



ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

11 OCTOBER 2022

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 11 October 2022 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
6 October 2022

Next Meeting Date: 25.10.22

Please note:

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

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1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country
- 1.2 Opening Prayer delivered by Pastor John Alley, Peace Apostolic Ministries

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor D Kirkland

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Grant Mathers - Leave of Absence from 30 September 2022 to 23 October 2022

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 September 2022

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

10.1 SPONSORSHIP OF THE APRA NATIONAL FINALS RODEO AT CQLX

File No:	11715
Attachments:	1. 2022 Ariat APRA NFR Event Prospectus ↓
Authorising Officer:	Greg Bowden - Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Author:	Zac Garven - Tourism Coordinator

SUMMARY

A request for sponsorship for the Ariat Australian Professional Rodeo Association National Finals Rodeo Event to be held at the CQLX facility on November 10-12, 2022 is presented to Council for consideration.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the allocation of \$5,500 (ex gst) in funding for sponsorship of the APRA Nationals Finals Rodeo Event on November 10-12, 2022.

COMMENTARY

The best in pro-rodeo will be heading to Australia's beef city for the 2022 Ariat APRA National Finals Rodeo with the pinnacle event to be hosted by CQLX, Gracemere with an anticipated attendance of over 6,000 people expected to enjoy the event.

This event fits into our focus upon Rockhampton offering a quality events calendar and building our liveability benefits. Events such as this one also complements our industry focus area of Agriculture and our Beef Capital title.

The top-15 qualifiers in eight championship events, over four rounds, across three days (November 10-12) will descend on the Rockhampton region to take an Australian Champion title.

An entertainment spectacular and a production with a festival atmosphere, the event will feature a fan zone area as well as trade sites, music, fashion shows, and entertainment for all ages.

A request for Council to sponsor the 2022 APRA Nationals Finals Rodeo Event has been received as detailed in Attachment 1, for:

- \$5,500 (ex gst) direct financial support which includes tourism and marketing benefits for Rockhampton;

This is the first time this event has been held in Rockhampton. It has previously been held in Warwick.

This event format provides a strong social component and has been designed specifically to engage families, groups of friends and couples, encompassing different ages, residing locally and from around the nation.

As this would be the first event in Rockhampton, it is hard to estimate the attendance, however based on attendees to the event in Warwick, they anticipate about 6000 spectators in attendance over the event timetable.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There are no previous decisions of Council relevant to the recommendation under consideration.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

An allocation is contained within the 2022/23 Advance Rockhampton Operational Budget.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

There are no legal implications relevant to this matter.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As this event is being delivered by an external third-party, there are no relevant legal implications for consideration.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There will be no implications to Council permanent staffing levels if Council adopts the proposed recommendation.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no significant risks identified relevant to the recommendation under consideration.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN*2022-2027 Corporate Plan:*

Goal 2.1 Our places and spaces enhance the liveability and diversity of our communities

- » We encourage diversity of community events and innovative use of our places and spaces
- » We provide facilities for sports and the arts that encourage community participation, and attract elite sporting and cultural events

Goal 3.3 Our work attracts visitors to the Region

- » We promote our Region as an attractive destination for visitors
- » We design places and deliver events that encourage visitors to come and stay

2022/23 Operational Plan:

Key Focus Area: Our economy

Council will support businesses and industries to adapt and capitalise on opportunities in the renewable energy and circular economy sectors and continue their involvement in strategic tourism and marketing and key city building events enhancing the liveability and visitability across the Rockhampton region, solidifying our position as a region that people choose to live, visit and invest.

Goal 3.3 Our work attracts visitors to the Region

3.3.1 We promote our Region as an attractive destination for visitors

3.3.2 We design places and deliver events that encourage visitors to come and stay

CONCLUSION

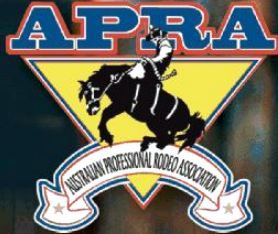
On assessment of the request for sponsorship it is recommended Council approve the allocation of \$5,500 for sponsorship outlined in this report.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE APRA NATIONAL FINALS RODEO AT CQLX

2022 Ariat APRA NFR Event Prospectus

Meeting Date: 11 October 2022

Attachment No: 1



APRA National Finals Rodeo Event Prospectus

10, 11 + 12 November 2022

2022 Ariat APRA NFR | The best in pro-rodeo will be heading to Australia's beef city for the 2022 Ariat APRA National Finals Rodeo with the pinnacle event to be hosted by CQLX, Gracemere.

The top-15 qualifiers in eight championship events, over four rounds, across three days – November 10, 11 + 12 – will descend on the Rockhampton region to take an Australian Champion title.

The 2022 Ariat APRA National Finals Rodeo will be hosted by CQLX, Gracemere, just outside Rockhampton, on November 10, 11 + 12, with over 6000 people expected to attend.

APRA National Finals Packages

An entertainment spectacular and a production with a festival atmosphere, the event will feature a fan zone area with trade sites, music, fashion shows, and entertainment for all ages. The count down to the Ariat APRA National Finals Rodeo has begun and partnership opportunities are now available.

	Co. Event Naming Rights	Return Gate Signage	Logo On Apparel	Arena Panel Signage	Grand Stand Signage	Official Program	Announcer Acknowledgement	Reserved Grandstand Seating	Event Digital Screens	Corporate Box (10 Pac)	VIP Experience Tickets	
Platinum (1)	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓ (10)	\$30,000+GST add signage
Gold (7)				✓		✓	✓	✓ (4)	✓		✓ (4)	\$5,500+GST incl signage
Silver					✓			✓ (2)	✓			\$900+GST add signage
After Party Host	POA											
Fan Zone Partner	POA											



Bookings and further enquiries:
 Carly Gaukroger - Events and Marketing Coordinator -
 0407 048 808 • Events@cqlx.com.au

CO. EVENT NAMING RIGHTS - With only 1 package available for Co Branding - Event Naming Rights, your business name will be added to title of the event, and will be included on all ticketing, Facebook events, media, event signage and promotions. The Ariat National Finals Rodeo, brought to you by....



RETURN GATE SIGNAGE - Advertising space is allocated to your business on the return gate which is situated in the middle of the arena between the 6 chutes.

ARENA PANEL SIGNAGE - At least 20m of signage space allocated to each business around the inside of the competition arena.

GRAND STAND SIGNAGE - With 8 grandstands in total, businesses will have signage locations provided above the grandstand seating.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM - Each business will have advertising space allocated within the official event program.

LOGO ON APPAREL - Platinum Sponsor will have the opportunity to display their Business Logo on the Ariat National Finals Rodeo Competitor Jackets.

ANNOUNCER ACKNOWLEDGMENT - With over 15 hours of action packaged live entertainment over 3 days and live streamed Nationally and Internationally to over 34,000 viewers, the event announcer will give special mention to the sponsoring business at various times during the event.

DIGITAL SCREEN ADVERTISING - Two digital screens will be operational throughout the event, with each business allocated space to play a still or moving graphic.

VIP EXPERIENCE - Each night, guests will be invited to attend a pre-event western inspired VIP Experience where you will get to engage with past and present rodeo greats, behind the chutes tour and a two hour hospitality package with gift bag on arrival.

RESERVED SEATING - Allocated Reserved Seating in a premium viewing location for all 3 nights of entertainment.

CORPORATE BOX** - A private corporate box overlooking the competition arena, with a full hospitality package including, basic spirits, beer, wine and catering. This private area is air conditioned, with dedicated waitstaff. Hospitality package will commence 1 hour prior to the night time performance and cease 30 minutes after the completion of the rodeo.

***Responsible service of alcohol will apply*





FAN ZONE

A major attraction for this year's NFR will be the Fan Zone. An area where fans can experience the true rodeo fanfare whilst still keeping up with arena action on the digital screens. Shopping, Entertainment and Food Trucks will line the area, while children will be able to 'Learn to Rope' in the interactive space – you may even be able to snap a picture of a rodeo champion in the autograph area.

For all trade enquires please contact events@cqlx.com.au.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The APRA National Finals Rodeo is committed to strengthening the relationships between the rodeo and local community organisations. If your club or not for profit organisation is interested in benefiting from this event please contact the Events Manager.

HOSPITALITY PACKAGES**

Private Corporate Box for 10 people – with premium ring side viewing area with full hospitality packaging including basic spirits, wine, beer and soft drink served with some of the best low and slow meats in the country. Your private area will be serviced by your own dedicated wait staff.

Packages commence 1 hour prior to the night time performance and will cease 30 minutes after the completion of the rodeo.

***Responsible services of alcohol will apply.*

THURSDAY \$4,000 +GST

FRIDAY \$5,000 +GST

SATURDAY SOLD



10.2 REVISED SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (TOWARDS 2030)

File No:	1174
Attachments:	1. Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030) ↓ 2. Consultation Summary ↓
Authorising Officer:	Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Christine Bell - Coordinator Environmental Sustainability

SUMMARY

This report tables the revised Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030) for Council's consideration and adoption.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the revised Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030); and
2. Direct the Environmental Sustainability Unit and Sustainability Strategy Executive Group to implement the Strategy and Action Plan, providing Council with quarterly progress reports and an annual Year in Review.

COMMENTARY

Council's *Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030)* seeks to support our vision for a sustainable future by delivering local initiatives that help us to align with the evolving policy landscape, whilst simultaneously strengthening our community, environmental and economic resilience. In doing so, the Strategy outlines key strategic priorities which will inform planning, guide decision-making and drive action and investment.

Council formally endorsed the *Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030) – Draft for consultation* for public consultation on 16 August 2022 and the community provided feedback during a three-week consultation period in September 2022.

Community feedback indicated strong support for Council's Sustainability Strategy and highlighted a number of minor updates that could be made to improve the Strategy. The revised Sustainability Strategy is shown in Attachment 1. A consultation summary, outlining key feedback and changes to the Strategy following public consultation, is shown in Attachment 2.

The Environmental Sustainability Unit and Sustainability Strategy Executive Group (Section Managers) will continue to oversee implementation of the Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan. The Group will continue to meet quarterly, providing Leadership Team and Councillors with internal quarterly progress reports and producing a publicly available Year in Review.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council adopted its first Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2018-2022) on 25 September 2022. Since that time, Council has endorsed four annual Year in Review reports outlining progress on the Strategy. On 16 August 2022, Council endorsed the Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030) – Draft for consultation and approved public consultation to seek community feedback.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Council will continue to provide funding to support the Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan, subject to Council's budgetary process and other funding sources such as government grants.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The Sustainability Strategy seeks to align Council with national and state policies and targets. Council will continue to monitor the evolving policy landscape and best practice sustainability standards and to comply with all legislative requirements.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified legal implications associated with the revised Strategy.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional staffing implications associated with continued implementation of Council's Sustainability Strategy at this time. The Sustainability Unit will continue to work with the Leadership Team, Sustainability Strategy Executive Group and staff to embed sustainability considerations in Council's operations and services and continually improve Council's environment and sustainability performance.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no identified risks associated with Council's continuing implementation of a Sustainability Strategy.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report progresses the following action as specified in Council's Operational Plan FY2022-23:

4.2.1.1 Revise the Sustainability Strategy for the Region, ensuring continued alignment with State and Federal requirements.

CONCLUSION

The revised Sustainability Strategy pursues a coordinated approach that integrates sustainability considerations across Council's many and diverse functions. Through the implementation of this Strategy, Council will be leading our Region by example and working together with our local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government to positively influence the continuing liveability and prosperity of the Rockhampton Region.

REVISED SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (TOWARDS 2030)

Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030)

Meeting Date: 11 October 2022

Attachment No: 1



ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY.

TOWARDS 2030



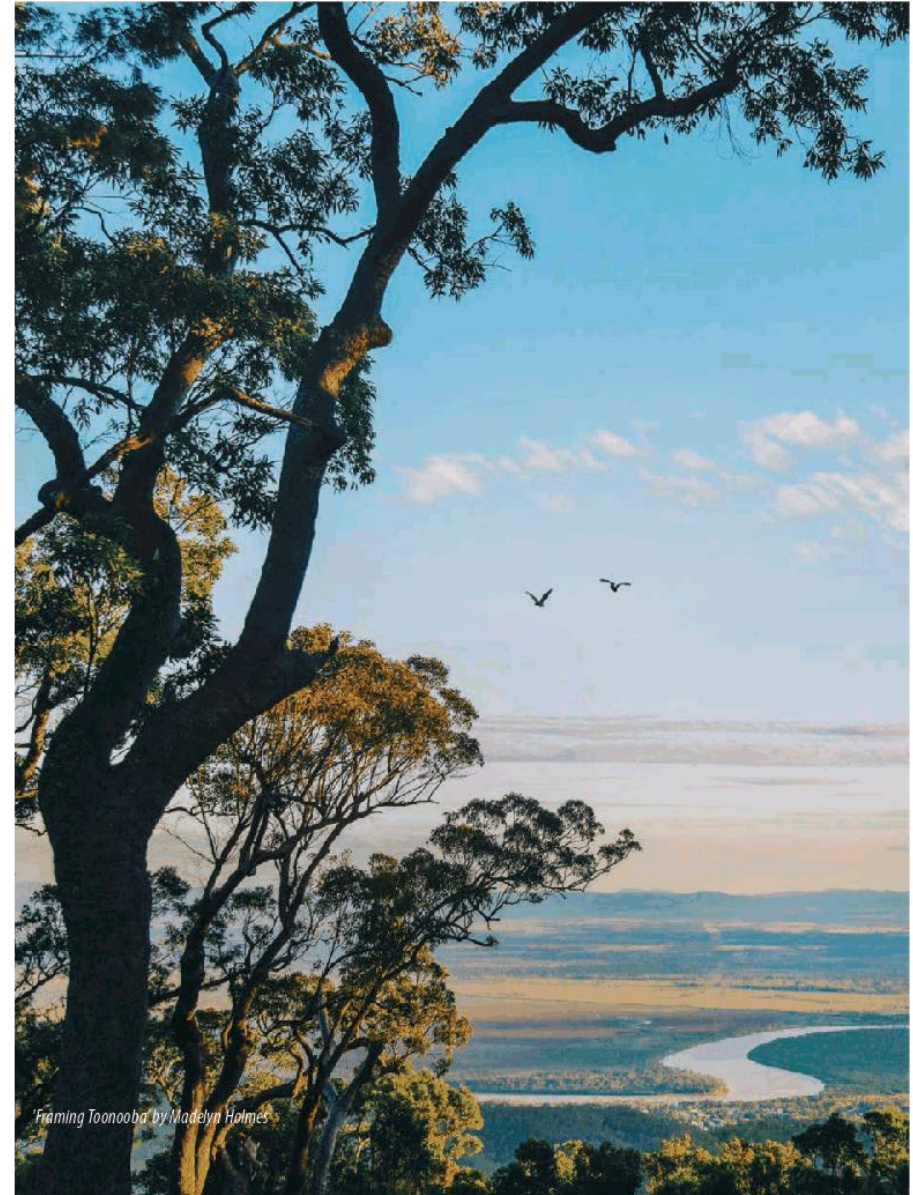
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Rockhampton Regional Council would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians within our Region, the Darumbal People, the Gaangalu Nation People and the Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala People, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the Torres Strait Islander people whose land is in the Torres Strait but who live and work on Aboriginal land.

Council also gratefully recognises the contributions of our staff, local residents, community groups, businesses, industries and other levels of government in the preparation of this Strategy and as part of our continuing sustainability journey.

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CREATING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR OUR REGION.

At its heart, sustainability is about taking care of the environment, so that our environment can continue to take care of us.

As we move towards 2030, our rapidly changing world brings both challenges and opportunities for the Rockhampton Region. Sustaining the liveability and prosperity of our Region requires Council to work together with our local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government to create the future we want to see.

The Rockhampton Regional Council *Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030)* seeks to deliver local initiatives that help us to align with the evolving policy landscape, whilst simultaneously strengthening our community, environmental and economic resilience. In doing so, the Strategy outlines key strategic priorities which will inform planning, guide decision-making and drive action and investment. Continuing the great work that we've already started, this Strategy delivers on our vision for a sustainable future through four interconnected pathways and a range of strategic actions that Council will lead over the life of the Strategy.

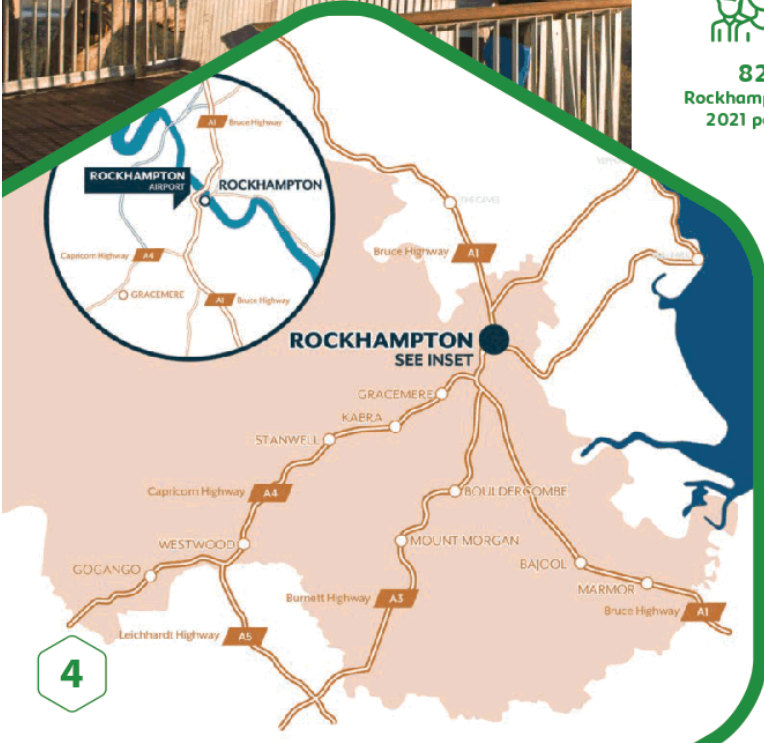
Together, we'll look for new ways to strengthen our capacity to live sustainably; create even more liveable and resilient communities; position our Region to thrive; and continually improve our environment and sustainability performance across Council's operations and services.

We look forward to working with you on the next chapter of the Rockhampton Region's sustainability journey.



Councillor Donna Kirkland
Water and Environmental Sustainability Portfolio





OUR REGION.

The Rockhampton Region is a major economic and lifestyle hub for Central Queensland. Our vast geographic area, and diverse natural environment, supports a variety of urban and rural communities, businesses, industries and livelihoods. Together, our community, our environment and our economy are key to our way of life.

OUR COMMUNITY



82,311
Rockhampton Region
2021 population



~35,000
private dwellings



113,096
Rockhampton Region
2036 population forecast



42
schools and one
University/TAFE within
the Rockhampton Region

OUR ECONOMY



\$5.56B
Gross Regional Product
2021



>5,000
Local businesses



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT
15% Healthcare and Social Assistance
11% Retail Trade
10% Education and Training
7% Accommodation and Food Services
7% Construction
5% Mining



\$229M
added value of Tourism
and Hospitality into
Rockhampton Region in 2021



\$75M
total value of agricultural
outputs (mostly livestock)

OUR ENVIRONMENT



6,585km²
total area



418km²
wetland habitat
= 6% of our total area



30%
remnant vegetation
remaining



2nd LARGEST
seaward draining
catchment in Australia



LARGEST
river flowing to the
Great Barrier Reef



~5%
of Region protected as
National Parks, Conservation
Parks and Nature Refuges



610
species of
native wildlife



1207
species of
native plants



80
rare or
threatened species

“We want to ensure that the Rockhampton Region remains a great place to live, both now and in the future. We know that a healthy environment underpins a strong community and economy, so when we balance all three, we’re ensuring our Region is best placed to prosper.”

- Mayor Tony Williams

Source (page 4): ID Informed Decisions (2022), accessed 17 June 2022 at <https://profile.id.com.au/rockhampton>

Source (page 5): Department of Environment and Science, Queensland (2022), accessed 17 June 2022 at <https://wetland.info.des.qld.gov.au/wetlands/facts-maps/lga-rockhampton/>

OUR CHANGING CLIMATE.

The Rockhampton Region experiences a variety of weather cycles that are, and have always been, part of our natural environment. However, climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of extreme weather and natural disasters. At a local level, our community has already experienced intense droughts as well as severe fires, floods and storms.

As the climate changes, so do the challenges facing our local community, environment and economy. The term 'climate risk' is used to capture the impacts on our human and natural systems from changing climate conditions - this includes a variety of physical, transition and liability risks.

PHYSICAL RISKS

Changing climate conditions and extreme weather events can directly impact on life, property and the environment. Physical risks can be acute like flood or chronic like drought.



IMPACTS may include personal injury, loss of life, property damage, lower asset values, insurance accessibility and affordability issues, habitat degradation and fragmentation, loss of wildlife and biodiversity, supply chain disruption, reduced water security and declining liveability.

TRANSITION RISKS

Policy changes, technological innovation and social adaptation can cause disruption as both operations and markets adjust to change and the new operating environment.



IMPACTS depend on the speed of transition but may include changes to pricing and demand, stranded assets, defaults on loans, technology disruption, policy uncertainty, investment hesitancy and skills shortages in key areas.

LIABILITY RISKS

Liability risks arise when an individual or organisation fails to appropriately consider or respond to the impacts of climate change.



IMPACTS may include stakeholder litigation, regulatory penalties, legal claims, business disruption, insurance issues and reputational damage.



OUR CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES.

The United Nations defines sustainability as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

Sustaining the Rockhampton Region, especially under increasing climate change pressures, requires us to strengthen our community, environmental and economic resilience.

By embracing the challenges and opportunities that this presents, we can work together to:

- Maintain the continued liveability of the Region and better protect our natural environment, productive lands, waterways, biodiversity and other natural resources upon which we rely.
- Respond to, and remain compliant with, rapidly evolving legislative requirements and community expectations.
- Drive a circular economy that reduces waste to landfill whilst adding value within our local supply chains.
- Leverage our natural resources, affordable renewable energy and skilled workforce to support our growing communities, businesses and industries.
- Build the local jobs and industries of the future, whilst keeping pace with global changes in a responsible manner.
- Access new and emerging markets by expanding our local processing and manufacturing sectors and producing carbon-free goods and materials that are in high demand from the rest of Australia and the world.
- Improve water security for our local communities, industry and agriculture.
- Support our agricultural sector to meet the increased global demand for safe, high-quality food, whilst exploring the benefits of regenerative grazing to improve productivity, biodiversity conservation and carbon sequestration opportunities.
- Position our Region to prosper, both now and in the future.

OUR LOCAL CONTEXT.

Council's Sustainability Strategy is influenced by a complex and rapidly evolving policy landscape. International agreements are driving national and state policies that flow through to the regional and local level.

Some of the major policy drivers include the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Australia's commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the Paris Agreement) which establishes the global goal of net zero emissions.

The Australian Government has committed to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and has legislated a national emissions reduction target of at least 43% by 2030 (compared to 2005 levels). The Queensland Government also maintains a range of complementary policies on matters including sustainable development, disaster risk reduction, resilience, adaptation, biodiversity and ecosystem restoration, renewable energy, waste management and emissions reduction.

To make the most of emerging opportunities for our Region, this Strategy seeks to align with these national and state policies and targets.





- Central Queensland Sustainability Strategy 2030
- Fitzroy and Capricornia Regional Resilience Strategy
- Central Queensland Regional Plan
- Regional Waste Management and Infrastructure Plan
- Rockhampton Region Emergency Risk Management Assessment
- Communities in Transition Rockhampton Roadmap (Making Water Work project)

REGIONAL

- RRC Corporate Plan
- RRC Operational Plan
- Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme
- RRC Environmental Sustainability Policy
- RRC Disaster Management Policy
- RRC Waste Strategy
- Disaster Management Strategies and Plans
- RRC Economic Development Strategy
- RRC Walking and Cycling Strategy
- RRC Biosecurity Plan

LOCAL

OUR ROLE.

As the level of government closest to the community, Council plays an important role in the protection of our local communities and in positioning the Region to thrive. At times, this may include acting as a:



PROVIDER

Deliver and maintain assets and services for the community



ADVOCATE

Promote the interests of the community to other decision makers and influencers



LEADER

Lead by example, ensuring that our actions help to guide the behaviour of others



PARTNER

Foster partnerships with other parties that support Council and the community



FACILITATOR

Bring individuals, groups and other interested parties together



EDUCATOR

Build awareness and skills to enhance local capacity and capability



SUPPORTER

Support other organisations to deliver services via funding and other assistance



REGULATOR

Regulate activities through local laws, policy and the planning scheme

OUR PRIORITIES & PATHWAYS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

**We know that the future isn't just somewhere
we're going... it's something we're creating.**

Council's Vision for the Rockhampton Region is:
One Great Region. Live. Visit. Invest.

Achieving this vision, both now and in the future, requires us to embed sustainability considerations within everything we do.

Council is committed to putting sustainability into action through its corporate commitments and governance arrangements; its strategies, services and operations; and its community programs and partnerships.

As we move towards 2030, this Strategy will support our vision for a sustainable future by delivering local initiatives that help us to align with the evolving policy landscape, whilst simultaneously strengthening our community, environmental and economic resilience.

In pursuing this sustainability journey, Council will work together with our local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government to lead a variety of strategic actions via four pathways. Underpinning the pathways are key strategic priorities that will help the Rockhampton Region to prioritise a healthy natural environment, transition towards net zero emissions, create a climate resilient region and build a low-carbon circular economy.





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES.

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As we move towards 2030, Council's Sustainability Strategy recognises the need to address four strategic priorities.

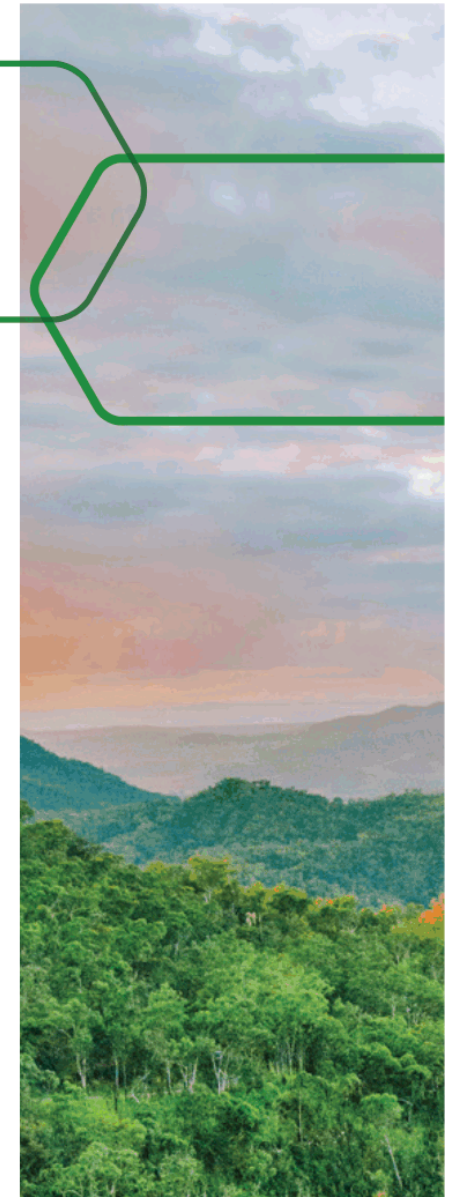
Together the priorities help to focus attention on the actions necessary to align with national and state policies and targets; strengthen our community, environmental and economic resilience; and position us to make the most of emerging opportunities for our Region.

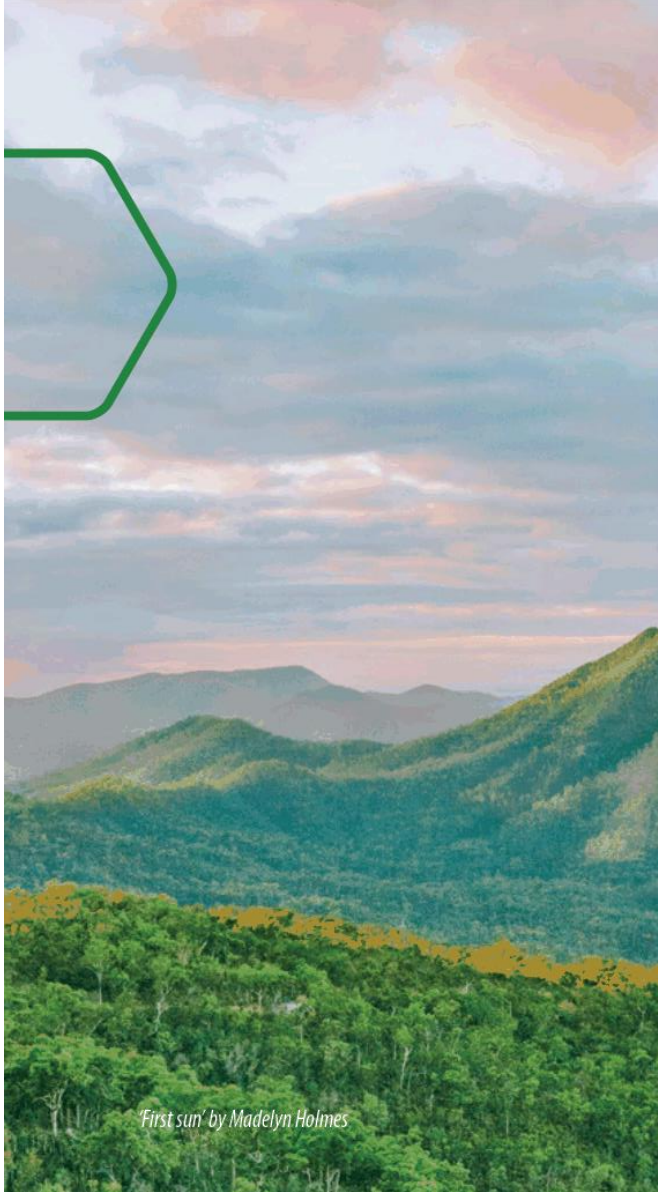
PRIORITISE A HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

TRANSITION TOWARDS NET ZERO EMISSIONS

CREATE A CLIMATE RESILIENT REGION

BUILD A LOW-CARBON CIRCULAR ECONOMY





'First sun' by Madelyn Holmes

OUR PRIORITIES.

The Strategy's four key strategic priorities are designed to guide planning and decision-making, whilst driving action and investment.

- **PRIORITISE a healthy natural environment by protecting, maintaining and enhancing our natural assets.**
Our personal health and wellbeing, lifestyles, businesses, industries and the economy all depend on the natural environment that surrounds us. By using our resources wisely and taking care of our natural assets – our air, soils, groundwater, land-based ecosystems, freshwater rivers and wetlands, and our coastal and marine ecosystems – we are taking care of the environment that sustains us.
- **TRANSITION towards net zero emissions by accelerating local climate action.**
Human activities create greenhouse gas emissions that are changing the natural cycling of carbon through the environment and increasing climate-related risks. By doing our part to reduce emissions, we are protecting the places and way of life we value, whilst aligning with national and state policies and targets.
- **CREATE a climate resilient region by preparing our Council, Region and community to adapt and prosper in a changing climate.**
Our Region faces a variety of climate-related pressures that are already impacting our communities, environment and economy. By increasing our understanding of the risks and opportunities presented by climate change, we can drive long-term resilience that supports the Region to better prepare for, recover from and adapt to the associated impacts.
- **BUILD a low-carbon circular economy by working with business, industry and government to ensure our Region thrives.**
The linear economic model of make-use-dispose is dependent on a range of finite resources and materials that generate significant waste. By transforming how we manage our resources, a low-carbon circular economy delivers a variety of benefits for the Region by optimising the whole value chain to design out waste, re-use and recycle materials, and regenerate natural systems.



INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS.

PATHWAY 1 OBJECTIVE.

Let's work together to strengthen
our capacity to live sustainably.

Our residents influence the Rockhampton Region through the many ways they live, work and play across diverse urban and rural settings.

This pathway focuses on how individuals and households can contribute to the sustainability of the Region. It reminds us that our daily choices and habits make a difference both locally and globally.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

- 1.1** Support local residents to adopt sustainable behaviours that help them to save money and reduce household emissions.
- 1.2** Accelerate the transition towards zero waste by driving waste avoidance and waste diversion at the individual and household level.
- 1.3** Help residents build their household resilience to climate-related risks by connecting them with practical tools, workshops and resources.
- 1.4** Link individuals with sustainable transport and active recreation opportunities that connect with key local destinations and open spaces.
- 1.5** Provide residents with the opportunity to participate in a range of local sustainability programs, initiatives, activities and events.



KEY INITIATIVES

- Deliver targeted community engagement activities such as the Get Ready Queensland and Living Sustainably programs
- Implement residential waste diversion initiatives including the establishment of a FOGO (food organics and garden organics) kerbside collection program
- Support greater use of sustainable transport options by planning for well-connected walking and cycling infrastructure and improved end-of-trip facilities
- Support local events that foster sustainable behaviours and promote active and sustainable transport use
- Enhance digital and paperless communications, such as e-Notices
- Continue targeted incentives and rebates such as Council's residential water efficiency rebate
- Promote other national and state initiatives that help residents to live more sustainably such as climate-responsive residential housing design, national building codes and energy efficiency programs
- Continue to support residents to cool, shade and beautify their yards through Council's Native Plant Program and free native plant giveaways



COMMUNITY
& LOCAL GROUPS.

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PATHWAY 2 OBJECTIVE.

Let's work together to create
a vibrant, liveable and
resilient community.

Our local not-for-profit groups, sporting clubs, special interest groups and broader community interactions contribute to the rich fabric of the Rockhampton Region.

This pathway focusses on the role our collective community can play in contributing to the strategic priorities and supporting the future of the Region.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

- 2.1** Grow the community's capacity and capability to understand, adapt and build resilience to climate-related risks.
- 2.2** Explore opportunities to work with, learn from and strengthen outcomes through partnerships with First Nations Peoples.
- 2.3** Enhance the liveability of our Region by supporting initiatives that protect local biodiversity, restore landscapes and increase urban canopy cover.
- 2.4** Foster community collaboration on key local environment and sustainability initiatives.
- 2.5** Encourage initiatives that help the community to adopt sustainable behaviours, avoid waste and reduce emissions.



KEY INITIATIVES.

- Work with Traditional Owners and First Nations Peoples to implement Indigenous Land Use Agreements and support connection to country
- Provide opportunities for our local community to get involved with the restoration of our natural environment
- Continue to support local natural resource management and pest management works
- Deliver community engagement programs that address climate-related risks and opportunities
- Support community partnerships, capacity building activities and community grants opportunities
- Implement targeted urban greening activities
- Deliver sustainable community infrastructure
- Plan for, and support the development of, public charging infrastructure for zero emissions vehicles
- Encourage participation in citizen science activities to increase local knowledge and data collection
- Develop and deliver local education and awareness activities
- Support schools and community groups on their sustainability journey



**BUSINESS,
INDUSTRY &
GOVERNMENT.**

PATHWAY 3 OBJECTIVE.

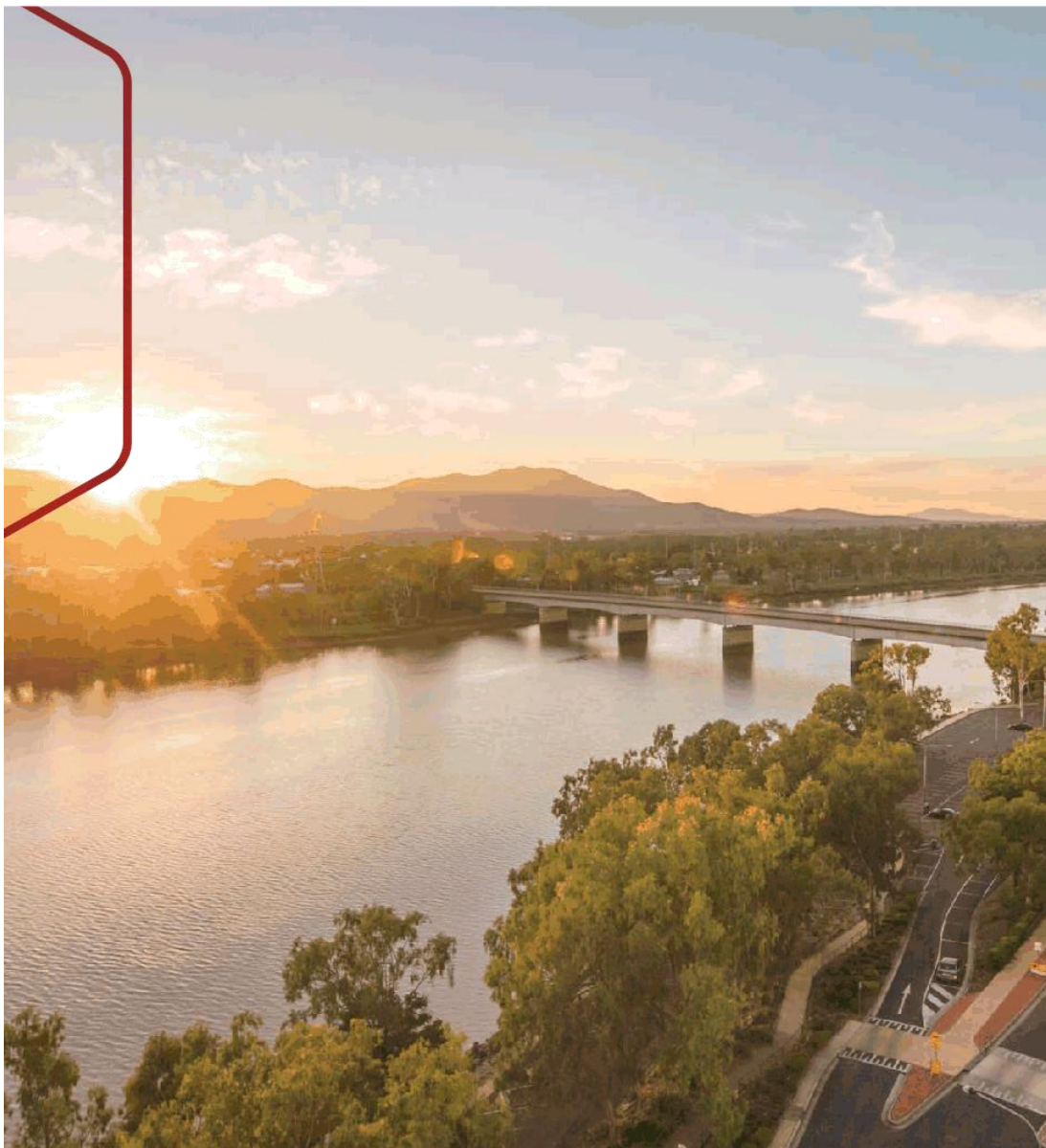
**Let's work together to position
the Rockhampton Region to
thrive and grow sustainably.**

A diverse range of business, industry and government interests shape and influence the Rockhampton Region.

This pathway focuses on all sectors of the regional economy, from small to large businesses, and also recognises the important role that the Australian and Queensland Governments can play in supporting the future of our Region.

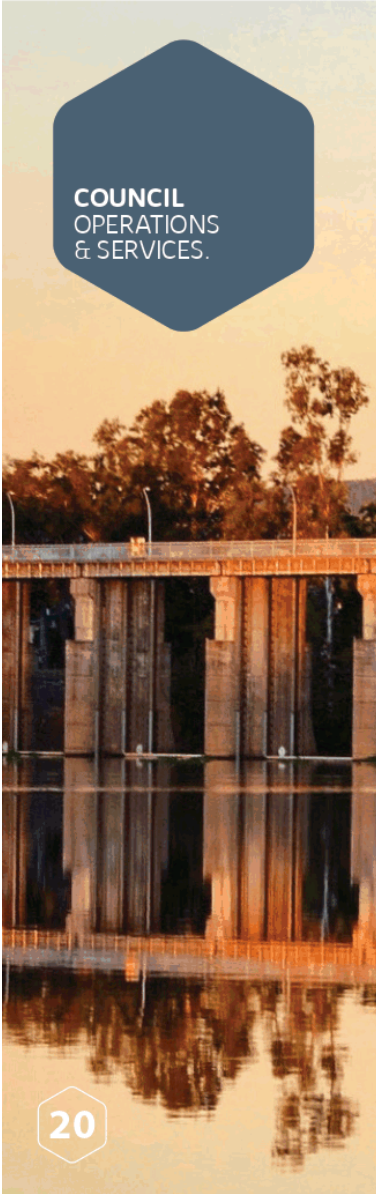
STRATEGIC ACTIONS

- 3.1** Advocate and partner to progress local sustainability priorities at the regional, state and national level.
- 3.2** Actively pursue opportunities associated with sustainable industries and infrastructure that deliver local social, environmental and economic benefits for the Region.
- 3.3** Progress workforce and economic planning that will ensure we prosper as the demand for low-carbon products and services grows.
- 3.4** Grow local visitation and tourism opportunities that celebrate our natural assets and contribute to the liveability of the Region.
- 3.5** Work with business, industry and government to drive low-carbon circular economy initiatives, alongside other innovative and sustainable practices.



KEY INITIATIVES.

- Identify and plan for local climate mitigation, adaptation and transition priorities
- Continue collaborative disaster management planning and action
- Support the development and implementation of regional plans and strategies that support sustainable development, regional resilience and other local sustainability outcomes
- Advocate for regional water security and water quality improvements (reducing pollution, nutrients and sediments)
- Progress the Making Water Work Program and the Circular Economy Pathway
- Continue to implement the Rockhampton Region Waste Strategy and to integrate broader regional waste management and circular economy initiatives to avoid waste and divert resources from landfill
- Support local skills and training partnerships
- Continue to activate nature-based tourism including recreational fishing, mountain-biking, walking, cycling and bird-watching
- Encourage business water, waste and energy efficiency
- Continue to collaborate with local industry, other levels of Government and key partners – this may include the Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils, Reef Guardian Councils program, the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils program, the Capricorn Pest Management Group, Economic Development Australia, Regional Development Australia, the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health, the Fitzroy Basin Working Group and the local Chamber of Commerce



**COUNCIL
OPERATIONS
& SERVICES.**

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PATHWAY 4 OBJECTIVE.

Let's work together to continually improve our environment and sustainability performance.

As an organisation, Council is responsible for providing a wide range of infrastructure and services across the Region.

This pathway focuses on the ways in which Council staff can contribute to the strategic priorities by embedding environment and sustainability considerations in their day-to-day work.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

- 4.1** Accelerate Council's transition towards net zero emissions by actively monitoring and reducing emissions within Council's operational control.
- 4.2** Embed climate-related risk considerations into Council's decision-making, planning scheme, local developments and operations.
- 4.3** Apply sustainable procurement, circular economy and lifecycle principles to the delivery of products, services, assets and projects.
- 4.4** Implement management policies, planning and practices that protect our natural environment and support the resilience of our biodiversity and natural assets.
- 4.5** Foster sustainable behaviour, and encourage the wise use of resources, by making sustainability second nature within Council's operations and services.



'Still' by Michael Cave

KEY INITIATIVES.

- Develop Council's Corporate Emissions Inventory
- Implement Council's Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan
- Facilitate implementation of the Climate Risk Management Framework for Queensland Local Government
- Set minimum energy efficiency standards for Council-owned buildings and assets
- Pursue renewable energy sources and, where practicable, install behind the meter solar PV on Council facilities and key community infrastructure
- Continue Council's fleet transition planning to support the move towards zero emission vehicles and equipment
- Update Council's procurement practices to help avoid waste, reduce emissions and pursue sustainable products and materials
- Seek partnerships and funding to protect and enhance biodiversity values in priority areas
- Achieve water quality improvements, through improved management of discharges from the region's wastewater treatment plants, urban stormwater network and local agricultural activities
- Develop integrated management systems for high risk operations
- Deliver an internal engagement program to build staff knowledge and skills to implement sustainable behaviours in the workplace

IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY.

This Strategy pursues a coordinated approach that integrates sustainability considerations across Council's many and diverse functions.

In implementing this Strategy, Council will:

- Lead our Region by example, supported by a clear sustainability governance framework that extends through our corporate plans, policies and decision-making processes.
- Work with local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government to communicate and support the vision and strategic priorities.
- Communicate and collaborate to ensure we make the best use of finite resources and avoid duplication of effort or missed opportunities.
- Continue to monitor the evolving policy landscape and best practice sustainability standards.
- Maintain an internal action plan that identifies and tracks each initiative, allowing actions to be reviewed or accelerated if stronger and more meaningful opportunities arise.
- Provide funding to support the action plan, subject to Council's budgetary process and other funding sources such as government grants.
- Maintain a supporting engagement plan that ensures stakeholders are engaged and informed during the life of the Strategy.
- Coordinate an internal Sustainability Strategy Executive Group to oversee implementation of the Strategy, with representatives from each Section of Council, meeting quarterly. The Group will be accountable to Council's Leadership Team and Councillors.
- Monitor implementation of the Strategy against the action plan as well as progress towards emissions reduction targets.
- Be accountable and report progress back to the community through a range of tools including Operational Plan reporting and the annual Sustainability Strategy Year in Review.



TOWARDS 2030.

As we move towards 2030, we look forward to continuing the great work that we've started, whilst looking for new ways to:

- prioritise a healthy natural environment by protecting, maintaining and enhancing our natural assets;
- transition towards net zero emissions by accelerating local climate action;
- create a climate resilient region by preparing our Council, Region and the community to adapt and prosper in a changing climate; and
- build a low-carbon circular economy by working with business, industry and government to ensure our region thrives.

We're excited about the opportunity to positively influence the continuing liveability and prosperity of this wonderful place we call home. By working together with our local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government we are taking proactive steps to create the future we want to see.

We welcome you to be part of the next chapter in the Rockhampton Region's sustainability journey.

Let's continue to work together to create One Great Region. Live. Visit. Invest.



'Last light' by Russell Prothero



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REVISED SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (TOWARDS 2030)

Consultation Summary

Meeting Date: 11 October 2022

Attachment No: 2

ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY.

Rockhampton Regional Council Sustainability Strategy

Consultation summary

Community consultation

Purpose:

To obtain community feedback on Council's draft revised Sustainability Strategy.

Document title:

Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030) – Draft for consultation

Consultation period:

05-23 September 2022

www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/EnvironmentalSustainability

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Draft Sustainability Strategy – Consultation summary

Strategy development process

Council adopted its first Environmental Sustainability Strategy in September 2018. In October 2021, Council commenced internal consultation on the development of a revised Sustainability Strategy to help ensure local sustainability action continues to enhance the liveability, resilience and long-term prosperity of the Rockhampton Region. Since that time, the Strategy review process has incorporated extensive internal consultation, briefings, one-on-one meetings and workshops with the Leadership Team, Sustainability Strategy Executive Group, Councillors and other key internal stakeholders. Council formally endorsed the draft Sustainability Strategy for public consultation on 16 August 2022.

Community consultation process

In September 2022, Council released the draft Sustainability Strategy for community consultation across a three week period (05 – 23 September 2022). Broad community feedback was sought via Council's Engagement HQ platform and actively promoted through a range of established communication channels including:

- Direct email and phone calls to a range of local stakeholders on 05 September 2022;
- An official media release on 06 September 2022;
- 4RO radio segment with Cr Kirkland on 07 September 2022;
- Direct email to nearly 3,000 local households via Council's Living Sustainably e-newsletter on 07 September 2022;
- Council's Facebook page on 08 September 2022;
- Various internal communications; and
- Informal discussions with a range of local organisations such as Stanwell Corporation, CQUniversity and the Chamber of Commerce.

The consultation sought responses to three key questions:

1. Why is local sustainability action to enhance the liveability, resilience and long-term prosperity of our Region important to you?
2. Do you have any suggestions that could help to enhance the sustainability of our Region and strengthen our local liveability, resilience and long-term prosperity?
3. Do you have any additional feedback on the draft Rockhampton Regional Council Sustainability Strategy (Towards 2030)?

Summary of feedback from the consultation period

During the consultation period, there were 158 total visits to the Strategy consultation page. Council received 12 formal submissions on the draft Sustainability Strategy including specific feedback from:

- Local residents (including individuals with interests in local industry, development and community groups);
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority;
- Fitzroy Partnership for River Health; and
- Capricorn Conservation Council (Committee, members and the overarching Queensland Conservation Council).

Community feedback indicated strong support for Council's Sustainability Strategy. It was evident that the community appreciated the opportunity to have their say on areas of interest and that they would like to see a higher priority given to sustainability matters across the Region. Importantly, there were also no objections to the Strategy.

Community feedback has now been incorporated in the Sustainability Strategy, ready for Council consideration and adoption. Table 1 highlights the variety of feedback received, whilst Table 2 summarises the changes that have been made to the final Strategy.

Table 1. Excerpts from community feedback

<p>Respondent 10, local resident: <i>"As a long-term resident within the Rockhampton Region, I am delighted to see that our local council are crystallising their key priorities, commitments and strategic actions for our local area through the Sustainability Strategy. Other significant businesses in the Rockhampton Regional Council area are also making genuine changes to the way they operate and I am pleased to see the synergies and connectivity between council and these businesses."</i></p>
<p>Respondent 8, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority: <i>"I applaud Rockhampton Regional Council's Sustainability Strategy as a high-level strategy that guides future actions whilst also containing specific tangible examples of key initiatives that will help meet the objectives of the strategy. As a Reef Guardian Council located in the largest catchment draining to the Great Barrier Reef, the Rockhampton Regional Council Sustainability Strategy provides clear direction on a number of strategic actions that will help minimise threats to and build resilience of the Reef. Having a Sustainability Strategy Executive Group with representatives across Council is a fantastic way of ensuring effective implementation of the Strategy across all aspects of Councils work."</i></p>
<p>Respondent 12, Queensland Conservation Council via Capricorn Conservation Council: <i>"It's welcome to see that Council want to implement a circular economy, a pioneering goal in Qld Councils. It would be great to integrate more renewable energy and even community owned renewable energy projects into this planning. Council ratepayers could benefit from the installation of solar in places, bringing down electricity costs that are set to increase dramatically in coming years. Having a renewable powered council is also a tourism and industry drawcard, for those businesses taking up sustainability and ESG procurement policies. The climate resilience work is also welcome. Critically, it will be increasingly important to support families to build or retrofit climate resilient homes amid rising temperatures and extreme weather. Not doing so is an increasing risk to locals' health and wellbeing."</i></p>
<p>Respondent 11, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health: <i>"Rockhampton Regional Council plays a crucial role in reporting on waterway health in the Fitzroy Basin. This enables us to provide the community with independently assessed monitoring data. By working with a range of stakeholders, the Partnership is able to better inform management decisions, improving our water quality for future generations."</i></p>
<p>Respondent 2, local resident: <i>"One thing that concerns me very much is the degradation of lagoons and waterways. Limestone Creek, Nerimbera Lagoon, Shalom Lagoon, O'Shanesy Lagoon and even Murray Lagoon has infestations of Water Hyacinth and Water Lettuce. This is affecting bio-diversity in general and resulting in a reduction of waterbirds in particular. These areas are also important for recreation and their degradation affects liveability. More funding should be directed towards maintaining healthy waterways."</i></p>
<p>Respondent 6, local resident: <i>"Local sustainability action to enhance the liveability, resilience, and long-term prosperity is important because focusing on environmental sustainability can also improve financial sustainability."</i></p>
<p>Respondent 9, local resident: <i>"Climate change will have significant impacts on livability to Rockhampton. Summer in particular will become more challenging with real impacts and risk. Doing nothing or ignoring these things will only make it worse. I want our children to live in a low risk, high biodiversity world with a wonderfully productive, natural functioning environment!"</i></p>

Table 2. Summary of final amendments to the Strategy

Feedback	Page	Updates made to the draft Strategy
Physical risks section would benefit from further consideration of the environment, biodiversity and habitat (<i>Respondent 12, Capricorn Conservation Council</i>)	Our changing climate (p6)	<i>Revised wording within physical risks section to read:</i> Changing climate conditions and extreme weather events can directly impact on life, property and the environment. Physical risks can be acute like flood or chronic like drought. Impacts may include personal injury, loss of life, property damage, lower asset values, insurance accessibility and affordability issues, habitat degradation and fragmentation, loss of wildlife and biodiversity, supply chain disruption, reduced water security and declining liveability.
The Strategy would benefit from a clearer definition of sustainability (<i>Respondent 2, local resident</i>)	Our challenges and opportunities (p7)	<i>Added wording:</i> The United Nations defines sustainability as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".
The challenges and opportunities section would benefit from some refinement and continuing reference to the common thread of triple bottom line considerations introduced at the start of the document (<i>Respondent 11, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health</i>)	Our challenges and opportunities (p7)	<i>Revised wording of this section to read:</i> Sustaining the Rockhampton Region, especially under increasing climate change pressures, requires us to strengthen our community, environmental and economic resilience. By embracing the challenges and opportunities that this presents, we can work together to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the continued liveability of the Region and better protect our natural environment, productive lands, waterways, biodiversity and other natural resources upon which we rely. • Respond to, and remain compliant with, rapidly evolving legislative requirements and community expectations. • Drive a circular economy that reduces waste to landfill whilst adding value within our local supply chains. • Leverage our natural resources, affordable renewable energy and skilled workforce to support our growing communities, businesses and industries. • Build the local jobs and industries of the future, whilst keeping pace with global changes in a responsible manner. • Access new and emerging markets by expanding our local processing and manufacturing sectors and producing carbon-free goods and materials that are in high demand from the rest of Australia and the world. • Improve water security for our local communities, industry and agriculture. • Support our agricultural sector to meet the increased global demand for safe, high-quality food, whilst exploring the benefits of regenerative grazing to improve productivity, biodiversity conservation and carbon sequestration opportunities. • Position our Region to prosper, both now and in the future.

Feedback	Page	Updates made to the draft Strategy
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Our local context (p8)	<p><i>Revised section to reference the overarching United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and also reflect the newly legislated national emissions reduction target. Revised wording now reads:</i> Council's Sustainability Strategy is influenced by a complex and rapidly evolving policy landscape. International agreements are driving national and state policies that flow through to the regional and local level.</p> <p>Some of the major policy drivers include the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Australia's commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the Paris Agreement) which establishes the global goal of net zero emissions. The Australian Government has committed to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and has legislated a national emissions reduction target of at least 43% by 2030 (compared to 2005 levels). The Queensland Government also maintains a range of complementary policies on matters including sustainable development, disaster risk reduction, resilience, adaptation, biodiversity and ecosystem restoration, renewable energy, waste management and emissions reduction.</p> <p>To make the most of emerging opportunities for our Region, this Strategy seeks to align with these national and state policies and targets.</p>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Our local context – National map figure (p8)	<p><i>Revised dot point 1 to reflect relevant Commonwealth legislation including recognition that the Climate Change Bill has received Royal Assent and will be law from 11 October 2022. Dot point 1 now reads:</i> Commonwealth legislation such as the <i>Climate Change Act 2022, Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020</i></p>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Our local context – State map figure (p8)	<p><i>Added relevant state legislation:</i> Queensland legislation such as the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994 and Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011</i></p>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Our local context – Local map figure (p9)	<p><i>Added to local context:</i> Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme</p>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Our role (p9)	<p><i>Revised wording of Supporter line:</i> Support other organisations to deliver services via funding and other assistance</p>
The strategic priorities and pathways section would benefit from some refinement and continuing reference to the common thread of triple bottom line considerations introduced at the start of the document (Respondent 11, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health)	Our priorities and pathways (p10)	<p><i>Revised wording of this section to read:</i> Achieving this vision, both now and in the future, requires Council to embed sustainability considerations within everything we do.</p> <p>Council is committed to putting sustainability into action through its corporate commitments and governance arrangements; its strategies, services and operations; and its community programs and partnerships.</p>

Feedback	Page	Updates made to the draft Strategy
...Section continued		<p>As we move towards 2030, this Strategy will support our vision for a sustainable future by delivering local initiatives that help us to align with the evolving policy landscape, whilst simultaneously strengthening our community, environmental and economic resilience.</p> <p>In pursuing this sustainability journey, Council will work together with our local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government to lead a variety of strategic actions via four pathways. Underpinning the pathways are key strategic priorities that together will help the Rockhampton Region to prioritise a healthy natural environment, transition towards net zero emissions, create a climate resilient region and build a low-carbon circular economy.</p>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Multiple pages (p10, p11, p12, p13, p18, p23)	<i>Revised grammar throughout to more consistently reference the 'low-carbon circular economy' (changed from low carbon, circular economy).</i>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Pathway diagram (p11)	<i>Revised diagram by removing four superfluous icons.</i>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Strategic priorities (p12)	<p><i>Revised priority statement to include further reference to alignment with national and state policies:</i> Together the priorities help to focus attention on the actions necessary to align with national and state policies and targets; strengthen our community, environmental and economic resilience; and position us to make the most of emerging opportunities for our Region.</p> <p><i>Revised layout of the four strategic priorities to better connect with the pathway diagram on p11 and emphasise the importance of each priority.</i></p>
The priorities section would benefit from a clearer explanation of each strategic priority (Respondents 2, 10 and 12, local residents and Capricorn Conservation Council)	Our priorities (p13)	<p><i>Revised section to provide clearer explanations of each strategic priority:</i></p> <p>Prioritise a healthy natural environment by protecting, maintaining and enhancing our natural assets. Our personal health and wellbeing, lifestyles, businesses, industries and the economy all depend on the natural environment that surrounds us. By using our resources wisely and taking care of our natural assets – our air, soils, groundwater, land-based ecosystems, freshwater rivers and wetlands, and our coastal and marine ecosystems – we are taking care of the environment that sustains us.</p> <p>Transition towards net zero emissions by accelerating local climate action. Human activities create greenhouse gas emissions that are changing the natural cycling of carbon through the environment and increasing climate-related risks. By doing our part to reduce emissions, we are protecting the places and way of life we value, whilst aligning with national and state policies and targets.</p>

Feedback	Page	Updates made to the draft Strategy
...Section continued		<p>Create a climate resilient region by preparing our Council, Region and community to adapt and prosper in a changing climate.</p> <p>Our Region faces a variety of climate-related pressures that are already impacting our communities, environment and economy. By increasing our understanding of the risks and opportunities presented by climate change, we can drive long-term resilience that supports the Region to better prepare for, recover from and adapt to the associated impacts.</p> <p>Build a low-carbon circular economy by working with business, industry and government to ensure our Region thrives.</p> <p>The linear economic model of make-use-dispose is dependent on a range of finite resources and materials that generate significant waste. By transforming how we manage our resources, a low-carbon circular economy delivers a variety of benefits for the Region by optimising the whole value chain to design out waste, re-use and recycle materials, and regenerate natural systems.</p>
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Individuals and households pathway (p14)	<p><i>Revised wording of this descriptive paragraph for clarity and relevance:</i></p> <p>Our residents influence the Rockhampton Region through the many ways they live, work and play across diverse urban and rural settings. This pathway focuses on how individuals and households can contribute to the sustainability of the Region. It reminds us that our daily choices and habits make a difference both locally and globally.</p>
Residents would like to see more initiatives to help address 'heat island effects'; minimise reliance on cars and fossil fuels; improve public transport; and improve housing design to support our community to live more sustainably (Respondents 3, 5 and 9, local residents)	Individuals and households pathway (p15) key initiatives	<p><i>Revised key initiatives by adding dot point to support continued greening and amenity improvements:</i></p> <p>Continue to support residents to cool, shade and beautify their yards through Council's Native Plant Program and free native plant giveaways</p> <p><i>Revised dot point 3 to more clearly explain initiatives already in progress. Revised wording now reads:</i></p> <p>Support greater use of sustainable transport options by planning for well-connected walking and cycling infrastructure and improved end-of-trip facilities</p> <p><i>Revised dot point 7 to encourage broader promotion of sustainability matters which are more appropriately influenced from the national or state level:</i></p> <p>Promote other national and state initiatives that help residents to live more sustainably such as climate-responsive residential housing design, national building codes and energy efficiency programs</p>
Whilst the Strategy mentions working with First Nations Peoples to support connection to country, more detail and concrete commitments would be welcomed (Respondent 12, Capricorn Conservation)	Community and local groups key initiatives (p17)	<p><i>Revised dot point 1 to read:</i></p> <p>Work with Traditional Owners and First Nations People to implement Indigenous Land Use Agreements and support connection to country</p>

Feedback	Page	Updates made to the draft Strategy
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Business, industry and government pathway (p18)	<i>Revised Strategic Action 3.1 to include advocacy across the broad strategic priorities addressed within the Strategy (not just climate-related priorities):</i> 3.1 Advocate and partner to progress local sustainability priorities at the regional, state and national level.
Further work is required to identify and plan for local climate mitigation, adaptation and transition priorities (Respondent 12, Capricorn Conservation Council); and regional recycling facilities and waste infrastructure (Respondent 10, local resident)	Business, industry and government pathway (p19)	<i>Revised order and wording of key initiatives to better reflect the variety of initiatives being progressed via this Pathway:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and plan for local climate mitigation, adaptation and transition priorities Continue collaborative disaster management planning and action Support the development and implementation of regional plans and strategies that support sustainable development, regional resilience and other local sustainability outcomes Advocate for regional water security and water quality improvements (reducing pollution, nutrients and sediments) Progress the Making Water Work Program and the Circular Economy Pathway Continue to implement the Rockhampton Region Waste Strategy and to integrate broader regional waste management and circular economy initiatives to avoid waste and divert resources from landfill Support local skills and training partnerships Continue to activate nature-based tourism opportunities including recreational fishing, mountain-biking, walking, cycling and bird-watching Encourage business water, waste and energy efficiency Continue to collaborate with local industry, other levels of Government and key partners – this may include the Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils, Reef Guardian Councils program, the Queensland Climate Resilient Councils program, the Capricorn Pest Management Group, Economic Development Australia, Regional Development Australia, the Fitzroy Partnership for River Health, the Fitzroy Basin Working Group and the local Chamber of Commerce
Strategic action 4.4 would benefit from the addition of a related 'key initiative' (Respondent 12, Capricorn Conservation Council) Council should be more explicit about the need to avoid waste through innovation, investment in local business and increasing use of recycled materials instead of raw materials (Respondent 10, local resident)	Council operations and services (p21)	<i>Added dot point to key initiatives:</i> Seek partnerships and funding to protect and enhance biodiversity values in priority areas <i>Revised title of document in dot point 2 to read:</i> Implement Council's Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan <i>Revised wording for dot point 5:</i> Pursue renewable energy sources and, where practicable, install behind the meter solar PV on Council facilities and key community infrastructure

Feedback	Page	Updates made to the draft Strategy
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Council operations and services (p21)	<i>Revised wording of dot point 7:</i> Update Council's procurement practices to help avoid waste, reduce emissions and pursue sustainable products and materials
Minor editorial updates (Sustainability Unit)	Implementing the Strategy (p22)	<i>Revised wording of dot points 2, 4 and 5 for clarity and consistency:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local residents, communities, businesses, industries and other levels of government to communicate and support the vision and strategic priorities. • Continue to monitor the evolving policy landscape and best practice sustainability standards. • Maintain an internal action plan that identifies and tracks each initiative, allowing actions to be reviewed or accelerated if stronger and more meaningful opportunities arise.
The document may benefit from a QR code to assist people to find further details online (Respondent 11, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health)	Back cover (p24)	<i>Added QR code to the sustainability pages on Council's website for more information.</i>

10.3 D/92-2022 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE FOR A DWELLING HOUSE (WITHIN EXISTING BUILDING)

File No: D/92-2022

Attachments:

1. [Locality Plan](#)
2. [Floor Plan](#)

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SUMMARY

Development Application Number: D/92-2022

Applicant: L. and L. Fox

Real Property Address: Lot 2 on RP602519

Common Property Address: 127 East Street, Mount Morgan

Area of Site: 698 square metres

Planning Scheme: Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015 (version 2.2)

Planning Scheme Zone: Local Centre Zone

Planning Scheme Overlays: Flood Hazard Overlay

Existing Development: Nil on record

Approval Sought: Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dwelling House (within existing building)

Level of Assessment: Impact Assessable

Submissions: Nil

Referral Agency: Nil

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT in relation to the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dwelling House (within existing building), made by L. and L. Fox, located at 127 East Street, Mount Morgan, described as Lot 2 on RP602519, Council resolves to provide the following reasons for its decision:

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Description of the development	Material Change of Use for a Dwelling House (within existing building)
Reasons for Decision	<p>a) Assessment of the development against the relevant zone purpose, planning scheme codes and planning scheme policies demonstrates that the proposed development will not cause significant adverse impacts on the surrounding natural environment, built environment and infrastructure, community facilities, or local character and amenity; and</p> <p>b) On balance, the application should be approved because the circumstances favour Council exercising its discretion to approve the application even though the development does not comply with an aspect of the assessment benchmarks.</p>

<p>Assessment Benchmarks</p>	<p>The proposed development was assessed against the following assessment benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Framework; • Local Centre Zone Code; • Flood Hazard Overlay Code; • Access, Parking and Transport Code; • Landscape Code; • Stormwater Management Code; • Waste Management Code; and • Water and Sewer Code. 	
<p>Compliance with assessment benchmarks</p>	<p>The development was assessed against all of the assessment benchmarks listed above and complies with all of these with the exception listed below.</p>	
	<p>Assessment Benchmark</p>	<p>Reasons for the approval despite non-compliance with benchmark</p>
	<p>Local Centre Zone Code Purpose</p>	<p>The proposed development is for a Dwelling House involving the entire building. This conflicts with overall outcome (2) (b) which requires residential uses to be above ground level or behind ground storey retail, commercial or community related uses.</p> <p>Despite this, the overall outcomes of the Local Centre Zone Code do contemplate residential uses in the local centre zone, albeit above or behind commercial or community uses.</p> <p>The Dwelling House is well located in relation to infrastructure and other residential development. The existing built form is not anticipated to unduly impact on the amenity of the surrounding area and is generally consistent with the surrounding built form and streetscape, given the mix of residential and non-residential development.</p> <p>The development is not anticipated to compromise the role and function of the designated Mount Morgan Local Centre or impact on the loss of a community hall space, as several other similar use developments exist within the township.</p> <p>The proposed development complies with the remaining overall outcomes, therefore, on balance is considered to comply with the purpose of the zone.</p>
	<p>Local Centre Zone Code</p>	<p>The proposal does not comply with</p>

	Performance Outcome 6	<p>Acceptable Outcome 6.1 as the residential use is not located above ground storey or behind ground storey retail, commercial or community uses; and is not located within a premise containing another use.</p> <p>While the existing building will be occupied by a dwelling, the built form, including the built to boundary frontage and general presentation of the building, means it will remain consistent with the existing and intended character of the streetscape. It also means the building may be occupied by a commercial or community use in the future. The ability for the residents to directly access the dwelling from East Street also assists, in part, in activating the street frontage.</p> <p>Therefore, the development maintains an active street frontage and is considered to achieve the performance outcome.</p>
	Local Centre Zone Code Performance Outcome 22	<p>The proposal does not comply with Acceptable Outcome 22.1 as no streetscape treatments are proposed.</p> <p>No external works are proposed as part of the development. However, conditions have been imposed to remove the awning located within Council's Road Reserve to assist in further presenting as a Dwelling House. This is not anticipated to negatively impact on the functionality of the existing streetscape and is visually consistent with adjoining properties. Furthermore, it is deemed unpractical to provide street trees within the road verge due to limited setbacks or within the median strip due to obstructing electrical infrastructure.</p> <p>Therefore, the proposal is considered to achieve the performance outcome.</p>
Matters prescribed by regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015</i> (version 2.2); and • The common material, being the material submitted with the application. 	

RECOMMENDATION B

THAT in relation to the application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Dwelling House (within existing building), made by L. and L. Fox, located at 127 East Street, Mount Morgan described as Lot 2 on RP602519, Council resolves to Approve the application subject to the following conditions:

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The Developer and their employee, agent, contractor or invitee is responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of this development approval.
- 1.2 Where these Conditions refer to “Council” in relation to requiring Council to approve or to be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by the Council.
- 1.3 All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed:
- 1.3.1 to Council’s satisfaction;
- 1.3.2 at no cost to Council; and
- 1.3.3 prior to the issue of the Certificate of Classification for the Building Works, unless otherwise stated.
- 1.4 The following further Development Permits must be obtained prior to the commencement of any works associated with their purposes:
- 1.4.1 Building Works:
- (i) Demolition Works; and
- (ii) Building Works.
- 1.5 All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards, unless otherwise stated.

2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by any condition of this development approval:

<u>Plan/Document Name</u>	<u>Prepared by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Version/Issue</u>
Services and Site Plan	GDA2020 – Rockhampton Regional Council	20 September 2022	-	-
Floor Plan	-	-	-	-

- 2.2 Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this development approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of this development approval must prevail.

3.0 PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE WORKS

- 3.1 The development must be connected to Council’s reticulated sewerage and water networks.
- 3.2 The existing sewerage and water connection point(s) must be retained, and upgraded if necessary, to service the development.

4.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE WORKS

- 4.1 All roof and allotment runoff from the development must be directed to a lawful point of discharge and must not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to surrounding land or infrastructure.

5.0 SITE WORKS

- 5.1 Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict,

impair or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to surrounding land or infrastructure.

6.0 BUILDING WORKS

6.1 A Development Permit for Building Works assessable under the Building Assessment Provisions must be obtained prior to the commencement of any building works on the site.

6.2 The existing awning located over the footpath within Councils road reserve must be removed such that the proposed dwelling is wholly contained within the subject allotment.

6.3 A Development Permit for Building Works (demolition) must be obtained prior to the commencement of demolition works on the development site.

7.0 ELECTRICITY

7.1 Electricity services must be provided to the development in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

8.0 TELECOMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Telecommunications services must be provided to the development in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

9.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

9.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.

9.2 Any damage to existing stormwater, water supply and sewerage infrastructure, kerb and channel, pathway or roadway (including removal of concrete slurry from public land and Council infrastructure), that occurs while any works are being carried out in association with this development approval must be repaired at full cost to the developer. This includes the reinstatement of any existing traffic signs or pavement markings that may have been removed or damaged.

ADVISORY NOTES

NOTE 1. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

It is advised that under section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care"). Maximum penalties for breaching the duty of care are listed in the Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation. The information on Aboriginal cultural heritage is available on the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships website www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au

NOTE 2. Asbestos Removal

Any demolition and/or removal works involving asbestos materials must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and *Public Health Act 2005*.

NOTE 3. General Environmental Duty

General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.

NOTE 4. General Safety Of Public During Construction

The *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control*

Devices must be complied with in carrying out any construction works, and to ensure safe traffic control and safe public access in respect of works being constructed on a road.

NOTE 5. Infrastructure Charges Notice

Council has resolved not to issue an Infrastructure Charges Notice for this development because the new infrastructure charges arising from the development are less than or equal to the credits applicable for the new development.

NOTE 6. Works in Road Reserve Permit

It is advised that a Works in Road Reserve Permit may be required when planning to carry out works in a Council road reserve.

NOTE 7. Building Works

A Building Works Permit for a change of building classification is required in accordance with the Building Act 1975.

NOTE 8. Building Works

Council will be a referral agency for the Building Works Permit where the development does not comply with the Queensland Development Code. This Development Permit does not constitute a referral agency response from Council for the Building Works Permit in relation to building setbacks.

RECOMMENDATION C

THAT in relation to the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dwelling House (within existing building), made by L. and L. Fox, located at 127 East Street, Mount Morgan, described as Lot 2 on RP602519, Council resolves not to issue an Infrastructure Charges Notice.

BACKGROUND

The subject site, 127 East Street, Mount Morgan is currently occupied by a timber building that was previously the Country Women's Association (CWA) Hall. The proposal is to renovate internal features to establish a Dwelling House. The development will consist of three (3) bedrooms, two (2) bathrooms, a kitchen/dining area, living area and laundry facilities. The Dwelling House will be approximately 170 square metres in size and will be connected to essential services along with Council's reticulated sewer and water networks.

SITE AND LOCALITY

The subject site is 698 square metres in size and is designated in the Local Centre Zone under the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* (version 2.2). The surrounding area is a mix of Local Centre Zone predominantly used for small-scale non-residential uses and Low Density Residential Zone accommodating single dwellings. The development site has two (2) road frontages, Campion Street and East Street and direct vehicle access to the site is gained via Campion Street, with pedestrian access gained from both Campion and East Streets.

The subject site is affected by the Floodplain Investigation Area Overlay under the current flood mapping. The existing building is located to the west on the highest part of the subject site, (East Street) and slopes to the east towards Campion Street. Under the Local Creek Catchment (draft) 2017/2018 Flood Study, the subject site is wholly outside the hazard area.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

This application has been assessed by relevant Council planning, engineering, environmental health, and other technical officers as required. The assessment has been in

accordance with the assessment process provisions of the Development Assessment Rules, based on consideration of the relevant State Planning Policy; State Government guidelines; the Council's Town Planning Scheme, Planning Policies and other general policies and procedures, as well as other documents as considered relevant.

Development Engineering Comments

Support, subject to conditions.

Public and Environmental Health Comments

Support, subject to conditions.

Other Staff Technical Comments

Not applicable as the application was not referred to any other technical staff.

TOWN PLANNING COMMENTS

State Planning Policy 2017

Section 2.1 of *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* noted the *State Planning Policy 2017* is integrated in the planning scheme. The State planning interests are therefore addressed as part of this assessment of the development against the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015*.

Central Queensland Regional Plan 2013

The *Central Queensland Regional Plan 2013* is a statutory document which came into effect on 18 October 2013. The Regional Plan is identified as being appropriately integrated with the Planning Scheme and therefore an assessment against the Planning Scheme is taken to be an assessment against the *Central Queensland Regional Plan 2013*.

Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015

Strategic framework

The subject site is situated within the Urban Area designation under the scheme's strategic framework map. The strategic framework themes and their strategic outcomes, as identified within Part 3 of the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* are applicable.

(i) Settlement pattern

- (1) *The pattern of settlement is reinforced in accordance with the Strategic framework – settlement pattern maps (SFM-1 to SFM-4) and as defined in Table 3.3.2.2 – Strategic map designations and descriptions. Sufficient land has been allocated for residential, commercial, industrial and community uses to meet the needs of the region for at least twenty (20) years.***
- (2) *Residential development within Rockhampton and Gracemere will occur in urban areas, urban infill and intensification areas and new urban areas (greenfield areas). These areas are shown on the strategic framework maps SFM-2 to SFM-3.***
- (3) *Urban development in Mount Morgan will only occur within the urban area and local centre as shown on strategic framework map SFM-4.***
- (4) *Residential development is compact, encourages strong neighbourhoods with attractive places for residents, makes efficient use of land and optimises the delivery and use of infrastructure and services. Expansion beyond these identified areas will not occur to ensure a focus on urban infill and intensification areas and to avoid further encroachment on natural assets and ecologically vulnerable areas.***
- (5) *Sufficient land for employment growth has been identified in industrial areas, new industrial areas and centres (including proposed centres) at locations that can be most efficiently serviced with infrastructure and facilities.***

- (6) *Future urban areas and future industrial areas are the preferred location for greenfield development beyond 2026.*
- (7) ***The settlement pattern provides for a diverse range of housing to meet changing demographic needs, and creates opportunities for more affordable living close to services and facilities. These housing options will help stimulate centres and community focal points, and assist in making the most efficient use of infrastructure and other public investment.***
- (8) *Higher density development is focussed around centres and public transport nodes and corridors. Increased residential densities will be encouraged in the urban infill and intensification areas in a range of dwelling types that are located to make public transport, walking and cycling more convenient, safe and viable.*
- (9) *The design of the built environment (including buildings, streets and public spaces) is consistent with the existing or desired character of the area and buildings are oriented to the street and public places. Development is undertaken in accordance with urban design principles.*
- (10) ***Centres provide for employment, retail, accommodation, entertainment and community services that meet the needs of residential communities that are well connected by the public transport network.***
- (11) *Centres are based on a hierarchy that ensures the scale and form of development is appropriate to the location, and that the centres' roles and functions are appropriate within the wider planning scheme area.*
- (12) *Centres are consolidated within designated areas, and expansion does not occur into adjoining residential areas.*
- (13) *An integrated and high quality public open space network caters for the needs of residents, particularly in and around centres and higher density areas.*
- (14) *The continuing viability of areas that provide for economic development such as industrial and specific use areas is protected from incompatible land uses.*
- (15) *Limited rural residential areas provide for semi-rural living; however, these areas do not expand beyond the areas designated.*
- (16) *The productive capacity of all rural land is protected.*
- (17) *Rural lands and natural areas are maintained for their rural and landscape values.*
- (18) *The scenic and environmental values of areas identified as nature conservation or natural corridor link are protected.*
- (19) *The cultural heritage of Rockhampton is conserved for present and future communities.*
- (20) *Development responds to natural hazards (flooding, bushfire, steep land, storm tide inundation and coastal erosion) by avoiding, mitigating, adapting and building resilience to natural hazards in areas mapped as being susceptible.*

Complies – The proposed development advances and does not compromise the Settlement Pattern theme. The proposed development is for a residential Dwelling House that is located within the Urban Area designation. The development is a consistent land use and will utilise existing infrastructure including Council's water, sewer and road networks.

(ii) **Natural environment and hazards**

- (1) *The natural environment and landscape are highly valued by the community for their contribution to the planning scheme area's biodiversity, economic prosperity, culture, character and sense of place. These areas are to be protected from incompatible development.*

- (2) *Development does not create unsustainable impacts on:*
 - (a) *the natural functioning of floodplains;*
 - (b) *environmentally significant areas, including areas of state and locally significant vegetation, which provide fauna habitat and support biodiversity; and*
 - (c) *the quality of water entering waterways, wetlands and local catchments.*
- (3) *Development does not increase the risk to human life and property in areas that are affected, or potentially affected, by storm-surge, erosion, sea-level rise or other coastal processes, flooding, bushfire, or landslide. This occurs through the avoidance of natural hazards in new development areas, particularly greenfield areas and the mitigation of risks in existing built up areas.*
- (4) *Strategic and iconic scenic and landscape values are protected from potential adverse impacts of development.*

Complies – The proposed development advances and does not compromise the Natural Environment and Hazards theme. The subject site is affected by the Floodplain Investigation Area Overlay under the current flood mapping. The existing building is located to the west on the highest part of the subject site, (East Street) and slopes to the east towards Campion Street. Under the Local Creek Catchment (draft) 2017/2018 Flood Study, the subject site is wholly outside the hazard area. Therefore, there is not considered to be any increased risk to human life or property because of natural hazards.

(iii) **Community identity and diversity**

- (1) *The quality of life of residents is enhanced through equitable access to social infrastructure, community services and facilities necessary to support community health and well-being.*
- (2) *The community is self-sufficient and does not rely on services and facilities located in other regions. Development contributes to the provision of new social infrastructure, including land.*
- (3) *Cultural heritage including character housing and heritage buildings are conserved and enhanced.*
- (4) *Public places are safe, functional, characterised by good urban design, and include a range of facilities to encourage healthy and active lifestyles.*
- (5) *Crime prevention through environmental design is achieved in urban areas including public spaces to improve public safety.*

Complies – The proposed development advances and does not compromise the Community Identity and Diversity theme. The development will contribute to the housing options within the community and provide a three (3) bedroom, two (2) bathroom Dwelling House located approximately 200 metres from the main 'Central Street' of Mount Morgan.

(iv) **Access and mobility**

- (1) *Connectivity is achieved between residential uses, employment centres and services through the provision of active transport infrastructure integrated with efficient public transport services.*
- (2) *The trunk transport network (as shown on the strategic framework maps SFM-9 to SFM-12 and in plans for trunk infrastructure in the local government infrastructure plan) supports the settlement pattern and the local economy by facilitating the efficient and safe movement of people and goods both within the planning scheme area (especially between the main urban centres of Rockhampton and Gracemere), and to and from other locations.*

- (3) *The transport network encourages and supports active living in centres by providing for integrated walking, cycling, and public transport infrastructure to support a progressive reduction in car dependency.*
- (4) *The safety and efficiency of transport infrastructure, including the Bruce and Capricorn highways and other state and local roads, rail, airport and seaports, are not compromised by development.*

Complies.

The proposed development advances and does not compromise the Access and Mobility theme. The proposed development will not involve a new or changed access arrangement. Public transport is available via designated bus stops along Morgan Street, with the closest being within 140 metres of the subject site.

(v) **Infrastructure and services**

- (1) *Infrastructure and services are planned and delivered in a logical and cost efficient manner in support of the planned settlement pattern. It is fit for purpose and is sensitive to cultural and environmental values. In particular:*
 - (a) *efficient, affordable, reliable, timely and lasting infrastructure makes best use of public resources;*
 - (b) *the long-term needs of the community, industry and business are met; and*
 - (c) *the desired standards of service in Part 4 — Local government infrastructure plan are achieved.*

Not applicable.

(vi) **Natural resources and economic development**

- (1) *The economy of the planning scheme area continues to grow and provides the community with diverse and new employment opportunities. Rockhampton continues to strengthen as the retail, service, cultural and administrative centre for both the planning scheme area and the wider Central Queensland region.*
- (2) *The strategic importance of Rockhampton for transport and logistics industries is fostered, given its central location at the junction of the Bruce Highway, the Capricorn Highway (through to the Landsborough Highway) and the Burnett Highway (through to the Leichhardt Highway).*
- (3) *The local community continues to value its traditional economic assets and natural resources and protects and conserves them and the contribution they make to maintaining and growing the region's economic prosperity, culture, character and sense of place. The region's traditional economic sectors of tourism and agriculture (including the iconic beef industry) continue to strengthen.*
- (4) *Development protects and, where possible, leverages the intrinsic economic value of the region's natural resources, including productive grazing, agricultural and forestry land, extractive and mineral resources, marine and coastal resources, and existing and planned water resources, including watercourses, water bodies and groundwater.*
- (5) *Natural assets identified by this planning scheme are protected as they underpin current and emerging tourism opportunities and important lifestyle values for residents.*

Not applicable.

The performance assessment of the proposal demonstrates that the development will not compromise the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* strategic outcomes.

Local Centre Zone

The subject site is situated within the Local Centre Zone under the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015*. The purpose of the Local Centre Zone identifies that: -

(1) *The purpose of the local centre zone code is to:*

- (a) *facilitate the development of local centres at Frenchville (Dean Street), Norman Gardens (Farm Street), Norman Gardens (Norman Road) and Mount Morgan, providing services and facilities appropriate to local catchments of approximately 3,000 to 5,000 households; and*
- (b) *facilitate the development of local centres which:*
 - (i) *provide a community focus for convenience needs to serve a local catchment;*
 - (ii) *are safe and highly accessible for all forms of transport and pedestrians;*
 - (iii) *are integrated and well designed; and*
 - (iv) *are well served with all urban infrastructure.*

(2) *The purposes of the zone will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:*

- (a) *uses servicing the needs of a local catchment are located in the zone including retail, smaller scale supermarkets (which serve predominantly “top up” needs), speciality shops food and drink outlets and offices providing localised personal services and meeting a wider range of convenience needs;*
- (b) ***development for residential uses (when above ground level or behind ground storey retail, commercial and community related activities) is supported within the zone;***
- (c) ***development does not undermine the viability, role or function of other higher order centres;***
- (d) *North Parkhurst to accommodate a future local centre located along William Palfrey Road (Lot 5 on SP238731) commensurate with the population growth of the immediate catchment that does not detract from the Parkhurst (Boundary Road) district centre. Otherwise, no additional local centres (beyond those that are zoned) are required;*
- (e) *stand-alone, purpose built office buildings which exceed the 250 square metre gross floor area threshold are not to be established;*
- (f) *development includes uses that operate at different times of the day to ensure centres have vitality and reduce the potential for crime through activation and passive surveillance;*
- (g) *the height and scale of buildings reinforce the character, legibility and landmark function of the centres whilst creating an attractive, pedestrian friendly environment at street level;*
- (h) *building design includes a combination of materials, balconies, recesses and variations in horizontal and vertical planes;*
- (i) *buildings facing public streets are activated by shop fronts, doorways, awnings, varied external wall treatments, street trees and activities;*
- (j) *development is designed for the local climate, and includes sustainable practices for maximising energy efficiency and water conservation;*
- (k) *locally significant buildings that display heritage and character features of the area’s history are protected and reused where possible;*
- (l) *building layout and form is suitable to accommodate a range of compatible uses;*
- (m) *development is landscaped to assist with the greening of the city and in the creation of shady, safe and well connected pedestrian and public places;*

- (n) development is clustered around public and active transport and facilitates safe and efficient use of public transport, walking and cycling;*
- (o) the provision of infrastructure services, car parking and access is commensurate with the type and scale of development; and*
- (p) development involving a significant increase in gross floor area (greater than 1,000 square metres) is accompanied by a master plan that demonstrates how the expansion fits with the balance of the centre and integrates with the surrounding urban areas.*

Mount Morgan Local Centre

- (9) Development is generally in accordance with the Mount Morgan local centre concept plans; and*
- (10) Development:*
 - (a) complements the heritage features of the area, including incorporating design elements that reflect the historic building form and building layout with the streetscape;*
 - (b) is built to boundary;*
 - (c) is designed to accommodate active uses at ground level;*
 - (d) does not include car parking fronting Morgan Street;*
 - (e) ensures that the grid pattern layout remains; and*
 - (f) is sited to have vehicle access off Morgan Lane.*

Complies in Part - The Local Centre Zone is primarily for small-scale facilities that provide services appropriate to local catchments, or for residential uses above or behind commercial, retail or community uses. The application is for a Dwelling House and is therefore not consistent with aspects of the purpose of the Zone Code.

Despite this, the Dwelling House is well located in relation to infrastructure and other residential development. The existing built form is not anticipated to unduly impact on the amenity of the surrounding area and is generally consistent with the surrounding built form and streetscape, given the mix of residential and non-residential development. Conditions have been imposed to remove the awning located within Council's Road Reserve to assist in further presenting as a Dwelling House. The development is not anticipated to compromise the role and function of the designated Mount Morgan Local Centre or impact on the loss of a community hall space, as several other similar use developments exist within the township.

Furthermore, residential uses can be supported within the zone when above ground level or behind ground storey retail, commercial and community related activities. However, the existing buildings within Mount Morgan's Local Centre allow limited opportunity for this type of development to occur.

Rockhampton Regional Planning Scheme Codes

The following codes are applicable to this application:

- Strategic Framework;
- Local Centre Zone Code;
- Flood Hazard Overlay Code;
- Access, Parking and Transport Code;
- Landscape Code;
- Stormwater Management Code;
- Waste Management Code; and
- Water and Sewer Code.

An assessment has been made against the requirements of the abovementioned codes and the proposed development generally complies with the relevant Performance Outcomes and Acceptable Outcomes. Where the application is in conflict with the Acceptable Outcomes and is not otherwise conditioned to comply, an assessment of the Performance Outcomes has been undertaken. Refer to the Statement of Reasons contained in **Recommendation A** for an assessment.

Based on a performance assessment of the abovementioned codes, it is determined that the proposal is acceptable and generally complies with the relevant Performance Outcomes and where there is deviation from the codes, sufficient justification has been provided.

INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution (No.1) 2022 for residential development applies to the application, however Council resolves not to issue an Infrastructure Charges Notice for this development because the charges arising from the development are less than or equal to the credits applicable for the development.

Therefore, no infrastructure charges are payable and an Infrastructure Charges Notice is not required for the development.

CONSULTATION

The proposal was the subject of public notification between 1 August 2022 and 23 August 2022, in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016* and the Development Assessment Rules, and no submissions were received.

CONCLUSION

THAT the proposed development is not anticipated to compromise the Strategic Framework of *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015*. Furthermore, the proposal generally complies with the provisions included in the applicable codes. The proposal is therefore, recommended for approval in accordance with the approved plans and subject to the conditions outlined in the recommendation.

**D/92-2022 - DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL
CHANGE OF USE FOR A DWELLING
HOUSE (WITHIN EXISTING BUILDING)**

Locality Plan

Meeting Date: 11 October 2022

Attachment No: 1



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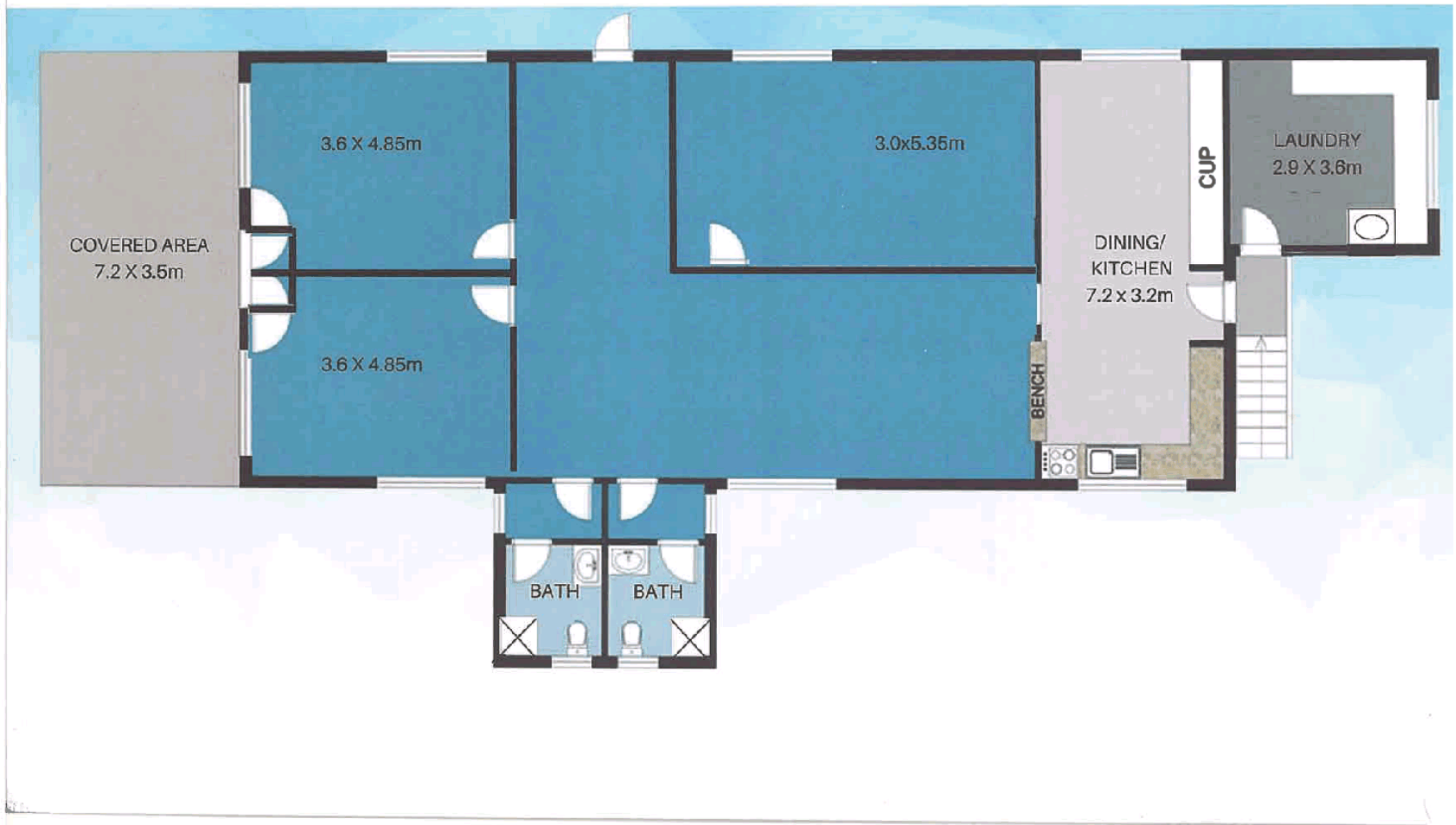
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Floor Plan

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127 East Street, Mount Morgan



10.4 PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

File No:	1460
Attachments:	1. Proposed 2023 Councillor Meeting Schedule ↓
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer presenting the proposed Schedule of Council Meetings for the period January to December 2023.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Councillor Meeting Schedule for the period January to December 2023 be adopted.

COMMENTARY

A proposed Schedule of Council Meetings has been created for the 12 month period January to December 2023 for consideration by Councillors.

It is proposed that the first meeting of the year is an Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 24 January 2023, and meetings of Ordinary Council be held thereafter on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The only variance to this timing is with ANZAC day falling on a Tuesday, it is suggested the Council meeting be held on Thursday 27 April.

Committee meetings will be held in accordance with the Committee structure adopted on 23 August 2022.

Infrastructure Committee meetings are set down for the first Tuesday of each month, with Communities Committee meetings allocated the third Tuesday of each month.

Time is reserved for strategic Briefing Sessions each Tuesday following the Council and Committee meetings, and additionally a whole day session is planned on the occasion of a fifth Tuesday falling during the month.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There are no previous decisions regarding the 2023 meeting schedule.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified budget implications.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Meetings are conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no identified legal implications.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There will be no impact on staffing numbers or changes to positions.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Corporate Plan 2022-2027 – Goal 1.1:

“We have effective governance with accountable decision-making practices.”

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the first Council meeting in 2023 be held on Tuesday 24 January 2023, with the schedule fundamentally a continuation of the structure adopted in 2022.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

Proposed 2023 Councillor Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date: 11 October 2022

Attachment No: 1



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Jan 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
	9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING			
	9am – 3pm Briefing Session			



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Feb 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	8	9	10
13	14 9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	15	16	17
20	21 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + BRIEFING SESSION	22	23	24
27	28 9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session			



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Mar 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	8	9	10
13	14 9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	15	16	17
20	21 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	22	23	24
27	28 9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	29	30	31



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Apr 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	5	6	7 GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10 EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11 9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	12	13	14
17	18 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	19	20	21
24	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26	27 9am – 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	28



Councillor Meeting Schedule

May 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	2 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	3	4	5
8	9 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	10	11	12
15	16 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	17	18	19
22	23 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	24	25	26
29	30 9am – 3pm Briefing Session	31		



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Jun 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	7	8	9
12	13 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	14	15 ROCKHAMPTON SHOW HOLIDAY	16
19	20 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	21	22	23
26	27 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	28	29	30



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Jul 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	5	6	7
10	11 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	12	13	14
17	18 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	19	20	21
24	25 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	26	27	28
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Councillor Meeting Schedule

Aug 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	2	3	4
7	8 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	9	10	11
14	15 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	16	17	18
21	22 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	23	24	25
28	29 9am – 3pm Briefing Session	30	31	



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Sep 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4	5 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	6	7	8
11	12 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	13	14	15
18	19 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	20	21	22
25	26 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	27	28	29



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Oct 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 KING'S BIRTHDAY (?) PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	4	5	6
9	10 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	11	12	13
16	17 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	18	19	20
23	24 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	25	26	27
30	31 9am – 3pm Briefing Session			



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Nov 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	8	9	10
13	14 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	15	16	17
20	21 9am – 3pm COMMUNITIES Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	22	23	24
27	28 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	29	30	



Councillor Meeting Schedule

Dec 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4	5 9am – 3pm INFRASTRUCTURE Committee Meeting + Briefing Session	6	7	8
11	12 9am - 3pm COUNCIL MEETING + Briefing Session	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25 CHRISTMAS DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 BOXING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27	28	29

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

13 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.

14 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

15.1 BP Australia Fuel and Office Leases

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

15.2 Renewal of Lease - Goodstart Early Learning Centre, Gracemere

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

15.1 BP AUSTRALIA FUEL AND OFFICE LEASES

File No: 5397

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1
2. Attachment 2
3. Attachment 3
4. Attachment 4
5. Attachment 5

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Author: Marcus Vycke - Manager Airport

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

SUMMARY

The area described as Lease Site AL is currently leased to BP Australia Pty Ltd ("BP Australia") pursuant to month to month provisions contained in a lease that expired on 30 November 2010. Lengthy lease negotiations with BP Australia were halted due to Council releasing an Expression of Interest (EOI) document in 2018 for further development of fuel farm facilities. Council resolved not to proceed with the EOI process due to project risks being identified.

This report seeks Council approval to enter into specific lease agreements pursuant to 236(1)(c)(vii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld).

**15.2 RENEWAL OF LEASE - GOODSTART EARLY LEARNING CENTRE,
GRACEMERE****File No: 8926****Attachments: Nil****Authorising Officer: Megan Younger - Manager Corporate and Technology
Services
Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer****Author: Kellie Roberts - Coordinator Property and Insurance**

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

SUMMARY

Coordinator Property & Insurance reporting on a request to renew the lease to Goodstart Early Learning Limited for the premises situated at 2 Stover Street, Gracemere (Lease A on SP163796).

16 CLOSURE OF MEETING