and suicide prevention	• Council continues to support South Burnett Suicide Prevention Working Group and advocate when possible • Council continues to advocate for opportunities for mental health and suicide prevention initiatives and projects that support community well-being
Continue to provide pro-active support to the Local Disaster Management Group	• Council continues to lead and administer the Local Disaster Management Group for the South Burnett • Council leads and administers the Local Disaster Recovery for the South Burnett

Strategic Priority: Providing key infrastructure for our towns and villages

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS
Provide sound asset management strategies to maintain and improve Council's road network, bridges, drainage, footpath infrastructure and street lighting	• The multi-year drainage program is continuing with design for both the current and future financial years with capital works projects designed for delivery next financial year and other renewal projects for kerb and channel ongoing • Council continues to advocate for designation of the Cherbourg Road as a State controlled road
Develop a secure and reliable urban and rural water supply system through increased allocations, upgraded and renewed infrastructure and pricing models, and advocate for potable water for all residential communities	• Council continues to advocate for, and seek funding to support improvements to urban water security, water infrastructure and Gordonbrook spillway • Ministerial meeting held during June advocating for further water allocation • Review of declared water services areas currently in progress • Council continues to operate water and wastewater infrastructure in accordance with approved operations manuals, customer service standards and public health requirements and statutory timeframes for reporting
Provide and investigate options to improve our saleyards as an important community asset	• Council continues to maintain and improve Council's Saleyards to meet community and safety standards and continue the functions of the Coolabunia Saleyards Advisory Committee • Council continues to investigate and implement online safety inductions for saleyard users and develop and implement operating procedures
Continue to provide and investigate options to improve our cemetery infrastructure.	• Investigations and planning for expansion of Taabinga Lawn Cemetery sections for future growth continuing • Council cemeteries maintained and improved to meet community standards • A dedicated cemetery team has been employed to increase the service standards across the four (4) main cemeteries • The digitisation of Council's cemetery records has been completed
Continue to provide and investigate options to improve our aerodromes.	• Council's aerodromes managed to meeting service standards and compliance • Council has approved the introduction of landing fees and AvData monitoring at Kingaroy and Wondai aerodromes • Engagement with Council's Grants Officer seeking funding for masterplanning activities are ongoing • Council has initiated the Kingaroy Aerodrome Masterplan



Strategic Priority: Growing our region's economy and prosperity

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS
Implement a well-researched, action based 'Regional Development Strategy' that supports business and employment growth	• Council attends a small business friendly round table which is run by the Queensland Small Business Commissioner and meets each quarter. This round table brings together Economic Development Officers from the small business friendly Councils to discuss initiatives • Partnership Agreement in place with BIEDO • Community Partnership Program successful funding application for CCTV and security initiatives at community facilities • Development of producer agribusiness database to assist in the event of a disaster for streamlined recovery and assistance • Numerous meetings held with local developers to progress and consider applications for the Residential Activation Fund ('RAF') • Regional Development actions are ongoing in collaboration with key stakeholders
Provide and investigate options to improve our arts, heritage, museums, visitor information centres and tourism infrastructure	• Council continues to promote and operate Council-owned heritage, arts, culture facilities, visitor information centres including collaboration with tourism service providers to support tourism across the region • List of Council's art collection has been sourced to undertake an audit
Support and advocate for appropriate growth and development with responsive planning solutions, processes, customer service and other initiatives	• Council commenced investigations associated with increasing residential densities around townships and investigate the conversion of tenure of Reserves to freehold to make available for development • Continuation of quarterly meetings for the Housing Action Group • Council continues to manage development applications and permits for planning, building and plumbing applications within legislative timeframes
Explore, advocate and pursue opportunities for post-secondary education within the region	• Early planning with the University of Queensland to have Council included on their regional roadshow program which may include involvement with local schools in relation to their STEM programs • Continued advocacy with State and Commonwealth governments and advocacy with universities
Advocate for enhanced regional digital connectivity and black spots	• Council continues to advocate for digital literacy and inclusion opportunities and regional benefits
Progress the 25 year Economic Roadmap as priority projects and advocate for and support the options as identified in the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF) Water Feasibility Study - North and South Burnett Options Analysis	• Continued advocacy at State and Australian Government for funding for water projects identified in the 25-year economic roadmap and urban water security including regular meetings with departmental representatives to progress water initiatives and infrastructure • Meetings with Sunwater to discuss the progress of the Barlil Weir construction. Continued advocacy by Mayor and Councillors for increased water allocation to the region. Meeting with the Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers to advocate for 2,000 megalitre increase in allocation from Boondooma Dam. Met with the Executive Director South Region Water Resource Management to discuss water related issues and increase allocation opportunities • Construction continues on Gordonbrook Offsite Storage • Ongoing representations to the State Government Minister. Continued engagement with the Department • Engagement with Sunwater on Barlil Weir. Continued engagement with the Burnett Basin Water Plan review with the Department of Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers at Civic Leaders to review feedback; technical assessments (environmental, economic, social, hydrologic & cultural); policy development & consultation; preparation of a draft water plan
Advocate for improved regulation on large scale renewable energy projects with a view to protecting our environment and infrastructure which supports our community and key stakeholders to build a plan for future energy generation including improved community outcomes and legacy projects	• Council continues to advocate for improved regulation on large scale renewable energy projects with a view to protecting our environment and infrastructure which supports our community and key stakeholders to build a plan for future energy generation including improved community outcomes and legacy projects
Advocate for legacy infrastructure from the 2032 Olympic Games	• Met with Embassy representatives from Ukraine, Israel and Timor-Leste and corresponded with Cambodia and Solomon Islands to discuss opportunities for athletes to acclimatise and train in the South Burnett region for the 2032 Olympics • Friendship agreement between the South Burnett and Nikopol districts; and facilitation of the exchange of cultural and sports items between the South Burnett and Nikopol districts with the Embassy of Ukraine in Australia, together with the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO) signed on 28 January 2026 • EOI submitted to Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program (2032 Legacy funding) for shade sails across the region

Strategic Priority: **Safeguarding our environment**

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS
Continue to provide and investigate options to improve waste reduction, landfill management and recycling	• Council has completed the feasibility study into the expansion of the Kingaroy Landfill • An application to the Resource Recovery Boost fund was unsuccessful due to the highly competitive round • Council has continued the employment of an Illegal Dumping Officer
Ongoing commitment to bio-security and pest management, including declared and non-declared species	• South Burnett and Cherbourg Community Council Advisory Committee formed and Terms of Reference adopted • Council has jointly supported Burnett Mary Regional Group in a weed and feral pest management project • Wengenville Alice Creek Glencliff Syndicate Group were successful with a Grass Roots Environmental Grant for feral pig control • Council officers continue to provide support to the wild dog and feral pig syndicates • Planning and design underway for the washdown facility to assist controlling the spread of weed seeds across the region - the finalisation of the Biosecurity Plan will help inform the location • Livestock and Rural Transport Association of Queensland has made a submission for funding an animal effluent disposal facility in SEQ

Strategic Priority: Organisational Excellence

GOALS	ACHIEVEMENTS
Achieve community recognition as an ethical Council that values and practices community consultation, accountable governance and open and transparent decision-making.	• Ongoing provision of governance support given to identified strategic projects within Council • Council's corporate documents captured and correctly managed using recordkeeping good practice • Managed and maintained the legal proceedings/legal advice and corporate registers and maintained the budget for engagement of legal services • Managed the provision of delegations, sub-delegations and Local Government Worker / Authorised Persons governance processes
Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management	• Maintain and monitor 10-year long term financial plans reporting to Council through monthly financial reports presented to Council • Development of annual budget, compliance with budget limits, quarterly budget revisions, monthly reporting of budget variations to Council in monthly financial reports • Annual Financial Statements developed and delivered in both accordance and compliance with relevant Accounting Standards and Legislation • Continue to follow up on outstanding debt to not place an unfair burden onto rate payers who meet their obligations in full • Review of fleet utilisation continued
Foster a continuous improvement, customer focused culture led by the senior management team and underpinned by an effective performance setting, monitoring and evaluation system.	• Full review of the Customer Service Charter commenced
Continued commitment to community engagement and to proactive strategic delivery of media and communications	• Proactive, strategic delivery of media, communications and web presence (including social media)
Develop and apply reliable, practical, and cost-effective information technology and business systems that support innovation, strengthen service delivery, and position the organisation to adapt with emerging technologies	• Council continues to develop and manage Business Systems and Projects • Plumbing record digitalisation project commenced • Council resolved to implement the Waste ID program post a successful trial which has brought efficiencies to the Plumbing Department • All planning applications received are now being published and updated via Council's website



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Small Business Friendly Program

Council reaffirmed its support for small business by re-signing the Small Business Friendly Commitment under the Queensland Small Business Commissioner's revised framework. This commitment underscores our dedication to creating a supportive environment for small businesses, the backbone of our regional economy. Through this program Council has remained proactive in identifying opportunities, addressing challenges and working together with the business community to build a more sustainable and resilient regional economy.

The Small Business Friendly Program was established to create practical improvements in the way Queensland councils interact with and support the small businesses in their area. In the last twelve months South Burnett has been committed to delivering the following for our local small businesses:

- Uplifting the capacity of small businesses
- Fostering ecosystems that help small businesses thrive
- Promoting small businesses and vibrant economies
- Enabling small business development and success
- Working together for small business

Council has actively partnered with local chambers of commerce and business groups to foster collaboration and networking to assist in identifying matters affecting small business. Our team has attended a variety of workshops and events to foster a two-way connection with small business. The team has maintained relationships and effective communication with State Government departments to ensure state supported initiatives were delivered in the region. Council has participated in Small Business Friendly Program meetings and events to network with other participating Councils and share successes and learnings. Council provides an annual report to the Small Business Friendly Program outlining our actions and achievements toward the commitment.





Our Finances



Community Financial Report

This is an overview of the key elements of Council's financial performance to assist readers in evaluating Council's financial position without the need to interpret the financial statements.

This section provides an overview of the financial statements and focusses on the following five (5) key sections:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profit and Loss Statement)
2. Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
3. Statement of Changes in Equity (how Council's net worth has changed from one year to the next)
4. Statement of Cash Flows (how Council's cash position has changed)
5. Financial Sustainability Measures (how we sustain Council's business financially)

1. STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Refer to 'Financial Statements' from page 129)

This section indicates whether Council made a profit or loss.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income considers what Council has earned (revenue) and what costs have been incurred (expenditure) during the specific financial period regardless of when monies were received or paid.

These figures are based on accrual accounting principles. For example, all rates issued are included in income even though all rates are yet to be collected. These outstanding amounts would show in the Statement of Financial Position as an amount owed to Council. Therefore, the Statement of Comprehensive Income shows both cash and non-cash transactions including depreciation as an expense.

A summary of Council's results for the reporting period can be seen below.

Council's Results	Actual 2026	Actual 2025
Recurrent Revenue	107,459,630	117,714,534
Recurrent Expenses	(109,658,269)	(120,518,929)
Operating Profit/(Loss)	**(2,198,639)**	**(2,804,395)**
Capital Revenue	25,612,773	11,982,126
Capital Expenses	(1,768,177)	(2,688,072)
Net Profit/(Loss)	**21,645,958**	**6,489,659**
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of our assets	66,844,476	63,794,080
Total Comprehensive Profit	**88,490,435**	**70,283,739**

The decrease in operating loss from 2025 of ($2.8M) to 2026 of ($2.2M) was largely due to yearly increases in revenue items including fees and charges offset by increases in employee benefits and material costs.

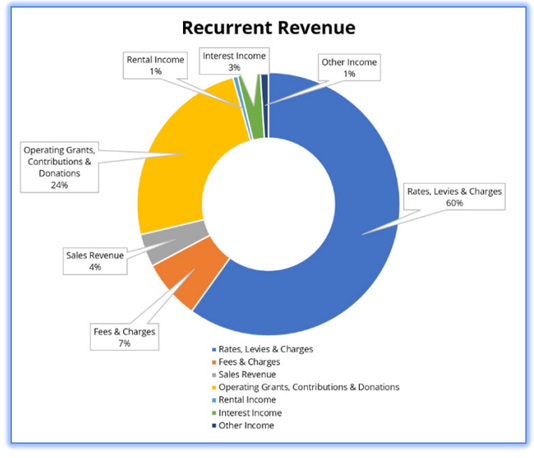
Other factors which affected the operational loss included additional depreciation of $2.4M and decreases in non cash expenditure from the landfill and gravel provision valuation adjustments of $1.12M.

WHAT WE EARNED

Council's income is split into two (2) main categories for the financial year - recurrent revenue and capital revenue.

Recurrent revenue includes income that is received to fund the everyday operations and running of Council activities. Rates and utility charges are Council's main source of income making up 59.91% of recurrent revenue. Other sources of revenue such as recoverable works, government grants and fees and charges are also important sources that assist in funding the future growth of our region. Council saw a reduction in operational grants this financial year of ($9.64M) which was largely due to changes in the amount of funds received to repair flood damaged assets and the classification of works between operational and capital repairs.

Council's capital revenue is used to construct Council's assets now and in the future. This section consists of grants, contributions, and developer contributions. During the financial year, $25.61M was received in grants, contributions and developer contributions to





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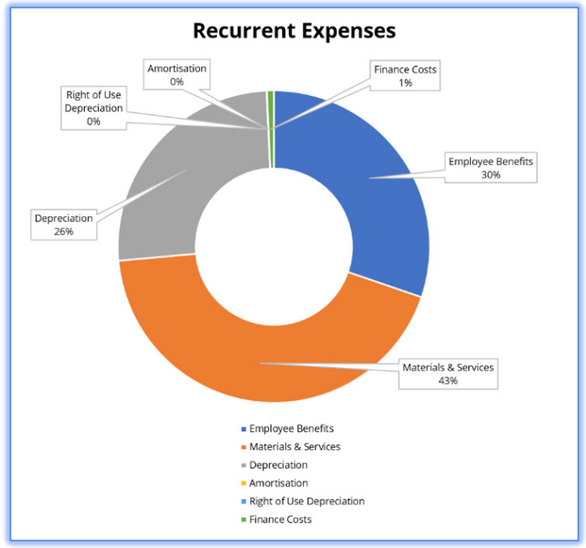
WHAT WE HAVE SPENT

Council incurs both recurrent expenses and capital expenses during the financial year. Capital expenses are the net proceeds or loss on assets that have been sold or disposed of during the year. As Council is unable to sell a majority of its infrastructure assets or roads, a loss on disposal occurs as the assets are upgraded or renewed during the year.

Recurrent expenditure relates to everyday costs required for Council to provide a wide range of services to the community. This work is primarily undertaken by Council staff and private contractors where required. Wherever possible, local suppliers and contractors are utilised ensuring the money flows back into our community.

Approximately $13.60M out of the $109.66M in recurrent expenditure was incurred due to flood recovery works which was almost fully reimbursed by Queensland Reconstruction Authority Funding.

Council's three (3) largest recurrent expenditure categories are employee benefits, materials and services and depreciation. Council's expenditure is monitored through a rigorous budget process to ensure value for money for the South Burnett community.



2. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (REFER TO 'FINANCIAL STATEMENTS' ON PAGE 129)

The Statement of Financial Position (also commonly known as a balance sheet), shows Council's net accumulated financial worth at the end of each financial year.

The Statement of Financial Position is broken down into three (3) areas:

- What Council owns (Assets);
- What Council owes (Liabilities); and
- What Council is worth in dollar terms (Equity).

The below is a snapshot of Council's financial position as per the audited financial statements.

What is Council's net worth	2026	2025
Assets		
Assets we own	1,264,789,203	1,186,556,946
Cash and cash equivalents	118,103,747	65,450,482
Money owed by customers and ratepayers	19,911,278	27,113,320
Inventory	972,063	1,009,801
Council's total assests	**1,403,776,290**	**1,280,130,550**
Liabilities		
What we owe our suppliers	67,075,719	28,567,156
What we owe our lenders	17,115,373	20,377,737
What future commitments we have	23,256,220	23,347,113
Council's total liabilities	**107,447,312**	**72,292,006**
Council's net worth	**1,296,328,978**	**1,207,838,544**

ASSETS – WHAT OUR COMMUNITY OWNS

Property, plant and equipment accounts for 90% of Council's assets. This is a significant investment for the community and requires astute management to ensure the level of service provided by these assets are maintained. As of 30 June 2026, Council held property, plant and equipment assets worth $1,257,802,605. This is an increase of $78.18M compared to the prior year largely due to desktop revaluations assessing significant indexation rates to be applied for the relevant asset classes. For a breakdown of assets refer to 'Note 10: Property, Plant and Equipment' - Page 145.

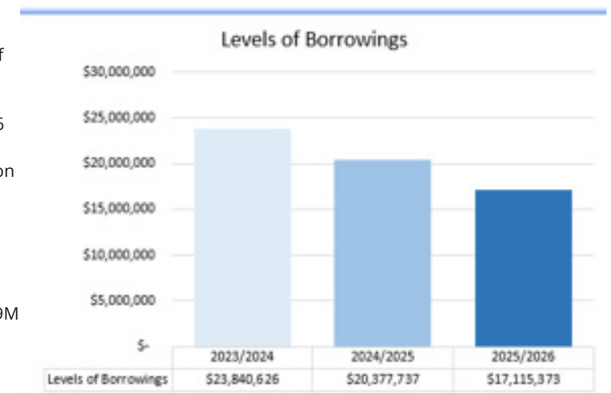
LIABILITIES – WHAT OUR COMMUNITY OWES

Borrowings with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) makes up almost 16% of Council's liability balances. Each year Council adopts a Debt Policy that details new borrowings planned for the current financial year and the next nine (9) financial years. The objective in developing a detailed long-term borrowing strategy is to facilitate effective borrowings to achieve specific outcomes.

Council did not take out any new borrowings in the 2025/2026 year with principle repayments of $3,262,364 being paid; see note 14 Borrowings - Page 154.

Other key liabilities for the year ended June 2026 include:

- Provision for quarry and landfill rehabilitation $12.20M
- Provision for employee entitlements (Long Service Leave and Annual Leave) $7.16M
- Payables (including accrued wages and expenses) $11.35M
- Contract Liabilities $55.72M – includes $49.9M for Residential Activation Fund water and sewerage projects
- Prepaid State Waste Levy $3.09M



3. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

The Statement of Changes in Equity measures the changes in Council's net worth and shows the movement in the retained earnings and asset revaluation surplus.

During the financial year, equity increased by $88.49M due to increases in the asset revaluation reserve of $66.84M (changes to how much our property, plant and equipment are worth) and an overall net profit of $21.65M.

4. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Statement of Cash Flow is just like a bank statement. If you prepared a summary of your personal bank statements for twelve (12) months, it would be called a cash flow statement.

This statement only reports on actual cash and shows:

- How much money Council started the financial year with;
- Where the incoming money was spent; and
- How much money we have left at the end of the year

Council commenced the financial year with $65,450,482 in the bank and ended the year with $118,103,747. Therefore, Council's bank balance increased by $52,653,264 during the financial year. This increase was largely due to the payment of $49.9m for the Residential Activation Fund water and sewerage infrastructure projects in June 2026.

CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ARE SEPARATED INTO OPERATING, INVESTING, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

- Operating activities include rates, user charges, interest, grants, employee costs, materials and services, interest and administration;
- Investing activities include money Council receives and spends for assets which are purchased or sold i.e. property, plant and equipment;
- Financing activities are cash received if Council takes out new loans or cash paid as repayments against loans.

	Actual 2026
Opening Cash Balance	**65,450,482**
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	71,602,290
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(15,661,981)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(3,287,044)
Closing Cash Balance	**118,103,747**

Council had a net cash inflow from operating activities of $71,602,290. This is the amount that is 'available' to contribute to capital expenditure and repayments of borrowings. Of this balance, Council spent net cash outflows of $15,661,981 on investing activities and net cash outflows of $3,287,044 on financing activities.

5. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES

The Queensland Government Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers is responsible for overseeing the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guidelines 2024 which all Queensland Councils must report against from the 2025/2026 period. These guidelines include a number of sustainability indicators to provide a robust look at each Council's overall sustainability. While Council must report on the current year and 5-Year Average of most of the ratios below, generally only the 5-Year Average is used when determining whether the target has been met apart from the unrestricted cash expense cover ratio.

Council's performance against each of the new sustainability ratios as at 30 June 2026 can be seen below:

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 4)	Actual Current Year	Five Year Average
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	17.21 months	N/A
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than 0%	-2.00%	-2.84%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	24.96%	22.94%
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 80%	107.02%	84.81%
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	69.56%	70.22%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	87.66%	N/A
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	0.64 times	1.10 times
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	67.25%	65.01%
	Population Growth	N/A	1.33%	1.17%

Our Council

Council's Corporate Governance ensures all aspects of our organisation work together to achieve our vision. Our forward thinking Leadership and Management Team drive innovation whilst respecting our region's heritage, rural identity and community values.



Council operates under the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and is elected to provide leadership and governance to the South Burnett region.

The Council has a duty to ensure the system of local government is accountable, effective, efficient, sustainable and consistent in accordance with the local government principles.

The local government principles are:

- Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest
- Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services
- Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement
- Good governance of, and by, local government
- Ethical and legal behaviour of Councillors, Local Government employees and Councillor advisors.

THE ELECTED COUNCIL

Local Government elections are held every four (4) years by the Electoral Commission of Queensland, an independent and impartial body set up to run democratic elections in Queensland, including Local Government elections. The last election for the South Burnett Regional Council was held in March 2024.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS

The South Burnett region covers an area of 8,381.6km^2 and is divided into six (6) divisions with one (1) Councillor elected to represent each division. All voters throughout the region elect the Mayor.

Our seven (7) elected members represent the community to ensure the governance of the region.

Councillors are responsible for:

a. Ensuring the local government -
   (i) discharges its responsibilities under the Act
   (ii) achieves its Corporate Plan
   (iii) complies with all laws that apply to local governments
b. Providing high quality leadership to the local government and the community
c. Participating in Council meetings, policy development, and decision-making, for the benefit of the local government area
d. Being accountable to the community for the local government's performance

Each Councillor participates in the process of formulating, adopting, and reviewing our Corporate and Operational Plans. Councillors meet regularly to make decisions and to discuss local issues.

Councillors focus on the policy directions of the local government, not the internal day-to-day administration.

The role of Councillors is to make decisions which Council officers can then implement on their behalf.

ROLE OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor has the following extra responsibilities:

a. Leading and managing meetings of the local government as chairperson, including managing the conduct of the participants at the meetings
b. Leading, managing, and providing strategic direction to the Chief Executive Officer in order to achieve the high quality administration of the local government
c. Directing the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government under *Section 170* of the *Local Government Act 2009*
d. Conducting a performance appraisal of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), at least annually, in the way that is decided by the local government, (including as a member of a committee, for example)
e. Ensuring that the local government promptly provides the Minister with the information about the local government area, or the local government, that is requested by the Minister
f. Being a member of each standing committee of the local government
g. being the official spokesperson of the local government about local government matters
h. Representing the local government at ceremonial or civic functions

COUNCILLORS' REGISTER OF INTEREST EXTRACTS

Pursuant to *Section 295* of *The Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation), Council has available a copy of each Councillor's Register of Interests at the Kingaroy Customer Service Centre or an extract is available online at www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

The Register of Interests contains the financial and non-financial particulars mentioned in Schedule 5 of the Regulation for an interest held by the Councillor.

REMUNERATION FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Remuneration levels for Councillors are set by an independent State Government convened Commission. Each year the tribunal undertakes a review of the remuneration levels and publishes a report with their recommendations. Remuneration details for the 2025/2026 reporting year can be found under 'Councillor Remuneration' on page 34.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS IN QUEENSLAND

The Code of Conduct sets out the principles and standards of behaviour expected of Councillors and Mayors when carrying out their roles, responsibilities and obligations as elected representatives for their communities. The behavioural standards relate to, and are consistent with, the local government principles and their associated values.

The standards of behaviour are summarised as the three Rs:

- Responsibilities - carry out responsibilities conscientiously and in the best interests of the Council and the community
- Respect - treat people in a reasonable, just, respectful and non-discriminatory way
- Reputation - ensure conduct does not reflect adversely on the reputation of Council

The code sets out the statutory, ethical and behavioural obligations by which Councillors must abide. It outlines breaches and penalties under the Act and describes how to make a complaint about a breach of the code.

ROLE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EMPLOYEES

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provides leadership to the organisation and is responsible for ensuring Council's local laws, decisions and policies are implemented in line with the Act, other relevant legislation and Council's Corporate and Operational Plans. The CEO is also responsible for providing timely, professional advice to Council and managing a professional relationship with the Mayor and Councillors.

EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

All employees have the following responsibilities:

a. Implementing the policies and priorities of the local government in a way that promotes:
   - the effective, efficient and economical management of public resources
   - Excellence in service delivery
   - Continual improvement
b. Carrying out their duties in a way that ensures the local government:
   - Discharges its responsibilities under the Act
   - Complies with all laws that apply to local governments
   - Achieves its Corporate Plan
c. Providing sound and impartial advice to the local government
d. Carrying out their duties impartially and with integrity
e. Ensuring the employee's personal conduct does not reflect adversely on the reputation of the local government
f. Improving all aspects of the employee's work performance
g. Observing all laws relating to their employment
h. Observing the ethics principles under the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*, *Section 4*
i. Complying with a code of conduct under the *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994*

Chief Executive Officer responsibilities

The CEO has the following extra responsibilities:

a. Managing the local government in a way that promotes:
   - the effective, efficient and economical management of public resources
   - Excellence in service delivery
   - Continual improvement
b. Managing the other local government employees through management practices that:
   - Promote equal employment opportunities
   - Are responsive to the local government's policies and priorities
c. Establishing and implementing goals and practices in accordance with the policies and priorities of the local government
d. Establishing and implementing practices about access and equity to ensure that members of the community have access to:
   - Local government programs
   - Appropriate avenues for reviewing local government decisions
e. The safe custody of:
   - All records about the proceedings, accounts or transactions of the local government or its committees
   - All documents owned or held by the local government
f. Complying with requests from Councillors under *Section 170A* of the *Local Government Act 2009*:
   - For advice to assist the Councillor carry out his or her role as a Councillor
   - For information that Council has access to, relating to the local government

PLANNING & PERFORMANCE

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Council's Corporate Plan is a document that establishes the guiding framework and identifies the goals, objectives and strategies to be pursued by Council to meet the needs and aspirations of the community. The 2025-2030 Corporate Plan is available at https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/Your-Council/Publications-Media/Plans-Strategies-Reports/Corporate-Plan.

To effectively achieve the vision and strategic direction of Council's Corporate Plan, an Operational Plan is prepared at the beginning of each financial year. The Operational Plan focuses on strategies for achieving our vision over the next twelve months. The Annual Budget is integrated with the Operational Plan detailing planned strategies, goals, activities and priorities for that year.

This corporate framework ensures there is a clear link between community needs and expectations, corporate strategies, direction, priorities, policy, projects, and day-to-day operations.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

Performance monitoring and reporting are ongoing processes throughout the financial year.

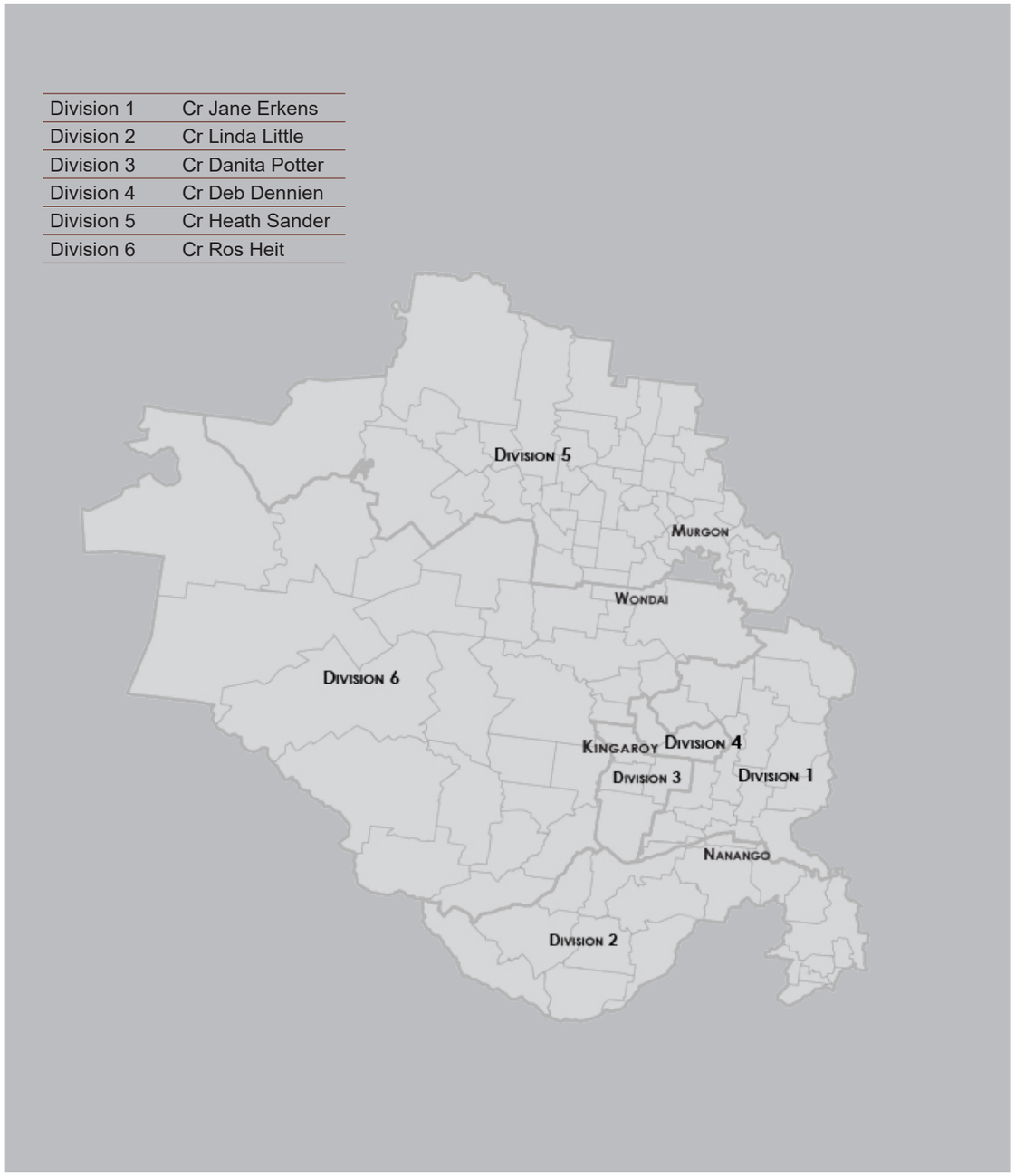
Internal:
An internal framework has been established for internal reporting and accountability. Reports are provided to Council on a monthly and quarterly basis to ensure cost-efficient and effective services are being provided to the community. These reports include progress reports on the implementation of Council's Corporate and Operational plans and financial reporting of budget performance.

External:
The primary tool for external accountability is the Annual Report. This document is prepared annually to show the community and interested stakeholders the progress Council makes in achieving the strategic goals and objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan. The report contains detailed financial and non-financial information about Council's activities and performance.

Our Elected Representatives

Local Government elections are held every four (4) years. The last South Burnett Regional Council election was held on 16 March 2024. South Burnett Regional Council's Local Government area is divided into six (6) divisions with one (1) Councillor elected to represent each division.

Division 1	Cr Jane Erkens
Division 2	Cr Linda Little
Division 3	Cr Danita Potter
Division 4	Cr Deb Dennien
Division 5	Cr Heath Sander
Division 6	Cr Ros Heit



Mayor Kathy Duff



Mayor Kathy Duff grew up on the family property "Di Di" Station that was selected in 1916 by her Grandfather John Patrick Duff who also served as a Councillor. A strong family history of supporting our region, Kathy's brother was also a Councillor on the former Wondai Council. Kathy runs her own cattle grazing and timber business. She has a keen interest in the equine industry including judging horses at local Shows as well as pursuing her hobby as a Silversmith when she can find time. Kathy is involved in numerous community organisations and in 2019 at the Local Government Conference in Cairns she received the prestigious Peak Services Butch Lenton Award for her work helping to rebuild the town of Proston. In 2023 Kathy was honoured to receive the Weekly Times and Harvey Norman Shine Award for dedication. This award celebrates rural women across Australia.

Mayor Duff is honoured to have been elected to serve as the first female Mayor of the South Burnett. She believes that the South Burnett is a dynamic region with huge opportunities for growth. Mayor Duff is keen to support existing businesses but also to attract new industries and growth for the region. She is passionate about everyone working together as a region but she is also keen to ensure that individual towns, small villages and rural communities all get a strong voice across the Council table.

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Council Decisions

As shown below, 2025/2026 was a busy year for the Elected Members and Council staff with 544 resolutions recorded at the Ordinary Council Meetings.

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MINUTES

In 2025/2026, Ordinary Meetings of Council were held on the third Wednesday of every month. Unconfirmed minutes are available for inspection no later than 10 days after each meeting and copies of confirmed minutes are available for purchase at Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries at applicable photocopying charges. Council minutes may also be accessed via Council's website.

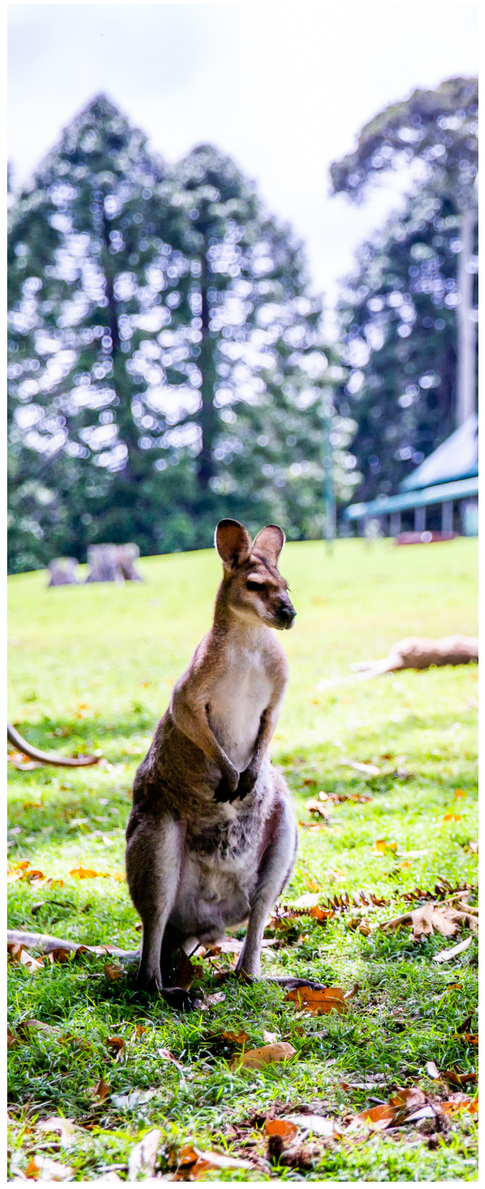
FORMAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 2025/2026

Meeting Type	Date	Decisions
Special Meeting	16/07/2025	33
Ordinary Meeting	16/07/2025	43
Ordinary Meeting	20/08/2025	46
Ordinary Meeting	17/09/2025	43
Ordinary Meeting	15/10/2025	45
Ordinary Meeting	19/11/2025	71
Ordinary Meeting	17/12/2025	33
Ordinary Meeting	28/01/2026	23
Ordinary Meeting	18/02/2026	46
Ordinary Meeting	18/03/2026	40
Ordinary Meeting	15/04/2026	40
Ordinary Meeting	20/05/2026	34
Ordinary Meeting	17/06/2026	47
Total		544

COUNCILLOR MEETING ATTENDANCE

Pursuant to *Section 186(c)* of the Regulation, a total of 12 Ordinary Council Meetings and one (1) Special Meeting were held during the period July 2025 to June 2026. Meeting attendance by Councillors for the reporting period is shown in the table below.

1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	Council	Special Council	Total
Number of Meetings	12	1	13
Cr Kathy Duff	12	1	13
Cr Jane Erkens	11	1	12
Cr Linda Little	12	1	13
Cr Danita Potter	11	1	12
Cr Deb Dennien	12	1	13
Cr Heath Sander	12	1	13
Cr Ros Heit	12	1	13



COUNCILLOR'S REMUNERATION

On 29 November 2024, the Local Government Remuneration Commission concluded its review of remuneration for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors of Queensland Local Governments as required by *Section 177(c)* of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Chapter 8, Part 1, Division 1 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.* The remuneration schedule recommended by the Commission to apply from 1 July 2025 are as follows:

- Mayor - the rate payable of $149,895
- Deputy Mayor - the rate payable of $93,684
- Councillor - the rate payable of $79,630

For an overview of the commission's remuneration determination and its review of local government categories visit https://www.dlgwv.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/2104043/local-government-remuneration-commission-annual-report-2024-973.pdf

Name	Position	Remuneration	Super	Motor Vehicle Allowoance	Total
Cr Kathy Duff	Mayor	149,880.88	17,985.71	-	**167,866.59**
Cr Jane Erkens	Cr - Division 1	80,972.51	9,716.70	-	**90,689.21**
Cr Linda Little	Cr - Division 2	82,865.71	9,943.89	7,800.00	**100,609.60**
Cr Danita Potter	Cr - Division 3	79,622.47	9,554.70	5,200.00	**94,377.17**
Cr Deb Dennien	Cr - Division 4	79,622.47	9,554.70	5,200.00	**94,377.17**
Cr Heath Sander	Cr - Division 5	79,622.47	9,554.70	7,800.00	**96,977.17**
Cr Ros Heit	Cr - Division 6	89,081.93	10,689.83	13,000.00	**112,771.76**
Total		**641,668.44**	**77,000.23**	**39,000.00**	**757,668.67**

COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

Council is required under *Section 250* of the Regulation to adopt a Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy to provide for the payment of reasonable expenses incurred by Councillors for discharging their duties and responsibilities as Councillors and the provision of facilities to the Councillors for this purpose.

Pursuant to *Section 186(b)* of the Regulation, the Councillor expenses incurred during the 2025/2026 year are outlined in the following table:

Name	Phone	Hire of Council Vehicle	Accomm/ Meals and Incidentals	Training / Conferences	Memberships	Total
Kathy Duff	386.10	-	1,885.20	1,227.27	1,600.00	5,098.57
Jane Erkens	386.10	-	2,983.67	2,709.09	-	6,078.86
Linda Little	320.66	340.89	3,694.57	4,692.68	-	9,048.80
Danita Potter	386.10	340.89	2,469.70	1,122.73	-	4,319.42
Deb Dennien	386.10	532.16	3,120.57	7,765.41	-	11,804.24
Heath Sander	386.10	-	925.26	1,600.00	-	2,911.36
Ros Heit	386.08	-	1,484.03	1,213.63	1,600.00	4,683.74
TOTAL	2,637.24	1,213.94	16,563.00	20,330.81	3,200.00	43,944.99

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION 2025/2026

In relation to Councillors, the Annual Report must contain:		
• the total number of the following during the financial year		
• orders made under *Section 150I(2)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (d)* *LGR s186 (d)(i)*	Nil
• orders made under *Section 150IA(2)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (d)(ii)*	Nil
• orders made under *Section 150AH(1)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (d)(iii)*	Nil
• decisions, orders and recommendations made under *Section 150AR(1)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (d)(iv)*	Nil
• each of the following during the financial year		
• the name of each Councillor for whom a decision, order or recommendation *Section 150I(2), 150IA(2)(b), 150AH(1) or 150AR(1)* of the LGA was made	*LGR s186 (e)* *LGR s186 (e)(i)*	Nil
• a description of the unsuitable meeting conduct, inappropriate conduct or misconduct engaged in by each of the Councillors;	*LGR s186 (e)(ii)*	N/A
• a summary of the decision, order or recommendation made for each Councillor;	*LGR s186 (e)(iii)*	N/A
For Councillors, the Annual Report must also contain the number of each of the following during the financial year:		
• complaints referred to the assessor under *Section 150P(2)(a)* of the LGA by the local government, a Councillor of the local government or the Chief Executive Officer of the local government	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(i)*	2
• matters, mentioned in section 150P(3) of the LGA, notified to the Crime and Corruption Commission	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(ii)*	Nil
• notices given under *Section 150R(2)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(iii)*	Nil
• notices given under *Section 150S(2)(a)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(iv)*	Nil
• occasions information was given under *Section 150AF(3)(a)* of the LGA	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(v)*	Nil
• occasions the local government asked another entity to investigate, under *Chapter 5A, part 3, division 5* of the LGA for the local government, the suspected conduct breach of a Councillor	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(vi)*	Nil
• Applications heard by the conduct tribunal under *Chapter 5A, part 3, division 6* of the Act about whether a Councillor engaged in misconduct or a conduct breach	*LGR s186 (1)(f)(vii)*	Nil
• The total number of referral notices given to the local government under *Section 150AC(1)* of the LGA during the financial year	*LGR s186 (1)(g)*	Nil

• For suspected conduct breaches the subject of a referral notice mentioned in paragraph (g) above:
  • the total number of suspected conduct breaches; and
  • the total number of suspected conduct breaches for which an investigation was not started or was discontinued under *Section 150AEA* of the LGA
	LGR s186 (1)(h)	Nil

• The number of decisions made by the local government under *Section 150AG(1)* of the LGA during the financial year	*LGR s186(1)(i)*	Nil
• The number of matters not decided by the end of the financial year under *Section 150AG(1)* of the LGA	*LGR s186(1)(j)*	Nil
• The average time taken by the local government in making a decision under *Section 150AG(1)* of the LGA	*LGR s186(k)*	Nil



LGAQ Conference - Cr Erkens, Andrew Mahon Deputy Director-General (Policy, Planning and Investment), Cr Dennien, Sally Stannard Directory -General TMR, SBRC CEO Mark Pitt, Mayor Kathy Duff, Melissa Cummins Acting General Manager (Governance), Cr Heit, Cr Sander and Cr Little

COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Conference/Training	Date	Who attended
LGAQ Domestic Violence Forum	July 2025	Cr Danita Potter
UQ Tourism Engagement Day	July 2025	Cr Deb Dennien
TSBE Surat Basin Coexistence Symposium	July 2025	Cr Deb Dennien
Queensland Country Tourism Networking	August 2025	Cr Linda Little
Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism	September 2025	Cr Jane Erkens
LGAQ Annual Conference	October 2025	Mayor Kathy Duff, Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Linda Little, Cr Deb Dennien, Cr Ros Heit, Cr Heath Sander
DFVP Training	October 2025	Cr Jane Erkens
Local Housing Forum	November 2025	Cr Linda Little
QTC Education - Financial Management and Service Planning	February 2026	Cr Linda Little, Cr Deb Dennien, Cr Heath Sander
Civic Leaders Summit	March 2026	Mayor Kathy Duff, Cr Ros Heit
LGAQ Domestic Violence Forum	May 2026	Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Danita Potter
Bush Councils Convention	May 2026	Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Linda Little, Cr Deb Dennien, Cr Danita Potter
Elected Members Update	June 2026	Mayor Kathy Duff, Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Linda Little, Cr Danita Potter, Cr Deb Dennien, Cr Ros Heit, Cr Heath Sander
ALGA National General Assembly	June 2026	Cr Linda Little, Cr Deb Dennien

MAYOR - DEPUTATIONS AND VISITING DIGNITARIES

Dignitary	Date	Place	Topic
1st Quarter			
Deputy Chief of Mission Amir Meron Embassy of Israel, Ruby Smuskowitz Cultural Advisor	24 July 2025	via Teams	Hosting Israeli athletes to train at South Burnett facilities for the 2032 Olympics
Ambassador Ines Maria De Almedia Embassy of Timor-Leste	4 August 2025	Brisbane	Hosting Timorese athletes to train at South Burnett facilities for the 2032 Olympics
Inês Maria DE Almeida Ambassador of Timor-Leste	4 August 2025	Brisbane	Hosting Ukrainian athletes to train at South Burnett facilities for the 2032 Olympics
Nathan Ruhle Chief of Staff, Jock Power Senior Policy Advisor for Planning and a representative from the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning Department	4 August 2025	Brisbane	Residential Activation Fund
2nd Quarter			
Colin Boyce Federal Member for Flynn	2 October 2025	Warren Truss Chamber	General Catch up
Grants Commission	20 October 2025	Gold Coast	Distribution Methodology and previous declines in Council's allocation
Sally Stannard Director-General TMR, Andrew Mahon Deputy Director-General (Policy, Planning and Investment), Melissa Cummins Acting General Manager (Governance)	20 October 2025	Gold Coast	Ownership or control of a Main Access Road and Heavy Vehicle Bypasses in Nanango and Kingaroy
Vasyl Myroshnychenko Ambassador of Ukraine, Vsevolod Mytsyk Counsellor Embassy of Ukraine, Dmytro Bychkov Head of Nikopol District, Pavlo Troian, First Secretary	31 October 2025	Teams	Hosting Ukrainian athletes to train at South Burnett facilities for the 2032 Olympics
Amanda Camm Member for Whitsunday Deb Frecklington State Member for Nanango	2 December 2025	Nanango	Showcasing our region
Deb Frecklington State Member for Nanango, Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Member for for Integrity	17 December 2025	Murgon Town Hall	Community Crime
3rd Quarter			
Vasyl Myroshnychenko Ambassador of Ukraine, Vsevolod Mytsyk Counsellor Embassy of Ukraine, Dmytro Bychkov Head of Nikopol District, Pavlo Troian, First Secretary	27 January 2026	Zoom	Signing of the Friendship Agreement
Di Farmer Shadow Minister for Education and the Early Years	18 February 2026	Warren Truss Chamber	General catch up
David Littleproud Federal Member for Maranoa	18 March 2026	Warren Truss Chamber	General catch up
Deb Frecklington State Member for Nanango, Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Member for Integrity	20 March 2026	Warren Truss Chamber	General catch up
4th Quarter			
Governor Jeannette Young	30 April - 2 May 2026	Kingaroy	Opportunity to showcase the region
Senator Pauline Hansen	29 May 2026	Warren Truss Chamber	General catch up and present the Advocacy document

MAYOR - DEPUTATIONS AND VISITING DIGNITARIES

Dignitary	Date	Place	Topic
4th Quarter			
Country Cabinet Hon David Crisafulli MP Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Hon Ann Leahy MP Hon David Janetzki MP Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP Hon Deb Frecklington MP Hon Sam O'Connor MP Hon Tim Nichols MP Hon Brent Mickelberg MP	7 June 2026	Kingaroy	Various issues in the region (Youth crime, RAF, Boondooma Dam water allocation, Ergon, Country University Hub, mandatory minimum sentencing, housing and homelessness, medical issues, roads)
Country Cabinet	8 June 2026	Cherbourg	
Minister Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government, Water and Minster for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers	8 June 2026		General catch up
Toby Walker – Senior Adviser of Minister Office – Hon Murray Watt Minister for the Environment and Water	23 June 2026	Canberra	BOM services at the Kingaroy Airport
Senator Anthony Chrisholm	23 June 2026	Canberra	Present Advocacy and Circular Economy documents
Minister Kristy McBain Minister for Emergency Management, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories	23 June 2026	Canberra	Emergency Management Funding
Vasyl Myroshnychenko Ambassador of Ukraine, Vsevolod Mytsyk Counsellor Embassy of Ukraine, Dmytro Bychkov Head of Nikopol District, Pavlo Troian, First Secretary	24 June 2026	Canberra	Formal introductory meeting
Senator Matt Canavan	24 June 2026	Canberra	Present Advocacy and Circular Economy documents



ting Official Secretary, Mr Scott Allen, Cr Heit, Cr Dennien, Cr Potter, Mayor Kathy Duff, Her Excellency, the Governor of Qld, Dr Jeannette Young, Professor Graeme Nimmo, and SBRC CEO Mark Pitt

Our Organisation

Council plays a pivotal role within the community by providing and maintaining essential infrastructure and quality services - fundamental to the provision of the liveability of the South Burnett.

Council proactively and responsibly manages both the region's built and natural environments to achieve a sustainable future for our community. Council delivers this through a diverse range of environmental awareness programs, natural resource management, environmental protection activities and sustainable development.

We actively contribute to a stable and sustainable regional economy by undertaking services that support and promote local business, employment, economic investment and development.

Council plays a fundamental role in influencing and maintaining the general health, wellbeing and lifestyle of the community. Together we are building a vibrant, healthy, supportive and inclusive community by delivering a range of health, safety, social, cultural, lifestyle, leisure programs, services and activities across the region.

The Council is the governing body who appoints a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO has responsibility for the day-to-day management of operations in accordance with the strategic priorities and plans of Council. Two (2) General Managers together with the CEO form the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and lead the organisation's administration.

The ELT meet on a weekly basis to consider on strategic and policy issues and to oversee the operations of Council. A monthly meeting is set to examine and consider forthcoming Council meeting agendas. Members of the ELT attend all Council meetings and provide Council with information and advice to enable Council to make informed decisions on strategic and policy matters. The ELT is supported by managers and staff who are responsible for effecting policies and directions set by the Council.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) includes the ELT and all branch managers. The SLT is characterised by a diverse skill set with gender, age and geographical diversity all contributing to the strength of the team underpinning the directions of Council.



"WE ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR DECISIONS & ACTIONS"

GM Aaron Meehan, CEO Mark Pitt and GM Kerri Anderson

Our Structure

OUR COMMUNITY

STATE GOVERNMENT

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

CONTROLLED ENTITIES

South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation Ltd

CORPORATE RISK AND AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INTERNAL AUDIT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mark Pitt PSM

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

PEOPLE & CULTURE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM

FINANCE AND LIVEABILITY
Kerri Anderson
General Manager

INFRASTRUCTURE
Aaron Meehan
General Manager

The Senior Executive Team work together with the Chief Executive Officer and Council to achieve the shared goals and vision of Council.

COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Traffic Advisory Committee

Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Commitee

South Burnett Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee

Ringsfield House Advisory Committee

SBRC and Cherbourg Aboriginal Council Biosecurity Advisory Committee

Boondooma Homestead Advisory Committee

Executive Management



Chief Executive Officer
Mark Pitt

Mark was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in June 2018.

Department Responsibilities:

- Executive Services
- Corporate
- Governance
- People & Culture
- Commercial Enterprises and Waste
- Council Meetings and Workshops
- Regional Bodies / Regional Development
- Advertising
- Communications, Media and Website
- Corporate Brand
- Community Representation & Advocacy
- 2032 Olympics
- Councillor Support
- Corporate Event Management
- Regional and Economically Significant Project Support
- Indigenous Affairs



Manager People & Culture
Chrys McDuffie
(July 2025 - June 2026)

- Recruitment and Selection
- Performance Management
- Workplace Health & Safety
- Workplace / Employee Relations

Manager People & Culture
Tee Smith (from June 2026)

- Employee Wellness
- Learning & Development
- Employee Recognition





Manager Commercial Enterprises & Waste
Jennifer Pointon

- Commercial Enterprises - Saleyards, Dams, Aerodromes, Cemeteries, Tick Facilities
- Cemetery Management
- Circular Economy
- Boondooma Dam Caravan & Recreation Park
- Bjelke-Petersen Dam Caravan & Recreation Park
- Waste & Recycling Management
- Waste Collection
- Landfills & Transfer Stations





General Manager Infrastructure Aaron Meehan

Department Responsibilities:

- Technical Services
- Works & Fleet
- Water & Wastewater
- Facilities, Parks & NRM



General Manager Finance & Liveability Kerri Anderson

Department Responsibilities:

- Planning & Development
- Customer Solutions
- Finance & Sustainability
- ICT & Business Systems

Manager Works Kevin Searle

Construction Program Management - Roads
Maintenance Program Management - Roads
Quality Assurance
Roads
Footpaths
Streetscapes
Bridges
Road Corridor Management
Stormwater Drainage
Flood Mitigation
Traffic Facilities



State Road Maintenance
Street Lighting
Road Naming

Manager Facilities, Parks & NRM Leanne Petersen

Property & Facility maintenance and management of all Council owned facilities
Land Management (Sales)
Caravan Parks
Commercial Shops
Halls
Community/ Commercial Housing
Depots
Swimming Pools
Administration Buildings



Rail Trails Maintenance
Parks and Gardens
Boondooma Homestead Management Advisory Committee
Ringsfield House Advisory Committee
Weeds & Pest Management
Natural Resources
Stock Routes
Straying Livestock

Manager Planning & Development Simon Ginn

Strategic Planning
Strategic Land Use Planning
Development Assessment
Building Compliance/ Inspection
Plumbing Compliance/ Inspection
Planning Compliance/ Inspection
Building Assessment
Plumbing Assessment
Infrastructure charges



Health Services
Nuisance Control
Environmental Health/ Protection
Animal Management
Local Laws

Manager Customer Solutions Rebecca Bayntun

Corporate Strategic Planning & Performance
Operational Planning & Performance
Customer Service
Local Laws Coordination
Tourism Development & Marketing
Sports Development/ Sporting Grants
Youth Council
Library Services
Visitor Information Centres (VIC's)
Arts & Heritage



Museum Associations
Council Community Events
Economic / Community Development (Health, Youth, Senior Citizens)
Community Grants Program
Leases and Licences

Acting Manager Planning & Development Kimberley Donohue



Manager Water & Wastewater Adam Branch

Construction Program Management
Maintenance Program Management
Treatment & Storage Management
Bulk Water Storage / Treatment
Water Service Delivery
Wastewater Treatment
Wastewater Service Delivery



Manager Technical Services & Fleet James D'Arcy

Infrastructure Planning
Infrastructure Asset Management
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Disaster Management
State Emergency Services
Design Services & Assets
Materials / Soil Laboratory
Traffic Assessments
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
Speed Reviews



Plant & Fleet Management
Asset Management, Procurement, Evaluation, Utilisation, Replacement and Disposal.
Service Repairs & Maintenance
Insurance & Scheduling
Workshops / Fabrication / Design

Manager ICT & Business Systems Anthony Bills

ICT Hardware + Peripherals
Telephony, Mobile, Landline, VOIP, After Hours Customer Service
MS Teams / Video Conferencing & Streaming
Helpdesk Support and User Access Control
Network Systems – Internal and Public Facing
M365, Azure and Cloud Services Administration
Operating systems, Software Licencing and Corporate Apps.
Cyber Security, Firewalls, Routing



Training guides, Video & Interactive User Sessions
Business System Update & Upgrades
Project Management & Innovation Development and Digital Transformation
Vendor Engagement & Support
Remote Pilot / Drone Operations

Manager Finance & Sustainablility Craig Patch

Procurement and Stores
Prequalified / Preferred Suppliers
Rates / Revenue
Accounts Payable/ Receivable
Cash Management
Finance Registers
Grants Coordination
Taxation
Trust Accounts
Asset Management including Capital Budgeting
Financial Statements including Audit



Budget Preparation / Monitoring & Forecasting
Financial Sustainability
Payroll Functions
Rates
Debt Management
Financial Planning, Reporting & Compliance
Contract Compliance

Office of the Chief Executive Officer

The Office of the Chief Executive Officer provides executive services, human resource management, workplace health and safety, industrial relations, communications, media relations, corporate and governance, commercial enterprises, waste and regional development services to assist in the overall effectiveness, productivity and performance of Council.



Mark Pitt PSM
Chief Executive Officer

Executive Services
- South Burnett Community Hospital Foundations Ltd
- Community Representation & Advocacy
- 2032 Olympics
- Regional and Economically Significant Project Support
- Indigenous Affairs
- Council Meetings and Workshops (Agendas and Minutes)
- Regional Bodies / Regional Development
- Councillor Support
- Corporate Event Management
- Communications, Media, and Website
- Corporate Brand

People & Culture
- Recruitment and Selection
- Performance Management
- Workplace Health & Safety
- Workplace / Employee Relations
- Employee Wellness
- Learning & Development
- Employee Recognition

Commercial Enterprises & Waste
- Commercial Enterprises - Saleyards, Dams, Aerodromes, Cemeteries, Tick Facilities
- Boondooma Dam Caravan and Recreation Park
- Bjelke-Petersen Dam Caravan & Recreation Park
- Cemetery Management
- Circular Economy
- Waste & Recycling Management
- Waste Collection
- Landfill & Transfer Stations

Corporate & Governance
- Governance
- Records Management
- Information Privacy
- Delegations & Authorisations
- Right to Information
- Publication Scheme

Executive Services

MEETING AGENDAS AND WORKSHOPS

The Executive Services team are responsible for the coordination of Council meetings and strategic workshops including the preparation of agendas, recording minutes and forwarding various action requests. In excess of 100 Council meetings, strategic workshops, Senior Executive Team and Senior Management Team meetings were organised during 2025/2026 by the Executive Services team.

CORPORATE EVENT COORDINATION

The Executive Services team successfully coordinated the following corporate events throughout the 2025/2026 financial year:

- Citizenship ceremonies
- Australia Day Awards and Ceremony
- Christmas Lights competition
- Mayor's Community Christmas Luncheon
- Mayor's Breakfast

A significant amount of work goes into the planning, preparation and coordination of these events and the success of these events is due to the hard work and diligence of the Executive Services team.

Executive Services also assists with the coordination of attendance for Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and members of Council's Senior Management Team for events held throughout the South Burnett region and beyond.



The Executive Services Team

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Citizenship ceremonies provide a formal welcome to new citizens as full members of the Australian community. The Mayor is authorised under the authority of the Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Minister for Cyber Security, Minister for Arts, Leader of the House, The Honourable Tony Burke MP to preside over citizenship ceremonies in the South Burnett region.

Acquiring Australian citizenship enables those doing so to participate fully in our inclusive society, realise aspirations and achieve their full potential, regardless of their race, background, gender, religion, language or place of birth.

The ceremony commences with the Mayor giving a welcome speech and reading a message from the Minister, The Honourable Tony Burke MP, welcoming the new citizens. The new citizens will then take the Australian Pledge administered by the Mayor and concludes with the playing of the National Anthem. The Mayor also likes to present each new citizen with a copy of the "Landscapes of Change" book set which is a history of the South Burnett to commemorate this very special occasion.



The Mayor conducts Australian Citizenship Ceremonies throughout the year. The figures in the table are from July 2025 to June 2026:

Month	No of New Citizens
July 2025	21
October 2025	12
January 2026	13
April 2026	18
Total	**64**

The Mayor's Community *Christmas* Luncheon





Rockin our Abilities





South Burnett Youth Council Members and Cr Linda Little

The Mayor's Community Christmas Luncheon held on Friday 5 December 2025 in the Kingaroy Town Hall raised over $6,800, with all proceeds being donated to South Burnett families in need by way of IGA food vouchers which local charity organisations distributed.

Mayor Kathy Duff was sincerely thankful for the generous support of the community, volunteers, local businesses and all our sponsors who contributed to the success of the Mayor's Community Christmas Luncheon for 2025. "Once again the South Burnett's strong sense of community shone through to bring a bit of extra joy to those experiencing challenging times this year", said Mayor Duff.

This year the guest speaker was Sonia McMahon along with some members of Rockin Our Abilities, the music group for people with disabilities that Sonia founded in 2019. The group performed a medley of songs. Other music was performed by Cr Jane Erkens and Friends of the Shed Nanango.

The food for the two-course meal was generously supplied by the Peries IGA Kingaroy and Sunpork, and beautifully prepared and served by the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA).

The Mayor's Community Christmas Luncheon 2025 was proudly supported by QCWA, Sunpork, Peries IGA Kingaroy, BCF, Bega, Bunnings, Coppards, The Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Good Price Pharmacy, Harvey Norman, Jamaica Blue, Kingaroy RSL, Little Butcher, Muffin Break, Wholelife Chemist, Hillview Cottages, Amethyst Moon, Whimsey and Wonder, Linard Florist, SG's Hair Design, Deepfeet, Whipbird Café, Martoo Meats, Amiches Hair Salon, Cathy Freeman, Somethings Country, Royal Hotel Murgon, Kay Apparel, Carrollee Hotel, Windmill Bakery and South Burnett Regional Council.



Christmas Cottage Winner - 23-25 Carroll Street Kingaroy



Santa Claus Lane Winners - Maidenwell

The South Burnett Christmas Spirit initiative was launched in 2019 with the introduction of Santa Claus Lane, expanding in 2021 to include Santa's Workshop and in 2023 the Christmas Cottage category was added to allow lone residences to be eligible for judging.

The Santa's Workshop and Christmas Cottage are complementary awards to Santa Claus Lane which encourages residents to work collaboratively to light up the region. The CEO and his wife personally sponsor the Santa Claus Lane award to increase social cohesion in the region and the Santa's Workshop initiative is sponsored by Ken Mills Toyota.

The Santa Claus Lane winner for 2025 was Main Street Maidenwell. The 2025 Santa Claus Lane winner was a difficult decision to make, given the quality of the entries and was made considering the extensive collaboration between neighbours and their written submission on the entry form.

Congratulations to the winners of Santa's Workshop for 2025:

- Burning Oil Café, Nanango
- WILDBowerbird, Blackbutt
- Kingaroy RSL Club
- Prices Plus Kingaroy
- Wondai Mechanical and Roadworthy
- NB Department Store (Proston)

The Christmas Cottage category for individual light displays for 2025, was awarded to 23-25 Carroll Street Kingaroy.

The South Burnett *Christmas Spirit* Initiative



Santa's Workshop Winners for 2025

Australia Day Awards

The Australia Day awards provide the community with an opportunity to acknowledge and reward outstanding groups and individuals committed to improving the lifestyle experience in our region. The award categories chosen give our individual communities equal opportunity to nominate those who have made special contributions to their local community.

Council announced its 2026 Australia Day Award recipients at the region's official awards ceremony in Proston on Sunday 25 January 2026. The ceremony welcomed Master of Ceremonies, Rod Morgan. 75 community members and organisations were nominated across 16 categories for South Burnett Regional Council's Australia Day Awards.

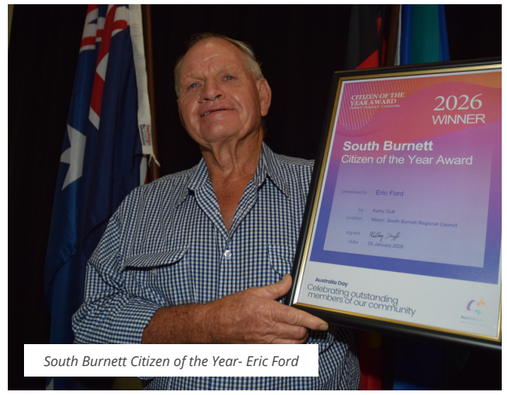
The South Burnett's 2026 Australia Day Ambassador, Carmel Crouch AM, joined the South Burnett community to celebrate Australia Day by attending the Australia Day Award Presentation. Carmel Crouch founded STEPS more than 30 years ago as a small organisation trying to provide young people with a disability with opportunities for workplace participation and independence. Each year Council also helps to organise and fund various Australia Day events across the region.



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Mayor Kathy Duff and South Burnett's 2026 Australia Day Ambassador, Carmel Crouch AM



South Burnett Citizen of the Year- Eric Ford



South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year- Rhiannon Snow



South Burnett Mayor's Award for Outstanding Service - Sue Cox

Award - South Burnett	Recipient
South Burnett Mayor's Award for Outstanding Service	Sue Cox
South Burnett Citizen of the Year	Eric Ford
South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year	Rhiannon Snow
South Burnett Volunteer of the Year	Rhonda Trivett
South Burnett Sportsperson of the Year (Junior)	Lily Andrews
South Burnett Sportsperson /Administrator/Coach/Official Award	John Dalton and Brad Staples
South Burnett Lifetime Achievement	Brian Callaghan, Eric Ford, Betty Taylor, Rodney Morgan, Noel Selway and Aubrey Schultz
South Burnett Volunteer Community Organisation/Event of the Year	Blackbutt Benarkin Lions Club
South Burnett Cultural Award (Junior)	Hannah Mollenhauer
South Burnett Cultural Award (Senior)	Jo Kennedy
Award - Local Achiever by town	**Recipient**
Kingaroy	Eric Ford
Kumbia	Joe Shaw
Murgon	Morgan Suchoronczak
Hivesville / Proston	Fiona Gill
Nanango	Sami Hill
Blackbutt/Benarkin	Nick Freeleagus
Maidenwell/Bunya Mountains	Carol Weekes
Wondai/Tingoora	Carmel Olsen

Mayor's Breakfast

The Mayor's Breakfast, held on Friday 15 May 2026, to launch the South Burnett Relay for Life raised $3,014.78, with all proceeds donated to Relay for Life.

Council, Mayor Duff and Councillors expressed their thanks to guest speaker Darryl Brohman "The Big Marn", the generous local donors, and the 102 South Burnett community members who bought tickets in support of the launch of the South Burnett Relay for Life 2026 campaign. Thank you to the Kingaroy RSL for the delicious breakfast, the South Burnett Youth Council and to Carl Rackemann for the kind donation of three cricket balls that were auctioned off contributing to the fundraising success of the breakfast.



Pictured from Left to Right: Carl Rackemann, Darryl Brohman, Face of Relay Lois Turner, Mayor Kathy Duff, MC Cr Dennien and Rowena Dionysius.



Communications & Media

Council aims to use effective communication strategies to ensure transparency, increase social media presence and encourage community engagement.

The Media team manages multiple social media platforms across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (Twitter). Media liaison also includes telephone enquiries, media conferences, photography and video production.

Media releases are regularly distributed to over 80 media contacts linked to a variety of mediums such as radio, television, online and print.

During 2025/2026 the Media team produced:

- 337 Media Releases
- 168 Videos
- 1,687 Facebook Posts
- 307 Instagram Posts
- 95 Media Responses from enquiries sourced from the media email.

Council's LinkedIn account is prodominately used to advertise current vacancies with a total 3,303 followers for the 2025/2026 financial year, an increase of 262 new followers.

The Media team also produces two (2) full page advertisements per month in the South Burnett Today newspaper as well as regular radio advertisements and other advertisements throughout the South Burnett. Major graphic design projects include the Annual Report and Budget Information Pack. The media team also regularly updates the Council website with Public Notices, Media Releases and updated content. The Media team is responsible for designing, editing, and approving assorted corflutes, signs, newsletters, vouchers, flyers and posters.

@SouthBurnettRegion

Council's Facebook page has 13,390 followers.
1,186 posts and 59 videos have been posted in the 2025/2026 FY

@South_Burnett_Regional_Council

Council's Instagram page has 1,530 followers.
307 posts and 80 reels have been posted in the 2025/2026 FY

@SBAnimalManagementCentre

AMC's Facebook page has 1,202 followers.
448 Facebook posts have been posted in the 2025/2026 FY

@BjelkePetersenDam

BP Dam's Facebook page has 6,202 followers.
28 Facebook posts have been posted in the 2025/2026 FY

@BoondoomaDam

Boondooma Dam's Facebook page has 10,422 followers.
25 Facebook posts have been posted in the 2025/2026 FY

People and Culture

South Burnett Regional Council continues to prioritise a culture of respect, safety, and inclusivity, ensuring our employees experience a positive, purpose-driven workplace that supports personal growth and work-life balance.

Council's dedicated workforce continues to deliver services that matter to the community with professionalism and pride. As of 30 June 2026, Council employed a total of 354* employees (excluding seven elected representatives). This figure includes executive and senior management, and 15 trainees and apprentices (both full-time and school-based), distributed across the following departments:

- 38 Executive Services (including People and Culture and the Office of the CEO, Waste Management, Commercial Enterprises)
- 102 Finance and Liveability
- 214 Infrastructure

Council's established workforce also comprised 306 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff. This figure excludes elected representatives, trainees, school-based apprentices, and employees on extended leave.

** This number varies from note 4 in the Financial Report as note 4 is identifying full time equivalent staff, not actual staff numbers.*

WORKFORCE STATISTICS

STAFF TURNOVER

Council recorded an annual turnover rate of 16.30%* during 2025–2026, reflecting the ongoing movement across a dynamic local government workforce. A total of 118 internal and external positions were advertised during the year.
As part of our recruitment and retention focus, improvements were made in onboarding, internal pathways.

**This number includes cessation of max and fixed term contracts (including trainees) and Councillors*

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Council continues to invest in the capability and growth of our workforce. The Learning and Development budget for 2025–2026 was $250,000, with a total spend of $254,381, driven largely by mandatory compliance training, WHS certifications, professional and organisation development, and systems training.

In addition to staff development, Council supported traineeships across multiple departments, contributing to regional employment pathways and youth skill-building.

WORKFORCE COMPOSITION BY GENDER

As at 30 June 2026, Council's workforce consisted of 219 males and 135 females, maintaining a gender ratio of approximately 62% male: 38% female, similar to the previous reporting period. South Burnett Regional Council remains committed to diversity, equity and inclusion across all areas of employment.

WORKFORCE BY GENERATION

Our workforce continues to reflect strong intergenerational diversity, with employees ranging from 16 to 75 years old. This diversity brings valuable perspectives, experience and innovation to Council's operations.

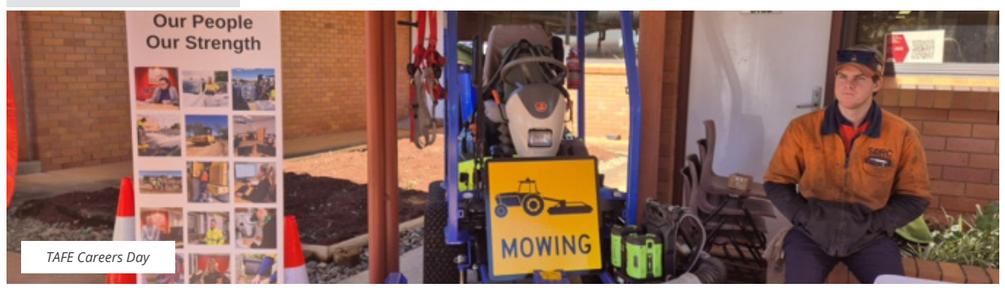
The generational breakdown is as follows:

KEY PEOPLE INITIATIVES IN 2025/2026

Supported flexible work arrangements, including transition-to-retirement pathways and internal mobility

GENERATION BREAKDOWN OF COUNCIL WORKFORCE

	Generation	No of Employees	%
Gen Alpha	(2010 - 2025)	2	0.6%
Gen Z	(1995 - 2009)	80	22.6%
Gen Y	(1981 - 1994)	103	29.0%
Gen X	(1965 - 1980)	138	39.0%
Baby Boomer	(1946 - 1964)	31	8.8%
Total		**354**	**100%**



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Workplace, Health & Safety

South Burnett Regional Council is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for workers including employees, contractors, labour hire, work experience students, volunteers and visitors to Council premises and worksites. Council's workplace health and safety obligations will be achieved by adopting and promoting the provisions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and its associated regulation, codes of practice and standards. Of significant importance are hazard and risk identification and mitigation with the incorporation of injury prevention strategies.

Continual internal auditing and improvement remain at the forefront of implementing Council's Workplace Health and Safety Management System and throughout the year a number of policies and procedures have been reviewed, consulted and amended as required to ensure the best outcomes possible for Council staff and the wider South Burnett community.

ZERO HARM INITIATIVE

Council's Zero Harm vision is to eliminate serious work-related injuries and illnesses, unsafe work practices, and promote health, safety and wellbeing of all employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors. Council aims to achieve Zero Harm through strong and uncompromising leadership, safe behaviour, positive reporting culture and continuous improvement to our Safety Management System. Incorporated into our Zero Harm initiative is our Zero Hero awards, a way with which Council employees are recognised and rewarded for going above and beyond in their everyday roles by incorporating, introducing, or implementing safety initiatives of their own volition.

WORKPLACE INCIDENTS AND INJURIES

A total of 338 recordable incidents were reported for the 2025/2026 year. This increase on the year prior with 243 can be attributed to instances of vandalism being reported across the region.

Recordable incidents are categorised into different types, including but not limited to injuries, property damage, plant damage, report only, vandalism and near misses. Plant damage was again the most reported type of incident with 27.8%. Unfortunately, vandalism to Council property and amenities provided to the constituents of the South Burnett continues to dominate reporting statistics, this year accounting for 22.4% of all recordable incidents reported. A total of 34 injuries were recorded, ranging in type from bruising and cuts to soft tissue damage and sprains and strains. Of these reported injuries 11 resulted in lost time.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Council continues to engage local providers for our employee assistance program. This is a 100% confidential service that is provided to Council employees. This program provides the opportunity for employees to engage with face-to-face services to help improve mental health and wellbeing. Some of the confidential support services that are provided by these services include (not limited to) confidential counselling (work life balance, family and financial support, grief and loss, crisis response). Council continues to actively engage these services to support employees with their wellbeing.



TAFE Careers Day

Corporate & Governance

GOVERNANCE

The Governance team are responsible for recording correspondence delivered over the counter and by mail in addition to emails received at Council's email inbox info@sbrc.qld.gov.au. The staff administer Council's Enterprise Document Records Management System to ensure that corporate documents are effectively managed and preserved. Compliance with legislative requirements under the *Public Records Act 2023* is maintained to ensure appropriate retention and disposal of Council's records. The team have recorded 6,046 pieces of hard copy mail and 7,664 emails into the recordkeeping system during the financial year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. During this period the team have also verified the creation of 5,067 new customer records in Council's Name and Address Register.

Right to Information allows the community to access documents from Queensland government agencies including from Council, subject to limitations in the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. Council processed 11 formal Right to Information access applications as well as numerous other information requests and enquiries. The Governance team have incorporated changes that have been introduced with the commencement of the *Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023*.

Council celebrated Privacy Awareness Week with this year's theme being "Smart Tech, Smarter Choices: Protecting your privacy in the age of AI" and focused on the decisions we make as we use technology and their impact on our privacy, particularly with the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI).

Council staff participated in "International Access to Information Day" which was promoted throughout the organisation, the theme was "Ensuring Access to Environmental Information in the Digital Age'. It highlighted that environmental data, ranging across issues like climate change, pollution, biodiversity, and disaster risks, transcends national borders. It called for collaborative, transparent, and innovative global sharing of information. It also outlined how digital technologies and open data platforms can enhance public access, foster transparency, and empower citizens and stakeholders.

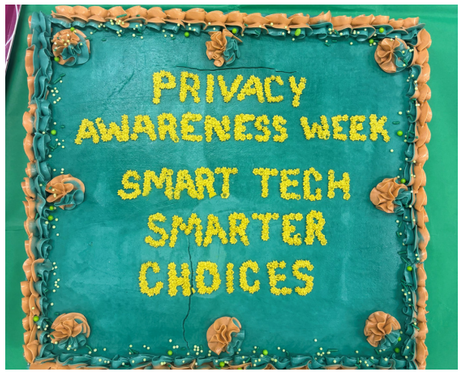
Information privacy is incorporated into Council's induction training and regular staff training programs are provided to ensure that all employees are aware of their privacy and security obligations.

RECORDKEEPING

Council's Governance team continue to comply with the requirements of the *Public Records Act 2023* in relation to making, managing and accessing public records. The Recordkeeping Policy Framework includes regular reviews of the mandatory standards, policies and guidelines to ensure requirements are necessary, efficient and effective. Council's paper records are housed at the Wondai Records Storage Facility in a secure and controlled environment. A third-party storage company, Grace Records Management, are also utilised to house Council's archives and continue to provide additional storage solutions for documents.

DELEGATIONS

Council delegates powers by resolution of a Council Meeting to the Chief Executive Officer. Delegations are aligned to legislation approved by Council and may be sub-delegated by the Chief Executive Officer to employees. The Governance team are responsible for issuing correct delegations to Council officers who may require powers to carry out their role or additional powers to them as an individual. Officers who are delegated Authorised Person Powers will have their security access cards noted with the Acts under which their powers have been granted. Tables of delegations are continually updated as staff resign from Council or new staff commence. During the financial year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 there have been 161 notifications received from the People and Culture team which resulted in changes to delegations incorporating resignations, internal movements and new appointments.





CORPORATE

CORPORATE RISK AND INTERNAL AUDIT

Corporate risk management transpires from Council's objective to effectively and efficiently manage risks that may have an impact on the achievement of strategic priorities, operational goals and project objectives as defined in Council's corporate and operational plans.

Council's Risk Registers and Treatment Plans for 2025/2026 were prepared by senior staff of each department and reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer. The registers and treatment plans were tabled for review and endorsement at a Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee meeting. The 6-monthly review and update was undertaken by senior staff of each department and reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer. The 6-monthly review of the registers and treatment plans were tabled for review at a Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee meeting.

The Corporate Risk and Audit Steering and Working Groups continue to meet regularly to progress corporate risk and internal audit actions, including Council's commitment to fraud and corruption risk prevention management.

INTERNAL AUDIT

As required by the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council maintained an efficient and effective internal audit function during 2025/2026. Internal audit operationally reports through to the Chief Executive Officer and the Corporate Risk and Internal Audit Advisory Committee and is managed by the Corporate Services branch.

Internal audit adds value to Council by providing an independent perspective. The intention of the internal audit observations is to highlight business risks, processes and control improvement opportunities and organisational performance enhancements, rather than reflect upon specific performance or shortcomings It assists Council in achieving its goals and objectives by implementing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of governance, risk management and control processes.

The internal audit function is positioned within Council to ensure its ability to deliver independent, objective and competent assurance and advisory services across Council's operations.

A risk based internal audit approach was continued through 2025/2026.

Internal audit reports that indicate audit findings and recommendations, management responses, responsibility for implementation and implementation date are provided to the Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee on a quarterly basis.

INTERNAL AUDITS CONDUCTED / COMPLETED

Business Continuity Planning – framework, protocols and activation readiness – The internal audit was commenced during the 2024/2025 financial year. The focus of this internal audit project is to assess the adequacy and effectiveness of Council's Business Continuity Plan and Sub-Plans in preparation for future activation when needed. The final report was presented to the Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee at the March 2026 meeting.

End to End Asset Management and Asset Accounting Processes and Practices – Operational, Capital and Financial – The internal audit was commenced during the 2025/2026 financial year. The objective of the audit is to examine the adequacy, accuracy, completeness, alignment and processes.

CORPORATE RISK AND AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council's Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee operated in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee Policy. The main purpose of the Committee is to provide advisory services to Council and the Chief Executive Officer on the effective performance of its responsibilities in the areas of internal and external audit, internal control, compliance and corporate risk management.

The Committee provides advice directly to Council and is comprised of five (5) voting members. Executive and Senior management, Queensland Audit Office, Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) and Pacifica Pty Ltd attend Committee meetings as standing invites.

During the 2025/2026 financial year, the Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee met in September 2025, October 2025, March 2026 and May 2026.

The Queensland Audit Office's appointed external auditors KPMG continued in the external role during 2025/2026. The Committee liaised with Council's external auditors as part of its responsibilities through the Committee agenda. Matters of interest and audit findings were interrogated to gain assurance regarding the accuracy of the financial statements.

INSURANCE

Corporate Services continues to act as the central point for insurance matters. Council's insurance policy renewal process commenced in March 2026. Internal stakeholders with the assistance of Corporate Services reviewed asset schedules to ensure assets requiring insurance cover were included.

During the 2025/2026 financial year Council dealt with 253 insurance matters which was an increase on the previous financial year, comprising of 46 Public Incidents, 114 Motor Vehicle Incidents and 93 Property Incidents.



Commercial Enterprises

DAMS

SOUTH BURNETT TOURIST PARKS - BJELKE-PETERSEN DAM AND BOONDOOMA DAM CARAVAN AND RECREATION PARKS

Visitors continue to choose the South Burnett Tourist Parks as their tourist destination of choice spending time with family and friends, relaxing, and enjoying the fishing and water sports activities on offer during their stay.

The Dams water levels are one of the contributing factors in keeping visitors' occupancy figures consistent year in year out. As at the 30 June 2026 the dams water levels were Bjelke-Petersen Dam 97.22% and Boondooma Dam at 93.7% which gives Council confidence and some certainty for years to come.

Council continues to utilise Capital and Works for Queensland (W4Q) funding to keep assets to an acceptable standard and enhance visitor experiences were possible. Some exciting projects that have been in the planning and design stage during this year has been new cabins for Bjelke-Petersen Dam, and caravan ensuites and playground at Boondooma Dam.

The Commercial Enterprise team also held a very successful Family Fun Day which included market stalls at Bjelke-Petersen Dam in late June 2026, the event was well supported and enjoyed by park guests and the wider South



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AERODROMES

Council continues to operate and maintain the Kingaroy (certified), Wondai & Nanango (ALA) aerodromes. These aerodromes play a vital role in our community allowing our residents to have access to specialist care from visiting doctors and nurses, along with the lifesaving speciality care emergency transportation transfers provided by Royal Flying Doctor Service and Lifeflight.

Council engaged PSA Consulting Australia to develop a masterplan that sets out a vison to guide growth, addressing both on aerodrome needs such as safe operations, future expansion, sustainability and compliance, and off aerodrome planning including how the aerodrome can co-exist with surrounding land uses. The master plan will guide how the aerodrome develops over time, helping Council plan infrastructure and land use while attracting investment and opportunities. Council planned community consultation via an online survey and drop-in session scheduled for the 31 July 2026.

Council continues to meet legislative requirements through the capital works budget with the installation of 12 concrete flush markers on the 05/23 runway and one (1) glider signal marker at the Kingaroy Aerodrome.



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SALEYARDS

Council continues to upgrade the Coolabunia Saleyards through the Capital Works budget with a high focus on safety, animal welfare, service delivery and general appearance.

Projects completed included the demolition of a section of wooden yards, which were replaced with new steel yards and selling catwalk designed allowing for more pens to fit in this footprint, also enabling pens to be divided in half. These upgrades have seen an increase in cattle holding, selling numbers along with increased safety, efficiency gains for agents and Council with an increase in flow of cattle on sale days.

Other projects undertaken included the internal & external painting of the scales house, canteen, admin office and toilet facility. Flooring was replaced in the canteen and admin building and a new shower cubicle installed in the toilet block.

Council has received positive feedback from vendors, buyers and agents regarding the upgrades and welcomed a new agent to start operating from the yards.

Council recognises that the Coolabunia Saleyards Facility is a necessity for our rural community not just as a selling/buying or biosecurity complex but more importantly a vital social hub bringing people together, fostering connections and providing social interaction in which maintaining the fabric of our rural community.



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Coolabunia Saleyards Statistics

Activity	24/25	25/26	Increase/ Decrease
Fat & Store Sales	9,846	12,321	2,475
Dipping - Private	4,467	7,678	3,211
Tick Inspections - Private	2,488	4,175	1,687
Dipping - Agents	8,269	9,472	1,203
Inspections - Agents	1,189	1,726	537

CEMETERIES

In November 2025 Council created a team to undertake day to day maintenance and burials in the four (4) major cemeteries (Nanango, Taabinga, Murgon & Wondai). This has had outstanding results meeting Council's service obligations. The Cemetery team also undertakes burials in the other seven (7) satellite cemeteries and work with the Parks and Gardens team to ensure that maintenance is carried out to a satisfactory level.

Council through the Capital Works budget also completed internal road re-seals at both Taabinga and Proston Cemeteries, finalised survey plans for the new Taabinga & Nanango lawn sections and have completed the installation of concrete plinths in the first two (2) rows at both cemeteries.

A total of 132 burial applications were processed along with 41 ashes applications with many and varied types of customer requests processed. The final stage of the online mapping of the cemeteries has been completed and is available for release to the public. The mapping system will allow members of the public to search Council's record system for cemetery records. The data base will be updated annually.

Waste Services

WASTE COLLECTION

Council's waste collection contractor, JJ's Waste and Recycling continued to service the South Burnett residential and commercial kerbside collection. The waste collection contractor has continued to meet key performance indicators including JJ's completion of 701,020 recycling waste collection services and 780,652 general waste collection services during the 2025/2026 financial year.

There were an additional 219 new wheelie bins services and 22 Infirm services commenced, whilst 27 services were cancelled during this period. 261 bins were reported as missing/unusable, and 341 bins were reported as damaged. Damaged, missing and unusable bins were replaced free of charge to the residents.

Council's Waste team services approximately 566 public litter bins a week across the region, providing approximately 33,488 services each year.

WASTE CUSTOMER REQUESTS

2,524 waste customer requests were received in 2025/2026, with 41% of that relating to collection issues.

WASTE STRATEGY 2023-2029

Council continues to deliver on the initiatives put forward in the 2023-2029 Waste Strategy including focusing on developing the circular economy. Council received $750,000 Regional Economic Futures Fund to complete a business case on developing a circular economy industrial precinct. As the project was delivered on time and under budget the grant funder supported Council to complete an additional planning and design report, investment prospectus and 3D video showcasing the opportunity for the region.

STATE WASTE LEVY 2025/2026

This has been the seventh year of the State Government's Waste Levy. The State Government's Waste Levy resulted in all South Burnett Regional Council's landfills which receive waste for disposal having to be supervised and secured. 56,594.21 tonnes of waste were received at the four (4) waste facilities with 23,710 tonnes going to Landfill.

CLOSURE OF LEGACY LANDFILLS

Throughout the 2025/2026 financial year Council continued to work on the closure of MP Creek, Booie, Hivesville and Windera.

UPGRADES TO TRANSFER STATIONS

Council delivered the installation of the new gate with card reader at the Memerambi Transfer Station. This upgrade will limit access to those who live within the Memerambi, Wooroolin, Corndale, Crawford, and Gordonbrook localities ensuring a safer, cleaner and more efficient facility for residents. The new access control system requires all users to scan the access card to enter and exit the facility. The card reader was operational from 25 August 2025.

The Maidenwell Transfer Station was finalised and officially opened. The new facility included security gate to limit access to those who live within the Maidenwell, Neumgna, Wengenville, and Pimpimbidgee localities ensuring a safer, cleaner and more efficient facility for residents. The site became operational from 16 January 2026. Council continues to work with members of the community that require waste management solutions in regional parts of the local government area.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Council uncovered the illegal dumping of asbestos at the Cloyna Waste Transfer Facility, subsequently partially closing the facility to the public. Council is working closely with the State Government and Consultants to progress the construction of a mono cell to safely dispose of the waste.

Council has received 212 illegal dumping requests in the 2025/2026 financial year. Majority of those requests are of items that incur a charge to dispose at the waste facilities including but not limited to mattresses, tyres and fridges.



Finance & Liveability

The Finance and Liveability Department deliver a range of internal support and services direct to the community including financial services, information and communication technology. Supporting sustainable living in the South Burnett through the administration of Developmental Services, Building, Plumbing, Strategic Land Use and Planning, Recreation and Environmental Planning, Maintenance Programs, Regulatory Services, Libraries, VIC's, Art Galleries and Community Development Programs.



Kerri Anderson
General Manager Finance & Liveability

Customer Solutions
- Corporate Strategic Planning & Performance
- Operational Planning & Performance
- Customer Service
- Local Laws Coordination
- Tourism Development & Marketing
- Sports Development/Sporting Grants
- Youth Council
- Library Services
- Visitor Information Centres (VIC's)
- Arts & Heritage
- Museum Associations
- Leases and Licenses
- Council Community Events
- Economic / Community Development (Health, Youth, Senior Citizens)
- Community Grants Program

Planning & Development
- Strategic Planning
- Strategic Land Use Planning
- Development Assessment
- Building Compliance/Inspection
- Plumbing Compliance/Inspection
- Planning Compliance/Inspection
- Building Assessment
- Plumbing Assessment
- Infrastructure charges
- Health Services
- Nuisance Control
- Environmental Health/ Protection
- Animal Management
- Local Laws

Finance & Sustainability
- Procurement and Stores
- Prequalified / Preferred Suppliers
- Rates / Revenue
- Accounts Payable/ Receivable
- Cash Management
- Finance Registers
- Grants Coordination
- Taxation
- Trust Accounts
- Asset Management including Capital Budgeting
- Financial Statements including Audit
- Budget Preparation / Monitoring & Forecasting
- Financial Sustainability
- Payroll Functions
- Rates
- Debt Management
- Financial Planning, Reporting & Compliance
- Contract Compliance

Information, Communication Technology and Business Systems
- ICT Hardware + Peripherals
- Telephony, Mobile, Landline, VOIP, After Hours Customer Service
- MS Teams / Video Conferencing & Streaming
- Helpdesk Support and User Access Control
- Network Systems – Internal and Public Facing
- M365, Azure and Cloud Services Administration
- Operating systems, Software Licencing and Corporate Apps.
- Cyber Security, Firewalls, Routing
- Training Guides, Video & Interactive User Sessions
- Business System Update & Upgrades
- Project Management & Innovation Development and Digital transformation
- Vendor Engagement & Support
- Remote Pilot / Drone Operations

Finance

The Finance and Sustainability branch is dedicated to ensuring an ethical, transparent and consistent approach is taken to all operational tasks and financial reporting requirements. Staff are focused on providing timely, reliable and accurate information upon which Council is then able to make informed strategic decisions.

AUDIT

Council's financial statements are audited each financial year by the Queensland Audit Office (QAO). The QAO presently utilises a contracted firm to assist with performing the auditing work. This financial year KPMG continued as the external auditors auditing Council's financial statements.

BUDGET

Council's Finance team works with the Executive team, Departmental Managers and the Councillors to develop the yearly budget and long term forecasts. Budget development usually takes around six (6) months and includes multiple workshops with Councillors.

Rates modelling is also developed annually to understand cost drivers and expense inputs as well as what the revenue implications might be. Scenario analysis further assists Councillors to ascertain what the impacts might be when making certain financial decisions, prior to setting the yearly rates figures. Financial modelling is necessary to also ensure that the water, wastewater and waste departments are sustainable and able to fund their future capital and operational programs.

The adopted financial year budget is reviewed regularly, and formally quarterly, by management and Council to track actual performance against the proposed forecast position.

LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Council is required to complete the Queensland Treasury Corporation Long Term Financial Forecast model each year. This exercise is required to ensure that Council is sustainable into the future and assists with credit reviews undertaken by QTC, especially when new borrowings are required.

PROCUREMENT

Council has now implemented Centralised Procurement to the extent that maximum efficiency has been reached across the organisation. The next stage of the Council's procurement journey is to now fine tune the process with respect to a Centre Led Procurement Model which will be based on operational requirements and organisational efficiencies.

RATES

The format of the Rate Notice was refreshed this financial year, endeavouring to make it easier for ratepayers to understand.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Unqualified audit for the 2025/2026 financial year
- Annual Operating and Capital Budgets adopted by Council within the set milestones
- Financial reports presented to Council each month
- Continued to investigate and strengthen controls and efficiencies within finance processes
- Centralised Procurement implemented to maximum efficiency across the organisation
- Transition of core financials from Technology One Ci to Technology One CiAnywhere



Manager Anthony Bills, Manager Rebecca Bayntun, GM Kerri Anderson, Manager Craig Patch and Acting Manager Kimberley Donohue

Grants

OPERATING GRANTS

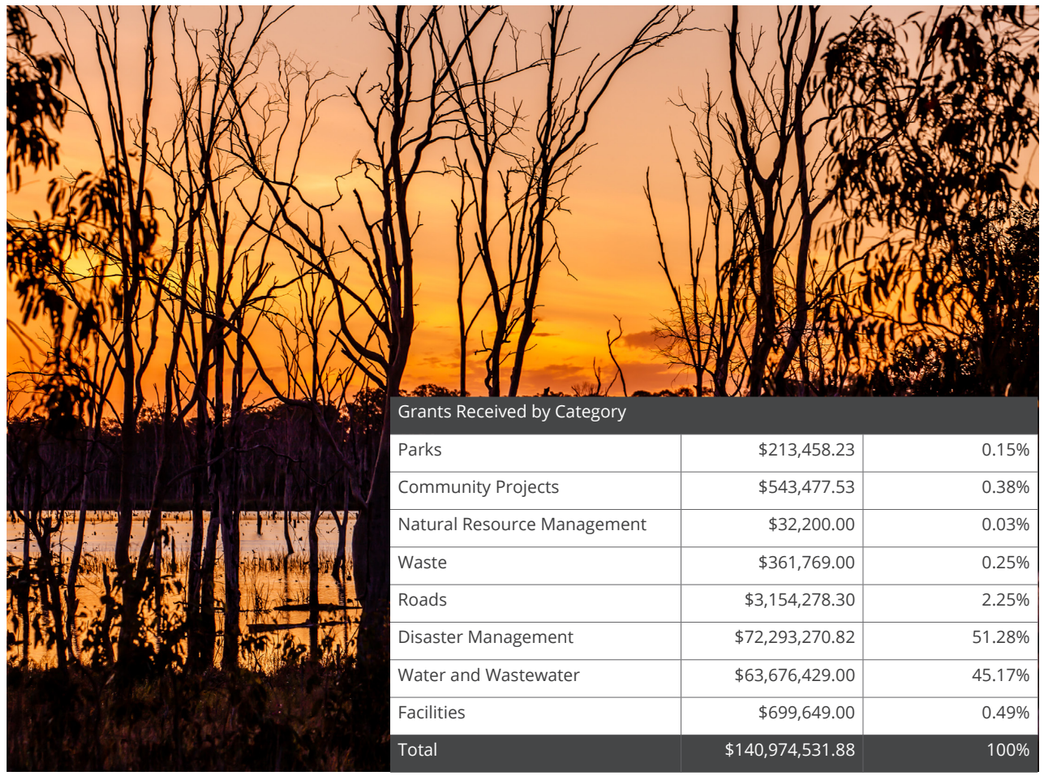
PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING PROGRAM	FUNDING DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
Wondai Tree Replacement	Stronger Communities Programme Round 9	Federal funding - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	$9,600.00
FarmFest and Iron + Clay	2025/2026 Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities Grants Program	State funding - Queensland Health	$66,000.00
Kingaroy Heritage Museum Significance Assessment	Community Heritage Grant	Federal funding - National Library of Australia	$5,192.65
Youth Council - Adulthood Starter Pack	FRRR ABC Heywire Innovators Grant	Philanthropic funding - Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal	$10,000.00
Subsidy Program for Blackbutt Residents	Queensland Local Government Flying-fox Roost Management Grant Program - Round 8	State funding - Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	$32,200.00
Making Problem Battery Collection Simple	Local Government Battery Collection Program	State funding - Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	$91,769.00
Regional Arts Development Fund	Regional Arts Development Fund	State funding - Arts Queensland	$42,000.00
First 5 Forever Funding	First 5 Forever Funding	State funding - State Library Queensland	$27,740.00
Public Library Funding	Public Library Funding	State funding - State Library Queensland	$169,157.00
Various Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction Projects	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements	Federal funding - National Emergency Management Agency and Queensland Reconstruction Authority	$72,107,582.16
Youth Council Community Expo and Talent Show	Stanwell Community Sponsorship Program	Philantropic funding - Stanwell	$1,000.00
Youth Council Community Expo and Talent Show	2026 Queensland Youth Week Community Event Grant	State funding - The Department of Housing and Public Works	$5,882.88
Get Ready Queensland Activities	2025/2026 Get Ready Queensland	State funding - Queensland Reconstruction Authority	$18,420.00
Restoring the Murgon War Memorial	Honouring Our Veterans 2025/2026	State funding - Veterans Queensland	$53,858.23
South Burnett Youth Council Youth Week Events	QYW 2026 Grants	State funding - Department of Housing and Public Works	$8,505.00
Compliance Officer	Fighting Illegal Dumping Partnership Program	State funding - Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	$270,000.00
South Burnett Multicultural Event	Celebrating Multicultural Queensland 25-26	State funding - Multicultural Affairs Queensland	$5,000.00
Multicultural Multipurpose Entertainment Facility	Multicultural Connect Grants Program	State funding - Multicultural Affairs Queensland	$455,923.00
2026 NAIDOC Week Celebration	2026 NAIDOC Local Grants Opportunity	Federal funding - National Indigenous Australians Agency	$3,000.00



Grants

CAPITAL GRANTS

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING PROGRAM	FUNDING DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
New Skate Park at Wooroolin	2024 Election Comittment	State of Queensland	$150,000.00
Design and Construction Mt Wooroolin Reservoir No 3	2024-28 LGGSP	State funding - Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers	$1,322,880.00
Memerambi Barkers Creek Road Reseal	Country Roads Connect	State funding - Department of Transport and Main Roads	$1,823,000.00
South Burnett CCTV, Lighting and Fencing Upgrade	Secure Communities Partnership Program Round 1- Local Council Small Business grant	State funding - Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business	$200,000.00
SES Vehicle Upgrade - Various	SES Support Grant	State funding - Queensland Police Service	$167,268.66
Solar Infrastructure at Six Council Sites	Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 2	Federal funding - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	$243,726.00
Proston State School	Queensland School Transport Infrastrucutre Program	State funding - Department of Transport and Main Roads	$131,000.00
Kingaroy Trunk Sewer Upgrade	Residential Activation Fund	State funding - Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	$11,046,095.00
Kingaroy Trunk Water Upgrade	Residential Activation Fund	State funding - Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	$51,307,454.00
Various Projects	Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme Policy	State funding - Department of Transport and Main Roads	$1,200,278.30



Grants Received by Category		
Parks	$213,458.23	0.15%
Community Projects	$543,477.53	0.38%
Natural Resource Management	$32,200.00	0.03%
Waste	$361,769.00	0.25%
Roads	$3,154,278.30	2.25%
Disaster Management	$72,293,270.82	51.28%
Water and Wastewater	$63,676,429.00	45.17%
Facilities	$699,649.00	0.49%
Total	$140,974,531.88	100%



Customer Service

31,474
Calls Answered

19,474
Customer Requests Created

3,700
Applications

16,471
Receipts

Council seeks to continually improve its response to customer service requests, balancing the needs of customers and the community. Council encourages customers to engage with Council through their preferred channel; in person, telephone, letter, email and via Council Connect on Council's website.

Council has five (5) Customer Service Centres across the South Burnett that deliver front counter services to the community. These locations are Blackbutt, Nanango, Kingaroy, Wondai and Murgon.

The Blackbutt office also provides QGAP (Queensland Government Agency Program) and Services Australia services. QGAP is a one-stop shop for Government services in rural Queensland communities. Some of the services delivered by Blackbutt QGAP include Department of Transport vehicle registrations, transfers and cancellations, applications for certificates through the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, payment of fines from SPER (State Penalties Enforcement Registry), and real estate licence renewals through the Office of Fair Trading. During the 2025/2026 year there were 2,162 QGAP transactions and 173 Services Australia activities.

Council continues to use the venue booking and events portal Bookable to manage hall hire and Council events. The Bookable software product enables hirers to access real-time venue availability, make bookings, and manage their reservations independently.

In the 2025/2026 year Council's venues have been hired 660 times by 306 hirers, of which, 110 were South Burnett not for profit organisations.

Council has hosted six (6) free events and five (5) paid events in the 2025/2026 financial year through Bookable. Ringsfield House Mother's Day High Tea, Mayor's Breakfast to launch Relay for Life 2026, Mayor's Community Christmas Luncheon, Christmas in July at Ringsfield and Dinner in the Driveway were successful events for Council.

Council continues to use the TouchPoint product by Enghouse to manage its call flow into the Council mainline, 4189 9100, to ensure calls are answered within reasonable timeframes. Customers now have the option to connect to their preferred Customer Service Centre, with calls first directed to available officers in the preferred location before re-directing to the next available officer in any location. The TouchPoint product has excellent reporting capabilities to measure and report on service levels and allows for a 'wrap up' of all calls for reporting purposes. The 'wrap up' function gives insight into how the flow of calls to Council is managed, and what areas experience high demand from calls to Council.

27% of calls to Council were attributed to Planning & Development, 26% to Finance and 13% to Infrastructure Works and Water and Wastewater. Interestingly, there were 8% of calls to Council that were non Council related.

Of the calls answered by Customer Service, 55% were answered within the first minute, with a further 16% answered between 1-2 minutes.



Community Development

Community Development had a busy 2025/2026 period with several Council led community events and the continued growth and development of South Burnett Regional Youth Council.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The South Burnett Regional Youth Council (SBRYC) has been successfully running for the past five (5) years. SBRYC is a platform to represent and advocate on behalf of the youth, provide feedback and input to identify key issues and develop strategies to address them, the diversity of young people's experiences and circumstances are reflected in advice to Council.

The SBRYC is open to anyone living in the South Burnett aged between 12-24 years of age and runs from February to December of each year.

YOUTH COUNCIL 2025/2026

Each month, the twelve 2025 SBRYC members participated in their Council meetings, where they learnt how meetings are run, with each member chairing a meeting or minute taking. Topics raised matters important to them, which has helped drive the continued success and growth of SBRYC.

The 2025 SBRYC ran their own fundraising movie night, the success of the event inspired the youth council to run two (2) more movie nights in Nanango and Murgon during Youth Week in April 2026 with grant funding through Queensland Government - Department of Housing & Public Works. SBRYC also successfully received grant funding from FRRR ABC Heywire - for a How-to Adult project, which will be rolled out in the second half of 2026.

The 2026 SBRYC came together in February 2026 for a team building and planning session. With the support of Sgt Storm from PCYC Murgon, Cr Danita Potter, Cr Jane Erkens and Cr Linda Little. The SBRYC spent their time getting to know each other better and planning the year ahead.

The SBRYC have volunteered and represented young people at various community events.



BP Dam Family Fun Day July 2025 – Chelsea, SES Mascot, Rhapsody and Kayleigh



Youth Council 2025 – First movie night Kingaroy Town Hall

7NEWS YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS QLD - YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER CHELSEA

Chelsea, a SBRYC member for the past 2 years is a passionate youth advocate for the young people of our region. Chelsea was recently selected as a 2026 Finalist in the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards QLD – Connecting Communities Award.

Mayor Kathy Duff and Community Development Officer Michelle Newson attended the gala dinner presentation in Brisbane to proudly support Chelsea at the awards ceremony and to recognise her achievements in both SBRYC and her community supporting roles.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMUNITY EXPO AND TALENT SHOW JUNE 2026

SBRYC delivered a free community event for youth which was supported by grant funding from Youth Week Queensland Government - Department of Housing & Public Works. Wesley Mission – Lifeforce: Youth engagement Initiative, RADF - Regional Arts Development Fund, TRACC – Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities and community sponsorship from Stanwell Energy.

The event was held at Memorial Park, Kingaroy and featured high impact BMX Show and stunt performances by JC Action Sports, community stalls providing youth engagement opportunities.

The talent show provided a platform for youth to showcase their talents. The talent show was open to young people aged between 5 to 25 years with prizes won in two (2) age categories.



PCYC Murgon - Colour Xplosion Colour run activities



Supporting CTC Youth Festival



Youth Council, JC Action Sports, Mayor Kathy Duff and Cr Danita Potter

THE BIG THINGS AUSTRALIA – THE BIG PEANUT

The Big Things of Australia featuring Kingaroy's Big Peanut was launched with its very own place on the Big Things Australia Monopoly Board. The Big Peanut is also featured in the Top Trumps Card game. The special limited-edition Monopoly boardgame and Top Trump Cards are available to purchase through Council Visitor Information Centres, Libraries and Customer Service Centres.

IRON & CLAY 8 MAY 2026

The Iron & Clay youth music event was delivered through TRACC – Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities.

Iron & Clay, a group of talented musicians addressed mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, substance abuse and social media intoxication, in a fun concert style performance; bringing together music and mental health. The event also included performances from young local talent, and community groups presenting throughout the day. The event was held in Kingaroy State High School's KPAC and saw over 550 year 11 and 12 students from the five (5) high schools in the region attend.

FARMFEST JUNE 2026

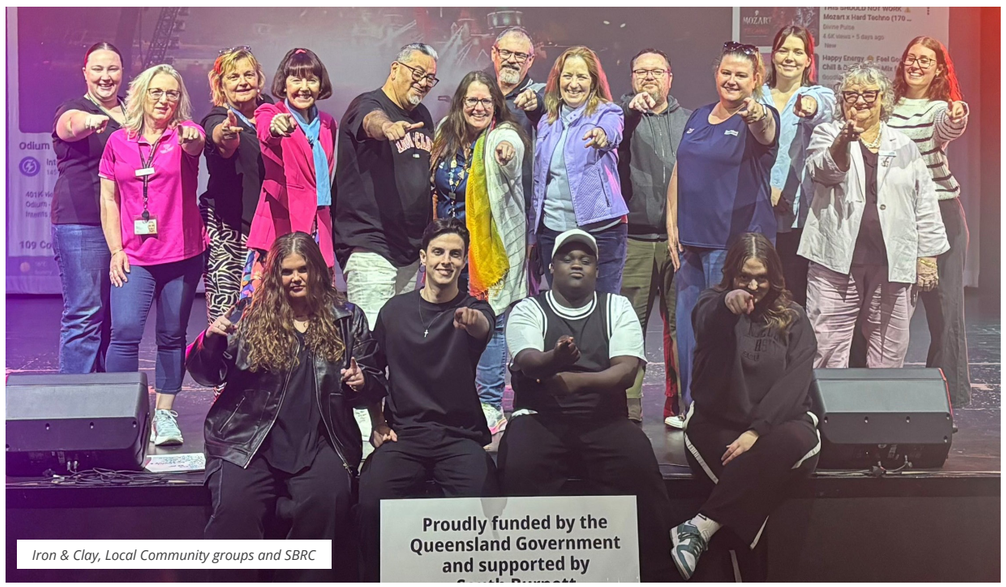
The free field trip to FarmFest at Kingsthorpe, held in June, was delivered through grant funding from (TRACC) - Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities. The field trip was delivered to build community and producer resilience with over 220 attendees who enjoyed free transport, admission and lunch with a backpack of goodies.

Five (5) buses filled with local primary producers, mens shed members, residents and Councillors travelled to Farmfest with local agencies, and Council staff, addressing topics on mental health, weed and pest management and disaster management preparedness.

The buses stopped at Oakey Cultural Centre for attendees to enjoy morning tea and to hear a special address from former NRL star Shane Webcke about mental health and farm safety.



Cr Jane Erkens, Mayor Kathy Duff, Cr Ross Heit, Cr Danita Potter & Cr Deb Dennien



Iron & Clay, Local Community groups and SBRC

Indigenous Affairs

NAIDOC 2025

A community art project was organised by South Burnett Regional Council at the NAIDOC event.

Artist, Robert Langton, with the support of his family created a community artwork during NAIDOC Week Family Fun Day in Memorial Park, Kingaroy. People attending the event added their handprints, to create the NAIDOC themed, The Next Generation: Strength, Vison and Legacy.

The handprints represent the next generation, power, strength, and action of communicating together. The yarning circles represented the unity of everyone coming together to celebrate the day.

The attendees also had an opportunity to create their own artwork with the guidance of Robert and Robyn Langton.

The art projects were funded by Regional Arts Development Fund. The community artwork is on display at the Kingaroy Library.

The South Burnett Youth Council also assisted in the NAIDOC community artwork, and got involved by engaging with the community through decorating clap sticks and making sand art pictures



Youth Council member Kaidence, Robert Langton & Amelia



Anita Langton & Cr Danita Potter

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHC) plays an important role in guiding and providing advice to Council to nurture creativity and safeguard our cultural heritage.

The South Burnett Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy 2024-2029 (the Strategy) outlines a five-year framework for advancing the sector and engaging our communities in creative endeavours. The ongoing implementation of the Strategy guides the South Burnett Regional Council in facilitating programs and projects aligned with community-driven priorities and available resources.

The ACHC provides critical advice and guidance to enhancing our region through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) including its grants program, which provides vital financial support to local artists and cultural initiatives.

Leases & Land Sales

A number of approvals were granted for new, renewed or amended leases and licences to occupy over Council-owned or controlled land during 2025/2026 including:

- Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc
- Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival Inc
- Blackbutt RSL Sub-branch
- Nanango Rugby League Football Club Inc
- The Lions Club of Taabinga Inc
- Wondai Lions Club Inc.
- Wondai Woodworkers Association Inc
- South Burnett Mountain Bike Club Inc.
- Hivesville Progress Association Inc

ANZAC Day 2026

Council sponsored ANZAC Day ceremonies across the South Burnett with representation from Mayor Kathy Duff, Councillors and Senior staff in attendance at the ceremonies.

Ceremonies were held at the following locations:

- Blackbutt
- Boondooma
- Bunya Mountains
- Cherbourg
- Hivesville
- Kingaroy
- Kumbia
- Maidenwell
- Murgon
- Nanango
- Proston
- Wondai
- Wooroolin



Cr Sander in Murgon



Cr Dennien and Cr Potter in Kingaroy



Cr Heit in Wondai



Cr Little in Blackbutt



Cr Erkens and Mayor Duff in Nanango



Tourism

Highlights for the 2025/2026 year include:

JULY 2025:

Nanango VIC was one of the 19 successful winners to host a public piano from the ABC. This was to celebrate 2025 as the "Year of the Piano". Locals or visitors coming into the VIC now have the opportunity to play a tune or two whilst they visit.

Kingaroy VIC had a lovely visit from 22 students and 2 teachers from Fudouka High School in Japan. The students loved the stuffed Aussie animals, hand puppets and many souvenirs which they bought to take home with them.

AUGUST 2025:

Wondai Heritage Museum held their annual open day on Saturday 9 August. Even though the weather wasn't the best, there was an outstanding number of people (170) in attendance including Mayor Duff and the Councillors. The South Burnett Antique Motor Club had beautiful cars on display, there was a variety of stallholders selling their products, a sausage sizzle and coffee van to keep visitors warm on the day. Volunteers worked tirelessly to organise the event, answered countless questions and shared the history of the local area.

SEPTEMBER 2025:

The third FAMIL in the 2025 year was held on 11 September, beginning at Taabinga Homestead. Greeted with smiles and morning tea then split into groups for a guided tour around the buildings and grounds. Everyone was amazed to see the original structures and older photos of past families who lived there. After lunch at the Kingaroy RSL, the group headed out to Bethany Cottages. John Bjelke-Petersen jumped on the bus to give a talk about the history of the property and his family as we drove around the grounds and accommodation options. The visit ended with a taste of Flo's famous pumpkin scones.

OCTOBER 2025:

Museum Workshops - On Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 October, volunteers from the Kingaroy and Wondai Heritage Museum, Roy Emerson Museum and Ringsfield House, came together to participate in two (2) of Council's museum workshops. On day one, Elspeth from Queensland Museum, gave a lesson in policies, acquisition of items, numbering, cataloguing, storing and handling processes. On day two the group learnt about digitising different types of collections and the equipment needed. There were a few hands-on activities during the days so our volunteers could try it out for themselves.

NOVEMBER 2025:

The last FAMIL for 2025 was held on Thursday 6 November. Approaching Christmas, our first stop was the beautiful Chrissy Trees 4 U. Debbie prepared a spread of cakes, slices and fruit while providing history and information on the business. The volunteers viewed the Christmas trees in each of their stages, even the 10 feet tall ones, then had a look at their gift shop. Next on the agenda was a trip to Mulanah Gardens. The group mixed and chatted, had lunch and explored the gardens, cottages and new additions. The day was enjoyed by all, with plenty of information given and experiences to pass onto visitors travelling through the area.

DECEMBER 2025:

Volunteer Christmas Party was held on Saturday 6 December, volunteers from across the South Burnett gathered to celebrate a joyful Christmas at the annual Christmas Party. 65 volunteers attended along with CEO Mark Pitt, Mayor Kathy Duff and the Councillors to commemorate this special day with everyone. Service awards were presented to four (4) volunteers for five (5) years, one for 10 years, one for 15 years and one for 20 years of service at our centres. Everyone had a great time talking and laughing with one another whilst eating their lovely lunch and dessert prepared by J.C. Catering.

JANUARY 2026:

Kingaroy VIC set up a lovely display with new products to start off the new year. The display received a lot of attention, and all our visitors loved to see local South Burnett products.



November Famil 2025

FEBRUARY 2026:

Kingaroy Heritage Museum held a stall in the Kingaroy Mall to engage the public as part of the volunteer recruitment drive, with a great number of people showing interest in getting involved.

Wondai Heritage Museum created a Canine Hunt for the little ones, with scattered painted wooden dogs throughout the museum buildings for the children to find.

MARCH 2026:

Volunteers visited the highly requested Jimbour House on Wednesday 4 March, everyone was in awe when arriving to see this beautiful heritage house. The group explored the gardens, had morning tea and enjoyed the beautiful house. The volunteers enjoyed a guided tour of the house, with a personal message left by David Russell, the current owner of the house. Listening to the history of the building made you feel as though you were taken back to the 1920s when the house was first taken in by the Russells. Stopping on the way home at Pips 'n' Cherries Cafe at Bell for a great variety of sandwiches and wraps. The volunteers were so pleased with the day and can pass on the experience and information to others.

The Kingaroy Heritage Museum held their annual Open Day on Saturday 21 March. Volunteers in the Museum answered countless questions and shared the history of the local area. There was a guessing game to 'guess the number of peanuts in the jar', the Antique Car Club has a display of cars, a coffee van, sausage sizzle and QFES stall. There was numerous other stalls including food, arts & crafts, jewellery, plants and soaps. The day was a huge success, and everyone enjoyed themselves.



Wondai Heritage Museum

APRIL 2026:

The Kingaroy Heritage Museum applied for the Community Heritage Grant for a significance assessment and were successful. Josh from Queensland Museum conducted the assessment the week of Monday 13 April.

MAY 2026:

Her Excellency, Dr. Jeannette Young visited the Kingaroy VIC, Heritage Museum and Art Gallery on 1 May. Her party greeted the volunteers and explored the centres. They were amazed with some of the unique items in each centre and the large machinery in the museum.

Volunteers Week - During the week of Monday 18 May, all the volunteers received a gift for Volunteers Week. A range of blue, red, green and orange dry bags were sent home with everyone to thank them for the hard work, time and effort they put in to all the centres.

Kingaroy Heritage Museum held a Cemetery Walking Tour at the Taabinga Cemetery with 45 people in attendance. It was a very educational day learning about the symbolism and meaning behind certain headstones, as well as getting to know the history of some of the local pioneers and their contribution to the area.

JUNE 2026:

On Thursday 11 June the volunteers travelled around the Murgon area stopping at Nuova Scuola. Stefano gave a great talk about the business and the processes of producing and making wines. After lunch at the Murgon Services Club, they arrived at the QLD Dairy and Heritage Museum where they had afternoon tea and explored the various buildings to learn about the dairying history.



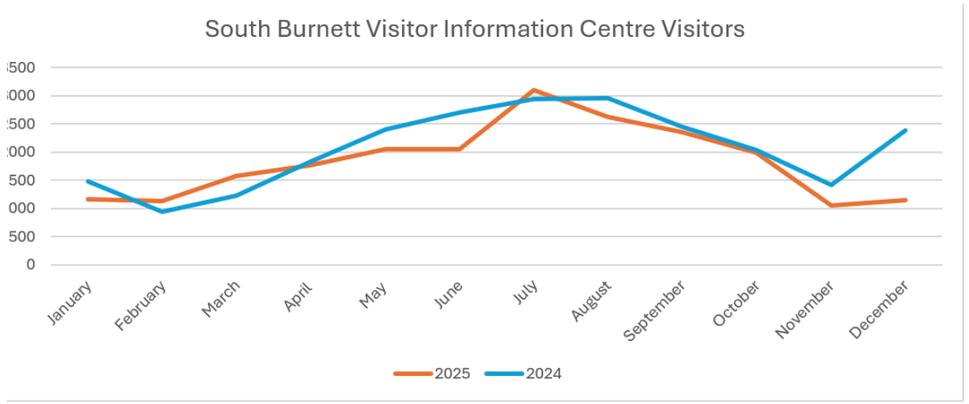
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Governor Visit

VISITOR INFORMATION STATISTICS

According to the South Burnett Visitor Information Statistics for 2025/2026, approximately 75.2% (15,111 people) of visitors to the South Burnett are from Queensland, 22% (4,436 people) are interstate visitors, and 2.8% (553 people) are from overseas. The SE Qld drive market is our primary target market with approximately 70.9% of Queensland visitors in 2025/2026 coming from within a 400km radius of the complex. The interstate market, while important, is secondary and seasonal.



2025/2026 Totals	
Sales	$81,675.78
Coach Bookings	17
Volunteer Working Numbers	75
Volunteer Working Hours	15,600.35
Volunteer Numbers as of 30 June 2026	
Kingaroy VIC	14
Kingaroy Museum	9
Wondai VIC	11
Wondai Museum	5
Nanango VIC	8
Murgon VIC	13
Total	60





RUOK? Day 2025




International Men's Day 2025


International Women's Day 2026


Bravehearts Day 2025




WOW Day 2025



Libraries



South Burnett Libraries attract close to 140,000 annual visits across six branches located in Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai. Five (5) of the six (6) branches are co-located with Council Customer Service Centres, enabling integrated service delivery.

Library membership is free and provides access to curated physical collections at each branch, as well as 24-hour access to a comprehensive digital collection. Digital resources include eAudiobooks, eBooks and eMagazines, with library staff responsible for the acquisition, cataloguing, processing and distribution of all collection materials.

Each library offers free internet access through public access computers and Wi-Fi, supporting digital inclusion across the region. In addition, South Burnett Libraries deliver a diverse range of programs and services that support community engagement and create opportunities for residents to read, work, learn and connect.

JPS IN THE COMMUNITY

South Burnett Libraries partnership with JPs in the Community continued during the 2025/2026 financial year, with 3,048 individuals accessing this valuable service at the Kingaroy Library. This collaboration provided community members with convenient access to justice of the peace services each weekday from 12.00pm-2.00pm. The library service is grateful for the ongoing support and commitment from the volunteers from the JPs in the Community program.

LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY

South Burnett Libraries celebrated Library Lovers' Day in February 2026 by giving away a voucher for a two-night getaway in a villa at Bjelke-Petersen Dam. To win this wonderful prize, patrons were asked to fill in an entry form when they visited their library during February. 357 entries were received and some customers took the opportunity to provide lovely feedback, including:

"The book selection is fantastic and the staff are helpful and amazing"

"Fabulous and helpful staff. Always clean and tidy. Great variety of resources. Constantly updating titles. Great accessibility and location."

2025/2026 Quick Stats	
Visitors	139,563
New members	1,019
Programs delivered	1,184
Program attendees	6,483

2026 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY

As South Burnett Libraries are committed to monitoring the quality of services provided to the community, an online survey was made available to members of the public from 1-31 May 2026. In total, 23 responses were received.

The anonymous survey asked a variety of questions in relation to use of the library service, including why members are visiting the library (to borrow items, attend programs or socialise) and how often they visit their local library. The majority of respondents indicated that they predominantly use the library monthly to borrow items, with accessing technology and attending programs ranking second and third as reasons to visit the library.

The survey also provided the opportunity for community members to rate a number of key library service areas from 1-5, including customer service, the collection, facilities, online services, programs and events and technology access. Out of the 10 areas critiqued, facilities (4.83 out of 5), customer service (4.74 out of 5) and access to technology (4.55 out of 5) rated the highest for customer satisfaction.

Respondents also took the opportunity to supply anecdotal feedback about the library service, with the following comments received:

"The staff are friendly and helpful. I love that they will order in books that I am wanting."

"Awesome range of books, love that you can request books to be added to the library. Staff help with mobile phone issues and offer other tech support."

"Staff are always friendly and greet us when we enter and always help with a smile."

THE SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES COLLECTION

Each year, the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) provides a Public Library Grant to Queensland local governments to support the development of high-quality library collections. These funds facilitate the purchase of engaging materials that reflect the diverse interests and needs of the South Burnett community. For the 2025/2026 financial year, the Public Library Grant totalled $169,157. A total of $169,476 was spent. These funds were strategically invested in a variety of resources to align with South Burnett Libraries' Collection Development Policy and follow the guidelines provided by SLQ. The collection is carefully curated and developed, with resources purchased in the 2025/2026 financial year as follows:

- **4,131 physical resources,** comprising of adult and junior fiction and non-fiction books, magazines, and DVDs.
- **412 digital resources**, comprising of eAudiobooks, eBooks, and eMagazines.
- **A digital story time database** called Story Box Library.

2025/2026 ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES COLLECTION MAINTENANCE

In accordance with SLQ guidelines, library staff continued to remove tired, damaged, or outdated items from each branch to maintain a contemporary and appealing collection. Over the course of the year, a total of 5,939 items were removed from the South Burnett Libraries collection. The deleted books, magazines, and DVDs were donated to local organisations, sold through the library book sale, or gifted to the annual Book-o-Rama for sale. This approach to collection maintenance not only helps keep our collections fresh and relevant but also supports community initiatives and promotes literacy through the redistribution of resources.

2025/2026 COLLECTION PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

55,492 physical collection items over 6 library branches

113,153 physical loans

23,776 digital loans (eAudiobook, eBook and eMagazines)

14,494 patron reserves satisfied

4,543 new items added to the collection = approximately 87 items added each week





SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES AND FIRST 5 FOREVER

First 5 Forever is an early literacy program that offers free sessions for children 0–5 and their families throughout Queensland's Public Library and Indigenous Knowledge Centre network. It is an initiative of the Queensland Government, coordinated by SLQ. For the 2025/2026 financial year, South Burnett Libraries received $27,740 of First 5 Forever funding to facilitate the provision of rhyme time, story time and stay and play sessions both in-house at our branches and at outreach events. A total of $27,849 was spent.

First 5 Forever funds were expended as follows:

- **$21,109** for staff wages
- **$6,740** for resources including First 5 Forever bags, promotional materials, shelving and other program supplies

CHILD HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

South Burnett Libraries partnership with Darling Downs Health continued in the 2025/2026 financial year, with 53 drop-in clinics attracting 713 attendees at the Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Nanango and Wondai libraries. These sessions provide the opportunity for families with little ones to see a child health nurse for a weigh-in and check-up, whilst connecting with other parents in the community and discovering the free resources that are available at the library.

UNDER 8S DAY AT NANANGO

On 22 May 2026, the Library team joined in the fun at the Nanango State School's Under 8s Day. Close to 100 people visited the library stall to take part in the free craft activities and sensory play.

SPECIAL STORY TIME AT THE MURGON LIBRARY

To help increase awareness of the First 5 Forever programs available in Murgon, Special Story Time sessions were introduced on a monthly basis beginning in June 2026. These sessions featured a free morning tea, hands-on sensory play and lots of stories.

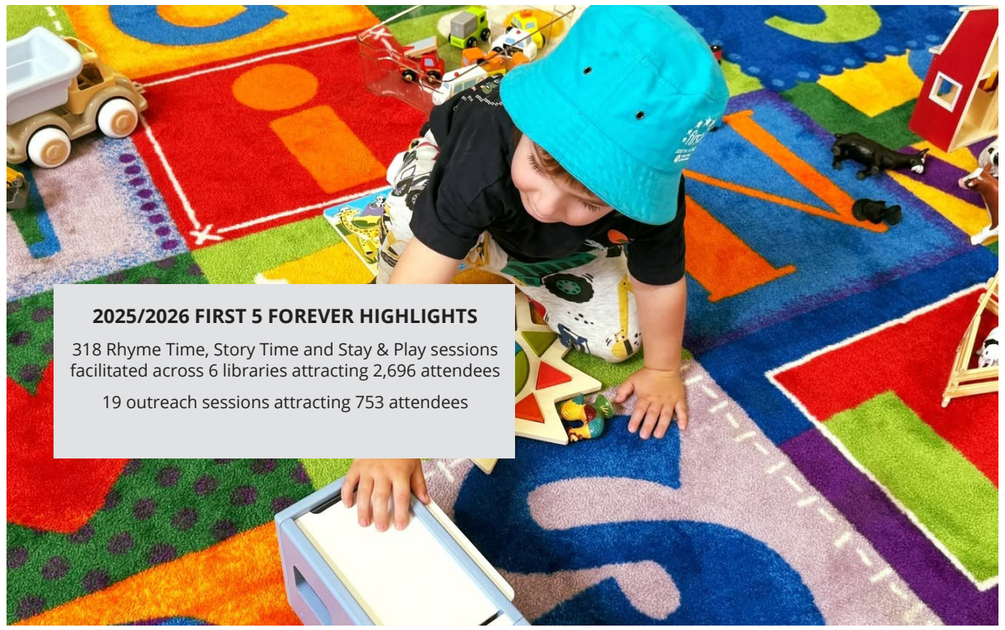
SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES OUT AND ABOUT

As a core service, South Burnett Libraries regularly participate in outreach events across the region to engage with community members who may not be aware of the free resources and programs available at their local library. By connecting with residents in various settings, library staff can encourage more individuals to take advantage of the enriching experiences that South Burnett Libraries provide.

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES' PARTNERS

In the 2025/2026 financial year, South Burnett Libraries worked in partnership with the following community organisations:

- Centacare
- Darling Downs Health
- Eva's Place
- Haly Street Early Learning Centre
- Kingaroy Child Care
- Kingaroy Show Society
- Kingaroy State High School
- Nanango State School
- Proston State School
- JPs in the Community
- Kumbia QCWA
- South Burnett CTC
- South Burnett Genealogy Society
- South Burnett Homeschooling Group
- South Burnett Partnership for Kids
- South Burnett Regional Council
- South Burnett Suicide Prevention Working Group
- St John's Kindy
- Taabinga PCYC



2025/2026 FIRST 5 FOREVER HIGHLIGHTS

318 Rhyme Time, Story Time and Stay & Play sessions facilitated across 6 libraries attracting 2,696 attendees

19 outreach sessions attracting 753 attendees

PROSTON STATE SCHOOL VISITS

During the 2025/2026 financial year, Library staff visited the Proston State School once a term to deliver outreach sessions to children in kindergarten and prep. These sessions include stories and a craft and provide a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the resources available to the Proston community.

READING FRIENDS

In partnership with the Kumbia QWCA, the Kingaroy Library now provides 'Reading Friends' to encourage early literacy and make stories extra special. These adorable bears have a wonderful backstory as they begin their journey in Wynnum, where a volunteer carefully selects vibrant, visually stimulating colour combinations. Then, thanks to Australia Post, they travel to the South Burnett, where the talented ladies from the Cooinda Craft Group and QCWA Kumbia Branch give them colourful hairstyles, bright eyes, and happy faces. Finally, they become a reading friend for young readers—ready to listen to stories and explore the pages of beautiful books!

NAIDOC DAY AT MEMORIAL PARK

On 10 July 2025, Library staff attended a NAIDOC celebration at Memorial Park in Kingaroy. Attendees took part in the free craft provided and took the chance to have a chat with the Library team.

APRIL FUN FEST

On 15 April 2026, Library staff attended Centacare's April FunFest event held at Memorial Park in Kingaroy. Staff interacted with approximately 160 people on the morning as they took part in the free crafts and sensory activities provided.

2025/2026 OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

23 outreach sessions attracting 1,298 attendees



April Fun Fest

2025/2026 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

88 sessions held for children aged 6-12 attracting 1,463 attendees

1,440 take home craft packs distributed

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES AS A PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

As part of South Burnett Libraries' core program schedule, our libraries offer a variety of events designed for children aged 6-12 and their parents or caregivers. These programs aim to engage and inspire our young community members. A highlight from the 2025/2026 financial year includes a special 'Wheel of Fortune: Kid's Edition' that was held at the Kingaroy Library on 22 January 2026. The 16 children in attendance had a wonderful time answering the general knowledge questions developed by Library staff.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

South Burnett Libraries hosted 32 school holiday activity sessions across the region during the 2025/2026 financial year, attracting a total of 481 attendees. These activities provide children the opportunity to visit their library to create a craft and interact with one another over the school holidays. In addition to the activities held in-branch at each library, 1,440 take home craft packs were distributed to families for children to complete at home to help keep school holiday boredom at bay.

MOVIE MORNINGS

The Kingaroy Library continued to host movie mornings on the third Saturday of each month for local families seeking free entertainment. These screenings provide a great opportunity for families to come together, relax, and enjoy a child friendly film in a welcoming environment.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

To celebrate Children's Book Week, the South Burnett Homeschooling Group held their annual dress up parade at the Kingaroy Library on 21 August 2025. Along with the fantastic costumes on display, one of the attendees also made a book themed cake for the 70 attendees to enjoy.

POKEMON PICNIC IN THE PARK IN NANANGO

To provide free and fun entertainment for children and their families during the school holidays, South Burnett Libraries hosted a Pokemon Picnic in the Park on Thursday 2 October 2025 at the Butter Factory Park in Nanango. This event featured face painting, games, activities and a scavenger hunt and attracted over 100 attendees.

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES GET SPOOKY!

It's safe to say that Spooky Saturday was a massive hit once again, with over 100 people attending the festivities at the Kingaroy Library on 25 October 2025. Families enjoyed a morning filled with fun activities and crafts and there were many wonderful costumes on display. Staff received countless 'Thank you's from parents expressing their appreciation for the event and the opportunity for their children to engage in such a creative and enjoyable experience.

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES & TECHNOLOGY

South Burnett Libraries offer free internet access at all branches during opening hours, available through public access computers and Wi-Fi. In addition to this essential service, staff host regular 'Tech Help' sessions at each branch. These sessions are designed to help close the digital divide by assisting community members to build their digital skills and confidence. Assistance with technology is also provided on an ad-hoc basis to customers who require basic help with email access, printing and other digital processes.

SCAM AWARENESS SESSIONS

In response to feedback from the community, South Burnett Libraries developed and delivered scam awareness workshops in October 2025 at the Nanango and Wondai libraries. These interactive sessions aimed to help community members understand what a scam is, and how they can spot them to avoid them. The seminars encouraged conversation amongst attendees, with many people talking about the scams they had experienced.

2025/2026 DIGITAL CONNECTION HIGHLIGHTS

8,434 public access computer bookings

7,142 hours of public access internet used

5,115 hours of public access Wi-Fi used

104 tech help sessions delivered with 152 attendees

523 ad-hoc tech assistance sessions provided



Library Staff - Book Week

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES AS COMMUNITY SPACES

Library facilities provide welcoming, safe and accessible public spaces for individuals and groups. These spaces support a range of uses, including reading, study, program delivery, meetings and informal community interaction. Library spaces are designed to be inclusive and adaptable, enabling community members to access services comfortably and safely.

A variety of groups use the library as a regular meeting place, with book clubs, card players, craft groups and scrabble enthusiasts all utilising the community space available at each branch. The South Burnett Genealogy Society and the Angel Knitters also meet regularly at the Kingaroy Library.

BOOK CHATS: THE WEEKEND EDITION

The Kingaroy Library established a monthly Book Chat group in March 2026 as a way to connect avid readers in the South Burnett. These relaxed conversation groups focused on sharing book reviews and discussing literary interests, with many attendees leaving with new recommendations and a longer TBR (to be read) pile.

PROSTON LIBRARY TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Due to water damage sustained to the Proston Library in January 2025, library services were delivered from the Proston Town Hall for the 2025/2026 financial year. As the library was operating from a smaller space, a reduced but carefully curated collection was available for community members to access whilst renovations to the permanent library building were planned. Internet access was also available, and regular First 5 Forever Rhyme Time sessions also took place at the temporary location.

2025/2026 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

96 adult programs attracting 546 attendees

1,184 programs held (total) attracting 6,483 attendees (total)

Regulatory Services

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

A total of 3,514 customer requests were submitted to Council in 2025/2026. 2,665 of these requests were animal management related.

Of these, 95 were animal attack related.

A total of 666 animals were impounded to the Animal Management Centre during 2025/2026. Of these, 276 were dogs, 380 were cats and 10 were 'other' (ie rooster etc).

OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS

During 2025/2026 there were 273 overgrown requests received with 184 requests being sent to enforcement.

BARKING DOG REQUESTS

During 2025/2026 there were 166 barking dog requests received.

COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES AND HIGHLIGHTS 2025/2026

CHALLENGES

- Managing the high number of customer requests for the Compliance Department

HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcoming one (1) new Coordinator Regulatory Services to the department.
- Opening of the South Burnett Animal Management Centre (AMC) on 1 July 2025. Adoptions commenced on 11 October 2025 at the AMC with 130 animals being adopted. 218 animals were placed in various recue facilities and 127 animals were reclaimed.

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

South Burnett Animal Management Centre

Since the official opening of Council's Animal Management Centre in July, some great achievements have been made over the last 12 months.

These include:

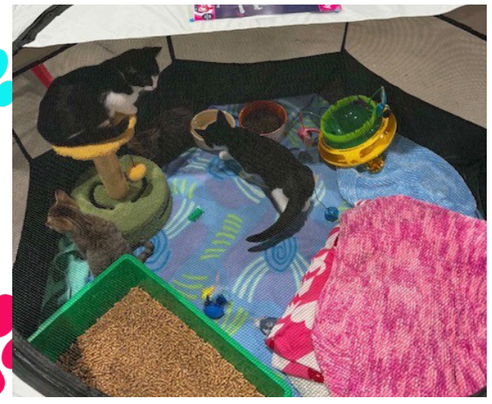
- Engaging suitably qualified and dedicated staff to manage day to day operations of the facility, running a very successful open day where we were able to offer reduced adoption fees and free microchipping.
- Displays and available adoption days at the Bjelke-Petersen Dam Funday and Kingaroy Petstock which resulted in a good number of adoptions. A number of dedicated volunteers giving up their time to assist at our facility. These are the people who also help us succeed.

In 2026 we plan to continue to upskill our staff, be able to offer microchipping to the public and hold a variety of open days.

We are currently negotiating to assist with hosting the practical skills components at our facility to benefit the community and locals undertaking training through various training organisations that need access to a facility like ours to gain skills without having to travel out of the region.

Our aim is to ensure animals within our region are well cared for and have the best possible opportunity of being adopted or placed in a suitable rescue facility.





ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FOOD

Council has 240 current licenced food businesses comprising of high risk, medium risk, low risk, supermarkets, home based, and annual market stalls. Council has 126 non-profits registered Food Notification Permits and has received and approved 54 temporary food business licence applications.

There were 290 food inspections completed during the period that consisted of annual inspections and re-inspections. There have been 15 Improvement Notices, one (1) Show Cause Notice requiring a temporary suspension of licence, and four (4) Penalty Infringement Notices for major non-compliances in relation to food hygiene and safety.

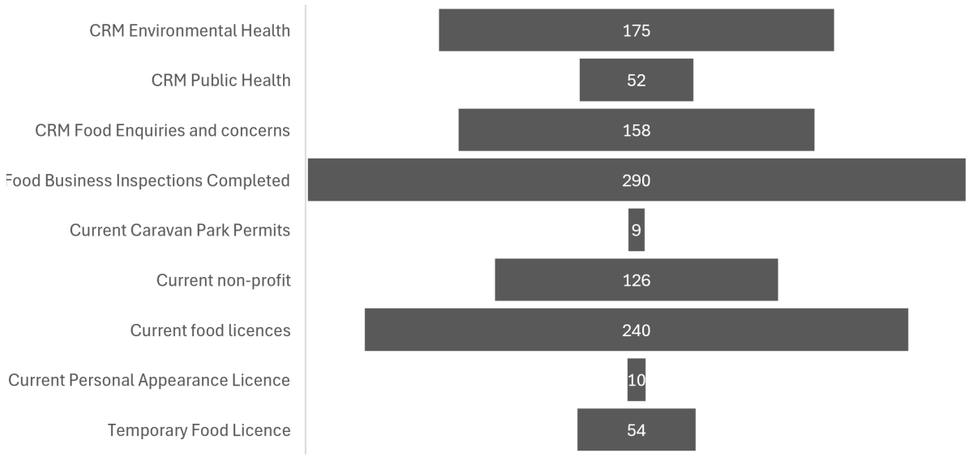
MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT

Council participated in the Queensland Health Rapid Surveillance for Vector Presence (RSVP) program. Surveillance areas included Kingaroy, Nanango, Wondai, Blackbutt and Murgon with two (2) positive detections of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Murgon. Environmental Health Officers also assisted the Darling Downs Public Health Unit in the State's Surveillance program for Japanese Encephalitis in the region, with no detections found during the period.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

A total of 52 Public Health customer requests were received in relation to asbestos concerns, mosquito activity, pest harbouring, private burials, and water testing. Council received 158 food-related enquiries from customers seeking advice about operating a food business and reporting food-related concerns. There were 175 customer requests for Environmental Health in relation to noise, smoke, dust, odour, regulated waste disposal, and water pollution concerns submitted to Council for the 2025/2026 financial year.

2025/2026 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AND HIGHLIGHTS 2025/2026

CHALLENGES

- Managing continual food business compliance with the changing legislative environment and the cost of running a business.
- Ensuring fair and equitable outcomes from complicated nuisance cases in line with legislative requirements.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Working with the community and approving new food businesses, high risk personal appearance businesses, and caravan parks in the Region.
- Hosting the Darling Downs Southwest Environmental Health Association meeting and bringing together leading organisations from State to Local Government levels.

Development Services

The goal of the Branch is to ensure that sustainable development is achieved throughout the region. This is done through the implementation of the South Burnett Regional Council Planning Scheme and includes the regulation of planning, building and plumbing activities.

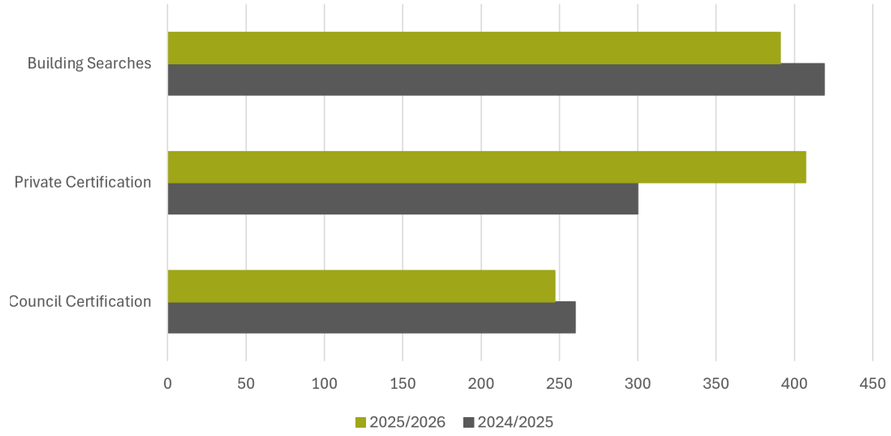
GENERAL

Council experienced a high demand for building certification, plumbing approvals, planning enquiries and property searches relating to property sales and transfers throughout the financial year. Statistics highlighting operational activities are provided below.

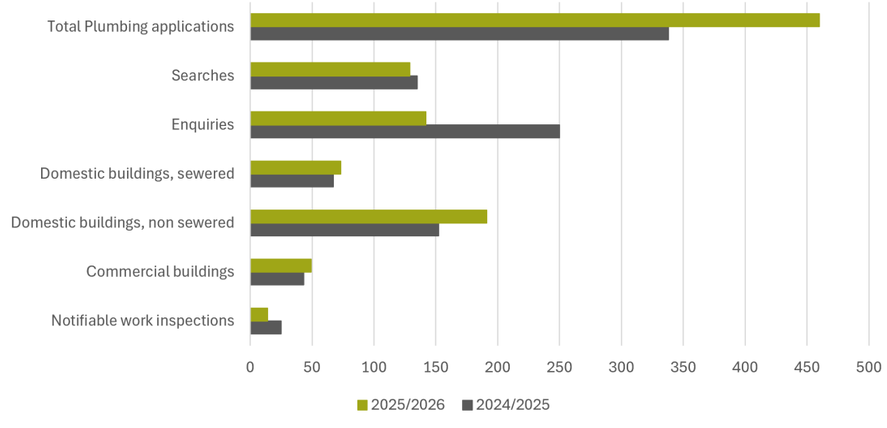
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Council recognises the importance of local development and is committed to creating temporary incentives to stimulate development and grow the population. The incentives are aimed at kick-starting developments where a valid development approval is in place and the development was not completed at the time the incentive scheme commenced. The incentive scheme is currently available until 31 December 2028 unless extended.

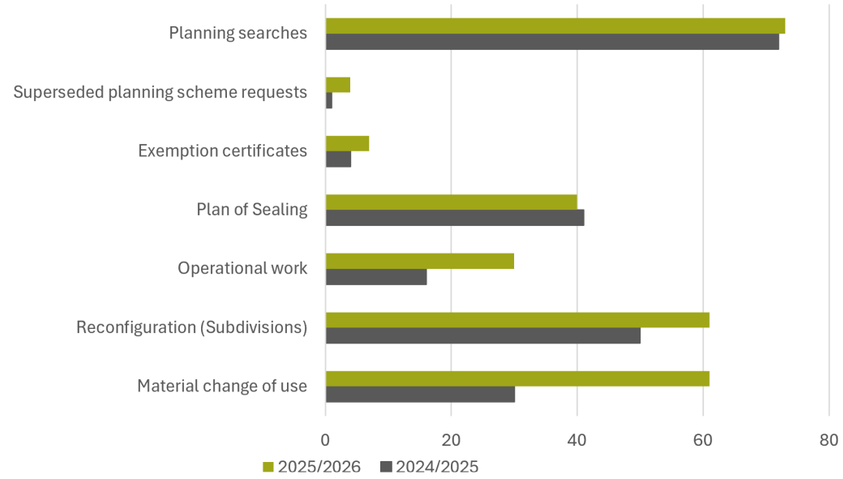
BUILDING STATISTICS



PLUMBING STATISTICS



PLANNING STATISTICS





AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2017

On 19 August 2025, Council resolved to undertake a major planning scheme amendment (No. 3).

The proposed scheme amendment seeks to expand opportunities for secondary dwellings, dual occupancies, multiple dwellings, retirement and aged care facilities across appropriate zones. With the introduction of the Community Housing model code, community housing will be facilitated in the Community Facilities Zone. Clearer residential design provisions will be introduced in centres and mixed use areas to support housing outcomes while appropriately managing interfaces with existing commercial uses.

In accordance with the Pathway 1 Scheme Supply Fund arrangement, Council may also incorporate secondary elements into the project to enhance the overall effectiveness of its planning instruments.

Council has given notice to the State Government about the proposed planning scheme amendment after early engagement was sought by Council on 5 March 2026. On 1 May 2026, the State Government provided their recommendations.

Following consideration of Council's notice by the State, Council must follow the process outlined by the State which will include public consultation.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT SCHEME SUPPLY FUNDING INITIATIVE

In February 2025, Council received confirmation that it was successful in obtaining funding under Pathway 1 of the Scheme Supply Fund. The Scheme Supply Fund Pathway 1 must be finalised by 30 June 2027.

Business Systems

ICT

Council's ICT team continues to transition the inter office network connections to dedicated fibre. A large portion of Council facilities now have had dedicated fibre internet infrastructure built out to site. This grants Council higher bandwidth and improve data throughput with sets a strong platform in leveraging cloud technologies

Council received a total of 1.25M emails and sent 340,000. 30% of emails received identified as SPAM that were either rejected or blocked.

Cyber Security remains as a strong focus area for Council's ICT Branch, with further progress being made with the roll out cyber resilience strengthening software across staff desktops to further mitigate and risk of cyber intrusions. Council continues to invest in cyber awareness education of staff to better position itself and improve confidence against the increase threat of cyber-attacks.

BUSINESS SYSTEMS

During the year, Business Systems delivered a broad program of work focused on improving efficiency, data quality and service delivery across the organisation. A key achievement was the completion of the Finance Transition Project, which successfully brought core functions including Assets, Budgeting, Accounts Payable, Work Orders, Purchasing, Sourcing, Inventory, Projects, Contract Management and Purchase Cards across to CIA. Following the transition, the team undertook significant remediation and refinement, including redevelopment of more than 100 business unit reports to ensure they were accurate, usable and aligned to operational needs.

The team also streamlined a range of manual processes through automation of task and system improvements. This included the Data Fuel Integration for importing plant and vehicle odometer readings and fuel stock usage, automated fleet asset bookings, dormant creditor inactivation, purchase card processing improvements, accreditation imports and field staff timesheet imports. Business Process Automations continued to be refined to support faster and more consistent processing across the organisation.

Business Systems expanded digital capability through the creation of electronic forms, including Vehicle Acceptance, Training Application, EEA, PDA, Notification, Delegation and Purchase Card forms. A wide range of dashboards and reports were also developed or enhanced to support informed decision-making, including People and Culture (P&C) metrics, fleet operations and maintenance, asset downtime, approved training costs, tasks on requests, qualifications and accreditations, current higher duties and EDR appraisal reporting.

Further improvements included creation of the Backflow Prevention Register and enhancements to the master report for requests to improve information provided to Councillors at lodgement. Audit-related items, including the Position Notification, Delegations and Purchase Card processes, were progressed and remain in testing, alongside the Creditor Forms Business Process Automation with DocuSign. These initiatives demonstrate Business Systems' ongoing contribution to practical digital transformation, stronger governance and improved organisational efficiency.

- Finance Transition Project Completed - bringing Assets, Budgeting, Accounts Payable, Work Orders, Purchasing, Sourcing (RFQ), Inventory, Projects, Contract Management, Purchase Cards, all across to CIA
- Data Fuel Integration - automated lengthy error prone process of importing plant and vehicle odometer readings and fuel stock usage
- Automated Fleet Asset Bookings process
- Automated Dormant Creditor Inactivation
- Multiple Report Creation for Business Units across organisation (over 100 reports not working after transition had to be refined to be usable) e.g., Cost Recoveries, Swims, Generations Report, Turnover Ratio, Commitments Listing, RMPC
- Audit items addressed but still in testing phase - Position Notification Process, Delegations Process, Purchase Card Process
- Electronic Forms created: Vehicle Acceptance Form, Training Application forms including EEA, PDA and Training Application Form, Notification Form, Delegation Form, Purchase Card Form
- Streamline purchase card processing for both card users and finance team
- Master Report for requests modified to address insufficient information provided to Councillors upon lodgement
- Refining BPAs to increase efficiency and processing times across organisation
- Imports - Accreditations, Timesheet Import for Field Staff
- Dashboards: P&C reporting metrics - staff turnover / hires / terminations, Fleet Operations, Fleet Maintenance, Asset Downtime Hours, Approved Training Costs, Tasks on Requests, Qualifications and Accreditations, Current Higher Duties, EDR (appraisals dashboard),
- Backflow Prevention register created
- Currently In Testing - Creditor Forms BPA with DocuSign
- ETLs: Customer Request Bulk Update, Customer Request Bulk Close



INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

Delivering and maintaining critical infrastructure and services supporting the current and future needs of the South Burnett.



Aaron Meehan
General Manager Infrastructure

Works

- Construction Program Management - Roads
- Maintenance Program Management - Roads
- Quality Assurance
- Roads
- Footpaths
- Streetscapes
- Bridges
- Road Corridor Management
- Stormwater Drainage
- Flood Mitigation
- Traffic Facilities
- State Road Maintenance
- Street Lighting
- Road Naming

Water and Wastewater

- Construction Program Management
- Maintenance Program Management
- Treatment & Storage Management
- Bulk Water Storage / Treatment
- Water Service Delivery
- Wastewater Treatment
- Wastewater Service Delivery

Technical Services and Fleet

- Infrastructure Planning
- Infrastructure Asset Management
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Disaster Management
- State Emergency Services
- Design Services & Assets
- Materials / Soil Laboratory
- Traffic Assessments
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Speed Reviews
- Plant & Fleet Management
- Asset Management, Procurement, Evaluation, Utilisation, Replacement and Disposal.
- Service Repairs & Maintenance
- Insurance & Scheduling
- Workshops / Fabrication / Design

Facilities, NRM and Parks

- Parks and Gardens
- Property & Facility Maintenance and Management of all Council Owned Facilities
- Land Management (Sales)
- Caravan Parks
- Commercial Shops
- Halls
- Community/Commercial Housing
- Depots
- Swimming Pools
- Administration Buildings
- Rail Trail Maintenance
- Boondooma Homestead Management Advisory
- Ringsfield House Advisory Committee
- Weeds & Pest Management
- Natural Resources
- Stock Routes
- Straying Livestock

Works

THE WORKS BRANCH, within the Infrastructure department, is responsible for the delivery of construction and maintenance work for all Council's transport assets - sealed and unsealed roads, bridges, stormwater drainage, and footpaths.

Works have skilled staff working across a number of fields including administration, technical support, supervision, plant operation and general labouring.

Road construction and maintenance continues to be a high priority for Council with a total expenditure of $20.277M for the 2025/2026 financial year with an investment in roads and associated infrastructure of:

- Construction – Roads, stormwater drainage, footpaths, and bridges $12.967M
- Maintenance – Transport Asset Maintenance $7.31M

In addition to the maintenance and construction works, the branch is also responsible for actioning the many customer requests throughout the year including assessing permit applications to work on Council roads and footpaths. Council also works collaboratively with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to deliver various maintenance and construction contracts during the year on the state-controlled road network.

CONSTRUCTION

Capital works projects are funded through Council's own revenue, as well as significant funding from the Federal and State Government through external funding programs.

These funding programs typically include:

- Works for Queensland
- Roads to Recovery
- Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme
- Black Spot Program
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure
- Building Better Regions Funding

Construction works commenced or completed during the year included:

Road Reconstruction

- Blackbutt – Blackbutt Crows Nest Road
- Blackbutt – Morris Street



Road Reconstruction Works (before) Blackbutt Crows Nest Road



Road Reconstruction Works (during) Blackbutt Crows Nest Road

BLACKBUTT CROWS NEST ROAD – PAVEMENT WIDENING

Council owns and maintains a portion of Blackbutt Crows Nest Road which forms a link between the town of Blackbutt in the South Burnett and the town of Crows Nest in the Toowoomba Region. The road is an important link for access to farming, forestry and education facilities. It provides direct access for avocado farms in the area as well as haulage for forestry products and access to the Googa Outdoor Education Centre. This pavement widening project has upgraded the last remaining section of single lane bitumen to two lane bitumen, between Blackbutt and Crows Nest.

The Project Scope Includes:

- Construction of a new 3.2 km long, 7 metre wide, bitumen sealed pavement
- Crest widening to improve visibility and safety
- Pavement strengthening
- Associated vegetation clearing and drainage improvement

Delivery:

- The project was constructed by Council's Nanango Construction team with support from specialist subcontractors
- Project management was undertaken by Council's Works team

Funding and Expenditure

- The total funding for the project is $2.1M which has been co-funded by the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and SBRC.



Road Reconstruction Works (after) Blackbutt Crows Nest Road



Footpath Works (during) Bunya Avenue, Bunya Mountains

FOOTPATH / PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES UPGRADES

- Bunya Mountains – Bunya Avenue Footpath and Drainage
- Kingaroy – Tessmanns Road Footpath



Footpath Works (during) Tessmanns Road, Kingaroy



Footpath Works (after) Tessmanns Road, Kingaroy

DRAINAGE UPGRADE / KERB AND CHANNEL UPGRADE

- Kingaroy – George Street
- Kingaroy – Alice Street



Kerb and Channel Renewal, Alice Street, Kingaroy

OTHER

- Nanango – Burnett Street – Alan Downie Fields Car Park Upgrade
- Kingaroy – Fisher Street Median Rehabilitation
- Ironpot - Jarail Road Gravel Resheet



Median Rehabilitation, Fisher Street, Kingaroy

FISHER STREET, KINGAROY – MEDIAN REHABILITATION

Council owns and maintains Fisher Street which is an urban collector serving the northside of Kingaroy. The road contains several traffic calming medians and a roundabout. The aim of the project is to improve the aesthetic of these aging concrete medians in a cost-effective manner.

The Project Scope Includes:

- Concrete median repairs
- Pavement repairs
- Signage replacement
- Linemarking
- Application of decorative coating to the medians and kerbs

Delivery:

- The project was constructed by Council's Kingaroy Construction team with support from specialist subcontractors
- The design was undertaken by Council's Design team
- Project management was undertaken by Council's Works team

Funding and Expenditure:

The total funding for the project is $78,000 which has been funded by the Works for Queensland Scheme.


Median Rehabilitation, Fisher Street, Kingaroy

MAJOR MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Council invests in major mechanical repairs as an ongoing commitment to improving the local road network which involves the removal of failed pavement sections of the road, including distressed and defective pavement. The failed areas are removed to eliminate all pavement defects and restore the structural and functional condition of the road surface. Works are undertaken to improve road safety by addressing pavement failures that could present hazards to road users, while also extending the service life of the road asset.

- Kingaroy – Alford Street
- Nanango – Cairns Street and Appin Street intersection
- Murgon – Gesslers Road
- Proston – Butler Drive
- Proston – Rodney Street
- Kingaroy – Fisher Street

BITUMEN RESEALING

Council has continued to invest significantly in bitumen resealing of roads and streets. This work improves safety, rejuvenates and extends the life of the assets by providing a waterproof surface layer and reduces potholes and cracks forming, as well as improving skid resistance of the road surface.

- **Booie**
  Booie Road
  Hillsdale Road
  Malar Road
  Radunzs Road
- **Blackbutt**
  John Street
  Coulson Street (CBD Parking)
  Blackbutt Crows Nest Road
- **Maidenwell**
  Maidenwell Upper Yarraman Road
- **Kumbia**
  Kearneys Road
- **Brooklands**
  Kumbia Road
- **Nanango**
  Ridley Street
  Gipps Street
- **Googer**
  Goodger Gully Road
- **Kingaroy**
  Pioneer Avenue
  Kent Street
  Industrial Avenue
  Freeman Court
  Clark and Swendson Road
  Youngman Street (Parking)
- **Wooroolin**
  East Wooroolin Road
- **Wondai**
  Scott Street
  Old Wondai Road
  McCord Street
- **Windera**
  Morgans Road
  Wilsons Road
- **Moffatdale**
  Bond Street
  Hardiker Street
- **Tingoora**
  Minert Street
- **Sandy Ridges**
  Manumbar Road
- **Mount McEuen**
  Mt McEuen Road
- **Taromeo**
  Sutherland Drive
  Cameron Road
- **Haly Creek**
  Mustons Road
  Haly Creek Road
- **Durong**
  Stubbs Armstrong Road
  Swains Road
  Woltmanns Road



Bitumen Reseal, Booie Road, Booie


Bitumen Reseal, Pioneer Avenue, Kingaroy


Bitumen Reseal, Sutherland Drive, Taromeo


Bitumen Reseal, East Wooroolin Road, Wooroolin

MAINTENANCE

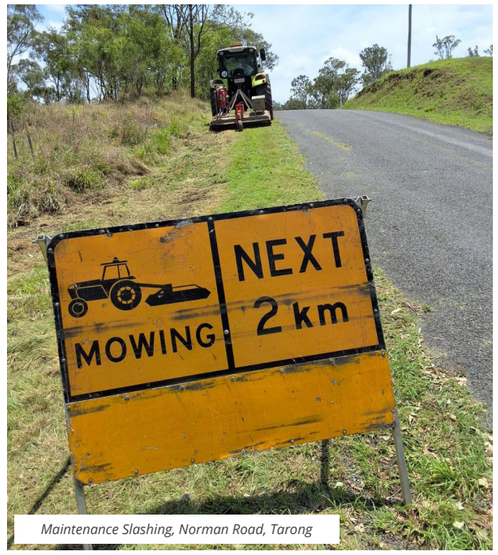
Council continues to maintain 3,200km of roads, pathways, stormwater drainage structures and bridges. Along with cyclic maintenance works, such as grading, street sweeping and roadside slashing, roads are inspected for customer requests or during routine inspections. Road issues are recorded to enable planning and prioritising of works delivery.

Maintenance works for the year included:

- Patching potholes on sealed roads
- Shoulder repairs on sealed roads
- Grading unsealed roads
- Roadside slashing of sealed roads
- Herbicide spraying around guideposts, signs and other road furniture
- CBD footpath cleaning
- Footpath surface repairs
- Drainage repairs, silt and debris clearing
- Urban street sweeping
- Removing fallen trees and branches from roadways and footpaths
- Repairing scours along and across roadways
- Install and maintain road signage and line marking for road safety



Maintenance Grading, Ironbark Road, Durong



Maintenance Slashing, Norman Road, Tarong


Maintenance Shoulder Repairs, Schellbachs Road, Kingaroy


Maintenance Shoulder Repairs, Weeks Road, Goodger

SEVERE WEATHER EVENT IMPACTS

In addition to the four (4) previous financial years severe weather events, Council again received damage with the 2026 March weather event. The road network was inspected and prioritised for the emergency works required. The temporary repairs completed on over 600 roads across the region's transport network allowed road users safer access after the event.

Expenditure for 2025/2026 financial year was $29.6M and funding submissions continue to allow cost recovery on the impact of these events. The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) is a joint Commonwealth and State Government venture that provides assistance to restore essential public assets affected by eligible disasters. The estimated total program value of the multiple flood related restoration works is in the order of $130M with $95M now complete.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

Council has undertaken various contract works for the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) on approximately 700km of state-controlled road network. Some of the more significant maintenance projects undertaken includes:

- Shoulder Grading Works - Memerambi Gordonbrook Road, Kingaroy Cooyar Road, Kingaroy Barkers Creek Road, Byee Road, Proston Boondooma Road, Chinchilla Wondai Road, Bunya Mountains Road, Maidenwell Bunya Mountains Road, and Mundubbera Durong Road
- Formation Grading Works - Memerambi Gordonbrook Road and Kingaroy Burrandowan Road
- Vegetation Management - Chinchilla Wondai Road, Wondai Proston Road, Bunya Highway
- Herbicide Spraying and Roadside Slashing
- Patching of potholes and seal edges

Road Performance Contract – Significant projects outside of general maintenance:

- Kingaroy Burrandowan Road – Gravel Resheeting


Burnett Highway


Bunya Highway

Water & Wastewater

FUTURE PLANNING

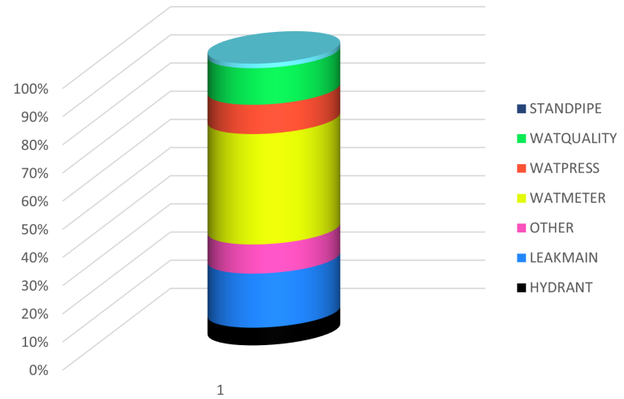
Council has established a 30-year planning capital works program for the entirety of Council's owned water and wastewater infrastructure comprising of Gordonbrook Dam, weirs, bores, treatment plants, pump stations, reservoirs and reticulation networks for communities right across the South Burnett region. The project met aspects of all strategic priorities identified in Council's Corporate Plan 2025-30.

The 30-year planning capital works program addresses growth in demand, asset condition and projected renewal commitments, water security and financial sustainability.

As part of the 2025/2026 deliberations, Council agreed to a capital program of $90.7M, composed of $65.8M for renewals, $5.8M for upgrades and $19.1M for new assets, for the water and wastewater networks across the region for the next ten (10) years.

The Water and Wastewater branch of the Infrastructure department is responsible for the management of 17 Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

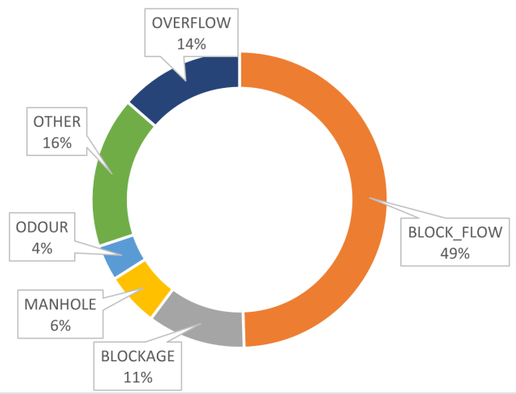
WATER CRMS - W&WW 2025/2026



Council staff have attended to 1,689 water customer requests this financial year.

Water Supply Schemes	**11**
Connections	**9,986**
Volume Water Sourced	**3,967 ML per year**
Length of Water Mains	**603 km**
Number of Water Pump Stations	**44**
Number of Fire Hydrants	**2,268**

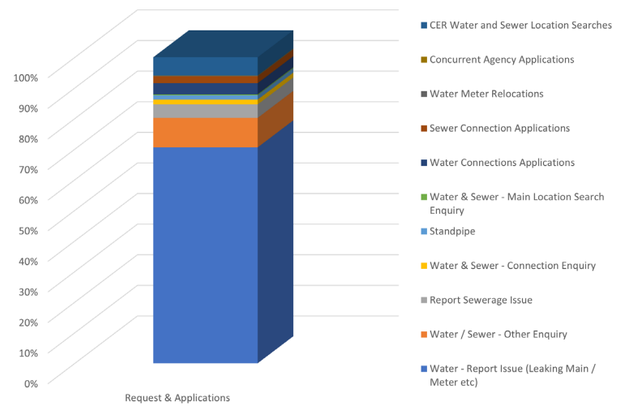
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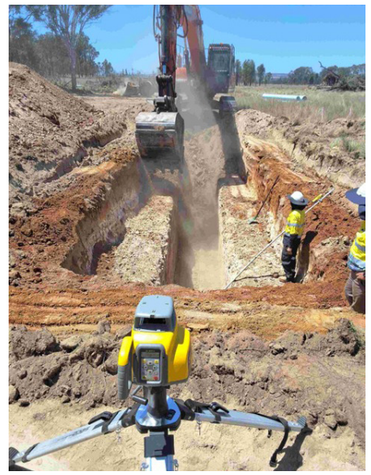


Council staff have attended to 103 sewer customer requests this financial year

Water Supply Schemes	**9**
Connections	**7,515**
Volume Water Sourced	**1,490 ML per year**
Length of Water Mains	**236 km**
Number of Water Pump Stations	**25**
Number of Fire Hydrants	**4,153**

TOTAL W&WW REQUESTS 2025/2026





Significant investment into the regions water and wastewater networks has continued during the 2025/2026 reporting period.

Water and Wastewater Capital Budget of $15.8M in 2025/2026.

Some of the major projects undertaken have included:

Water

- Mt Wooroolin roof replacement, reservoir one
- Gordonbrook Off Stream Storage Project – Road access and install pipework

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENTS

- Kingaroy, Kingaroy Street (River Road to Knight Street)
- Kingaroy, William Street (Alford Street to Haly Street)
- Nanango, Fitzroy Street (Appin Street to Alfred Street)
- Nanango, Bunker Ave (Fairway Drive to Flag Street)
- Proston, (Reservoir to Beresford Street)

SEWER MAIN UPGRADE / EXTENSION

- Nanango, Palace Lane, sewer extension
- Wondai, Kemp Street, sewer extension
- Murgon, Macalister Street, sewer extension

WASTEWATER

- Nanango WWTP – 2nd Aerator Replacement


Nanango Aerator Replacement


W&WW Operators Training

TRADE WASTE

Trade waste is any pre-treated liquid wastewater generated by a commercial, industrial, manufacturing, or business activity that is discharged into the public sewer system, excluding normal domestic sewage and stormwater. Pre-treatment is required to remove prohibited substances from the waste stream to prevent them being discharged into the sewer. Prohibited substances include oils (food and motor oils), fats and greases, solids, flammable liquid and stormwater.

Council adopted a new Trade Waste Management Plan in July 2025, whereby approvals are issued to the property owner. Under the current plan Council has received 98 applications and issued 38 approvals resulting from the changeover in Trade Waste Management processes. A number of properties have been identified that historically have not been issued with an approval and Council will be working with these property owners to ensure they meet the legislative requirements.

Technical Services & Fleet

The Technical Services and Fleet Department encompasses many functions of service delivery to Council asset owners. The team completes several different activities including traffic counts, survey, design, project planning, speed reviews and assistance in managing and maintaining Council's many assets. The Technical Services Department also provides materials testing to internal and external clients from Council's NATA accredited materials laboratory.

ASSETS

The Assets team undertakes a variety of tasks including Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping, asset register maintenance, along with development and maintenance of asset management plans with asset owners.

VALUATIONS OF COUNCIL'S ASSETS

In 2025/2026, the Asset team along with specialised consultants completed a desktop valuation for all asset classes including Transport, Buildings, Parks, Commercial Enterprises and Cemeteries, Land and Waste, Water and Wastewater. The indexation to be applied to the assets will be further reviewed following the final quarter for this financial year and implemented into the financial asset register.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Council manages over $1.6B in community assets, making responsible asset management a central part of the annual budget process. Asset Management Plans allow Council to make responsible decisions in planning for future renewal, replacement and service delivery. Asset Management Plans provide current information on risk levels relevant to planning, opportunity for efficient savings and decision making. The Asset Management Plans are prepared in line with the Corporate and Operational Plans and further relevant asset class, strategic documents.

The Asset team along with specialised consultants started preparing the updated Asset Management Plans for all classes. This is in consultation with each of the Managers responsible for the areas of Transport, Buildings, Parks, Commercial Enterprises, Cemeteries, Waste, Water and Wastewater. The result will be eight (8) new plans, in place of the current six (6) plans as this will better reflect the strategic requirements of each asset class.

MAPPING

With the new Queensland Spatial Cadastral Fabric (QSCF) being implemented by the State as a replacement to the deprecated Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB), the Asset team continues to develop strategies ensuring the smooth transition with Council's internal systems. The QSCF offers a modernisation of the legacy DCDB, utilising survey accurate data and through the ability to capture increased attributes. The transition involves translating data between the DCDB schema and the new QSCF schema.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PROCESSES

The Asset team completed a review of their asset management processes. In 2025, the internal register program was updated from on premise to the cloud environment. The process allowed for changes to data storage and improved spatial representation of assets within the system. Using overnight processes, Council's assets now have a clear link between the attributes and the spatial locations, with a single point of truth.



Mondure Crossing Road upgrade

ASSEST CLASS	CAPITALISED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR
Transport	$15M
Buildings/Parks	$3.6M
Waste	$900K
Water	$2.1M
Wastewater	$600K

CAPITALISATION OF ASSETS

The asset team worked with several departments this year to ensure completed projects were valued against their associated assets, which included the creation of some new asset categories. $22M of Council's assets were capitalised this year.

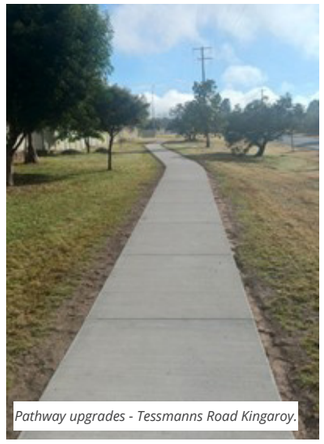
The Asset team also provided assistance with the following projects:

- Facilities, NRM, Parks and Development – To assist with decision making of future development areas, the Asset team provided maps of properties, zoning and road extents within proposals and aerodrome facilities. Numerous maps were created for community consultations with landholders for weed infestation, pest control decision making and prescribed burning program maps.
- Infrastructure – The Asset team provided mapping to assist with decision making of future pedestrian links, heavy vehicle bypasses, bus routes and boundary roads. The Asset team also assisted during the flood event in March 2026 with detour maps for between Wondai and Proston. The Asset team provided maps with locations of water mains for works to be completed and for decision making in identifying current water main locations and potential future locations.
- Cemeteries – the Cemetery Project this year moved into identifying spatial locations of persons listed on columbarium walls. The Assets team has continued to work with the Cemeteries team to provide online public mapping of grave and memorial searches.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING – DESIGN

The Infrastructure Planning Design team acts as an internal technical service provider to Council asset owners. The team undertakes many different actions including survey, planning, design and construction support for various projects. This enables Council to deliver on their promised financial year capital works program for delivery throughout the region. 2025/2026 has been a productive year with the design and delivery of various operational, capital and externally funded infrastructure projects, such as:

- Kemp Street Wondai - sewer extension
- Macalister Street Murgon - sewer extension
- Fisher Street Kingaroy - median upgrades
- Bunker Avenue Nanango - water main renewal
- Fitzroy Street Nanango - water main renewal
- Rippingale Street Moffatdale - drainage upgrade
- Fisher Street Kingaroy - footpath widening
- Alfred Street Nanango - on-street parking
- Burnett Street Nanango - Alan Downie fields on-street parking
- William Street Kingaroy - water main renewal
- Blackbutt Crows Nest Road Blackbutt South - road upgrade
- Kingaroy Street Kingaroy - water main renewal
- Brisbane Street Nanango - drainage upgrade
- Garrick Street Murgon - water main renewal
- Macalister Street Murgon - water main renewal
- Ivy Street Kingaroy - water main renewal
- Bunya Avenue Bunya Mountains - footpath and drainage upgrade
- Nutt Street Murgon - water main renewal
- Bicks Road Cloyna - road safety improvements
- Fisher Street Kingaroy - footpath
- Markwell Street Kingaroy - kerb and channel and pavement widening
- Scott Street Benarkin - school car park and bus set-down
- Youngman Street Kingaroy - on-street parking
- Tingoora Streets - drainage upgrade
- Lamb Street Murgon - storm water and water main upgrades
- Olsens Road Tingoora - culvert replacement
- Steven Street Benarkin - kerb and channel replacement
- Yurika Dark Fibre Telecommunications, Nanango and Kingaroy



Pathway upgrades - Tessmanns Road Kingaroy.



Pathway upgrades - Ros Gregor Walking Track Nanango

ASSESSMENTS AND GENERAL DESIGN CONDUCTED:

ACTIVITY	NUMBER
Traffic Counts Completed	28
Detailed Designs Completed or Ongoing	28
Prioritisation Tool Projects	180

IVY STREET, KINGAROY - WATER MAIN RENEWAL

This project involved the upgrade of an existing 150mm diameter water main on Ivy Street between Fisher Street and Ian Street in Kingaroy. The main purpose of this upgrade was to support increased capacity and future demand for ongoing development on the eastern side of town.

This essential project includes the construction of a new 250mm diameter PVC water main, approximately 730m in length, prior to the decommissioning of the existing water main. The verges along both sides of Ivy Street contain multiple existing services including water supply, sewer, stormwater, Telstra and overhead power. To enable the design, these existing services had to be accurately located through the use of non-destructive digging techniques and survey.

The Design team used this information to design a 3D alignment of the proposed 250mm water main that would avoid the need to relocate these existing services. The final alignment made use of vertical bends to enable the new water main to avoid these services.

This water main upgrade is currently under construction and will be operational by end of August 2026.

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

YURIKA DARK FIBRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

Council and Yurika (business unit of Energy Queensland) are currently constructing a new high speed telecommunication fibre network to the South Burnett, with funding support from the Queensland Government. The project is valued at approximately $7M and will provide a new telecommunication network capable of carrying up to 100GB per second with individual connections of up to 10GB per second available for businesses, schools and health providers.

The project uses 44.65 km of new 48 core fibre optic cable extending from Tarong substation to Kingaroy town centre, via Nanango utilising the existing Energy Queensland infrastructure network and easements. Future stages are being considered for Wondai, Murgon, Cherbourg and Blackbutt.

The important locations where high speed fibre internet connections have already been connected include Coolabunia Saleyards, Kingaroy Visitor Information Centre, Council's Kingaroy Depot, O'Neill Square, IT Building, Nanango Stores, Tourist Information Centre Nanango and Nanango Library. Future connections planned include Nanango Hospital, Lady Bjelke-Petersen Community Hospital Kingaroy, Kingaroy TAFE, Nanango State School, Kingaroy Town Common Hall, Council's Sewage Treatment Plant and St. Patrick's School Nanango.

A major telecommunications cabinet has been constructed in Glendon Street, Kingaroy and Yurika commissioned local artists, Robert and Robyn Langton to provide a local indigenous artwork to form the cover or skin around the cabinet.



Conduits exist within the footpaths on Haly Street, Kingaroy Street, Glendon Street and Alford Street in Kingaroy, which will enable these immediate businesses to receive high speed internet through their service provider, without the need to excavate the existing concrete footpaths. This was made possible, due to approximately six (6) years of planning, detailed design and the construction of the Kingaroy Transformation Project (KTP).

MATERIALS LABORATORY

The Materials Laboratory plays a crucial role in ensuring that construction materials used in infrastructure projects meet a high standard of quality. This ensures project safety and long-term viability.

Over the 2025/2026 financial year, the Materials Laboratory team have conducted approximately 970 tests on materials for road construction (soil, concrete and aggregates) for both internal and external clients over multiple disciplines, while complying with National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA) accreditation.

Throughout the year predesign testing was conducted for various upcoming projects. Providing engineers with crucial data to design infrastructure that meets economic and sustainability standards, whilst providing best material selection and construction techniques to provide the overall best outcome for such projects.

The Materials Laboratory have continued to assist the Infrastructure Department by conducting testing for projects which includes various footpath upgrades, Tingoora Chelmsford culvert upgrade, Blackbutt Crows Nest Road as well as various water main upgrades throughout the area.

Continued collaboration with RoadTek on significant reseal preparation projects throughout the region. The Materials Laboratory is committed to maintaining a high standard in materials testing. The laboratory aims to provide their service to support sustainable infrastructure development and improve the outcomes of future projects.

Plant & Fleet



Patching Truck

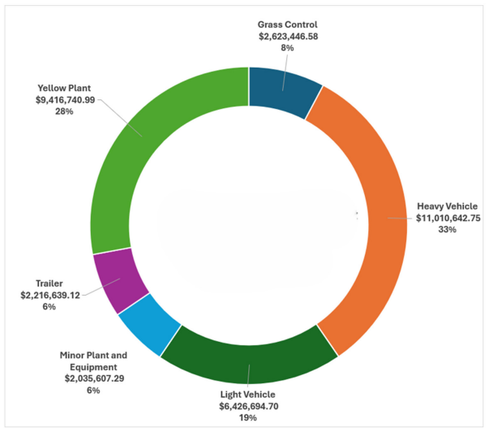
The Plant and Fleet section manages Council's fleet valued at $33M, consisting of light and heavy vehicles, machinery and equipment that support the delivery of priority services to the community. The maintenance and repairs of Council's fleet is completed by three (3) workshops located in Kingaroy, Nanango and Murgon. Skilled tradespersons such as light and heavy mechanics, fabricators and boilermakers carry out maintenance and breakdown repairs on the fleet to ensure assets are operational.

CAPITAL BUDGET – FLEET REPLACEMENT

During the 2025/2026 financial year a $3.2M capital fleet replacement program was approved. The Fleet Management team ensures all procurement legislation, policies and procedures are followed during the purchasing and ordering of fleet items. The arrival of replacement and new critical vehicles were welcomed during the year, highlighting that renewing priority fleet is key to the efficient and consistent delivery of services.

PATCHING TRUCKS

Two (2) road patching trucks were delivered to replace aging unit's; these trucks are essential in repairing and maintaining Council's Road network. The design of the trucks allows operators to complete a wide range of tasks from repairing potholes and sealing shoulders to resealing and paving of large areas.





Patching Truck

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Council invested in the purchase of eight new traffic control utes to begin transitioning of traffic control services in house. The utes are fitted with a traffic control unit that contains necessary equipment and devices to conduct a variety of traffic control operations. These utes will be providing traffic control support to mobile operations such as pavement repairs and roadside slashing.



DODGE PEANUT TRUCK

Council was gifted a 1934 Dodge truck that had been restored by PCA in 2009 and used as the company's mascot. The truck is an exhibit in the museum at the Kingaroy Visitor Information Centre and can be seen at local events and shows.



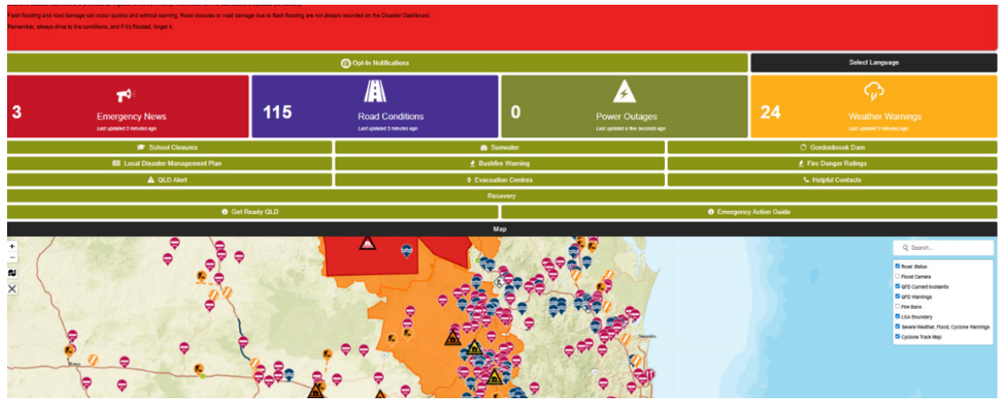
Disaster Management



RESPONSE

The Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) activated once under the *Disaster Management Act 2003 and Regulation 2014.* This activation was in March 2026 as a result of widespread and extreme rainfall to many areas of the South Burnett region, particularly the northern end. The event was a 24 hour Q100 event with rainfalls between 170 (Bunya Mountains) – 380 mm (Boondooma) across the region over a 48 hour period. This is the second biggest event (behind 2013) for the Boyne/Stuart River on record.

Due to the impacts of these rain events, major damage occurred on the road network resulting in Council requesting activation of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements through Queensland Reconstruction Authority.



RECOVERY

The South Burnett Local Disaster Recovery Group (Recovery Group) immediately stood up to support impacted communities.

The Recovery Group runs parallel to the South Burnett Local Disaster Management Group and assists with the transition arrangements from response to relief and recovery.

Chair of the Recovery Group, Councillor Danita Potter stood up the sub-groups (Human and Social/ Economic, Environmental and Roads/Transport and Building/ Assets) to ensure a coordinated and streamlined approach to recovery was met.

The Recovery Group and sub groups work with supporting government and non-government agencies to understand the community impact and also provide relief and support to our rural, business, residential and community sectors.

The Human and Social Recovery Sub Group brought together the region's key government agencies and not-for-profit organisations from the social services sector with a focus on supporting people's mental and physical wellbeing as well as strengthening community social resilience.

A community impact survey was created to identify and capture the impacts to our community to ensure we understood the recovery needs.

BlazeAid were also engaged to assist the region across the rural sector with fencing restoration. This assistance is very valuable to our farmers and we are thankful for our ongoing relationship with BlazeAid.

Primary producers were eligible for disaster grants through the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA). The grants are provided to support primary producers with the costs associated in the clean-up and reinstatement of a primary production enterprise that has suffered direct damage as a result of the disaster event.

The Recovery Group also facilitated two (2) recovery hubs. One (1) was held at Durong and one (1) was held at Mondure. These events were attended by supporting agencies to enable affected communities to find out support mechanisms to assist in their recovery.

PREPAREDNESS

The LDMG continued with preparedness and prevention functions as follows:

- Hosted quarterly LDMG meetings in September and December 2025, March and June 2026
- Hosted Bunya Mountains Disaster Management Sub-Group meetings in September 2025 and March 2026
- Hosted quarterly Local Disaster Recovery Group and Recovery Sub Group meetings in September and December 2025, March and June 2026
- Participated in Gympie District Disaster Management Group meetings
- Attended Local Specific Fire Management Group Bunya Mountains meeting February 2026
- Attended Area Bushfire Management Committee meeting February 2026
- Attended District Bushfire Management Committee meeting April 2026
- Attended Bjelke-Petersen Dam Family Fun Day June 2026
- Hosted Local Community Support Sector Forum April 2026
- QDMA training to Community Groups, SES and Rural Fire February and May 2026

Ongoing skill maintenance and training including:

- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
- Queensland Disaster Management Arrangement (QDMA)
- Public Information and Warnings - Mod 1 Introduction to Warnings & Alerts and Mod 2 Working with Emergency Alert
- Situational Awareness Platform training
- Evacuation Centre Management – Mod 1 Introduction to Evacuation Centre; Management & Mod 2 Working in Evacuation Centre
- Psychological First Aid training.

Participated in a series of disaster related networks and workshops, including:

- TMR Preseason Exercise – Bundaberg September 2025
- QPS Doctrine & Guidelines Stakeholder Engagement Workshop Gympie May 2026
- Disaster Management Emergency Group meetings July and November 2025
- Participated in Council 2 Council meetings with our Wide Bay Burnett Disaster Management counter parts October 2025 and May 2026
- South Burnett Pre-Season Bushfire Workshop, Kingaroy May 2026
- Bushfire Preparedness & Disaster Resilience Workshop Durong September 2025 & Maidenwell June 2026
- SES Awards Ceremony Nanango
- Council 2 Council Workshop with Cherbourg Aboriginal Council



GET READY FUNDING 2025/2026

This year as part of the plan of activities for Get Ready Queensland funding, Council ran a photo competition and created a 2027 South Burnett Get Ready calendar to be handed out at community events before 2027. The calendar links to the Emergency Action Guide to help the community find useful information to understand the risks and how they can be prepared before, during and after disasters.

GET READY SOUTH BURNETT MOVIE NIGHT – BOONDOOMA DAM

Get Ready South Burnett Movie Night was held at Boondooma Dam on 2 May 2026. Emergency Service teams were in attendance for an afternoon of education and activities. Free BBQ with disaster management information kits followed by a free movie and popcorn. Evan Almighty was the movie of choice and the South Burnett Youth Council assisted on the night.

SUNWATER BUNDY TO GUNDY – ROADSHOW, MURGON

Sunwater's Bundy to Gundy Roadshow in May brought the Sunwater team to Murgon for an Emergency Services morning. The Get Ready Queensland team from Brisbane also attended and provided some great resources for disaster preparedness. Two (2) schools took the opportunity to bring their children down to meet emergency services but also to learn more about being prepared for disasters.



STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (SES)

The South Burnett Unit retired aged fleet vehicles and welcomed three (3) modern highly capable replacement response vehicles. These vehicles were funded through the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). The vehicles will improve local response efforts for various emergency and disaster events such as floods, storms and bushfires. Blackbutt and Kingaroy Unit received two (2) of the vehicles which replaced two (2) Landcruiser Troop carriers. The South Burnett unit also received a Local Controller Response vehicle.





ACTIVITY REPORT - SOUTH BURNETT SES UNIT - 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

Period	2025/2026
Operational Hours (total)	530 hours
Routine Hours	2,817 hours
Training Hours	921 hours
Total	4,268

*Numbers as of 30/06/2026, applicants are not included in numbers

SOUTH BURNETT UNIT MEMBER NUMBERS

Group	Active	Probation	Reserve	Total	Since Q3
Blackbutt	6	3	0	9	2
Kingaroy	8	5	1	14	3
Murgon	0	0	0	0	0
Nanango	16	3	0	19	3
Proston	3	1	0	4	0
Wondai	3	2	1	6	1
Grand Total	36	14	2	52	9

*Operational hours are widely under reported and are likely to exceed this number.

BP DAM OPEN DAY

Council held a family fun day at BP Dam in June 2026. Council's Disaster Management team took the opportunity to hand out free example evacuation kits and share education and awareness of how they can be better prepared for disasters.

PCYC EMERGENCY SERVICE CADETS

Council supports PCYC Emergency Service Cadets which is run through the Queensland Police. This is a great opportunity for young members of our community to learn, practice, engage and work with emergency service to understand the important role they play during incidents and keeping our communities safe. The Disaster Management team took the opportunity to deliver the Big Map program with them at Murgon.

QUEENSLAND DISASTER MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS – KUMBIA COMMUNITY, PROSTON COMMUNITY, RURAL FIRE, SES

This year our Queensland Police Emergency Management Coordinator and Disaster Management Officer took the opportunity to deliver Queensland Disaster Management Arrangement training to two (2) of our communities and our Rural Fire and SES volunteers. This training allowed community and volunteers to understand the formal arrangements of disaster management so they can assist with community education and understanding during disaster events.





PCYC – Emergency Service Cadets Big Map Exercise, October 2025



Facilities, Parks & NRM Services

FACILITIES

SECURE COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Secure Communities Partnership Program is a $40M initiative providing grants for safety and security infrastructure, with a primary focus on supporting small business and local Councils.

Council also co-contributed $200,000 in Capital Funds, bringing the total investment to $400,000 in capital works. These works were delivered by local contractors across the region.

Lighting upgrades were completed at multiple skate parks to improve safety and usability, with all installations including timing controls.

- Blackbutt Skate Park — received 10 new high bay LED lighting with timing controls.
- Wondai Skate Park — received four (4) new LED flood lights with timing controls.
- Murgon Skate Park — received 10 new high bay LED lights and three (3) new lighting poles with new flood lighting to cover the playground, picnic tables, and BBQs near the skate park, with timing controls.

Secure fencing: Security fencing works were undertaken to strengthen site security at Murgon Council depot (Macalister Street, Murgon)

CCTV enhancements were delivered across several locations, including upgrades, replacements, and new camera installations to support improved community safety outcomes.

- Murgon QE2 park — received an additional eight (8) new CCTV cameras.
- Boondooma Dam Kiosk — received three (3) new CCTV cameras.
- Bjelke-Petersen Dam — received an additional three (3) new CCTV cameras
- Murgon community — received 14 new CCTV cameras to replace the old/expired cameras, including new hardware and software upgrades

In addition to these works, the region also received two (2) new Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras. These cameras are designed to recognise and read vehicle licence plates, which will assist local police with several vehicle-related issues across the region.

WONDAI COUNCIL OFFICE UPSTAIRS REFURBISHMENT

The upstairs office space to the Wondai Customer Service and Library has had a refurbishment, in readiness for more administrative staff to work from the office space.

The Facilities team engaged local contractors to carry out several works including;

- removal of old floor covering to new carpeted flooring
- internal painting
- upgrades to the lights and air conditioning
- installation of new roller binds

These works were part of Council's Capital Work program.

WONDAI DEPOT CRIB ROOM REFURBISHMENT

Wondai Depot crib room underwent a refurbishment during the 2025/2026 financial year.

Works were carried out by a local contractor and was funded under Council's Capital Works program.

The refurbishment included;

- installation of new floor coverings
- insulation to the ceilings and walls
- removal of a roller door and the installation of a new fire door
- new cabinetry for a kitchenette



Secure Communities Projects





SOUTH BURNETT AQUATIC CENTRE, NANANGO – POOLPOD

South Burnett Aquatic Centre is now the home of the region's first Poolpod. Council received more than $115,000 in grant funding from Heritage Nanango Community Funding Ltd to purchase a Poolpod, which was fitted to the 25m indoor heated pool on Saturday 4 October 2025. Prior to the installation of the pod, members from Council's Facilities team visited other pools to investigate how the Poolpod assists with alternative access to pools.

What is a Poolpod?

Developed in Glasgow, Scotland, the Poolpod is designed to help people who have mobility challenges, offering a dignified and independent way to enter and exit swimming pools. It can also be used by parents with young babies and anyone who find steps into the pool difficult. The Poolpod allows people to stand, sit or move a suitable wheelchair into the lift type structure, that then glides out onto the water, lowers into the water and allows a person to step off or swim off into the water.

Following the installation of the pod, an opening was held on Monday 8 December 2025, which was attended by Mayor Kathy Duff and Councillors and joined by members from Heritage Bank Nanango and the community.



PARKS AND GARDENS

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT IN DALTON PLAYGROUND WOOROOLIN

As part of Council's Works for Queensland funding, a new play climbing structure has been installed to replace the previous unit, The playground equipment was assembled and installed by Council's Parks team.

Climbing structures in playgrounds encourage upper body strength, hand-eye coordination and problem-solving skills, while allowing creative climbing paths. Playground equipment encourages social interaction between children and creative play.

The upgrade improves safety and accessibility for families, provides a durable and low-maintenance asset suited to local conditions, and enhances the park as a valued community space for active play and social connection.

FLYING FOX FOR FIRST SETTLERS' PARK BENARKIN

Council has installed a new 30m long Flying Fox at First Settlers' Park, Benarkin as part of Council's Capital Works program. Works commenced in early February 2026 and was completed in time for Easter, delivering an exciting new play experience for local families and visitors to the region.

Council officially marked the milestone with an opening event on Thursday 12 March 2026, attended by Councillors and many community members from Benarkin and Blackbutt. The Flying Fox is a welcome addition to this popular park, which also backs onto the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, further enhancing the park as a destination for recreation and community connection.

MURGON DOG PARK

Council has delivered the Murgon Dog Park on Council land along Douglas Street Murgon, providing a dedicated space for residents and visitors to exercise and socialise with their dogs. The project was funded through Council's Capital Work program, with construction completed in February 2026. The park is fully fenced and includes a table setting for owner supervision while dogs are off leash. The park provides open grass space and incorporates concrete pipe play features that dogs can run through and over, supporting safe and engaging exercise and play.

APEX PARK KINGAROY GETS A SPINNING ORB

Apex Park in Kingaroy has expanded its playground offering with a new Spinning Orb installed in late May 2026. The park already features a pirate ship and a flying fox, and the latest addition is designed to complement the existing equipment. The project included earthworks, construction of a new retaining wall, and installation of the Spinning Orb. The new feature is a welcome addition to the playground, giving young users the option to climb or spin while playing. Council delivered the upgrade using funding through Council's Works for Queensland funding program.

NEW SKATE PARK FOR WOOROOLIN

As part of the Queensland Government 2024 Election Commitment that the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games delivered, Council received funding of $150,000 for the installation of a new skate park and play area at the site of the old tennis courts in Wooroolin.

In a creative redevelopment of recreational space, one of the tennis courts was transformed into a dual-purpose area which now features a half basketball court and a half skate park.

The project started in early October 2025 and was completed by late November of the same year. On Thursday 3 December 2025, Council held an opening of the much-anticipated skate park and was attended by the Honourable Deb Frecklington, Member for Nanango, Councillors and staff and a large number of children and residents from Wooroolin. There was a lucky door prize which was a skateboard pack featuring a skateboard, helmet, safety pads to the value of $150. Each child that attended the opening received a lucky door ticket.

The second tennis court is scheduled for refurbishment in the early parts of the 2026/2027 financial year, and this project will be handled by the Wooroolin Community Committee Inc.



Apex Park Kingaroy



Dalton Park Wooroolin



First Settlers Park Benarkin



From Left to Right - Cr Ros Heit, Cr Heath Sander, Cr Deb Dennien, Mayor Kathy Duff and The Honourable Deb Frecklington Member for Nanango and Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RURAL TRAP HIRE

Council purchased new rural hire traps – three (3) rabbit traps, two (2) dog traps and two (2) pig traps. Rural traps are available for hire to community members to support ongoing feral animal management efforts across the region.

WEED SPRAYING

The Natual Resource Management (NRM) team has had a good 12 months with controlled weed spraying. The year has been good for spraying due to the prolonged dry periods. Spraying will continue through the remainder of the 2026 year.

Council has boosted its weed management capability with the purchase of a new Mitsubishi Canter spray truck and a dedicated spray ute, supporting more efficient and targeted weed control across the region.

The new Mitsubishi Canter spray truck has been purpose-built for Council's biosecurity operations. The vehicle is fitted with two (2) separate tanks, allowing officers to carry and apply different herbicides for varying weed control requirements.

Key features of the spray truck include:

- Rear boom spray and side boomless spray systems
- Twin hose reels for targeted application
- Traffic control signage and safety lighting for roadside work
- Spray Teknix herbicide application mapping software, enabling accurate mapping and recording of weed control activities across the shire.

Council has also added a new spray ute to its fleet. The spray ute is equipped with:

- A 400-litre single tank
- Twin hose reels
- Spray Teknix herbicide mapping technology
- Traffic control signage and safety lighting for roadside work

The new vehicles represent a significant investment in protecting the region's natural environment, agricultural land and road corridors.

These new spray units allow Council to respond more effectively to priority weed issues while ensuring safe operations for staff and road users.

The inclusion of Spray Teknix mapping software also means Council can accurately record where treatments occur, improving reporting, planning and long-term weed management outcomes.

The new spray truck and spray ute are now operational and will be used across the South Burnett region as part of Council's ongoing biosecurity and invasive weed control program.

BIOSECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee's first year has been a busy one, with the development of the first draft Biosecurity Plan. The Plan will document risks and outline clear steps to prevent, manage and stop the spread of harmful pests, weeds and diseases on properties and farms across the South Burnett and Cherbourg Aboriginal Council areas.

The committee has also been liaising with the Department of Primary Industries and local landowners on the issue of cattle ticks in the region and how to combat and educate farmers of the risks of cattle ticks. Along with cattle ticks, feral dogs and pigs has also been high on the committee's list of priorities, with plans for a controlled feral pig shoot within the South Burnett region. The region has seen an influx of feral animals including dogs, pigs, rabbits and deer being a problem for landowners.

CONTROLLED BAITING PROGRAM

Council completed another successful Controlled Baiting Program in May 2026, participation increasing by 25% compared to the previous May program held in 2025.

South Burnett landholders reported an increase in the economic and environmental impact of wild dogs and feral pigs and registrations for the program has showed trends consistent with these reports. The feral pig damage to broadacre crops in impacted areas of the region ranges from $100's to $1000's of damage per hectare.

Landholders increase in participation in this Coordinated Baiting Program was a result of the supply of free meat baits. The provision of free meat baits would not be possible without the support of SunPork Group, Kingaroy who provided 3,000kgs of meat for the baiting program.

Council will be running another Coordinated Baiting Program in October 2026 and encourages landholders to register once dates are released closer to the program. Council encourages all land managers to be actively involved in feral animal control programs including baiting, trapping, shooting and fencing as part of their general biosecurity obligation to control wild dogs and feral pigs.

WILD DOG CONTROL TRAINING

Council's Biosecurity Officers in partnership with National Wild Dog Coordinator, Greg Mifsud, and Wengenville, Alice Creek and Glencliff Syndicate Group coordinate local trappers and neighbouring Council Officers from across the region participated in an intensive wild dog trapping and baiting training program designed to enhance skills and strengthen local biosecurity and protect livestock.

The training initiative was funded by the Integrated Engagement and Capacity Building project through the Queensland Government's Queensland Reef Water Quality Program delivered in partnership with the Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO).

The trapper training course was an accredited course that will provide participants with three (3) levels of competency and accreditation.

- AHCPMG307 - Apply animal trapping techniques
- AHCPMG312 - Apply poison baits for vertebrate pest control in rural and environmental landscapes
- AHCPMG305 - Survey pests

The trapping course was provided by nationally recognised independent trainer Stuart Boyd-Law, Pest Animal and Control Training.

The course focused on equipping land managers with best-practice skills for integrated pest control. By combining traditional trapping techniques with coordinated baiting schedules, the program aims to reduce the significant economic and environmental impact of wild dog predation on local grazing properties.

This is a hands-on practical approach to ensure that participants have the practical skills necessary to target these predators either for removal or for research purposes. Improving the skills and knowledge of trappers will support landholders and local governments in the delivery of wild dog, fox and feral cat control programs.

This training meets the National Wild Dog Action Plan key objectives to improve community capacity among stakeholders to adopt best practice management techniques.



New Spray Truck





Statutory Information

2025-26

STATUTORY INFORMATION

In line with Council's ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and *Section 190(1)(d)(ii)* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) details of Council levies and charges are presented below.

This section also details organisational information regarding staff policies and other information considered of interest in an Annual Report.

All special and separate levies and charges listed apply for the 2025/2026 financial year.

RATES AND CHARGES

SPECIAL CHARGE - RURAL FIRE BRIGADES

Pursuant to *Section 94* of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Section 94* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and *Section 128A* of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*:

1. Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the Rural Fire Levy Special Charge) of $25 per rateable assessment, on all rateable land within the region to which the overall plan applies, that also attracts a Class E Emergency Management Levy (pursuant to Part 3 of the Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011) to fund the operations of the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the rural areas of the South Burnett Region.
2. The overall plan for the Rural Fire Levy Special Charge is as follows:
   a. the rateable land to which the plan applies is all rateable land within the region, other than rateable land that is liable to pay an urban district fire levy (pursuant to *Section 107* of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*).
   b. the service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the ongoing provision and maintenance of rural fire-fighting equipment for the rural fire brigades that operate throughout the rural areas of the region.
   c. the time for implementing the overall plan is 1 year commencing 1 July 2025 and ending 30 June 2026.
   d. the estimated cost of implementing the overall plan for the 2025/2026 year is $216,050.
   e. the level of contribution each brigade receives will be decided by the Local Area Rural Fire Services Committee.

This charge generated revenue of $215,747.98 ($216,305.66 with interest). Council distributes payments to each brigade during the year, in accordance with their annual allocation adopted by the Local Area Rural Fire Services Committee. Council uses the actual amount of funds received (rate payments) rather than the allocation. This can provide brigades with additional funds over and above their annual allocation, due to the payment of overdue levies and interest.

RURAL FIRE LEVY ALLOCATION

Area	$ Allocation	$ Paid
Abbeywood/ Hivesville	0.00	0.00
Ballogie	11,671.00	11,671.00
Booie Rise	5,356.00	5,356.00
Brigooda	0.00	0.00
Brooklands	9,000.00	9,000.00
Bullcamp	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bunya Mountains	6,000.00	6,000.00
Chahpingah	0.00	0.00
Cloyna	4,362.00	4,362.00
Coverty	0.00	0.00
Dangore	0.00	0.00
Durong	0.00	0.00
East Nanango	15,254.00	15,254.00
Glencoe	14,566.00	14,566.00
Gordonbrook	5,000.00	5,000.00
Ironpot	0.00	0.00
Kunioon Hodgleigh	6,000.00	6,000.00
Maidenwell	5,324.00	15,324.00
Malar Booie	6,000.00	6,000.00
McEuen	5,863.00	5,863.00
Mondure District	10,000.00	10,000.00
Rocky Creek	0.00	0.00
Sandy Ridges	13,756.42	13,756.42
South Nanango	12,413.00	12,413.00
Speedwell	0.00	0.00
Stuart River	4,000.00	4,000.00
Tablelands	8,616.00	8,616.00
Taromeo	9,800.00	9,800.00
Waringa	0.00	0.00
Wattle Grove	0.00	0.00
Wattle Camp	12,720.00	12,720.00
Wooroolin	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total	**167,701.42**	**167,701.42**
Reserve Funds utilised from prior years	**0.00**	**0.00**
Total Program	**167,701.42**	**167,701.42**

SEPARATE CHARGE - WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY

Pursuant to *Section 94* of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Section 103* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Waste Management Separate Charge"), in the sum of $245.00 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purpose of:

a. providing and maintaining waste facilities and services that are not met from other fees and charges collected on a user pays basis; and
b. meeting public expectations in matters of disposal of refuse that affect public health and visual amenity of the area.

The levy generated a total revenue of $4,419,441 in the 2025/2026 reporting period.

SEPARATE CHARGE - COMMUNITY RESCUE AND EVACUATION LEVY

That pursuant to *Section 94* of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Section 103* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Community Rescue and Evacuation Separate Charge"), in the sum of $5.00 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purpose of sponsoring the aerial emergency rescue and evacuation transport providers that service the South Burnett Region.

The levy generated a total revenue of $90,213 in the 2025/2026 reporting period.

EXEMPTIONS AND CONCESSIONS ON VARIOUS SPECIAL, SEPARATE, AND UTILITY CHARGES

Pursuant to *Section 93* of the *Local Government Act 2009,* Council provides an exemption of differential general rates and separate charges for properties as identified within the categories as per the table below.

That pursuant to *Sections 120, 121* and *122* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grants a rebate for various rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2026 as identified in the table below and subject to the following:

1. Property owners must notify Council immediately if there is a substantive change in land use for a property that is receiving a rate concession.
2. Applications received during the current financial year that fall within the categories below, will be granted a rate concession following the passing of a resolution by Council.
3. If a property has been granted a rate concession in the previous financial year, the owner will not be required to re-apply to receive the rate concession for the current financial year. However, proof of ongoing eligibility will be required if requested.

CONCESSION OF WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES - HAEMODIALYSIS MACHINES

The Council has determined that where ratepayers or residents require the use of a Haemodialysis machine for health reasons, then Council will grant a remission of water consumption charges.

1. That pursuant to *Sections 120, 121* and *122* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council allows an annual rebate of 190KL on the water usage to any patient who qualifies for and operates a home Haemodialysis machine supplied by Queensland Health.
2. The owner of the testable Backflow Prevention Device that supplies water to a home Haemodialysis machine is exempted from the Yearly Lodgement Fee. The Form 9 and testing remains a requirement under plumbing legislation.

WAIVING MINIMUM GENERAL RATES

Council has determined that some classes of properties should be exempt from the minimum general rate. Generally, these properties are small parcels of land used for a pump site or small parcels of land worked in conjunction with other properties held in the same ownership.

That pursuant to *Sections 120, 121* and *122* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012,* Council grants a rebate equal to the full value of the separate charges and part of the differential general rates equal to the difference between the Minimum Differential General Rate for the appropriate category and the rate calculated using the rate in the dollar and the valuation for the properties identified hereunder:

a. any rateable land held as a Permit to Occupy for water facility purposes, namely bore and pump site and associated purposes only; and
b. properties that are small parcels of land worked in conjunction with properties held in the same ownership and identified in the table below.

Ass. No	Property Location
31384	Hebble Drive, Tablelands
31598-1	Bradleys Rd, Wooroonden

EXEMPTIONS AND CONCESSIONS ON VARIOUS SPECIAL, SEPARATE AND UTILITY CHARGES (%)

Concession Category	Differential General Rates %	Separate Rates %	Water Access %	Sewerage Access %	Waste Bin %
Queensland Country Women's Association	100	100	75	75	0
Youth Accommodation	100	100	0	0	0
Youth Groups - Scouts, Guides	100	100	100	100	100
Seniors and Welfare Groups	100	100	50	50	0
Kindergartens	100	100	50	50	0
Service and other clubs	100	100	75	75	0
Showgrounds	100	100	50	50	0
Race grounds	100	100	0	0	0
Museums, Theatres, Heritage	100	100	100	100	0
Sporting Groups and Associations	100	100	75	75	0
Charitable Organisations	100	100	0	0	0
Community Owned Halls	100	100	0	0	0

COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION

On 29 November 2024, the Local Government Remuneration Commission concluded its review of remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors of Queensland Local Governments as required by *Section 177(c)* of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Chapter 8, Part 1, Division 1* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The remuneration schedule recommended by the Commission to apply from 1 July 2025 are as follows:

- Mayor - the rate payable of $149,895
- Deputy Mayor - the rate payable of $93,684
- Councillor - the rate payable of $79,630

For an overview of the commission's remuneration determination and its review of local government categories visit https://www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0026/86219/local-government-remuneration-commission-report-2023.pdf

EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS

1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides a framework to ensure that South Burnett Regional Council ('Council') reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors ('Councillors') and facilities provided to Councillors are consistent with the local government principles and financial sustainability criteria as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009* ('Act').

Additional principles that underpin this policy are:

- the use of public monies in the public interest by responsible budgeting and accounting.
- fair and reasonable allocation of Council resources in the form of allowances, facilities, and other benefits, to enable all Councillors to conduct the duties of their office.
- accountability for expenditure and use of facilities through full justification and acquittal.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to Councillors of South Burnett Regional Council.

This policy does not provide for Councillor remuneration as in accordance with the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Commission.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1. Payment of Expenses

Council will pay for/reimburse expenses incurred for:

- mandatory professional development; and
- discretionary professional development deemed essential for the Councillor's role and approved by Council.

3.2. Corporate Uniform

Council will make available a professional Corporate Uniform allowance of $330 per annum (exclusive of GST).

3.3. Legal Assistance and Insurance Cover

Council shall pay any reasonable expenses of Council associated with the informal resolution or investigation of suspected conduct breach of a Councillor including any costs of:

- a mediator and/or investigator engaged under Council's Councillor Conduct Complaints Investigation Policy;
- seeking legal advice; or
- engaging an expert.

The provision of legal assistance/payment of legal costs incurred by a Councillor shall be provided subject to prior approval being granted by the Chief Executive Officer ('CEO') and endorsed by resolution of Council. Where it has been found that the Councillor has acted dishonestly or neglectfully or breached the provisions of the Act, the Councillor will, by resolution of Council, reimburse Council with all associated costs incurred by the Councillor.

Councillors will be covered under Council insurance policies while discharging civic duties. Insurance cover will be provided for public liability, professional indemnity, Councillor's liability, personal accident and/or workers' compensation, international and domestic travel insurance.

3.4. Travel as required to represent Council

Council may reimburse local and in some cases interstate and overseas travel expenses (for example flights, car hire or mileage, parking, accommodation, meals, and associated registration fees) deemed necessary to achieve the business of Council where:

- a Councillor is an official representative of Council; and
- the activity/event and travel have been endorsed by resolution of Council.

Councillors are to travel via the most direct route, using the most economical and efficient mode of transport. Council will pay for reasonable expenses incurred for overnight accommodation when a Councillor is required to stay outside the South Burnett region.

Any fines incurred while travelling in Council owned vehicles or privately owned vehicles when attending Council business, will be the responsibility of the Councillor (driving or in charge of the motor vehicle) incurring the fine.

3.5. Travel Bookings

All Councillor travel approved by Council will be booked and paid for by Executive Services. Economy class is to be used where possible. Airline tickets are not transferable and can only be procured for the Councillor's travel on Council business. Travel costs cannot be used to offset other unapproved expenses (for example, cost of partner or spouse accompanying the Councillor).

3.6. Travel Transfer Costs

All travel transfer expenses associated with Councillors travelling for Council approved business will be reimbursed (for example, trains, taxis, road tolls, buses, and ferry fares). Cab charge vouchers may also be used if approved by the CEO where Councillors are required to undertake duties relating to the business of Council.

3.7. Accommodation

All Councillor accommodation for Council business will be booked and paid for by Council. Council will pay for the most economical accommodation available. Where possible, the minimum standards for Councillors' accommodation should be three (3) star rating. Where particular accommodation is recommended by conference

organisers, Council will take advantage of the package that is the most economical and convenient to the event.

3.8. Meals

Council will reimburse costs of meals for a Councillor when:

- the Councillor incurs the cost personally and can produce original documents sufficient to verify the actual meal cost; and
- the meal was not provided within the registration costs of the approved activity/event; or during a funded flight.

The following (inclusive of GST) are considered to be reasonable for reimbursement by Council:

- Breakfast- $17.50
- Lunch- $25.00
- Dinner- $50.00

This policy notes that these fees are a guide, Capital city costs may vary and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed under this policy. Snacks/drinks purchased outside of meal allowance will not be reimbursed under this policy.

Should the cost be for a greater value than those listed above, and the cost is deemed reasonable by the CEO, then reimbursement for the full cost may be provided.

3.9. Responsibility

Councillors accept full responsibility for the accuracy of each claim. Failure to comply with this policy, falsifying claims or the misuse of facilities may represent official misconduct and be referred to the Independent Assessor or Crime and Corruption Commission.

3.10. Facilities

All facilities provided to Councillors remain the property of Council and must be returned when a Councillor's term expires, or they cease in their role.

3.11. Private Use of Council Owned Facilities

Based on the principle that no private benefit is to be gained, the facilities provided to Councillors by Council are to be used only for Council business unless prior approval has been granted by resolution of Council. The Council resolution authorising private use of Council owned facilities will set out the terms under which the Councillors will reimburse Council for the percentage of private use. This would apply to Council vehicles and mobile telecommunication devices.

Councillors will be provided facilities as detailed which have been based on the principle that no private benefit is to be gained from the facilities provided.

3.12. Administrative Tools

Administrative tools will be provided to Councillors as required to assist Councillors in their role. Administrative tools include:

- designated office space (where space is available within a Council facility);
- access to meeting rooms;
- computer including internet access and wireless remote access where appropriate;
- stationery;
- access to photocopiers, scanners and printers;
- copies of publications; and
- use of Council landline telephones and internet in Council offices.

Administration support will be provided to the Mayor with limited administration support provided to Councillors with approval from the CEO.

3.13. Maintenance costs of Council owned equipment

Council will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and reasonable wear and tear costs of Council owned equipment that is supplied to Councillors for official business use. This includes the replacement of any facilities, which fall under Council's asset replacement program.

3.14. Name Badge and Personal Protective Equipment for Councillors

Council will provide Councillors with an Identification Card and name badge/s. Councillors will be provided the necessary personal protective equipment for use on official business when needed (for example safety helmet, vest and safety boots). Councillors are expected to observe the appropriate Work Health and Safety policies and procedures while at any workplace.

3.15. Telecommunication Needs - Mobile Devices

Mobile telecommunications devices owned by Council will be provided to Councillors for official Council business. "Bring Your Own" devices requests will be approved upon application to the CEO on a case by case basis.

3.16. Contribution to Councillors Telephone Costs

Council will contribute up to $1,000 per annum to Councillors to offset the cost of mobile telephone costs and will be reimbursed on the production of appropriate invoices/tax receipts. For Councillors supplied mobile telephone, Council will pay the monthly account to a maximum of $1,000.

3.17. Vehicle Fuel and Operation Costs

Councillors may have access to a Council vehicle from within the fleet for official business where available and/or as approved by the CEO.

Option 1 – kilometric allowance:

Councillors may travel using their own private vehicle for business purposes and claim a kilometric allowance substantiated by logbook details. The amount to be reimbursed will be based on the ATO cents per km rate for car travel as published on the ATO website. Councillors wishing to claim the kilometre allowance must submit properly completed logbook records in accordance with fortnightly payroll closing dates. Late claims will not be accepted. Councillors must retain original logbook records for a minimum of five (5) years.

Or

Option 2 – weekly allowance:

A weekly amount will be paid to each Councillor covering the cost of fuel and fair wear and tear on the private vehicle of the Councillor as follows:

- Division One (1), Division Two (2) and Division Five (5) - $150.00
- Division Three (3) and Division (4) - $100
- Division Six (6) - $250.00

At the beginning of each financial year a Councillor will need to advise which option they wish to enter into. This decision will be reviewed annually for each Councillor. If no advice is received the default payment method will be by a claimable kilometric allowance.

3.18. Car Parking Amenities

Council will reimburse Councillors for parking costs paid by Councillors while attending to official Council business.

3.19. Limit

Council may by resolution reduce or limit benefits receivable under this policy.

4. DEFINITIONS

Council business means official business conducted on behalf of Council, where a Councillor is required to undertake certain tasks to satisfy legislative requirements or achieve business continuity for the Council, for example official Council meetings, Councillor forums and workshops, committees/boards as Council's official representative, scheduled meetings relating to portfolios or Council appointments.

- Council business should result in a benefit being achieved either for the local government and/or the local government area. Council business includes:
- preparing for, attending, and participating in Council meetings, committee meetings, Councillor information sessions and approved workshops, strategic briefings, and deputations; or
- meetings arranged through official Council channels (i.e. documented in official records or diary) for the purpose of conducting bona fide discussions relating to Council business; or
- seminars and conferences where Councillors are required to either deliver a paper and/or attend as a delegate of Council as per resolution or by Mayoral approval; or
- approved professional development opportunities; or
- official functions organised by or on behalf of the local government; or
- public meetings and other community events within the region such as presentation dinners, meetings with community groups, fetes, and carnivals; or
- as an official Council representative as per resolution or with the prior approval of the Mayor; or
- attendance at civic functions and ceremonies on behalf of the Mayor as delegated by the Mayor; or
- attendance at events for the purpose of gathering of information by a Councillor necessary to inform them of a matter of interest to Council or which properly falls within the responsibility of Council or in relation to the Councillor's portfolio; or
- other business as resolved by Council.

The following are not regarded as Council business by the attendance or participation as a community member:

- attending or participating in a community event, community group including service clubs, or being a representative on a committee or board;
- attendance at fundraising events;
- attendance at events organised by political parties.

Councillors means the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors unless otherwise specified.

Expenses means costs reasonably incurred, or to be incurred, in connection with Councillors discharging their duties. The expenses may be either reimbursed to Councillors or paid direct by Council for something that is deemed a necessary cost or charge. Expenses are not included as remuneration.

Facilities means the facilities deemed necessary to assist Councillors in their role.

Reasonable means Council must make sound judgements and consider what is prudent, responsible and acceptable to the community when determining reasonable levels of facilities and expenditure.

5. LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)

Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

South Burnett Regional Council Councillor Conduct Complaints Investigation Policy – Statutory028

South Burnett Regional Council Councillor Mileage Reimbursement Claim Form

7. NEXT REVIEW

As prescribed by legislation or July 2026

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month unless otherwise advertised. All Council meetings are livestreamed with a link provided on Council's website.

Unconfirmed minutes are available for inspection no later than 10 days after each meeting and copies of confirmed minutes are available for purchase at applicable photocopying charges. Council agendas, minutes and video recordings may also be accessed via Council's website.

EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION

Pursuant to *Section 201* of the *Act*, Council is required to report remuneration packages payable to the Chief Executive Officer and senior executive employees in bands. Senior executive employees are employees that report directly to the Chief Executive Officer and are considered to be in a senior position, for example, General Managers.

The total remuneration packages payable in 2025/2026 to senior executives = $817,328

S201 REMUNERATION PAID TO SENIOR EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES AND CEO

Salary Band	Number of Employees
$0-$100,000	0
$200,000 - $299,000	2
$300,000+	1

TRAVEL

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Pursuant to *Section 188* of the *Regulation,* overseas travel made by a Councillor or local government official must be reported.

No overseas travel was undertaken during the 2025/2026 financial year.

COUNCILLORS' STATEMENT OF INTEREST EXTRACTS

Pursuant to *Section 295* of the Regulation, the Councillor's Register of Interests is available on Council's website in a consolidated form and full copies are open for inspection at the Kingaroy Customer Service Centre, Glendon Street, Kingaroy.

TENDERS, ENTITIES, LAND AND RESERVES

CHANGES TO TENDERS

Pursuant to *Section 190(1)(e)* of the *Regulation,* no invitations were extended to change tenders under *Section 228(7)* of the *Regulation* during the reporting period.

CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Council has one local government owned controlled entity during the reporting period, being the South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation Ltd.

LAND AND RESERVES

Council has control of:

- Land under infrastructure - 3,025km roads (not including 690km of main roads)
- Reserve land that are reserves under the *Land Act 1994* - 250 hectares.

This land does not have a value for the Council's financial statements.

COMPLAINTS AND RTI REQUESTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION COMPLAINTS AND COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY COMPLAINTS

Council is committed to responding to complaints from customers and acknowledges that it should be open and accountable for the decisions made. In accordance with its' obligations under the Act, Council has a complaints management process to deal with complaints received. Council aims to resolve all complaints within prescribed timeframes. Circumstances may vary considerably between complaints, so it is not possible to establish a uniform timeframe for all decisions.

Administration Action Complaints and Complaints Management Process as part of Council's commitment to dealing fairly with administrative action complaints, all administrative action complaints are processed in accordance with the Complaint Management Policy and associated standard work practice. This ensures objective reviews of complaint matters, and assessment of complaints prior to the complaint outcome being provided to the customer.

Council applies the principles of the *Human Rights Act 2019* when assessing and dealing with complaint matters to ensure that Council is acting compatibly with human rights and gives proper consideration of human rights before making a decision.

Customers who are not satisfied with a complaint decision are able to lodge a request with the Chief Executive Officer for an internal review if the CEO was not the decision maker in the original decision.

Council is committed to maintaining a collaborative working relationship with external agencies such as the Queensland Ombudsman's Office. Council is responsible for capturing and identifying complaints received, either by phone, email or in writing, and for ensuring they are responded to within required timeframes and facilitates continuous improvement through the organisation by engaging with departments to resolve complaints. The Complaint Management Policy was reviewed during the 2023-24 financial year. Complaints received by Council during 2025-2026 are listed in the table below:

Administrative Action Complaints	
Number of administrative action complaints made to Council - *LGR s187(2)(a)(i)*	15
Number of administrative action complaints resolved by Council under the complaint's management process - *LGR s187(2)(a)(ii)*	15
Number of administrative complaints not resolved by Council under the complaints management process - *LGR s187(2)(a)(iii)*	2
Number of administrative action complaints not resolved that were made in a previous financial year - *LGR s187(2)(b)*	0
Number of matters reviewed by the Queensland Ombudsman	4
The percentage of administrative action complaints resolved within agreed timeframes	100%

RIGHT TO INFORMATION (RTI)

During the 2025-2026 financial year Council processed 11 applications under the *Right to Information Act 2009.*

The applications were completed within the legislated timeframes. No applications have carried over into 2026/2027 financial year.

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS UNITS

Pursuant to *Section 27* of the *Regulation*, Council did not operate any commercial business units during the reporting period.

BENEFICIAL ENTERPRISES

Pursuant to *Section 41* of the *Act*, one beneficial enterprise of the local government was conducted during the 2025/2026 financial year - Lady Bjelke-Petersen Community Hospital Foundation. No significant activities were conducted by the Council concerning this entity in the 2025/2026 financial year.

COUNCIL REGISTERS

Pursuant to section *190 (1)(f)* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is required to report a list of registers kept. Council's registers include:

- Register of Interests of Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Officers (*Chapter 8, part 5* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*)
- Councillor Conduct Register (*Section 150DX* of the *Local Government Act 2009*)
- Delegation Register (*Section 260* of the *Local Government Act 2009*)
- Local Laws Register (*Section 31* of the *Local Government Act 2009*)
- Road Map and Register (*Section 74* of the *Local Government Act 2009)*
- Dog Registry (*Section 177* of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*)
- Cemetery Register *(Section 79* of the *Land Act 1994*)
- Environmental Authorities Register (*Section 540* of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*)
- Asset Register (*Section 104 (b)(ii)* of the *Local Government Act 2009*)
- Local Heritage Register (*Section 112* of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*)
- Permits and Inspection Certificates Register (*Section 112* of the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019*)
- Testable Backflow Prevention Devices Register (*Section 113* of the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019*)
- Greywater Use and On-site Sewage Facilities Register (*Section 114* of the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019)*
- Show Cause and Enforcement Notices Register (*Section 115* of the *Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019*)
- Notices Given Register (*Section 251* of the *Building Act 1975*)
- Biosecurity Orders Register (*Section 379* of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*)
- Planning Registers (*Schedule 22* of the *Planning Regulation 2017*)
- Cost Recovery Fees (*Section 98* of the *Local Government Act 2009*)

FINANCIALS

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORT AND COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

Pursuant to *Section 179* of the *Regulation*, Council prepares a Community Financial Report which is included on page 23 of this Annual Report. The report is intended to simplify complex financial information, making it easier to understand Council's income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement which are prepared in accordance with legislation.

Council's Financial Statements including the Auditor-General's Audit Reports commence on page 129.

SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Section 45 of the *Act* requires Council to identify any business activities and significant business activities that it conducted during the 2025/2026 financial year.

Waste Services did not exceed the $9.7M operating expenses threshold for the 2025/2026 financial year. However, Council will resolve as part of the 2026/2027 financial year that it does have a Significant Business Activity for its Waste Services activity. Further, subject to a Public Benefit Assessment Council will seek to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to its Waste Services activity in 2026/2027 and implement the competitive neutrality principle to this activity through the introduction of full cost pricing.

Table 1 below identifies all of the business activities that the Council conducted during the 2025/2026 financial year. Besides the comments noted above, Council determined that there were no other business activities listed in Table 1 that were above the relevant thresholds requiring identification as a Significant Business Activity.

The number of premises connected to a water service is almost at the 10,000 or more premises connected threshold. It is likely that the number of water connections will pass the 10,000 connections threshold in the 2026/2027 financial year.

Council determined that those Business Activities included in Table 2 below are deemed to be Prescribed Business Activities in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 3, Part 2, Division 5,* more specifically *Section 39*, because those activities met the prescribed activity threshold of $340,000 or more of operational expenditure in 2025/2026.

Council resolved not to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to any business activity in 2025/2026 in accordance with the *Act section 47(7)* and the *Regulation.*

TABLE 1 - STATEMENT OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Business Activities	Operating Cost	Threshold for significant business activity (*s19* of the *LGR2012)*
Water and Wastewater Combined Business Activity		
Waste and Wastewater	9,992 premises connected to a water service	10,000 or more premises connected to a water service
Other Business Activities	Operating Cost	Threshold (S19 to LGR 2012)
Caravan and Tourist Parks	$1,806,228	Expenditure for a particular business activity of at least $9,700,000 ($9.7 million)
Cemeteries	$728,887	
Shops	-	
Rental Accommodation	$28,969	
Saleyards	$281,954	
Waste	$9,331,229	
Airport	$313,040	
Total	**$12,490,297**	

TABLE 2 - PRESCRIBED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Business Activities	Operating Cost	Threshold for prescribed business activity (s39 of the LGR2012)
Caravan & Tourist Parks	$1,806,228	Expenditure for a particular business activity of $340,000 or more
Cemeteries	$728,877	
Waste	$9,331,229	
Total	**$11,866,443**	

COMMUNITY GRANTS

GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Pursuant to *Section 189* of the *Regulation*, Council must report a summary of expenditure on grants to community organisations. Council expended a total of $144,067.36 on Community Grants for the 2025/2026 financial year

COMMUNITY HALL INSURANCE

Hall	Amount Funded
Kumbia & District Memorial School of Arts	$1,000.00
Wooroolin Community Committee Inc.	$1,000.00
Durong Community Hall	$1,000.00
QCWA Wondai Branch	$1,000.00
Mondure Public Hall Commmittee Inc.	$1,000.00
Kumbia & District Historical Society Inc.	$1,000.00
Queensland Diary & Heritage Muesum Murgon	$1,000.00
Ironpot Hall Association	$1,000.00
Tableland Public Hall Assoc Inc.	$1,000.00
Farmer's Hall Inverlaw Inc.	$1,000.00
TOTAL	**$10,000.00**

AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

Organisation	Amount Funded
Hivesville Progress Association	$500.00
Lions Club of Taabinga	$1,000.00
Nanango Business Alliance	$1,500.00
Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon	$500.00
Wondai Regional Art Gallery	$1,000.00
The Lions Club of Blackbutt Benarkin Inc.	$1,000.00
Boondooma Museum & Heritage Assocation	$1,000.00
TOTAL	**$6,500.00**

ANZAC DAY

Organisation	Amount Funded
Kingaroy Memerambi RSL Sub-Branch	$1,500.00
Murgon RSL	$1,500.00
Nanango RSL Sub-Branch	$1,500.00
Wondai RSL	$1,000.00
Blackbutt RSL	$500.00
Wooroolin QCWA Branch	$500.00
Hivesville Progress Association	$500.00
Proston RSL Sub-Branch	$500.00
Maidenwell QCWA Branch	$500.00
TOTAL	**$8,000.00**

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Organisation	Program	Amount Funded
Kingaroy State High School P&C Association	Bunya Mountains Cultural Camp	$500.00
Kingaroy Baconfest	Wakka Wakka Dancers	$2500.00
TOTAL		**$3000.00**

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) 2025/2026

Recipient	Purpose	Amount Funded
ROUND ONE:		
Cherry Carroll	Life Study workshops with tutor and model	$3,000.00
Noosa Film Academy	Empowering Indigenous South Burnett Youth through Digital Storytelling	$3,000.00
Rockin Our Abilities	Rockin Our Abilitiies Kingaroy end of year Concert	$1,987.00
TOTAL ROUND ONE		**$7,987.00**
ROUND TWO:		
Jumping Ants Arts Inc.	Expressive Drawing Workshop	$966.00
Lyn Kenny	Art Excursion with Denise Burkitt	$3,000.00
Ruth Wagner	Fabric2Dye4 workshops	$2,541.22
TOTAL ROUND TWO		**$6,507.22**
MAJOR PROJECTS FUNDING ROUND:		
South Burnett Choral Society Inc.	Spring Sing Spectacular	$7,669.00
TOTAL MAJOR PROJECTS		**$7,669.00**
QUICK RESPONSE FUNDING ROUND:		
Jean Cuskelly	Raise Your Voice workshop	$1,000.00
TOTAL QUICK RESPONSE FUNDING ROUND		**$1,000.00**
TOTAL		**$23,163.22**

SCHOOL AWARDS

Organisation	Program	Amount Funded
Kingaroy State High School	SBRC Leadership Bursary Awards	$300
Nanango State High School	Instrumental Music Awards, Senior	$300
Benarkin State School	End of year School Awards	$150
TOTAL		**$750.00**

ELITE YOUTH PERFORMANCE SPONSORSHIP

Name	Event	Amount Funded
Bree Renouf-Dowdle	Junior Girls Rugby League Tour UK/France	$ 1,000
Nathaniel Reilly	H2GP World Championships Germany	$ 1,000
Hamish Mungall	H2GP World Championships Germany	$ 1,000
Ryan Mollenhauer	H2GP World Championships Germany	$ 1,000
Charlie Zilm	H2GP World Championships Germany	$ 1,000
Chloe Elliot	H2GP World Championships Germany	$ 1,000
Jake Washband	Australian Representative Youth Bull Riders World Finals	$ 1,000
Allegra Dioth	Queensland Representative 2025 Australian All Schools Championships in Melbourne	$ 500
Jessica Tranter	Queensland Representative 2025 Australian All Schools Championships in Melbourne	$ 500
Amalie Draper	Queensland Representative 2025 10-12 years Track and Field National Championships Phillip Melbourne	$ 500
Hayden Walters	2026 Queensland Suns U17 Mixed Netball Championship in Perth	$ 500
TOTAL		**$9,000.00**

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

Organisation	Project or Event	Amount Funded $
ROUND ONE:		
Brisbane Valley Rail Heritage Trails Inc	Brisbane Valley History Expo	$2,000.00
Hivesville Progress Association	Hivesville Honey Bee Festival	$2,000.00
Kingaroy & District Tennis Association Inc.	Construction of amenities block	$3,000.00
Kingaroy Show Society Inc.	Outdoor barbecue area	$1,500.00
Kingaroy Tai Chi Inc.	PA system	$1,000.00
Proston Pastoral Agricultural & Horticultural Association Inc.	Subsidise Rides	$2,500.00
Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Inc.	2x Roadside signs	$3,000.00
Rotary Club of Murgon	Murgon Music Muster	$3,000.00
South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Club Inc	South Burnett Gem Show 2026	$3,000.00
South Burnett Suicide Prevention Women's group	Laughter Clinic and Winter Warmers Comedy Night	$3,000.00
The Mindful Harvest	Green Connections, assorted plants, wire, fencing	$1,000.00
Wondai Lions Club	For security cameras in Wondai - electricity	$1,143.17
Wondai Hospital Auxillary	Outdoor seating	$1,154.64
TOTAL ROUND ONE		**$27,297.81**
ROUND TWO		
Blackbutt RSL Sub-Branch	Kelly's Kitchen refurbishment	$1,690.00
Blackbutt Singers Inc.	Gala Celebration 35th anniversary	$1,760.00
Bunya Mountains Community Association Inc.	Discover the Bunya Nut - A guide to cooking it and enjoying it	$900.00
Cancer Council Queensland	South Burnett Relay for Life	$2,000.00
Dingo Creek Endurance & Community Association Inc.	Dingo Creek Big Bash	$1,000.00
Kingaroy Cricket & Sports Club	Removal of Trees	$1,925.00
Kingaroy Bowls Club Inc.	Admin equipment & upgrade BBQ area	$1,084.45
Kingaroy Senior Citizens Club Inc	Office equipment	$1,000.00
Kumbia & District Golf Club	Food Storage Fridge	$1,500.00
Mondure Public Hall Inc.	Amplifier for sound system	$899.00
Nanango Bowls Club	Mower, Brush-cutter, Computer	$1,000.00
Suncoast Spinners Wheelchair Basketball Inc.	South Burnett Wheelchair Basketball Apparel	$1,000.00
Tingoora Primary School P&C Association	Annual School Camp	$1,200.00
Blazeaid	Assistance with Flood Recovery	$2,500.00
Wondai AP&I Show Society	2026 Wondai Show	$1,500.00
TOTAL ROUND TWO		**$20,958.45**
TOTAL YEAR		**$48,256.26**

IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP

Organisation	Project	In-Kind Services
Kingaroy BaconFest	BaconFest 2025	400 x chairs, 40 x wheelie bins, 2 x branded marquees and 8 x 3x3 marquees, 2 x skip bins, fairy lights, generators
Ballogie Community Association	Christmas in July	6 x gazebos, 4 x wheelie bins, 10 x trestle tables, 40 x chairs
Proston Car Rally Club	Round 2 Khanacross & Burnouts	10 x wheelie bins
Ashgrove Rangers Athletic Club	South Burnett Rail Trail Relay	50 x chairs
Boondooma Museum & Heritage Association Inc	Scots in the Bush 2025	1 x skip bin
Nanango Tai Chi Inc	Open Day & Community Event	3 x tables, 20 x chairs, 6 x marquees
Hivesville Progress Association	Hivesville Honey Bee Festival	2 x marquees, 8 x wheelie bins, 4 x tables, 20 x chairs, 1x skip bin
Wondai Show Society	Wondai Show	1 x skip bin - supplied by Heathrow Pty Ltd
Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Avocado Festival	Blackbutt Avocado Festival	1 x skip bin, 4 x marquees, 30 x wheelie bins
Nanango Race Club	Nanango Races	4 x marquees
South Burnett Australian Stock Horse Society	South Burnett Stockhorse Challenge & Campdraft	1 x skip bin & 10 x wheelie bins
Bjelke-Petersen Dam Fish Management Committee Inc.	BP Dam Classic	1 x skip bin & 12 x wheelie bins
Nanango Show Society	Nanango Heritage Music Muster	water truck - roads, 2 x skip bins & 10 x wheelie bins
Nanango Show Society	Nanango Waterhole Rocks	water truck, 1 x skip bin
Wondai Garden Expo	Wondai Garden Expo	200 x chairs, 1 x skip bin
Boondooma Fish Stocking and Management Association	2026 Yellowbelly Fishing Comp - Boondooma Dam	2 x marquees, 2 x skip bins & 20 x wheelie bins
Wondai Show Society	Wondai Garden Expo	1 x skip bin, 200 x chairs
Maidenwell Music Mix Inc	Maidenwell Music Mix	1 x skip bin
Kumbia Race Club	Kumbia Races 2025	2 x marquees, 2 x skip bins, 30 x wheelie bins, 8 x trestle tables, 48 x chairs
Proston Car Rally Club	Round 2 Khanacross & Burnouts	10 x wheelie bins
Durong South State School P&C	Durong Cricket Clash	5 x marquees
Kingaroy Christmas Carnival	Kingaroy Christmas Carnival 2025	TMP, 2x marquees 6x3, 1 x skip bin, 30 x wheelie bins, 200 x chairs, street sweeper
South Burnett Speedway Club (Kingaroy Speedway Club)	Annual Kings Royal	2 x skip bins, 40 x wheelie bins
Blackbutt Benarkin Aged Care Association Inc	Photocopying of Flyers	Photocopying of flyer - cost $20.83
South Burnett Peace of Mind Association	Christmas Luncheon	Hall hire - fees waived
Kingaroy Tai Chi Inc	Christmas Picnic in the Park	3 x marquees, 2 x tables, 12 x chairs
Kingaroy Sport Fishing Club Inc	Tag a Toga 2026	1 x skip bin, 10 x wheelie bins, 4 x tables, 60 x chairs
Proston State School P&C Association	Bunting around Railway Park	Bunting around Railway Park
Nanango Tourism & Development Association Inc	2026 Nanango Reunion	200 x newsletters @ $1.13 for 16 pages
Kingaroy Swimming Club Inc	2026 Kingaroy LC Transition Meet	3 x marquees, flushing of plumbing system at Kingaroy Pool, 50 x chairs
Kingaroy Men's Shed	Dinner Under the Stars	3 x 6x3 gazebos, 1 x 3x3 gazebos, 12x wheelie bins, 60 x chairs, 1 x skip bin
Kingaroy Senior Citizens Club Inc	50th Golden Anniversary	1 x 6x3 marquee, 1 x skip bin, 6 x wheelie bins, 10 x trestle tables, 60 x chairs
Proston Car Rally Club Inc	Round 1 Khanacross & Burnouts February event	10 x wheelie bins
Wondai Proston Wolves Rugby League	Mini Mod Carnival	6 x gazebos, 2 x skip bins, 20 x wheelie bins, mow road side & under tress at grounds
Nanango Kennel Club	Annual Dog Conformation Show	1 x skip bin, 12 x wheelie bins
Wondai Running Festival	Wondai Country Running Festival	TMP &TGS

IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP

Organisation	Project	In-Kind Services
Wooroolin Country Music Camp Out	Wooroolin Country Music Camp Out	1 x skip bin, 6 x wheelie bins
Proston PA & H Association Inc.	Proston Show	3 x 3x3, 3 x 6x3, making good wash outs trip hazards, 100m organe safety mesh, 1 x skip bin, 12 x wheelie bins, 50 x chairs
Nanango Tourism & Development Assoc Inc	Back to Nanango & Markets	6 x wheelie bins, 6 x trestle tables, 20 x chairs
Lions Club of Taabinga	Free Trade Day	1 x skip bin & concrete to be disposed of
Centacare Neighbourhood Centre Kingaroy	April Fun Fest	4 x gazebos, 2 x wheelie bins, 6 x tables, 20 x chairs
Murgon Show Society	Murgon Show	4 x gazebos & 1 x skip bin
Burrandowan Picnic Race Club	Burrandowan Picnic Races	2 x skip bins, 30 x wheelie bins, 100 x chairs
South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Club Inc	South Burnett Gem Show 2026	1 x skip bin
Wondai Garden Expo	Wondai Spring Garden Expo	1 x skip bin, 184 x Chairs, lawns mowed, hedges trimmed, driveways to be suitable for foot traffic & mobile scooters
Proston Car Rally Club Inc	Round 2 Khanacross & Burnouts May event	1 x skip bin, 10 x wheelie bins
Nanango AP&M Society Inc	Nanango Show	1 x water truck
Boondooma Off Road Association Ltd	Offroad Outlaws Enduro	1 x skip bin
Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft Assoc Inc	3 day campdraft event	1 x skip bin, 20x wheelie bins, TGS and event signage
Rotary Club of Kingaroy	RYDA - Youth Driver Awareness	TMP & TGS
Kingaroy Show Society	Kingaroy Show	1 x skip bin, 4 x marquees
Kingaroy Rugby League Club	Gatehouse fees	Gatehouse fees
BlazeAid	Rubbish Service at PCYC	Pick up of waste bins
Ashgrove Rangers Athletics Club Inc	South Burnett Rail Trail relay	50 x chairs, mowing of rail trail if required
Kingaroy Memerambi RSL Sub Branch	Remembrance Day Service	5 x marquees, 200 x chairs
Wondai AP&I Show Society	Wondai Show	1 x skip bin
South Burnett Sustainable Future Network	EV show and shine event - shared zone Glendon Street	TMP
Ironpot Hall Association	Pottering about Ironpot long distance cross country	slashing of reserve area
Kingaroy State High School P&C	Reserve Forces Day	TMP & TGS
Proston Car Rally Club	Test and Tune Khanacross & Burnouts	10 x wheelie bins & 1x skip bin
Proston Car Rally Club	Round 3 Khanacross & Burnouts	10 x wheelie bins & 1x skip bin
Kumbia & District Charity Campdraft	Campdraft	30 x wheelie bins & 1 x skip bin
Nanango Kennel Club	Community Expo	15 x wheelie bins & 1 x skip bin

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Name	Event	Amount Funded
Boondooma Museum & Heritage Association	Boondooma Christmas Event	$400
Kumbia & District Memorial School of Arts	Kumbia Christmas Event	$1,000
The Lions Club of Blackbutt Benarkin Inc.	Blackbutt Christmas Event	$3,000
Wondai Agricultural Pastoral & Industrial Society Inc.	Wondai Christmas Event	$3,000
Wondai Regional Art Gallery	Carol in the Park Event	$500
Kingaroy & District Ministry Assoc. Inc	Christmas Carols Event	$1,000
Nanango Theatre Company	Nanango Carols Event	$1,000
Proston QCWA Branch	Proston Christmas Event	$1,000
TOTAL		**$10,900.00**





COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUND ALLOCATIONS

Council determined that for the 2025/2026 financial year each Councillor shall have a budget allocation for Councillor Discretionary Funds - the total amount allocated for the 2025/2026 financial year was $24,000.

Discretionary funds are funds available for allocation by a Councillor for requests for financial assistance from community organisations for a community purpose. Pursuant to *Section 189(2) Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council must report on expenditure from Councillor Discretionary Funds. Council expended a total of $23,997.88 in Councillor Discretionary Funds during the 2025/2026 financial year.

In accordance with *Section 202* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the following discretionary funds have been allocated by each Councillor (Please note: amounts listed exclude GST where applicable):

MAYOR KATHY DUFF

Organisation	Project	Amount
Bjelke-Petersen Dam Fishing Management Committee	2025 Bjelke-Petersen Dam Inland Fishing Classic - 04/10/2025 - 05/10/2025	$200.00
South Burnett Speedway Club Inc	5th Annual Production Sedan Stampede	$334.00
South Burnett Speedway Club Inc	V8 Dirty Modified Queen Title	$500.00
Kingaroy Senior Citizens Club	50th Golden Anniversary	$300.00
Coolabunia State School P&C Association	Reef and Beef Night	$250.00
South Burnett Peace of Mind Association Inc	Christmas Luncheon	$400.00
Sistas in Sync	Mens Gathering	$1,000.00
Wondai Country Club	Ladies Pairs Bowls Carnival	$200.00
Creative Country Inc.	ANZAC Day Art Competition	$250.00
Proston Car Rally	2026 Season Trophies	$275.00
Kingaroy Show Society	Kingaroy Show - Culinary Trophies	$400.00
Nanango Bowls Club Inc.	Purchase 6 sets of bowls	$700.00
The Salvation Army	Share the Dignity dispenser	$251.80
Kumbia & District Historical Society Inc.	Pest control, cleaning products & stationery	$300.00
Kumbia QCWA Branch	Yarn for Reading Friends	$139.20
TOTAL		**$5,500.00**



Salvation Army - Share the Dignity



South Burnett Speedway Club

DIVISION 1 - CR JANE ERKENS

Organisation	Project	Amount
Nanango Tai Chi Inc.	Purchase of coreflute signage	$142.00
Nanango State School P&C Association	Prep Meet & Greet	$100.00
South Burnett Peace of Mind Association Inc.	Christmas luncheon	$150.00
Nanango Bowls Club Inc.	Purchase 6 sets of bowls	$300.00
Nanango Rugby League Football Club	Easter egg hunt	$150.00
South Burnett Western Performance Club	Purple-themed Show	$100.00
Nanango Tourism & Development Association Inc	Purchase vinyl flooring - auspicing Waterhole Rockers Group	$200.00
Nanango Golf Club	Men's Health Week Veterans golf	$500.00
Nanango Tai Chi Inc.	Community Services Expo advertising	$200.00
South Burnett Western Performance Club	Purchase pizza and prizes	$200.00
Nanango Community Men's Shed	Community Movie Night	$200.00
Visit South Burnett Inc	Sample bags for South Burnett Express Rail Trail relay	$200.00
Nanango Tourism & Development Association Inc.	Refresh Coach room at Ringsfield House	$400.00
Nanango Sporting Association	Purchase of new mower for grounds	$158.00
TOTAL		**$3,000.00**



Just a Farmer Event


Nanango Golf Club


Blackbutt Community Meals


Comedy for a Cause

DIVISION 2 - CR LINDA LITTLE

Organisation	Project	Amount
Blackbutt & District Tourism & Heritage Association Inc.	Elvis Tribute night	$500.00
Coolabunia State School P&C Association	Reef and Beef night	$100.00
Blackbutt & Benarkin Aged Care Inc.	Comedy for a Cause	$750.00
South Burnett Peace of Mind Association Inc.	Christmas Luncheon	$150.00
South Burnett Western Performance Club	Come n Try Day	$250.00
Blackbutt Benarkin Lions Club	Community Meals 2026	$250.00
Wengenville Alice Creek Glencliffe Syndicate	Feral Pig Control Program	$1,000.00
TOTAL		**$3,000.00**

DIVISION 3 - CR DANITA POTTER

Organisation	Project	Amount
Lives Lived Well	Team shirts for Toowoomba rugby league competition	$250.00
Kingaroy State High School P&C Association	School Awards 2025	$200.00
South Burnett CTC	Josh's Travelling Community BBQ	$300.00
South Burnett Autism Group Inc.	Printing of information cards	$500.00
Kingaroy Cricket & Sports Club Inc.	Additional security camera	$340.00
Kumbia Race Club Inc.	Annual Race Meeting - Flemington in the Bush	$250.00
South Burnett Speedway Inc.	5th Annual Production Sedan Stampede	$333.00
Kingaroy Senior Citizens	50th Golden anniversary	$200.00
South Burnett Saints AFC	Awards Dinner	$200.00
Coolabunia State School P&C Association	Reef and Beef night	$200.00
South Burnett Peace of Mind	Christmas Luncheon	$150.00
South Burnett Partnership for Kids	Community under 8's day - beverages	$74.88
TOTAL		**$2,997.88**



Kumbia Races



Go Getta Girls Inc


Kingaroy Speedway

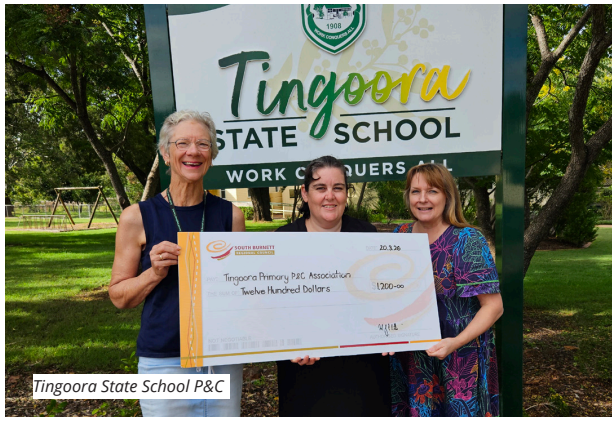
DIVISION 4 - CR DEB DENNIEN

Organisation	Project	Amount
Lives Lived Well	Team shirts for Toowoomba rugby league competition	$250.00
Proston Pony Club	Showjumping & Jumping Equitation Championship	$500.00
Kingaroy Lions Club Inc.	Purchase of fridge/freezer	$500.00
Kumbia Race Club Inc.	Annual Race Meeting - Flemington in the Bush	$250.00
South Burnett Speedway Club Inc	5th Annual Production Sedan Stampede	$333.00
Coolabunia State School P&C Association	Reef and Beef night	$100.00
South Burnett Peace of Mind	Christmas Luncheon	$150.00
Wondai Country Club	Ladies Pairs Bowls Carnival	$100.00
The Salvation Army	Share the Dignity dispenser	$251.80
Regional Development Australia - Wide Bay Burnett	Hall fees	$195.00
Go Getta Girls Inc.	20 year celebrations	$370.20
TOTAL		**$3,000.00**

Statutory Information

DIVISION 5 - CR HEATH SANDER

Organisation	Project	Amount
Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum	Heritage Day	$300.00
Proston Pony Club	Showjumping & Jumping Equitation championship	$300.00
Wondai Country Club	Ladies Pairs Bowls Carnival	$100.00
Creative Country Inc	ANZAC Day Art Competition	$250.00
Proston Car Rally Club	2026 Season Trophies	$275.00
Durong Community Hall Committee	Brass plaque for exterior wall	$59.33
Tableland Public Hall Association Inc.	Evening with Carrie & Clyde	$200.00
Murgon Golf Club	Golf competition - Men's health	$700.00
Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum	Ceiling fans for the "Barn"	$815.67
TOTAL		$3,000.00



Tingoora State School P&C



Wooroolin QCWA Branch



Murgon Golf Club

DIVISION 6 - CR ROS HEIT

Organisation	Project	Amount
Kumbia Race Club Inc	Annual Race Meeting - Flemington in the Bush	$500.00
Coolabunia State School P&C Association	Reef and Beef night	$100.00
Wondai Country Club	Ladies Pairs Bowls Carnival	$100.00
Tingoora State School P&C	Three day leadership camp	$300.00
Kumbia & District Memorial School of Arts Association	Curtains for Kumbia Hall	$500.00
Kumbia & District Historial Society	Pest control, cleaning products & stationery	$300.00
Wooroolin QCWA Branch	Honour Board for 100 years	$1,000.00
Durong Community Hall Committee Inc.	Brass plaque for exterior wall	$200.00
TOTAL		$3,000.00

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For the financial year ended 30 June 2026



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South Burnett Regional Council

Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Statements of Comprehensive Income

		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
Income					
Recurrent Revenue					
Rates, Levies and Charges	3(a)	64,384,471	60,997,538	64,384,471	60,997,538
Fees and Charges	3(b)	7,881,579	7,222,294	7,881,579	7,222,294
Sales Revenue	3(c)	4,337,824	8,279,871	4,337,824	8,279,871
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	3(d)	26,168,603	35,808,550	26,167,178	35,808,550
Total Recurrent Revenue		102,772,477	112,308,253	102,771,052	112,308,253
Rental Income		639,689	615,064	639,689	615,064
Interest Received		2,992,790	3,515,380	2,992,779	3,515,369
Other Income		1,056,109	1,275,848	1,056,109	1,275,848
Total Operating Revenue		107,461,066	117,714,545	107,459,630	117,714,534
Capital Income					
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	3(d)	25,612,773	11,982,126	25,612,773	11,982,126
Total Capital Income		25,612,773	11,982,126	25,612,773	11,982,126
Total Income		133,073,839	129,696,670	133,072,404	129,696,660
Expenses					
Recurrent Expenses					
Employee Benefits	4	(33,170,369)	(31,391,895)	(33,170,369)	(31,391,895)
Materials and Services	5	(47,509,823)	(61,379,129)	(47,503,463)	(61,357,650)
Finance Costs	6	(785,881)	(2,005,590)	(785,881)	(2,005,590)
Depreciation and Amortisation					
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	(28,166,175)	(25,726,954)	(28,166,175)	(25,726,954)
Intangible Assets	11	-	(7,962)	-	(7,962)
Right-of-Use Assets		(32,380)	(28,878)	(32,380)	(28,878)
		(109,664,629)	(120,540,408)	(109,658,269)	(120,518,929)
Capital Expenses	7	(1,768,177)	(2,688,072)	(1,768,177)	(2,688,072)
Total Expenses		(111,432,805)	(123,228,480)	(111,426,445)	(123,207,001)
Net Result		21,641,034	6,468,190	21,645,958	6,489,659
Other Comprehensive Income					
Items that will not be Reclassified to Net Result					
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset Revaluation Surplus	10	66,844,476	63,794,080	66,844,476	63,794,080
Total Other Comprehensive Income for the Year		66,844,476	63,794,080	66,844,476	63,794,080
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		88,485,510	70,262,270	88,490,435	70,283,739

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Accounting Policies.

South Burnett Regional Council

Statements of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2026

Statements of Financial Position

		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
Current Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8	118,320,411	65,665,030	118,103,747	65,450,482
Trade and Other Receivables	9	11,041,206	10,137,662	11,160,564	10,250,179
Inventories		972,063	1,009,801	972,063	1,009,801
Contract Assets	12	8,639,820	16,668,394	8,639,820	16,668,394
Total Current Assets		138,973,500	93,480,887	138,876,194	93,378,856
Non-Current Assets					
Trade and Other Receivables	9	110,894	194,747	110,894	194,747
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	1,257,802,605	1,179,617,726	1,257,802,605	1,179,617,726
Intangible Assets	11	6,234,639	6,234,639	6,234,639	6,234,639
Right-of-Use Assets		751,959	704,581	751,959	704,581
Total Non-Current Assets		1,264,900,096	1,186,751,693	1,264,900,096	1,186,751,693
Total Assets		1,403,873,596	1,280,232,580	1,403,776,290	1,280,130,550
Current Liabilities					
Trade and Other Payables	13	11,351,528	19,769,684	11,350,728	19,769,084
Contract Liabilities	12	24,997,500	8,798,072	24,997,500	8,798,072
Lease Liabilities		25,323	22,077	25,323	22,077
Borrowings	14	3,415,838	3,262,364	3,415,838	3,262,364
Provisions	15	6,507,769	6,325,031	6,507,769	6,325,031
Other Liabilities	16	1,540,243	1,479,842	1,540,243	1,479,842
Total Current Liabilities		47,838,201	39,657,070	47,837,401	39,656,470
Non-Current Liabilities					
Contract Liabilities	12	30,727,491	-	30,727,491	-
Lease Liabilities		785,951	734,119	785,951	734,119
Borrowings	14	13,699,535	17,115,373	13,699,535	17,115,373
Provisions	15	12,851,150	13,245,801	12,851,150	13,245,801
Other Liabilities	16	1,545,784	1,540,243	1,545,784	1,540,243
Total Non-Current Liabilities		59,609,911	32,635,536	59,609,911	32,635,536
Total Liabilities		107,448,112	72,292,606	107,447,312	72,292,006
Net Community Assets		1,296,425,484	1,207,939,974	1,296,328,978	1,207,838,544
Community Equity					
Asset Revaluation Surplus	17	812,975,299	746,130,823	812,975,299	746,130,823
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)		483,450,185	461,809,151	483,353,679	461,707,721
Total Community Equity		1,296,425,484	1,207,939,974	1,296,328,978	1,207,838,544

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Accounting Policies.

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Statements of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Statements of Changes in Equity

Consolidated	Note	Asset Revaluation Surplus	Retained Surplus	Total Equity
	17	$	$	$
Balance as at 1 July 2025		746,130,823	461,809,151	1,207,939,974
Net Operating Result		-	21,641,034	21,641,034
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year				
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset Revaluation Surplus		66,844,476	-	66,844,476
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		66,844,476	21,641,034	88,485,510
Balance as at 30 June 2026		812,975,299	483,450,185	1,296,425,484
Balance as at 1 July 2024		682,336,743	455,340,961	1,137,677,704
Net Operating Result		-	6,468,190	6,468,190
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year				
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset Revaluation Surplus		63,794,080	-	63,794,080
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		63,794,080	6,468,190	70,262,270
Balance as at 30 June 2025		746,130,823	461,809,151	1,207,939,974

Council	Note	Asset Revaluation Surplus	Retained Surplus	Total Equity
	17	$	$	$
Balance as at 1 July 2025		746,130,823	461,707,721	1,207,838,544
Net Operating Result		-	21,645,958	21,645,958
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year				
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset Revaluation Surplus		66,844,476	-	66,844,476
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		66,844,476	21,645,958	88,490,434
Balance as at 30 June 2026		812,975,299	483,353,679	1,296,328,978
Balance as at 1 July 2024		682,336,743	455,218,062	1,137,554,805
Net Operating Result		-	6,489,659	6,489,659
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year				
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset Revaluation Surplus		63,794,080	-	63,794,080
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		63,794,080	6,489,659	70,283,739
Balance as at 30 June 2025		746,130,823	461,707,721	1,207,838,544

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Accounting Policies.

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Statements of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Statements of Cash Flows

		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities					
Receipts from Customers		139,151,740	83,913,365	139,151,055	83,912,746
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(96,377,265)	(99,936,677)	(96,377,265)	(99,936,677)
		42,774,475	(16,023,312)	42,773,790	(16,023,931)
Interest Received		2,992,790	3,515,380	2,992,779	3,515,369
Rental Income		639,689	615,064	639,689	615,064
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		26,168,598	35,808,550	26,167,178	35,808,550
Finance Costs		(971,147)	(1,069,934)	(971,147)	(1,069,934)
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities	22	71,604,405	22,845,748	71,602,290	22,845,118
Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		(42,449,894)	(28,077,833)	(42,449,894)	(28,077,833)
(Advances)/Repayments of Loans to other Entities		-	3,750	-	3,750
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		3,306,850	1,444,815	3,306,850	1,444,815
Grant, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations		23,481,063	10,381,846	23,481,063	10,381,846
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities		(15,661,981)	(16,247,422)	(15,661,981)	(16,247,422)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities					
Repayments of Borrowings		(3,262,364)	(3,462,889)	(3,262,364)	(3,462,889)
Repayments made on leases (principal only)		(24,680)	(21,522)	(24,680)	(21,522)
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Financing Activities	23	(3,287,044)	(3,484,411)	(3,287,044)	(3,484,411)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents Held		52,655,380	3,113,915	52,653,265	3,113,285
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of Financial Year		65,665,031	62,551,116	65,450,482	62,337,197
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Financial Year	8	118,320,411	65,665,031	118,103,747	65,450,482

The above statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and Accounting Policies.

1. Information about these financial statements

1.A Basis of Preparation

The South Burnett Regional Council is constituted under the Queensland *Local Government Act 2009* and is domiciled in Australia.

These general purpose financial statements are for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. They are prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Council is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes and these financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations as applicable for not-for-profit entities.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities, and classes of property, plant and equipment which are measured at fair value.

The Council uses the Australian dollar as its functional currency and its presentation currency.

1.B Basis of Consolidation

Council and its controlled entity, South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation Limited (the "Foundation") together form the consolidated entity. The financial statements of the controlled entity are included in the consolidated financial statements where material by size or nature, from the date when control commences until the date when control ceases.

Transactions between Council and the entity controlled by Council have been eliminated when preparing consolidated accounts. In addition, the accounting policies of the controlled entity have been adjusted on consolidation where necessary, to ensure the financial statements of the consolidated entity is prepared using accounting policies that are consistent with those of the Council.

1.C New and Revised Accounting Standards Adopted During the Year

There were no relevant new accounting standards mandatorily effective for the year ended 30 June 2026.

1.D Standards Issued by the AASB Not Yet Effective

The AASB has issued Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations which are not mandatorily effective at 30 June 2026. These standards have not been adopted by Council and will be included in the financial statements on their effective date. Where the standard is expected to have a material impact for Council then further information has been provided in this note.

Council has assessed all the standards / interpretations currently issued which are not yet effective and have determined that there is no expected material impact on the reported financial position or performance.

1.E Critical Accounting Judgments and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

Council makes a number of judgements, estimates, and assumptions in preparing these financial statements. These are based on the best information available to Council at the time, however due to the passage of time, these assumptions may change and therefore the recorded balances may not reflect the final outcomes. The significant judgements, estimates and assumptions relate to the following items and specific information is provided in the relevant note:

Note 3 – Revenue Recognition
Note 11 – Valuation and Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment
Note 17 – Provisions
Note 12 – Assessment for Impairment of Water Allocation Assets

1.F Rounding and Comparatives

The financial statements have been rounded to the nearest $1 unless stated otherwise.

Comparative information is generally restated for reclassifications, errors, and changes in accounting policies unless transition rules in a new Accounting Standard permits an alternative option.

There have been no changes to comparative information presented in these financial statements.

1.G Volunteer Services

Council uses volunteer services in the Visitor Information Centres, Animal Management Centre, Ringsfield House and Museums within the region. Council also works with incorporated associations who manage operations of two (2) Art Galleries and the Boondooma Homestead all of which are paid a small consideration for their services each year. Council pays for any incidentals that relate to these volunteer services such as training, uniforms, attraction familiarisation tours, meeting requirements, workshops and associated events.

While amounts paid to the incorporated associations and volunteer expenses are shown in Council's Statement of Comprehensive Income, Council has elected not to recognise the fair value of volunteer services under AASB 1058 due to the value not being material.

1.H Taxation

Council is exempt from income tax; however, Council is subject to Fringe Benefits Tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Payroll Tax on certain activities. The net amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

2. Analysis of Results by Function

2.A Components of Council Functions

The activities relating to the Council's components reported on in Note 2.B are as follows:

Organisational Excellence

An organisation that is characterised by effective leadership, responsible management and quality service delivery.

The objective of organisational excellence is for Council to deliver effective financial and business management, which is ethical, accountable and transparent in its decision-making, whilst informing and engaging the community. This function includes activities and services relating to risk management, strategic and operational planning which includes both financial and human resources, information services and corporate governance. The Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer are included in this function.

Enhancing Liveability and Lifestyle

Elevate the South Burnett region to be recognised as a "Community of Choice".

The goal of enhancing our communities is to ensure South Burnett Regional Council assists in the facilitation of building healthy, vibrant, supportive and inclusive communities. This function includes activities and services related to social and corporate performance, sports and recreational development, libraries, halls, arts and culture, public health, mental health, parks, pools and disaster management.

Growing Our Region's Economy and Prosperity

Boost our economy through investment and innovation that promotes population growth and community wellbeing.

The objective of this function is to provide the region with growth and opportunities through innovative planning mechanisms which both preserves and enhances our region, and tourism to promote a strong and sustainable regional economy. This function includes activities and services related to tourism, planning and land management and economic development.

Safeguarding Our Environment

A sustainable environment, proactively and responsibly managed in partnership with the community for future generations.

The goal of this function is a strong and sustainable environment, proactively and responsibly managed in partnership with the community for future generations. This function includes activities relating to the region's environment and waste management, rural services and parks.

Providing Key Infrastructure for our Towns and Villages

Develop, renew and maintain community infrastructure through sound asset management principles.

This function's objective is the provision of quality services and infrastructure for our growing community that is planned, provided and managed on sound asset management principles. Activities and services included in this function relate to infrastructure that meets our communities' needs including roads, water and sewerage, aerodromes, cemeteries, saleyards, and quality customer service.

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2.B Analysis of Results by Function

Year Ended 30 June 2026

Functions	Gross Program Income						Total Income	Gross Program Expenses		Total Expenses	Net Result from Recurrent Operations	Net Results	Assets
	Recurrent			Capital				Recurrent	Capital				
	Grants	Other		Grants	Other								
	2026	2026		2026	2026		2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026
	$	$		$	$		$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Organisational Excellence	10,165,988	37,677,192		2,054,029	-		49,897,220	12,175,798	2,867,426	15,043,223	35,667,393	34,853,996	169,928,933
Enhancing Liveability and Lifestyle	13,142,293	537,410		-	-		13,679,703	17,077,611	-	17,077,611	(3,397,908)	(3,397,908)	81,680,373
Growing our Region's Economy and Prosperity	354,146	4,232,504		(495)	-		4,586,155	4,642,084	(5,000)	4,637,084	(55,434)	(50,929)	66,067,574
Safeguarding Our Environment	186,100	10,489,776		2,131,539	-		12,807,415	19,492,733	-	19,492,733	(8,816,857)	(6,685,318)	5,039,567
Providing Key Infrastructure for our Towns and Villages	2,318,641	28,355,570		21,427,699	-		52,101,910	56,270,042	(1,094,249)	55,175,793	(25,595,832)	(3,073,883)	1,081,059,843
Total Council	26,167,178	81,292,452		25,612,773	-		133,072,404	109,658,269	1,768,177	111,426,445	(2,198,639)	21,645,958	1,403,776,290
Controlled Entity Net of Eliminations	1,425	10		-	-		1,435	6,360	-	6,360	(4,925)	(4,925)	97,306
Total Consolidated	**26,168,603**	**81,292,463**		**25,612,773**	**-**		**133,073,839**	**109,664,629**	**1,768,177**	**111,432,805**	**(2,203,563)**	**21,641,034**	**1,403,873,596**

Year Ended 30 June 2025

Functions	Gross Program Income						Total Income	Gross Program Expenses		Total Expenses	Net Result from Recurrent Operations	Net Results	Assets
	Recurrent			Capital				Recurrent	Capital				
	Grants	Other		Grants	Other								
	2025	2025		2025	2025		2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025
	$	$		$	$		$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Organisational Excellence	11,302,583	37,120,804		1,171,592	-		49,594,979	11,914,653	1,727,106	13,641,759	36,508,734	35,953,220	122,371,834
Enhancing Liveability and Lifestyle	19,678,965	797,811		566,588	-		21,043,364	23,304,575	-	23,304,575	(2,827,799)	(2,261,211)	65,942,961
Growing our Region's Economy and Prosperity	82,233	3,762,400		577,600	-		4,422,233	4,041,439	-	4,041,439	(196,806)	380,794	62,656,242
Safeguarding Our Environment	220,172	9,444,068		709,768	-		10,374,008	19,555,458	-	19,555,458	(9,891,218)	(9,181,450)	4,794,281
Providing Key Infrastructure for our Towns and Villages	4,524,597	30,780,901		8,956,578	-		44,262,076	61,702,804	960,966	62,663,770	(26,397,306)	(18,401,694)	1,024,365,232
Total Council	35,808,550	81,905,984		11,982,126	-		129,696,660	120,518,929	2,688,072	123,207,001	(2,804,395)	6,489,659	1,280,130,550
Controlled Entity Net of Eliminations	-	10		-	-		10	21,479	-	21,479	(21,469)	(21,469)	102,030
Total Consolidated	**35,808,550**	**81,905,994**		**11,982,126**	**-**		**129,696,670**	**120,540,408**	**2,688,072**	**123,228,480**	**(2,825,864)**	**6,468,190**	**1,280,232,580**

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3. Revenue

	Consolidated		Council	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$
(a) Rates, Levies and Charges				
Rates, levies and charges are recognised as revenue at the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as a financial liability until the beginning of the rating period.				
General Rates	38,077,554	36,704,721	38,077,554	36,704,721
Separate Rates	4,551,498	3,930,534	4,551,498	3,930,534
Water	9,749,468	9,134,797	9,749,468	9,134,797
Water Consumption, Rental and Sundries	4,979,252	4,494,462	4,979,252	4,494,462
Sewerage	8,925,034	8,651,579	8,925,034	8,651,579
Waste Management	4,567,954	4,250,130	4,567,954	4,250,130
Total Rates and Utility Charge Revenue	70,850,761	67,166,223	70,850,761	67,166,223
Less: Discounts	(5,409,248)	(5,147,109)	(5,409,248)	(5,147,109)
Less: Pensioner Remissions	(1,057,041)	(1,021,576)	(1,057,041)	(1,021,576)
	64,384,471	60,997,538	64,384,471	60,997,538
(b) Fees and Charges				
Revenue arising from fees and charges are recognised at the point in time when the performance obligation is completed and the customer receives the benefit of the goods/services being provided.				
The performance obligation relates to the specific services which are provided to the customers and generally the payment terms are within 30 days of the provision of the service or in some cases, the customer is required to pay on arrival, for example caravan parks. There is no material obligation for Council in relation to refunds or returns.				
Refuse Fees	1,873,698	1,629,600	1,873,698	1,629,600
Commercial Fees	2,642,865	2,658,608	2,642,865	2,658,608
Licences, Certificates and Registrations	755,111	767,648	755,111	767,648
Development Fees	1,832,836	1,453,690	1,832,836	1,453,690
Water Sales	270,504	200,527	270,504	200,527
Other Fees & Charges	506,566	512,221	506,566	512,221
	7,881,579	7,222,294	7,881,579	7,222,294
(c) Sales Revenue				
Sale of goods is recognised at the point in time that the customer obtains control of the goods, generally at delivery. Revenue from services is recognised when the services are rendered.				
Revenue from contracts and recoverable works generally consists of the recoupment of material costs incurred together with an hourly charge for use of equipment and employees or at agreed contract rates. This revenue and the associated costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity based on costs incurred at the reporting date. Where consideration is received for the work in advance it is included as a contract liability at the end of the reporting period and is recognised as revenue in the period when the performance obligation has been completed.				
Recoverable Works - State Contracts	4,291,021	8,222,639	4,291,021	8,222,639
Soil Laboratory Testing and Private Works	46,803	57,232	46,803	57,232
	4,337,824	8,279,871	4,337,824	8,279,871

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(d) Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations

Grant Income under AASB 15

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

Performance obligations vary in each agreement but include events and delivering of a specified program. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant. Cash is received upfront for some grants and on achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control, and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract. Where control is transferred over time, revenue is recognised using either costs or time incurred.

Grant Income under AASB 1058

Where Council receives an asset for significantly below fair value, the asset is recognised at fair value, related liability (or equity items) are recorded and income then is recognised for any residual amount at the time that the asset is received.

Capital Grants

Where Council receives funding under an enforceable contract to acquire or construct a specified item of property, plant and equipment which will be under Council's control on completion, revenue is recognised as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred.

Donations and Contributions

Where assets are donated or purchased for significantly below fair value, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Council.

Donations and contributions are generally recognised on receipt of the asset since there are no enforceable performance obligations.

Physical assets contributed to Council by developers in the form of road works, storm water, water and wastewater infrastructure and park equipment are recognised as revenue when Council obtains control of the asset and there is sufficient data in the form of drawings and plans to determine the approximate specifications and values of such assets. Non-cash contributions with a value in excess of the recognition thresholds (Infrastructure and Building $5,000 and IT $1,500) are recognised as non-current assets. Those below the thresholds are recorded as expenses.

	Consolidated		Council	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$
(i) Operating				
General Purpose Grants	9,591,755	10,521,763	9,591,755	10,521,763
State Government Subsidies and Grants	15,974,019	24,775,411	15,974,019	24,775,411
Commonwealth Government Subsidies and Grants	211,258	364,573	211,258	364,573
Contributions and Donations	391,570	146,803	390,145	146,803
	26,168,603	35,808,550	26,167,178	35,808,550
(ii) Capital				
Capital Revenue includes grants and subsidies received which are tied to specific projects for the replacement or upgrade of existing non-current assets and/or investment in new assets. It also includes non-cash contributions which are usually infrastructure assets received from developers.				
State Government Subsidies and Grants	20,624,649	6,988,920	20,624,649	6,988,920
Commonwealth Government Subsidies and Grants	2,801,149	3,185,817	2,801,149	3,185,817
Contributions and Donations	2,186,975	1,807,389	2,186,975	1,807,389
	25,612,773	11,982,126	25,612,773	11,982,126

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		Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated
		2026	2026	2025	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
(iii) Timing of Revenue Recognition for Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations					
		Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time	Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time
Grants and Subsidies	3d	10,202,386	39,000,445	11,168,575	34,667,908
Contributions and Donations	3d	2,578,545	-	1,861,762	92,431
		12,780,931	39,000,445	13,030,337	34,760,339

		Council	Council	Council	Council
		2026	2026	2025	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
		Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time	Revenue recognised at a point in time	Revenue recognised over time
Grants and Subsidies	3d	10,202,386	39,000,445	11,168,575	34,667,908
Contributions and Donations	3d	2,577,120	-	1,861,762	92,431
		12,779,506	39,000,445	13,030,337	34,760,339

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		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
4. Employee Benefits					
Total Staff Wages and Salaries		26,708,408	24,148,494	26,708,408	24,148,494
Councillors' Remuneration		792,061	730,067	792,061	730,067
Termination Benefits		-	-	-	-
Annual, Sick and Long Service Leave Entitlements		4,635,709	4,438,169	4,635,709	4,438,169
Superannuation	20	3,477,887	3,235,669	3,477,887	3,235,669
		35,614,066	32,552,399	35,614,066	32,552,399
Other Employee Related Expenses		790,592	848,126	790,592	848,126
		36,404,657	33,400,525	36,404,657	33,400,525
Less: Capitalised Employee Expenses		(3,234,289)	(2,008,630)	(3,234,289)	(2,008,630)
		33,170,369	31,391,895	33,170,369	31,391,895

Councillor remuneration represents salary, superannuation contributions and other allowances paid in relation to the carrying out of their duties.

	2026 Number	2025 Number
Total Council Employees at the Reporting Date:		
Elected Members	7	7
Administration Staff	174	160
Depot and Outdoors Staff	173	163
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees	354	330

5. Materials and Services				
Advertising and Marketing	270,456	185,509	270,456	185,509
Administration Supplies and Consumables	206,518	208,293	206,518	208,293
Audit of Annual Financial Statements by the Auditor-General of Queensland	203,402	179,583	196,702	173,083
Communications and IT	2,593,419	2,483,091	2,593,419	2,483,091
Consultants	1,003,898	1,750,573	1,003,898	1,750,573
Contractors	27,263,918	37,455,225	27,263,918	37,455,225
Donations and Community Grants	692,662	737,602	692,662	722,980
Insurance and Legal Services	1,931,788	1,796,689	1,931,788	1,796,689
Rates Expense	1,078,383	1,132,333	1,078,383	1,132,333
Repairs and Maintenance	6,071,550	9,288,585	6,071,890	9,288,301
Subscriptions and Registrations	300,980	409,871	300,980	409,871
Travel	32,006	32,500	32,006	32,500
Power	2,580,192	2,505,996	2,580,192	2,505,996
Waste Levy Payable - Commercial	752,938	587,502	752,938	587,502
Water Consumption	1,470,205	1,566,384	1,470,205	1,566,384
Other Materials and Services	1,057,508	1,059,393	1,057,508	1,059,320
	47,509,823	61,379,129	47,503,463	61,357,650

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		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$
6. Finance Costs					
Finance Costs Charged by the Queensland Treasury Corporation		859,929	1,015,069	859,929	1,015,069
Bank Charges		77,399	74,539	77,399	74,539
Impairment of Receivables		11,672	(40,279)	11,672	(40,279)
Interest on Leases		22,147	20,605	22,147	20,605
Quarry Rehabilitation - Discounting	15	(3,557)	80,081	(3,557)	80,081
Refuse Restoration - Discounting	15	(181,709)	855,575	(181,709)	855,575
		785,881	2,005,590	785,881	2,005,590

7. Capital Expenditure				
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Plant and Equipment				
Proceeds on Disposal	(672,850)	(732,607)	(672,850)	(732,607)
Less: Book Value of Assets Disposal	358,097	309,262	358,097	309,262
	(314,753)	(423,345)	(314,753)	(423,345)
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal of Land				
Proceeds on Disposal	(2,629,000)	(712,209)	(2,629,000)	(712,209)
Less: Book Value of Assets Disposal	1,231,340	33,287	1,231,340	33,287
	(1,397,660)	(678,922)	(1,397,660)	(678,922)
(Gain)/Loss on Write-Off of Infrastructure and Building Assets				
Proceeds on Disposal	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	-
Loss on Write-Off of Infrastructure and Building Assets	3,485,589	3,790,339	3,485,589	3,790,339
	3,480,589	3,790,339	3,480,589	3,790,339
Total Capital Expenditure	1,768,177	2,688,072	1,768,177	2,688,072

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		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$

8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at Bank and On Hand		62,694,098	10,230,954	62,477,433	10,016,406
Deposits at Call		55,626,314	55,434,076	55,626,314	55,434,076
Balance per Statement of Financial Position		118,320,411	65,665,030	118,103,747	65,450,482
Less Bank Overdraft		-	-	-	-
Balance per Statement of Cash Flows		118,320,411	65,665,030	118,103,747	65,450,482

Council is exposed to credit risk through its investments in the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) Cash Fund and QTC Working Capital Facility. The QTC Cash Fund is an asset management portfolio investing in a wide range of high credit rated counterparties. Deposits with the QTC Cash Fund are capital guaranteed. Working Capital Facility deposits have a duration of one (1) day and all investments are required to have a minimum credit rating of "A-", the likelihood of the counterparty not having capacity to meet its financial commitments is low.

Cash and Cash Equivalents		118,320,411	65,665,030	118,103,747	65,450,482
Less: Externally Imposed Restriction on Cash	(i)	(2,459,193)	(2,338,260)	(2,459,193)	(2,338,260)
Unrestricted Cash		115,861,219	63,326,770	115,644,555	63,112,222

Council's cash and cash equivalents are subject to a number of internal and external restrictions that limit amounts available for discretionary or future use. These include:

(i) Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date relate to the following cash assets:

Unspent Developer Contributions	2,227,383	1,964,160	2,227,383	1,964,160
Unspent Loan Monies	231,809	374,100	231,809	374,100
Total Externally Imposed Restrictions on Cash Assets	2,459,193	2,338,260	2,459,193	2,338,260

(ii) Internal allocations of cash at the reporting date:

Internal allocations of cash may be lifted by a Council with a resolution

Future Capital Works	40,414,409	33,165,220	40,414,409	33,165,220
Future Recurrent Expenditure	2,890,375	1,353,554	2,890,375	1,353,554
Total Internally Allocated Cash	43,304,783	34,518,774	43,304,783	34,518,774

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	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$

9. Receivables

Settlement of receivables is required within 30 days from invoice date.

Loan terms are usually a maximum of three (3) years with interest charged at a rate equal to the current debt pool rate set by Queensland Treasury or, where paid in full within 12 months, interest free. Security is obtained for loans greater than $5,000 and the credit risk on these loans is considered low.

Receivables are measured at amortised cost which approximates to fair value at reporting date.

Current				
Rateable Revenue and Utility Charges	2,878,087	3,183,812	2,878,087	3,183,812
Other Debtors	5,477,915	4,044,983	5,597,543	4,157,806
Less: Provision for Impairment of Receivables	(57,954)	(53,386)	(57,954)	(53,386)
GST Recoverable	209,040	601,039	208,770	600,733
Loans and Advances to Community Organisations	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	2,534,118	2,361,214	2,534,118	2,361,214
	11,041,206	10,137,662	11,160,564	10,250,179
Non-Current				
Rateable Revenue and Utility Charges	110,894	194,747	110,894	194,747
Loans and Advances to Community Organisations	-	-	-	-
	110,894	194,747	110,894	194,747

Accounting Policies – Grouping

Debts are being regularly assessed for collectability and allowance is made, where appropriate, for impairment. The impairment loss is recognised in finance costs. Debts that have been declared bad and uncollectible by Council have been written-off at 30 June 2026. If an amount is recovered in a subsequent period, it is recognised as revenue in that period.

Rates and Charges: Council is empowered under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* to sell an owner's property to recover outstanding rate debts, and therefore the expected credit loss is immaterial. Interest is charged on outstanding rates at a rate of 9.00% per annum. No interest is charged on other debtors.

Statutory Charges: In some limited circumstances Council may write off impaired statutory charges, on this basis Council calculates an ECL for Statutory Charges (non-rates & utility charges). Although not material, disclosure is being made for the purposes of public interest and transparency.

Grants: payable by State and Commonwealth governments and their agencies. A credit enhancement exists as these payments are effectively government guaranteed and both the State and Commonwealth governments have high credit ratings, accordingly Council determines the level of credit risk exposure to be immaterial and therefore does not record an Expected Credit Loss for these counterparties.

Lease Receivables: Council has determined Expected Credit Losses for this receivables grouping to be immaterial, accordingly an expected credit loss of lease receivables is not calculated.

Other Debtors: Council identifies other debtors as receivables which are not rates and charges, statutory charges, lease receivables, or grants.

Accounting for impairment losses is dependent upon the individual group of receivables subject to impairment. The loss allowance for grouped receivables reflects lifetime expected credit losses and incorporates reasonable and supportable forward-looking information. Economic changes impacting debtors, and relevant industry data form part of the impairment assessment.

Movement in Accumulated Impairment Losses is as follows:				
Opening Balance at 1 July	53,386	94,881	53,386	94,881
Less: Debts Written-Off During the Year	(7,104)	(1,216)	(7,104)	(1,216)
Additional Impairments Recognised	11,672	-	11,672	-
Less: Impairments Reversed	-	(40,279)	-	(40,279)
Closing Balance at 30 June	57,954	53,386	57,954	53,386

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10. Property, Plant and Equipment

Consolidated - 30 June 2026	Note	Land	Buildings	Waste Management	Parks	Plant and Equip	Office	Fleet	Road, Drainage and Bridge Network	Water	Wastewater	Work in Progress	Total
Basis of Measurement		Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Cost	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
Asset Values		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Opening Gross Value as at 1 July 2025		46,559,519	181,668,499	4,751,772	20,809,715	1,170,738	4,447,487	28,208,393	923,598,656	274,373,526	154,523,004	23,853,066	1,663,964,375
Additions:													
- Work in Progress		76,153	1,944,436	851,462	2,284,175	47,906	211,395	7,868,426	15,448,982	1,766,217	268,679	(30,767,831)	-
- Renewals		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,468,483	33,468,483
- Other Additions		-	3,698,854	-	-	-	-	-	469,092	-	29,280	8,994,997	13,192,223
Disposals		(1,231,340)	(284,476)	-	(138,983)	-	(1,403)	(3,241,349)	(3,951,870)	(1,774,600)	(153,341)	-	(10,777,363)
Revaluation Adjustment to Other Comprehensive Income (Asset Revaluation Surplus)	17	6,487,844	15,591,335	330,904	1,554,952	-	-	-	51,250,573	12,971,989	6,794,564	-	94,982,160
Transfers Between Classes		39,052	5,755	(39,052)	199,523	-	-	-	(205,278)	-	-	-	-
Closing Gross Value as at 30 June 2026		51,931,228	202,624,403	5,895,086	24,709,382	1,218,644	4,657,478	32,835,470	986,610,155	287,337,132	161,462,186	35,548,716	1,794,829,879
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment													
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2025		-	88,958,768	1,556,926	7,034,174	341,079	3,035,863	15,036,045	191,930,575	101,971,638	74,481,582	-	484,346,649
Depreciation Expense		-	4,410,423	137,790	790,111	115,505	488,642	2,505,652	14,231,618	3,262,401	2,224,033	-	28,166,175
Depreciation on Disposals		-	(92,996)	-	(23,372)	-	(777)	(2,883,252)	(1,744,269)	(946,380)	(11,288)	-	(5,702,335)
Revaluation Adjustment to Asset Revaluation Surplus	17	-	7,952,573	127,711	562,444	-	-	-	11,201,246	4,970,241	3,323,468	-	28,137,683
Accumulated Depreciation on Donated Assets		-	2,079,102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,079,102
Transfers Between Classes		-	-	-	128,864	-	-	-	(128,864)	-	-	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation as at 30 June 2026		-	103,307,870	1,822,427	8,492,221	456,584	3,523,728	14,658,445	215,490,306	109,257,900	80,017,795	-	537,027,274
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2026		51,931,228	99,316,534	4,072,659	16,217,162	762,060	1,133,750	18,177,025	771,119,848	178,079,232	81,444,390	35,548,716	1,257,802,605

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Council - 30 June 2026	Note	Land	Buildings	Waste Management	Parks	Plant and Equip	Office	Fleet	Road, Drainage and Bridge Network	Water	Wastewater	Work in Progress	Total
Basis of Measurement		Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	Cost	Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost	
Asset Values		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Opening Gross Value as at 1 July 2025		46,559,519	181,668,499	4,751,772	20,809,715	1,170,738	4,447,487	28,208,393	923,598,656	274,373,526	154,523,004	23,853,066	1,663,964,375
Additions:													
- Work in Progress		76,153	1,944,436	851,462	2,284,175	47,906	211,395	7,868,426	15,448,982	1,766,217	268,679	(30,767,831)	-
- Renewals		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,468,483	33,468,483
- Other Additions		-	3,698,854	-	-	-	-	-	469,092	-	29,280	8,994,997	13,192,223
Disposals		(1,231,340)	(284,476)	-	(138,983)	-	(1,403)	(3,241,349)	(3,951,870)	(1,774,600)	(153,341)	-	(10,777,363)
Revaluation Adjustment to Other Comprehensive Income (Asset Revaluation Surplus)	17	6,487,844	15,591,335	330,904	1,554,952	-	-	-	51,250,573	12,971,989	6,794,564	-	94,982,160
Transfers Between Classes		39,052	5,755	(39,052)	199,523	-	-	-	(205,278)	-	-	-	-
Closing Gross Value as at 30 June 2026		51,931,228	202,624,403	5,895,086	24,709,382	1,218,644	4,657,478	32,835,470	986,610,155	287,337,132	161,462,186	35,548,716	1,794,829,879
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment													
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2025		-	88,958,768	1,556,926	7,034,174	341,079	3,035,863	15,036,045	191,930,575	101,971,638	74,481,582	-	484,346,649
Depreciation Expense		-	4,410,423	137,790	790,111	115,505	488,642	2,505,652	14,231,618	3,262,401	2,224,033	-	28,166,175
Depreciation on Disposals		-	(92,996)	-	(23,372)	-	(777)	(2,883,252)	(1,744,269)	(946,380)	(11,288)	-	(5,702,335)
Revaluation Adjustment to Asset Revaluation Surplus	17	-	7,952,573	127,711	562,444	-	-	-	11,201,246	4,970,241	3,323,468	-	28,137,683
Accumulated Depreciation on Donated Assets		-	2,079,102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,079,102
Transfers Between Classes		-	-	-	128,864	-	-	-	(128,864)	-	-	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation as at 30 June 2026		-	103,307,870	1,822,427	8,492,221	456,584	3,523,728	14,658,445	215,490,306	109,257,900	80,017,795	-	537,027,274
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2026		51,931,228	99,316,534	4,072,659	16,217,162	762,060	1,133,750	18,177,025	771,119,848	178,079,232	81,444,390	35,548,716	1,257,802,605
Range of Estimated Useful Life in Years		Not Depreciated	10 - 150	10 - 80	40 - 150	4 - 20	4 - 20	4 - 20	5 - 192	20 - 120	15 - 260	Not Depreciated	

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Consolidated - 30 June 2025	**Note**	Land	Buildings	Waste Management	Parks	Plant and Equip	Office	Fleet	Road, Drainage and Bridge Network	Water	Wastewater	Work in Progress	Total
Basis of Measurement		**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	**Cost**	**Cost**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	
Asset Values		**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**
Opening Gross Value as at 1 July 2024		39,463,499	177,666,066	3,374,789	18,917,866	1,060,070	4,334,487	26,120,857	871,553,271	252,805,538	148,003,845	31,599,501	1,574,899,789
Additions:													
- Work in Progress		-	2,099,119	1,316,213	1,882,773	110,668	304,865	4,284,126	23,545,870	2,716,545	1,164,369	(37,424,548)	-
- Renewals		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,036,590	19,036,590
- Other Additions		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,641,524	10,641,524
Disposals		(482,000)	(619,284)	-	(437,766)	-	(191,865)	(2,196,590)	(2,625,963)	(708,733)	(805,732)	-	(8,067,934)
Revaluation Adjustment to Other Comprehensive Income (Asset Revaluation Surplus)	17	7,578,020	2,541,226	60,770	428,214	-	-	-	31,125,478	19,551,923	6,168,775	-	67,454,407
Transfers Between Classes		-	(18,628)	-	18,628	-	-	-	-	8,253	(8,253)	-	-
Closing Gross Value as at 30 June 2025		46,559,519	181,668,499	4,751,772	20,809,715	1,170,738	4,447,487	28,208,393	923,598,656	274,373,526	154,523,004	23,853,066	1,663,964,375
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment													
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2024		-	85,547,245	1,460,992	6,719,222	227,135	2,736,442	14,883,816	177,411,652	101,189,890	68,718,020	-	458,894,414
Depreciation Expense		-	4,013,630	95,869	636,692	113,944	491,286	2,039,558	13,071,913	3,118,364	2,145,698	-	25,726,954
Depreciation on Disposals		-	(307,249)	-	(209,947)	-	(191,865)	(1,887,329)	(674,894)	(266,014)	(397,748)	-	(3,935,046)
Revaluation Adjustment to Asset Revaluation Surplus	17	-	(294,858)	65	(111,793)	-	-	-	2,121,904	(2,070,767)	4,015,776	-	3,660,327
Transfers Between Classes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	(164)	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation as at 30 June 2025		-	88,958,768	1,556,926	7,034,174	341,079	3,035,863	15,036,045	191,930,575	101,971,638	74,481,582	-	484,346,649
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2025		46,559,519	92,709,731	3,194,846	13,775,542	829,659	1,411,624	13,172,348	731,668,080	172,401,888	80,041,421	23,853,066	1,179,617,726
Range of Estimated Useful Life in Years		Not Depreciated	10 - 150	10 - 80	40 - 150	4 - 20	4 - 20	4 - 20	5 - 192	20 - 120	15 - 260	Not Depreciated	

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Council - 30 June 2025	**Note**	Land	Buildings	Waste Management	Parks	Plant and Equip	Office	Fleet	Road, Drainage and Bridge Network	Water	Wastewater	Work in Progress	Total
Basis of Measurement		**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	**Cost**	**Cost**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Fair Value**	**Cost**	
Asset Values		**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**
Opening Gross Value as at 1 July 2024		39,463,499	177,666,066	3,374,789	18,917,866	1,060,070	4,334,487	26,120,857	871,553,271	252,805,538	148,003,845	31,599,501	1,574,899,789
Additions:													
- Work in Progress		-	2,099,119	1,316,213	1,882,773	110,668	304,865	4,284,126	23,545,870	2,716,545	1,164,369	(37,424,548)	-
- Renewals		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,036,590	19,036,590
- Other Additions		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,641,524	10,641,524
Disposals		(482,000)	(619,284)	-	(437,766)	-	(191,865)	(2,196,590)	(2,625,963)	(708,733)	(805,732)	-	(8,067,934)
Revaluation Adjustment to Other Comprehensive Income (Asset Revaluation Surplus)	17	7,578,020	2,541,226	60,770	428,214	-	-	-	31,125,478	19,551,923	6,168,775	-	67,454,407
Transfers Between Classes		-	(18,628)	-	18,628	-	-	-	-	8,253	(8,253)	-	-
Closing Gross Value as at 30 June 2025		46,559,519	181,668,499	4,751,772	20,809,715	1,170,738	4,447,487	28,208,393	923,598,656	274,373,526	154,523,004	23,853,066	1,663,964,375
Accumulated Depreciation and Impairment													
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2024		-	85,547,245	1,460,992	6,719,222	227,135	2,736,442	14,883,816	177,411,652	101,189,890	68,718,020	-	458,894,414
Depreciation Expense		-	4,013,630	95,869	636,692	113,944	491,286	2,039,558	13,071,913	3,118,364	2,145,698	-	25,726,954
Depreciation on Disposals		-	(307,249)	-	(209,947)	-	(191,865)	(1,887,329)	(674,894)	(266,014)	(397,748)	-	(3,935,046)
Revaluation Adjustment to Asset Revaluation Surplus	17	-	(294,858)	65	(111,793)	-	-	-	2,121,904	(2,070,767)	4,015,776	-	3,660,327
Transfers Between Classes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	(164)	-	-
Accumulated Depreciation as at 30 June 2025		-	88,958,768	1,556,926	7,034,174	341,079	3,035,863	15,036,045	191,930,575	101,971,638	74,481,582	-	484,346,649
Carrying Amount as at 30 June 2025		46,559,519	92,709,731	3,194,846	13,775,542	829,659	1,411,624	13,172,348	731,668,080	172,401,888	80,041,421	23,853,066	1,179,617,726
Range of Estimated Useful Life in Years		Not Depreciated	10 - 150	10 - 80	40 - 150	4 - 20	4 - 20	4 - 20	5 - 192	20 - 120	15 - 260	Not Depreciated	

Property, Plant and Equipment

10 (a) Recognition

Infrastructure and Building assets with a total value of less than $5,000, and IT assets with a total value of less than $1,500 are treated as an expense in the year of acquisition. All other items of property, plant and equipment are capitalised.

Land under the roads and reserve land which falls under the *Land Act 1994* or the *Land Title Act 1994* is controlled by the Queensland Government pursuant to the relevant legislation. This land is not recognised in these financial statements.

10 (b) Measurement

Property, plant, and equipment assets are initially recorded at cost. Subsequently, each class of property, plant and equipment is stated at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

10 (c) Depreciation

Land and formation/earthworks in relation to infrastructure are not depreciated. All other assets and components of assets are depreciated over their anticipated useful life using the straight line method. The straight-line basis approximately reflects the pattern of consumption of all Council assets.

Depreciation methods, estimated useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted where necessary to reflect any changes in the pattern of consumption, physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence, or management intentions. The condition assessments are performed as part of the annual valuation process for assets at each reporting date.

10 (d) Impairment of Non-Current Assets

Each non-current physical and intangible asset held at cost is assessed for indicators of impairment annually. Any amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment loss.

10 (e) Valuation

(i) Valuations Processes

Non-current physical assets measured at fair value are revalued, where required, so that the carrying amount of each class of asset does not materially differ from its fair value at the reporting date. Revaluations will be carried out every three (3) to five (5) years.

In the intervening years, Council uses internal and external engineers and asset owners to assess for material differences in the assumptions for useful life, remaining lives and costs with all infrastructure assets, the results of which are considered in combination with suitable indexes from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Together these are used to form the basis of a management valuation for the relevant asset classes.

Any revaluation increment arising on the revaluation of an asset is credited to the appropriate class of the asset revaluation surplus, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrement for the class previously recognised as an expense. A decrease in the carrying amount on revaluation is charged as an expense to the extent it exceeds the balance, if any, in the revaluation surplus of that asset class.

On revaluation, accumulated depreciation is restated proportionately with the change in the carrying amount of the asset and any change in the estimate of remaining useful life.

Fair value measurements are categorised on the following basis:

Level 1: Fair value based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2: Fair value based on inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability
Level 3: Fair value based on unobservable inputs for the asset and liability

(ii) Valuation techniques used to derive fair values

Asset class and fair value hierarchy	Valuation approach	Last comprehensive valuation date	Valuer engaged	Key assumptions and estimates (related data source)	Index applied (change in index recognised this year)	Other interim revaluation adjustments
Land (Level 2)	Market Value	30/06/2024	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting	Market-based evidence - historical sales Data from properties of similar nature, specification, and locality, or closest comparable sales in terms of property characteristics	Blackbutt 5.4% Kingaroy 16.1% Kumbia 4.5% Maidenwell 4.6% Moffatdale 27.3% Murgon 14.0% Nanango 11.3% Proston 4.0% Wondai 14.4%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting
Buildings (Level 2) 2025 $2,611,584 2026 $2,891,988	Market Value	30/06/2024	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting	Sale prices of comparable properties after adjusting for differences in key attributes	Kingaroy 16.1% Murgon 14.0% Nanango 11.3%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting
Buildings (Level 3) 2025 $71,110,496 2026 $76,048,932	Current Replacement Cost	30/06/2024	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting	Basis of replacement with a new asset of similar type, size, material type, structure, and service potential, with reference to market data for recent projects and costing guides issued by the Australian Property Institute, Cordell's, and Rawlinson's. Valuers' professional judgement of unobservable inputs such as physical condition and condition assessment, useful life and remaining useful life. Unit rate review utilising a range of Council actual data and Valuers' judgement	8.9%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting
Parks (Level 3)	Current Replacement Cost	30/06/2024	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting		7.2%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting
Waste Management (Level 3)	Current Replacement Cost	30/06/2024	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting		5.2%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting
Roads, Drainage and Bridge Network (Level 3)	Current Replacement Cost	30/06/2023	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting	Unit rate review utilising a range of Council actual data sources and relevant benchmarking Labour rates based on Council's EBA Full review Useful lives - Remaining life of assets with consideration for assessed age and/or existing condition RACAS Condition assessment between May-August 2022	5.5%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting
Water & Wastewater Infrastructure (Level 3)	Current Replacement Cost	30/06/2025	Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting	Active assets grouped up and valued by components of facility Gross replacement cost based on appropriate materials and labour rates based on Council's EBA Full review Useful lives - Remaining life and physical obsolescence	4.0%	Indexation 30/06/2026 Asset Valuation & Risk Consulting

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	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$

11. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets with a cost or other value exceeding $5,000 are recognised as intangible assets in the financial statements.

The water allocation assets are considered to have an indefinite useful life. The assets were tested for impairment at 30 June 2026, by comparing the carrying value of the water distribution network cash-generating unit (incorporating the tangible water infrastructure and the intangible allocation assets) against the net present value of forecast future cash flows (value in use) to be generated over the maximum replacement lifecycle of network assets. While Council does not operate the water distribution network to generate a profit, Council does set rates for water access and distribution with the view to recovering the costs of maintaining the distribution network.

Cash flow projections were based on the most recent adopted 5-year budget. An expected cash flow approach was applied after assessing five (5) years of historical actual data versus budget data to establish the probability of estimated cash flows changing from predictions. Terminal value was calculated using the perpetuity method with key assumptions of 1.60% for growth and a discount rate of 5.21%. The impairment assessment performed resulted in the calculated value in use being greater than the carrying amount indicating that the water allocation assets were not impaired as at 30 June 2026.

Water Allocation				
Closing Gross Carrying Value	6,234,639	6,234,639	6,234,639	6,234,639
Computer Software				
Opening Gross Carrying Value	39,810	39,810	39,810	39,810
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Closing Gross Carrying Value	39,810	39,810	39,810	39,810
Accumulated Amortisation				
Opening Balance	39,810	31,848	39,810	31,848
Amortisation Provided in Period	-	7,962	-	7,962
Amortisation on Disposals	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance	39,810	39,810	39,810	39,810
Net Carrying Value at End of Financial Year	-	-	-	-
Total Intangible Assets	6,234,639	6,234,639	6,234,639	6,234,639

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12. Contract Balances

Contract assets represents the excess of costs incurred in relation to a contract with the customer or construction of an asset over the amounts that Council has invoiced the customer or the grantor. Where Council has invoiced the customer or the grantor amounts in excess of what it has incurred in relation to a contract or in constructing an asset, this gives rise to a contract liability.

	Consolidated		Council	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$
(a) Contract Assets				
	8,639,820	**16,668,394**	**8,639,820**	**16,668,394**
(b) Contract Liabilities				
Funds Received Upfront to Construct Council Controlled Assets	54,218,599	6,373,164	54,218,599	6,373,164
Non-Capital Performance Obligations Not Yet Satisfied	1,506,392	2,424,908	1,506,392	2,424,908
	55,724,991	**8,798,072**	**55,724,991**	**8,798,072**
Current Contract Liabilities	24,997,500	8,798,072	24,997,500	8,798,072
Non-Current Contract Liabilities	30,727,491	-	30,727,491	-
	55,724,991	**8,798,072**	**55,724,991**	**8,798,072**
Revenue Recognised that was Included in the Contract Liability Balance at the Beginning of the Year				
Funds to Construct Council Controlled Assets	3,484,386	1,400,970	3,484,386	1,400,970
Non-Capital Performance Obligations (including deposits received in advance)	2,424,908	144,020	2,424,908	144,020
	5,909,294	**1,544,990**	**5,909,294**	**1,544,990**

Satisfaction of contract liabilities

The contract liabilities in relation to capital grants relate to funding received prior to the work being performed since revenue is recognised as Council constructs the assets. Council expects to recognise the contract liability as income in the next 12 months.

(c) Significant Changes in Contract Balances

There have been some changes to contract assets and contract liabilities compared to 2025.

- There has been an overall reduction in the contract asset balance compared to the 2025 year. Out of the $8.6m sitting in contract assets at the end of year, $8.3m relates to expenditure incurred due to flood events over the past 5 years and will be reimbursed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority once submissions have been approved.
- There has been a large increase in the contract liability balance for June 2026. Approximately $49.9m out of the balance relates to an 80% prepayment for two significant projects awarded under the Residential Activation Fund which was paid to Council at the end of June 2026. Funds of around $911k were also received under the Country Roads Connect funding which will be spent in the 2026/27 year.

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13. Payables

Creditors are recognised upon receipt of invoice, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30-day terms.

The liability for salaries and wages is measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' services up to that date.

	Consolidated		Council	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$
Current				
Creditors	2,204,017	6,010,905	2,204,017	6,010,905
Accrued Wages and Salaries	214,308	902,156	214,308	902,156
Prepaid Rates	3,337,494	2,988,957	3,337,494	2,988,957
Accrued Expenses	5,353,561	9,632,415	5,352,761	9,631,815
Other Entitlements	242,149	235,251	242,149	235,251
	11,351,528	19,769,684	11,350,728	19,769,084

	Consolidated		Council	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$

14. Borrowings

Interest is expensed as accrued, no interest has been capitalised during the current or comparative reporting period. Expected final repayment dates vary from 15 September 2026 to 15 September 2037.

Council adopts an annual debt policy that sets out Council's borrowings for the next nine (9) years. Council's borrowings with QTC are fixed rate loans, as such Council is not subject to any material level of interest rate risk on borrowings with QTC. South Burnett Regional Council manages its exposure to liquidity risk by maintaining sufficient cash deposits, both short and long term, to cater for unexpected volatility in cash flows.

Current				
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	3,415,838	3,262,364	3,415,838	3,262,364
Non-Current				
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation	13,699,535	17,115,373	13,699,535	17,115,373
Loans - Queensland Treasury Corporation				
Opening Balance at Beginning of Financial Year	20,377,737	23,840,626	20,377,737	23,840,626
Loans Raised	-	-	-	-
Principal Repayments	(3,262,364)	(3,462,889)	(3,262,364)	(3,462,889)
Book Value at End of Financial Year	17,115,373	20,377,737	17,115,373	20,377,737

The QTC loan fair value at the reporting date was $16,930,154.04. This represents the value of the debt if Council repaid it at that date. As it is the intention of Council to hold the debt for its term, no provision is required to be made in these accounts.

No assets have been pledged as security by the Council for any liabilities, however all loans are guaranteed by the Queensland Government. There have been no defaults or breaches of the loan agreement during the period.

The following table represents the remaining contractual cashflows (principal and interest) of financial liabilities (excluding lease liabilities) at the end of the reporting period.

Maturity Analysis - Consolidated and Council	< 1 year	1 - 5 years	5 years +	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Amount
Loans - QTC	4,060,901	13,954,530	984,609	19,000,040	17,115,373

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15. Provisions

Long Service Leave

The provision for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. The liability is calculated using current pay rates and projected future increases in those rates and includes related employee on-costs. The estimates are adjusted for the probability of the employees remaining in Council's employment or other associated employment which would result in Council being required to meet the liability. Adjustments are then made to allow for the proportion of the benefit earned to date, and the result is discounted to present value. The interest rates attaching to the QTC debt pool rates at the reporting date are used to discount the estimated future cash outflows to their present value.

Where employees have met the prerequisite length of service and Council does not have an unconditional right to defer this liability beyond 12-month, long service leave is classified as a current liability. Otherwise it is classified as non-current.

Refuse Dump Restoration and Quarry Rehabilitation

A provision is made for the cost of restoring refuse dumps and quarries where it is probable the council will have an obligation to rehabilitate the site when the use of the facilities is complete. This provision is measured at the expected cost of the work required, discounted to current day values using the interest rates attaching to the QTC debt pool rates with a date corresponding to the anticipated date of the restoration.

The calculation of the provisions uses assumptions including application of environmental legislation, site closure dates, available technologies and engineering cost estimates. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from amounts currently provided. The provisions are reviewed at least annually and are updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time.

Refuse restoration provision represents the present value of anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the dump sites, decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites.

Quarry rehabilitation provision represents the present value of the anticipated future costs associated with the closure of the quarries, refilling the basin, and reclamation and rehabilitation of these sites.

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	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$
Current				
Refuse Dump Restoration	93,867	94,985	93,867	94,985
Quarry Rehabilitation	-	-	-	-
Annual Leave	2,713,822	2,420,295	2,713,822	2,420,295
Long Service Leave	3,700,080	3,809,751	3,700,080	3,809,751
	6,507,769	6,325,031	6,507,769	6,325,031
Non-Current				
Quarry Rehabilitation	1,101,377	1,120,072	1,101,377	1,120,072
Refuse Dump Restoration	11,001,627	11,482,654	11,001,627	11,482,654
Long Service Leave	748,146	643,075	748,146	643,075
	12,851,150	13,245,801	12,851,150	13,245,801
Movements in non-employee benefit provisions				
Quarry Rehabilitation				
Balance at Beginning of Financial Year	1,120,072	1,051,130	1,120,072	1,051,130
Increase Due to Unwinding of Discount	91,591	43,243	91,591	43,243
Additional Provisions		-	-	-
Amounts Used	(15,138)	(11,139)	(15,138)	(11,139)
Increase/(Decrease) Due to Change in Discount Rate	(95,148)	36,838	(95,148)	36,838
Balance at End of Financial Year	1,101,377	1,120,072	1,101,377	1,120,072
Refuse Dump Restoration				
Balance at Beginning of Financial Year	11,577,640	10,735,154	11,577,640	10,735,154
Increase Due to Unwinding of Discount	548,588	423,652	548,588	423,652
Additional Provisions	-	-	-	-
Amounts Used	(300,436)	(13,090)	(300,436)	(13,090)
Increase/(Decrease) Due to Change in Discount Rate	(730,296)	431,923	(730,296)	431,923
Balance at End of Financial Year	11,095,494	11,577,639	11,095,494	11,577,639

		Consolidated		Council	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$

16. Other Liabilities

Revenue is classified as unearned if it relates to an obligation to supply specific goods and services in future periods. Unearned revenue includes cemetery and rent prepayments.

The State Government has prepaid a portion of State Waste Levy to Councils up to the year 2027/2028 to mitigate the impacts on households due to the implementation of the State Waste Levy which took effect from 1 July 2019. The Council has been liable to the State for payment of the Levy on most forms of commercial and household waste delivered to landfill from 1 July 2019.

Payment to the Council essentially refunds the Council for the portion of the Levy that relates to Municipal Solid Waste. Council has funded the portion of the Levy that relates to commercial waste through charges to commercial users of disposal sites from 1 July 2019.

17. Asset Revaluation Surplus

The asset revaluation surplus comprises revaluation movements on property, plant and equipment.

The Closing Balance of the Asset Revaluation Surplus comprises the following Asset Categories:					
Land and Improvements	10	28,372,335	21,884,491	28,372,335	21,884,491
Buildings	10	64,205,667	56,368,021	64,205,667	56,368,021
Parks	10	1,532,515	540,007	1,532,515	540,007
Road, Drainage and Bridge Network	10	539,513,150	499,459,514	539,513,150	499,459,514
Water	10	119,921,473	111,919,727	119,921,473	111,919,727
Wastewater	10	59,430,159	55,959,063	59,430,159	55,959,063
		812,975,299	746,130,823	812,975,299	746,130,823

	Consolidated		Council	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$

18. Commitments for Expenditure

Contractual Commitments

Contractual Commitments at End of Financial Year but not recognised in the Financial Statements are as follows:				
Garbage Collection Contract	27,771,959	32,453,565	27,771,959	32,453,565
Pest Control	-	34,892	-	34,892
Cleaning Contractors	1,737,758	2,681,717	1,737,758	2,681,717
Swimming Pool Management	647,910	433,876	647,910	433,876
	30,157,627	35,604,050	30,157,627	35,604,050

19. Contingent Liabilities

Details and estimates of maximum amounts of contingent liabilities are as follows:

Local Government Mutual

The South Burnett Regional Council is a member of the Local Government Mutual Liability self-insurance pool, LGM Queensland. In the event of the pool being wound up or being unable to meet its debts as they fall due, the trust deed and rules provide that any accumulated deficit will be met by the individual pool members in the same proportion as their contribution is to the total pool contributions in respect to any year that a deficit arises.

As at 30 June 2026 the financial statements reported an accumulated surplus and it is not anticipated any liability will arise.

Local Government WorkCare

The South Burnett Regional Council is a member of the Queensland Local Government Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Scheme, Local Government WorkCare. Under this scheme the Council has provided an indemnity towards a bank guarantee to cover bad debts which may remain should the self-insurance licence be cancelled and there were insufficient funds to cover outstanding liabilities. Only the government's worker's compensation authority may call on any part of the guarantee should the above circumstances arise. The Council's maximum exposure to the bank guarantee is $734,509.36 for 30 June 2026.

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		2026	2025	2026	2025
	Note	$	$	$	$

20. Superannuation

Council contributes to the Brighter Super Regional Defined Benefits Fund (the scheme), at the rate of 12% for each permanent employee who is a defined benefit member. This rate is set in accordance with the Brighter Super trust deed and may be varied on the advice of an actuary. The Regional Defined Benefits Fund is a complying superannuation scheme for the purpose of the Commonwealth Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation and is also governed by the *Local Government Act 2009*. The scheme is managed by the Brighter Super trustee.

The scheme is a pooled defined benefit plan and it is not in accordance with the deed to allocate obligations, plan assets and costs at the Council level.

Any amount by which the scheme is over or under funded may affect future contribution rate obligations, but has not been recognised as an asset or liability of the Council.

Technically South Burnett Regional Council may be liable to the scheme for a portion of another local governments' obligation should that local government be unable to meet them. However, the risk of this occurring is extremely low and in accordance with the LGIAsuper trust deed changes to Council's obligations will only be made on the advice of an actuary.

The last completed actuarial assessment of the scheme as required under Superannuation Prudential Standard 160 was undertaken as at 1 July 2024. The actuary indicated that "At the valuation date of 1 July 2024, the net assets of the scheme exceeded the vested benefits and the scheme was in a satisfactory financial position". The measure of vested benefits represents the value of benefit entitlements should all participating employees voluntarily exit the scheme. The Council is not aware of anything that has happened since that time that indicates the assets of the scheme are not sufficient to meet the vested benefits, as at the reporting date.

No changes have been made to prescribed employer contributions which remain at 12% of employee salary or wages and there are no known requirements to change the rate of contributions.

The next triennial actuarial review is not due until 1 July 2027.

The most significant risks that may result in Brighter Super increasing the contribution rate, on the advice of the actuary, are:

Investment Risk	The risk that the scheme's investment returns will be lower than assumed and additional contributions are needed to fund the shortfall.
Salary Growth Risk	The risk that wages or salaries will rise more rapidly than assumed, increasing vested benefits to be funded.

Superannuation Contributions Made to the Regional Defined Benefits Fund		67,515	81,764	67,515	81,764
Other Superannuation Contributions for Employees		3,410,372	3,153,905	3,410,372	3,153,905
The Amount of Superannuation Contributions paid by Council to the Scheme in this period for the Benefit of Employees was:	4	3,477,887	3,235,669	3,477,887	3,235,669

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	2026	2025	2026	2025
	$	$	$	$

21. Trust Funds

Trust Funds Held for Outside Parties				
Security Deposits	3,479,586	3,991,158	3,479,586	3,991,158

Trust Funds are monies collected or held on behalf of other individuals and/or entities yet to be paid out to or on behalf of those individuals and/or entities. The South Burnett Regional Council performs only a custodial role in respect of these monies. As these funds cannot be used by Council, they are not brought to account in these financial statements.

22. Reconciliation of Result from Ordinary Activities to Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities

Net Result	21,641,034	6,468,191	21,645,958	6,489,659
Non-Cash Items:				
Depreciation and Amortisation	28,198,555	25,763,794	28,198,555	25,763,794
Unwinding Discount on Provisions	(185,266)	935,657	(185,266)	935,657
Impairment of Receivables	4,567	(41,495)	4,567	(41,495)
	28,017,856	26,657,956	28,017,856	26,657,956
Investing and Development Activities (Non-Cash):				
Net (Profit)/Loss on Disposal of Non-Current Assets	1,768,177	2,688,072	1,768,177	2,688,072
Capital Grants and Contributions	(23,481,063)	(10,381,846)	(23,481,063)	(10,381,846)
	(23,844,597)	(9,294,054)	(23,844,597)	(9,294,054)
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:				
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(672,067)	(680,206)	(672,102)	(680,171)
(Increase)/Decrease in Contract Assets	8,028,574	(10,474,503)	8,028,574	(10,474,503)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	37,739	(104,836)	37,739	(104,836)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	(8,918,884)	4,199,833	(8,925,889)	4,177,700
Increase/(Decrease) in Contract Liabilities	46,926,919	6,928,952	46,926,919	6,928,952
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Provisions	(26,648)	133,582	(26,648)	133,582
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	414,479	(989,167)	414,479	(989,167)
	45,790,112	(986,345)	45,783,072	(1,008,443)
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	71,604,405	22,845,748	71,602,290	22,845,118

23. Reconciliation of Liabilities Arising from Finance Activities

Consolidated & Council	Note	as at 30 June 2025	Cash Flows	Non-Cash Changes (New Leases & Adjustments)	as at 30 June 2026
Borrowings	14	20,377,737	(3,262,364)	-	17,115,373
Lease Liabilities		756,196	(24,680)	79,758	811,274
		21,133,933	(3,287,044)	79,758	17,926,647

Consolidated & Council	Note	as at 30 June 2024	Cash Flows	Non-Cash Changes (New Leases & Adjustments)	as at 30 June 2025
Borrowings	14	23,840,626	(3,462,889)	-	20,377,737
Lease Liabilities		751,855	(21,522)	25,863	756,196
		24,592,480	(3,484,411)	25,863	21,133,933

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24. Events After the Reporting Period

There has not been any event that occurred after the end of the reporting period that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the current or future financial results of the Council.

25. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management

(a) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

South Burnett Regional Council has exposure to market risk arising from financial instruments.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market indices, such as interest rates, will affect the Council's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

Interest Rate Risk

Council is exposed to interest rate risk through investments and borrowings with QTC.

The Council has access to a mix of variable and fixed rate funding options through QTC so that interest rate risk exposure can be minimised.

Sensitivity

Sensitivity to interest rate movements is shown for variable financial assets and liabilities based on the carrying amount at reporting date.

The following interest rate sensitivity analysis depicts what effect a reasonably possible change in interest rates (assumed to be 1%) would have on the profit and equity, based on the carrying values at the end of the reporting period. The calculation assumes that the change in interest rates would be held constant over the period.

Market Rate Risk

		Effect on Net Result		Effect on Equity	
	Net Carrying Amount $	1% Increase $	1% Decrease $	1% Increase $	1% Decrease $
2026					
QTC Cash Fund	55,395,744	553,957	(553,957)	553,957	(553,957)
Loans - QTC	17,115,373	-	-	-	-
Loans - Other	-	-	-	-	-
Net Total	72,511,117	553,957	(553,957)	553,957	(553,957)

	Net Carrying Amount $	1% Increase $	1% Decrease $	1% Increase $	1% Decrease $
2025					
QTC Cash Fund	55,226,728	552,267	(552,267)	552,267	(552,267)
Loans - QTC	20,377,737	-	-	-	-
Loans - Other	-	-	-	-	-
Net Total	75,604,465	552,267	(552,267)	552,267	(552,267)

In relation to the QTC loans held by the Council, the following has been applied:

QTC Fixed Rate Loan – financial instruments with fixed interest rates which are carried at amortised cost are not subject to interest rate sensitivity.

(b) Fair Value

The fair value of trade and other receivables and payables is assumed to approximate the value of the original transaction, less any allowance for impairment.

26. Transactions with Related Parties

(a) Subsidiaries

The following transactions occurred with subsidiaries:
The funding support that Council was required to provide to the South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation has remained minimal. The amount payable by the Foundation to Council at 30 June 2026 was $119,628 (2025 $112,823).

(b) Transactions with Key Management Personnel (KMP)

KMP include the Mayor, Councillors, Council's Chief Executive Officer, some Executive Management personnel, and Directors of South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation. The Directors of South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation receive no remuneration for their services. The compensation paid to KMP for 2025/2026 comprises:

	2026 $	2025 $
Short-Term Employee Benefits	1,554,376	1,555,077
Post-Employment Benefits	169,889	191,548
Long-Term Benefits	0	0
Termination Benefits	0	325,208
Total	1,724,265	2,071,833

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in the annual report.

(c) Transactions with Other Related Parties

Other related parties include the close family members of KMP, and any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members. Close family members include a spouse, child and dependent of a KMP or their spouse.

Details of transactions between Council and other related parties are disclosed below:

Details of Transaction	Additional Information	2026 $	2025 $
Employee expenses for Close Family Members of Key Management Personnel	28 c(i)	464,742	416,185
Purchase of materials and services from entities controlled by Key Management Personnel	28 c(ii)	857,787	920,319

(i) All close family members of key management personnel were employed through an arm's length process. They are paid in accordance with the Award for the job they perform.

The Council employs 367 staff (excluding Councillors) of which only 5 are close family members of key management personnel.

(ii) The consolidated entity purchased the following materials and services from entities that are controlled by members of the key management personnel. All purchases were at arm's length and were in the normal course of council operations:

	2026 $	2025 $
Property Management Services	803,452	846,494
Contracting of Infrastructure Services	54,335	73,825

(d) Loans and Guarantees to/from Related Parties

Council does not make loans to or receive loans from related parties. No guarantees have been provided.

(e) Transactions with Related Parties That Have Not Been Disclosed

Most of the entities and people that are related parties of Council live and operate within the South Burnett Regional Council area. Therefore, on a regular basis ordinary citizen transactions occur between Council and its related parties. Some examples include:

- Payment of Rates
- Normal Use of Council's Sport and Recreational Facilities
- Dog Registration
- Normal Fees and Charges

Council has not included these types of transaction in its disclosure, where they are made on the same terms and conditions available to the general public.

South Burnett Regional Council
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Management Certificate

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared pursuant to *Sections 176* and *177* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation) and other prescribed requirements.

In accordance with *Section 212(5)* of the Regulation we certify that:

(i) The prescribed requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and

(ii) The general-purpose financial statements, present a true and fair view, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, of the Council's and the Consolidated entity's transactions for the financial year and financial position at the end of the year.

Kathy Duff
Mayor
Kathy Duff

8.10.2026
Date

Chief Executive Officer
Mark Pitt PSM

8.10.2026
Date

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of South Burnett Regional Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of South Burnett Regional Council (the council) and its controlled entities (the group).

The financial report comprises the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information and the certificate given by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s. 40 of the *Auditor-General Act 2009*, for the year ended 30 June 2026:

a) I received all the information and explanations I required.

b) I consider that, the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts were complied with in all material respects.

c) In my opinion, the financial report:

i. gives a true and fair view of the council's and group's financial position as at 30 June 2026, and of their financial performance for the year then ended; and

ii. complies with the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Local Government Regulation 2012, and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of my report.

I am independent of the council and the group in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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Other information

The council is responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026, but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in the council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 was the current year financial sustainability statement, current year financial sustainability statement – contextual ratios unaudited and unaudited long-term financial sustainability statement.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the council for the financial report

The council is responsible for:

- the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the Local Government Regulation 2012, and other prescribed requirements and Australian Accounting Standards, and such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- the establishment and keeping of accounts in accordance with prescribed requirements
- assessing the council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is intended to abolish the council or to otherwise cease operations of the council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. My auditor's report must state whether I have received all the information and explanations required, and whether I consider the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts have been complied with in all material respects.

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Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:
www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar3.pdf

A further description of my responsibilities under the *Auditor-General Act 2009* and *Auditor-General Auditing Standards* is located at the Queensland Audit Office website at:
www.qao.qld.gov.au/audit-program/audit-standards

These descriptions form part of my auditor's report.

12 October 2026

Sri Narasimhan
as delegate of the Auditor-General

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

South Burnett Regional Council
Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement - Audited

South Burnett Regional Council
Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 4)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
			Consolidated		
Audited Ratios					
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	17.24 months	N/A	Council's cash position has increased in 2026 due to receiving an 80% prepayment from grant funding of $49.8m at the end of June. Majority of these cash amounts are externally restricted and therefore available to cover expenses if required.
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than 0%	-2.00%	-2.90%	The current year and 5 year results have not met the ratio target due to operating deficits in the current and prior years. The operational deficit for 2026 had decreased slightly from the previous year however has still been impacted by increases to depreciation rates and costs of materials and services. Council has a long term plan towards generating operating surpluses however are focusing on keeping cash balances strong.
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	24.95%	22.92%	Council is generating a healthy surplus from its core operations when excluding depreciation and interest on loans.
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 80%	107.02%	84.64%	Out of the $26.8m spent on renewals for infrastructure assets in 2026, around $14m of this was spent on roads that were being fixed due to flood recovery works.
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	69.56%	70.21%	Council reviews asset useful lives on an annual basis and ensures assets are renewed when required to meet adopted service levels.
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	0.64 times	1.10 times	Council closely monitors its debt levels, only borrowing for large infrastructure projects when other funding sources are exhausted.

The current year financial sustainability statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024*. The amounts used to calculate the 6 reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

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Certificate of Accuracy – for the Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Certificate of Accuracy

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to *Section 178* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with *Section 212(5)* of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.

Kathy Duff
Mayor
Kathy Duff

08.10.2026
Date

Chief Executive Officer
Mark Pitt PSM

08.10.2026
Date

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors of South Burnett Regional Council

Report on the Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying current year financial sustainability statement of South Burnett Regional Council (the council).

The financial sustainability statement for the year ended 30 June 2026, comprises the statement, explanatory notes, and the certificate of accuracy given by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with s. 212 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, in my opinion, in all material respects, the current year financial sustainability statement is accurately calculated in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement* section of my report.

I am independent of the council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the statement in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting

I draw attention to Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting. The current year financial sustainability statement has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 for the purpose of fulfilling the council's reporting responsibilities under the Local Government Regulation 2012. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The council is responsible for the other information.

The other information comprises the information included in the council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026, but does not include the financial sustainability statement and my auditor's report thereon.

At the date of this auditor's report, the available other information in the council's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026 was the general purpose financial statements,

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current-year financial sustainability statement – contextual ratios unaudited, and the unaudited long-term financial sustainability statement.

My opinion on the current year financial sustainability statement does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. However, as required by the Local Government Regulation 2012, I have formed a separate opinion on the general purpose financial report.

In connection with my audit of the financial sustainability statement, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial sustainability statement and my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the council for the current year financial sustainability statement

The council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the current year financial sustainability statement in accordance with the Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024 and the Local Government Regulation 2012. The council's responsibility also includes such internal control as the council determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the statement that is accurately calculated and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the current year financial sustainability statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the current year financial sustainability statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this statement.

My responsibility does not extend to forming an opinion on the appropriateness or relevance of the reported ratios, nor on the council's future sustainability.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the council's internal control.

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- evaluate the appropriateness of material accounting policy information used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council.

I communicate with the council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

12 October 2026

Sri Narasimhan
as delegate of the Auditor-General

Queensland Audit Office
Brisbane

South Burnett Regional Council
Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement – Contextual Ratios
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Current-Year Financial Sustainability Statement – Contextual Ratios - Unaudited

South Burnett Regional Council
Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement - Contextual Ratios
For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 4)	Actual Current Year	5-Year Average	Council Narrative
			Council		
Contextual Ratios					
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	67.25%	65.01%	Council Controlled Revenue percentage increased due to a lower volume of operational grants being received for flood damage from QRA as well as a reduction sales revenue contracts for state controlled roads.
	Population Growth	N/A	1.33%	1.17%	Small, but positive, growth predicted over the next 10 years providing increased capacity to generate own source revenue
Asset Management	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	87.66%	N/A	Council looks at the renewals required and balances this by cash available to spend on renewals and other priorities of the Council. Where possible in outer years, Council will look for grant funding to assist with funding of renewals

The current year financial sustainability statement - Contextual Ratios is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2024*. The amounts used to calculate the 3 reported measures are prepared on an accrual basis and are drawn from the Council's audited general purpose financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

South Burnett Regional Council

Certificate of Accuracy – for Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement – Contextual Ratios

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Certificate of Accuracy

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

This current-year financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to *Section 178* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with *Section 212(5)* of the Regulation we certify that this current-year financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.

Kathy Duff

Mayor
Kathy Duff

08.10.2026

Date

Chief Executive Officer
Mark Pitt PSM

08.10.2026

Date

South Burnett Regional Council

Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement

Prepared as at 30 June 2026

Council

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 4)	Actuals at 30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029	30 June 2030	30 June 2031	30 June 2032	30 June 2033	30 June 2034	30 June 2035
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	65.01%	65.33%	69.51%	71.52%	77.06%	82.53%	83.31%	83.65%	83.95%	84.24%
	Population Growth	N/A	1.17%	1.40%	1.47%	1.48%	1.48%	1.48%	1.48%	1.46%	1.48%	1.48%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than 0%	-2.84%	-4.64%	-4.46%	-2.93%	-2.76%	-2.15%	-1.42%	-0.58%	24.00%	1.12%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	22.94%	21.59%	23.40%	25.83%	28.21%	30.65%	31.03%	31.33%	31.64%	31.85%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 80%	84.81%	81.05%	85.32%	79.80%	80.91%	83.04%	80.50%	79.61%	78.18%	78.89%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	70.22%	70.49%	69.87%	69.22%	68.45%	67.59%	66.65%	65.69%	64.70%	63.71%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	1.10 times	0.91 times	0.76 times	0.63 times	0.55 times	0.47 times	0.43 times	0.38 times	0.31 times	0.27 times

Consolidated

Type	Measure	Target (Tier 4)	Actuals at 30 June 2026	30 June 2027	30 June 2028	30 June 2029	30 June 2030	30 June 2031	30 June 2032	30 June 2033	30 June 2034	30 June 2035
Financial Capacity	Council-Controlled Revenue	N/A	65.01%	65.33%	69.51%	71.52%	77.06%	82.53%	83.31%	83.65%	83.95%	84.24%
	Population Growth	N/A	1.17%	1.40%	1.47%	1.48%	1.48%	1.48%	1.48%	1.46%	1.48%	1.48%
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	Greater than 0%	-2.90%	-4.64%	-4.46%	-2.93%	-2.76%	-2.15%	-1.42%	-0.58%	24.00%	1.12%
	Operating Cash Ratio	Greater than 0%	22.92%	21.59%	23.40%	25.83%	28.21%	30.65%	31.03%	31.33%	31.64%	31.85%
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	Greater than 4 months	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	Greater than 80%	84.54%	81.05%	85.32%	79.80%	80.91%	83.04%	80.50%	79.61%	78.18%	78.89%
	Asset Renewal Funding Ratio	N/A	N/A for long-term sustainability statement									
	Asset Consumption Ratio	Greater than 60%	70.21%	70.49%	69.87%	69.22%	68.45%	67.59%	66.65%	65.69%	64.70%	63.71%
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	0 to 3 times	1.10 times	0.91 times	0.76 times	0.63 times	0.55 times	0.47 times	0.43 times	0.38 times	0.31 times	0.27 times

Council's long term financial management strategy is to ensure a sustainable cash balance despite ongoing operational deficits, and this is consistent with Council's long term forecast.

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Certificate of Accuracy – For Unaudited Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Certificate of Accuracy

For the Long-Term Financial Sustainability Statement Prepared as at 30 June 2026

This long-term financial sustainability statement has been prepared pursuant to *Section 178* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (the Regulation).

In accordance with *Section 212(5)* of the Regulation we certify that this long-term financial sustainability statement has been accurately calculated.

Kathy Duff

Mayor
Kathy Duff

08.10.2026
Date

Chief Executive Officer
Mark Pitt PSM

08.10.2026
Date

Acronyms

AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board	MCBF	Mayor's Community Benefit Fund
ACW	Australia's Country Way	NAB	National Australia Bank
ACH	Arts Culture and Heritage	NDRRA	Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangements
APV	Adjusted Present Value	NRM	Natural Resource Management
BIEDO	Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation	PCYC	Police Citizens Youth Club
BP	Bjelke-Petersen	PIA	Planning Institute of Australia
BVRT	Brisbane Valley Rail Trail	QAO	Queensland Audit Office
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority	QMS	Quality Management System
CBA	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	QRAIL	Queensland Rail
CEDA	Community Economic Development Australia	QTC	Queensland Treasury Corporation
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	RADF	Regional Arts Development Fund
CR	Councillor	REDAC	Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee
CTC	(South Burnett) Community Training Centre	RLCIP	Regional and Local Community Infrastrucure Program
DSDILGP	Department of State Development Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	RMPC	Routine Maintenance Performance Contract
DTMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads	RPO	Recovery Point Objective
EBA	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	RRG	Regional Road Group
ECM	Electronic Content Management	RSVP	Rapid Surveillance for Vector Presence (Mosquito trap)
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity	RTI	Right to Information
EOC	Emergency Operations Centre	RTO	Recover Time Objective
ERM	Enterprise Risk Management	RTR	Roads to Recovery
EVNT	Endangered, Vulnerable and Near Threatened	SBCOS	South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show
F5F	First 5 Forever Reading Program	SBD	South Burnett Directions
FTE	Full-time Equivalent Staff Member	SBHCP	South Burnett Healthy Communities Plan
GAT	Gravid Aedes (Mosquito) Traps	SBLDMG	South Burnett Local Disaster Management Group
GPS	Global Positioning Satellite	SES	State Emergency Service
GST	Goods and Services Tax	SET	Senior Executive Team
HARRY	Helping Access Relevant Resources For You	SMT	Senior Management Team
HCC	Healthy Communities Committee	SOE	Standard Operating Environment
ICT	Information and Communications Technology	SQCT	Southern Queensland Country Tourism
IDAS	Integrated Development Assessment System	TGWSBT	Toowoomba Golden West South Burnett Tourism
IPA	Independant Public Accountant	TIDS	Traffic Infrastructure Development Scheme
JCC	Joint Consultative Committee	TSBE	Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprise
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	USQ	University of Southern Queensland
LAC	Local Ambulance Committee	VIC	Visitor Information Centre
LLA	Local Level Alliance	WBBROC	Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation Of Councils
LDCC	Local Disaster Coordination Centre	WBBRRG	Wide Bay Burnett Regional Road Transport Group
LDMG	Local Disaster Management Group	WBC	Westpac Banking Corporation
LG	Local Government	WBRP	Wide Bay Regional Plan
LGA	Local Government Act	WHS	Workplace Health and Safety
LGAQ	Local Government Association of Queensland	WHSMS	Workplace Health and Safety Management System
LGGSPIS	Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program Infrastructure Subsidy	WIOA	Water Industry Operators Association
		WMP	Waste Management Plan

SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK

We want to hear your views on the Annual Report so we can continually improve our reporting.

Your Details:

Name: Organisation:

Postal Address:

Email:

Content:	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
How do you rate the usefulness of the information?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How do you rate the degree of detail provided?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How could the information be made more useful?	☐	☐	☐	☐

Structure:	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
How do you rate the grouping of information in each section?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How do you rate the sequencing of the sections?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How could grouping and sequencing be improved?	☐	☐	☐	☐

Style and Design:	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
How do you rate the style of writing?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How do you rate the clarity of tables and graphs?	☐	☐	☐	☐
How could the style and design be improved?	☐	☐	☐	☐

Overall Rating of the Report:	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor
Please provide an overall rating of this report.	☐	☐	☐	☐

Stakeholder:

Please indicate what stakeholder group you belong to (✓ appropriate category):

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Ratepayer
- ☐ Customer
- ☐ Community Organisation
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Government Department
- ☐ Potential Investor
- ☐ Industry Organisation

Any other suggestions for improvement:

☐ **Yes, I'd like to keep up-to-date with Council and join the e-news mailing list**

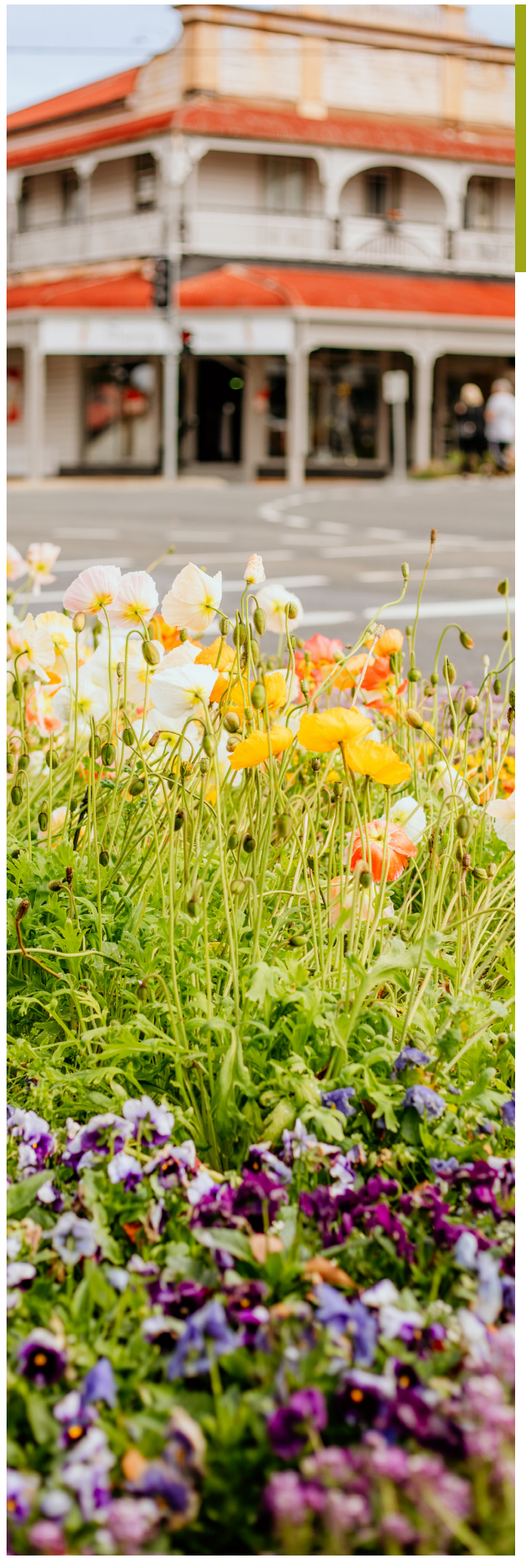
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Customer Service Centres

Blackbutt - 89 Hart Street Blackbutt

Kingaroy - 45 Glendon Street Kingaroy

Murgon - 42 Stephens Street West Murgon

Nanango - 48 Drayton Street Nanango

Proston - 34 Blake Street Proston

Wondai - MacKenzie Street Wondai

Libraries

Blackbutt Library - 89 Hart Street Blackbutt

Kingaroy Library - Civic Centre, Glendon Street Kingaroy

Murgon Library - 42 Stephens Street West Murgon

Nanango Library - 48 Drayton Street Nanango

Proston Library - 34 Blake Street Proston

Wondai Library - MacKenzie Street Wondai

Visitor Information Centres

Blackbutt Visitor Information Centre - located within the Roy Emerson Museum, Bowman

Kingaroy Visitor Information Centre - 128 Haly Street Kingaroy

Murgon Visitor Information Centre - Lamb Street Murgon

Nanango South Burnett Energy Centre - Henry Street Nanango

Wondai Visitor Information Centre - 80 Haly Street Wondai

Stores and Depots

Kingaroy Depot - Ivins Street Kingaroy

Murgon Depot - Macallister Street Murgon

Nanango Stores - Dalby Street Nanango

Proston Depot - 46 Okeden Road Proston

Wondai Stores - 30 Peroone Street Wondai

Recreational Facilities

Boondooma Dam Caravan and Recreation Park - 40 Bushcamp Road Proston

Bjelke-Petersen Dam Caravan and Recreation Park - Barambah Road Murgon

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7 FINANCE & LIVEABILITY

7.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND - CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

File Number: **04.11.2026**

Author: **Customer Service/Administration Officer**

Authoriser: **General Manager Finance & Liveability**

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2026/2027 Christmas Grants Round applications.

SUMMARY

Applications for the 2026/2027 Christmas Grant applications closed on 30/10/2026 at 5pm. Total funding allocation for 2026/2027 Christmas Grants round is $5,500.00.

Nine (9) applications were received, with submissions totalling $13,000.00. Applications have been assessed and recommendations for approval are provided below.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That South Burnett Regional Council approve the applications for the 2026/2027 Christmas Grants Program Round:

Organisation	Event	Amount
Blackbutt Benarkin Lions Club	Annual Family Christmas Festival	$2,000
Kumbia & District Memorial School of Arts	Kumbia Christmas Carnival	$1,000
Proston & District Heritage Assoc	Community Christmas Night	$1,000
Kingaroy & District Ministry Assoc Inc	Christmas Carols	$2,000
Wondai Regional Art Gallery	Wondai Community Christmas Carols	$500
Bunya Mountains Community Association	Bunya Mountains Christmas Carnival 2026	$1,500
Nanango Theatre Company	Nanango Christmas Carnival	$1,000
Wondai AP&I Show Society	Wondai Show Christmas Carnival	$2,000
Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc	Live Christmas Tree Auction	$2,000

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Total Funding for 2026/2027 Christmas Grants round is $5,500.00. However any over allocation for the Christmas Grants could come out of the Community Grant Funding Allocation.

LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

ENHANCING LIVEABILITY AND LIFESTYLE

EC16 Partner with community to develop and promote events that have a positive impact on our region.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)

Applications were assessed by the Community Grants Program's assessment panel on 4th November 2026.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)

N/A

POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Program Policy – ID 2821840

Community Grants Program Agreement – Funding Agreement Form – ID 3112168

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

N/A

REPORT

Applications for the 2026/2027 Christmas Grants Round closed on 30th October 5pm with total funding for 2026/2027 being $5,500.00.

Nine (9) applications have been reviewed by the Community Grants assessment panel. Decisions were made as per the Community Grants Program Policy with a total of nine (9) funding applications having funding approved, for a total grant allocation of $13,000.00.

The below table provides information on the applications; the decision made on the application and the amount of funding that was approved for each application.

Organisation	**Event**	**Amount Requested**
Blackbutt Benarkin Lions Club	Annual Family Christmas Festival	$2,000
Kumbia & District Memorial School of Arts	Kumbia Christmas Carnival	$1,000
Proston & District Heritage Assn	Community Christmas Night	$1,000
Kingaroy & District Ministry Assoc Inc	Christmas Carols	$2,000
Wondai Regional Art Gallery	Wondai Community Christmas Carols	$500
Bunya Mountains Community Association	Bunya Mountains Christmas Carnival 2026	$1,500
Nanango Theatre Company	Nanango Christmas Carnival	$1,000
Wondai AP&I Show Society	Wondai Show Christmas Carnival	$2,000
Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc	Live Christmas Tree Auction	$2,000
	TOTAL	**$13,000**

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

7.2 CHANGED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR AN UNDEFINED USE (TEMPORARY WORKERS ACCOMMODATION FACILITY) AT WARREN TRUSS DRIVE TAABINGA (AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 3 ON SP249643). THE APPLICANT IS TARONG WEST PROJECT CO PTY LTD C/- PRECINCT URBAN PLANNING.

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PRECIS

Update in relation to the Changed Application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Temporary Workers Accommodation Facility) at Warren Truss Drive, Taabinga (and described as Lot 3 on SP249643). The applicant is Tarong West Project Co Pty Ltd C/- Precinct Urban Planning.

SUMMARY

Council has received further correspondence and to allow for proper assessment and response to this, the report for a Changed Application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Temporary Workers Accommodation Facility) at Warren Truss Drive, Taabinga (and described as Lot 3 on SP249643). The applicant is Tarong West Project Co Pty Ltd C/- Precinct Urban Planning will be deferred to a future Council to meeting.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Changed Application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for an Undefined Use (Temporary Workers Accommodation Facility) at Warren Truss Drive, Taabinga (and described as Lot 3 on SP249643). The applicant is Tarong West Project Co Pty Ltd C/- Precinct Urban Planning be deferred for decision to a future Ordinary Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LINK TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Growing our Region's Economy and Prosperity

- GR8 Support and advocate for appropriate growth and development with responsive planning schemes, process, customer service and other initiatives.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION (INTERNAL/EXTERNAL)

Internal and External consultation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY BASIS, LEGAL RISKS)

N/A

POLICY/LOCAL LAW DELEGATION IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

N/A

REPORT

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

8.1 Request to Waive Water Consumption Charges on Assessment 40378-30000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

8.2 Award of tender - SBRC26_27_02 Cloyna Asbestos Mono Cell

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.

8.3 Awarding Tender - SBRC 2627_04 Memorial Park Stage Construction - Phase 1 & Request to Name Stage

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.

8.4 Trunk Sewer Construction River Road to First Avenue

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.

8.5 Lease, Wondai Aerodrome

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.

8.6 Lease of Area 5, Wondai Aerodrome

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with 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.

9 CLOSURE OF MEETING