



**CARPENTARIA SHIRE**

*Outback by the Sea*

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***18 FEBRUARY, 2026***

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### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Mayor Jack Bawden      Mayor  
Cr Bradley Hawkins  
Cr Andrew Murphy  
Cr Glenn Smerdon  
Cr Cherie Schafer  
Cr Leslie Henry  
Cr Johnty O'Brien

Please find attached the Agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, Haig Street, Normanton commencing at 9:00AM.

Anne Andrews  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 28 January 2026 be confirmed.*

- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
- 7 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS & DEPUTATIONS**
- 8 MAYORAL MINUTES**
- 9 COUNCILLORS MONTHLY UPDATE**

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### **10 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, in the opinion of the General manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in clause 254J(3) of the Regulation, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with clause 254J(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 as the items listed come within the following provisions*

#### **10.1 Aged Sundry Debtors - Request for Write Off**

*This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of clause 254J(3)(d) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to rating concessions.:*

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### 11 REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 11.1 MONTHLY REPORT - CEO

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Anne Andrews - Chief Executive Officer
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	Day to day management of activities within the Office of the CEO
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	As per the Departmental Plan for the Office of the CEO

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#### Executive Summary:

This report provides Councillors with an update of the business of the Department of the CEO for January 2026 – February 2026.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

#### Meeting Schedule February 2026 - March 2026.

Activity	Location	Date
<b>Council Meeting Day</b>	Normanton	18 February 2026
<b>Mount Isa District Human &amp; Social Recovery/Resilience Committee Meeting</b>	Online	23 February 2026
<b>GSD Board Meeting</b>	Online	26 February 2026
<b>Gulf Savannah Development Community Mapping Week – Community Recovery project</b>	Normanton / Karumba	16 – 20 February 2026
<b>Executive Leadership Meeting</b>	Normanton	2 March 2026
<b>LGMA Women in Local Government Conference</b>	Brisbane	4-5 March 2026
<b>NWQROC Ministerial Delegation - TBC</b>	Brisbane	5 – 6 March 2026
<b>Gulf Savannah Development– Community Recovery project</b>	Normanton / Karumba	9 – 13 March 2026
<b>Council Meeting Day</b>	Normanton	18 March 2026
<b>Council Workshop Day - if required</b>	Normanton	19 March 2026

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### CEO Activity January – February 2026

Activity	Comment	Date
<b>Executive Leadership Team Meeting</b>	Normanton	2 February 2026
<b>Long Term Asset Management Plan Review</b>	Asset / Finance Team, Mead Perry	2 February 2026
<b>NWQROC Meeting</b>	Mount Isa – attended online due to flooding event	4-5 February 2026
<b>Aquaculture Development for Karumba</b>	Potential regional plan	3 February 2026
<b>Get Ready Queensland Community of Practice Online</b>	Online	3 February 2026
<b>Ministerial Visit - Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers Anne Leahy and Dean Patchett, Manager Regional Liaison Officer Operations, Queensland Reconstruction Authority</b>	Normanton Joint funding announcement for Normanton Water Pipeline	4/5 February 2026
<b>Coordinated Fodder Support Package</b>	Online	13 February 2026
<b>Executive Leadership Meeting</b>	Normanton	16 February 2026
<b>Council Meeting Day</b>	Normanton	18 February 2026
<b>Council Drug and Alcohol Policy Workshop</b>	Normanton	19 February 2026
<b>Council Local Buy Workshop</b>	Normanton	19 February 2026
<b>Council Meeting Day</b>	Normanton	18 February 2026
<b>GSD Board Meeting</b>	Online	26 February 2026

### Report from officers – general business items.

(Excludes matters dealt with in previous meetings and items attached to the DOE report).

DATE 2025	ISSUE	UPDATE
<b>MARCH</b>		
	Council can consider extending the footpath along Landsborough Street, both towards the Gym and Sports Centre and to the left side leading to the Stop Shop.	Council to design plans and costings for budget to apply for funding. Ongoing.
<b>AUGUST</b>		

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	Leucaena trees are growing at the rear of the Aged Persons Hostel.	Assessment completed. Waiting for appropriate time.
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
	Rural addressing – send letter to local properties	In process.
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Progress of the Normanton Cemetery fence.	New standard drawings complete. Tender to be issued in February 2026.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Could Council liaise with Queensland Police Service (QPS) to address the drugs issue within the community.	To be actioned post disaster management.
	Council Councillors have a workshop early next year of the Procurement Policy focussing on restricting Local Buy arrangements.	Date confirmed February 19, 2026.
	Update on television services in Karumba following a lightning strike that damaged the power divider in the TV hut, resulting in signals reaching only half of the town.	Parts have arrived. Technicians are unable to access during flooding. Will complete when water subsides.
	Conditions of entry sign at the Karumba Town Boat Ramp is faded and requires replacement.	To be actioned after flooding event.
	Request for street sweeping in Karumba.	On hold.
	Date for RADF meeting.	To be confirmed.
	Childcare Parent Survey.	This was issued to families in February 2026 with a report expected to Council in March 2026.
<b>DATE 2026</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
	Request for information on crushing rates.	Report requested from consultants.
	Shelter at Burns Philp Building for disaster events and a potential slab behind hospital.	To be investigated.
	Advisory Committee Policies on Website.	Progressing.
	RADF Minutes to be reported to Council.	Will be part of the EMCDT Report.
	Improved sound system for sport centre.	Under investigation for addition to 2026/2027 budget.
	New rubber required for Karumba Pontoon.	On hold - after flooding event.
	Investigate a revamp of the entrance to Normanton library, improve driver vision and footpath.	In progress. Budget 2026/2027.
	Historical walking map.	In progress.

**Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Mayor

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- Councillors
- Executive Leadership Team
- Senior Leadership Team
- Executive Assistant
- Executive Officer
- Local Disaster Management Team
- District Disaster Management Team
- Bureau Meteorology
- Department Primary Industries
- Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety
- Qld Health
- Residents
- LGAQ
- LGMA
- Gulf Savannah Development
- Queensland Government and Agencies

### **Legal Implications:**

- Local Government Regulation 2012.
- Local Government Act 2009.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- Current activities fall within the financial parameters of the Department. See monthly financial report.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- Risk of these activities is considered low to ordinary operations of Council.

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### **11.2 EMERGENCY TEXT SYSTEM**

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Anne Andrews - Chief Executive Officer
<b>Date:</b>	9 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	A safe, healthy, and equitable community that celebrates diversity and enjoys a quality lifestyle
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	The community maintains the ability to respond to natural disaster events

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#### **Executive Summary:**

At the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council, a question was raised in General Business regarding Carpentaria Shire providing emergency text alerts for residents during emergency events. Council officers have assessed the request and provides the following report for information.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Officers have assessed the request and recommend that Council does not proceed with the adoption of an emergency text alert as this service is already available through other agencies with more specialised and significant resources.

#### **Background:**

At the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council, a question was raised in General Business regarding emergency text alerts for residents during emergency events.

Council currently manages the Emergency Management Dashboard through a platform called Guardian which costs Council \$2,530.00 per year. Guardian is software developed by QIT that is a multi-agency, incident management software and is used across a number of Qld Councils to provide important information to support local communities during and after disaster events. Disaster dashboards generally include information about:

- weather warnings
- evacuation centre openings and locations
- river heights
- road conditions and closures
- power and phone outages
- school closures
- emergency news
- helpful contacts.

There are two current administrators of the Dashboard at Carpentaria Shire – the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Officer.

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The screenshot shows the 'DISASTER DASHBOARD' for Carpentaria Shire. At the top, there are four summary cards: 'Emergency News' (2), 'Road Conditions' (12), 'Power Outages' (0), and 'Outages' (0). Below these are navigation links for 'Emergency Contacts', 'Near Heights', 'Road Radar', and 'Monthly Safety Questionnaire'. A central map displays the region with various hazard markers. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Weather' (listing flood warnings) and 'Social Media Feeds'.

## Opt-in notifications for the Disaster Dashboard.

Enabling SMS alerts involves QIT Plus to configure our Disaster Dashboard and Guardian IMS environment for the additional communications feature, plus setting up an SMS service (Twilio). QIT Plus handles the configuration and integration work in the Guardian Dashboard.

The messaging alert service is an extension of the current Guardian Disaster Management Dashboard System. There is an upfront installation cost of \$2,400 +GST.

There is an ongoing cost of \$1,000 + GST per year.

The cost of SMS text messages uses the TWILIO API. Council would establish an account with Twilio and pay for the messages at a cost. <https://www.twilio.com/sms/pricing/au>

## SMS/MMS Pricing

SMS pricing is based on the destination and type of message you're sending, as well as the carrier to which the SMS is being sent. Our pay-as-you-go pricing gives you control over your messaging costs.

Phone number type	SMS Outbound*	SMS Inbound*	MMS Outbound*	MMS Inbound*
<b>Mobile Numbers</b> Phone numbers with mobile prefixes, validated as spam-free with a 120 day seven point inspection.	\$0.0515	\$0.0075	\$0.3500	\$0.3500
<b>Alphanumeric Sender IDs</b> A Sender ID that represents your company name for one-way SMS messages (Ex: TWILIO).	\$0.0515	✘	\$0.3500	\$0.3500

Members of the public would register for an account and "opt in" to notifications through the dashboard. The system permits broadcasting to internal and external contacts.

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Considerations for Council:

- 1. Emergency alerts already exist.** Emergency alert is the national telephone-based system that the State Disaster Coordination Centre uses to send messages to landlines and mobile phones to warn people of dangerous weather and possible severe impacts. The decision to send an emergency alert is based on certainty, severity, timeframe, frequency and action. People don't need to register to receive an emergency alert. Emergency alert messages are sent from: +61 444 444 444. It has the same restrictions as any alert service that relies on telecommunication – if the network is off-line, the system can fail. This would also be the case if Council opted to distribute text messages from Guardian.

The Bureau of Meteorology's BOM Weather App also allows users to set up weather warning notifications on individual phones for up to three locations for hazard options including flood, fire weather, heatwave, severe thunderstorm, severe weather, tropical cyclone and tsunami.

- 2. Key messaging from the QLD and National Governments:** Has been to educate the community to access the Council Disaster Dashboards, not to block messaging from +61 444 444 444 and to listen to the National Emergency Broadcaster (ABC) for warnings and updates.
- 3. Council will need to resource with a person if this is going to be successful.** In times of an event, Council would need to consider that the service would need to be 24-hour to ensure that the community can have faith in the service. It can't be a 9am – 5pm service, otherwise Council would lose the trust of the community.

### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Mayor
- Executive Officer
- DDMG
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

### **Legal Implications:**

- If Council opts to adopt emergency alerts via text, it will also need take responsibility if the service fails to meet community expectations.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- As noted in the report.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- As noted in the report.

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### **11.3 ADOPTION OF CARPENTARIA SHIRE PLANNING SCHEME - NEXT STEPS - REPORT BY JENNIFER ROUGHAN - TOWN PLANNER**

**Attachments:** NIL

**Author:** Anne Andrews - Chief Executive Officer

**Date:** 10 February 2026

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**Key Outcome:** A dynamic and diverse economy creating industry development and employment opportunities

**Key Strategy:** New Planning Scheme is adopted

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#### **Executive Summary:**

Council resolved in December 2023 to seek ministerial approval for the new planning scheme for Carpentaria Shire under the Planning Act 2016. The new planning scheme will establish an integrated contemporary policy framework and a development assessment system that provides greater clarity and simplicity for the community, applicants and Council. Regulation can be targeted to where it can add value, while removing unnecessary impediments and complexity.

The draft planning scheme was publicly notified from 25 September to 4 November 2023, and was then subject to further review by the State Government (DSDILGP) with one condition that Ministerial approval, requiring Council adopt an amendment to the new planning scheme to integrate the findings of localised flood studies in Normanton and Karumba within 12 months of adoption of the new scheme.

The flood modelling work experienced some technical complexities and delays, and has only recently been provided in December 2025, although it remains in draft form.

At its meeting in February 2025 Council decided to let an agenda item to adopt the new planning scheme to 'lie on the table' with the intention to await the flood studies, allowing the new scheme to be commenced concurrently with an amendment to incorporate the new flood information.

The flood modelling work experienced some technical complexities and delays and has only recently been completed in December 2025.

The new flood information can be used to adjust the current flood mapping and change the defined flood level to reflect more accurate modelling. The defined flood level is primarily used to establish appropriate floor levels for new buildings.

These amendments (primarily new overlay mapping) and an updated risk and feasible alternatives assessment report will now be prepared. The Minister's Guidelines and Rules also require that Council writes to all land owners affected by the new mapping to inform them of the change.

The formal steps of adopting the scheme and commencing its operation, and concurrently adopting and commencing the flood amendment, can then be undertaken.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the steps required to prepare a flood related amendment to the new planning scheme to reflect the new flood modelling work recently completed; and notes the concurrent steps required to adopt and commence the new planning scheme for Carpentaria Shire.

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### **Background:**

In 2022 Council resolved to prepare a new planning scheme for the local government area. This decision was taken in recognition that local governments are required to review their planning schemes at least every 10 years under the Planning Act 2016. Carpentaria Shire Council's current scheme was prepared under the Integrated Planning Act 1997 and commenced in 2008. It is overdue for renewal.

In accordance with Planning Act requirements, the Chief Executive of the Department of State Development Infrastructure Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) issued a 'section 18 notice' to Council setting out the required process to prepare the planning scheme. In accordance with steps 3 and 4 of the required process, the draft scheme was provided to the state for formal State interest review in February 2023.

After preliminary comments from State agencies, Council further resolved in June 2023 to make changes to the draft scheme and resubmit the scheme to finalise the State interest review.

On 7 August 2023, DSDILGP advised that it was satisfied the proposed planning scheme appropriately integrated the relevant State interests and that Council may proceed to public notification of the draft scheme in accordance with the step 8 of the section 18 notice.

Public notification was held from 25 September to 4 November 2023. Only one submission was received, which was from Council to itself.

The draft scheme and required reporting was sent to the Minister in December 2023 seeking approval for its adoption by Council. Ministerial approval, which included one condition (attached), was issued on 25 May 2024.

The Minister's condition requires that Council must adopt an amendment to the new planning scheme to integrate the findings of localised flood studies in Normanton and Karumba within 12 months of adoption of the new scheme.

In the expectation that the flood modelling would be available later that year and concern with the 1974 flood level used as the defined flood event in the interim, Council did not progress to adopt and commence the new scheme. Instead, it preferred to wait for the new, more accurate flood data with a view to incorporating it as an amendment which would take effect at the same time as commencing the new planning scheme.

Following delays and technical issues with the flood modelling work (which was funded by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority), a report was put to Council's February 2025 meeting suggesting adoption and commencement of the new planning scheme ahead of the flood modelling. Council ultimately resolved "*That this Agenda Item to lie on the table*".

The flood modelling (in draft form) was provided in December 2025, although the report is still to undergo peer review.

### **Amendment to the draft planning scheme to include new flood modelling**

The flood amendment will take the form of:

- new flood overlay maps that reflect the new flood modelling for the 1% annual exceedance probability (AEP) as the defined flood event; and
- a change to the height nominated as the defined flood level (in the definitions section) which triggers building regulation requirements for floor levels to be built at.

The newly modeled 1% AEP is lower than the currently mapped 1974 level and spatially less extensive across both Normanton and Karumba. There is no single flood height applicable

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(the height varies across the landscape) but is generally below 8m AHD for Normanton (compared to 8.8m AHD as the 1974 level). In Karumba, the level is around 2.9m AHD, and continues to be less than the inundation levels associated with storm tide.

It also covers rural parts of the Norman River catchment for which there was no previous data. Mapping for the balance of the Shire will continue to reflect the QRA'S 'level 1' whole of floodplain mapping, also as required by the State Planning Policy.

The defined flood level is primarily used to establish appropriate floor levels for new buildings. There is also a flood overlay code that applies under the new planning scheme which is aimed at managing the risk where development occurs in these areas.

Should any person who is proposing new development feel adversely impacted by the new planning scheme (as amended), a process is available by which they can ask Council to have any development application considered under the previous planning scheme instead, (that is, the 2008 planning scheme).



*Figure: Extent of new flood modelling*

Normanton		New modelled flood depth:
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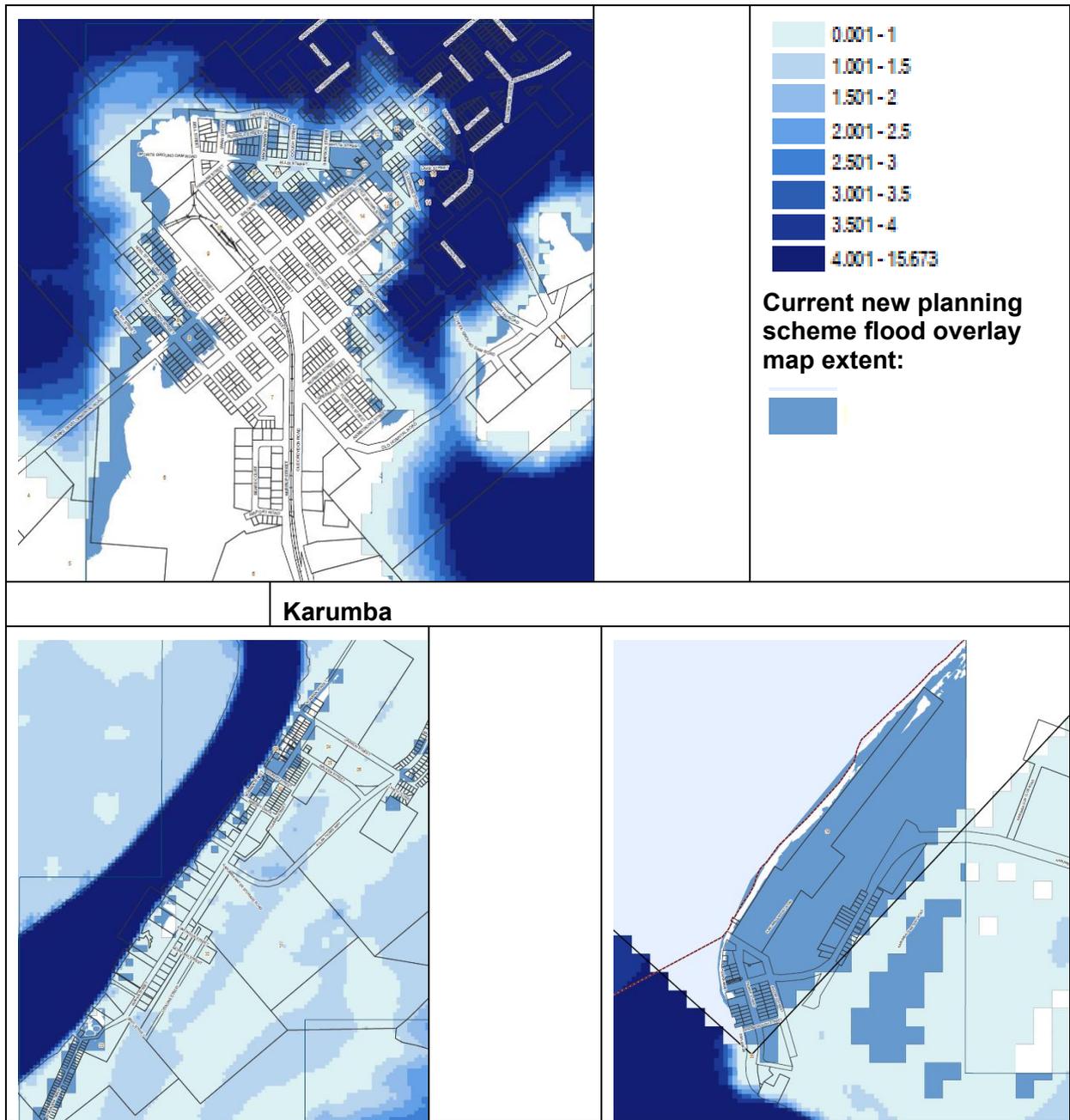


Figure Comparison of existing flood overlay and newly modelled flood extent

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### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- The draft planning scheme went through public notification in late 2023. This involved publishing of formal notices about the new scheme, making copies of the draft planning scheme and risk assessment report (relating to flood, bushfire and coastal hazards) available, and advertising in Council's newsletter and social media. Summary information and fact sheets were also made available and community drop-in sessions were held.

Discussions have subsequently been held with Council officers and the consultants undertaking the flood modelling.

### **Legal Implications:**

- **Additional engagement required for the flood amendment (External)**

The amendment to incorporate the new flood mapping will not involve a new State review process. However, additional communication about the new flood mapping with all affected property owners will now be required under the Minister's Guidelines and Rules for amending planning schemes.

This must take the form of writing to all land holders who are affected by the changed mapping; that is, all the owners of lots that fall inside the new mapped flood area – which is most of Karumba, the edges of Normanton and rural land in between.

Council is free to undertake any additional engagement about this issue as it sees fit.

### **Next steps**

1. To prepare the amendment, officers are currently having the flood data converted to the format required to be included as a planning scheme overlay map and preparing the required wording amendments.
2. Officers are also required under the Minister's Guidelines and Rules to update the previous risk assessment reporting that was publicly notified with the planning scheme to reflect the new mapping.
3. Once the draft amendment is prepared, Council can then (concurrently) make resolutions to:
  - adopt the new scheme and nominate a commencement date; and
  - propose a minor amendment to the new planning scheme to reflect the new flood modelling
4. Letters should then be sent to affected landowners.
5. Council can then make a resolution to adopt the amendment and commence it at the same time as the new planning scheme.
6. Council must then:
  - give public notice about the adoption of the new planning scheme (and its amendment) - which must include a notice in the Government Gazette and a notice published locally in the way Council considers will best make people aware of the new planning scheme.
  - Council must provide a copy of the planning scheme and of the public notices to the Chief Executive of DSDIP.

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- update its website to ensure the new scheme and all the associated mapping are available for public use.

### **Legal Implications:**

- This is a statutory process for preparing a new planning scheme required by the Planning Act 2016.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- Council officers need to prepare and publish the required public notices and make available copies of the new planning scheme and mapping on Council's website and at Council's offices.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- The required steps under the Minister's Guidelines and Rules and Section 18 Notice given to Council by the Minister must be followed. There may be community concern arising from the letters of notification required to be sent to property owners.
  
- The flood study is still to undergo peer review, although technical peer reviews of the modelling have occurred throughout the process. Nonetheless, further change could occur as a result of the review.

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### **11.4 SALE 17 PALMER STREET, NORMANTON**

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Anne Andrews - Chief Executive Officer
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	Day to day management of activities within the Office of the CEO
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	As per the Departmental Plan for the Office of the CEO

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#### **Executive Summary:**

Council land at 17 Palmer Street was listed for auction on the 29 November 2025 but failed to generate a sale. This reports seeks a resolution from Council under Section 236(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to apply the exception in section 236(1)(a) for the disposal of Lot 8 on NM 808172, located at 17 Palmer Street, Normanton Qld 4890 (the Land), other than by tender or auction, on the basis that the Land has been previously offered for sale at auction and was not sold.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- Pursuant to section 236(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 resolves to apply the exception in section 236(1)(a) for the disposal of Lot 8 on NM 808172, located at 17 Palmer Street, Normanton Qld 4890 (the Land), other than by tender or auction, on the basis that the Land has been previously offered for sale at auction and was not sold and the purchase price is more than the highest offer received given there were no offers.
- Delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, the power to negotiate and finalise all matters with relating to sale of the Land.

#### **Background:**

An asset disposal auction was held on 29 November 2025 as part of Council's Plant and Equipment Renewal Program. The auction included surplus, obsolete, and end-of-life items identified as no longer operationally required. The land, 17 Palmer Street was listed as a separate auction on the day following the asset disposal auction.

Under section 224 of the LGR the sale of the Land is considered to be the "*disposal of a valuable non-current asset contract*", which requires tender or auction to occur prior to entering into a lease unless an exception, pursuant to section 236 of the LGR, applies.

Under section 236(1)(a), Council is able to dispose of a 'valuable non-current asset', without going to tender or auction, where the land was previously offered for sale by tender or auction but was not sold and the land is sold for more than the highest tender or auction bid that was received.

#### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Mayor
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- CEO
- Outback Reals Estate and Auctions
- Preston Law

### **Legal Implications:**

- Section 236(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolves to apply the exception in section 236(1)(a) for the disposal of land other than by tender or auction, on the basis that the Land has been previously offered for sale at auction and was not sold and the purchase price is more than the highest offer received.
- Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- There will be legal costs associated with the preparation and negotiation of the contracts and the conveyance of the sale of the land.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- This report eliminates the potential for Council to breach the Local Government Axt 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012.

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### **11.5 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Peter Ryan - Manager Human Resources
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	A well governed, responsive Council, providing effective leadership and management, and respecting community values
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	A planned and safe workforce

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#### **Executive Summary:**

This report provides information on the general Human Resource matters and Work Health and Safety matters relevant to the team's daily business.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the Human Resources Report for information.

#### **Background:**

##### **1. Human Resources Management**

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Due to flooding the MHR was stranded in Karumba and as such worked out of the LWBDC and the Karumba Depot. This provided the opportunity for Council to have a senior manager located in Karumba during the flooding event for several weeks and develop strong working relationships with the Karumba team.

The HRM has worked with the LGAQ in relation to funding exceeding \$38,000.00 as supplied by the Queensland State Government in a one-year extension of money given to us as reported last year as part of the Indigenous Skill Building Program for which we qualify due to our remoteness. MHR, LGAQ and Council's Works Coordinator have collaborated to ensure the funding in this financial year is spent on 4WD skills for up to 22 staff members. Arrangements are underway, the RTO has been selected and agreed upon and LGAQ is working with the Works Coordinator to carry out this training prior to the 30 June 2026.

The newly recruited Work Health & Safety Coordinator commenced duty with Council on 7 January. She has made an impressive start, attending toolbox talks, issuing Safety Alerts and generally assisting the Works Coordinator and his team to become more aware of the role of WHS in the organisation. The WHS Coordinator is currently reviewing the Skytrust system to ascertain its usefulness or otherwise to the Council. She is also working on updating contractor management as a priority among other matters which will be reflected in the WHS section of the monthly report.

The Manager HR coordinated a number of new arrivals to the Carpentaria Shire team in January. There were up to seven (7) officers due to commence working with Council on the 7 January, but our well-planned approach was thwarted by the floods. This meant that some of the new starters were delayed by up to two weeks with their starts. All those due to arrive have now arrived. They have taken up their duties and all seem happy to be in Carpentaria Shire.

MHR has been assisting various officers with their recruitment and selection processes.

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### **2. Work Health and Safety matters**

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The new WH&S Coordinator is working on the following:

- Karumba Visit to meet. Discussed WH&S issues and made undertakings to ensure a high level of service in the area.
- Skytrust - review of the system. An initial report has been submitted to MHR and the Executive Leadership Team.
- Council's fire safety management. The coordinator is a qualified fire safety inspector. This means that this task may be moved in-house.
- Meeting with LGW for self-insurance orientation and to gain an understanding of audit requirements. A date is now set for a certification audit in April 2027. A practice audit will be undertaken during the second quarter of 2026.
- Audit of all of Council's defibrillator assets. A business case with a view to updating the units over the next three (3) years. Funding for this will be requested during the next budget process.
- Audit of breathalyzer units and requirements for recalibration and / or replacement.

Proposal for procedures to be in place to ensure better management of these expensive and important instruments.

- Relationship with the Works Coordinator and outdoor crew – attendance at toolbox talks at the depot each morning.
- Working with the Works Coordinator and foremen to determine the priority needs in relation to the preparation and deployment of camps for the annual civil construction works following the wet season. The coordinator will play a significant role in the planning and execution this year of the mandatory camp workers induction.
- Preparation and distribution a number of Safety Alerts which concentrate on issues important to workers on the ground.

### **3. Staff Movements**

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#### **Arrivals**

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Work Health & Safety Coordinator - | Permanent full-time |
| • Manager Finance –                  | Permanent full-time |
| • Workshop Fitter –                  | Permanent full-time |
| • Lead Educator Childcare Centre -   | Permanent full-time |
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- Customer Service Officer - Permanent full-time
- Les Wilson Barramundi Centre - Casual
- Hatchery Trainee – LWBDC - 12 months
- Youth Services, Sport and Recreation Coordinator – Permanent full-time

### **Departures**

- Les Wilson Barramundi Centre Manager
- Les Wilson Barramundi Centre Coordinator

### **Current Recruitments**

- Casual Childcare Assistant
- Financial Accountant
- Cleaner Normanton
- Grader operators / construction workers
- Town Foreman – Karumba
- Labourer – Normanton
- Leading Hand – Normanton
- Loader Operator / Construction Worker
- Wirtgen Stabiliser Operator / Construction Worker

#### **4. Random Drug & Alcohol Testing Program**

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This program will resume once camps are deployed following the wet season. Council will be required to undertake a Tender process due to price increases within the industry. That matter is currently underway with the Procurement Officer.

#### **5. Training Activities**

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The Finance Team have been attending workshops on upskilling for the Synergy Program and in GST and Tax arrangements.

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### **6. Operating Budget and Expenditure**

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- Please refer to the Monthly Finance report.

### **7. Enterprise Bargaining Update**

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There is nothing to report on this issue.

#### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- The Drug Detection Agency
- Busy at work
- LGAQ
- LGMA
- Peak Services
- HR Assist
- Apprentice and Trainee administrators from various organisations.

#### **Legal Implications:**

- The arrival and commencement of duty of the WH&S Coordinator has placed Council in a strong position relative to compliance. The measures being undertaken by the MHR and the Coordinator will ensure a more stable result for Council relative to Legal implications in this Department.

#### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- Whilst there will be an increase in expenditure with the introduction of a revitalised WH&S Section which will include the employment of a second officer it is felt that the benefits to Council relative to compliance, training and involvement will far outweigh the costs associated with setting up the new approach.

#### **Risk Management Implications:**

- Risk management issues relative to Work Health & Safety will be mitigated by the approach being taken by the WH&S coordinator which is best described as 'boots on the ground'. As can be seen by this report concerning the WH&S coordinator many of the concerns aired with me by workers, senior staff and Councillors are being addressed or will soon be addressed. All of this ensures a lower risk of non-compliance and action by the authority.

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### 12 REPORTS FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

#### 12.1 CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

**Attachments:** 12.1.1. Current and emerging risks facing councils (KPMG, LGAQ)[↓](#)

**Author:** Andrew Shaw - Chief Operating Officer

**Date:** 11 February 2026

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**Key Outcome:** A well governed, responsive Council, providing effective leadership and management, and respecting community values

**Key Strategy:** The community has confidence in Council

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#### Executive Summary:

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Chief Operating Officer portfolio.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

#### Background:

This report covers activities conducted during January 2026.

### 1. Information Technology

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#### Starlink internet connection at Normanton Depot

A new Starlink internet connection for the Normanton Depot was installed in early February. This will improve network stability at both the depot and in the Haig Street administration office.

#### CCTV cameras

Design for CCTV cameras at various locations continues, including Karumba Depot, Normanton Sports Centre and in waste management facilities in both towns.

#### Normanton Boardroom

A replacement camera and speakers for the boardroom have been ordered. The existing large monitor on the wall will remain. Connections to this equipment will be by two physical cables (one for camera/speaker, and one HDMI cable for the monitor), which will be connected to the dedicated laptop in the boardroom, but which can also be connected instead to a visitor's laptop if needed.

#### Salto smart access system

A full audit of Salto doors is underway to determine the need for necessary upgrades.

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### **2. Rate notice – second half FY2026**

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The Rate Notice for the period January-June 2026 will be issued on 17 February 2026 with a due date of 19 March 2026. Payment by the due date attracts a 10% discount for most ratepayers.

Estimated cash receipts from this Rate Notice is \$4,969k (before discount):

- General Rates \$2,750k (before discount)
- Water access charges \$650k
- Waste charges \$444k
- Sewerage charges \$846k
- Water consumption charges \$279k
- Total \$4,969k (before discount on general rates)

Revenue from rates & service charges is recognized in the financial report each month at 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the estimated annual revenue for rates & service charges.

### **3. Rates – land valuation**

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A request from Council to conduct a revaluation in 2026 of land parcels in the Carpentaria Shire Council local government area (LGA) for rating purposes under the *Land Valuation Act 2010* was declined by the Valuer-General, in August 2025.

The most recent valuation of land in this shire was effective 1 July 2022. As our LGA will not receive new land valuations in 2026, the current land valuations will remain in effect for rating purposes for the 2026-27 financial year.

### **4. Procurement - ROPS**

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During January 2026, Requests for Tender were released to establish a new Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (ROPS) for the 2026 construction season\*: (closing mid-February)

- 26-0001 ROPS – Wet Hire Plant
- 26-0002 ROPS – Supply of Construction Materials
- 26-0003 ROPS – Gravel Pit Package
- 26-0004 ROPS – Dry Hire\* Plant and Fleet

\* contracts are awarded for one year, but Dry Hire contracts will be awarded for two years

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### 5. Annual Financial Statements 30 June 2026 – Audit plan

The audit plan for the FY2026 financial statements has been agreed with the auditors:

Proforma financial statements:	11 May 2026
Interim audit (30 April 2026 balances):	15-18 June 2026 on-site
Asset valuations:	30 June 2026
Final audit:	3-7 August 2026 on-site

### 6. Annual Budget FY2026-27 – councillor’s remuneration

Consistent with *Local Government Regulation 2012* section 243, the independent Local Government Remuneration Commission has finalised its determination of the maximum remuneration amounts for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors to apply from 1 July 2026.

Under sections 247 and 248 of the Regulation, councils are required to pay councillors the maximum remuneration amount set out in the remuneration schedule unless the council resolves to pay a lesser amount.

Category B1 councils, including Carpentaria Shire Council:

	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
FY2026-2027	\$129,744	\$74,852	\$64,872
FY2025-2026	\$124,157	\$71,629	\$62,078
Increase:	\$5,587	\$3,223	\$2,794

### 7. Risk Management

See the attachment (one page) *Current and emerging risks facing Councils*, written by the accounting firm KPMG in collaboration with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

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### 8. Annual Budget FY2026-27

The timetable for Councillor budget workshops to develop the annual budget FY2026-27 is below. The Budget Meeting to adopt the budget will be held on 18 June 2026.

	Budget Workshop	Council Meeting
19 March	<b>#1 19 March 2026</b> Budget assumptions Service levels Asset Management Plans Organisational structure Budget policies Annual Operational Plan Call for budget items	
23 April	<b>#2 23 April 2026</b> Fees & charges FY2027 Capital expenditure	
30 April	<b>#3 30 April 2026</b> Rates & charges [consultant]	
20 May		<b>20 May 2026</b> Fees & charges FY2027
21 May	<b>#4 21 May 2026</b> Income and expenses Financial statements	
10 June 11 June	<b>Community Information session</b> Wed 10 June – Karumba Thurs 11 June – Normanton	
18 June		<b>Budget meeting</b> <b>18 June 2026</b> Annual operational plan Budget policies Rates & charges 3-year financial forecast 10-year financial forecast Revenue statement Revenue policy Sustainability ratios Change in rates

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### **9. Asset Management Plan**

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*Local Government Act 2009* section 104(5) requires local governments to establish a system of financial management, and lists five 'financial planning documents' including a long-term asset management plan (LTAMP).

The LTAMP is a key part of Council's planning framework, and aligns with the Corporate Plan, the Asset Management Policy, and the Long-term Financial Forecast.

The LTAMP is being drafted, and the Asset Management Policy is under review.

### **10. Local Government Regulation 2012 – amendment**

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On 12 December 2025, the Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025 (Amendment Regulation) came into force.

The Amendment Regulation amends the Local Government Regulation 2012 to empower local governments by:

- giving local governments the autonomy to decide whether to dispose of valuable non-current assets other than by tender or auction by resolution, without requiring intervention from the state
- enabling local governments, other than Brisbane City Council, to grant concessions to ratepayers if satisfied the concession is appropriate, having regard to the cost of living in the locality, where the land is situated
- increasing the thresholds for requiring tenders and quotes
  - for medium-sized contractual arrangements from \$15,000 to \$21,000,
  - for large-sized contractual arrangements from \$200,000 to \$280,000,
  - for valuable non-current asset contracts which are not for the disposal of land
    - plant and equipment from \$5,000 to \$7,000
    - another type of non-current asset from \$10,000 to \$14,000
- ensuring that all local governments can change the discount period for the early payment of rates if there are extraordinary circumstances.

Carpentaria Shire Council policies that are affected by this amendment will be updated at the earliest opportunity.

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### **11. Insurance coverage FY2026-27**

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The renewals process for our insurance coverage for FY2026-27 is now underway. The current policies expire on 30 June 2026 4PM. Insurance coverage includes:

- Public Liability & Professional Indemnity
- Property (buildings etc)
- Motor Vehicles
- Engineering
- Marina Operators
- Marine
- Cyber Liability
- Crime
- Councillors and Officers Liability
- Casual Hirers Liability
- Travel
- Group Personal Accident
- Group Voluntary Workers

### **12. Normanton Rodeo Association Loan**

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Following a meeting in October 2025 with the Normanton Rodeo Association, Council is continuing to negotiate the repayment of this loan, following the expiry of the Term of the Loan Agreement with a balance of Principal and Accrued Interest remaining outstanding.

### **13. Learning & Development**

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During the first half of calendar year 2026, finance team members will be undertaking training in 13 finance topics including accounts payable, GST, Property transactions, FBT, payroll tax, land tax, fuel tax credits, Payroll including STP2, terminations and allowances, grants, and payday super. This training is provided by a local government specialist accounting firm.

From February to July 2026, one employee in the team will be participating in the interactive basic leadership programme, *Ignite*, held in person in Cairns for a total of six days, spread over five trips. The program is run by Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA), Qld branch.

All Council employees will be asked to attend a one-hour session in local government Procurement Fundamentals at a time TBC during this wet season, provided by an external vendor.

In February, Readytech (our ERP vendor) provided training to some finance team staff on how to use SynergySoft modules Assets, Plant, General Ledger and Security.

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### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Finance Manager
- ICT Officer
- Assets Manager
- ICT provider
- State Valuation Service (SVS)
- Dept of Local Government
- KPMG accounting firm
- Normanton Rodeo Association

### **Legal Implications:**

- Local Government Regulation 2012
- Local Government Act 2009

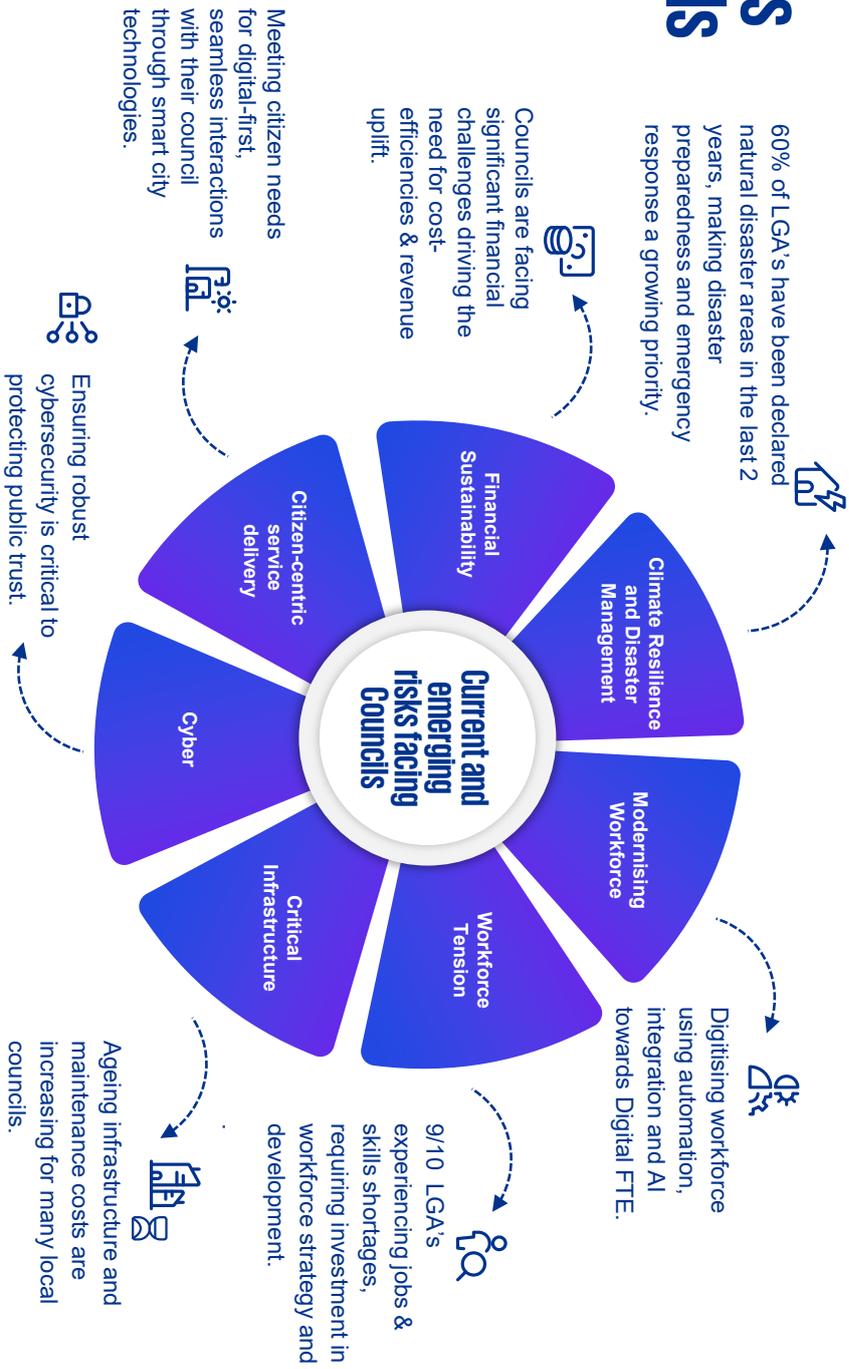
### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- Contained within the report.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- Failure to comply with the relevant legislative requirements could result in reputational and political risk.
- Risk is considered low, to ordinary operations of Council.

# Current and emerging risks facing Councils



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### **12.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY 2026**

**Attachments:** 12.2.1. Attachment 1 - January 2026 Financial Report [↓](#)

**Author:** Francis Puthuppallil - Manager Finance

**Date:** 11 February 2026

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**Key Outcome:** A well governed, responsive Council, providing effective leadership and management, and respecting community values

**Key Strategy:** A financially sustainable organisation

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#### **Executive Summary:**

Presentation of the financial report for 31 January 2026 is required under section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The report is presented for noting and indicates whether Council is progressing satisfactorily against its current budget. The contents of the report include:

1. Key Highlights
2. Operating Result
3. Cash Position
4. Trade and Receivables
5. Investments
6. QTC Loans
7. Sales, contracts and recoverable works

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the Monthly Financial Report, as required under section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the period ended 31 January 2026.

#### **Background:**

##### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Monthly Finance Report is prepared in accordance with the reporting requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012 s204*.

The following supporting financial statements for 31 January 2026 are attached for Council's information.

- Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Category
- Statement of Financial Position
- Cashflow Statement

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### 1. Key Highlights

The key highlights are presented below; refer to the relevant sections of the report for more detailed information.

- Operating result indicated a deficit of **\$158,547**. Refer to item 2.
  - o The major factors that contributed to the operating result are:

Factors	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comments
Current Surplus/Deficit	(158,547)	(9,442,551)	9,284,004	The operating result (after depreciation expense) for the full year is budgeted to be a deficit of \$9.4 million.
Grant Revenue FAGS	6,200,111	10,628,748	(4,428,637)	50% of the 2025/26 Finance Assistance Grant allocation was received early, in FY2024/25 (received \$5,339,650). The first and second quarterly payments of the remaining amount were received in August and November 2025 (total YTD \$2,644,549). Earned portion of the FAGS is \$6,200,111 for FY2025/26.
Rates	5,484,204	9,313,835	(3,829,631)	The first half-year rates were levied on 19 August 2025, for the amount of \$4,936,159. The YTD earned portion of the rates is \$5,484,204.
Interest Income	924,563	2,095,000	(1,170,437))	Annual budget interest income is about \$175k/month. That is, December YTD interest income of \$924,563 is below budget (by \$300K), due to a fall in interest rates.

- Cash Position – Refer item 3. Cash Position – Refer to Item 3
  - o The current cash balance is **\$42,186,259**. For further details, please refer to Item 3.
  - o Of the total cash held, **\$16,042,914** is restricted. See the Accounts Summary for additional context.
  - o The cash available for operational purposes is **\$26,143,345** which represents **2.86 months** of cover — one month below the minimum cash cover target of **4 months** for Tier 7 councils. Management also

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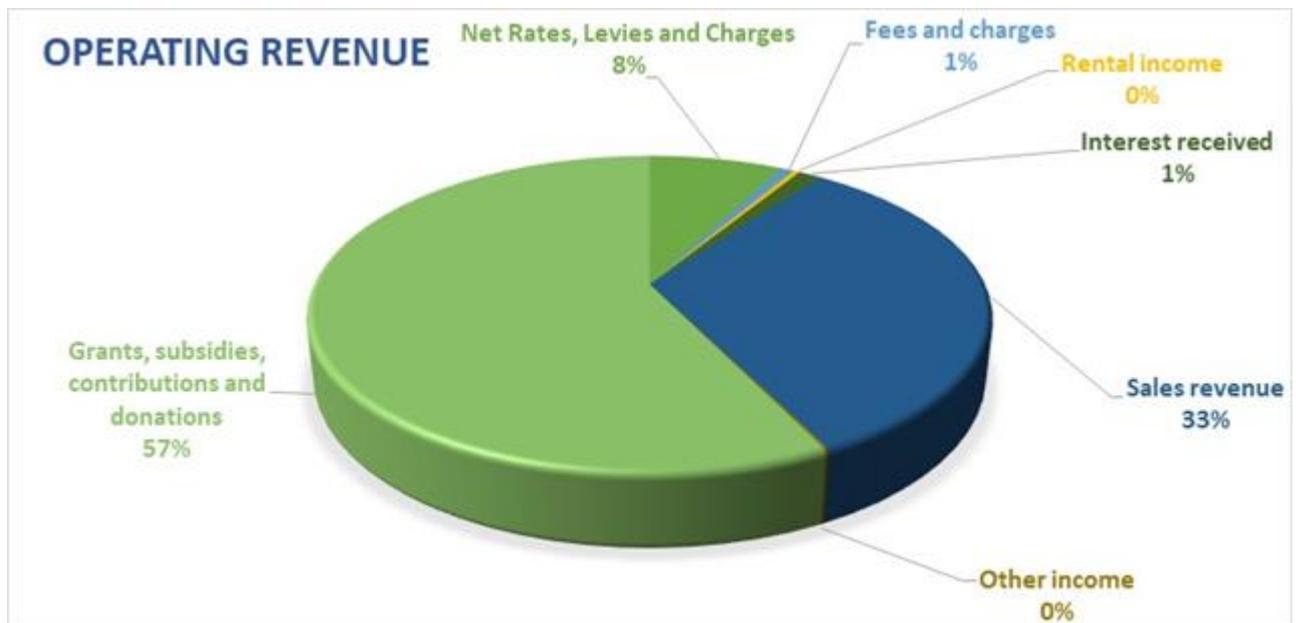
has internal restrictions on funds; please refer to the Cash Accounts Summary.

- Current liabilities in the balance sheet include unearned revenue for the amount of cash for Financial Assistance (FA) grants and rates and charges, considered to have been received in advance.

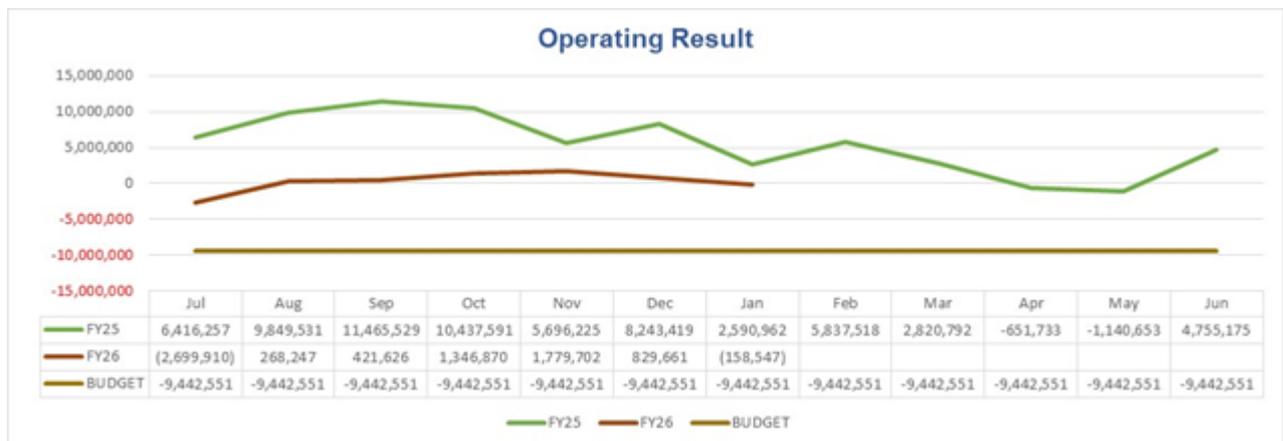
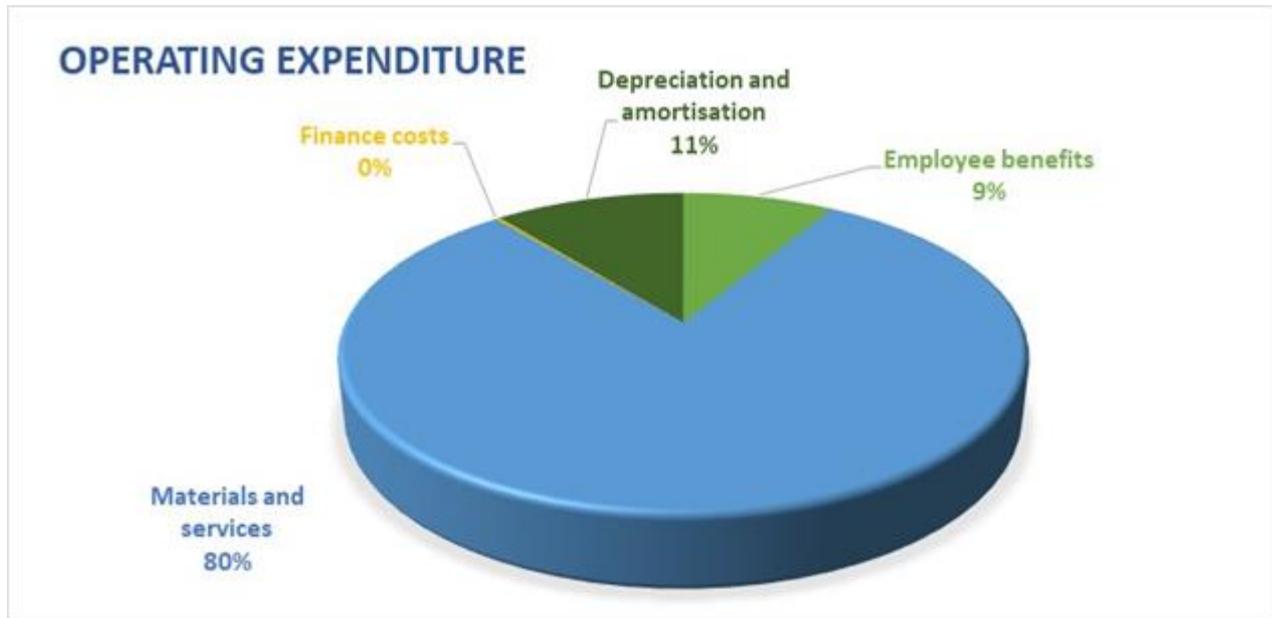
### 2. Operating Result

For the period ended 31 January 2026, the comprehensive income statement operating result indicated a loss of **\$158,547**. This is net of **\$71,718,981** in recurrent revenue and **\$71,877,528** in recurrent expenditure.

	Actual (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026)	Budget (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026)	%
Revenue	71,718,981	84,097,066	85%
Expenses	71,877,528	93,539,617	77%
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	<b>(158,547)</b>	<b>(9,442,551)</b>	<b>2%</b>



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More detailed reports are provided below:

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### Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>43,118</b>	<b>186,159</b>	432%
Disaster Events	0	172,016	0%
Disaster Preparedness	33,118	10,595	32%
Emergency Response	0	0	0%
Governance	0	0	0%
Tourism Events	10,000	3,548	35%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-2,602,603</b>	<b>-1,598,243</b>	61%
Communications	-19,000	-2,351	12%
Community Recovery	0	0	0%
Disaster Events	-10,000	-13,367	134%
Disaster Preparedness	0	-9,961	0%
Elected Members	-548,176	-327,397	60%
Emergency Response	-45,700	-25,059	55%
Governance	-1,576,422	-1,067,883	68%
Regional Economic Development	-11,000	-3,670	33%
Tourism Events	-392,305	-148,556	38%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-2,559,484</b>	<b>-1,412,084</b>	55%

### Human Resources

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,000</b>	0%
Apprenticeships / Traineeship	0	30,000	0%
Workplace Health And Safety	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-1,406,750</b>	<b>-816,941</b>	58%
Apprenticeships / Traineeship	-37,000	-14,065	38%
Enterprise Bargaining	-5,000	0	0%
Human Resource Operations	-609,137	-420,633	69%
Learning & Development	-210,500	-45,141	21%
Workplace Health And Safety	-545,113	-337,101	62%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-1,406,750</b>	<b>-786,941</b>	56%

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### Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>0%</b>
Apprenticeships / Traineeship	0	30,000	0%
Workplace Health And Safety	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-1,406,750</b>	<b>-816,941</b>	<b>58%</b>
Apprenticeships / Traineeship	-37,000	-14,065	38%
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Human Resource Operations	-609,137	-420,633	69%
Learning & Development	-210,500	-45,141	21%
Workplace Health And Safety	-545,113	-337,101	62%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-1,406,750</b>	<b>-786,941</b>	<b>56%</b>

### Corporate Services

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>513,713</b>	<b>288,664</b>	<b>56%</b>
Animal Control	1,200	1,680	140%
Cemeteries	34,400	39,026	113%
Environmental Health	3,200	650	20%
Information Technology	0	0	0%
Local Laws	9,800	4,600	47%
Pensioner Housing	38,000	18,135	48%
Property And Leases	101,120	28,000	28%
Staff Housing	325,993	196,573	60%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-2,371,341</b>	<b>-964,834</b>	<b>41%</b>
Animal Control	-117,042	-45,321	39%
Cemeteries	-77,340	-90,933	118%
Corporate Services	-103,800	0	0%
Environmental Health	-17,000	-10,036	59%
Information Technology	-916,776	-417,016	45%
Local Laws	-116,792	-41,452	35%
Mosquito Control	-27,550	-6,000	22%
Pensioner Housing	-30,430	-8,993	30%
Pest Management Operations	-456,319	-93,078	20%
Property And Leases	-2,600	-14	1%

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Stores & Purchasing	-425,193	-229,788	54%
Weed Control	-80,500	-22,205	28%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-1,857,629</b>	<b>-676,170</b>	<b>36%</b>

### Finance and Administration

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>17,299,325</b>	<b>8,792,079</b>	<b>51%</b>
Admin And Customer Service	4,300	3,282	76%
Financial Services	12,275,000	5,819,475	47%
Rates Management	5,020,025	2,969,322	59%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>76,205</b>	<b>-889,475</b>	<b>-1167%</b>
Admin And Customer Service	-567,056	-197,894	35%
Financial Services	-1,088,014	-822,702	76%
Payroll	0	-34,714	0%
Rates Management	-265,009	-113,043	43%
Records Management	-116,772	-72,728	62%
Wages On-Costs	2,113,056	351,607	17%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>17,375,530</b>	<b>7,902,604</b>	<b>45%</b>

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### Community Development

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>796,200</b>	<b>319,455</b>	40%
Arts & Culture	0	0	0%
Business Development	0	0	0%
Child Care	135,000	175,233	130%
Community Development	0	0	0%
Community Events	8,700	24,346	280%
Cultural Development	0	0	0%
Gym	48,100	31,523	66%
Halls	39,500	19,251	49%
Libraries	600	42,416	7069%
Regional Economic Development	550,000	0	0%
Sports & Recreation	14,200	18,995	134%
Swimming Pools	100	7,690	7690%
Youth Services	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-4,491,429</b>	<b>-2,086,585</b>	46%
Arts & Culture	-350	-19,825	5664%
Business Development	-555,500	0	0%
Child Care	-1,037,743	-473,907	46%
Community Development	-328,581	-163,315	50%
Community Donations	-44,000	-30,348	69%
Community Events	-130,400	-50,147	38%
Cultural & Natural Heritage	-178,970	-98,518	55%
Gym	-81,500	-33,957	42%
Halls	-233,960	-116,869	50%
Libraries	-225,633	-122,970	55%
Recreational Sports Centre	-605,660	-355,834	59%
Rodeo Grounds	-150,460	-72,282	48%
Sports & Recreation	-271,100	-138,116	51%
Swimming Pools	-539,800	-378,241	70%
Youth Services	-107,772	-32,257	30%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-3,695,229</b>	<b>-1,767,130</b>	48%

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### Engineering

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>13,800,100</b>	<b>23,282,920</b>	169%
Airports	393,500	194,319	49%
Building Services	18,400	6,693	36%
Coastal Management	0	0	0%
Engineering Services	0	0	0%
Fleet & Plant	10,300	22,382	217%
Main Roads (RMPC And PW)	13,330,000	21,772,665	163%
Pensioner Housing	38,000	20,311	53%
Private Works	0	1,883	0%
Regional Planning	0	0	0%
Road	0	1,260,912	0%
Town Planning	9,900	3,756	38%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-26,780,834</b>	<b>-25,338,378</b>	95%
Airports	-462,180	-291,006	63%
Asset Management	-198,688	-122,728	62%
Building Services	-760,455	-100,880	13%
Depots & Workshop	-554,970	-419,602	76%
Engineering Services	-870,431	-761,985	88%
Fleet & Plant	3,624,461	3,238,110	89%
Main Roads (RMPC And PW)	-17,341,107	-21,414,503	123%
Parks & Gardens	-2,206,897	-942,773	43%
Pensioner Housing	-275,970	-150,648	55%
Private Works	-1,000	-9,670	967%
Public Conveniences	-100,000	-160,482	160%
Quarries	-10,000	0	0%
Regional Planning	0	0	0%
Reserves	-31,700	-13,644	43%
Road	-6,608,116	-3,704,874	56%
Staff Housing	-897,780	-477,434	53%
Stormwater Maintenance	0	0	0%
Town Planning	-86,000	-6,260	7%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-12,980,734</b>	<b>-2,055,458</b>	16%

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### Asset Management

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-851,740</b>	<b>-550,981</b>	65%
Admin And Customer Service	-54,260	-21,602	40%
Airports	-30,000	-12,486	42%
Animal Control	-1,000	-5,000	500%
Cemeteries	-1,100	-3,795	345%
Child Care	-20,100	-2,825	14%
Depots & Workshop	-90,100	-69,706	77%
Emergency Response	-5,460	0	0%
Engineering Services	0	-1,571	0%
Gym	-17,700	-3,802	21%
Halls	-44,200	-8,138	18%
Hatchery	-4,000	0	0%
Landfill/ Waste Transfer Operations	-4,000	0	0%
Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre	-37,500	-5,617	15%
Libraries	-16,500	-25,264	153%
Parks & Gardens	-20,000	0	0%
Pensioner Housing	-108,590	-75,989	70%
Property And Leases	-4,000	0	0%
Public Conveniences	-5,500	-7,693	140%
Recreational Sports Centre	-38,100	-35,966	94%
Rodeo Grounds	-21,800	-6,317	29%
Sewerage	-28,500	-7,061	25%
Staff Housing	-230,000	-211,291	92%
Stores & Purchasing	0	0	0%
Swimming Pools	-25,300	-8,281	33%
Visitor Information	-16,000	-19,989	125%
Water	-28,030	-18,588	66%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-851,740</b>	<b>-550,981</b>	65%

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### Water and Waste Management

Account	Budget	31 Jan 2026	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>4,439,110</b>	<b>3,253,612</b>	73%
Landfill/ Waste Transfer Operations	883,800	515,549	58%
Refuse Collection	7,400	3,191	43%
Sewerage	1,701,400	981,805	58%
Water	1,846,510	1,753,067	95%
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>-7,086,888</b>	<b>-3,916,366</b>	55%
Landfill/ Waste Transfer Operations	-952,860	-471,730	50%
Raw Water Network	-5,000	0	0%
Refuse Collection	-158,500	-174,332	110%
Sewerage	-1,525,633	-872,443	57%
Water	-4,444,895	-2,397,862	54%
<b>Net Result</b>	<b>-2,647,778</b>	<b>-662,754</b>	25%

This budget includes operational and maintenance expenditure on Council's

- water and sewer treatment plants and reticulation networks
- landfill and waste transfer operations
- refuse collection

The income is from rates service charges for garbage, sewerage and water.

### 3. Cash Position

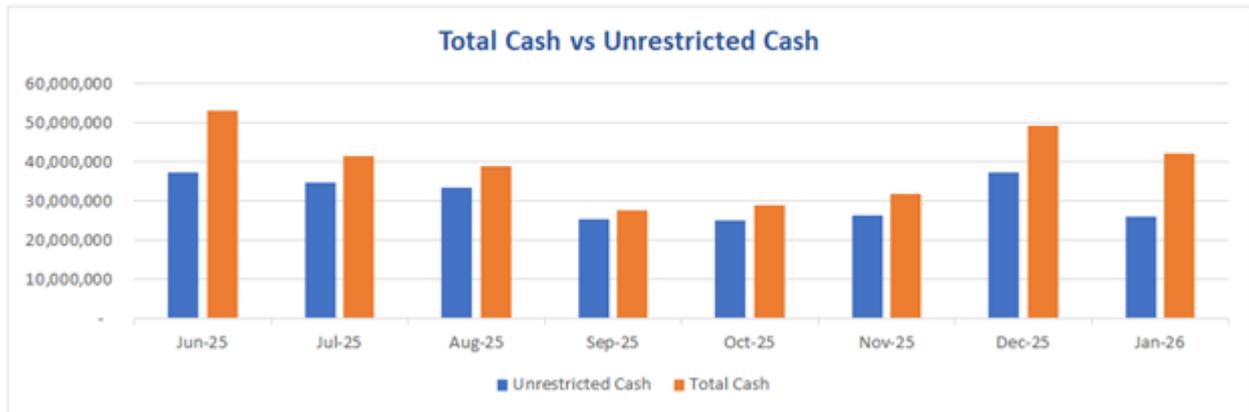
Council's cash balance is **\$42,186,259**. However, this balance is subject to several external restrictions, primarily related to contract liabilities. These liabilities predominantly consist of prepayments received from Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for flood damage restoration and betterment projects, including **\$928,568** allocated for the Mitchell River Bridge.

Additionally, Council has contract assets arising from works performed for other funding bodies and flood damage recovery projects, which are still in receipt of payment. Contract assets represent work performed in advance. For the period ending 31 January 2026, Council reported a net contract liability balance of **\$12,897,422**.

The graph below illustrates the total cash held (orange line) compared to the unrestricted cash available for Council operations expenditures (blue bars).

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	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
<b>Unrestricted Cash</b>	37,361,362	34,915,414	33,407,779	25,560,732	25,075,605	26,334,958	37,361,362	26,143,345
<b>Total Cash</b>	53,107,133	41,657,050	38,864,959	27,592,071	29,087,157	31,889,412	49,266,147	42,186,259



#### 4. Trade and Receivables

The graph below illustrates Council's Trade and Receivables balance of **\$5,200,391** compared to a budgeted figure of **\$3,590,184**. The total outstanding rates of **\$1,530,921** are included within the overall outstanding receivables balance.



The Budget is based on expected receivables at year end; however, due to the nature of receivables, there is no real impact if the actual does not reach the budget at year end.

#### 5. Investments

In accordance with Council's Investment Policy, available funds were invested in the Queensland Treasury Corporation Cash Fund, including the cash backing of all

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Council reserves. The table below outlines the investment performance for the month of January 2026.

Investment Accounts	Financial Institutions	Funds Available Balance	January 2026 Interest Income	YTD Interest Earned
QTC General Fund	QTC	31,817,047	103,881	498,139
QTC Reserves	QTC	10,310,805	44,708	381,827
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42,127,852</b>	<b>148,589</b>	<b>879,966</b>

### 6. QTC Loans

Council has no planned borrowings over the next ten years and remains committed to reducing its existing debt obligations. Currently, Council holds three loans with the Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC), as detailed below:

Loan Purpose	Quarterly Repayments	Balance	Maturity Date
Glenore Weir	110,412	3,412,537	15 March 2035
Karumba Sewerage	66,099	1,035,706	15 June 2030
Normanton Water	34,032	610,329	15 March 2031
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210,543</b>	<b>5,058,572</b>	

### 7. Sales Contracts and Recoverable Works

The table below provides a detailed breakdown of revenue and expenditures related to Main Roads activities:

Main Roads	Revenue	Expenditures	Operating Result
RMPC	1,859,673	558,320	1,301,353
Recoverable Works	20,919,819	20,919,819	-

The financial outcomes and operational efficiencies achieved during the period demonstrate the effectiveness of the Council's strategies in contract management and cost recovery.

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### 8. Fleet and Plant

Plant and Fleet Operations for the period ended 31 January 2026			
	Budget	Actual	% (Actual vs Budget)
<b>Plant Recovery (Or Plant Hire)</b>	<b>11,299,000</b>	<b>8,718,327</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>			
<b>Depreciation On Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>-1,038,000</b>	<b>-557,553</b>	<b>54%</b>
Depreciation - Other Plant & Equipment	-16,000	0	0%
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	-1,022,000	-557,553	55%
<b>Employee Costs</b>	<b>-545,549</b>	<b>-224,691</b>	<b>41%</b>
Labour On Costs	-231,196	-56,453	24%
Salaries & Wages	-314,353	-168,238	54%
<b>Materials &amp; Services</b>	<b>-6,090,990</b>	<b>-4,697,972</b>	<b>77%</b>
Consultants	-10,000	0	0%
Consumables	-15,000	-301	2%
Contractors - Others	-120,000	-1,370	1%
Contractors - Road Works	0	0	0%
Freight	-100,000	-71,292	71%
Insurance Premiums	-190,290	0	0%
Materials	-416,000	-238,289	57%
Plant Hire Payments	-3,500,000	-3,174,294	91%
Service Contracts	-7,500	-135,898	1812%
Stores Issues	-1,675,000	-973,441	58%
Stores On Costs	-5,000	0	0%
Subscriptions	-2,000	-1,050	53%
Telephone	-47,700	-48,369	101%
Other Expenses	-2,500	-53,668	2147%
	<b>-7,674,539</b>	<b>-5,480,217</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Plant and Fleet Net Operating Results</b>	<b>3,624,461</b>	<b>3,238,110</b>	<b>89%</b>

The Fleet & Plant operation shows a net positive variance, with the net result lower than expected.

- Operating Expenditure: \$5,480,217 (71% of the budgeted \$7,674,539)
- Key Cost Drivers

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- Plant Hire Payments are a major cost contributor, with the budget currently 91% expended
- Service Contracts expenditure incorporates new Starlink satellite communication platform for construction campsites
- Stores issues with the budget currently 58% expended
- Other Expenses reflect expenditure on third-party repairs for hired plant damages

### Revenue & Charge-Out Issues

- Underutilised Fleet: Several Council-owned and hired plant items are not being charged out, leading to potential revenue loss. Work is continuing to correct these anomalies as soon as practicably possible.
- Plant Hire Recovery: Currently at \$8,718,327 (77% of the budgeted \$11,299,000)

### Consultation (Internal/External):

- Finance team
- Supervisors and relevant officers

### Legal Implications:

- *Local Government Regulation 2012, section 204:*
  1. The local government must prepare a financial report.
  2. The chief executive officer must present the financial report –
    - a. if the local government meets less frequently than monthly – at each meeting of the local government; or
    - b. otherwise – at a meeting of the local government once a month.
  3. The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.
- *Local Government Act 2009*

### Financial and Resource Implications:

- The report identifies how Council is tracking against the adopted operational and capital budgets for the financial year.

### Risk Management Implications:

- Risk is considered low, and Council will be advised if major items deviate from the adopted budget and forecasts.
- Risk is high regarding depletion of cash during construction of the Mitchell River Bridge due to the high value of the contract. Council may not be able to fund the construction unless additional prepayments are received from QRA throughout the construction phase. This risk can be mitigated with early communication with QRA as detailed in the report.

## Carpentaria Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period ended 31 January 2026

	Actual 31-Jan-26	Budget 30-Jun-26	%
			(Actual vs Budget) 58%
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Operating revenue</b>			
Net rates, levies and charges	5,484,204	9,313,835	● 59%
Fees and charges	499,756	892,000	● 56%
Rental income	263,019	513,113	● 51%
Interest received	924,563	2,095,000	● 44%
Sales revenue	23,434,427	13,425,000	● 175%
Other income	98,662	-	● 0%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	41,014,350	57,858,118	● 71%
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>71,718,981</b>	<b>84,097,066</b>	<b>● 85%</b>
<b>Capital revenue</b>			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	29,854,813	69,106,797	● 43%
Capital income	-	-	● 0%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>101,573,793</b>	<b>153,203,863</b>	<b>● 66%</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>101,573,793</b>	<b>153,203,863</b>	<b>● 66%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Employee benefits	6,162,793	11,948,770	● 52%
Materials and services	57,828,286	68,141,585	● 85%
Finance costs	157,804	261,262	● 60%
Depreciation and amortisation	7,728,644	13,188,000	● 59%
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>71,877,528</b>	<b>93,539,617</b>	<b>● 77%</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>71,877,528</b>	<b>93,539,617</b>	<b>● 77%</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>29,696,265</b>	<b>59,664,246</b>	<b>● 50%</b>
<b>Operating result</b>			
Operating revenue	71,718,981	84,097,066	● 85%
Operating expenses	71,877,528	93,539,617	● 77%
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>(158,547)</b>	<b>(9,442,551)</b>	<b>● 2%</b>

**Key Points:**

- 1 Operating EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation): \$7,727,901
- 2 Depreciation expenses are expected to exceed the budgeted amount due to the comprehensive valuation completed after the adoption of the 2025-26 budget. This variance will be addressed in the budget review.

## Carpentaria Shire Council Statement of Financial Position as at 31 January 2026

	Actual 31-Jan-26	Budget 30-Jun-26	% (Actual vs Budget) 58%
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	42,186,259	39,628,197	● 106%
Trade and other receivables	5,200,391	3,590,184	● 145%
Inventories	1,250,498	1,357,600	● 92%
Contract assets	23,704,110	13,788,594	● 172%
ATO receivables	-	90,081	● 0%
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>72,341,259</b>	<b>58,454,656</b>	<b>● 124%</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant & equipment	420,538,407	437,334,032	● 96%
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>420,538,407</b>	<b>437,334,032</b>	<b>● 96%</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>492,879,666</b>	<b>495,788,688</b>	<b>● 99%</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	880,909	2,157,828	● 41%
Contract liabilities	36,601,532	38,980,105	● 94%
Borrowings	608,335	938,364	● 65%
Provisions	1,205,280	629,470	● 191%
ATO payables	(583)	-	● 0%
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>39,295,474</b>	<b>42,705,767</b>	<b>● 92%</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	4,450,238	4,094,912	● 109%
Provisions	1,053,940	1,002,902	● 105%
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>5,504,178</b>	<b>5,097,814</b>	<b>● 108%</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>44,799,652</b>	<b>47,803,581</b>	<b>● 94%</b>
<b>Net community assets</b>	<b>448,080,014</b>	<b>447,985,107</b>	<b>● 100%</b>
<b>Community equity</b>			
Asset revaluation surplus	241,741,926	222,067,753	● 109%
Retained surplus	206,338,089	225,917,354	● 91%
<b>Total community equity</b>	<b>448,080,014</b>	<b>447,985,107</b>	<b>● 100%</b>

## Carpentaria Shire Council Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended 31 January 2026

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	31-Jan-26	30-Jun-26
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	18,470,744	23,630,835
Payments to suppliers and employees	(65,466,658)	(80,134,002)
Interest received	924,563	2,095,000
Rental income	263,019	513,113
Non-capital grants and contributions	41,014,350	57,858,118
Borrowing costs	(157,804)	(261,262)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(4,951,786)</b>	<b>3,701,802</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(35,549,756)	(76,375,294)
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	29,854,813	69,106,797
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(5,694,943)</b>	<b>(7,268,497)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(274,145)</b>	<b>(597,911)</b>
<b>Total cash flows</b>		
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalent held</b>	<b>(10,920,874)</b>	<b>(4,164,606)</b>
<b>Opening cash and cash equivalents</b>	53,107,133	43,792,803
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>42,186,259</b>	<b>39,628,197</b>

										
Statement of Income and Expenditure by Category										
for the period ended 31 January 2026										
	Core	Fleet	QRA	RMPC	TMR Rec Works	LW/BDC Hatchery	Childcare	Other Non-Core	Total	Budget
Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>										
<b>Recurrent revenue</b>										
Net Rates, Levies and Charges	5,484,204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,484,204	9,313,835
Fees and charges	337,467	-	-	-	-	84,044	46,722	31,523	499,756	892,000
Rental income	28,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	235,019	263,019	513,113
Interest received	924,563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	924,563	2,095,000
Sales revenue	561,382	-	-	1,859,673	20,919,819	93,553	-	-	23,434,427	13,425,000
Other income	94,877	3,785	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,662	-
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	7,210,871	18,597	33,654,760	-	-	4,899	125,223	-	41,014,350	57,858,118
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,641,364</b>	<b>22,382</b>	<b>33,654,760</b>	<b>1,859,673</b>	<b>20,919,819</b>	<b>182,496</b>	<b>171,945</b>	<b>266,542</b>	<b>71,718,981</b>	<b>84,097,066</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
<b>Recurrent expenses</b>										
Employee benefits	(4,451,130)	(224,691)	(241,533)	(156,359)	(533,361)	(205,432)	(277,379)	(72,909)	(6,162,793)	(11,948,770)
Materials and services	(7,059,320)	4,020,344	(33,413,227)	(401,961)	(20,386,458)	(135,992)	(124,189)	(327,482)	(57,828,286)	(68,141,585)
Finance costs	(157,804)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(157,804)	(261,262)
Depreciation and amortisation	(6,347,069)	(557,553)	-	-	-	(182,231)	(76,995)	(564,796)	(7,728,644)	(13,188,000)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(18,015,324)</b>	<b>3,238,099</b>	<b>(33,654,760)</b>	<b>(558,320)</b>	<b>(20,919,819)</b>	<b>(523,655)</b>	<b>(478,563)</b>	<b>(965,187)</b>	<b>(71,877,528)</b>	<b>(93,539,617)</b>
<b>Operating Result</b>	<b>(3,373,960)</b>	<b>3,260,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,301,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(341,159)</b>	<b>(306,618)</b>	<b>(698,645)</b>	<b>(158,547)</b>	<b>(9,442,551)</b>

 <b>CARPENTARIA SHIRE</b> <i>Outback by the Sea®</i>	<b>Accounts Summary</b>	
	<b>31 January 2026</b>	<b>31 December 2025</b>
	\$	\$
<b>General Accounts</b>		
Westpac General Operating Accounts	55,507	23,992
Cash on Hand	2,900	2,900
QTC General Fund	31,817,047	38,247,748
QTC Reserves Fund	10,310,805	10,991,507
<b>Total balance held in banks (incl Reserves)</b>	<b>42,186,259</b>	<b>49,266,147</b>
<b>Restricted</b>		
Contract Balances	16,042,914	11,904,785
	<b>16,042,914</b>	<b>11,904,785</b>
<b>Unrestricted Cash</b>	<b>26,143,345</b>	<b>37,361,362</b>
<b>Internal Restrictions*</b>		
QTC Sewerage Reserve	477,745	477,745
QTC Airport Reserve	132,275	132,275
QTC Water Supply Reserve	716,313	716,313
QTC Land Development Reserve	12,453	12,453
QTC Plant Replacement Reserve	2,693,104	2,693,104
QTC Future Capital Grants	1,014,200	1,014,200
QTC Road Reseals Reserve	4,280,380	4,280,380
QTC Disaster Relief Reserve	55,767	55,767
	<b>9,382,237</b>	<b>9,382,237</b>
<b>Unrestricted Cash after Internal Restrictions</b>	<b>16,761,109</b>	<b>27,979,125</b>
<b>QTC Borrowings</b>		
Karumba Sewerage	1,035,706	1,030,062
Normanton Water Upgrade	610,329	607,075
Glenore Weir	3,412,537	3,400,727
<b>Total balance QTC borrowings</b>	<b>5,058,572</b>	<b>5,037,865</b>
<b>Net Council Position after Borrowings and all Restrictions</b>	<b>11,702,537</b>	<b>22,941,261</b>

\* Internal Restrictions are excluded of QTC Mitchell River Bridge since it is already captured in the restricted contract balance.

**Carpentaria Shire Council**  
**Sustainability Ratios**  
 as at 31 January 2026

Type	Measure	Overview	Target (Tier 7)	Actual YTD	Council Narrative
Operating Performance	Operating Surplus Ratio	The operating surplus is an indicator of the extent to which operating revenues generated cover operational expenses. Any operating surplus would be available for capital funding or other purposes.	0% to 10%	-0.22%	The unfavourable result reflects the YTD change in operating result (deficit position in January) and aligns with the current forecast deficit of \$9.4M. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is negative 11.23%.
	Operating Cash Ratio	The operating cash ratio is a measure of a council's ability to cover its core operational expenses and generate a cash surplus excluding depreciation, amortisation, and finance costs.	Greater than 0%	10.78%	The positive operating cash ratio indicates that Council is generating surplus cash from its core operations. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 4.76%. This indicates Council is in a position to partially fund some capital renewals and is heavily reliant on grant funding.
Liquidity	Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio	The unrestricted cash expense cover ratio is an indicator of the unconstrained liquidity available to a council to meet ongoing and emergent financial demands, which is a key component to solvency. It represents the number of months a council can continue operating based on current monthly expenses.	Greater than 4 months	2.86	The ratio is below the minimum cash cover target of 4 months for Tier 7 councils. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 2.16.
Asset Management	Asset Sustainability Ratio	The asset sustainability ratio approximates the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by a council are being replaced as they reach the end of their useful lives.	Greater than 90%	-	Insufficient data available as of reporting date. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 142.54%.
	Asset Consumption Ratio	The asset consumption ratio approximates the extent to which council's infrastructure assets have been consumed compared to what it would cost to build a new asset with the same benefit to the community.	Greater than 60%	-	Insufficient data available as of reporting date. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 63.23%.
Debt Servicing Capacity	Leverage Ratio	The leverage ratio is an indicator of a council's ability to repay its existing debt. It measures the relative size of the council's debt to its operating performance.	0 to 3 times	0.65	Council's borrowings are almost 1 times its earnings before depreciation (EBITDA). The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 1.18.
	Council-Controlled Revenue	Council controlled revenue is an indicator of a council's financial flexibility, ability to influence its operating income, and capacity to respond to unexpected financial shocks.	No target as contextual measure	8.34%	This ratio is based on Net Rates and Fees and Charges. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 12.14%.
Financial Capacity	Population Growth	Population growth is a key driver of a council's operating income, service needs, and infrastructure requirements into the future.	No target as contextual measure	0.81%	The latest population estimates available on the Queensland Government Statistician's Office was published on the 02 April 2025. The budgeted ratio at 30 June 2026 is 0.77%.

**Sustainability Ratios**

A new Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline was developed by the Department following consultation with local governments and other stakeholders on the Local Government Sustainability Framework discussion paper. Councils are required to report on the ratios included in the Sustainability Guideline as part of 2025-26 Annual General Purpose Financial Statements.

Queensland has one of the most diverse local government sectors in Australia, covering a large geographic area. In recognition to its diversity, the Department has allocated each council a category for sustainability reporting and monitoring purposes. As per the Sustainability Grouping for Council, Carpentaria Shire Council belongs to Tier 7.

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### 13 REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & REGIONAL

#### 13.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & REGIONAL PROSPERITY MATTERS OF INTEREST REPORT

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Amanda Farraway - Executive Manager Community Development and Tourism
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	Day to day management of activities within the Economic and Community Development Department
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	As per the Departmental Plan for Economic and Community Development

#### Executive Summary:

This report provides updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Community Development, Tourism and Regional Prosperity portfolio of Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For Information Only.

#### Normanton Childcare Centre

- Recruitment is ongoing for a Centre Manager.
- Fulltime Lead Educator commenced in January 2026.
- Three (3) new children have started at the Centre.
- Some families have been away for the school holidays and or unable to return to Normanton due to flooding.

#### January 2025 Occupancy

	Utilization/Capacity	Waiting List	Occupancy %
Nursery	86/176	12	<b>Nursery 49% Kindy 33%</b>
Kindy	142/462	13	

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### Monthly Visitation for Libraries and Visitor Information Centers

1 – 31 December 2025			
Normanton VIC	Normanton Library	Karumba VIC	Karumba Library
647	11	77	27

Normanton Library experienced a significant increase in visitation this month due to the Pop-Up Community Hub delivered by the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety. The hub supported community members to lodge applications for the Carpentaria Shire Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme and the Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme. In addition to providing a convenient and accessible location, the increased foot traffic created an opportunity to showcase the displays within both the Library and the Visitor Information Centre.

Karumba Library has been quiet as expected for January and there was no First 5 Forever programs held due to families being flooded out of town.

### **Aquatic Facilities**

TOTAL ENTRIES			
	Adult	Child	Total
Normanton	64	505	569
Karumba	68	18	86

This month the Karumba pool was fortunate to continue operations numbers were down mainly due to families being out of town.

Normanton Pool was closed for a number of days as our only Lifeguard was assisting the SES with resupply. Issues arose with children then swimming in the School Dam and in flooded water ways. The Executive Manager of Community Development & Tourism made contact with Swimming Queensland and was able to put a temporary plan in place to open the pool with a Senior Officer whom holds a Current First Aid & CPR certificate, enabling the pool to open.

### **Normanton Sports Centre**

The Sport Centre reopened on 19 January 2026. While attendance was initially low, patronage steadily increased throughout the remainder of the month. We also welcomed the commencement of the Youth Services, Sport and Recreation Coordinator and look forward to the introduction of new programs and activities at the centre in the coming months.

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### **Australia Day**

With Australia Day falling on a Monday this year, the Australia Day committee agreed to host events over the long weekend leading up to the Awards Ceremony on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Our weekend consisted of the following:

- Friday 23 January - Council hosted disco at the Karumba Civic Centre
- Saturday 24 January - free swim at the Normanton and Karumba pools which included a sausage sizzle
  - Sunday 25 January - Annual Carpentaria Horse Sports golf game, Normanton Bowls Club Barefoot Bowls at the bowls, Karumba Rec Club hosted a Sausage Sizzle & Bar.

There was a great turnout at the pools and wonderful to see so many for families.

They enjoyed the free sausage sizzle, which was cooked by Cr Johnty O'Brien, Cr Glenn Smerdon and Cr Cherie Schafer.

Sunday was more reserved for the adults who ventured out into the humid & wet terrain to hit a few holes in one. They then made their way back into town to roll a few balls on the green with some great company from around our town.

Despite ongoing road flooding, the Awards Ceremony in Karumba was well attended, with community members turning out in support of this year's nominees and winners.



### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Mayor
- Director of Engineering
- Youth Services Project Officer
- Manager Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre

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- Coordinator Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre
- Library Officers
- Normanton Childcare Acting Centre Manager
- Astute Early Years Specialist Pty Ltd ATF The Comerford Family Trust
- Swimming QLD
- State Library Queensland
- Gulf Savannah Development
- Normanton State School
- Gulf Christian College
- Gidgee Healing
- Film Festivals Australia
- Empire Touring
- Local Level Alliance
- Normanton Hospital & Health Service
- North Queensland Toyota Cowboys
- Community Recovery, Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services & Families

### **Legal Implications:**

- Local Government Regulation 2012.
- Local Government Act 2009.
- Water Quality Guidelines for Public Aquatic Facilities.
- National Health and Medical Research Council's Guidelines for managing risks in recreational water.
- Royal Life Saving Society Australia Guidelines for safe pool operations.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- Please see the Monthly Finance Report.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- Risk is considered low to medium depending on service areas.

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### 13.2 COMMUNITY DONATIONS & SUPPORT

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Amanda Farraway - Executive Manager Community Development and Tourism
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	Day to day management of activities within the Economic and Community Development Department
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	As per the Departmental Plan for Economic and Community Development

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#### Executive Summary:

During the period since the January 2026 meeting of Council, the requests listed in this report have been received for consideration in the Carpentaria Shire Council Community Donations and Support Program.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- Notes the fee waiver approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer since the January 2026 meeting of Council
- Considers the fee waivers submitted to Council since the January 2026 meeting of Council.

#### Background:

Council has a Community Donations and Support program for events held in the Carpentaria Shire. Requests for donations are called in two rounds each year for donations of over \$1,000.00. Applications for under \$1,000.00 can be approved under CEO delegation at any time during the financial year. The budget for the 2025/2026 financial year is \$89,000.00. At the date of this report there has been an expenditure of \$30,347.70 for the budget.

The requests in this report total \$7,042.50.

#### Donations and Fee Waivers for Council Consideration

- Gulf Christian College has requested the support from Council for the use of the John Henry Memorial Oval & Amenities on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to hold their annual Sports Carnival, they also require 4 bins and the Line marking of the oval to the value of \$2515.00.

John Henry Oval x 2 days	\$ 340.00
Amenities	\$ 340.00
Wheelie bins x 4	\$ 260.00
Line marking of the oval	\$1,575.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,515.00</b>

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2. C2K Bike Ride (Cairns to Karumba) has requested support from Council for the use of the Normanton Show Grounds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2026 for their fund-raising cycling event. Cyclists ride 780km to raise funds for the P&C's, local community organisations and the Royal Flying Doctor Service along the route they travel through. They have also requested the cleaning of the Amenities, 20 wheelie bins and camping for 200 Pax to the value of \$2,907.50

Normanton Show Grounds	\$270.00
Cleaning of Amenities	\$337.50
200 pax x 1 night camp fee	\$1,000.00
20 wheelie bins	\$1,300.00

**TOTAL** **\$2,907.50**

### **Donations approved under the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer**

1. Karumba State School has requested the fee waiver for the use of the Swimming pool to host swimming lessons for seven students one teacher and one teacher aide for 10 weeks

Pool fees for 2 adults and 7 students \$22.00 per lesson x 10 weeks	\$220.00
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**TOTAL** **\$220.00**

2. Gulf Christian College has requested the use of the Normanton Pool for the day to host their Swimming Carnival 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Pool Hire for full day with 1 staff member	\$500.00
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**TOTAL** **\$500.00**

3. Gulf Christian College has requested the use of the Normanton Golf Course & Club house to host their Cross Country Carnival on 28 April 2026

Normanton Golf Course	\$160.00
Amenities cleaning	\$135.00
Wheelie Bins x 3	\$195.00

**TOTAL** **\$490.00**

4. C2K Bike Ride (Cairns to Karumba) has requested the s use of the Karumba Sport Centre s on the 3rd of July 2026 for 40 cyclists to camp at the center.

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Karumba Sport Centre	\$210.00
40 pax for 1 night	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$410.00</b>

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**Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Chief Executive Officer
- Executive Manager Community Development & Tourism
- Customer Service Officer
- External Stake Holders

**Legal Implications:**

- Community Donations and Support Policy

**Financial and Resource Implications:**

- The requests in this report total \$7042.50

**Risk Management Implications:**

- Risks are within normal operations parameters

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### 14 REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING - ROADS & SERVICES

#### 14.1 DOE REPORT

**Attachments:** NIL

**Author:** Michael Wanrooy - Director of Engineering

**Date:** 11 February 2026

**Key Outcome:** 5.1 - Integrated and timely provision and management of sustainable infrastructure and assets

**Key Strategy:** 5.1.3 Plan and implement urban improvement works which enhance local character and identify, conserve and improve the region's streetscapes and provide iconic parkland.

#### Executive Summary:

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Director Engineering's portfolio.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

### 1. Actions Arising from Previous Meetings

Date:	Ref:	Action	Status	Comment
2023 June Meeting		Look at solar lights for footpath to Rodeo Grounds	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Solar Lights have arrived.</li> <li>➤ Discussions with contractor underway</li> </ul>
2024 January Meeting		Council to look at a design for a Fish Attraction Device mould for future additional areas.	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Council is chasing permits to use large old culvert structures stored at the Normanton Tip. We are also seeking funding to deploy the structures.</li> </ul>
2024 July Meeting		Cricket Oval is dry	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work is currently in progress. Replacement pumps installed. Rest of irrigation repairs to be completed by March 2026.</li> </ul>
2024 August Meeting		Clear vegetation to improve sight distance at 89B/84A intersection	In Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Plan to undertake at the most opportune time when crews come back for the break in December</li> <li>➤ Had discussions with</li> </ul>

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Date:	Ref:	Action	Status	Comment
				Delta Downs to undertake last week ➤ On hold
2025 Feb Meeting		Construct concrete ramp further into the cul-de-sac for pensioner unit at Little Brown Street	Not Started	➤
2025 Feb Meeting		Spray clear protectant to protect K150 tiles	In progress	➤ Made arrangements with Contractor to do ASAP
2025 July Meeting		Tables and benches, and shade shelter need repairs and repaint near CWA in Park	In Progress	➤ Made arrangements with Contractor to do ASAP

### 2. Miscellaneous Projects

- 2.1. Emergency Strip near Dunbar – TMR has accepted Council's tender and are finalising all environmental and cultural heritage investigations. TMR has delayed the project to start after July 2006.
- 2.2. Council has received funding to repair the sinking pier on one corner of the jetty in Normanton. Council will use 2 new piles to support the sinking corner. Designs have been completed which includes additional hardwood bracing. On hold until after the wet season.
- 2.3. Residential Activation Fund – Lilyvale low voltage power supply. UDCS Consulting have submitted the low voltage power design to Ergon for both stage 1 and 2 using pole mounted transformers. Council is awaiting the Letter of Offer from Ergon for quote and installation.
- 2.4. Karumba Revetment Wall extension project – Wren Construction has completed the rock groyne at the picnic shelter site. The survey has been completed for the extended revetment wall between the Sunset Tavern and the aerodrome. Moffat & Nichol are currently completing the design and will submit to SARA for permits and approvals.
- 2.5. TMR Betterment Package 2 which comprises of 11km new pave and seal on 89B at Vanrook – Shaun Henry's crew have completed 9km of stabilised pavement which has been sealed. On hold until after the wet season.
- 2.6. Council has finalised Betterment Package 3 which is located at the Staaten River. Work will start after the wet season.
- 2.7. Mitchell River Bridge – All piling works have just been completed. 80m of deck have been placed on the headstock at the south end. Work has stopped and Albem has demobilised. They will start up again after the wet season.
- 2.8. ROSI Funding – Approximately over 4.3km have been stabilised and sealed between Inverleigh West station and M Creek. On hold until after the wet season.
- 2.9. TIDs – Burketown Road Floodways. Council have completed three minor floodways work near the boundary grid with West Inverleigh and Wernadinga. An additional 2 concrete floodways are starting which will complete this portion of TIDs work. One has been completed. On hold until after the wet season.

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### February Accruals

RMPC - \$300,000

Active transport fund - \$180,000

**Table:** TMR Projects progress report for 2024 – 2025

Projects	Project Value	Claimed 2023-2024	Claim 2024-2025	Claim 2025-2026	Progress
CN-22446 89B REPA Works	\$12,789,624.86	\$2,030,475.62	\$6,136,801.50	\$4,622,347.74	100%
CN-23259 Betterment 89B Package 1	\$7,726,797.15		\$6,004,157.95	\$1,722,639.20	100%
CN-23368 Betterment 89B Package 2	\$7,715,388.90			\$6,232,929.15	81%
Betterment 89B Package 3	\$7,863,507.89				
CN-23217 Clark Creek Upgrade - 89B	\$3,626,295.72		\$1,401,882.90	\$2,224,412.83	100%
CN-25137 - 2025 Emergent Works	\$1,230,000.00			\$1,230,000.00	100%
CN-25137 2025 Emergent Variations	\$4,610,779.18			\$4,610,779.18	100%
CN-21603 REPA for 23E event on 89A, 84A and 92A	\$2,263,860.83			\$2,263,860.83	100%
ATSI TIDS - Plain Creek	\$1,250,000.00			\$199,241.48	16%
89A Widening at Warrenvale	\$6,699,493.20				
CN24304 - 25-27 RMPC Total 2 years is \$5,729,400	\$5,729,400.00			\$1,859,673.00	32%
CN-25179 Dunbar Emergency Strip	\$4,051,345.31				0%
Karumba Footpath -Active Transport Fund	\$300,000.00			\$120,000.00	40%

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ROSI - Roads of Strategic Importance - Pave and Seal Burketown Road	\$16,000,000.00			\$6,000,000.00	38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,856,493.04</b>	<b>\$2,030,475.62</b>	<b>\$13,542,842.35</b>	<b>\$31,085,883.41</b>	<b>57%</b>



**Photo:** Damage at Little Bynoe on the Burketown Road



**Photo:** Emergent Repairs to Little Bynoe

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### 3. Update on Shire Flood Damage Works

- 3.1. Council repaired the Little Bynoe and started the emergent maintenance grades. The emergent grades were abandoned due to new flooding and road closures.
- 3.2. Council assisted with fodder drops and cattle movement for non-corporate stations.
- 3.3. Council assisted with evacuations of Double Lagoon, Van Rook and Dinah Island.
- 3.4. Council assisted with food drops for Lotus Vale, Stirling, Van Rook, Dorunda, Inkerman and Glenore Station.
- 3.5. Council assisted with fuel supplies for flood boats during the resupply efforts.

### 4. Local Laws

#### 4.1. Bounty Scheme

Month	Bounty Scheme 20224 to2025		
	Wild dogs (Qty claimed)	Monthly Total	Budget Remaining
Jul-25	23	1,150	13,850
Aug-25	21	1,050	12,800
Sep-25	15	750	12,050
Oct-25	36	1,800	10,250
Nov-25	47	2,350	7,900
Dec-25	93	4,650	3,250
Jan-26	33	1,650	1,600
Feb-26		0	1,600
Mar-26		0	1,600
Apr-26		0	1,600
May-26		0	1,600
Jun-26		0	1,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>13,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>

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### 4.2. Animal Control

2025-2026 Local Laws Reporting										
Month	New Animal Registrations		Impounded Animals				Euthanized Animals			
	Ntn	Kba	Ntn	Kba	Ntn	Kba	Ntn	Kba	Ntn	Kba
	Dogs		Dogs		Cats		Euth. Dogs		Euth. Cats	
Jul-25	0	4	8	1	58	20	6	1	62	20
Aug-25	6	2	6	2	48	20	6	0	48	20
Sep-25	0	0	7	1	50	15	3	1	50	15
Oct-25	3	2	10	0	63	23	6	0	63	23
Nov-25	1	4	5	1	52	18	3	1	52	18
Dec-25	1	0	5	0	32	13	3		32	13
Jan -26			15		64	0	10		64	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>109</b>

### 4.3. Other Reporting since July 2026 – Jan 2026

- Total of 19 illegal campers moved on in Normanton
- Total 27 illegal campers moved on in Karumba
- Total of 2 snakes removed
- Total of 7 abandoned vehicles removed

## 5. Rural Land Officer

5.1. Nil

## 6. New Projects/Grant Applications

6.1. Council was successful in obtaining funding for the watermain duplication between Normanton and Glenore weir. The funding was sourced from the QRRRP via the DRFA.

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### **7. Reports**

#### **7.1. Grant Projects Program**

A full A3 copies will be provided at the meeting.

#### **Legal Implications:**

- Local Government Regulation 2012
- Local Government Act 2009
- Council's Local Laws

#### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- Contained within the report.

#### **Risk Management Implications:**

- Failure to comply with the relevant legislative requirements could result in reputational and political risk.
- Risk is considered low, to ordinary operations of Council.

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### **14.2 NDRRA/QDRF REPORT**

<b>Attachments:</b>	14.2.1. Appendix A - QRA24 Expenditure Summary <a href="#">↓</a> 14.2.2. Appendix B - 2024 Completed Works Sketch <a href="#">↓</a> 14.2.3. Appendix C - Cash Flow Summary January <a href="#">↓</a> 14.2.4. Appendix D - Betterment Projects <a href="#">↓</a>
<b>Author:</b>	John Martin - Consultant Engineering
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	Day to day management of activities undertaken as Major Projects within Council
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	As per the Departmental Plan for Major Projects

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#### **Executive Summary:**

**QRA22:** Acquittal documentation for Submission 6 (Dunbar – Kowanyama Road REPA and Betterment) has been lodged and is currently subject to audits by QRA.

**QRA23:** All QRA23 scope was completed prior to submission deadlines. Acquittal documentation for three (3) remaining submissions is currently being prepared for lodgment.

**QRA24:** QRA24 REPA and Betterment has a total RV of approx. \$70.6million (construction budget of \$51.8million). Approximately 54% of the scope has been completed with an Expenditure Ratio of 1.09. Approximately \$12.5million of REPA construction scope remains to be constructed prior to 30 June 2026 deadlines. Approximately \$16million of Betterment scope remains to be constructed prior to 30 June 2027 deadlines. The current QRA Cash Flow for road restoration/betterment is approximately \$17.7million in advance. The total QRA (including Mitchell River Bridge) cash flow is approximately \$18.9million in advance.

**QRA25:** A final outcome has been received for the first Emergency Works submission (Approx. \$1.8million) and Council will receive the payment shortly. The secondary Emergency Works submission (Approx. \$1.2million) has been lodged for acquittal and is currently subject to audits. Submission 2 (Northern Roads), Submission 3 (Eastern Roads), Submission 4 (Rollover Roads) and Submission 5 (Iffley Road) have been approved and Council has received the prepayments (30%). A final outcome has been received for Submission 1 (Western Roads) with an RV of approx. \$7.5million (construction). A prepayment of approx. \$3million will be received by Council shortly. Submission 6 (Sealed Roads) has been lodged for approval in QRA MARS system.

**QRA26:** Carpentaria Shire Council was activated for REPA, Emergency Works and CDO relief measures on 29 December 2025 in response to the North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather. Damage pickup and Emergency Works have begun throughout the Shire on roads that are currently accessible from Normanton and will continue in the upcoming months as areas of the Shire become accessible.

**OTHER:** Request for Tenders for Pre-qualified Suppliers of Wet Hire Plant, Dry Hire Plant, Civil Construction Materials and Gravel Pit Packages have been released on Vendor Panel and assessment will commence once tenders have closed.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **Background:**

#### **2022 QRA Event**

1. Submission 6 (Dunbar – Kowanyama Road REPA and Betterment) has been lodged for acquittal and is currently subject to audits by QRA.

#### **2023 QRA Event**

1. All QRA23 scope was completed prior to 31 December 2025 submission deadlines. Acquittal documentation for three (3) remaining submissions is currently being prepared for lodgement prior to 31 March deadlines.

#### **2024 QRA Event**

1. QRA24 REPA and Betterment has a total RV of approx. \$70.6million (construction budget of \$51.8million).
2. Approximately 54% of the scope has been completed with an Expenditure Ratio of 1.09. Refer to Appendix A and B for further construction details.
3. Approximately \$12.5million of REPA construction scope remains to be constructed prior to 30 June 2026 deadlines.
4. Approximately \$16million of Betterment scope remains to be constructed prior to 30 June 2027 deadlines. Refer to Appendix D for all approved betterment projects.
5. The current QRA cash flow (refer Appendix C) shows the road restoration/betterment is approximately \$17.7million in advance. The total QRA (including Mitchell River Bridge) cash flow is approximately \$18.9million in advance.

#### **2025 QRA Event**

1. A final outcome has been received for the first Emergency Works submission (Approx. \$1.8million) and Council will receive payment shortly. The secondary Emergency Works submission (Approx. \$1.2million) has been lodged for acquittal and is currently subject to audits by QRA.
2. Submission 2 (Northern Roads), Submission 3 (Eastern Roads), Submission 4 (Rollover Roads) and Submission 5 (Iffley Road) have been approved and Council has received the prepayments (30%).
3. A final outcome has been received for Submission 1 (Western Roads) with an RV of approx. \$7.5million (construction). A prepayment of approx. \$3million will be received by Council shortly.
4. Submission 6 (Sealed Roads) has been lodged for approval in QRA MARS system and are currently subject to assessment by QRA.

#### **2026 QRA Event**

1. Carpentaria Shire Council was activated for REPA, Emergency Works and CDO relief measures on 29 December 2025 in response to the North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji and Severe Weather.
2. Damage pickup has begun throughout the Shire on roads that are currently accessible from Normanton. Damage pickup will continue in the upcoming months as areas of the Shire become accessible.
3. Emergency works have commenced throughout the Shire on roads that are currently accessible and will continue in the upcoming months to restore access where required.

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### **Other**

1. Request for Tenders for Pre-qualified Suppliers of Wet Hire Plant, Dry Hire Plant, Civil Construction Materials and Gravel Pit Packages have been released on Vendor Panel and assessment will commence once tenders have closed.

### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Anne Andrews - Chief Executive Officer.
- Michael Wanrooy - Director of Engineering.
- John Martin and Nick Lennon - ERSCON Consulting Engineers.

### **Legal Implications:**

- Nil.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- QRA 23 Trigger Point contribution - \$29,070
- QRA 24 Trigger Point contribution - \$66,586
- QRA 25 Trigger Point contribution - \$68,086
- QRA 26 Trigger Point contribution - \$35,085

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- High – QRA24 – Approximately \$12.5million of REPA construction scope is remaining to be constructed prior to 30 June 2026 deadlines and completion is dependent on further wet weather and heavy vehicle access.
- Medium – QRA25 – If EOTs are required for QRA24 submissions, the delivery of the QRA25 program will be pushed back.
- Low – QRA26 – There is currently limited understanding of the current damage until damage pickup has been

**CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL**

SUMMARY OF QRA24 EXPENDITURE  
CURRENT  
Project Completed  
Forecast Project Expenditure to RV Ratio

1/02/2026  
54%  
1.09



Submission 2 (CSC.0079.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Beard Access	\$ 33,952.20	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Broadwater - Iffley Road	\$ 5,684,283.53	\$ 8,218,994.07	84%	1.72	Accrued costs processing, remaining works to be completed in 2026 construction year
Broadwater Access	\$ 24,586.87	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Claraville Road	\$ 2,713,332.81	\$ 2,137,150.23	100%	0.79	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Broadwater - Iffley Road Scope. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Glenore Weir Road	\$ 11,871.44	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Glenore Weir Service Access	\$ 65,579.44	\$ 56,311.13	100%	0.86	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Haydon Access	\$ 288,727.01	\$ 290,789.09	100%	1.01	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Mutton Hole Access	\$ 221,844.85	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Nine Mile Road	\$ 49,285.10	\$ 17,606.93	100%	0.36	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Old Croydon Road (Unsealed)	\$ 511,017.22	\$ 37,757.17	0%	1.00	Preliminary Costs booked, no construction has commenced. Actual start date to be updated upon construction
Pioneer Access	\$ 60,542.79	\$ -	100%	0.00	Due to significant additional damages caused by the 2024/25 event, all scope to be rolled over into 2024/25 submissions.
Swatell Creek Access	\$ 54,218.59	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Shady Lagoon Access	\$ 967,689.19	\$ 5,620.00	0%	1.00	Preliminary Costs booked, no construction has commenced. Actual start date to be updated upon construction
Warrenvale Access	\$ 110,282.35	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Yappar River Access	\$ 95,776.99	\$ 28,222.63	100%	0.29	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Yappar River Access (Secondary Access)	\$ 46,453.97	\$ 13,688.60	100%	0.29	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,939,444.35</b>	<b>\$ 10,806,139.85</b>			

\* Expected expenditure ratio is the ratio of final expenditure divided by the recommended value. (i.e. 1.5 is 50% over budget, 0.8 is 20% under budget)

Submission 5 (CSC.0082.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Dorunda Access	\$ 1,476,358.27	\$ 20,542.10	0%	1.00	Preliminary Costs booked, no construction has commenced. Actual start date to be updated upon construction
Double Lagoon Access	\$ 183,861.98	\$ 93,252.65	100%	0.51	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA23 Delta Downs Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Dunbar - Koolalah Road	\$ 6,226,211.03	\$ 2,367,161.98	89%	0.43	Accrued costs processing, remaining works to be completed in 2026 construction year
Inkerman Access	\$ 2,282,080.73	\$ 3,381,162.61	100%	1.48	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Maggieville Access	\$ 2,314.79	\$ 14,990.00	100%	6.48	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA23 Delta Downs Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Rutland Plains Access	\$ 96,908.54	\$ 15,536.15	100%	0.16	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Dunbar Kowanyama Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Ten Mile Road	\$ 1,418,041.33	\$ 913,969.20	57%	1.12	Accrued costs processing, due to earlier than expected wet weather events, remaining scope is at risk of not being completed an EOT may be required
Yappar Street	\$ 45,337.97	\$ -	0%	1.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,731,114.64</b>	<b>\$ 6,806,614.69</b>			

Submission 3 (CSC.0083.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Augustus Downs Access	\$ 31,218.44	\$ 98,912.13	100%	3.17	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Cowan Downs Access, Neumayer Valley Access, Donors Hill Access and Donors Hill - Augustus Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Cowan Downs Access	\$ 631,795.04	\$ 553,467.75	100%	0.88	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Augustus Downs Access, Neumayer Valley Access, Donors Hill Access and Donors Hill - Augustus Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Donors Hill Access	\$ 19,832.16	\$ 70,945.28	100%	3.58	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Augustus Downs Access, Neumayer Valley Access, Cowan Downs Access and Donors Hill - Augustus Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Donors Hill - Augustus Downs Road	\$ 1,104,531.19	\$ 1,113,121.59	100%	1.01	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Augustus Downs Access, Cowan Downs Access, Neumayer Valley Access and Donors Hill Access. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Inverleigh Access	\$ 51,159.41	\$ 1,025.34	0%	1.00	Preliminary Costs booked, no construction has commenced. Actual start date to be updated upon construction
Inverleigh Access (Secondary Access)	\$ 7,257.19	\$ 145.45	0%	1.00	Preliminary Costs booked, no construction has commenced. Actual start date to be updated upon construction
Inverleigh West Access	\$ 22,243.59	\$ 9,845.00	0%	1.00	Preliminary Costs booked, no construction has commenced. Actual start date to be updated upon construction
Karumba Pipeline Service Access	\$ 1,706,875.88	\$ 1,376,524.88	100%	0.81	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Lilyvale Road	\$ 53,849.66	\$ 52,930.37	100%	0.98	Accrued costs processing, construction recently completed
Lorraine Access	\$ 66,474.31	\$ 89,225.42	100%	1.34	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Nardoo Leichardt Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Magowra Access	\$ 68,987.60	\$ -	0%	1.00	
Nardoo - Leichardt Road	\$ 2,682,058.20	\$ 3,108,094.32	100%	1.16	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Lorraine Access. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Neumayer Valley Access	\$ 991,649.29	\$ 644,414.09	100%	0.65	Overlapping camp and establishment costs with simultaneously constructed QRA24 Augustus Downs Access, Cowan Downs Access, Donors Hill Access and Donors Hill - Augustus Road. When assessing scope together expenditure is expected to align closely with the combined RV.
Normanton - Burketown Road	\$ 3,334,224.44	\$ 2,444,488.57	33%	2.20	Accrued costs processing, remaining works to be completed in 2026 construction season. Due to significant additional damages caused by the 2024/25 event, line items to be rolled over into 2024/25 submissions.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,772,156.40</b>	<b>\$ 9,563,140.19</b>			

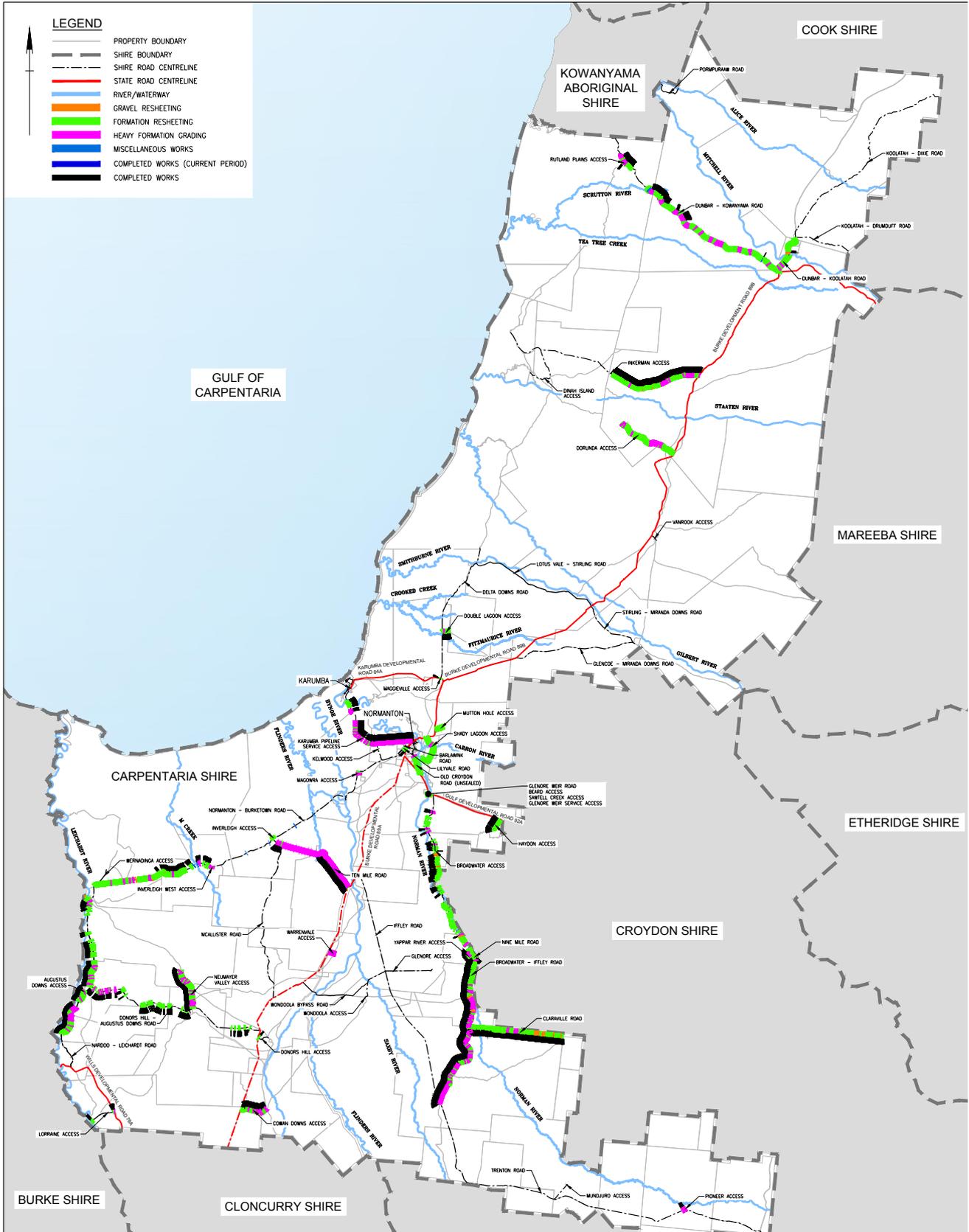
Submission 4 (CSC.0086.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Dunbar - Kowanyama Road	\$ 6,281,058.58	\$ 3,641,667.73	30%	1.95	Accrued costs processing, due to earlier than expected wet weather events, remaining scope is at risk of not being completed an EOT may be required
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,281,058.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,641,667.73</b>			

Submission 6 (CSC.0089.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Normanton - Burketown Road (Seal)	\$ 539,831.91	\$ 1,946,728.37	100%	3.61	Accrued costs processing, construction in progress
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 539,831.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,946,728.37</b>			

Submission 7 (CSC.0090.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Normanton - Burketown Road (Betterment)	\$ 2,807,415.20	\$ -	0%	1.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,807,415.20</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			

Submission 8 (CSC.0091.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Dunbar - Koolatah Road (Betterment)	\$ 6,958,285.56	\$ -	0%	1.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,958,285.56</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			

Submission 9 (CSC.0092.2324P.REC)					
Road Name	Construction Recommended Value	Expenditure	Complete (%)	Expected Expenditure Ratio	Notes
Dunbar - Koolatah & Dunbar - Kowanyama Road (Betterment)	\$ 1,811,225.29	\$ -	0%	1.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,811,225.29</b>	<b>\$ -</b>			



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NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DESIGN	APPROVED
11	09/02/26	REVISED FOR FEB MEETING	JD	
10	19/01/26	REVISED FOR JAN MEETING	JD	
9	02/12/25	REVISED FOR DEC MEETING	JD	
8	07/11/25	REVISED FOR NOV MEETING	JD	
7	07/10/25	REVISED FOR OCTOBER MEETING	BW	
1	06/02/25	APPROVED SCOPE		



CLIENT	J.D.	APPROVED
DESIGN	J.D.	APPROVED
DATE		REF:

PROJECT REF	CARPENTARIA SHIRE COUNCIL DRFA 2024 SHIRE ROADS RESTORATION	
DRAWING REF	2025 CONSTRUCTION SEASON COMPLETED WORKS	
DRAWING NO	101-024-SK704	SIZE A1
		REVISION 11

ORA Cash Flow Summary

Expenditure as at 1/02/2026



Event	Funding Stream	ORA Submission	ORA Submission Reference	Project Funding Amount	Submission Expenditure FY23	Submission Expenditure FY24	Submission Expenditure FY25	Submission Expenditure FY26	Project Management Expenditure	Total Expenditure	ORA Payments FY23	ORA Payments FY24	ORA Payments FY25	ORA Payments FY26	Total ORA Payments to Date	Outstanding Amount
2022	WFP	CSC.0067.2120D.WFP	Flood Risk Management Program (FRMP)	\$ 171,785	\$ -	\$ 42,240	\$ 46,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 961	\$ 51,536	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,536	\$ 10,401
2022	WFP	CSC.0086.2120D.WFP	DRPA RAMP WFP Round 2	\$ 12,962,489	\$ 62,381	\$ 11,997,227	\$ 334,900	\$ 408,239	\$ 368,759	\$ 11,901,645	\$ 2,963,100	\$ 7,894,204	\$ 23,288	\$ -	\$ 23,288	\$ 461,198
2023	REPA	CSC.0069.2222G.REC	2023 Submission 4 - Dunbar - Koroanama Road	\$ 12,617,782	\$ -	\$ 61,940	\$ 2,150,680	\$ 288,225	\$ 230,000	\$ 2,407,925	\$ 3,715,105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,274,297	\$ 2,440,807	\$ 268,863
2023	REPA	CSC.0072.2222G.REC	2023 Submission 1 - 7th Northern Roads	\$ 15,113,475	\$ -	\$ 59,853	\$ 4,284,218	\$ 3,150,024	\$ 799,830	\$ 6,233,925	\$ -	\$ 4,713,907	\$ 85,151	\$ 3,703,227	\$ 8,502,785	\$ 268,863
2023	REPA	CSC.0073.2222G.REC	2023 Submission 2 - Northern Roads	\$ 17,111,475	\$ -	\$ 1,303,885	\$ 6,566,842	\$ 3,121,988	\$ 926,348	\$ 11,740,662	\$ -	\$ 5,133,443	\$ 2,584,242	\$ 4,193,693	\$ 11,851,899	\$ 108,936
2023	REPA	CSC.0074.2222G.REC	2023 Submission 3 - Southern Roads	\$ 22,936,589	\$ -	\$ 961,436	\$ 10,279,899	\$ 16,646	\$ 882,411	\$ 12,100,592	\$ -	\$ 6,178,977	\$ 4,968,242	\$ 310,888	\$ 12,056,105	\$ 44,287
2023	REPA	CSC.0075.2222G.REC	2023 Submission 4 - Southern Redoubt Roads	\$ 12,743,486	\$ -	\$ 92,135	\$ 6,662,647	\$ 1,101,757	\$ 478,310	\$ 6,943,669	\$ -	\$ 3,023,046	\$ 3,411,572	\$ 4,592,592	\$ 7,956,711	\$ 991,159
2023	REPA & BETT	CSC.0094.2222G.REC	2023 Submission 6 - Normanton - Burketown Road	\$ 7,997,031	\$ -	\$ 28,084	\$ 6,610,971	\$ 94,216	\$ 60,449	\$ 6,735,699	\$ -	\$ 2,279,109	\$ 3,908,599	\$ 229,532	\$ 6,611,730	\$ 98,022
2024	REPA	CSC.0094.2222G.REC	2024 Secondary and Residual Grants	\$ 8,628,030	\$ -	\$ 643,913	\$ 42,230,532	\$ 20,274,653	\$ 400,000	\$ 43,108,722	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 45,400,981	\$ 4,899,531	\$ 49,710,512	\$ 1,189,029
2024	REPA	CSC.0092.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 1 - Northern Roads	\$ 8,249,982	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,340	\$ 4,606,630	\$ 223,742	\$ 11,030,390	\$ -	\$ 4,839,966	\$ 1,184,323	\$ 4,584,728	\$ 121,929	
2024	REPA	CSC.0093.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 2 - Northern Roads	\$ 15,116,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,710,528	\$ 5,792,650	\$ 361,742	\$ 9,924,425	\$ -	\$ 4,472,520	\$ 4,439,081	\$ 9,911,601	\$ 12,894	
2024	REPA	CSC.0094.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 3 - Northern Roads	\$ 14,246,727	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,710,528	\$ 5,792,650	\$ 79,487	\$ 1,721,154	\$ -	\$ 1,748,692	\$ 1,965,956	\$ 3,714,649	\$ 6,566	
2024	REPA	CSC.0095.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 4 - Dunbar - Koroanama Road	\$ 7,939,748	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382,706	\$ 1,564,022	\$ -	\$ 1,946,728	\$ -	\$ 214,182	\$ 254,687	\$ 1,672,855	\$ 1,472,855	
2024	REPA & BETT	CSC.0099.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 7 - Normanton - Burketown Road	\$ 3,971,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,193,449	\$ -	\$ 1,193,449	\$ -	\$ 1,193,449	\$ 1,193,449	
2024	REPA & BETT	CSC.0091.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 8 - Dunbar - Koroanama Road	\$ 9,660,030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,113,578	\$ -	\$ 2,958,009	\$ -	\$ 2,958,009	\$ 2,844,431	
2024	REPA & BETT	CSC.0092.2324E.REC	2024 Submission 9 - Dunbar - Koroanama Road	\$ 2,291,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 586,175	\$ -	\$ 687,360	\$ -	\$ 687,360	\$ 687,360	
2024	REPA & BETT	CSC.0088.2324E.NRI	Kaunabai Forest Sustainable Development	\$ 4,542,830	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,364,349	\$ -	\$ 1,364,349	\$ 718,174	
2024	ORF	CSC.0093.2425S.OMF	Kaunabai Forest Sustainable Development	\$ 550,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,000	
2025	CDC	CSC.0097.2425S.CDC	ORA Normanton Atty	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	
2025	CEO	CSC.0099.2425I.CEO	2025 CSC Counter Disaster Operations	\$ 151,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,935	\$ 17,984	\$ -	\$ 151,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,970	\$ -
2025	EW	CSC.0102.2425I.EWK	2025 CSC Emergency Works	TBA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,861,496	\$ 1,193,202	\$ -	\$ 3,054,698	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,054,698	
2025	REPA	CSC.0100.2425I.REC	2025 Submission 4 - Hollow Roads	\$ 8,339,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,693	\$ 2,500,693	
2025	REPA	CSC.0101.2425I.REC	2025 Submission 5 - Illey Road	\$ 16,123,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,232	\$ -	\$ 12,232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,806,584	\$ 4,806,584	
2025	REPA	CSC.0104.2425I.REC	2025 Submission 2 - Northern Roads	\$ 16,708,762	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,017,629	\$ 5,017,629	
2025	REPA	CSC.0105.2425I.REC	2025 Submission 3 - Eastern Roads	\$ 19,659,787	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,897,936	\$ 5,897,936	
2026	CEO	CSC.0106.2425I.CEO	2026 CSC Counter Disaster Operations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 345,498	\$ -	\$ 345,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 345,498	
2026	EW	CSC.0107.2425I.CEO	2026 CSC Emergency Works	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,461	\$ -	\$ 5,461	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,461	
			TOTAL													\$ 18,904,192

### Approved Betterment Projects

Submission Number	Project Name	Total Project	Deadline
Queensland Betterment Funding	Dunbar - Kowanyama Road (Pavement and Sealing)	\$6,712,951	31/12/2025
Flood Risk Management Program (FRMP)	WP3 Flood studies, risk assessments, management studies and intelligence systems	\$171,785	30/06/2026
Queensland Betterment Funding	Normanton - Burketown Road (Pavement and Sealing)	\$7,997,031	30/06/2025
National Resilience Fund - Infrastructure	Karumba Foreshore Protection Project	\$4,547,830	30/06/2026
Queensland Betterment Funding	Dunbar - Kowanyama Road (Realignment, Pavement and Sealing)	\$2,291,200	30/06/2027
Queensland Betterment Funding	Dunbar - Koolatah Road (Realignment, floodway upgrades, Pavement and Sealing)	\$9,860,030	30/06/2027
Queensland Betterment Funding	Normanton - Burketown Road (Pavement and Sealing)	\$3,978,163	30/06/2027
Queensland Mitigation Fund – Infrastructure	Karumba Port Sustainable Development	\$550,000	30/06/2027
Recreation and Community Assets	CRA Normanton Jetty Upgrades	\$250,000	30/06/2027

Project has been completed

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### **14.3 WATER AND WASTE MONTHLY REPORT**

<b>Attachments:</b>	NIL
<b>Author:</b>	Joe Beddows - Technical Officer - Water and Waste
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2026
<b>Key Outcome:</b>	Day to day management of activities within the Water and Waste Department
<b>Key Strategy:</b>	As per the Departmental Plan for Water and Waste

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#### **Executive Summary:**

This report has been prepared to provide Council with an overview of actions completed and underway within the Water and Waste Department throughout January 2025.

The following items of interest are presented in further detail within the report:

- Water Industry Update
- Normanton-Karumba Water Supply Scheme
- Operations Update
- Sewer Update
- Waste Services

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

For Information Only.

#### **Background:**

##### **Water Industry Update**

The next North West Queensland Regional Water Alliance (NWQRWA) Technical Committee Meeting will be held in Hughenden on 26 February 2026.

The NWQRWA projects for the AC Mains Condition Assessment, Sewer Pump Station Condition Assessment, and Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP) Review have now progressed through the tender phase, with all tenders officially closed. These projects represent a significant step forward in strengthening regional water and wastewater asset management and compliance across member councils. The condition assessments will provide valuable data to inform renewal planning, risk prioritisation, and long-term capital works programming, while the DWQMP Review will ensure participating Councils remain aligned with regulatory requirements and best practice.

Funding has been announced for the upgrade of the Glenore Pipeline. The proposed pipeline will offer substantially improved durability and resilience compared to the existing ageing asbestos cement (AC) main, reducing the risk of failures and improving long-term reliability of the region's raw water supply. This upgrade represents a major step forward in strengthening water security for the Shire.

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*Image 1, – Proposed Raw Water Pipeline*

### **Normanton-Karumba Water Supply Scheme**

#### **Operations Update**

For the month of January, approximately 51.86ML was pumped from Glenore Weir and 2.74ML from the Normanton bore for a total of 54.60ML of raw water. Total treated water consumption (Normanton and Karumba) was 43.56ML. A total of 297mm of rainfall was recorded for this month.

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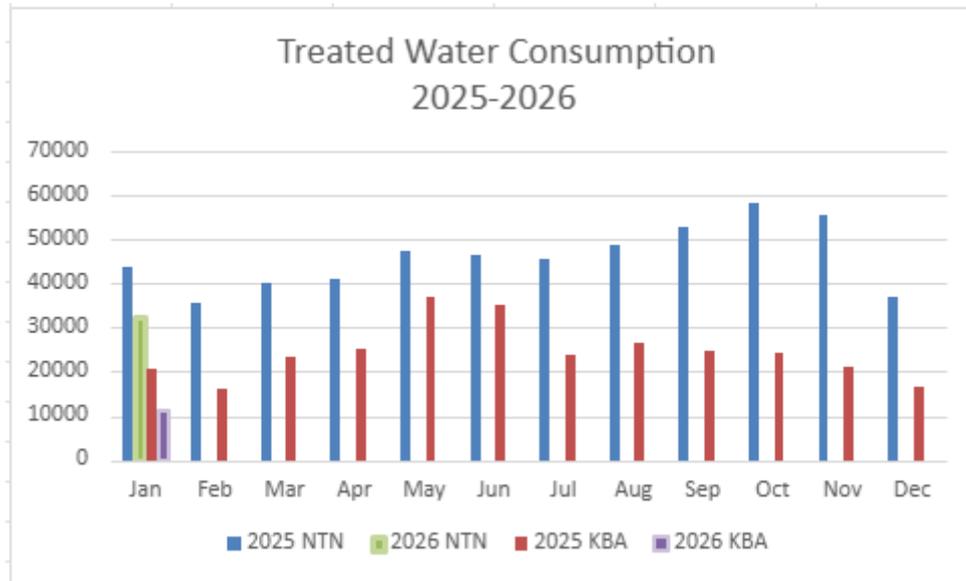


Figure 1 – Treated Water Consumption by Zone

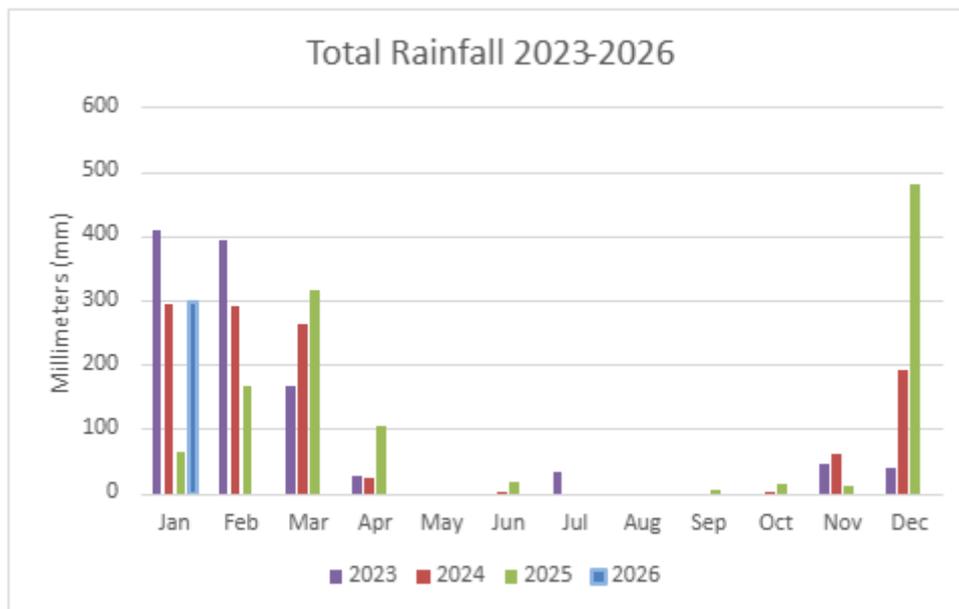


Figure 2 – Monthly Rainfall

### Maintenance and Upgrades

In early January, a technician attended site to undertake scheduled servicing of the chlorine generators and associated dosing pumps to ensure continued reliability of disinfection processes. Due to rising floodwaters, the contractor was required to demobilise prior to completing all planned works. Arrangements have been made for the technician to return later in the month, conditions permitting, to finalise the remaining servicing activities and ensure all equipment is operating optimally.

The water treatment operations have remained largely resilient throughout this wet season to date, with the primary impacts relating to intermittent power supply outages. Council generators have maintained power to critical water and sewer infrastructure, ensuring continuity of supply across the Shire. Operations staff worked well under difficult circumstances to ensure that equipment and treatment processes were monitored appropriately.

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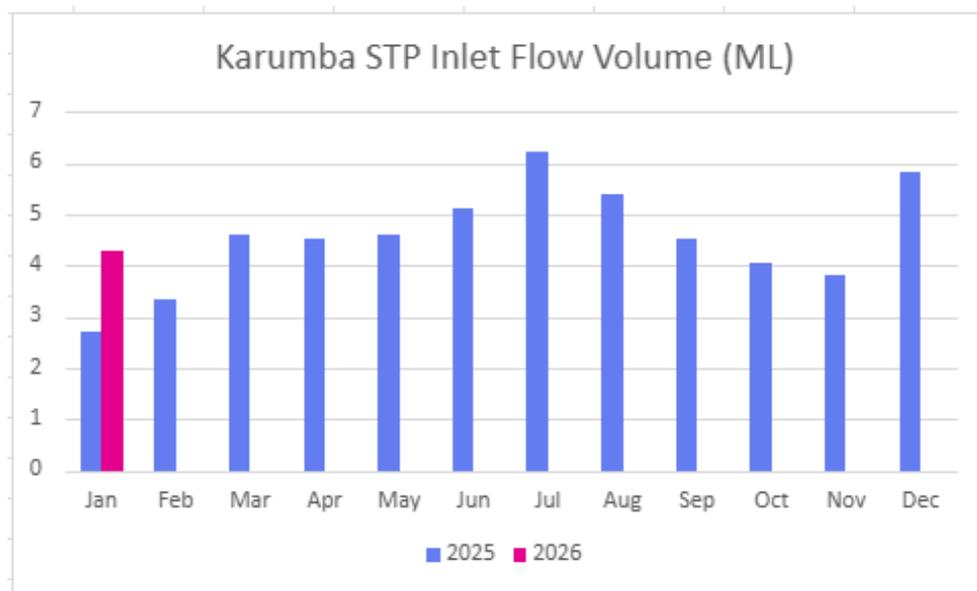
### Sewer Update

#### **Normanton Sewerage Scheme**

General maintenance tasks and repairs were carried out by operations staff members throughout the month at the Normanton Sewer lagoons. All six pumps at Normanton's three sewer pump stations were lifted and de-ragged.

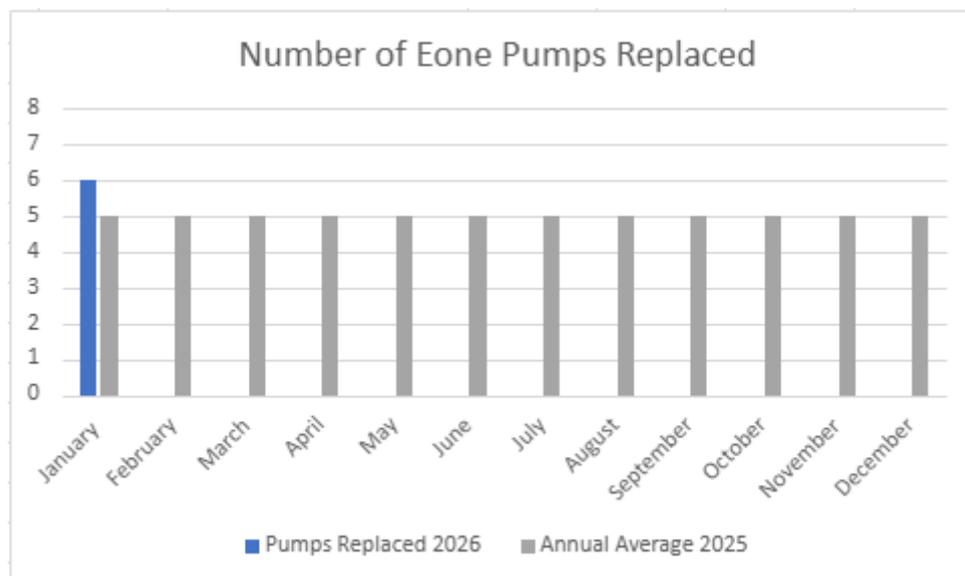
#### **Karumba Sewerage Scheme**

Karumba sewerage treatment plant ran without major issues for the month of December, with five (5) power outages recorded for the month. The facility treated approximately 4.28ML of sewerage during January.



*Figure 3 – Total Monthly inlet flow for Karumba STP*

For sewer reticulation, five (5) eOne pumps were replaced for the month.



*Figure 4 – Sewer Reticulation Pump Replacements*

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### **Waste Services**

Regular discussions continue with the site supervisors to maintain operations as well as monthly virtual meetings with managers and directors. Work continues in a business-as-usual fashion

### **Consultation (Internal/External):**

- Director of Engineering
- Manager Water and Waste
- Project Engineer
- Trades and operational staff
- Viridis Consultants
- SCADA Engineering
- Wanless Pty Ltd
- AGnR Consultants

### **Legal Implications:**

- Low – Within operational parameters.

### **Risk Management Implications:**

- Compliance with regulatory conditions is non-negotiable.

### **Financial and Resource Implications:**

- All operational expenditure is within the budget set for Water and Waste.

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