

# INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

## **AGENDA**

## **6 AUGUST 2024**

Your attendance is required at an Infrastructure Committee meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 6 August 2024 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

1 August 2024

Next Meeting Date: 03.09.24

#### 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

#### 2 PRESENT

#### Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor E B Hilse

#### In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services (Executive Officer)

#### 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Grant Mathers - Leave of Absence from 19 July 2024 to 12 August 2024

#### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee held 2 July 2024

# 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

#### 10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

#### 10.1 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

File No: 10097
Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

#### **SUMMARY**

Portfolio Councillors for Waste and Recycling, Infrastructure and Water will provide an update on matters of interest within their portfolio.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Portfolio Updates for Waste and Recycling, Infrastructure and Water be received.

#### **BACKGROUND**

As a result of discussions following 2024 local government elections, Councillors have requested an opportunity to speak about their relevant Portfolio during Committee Meetings.

The following Councillors will provide an update on their Portfolio at Infrastructure Committee:

Councillor Shane Latcham - Waste and Recycling Portfolio

Councillor Edward Oram - Water Portfolio

Councillor Marika Taylor – Infrastructure Portfolio

#### 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

## 11.1 RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE RESOLUTION - PROPOSAL FOR FENCING TO PREVENT UNAUTHORISED PUBLIC ACCESS - BARRAGE SOUTH PRECINCT

File No: 4418 Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Dan Toon - Manager Water and Wastewater

#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides a response to a resolution adopted by the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2022 seeking cost estimates for erection of fencing to prevent unauthorised access to the Fitzroy River Barrage right bank fish ladder.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT exclusion fencing to prevent unauthorised access to the Fitzroy River Barrage right bank fish ladder not be pursued at this time and the situation continue to be monitored.

#### **COMMENTARY**

The Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2022 considered a report prepared in response to a petition received by Council from residents in the vicinity of the right bank precinct of the Fitzroy River Barrage. The petition identified several concerns related to unauthorized activities, access through private property and fishing at the fish ladder by members of the public. The report included details of actions implemented in response to the petitioner's concerns.

The Committee subsequently adopted the resolution reproduced below;

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

- 1. THAT Council receives the report detailing actions taken in response to the petition regarding illegal fishing at Rockhampton Barrage South Precinct.
- 2. THAT a further report be prepared detailing costings for fencing the area and seek State Government funding contribution towards these costs.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This report responds to Item 2 of the resolution and also provides an update in relation to the original issues that gave rise to the fencing proposal.

Residents' Issue	Current Status
, , ,	A concerted effort by FRW officers has received improved support from both Qld Boating and Fisheries Patrol and Qld Police in attending the fish ladder when unauthorized public access is seen on the CCTV cameras resulting in fines being issued. However, it is unrealistic to expect this activity could ever be completely stopped.

2. Noise associated with the audible alarm being sounded late at night.	As previously advised, the alarm is now used less frequently.
3. Uncertainty around whether residents are permitted to construct a fence on their boundary under the current development approval.	This was clarified for residents and the property previously subjected to regular trespassing now has a removable fence installed on boundary. Discussion with the property owner confirmed the fence has proven successful and they now experience negligible nuisance activities.
4. Vehicular access to the back of residents' property through temporary access road constructed by Council for fish ladder repairs after flood event some years ago.	The gate and bollards erected remain in place and a recent inspection confirmed access is now by foot only.
5. People trespassing through residents' private property to access the fish ladder.	As noted at Item 3, the property affected by trespassing has installed a fence on boundary to exclude unauthorized access to the private property and confirmed it has been respected by the fishers.

The matter of fencing has been given some consideration and the first question to address is what alignment to construct a fence on that would be effective.



The red alignment shown above would connect to the previously mentioned fence that has been installed by the property owner who was experiencing trespassing. However, a fence constructed to the extent shown would be in the tidal zone and subjected to corrosion, catching debris and most likely vandalism from anyone seeking access to the fish ladder. It could also encourage entry into the water to pass around the fence which is a very dangerous undertaking given the regular sighting of large crocodiles in the area.

A fence constructed on the blue alignment would simply be bypassed unless constructed down to the tidal zone and would experience similar issues as the red alignment.

The type of fencing employed would have to ensure a high degree of resistance to damage to be effective. Chainmesh fencing is very easy to compromise by simply cutting and removing a single wire strand. The most effective and moderate cost type of fence is palisade fencing which is comprised of vertical metal palings fixed to horizontal rails with tamperproof bolts. This style of fencing has an indicative cost (Rawlinsons Handbook) of

approximately \$500 per m for 1.8m high fencing in easy construction conditions, which this site is not for any sections in the tidal zone. For the purpose of this investigation an estimated cost of \$750 per m, fence only, was adopted.

The respective estimates for the two alignments are given below.

Red Alignment – 54m - \$40,500 (plus clearing, approvals, gate)

Blue Alignment – 235m - \$176,250 (plus clearing, approvals, gate)

As noted earlier in this report, a discussion was held recently with one of the previously most affected residents and the information received suggests that whilst the illegal access and fishing is still occurring, it is less frequent due to occasional attendance by Police and Fisheries Patrol Officers and most importantly, the undesirable activities have diminished significantly.

Given consideration of the high cost, low effectiveness and vulnerability of fencing in combination with the reported reduced nuisance being experienced, it is a suggestion of this report that Council pause consideration of installing fencing at this time and monitor the situation for the immediate future.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2022 considered a report prepared in response to a petition received by Council from residents in the vicinity of the right bank precinct of the Fitzroy River Barrage. The petition identified several concerns related to unauthorized activities, access through private property and fishing at the fish ladder by members of the public.

#### **PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

The Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2022 adopted the following resolution:

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

- 1. THAT Council receives the report detailing actions taken in response to the petition regarding illegal fishing at Rockhampton Barrage South Precinct.
- 2. THAT a further report be prepared detailing costings for fencing the area and seek State Government funding contribution towards these costs.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil unless a decision is made to pursue installation of fencing.

#### **LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries administers and enforces the *Fisheries Act* 1994 which governs the use of Queensland's fisheries resources and protection of fisheries habitats.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known legal implications arising from this report.

#### **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Diligence is necessary to ensure adequate signage is maintained and reasonable efforts made to discourage illegal access to the fish ladder.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Illegal access to the Fitzroy River Barrage right bank fish ladder is a recurrent issue which was raised with Council as a consequence of concerns from residents adjacent to the right bank precinct and resulted in a resolution to investigate installation of exclusion fencing.

Whilst fencing could deter some trespassers, the likely cost and overall effectiveness is uncertain and recent information received from residents suggests the undesirable activities previously associated with the illegal access have diminished. Hence, the conclusion of this report is that fencing not be pursued at this time and the situation continue to be monitored.

#### 11.2 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP

File No: 11979

Attachments:

1. Infrastructure PRG Minutes - 17 July 2024

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

#### **SUMMARY**

The first meeting of the Infrastructure Project Reference Group was held on 17 July 2024.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure Project Reference Group held on 17 July 2024 be received and the actions contained in the minutes be endorsed.

#### COMMENTARY

The Capital Project Framework Policy (including Terms of Reference for Project Reference Groups) was adopted at Council meeting on 14 May 2024.

As stated in the Terms of Reference, the purpose of the Infrastructure Project Reference Group is to endorse Project Management Plans, review progress of works and administer change control processes on applicable and nominated projects. This includes where needed to make recommendation on proposed variations in budget, scope, timing, or other risks to Council or delegated Committees.

#### **BACKGROUND**

As stated in previous report to Council, the Capital Project Framework Policy will provide better oversight and also provides a more robust governance structure around Council's capital works program and its delivery.

The first meeting of the Infrastructure Project Reference Group was held on 17 July 2024. A copy of the Agenda was distributed to all Councillors on 12 July 2024.

Minutes from the meeting are attached for endorsement of the recommendations of the Group.

#### **PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Council meeting 14 May 2024:

THAT the Capital Project Framework Policy (including Terms of Reference) as attached to this report be adopted and for Council to approve a review timeline of May 2028.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

This process meets legislative requirements.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

#### STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Some additional use of existing resources with the additional reporting has been required.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Provides for better governance of Council's Capital Program.

### **CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Corporate Plan Goal 1.1 – We are fiscally responsible.

#### **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the minutes of the Project Reference Group and the actions contained within be endorsed by Council.

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**MINUTES** 

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REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9.02AM

#### 1 OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

#### 2 PRESENT

#### Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson) Councillor S Latcham Councillor E W Oram Councillor M A Taylor

#### In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer (via video-link)
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services (Executive Officer)
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services (via video-link)
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer
Mr M Crow – Manager Infrastructure Planning (via video-link)
Mr M O'Keeffe – Manager RRWR (via video-link)
Mr D Toon – Manager Water and Wastewater (via video-link)
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor
Ms K Walsh – Committee Support Officer

#### 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

## 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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#### **5 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

#### 5.1 24/25 INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL BUDGET

File No: 7028

Attachments: 1. 24/25 Capital Budget

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

#### SUMMARY

This report provides the endorsed major projects and the proposed significant projects for the current financial year. The report is seeking the reference group agreement to the proposed significant projects.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the projects as recommended be endorsed as significant projects. In addition the following projects will also be included:

- Glenmore Water Treatment Plant Low Lift Pump Station
- Thozet Road Water Pump Station Renewal

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#### **6 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35am.

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#### 11.3 MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS - JUNE 2024

File No: 7028

Attachments: 1. Monthly Project Status Report for Civil

Operations - June 2024

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: John Gwydir - Manager Civil Operations

#### **SUMMARY**

Monthly Project Status Report on all major capital projects being delivered by the Civil Operations section.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Project Status Report for Civil Operations for June 2024 be received.

#### **COMMENTARY**

The Civil Operations section submits a monthly project status report outlining the status, key milestones and deliverables of capital projects managed by the Unit.

The following projects are reported on for the month of June 2024:

- Unsealed Road Network;
- Capital Works Program;

# MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS - JUNE 2024

# Monthly Project Status Report for Civil Operations - June 2024

Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

**Attachment No: 1** 



### **UNSEALED ROAD NETWORK**

During the month of June 2024, approximately 26 kms of roads were graded and a further 8 kms of gravel re-sheet programmed with approximately 100mm of gravel to improve wet weather trafficability.

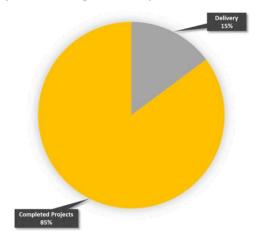
Completed – June 2024					
Road Name	Area		Total Length Graded	Total Length Re- sheeted	
Chippendale Road	South Yaamba		1.9 kms	2.3 kms	
Halfpenny Road	Gracemere		2.29 km		
Sugarloaf Road	Westwood		5.9 kms	0.4 kms	
Glenroy Road	Glenroy		2.95 kms	1.95 kms	
Rosewood Road	Wycarbah		5.475 kms	2.175 kms	
Upper Ulam Road	Bajool		3.25 kms		
Goodwin Road	Gracemere		0.1 kms		
Mogilno Road	Bouldercombe		2.95 kms	0.56 kms	
Dee Road	Mount Morgan		0.25 kms		
Bulter Road	Mount Morgan		0.2 kms		
In Progress – July 2024					
Road Name	Area		Remaining Length to be Graded	Remaining Length to be Re-sheeted	
Sugarloaf Road	Westwood		1.6 kms	1.150 kms	
Goodwin Road	Gracemere		2.75 kms	0.3 kms	
Rosewood Road	Rosewood Wycar	bah	10.0 kms		
Upper Ulam Road	Bajool		9.1 kms		
Glenroy Road	Glenroy		6.2 kms		
High Valley Road	Wycarbah		10.0 kms	1.565 kms	
Sheridan Steet	Westwood			0.39 kms	
Kabralea Road	Kabra		1.61 kms	0.8 kms	
Table Mountain Road	Kabra		1.12 kms		
Murphy Road	Kabra		3.44 kms	0.73 kms	
Roads Programmed During August 2024					
<ul> <li>Native Cat Road</li> <li>Craignaught Road</li> <li>Moses Road</li> <li>Anderson Road</li> <li>Coorumburra Road</li> <li>Craigilee Road</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Stewart park Road</li> <li>Colliver Road, Webber road, Woodford road</li> <li>Six Mile Road, Bullfrog lane</li> <li>Ulam Connection Road</li> <li>A Pierce Road</li> <li>Kalapa Black Mountain Road</li> </ul>		

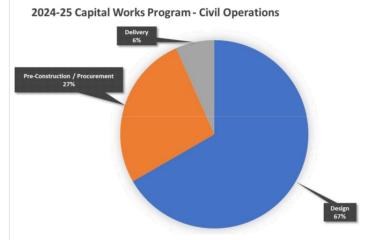
### **CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**

#### Summary (by project status)

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Design				
2024-2025 Projects	Comment			
2024/2025 Bus Stop and Bus Shelter Program	Not started			
Bills Road Sealing Ch 0.23 to Ch1.33 - Marmor	Not started			
Dale Park Asphalt Basin Stormwater Quality Device	Not started			

Emmaus College – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 3)		Not started
Glenroy Road Upgrades		Not started
Murphy Road Sealing Ch 0.44 to Ch 1.5 - Kabra		Not started
South Yaamba Road – Alton Downs		Not started
St Mary's Catholic Primary School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 2)		Not started
St Paul's Catholic Primary School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 3)		Not started
Waraburra State School – Parking and pedestrian safety works (STIP Funding – Round 2)		Not started
The Cathedral College – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 3)		Not started
Fairy Bower Road – Scrubby Ck Crossing		Design only
Glenroy Road – Fitzroy River Bridge		Design only
Berserker State School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 2)		Design underway
Denison Street Rehabilitation – Derby St to Stanley St		Design underway
Glenmore State School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 2)	Design underway	
Murray Street Rehabilitation – Fitzroy St to Denham St		Design underway
Rockhampton State High School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 2)		Design underway
Rodboro Street Traffic Calming Scheme and footpath		Design underway
Witt Street Rehabilitation – Dean St to Water St		Design underway
Pre-Construction / Procurement		
2024-2025 Projects	Estimated Start Date	Comment

Lion Mountain Road Sealing Ch 9.2 to 11.2 – Alton Downs

Bawden Street - Bedford St intersection upgrade

September 2024

October 2024

2024/2025 Annual Reseal Program – Spray Seals	November 2024	Tenders will be called in October			
Dale Park Access Road	January 2025				
Parkhurst Industrial Area – Johnson Street – Reconstruction (HVSPP Funding) – Stage	February 2025				
Cambridge Street Footpath – Lennox St to Murray Lane	Cambridge Street Footpath – Lennox St to Murray Lane				
2024/2025 Annual Reseal Program – Micro-Surfacing (Slurry Seals)	April 2025	Tenders will be called in November			
Delivery					
2023-2024 Projects	Actual Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Comment		
Upper Dawson Road / Canning Street / Derby Street – Intersection Upgrades – Blackspot Funding	April 2024	August 2024	Refer Major Project Update		
Denham Street (Canning Street to George Street) – Intersection Upgrades – Blackspot Funding	October 2023	August 2024	Refer Major Project Update		
Stanwell-Waroula Road - Sealing (RRUPP Funding)	October 2023	August 2024	Refer Major Project Update		
Parkhurst Industrial Area – McLaughlin Street – Reconstruction (HVSPP Funding) – Stage 1	November 2023	August 2024	Refer Major Project Update		
Derby Street / Denison Street / Kent Street – Intersection Upgrades – Blackspot Funding	February 2024	September 2024	Refer Major Project Update		
Somerset Road – Road and stormwater upgrades (TIDS Funding)	January 2024	October 2024	Refer Major Project Update		
Completed Projects					
2023/2024 Annual reseal program - Asphalt					
2023/23024 Annual Reseal Program – Spray Seals					
2023/2024 Annual Reseal Program – Micro-Surfacing (Slurry Seals)					
2023/2024 Unsealed Road Gravel Program					
Alexandra Street - Rehabilitation (TIDS Funding)					
Berserker Street – Elphinstone to Leamington – Road Rehabilitation					

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Campbell Street (Cambridge Street to Albert Street) - Reconstruction (LRCI Funding) Caribea Estate - Drainage - Stage 3 (Inlets) Eton Street (Denham Street to end) - Road Reconstruction Frenchville State School – Set Down Area (STIP Funding – Round 1) Hanrahan Crossing – Floodway Construction Hollingsworth Street – Rehabilitation (TIDS Funding) Limestone Creek Diversion - Stormwater - Open Channel Construction Lower Dawson Road, Allenstown (No. 311 Lower Dawson Road to Jellicoe Street) - Footpath Mount Archer State School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 1) Mt Morgan Central State School – XX (STIP Funding – Round 1) Mt Morgan State High School – Bus Stop (STIP Funding – Round 1) Norman Road – Footpath (Cycle Networks Grants Program) North Rockhampton State High School – Robinson Street – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 1) River Rose Drive – New Road Construction (LRCI Funding) Rockhampton Grammar School – Quarry Street Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 1) Rockhampton Special School – XX (STIP Funding – Round 1) Scrubby Creek Bridge – Old Capricorn Highway (Bridge Rehabilitation Program) Stanley Street / East Street - Intersection Upgrade (Blackspot Funding) St Joseph's Primary School – Footpath (STIP Funding – Round 1) Quay Lane - North to Albert Street - Stormwater drainage

#### 11.4 RESPONSE TO PETITION - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

File No: 7127

Attachments: 1. Location of Speed Limit Review

Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Infrastructure Planning

Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Stuart Harvey - Coordinator Infrastructure Planning

#### **SUMMARY**

Council received a petition from residents in Fairybower requesting a speed limit review on McLaughlin Street, Fairybower. This report presents these findings for Council's information.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the Response to Petition – Speed Limit Review report.

#### **COMMENTARY**

In November 2023, Council received a petition from residents in Fairybower seeking a reduction in speed on McLaughlin Street, Fairybower. Residents have requested a reduction from 80km/hr to 50km/hr with a primary objective to "Ensure the safety of children, pets, and the general public."

The speed limit review was conducted at this location in accordance with Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD: Part 4 – Speed Controls) and the *Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volumes* (QRSTUV): *Guide to Speed Management*. The recommendations of the review were discussed and approved by the Rockhampton Region 3E Speed Management Committee, which consists of representatives from the Queensland Police, Rockhampton Regional Council, Livingstone Shire Council and the Department of Traffic and Main Roads.

Considering the hierarchical classification of road, along with the road environment and prevailing speeds, a proposed speed limit reduction from 80km/hr to 70km/hr was recommended for McLaughlin Street. Due to the rural nature of the road, a 50km/hr speed environment is not applicable or appropriate.

A response will be sent through to the lead petitioner advising of the Speed Management Committee's recommendation and the speed limit will be reduced accordingly through the completion of a works order to change the signage.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Queensland Road Safety Technical User Volumes (QRSTUV): Guide to Speed Management specifies the methodology to determine an appropriate speed limit based on the road function, prevailing traffic speeds and speed environment.

A speed limit review requires the endorsement of a local Speed Management Committee, comprised of representatives from Local Governments, Department of Transport and Main Roads and Queensland Police.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Queensland Police will enforce the new posted speed limit after its introduction. It is expected that the proposed speed limit reductions will result in increased safety in the road corridor.

Based on the recorded speed survey data, it is not deemed necessary to install any additional measures to ensure a level of compliance with the speed limit.

#### **CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

3.1.1 Consult on, advocate, plan, deliver and maintain a range of safe urban and rural public infrastructure appropriate to the Region's needs, both present and into the future.

#### CONCLUSION

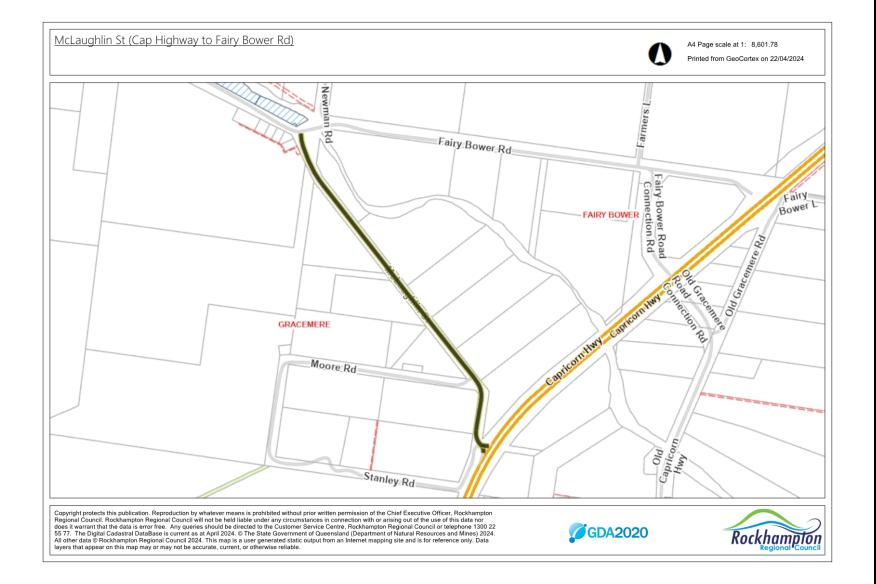
Council Officers have followed the required standardised methodology to conduct speed limit reviews for McLaughlin Street. The result of the speed limit review has received the endorsement of the Rockhampton Region Speed Management Committee. The adopted speed limit is now presented to Council for their information, prior to implementation.

# RESPONSE TO PETITION – SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

## **Location of Speed Limit Review**

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#### 11.5 REUSE SHOP AND UPCYCLE VILLAGE OCCUPANCY

File No: 1914

Attachments: 1. Map of Proposed Lease Area

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Michael O'Keeffe - Manager Rockhampton Regional

Waste and Recycling

Giselle Parsons - Coordinator Resource Recovery

Strategy

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the occupancy status of the Reviva Ibis Reuse Shop and Upcycle Village and seek endorsement to enter into a lease with Community Resources Ltd (trading as Resource Recovery Australia).

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### THAT

- 1. Pursuant to Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council approve the Leases of part of 152 Lakes Creek Road (approx. 3,875m2 of Lot 1 on SP316492) to Community Resources Ltd A.C.N 622 913 384 for a term; and
- 2. Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (Manager Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling) to negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease, as outlined in the report, in preparation for execution by the delegated officer.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Reviva Ibis Reuse Shop (Reuse Shop) and Upcycle Village are located within the Lakes Creek Road Waste Management Facility (LCRWMF) under the management of Rockhampton Regional Waste & Recycling (RRWR). The two areas share a fenced compound which is divided by an additional internal fence separating the two spaces. See Attachment 1 for aerial map.

The Reuse Shop is operated under Contract by Resource Recovery Australia (RRA) and recovers resources from incoming waste streams for sale within the shop. This significantly supports Council's diversion of waste from landfill and provides the Rockhampton regions community with access to inexpensive items for purchase and reuse, adding to the community's circular economy.

The Upcycle Village is a smaller, simpler set up consisting of a shed provided with water, power and a small bitumen yard. The Upcycle Village is unoccupied due to improvements and maintenance currently being undertaken.

#### **COMMENTARY**

Prior to May 2021 the Reuse Shop and Upcycle Village were managed as one space under a previous Contract. The entirety of the space was utilised as a tip shop formerly known as Trendy Trash.

With the endorsement of Council's Waste Strategy 2020-2030 (now Resource Recovery Strategy), Council committed to support the transition of our community towards a circular economy with the long-term goal of being a zero waste community by 2040, diverting 90% of waste from landfill. To progress this commitment the tip shop space was segregated into 2 spaces, the Reuse Shop compound and the Upcycle Village compound.

The vision for The Upcycle Village was to provide a facility to enable local community organisations, social enterprises, and businesses to develop and deliver upcycling projects whilst diverting waste from landfill through the use of waste materials in upcycle projects. This further includes:

- 1. Space for community group donations of requested items
- 2. Provision of a 'tool library' tools/equipment loaned to public with a refundable deposit
- 3. Book/toy swap area
- 4. Upcycle Nursery donated/recovered plants and upcycled planters and pots which could then be sold in the reuse shop
- 5. Space for furniture repair for sale in the reuse shop
- 6. Public access for visiting repair tradesmen
- 7. Availability for community groups to book space to run a workshop/meeting
- 8. Community workshops by request &/or as Council campaigns stipulate

Under a formal tender process, the Contract for the Reuse Shop along with the supervision services of the Community Recycling Centre and the Waste Transfer Station was awarded to RRA in May 2021 for a term of 3 years with 2 x 12 month extension options available. The Contract has been extended for the first 12 month extension and with the Contract expiry being 19 May 2025. The entirety of this Contract is due to expire 19 May 2026. However due to an administrative oversight, a lease for the Reuse Shop was not included.

Under a formal tender process, the occupancy of the Upcycle Village was awarded to Multicultural Australia (MA) for a term of 12 months under a Licence Agreement, which was then extended a further 12 months. MA used this space for the 2 years to provide a trainee program for Certificate 1 in Construction under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. To progress the vision of the Upcycle Village RRWR made the decision not to renew the agreement in place with MA. The agreement ended 30th April 2024.

In March 2024, RRWR were approached by Resource Recovery Australia (RRA) with a proposal to provide the coordination and service of the majority of the above listed uses under a variation to their current Contract. RRA are a registered charity and a licensed social enterprise with a wealth of experience in supporting other community organisations and programs. RRWR intend to proceed with this Contract variation. At the expiration of the Contract in May 2026, the two will be re-evaluated to determine if they should remain combined or separated into two Contracts.

As a result of the change in occupancy of the Upcycle Village, it has been identified that the Reviva Ibis Reuse Shop and the Upcycle Village should be occupied under a lease agreement. This is currently not in place and requires rectification via a report to Council for a resolution to include a lease agreement.

The lease agreement will mirror the relevant responsibilities of the parties that are contained within the current contract. The term will also mirror the contract, with the lease to expire on 19 May 2025. The lease fee will be nil. If the Contract is extended for the remaining 12 month extension periods, a further report will be presented to Council to renew the lease agreement for the site.

#### **LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

Section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) allows a Local Government to enter into a lease with a community organisation, provided that that Council has decided, by resolution, that the exception applies to the leasing of valuable non-current assets (i.e. land) other than by tender or auction.

RRA is a registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and therefore considered as a community organisation.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

RRA currently occupies Council land without the appropriate tenure agreement in place. By approving a lease, this rectifies the issue.

#### STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Resources within Property and Insurance can adequately manage the lease process.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

By not having a lease over the site, Council is not afforded the protection of the conditions of the tenure agreement should a dispute occur in the future.

#### **CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Goal 4.2 Pursue innovative and sustainable practices including waste management practices that accommodate and support environmental sustainability, and supporting our community, businesses and industries as they transition towards a low carbon economy.

#### **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Council enter into a lease with Community Resources Ltd A.C.N 622 913 384 (trading as Resource Recovery Australia) for the Reuse Shop and Upcycle Village areas on the terms outlined in this report.

# REUSE SHOP AND UPCYCLE VILLAGE OCCUPANCY

## **Map of Proposed Lease Area**

Meeting Date: 6 August 2024

**Attachment No: 1** 



### 12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

### 13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

### 14 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.

#### 15 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.

#### 16.1 Self-Haul Green Waste Management

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.

#### 16 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

#### 16.1 SELF-HAUL GREEN WASTE MANAGEMENT

File No: 14561 Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Michael O'Keeffe - Manager Rockhampton Regional

**Waste and Recycling** 

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 purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on self-haul green waste management at Councils Waste Facilities and Contractor compliance with Model Operating Conditions ERA 53 (a) – Organic material processing by composting.

### 17 CLOSURE OF MEETING