



**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Held Wednesday, 27 September 2023**

*Held in the Simeon Lord Room
Esk Library Building
Redbank Street, Esk*

Present

Cr Graeme Lehmann	(Mayor)
Cr Helen Brieschke	(Deputy Mayor)
Cr Sean Choat	(Councillor)
Cr Cheryl Gaedtke	(Councillor)
Cr Kylee Isidro	(Councillor)
Cr Jason Wendt	(Councillor)
Cr Bob Whalley	(Councillor)
Mr A Johnson	(Chief Executive Officer)
Mr C Young	(Director Operations)
Mr S Brennan	(Acting Director Planning and Development)
Mr G Smith	(Director Finance)
Mrs K Jones	(Director HR and Customer Service)
Mr M McGoldrick	(Director Corporate and Community Services)
Mrs H Golinski	(Minute Secretary / Executive Assistant)
Ms K Cope	(Communications Coordinator)
Mrs M Jelf	(Senior Planner)#

#denotes partial attendance

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Opening of Meeting

The Mayor, Cr Graeme Lehmann, opened the meeting at 9.01 am.

Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes**Resolution**

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Wednesday, 13 September 2023 as circulated to all Members of Council be confirmed”.

Vote - Unanimous

Carried

Business arising out of minutes of previous meeting

Nil

Matters of Public Interest**Matters of public interest – Cr Brieschke**

I along with Cr Choat had the pleasure of assisting the Mayor at the Somerset Regional Council Garden Competition presentation ceremony yesterday.

It takes skill and patience to create and maintain a successful garden and these qualities stood out in all the competition entries this year.

The judges Cr Sean Choat, Cr Janice Holstein (Lockyer Valley Regional Council) and I enjoyed visiting these beautiful gardens and I would like to again, thank and congratulate all entrants.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to visit all competition entries the weekend of 7 and 8 October, during the ‘Open Garden’ times of 9 am to 2 pm.

The gardens will be advertised in the newspaper and on Council’s Facebook page.

Free Tree Days coming up:

Saturday 7 October Kilcoy Memorial Hall, 8.00 - 11.00 am.

Saturday 21 October Fernvale Community Hall, 8.00 - 11.00 am.

The Esk Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting a fund-raising movie night at Toogoolawah Pictures, Saturday, 28 October with a screening of ‘My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3’.

The committee will commence selling tickets soon which will be \$20 each.

Matters of public interest – Cr Gaedtke

It is interesting to read that many Aussies are cutting back on their social media habits in a bid to improve their mental health. Market research has revealed that 39 per cent are embarking on the social media detox and they also believed they were wasting too much time on the app. It was also found that some said they quit social media because there were too many negative stories or posts that brought down their mood. Meanwhile, 4 per cent said they wanted to see their friends in real life and less online.

Matters of public interest – Cr Choat

RUOK Day 2023, was commemorated Thursday 13 September. I was sorry to have overlooked making a statement as a Matter of Public Interest at our Council Meeting on September 12 and I want to make mention of it today.

As more and more Australians are coming to understand, RUOK Day is our National Day of Action when we are reminded that any day is the day to ask, “are you okay?” and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they know might be struggling with life.

RUOK Day is marked on the second Thursday of September each year and is becoming a popular way for Australians to express their understanding of the toll of poor mental health on everyday Australians.

The latest statistics are that over two in five Australians aged 16-85 years (43.7% or 8.6 million people) have experienced a mental disorder at some time in their life. Whilst the majority of these result in full recovery, the rates of severe illness from anxiety, depression and other disorders.

We all know someone who has suffered some form of mental health-related matter. Having a simple discussion starting with the words “Are you okay?” can make a significant difference for someone struggling with mental health issues. This is something we must all stop to consider – not just in September, but every day.

Conflict of Interest

Cr Brieschke declared an interest in agenda item number 31 - Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 Toogoolawah Christmas Tree. Auspiced by Toogoolawah Progress Association

Cr Wendt declared an interest in agenda item 30 – Contract 1319 - Supply and Installation of Fernvale sports park Irrigation system.

Subject:	Development Application No. 23089
	Development Application for a Material Change of Use for an Outdoor Sport and Recreation (shooting range)
File No:	DA23089
Assessment No:	04480-00000-000
Action Officer:	SP-MW

1.0 APPLICATION SUMMARY

Subject Land

Location:

281 Esk Hampton Road, Redbank Creek
 Lot 259 Clarson Road, Mount Hallen
 502 Langtons Lane, Mount Hallen
 Lot 14 Mount Hallen State Forest Road, Mount Hallen
 Lot A Temporarily closed road, Mount Hallen

Real property description:

Lot 1 RP20811
 Lot 2 RP20811
 Lot 3 RP809846
 Lot 259 CA311039
 Lot 261 CA311578
 Lot 14 SP268017

Site area: Lot A AP22703
 1,123.1 hectares
 Current land use: Farm, Dwelling house and outbuildings
 Easements/encumbrances: Nil identified

South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017

Land use category: Regional landscape and rural production area

Somerset Region Planning Scheme (Version Four)

Zone: Rural zone
 Precinct: Not applicable
 Overlays: Agricultural land overlay
 Biodiversity overlay
 Bushfire hazard overlay
 Catchment management overlay
 Flood hazard overlay
 High impact activities management area overlay
 Infrastructure overlay
 Landslide hazard overlay
 Scenic amenity overlay

Application

Proposal: Outdoor sport and recreation (shooting range)
 Category of assessment: Impact assessment
 Applicant details: Esk Branch Shooters Union of Qld Inc
 Owner details: C/- Diane Kerr and Associates
 19 Frobisher Street
 SPRINGWOOD QLD 4127
 Date application received: 20 October 2022
 Date application properly made: 20 October 2022
 Date application decision due: 19 July 2023

Referral agencies

State Assessment and Referral Agency

Public notification

Required

Notification period: 30 November 2022 to 10 January 2023
 Submissions received: 47 received
 28 properly made (Three in favour, 25 opposed)
 19 not properly made (15 in favour, four opposed)

RECOMMENDED DECISION

Approve the development application subject to the conditions and requirements contained in the schedules and attachments of this report.

2.0 PROPOSAL

This development application seeks approval for a Material Change of Use for an Outdoor Sport and Recreation (shooting range), on land at 281 Esk Hampton Road, Redbank Creek, Lot 259 Clarson Road, Mount Hallen, 502 Langtons Lane, Mount Hallen, Lot 14 Mount Hallen State Forest Road, Mount Hallen and Lot A Temporarily closed road, Mount Hallen formally described as Lot 1 RP20811, Lot 2 RP20811, Lot 3 RP809846, Lot 259 CA311039, Lot 261 CA311578, Lot 14 SP268017 and Lot A AP22703 respectively.

The proposed shooting range will comprise the following:

- a) A 200m Shooting Range for rifle, pistol and shotgun sport and/or training shooting.
- b) The firing range is 50m by 200m.
- c) Rifle and pistol target lines constructed at distances of: 5m, 10m, 15m, 25m, 50m, 100m, and 200m. The majority of targets used will be 25-50m distances. Earth backstops will be constructed in accordance with the conditions under an Approved Shooting Range by the Weapons Licencing Branch.
- d) The Range Safety Areas involves four land parcels – Lot 259 CA311039, Lot 261 CA311578, Lot 14 SP268017, and the Temporary Closed Road A-AP22703. A rifle range has a 200m active distance with a 2750m safety distance, a pistol range has a 200m active distance with a 1700m safety distance, and a shotgun range has a 100m active distance with a 205m safety distance.
- e) Access only is proposed over Lot 1 RP20811 and Lot 3 RP809846.
- f) Supporting facilities and structures, to be constructed in stages, will include the following:
 - Covered firing line;
 - Car park area – The car park area is of sufficient size to accommodate approximately 50 spaces. It will initially be grassed natural ground and gravelled as membership numbers and usage increases. There will be provision for a dedicated persons with disability space located adjacent to the firing line (and future covered firing line canopy area);
 - Training room – This will be used for a range of training events associated with the sport of target shooting including firearm safety courses, competition rules and management, range officer duties and responsibilities, legislation compliance, sporting club management, ballistics mathematics, environmental management, rural property management, and recreation shooting feral animal management;
 - Port-a-loos will be used in the early stages until such time as permanent ablution facilities are provided. A wastewater disposal area will be provided as part of the permanent facilities;
 - Shipping containers will be used for storage of targets, target frames, etc;
 - A maintenance shed and/or shipping container will be provided to store the necessary equipment and machinery for ongoing grass and weed management;.
 - Generator shed;
 - Rainwater tanks.

The application is made under Version Four of the Somerset Region Planning Scheme (the planning scheme). The site is located within the Rural zone. The application is required because the proposed use is subject to Impact assessment within the Rural zone.

The development is proposed on a large working farm. The farm use will continue to function in conjunction with the range.

A separate range approval will be required from Queensland Police Service prior to the commencement of any operation.

The line of fire is oriented to the south, parallel to other rural lots to the east but not toward any houses.

Hours of operation are proposed as follows:

- a) Hours for discharging firearms on the range proper will be limited to:

- On months with four weekends, each weekend (i.e. four weekends total in those months), and on months with five weekends, on four of the five weekends (i.e. four weekends total in those months), and
 - One week day per week (any day from Monday to Friday) between 9.00am and 4.00pm; and
 - A maximum of three special events of not more than three consecutive days duration may be held in each year between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm inclusive of Fridays or Mondays with prior notification of at least two weeks' notice given to the Local Authority. Such an event is to substitute for one of the Saturday and Sunday activities in the same month. Only a maximum of one event is to coincide with a public holiday.
 - There is to be no shooting carried out on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Anzac Day.
- b) General use hours - 7am to 6pm, 7 days a week
- Note: The range will not be used full-time for these hours/days. However, these hours are being applied for to cover all likelihoods of usage (e.g. setting up, arriving of members, erection of required signage, maintenance etc).

An acoustic report has been prepared by RB Acoustics and has been peer reviewed by Simpson Engineering Group which incorporates Noise Mapping Australia.

3.0 SITE DETAILS

The site consists of several irregular shaped lots with frontage to Esk Hampton Road at the northern boundary and Langtons Lane at the eastern boundary.

The range site is currently vacant with surrounding farming lots predominantly remaining vacant, but with other smaller 16ha rural lots predominantly to the east of the site, generally between 1.3 and 2.6 kilometres from the firing area. The majority of these smaller lots contain dwelling houses and associated buildings and structures.

The range is contained within a northward facing valley. The proposed range site is proposed to the east of the drainage line and existing dam, placing the range on a west facing slope. The area of the range is contained within a bowl formed by higher land to the east, south and west. The proposed range is separated from the nearest houses along Langtons Lane by two ridgelines and a valley.

The northern end of the range (the closest end) is approximately 3.5 kilometres in a straight line from the nearest residential zoned land and 5.4 kilometres from the intersection of Ipswich Street and Esk Hampton Road in Esk township.

4.0 PLANNING LEGISLATION

The application will be assessed against the matters set out in section 45 and decided in accordance with section 60 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

5.0 ASSESSMENT BENCHMARKS

5.1 State Planning Policy

A new State Planning Policy (SPP) came into effect on 3 July 2017 and is not currently reflected in the Somerset Region Planning Scheme. An assessment of the proposed development against the assessment benchmarks contained within Part E of the SPP is required.

The application has been assessed against the assessment benchmarks and the proposal is considered to comply.

5.2 South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017

The site is located within the Regional landscape and rural production area. The application has been assessed against the provisions of the regional plan and the associated regulatory requirements and was considered to comply.

5.3 Schedule 10 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*

The development application did not require assessment against any of the assessment benchmarks within the Regulation.

The proposal does not impact on any regulated vegetation or koala habitat areas, is not located in proximity to a Queensland heritage place or local heritage place, is not known to be on a contaminated land register, nor involves any environmentally relevant activities.

5.3.1 Schedule 11 – Koala habitat areas

Part of the site contains Core koala habitat areas, however the range is not contained within these areas.

5.4 Temporary local planning instruments

There are currently no temporary local planning instruments in effect within the Somerset Region.

5.5 Variation approvals

The property is not benefitted by any variation approvals.

5.6 Somerset Region Planning Scheme (Version Four)

5.6.1 Strategic framework assessment

The development application has been assessed against the strategic framework of the planning scheme and is considered to overall support Council's strategic intent for the region. The following represents an overview of how the proposal aligns with each of the seven themes that collectively represent the policy intent of the planning scheme.

Settlement pattern

The proposal advances the settlement pattern of the region as it provides for a relatively well-placed use in the Rural zone that does not compromise other rural activities from occurring nor compromise the role and function of Centre or Industry zoned land.

Element 3.3.10 of this theme provides specific outcomes for the development of high impact activities within the region, and seeks to ensure that the urban, rural residential, rural lifestyle and tourism focus areas are protected from impacts of high impact activities.

While the use is not defined within the definition of a High impact activity e.g. kennel, intensive animal industry, extractive industry, or motor sport facility, the use has been considered against these provisions.

The proposed use is located on part of a working farm.

The proposal has demonstrated that, despite being located within the High impact management area, the impacts of the development on surrounding communities can be managed such that noise and other amenity considerations do not unreasonably impact on neighbouring residents. The recommended conditions package provides appropriate measures for construction, operation, monitoring, and compliance of the use to address noise concerns from the rifle range operation.

Natural environment

The site is included on Biodiversity overlay map – Koala habitat areas, however this mapping has been superseded by the State's koala habitat mapping, leaving the overlay with no regulatory effect. While parts of the site contain koala mapping, the range area is not an area of ecological significance or protected estate as shown on the framework maps.

Natural resources

The proposal does not involve any impact on an identified natural resource, including agricultural land, extractive resources or forestry. The proposal maintains a suitable separation from the watercourse (Redbank Creek) to avoid adverse water quality impacts within the Higher-risk catchment area, in excess of the setbacks identified within the relevant overlay codes.

Community identity and regional landscape character

The community identity and regional landscape character of the region is not affected by the proposal, as the development does not compromise the existing or planned character of the regions centres, townships or rural living areas, and, subject to the recommended conditions package, is appropriately controlled to maintain the open landscape character of the rural area.

Economic development

The proposal does not impact on the continued development of Council's town centres network nor the industrial development areas within each town. The proposal does not impact on the operation or expansion of existing productive rural activities.

Infrastructure and services

The site is in the Rural zone. The provision of infrastructure and services at the development site meets the desired standard of service and the standard requirements set out in the development codes and Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

Transport

The site has frontage to Esk Hampton Road and Langtons Lane. Access to the site is proposed via a new driveway from Langtons Lane. Langtons Lane is a sealed road at the proposed driveway location and is at a standard that appropriately services the existing traffic volumes and anticipated development traffic.

5.6.2 Code compliance summary

The assessment below identifies how the development proposal achieves the assessment benchmarks and where the development proposal:

- (a) proposes an alternative outcome to the identified acceptable outcomes satisfying or not satisfying the corresponding performance outcomes; or
- (b) proposes an outcome where no acceptable outcome is stated in the code and the proposed outcome does not satisfy the performance outcome.

Applicable code	Compliance with overall outcomes	Performance outcomes
Rural zone code	Yes	PO11, PO13, PO14
Recreation activities code	Yes	PO1, PO2, PO7
Services works and infrastructure code	Yes	PO1, PO10
Transport access and parking code	Yes	PO10
Applicable overlay code	Compliance with overall outcomes	Performance outcomes

Agricultural land overlay code	Yes	No alternative outcomes proposed
Biodiversity overlay code	Yes	No alternative outcomes proposed
Flood hazard overlay code	Yes	No alternative outcomes proposed
Infrastructure overlay code	Yes	No alternative outcomes proposed
Landslide hazard overlay code	Yes	No alternative outcomes proposed
Scenic amenity overlay code	Yes	No alternative outcomes proposed

The assessment of the development proposal against the performance outcomes of the applicable code(s) is discussed below.

5.6.3 Performance outcome assessment

Rural zone code

Performance outcome	Acceptable outcome
Environmental management	
PO11 Rural activities operate in accordance with contemporary best practice environmental management principles and do not result in any adverse impacts on the following environmental values: (a) air quality; and (b) water quality.	AO11.1 The use is operated in accordance with the <i>Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2008</i> . AO11.2 The use is operated in accordance with the <i>Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008</i> . AO11.3 The use is operated in accordance with the <i>Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009</i> .
Proposal An Environmental Noise Assessment report has been prepared.	
Performance Outcome Assessment The Environmental Noise Assessment provided by the applicant has been peer reviewed by a suitably qualified professional. Conditions have been proposed that are considered to manage the noise produced by the facility to ensure the surrounding amenity is not detrimentally impacted.	
It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.	
Amenity	

<p>PO13 The design, location and operation of development does not result in any undue adverse impact on the amenity of the locality, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) hours of operation; (b) lighting; (c) noise; (d) dust, odour and other airborne emissions; (e) public health and safety; (f) traffic generation; (g) the use of <i>advertising devices</i>; (h) visual amenity; and (i) overlooking and privacy. 	<p>AO13 No acceptable outcome provided.</p>
<p>Proposal The following elements have been identified as demonstrating compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the substantial size of the subject site (i.e. 1,114 hectares) and the associated boundary separation distances, • the surrounding topography, • the separation distances to adjoining dwellings (sensitive land uses), • on-site management practices, and • the relatively low scale nature of the Shooting Range, the proposed development will not result in undue adverse impacts on the local rural amenity. <p>Performance Outcome Assessment Based on review of the acoustic report and subject to inclusion of appropriate conditions it is considered that noise impacts can be mitigated.</p> <p>It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.</p>	
<p>PO14 Development must take into account and seek to ameliorate any existing negative environmental impacts, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) noise; (b) hours of operation; (c) traffic; (d) lighting; (e) <i>advertising devices</i>; (f) visual amenity; (g) privacy; (h) odour; or (i) emissions. 	<p>AO14 No acceptable outcome provided.</p>
<p>Proposal The nearest residences to the firing point are located approximately 1,350m – 1,650m to the east and south-east. The key potential impact from the proposed Shooting Range is noise. The supporting Environmental Noise Assessment Report concludes that <i>“the proposed new shooting range can be operated satisfactorily without resulting in excessive levels of noise emission to the nearby residences”</i>.</p>	

As demonstrated in the Development Assessment Report, it is submitted that there will be no negative environmental impacts that cannot be suitably managed.

Performance Outcome Assessment

Based on review of the acoustic report and subject to inclusion of appropriate conditions it is considered that noise impacts can be mitigated.

It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.

Recreation activities code

Performance outcome	Acceptable outcome
Location	
PO1 The <i>development</i> is: (a) highly accessible to the intended catchment; (b) in proximity to other community or recreational activities, where practicable; and (c) located to avoid conflict with incompatible land uses.	A01 No acceptable outcome provided.
Proposal The shooting range is separated from residences by high ground rising to 70-80m higher than the firing range. The residences located on the other side of the high ground to the north-west, east, south-east and south are located at RL 170 to RL 200, i.e. 50-110m lower than the nearby high ground. The intervening high ground between the firing point and the residences combined with the significant distances of separation of the residences from the firing point will result in a very high level of safety. The total development footprint (i.e. firing range, parking and building area) is approximately 3 hectares. This represents a 0.3% footprint within the 1,114 hectare site (excluding the temporary road closure area). Performance Outcome Assessment The development is not a use that is required to be highly accessible, nor proximate to community or recreational activities. The location of the development has been proposed to minimise conflict with incompatible land uses. Discussion about the location of other ranges is addressed in section 6 of this report with respect to public submissions to the application. It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.	
Site layout and design	
PO2 <i>Site</i> layout and design optimises pedestrian and vehicular accessibility.	A02 No acceptable outcome provided.
Proposal	

This criterion places the emphasis of the site layout and design on optimising pedestrian and vehicular accessibility. This is not practical or warranted in relation to the proposed land use, a shooting range. The layout and design have instead been determined by the topography and the desire to adequately buffer the shooting range.

Performance Outcome Assessment

The proposed development is located in the Rural zone.

The use is not one that is designed to optimise accessibility to the site.

It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.

Emissions

PO7

Uses do not generate or emit noise, odour, smoke, ash or other particulate emissions that would cause *environmental harm* or *environmental nuisance*.

A07

No acceptable outcome provided.

Proposal

The proposal is for a shooting range. As such, the key potential cause of environmental nuisance is noise. An Environmental Noise Assessment Report has been prepared in support of the development application. The report concludes that *"the proposed new shooting range can be operated satisfactorily without resulting in excessive levels of noise emission to the nearby residences"*.

Performance Outcome Assessment

Environmental harm means *Any adverse effect, or potential adverse effect (whether temporary or permanent and of whatever magnitude, duration or frequency) on an environmental value, and includes environmental nuisance*.

Environmental harm may be caused by an activity:

- (a) whether the harm is a direct or indirect result of the activity; or*
- (b) whether the harm results from the activity alone or from the combined effects of the activity and other activities or factors.*

Note—definition from the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Environmental nuisance means *an unreasonable interference or likely interference with an environmental value caused by:*

- (a) noise, dust, odour, light; or*
- (b) an unhealthy, offensive or unsightly condition because of contamination; or*
- (c) another way prescribed by regulation.*

Note—definition from the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

The development has been the subject of an acoustic report that has been peer reviewed.

It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.

Services, works and infrastructure code

Performance outcome

Acceptable outcome

<p>PO1</p> <p>Premises have an adequate volume and supply of water that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) meets the needs of users; (b) is adequate for fire fighting purposes. (c) ensures the health, safety and convenience of the community; and (d) minimises adverse impacts on the receiving environment. 	<p>AO1.1</p> <p>Where the <i>site</i> is located in a reticulated water supply <i>service catchment</i> area, the <i>development</i> is connected to the reticulated water supply.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>AO1.2</p> <p>Where the <i>site</i> is not located in a reticulated water supply <i>service catchment</i> area, the <i>development</i> is provided with a potable water supply.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>AO1.3</p> <p>Where the <i>site</i> is not located in a reticulated water supply <i>service catchment</i> area, the <i>development</i> is provided with a potable water supply from a tank with a minimum storage capacity of 45,000 litres per <i>dwelling</i>.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>AO1.4</p> <p>Where the <i>site</i> is not located in a reticulated water supply <i>service catchment</i> area, the <i>development</i> is connected to a potable water supply from an approved bore, and has a tank with a minimum storage capacity of 10,000 litres, per <i>dwelling</i>.</p>
<p>Proposal</p> <p>Club members and attendees will bring their own drinking water. Notwithstanding, the Club will provide a surplus supply of drinking water on event days. Domestic water supply for ablutions and washing will be provided from rainwater tanks filled from overflow from the fire water supply tanks. Interconnection pipework between the domestic water tanks will be undertaken to optimise water storage reliability. During prolonged dry periods supplementary purchase of domestic water via a local water carrier contractor will be undertaken as required. Water pressure and flow at ablutions will be achieved by self-sufficient generator and solar powered pumping. Solar hot water will be used at ablutions and washing areas.</p> <p>Performance Outcome Assessment</p> <p>The site is remote from reticulated water. Non-potable water is available on site. Conditions have been included to address water supply.</p> <p>The use is limited in scale and intensity in terms of water use.</p> <p>It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.</p>	

Stormwater quantity	
<p>PO10 Drainage and stormwater management systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) are designed and constructed to ensure all lots are free draining; (b) do not adversely impact on the flooding or drainage performance of downstream properties; (c) direct stormwater to a point of lawful discharge; (d) protect the design flood immunity levels of infrastructure and other <i>development</i>; (e) provide security of tenure for rights to convey and/or discharge stormwater through easements; and (f) protects the downstream built or natural environment. 	<p>AO10.1 A site based stormwater management plan (SBSMP) is prepared in accordance with PSP4 – Design Standards.</p>
<p>Proposal Given the rural nature of the site, the stormwater impacts from the proposed Shooting Range will be negligible.</p> <p>The total impervious area of the proposed facilities is approximately 900m². This represents a 0.008% footprint within the 1,114 hectare site (excluding the temporary road closure area).</p> <p>The runoff from new buildings will be piped to new rainwater tanks. Any excess run off will be piped and directed to large grassed open areas which slopes away from the buildings.</p> <p>Performance Outcome Assessment Council has proposed to condition a requirement for a Site Based Environmental Management Plan that addresses a number of matters including management and redirection of overland flow above and within the proposed range as well as management of any contaminants associated with the range.</p> <p>It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.</p>	

Transport, access and parking code

Performance outcome	Acceptable outcome
Vehicle standing and manoeuvring areas	
<p>PO10 Vehicle standing and manoeuvring areas are of suitable standard for the intended use and the areas are constructed to a standard that avoids <i>environmental nuisance</i>.</p>	<p>AO10 Internal manoeuvring and standing areas of the <i>site</i> are sealed.</p>
<p>Proposal It is not proposed to seal any internal manoeuvring and standing areas. A performance outcome is requested on the following grounds:</p>	

- This criterion is more applicable to urban uses or high traffic generation uses, not a rural environment.
- Due to the low scale nature of the proposed development, an all-weather driveway is considered adequate.

The facility is not accessible to members of the public.

Performance Outcome Assessment

Manoeuvring areas will be conditioned as gravelled. Any overflow areas can be grassed.

It is recommended that the alternative outcome be accepted in this instance.

5.6.4 Overall outcome assessment

The proposal is considered to comply with all the relevant performance outcomes. As such, a detailed assessment of the overall outcomes was not required.

5.7 Local government infrastructure plan

5.7.1 Priority infrastructure area

The development land is not located within the priority infrastructure area as shown in the Local government infrastructure plan mapping.

5.7.2 Infrastructure charges

The proposed development is for Outdoor sport and recreation which is identified as being a Specialised use under Somerset Regional Council Charges Resolution (No. 1) 2022.

The draft infrastructure charges notice is attached and includes charges for the networks identified in the below sections of this report.

5.7.3 Trunk infrastructure requirements

5.7.3.1 Water and sewerage networks

The site is not located within the connections area or future connections area for either the water and sewerage networks, and as such the development requires the provision of onsite services. The recommended conditions package includes a requirement to provide drinking water storage in accordance with Council standards, and to connect the development to an approved onsite wastewater treatment system.

5.7.3.2 Public parks and community land network

The proposal is not considered to result in an unreasonable impact on Council's parks and community land network.

Infrastructure charges for the public parks and community land network are not applicable as the proposal is outside of the relevant service catchments.

5.7.3.3 Stormwater network

There are no known issues with the existing drainage of the site. Standard development conditions are recommended to ensure non-worsening for other properties and discharge to a lawful point of discharge.

Infrastructure charges for the stormwater network are not applicable as the site is located outside of the Urban Footprint.

5.7.3.4 Transport network

The development involves use of part of Council's road network.

An adopted charge for the transport network applies.

6.0 REFERRAL AGENCIES

6.1 Statutory referrals

In accordance with the *Planning Regulation 2017*, the application required referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) for matters relating to state-controlled roads. SARA advised that they had no requirements/objections to the approval of the development application, subject to the imposition of development conditions. SARA's referral agency response will be attached to Council's decision notice and a copy has been attached to this report for Council's reference.

6.2 Third party advice

Council did not seek any third-party advice for this application.

7.0 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

7.1 Notification requirements

The application was subject to impact assessment, and public notification was required. The application was publicly notified in accordance with the requirements of the Development Assessment Rules as follows:

- (a) Public notification was served to all adjoining landowners on 28 November 2022.
- (b) A notice was published in The Lockyer Valley and Somerset Independent newspaper on 30 November 2022.
- (c) A notice in the prescribed form was placed on the premises on 30 November 2022 and maintained for the minimum period of 15 business days until 11 January 2023.

Council received the Notice of Compliance on 11 January 2023, confirming that public notification had been undertaken in accordance with the statutory requirements.

7.2 Matters raised in submissions

During the public notification period, Council received submissions from 47 parties.

28 submissions were properly made, of which only three were in support of the application. 25 of the 28 submissions did not support the application.

19 submissions were not properly made, however 15 of these submissions were in support of the application.

The matters raised in the submissions are outlined below:

Submission concern – Extension of public notification period
We request that the timeline for objections be extended to allow fairness in the process. As per the Act, public notifications over dates which include 20 Dec to 5th of January hinder the process. It could responsibly be considered several residents would be holidaying during the review period or have additional responsibilities with family which may hinder their ability to hear about or respond to the DA.
Officer comment
A standard public notification period for an Impact assessable application is 15 days. The application has been placed on public notification from 1 December 2022 until 10 January 2023, being a period of 25 business days (excluding public holidays), however the days from 20 December 2022 until 5 January inclusive are not included in that calculation. When the period from 20 December until 5 January is excluded, the application was on public notification for 16 business days.

The application received 47 submissions within the public notification period. These submissions have raised a comprehensive range of matters. It is also understood that the development has been the subject of separate community discussion on social media.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application, nor is it a reason to extend the public notification period.

Submission concern – Lack of community consultation

I object to the lack of community consultation. I only found out about this proposal by accident and am deeply disappointed by the underhanded/secretive application.

Officer comment

The application has been subject to standard public notification procedures comprising correspondence to adjoining owners, signage on property boundaries and a public notice in a newspaper available in the area.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Provision of infrastructure

As such and in line with the *Planning Act 2016*, Chapter 2 point 36 (1b) “there is, [nor] will there be a need for the efficient and timely supply of the infrastructure.”

Officer comment

According to the Explanatory Notes for the *Planning Bill 2015*, the purpose of Chapter 2, Part 5 of the Planning Act [which relates to the above item raised by the submitter], is to:

- *enable the Minister or a local government to designate premises for infrastructure;*
- *establish the effect of a designation; and*
- *establish a process for amending a designation.*

This is not relevant to the proposed application. Neither the Minister nor Council are seeking to designate the premises for infrastructure.

Assessment of a development application is carried out under Chapter 3 of the *Planning Act*. In this circumstance Council is the assessment manager for an application that has been lodged by an applicant.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Location of other facilities

The suggestion in the executive summary “the nearest rifle ranges are located at Dalby, Stuartdale and Belmont” is false (a lie). The proponent fails to acknowledge at least two other rifle ranges at Gatton (Gatton Glenore Grove Rifle Club) and Crows Nest (Crows Nest Goombungee Rifle Club). In addition, there are two shooting facilities at Toogoolawah with the Toogoolawah Pistol Club already boasting a 200m range. The town also has the Toogoolawah Clay Target Club.

Why is there a need for such a facility with the creation of another Shooters Club when there exists such a club within some 20 km. What is the viability of this new club & it's business case to provide adequate facility, maintenance, safety & security within the probable membership numbers. It does not stack up in my opinion, but Council must also be satisfied and answer to this criteria.

The suggestion of a need for Government and law enforcement use is highly questionable as training and safety courses are already undertaken in Toogoolawah (e.g. Firearms Safety Course at Toogoolawah Clay Target Club on Sunday 11 December 2022) and Crows Nest Goombungee Rifle Club. If there is a genuine need for an additional range in Esk, the proponent should have included a statement of need (or similar) from Weapons Licensing/Queensland Police. I would doubt the state government would take police recruits/officers away from populous areas to Esk for their training, nor is there the volume of local shooters that warrants another gun range.

Officer comment

The proposed range is affiliated with a different shooting association than the other listed ranges. The following comment is provided by the applicant.

The Gatton and Crows Nest ranges are affiliated with the Queensland Rifle Association (QRA). The QRA competitions involve specialist rifle equipment, skills, competition rules, QPS Range Approvals and Insurance T&C. These two QRA Ranges do not cater for the common pistol, rifles and shotgun competition types that are proposed for the Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld.

The Toogoolawah Pistol Club (TPC) is affiliated with Pistol Shooting Qld (PSQ) and is a specialist club for pistols however some limited specialised small bore rifle events and shotgun events are conducted from time to time under its QPS Range Approvals and Insurance T&C. The TPC Range also does not cater for all the common pistol, rifles and shotgun competition types that are proposed for the Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld range.

Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc. is affiliated with Shooters Union Qld who provide the insurance for its members and clubs. Because Shooters Union Qld affiliated clubs are approved by Queensland Police under Weapons Act Shooting Range Approval, to undertake a number of approved competition event types for rifles, pistols and shotguns, the insurance reflects this wide coverage, unlike the restrictions on the specialist shooting clubs to their specialist discipline.

The following matters are highly controlled and interlinked:

- *Qld Police Weapons Licencing Branch Approvals and Conditions.*
- *State and National Affiliation and Competition Rules.*
- *Insurance Terms and Conditions.*

There is no legal requirement for seeking permission of another club that is part of an alternate shooting association.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – alternative at Toogoolawah Pistol Club

Why is there a need for a private shooting range in Esk surrounded by residential properties only 5km out of the township if there is already a government owned pistol and rifle club in Toogoolawah who has gone to the trouble of extending the property to accommodate for a larger range and licensing? Why don't we support what we already have?

Officer comment

The Toogoolawah Pistol Club is owned by the Toogoolawah Pistol Club, not by government.

The purpose for the recent boundary alignment (DA20282) affecting that facility was described as follows: *"The landowner of both Lots 1 & 2 proposes to gift an area of approximately 19 hectares to the Pistol Club to contain their facility within its own lot ..."*

The properties to the east of the proposed Esk site described as residential properties are generally 16ha lots. The properties to the north of the site, adjacent to Esk Hampton Road are smaller rural residential type lots varying in size down to 4,000m². These lots are approximately 3 kilometres from the proposed rifle range.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Land tenure

It is highly unlikely an organisation that has bought a large parcel of land and is aiming to garner social shooters and contracts with organisations who weapon train their personnel, will operate not widen their parameters outside of weekends and one day a week with 25 shooters only.

Officer comment

The property is a working farm, the landowner has granted permission to use part of the site by the organisation. If an approval is issued the existing farming operations (both agricultural and grazing) will continue on site.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Noise impact on koalas

Neither the Environmental Noise Impact Assessment nor Local Ecological Assessment Report talks of impacts of gunfire noise on local wildlife. As a neighbouring property that has significant Koala, Kookaburra, King Parrot and a range of other animals concerns have been raised about the negative impacts gunfire noise will have on these animals.

The most critical is that there is no study or report on the impacts to Native Wildlife of the sounds of rifle fire from the Firing Range. It is admitted that Koala's habitat the area & that no trees will be removed so not impacting Koala's. But what is the impact on that Koala and other Native populations of the Rifle and Gun shots?

Overseas experience is that Rifle shots are used to take control of the "Homestead" area to remove the presence of dangerous or other wildlife from occupying the "Home Paddock". If it works to achieve that it is an indication that rifle shots will make native animals "uncomfortable" enough to leave the area. That is not an outcome that is wanted. It is the opposite. The hearing sensitivity of Native animals must be taken into consideration for determining the area of rifle shot annoyance to the native animals habiting the area or passing through.

There may not be an Act or Regulation specifically related to this but common sense cannot be precluded as justification for not making it a requirement to be met.

Submitters referenced the following species of animals that are found in the area:

- Koalas
- Rufous Bettongs – least concern (population stable)
- Rainbow Bee Eaters – least concern (population stable)
- Kulu – Bush Stone Curlew– least concern (population stable)
- Willy Wagtail – least concern (population stable)

- Black cockatoos
- Possums
- Gliders
- Kangaroo
- Red neck wallabies
- Goannas
- Bandicoots
- Hares
- Wallabies
- Sacred kingfisher
- Kookaburra
- Owl

The Environmental study should have addressed not only Koala's but also other species of Natives.

The fact that the Environmental Study for animals was a camera for only 1 day/night disgusts me as totally inadequate to determine what other natives occupy the area. A week would be minimal, a month reasonably adequate. Because of this fact that report should not be accepted as adequate for the purpose of determining whether approval should be given.

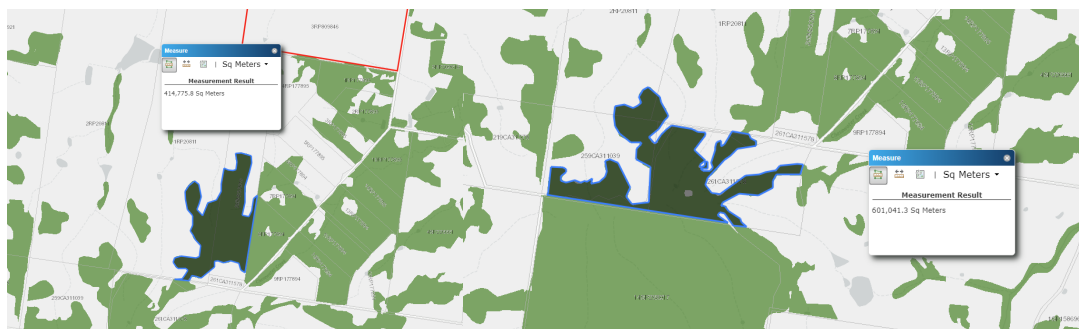
Having a few cameras set up overnight after the area has been traversed by numerous people is certainly no true indication of the shy populations of wildlife that inhabit this area.

This proposal does not even take into consideration the bird life like the wedgetailed eagles and the many many smaller species.

This area is a favored destination for bird watchers because of the diversity found here.

Officer comment

The site is on part of a working farm with an area exceeding 1100ha. The majority of the farm is cleared however there are areas of the site that are vegetated. This includes an approximate 40ha area designated as koala habitat to the east of the proposed range, and an approximate 60ha area designated as koala habitat to the south of the proposed range.



There is additional native forest to the south of the site outside of the property.

The koala habitat shows informal corridors that link through the site toward Esk and toward the forested areas to the west through Redbank Creek and beyond, south through Mount Hallen, Buaraba and southeast toward Coominya.

The ecological report has referenced presence of koala within the site. While submitters have referenced numerous species of native animals that live in the area there is no evidence of other threatened fauna on site.

No vegetation is proposed to be removed on the site.

Additional traffic associated with the development is proposed during the day. Traffic using Langtons Lane and Esk Hampton Road will have minimal impact on existing fauna. Traffic driving through the farm will be travelling through generally cleared paddocks. As the development is not proposed to operate at night, the development will not directly impact on nocturnal fauna.

The presence of road kill animals on roads approximately 2 and 3 kilometres away from the proposed range location is an evidence of animals in the general vicinity and an indication of conflict between animals and vehicles at a distance from the site, rather than a reason to prevent an development occurring.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application. It is recommended that a suite of conditions be imposed.

Submission concern – Noise impact on nearby residents and property values

Several residents would have bought their properties with the expectation of quiet rural living. Even if one resident is unduly affected, that is one resident too many considering this development is not required for the community. Furthermore, their property values will depreciate immediately due to this, and will not rise in line with the greater market fluctuations into the future due to noise impacts from this development.

The site is too close to town and residences.

Officer comment

The expectation of quiet rural living is not unreasonable. While some existing rural activities e.g. irrigation etc. can generate noise and impacts this however does not detract from the concerns of residents regarding a new use with noise impacts.

The acoustic report has been peer reviewed, changes made and reviewed again.

Conditions have been proposed with respect to noise limits and ongoing monitoring including an onsite weather station to demonstrate compliance with the conditions.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Noise impact assessment

The Environmental Noise Impact Assessment report details several instances where data collected was incomplete which skews results. Furthermore, their tests were only conducted at a single point in time in April 2018. Changes in temperature, humidity and wind speed/direction were not taken into account, and modelled to assess how local weather factors will impact noise impacts. This should not be deemed adequate or appropriate.

The Environmental Noise Impact Assessment carried out in 2018 recognises a lack of data at locations 1 and 2 and therefore the assessment of noise levels at these locations cannot be deduced as 'zero measurable noise events'. We would expect more tangible data to be generated, as on the one instance a level was captured it was significant at 82.7dBZ.

The Environmental Noise Impact Assessment suggests each gun was fired separately to the others being discharged (e.g. the readings captured one gunshot at a time). As a range-going shooter, I can guarantee it is probable that multiple shooters will discharge their firearm at the same time (or in quick succession). As such, the report's 'worst case scenario' doesn't take into account the possibility of 25 shooters all firing a 303, .300 etc rifle at the same time which would contribute to a more significant noise output.

An associated point I would like to challenge is the assumption that 'quieter' .22 rifles and similar are in the majority at ranges. In my own experience of attending SSAA shooting ranges I find more powerful rifles are frequently used. I believe the suggestion in the report is baseless as to sway a favourable DA outcome and not based on fact. Esk Shooters Union/SSAA should provide peer-reviewed / third-party evidence to the contrary.

The *Environmental Protection Act 1992* notes that noise standards apply in addition to environmental nuisance: "...at times when the noise standards do not prohibit an audible noise or specific maximum noise, noise can still negatively impact nearby residents." As such, the consistency of ANY noise at weekends would be regarded as a nuisance unless the proponent can guarantee zero decibels at all times.

Officer comment

Modelling of acoustic outcomes is carried out in a particular manner.

The applicant's acoustic consultant has advised that there was only one of the shots was audible from location 1 or 2 due to the distance from the point of firing and the topography of the land between the firing point and the location.

The weather conditions at the time of the test were clear and still. A windy day would have resulted in a higher amount of background noise due to wind noise and rustling of vegetation, even if the wind was from the optimal direction for noise to be carried in toward the sensor.

Council engaged an acoustic consultant with experience of rifle ranges to peer review the acoustic report. Ongoing discussion has occurred with the applicant to address the acoustic issues associated with the proposed development.

Section 440ZC of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* identifies specific obligations relating to noise from outdoor shooting ranges that must be met under that Act. The noise standards identified in Section 440ZC are to be measured at affected buildings. Penalties apply for breaches of the noise standards in Section 440ZC. However, experience has demonstrated that even where the requirements of Section 440ZC are met, noise may still create annoyance for nearby communities. This can result in the closure of, or restrictions on well-used facilities and pressure to find space and resources for new facilities.

The proposed conditions for this development includes ongoing monitoring to address impacts of the proposed range. However, if the development cannot demonstrate ongoing compliance with acoustic requirements as a result of the monitoring, the range may be subject to closure.

This is however not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Further acoustic issues

EPA Victoria requires a lower dB noise level for newly constructed shooting ranges of 45dB compared to EPA QLD of 58dB so this seems to highlight that there is an increase in higher expectations for personal amenity, this should be the higher standard we should be striving for moving on.

Officer comment

The use of interstate criteria is not relevant to the application. This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Does not add to recreation diversity of Somerset region

Independent reports detail that recreational participants of hunting/shooting are demographically skewed toward the older male demographic. This cohort of the community is excessively catered for in the Somerset region. Furthermore, it is my understanding that there is already a shooting range in Toogoolawah (less than 30min drive from Esk), Gatton/Glenore Grove (30min from Esk), and a pistol range already in the Esk area. This development is surely surplus to the needs of the region, and this fact isn't balanced by the negative impacts.

While I am a registered shooter and recognise its legitimacy as an inclusive sport, the reality is that perceptions towards guns in the wider community will negatively impact Esk and local businesses. Where Esk is currently positioning itself as an outdoor, biking, hiking (proposed Adventure Park) and family-oriented location, Council risks that image by introducing a gun range so close to the township.

Officer comment

The age and profile of participants is not relevant to the proposal.

With respect to the pistol range at Toogoolawah, the range at Toogoolawah is approximately 5.4 kilometres in a straight line from the Alexandra Hall at the south end of Toogoolawah. There is also a clay target range at the Toogoolawah showgrounds approximately 600 metres from the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and approximately 1.5 kilometres from the centre of Toogoolawah. There is no evidence that Toogoolawah has been detrimentally affected by either of these two facilities.

The proposed development is approximately 5.5 kilometres from the centre of Esk and approximately 4.0 kilometres from the nearest section of the rail trail. The proposed development is located on private property.

There is a range at Gatton/Glenore Grove however it is under the auspices of another body and does not cater for the same group of shooters.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – future planning limitations

Due to the noise impacts, this development puts unnecessary limitations on future planning/subdivision decisions and potential of the surrounding properties into the future. Being so close to the township, this area lends well to larger properties being subdivided into smaller acreage estates which would drastically increase SRC's rate-base and thus economic inputs to the region. This would not be an option if this development is approved.

Officer comment

The site is within the Regional landscape and rural production area (RLRPA) under the SEQ Regional Plan 2017. The northern end of the shooting range is approximately 3.5 kilometres from the nearest point of the Urban footprint.

Under the Regional plan, it is not possible to create additional lots within the RLRPA with an area smaller than 100 hectares, with an explicit intent to avoid creation of additional small rural lots. The outcome of this is that Council is prohibited from accepting applications to subdivide properties within the RLRPA into smaller acreage estates. The only privately owned land in the immediate vicinity that is large enough to be further subdivided is the subject property.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Impact on road network

As a primary residential street (notwithstanding several low-impact businesses operating from the address), a warning flag and signage for the range entrance on Langtons Lane will significantly impact the perception of our address and negatively impact local property values. I would expect the impact to be in the tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars through no fault of the property owners.

The development will put the Langtons Lane road infrastructure under much stress.

Officer comment

The development proposes to incorporate a new access on Langtons Lane, and use of the Esk Hampton Road and Langtons Lane intersection to enter the broader road network.

Langtons Lane is approximately 5 kilometres in length. The proposed access point is approximately 2.5 kilometres from Esk Hampton Road.

While there are a number of rural properties on the street that are used for residential purposes, Langtons Lane is classified as a rural road.

The section of Langtons Lane between the proposed access and the Esk Hampton Road has five driveways that serve three rural residential properties and a poultry farm. Four other properties have frontage but do not have residential driveways to Langtons Lane. A number of properties in Brough Court back onto Langtons Lane, however those lots are accessed from Brough Court.

The section of Langtons Lane to the south of the proposed entrance serves 20 properties that either directly gain access to Langtons Lane or access Langtons Lane from Boon Road.

In terms of vehicle movements, a rate of 10 vehicle movements a day is typically used for residential properties. This includes non-resident movements such as postal services, deliveries and refuse collection. If each potential participant travelled to the site on their own, based on the potential maximum of three days and 25 participants, on the days it is operating the proposed use would generate traffic to a rate equivalent to approximately five residential properties on half the days of the week. This is not considered to be a significant increase based on the existing numbers of properties in Langtons Lane.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Access road

The access road to the proposed site is at 250 Langtons Lane on private property, in the design it mentions that there is no need to seal this road but with up to 25 shooters vehicles coming out onto Langtons Road at the end of the day this will cause dust problems for vehicles on Langtons Road in dry times.

Regarding #2140 Road (unnamed on map) which causes us great concern that it will be used in the proposed plan. This road is an unused road that is now quite heavily timbered with beautiful habitat trees in the area that we have seen a resident Koala.

We also believe that the entrance and exit should be located on the start of Langtons Lane or Esk Hampton Road so that residents of the unsealed part of Langtons Lane will not have to endure the excessive noise and dust created by the extra traffic visiting the proposed facility.

Officer comment

Unnamed Road #2140 will not be used as a part of this application. The applicant has proposed access to the rifle range through Lot 3 RP809846 to the north of that road reserve. Access within the property itself enables the proposed driveway to realign in order to avoid trees rather than be limited to a relatively narrow road reserve.

No upgrades are proposed to Langtons Lane as a part of the development. Langtons Lane is sealed between the proposed entry point and Esk Hampton Road. It is noted that the entry to the site is close to an existing poultry farm that uses heavy vehicles. Langtons Lane has good sight distances in both directions in proximity to the proposed access to the site.

Access via Esk Hampton Road would require the conditioned approval of the State government through the State Assessment and Referral Agency. Access to the site from Esk Hampton Road is an uncontrolled farm entrance located within an area with a speed limit of 100km/h. Access from Esk Hampton Road has not been requested. The intersection of Esk Hampton Road and Langtons Lane is within a 70km/h speed limit and the westbound lane of Esk Hampton Road contains a deceleration lane.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Public access to the shooting range

The submission states there will be no public access to the shooting range. Will it be by appointment for members only.

Officer comment

The development is proposed on private property that operates as a working farm. There will be no reason for people who are not associated with the rifle range or the farm to enter the property via the proposed entrance from Langtons Lane.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Parking numbers

How will they monitor no more than 25 shooters if 50 car parks are proposed?

Officer comment

A development can be provided with additional parking. Some persons may choose to spectate.

The development has however been recommended with conditions for a minimum of 25 spaces rather than 50 spaces. Council can address numbers through compliance checks.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Noise from generator

When the SRC has questioned the applicants in regards to noise from an adjacent planned generator installation, this is discounted as not a problem Which it wouldn't be if it's an indoor shooting range, but for most reasonable people and developers, it would be an issue if it was for training, presentations, studying, etc.

Officer comment

The generator is not for an indoor shooting range. The site is remote from electrical supply. The generator will be located inside a shed, which should provide a component of noise mitigation. The generator is unlikely to have any impact on surrounding properties.

Based on the plan of the training shed, the shed will comprise a 12m x 12m walled building with an open 12m x 12m covered area.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application. No development conditions are recommended.

Submission concern – Corporate Plan

In addition, Somerset Regional Council's Corporate Plan 2021-2026 states one of its five Corporate Plan themes as "Natural Somerset – A place where the natural environment, scenic beauty and rural lifestyle are valued and protected". This statement alone should prevent a rural-zoned property, backing onto other rural zoned residential properties from becoming a nuisance for others.

Officer comment

The proposed development has been assessed.

The proposed development is considered to not impact on scenic beauty. The site is visually remote from roads and is screened from other properties by hills and trees.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

The development has been recommended for approval subject to conditions designed to mitigate impacts including noise.

Submission concern – Perceived conflict of interest

I understand the landowners are well connected in the region and as such, I would expect the Mayor, Councillors, CEO and other Council staff that have an influence on the outcome of this DA to disclose any personal, family or business connections with the landholders and/or Esk Shooters Union. The Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland has uncovered many instances of various council misconducts (in SEQ) in relation to development and infrastructure applications in recent years. I would expect all officials to disclose any affinity to either party to ensure an objective review and decision on the DA is carried out. It is interesting to see the Mayor's nephew has publicly 'welcomed' news of the prospective range (Saturday 3 December 2022).

Officer comment

Officers and elected members are required to address conflict of interest provisions with respect to a development.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Security

The intended location of the Firing premises makes it difficult for supervision of activities to ensure safety & legal requirements will be met. Council must ask Queensland Police Service for an examination of the proposal & add all requests that they may come up with to the proposal before it is approved. This is an absolute requirement to be met.

A poorly funded and managed club is very likely to fall within the control of undesirable persons or influence leading to illegal activity like selling of guns and drugs. Be aware that the site is such that it is almost impossible to supervise what is going on there. A perfect location for criminal activity.

Council & Police should insist that no guns or ammunition be left on the premises unattended at any time to prevent the inevitable break in by thieves. All keyholders should be police checked & satisfy certain conditions for security of keys.

If guns and ammunition is to be stored on the premises then a bank vault [sic] type of safe would need to be installed to satisfy security requirements. Light weight tin boxes that satisfy home security requirements are manifestly inadequate for site storage. The tin shed building can be peeled open in a flash for removal of items if not held securely & no one would observe such actions in the isolated site.

The site must be continuously video surveillance with wireless transmitted alarms to gates & buildings. Alarm response times must be in minutes for all alarms. Such is the security needs perhaps there should be mandated that there be an onsite security/caretaker.

The proposal states that there will be no onsite storage of Guns or ammunition. "It will be brought to site by the attendees." What are to be the supervision & control measures put in place to ensure that the guns, rifles & ammunition are acceptable or approvable to be used onsite? How are attendees to be monitored? There is no monitoring or controls in the proposal.

Can home load ammunition be used? Is this subject to inspection? Can repeating guns or rifles be used? What is the maximum size or power of ammunition that can be brought & used on the range to keep the noise within the tested levels. Can supersonic or hypersonic bullets be brought to the site? How will criminals be stopped from testing their gear on the range?

If there is a complaint about noise of firings, how will there be a backtrack to find the culprit?

There should be a requirement of sign-in, sign-out or electronic card admission system so all attendees & times can be identified. Their entitlement to use the site with all the required licenses or restrictions checked.

Is there going to be a recording video of all attendees for backtrack checking & onsite safety protocols needed?

Officer comment

A number of submissions are requesting greater isolation from other properties than proposed while this submission contends that the existing isolation of this proposed site creates problems and potential criminal activity.

The development is proposed to occur on part of a privately owned farm, remote from external roads. As such, there will be limitations on access outside of operating hours. Similarly, if the owners are not satisfied with the operation or security of the facility, they have the power to close the facility.

The applicant has confirmed no guns or ammunition will be stored at the range.

Security matters at a range are subject to police licensing and input, and are far higher than for a standard commercial or residential development. Without QPS approval, the range cannot operate. Breaches regarding weapons, ammunition and the like may result in removal of a licence.

Repeating guns cannot be used on site. Conditions regarding types of guns and ammunition have been proposed.

Participants are required to be licenced.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Potential pollutants

The range is in the Catchment for domestic Water & there is the probability that at some stage the site will be flooded and Lead poisoning products will flow to Wivenhoe Dam.

No amount of protection works even if specified can guarantee that the poisoned soil will not get flooded or that poison compounds will not permeate the ground water. Separation distances from streams does not cater for Lead poisoning effects & cannot be used to permit.

There is no intention in the proposal to seal the site to prevent water permeating it. There is no intention to recover lead deposits that result from firing like concreting the range so as to be able to sweep the area for the spent Lead ammunition. No side barriers are proposed to prevent stray Lead spread.

If possible pollution can be predicted as in this case there is an obligation to have a restoration & recovery plan when the activity ceases. There is no such plan in this proposal so a permanently poisoned site is intended to be left for the future which must be registered as such.

Do not approve this proposal due to Lead poisoning potential.

Potential contaminants have been found at shooting ranges. With traditional ammunitions containing a wide range of metals, which can include arsenic, mercury, antimony, nickel, copper, tin, zinc, strontium, magnesium, and barium – it is the large quantities of lead present in ammunitions that is most likely to have an impact on human health.

Reports indicate that shooting ranges, whether clay target ranges, pistol or rifle ranges and field or game ranges, can in some instances cause the lead from lead ammunitions, and the chemicals (notably polyaromatic hydrocarbons) from some clay targets, to contaminate the land, and both the surface and ground waters.

Officer comment

The area proposed for the range is not subject to flooding. There may however be potential for overland flow over parts of the range in heavy rain events.

A rifle range requires a “stop butt” which is an earthen mound located behind the target. The area immediately behind the targets will include a “lead catcher” to enable the majority of bullets to be captured and collected.

The site is remote from bores.

A rifle range is classified as a Notifiable use.

Conditions have been included with respect to ongoing management and rehabilitation.

Submission concern – Noise attenuation measures

The proposal indicates that the infrastructure at the shooting range will be built in stages and that an open sided shooting line cover will be constructed in stage (D) they mention this could reduce the noise generated but it does not mention when it will be built so it could be never built, I think this should have a time limit to be constructed if it can reduce the noise if this proposal goes ahead. Also if this proposal goes ahead there should be provision for extra sound proofing of the site with sound barrier's installation if noise amenity is not meet.

Officer comment

While the development is proposed to be developed in stages, it is considered that maximising attenuation from the beginning should be addressed. While the cover could be developed earlier than Stage D and the proposed conditions of approval allow for this, the shooting line cover predominantly provides cover from the weather.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application. Specific development conditions are recommended regarding this.

Submission concern – Impact on domestic animals

There is no doubt that gunshots will also impact domestic animals, whether it be dogs, cats, horses or cattle, to name a few.

Officer comment

The closest domesticated animals to the proposed development will be the cattle that graze on the subject land in its role as a working farm.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application. No development conditions are recommended.

Submission concern – Safety of participants

The safety of the participants as to what medical support may be available, noting there is no permanent doctor at Esk hospital, the roster system is not always viable and there are no GP's working on weekends. An over stretched Ambulance Service doesn't foster confidence.

Officer comment

While there is generally a low risk of injury at a rifle range, due to the velocity of projectiles, it is recognised that any injury can potentially be serious. First aid is provided on site at shooting ranges however specialised assistance is likely to be required in the event of an incident.

The proposed Langtons Lane entrance to the facility is 6 minutes from the Esk Hospital. The majority of the Somerset region is over 10 minutes from a hospital.

There is room on site within the range for helicopter landing in the event of an emergency.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Site affects residential properties

The proposed entrance off Langtons Lane is surrounded by residential properties.

Officer comment

For clarification purposes, the development adjoins rural properties that contain houses and are used for residential purposes. These lots generally have a minimum 16 hectare size. These lots are located to the south of the proposed entrance and driveway. The nearest residential zoned properties are approximately 3.5 kilometres away from the northern end of the proposed rifle range. The nearest house to the proposed range is approximately 1.3 kilometres from the proposed point of firing.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Other uses

Would this be the only activity offered on the property?

Officer comment

The application has been lodged as an Outdoor sport and entertainment (Shooting range). No other outdoor sporting activities are proposed on site. The use is proposed on a property that is part of an existing operational farm that includes agricultural uses such as grazing cattle and growing crops.

Subject to the type of use, additional uses or activities in the Rural zone may be subject to a separate application, however agricultural uses typically remain exempt from planning applications.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Role of Environment Protection Authority and Department of Environment and Science

The QLD EPA have indicated that they have no role in the Firing Range issue until firing commences the Notifiable Activity for which the Owner & the Council must by Regulation give notice of the Activity under Item 18 of Notifiable Activities. However, they have indicated that even though Council may approve the change of use the EPA/DES may impose such conditions that the Range may not operate without those conditions being met.

I have not been able to get any clues as to what conditions are likely to be set by the Qld EPA/DES despite my efforts to argue that the Land owner should know of the expenses he is facing prior to commencement of using the Range or deciding to go ahead with the project.

Officer comment

The submitter has sought detail from those agencies. The agencies are not required to provide this advice, however conditions from other similar developments in other Council areas may provide a guide.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission concern – Use of noise reducing items

With the proposed firearms to be allowed to be discharged and the repetitive noise this would produce/create the use of Silencers should be used which would help reduce the stress on all human and wildlife.

Officer comment

A “sound suppressor” is also known as a “silencer” for a firearm. Under Queensland law any device designed to reduce the sound from a firearm is banned and considered a “category R” weapon. This is a prohibited item in Queensland.

This therefore could not be accommodated as a part of the development.

Submission concern – Hours of Operation

The proposed times of discharge seem both a little too early at the start of the day and a little late at the end of the day. Will there be any movement in this? With the bird life being very active up to approx. 10am the proposed 9am seems a little early with considering the wildlife movement that is about. At the other end of day 4pm seems a little late as wildlife is on the move so a 3pm cut off seems a more reasonable time for all.

Officer comment

The proposed hours of operation are limited to 9am to 4pm. The noise criteria for daytime uses is between the hours of 6am-6pm.

Under the default noise standards in the EP Act, there are varied criteria for times of use that the noise standard applies to. The hours of the proposed use fit into the daytime use period.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application. Conditions regarding hours of operation have been recommended for inclusion.

Submission concern – Future increase in hours of operation

Also, if it was to proceed the proposed or altered days and hours of discharge how long would this stand for? Before the owners could change them?

Officer comment

If the application is approved, hours of operation would be included as a condition. Based on the number and broad range of items raised in submissions it is considered that any future extension to hours would be considered to be a significant issue and would require a change application.

A minor change application does not require a full assessment, whereas an “other” change application requires an application to go through a full assessment process, including a full audit of the approved development.

While the developer is responsible to demonstrate the onus of proof that a future change application is only minor, Council would consider whether the operating range has been the subject of complaints. It is however foreshadowed that Council would be unlikely to agree with the contention that a change in hours would not be a minor change.

This is not a reason for refusal of the application.

Submission support

My family and I are avid shooters who live in Caboolture and presently travel to either Belmont or Ipswich to shoot at sporting events or practice. We participate in a number of shooting disciplines and we would welcome the opportunity to participate in Esk, making it our preferred place of travel for these sports.

Not properly made submissions

“As a person who is interested getting into shooting as a hobby next year I’m very excited to hear that there will be a range 20 minutes away from Dads place. I 100% approve this application this will be good for the local gun community in Somerset as well as surrounding LGA’s. Adds more money into tourism at Esk as well. I say it’s a win.”

“I fully support the proposal as current ranges are getting overcrowded and be willing to travel for an alternative, as I live in Lowood and don’t have land to shoot on.”

"As someone that lives in Ipswich this would be a venue I would use. Shooting is grate [sic] sport for all ages."

"... I am a licensed firearms owner who is passionate about the sport of shooting. I support the development of the range at Esk."

"I fully support the proposal of the rifle range as the existing ranges get more and more crowded. I live closer to other ranges but have been wanting an alternative and would definitely prefer to drive to Esk for a better facility."

"Please approve and expedite the shooting range. Everytime I go to other ranges it's always full and waiting."

"I will be travelling from outside your council area to support this venue should it be approved and it would be a welcome addition to the region."

"A range there means I would stop for lunch, possibly multiple times per month. Economics would increase in this township. Responsible target shooters are often marginalised as sportspeople, but we are dedicated to the sport and are respectful; our sport costs a lot of money, so we are mostly well-funded people."

"I know having a new sport shooting/competition complex will be a great addition to the area."

"... a fully registered and licensed firearm owner and shooter but also an experienced and qualified RPEQ (Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland) Civil Engineer, highly recommends the approval of the newly proposed shooting range planned for Esk - Hampton Road. The current shooting facilities provided in SEQ are overcrowded and as a result strict time frames / short sessions are only allowed. This limits the experience and practice shooters get as they are rushed to get in and out.

Furthermore, creating a new facility out this way will attract more travellers to the area from Ipswich, Brisbane, Toowoomba and the Sunshine coast which will also benefit local businesses and tourism. In these current times and under current circumstances more facilities for proper training and safe use of firearms should be encouraged I feel."

"I would like to show my support to a new rifle range being built at Esk. I live on the Gold Coast and visit family in Toogoolawah once or twice a year. If a range was built at Esk I would be out that way at least once a month spending money at the local shops."

"Myself being an active sporting shooter, and also a stones throw away from Esk could definitely benefit having a range on this side of town.

Having a range at Esk will allow our family to travel a shorter distance for our passion, which is target shooting, and clay target shooting.

It will also boost the local economy with our family, spending money at local bakeries and fuel stations."

- Sporting clubs are good for the community
- Sporting clubs bring money to the region
- Sporting clubs give members of the community with similar interests the opportunity to meet and conduct their sport in a safe environment
- This Sporting club will have minimal impact on the surrounding neighbours

Officer comment

The majority of submissions in support were not properly made in that they were emails provided without address.

8.0 OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS

Under the authority of the *Weapons Act 1990* a shooting range must be approved by the Queensland Police Service (QPS). The applicant is required to seek approval separately for this approval. The range cannot open without QPS approval.

The site will be put on the Environmental Management Register as a rifle range is a notifiable activity.

9.0 CONCLUSION

The proposed development is for a material change of use for an Outdoor sport and entertainment (Shooting range). The proposal has demonstrated compliance with acceptable outcomes of each of the applicable assessment benchmarks, or otherwise complied with the relevant performance outcomes.

It is recommended that the application be approved, subject to the imposition of reasonable and relevant conditions, as outlined in the schedules and attachments.

10.0 ATTACHMENT

1. Site Layout Plan, Drawing No EBSU-001 A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 19 August 2022.
2. Range Fenced Area, Drawing No EBSU-002 A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 14 August 2022.
3. Buildings – General Arrangement at Commencement Stage A, Drawing No EBSU-003 A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 14 August 2022.
4. Buildings – General Arrangement – All Stages, Drawing No EBSU-004 B, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 18 November 2022.
5. Covered Firing Line – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-005, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 23 July 2022.
6. Machinery Shed – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-006 B, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 18 November 2022.
7. Training Shed – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-007 B, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 18 November 2022.
8. Shipping Container – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-0012A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 15 August 2022.
9. Range Perspective AHD1, Drawing No EBSU-010, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 22 July 2022.
10. Range Perspective AHD2, Drawing No EBSU-011, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 22 July 2022.
11. Range Perspective AHD3, Drawing No EBSU-012, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 22 July 2022.
12. Longitudinal and Cross Sections, Drawing No EBSU-020, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 16 August 2022.
13. Enlarged Longitudinal Section of Proposed Range, Drawing No EBSU-021, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 16 August 2022.
14. Emergency Exits Plan, Drawing No SK 001 Issue A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated July 2022.
15. Environmental Noise Assessment, prepared by Acoustic RB Pty Ltd, Report No. 17-920.R02, dated 12 September 2022.
16. Local Ecological Assessment Report, prepared by Evolve Environmental Solutions Pty Ltd, Job Number VS0330 Issue A, dated 7 December 2021

RECOMMENDED DECISION

1. THAT Council approve Development Application No. 23089 for a Material Change of Use for an Outdoor Sport and Recreation (shooting range) on land situated at 281 Esk Hampton Road, Redbank Creek, Lot 259 Clarson Road, Mount Hallen, 502 Langtons Lane, Mount Hallen, Lot 14 Mount Hallen State Forest Road, Mount Hallen and Lot A Temporarily closed road, Mount Hallen, formally described as Lot 1 RP20811, Lot 2 RP20811, Lot 3 RP809846, Lot 259 CA311039, Lot 261 CA311578, Lot 14 SP268017 and Lot A AP22703, subject to the recommended conditions and requirements contained in the schedules and attachments to this report.
2. THAT the officer report for this application be published to the website as Council's Statement of Reasons in accordance with s63(5) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

SCHEDULE 1 – GENERAL CONDITIONS		
No	Condition	Timing
	General	
1.1	This Development Approval is for a material change of use for Outdoor Sport and Recreation (Rifle Range).	At all times.
1.2	<p>Carry out the development generally in accordance with the material contained in the development application, supporting documentation and the plan(s) listed below, except where amended by these conditions of approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Layout Plan, Drawing No EBSU-001 A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 19 August 2022. • Range Fenced Area, Drawing No EBSU-002 A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 14 August 2022. • Buildings – General Arrangement at Commencement Stage A, Drawing No EBSU-003 A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 14 August 2022. • Buildings – General Arrangement – All Stages, Drawing No EBSU-004 B, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 18 November 2022. • Covered Firing Line – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-005, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 23 July 2022. • Machinery Shed – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-006 B, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 18 November 2022. • Training Shed – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-007 B, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 18 November 2022. • Shipping Container – Typical Arrangement, Drawing No EBSU-0012A, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 15 August 2022. • Range Perspective AHD1, Drawing No EBSU-010, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 22 July 2022. • Range Perspective AHD2, Drawing No EBSU-011, prepared by Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, dated 22 July 2022. 	At all times.

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1.3	<p>Develop the site generally in accordance with the works identified in the stages below:</p> <p><u>Stage A</u> (a) Construction of the range (including stop butt, firing pad and all related works); (b) Construction of Shotgun Pad; (c) Construction of the Car Park (including disabled car parking); (d) Provision of portable toilets; and (e) Construction of the Access Track from Langtons Lane.</p> <p><u>Stage B</u> Provision of Storage Containers.</p> <p><u>Stage C</u> Construction of Amenity Block and effluent disposal system.</p> <p><u>Stage D</u> Construction of covered firing line.</p> <p><u>Stage E</u> Construction of Machinery shed.</p> <p><u>Stage F</u> Construction of Generator shed.</p> <p><u>Stage G</u> Construction of Training shed.</p> <p>Development must comply with each condition of the development approval as it relates to each stage, unless otherwise stated in the condition.</p> <p>Excluding Stage A, the staging is not intended to illustrate chronological order of development</p>	At all times.

1.4	Comply with relevant provisions of the Somerset Region Planning Scheme, Planning Scheme Policies and Local Laws.	At all times.
1.5	Pay to Council any outstanding rates, charges or expenses levied by Council over the subject land.	Before the change happens.
1.6	A legible copy of this development approval package is to be available on the premises at all times during construction.	At all times during the construction phase.
1.7	<p>Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Council, hours of construction shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday to Saturday: 6:30 am to 6.30 pm <p>Construction work shall not occur on the premises outside the above hours. Noise levels from construction work must comply with the requirements of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i>.</p>	At all times.
1.8	All shooting is to cease at any time when fauna is within 50 metres of the shooting range areas.	At all times.
1.9	Construct a stop butt mound at the southern end of the range in accordance with the <i>Weapons Act 1990</i> . If the mound is an earth mound, it is to be grassed to prevent erosion	Prior to commencement of use and to be maintained.
1.10	<p>(a) Prepare and submit to Council a Site Based Environmental Management Plan that addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Collection of spent projectiles from the range and stop butt; (ii) Management and redirection of overland flow from the area uphill of the proposed range; (iii) Management and treatment of overland flow within the range; and (iv) Management of contaminants including lead leachate associated with the range. <p>(b) Implement the works identified in an approved Site Based Environmental Management Plan and provide certification from an RPEQ that all engineered works have been designed and constructed in accordance with this permit condition and including the following for private infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Photographic evidence and inspection date of the installation of approved underdrainage; (ii) Copy of any bioretention filter media delivery dockets/quality certificates confirming the materials comply any specifications in the approved Stormwater Management Plan; (iii) Date of the final inspection. <p>(c) Maintain and repair the completed private infrastructure works to ensure its ongoing effectiveness. The approved works shall not be altered at any time without the prior written approval of Council.</p>	<p>Prior to commencement of works.</p> <p>Prior to commencement of use.</p> <p>At all times.</p>

1.11	<p>(a) Submit an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the outdoor shooting range. The plan is to include but is not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Objectives including performance outcomes; (ii) Environmental risks; (iii) Detailed, scaled layout plans showing all relevant EMP aspects; (iv) Management strategies; (v) Implementation plan including timeframes; (vi) Responsibilities; (vii) Performance indicators; (viii) Monitoring and reporting; (ix) Record keeping; (x) Complaint procedures; (xi) Measures for communicating the plan to participants; and (xii) EMP review procedures. <p>(b) Obtain approval from Council for the Environmental Management Plan in accordance with (a) above.</p> <p>(c) Implement the recommendations of the approved Environmental Management Plan.</p>	Prior to the commencement of the use of Stage A and to be maintained at all times.
1.12	<p>The approved Environmental Management Plan must provide provisions for a review of this Plan to be carried out at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Immediately after a potential or actual source of environmental contamination, that is not already identified in the Plan, is realised, or otherwise; b) Every two years after the commencement of the use. <p>Changes, to procedures and operations for carrying out the approved development realised by any review process, must be implemented immediately.</p>	At all times.
1.13	<p>All buildings, structures, fittings, fixtures and grounds associated with this development must be maintained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ in a serviceable condition, and ▪ in a state of good repair and efficient action, and ▪ in a clean, sanitary condition, and ▪ free of accumulated disused materials, and ▪ free of vermin and pest infestations. 	At all times.
1.14	<p>The development must be provided with a potable water supply having a capacity sufficient for the use that complies with the <i>Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (NHMRC, 2011)</i>.</p>	As part of Plumbing approval and maintained at all times once the use commences.

SCHEDULE 2 – Engineering
Assessment Manager

No	Condition	Timing
2.1	Make an Operational Work application to Council and pay the required fees where an application involves earthworks, erosion and sediment control, roadworks, car parks, clearing and stormwater drainage required as stated in the following conditions.	Prior to the commencement of Operational Work.
2.2	All works are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Somerset Regional Council Design Standards</i> .	At all times.
2.3	Bear the costs of works carried out to Council and utility services infrastructure and assets, including any alterations and repairs resulting from compliance with these conditions.	At all times.
	VEHICLE ACCESS	
2.4	All vehicular access shall provide convenient and safe access and egress from the site in accordance with <i>Somerset Regional Council Planning Scheme</i> .	At all times.
2.5	The landowner is responsible for construction and maintenance of vehicular access for the property, from the road carriageway to property boundary in accordance with <i>Somerset Regional Council Planning Scheme</i> .	At all times.
2.6	Make an Access Application to Council and pay the required fees where an application involves works required as stated in the conditions.	Prior to Commencement of Access works.
	CAR PARKING	
2.7	Provide on-site car parking for minimum 15 vehicles, including minimum 1 space for disabled persons in accordance with <i>Somerset Regional Council Planning Scheme</i> . All car parking and circulation areas to be provided with gravel or hard stand, and otherwise designed in accordance with AS2890 and <i>Somerset Regional Council Planning Scheme</i> .	Prior to Commencement of operation.
	STORMWATER	
2.8	Ensure Stormwater drainage is delivered to a lawful point of discharge	At all times.
2.9	Stormwater Drainage and flows are to have no actionable nuisance effect on adjoining, upstream, or downstream landholders.	At all times.
	EARTHWORKS	
2.10	All earthworks to be constructed in accordance with AS3798. Fill material is to be placed, compacted, and tested by a suitably qualified inspection and testing organisation.	At all times.
2.11	Contaminated material must not be used as fill on the site. Any filling must be undertaken using inert materials only.	At all times.

2.12	Any fill, cut and other stored material must be contained within properties comprising the development application. Fill cannot be placed on adjacent properties without providing Council with written permission from the respective property owner(s).	At all times.
	EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL	
2.13	<p>Erosion and sedimentation controls shall be implemented, as necessary, and shall be maintained to Council's satisfaction at all times. Should Council determine that proposed controls are ineffective or a downstream drainage system has become silted, the developer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be required to install additional measures. • Be responsible for the restoration work. <p>Should the development fail to complete the works determined by Council within the specified time, the Council will complete the work and recover all costs from the developer associated with the work.</p>	At all times.
2.14	All wastes to be managed in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations with regulated waste to be disposed of at a licensed facility and general solid waste to be disposed of at approved landfill sites with the contractor covering all costs incurred for the receipt and management of the waste.	At all times.
2.15	<p>Where vegetation is removed, the vegetation waste shall be disposed of by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Milling; ii) Chipping and/or mulching; iii) Disposal at an approved waste disposal facility; iv) Burning provided fire permits are in place. <p>Waste other than vegetation waste, generated as a result of the operations shall be disposed of to an approved disposal facility.</p>	At all times.
2.16	All declared weeds and pests are to be removed from the subject land and kept clear of such nuisance varieties during the course of operations.	At all times.
SCHEDULE 3 – ENVIRONMENTAL		
	General	
3.1	Notwithstanding any other condition of this development approval, this development approval does not authorise any release of contaminants that causes, or is likely to cause, an environmental nuisance or harm beyond the boundaries of the development site.	At all times.
3.2	No change, replacement or operation of any plant or equipment is permitted if the change, replacement or operation of the plant or equipment increases, or is likely to substantially increase, the risk of environmental harm.	At all times.

3.3	The approved use shall not cause any adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbourhood by the emission of noise, vibration, smell, glare, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil or otherwise.	At all times.
3.4	The approval holder must not implement any management plan prepared as a condition of this development permit, or amend any management plan, where such implementation or amendment would result in a contravention of any condition of this development approval.	At all times.
	Lighting	
3.5	Light sources must be positioned and shielded, when necessary, to prevent light spillage causing a nuisance to any other premises outside the boundaries of the property to which this development permit relates.	At all times.
	Noise	
3.6	The approved development must be operated in accordance with the report titled <i>Proposed New Shooting Range Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, Clarson Road, Mt Hallan Langtons Lane, Esk Environmental Noise Assessment September Acoustics RB Pty Ltd, Report No. 17-90-R02 – 12 September 2022.</i>	At all times.
3.7	The shooting range must comply with the Shooting Noise Level (SNL) of 58dB(A) within 30m of a dwelling.	At all times.
	Acceptable Firearms	
3.8	The use of firearms on the site shall be limited to centrefire and rimfire cartridges only with ballistic specifications whereby the muzzle velocity is not greater than 3500ft/s (1067m/s) and the muzzle energy 3500-foot pounds (4746J) kinetic energy. Permitted firearms include .303, .300, .270, .243, .44-40, .22 rifles and 12g shotgun.	At all times.
	Noise Management Plan	
3.9	<p>A noise management plan must be developed and submitted to Council to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of the development approval. The noise monitoring program must be developed by an appropriately qualified person.</p> <p>The plan will include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Acceptable noise limits; (ii) Noise mitigation measures; (iii) Responsible persons; (iv) Hours and days of operation; (v) Permitted firearms / restricted firearms; (vi) Noise measurement procedures for selecting permitted firearms; (vii) Patron behaviour in relation to noise mitigation; (viii) Permitted number of shooters; (ix) Where shooting may be conducted; 	Prior to the commencement of the use.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (x) Complaint procedures; (xi) Reporting and documentation; (xii) Measures for communicating the plan to participants; and (xiii) Plan review procedures. 	
3.10	Council approval must be obtained for the noise management plan submitted to Council under condition 3.9.	Prior to the commencement of the use.
3.11	The monitoring locations are to be Locations 1 and 2 as detailed in the report titled <i>Proposed New Shooting Range Esk Branch Shooters Union Qld Inc, Clarson Road, Mt Hallan Langtons Lane, Esk Environmental Noise Assessment September Acoustics RB Pty Ltd, Report No. 17-90-R02 – 12 September 2022</i> . The measurements at the three locations must be obtained concurrently.	At all times.
3.12	A weather station must be deployed at a height of 10m and located 100m from trees and structures more than 5m high. The weather station to record wind speed, wind direction, temperature and humidity. The averaging time of the weather station must be 15 minutes or less.	During noise level monitoring under the approval.
3.13	<p>Quarterly noise measurements must be carried out during the first 12 months of operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The first round of noise measurements must be conducted within 30 days of opening and shall be obtained over the entire hours of operation of the shooting event. (b) The time and maximum noise level of each of the maximum noise levels are to be tabulated and reported. The meteorology for each period to be reported. The types of rifles in use are to be stated and the number of shots by rifle type to be advised. (c) The remaining 3 rounds of noise level measurements must be carried out during each session for the first 12 months. (d) After this period, noise level monitoring must be carried out at the request of Council following a complaint that is not considered frivolous or vexatious. 	After commencement of the use.
3.14	<p>The quarterly noise measurements during the first 12 months may be suspended early if the following conditions are met during six non-overlapping 30-minute periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Resolved wind speed is at least 3m/s from the NW (resolved wind is the vector component of the actual wind from the NW direction). (b) Wind direction is between West and North. (c) The temperature is less than 26 degrees Celsius. (d) The firearms in use during each non-overlapping period includes the discharge of at least ten .300 or equivalent firearms. The cartridge must be factory filled to the maximum charge for the firearm. (e) The absolute maximum noise level (not the SNL) at Location 1 or Location 2 is less than 58dB(A). 	After commencement of the use.

3.15	In the event that the $L_{A_{Max}}$ exceeds 58 dB(A) from an individual shot, or the SNL from the 25 noisiest shots exceeds 58 dB(A) at either Location 1 or Location 2, the approved holder must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) amend the approved Noise management plan to demonstrate future compliance with an SNL of 58 dB(A) at Location 1 and Location 2; and (b) suspend relevant shooting events that generate the potential excessive noise until after the operational noise management plan has been approved by Council. (c) the Noise management plan amendments are to be undertaken at no cost to Council. 	After commencement of the use.
	Operation Days and Hours	
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1.8	All shooting is to cease at any time when fauna is within 50 metres of the shooting range areas.	At all times.
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<i>Assessment Manager</i>		
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The Act is administered by the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships. (DSDSATSIP).

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Penalty proposing an activity that involves additional surface disturbance beyond that which has already occurred at the proposed site need to be mindful of the Cultural Heritage Duty of Care requirement.

Details on how to fulfil the Cultural Heritage Duty of Care are outlined in the Duty of Care Guidelines gazetted with the Act.

Council strongly advises that you contact DSDSATSIP's Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit to obtain a copy of the Duty of care Guidelines and further information on the responsibilities of proponents under the terms of the current Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act

Separate development approval is required for any building work and plumbing/drainage works necessitated by the conditions contained in this approval.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Application for Temporary Entertainment Event – Temporary Shooting Range - 865 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road, Split Yard Creek
File:	Environmental Management/Reports/Environmental Health Reports
Action Officer:	EHO-BW

Background/Summary

On 4 September 2023, Council received a temporary entertainment event application from NIOA Gun Club (Ref: 1539387) to hold a down the line clay target event at 865 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road, Split Yard Creek. The event is proposed for Sunday 8 October 2023, starting at 9.00am and concluding at 4.00pm. The applicant advises that the maximum attendance for the event will be 60 people, who are members of the Queensland Club.

The event will be hosted at the residence of Mr Leofric North, who is the property owner of 865 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road.

Council has granted approvals for similar events held at this property in 2021 and 2022.

Council regulates this activity through *Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2011*, and *Subordinate Local Law 1.12 (Operation of Temporary Entertainment Events) 2011*.

Assessment of Application

Under section 9 of *Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011*, Council may grant an approval for an application for a temporary entertainment event only if it is satisfied that:

Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(a)	If the prescribed activity requires a separate approval under an Act, a law of the Commonwealth or the local government's planning scheme—the separate approval has been granted; and
Officer comment	The proposed activity will require an Exemption For A Range certificate issued by the Queensland Police Service. The applicant has advised that an application has been submitted and the exemption certificate will be provided to Council when received.
Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(b)	The proposed operation and management of the prescribed activity is adequate to protect public health, safety and amenity and prevent environmental harm; and
Officer comment	As part of the Exemption For A Range certificate issued by Queensland Police, the applicant will be required to comply with a number of conditions relating to weapons safety. The applicant has also provided a copy of the NIOA Gun Club – Split Yard Creek Range Standing Orders. This document details how the shoot will be organised in order to ensure safety for all participants.
Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(c)	If the prescribed activity is the commercial use of a local government controlled area or road—the grant of the approval is consistent with the objective of the local government of restriction of the commercial use of local government controlled areas and roads, where such activities are permitted, in recognition of the fact that the activities may otherwise enjoy an unfair commercial advantage over competitive activities conducted from fixed premises in the local government area for which rates and other charges are paid, and to which planning and other regulatory legislation applies;
Officer comment	Not applicable.

Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(d)	The proposed operation and management of the prescribed activity would be consistent with any additional criteria prescribed for the activity under a subordinate local law for this paragraph; and
Officer comment	Subordinate Local Law No.1.12 (Operation of Temporary Entertainment Events) 2011 prescribes criteria for the proposed activity. An assessment against that criterion is provided below.
Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(e)	The grant of the approval would be consistent with the purpose of any relevant local law; and
Officer comment	The proposed activity is generally consistent with Council's local laws.
Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(f)	If the application relates to trust land—the grant of the approval would be consistent with the terms and conditions of the trust; and
Officer comment	The subject land is not trust land.
Criteria – LL, Section 9(1)(g)	If the application relates to a prescribed activity mentioned in section 5(b)—the grant of the approval would be consistent with any requirements or criteria specified in the relevant Local Government Act in relation to the approval.
Officer comment	Not applicable.
Criteria – SLL, Section 4(1)	The design and construction of the place of the temporary entertainment event must be safe and appropriate to the nature of the entertainment proposed and the number of people expected to attend the place.
Officer comment	The firing point for the range will be located on the front lawn of the house located at 865 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road. The house is surrounded by the property owner's freehold land and beyond that is their long-term flood reserve lease on Lake Wivenhoe. The attached site plan shows the firing point and field of fire across the property owner's land. The location of this event is isolated from other properties and residences.
Criteria – SLL, Section 4(2)	Entertainment provided at the place must not unreasonably detract from the amenity of the area in which the entertainment is, or is proposed to be, situated.
Officer comment	It is unlikely that the amenity of the surrounding area will be adversely impacted by the event. The location of the event is isolated away from neighbouring properties and residences. Council has not received any complaints in relation to past events on this property.
Criteria – SLL, Section 4(3)	Entertainment provided at the place must not generate significant noise, dust or light pollution or other significantly adverse effects on the surrounding neighbourhood.

Officer comment	It is unlikely that the event will result in significant noise nuisance due to the isolated location of the event. A condition of approval will require the applicant to comply with the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> , which includes provisions for noise nuisance at shooting ranges. Dust and light pollution are not expected to be generated by the event.
Criteria – SLL, Section 4(4)	There must be enough toilets and sanitary conveniences provided for the event.
Officer comment	The applicant proposes to use the toilet facilities at the property owner's house for the event. Due to the small scale of the event, the toilet facilities available at the property owner's house would be sufficient. It is noted that these arrangements were sufficient for the events held in 2021 and 2022.
Criteria – SLL, Section 4(5)	Adequate provision must exist for the disposal of waste generated by the use of the place for the temporary entertainment event.
Officer comment	Minor amounts of waste are expected for the event. The applicant advises that all waste associated with the event will be collected and disposed of.
Criteria – SLL, Section 4(6)	Adequate provision must exist for people and (if relevant) vehicles to enter and leave the place of the temporary entertainment event.
Officer comment	Adequate space will be available onsite for parking. Entry and exit from the site will be via the main access road for the property, off Wivenhoe-Somerset Road.

Attachments

1. Site Plan - Temporary Shooting Range
2. NIOA Gun Club - Range Standing Orders

Recommendation

THAT Council approve the application subject to the conditions listed below:

No.	CONDITION
1.0	ENVIRONMENTAL/ LOCAL LAW
1.1	The approval holder must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display the approval in the manner, and at the locations, specified by the local government; and • Produce the approval for inspection by an authorised person on demand.
1.2	The approval holder must provide Somerset Regional Council with a copy of an Exemption For A Range certificate issued by the Queensland Police Service relating to the temporary range located at 865 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road Split Yard Creek. The Exemption For A Range certificate must be provided to Council by no later than Thursday 5 October 2023.
1.3	The approval holder must provide Somerset Regional Council with a copy of a public liability insurance certificate of currency for a minimum of \$20 million dollars and must note Somerset Regional Council as an interested party. The certificate of currency must be provided to Council by no later than Thursday 5 October 2023.

1.4	The operation of the temporary entertainment event must not unreasonably detract from the amenity of the area in which the place is located.
1.5	The temporary entertainment event is limited to the operation of a temporary shooting range on Lot 29 RP168154, 865 Wivenhoe-Somerset Road, Split Yard Creek from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 8 October 2023.
1.6	The approval holder must provide an appropriate number of waste bins that are to be serviced by an appropriately licensed waste contractor. The number of waste bins provided must be sufficient to accept all waste generated by the event, including waste from attendees and event staff.
1.7	The approval holder must maintain insurance that is applicable to the activity including without limitation, a public liability insurance policy which provides indemnity for each individual occurrence in an amount not less than \$20 million dollars. The insurance certificate must cover the permit holder and the Somerset Regional Council against any claims whatsoever arising from the operation of the event.
1.8	<p>The approval holder must indemnify and keep indemnified, the Somerset Regional Council, their officers, employees and agents (the indemnified) against any or all losses suffered or incurred (except to the extent that any losses are caused through the negligent act or omission of the indemnified) in connection with the erection, existence or operation of the works or activities, the subject of this approval.</p> <p>“Losses” include liabilities, losses, damages, expenses and costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis and whether incurred or awarded) of any kind or nature, whether arising in contract or tort (including, but not limited to, negligence) or under a statute; and also include loss or profits, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated saving, loss of opportunity, pure economic loss and loss of data any other consequential special or indirect loss or damage.</p>
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1.11	<p>All buildings, structures, vehicles, facilities or equipment used in the operation of the temporary entertainment event must be maintained at all times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In good working order. • In good state of repair. • In a clean and sanitary condition.
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Resolution

Moved – Cr Choat

Seconded – Cr Gaedtke

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Vote - Unanimous

Carried

Subject: Somerset Draft Submission – Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan - ShapingSEQ 2023
File Ref: SEQ Regional Plan
Action Officer: DPAD

Background/Summary

On 2 August 2023, the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, announced the updated draft South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan for public consultation.

Overall, the draft SEQ Regional Plan, provides a plan for almost 900,000 new homes across SEQ by 2046 to accommodate 2.2 million new residents. In the Somerset region, the draft plan identifies a projected population of approximately 41,000 people by 2046, an increase of 15,600 people from a 2021 base population of 25,400 people. This equates to 5,100 new homes in the Somerset region by 2046.

During the State Government's statutory consultation period the public can view the plan via www.qld.gov.au/shapingseq and provide feedback. Key dates during the consultation period as follows:

1. Consultation opens – 3 August 2023
2. Online talk-to-a-planner sessions - 14 August - 8 September 2023
3. In-person consultation sessions - 22 August - 9 September 2023 across SEQ. The Somerset region sessions were held in Esk on the following dates:
 - 22 August 2023
 - 11 September 2023.
4. Public Consultation ends - 20 September 2023
5. Final ShapingSEQ 2023 Update finalised - December 2023.

Local governments have been afforded until 9 October 2023 to make a submission.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) is preparing a draft submission on behalf of the SEQ councils. Nonetheless, Council officers recommend providing a refined submission for Somerset Regional Council focused on the following elements:

Element	Submission
Importance of Regional Planning in SEQ	Somerset RC recognises the importance of regional planning in SEQ and its role into the future – especially for economic development and sustaining Somerset's rural identity.
Dwelling Supply Targets	<p>Somerset RC notes no new land has been included in the Urban Footprint within the Somerset Region, however, contends the growth projections appear excessive for the Somerset region and are not reflective of local circumstance or development activity.</p> <p>The draft SEQ Regional Plan anticipates additional growth of 15,600 people or 5,100 dwellings by 2046 (average of 204 dwellings per</p>

year over the 25 years). This level of growth does not reflect actual new dwelling growth in our LGA, which over the last 10 years Council has only averaged 150 dwellings per year.

A total of 41,000, or an additional 15,600 people, in the Somerset region from a relatively small base population is highly improbable. This growth exceeds the State's own Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO) projections, including their High series projections of 39,218 by 2046 (as per Table 1 below). Based on recent development approval data, land values and market conditions, Council considers even the QGSO High series is highly optimistic.

Draft Recommendation 1 – The State Government review the relatively high dwelling supply targets proposed for the Somerset Region.

Table 1 - Selected LGA:
Somerset (Source:
QGSO - 2023 edition)

Year	Low	Medium	High
2021	25,391	25,391	25,391
2026	26,445	26,791	27,141
2031	27,679	28,782	29,934
2036	28,772	30,775	32,891
2041	29,801	32,796	36,000
2046	30,781	34,836	39,218

Housing Diversity

Somerset RC acknowledges the current pressures across the housing sector following a volatile economic period during and following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council also notes that the draft SEQ Regional Plan indicates an increase in Somerset region for "Attached – low rise (semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouses, apartments (1-3 storeys)".

Housing diversity is not a one-size-fits-all in SEQ and is largely driven by local markets. For example, small lot living and 'gentle density' is more appropriate in some parts of SEQ that are within close proximity to public transport and larger activity centres. In more rural or peri-urban councils like Somerset RC, the market demand for larger lifestyle lots is high in comparison to small lot living. The uptake and demand for rural-residential living, including secondary dwellings, can not be dismissed as viable housing typologies in SEQ and should also be considered as part of the overall Housing supply and Housing diversity quotient.

Draft Recommendation 2 – The State Government include rural-residential and rural dwelling growth as part of growth and supply targets, including secondary dwelling growth.

	<p>Somerset RC note that in the longer term, Council will be required to develop and deliver a housing strategy and implementation plan. No further details have been released to-date. While Councils invariably undertake growth management plans when undertaking planning scheme reviews, housing strategies have traditionally been under the jurisdiction of the State Government and the Department of Housing.</p> <p><i>Draft Recommendation 3 – The State Government provide further clarity on the housing strategy and implementation plan requirements and provide necessary financial and in-kind support to local governments.</i></p>
<i>Supporting Rural Economies</i>	<p>Council supports local government-led rural precinct planning to support rural sustainability and economic growth. This includes well-planned and appropriate rural-residential development that demonstrates a clear nexus to growing the rural economy.</p> <p>To facilitate this type of development and stimulate rural economies, Council understands further subsequent consultation is required on relevant regulatory provisions.</p> <p><i>Draft Recommendation 4 – The State Government collaborate with councils on the ShapingSEQ Update Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper and any subsequent amendments to the ShapingSEQ Rural Precinct Guideline.</i></p>
<i>Funding Growth</i>	<p>Somerset RC maintains the two largest inhibiting factors to delivering additional housing supply in the Somerset region are market conditions and the funding of both State and local infrastructure delivery.</p> <p>Without adequate funding and strategic investment into both State and local infrastructure, the greater SEQ region's current housing shortfalls will only continue to grow. Somerset RC also acknowledges that limiting the discussion to development infrastructure charges will not achieve a sustainable long-term solution for industry and both spheres of government.</p> <p><i>Draft Recommendation 5 – The State Government collaborate with local government to explore infrastructure funding model opportunities across both spheres of government including charges, taxes, duties, grants and levies.</i></p>
<i>Regional and collaborative approach to Industrial Land Use Strategy</i>	<p>Somerset RC commends the proposed regional approach to developing a regional industrial land use strategy and the retention of the Glamorgan Vale Potential Future Growth Area (PFGA), which is identified for potential long-term urban development.</p>

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council make a submission to the State Government on the “Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan - ShapingSEQ 2023 Update” based on the officer’s report draft recommendations.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Wendt

“THAT Council make a submission to the State Government on the “Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan - ShapingSEQ 2023 Update” based on the officer’s report draft recommendations.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Planning and Development Department Monthly Report – August 2023
File Ref:	Governance/Reporting/Officer Reports
Action Officer:	DPAD, ESM, SP, NRMO, BRO

Report

A summary of the Department’s activities during the month of August 2023 is provided for Council’s information.

Planning Development Applications

A total of twenty (20) development applications were received in August 2023.

Assessment Type	July 2022	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023
Building Works assessable against the Planning Scheme	12	14	3	13
Material Change of Use	9	7	3	3
Reconfiguring a Lot	2	2	-	1
Operational Works	3	1	2	1
Combined Applications	-	1	1	2
Total	26	25	9	20

The list of applications received is provided in Appendix 1.

A total of seventeen (17) development applications were decided in August 2023.

Approved/Refused	July 2022	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023
Refused - Council	-	-	-	-
Refused - Delegated Authority	-	-	-	-
Approved - Council	1	9	1	4
Approved - Delegated Authority	9	23	11	13
Total	10	32	12	17

The list of applications decided is provided in Appendix 1A.

Planning and Environment Court Appeals

Rayland Development Pty Ltd v Somerset Regional Council
Planning and Environment Court Appeal No. BD1370 of 2023
DA22581 – Reconfiguring a Lot by Subdivision (two lots into 83 lots in five stages) at 60 Millar Road and 169 Fairneyview Fernvale Road, Fernvale
Refused by Council 12 April 2023



Main Constructions Pty Ltd v Somerset Regional Council
Planning and Environment Court Appeal No. BD1852 of 2023
DA21509 – Material Change of Use for Intensive Animal Industry (reuse and conversion of a Breeder Poultry Farm (5 sheds) to Free Range Broiler Poultry Farm, including 2 additional poultry sheds) – maximum capacity of 176,130 birds at 57 Zischkes Road, Coominya
Refused by Council 24 May 2023

FVLH Developments Pty Ltd v Somerset Regional Council
Planning and Environment Court Appeals No. BD1951-54 of 2023
DA9400 and DA14663 at Muckerts Lane, Fernvale
Deemed Refusals

Energex Limited v Somerset Regional Council
Planning and Environment Court Appeal No. BD2126 of 2023
DA21832 – Material Change of Use for a Low Impact Industry, Warehouse and Office and Operational Works for Vegetation Clearing at Highland Street, Esk
Refused by Council 21 June 2023

Planning Compliance Matters

Non-compliant planning / land use activities under investigation in this period include but are not limited to:

- o Function Facilities
- o Animal Keeping
- o Workshops / Vehicle Sales
- o Transport Depot
- o Vegetation Clearing.

Activities located in Esk, Mount Tarampa, Toogoolawah, Wanora, Coal Creek, Winya, Glamorgan Vale, Clarendon, Fernvale, Royston, Sandy Creek, Villeneuve.

Building Development Approvals

A total of forty-three (43) building approvals were issued in the region for August 2023.

Assessment Type:

Building Works

Status	July 2022	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023
Accepted Applications	84	60	52	46
Approved - Council	23	14	11	3
Approved - Private Certifier	56	47	34	40

The list of applications approved is provided in Appendix 2.

Building Compliance Matters

The following are non-compliant building activities in this period:

August 2023:

Unapproved or non-compliant building works in Mount Hallen and Fernvale.

**Plumbing Compliance Permits and Inspections**

A total of twenty-six (26) plumbing and drainage approvals were issued in the region for August 2023.

Assessment Type:**Plumbing Approval**

Status	July 2022	August 2022	July 2023	August 2023
Approved	28	30	23	26
Info Request	14	17	1	2
Total	52	47	24	28
Plumbing Inspections	84	137	107	107

The list of applications approved is provided in Appendix 3.

Mid-Brisbane (Black Snake Creek Catchment) Wastewater Risk Mitigation Program

Council's plumbing inspectors have continued working through the next phase of the Wastewater Risk Mitigation Program within Mid-Brisbane (Black Snake Creek Catchment). Twenty-one eligible properties in the Glamorgan Vale area were sent invitations to apply for an upgrade subsidy; eight of which have volunteered for an inspection, with six inspections resulting in the allocation of funding.

Two properties have had a plumbing application approved and finalised with the installation of HSTP.

Economic Development – Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation Project

In August 2023, Council continued engagement on the Draft Master Plan for the *Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation* project.

Specific community engagement undertaken in August included:

- Promotion of Draft Master Plan draft via media / social media platforms.

- Availability of an online survey accessible via Council's 'Have Your Say' that culminated in a presentation on the consultation feedback received to the Council on 23 August.

Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation - Draft Master Plan Snapshot July 2023



Environmental Health Services

Food Safety Training



Council subscribes to the *I'm ALERT* food safety training package which offers food businesses, community groups, schools and the general public access to free online interactive food safety training. Just go to www.somerset.imalert.com.au

A total of 25 users completed the training during the month of July and 33 during the month of August.

Swimming Pool Water Quality Monitoring

Swimming pool water sampling was not conducted during the month as pools in the region are not currently open. Sampling will recommence in conjunction with the swimming season which is expected to commence in the middle of September.



Mosquito Monitoring



Officers have commenced planing for the 2023-2024 mosquito surveillance program in conjunction with Queensland Health. The main aim of the annual surveillance program is to establish the level of confidence in:

- the assumption that mosquitoes *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* are not present in the Somerset Region, and
- the likelihood of early detection – to facilitate eradication.

In addition to the Queensland Dengue Management Plan 2015 – 2020; Queensland Health is currently working with local governments in SEQ to establish an emergency response framework that will be triggered on confirmation of positive *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* identification in SEQ.

An overview of the section activities for the month is contained in Appendix 4.

Pest Management**Invasive Animal Control**

The following is a summary of pest animal control activities for the months: July and August

Wild dogs

1080 baits injected:

	July 2023	August 2023
Coominya	-	8
Moore	-	205
Mt Kilcoy	40	-
Kingaham	117	-
Sunday Creek	22	-
Old Yabba	22	-
Colinton	28	-
Middle Creek	32	-
Glamorganvale	15	-
Bryden	17	-
Total	293	213

**Dingo scalps presented:**

	July 2023	August 2023
Kilcoy	-	3
Mt Byron	1	-
Sheep station Creek	2	-
Kilcoy	1	-
Total	4	3

Feral pigs 1080 grain:

	July 2023	August 2023
	-	-
Total	-	-

**Feral pig scalps presented:**

	July 2023	August 2023
Buaraba	-	110
Sheep station Creek	10	-
Total	10	110

Rabbits:

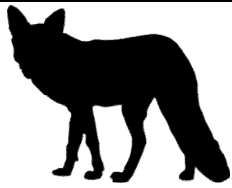
- landholders to control rabbit infestations in the following areas:
○ Hazeldean.

Officers have been working with
Prenzlau, Glamorgan Vale and

• with Seqwater in controlling rabbits around Somerset, on ground baiting has commenced at Kirkleah camp grounds

Officers are continuing to work closely

Fox:



- Pest Management Officers are continuing to monitor den sites that have been found and fumigated. Fox breeding season there has been an increase in reports of poultry being attacked and taken.

Invasive Plant Control

A summary of invasive plant and other vegetation treatment activities for the month is as follows:

July 2023:

- Mother of Millions- Neurum, Linville, Minden, Esk, Eskdale, Moore, Glamorgan Vale, Lowood, Fernvale, Buaraba, Toogoolawah, Tallegalla, Coominya.
- Annual Ragweed- Toogoolawah, Sandy Creek, Neurum, Fernvale, Moore, Linville, Gregors Creek, Coominya.
- Giant rats tail grass – Prenzlau, Sandy Creek, Mount Kilcoy, Esk, Fernvale, Neurum, Gregors Creek, Linville, Coominya.
- Fireweed- Fernvale, Neurum, Kilcoy, Coal Creek, Lowood, Coominya. Minden, Prenzlau, Buaraba, Tallegalla, Tarampa, Fernvale, Glamorgan Vale
- Groundsel- Moore, Glamorgan Vale, Lowood.
- Prickly Pear- Moore, Linville, Neurum, Villeneuve, Winya, Esk, Monsaldale, Crossdale, Avoca Vale, Ivory Creek, Somerset Dam.
- Leucaena- Somerset Village, Hazeldean.
- Lantana – Jimna, Kingaham Road, Kimbala Rd, Cooeimbardi Road, Neurum
- Council managed infrastructure- Esk Landfill.
- Element 5- Kilcoy Murgon Road, Esk Kilcoy Road- lantana control
- Lantana chemically treated – 49,000 / 4.9Ha.
- Herbicide applied – 30,170L.

August 2023:

- Mother of Millions- Moore, Linville, Toogoolawah, Eskdale, Esk, Harlin, Buaraba, Atkinson Dam, Bryden, Dundas, Colinton, Hazeldean, Coominya, Fernvale, Lowood, Neurum.
- Giant rats tail grass –Mount Kilcoy, Esk, Coominya, Lowood, Fernvale, Prenzlau.
- Fireweed- Lowood, Wivenhoe Pocket, Fernvale, Kilcoy, Sandy Creek, Mount Kilcoy, Harlin, Glamorgan Vale, Esk, Coominya, Eskdale, Mt Tarampa, Clarendon, Hazeldean.
- Lantana- Lowood, Coal Creek, Somerset, Hazeldean.
- Council managed infrastructure- Esk Landfill.
- Element 5- Esk Kilcoy Road, D'Aguilar Highway East and West
- Lantana chemically treated – 186,600 / 186.6Ha
- Herbicide applied – 36,980L.

Lantana Chemical Subsidy Program

As part of the 2023/24 budget, Council has funded an ongoing Lantana Chemical Subsidy Program, where a 50% subsidy is provided to eligible landholders who purchase approved chemicals to control lantana for the business located within the Somerset Region.

The 2023/24 program commenced on the first August with Council receiving 68 expressions of interest to participate in the program in the first month.

As a result of the strong response from regional landholders, the first round of has closed. A further round of the program may be opened in early 2024 subject to remaining budget allocation.

Compliance under the Biosecurity Act 2014:

	June 2023	July 2023
Information notices	1	1
Biosecurity Orders	-	-
Enter and Clear action	-	-

Regulatory Services

An overview of the section activities for the month are contained in Appendix 4.

Natural Resource Management

Land for Wildlife

- Officer representation at Land for Wildlife Steering Committee meeting – 9 August 2023.

Somerset Flora and Fauna



- Ongoing engagement with Griffith University Social Marketing team to promote Koala awareness in the Somerset region, with a focus on the 2023 Somerset Free Tree Day events.
- Ongoing participation in the Esk Koala survey and rehabilitation project with partners Care4Esk, AELA and University of the Sunshine Coast, and associated coordination with the State Koala Survey Team deployment.
- Meeting with Department of Environment and Science regarding State Koala Mapping – 15 August 2023.
- Officer representation at SES Local Government Flying Fox quarterly meeting – 28 August 2023.
- Preparations for Council Free Tree Days – September and October.

Catchment Management

- Officer participation in the SEQ Waterway and Catchment Investment Strategy workshop – 23 August 2023.
- Resilient Rivers Project Updates:
 - All Black Snake Creek Projects are now in a maintenance phase to secure establishment.
 - Submissions have been prepared for projects across the Council managed reserves of the Mid Brisbane River Catchment and submitted to the Resilient Rivers Taskforce for consideration.
- Meeting with Seqwater regarding On-site Sewage System replacement program – 7 August 2023, and mentoring meeting with Moreton Bay Regional Council to outline program elements 30 August 2023.



Offsets – Planting

Delivery of Councils Capital Works Offsets:

- Moore station. Preparation for planting north of
- Street, Toogoolawah. Expression of interest for Eskdale

Collaborations

- Negotiating delivery arrangements with other Council staff and contractors in respect of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority granted funding for Recreational assets.
- Officer meeting with Powerlink regarding proposed transmission corridors – 2 August 2023.
- Officer participation in Fire weather training – 4 August 2023.
- Meeting with Healthy Land and Water regarding Partnership agreement – 18 August 2023.
- Officer meeting with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services regarding Bushfire preparedness – 30 August 2023.

Business Recovery Officer

Below is a summary of the Business Recovery Officer's (BRO) activities during the month of August 2023.

General

- Attendance at Small Business Friendly Roundtable meeting.
- Involvement and promotion of the Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation Project – Draft Master Plan consultation.
- Attendance at the Tourism Industry Resilience and Business Continuity Workshop presented by Southern Queensland Country Tourism.

Events

- Regenerative Agriculture Forum – 55 primary producers in attendance. Heard from guest speakers: Randal Breen, David Hall and Helen Lewis.
- Final *Small Business and Primary Producer Hub* held in Lowood. This was an opportunity for small business owners and farmers to meet face-to-face with Dept. Employment Small Business and Training, Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority and the Small Business Financial Counselling Service.
- Planning continues for educational workshops and forums for the remainder of 2023.

Business Communications

- Proactive engagement with State Government agencies, including:
 - Small Business Friendly Commissioners Office
 - Queensland Rural Industry Development Authority

- Small Business Financial Counselling Service – Southern Queensland
- Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training
- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Department of Environment and Sciences
- 66 interactions with small business owners, primary producers and/or tourism operators.
- Continued efforts to meet and build relationships with local businesses and primary producers.

Somerset Regional Council Grant Finder – August 2023

Total registrations

9 New registrations
203 Total

Registrations are people that have registered to your portal via the signup form and are still active. Total cumulative registrations are shown above.

Total alerts

2,116 Emails sent
136 People with active alerts

Email alerts sent to people requesting specific profile of grants

Number of grants on your portal

1,294 grants worth \$68.2B Somerset Regional Council Staff
1,269 grants worth \$62.2B External/Public Users (Essentials)

Total number of grants available within your portal. The total that one person can see will vary depending on their organisation type and location.

Recommendation

THAT the Department of Planning and Development Monthly Report for August 2023 be received and the contents noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Wendt

Seconded – Cr Choat

“THAT the Department of Planning and Development Monthly Report for August 2023 be received and the contents noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund projects
File Ref:	QRRRF
Action Officer:	DFIN

Background/Summary

Council has been successful with applications under previous rounds of the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF) including securing funding for replacing sand raising a major culvert on Gregors Creek Road (completed during FY2023) and for replacing a multi-cell corrugated steel culvert on Murrumba Road (in progress).

A 2023-2024 round of QRRRF has been announced and it is proposed that funding be sought for two drainage projects identified in the Engeny Water Management Somerset Rural Towns Flood Mapping report Overland Flow Assessment – Stage 2 (table 5.1) as follows:

- Fernvale Option 2A – to improve existing drainage running parallel to Banks Creek Road, near Carralluma Crescent.
- Moore Option 1A – to improve overland flow paths north of Church Street

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to apply for funding for drainage improvements identified in the Engeny Water Management report as Fernvale Option 2A and Moore Option 1A under the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to apply for funding for drainage improvements identified in the Engeny Water Management report as Fernvale Option 2A and Moore Option 1A under the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program eligibility
File Ref:	Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program
Action Officer:	DFIN

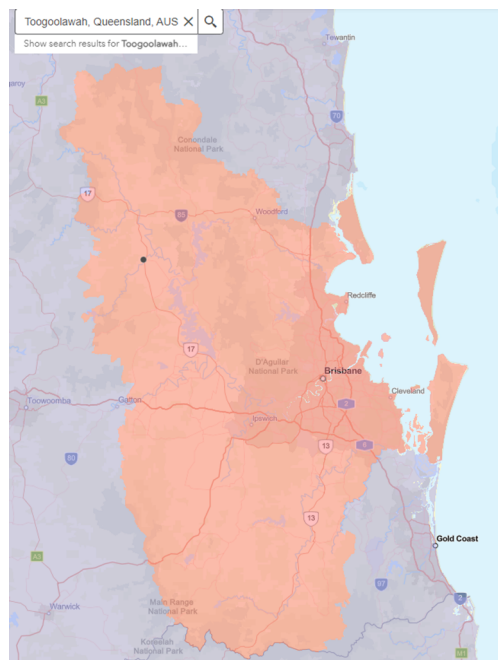
Background/Summary

The Australian Government opened the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program stream one (RPPP) on 24 August 2023 to “support the planning and delivery of regional, rural and remote precincts. Regional precincts may include business districts, neighbourhoods, activity centres, commercial hubs or community and recreational areas.” It is considered that Council’s Lowood Futures Strategy and Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation Project might have been eligible for funding consideration under RPPP.

As with the Growing Regions Program however, the RPPP guidelines confirm that eligible projects must be located outside of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Greater Capital City Statistical Areas (GCCSA). All of Somerset LGA is in the Greater Capital City Statistical Area of Greater Brisbane (the orange-coloured areas, right).

It is noted that the federal budget papers flag that an Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program would be created with funding of \$159.7 million. This program (not yet released) may provide future funding opportunities for projects like Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation.

The Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program funding compares to the \$400 million allocated for the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (streams one and two).



Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories objecting to the exclusion of Somerset Regional Council from the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program stream one (RPPP) due to geography and notes that Somerset Regional Council towns like Toogoolawah that are apparently considered part of Greater Brisbane and therefore ineligible under RPPP are further from Brisbane CBD than eligible major urban population centres like Surfers Paradise and Maroochydore.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Choat

Seconded – Cr Whalley

“THAT Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories objecting to the exclusion of Somerset Regional Council from the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program stream one (RPPP) due to geography and notes that Somerset Regional Council towns like Toogoolawah that are apparently considered part of Greater Brisbane and therefore ineligible under RPPP are further from Brisbane CBD than eligible major urban population centres like Surfers Paradise and Maroochydore.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject: Information security policy amendment

File Ref: Risk management - risk assessment - fraud control
Action Officer: DFIN

Background/Summary

Council is working with electronic funds transfer (EFT) fraud management specialists Eftsure Pty Ltd to manage the safe introduction of EFT as Council's default supplier payment method (along with credit card payments).

A policy change is recommended as below to facilitate this change.

Attachments

Information security policy

Recommendation

THAT effective 1 November 2023, the following text be removed from Council's information security policy:

"Council identifies that cheque and credit card payment are Council's default methods of payment of suppliers. These forms of payment manage risks relating to EFT fraud and security identified in the Crowe report "Internal Audit of IT Systems and Security" of March 2020."

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Wendt

"THAT effective 1 November 2023, the following text be removed from Council's information security policy:

"Council identifies that cheque and credit card payment are Council's default methods of payment of suppliers. These forms of payment manage risks relating to EFT fraud and security identified in the Crowe report "Internal Audit of IT Systems and Security" of March 2020."

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject: SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund project expressions of interest
File Ref: SEQ City Deal
Action Officer: DFIN

Background/Summary

It is expected that guidelines for the SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund will be publicly available from 25 September 2023. Council's FY2024 budget forecasts a cash and operating deficit after accounting for revenue from the SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund of \$1.66M.

It is expected that Council will be required to tie SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund funding to projects through an application process and that funding bodies may seek to make announcements about potential projects during September /October 2023.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to nominate and take other required steps under the SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund to seek funding for the following urban renewal projects under that program:

- Implementation of Lowood Futures Strategy stage 1 - \$830,000
- Implementation of Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation Project stage 1 - \$830,000

Resolution

Moved – Cr Wendt

Seconded – Cr Gaedtke

“THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to nominate and take other required steps under the SEQ City Deal Liveability Fund to seek funding for the following urban renewal projects under that program:

- Implementation of Lowood Futures Strategy stage 1 - \$830,000
- Implementation of Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation Project stage 1 - \$830,000.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Colour printing/ photocopying
File Ref:	Financial management - fees and charges - setting of fees
Action Officer:	DFIN

Background/Summary

Council amended its printing fees as at 3 April 2023 as follows:

Photocopying A4 - black and white only - excludes colour

- 30 copy/print pages per resident per day - No charge
- For copies or print jobs in excess of 30 pages, additional charge per each batch of 5 pages or part thereof - \$1.00 per batch of 5 pages or part thereof

This fee relief was aimed at supporting local residents, local businesses and local community groups and minimising cash handling by Council officers and members of the public.

There was a reduction by around one-third in the number of over-the-counter receipts issued in April and May 2023 compared to April and May 2022. This reduction was due to the relaxation of printing and copying fees.

A fee of \$1 per page still applies for colour printing.

Council's Arts and Culture Team recommend a further fee relaxation as below for colour printing based on their experience of customer needs and requests (eg copying of drivers licences and printing of small business promotional material).

A \$3 fee per five pages (colour or black and white) beyond the generous 30 page per day free allocation is also recommended. Council's online payment portal (which will be used via QR codes to eliminate any remaining cash handling at libraries) has a minimum transaction of \$2.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT effective 3 October 2023, Council's photocopying and printing charges be amended to:

Photocopying A4 - only

- 30 copy/print black and white pages per resident per day - No charge
- 15 copy/print black and white pages plus 15 copy/print colour pages per resident per day - No charge
- For copies or print jobs in excess of 30 pages, additional charge per each batch of 5 pages or part thereof - \$3.00 per batch of 5 pages or part thereof

Resolution

Moved – Cr Brieschke

Seconded – Cr Wendt

“THAT effective 3 October 2023, Council's photocopying and printing charges be amended to:

Photocopying A4 - only

- 30 copy/print black and white pages per resident per day - No charge
- 15 copy/print black and white pages plus 15 copy/print colour pages per resident per day - No charge
- For copies or print jobs in excess of 30 pages, additional charge per each batch of 5 pages or part thereof - \$3.00 per batch of 5 pages or part thereof.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Report of the Audit Committee meeting
File Ref:	Audit committee
Action Officer:	DFIN

Background/Summary

Section 211 (4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires a written report about the matters reviewed at an audit committee meeting and the committee's recommendations about the matters to be presented at the next meeting of Council.

The Audit Committee met on 13 September 2023 and considered reports and plans including the attached strategic internal audit plan and draft unaudited FY2023 financial statements.

Attachments

Report of the Somerset Regional Council Audit Committee meeting of 13 September 2023
Strategic internal audit plan by O'Connor Marsden and Associates (FY2024 to FY2026)

Recommendation

THAT the report of the Somerset Regional Council Audit Committee meeting of 13 September 2023 be received and the contents noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT the report of the Somerset Regional Council Audit Committee meeting of 13 September 2023 be received and the contents noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Propose to Make Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023 and Keeping of Animals (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023 - Animal Subordinate Local Law Review Project - Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No. 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2011
File Ref:	LAWS AND ENFORCEMENT - LOCAL LAWS - Local Laws Reviews – Doc Id. 1441927, 1445402, 1507166 (Workshop 12/10/22), 1481606, 1492170, 1485949 (Workshop 22/2/23), 1513768 (options paper), 1525523, 1526206, 1531752, 1534954, 1535382, 1537147, 1537165, 1536089, 1537165
Action Officer:	GBIO

Background/Summary

A review of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 (SLL No.2) and Subordinate Local Law No. 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2011 (SLL No. 1.5) has been conducted under the Animal Subordinate Local Law Review Project.

In order to give effect to the intent of the review findings and recommendations therein, amendments have been made to the above legislation and are attached for Council's consideration (refer to Attachment 2 and Attachment 4). For comparative purposes, both subordinate local laws as they exist currently are attached (refer to Attachment 1 and Attachment 3).

As part of the local law making process, Council needs to consider if the proposed subordinate local law contains any anti-competitive provisions (refer to Attachment 5 and Attachment 6). In this instance it is considered that the proposed amendments do not affect any anti-competitive provisions.

Should Council resolve to make the proposed subordinate local laws, the public consultation process shall commence. This will involve advertising in newspapers circulating in Council's local government area, seeking written submissions by any person in support of, or objecting to, the proposed legislation.

Council will accept and consider all submissions properly made to Council about the proposed subordinate local laws, after which Council will decide whether to proceed with making the proposed subordinate local laws as advertised, with amendments, or not at all.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011
 Attachment 2 – Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No 1) 2023
 Attachment 3 – Subordinate Local Law No. 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2011
 Attachment 4 – Keeping of Animals (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No 1) 2023
 Attachment 5 – Anti-Competitive Provisions – Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023
 Attachment 6 – Anti-Competitive Provisions – Keeping of Animals (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023

Recommendation

THAT Council resolves to propose to make each of:-

- (a) Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023; and
- (b) Keeping of Animals (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT Council resolves to propose to make each of:-

- (a) Animal Management (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023; and
- (b) Keeping of Animals (Amendment) Subordinate Local Law (No. 1) 2023.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	EOI 1300 – Potential School Site – Brouff Road Fernvale
File Ref:	Council Properties - Planning
Action Officer:	DCORP

Background/Summary

At Council's Ordinary meeting of 7 June 2023, it was resolved "THAT in accordance with Section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council invite Expression of Interest from registered, capable and qualified education providers to enter into a lease agreement over Lot 1 RP28833 and Lot 1 RP141219 for the purposes of planning for and developing a college/school."

Advertising for the Expression of Interest (EOI) commenced on 20 June 2023 with submissions closing on 19 July, 2023.

Council received five EOI submissions from education providers offering an opportunity for the Brouff Road site.

The Agreement to Lease commits Council to the submission of the development application and all the costs required to comply with all development approval process conditions and requests for information (such as Traffic Studies). Additionally, Council would also be committing to incurring the costs to complete all the infrastructure required to service the property with the exception of electricity and telephone/NBN. Council's infrastructure costs would include costs for the construction of roads, footpaths, bus and vehicle drop off, upgrades to Main Roads intersections, water supply, sewer and kerb and channel.

The Local Government Act regulates entering into this type of agreement. The agreement would be defined as a beneficial enterprise (LGA Section 39). Section 40 (2)(c) and requires that Council not enter into the agreement until the limit of Council's liability for infrastructure costs is known.

To enable Council to determine the costs of infrastructure consulting engineering forms have been asked to submit quotations to prepare a planning report which sets out the limit of the infrastructure required for this development and costs that infrastructure. Additionally, the Planning Report would provide estimates of the contributions required for water and Sewer and the costs of external works that are not part of Council's infrastructure, being Main Roads.

Once this report is prepared it will be brought back to Council for further consideration.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT in accordance with Local Government Act Section 40 (2)(c) the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to undertake an investigation that will determine the limit of Council's liability for infrastructure and costs associated with complying with a development application approval for a potential college/school site at Brouff Road, Fernvale.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT in accordance with Local Government Act Section 40 (2)(c) the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to undertake an investigation that will determine the limit of Council's liability for infrastructure and costs associated with complying with a development application approval for a potential college/school site at Brouff Road, Fernvale.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee Meeting
File Ref:	Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee
Action Officer:	ACM

Background/Summary

The Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee met on Thursday, 17 August 2023 to discuss miscellaneous items of business.

Attachments

Meeting Report for RADF Committee Meeting - 17 August 2023

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the meeting report for Regional Arts Development Fund committee meeting held on Thursday, 17 August 2023 and the contents be noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Isidro

Seconded – Cr Whalley

“THAT Council receive the meeting report for Regional Arts Development Fund committee meeting held on Thursday, 17 August 2023 and the contents be noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject: Kilcoy Recreation Ground Advisory Committee
File Ref: Kilcoy Recreation Ground Advisory Committee
Action Officer: DCORP

Background/Summary

The Kilcoy Recreation Ground Advisory Committee meets each quarter to review the operations of the Kilcoy Recreation Grounds. The quarterly meeting of the Committee was held on Thursday, 31 August 2023.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Meeting Report Kilcoy Recreation Grounds Advisory Committee Meeting – 31 August 2023

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the meeting report for the quarterly meeting of the Kilcoy Recreation Ground Advisory Committee held on Thursday, 31 August 2023 and the contents be noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Whalley

“THAT Council receive the meeting report for the quarterly meeting of the Kilcoy Recreation Ground Advisory Committee held on Thursday, 31 August 2023 and the contents be noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject: Somerset Civic Centre Advisory Committee Meeting

File Ref:	Community Services - Meetings – 2021 – 2024 Somerset Civic Centre Advisory Committee
Action Officer:	ACM

Background/Summary

The Somerset Civic Centre Advisory Committee met on 29 August 2023 to discuss miscellaneous items of business

Attachments

Attachment 1: Meeting Report Somerset Civic Centre Advisory Committee – 29 August 2023.

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the Somerset Civic Centre Advisory Committee report from Monday 29 August 2023 and the contents be noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Brieschke

Seconded – Cr Isidro

“THAT Council receive the Somerset Civic Centre Advisory Committee report from Monday 29 August 2023 and the contents be noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Expression of Interest – Garden Shed – 12 Heap Street Esk
File Ref:	Council Land and Buildings
Action Officer:	DCORP

Background/Summary

Council has received correspondence from several community groups expressing an interest in the use of the former Apex Shed at 12 Heap Street Esk.

The shed is located at 12 Heap Street Esk, Lot 138 SP132929 and is approximately 7 metre by 5 metre shed. It was formerly used by the Apex Club of Esk for the storage of Christmas Tree items. The Apex Club have advised the club has folded and operations have ceased.

As a masterplan for the site is yet to be developed Council plans to offer the shed site to an incorporated community group who holds the appropriate public liability insurance for a two (2) year period from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2025.

As the proposed lease is to a community organisation, no tender for dealing with land is required in accordance with s236(b)(ii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Attachments

Shed licence area

Recommendation

THAT Council seek expressions of interest for the shed site (as indicated on appendix 1) at 12 Heap Street Esk to an incorporated community group who holds the appropriate public liability insurance for a two (2) year period from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2025, in accordance with S236(b)(ii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT Council seek expressions of interest for the shed site (as indicated on appendix 1) at 12 Heap Street Esk to an incorporated community group who holds the appropriate public liability insurance for a two (2) year period from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2025, in accordance with S236(b)(ii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund
File Ref:	Recreation and Cultural Services – Service Provision – Recreation Facilities
Action Officer:	CTM

Background/Summary

In August 2023 the Queensland Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (the Department) announced that \$25 million for sport and active recreation infrastructure would be made available through the Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund. The Fund includes \$15 million for projects under round two of the Minor Infrastructure Program (the Program).

The Program funding is available for shovel-ready sporting and active recreation projects that opens new options for Queenslanders to stay active and healthy. As per round one of the Program, projects should enhance community participation opportunities through the provision of spaces that are safe, quality, efficient and inclusive and accessible.

Projects should provide new, upgraded or end-of-life field of play and ancillary facilities to meet activity requirements at a community level. Projects must not exceed an estimated total project cost of \$1 million excluding GST. The maximum Department contribution to any project will be \$250,000 excluding GST, with the minimum applicant financial contribution being 20 per cent of eligible project costs.

Council was successful in receiving funding for two of the three applications submitted under round one of the Program. Following feedback from the Department, Council Officers have determined that the unsuccessful application from round one should be resubmitted including recommendations provided by the Department. In addition, Council Officers have identified further projects that would be suitable for submission under the Program guidelines. A summary of the projects is outlined in the below table; Council's financial contribution is shown as an estimation as Quantity Surveyors reports are still in development.

	Description	Total Cost Estimate Ex GST	Department Funding (\$250,000 maximum funding)	Estimated Council Contribution
Fernvale Sports Park Sustainable Irrigation System Installation and Oval Refurbishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works to include supply, installation and commissioning of an automatic irrigation system for the main oval and connection to the site's storage tank and pump - Works would also include returfing and levelling of the oval 	\$700,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$450,000.00
Toogoolawah Community Gym and Swimming Pool Gym extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extend the Toogoolawah Community Gym by 12m to increase the GFA by 96 square metres 	\$600,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$350,000.00
Lowood Recreational Complex Lighting Infrastructure for the Modified (Northern) Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply and Install LED lighting to sufficient competition standards 	\$300,000	\$180,000	\$120,000

RATIONALE

The Fernvale Sports Park (FSP) is a facility which is expected to grow significantly in the future. A recycled water pipeline is currently being finalised from the new Lowood Sewerage Treatment Plant to FSP, and the proposed irrigation system would ensure a sustainable water supply for the site. The installation of a permanent irrigation system at FSP would ensure the grounds align to the community standard currently seen at Lowood Recreation Complex and Hopetoun Sports Fields and soon to be delivered at the Esk Football Grounds.

The Toogoolawah Community Gym and Swimming Pool Extension would provide much needed additional space for the facility. Since its opening, the combined facility has exceeded Council's expectations and has achieved record attendances. The capacity of the facility is stretched and an increase in the size of the gym space would enable the site to offer more quality services that reach community expectation.

The Brisbane Valley Soccer Club has demonstrated increasing usage of the Lowood Recreational Complex in recent years. The increasing usage is leading to capacity usage of the facility. Lighting of an additional field will enable increased evening capacity of the facility.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the submission of a grant funding application to install an irrigation system and undertake field refurbishments, including returfing and levelling, on the Fernvale Sports Park main oval with a co-investment from Council not to exceed \$450,000 excluding GST.

2. Endorse the submission of a grant funding application to extend the gym building and at the Toogoolawah Community Gym and Swimming Pool with a co-investment from Council not to exceed \$350,000 excluding GST.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Isidro

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT Council:

1. Endorse the submission of a grant funding application to install an irrigation system and undertake field refurbishments, including returfing and levelling, on the Fernvale Sports Park main oval with a co-investment from Council not to exceed \$450,000 excluding GST.
2. Endorse the submission of a grant funding application to extend the gym building and at the Toogoolawah Community Gym and Swimming Pool with a co-investment from Council not to exceed \$350,000 excluding GST.





Carried




Vote - Unanimous










Subject: Tourism and Promotions Report – August 2023**File Ref: Tourism – Promotions****Action Officer: CTM****Background/Summary**

The following is the August 2023 summary of activities for Somerset Visitor Information Centres and the Tourism team members.


Visitor Statistics

	Somerset	Brisbane	Other SEQ	Rest of state	Interstate	International	Total
 Esk VIC	73	89	55	11	50	6	331
 Fernvale VIC	101	131	104	37	76	17	468
 Kilcoy VIC	166	183	157	52	246	31	835
 The Condensery	164	83	97	16	29	2	391

	First	Second	Third
Esk	 Maps and Directions	 Glen Rock Gallery	 Outdoor Activities

Fernvale	 Maps and Directions	 Brisbane Valley Rail Trail	 Caravanning and Camping
Kilcoy	 Maps and Directions	 Caravanning and Camping	 Outdoor Activities
The Condensery	 The Condensery Exhibitions	 The Condensery Building	 Culture and Heritage

Motivators

Active Volunteers 	
Esk	8
Fernvale	21
Kilcoy	6
TOTAL	35

*Digital Media***Facebook**

3,977
(+31)
Reach 17125
(-82 %)

Instagram

1670 (+30)
Reach: 1,382
(-6%)

Website

Page Views: 10 666
Visitors: 1809 new, 57 returning
Peak Time: Tuesday, 8 August
Most Popular Pages: Experience Somerset, Events and Markets
Device Type: 51% Mobile, 46% Desktop, 3% Tablet

Glen Rock Art Gallery (Esk Visitor Information Centre)

The August exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery showcases Moore local artists Deborah Johnston-Booker, Jessica Booker, Shane Ryan and Atto Zarzura.

The feature works of Deborah Johnstone-Booker include mixed media works 'Serpent and the Blue Sky' series, with a message of hope and regeneration. The series was accepted as a finalist in the 2016 Pro Hart Outback Art Prize, held at the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery. It also includes the 'Found Objects' series which creates a story about the environment in which the discarded objects, used in the artwork, have been found.

Visitor Information Centre Volunteer Famil

Planning is underway for the end of year famil to be held in December to celebrate the year and International Volunteers Day.

Trade Shows

A stand has been secured for the Moreton Bay Expo in February 2024. Operators will be invited to attend once more details have been finalised.

Regional Tourism Organisation

Southern Queensland Country Tourism hosted a Resilience and Business Continuity Planning workshop in Esk on Monday, 28, August with four operators attending.

Planning is currently underway by Southern Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT) to host an event organisers workshop in November in Toowoomba. Details will be sent to Somerset event organisers once finalised.

Tourism Operator Development

The Best of Brisbane Region Experiences Support Program and Transformational Experiences Mentoring Program is continuing with operators learning ways to improve their businesses to become a Best of Queensland Experience.

Planning is underway to host a tourism operator networking event in late October with details to be announced once finalised in September.

Regional Event Support and Development 2023-2024

Officers are actively working with event organisers to encourage and support the development of new and existing regional events in 2023-2024, including:

- Agritourism events
- Sporting events
- Adventure race events

Council and Experience Somerset have agreed to sponsor and provide event support to the following regional events:

- Queensland Cross Country Championships 2023, hosted by Queensland Athletics
- Legends of Beef 2024, hosted by Brisbane Valley Farm Direct
- BVRT Festival of Cycling 2023, hosted by Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Users Association

Marketing Implementation Plan

Officers are actioning the Experience Somerset Marketing Plan and associated documents, and aim to complete 50 per cent of these items by 30 June 2024.

Marketing Campaigns

As part of the Winter 2023 campaign, Take the Road Less Travelled, Experience Somerset participated in a collaborative marketing campaign with Southern Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT). The campaign featured the Experience Somerset Winter content for four weeks between 4-31 July 2023. The full SQCT campaign ran from 13 June to 11 September 2023. The following results were achieved:

<i>Campaign</i>	<i>Results</i>
Winter – Take the Road Less Travelled SQCT Collaborative Marketing Campaign V1 Dates active: 4-17 July 2023 -Mix of paid and organic digital content -EDM sent to SQCT database 5 July 2023 -Featured blog on SQCT campaign landing page	Reach: 44,744 Impressions: 81,284 Unique link clicks: 1,111 FB Reach: 3,197 FB Engagement: 36 Insta Reach: 915 Insta Engagement: 41 Insta Story Reach: 2,454
Winter – Take the Road Less Travelled SQCT Collaborative Marketing Campaign V2 Dates active: 18-31 July 2023 -Mix of paid and organic digital content -EDM sent to SQCT database -Featured blog on SQCT campaign landing page	Reach: 49,138 Impressions: 82,079 Unique link clicks: 651 FB Reach: 4,211 FB Engagement: 56 Insta Reach: 1,247 Insta Engagement: 61 Insta Story Reach: 3,873
	Results will be available at time of campaign completion.

Tourism and Marketing Activities

Promotions Officer continues to:

- Prepare content for Spring 2023 campaign.
- Draft submission for LGAQ Time to Shine Competition.
- Draft CEO's LGAQ Conference Presentation.
- Develop concept for video component of 2024 QTIC Town Awards Submissions.
- Prepare for Experience Somerset content capture – Imagery and Video for 2024 regional visitor guide, website update, destination video update and more.

Twenty-two boxes of the Experience Somerset Visitor Guide were distributed to seven Visitor Information Centres and two tourism operators throughout August.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the Tourism and Promotions Report for the month of August 2023 and that the contents be noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT Council receive the Tourism and Promotions Report for the month of August 2023 and that the contents be noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject: Corporate and Community Services Monthly Report - August 2023
File Ref: SRC/Governance/Reporting
Action Officer: DCORP

Background/Summary

Details of the Corporate and Community Services report for the month of August 2023 are as follows:

Records

Documentation – At a Glance – August 2023

Inward/Actioned Documents – 3782	Outward Correspondence - 1882
Customer Service Requests - 419	Councillor Requests – 12 (Twelve)
Emails Processed by the Records Team	
Corporate Mailbox - mail@ - 16,133	Internal Only Records Email – 10,824
Decision Notices/Workshop Outcomes –	Tender/Quotation –
Decision Notices – Forty (40)	Tenders – Tenders (0)
Workshop Actions – Eighteen (18)	Numbered Quotations – 0

Total Documents Registered for the month of August 2023 – 8618

Email Traffic

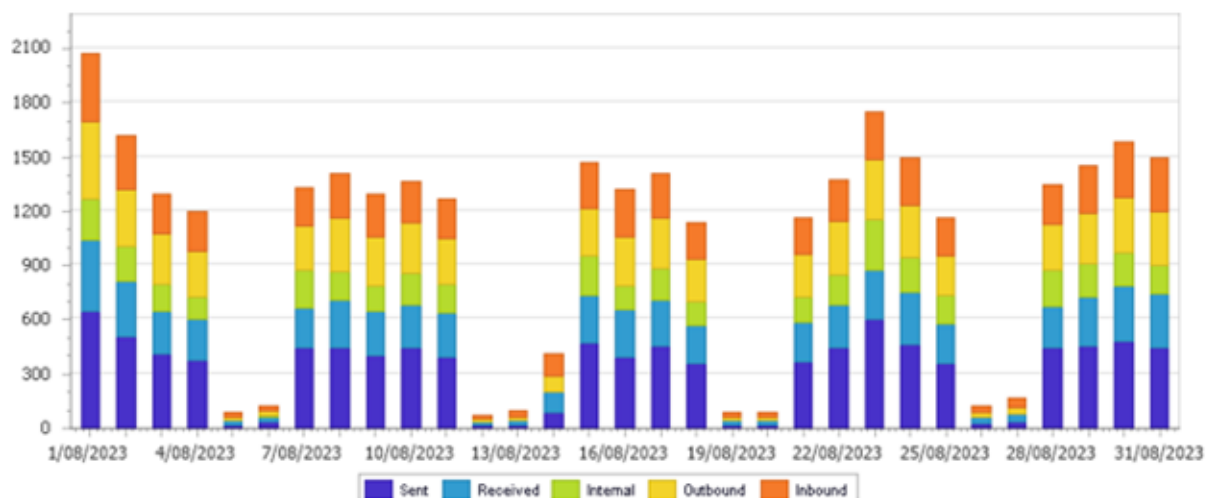
Somerset Regional Council mail@somerset.qld.gov.au (Corporate Mailbox)

Somerset Regional Council

Emails between 1/08/2023 and 31/08/2023

Summary

Inbound Total Emails: 5807	Outbound Total Emails: 6458	Internal Total Emails: 3868	Sent Total Emails: 6045	Received Total Emails: 10088
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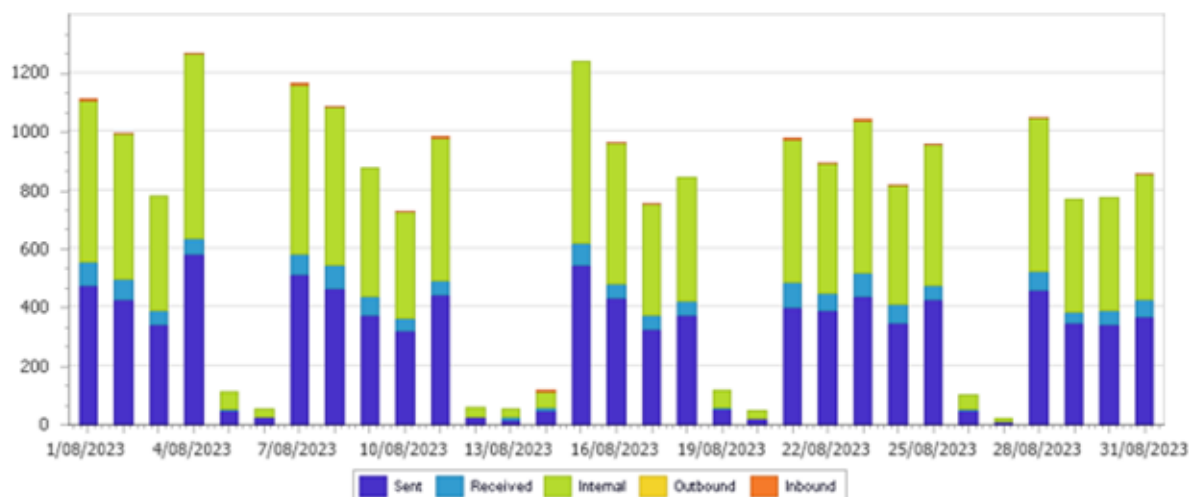


Records

Emails between 1/08/2023 and 31/08/2023

Summary

Inbound	Outbound	Internal	Sent	Received
Total Emails: 39	Total Emails: 0	Total Emails: 10785	Total Emails: 1358	Total Emails: 9466



Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Software and infrastructure upgrades continue in line with budgetary considerations and operational requirements, and work continues implementing audit recommendations in line with target dates.

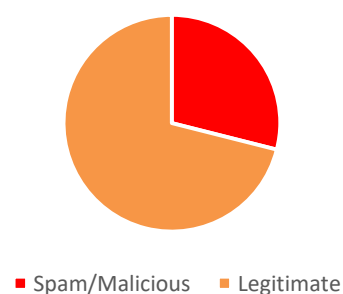
Enhancements to our cybersecurity defences, vulnerability monitoring and antivirus systems have been implemented, along with new training devices for staff.

Upgrades to NBN technologies continue to be implemented across multiples sites in order to increase the capabilities of a distributed workforce, while continuing to enhance the centralised building setup in Esk.

Cyber Security

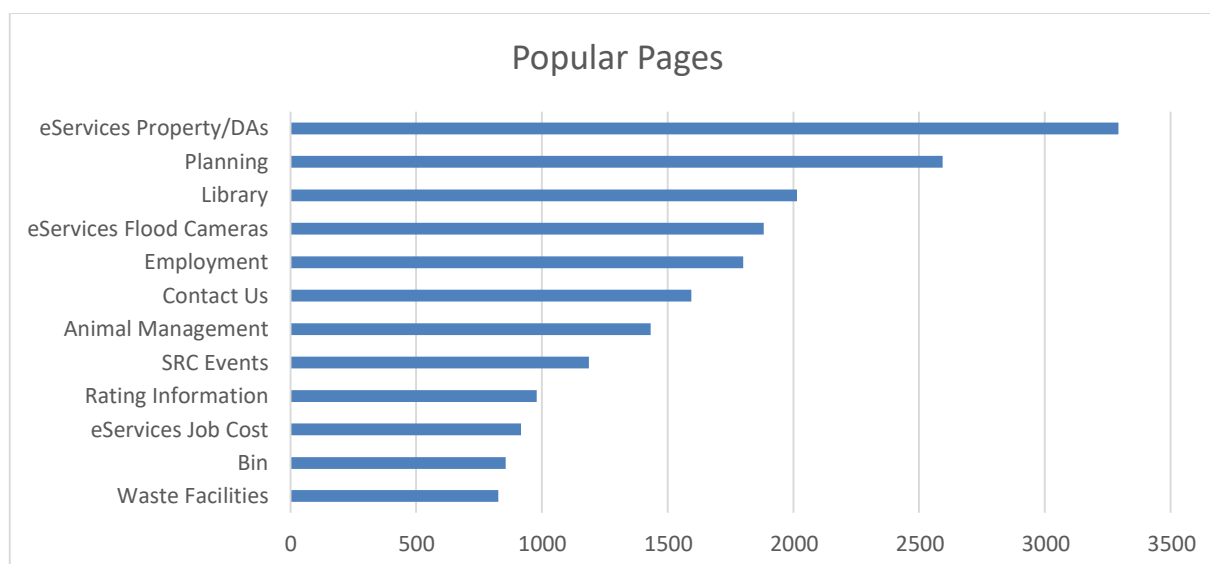
The number of incoming malicious emails remained steady with an increase in total emails overall. Phishing emails continue to target Office365, file sharing services and videoconferencing utilities, with several incoming malicious emails received from compromised email accounts at vendors and other government entities including Councils. Internet facing resources continue to be bombarded with targeted attacks, with the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) and Queensland Government Chief Information Officer (QGCI) warnings of ongoing campaigns by foreign nations and organised hacker groups targeting Australian government and business networks enduring.

Incoming Emails



Websites

The primary corporate website (someset.qld.gov.au) received 44,180 page views for the month, and eServices (eservices.someset.qld.gov.au) received 17,809.



Governance and Business Improvement

Annual Report

In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, s190(1), the Chief Executive Officer is required to assess the local government's progress towards implementing the 5 year corporate plan and annual operational plan and include this assessment in Council's annual report. Contributions from staff across the organisation have been included in a draft Annual Report for the 2022-2023 period.

Section 182 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 specifies that the annual report must be adopted within 1 month after the day the auditor-general gives it's audit report about the local government's financial statements. It is anticipated that the audit report will be received by 13 October 2023.

Delegations

Significant progress has been made in developing a system for the efficient review and distribution of delegations from our CEO to relevant staff. This aligns with our team values of 'Empowered workforce,' 'Positive Interaction,' and 'Excellence.' The Information Services Team will soon be preparing options for delegating CEO powers further down the organisational structure. This presents a fantastic opportunity for Team Somerset to review and improve its work systems and processes, empowering the workforce to make timely decisions and take appropriate actions.

This is a complex undertaking, and completing this project successfully will require collaboration across the organisation. All staff have been encouraged to make suggestions and note impediments, or points of frustration encountered in their roles, along with possible solutions. Feedback will be collated, assessed for solutions and a plan made for implementation of the solutions found.

Local Laws

A review of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 (SLL No.2) and Subordinate Local Law No. 1.5 (Keeping of Animals) 2011 (SLL No. 1.5) was conducted under the Animal Subordinate Local Law Review Project.

In order to give effect to the intent of the review findings and recommendations therein, amendments have been made to the above legislation and will be submitted to Council for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for September 2023.

Should Council resolve to make the proposed subordinate local laws, the public consultation process will commence thereafter.

Policy Review

Council have previously resolved to adopt the following documents developed by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the Department):

- best practice standing orders, and
- model meeting procedures.

The Department have released new versions of these documents as follows:

- Best Practice Standing Orders for Local Government and Standing Committee Meetings (June 2023), and
- Model Meeting Procedures (revised June 2023).

These documents have been reviewed and a report prepared for Council's consideration at an Ordinary Meeting scheduled for September 2023.

Arts and Culture

Events

Council led events

Australian Citizenship Ceremony

An Australian Citizenship Ceremony was held Friday September 1, 2023, at the Somerset Civic Centre. There were 39 Conferees and approximately 95 in attendance overall. Conferees were presented with a framed citizenship certificate, tote/gift bag and an Australian native plant.

Mayoral Gala Charity Ball

Somerset Regional Council held its fourth Mayoral Gala Charity Ball 'Spirit of Somerset' on Saturday 19th August 2023 at the Somerset Civic Centre, Esk.

Two hundred and thirty-two guests enjoyed a three-course meal while being entertained with a community performance, comedic dinner performance and five piece band.

Guests were encouraged to get behind fund raising efforts through the mediums of a silent auction, live auction, and raffles.

The centrepiece of the 'Spirit of Somerset -Australiana' theming, was the installation of a four and a half metre tall fig tree in the auditorium. It's majestic ten metre span of branches was effective in bringing the Australian countryside indoors.

Somerset Libraries



Physical Items
Circulated
30385



Total visitation
7202



Events and
Activities
45



New Members
88

Somerset Library staff delivered a successful outreach visit to Prenzlau State School Under 8's Day with staff reaching 42 children and 33 Adults during this event.

Somerset Libraries hosted its first special Storytime at The Condensery with the First Five Forever trailer.

Kilcoy Library had a visit from the Kilcoy C and K Kindergarten with 24 children and 9 Adults attending. This was a great community engagement opportunity

Somerset Civic Centre

August saw the return of the Esk Community Choir in preparation for their performance at the Mayoral Ball as well as their upcoming 'Broadway to the Stars' show in September.

Opera QLD performed for schools in the region which was a great hit amongst primary



Visitors
1,114



Workshops/Events
28



Shows presented and
in development
8

schools, with a total of 145 students and teachers attending this free performance. Somerset Civic Centre is in discussions with Opera QLD to see what other opportunities are available for 2024.

Wonderful testimonials were received from teachers who attended the event

The Condensery



Visitors
391



Public and Educational
Programs
5



Exhibitions presented and in
development
6

The Condensery exhibited *The Good* an exhibition of work by Anna Louise Richardson toured by Museums and Galleries NSW. The gallery also hosted Kellie O'Dempsey for an artist in residence opportunity. Funded by Regional Arts Development Fund, Kellie worked with local artist Naomi McKenzie and presented:

- Bomb Shelter Performance drawing
- The Collage Collision workshop, adults
- The Collage Collision workshop, children

Storytime was delivered at The Condensery as part of the First 5 Forever initiative of the State Library of Queensland. Storytime will be held regularly on the last Thursday of each month, themed with each exhibition.

Programs in development





- Film Photo walk with Naomi McKenzie.
- Healing Garden workshop with Jane Nicholson at The Condensery.
- Healing Garden workshop with Makiko Ramsay at The Condensery.
- Storytime, a First 5 Forever creative playgroup for September
- Intimate Immensity exhibition opening
- New creation station activity



Sport and Recreation Report

The following contains an overview of Sport and Recreation programs and projects for the month of August 2023.

Indoor sport, gymnasium and aquatic facility operations

Facility	Commentary / Highlights	Attendance for the Month	Comparative to Month Historical Average	Membership Change (comparative to previous month) - Total

<i>Fernvale Indoor Sports Centre</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Breaking the Cycle program had 46 young people participate in driving lessons, accumulating a total of 50 hours. Two young people passed their driving exam and obtain driver's licence. • 99 young people participated in the basketball after dark program. • The gymnastics program had 262 enrolments. • 63 children participated in the Little and Active program. • No incidents reported. 	3,879 Attendance Record for August	 +1,903 (1,976)	 + 65 (1,354)
<i>Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued growth of All Abilities program. • Progress continued with Return to Work Programs - Kilcoy Global Food and Work Cover Queensland. • Increased response to govt program for knee and hip rehabilitation with physio and physiologist. • No incidents to report. 	1,686	 -505 (2,191)	 +2 (113)

<i>Toogoolawah Community Gym and Swimming Pool</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pool scheduled to reopen on 16 September 2023. Capital works have been completed to transition the pool from a liquid chlorine system to a salt electrochlorination system. Additional capital works have been completed to improve the facility operations including pump and strainer replacement. Commencement of Queensland Government program for knee and hip rehabilitation with a physiotherapist and physiologist No incidents to report 	<p>798</p> <p>Attendance Record for August</p> <p>Highest Monthly Attendance for Winter (pool closure) Period</p>	<p> + 368 (430)</p>	<p> -3 (48)</p>
<i>Kilcoy Aquatic Centre</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled to reopen on 16 September 2023. Maintenance and capital works have been completed, including depth marker tile installation and tile repair, fixture enhancements, plant maintenance, filtration area expansion / alterations and the installation of new electric heat pumps for the Learn-to-Swim / Therapy Pool. 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p><i>Lowood Swimming Pool</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled to reopen on 16 September 2023. • Construction works for the upgrade of the Lowood Swimming Pool carpark began in August. Works are scheduled to be completed in October 2023. Temporary arrangement will be put in place to allow for parking and access to the facility. • Minor maintenance works have been completed. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Sport and Recreation Highlights and Projects

- Works began on the Lowood Recreation Complex drainage enhancements and flooding repairs. Excess vegetation was removed along the 300 metre length of the gully that runs through the complex. Future works including excavating the gully, improved fencing and mitigating sections of the bank will be undertaken in 2023. The project is funded by Queensland Government through the Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program.
- The sixth annual Somerset Sports Cup was held at the Toogoolawah State High School on 25 August. Sports and Recreation Officers Michelle Francis and Andrew Jaremenko attended the day which was the second and final day of this annual event. Approximately 200 students from the Toogoolawah, Lowood and Kilcoy State High School participated in a round robin competition. Students participated in volleyball, football, touch football and netball. Kilcoy State High School retained the overall trophy.

A highlight of the day was the Teachers versus Police exhibition touch football match. Teachers from the three schools participated and police were involved from stations around the region including the PCYC. The teachers won the match. Council financially contributes to the event by organising bus transport, first aid and trophies. The event continues to be well received by students and teachers.

- Planning continued for Minor Infrastructure Projects, including the installation of an irrigation system and field refurbishments (including the installation of new goal posts) at the Esk Football Grounds and the extension of the Brisbane Valley Soccer Clubhouse to include amenities facilities at the Lowood Recreational Complex.

- SRO planning for school holidays activities continued with two planned Sport and Movie Magic nights to be held at Kilcoy Indoor Sports Centre and Fernvale Indoor Sports Centre over the Spring School Holidays to combine activity and recreation in the one event. Planning also began for the Christmas School Holiday program.
- Lowood Recreational Complex hosted the Queensland Lifecycle Classic event on Sunday 27 August. The event saw approximately 200 riders participate in the handicap cycle race and compete for thousands in prize money. Councillor Wendt and Sports and Recreation Officer Andrew Jaremenko were on hand to volunteer for set up and the preparation of food for the incoming cyclists.

Community Development Report

The following contains an overview of Community Development programs and projects for the month of August 2023.

The Community Development Team was asked to organise and attend a meeting with the Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health, the Hon Emma McBride MP. The meeting presented an opportunity to raise issues that face our community in accessing health care, particularly older persons ability to attend hospital appointments due to transport issues. Around 25 people attended including service providers from both the Brisbane Valley and Kilcoy Interagencies.

The Community Development Coordinator was asked to join a panel to address a class about the social issues impacting Somerset. The class of 13 students were working on an assignment and were interested in learning about the region. They had identified the lack of support for older persons, the need for more food relief and better services as issues and were keen to learn more. They were made aware of the new social plan and were keen to utilise this document and recent census data to help with their research.

The first Hub at the Hub was held at the Kilcoy Community Wellness Hub on Wednesday 30 August. Seven service providers attended. Although well advertised, only one person from the public attended. The services have committed to having a presence until the end of the year and it is hoped that the Kilcoy community will take advantage of this one stop shop in the coming months.

Council is partnering with HealthWISE to bring art therapy workshops to Fernvale over a six-week period. Between 17 and 21 people have registered for each activity. HealthWISE have funding from a Bushfire Recovery and Resilience Building grant, with the aim of building community connections through art. The first workshop was held at the end of August and the attendees created resin art.

To improve residents' access to services the owners of the IGA building at Esk have agreed to facilitate the installation of a support services noticeboard on the Hassall Street side of the building. This will include a list of some 24 services that can assist residents in the Esk and Toogoolawah regions. It will include the name of the service or program, a brief description of the service and a contact phone number.

A meeting was held in Kilcoy regarding the need to establish an alternative education facility to meet the needs of students who have disengaged from traditional schooling. This was identified as a need in the social plan. Council Officers met with an interested parent and Matthew Robertson from Kilcoy Global Foods. They were advised that there are a large number of businesses in Kilcoy who are willing to engage and offer traineeships and learning opportunities if a school could be established.

The 2023 Spring School Holiday Program has been finalised and is available online for the community to access. A range of activities such as a sports and movie night will be held in Fernvale and Kilcoy, will offer the youth a chance to try new sporting activities, free sausage sizzle and a viewing of the movie "Super Mario Bros. Movie". The annual Teddy Bears Picnic will be taking place in Esk which is a free event with service providers attending to provide information and activities.

Due to popular demand, the Rolla Bae Esk Roller Skating evening has been booked for Friday 8 December to align with the final day of the school term.

The Youth and Community Development Officer attended the Kilcoy Careers Expo held on 10 August to discuss with career opportunities within Council. The Expo has been initiated to provide much needed information on post-school training and employment options as well as support services available to the Kilcoy community. Other meetings attended included Brisbane Valley and Kilcoy Interagency Meetings, Lowood Youth Festival organising committee meeting and the inception meeting for the Lowood State High School Indigenous Engagement Project.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the Corporate and Community Services monthly report for August 2023 and the contents be noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Wendt

Seconded – Cr Gaedtke

"THAT Council receive the Corporate and Community Services monthly report for August 2023 and the contents be noted."

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Linville BVRT Trailhead Masterplan – preliminary consultation results
File Ref:	PARKS AND RESERVES - PLANNING - Reserves
Action Officer:	MES

Background/Summary

In April 2022, Council supported the proposed joint funding arrangement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to develop a masterplan for the Linville BVRT Trailhead, including the camping area. The key objectives of the masterplan were as outlined below.

Objectives of the master plan, is to incorporate:

1. *The safe movement of trail users along the trail, with minimal conflict with camping vehicles.*
2. *The safe movement of campers from camping areas to facilities and town.*
3. *Identified camping area(s).*

4. *The promotion of the historic values of the site, including the carriages, building and associated rail infrastructure.*
5. *Strong linkages back to the town and nearby playground.*
6. *The use of endemic species in landscaping.*
7. *A cost-effective solution that minimises ongoing maintenance costs.*

A preliminary draft was prepared and presented to the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Steering Committee for initial feedback, which informed the final draft that was released for public consultation in July 2023. Council Officers held a drop-in information session at the Linville Hall on 27 July 2023, where approximately forty (40) people attended over the four-hour session.

Council simultaneously commenced an online “Have Your Say” campaign, which closed on the 31 August 2023. A total of thirty-eight (38) responses were received via the online survey. Two formal responses were received from the Linville Progress Association and The Australian Trail Horse Riders Association.

Council Officers have commenced analysing the community feedback from the consultation undertaken and preliminary reviews have identified several key themes emerging. These are:

1. Strong support for the master plan to enhance the rural village character of Linville;
2. Strong support for increased shade, water bubblers and areas to enjoy a picnic or similar;
3. Considerable interest in the future of the camping area; and
4. Considerable interest in the future of equine area.

Generally there was overall support for the concept and good feedback to be incorporated in future detailed design. Council Officers will now review all feedback received and workshop areas where there are divergent views on aspects of the plan. A final plan will be prepared and presented to Council for adoption at a future meeting.

Attachments

Recommendation

THAT Council receive and note the report titled “Linville BVRT Trailhead Masterplan – preliminary consultation results”.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Gaedtke

“THAT Council receive and note the report titled “Linville BVRT Trailhead Masterplan – preliminary consultation results”.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Lowood Family Community Christmas Party – Request for Temporary Closure of Carpark
File Ref:	Roads / road closures / temporary
Action Officer:	CSSA

Background/Summary

Mercy Community Services in Lowood are keen to replicate a Family Community Christmas Party event that they held last year. It will be held on Wednesday, 13 December 2023 from 9.30am to 11am at the Early Years Place, 1 Peace Street, Lowood.

Last year around 50 children and 25 adults attended and this year they anticipate more will attend. To add to the event, last year they invited the emergency services. The SES attended with their boat, QAS with an ambulance and QPS with their van. They parked in the carpark adjacent to Early Years Place, Peace Street, Lowood.

This year they would like to do the same, as the activity was very popular, but to reduce the risk with over excited young children breaking free from their parent's hold, they are asking if:-

- (a) it would be possible to close the carpark to the general public for the event; or
- (b) close part of the carpark

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council approve the closure of the carpark adjacent to the Early Years Place in Peace Street from 6am to 11.30am to ensure the safety of the children attending the Lowood Family Community Christmas Party.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Brieschke

Seconded – Cr Whalley

“THAT Council approve the closure of the carpark adjacent to the Early Years Place in Peace Street from 6am to 11.30am to ensure the safety of the children attending the Lowood Family Community Christmas Party.”

Vote - Unanimous

Carried

Subject:	Container deposit scheme refund – Update
File Ref:	Waste management/ services provision/ container deposit scheme
Action Officer:	DOPER

Background/Summary

Council was recently advised that Anuha would be stopping its pop-up container deposit scheme pop ups in the Somerset Region. Council Officer have since been working with Containers for Change to ensure that this service would continue for our community.

Containers for Change have arranged for new contractors to take over the pop-up collection working to the same times as the previous contractor. This arrangement is temporary to early 2024 while Containers for Change review the service and how to best meet the future demands for our region.

However, to ensure that this service could continue without interruption to the community Council needed to enter into a new agreement with Containers for Change for the use of public land to undertake these collections.

An agreement was forwarded to Containers for Change on 14 September and is based on the previous arrangement used successfully by the previous contractor.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's actions of entering into a new arrangement with Containers for Change.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Wendt

Seconded – Cr Brieschke

“THAT Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's actions of entering into a new arrangement with Containers for Change.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Tender 1321 – Supply of Precast Supply of Precast Concrete Bridge Deck units – Scrub Creek Road Bridge
File Ref:	Corporate management - Tendering – Quotations - 2023 – 2024 – Tenders - Tender 1321 – Supply of Concrete Bridge Girders – Scrub Creek
Action Officer:	WM

Background/Summary

A new bridge is to be constructed at the Scrub Creek Road crossing of the Brisbane River, Braemore. This new bridge will replace the existing causeway severely damaged as part of the February 2022 floods and is being replaced under the State and Federal Government's betterment program.

Detailed design is being finalised for the new bridge across this western channel to enable the invitation of tenders from suitably qualified bridge construction contractors. However, due to the long lead time for precast bridge deck units Council has released an open tender for the manufacture and supply of sixteen precast bridge deck units.

Tenders were open for a period of four weeks and invited using Vendor Panel. Two conforming tenders were received as follows:

Quickcell Technology Products Pty. Ltd.	\$302,720 inc GST,
Con-Tec Pty. Ltd.	\$218,760 inc GST.

Both companies have experience in the manufacture of precast bridge deck units.

Based on the tender assessment and confirmation that the units can be supplied within the required timeframe it is recommended to award to Con-tec for the amount of approximately \$218,760 inc GST, noting the final detailed design may require minor changes to the tender supplied drawings.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council awards Tender 1321 Supply of Concrete Bridge Girders – Scrub Creek to Con-Tec Pty. Ltd for the supply of sixteen precast concrete bridge deck units for the amount of \$218,760 Inc GST.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Wendt

“THAT Council awards Tender 1321 Supply of Concrete Bridge Girders – Scrub Creek to Con-Tec Pty. Ltd for the supply of sixteen precast concrete bridge deck units for the amount of \$218,760 Inc GST.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Declarable Conflict of interest Cr Wendt – Agenda Item 30 - Contract 1319 - Supply and Installation of Fernvale sports park Irrigation system

I inform this meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*). The nature of my interest is as follows -

This declarable conflict of interest arises because a person who is a related party of mine has an interest in this matter.

Particulars -

- (i) Name of related parties: Anthony de Ruiter;
- (ii) The nature of my relationship with this related party is that Anthony de Ruiter's wife is my wife's sister;
- (iii) The nature of the related party's interest in this matter is that Anthony de Ruiter through his company A & M Civil, has provided a tender for this matter.

I wish to participate in the decision in relation to this matter for the following reason:

The interest is considered to be sufficiently remote so as not to unduly influence my impartiality.

I acknowledge that eligible Councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 150ES of the *Local Government Act 2009* whether I:

- May participate in the decision about the matter, including by voting on the matter; or

- Must leave the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away from the meeting while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter.

Resolution Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Gaedtke

"THAT Cr Wendt may remain in the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on, as Cr Wendt will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter."

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Contract 1319 Supply and Installation of Fernvale sports park Irrigation system
File Ref:	Corporate management - Tendering – Quotations - 2023 – 2024 – Tenders - Tender 1319 – Supply and Installation of Fernvale sports park Irrigation System
Action Officer:	WM

Background/Summary

Located at Fernvale Sports Park the project tender submission was broken into two separable portions and includes the following scope of works:

Separable Portion 1:

- Prepare, supply and construct gravel access to storage tank area.
- Supply and Install storage tank including pump shed, boundary fence and gates.
- Supply and install pipework connection to incoming water supply, overflow to swale with precast headwall similar for subsoil.
- Supply and install pipework connection for irrigation mainline.
- Supply, install and commission pumps and filter.
- Supply and Install Irrigation Controller and Rain Switch.

Separable Portion 2:

- Supply and install irrigation system.
- Grading, levelling, and refurbishment of sport fields with compatible turf.

Open tenders were called, published on 13 July 2023 and remained open until 14 August 2023. A total of three tender submissions were received, one was assessed as being non-conforming.

Tender evaluation was completed in two stages, qualitative and financial. The criteria of price, track record and experience, project delivery methodology, program of works, safety and quality, and contribution to the local economy was used as the basis for the qualitative assessment.

Qualitative Summary of the received submissions:

A and M Civil (A and M)

A and M's submission was the higher financial offer of the two received. A and M's submission did not include a detailed construction program; however they submitted list of the works to

be performed in sequence, with expected lead times for key items. health safety environment management plans and other compliant documentation were submitted. Overall, the submission is deemed compliant.

Hydro Vision (HV)

HV's submission was the lowest financial offer and included a detailed construction program that meets Council's expectation, and a detailed methodology for construction and installation. Lead times of key items are also included and appeared to be shorter than those from A and M program. Health safety environment management plans and compliant documentation were also submitted. HV also provided capability statement which highlight their expertise in similar projects - installation. Overall, the submission is deemed compliant.

The project budget only allows for portion 1 at this time. Council will be applying under the Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund with the objective of seeking funding for portion 2. Accordingly, the recommendation in this report is for portion 1. If this grant application succeeds, a future report will come back to Council for consideration.

Attachment

Confidential attachment – Overall tender evaluation

Recommendation

THAT Council award Tender 1319 - Supply and Installation of Fernvale Sports Park Irrigation System separable portion 1 (Tanks and Pump System) be awarded to Hydro Vision for the tendered price of \$231,890 ex GST.

Resolution Moved – Cr Choat

Seconded – Cr Isidro

“THAT Council award Tender 1319 - Supply and Installation of Fernvale Sports Park Irrigation System separable portion 1 (Tanks and Pump System) be awarded to Hydro Vision for the tendered price of \$231,890 ex GST.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject:	Community Assistance Grants 2023 - 2024 Summary of Applications - Funding Round One (1) 2023 - 2024
File Ref:	Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations
Action Officer:	DHRCS

Background/Summary

A total of seventeen (17) applications were received for community assistance grants for Round One (1) of 2023 - 2024 financial year.

The budget allocation for 2023 - 2024 financial year is \$182,156.

Available funds as of 1 September 2023 are approximately \$151,495.52. Given the total recommendations for funding from this round total \$35,380.40 there would a remaining available balance of approximately \$116,115.12 for the remainder of the financial year should all recommendations be approved.

Community assistance grants applications for round one (1) of the 2023 - 2024 financial year are summarised below. Individual officer's reports attached for information only.

Doc #	Applicant	Amount requested	Amount recommended for approval
1531077	Fernvale Community Church auspiced by the Lions Club of Fernvale Inc.	\$ 3,600	\$ 500
1539125	Glamorgan Vale Hall Christmas Carnival Inc.	\$ 1,550	\$1,000
1537914	Kilcoy Golf Club Inc.	\$ 5,000	\$2,728
1538370	Kilcoy Campdraft Committee Inc.	\$ 9,800	\$1,000
1537603	Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc.	\$ 399	\$ 399
1527055	Kilcoy District Tennis Association Inc.	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
1538658	Kilcoy Residents Special Events Association Inc.	\$ 3,500	\$2,500
1538362	Lowood and District Kindergarten Association Inc.	\$ 500	\$ 500
1534564	Lowood Show Society Inc.	\$ 1,500	\$1,000
1537574	Moore Soldiers Memorial Hall Inc.	\$ 2,862	\$1,431
1529565	Mount Beppo Public Hall Committee Inc.	\$14,160	\$5,000
1538582	Mt Kilcoy Progress Association Inc.	\$ 7,000	\$2,500
1538655	Mt Kilcoy State School P and C Inc.	\$12,111.56	\$2,827
1537754	Mount Stanley Muster Inc.	\$ 2,500	\$1,000
1533215	QCWA Lowood Branch Inc.	\$ 1,086.40	\$1,086.40
1538651	Toogoolawah and District Men's Shed Inc.	\$15,850	\$5,000
1535540	West Moreton Landcare Group Inc.	\$ 1,909	\$1,909
Total Community Assistance Grant Funds Requested – Round One 2023/24		\$84,527.96	\$35,380.40

Attachments

Individual Officers Reports for outlining applications received for funding through the Community Assistance Grant scheme are attached for information only.

Recommendation

THAT Community assistance grants applications for round one (1) of the 2023 - 2024 financial year as summarised in this report and set out in the attached officers reports be approved for funding and \$35,380.40, plus GST if applicable, be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Isidro

Seconded – Cr Wendt

“THAT Community assistance grants applications for round one (1) of the 2023 - 2024 financial year as summarised in this report and set out in the attached officers reports be approved for funding and \$35,380.40, plus GST if applicable, be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation.”

Carried*Vote - Unanimous***INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report**

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023/2024 – Fernvale Community Church auspiced by the Lions Club of Fernvale
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1531077
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with hosting the annual 'Carols in The Park' a free community event presented by Fernvale Community Church. Funds required to cover hire of lighting, travel costs for singing groups, gifts for children and advertising banners.

Amount requested:	\$3,600
Total cost of project:	\$3,600
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 500

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

The annual 'Carols in The Park' is a free community event presented by Fernvale Community Church to provide a relaxed evening of Christmas entertainment.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$500 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Fernvale Community Church with the costs associated with hosting the annual 'Carols in the Park'.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023/2024 – Glamorgan Vale Hall Committee Inc.
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1539125
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with hosting the annual Glamorgan Vale Hall Christmas Carnival, to be held Saturday, 25 November 2023.

Amount requested:	\$1,550.00
Total cost of project:	\$9,260.55
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$1,000.00

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The Glamorgan Vale Hall Christmas Carnival is an exciting and happy social event enjoyed by the whole community.
- The event will provide entertainment for all ages including children's activities and rides such as face painting and a jumping castle.
- The group is seeking a grant to assist with the costs associated with holding the event including wheelie bin hire from Council of \$50.
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Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Glamorgan Vale Hall Committee Inc. with costs associated with hosting the Glamorgan Vale Hall Christmas Carnival 2023.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 – Kilcoy Golf Club Inc.
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1537914
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with purchasing 40 stackable function chairs to assist the group in accommodating increased demand for functions due to the building improvements.

Amount requested:	\$5,000
Total cost of project:	\$5,456
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$2,728 (50% of total project cost)

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- Kilcoy Golf Club provides sporting and social benefits to people of all ages and abilities in the Somerset Region.
- We offer a Junior Coaching Program as well as competition play for males and females.
- There has been strong growth in the number of social players at the course over the last 12 months and this includes many visitors to the Somerset Region. The number of players using the course is up 34% overall types of play on the previous year. (August 2022 – August 2023).
- The Golf Club continues to build relationships with other community groups in Kilcoy.
- The Kilcoy Golf Club offers a facility that is unique to any other venue in Kilcoy and is well suited to many different community groups as well as for golf functions.
- Recent building improvements mean that the space has become even more popular for community use and so we need more function chairs.
- The club is committed to a high standard in our facility and equipment and wish to purchase good quality, commercial grade furniture in line with other furniture purchases over the last three years.
- After an extensive and expensive building program over the last 2 years the club really needs the support of the council for this purchase.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$2,728 (50% of total project cost) be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist the Kilcoy Golf Club Inc with the costs associated with purchasing stackable function chairs.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023-2024 – Kilcoy Campdraft Committee Inc.
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1538370
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with repairs to the cattle yards at the Kilcoy Showground Reserve and sponsorship of the Charity Campdraft event.

Amount requested:	\$5,000.00
Total cost of project:	\$9,800.00
Amount recommended to be granted:	To be considered.

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- Due to the showgrounds being used by several different user groups throughout the year maintenance to the cattle yards and ring is required. The Committee would also like to make some improvements to the design of the yards.
- The group plan to run a charity campdraft in October 2023 (final dates TBC) to raise money for cancer research. Sponsorship of \$1,000 has been requested for this event.
- The annual campdraft is a community event that can be enjoyed by Somerset residents of all ages with an action packed three days which include a bar, saddle cut-out and live band entertainment on the Saturday night.
- Campdrafting is not just a sport for those in rural and remote areas. The event promotes socialisation for people who would otherwise be isolated on their properties.
- The event is run mostly by volunteers and primary producers in the Somerset region who donate their time and cattle to make the campdraft successful. The event also promotes tourism to the Kilcoy area with many participants travelling from out of town to attend.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT:

1. the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist the Kilcoy Campdraft Association Inc with the costs associated with holding a Charity Campdraft event in October 2023; and
2. correspondence be sent to the Kilcoy Campdraft Association Inc requesting they consult with the Kilcoy Recreation Grounds Advisory Committee regarding repairs and maintenance concerns.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 – Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc.

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1537603

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with printing a further 2,000 copies of the Kilcoy History Trail brochure due to stocks running low to be displayed throughout the Somerset region.

Amount requested:	\$399
Total cost of project:	\$399
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$399

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The Kilcoy District Historical Society (KDHS) is heavily involved with the local history of the area as well as tourism in Kilcoy.
- Copies of the Kilcoy History Trail brochure is running low.
- The brochures are supplied to tourism outlets, and information centres within the Somerset region promoting tourism and the KDHS.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$399 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc. with the costs associated with printing a further 2,000 copies of the Kilcoy History Trail brochure due to stocks running low to be displayed throughout the Somerset region.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 Kilcoy District Tennis Association Inc

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1528478

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated the installation of a drain in front of the club house on court two as advised by the contractors completing the resurfacing of the courts and Tennis Queensland. The drain will prevent further erosion occurring beneath the courts surface.

Amount requested:	\$ 5,000
Total cost of project:	\$ 5,015
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 5,000

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- Prior to the resurfacing of the tennis courts, the club was advised that it was critical for a drain to be placed in front of the clubhouse on court two. Without the drain, the court foundations would be compromised due to erosion under the courts surface.
- The installation of the drain will prevent further erosion and damage to the new surfaces.
- The project will benefit the entire Kilcoy community by ensuring the courts are structurally sound and safe to play on.
- The courts are currently used three days per week by the social tennis club and Kilcoy State High School. Juniors Tennis and Pickleball also utilise the courts once a week.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$5,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Kilcoy District Tennis Association Inc with the costs associated the installation of a drain on court two at the Kilcoy Tennis Courts.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023 - 2024 – Kilcoy Residents Special Events Assoc.
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1538658
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with holding the annual Kilcoy Christmas Carnival on Saturday, 2 December 2023.

Amount requested:	\$ 3,500.00
Total cost of project:	\$24,318.04
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 2,500.00

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The Kilcoy Special Events committee has successfully run this event since 2018. We have been able to finance this event through different fundraising events, local business donations. This year with the large increase in insurance and amusement ride costs we are doubtful our small team are going to be able to raise the funds required to provide what we have in previous years.

- Our committee provides a free event to our community. The Christmas Carnival consists of free amusement rides for everyone, roving entertainment acts, face painting, a visit from Santa on the local fire engine, a variety of food vans, entertainment, fireworks, Christmas carols sung by surrounding schools, Kindy's, and Day-care centres. Market stalls also line the street for attendees to do a spot of Christmas shopping.
- Our event helps to bring our community together to spread some Christmas joy. By offering all these amazing attractions to everyone for no cost we are able to include people on every budget.
- In these current times with the cost of everything increasing it allows families, pensioners, and everyone in between to enjoy this fun and entertaining event for free.
- Our event also helps other businesses in the main street as they have the option to open for extended hours to profit and join in on the fun. The residents at Kilcoy aged care facility have a VIP spot in the front row so they are able to enjoy all our event has to offer, the facility busses the residents to the event, and we have seating set up for them.
- Our event tries very hard to include all residents of the Somerset Region and we offer a range of experiences for everyone to be involved in.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$2,500 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Kilcoy Residents Special Events Assoc with the costs associated with annual Kilcoy Christmas Carnival on Saturday, 2 December 2023.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 – Lowood and District Kindergarten Association Inc.

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1538362

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with holding the Lowood Kindergarten 60 year anniversary celebration afternoon tea including the purchase of a commemorative plaque to be placed on the kindergarten grounds.

Amount requested:	\$ 500
Total cost of project:	\$1,000
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 500

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The Lowood Kindergarten have been operating for 60 years and are well known in the community.
- The group would love to celebrate this achievement by hosting a small afternoon tea event at the kindergarten inviting previous community members and staff that have been associated with the kindy over the past 60 years.
- The afternoon tea would include a cake, refreshments and a commemorative plaque to be installed at the kindy.
- The Lowood kindy is passionate about building community connections and supporting local families by providing a high quality early childhood program.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$500 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Lowood and District Kindergarten Association Inc. with the costs associated with holding their 60 year anniversary celebration.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support/Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023 - 2024 – Lowood Show Society Inc. Lowood Rodeo

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1534564

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with holding the annual Lowood Rodeo on Saturday, 11 November 2023.

Amount requested:	\$ 1,500
Total cost of project:	\$ 1,500
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 1,000

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- the 2023 Lowood Rodeo is a major event for Lowood and surrounding area. The town will welcome many visitors for the event benefiting the economy.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Lowood Show Society Inc with the costs associated with holding the annual Lowood Rodeo on Saturday, 11 November 2023.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 – Moore Soldiers Memorial Hall
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1537574
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with purchasing a heavy-duty retractable umbrella to compliment and provide shade for volunteers and visitors in the established rear garden area.

Amount requested:	\$2,862
Total cost of project:	\$3,202
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$1,431 (50% of project costs)

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The installation of the heavy-duty umbrella will provide shade for volunteers and visitors who visit the hall and use the rear garden area.
- The group will provide volunteer labour and concrete in support of the project valued at \$340.
- A quote has been provided for a Asta Cantilever Umbrella (wind rated to 60kms), inground base, led light and freight totalling \$3,202.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,431 (50% of project costs) be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Moore Soldiers Memorial Hall with the costs associated with purchasing a heavy-duty retractable umbrella.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 - Mount Beppo Public Hall Committee Inc.

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1529565

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with restumping the toilet block, purchasing a ride on mower and the purchase and installation of a lockable storage unit for the ride on mower for the Mount Beppo Public Hall.

Amount requested:	\$14,160 (50% of total project)
Total cost of project:	\$28,320
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 5,000

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- To maintain the community safety of the Hall, the toilet block requires the 15 wooden stumps to be replaced with steel stumps.
- The group wish to purchase a ride on mower and lockable storage area to reduce the ongoing maintenance costs of the hall.
- The purchase prices for the proposed restumping and equipment is as follows:

- Restumping Toilet Block	\$ 19,800.00 Inc. GST
- Enduro XT2 Ride On Mower	\$ 4,999.00 Inc. GST
- Lockable Storage Unit for Mower	\$ 3,520.00 Inc. GST

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$5,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Mount Beppo Public Hall Committee Inc. with the costs associated with restumping the toilet block.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support/Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023 - 2024 – Mt Kilcoy Progress Association Inc.

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1538582

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with repainting the interior of the Mt Kilcoy Hall due to paint damage caused by the installation of ceiling fans, power and lighting upgrade.

Amount requested:	\$ 7,000
Total cost of project:	\$11,828
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 2,500

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The interior of the hall was repainted in 2021, after the repaint the power and lighting was upgraded and ceiling fans installed.
- The upgrades have damaged in the interior paint and the interior now requires repainting.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$2,500 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Mt Kilcoy Progress Association Inc. with the costs associated with repainting the interior of the Mt Kilcoy Hall.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
 From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support
 Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service
 Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023-2024 – Mount Kilcoy State School
 P and C Association
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1538655
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with upgrading the Mount Kilcoy State School's current gardening area into a space where food can be produced and used in the Life Skill Area where students can create nutritious meals.

Amount requested:	\$12,111.56
Total cost of project:	\$14,111.56
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 2,827

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The project intends to help the integration between the Life Skills area and the gardening space.

- The project involves the upgrade the Mount Kilcoy School's current gardening area into a productive space whereby food produced in the garden can be used in the kitchen / life skills area by the students to produce something nutritious and delicious.
- The project benefits the community at an entirely grassroots level. With the students' growing their own food and producing meal items from that food we believe we are equipping them for their future lives.
- The ability to grow something from seed will equip the students' with an understanding of life cycles, growing food in season, caring for the soil and using water wisely.
- The Mount Kilcoy P and C Association are contributing \$2,000 to the project.

The group have provided a detail cost break down of the project, in summary the projected cost is:

Life Skills Area.....	\$11,284.56
Garden Space.....	\$ 2,827

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$2,827 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Mount Kilcoy State School P and C Association with the costs associated with developing a garden space at Mt Kilcoy State School.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support/Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants 2023 - 2024 – Mount Stanley Muster

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1537754

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with prize money for a new Simeon Lord Memorial restricted open, as part of the 2023 Camp draft in respect to the passing of well-known Life Member, Simeon Lord.

Amount requested:	\$ 2,500.00
Total cost of project:	\$ 2,500.00
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 1,000.00

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- This will be the first campdraft and event since the passing of well-known, loved and respected Life Member, Simeon Lord. The committee would be honoured to hold a Simeon Lord Memorial Restricted Open.

- The purpose of this grant application is to secure funding for the prize pool associated with this special campdraft event.
- In a beautiful, yet isolated area the Mount Stanley Muster contributes to giving our local landholders and farmers an event to look forward to and be a part of. We support our local businesses and attract visitors to the area.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist Mount Stanley Muster with the costs associated with the Simeon Lord Memorial Restricted Open event.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 QCWA Lowood Branch

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1533215

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated the installation of security screens on the kitchen windows of the QCWA Lowood branch building to protect the building from ongoing break ins and vandalism.

Amount requested:	\$ 1,086.40
Total cost of project:	\$ 1,086.40
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 1,086.40

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- The last couple of years the hall has been having on going break ins and vandalism problems. They have been working towards better security and safety of the hall and separate toilet block.
- The QCWA hall prides itself on being a community building used by many different groups and organisations.
- They need to be able to provide a safe environment for the groups to access.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,086.40 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist with the costs associated the installation of security screens on the kitchen windows of the QCWA Lowood branch building to protect the building from ongoing break ins and vandalism.

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To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023

Subject: Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 – Toogoolawah and District Men's Shed Inc.

File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1538651

Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with the installation of accessible toilet facilities at the Toogoolawah Men's Shed Clubhouse at 96 Bellambi Street, Toogoolawah to comply with Council building regulations.

Amount requested:	\$ 15,850
Total cost of project:	\$ 15,850
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 5,000

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- To comply with Council building regulations, an accessible toilet facility needs to be installed at the group's clubhouse at 96 Bellambi Street, Toogoolawah.
- The applicant has stated that they have no funds to put towards the project and cannot access the new facility until the accessible bathroom is installed.

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$5,000 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist with Toogoolawah and District Men's Shed Inc. with the costs associated with the installation of toilet facilities conditional upon required approvals being obtained.

INFORMATION ONLY - SOMERSET REGIONAL COUNCIL - Officer's Report

To: Andrew Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

From: Tiara Hurley, Executive Assistant Support / Kim Frohloff, Customer Service

Director: Kerri-Lee Jones, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service

Date: 14 September 2023
 Subject: Community Assistance Grants – West Moreton Landcare Group
 File Ref: Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1535540
 Action Officer: DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with purchasing a water pump and hedge trimmer for the West Moreton Landcare Group to ensure that the Lowood Rail Trail continues to be maintained to a high standard and can be watered during the dry season.

Amount requested:	\$ 1,909
Total cost of project:	\$ 1,909
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$ 1,909

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- Previously the group has accessed a privately owned water pump during dry periods. Regrettably, this pump has recently burnt out and the need for the group's own pump to use is evident with the predicted dry season ahead.
- The group are also seeking to purchase a hedge trimmer to assist the volunteers who are currently using garden shears. The purchase of a hedge trimmer will reduce the amount of manual labour conducted by volunteers and be more time efficient.
- The purchase prices for the proposed equipment is as follows:

- Pump in roll frame	\$ 863.64 (ex gst)
- Hedge trimmer	\$ 871.82 (ex gst)

Attachments

Nil

Recommended Outcome

THAT the application as summarised in this report be approved for funding and \$1,909 be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist West Moreton Landcare Group with the costs associated with purchasing a water pump and hedge trimmer.

Declarable Conflict of interest Cr Brieschke – Agenda Item 31 - Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 Toogoolawah Christmas Tree

I inform this meeting I have a declarable conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 150EN of the Local Government Act 2009).

The nature of my interest is as follows –

This declarable conflict of interest arises because I hold the position of Secretary on the executive committee of the Toogoolawah and District Progress Association Inc., of which the Toogoolawah Christmas Tree is a subcommittee.

I propose to leave and stay away from the place where the meeting is being held while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Brieschke left the meeting at 10.26am

Subject:	Community Assistance Grants – 2023 – 2024 Toogoolawah Christmas Tree. Auspiced by Toogoolawah Progress Association
File Ref:	Community Relations – Sponsorships – Donations - Doc Id 1528478
Action Officer:	DHRCS

Background/Summary

To assist with the costs associated with purchasing two 6m x 3m marquees for the annual Christmas carnival being held on Saturday, 9 December 2023.

Amount requested:	\$4,000
Total cost of project:	\$4,700
Amount recommended to be granted:	\$2,350 (50% of project cost)

Assessor's Summary

The applicant states:

- Previous years, the group has borrowed up to twelve marquees from local businesses and schools. The aim of purchasing the marquees is to acquire our own, so the group doesn't have to have to borrow as many.
- The Christmas Tree carnival is a community celebration, the group fundraises during the year to provide free carnival rides, fireworks and street entertainment.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT the application as summarised in this report be recommended for funding and \$2,350 (50% of project cost) be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist the Toogoolawah Christmas Tree Committee (Auspiced by the Toogoolawah Progress Association) with the costs associated with purchasing marquees for the annual Christmas carnival.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Choat

Seconded – Cr Wendt

“THAT the application as summarised in this report be recommended for funding and \$2,350 (50% of project cost) be granted through the Community Assistance Grants budget allocation; plus GST if applicable, to assist the Toogoolawah Christmas Tree Committee (Auspiced by the Toogoolawah Progress Association) with the costs associated with purchasing marquees for the annual Christmas carnival.”

Vote - Unanimous

Carried

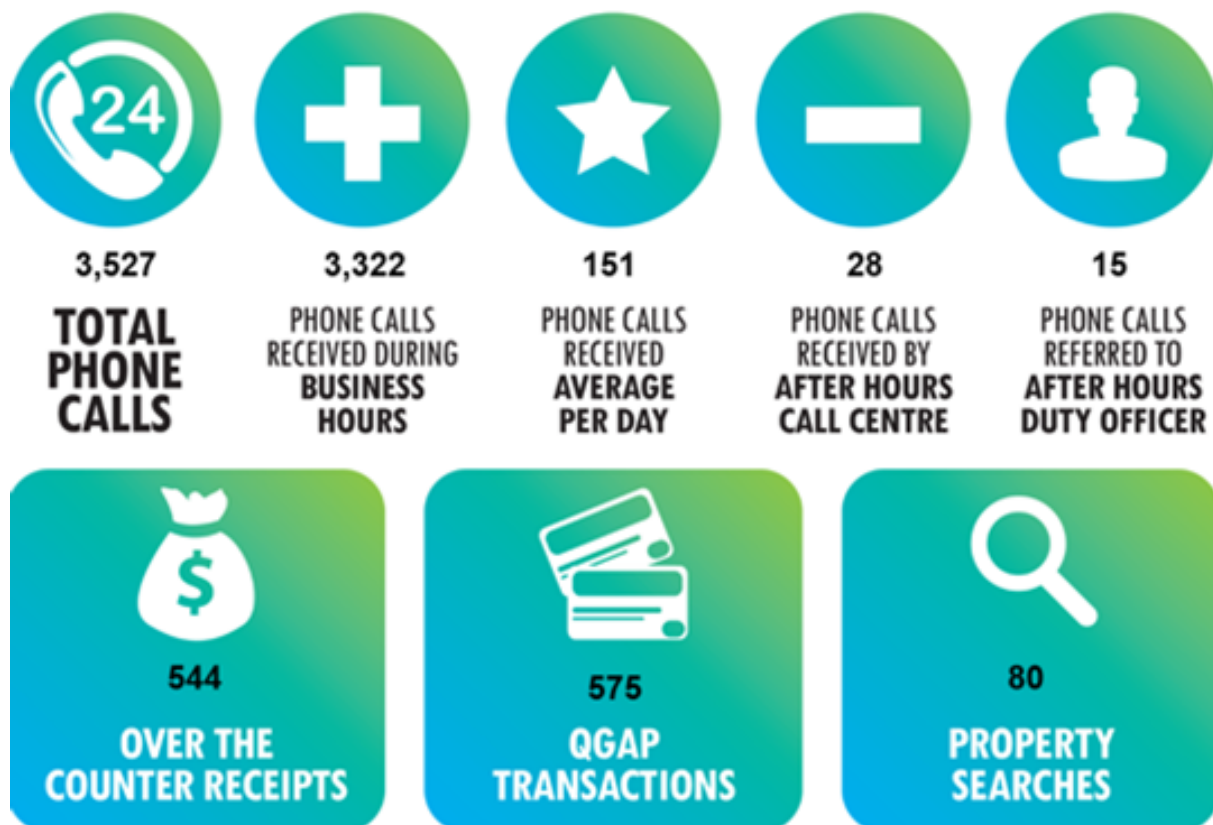
Cr Brieschke returned to the meeting at 10.27am

Subject:	Customer Service Report – August 2023
File Ref:	Officers Report
Action Officer:	(CSC) Customer Service Coordinator

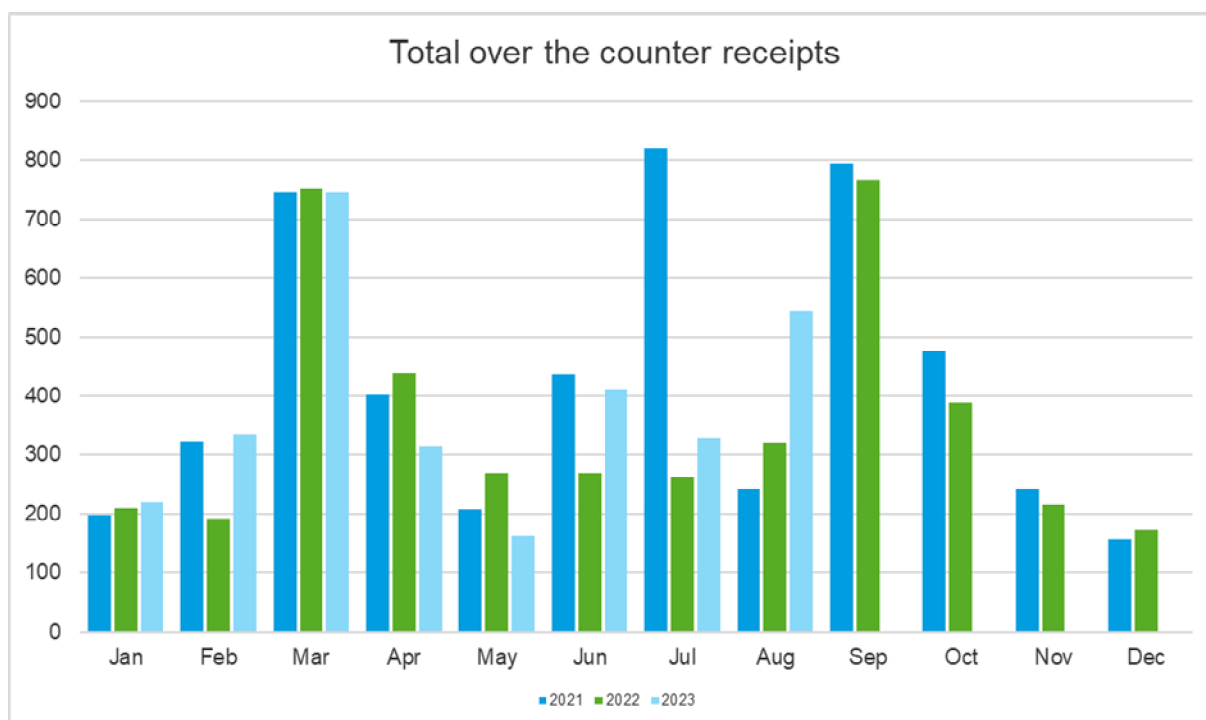
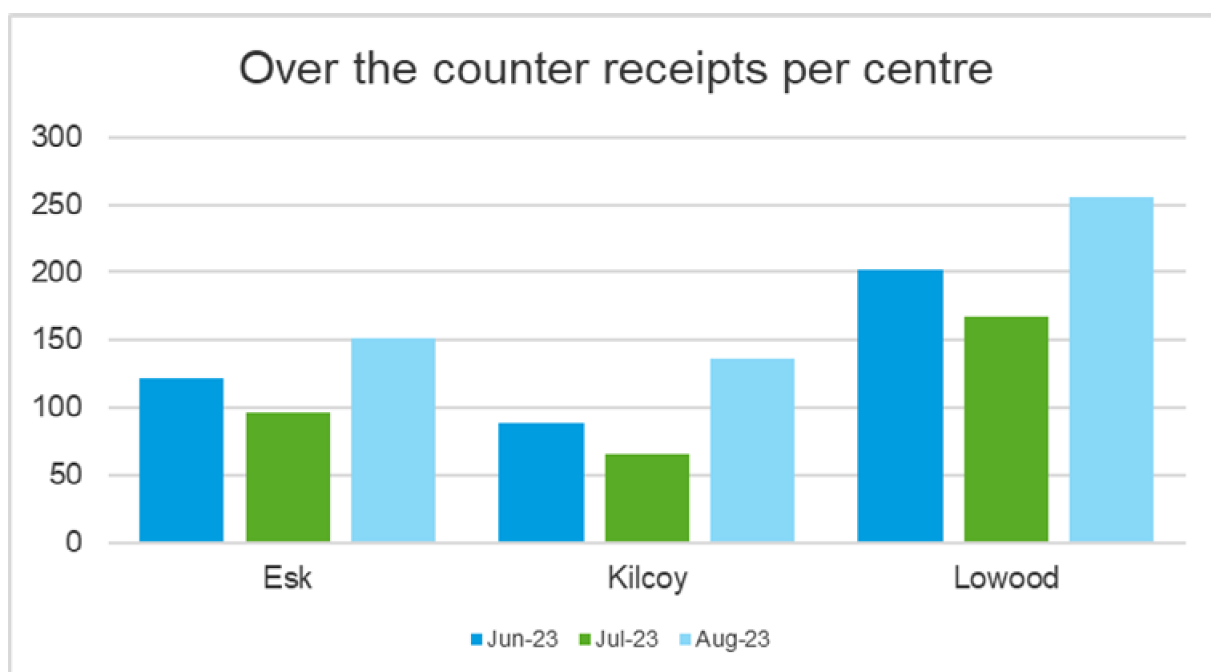
Background/Summary

In delivering on Council's Operational Plan and commitment to excellent customer service, a summary of the customer service section activities for the month of August 2023 is provided below for Council's information.

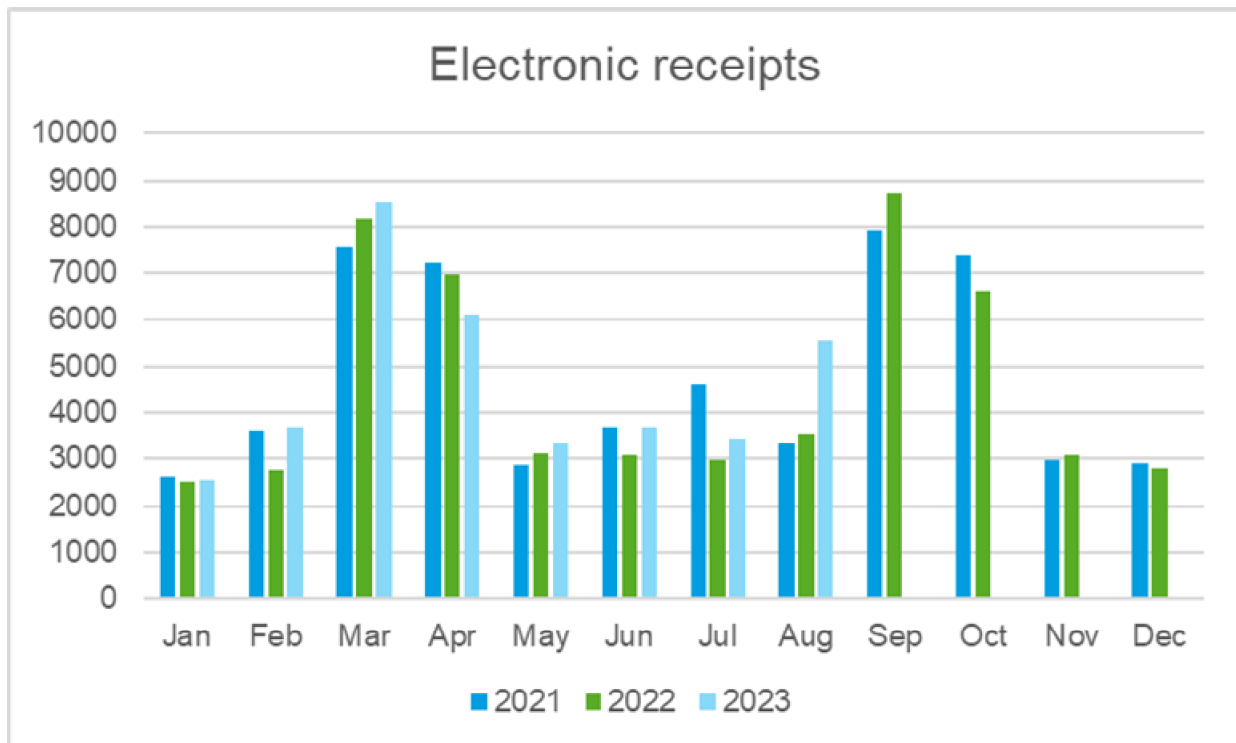
Summary for August 2023



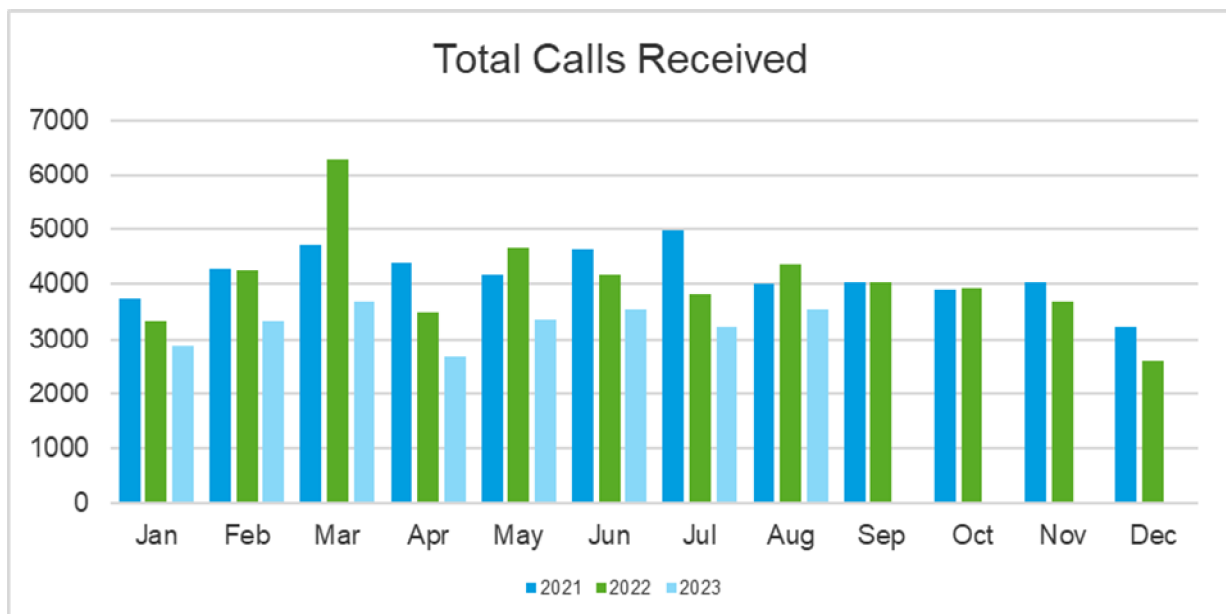
The below table shows the number of Council financial transactions that were taken over the counter at each of the customer service centres in the region for August 2023. These numbers include cheques that were posted into the Council. In total there was 544 financial transactions across the three customer service centres with 152 at Esk Administration Centre, 136 at Kilcoy Customer Service Centre and 256 at Lowood Customer Service Centre for August 2023.



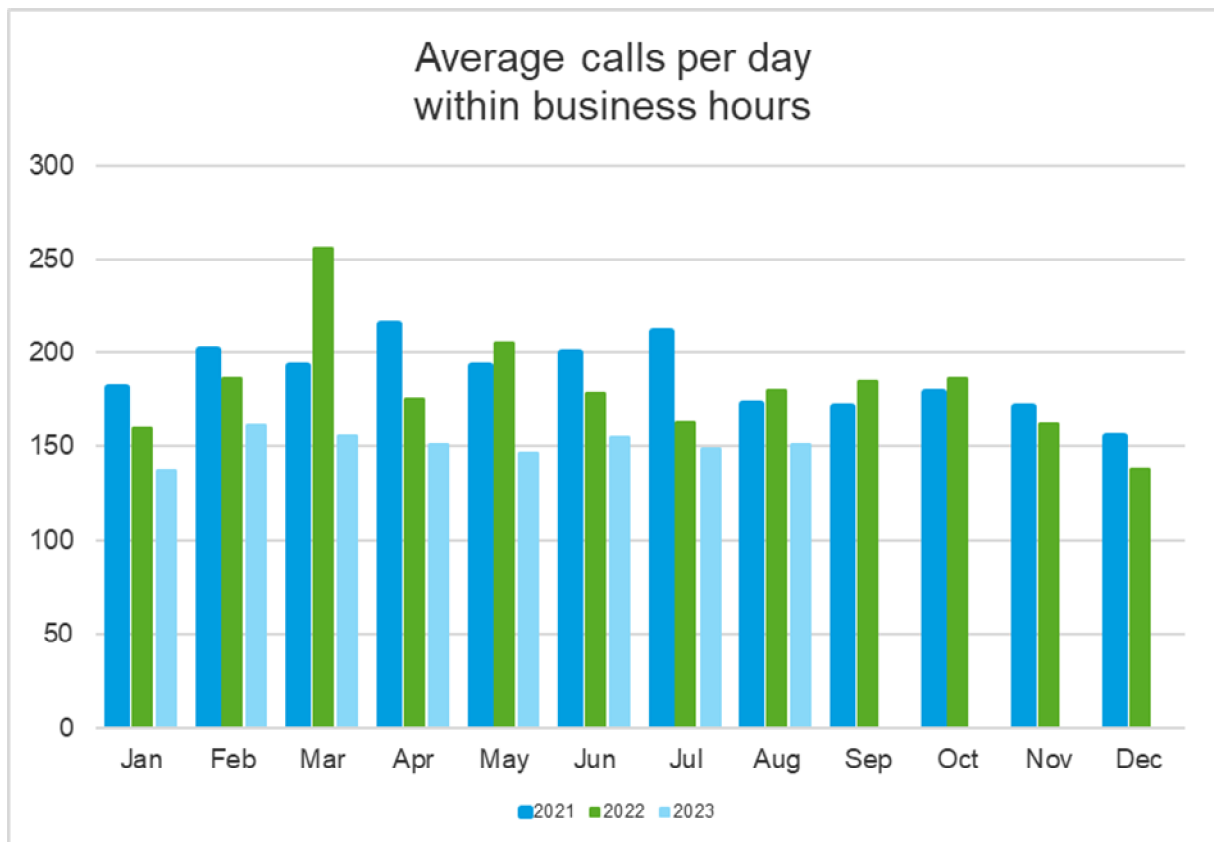
The below table illustrates all other financial transactions (excluding over the counter receipts) received at Council and processed by the finance department. These are BPay and EFT (electronic funds transfer) transactions for payments such as rates, animal registration etc.



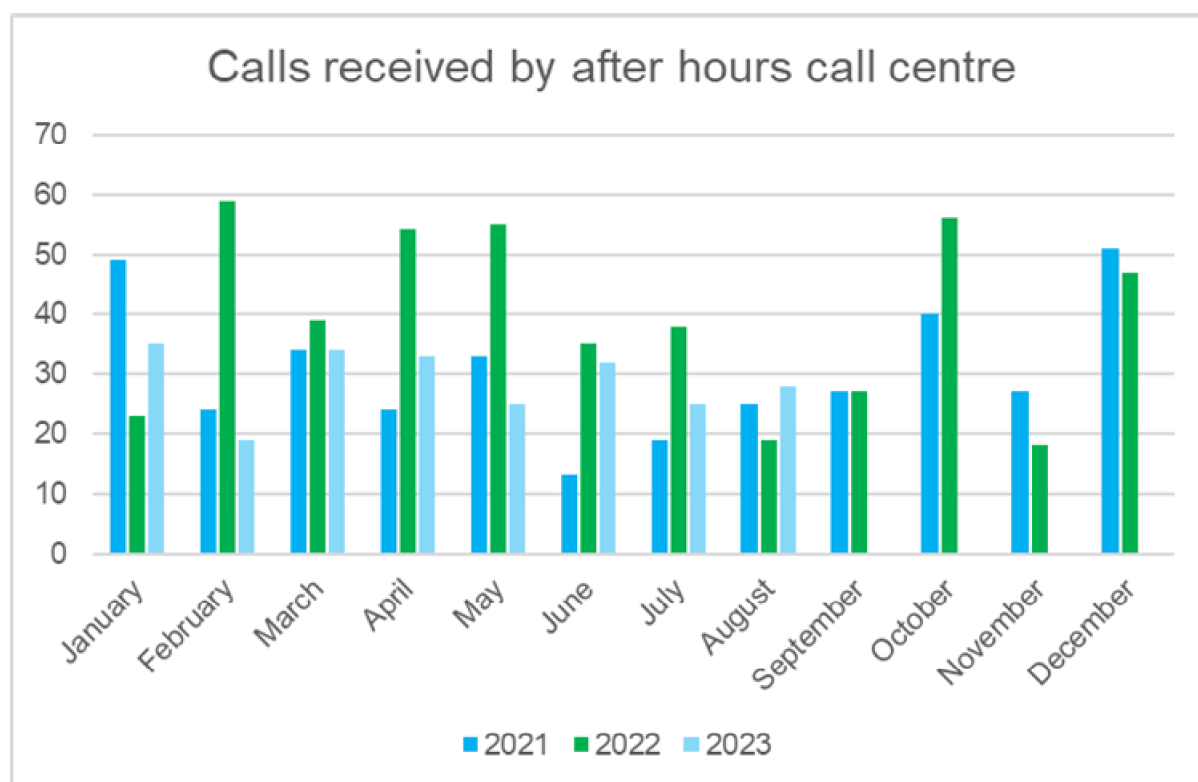
Below are the total number of calls received into the Council main phone line (07 5424 4000), including out of hours, compared to previous calendar years. Calls received does not include internal calls made within Council, or outbound calls. There were 3,527 calls received for the month August 2023. This is an increase of 295 calls compared to July 2023. Compared to August 2022 there was a decrease of 811 calls for the month. The decrease in August this year compared to the previous August is due to the follow up calls from the flooding which occurred in May 2022.



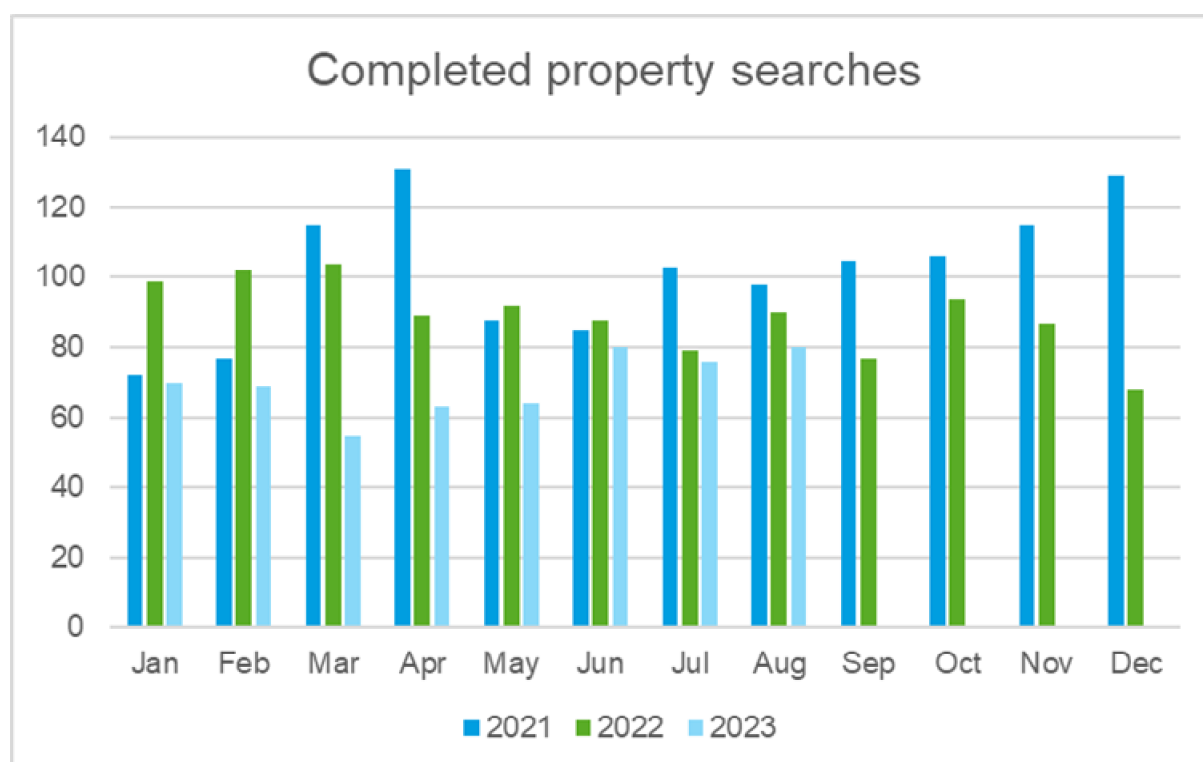
Listed below is a comparison of the average calls received per day within business hours. On average there were 151 calls received each business day for August 2023, which was an increase of two calls on average per day from July 2023. Compared to August 2022 there was a decrease of 29 calls on average per day.



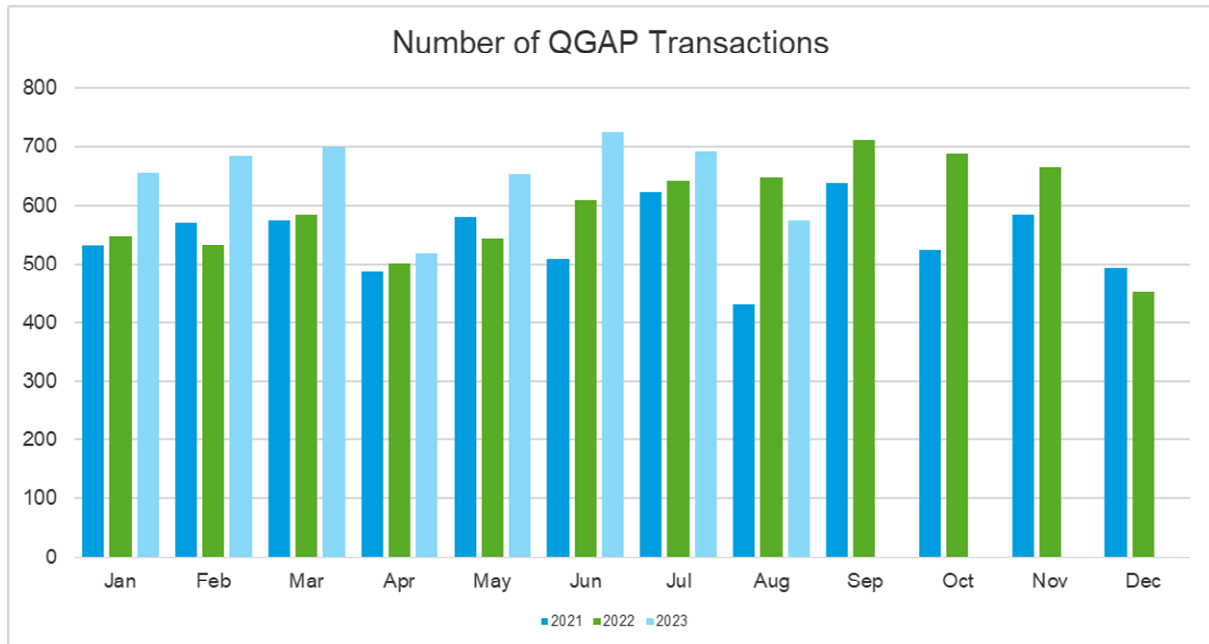
There were 3,322 calls received during business hours and 205 out of hours. Of the 205 calls received out of hours, 28 calls transferred to the afterhours call centre. There was an increase of three calls to Council's afterhours provider compared to July 2023.



For the month of August 2023 there were 80 property searches completed for prospective purchasers. This increased by four completed searches for the month compared to July 2023.



There were 575 Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP) transactions for the Lowood QGAP agency in August 2023. On average there were 25 transactions per business day in August which is a decrease of eight from July 2023.



Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the *Customer Service Report for August 2023* and the contents be noted.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Isidro

“THAT Council receive the *Customer Service Report for August 2023* and the contents be noted.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Subject: Rescheduling of Ordinary Council Meeting Dates
File Ref: Governance – Council Meetings
Action Officer: EA

Background/Summary

The Council of Mayors South East Queensland (COMSEQ) State delegation date has been set as 25 October 2023. This year an invitation has also been extended to the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to attend.

As this date is set as an ordinary meeting of Council, Council would need to resolve to allow a change of date of the ordinary meeting to allow attendance by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and

CEO.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

THAT the Ordinary Meeting of Wednesday 25 October 2023, be rescheduled to Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

Resolution

Moved – Cr Gaedtke

Seconded – Cr Wendt

“THAT the Ordinary Meeting of Wednesday 25 October 2023, be rescheduled to Tuesday, 24 October 2023.”

Carried

Vote - Unanimous

Meetings authorised by Council

Nil

Mayor and Councillor Reports

Cr Brieschke – Councillor Report

September

- 13 SRC Audit Committee Meeting, via Teams.
Ordinary Council Meeting, via Teams.
Council Workshop Meeting, via Teams.
- 14 Esk Hospital Auxiliary AGM, Somerset Civic Centre.
Community pre meeting re Esk Bowls Club.
- 16 Esk Bowls Club AGM.
Film development demonstration with Naomi McKenzie at The Condensery.
Visit to Toogoolawah Pool - First day of the swim season.
- 18 Somerset Assist Inc AGM, Stepping Stones, Esk.
- 19 SRC Garden Competition Judging.
- 20 LGAQ Elected Member Update.
Brisbane Valley Kilcoy Landcare AGM, Kilcoy Visitor Information Centre.
- 21 SRC Garden Competition Judging and finalize scores.
- 23 SRC Free Tree Day, Esk.
- 26 SRC Garden Competition presentations, Somerset Civic Centre.

I have attended four community association AGM's over the past fortnight and would like to wish the Esk Hospital Auxiliary, Esk Bowls Club, Somerset Assist and Brisbane Valley Kilcoy Landcare Association all the best for the coming year.

All these groups play an important role within our community, but I would like to touch on the Somerset Assist group who formed 12 months ago to begin helping senior members of our community access essential services to help them remain at home.

Following the Bell Cares model and partnering with Trilogy Care and Mable, the group have assisted over 100 residents to date and believe this will grow with increasing referrals from doctors, nurse navigators, hospitals, other service providers and existing clients.

The first of Council's Free Tree Days held in Esk last Saturday was popular with residents streaming in all morning.

Residents were very grateful for their free trees and the service they received.

Changing the venue to the Somerset Civic Centre worked extremely well keeping everyone out of the sun and provided the Esk Men's Shed with a prime position for their Sausage Sizzle out front.

Thank you to our Council staff for such a well-organized event.

Cr Gaedtke – Councillor Report

September

- 13 Council Ordinary Meeting & Workshop – Esk
- 14 Hoof and Hook – Kilcoy Showgrounds
- 14 Kilcoy Street Revitalisation Workshop – Kilcoy
- 19 Meeting – Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce
- 19 Meeting – Kilcoy District Historical Society
- 20 LGAQ Elected Members Update 2023 – Esk
- 20 Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
- 23 Toogoolawah Condensery – Roster (10:15am – 4:00pm)
- 26 Kilcoy Interagency Meeting

The Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce held its Annual General Meeting at the Kilcoy RSL, all positions were declared vacant and each position successfully filled from the floor. I look forward to the chamber achieving its priorities over the next twelve months. Congratulations to the management committee.

I shared a busy and interactive Saturday at the Toogoolawah Condensery. Those who called in to the Condensery were astounded by the level of work provided by the exhibition titled "The Good" and responsible artist Anna Louise Richardson. Enlightened guests recognised many of the pieces through their rural pursuits.

Cr Wendt – Councillor Report

September

- 13 Ordinary Council Meeting – Esk
- Workshop Meeting – Esk
- 14 Kilcoy Streetscape Info Session – Kilcoy
- 16 Esk Bowls Club AGM – Esk
- The Condensary Exhibition Launch – Toogoolawah
- 18 Fernvale Community Assoc Inc Meeting – Fernvale
- 19 Somerset Wivenhoe Fish Stocking Assoc Meeting – Fernvale
- 20 LGAQ Elected Member Update – Esk
- 21 Teddy Bears Picnic – Somerset Civic Centre
- 23 Free Tree Day – Esk
- 24 Meeting with residents renewable energy effects on the rural amenity – Mt Beppo Hall

I attended the Brisbane Valley Kilcoy Landcare meeting recently and heard a presentation from an avid birdwatcher. The presenter was engaging and opened my eyes to the world of Kilcoy Landcare and birds

Cr Choat – Councillor Report

August

- 09 Council Ordinary Meeting and Workshop – Esk
- 13 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration Fr Dave O'Connor, St Mel's Esk
- 18 Vietnam Veterans Commemorations - Cenotaph, Esk
- 19 Mayoral Gala Ball – Somerset Civic Centre, Esk
- 22 Police Legacy Charity Bowls Day - Toogoolawah Bowls Club
Planning Department Briefing - Small Meeting Room, Council Chambers
Esk
- SEQ State Regional Planning Consultations - Somerset Civic Centre, Esk
- 23 Council Ordinary Meeting and Workshop – Council Chambers Esk
- 28 Lowood RSL 90th Anniversary Commemorations - RSL, Lowood

September

- 01 Citizenship Ceremony - Somerset Civic Centre, Esk
Lowood Lions Trivia Night – Lowood Bowls Club
- 02 Esk Men's Shed Birthday Bash
Kilcoy Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner – Kilcoy Bowls Club
- 06 Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce - Business Networking Dinner
- 07 NSEQRRG – Quarterly Meeting MS Teams
- 09 Toogoolawah Local Ambulance Committee 100 Years of Toogoolawah
Ambulance Dinner
- 12 Wide Bay Interschool Hoof and Hook Competition
- 19 Somerset Regional Garden Competition Judging
- 20 LGAQ Elected Member Update – Esk
- 21 Somerset Regional Garden Competition Judging
- 22 SRC Wellness Club Trivia Night - Somerset Civic Centre, Esk
- 23 Somerset regional Council Free Tree Day - Somerset Civic Centre, Esk
- 26 Somerset Regional Garden Competition Awards Ceremony - Somerset Civic
Centre, Esk

Mayor's Report of Activities from 24 August to 27 September 2023

Ref – Governance – Reporting – Reporting – Mayor and Councillor Reports

August	
Thursday, 24 August	Meeting re Lockyer Valley and Somerset Water Collaborative 11am via TEAMS Meeting with Federal Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health 1.30pm, Fernvale
Friday, 25 August	COMSEQ Local Government Forum, Brisbane
Saturday, 26 August	Kilcoy Races
Sunday, 27 August	50 th Birthday celebrations for Hazeldean Rural Fire Brigade.
Monday, 28 August	Lowood RSL 90 th Anniversary Luncheon, Lowood
Tuesday, 29 – Thursday 31 August	Pest and Weeds Symposium, Dalby
September	
Friday, 1 September	Citizenship Ceremony, Esk Lowood Lions Trivia night, 6pm Lowood
Saturday, 2 September	West Moreton Sub chamber Miss Showgirl and Rural Ambassadors awards, Esk
Friday, 8 September	Radio interview with River, 8am Toogoolawah 100 th anniversary celebrations, 12pm, Toogoolawah
Sunday, 10 September	Esk Community Choir event, Esk
Monday, 11 September	Lowood Lions Meeting, 7pm Lowood

Tuesday, 12 September	Hoof and Hook competition, Kilcoy
Wednesday, 13 September	Internal audit committee meeting Ordinary Council Meeting, Esk
Thursday, 14 September	Brisbane Valley Interagency, Fernvale Kilcoy Streetscape Revitalisation project meeting, 5pm Kilcoy
Friday, 15 September	Somerset Primary Schools Cup, 12pm , Toogoolawah
Saturday, 16 September	Esk Bowls Club AGM, Esk
Tuesday, 19 September	Meeting with CEO, Esk LGAQ presentation Meeting, Esk SWFSA meeting, Fernvale
Wednesday, 20 September	LGAQ Elected Members Update
Thursday, 21 September	Teddy Bears Picnic, Esk
Saturday, 23 September	Black Snake Creek Festival, Marburg
Wednesday, 27 September	Ordinary Council Meeting, Esk

Resolution

Moved – Cr Whalley

Seconded – Cr Gaedtke

“THAT the verbal and written reports of Mayor Lehmann and Councillors Brieschke, Choat, Gaedtke and Wendt be received.”

Carried*Vote - Unanimous***Receipt of Petition**

Nil

Consideration of notified motions

Nil

Reception of notices of motion for next meeting

Nil

Items for reports for future meetings

Nil

Closure of Meeting**Summary**

There being no further business, the Mayor, Cr Graeme Lehmann closed the meeting at 10.34am.