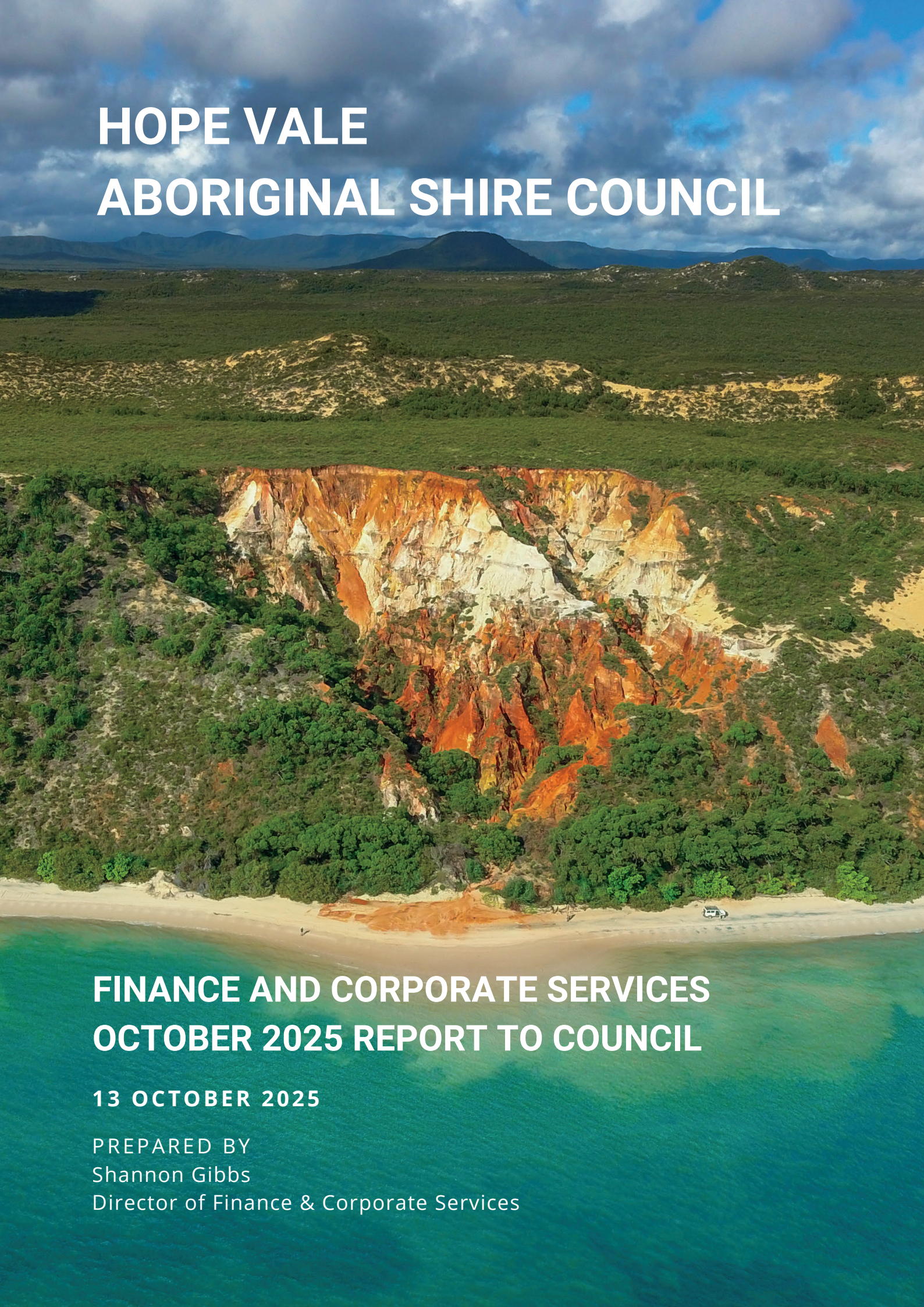




HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES OCTOBER 2025 REPORT TO COUNCIL

13 OCTOBER 2025

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About Finance

Reporting period overview



Pursuant to meet Council's legislative requirements under section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the finance report must be prepared each month and be presented to Council on its financial performance for the period.

Noteworthy elements of this report include an operating surplus highlighted in the income statement, a strengthened working capital position as illustrated in the balance sheet, and a net cash inflow from the Council's operational activities outlined in the cash flow statement. Additionally, eight out of nine sustainability metrics for this reporting period have been successfully achieved.

The year to date profit margin stands at 25.1%, exceeding both budget projections and figures from the previous reporting period. Key sources of revenue, including sales and recoverable works, interest, and internal revenue, account for 51.7% of total year-to-date recurrent revenue, reflecting a slight decline from the previous month. Sales and recoverable works contribute 16% to total revenue, playing a significant role in the Council's profitability and sustainability. Capital revenue has fallen to 37% of total income influenced by the receipt of rental and rates revenue streams.

The Council's year-to-date expenditure, which totals 65.7%, is primarily driven by materials and services, and employee benefits. This decrease in expenditure illustrates the slowdown in building activities while awaiting the release of Do and Charge works and upgrade orders.

All depreciation costs have been fully expensed in the operating result up to 31 October 2025 in line with forecast expenses.

The current debtors balance stands at \$1.7 million, slightly higher than the previous reporting period attributed to newly generated lease rental invoices.



About Finance

Income and expenditure

SALES

Responsive Maintenance - GEH - Storage Shed
Roofing Program - Upgrades - Paint Program

RECURRENT GRANTS

FAGS - CHSP - Radio Station - Kindy
SGFA - Youth Engagement - Childcare - QCSS

CAPITAL GRANTS

QRA REPA Works - ICCIP Water
Crucial Access Links - LGGSP Everlina Plaza

FEES AND CHARGES

Fees and Charges- Utility Charges - Rental
Income

INTEREST

Interest generated on cash fund held with
Queensland Treasury Corporation

SUNDRY

Aged Services Medicare Benefits

\$7,102,716 **\$4,232,148** **\$45,273** **\$11,380,137**

RECURRENT **CAPITAL** **CAPITAL** **TOTAL**
REVENUE **REVENUE** **INCOME** **INCOME**

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Lower than budget forecast

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Comparable with budget forecast

DEPRECIATION

Year to date \$1,812,292

CAPITAL EXPENSES

FINANCE COSTS

Bank Fees and QTC Administration Charges

\$5,319,159

\$0

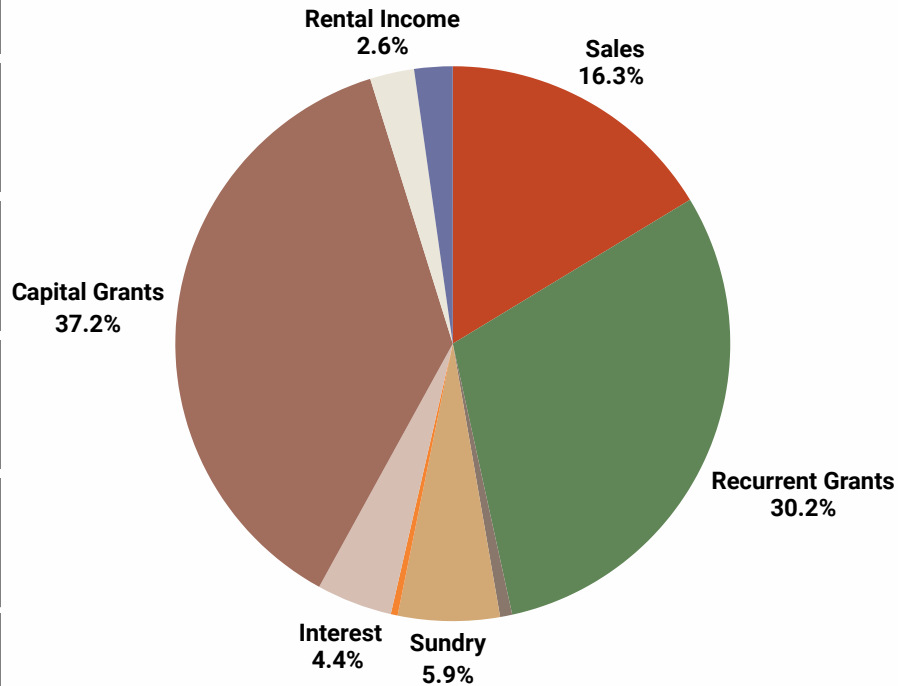
\$5,319,159

RECURRENT
EXPENSES

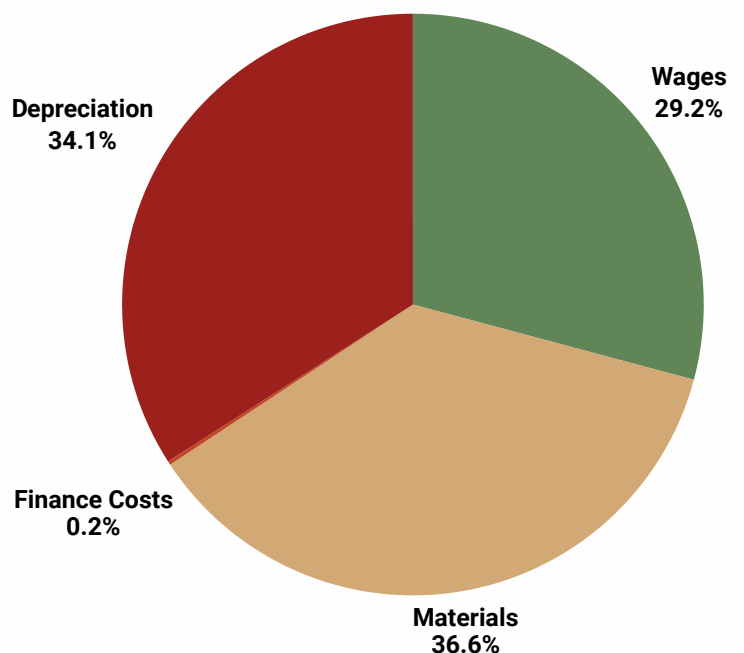
CAPITAL
EXPENSES

TOTAL
EXPENSES

TOTAL INCOME YTD OCTOBER 2025



TOTAL EXPENSES YTD OCTOBER 2025





About Finance

Statement of financial position

PROPERTY PLANT
& EQUIPMENT

\$102,271,133

LARGEST ASSET CATEGORY

BUILDINGS
PLANT & EQUIPMENT
ROAD NETWORK
WATER & SEWERAGE
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE
BUILDINGS
COUNCIL HOUSING
VEHICLES & MACHINERY



\$60,510,648

CURRENT ASSETS



\$125,407,125

NON CURRENT ASSETS



\$185,917,773

TOTAL ASSETS

CAPITAL WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$3,005,001



\$491,476

CURRENT LIABILITIES



\$568,932

NON CURRENT LIABILITIES



\$1,060,408

TOTAL LIABILITIES

TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY

\$184,857,365



About Finance

The big numbers

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
POSITIVE

CONTRACT REVENUE
CASHFLOW



HOUSING RESPONSIVE MAINTENANCE

HOUSING UPGRADE PROGRAMS

HOUSING SHED PROGRAM

HOUSING PAINT PROGRAM

HOUSING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

STATE GOVERNMENT HOUSING

STATE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

REMOTE CAPITAL HOUSING

YTD
Cash at Bank
INCREASE

YTD
COMMUNITY
EQUITY
INCREASE



NET RESULT
\$6.06M

DEBTORS BALANCE
\$1,792,135

RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS
\$4,681,408

UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE
\$54,372,685

STATE GOVERNMENT
GRANT FUNDING
\$3,746,919

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT FUNDING
\$3,945,513

GST PAYABLE OCTOBER 2025
\$124,126

CONTRACT ASSETS
AND LIABILITIES
\$2,433,700

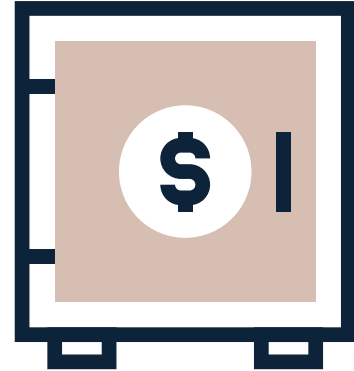


About Finance

Financial sustainability ratios

The Financial Sustainability of Councils continues to be the cornerstone of the Local Government Act 2009 and a core responsibility of Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

1. Operating Surplus Ratio
2. Asset Sustainability Ratio
3. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio
4. Council Controlled Revenue Ratio
5. Population Growth Ratio
6. Operating Cash Ratio
7. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio
8. Asset Consumption Ratio
9. Leverage Ratio



TARGET MEASURES

Target Ranges as determined by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning are:

- Operating Surplus Ratio - Between 0 - 10%
- Asset Sustainability Ratio - > 90%
- Council Controlled Revenue Ratio - Contextual
- Population Growth Ratio - Contextual
- Operating Cash Ratio - > 0%
- Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio - > 4 months
- Asset Consumption Ratio - > 60%
- Leverage Ratio - 0 - 3 times



OUR YTD OCTOBER 2025 STATISTICS



1. Operating Surplus Ratio	25.11%	5. Operating Cash Ratio	50.62%
2. Asset Sustainability Ratio	62.68%	6. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio (months)	186.05
3. Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	8.94%	7. Asset Consumption Ratio	60.16%
4. Population Growth Ratio	1.36%	8. Leverage Ratio	0



About Finance

Capital assets

CAPITAL WORKS COMPLETED YEAR TO DATE

\$160,104

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Sewerage Macerator

MOTOR VEHICLES & HEAVY MACHINERY

LDV D90 Petrol Executive

Radio Station Hiace Van Accessories

Toyota Hilux Dual Cab

BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURE

PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Bobcat Excavator

CURRENT WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$8,694,198

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

QRA REPA Sub 2 HVASC.0016 \$1,064,653

QRA REPA Bulls Sub 5 Crossing
Bridge Deck Replacement \$685,483

QRA REPA Sub 7 HVASC.0023
Spring Hill Rd Section 2 \$613,208

LRCI Phase 4 Traffic Signage \$36,759

LRCI Phase 4 Bridge Apron
Sandy Creek Bridge \$63,728

QRA REPA Sub 4 Elim Beach Rd
Embankment Failure \$936,126

QRA REPA Sub 6 Cooktown,
Mclvor and Rehab Rd \$1,349,939

BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURE

LGGSP Everlina Plaza \$1,691,807

Business Precinct \$50,000

Service Station \$50,000

Sports Precinct Development \$50,000

Rapid Starlink Infrastructure \$45,000

Lake Street Office Fitout \$70,000

Digital Service Centre \$1,843,972

MOTOR VEHICLES

Radio Station Vehicle \$64,409

PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Radio Station Studio Equipment \$79,113



Building & civil infrastructure forward orderbook

Roads to Recovery 2024-2029 Kerb and Channel Township

REPA Sub 1 HVASC.0015 - Alligator Creek Road

REPA Sub 3 HVASC.0017 - Multiple Roads

REPA Betterment HVASC.0027 - Concrete Floodways Alligator Creek Road

QRA Crucial Access Links - Everlina Bridge

W4Q 2024-2027 - Everlina Bridge Deck Replacement (Project Variation to be submitted)

\$8,936,264



About Finance

Building & civil infrastructure
forward orderbook

Infrastructure Buildings Other

Local Recovery & Resilience Program (LRRG) - Upgrade Switchboards Everlina

W4Q 2024-2027 - MPC Upgrade

Secure Communities CCTV Camera's

Secure Communities Precinct Lighting

\$1,525,037

Infrastructure Other

QRA Crucial Access Links - Aerodrome

W4Q 2024-2027 - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath

Local Recovery & Resilience Program (LRRG) - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath

\$6,334,417

TOTAL FORWARD ORDERBOOK
\$16,775,718



About Finance

grant funding applications successful

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICES, OPEN DATA AND SMALL AND FAMILY BUSINESS

SECURE COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – LOCAL COUNCILS SMALL BUSINESS (SCPPLC) GRANT

Program Overview

The Secure Communities Partnership Program offers aims to support safety measures to deter crime against businesses and create safer and more vibrant business areas.

The program aims to protect businesses from crime and economic losses, through the installation of vital safety and security infrastructure. This will create safer public commercial precincts and business strips and improve the operating environment businesses across Queensland.



Submission 1 - Township Wide CCTV Camera's

Funding Amount Requested: \$391,000

Submission Status: Successful

Scope of Works

The project sees the installation of modern, high resolution CCTV systems in key locations across the Hope Vale township, including the Muni Street corridor, Everlina Retail precinct, and areas adjacent to essential community and business facilities. These zones represent the township's economic and social core, home to the Hope Vale Supermarket, Arts and Culture Centre, Health Clinic, Apunipima Wellbeing Centre, Pioneer Hall, Radio Station, and surrounding service providers. These sites experience high daily foot traffic and are co located with small businesses and high use community spaces such as parks, youth areas, and Council facilities.

Submission 2 - Precinct Lighting Upgrade

Funding Amount Requested: \$400,000

Submission Status: Successful

Scope of Works

The project will replace aged, low-lumen, and in some cases non-functional lighting assets with modern, energy efficient LED systems that meet current Australian standards for public infrastructure. Works will focus on priority areas identified throughout the community and Council maintenance assessments, including the Everlina Retail precinct, Muni Street corridor, cultural parklands, the local café, and other critical access points and community facilities.



About Finance

grant funding applications successful

**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES, SENIORS, DISABILITY SERVICES &
CHILD SAFETY**

COMMUNITY RECOVERY RESILIENCE OFFICER (CRRO)

Program Overview

The program funds the engagement of Community Recovery and Resilience Officers (CRRO) within Hope Vale to address the immediate to medium/long-term needs of Hope Vale when impacted by an event, ensuring a locally informed response and long-term sustainability is supported.

Submission - Engagement of one Full Time Equivalent Community Recover & Resilience Officer (CRRO)

Funding Amount Requested: \$450,000.00

Submission Status: Successful

Scope of Works

- Undertake widespread community engagement activities to discuss the recovery process and to identify the needs and aspirations of diverse groups within the affected area.
- Arrange community training and education programs that facilitate the outcomes of the CRRO program.
- Support and enable capacity and skills development of individuals and groups, businesses and service providers within the affected areas.
- Support and enable the development of recovery and resilience plans for the affected areas.
- Raise awareness of and assist community groups to develop their capacity to submit recovery and/or resilience project proposals under the Flexible Funding Program and other grants that become available during the officer's tenure.
- Promote disaster recovery and resilience information and share ideas/projects from other locations.
- Engage with other key workers involved in community recovery at a local level and establish links with workers funded under other initiatives of the Community Recovery Fund.





About Finance

grant funding application unsuccessful

AGED CARE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ACCAP) **Residential-based Aged Care Services and Staff Accommodation**

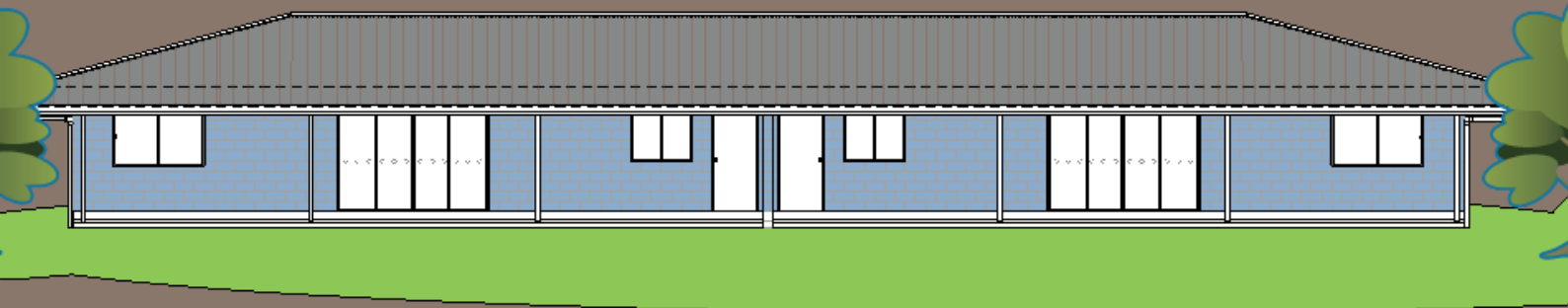
Project Overview

The Aged Care Capital Assistance Program (ACCAP) aims to improve access to high-quality, culturally appropriate, and safe residential-based aged care services in metropolitan, rural, regional, and remote areas by funding the construction of staff accommodation to help service providers attract and retain workers, particularly in remote locations. Through this opportunity, providers can undertake new build projects, refurbishments, and expansions that support best-practice design and meet the growing need for residential care services..

Aged Services Staff Accommodation
Funding Amount Requested: \$1,162,478
Submission Date: 16 May 2025
Submission Status: Unsuccessful

Scope of Works

The construction of purpose-built staff housing tailored to accommodate aged care workers proposed to be a 1 x 2*2 duplex on a parcel of vacant council land located within the Hope Valley Estate, proposed to be Lot 12 Binthin Street.





About Social Services

Program analysis

AGED CARE

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RADIO BROADCASTING

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHILD CARE

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KINDERGARTEN

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LIBRARY

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NDIS CONNECTOR

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SPORT & RECREATION

- EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES





About Building Construction Snapshot

QBUILD HOUSING PROGRAM

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$1.25M QBUILD REQUEST FOR TENDERS YTD

\$613K QBUILD WORK ORDERS RECEIVED YTD

\$1.35M TENDERS SUBMITTED AND AWAITING APPROVAL

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MAJOR PROJECTS

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$11.36M BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM VALUE

\$3.80M PROJECT VALUE OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$7.56M PROJECT VALUE OF BUILDING WORKS NOT YET COMMENCED

\$0 YTD VALUE OF WORKS COMPLETED

QBUILD RESPONSIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

- ✓ OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- ✓ SUSTAINABILITY
- ✓ COMPLIANCE
- ✓ IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



121 WORK ORDERS CARRIED OVER FROM FY24/25

354 WORK ORDERS ISSUED TO COUNCIL YTD

393 WORK ORDERS COMPLETED YTD

82 WORK ORDERS OUTSTANDING YTD (At 9 October 2025)

23 WORK ORDERS OVER 60 DAYS YTD (At 9 October 2025)

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ROADS

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$13.96M CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM VALUE

\$4.74M PROJECT VALUE OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$9.21M PROJECT VALUE OF CIVIL WORKS NOT YET COMMENCED

\$0 YTD VALUE OF WORKS COMPLETED



About Building Construction Upgrade Program Snapshot

QBUILD REQUEST FOR TENDERS YEAR TO DATE

34

NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR
TENDERS FROM QBUILD YTD

31

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
TO QBUILD YTD

\$1,256,065

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
TO QBUILD YTD

- DISABILITY MODIFICATION - 2
- VERANDAH UPGRADE - 2
- KITCHEN UPGRADES - 2
- POLICE - 3
- ROOFING UPGRADES - 8
- SEPTIC UPGRADES - 3
- WINDOWS - 2
- PAINT UPGRADES - 3
- FLOORING UPGRADE - 6
- GEH TEACHER HOUSING UPGRADES - 1
- FULL HOUSE UPGRADE - 2

QBUILD ORDERS RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE

24

NUMBER OF ORDERS RECEIVED FROM
QBUILD YTD

\$613,608

VALUE OF ORDERS RECEIVED FROM
QBUILD YTD

34%

OF ORDERS RECEIVED DO NOT RELATE
TO COMMUNITY SOCIAL HOUSING

- GEH TEACHER HOUSING UPGRADES - 8
- ROOFING UPGRADES - 4
- WINDOW UPGRADES - 1
- PAINT UPGRADES - 4
- DISABILITY MODIFICATION - 3
- FLOORING UPGRADES - 1
- LAUNDRY UPGRADE - 2
- KITCHEN UPGRADE - 1
- VARIATIONS TO ORIGINAL ORDER - 3



About Building Construction Upgrade Program Snapshot

UPGRADE PROGRAM TENDERS SUBMITTED AWAITING APPROVAL ALL YEARS

37

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED AND
AWAITING APPROVAL ALL YEARS

\$1,353,811

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED AND
AWAITING APPROVAL

- WATER & SEWERAGE - 4
- FULL HOUSE UPGRADES - 2
- ELECTRICAL UPGRADE - 1
- CYAAA SCHOOL CAMPUS - 3
- POLICE - 9
- GEH TEACHER HOUSING - 3
- WINDOW UPGRADES - 1
- FENCING UPGRADE - 1
- VERANDAH UPGRADE - 2
- ROOF UPGRADES - 7
- DISABILITY MODIFICATION - 1
- KITCHEN - 2
- FLOORING UPGRADE - 1

2

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY21/22 AWAITING APPROVAL

1

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY22/23 AWAITING APPROVAL

6

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY23/24 AWAITING APPROVAL

10

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY24/25 AWAITING APPROVAL

18

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY25/26 AWAITING APPROVAL

\$20k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY21/22 AWAITING APPROVAL

\$56k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY22/23 AWAITING APPROVAL

\$42k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY23/24 AWAITING APPROVAL

\$396k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY24/25 AWAITING APPROVAL

\$840k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY25/26 AWAITING APPROVAL



About Building Construction Upgrade Program

Upgrade Program Status

Hopevale has continued to make progress with the upgrade works, albeit with a slow start to the 2025/26 financial year due to delays in receiving purchase orders from QBuild. The upgrades approved this financial year primarily consist so far of roofing and flooring works, which have been prioritised as we approach the wet season.

To support this, roofing material deliveries have been requested as a priority, and our roofing and carpentry trades have been advised to prepare and schedule their works accordingly.

This approach has proven effective in previous years, where early approvals and timely completion of roofing projects have successfully reduced maintenance costs associated with water leaks from deteriorated roofs.

In connection with upcoming flooring upgrades, we are initiating a trial of a new vinyl flooring product, Gerflor, which features an innovative loose-lay interlocking design. This system eliminates the necessity for specialised vinyl installers, enabling our local carpentry teams to facilitate the installation.

Key benefits of this product include:

- Composed of 80% recycled materials
- Loose-lay installation for enhanced ease and efficiency
- High durability against foot traffic
- Minimal maintenance requirements
- 100% REACH compliant, free from heavy metals, formaldehyde, solvents, and any mutagenic, carcinogenic, or reprotoxic chemicals

Upon the completion of the trial installation, the Hopevale Building Team will convene with representatives from QBuild and Housing to inspect the finished floors. The results of this trial will inform Council's decision on the broader adoption of this product, as it presents a practical and sustainable flooring solution while minimising costs related to travel and delays associated with engaging specialised trades.

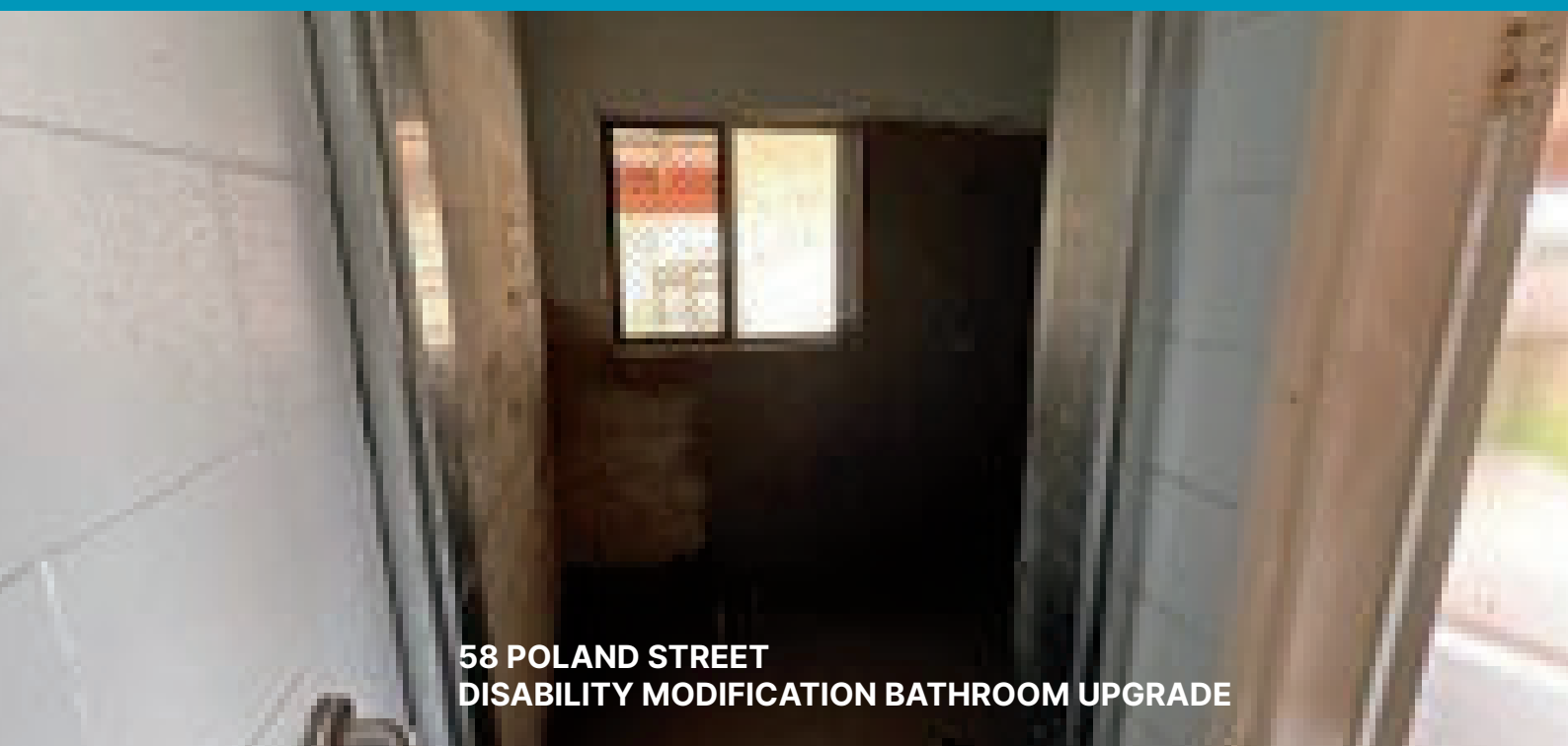
As we progress with QBuild tenders and their subsequent approvals for 2025/26, our local trade subcontractors are being prioritised ensuring that all relevant work pertaining to the community is executed by our local trade teams.



**33 MUNI STREET
DIALYSIS ROOM UPGRADE**



**33 MUNI STREET
DISABILITY MODIFICATION**



**58 POLAND STREET
DISABILITY MODIFICATION BATHROOM UPGRADE**



**48 POLAND STREET
BATHROOM UPGRADE**



**48 POLAND STREET
KITCHEN UPGRADE**



About Building Construction Projects – works in progress



LGGSP EVERLINA PLAZA ENTRANCE UPGRADE

Scope of works

The upgrade of the Everlina Plaza Terrace aims to enhance the exterior of the existing building, creating an inviting entrance for customers, including locals, visitors, and tourists. This project is designed to maintain and extend the functional lifespan of the existing infrastructure, specifically the Everlina Plaza and the adjacent supermarket.

Council's investment focuses on revitalising the street frontage of the plaza, thereby enhancing its visual appeal. These modifications are intended to improve the overall customer experience by establishing a clearly defined central entrance. This design also allows for potential future modifications to the Retail precinct, facilitating central access in collaboration with the current lessee, Island & Cape.

The external works within the road reserve include the construction of a new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant footpath and ramp access, adhering to Australian Design Standards. Additionally, a new street awning and plaza signage will be installed to further enhance the visual amenity of the area. Improvements also involve the installation of new stormwater drainage that directs runoff directly to the kerb, replacing the current system that discharges water onto the grassed verge. Internally, the plaza renovations will consider the creation of new access points into the supermarket, as well as the installation of new roller shutters and fixed aluminum glazed double doors at the Muni Street entrance.



About Building Construction Projects – works in progress

LGGSP EVERLINA PLAZA ENTRANCE UPGRADE

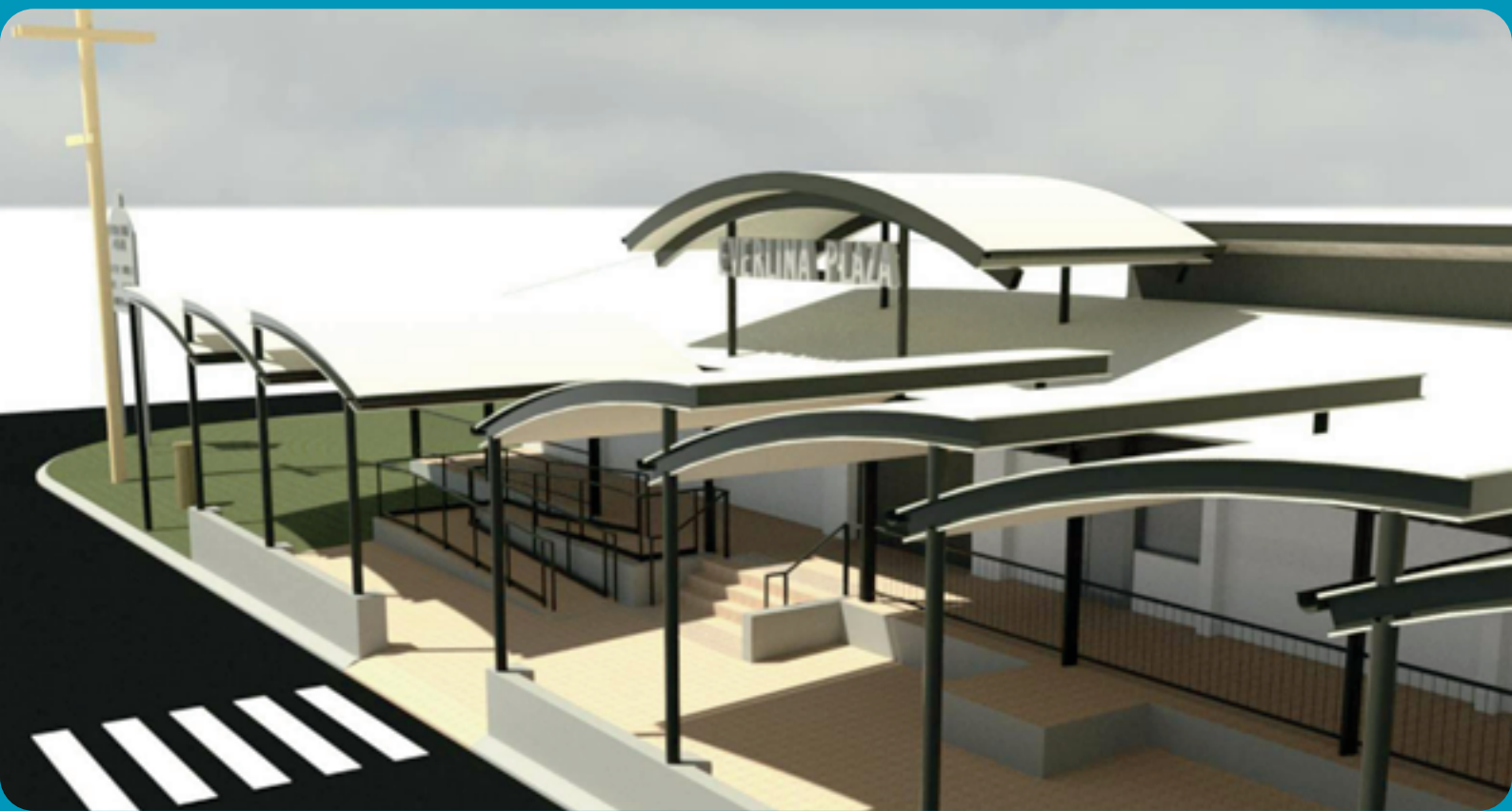
Project Status

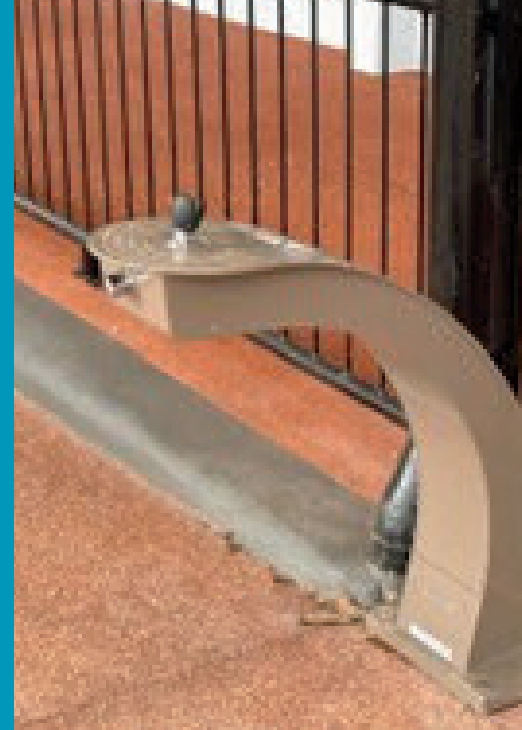
All construction work has been finalised, with the final inspection completed and certification issued, allowing the site to be opened to the public.

The lighting installation is finished; however, we are currently waiting for the location of a Telstra connection at the Everlina Main Frame Board. This connection is necessary to enable wireless connectivity for all lighting and projection equipment, which is set to be commissioned soon. The projection equipment has arrived and will be installed once Telstra connectivity is established.

The roller door has been installed, but we are awaiting the installation of an electrical point to support the commissioning of the remote controllers. Furniture for the covered sail area has been installed, along with planter boxes designed to hold various plants, enhancing the aesthetics of the seating areas and walkways. New bin enclosures, tailored to match the outdoor furniture, have also been installed and will be available for use once the area officially opens. A water fountain has been installed at the western end of the site.

The building site remains fenced off until the projection equipment and water fountain are securely set up, with the official opening date yet to be determined.







About Building Construction Projects - works in progress

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
LOT 25 BAYANBI STREET - GEH HOUSING

Commence Construction: March 2023
Completion Date: to be determined

Scope of Works

Construction 1 x 2 Bedroom House
Construction 3 x 3 Bedroom House

Contract Status

The GEH Housing project remains on hold during this reporting period due to QBuild's failure to issue Council a variation work order that reimburses Council the actual expenditure incurred for the rock excavation, disposal, and backfilling. These works extended beyond the original scope yet had been mandated for construction and completion. Consequently, the Council has been unable to invoice QBuild for the expenditures incurred in executing these additional works, which have already surpassed \$500,000. From March 2024 to May 2025, the Council has been directed to complete twelve additional variation works.

Of these additional variation works that Council was instructed to undertake, eight have been successfully completed which are:

- Rock excavation, disposal, and backfilling
- Installation of additional stormwater pits
- Redesign and construction of structural beams for dwellings 2 and 4
- Design and construction of a post and concrete sleeper retaining wall
- Supply and installation of Crimsafe screens for all non-openable windows
- Installation of additional downlights to replace oyster fittings across all dwellings
- Front personal access redesign and construction works to address steep fall at driveway to front boundary
- Steel backing plate to sub-boards

The four variation work orders yet to be completed by Council are:

1. Installation of back-up generator changeover switches for emergency power supply
2. Supply and installation of agreed Wi-Fi type doorbells
3. Installation of steel mesh screen to minimise visual impact of main switchboard
4. Installation of PV solar systems to each dwelling



About Building Construction Projects - works in progress

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
LOT 25 BAYANBI STREET - GEH HOUSING

Project Status

Prior to the site shutdown, the landscaping and turfing had been completed as were all of the garage doors which were successfully installed and tested. Despite the project being suspended, turf watering is ongoing to support lawn establishment. The internal fit-offs including the installation of rangehoods, stoves, and shower screens across all dwellings were progressing on a dwelling-by-dwelling basis. The installation of the powder-coated screens to western-facing elevations and letterbox installations have also completed. A final coat of paint will be applied to the external walls once the remaining fit-off items are installed.

Final tasks remaining for project completion include the installation of the house numbering and motorised driveway gate. Minor electrical and NBN connection works are scheduled to be commissioned when activities resume on site and prior to handover.

The final builders clean of internal areas and hard-surfaced external spaces, including driveways and footpaths will be scheduled once site activities resume and before final inspections.

Council submitted an insurance claim for the previously reported vandalism damage sustained during March 2025. This claim remains with the insurers under review.



About Building Construction Projects - not yet commenced

WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-2027

Project 1: Multi-Purpose Centre Upgrade and Refurbishment \$540,000

Program

The aim of 2024-27 W4Q is to support council deliver local infrastructure and maintenance, planning and capability development projects which support essential services, contribute to community economic development and improve council sustainability.

Scope of Works Project 1: Multi-Purpose Centre Upgrade and Refurbishment

Upgrade and refurbishment of the Multi Purpose Centre (MPC) to meet current safety standards and community needs. A scoping assessment to be conducted to qualitatively evaluate the existing building against current building regulations and to provide recommendations remediate to a compliant building standard.

Project Status Project 1: Multi-Purpose Centre Upgrade and Refurbishment

The scoping process for the MPC upgrade and refurbishment is continuing as planned, with no amendments made to the original scope of works including the following:

- Structural Inspection & Remediations
- Electrical Inspection & Maintenance
- HVAC System Inspection & Service
- Plumbing System Inspection & Maintenance
- Emergency Supplies & Equipment
- Fire Safety System Inspections & Drills
- Roofing & Drainage Systems
- Windows & Doors Inspection and Maintenance
- Safety Drills & Training

Throughout this reporting period, efforts remained focused on finalising the detailed scope of works to ensure all necessary upgrades align with relevant standards and community needs. Design documentation is forecast to complete in November 2025, followed by development of a detailed bill of quantities. The final scope will be finalised early December after which procurement and scheduling of works will commence.



About Building Construction Projects - works in progress

GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM ROUND TWO DIGITAL SERVICE CENTRE

Scope of Works

Expansion of the Business Precinct connecting to the current Block A meeting room (located behind the IKC). This project sees the expansion of the Business Precinct to support the implementation of a digital service centre.

The project scope encompasses:

1. Demolition of existing carpark and pathways.
2. Site clearance (200mm cut and fill).
3. Construction of a raised, single-level building with two tenancies, verandahs, and accessibility features.
4. External works and landscaping.
5. Full fit-out of the centre.
6. Connection to essential services (power, water, sewerage, digital connectivity).

Project Status

A draft Project Plan and Regulatory Approvals Plan have been just recently developed and are nearing completion. The plans incorporate the following:

1. Scope of Works
2. Project Management Structure
3. Key Milestone and timeframes for the project. Including a gantt chart
4. Project Risks Maxtrix
5. Regulatory Requirements

These plans will be submitted to the Department in the third week of October for assessment and approval in accordance with Milestone 1 requirements. The submission of these plans will also trigger the release of 30% of the grant funding.



About Building Construction Projects - not yet commenced

WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-2027

Project 2: Everlina Bridge Upgrade \$900,000

Program

The aim of 2024-27 W4Q is to support council deliver local infrastructure and maintenance, planning and capability development projects which support essential services, contribute to community economic development and improve council sustainability.

Scope of Works Project 2: Everlina Bridge Upgrade

The commissioned level 3 bridge inspection identified the bridge deck unit is currently limited in its capacity to support vehicles of a certain size and weight, posing safety and operational concerns.

The critical issue identified is that the council's garbage truck is unable to cross the bridge. During the wet season, the alternative bypass route was inundated with floodwaters for several months, severely disrupting waste management operations. Consequently, the council had to divert waste to the Cooktown landfill at significant expense to our operational budget.

Immediate maintenance or repair is required to address these limitations and ensure the bridge meets safety standards.

Addressing these structural deficiencies will:

- Enhance the safety of the bridge for all users.
- Prevent potential future deterioration that could lead to more significant and costly repairs.
- Extend the functional lifespan of the bridge, ensuring it continues to serve the community effectively.
- Provide year-round access for essential services, including the council's garbage truck, ensuring uninterrupted waste management operations even during adverse weather conditions.

Project Status Project 2: Everlina Bridge Upgrade

Given the approval of grant funding under the Crucial Access Links program which sees Everlina bridges replacement, Council will submit a new nominated project for this funding allocation amount.

A variation request is currently being collated for submission in mid November 2025.



About Building Construction Projects - not yet commenced

LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM (LRRG)

Project 1: Upgrade of Switchboards at Everlina Plaza \$200,000

Scope of Works: Upgrade of Switchboards at Everlina Plaza

Group two project nomination two sees a comprehensive upgrade of the electrical switchboards at Everlina Plaza. The existing switchboards, which are central to the building's electrical distribution system, will be replaced with modern, high-efficiency units to enhance the safety, reliability, and energy management of the facility. The upgrade will include the installation of state-of-the-art circuit breakers, surge protection devices, and energy monitoring systems, ensuring compliance with the latest industry standards and regulations and further aims to support phase two of the Everlina Plaza refurbishment.

Project Status: Upgrade of Switchboards at Everlina Plaza

A detailed project scope for electrical engineering has been developed which sees the electrical engineering design delivered over two stages which is forecast to be completed over the next 4 month period, concluding in February 2025. The stages are:

Stage 1: Schematic Design

A site investigation by Electrical Engineer to confirm existing incoming capacity from Ergon, compliance of the existing switch room (to ensure there is sufficient capacity and is suitably fire rated) and identification of any spare capacity of existing conduits and cable trays.

Based on this investigation a concept design and return brief will be developed to determine new switchboard sizing for the centre including spare capacity for future stages. This will be subject to engineering calculations for the selection of major plant, risers, plant rooms, switchboards, authority supply details (where applicable) and equipment to confirm initial spatial allowances. Confirmation of future development requirements will be required to ensure the new switch boards and fit for purpose. At this time it will be determined if Ergon Application for increase in supply to allow future stages is required.

Stage 2: Detailed Design

Following review and confirmation of the schematic design, the detailed design phase will commence. During this phase the general arrangement of the switchboard upgrade will confirmed and detailed. Contract tender documentation will be prepared including certified drawings, schedules and specification and released via Local Buy procurement in February 2026.



About Building Construction Projects – not yet commenced

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DFRA) EFFICIENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM (EFP)

CRUCIAL ACCESS LINKS PROGRAM

Program Overview

The Crucial Access Links Program aims to deliver high priority projects identified through Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs) which target improvements to strengthening and maintaining crucial linkages and access routes during and after disaster events.

Upgrading these linkages and access routes will increase the resilience of councils infrastructure, support delivery of critical supplies and emergency response resources, and ultimately ensure that Hope Vale will be better able to survive disaster events, manage disaster impacts and recover sooner from disasters.

The Crucial Access Links Program has been approved for funding under the Efficiencies Funding Program, with high priority projects identified through Hope Vale Council's Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs).

The two projects approved for grant funding are:

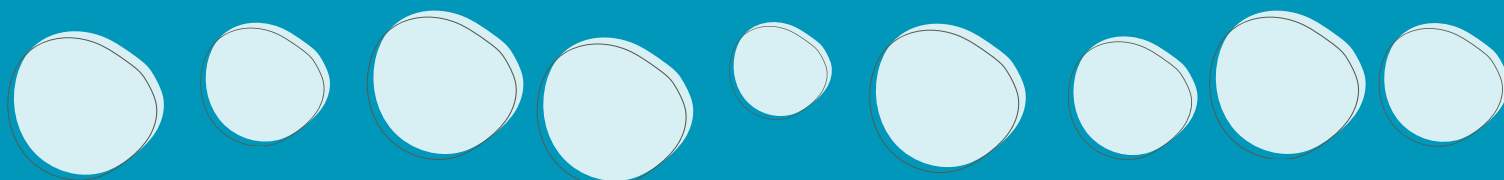
1. Aerodrome Resilience Upgrade
2. Everlina Bridge Upgrade

Scope of Works Project 1: Hope Vale Aerodrome Resilience Upgrade

The scope of works is informed by the Aerodrome Safety Report (ASR) issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and developed to immediately address the non compliance issues identified throughout the report.

The project includes comprehensive runway and pavement upgrades to improve the aerodromes functionality and disaster resilience:

- Pulverisation and re-compaction of existing pavement
- Relocation of the runway by 3m
- Widening the runway from 15m to 18m
- Providing a 45m wide runway strip
- Bulk earthworks model for purpose of providing quantities
- Stormwater review of airfield and protection of key aviation assets
- Pavement design, specifications, and schedule of quantities to seal the runway





About Building Construction Projects – not yet commenced

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DFRA) EFFICIENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM (EFP)

CRUCIAL ACCESS LINKS PROGRAM

Project Status Project 1: Hope Vale Aerodrome Resilience Upgrade

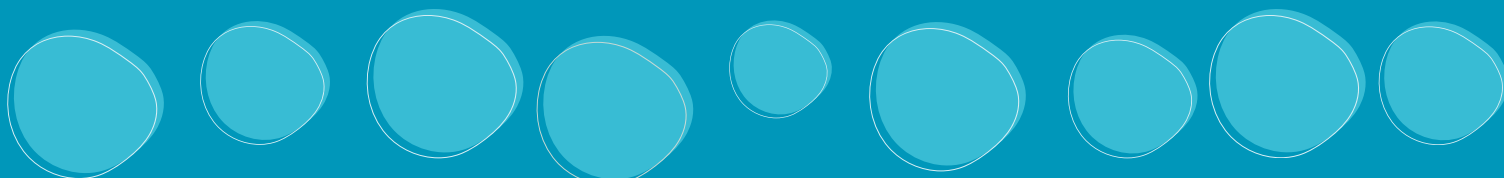
Preparation of procurement documentation commenced during October and will be finalised in December 2025. During this time Council will conduct early market sounding with potential gravel suppliers to confirm capacity and capability to supply conforming materials. This will provide suppliers with adequate time to test and stockpile material in advance of contractor mobilisation.

As part of the delivery planning phase, Council will host a stakeholder engagement workshop in November with key aerodrome users, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, private pilots, and commercial operators. Hinterland Aviation will be invited to participate to gauge interest in establishing direct or legged services to Hope Vale, which would reduce the need for community members to travel to Cooktown for air travel. In addition to briefing stakeholders on the proposed construction staging, closure periods, and operational impacts, the session will provide an opportunity to discuss future passenger transfer needs.

The Council is currently undertaking a cost analysis to evaluate the feasibility of incorporating passenger transfer facilities into the project. These facilities would align with those already in operation at aerodromes within other indigenous communities and would facilitate the potential introduction of commercial airline services.

The construction tender is anticipated to be released in January 2026 and will remain open for a duration of 21 days. Evaluation of the tenders will take place in February 2026, with a contract award report anticipated to be presented to Council in March 2026.

Following the execution of the contract, all gravel materials will have been produced, tested, and stockpiled in advance, preventing any delays to the principal contractor's mobilisation and construction schedule. Groundwork is scheduled to commence during the 2026 dry season, to align with optimal weather conditions, minimising operational disruptions. This delivery model aims to ensure faster mobilisation, efficient construction, and enhanced resilience of the Hope Vale Aerodrome as a vital infrastructure asset for both community access and emergency response.





About Building Construction Projects – not yet commenced

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DFRA) EFFICIENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM (EFP)

CRUCIAL ACCESS LINKS PROGRAM

Scope of Works Project 2: Everlina Bridge Upgrade

The scope of works is informed by the Local Resilience Action Plan. The bridge serves as the only access route to councils water, sewerage, landfill and telecommunications infrastructure network during periods of prolonged rainfall and flooding. It is not suited for heavy machinery as it is load-limited to 2 tonnes. This limitation signifies that the bridge is neither fit for purpose nor adequately respond in times of disaster. Access to councils essential infrastructure network is integral to community function, public health, and critical to disaster management.

The Everlina Bridge Upgrade sees a full reconstruction of the existing bridge, ensuring it meets modern engineering, safety, and disaster resilience standards including:

Bridge Design & Construction

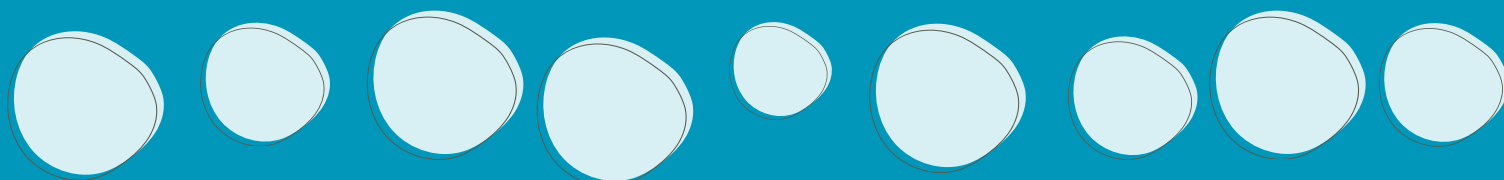
- Construction of a dual-lane concrete bridge with enhanced flood immunity.
- Increased bridge height to achieve 5-year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) flood immunity.
- Upgraded bridge loading capacity to accommodate heavy vehicles and emergency transport.

Structural & Safety Improvements

- Incorporation of pedestrian pathways for safe crossing.
- Integration of resilient materials to extend the bridge's lifespan and reduce maintenance costs.

Disaster Resilience & Environmental Considerations

- Designed to withstand extreme weather conditions (cyclones, floods, and storm surges).
- Use of sustainable materials to support long-term infrastructure sustainability.





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DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DFRA) EFFICIENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM (EFP)

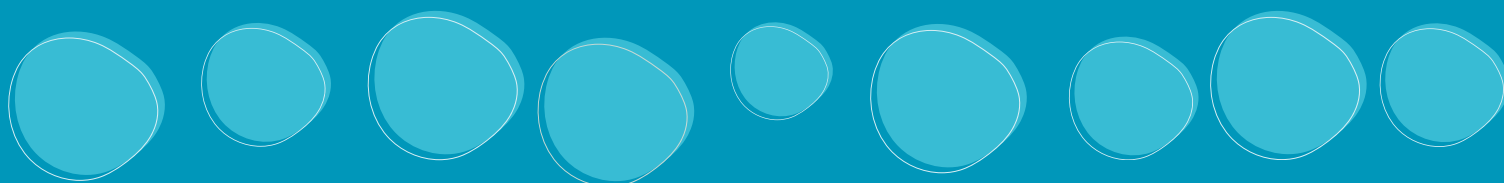
CRUCIAL ACCESS LINKS PROGRAM

Project Status Project 2: Everlina Bridge Upgrade

The detailed design of the Everlina Bridge upgrade will commence in November 2025 and will progress over a 4 month period. During this time investigations including geotechnical survey and hydraulic analysis will be conducted to inform the new bridge design. Given the bridge is to be located on an existing alignment and the preferred span arrangement and road battery limits are yet to be confirmed, Lancini Consulting Engineers are developing 15% concept designs for presentation to Council. The purpose of this phase of the project is to confirm the minimum bridge requirements, investigate economical options of span configurations and to develop draft general arrangement drawings including:

- Cross section of superstructure
- Articulation (location of expansion joints)
- Service requirements
- Barrier requirements
- Drainage requirements
- Vertical clearance over water body
- Draft abutment and pier details including preliminary founding heights (No reinforcement details at this stage)

Completion of the 15% concept design phase bridge concept drawings are expected to be finalised by the first week of December 2025. These designs will be presented to Council for comment and confirmation. Upon acceptance of the conceptual bridge arrangement, mobilisation of the project geotechnical engineer is scheduled to ensure the proceeding bridge design phases can be undertaken with the required site-specific geotechnical information. This will ensure the site conditions are well defined for the substructure piling works. On completion Council will be presented the concept drawings for review and acceptance acceptance of minimum bridge requirements for superstructure type, design life, durability, inspection and maintenance.







About Civil Construction

Building local capacity

Civil Works Capacity Building

During this reporting period, Orion Project Consulting (OPC) was engaged to support the development of a Civil Works Toolkit, with a clear focus on building operational capability and technical skills within the Hope Vale workforce. The objective is to ensure that both Council staff and local contractors are equipped with practical, easy to use tools that reflect current industry standards and support safe, consistent, and compliant delivery of civil works.

The toolkit developed to date includes:

- A daily pre-start checklist for use by supervisors
- Standard traffic guidance schemes for common maintenance activities, such as gravel re-sheeting, slashing, and formation grading
- Project specific construction environmental management plan (CEMP) templates to guide environmental compliance during council works

This engagement has also created an opportunity to invest in local workforce development. Two Hope Vale-based staff have been selected to complete Queensland Level 1 and Level 2 Traffic Management training. This will improve the safety and efficiency of on-ground operations while reducing dependency on external contractors for basic traffic management functions.

Additional Items for Consideration in the Civil Works Toolkit

To further strengthen the toolkit, Council is working with OPC to incorporate the following resources:

- Standardised job safety analysis (JSA) templates for common maintenance tasks
- Environmental risk checklists specific to local road and drainage conditions, including sediment control and cultural heritage zones
- Plant and equipment maintenance pre-start checklists
- Record-keeping templates for site diaries, weather logs, and stakeholder engagement
- Basic erosion and sediment control field guides
- Photo documentation protocols for before-and-after condition reports

These additions would help ensure field crews are well-supported in all aspects of documentation, compliance, and operational performance, contributing to improved consistency across maintenance and capital projects.



About the Civil Network Projects - repa submissions

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING
(13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)**

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

REPA SUBMISSIONS APPROVED VALUE

\$5,281,830

Program

Council was activated under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon & Flooding 13 December 2023 – 28 December 2023) event.

The full damage assessment of Hopevale's road and bridge network was conducted 15 January through to 17 January 2024. All roads and bridges were inspected at this time with the exception for Rehab Road, Spring Hill Road and Bulls Crossing bridge, where only partial inspections could be undertaken as both roads remained impassable during the damage assessments and the Bulls Crossing bridge required further structural inspections.

Subsequent road network damage assessments were conducted and continued into July 2024 as both previously impassable roads dried out. Similar, the availability of structural engineers to conduct further structural inspections on council's bridge network saw the remaining assessments undertaken and a detailed package prepared for Bulls Crossing bridge repairs, including scope of works, cost estimates and detailed designs developed to supplement the grant submission.

Program Status

From the road and bridge network damage assessments conducted, council received approval for all seven submissions that were developed and lodged.



About the Civil Network

Projects - works in progress

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING (13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

SUBMISSION 2: VARIOUS ROADS

APPROVED VALUE: \$1,064,652.79

Scope Of Works

Aerodrome Road, Alligator Creek Road to Brannican Connection Road, Brannican Road, Coloured Sands Road, Elim Beach Campground Access Road, Elim Road, Elim Road to Spring Hill Connection Road, Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road, Reservoir Road, Spring Hill Road (section 1), Tea Tree Farm Road, Theile Mclvor, Airport Road, Water Bores 4 and 8 Access Road.

Project Status

The following road restoration works have now been completed:

- Aerodrome Road
- Alligator Creek Road to Brannican Connection Road
- Brannican Road
- Coloured Sands Road
- Elim Beach Campground Access Road
- Elim Road to Spring Hill Connection Road
- Reservoir Road
- Spring Hill Road (section 1)
- Theile Mclvor Airport Road
- Water Bores 4 and 8 Access Roads

Completion of these roads represents approximately 45 percent of the total program of works completed to date. Construction works are currently underway on Spring Hill Road and expected to be completed in early November. Once complete, the crew will move to Cooktown Mclvor Road and Rehab Road, marking the completion of the entire unsealed roads program.



About the Civil Network Projects - works in progress

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING (13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

SUBMISSION 4: ELIM BEACH ROAD EMBANKMENT FAILURE APPROVED VALUE: \$936,126.97

Scope of Works

Anchored Gabions 3 m tall. Anchors to be constructed using gabion basket material laid back into pavement + rock fill + pavement.

Project Status

Durack Civil has been selected to deliver the landslip remediation works for Elim Road under Local Buy Contract LB313 – Road and General Civil Construction.

A notice of successful tender was issued in September along with a draft contract. The contract is currently with Council for review and is expected to be executed by 14 October. Once executed, Council will review the contractor's quality, environmental, and WHS management plans, and ensure all site personnel have completed inductions prior to possession of site being granted.

Construction is expected to take less than 60 days, allowing completion ahead of the Christmas shutdown period.

To maximise efficiency while Durack is mobilised in the area, Council is intending to progress a contract variation to include remediation of multiple small pavement failures across the sealed road network within the shire. This includes sections of Alligator Creek Road, Banana Farm Road, Binthin Street, Elim Road, Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road, Keller Street, Link Road, North Street, Reservoir Road, Tip Road, and the access roads to Water Bores 4 and 8. The variation incorporates associated sealing works to reduce the cost of separate mobilisation.



About the Civil Network Projects - works in progress

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING
(13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)**

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

SUBMISSION 7: SPRING HILL ROAD (SECTION 2) APPROVED VALUE: \$613,208

Scope of Works

Spring Hill Road (section 2)

Project Status

Construction works are currently underway on Spring Hill Road and expected to be completed in early November.

SUBMISSION 6: COOKTOWN-MCIVOR ROAD AND REHAB ROAD APPROVED VALUE: \$1,349,372

Scope of Works

Cooktown McIvor Road
Rehab Road

Project Status

Clearing of road verges has been undertaken in preparation of civil works commencing after the completion of Spring Hill Road (section 2) scope of works in early November 2025. The move to Cooktown McIvor Road and Rehab Road, marks nearing completion of the entire unsealed roads program.



About the Civil Network Projects - works in progress

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING
(13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)**

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

**SUBMISSION 5: BULLS CROSSING BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT
APPROVED VALUE: \$685,483.26**

Scope of Works

Superstructure replacement of the Bulls Crossing Bridge to increase the load capacity of the bridge to that of a T44 design vehicle under both Ultimate and Serviceability Limit State conditions.

Project Status

In late July 2025, Council engaged Dempsey Cranes and Construction (DCC) to deliver the Bulls Crossing Bridge Superstructure Replacement. The purpose of this upgrade is to increase the bridge's load capacity to support higher-standard vehicles and improve long-term safety and access for the community.

Off-site fabrication of the new bridge components commenced in August 2025 in Townsville and was completed in September. Following fabrication, protective galvanising works were carried out and finalised in early October. The bridge structure has now been transported to Hope Vale in preparation for site mobilisation.

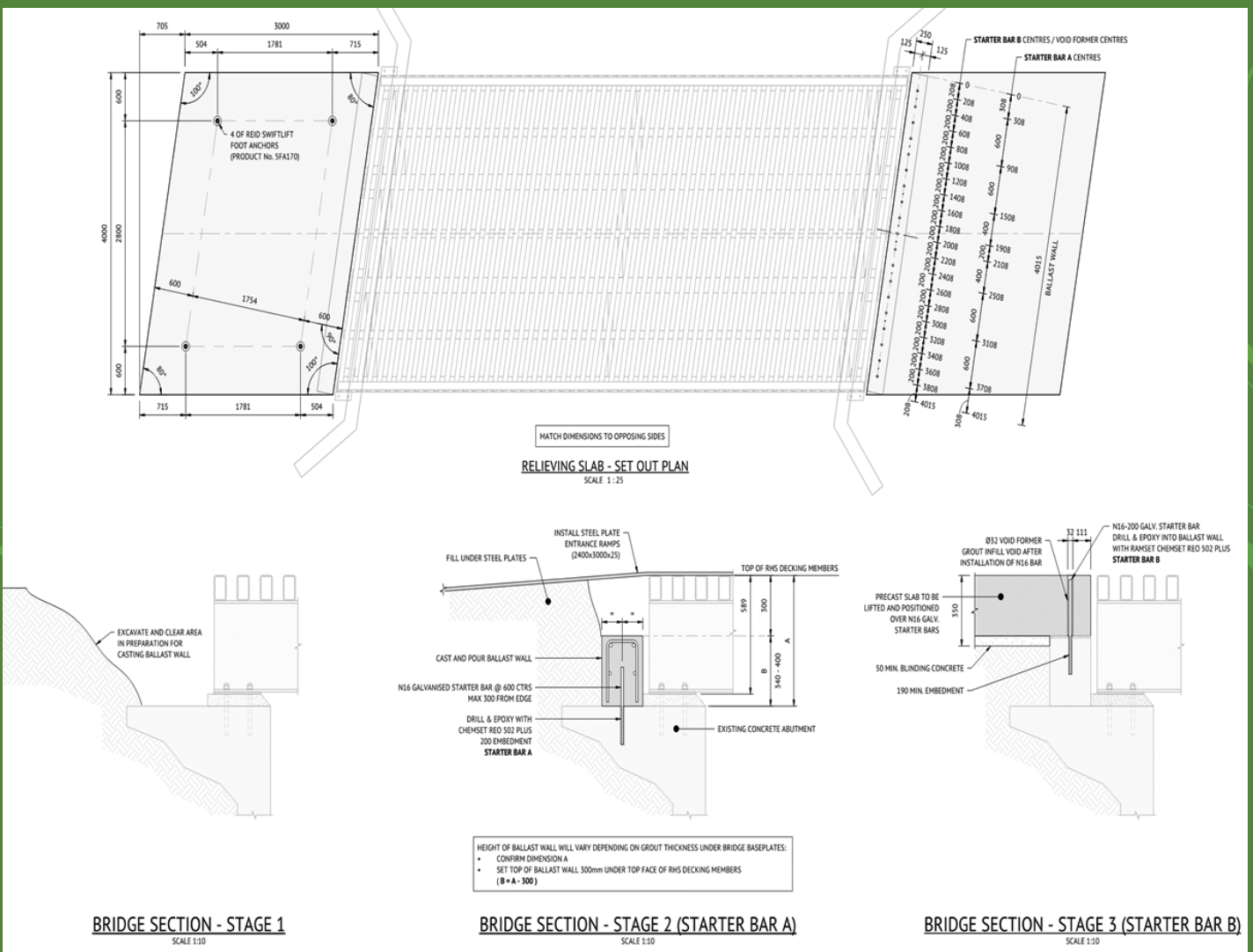
On-site works at Bulls Crossing are commencing during the week of 13 October 2025 and are expected to take up to five days to complete. The road will be closed from 14 to 18 October 2025 to allow for construction. During this time, a short detour will be in place for local road users.

In consultation with Lancini Consulting Engineers, a change was made to enable off-site precasting of the bridge's relieving slabs. This adjustment will reduce the construction timeline by avoiding on-site curing delays, with no additional cost to Council.

As part of this program, DCC will also deliver the installation of new relieving slabs at Sandy Creek Bridge within the same mobilisation, further improving delivery efficiency.







About the Civil Network

Projects – works in progress



LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (LRCI PHASE 4) APPROVED PROJECT PART A

Sandy Creek Bridge Relieving Concrete Slab Apron Works \$63,728

Project Status

Completing the final stage of the Sandy Creek Bridge superstructure replacement (delivered in 2024), Council has progressed with the installation of new relieving slabs under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 4.

On 2 October 2025, Dempsey Cranes and Construction (DCC) provided Council with a quotation for the delivery and installation of the new slabs. This quotation was formally accepted on 8 October 2025.

In consultation with Lancini Consulting Engineers, a revised installation method was developed to minimise road closure time and reduce impacts to local residents and road users. Updated design documentation was provided to DCC on 9 October, allowing for off-site precasting of the slabs and streamlining the construction process.

On-site works are scheduled to commence during the week of 13 October 2025 and are expected to take approximately five days to complete. Early works will focus on site preparation and supporting infrastructure, with the installation of the precast slabs to follow shortly after.

The bridge and road will remain open to light vehicles during key stages of the works, and full access is expected to be restored by the end of the construction period. Delivery of these final works will complete the overall Sandy Creek Bridge upgrade and improve long-term reliability and safety for the community.

About the Civil Network Projects - works in progress



LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (LRCI PHASE 4) APPROVED PROJECT PART B

Replacement of Traffic Signage for Bridges and Roads \$36,759

Scope of works

As part of Council's commitment to road safety and regulatory compliance, funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 4 has been allocated to the replacement of aging and missing traffic signage throughout the Shire, including critical bridge load limit signs.

The signage replacement program focuses on ensuring all traffic and bridge signs meet the standards outlined in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Priority will be given to signs that are missing, damaged, faded, or non-compliant.

Replacing missing or aging traffic signage and bridge load limit signage provides several key benefits including:

- Improved safety: Clear, visible signage helps prevent driver confusion and reduces the risk of road accidents.
- Infrastructure protection: Updated load limit signage prevents overweight vehicles from using vulnerable bridges, protecting key infrastructure assets.
- Regulatory compliance: Ensuring signage meets current standards reduces the risk of non-compliance and associated liability.
- Support for Emergency Services: Reliable signage improves emergency response times by aiding navigation and access.
- Effective use of downtime: This project provides meaningful work for Council crews during periods when roadwork is not possible, maximising workforce utilisation.

By addressing signage gaps across the Shire, this project will enhance the safety, functionality, and resilience of the local road network while ensuring Council continues to meet regulatory standards.

Project Status

This project will be delivered through the procurement of signage under Local Buy Contract LB315 – Road Furniture and Signage Products. Council staff will complete all site installation works.

The project is structured as a wet weather or stand-down activity and is not tied to a fixed delivery schedule. Works will be undertaken progressively throughout the upcoming wet season, ensuring continued productivity during periods when road construction is not possible.



About the Civil Network Projects - not yet commenced

ROADS TO RECOVERY (R2R) PROGRAM 2024-2029 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL ROAD ASSETS

Funding Allocation for 2024/2029 \$560,810

Program

The Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program provides direct funding to local governments for road maintenance and improvement projects. The program aims to support councils in enhancing road safety, efficiency, and sustainability by delivering critical infrastructure upgrades that might otherwise be delayed due to budget constraints.

Under the 2024-2029 funding period, Council has been allocated \$560,810 for road infrastructure improvements.

Scope of Works

Upgrade and resurface the three roundabouts within the township and remove and replace damaged and aging kerb and channel infrastructure. These works will improve road safety, extend the lifespan of key intersections, and enhance overall traffic flow within Hope Vale. The resurfacing of the roundabouts will ensure safer turning movements for vehicles, particularly during wet conditions, while the replacement of deteriorating kerb and channelling will improve stormwater drainage and reduce erosion along road edges.

Project Status

Orion Project Consulting carried out the on-site inspections of kerb and channel infrastructure across the township between 5–9 May 2025. These inspections informed a detailed desktop audit and condition assessment, which Orion have now completed for Council. Based on these findings, the scope of works is nearing completion in preparation for submission of the project nomination to the Roads to Recovery Program. This submission is expected to be lodged by late October.





About the Civil Network

Roads 2 Recovery

Kerb and channel infrastructure replacement



About the Civil Network

Projects - not yet commenced

DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING (13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)

Category D Betterment Funding of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

BETTERMENT 2024 SUBMISSION APPROVED VALUE

\$1,413,371.66

Program

A \$130 million 2024 Betterment Fund was made available to event damaged assets in 18 local government areas activated under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for Category B assistance Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) impacted by the Tropical Cyclone Jasper, associated rainfall and flooding, 13 - 28 December 2023, including Hope Vale Council.

The objectives of the 2024 Betterment Fund is to restore essential public assets damaged in events to a more resilient standard:

- so infrastructure and communities are more resilient to future disasters,
- so future costs associated with disasters are reduced,
- to address Queensland's assessed natural hazard risks, and
- in alignment with the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience and the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience objectives of strengthened disaster risk management and investment in disaster risk reduction.

Councils 2024 Betterment Fund application prioritised a cost benefit analysis and the demonstration of resilience outcomes. This included the additional cost of increasing resilience and the qualitative and quantitative benefits of the improvements.

Program Status

Council received approval for the Betterment Fund submission that was developed and lodged.

About the Civil Network Projects - not yet commenced



DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING (13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)

Category D Betterment Funding of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

SUBMISSION 8: CONCRETE FLOODWAYS ALLIGATOR CREEK ROAD APPROVED VALUE: \$1,413,371.66

Scope of Works

The construction of 14 new concrete floodways on Alligator Creek Road. These works will replace existing gravel and sealed sections of the road at low-level creek and overland flow locations that are prone to washout during heavy rainfall. The concrete floodways are designed to increase flood immunity, ensure year-round access, and reduce recurring maintenance and repair costs during the wet season.

Project Status

Design and survey work is currently being undertaken by Lancini Consulting Engineers and is scheduled for completion in late January 2026, during the wet season. Following design completion, Council intends to release a request for quote for the concreting works in late February 2026.

Due to the low-lying nature of these sites, construction must occur during the 2026 dry season when water levels are at their lowest. This will allow safe access for plant and equipment and ensure proper installation conditions.



About the Civil Network

Projects - not yet commenced



LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM (LRRG)

Project 2: Construction of Pedestrian Footpath \$678,216

Scope of Works Project 2: Construction of Pedestrian Footpath

Construction of Pedestrian Footpath - Dual Access

Length: 2569m

Width: 2 meters

Construction: 5138m² Concrete supply

Project Value: \$1,130,360

Project Status Project 2: Construction of Pedestrian Footpath

Group two project nomination one addresses the critical need for a pedestrian footpath connecting Miller Estate to the town centre, particularly given the lack of existing pedestrian access.

The survey, concept drawings and detailed design have been developed and completed in early 2025, allowing for construction to commence as the construction program schedules.



About the Civil Network

Projects - not yet commenced



DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

**TROPICAL CYCLONE JASPER, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING
(13 DECEMBER - 28 DECEMBER 2023)**

Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

APPROVED REPA SUBMISSIONS NOT YET COMMENCED \$632,422

SUBMISSION 1: HVASC.0015.2324

Approved Value: \$309,524.57

Works Program

Alligator Creek Road

Project Status

Works not yet commenced

SUBMISSION 3: HVASC.0017.2324

Approved Value: \$322,897.91

Works Program

Banana Farm Road, Binthin Street, Elim Road, Heavy Vehicle Bypass Road, Keller Street, Link Road, North Street, Reservior Road, Tip Road, Water Bores 4 and 8 Access Roads.

Project Status

Works not yet commenced

About the Civil Network Projects - not yet commenced



WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-2027

Project 3: Pedestrian Footpath Access to Millers Estate \$500,000

Program

The aim of 2024-27 W4Q is to support council deliver local infrastructure and maintenance, planning and capability development projects which support essential services, contribute to community economic development and improve council sustainability.

Scope of Works Project 3: Pedestrian Footpath Access to Millers Estate

The design and construction of the pedestrian footpath between the Miller Estate and the town centre sees the total length of footpath constructed being 2569m. The construction of a pedestrian footpath between the township and Millers Estate subdivision is a strategic initiative that addresses safety, accessibility, health, economic development, and resilience against adverse weather conditions. It reflects the council's dedication to sustainable, inclusive, and community-focused urban planning. For the community, it offers a multitude of benefits, from enhanced safety and connectivity to improved health and social cohesion.

Project Status Project 3: Pedestrian Footpath Access to Millers Estate

The survey, concept drawings and detailed design have been developed and completed in early 2025, allowing for construction to commence as the construction program schedules.