



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2025 REPORT TO COUNCIL

15 SEPTEMBER 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, an enhanced working capital position depicted in the balance sheet, whilst the cash flow statement outlines a net cash inflow from the Council's operational activities. Eight out of nine sustainability metrics for this reporting period have been successfully achieved.

The year to date profit margin is 10.5%, surpassing both the budget projections and the previous reporting period figures. Key sources of revenue, including sales, recoverable works, interest, and internal revenue, constitute 53.4% of total year-to-date recurrent revenue, marking a 4% increase from the previous month. Notably, sales and recoverable works have risen to 16% of total revenue, significantly contributing to the Council's profitability and sustainability. Similarly, capital revenue has increased to 40% of total income following the receipt of funding for betterment projects.

The majority of the Council's year-to-date expenditure, totaling 66.1%, is primarily driven by materials and services, and employee benefits. The reduction in expenditure during this period reflects a slowdown in building activities while awaiting Q Build to release upgrade orders.

Depreciation costs have been fully expensed in the operating results up to 30 September 2025, aligning with the projected expenses.

The current debtors balance stands at \$1.4 million, slightly higher than the previous reporting period due to newly generated Q Build 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

FEES AND CHARGES

Fees and Charges- Utility Charges - Rental
Income

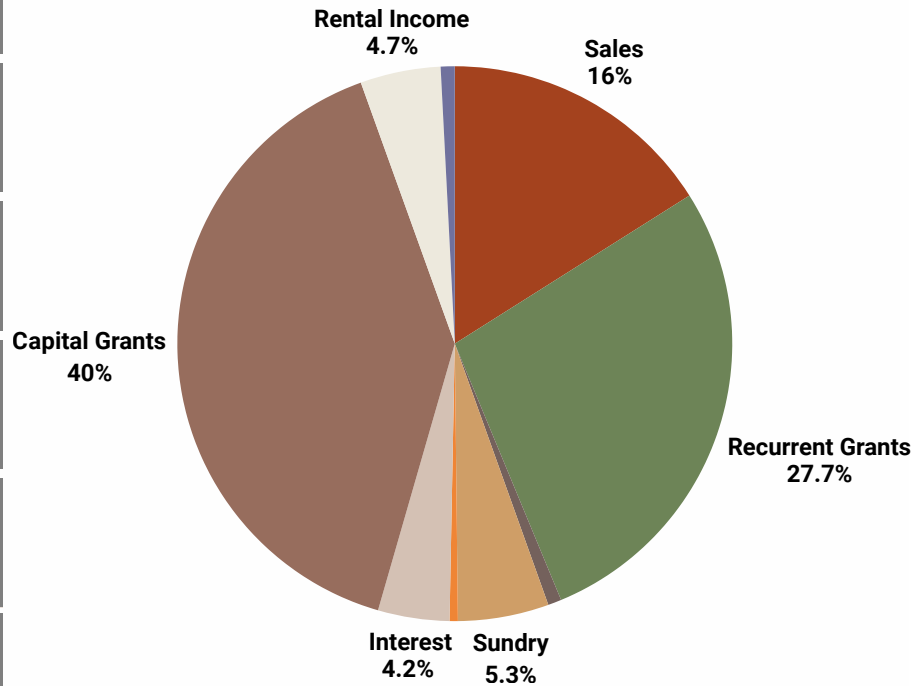
INTEREST

Interest generated on cash fund held with
Queensland Treasury Corporation

SUNDRY

Aged Services Medicare Benefits

TOTAL INCOME YTD SEPTEMBER 2025



\$5,619,022 **\$3,782,034** **\$45,273** **\$9,446,329**

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

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Comparable with budget forecast

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Comparable with budget forecast

DEPRECIATION

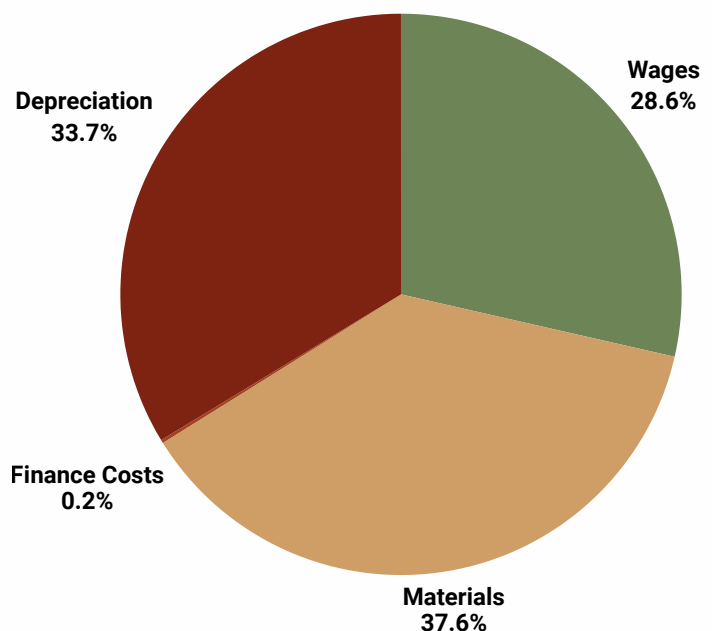
Year to date \$1,352,391

CAPITAL EXPENSES

FINANCE COSTS

Bank Fees and QTC Administration Charges

TOTAL EXPENSES YTD SEPTEMBER 2025



\$4,014,375

\$0

\$4,014,375

RECURRENT
EXPENSES

CAPITAL
EXPENSES

TOTAL
EXPENSES



About Finance

Statement of financial position

PROPERTY PLANT
& EQUIPMENT

\$102,674,895

LARGEST ASSET CATEGORY

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



\$59,890,137

CURRENT ASSETS



\$125,312,115

NON CURRENT ASSETS



\$185,202,252

TOTAL ASSETS

CAPITAL WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$2,506,228



\$414,958

CURRENT LIABILITIES



\$564,694

NON CURRENT LIABILITIES



\$979,652

TOTAL LIABILITIES

TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY

\$184,230,256



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
\$5.43M

DEBTORS BALANCE
\$1,492,453

RESTRICTED GRANT FUNDS
\$4,814,621

UNRESTRICTED CASH BALANCE
\$47,797,945

STATE GOVERNMENT
GRANT FUNDING
\$4,449,804

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT FUNDING
\$3,892,194

GST RECEIVABLE SEPTEMBER
2025
\$43,711

CONTRACT ASSETS
AND LIABILITIES
\$2,433,700

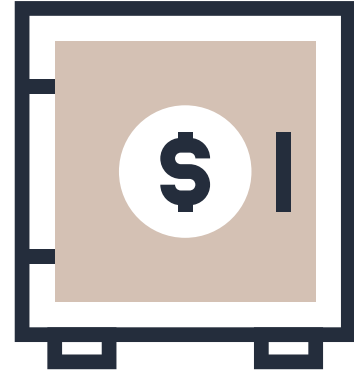


About Finance

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 SEPTEMBER 2025 STATISTICS



1. Operating Surplus Ratio	28.56%	5. Operating Cash Ratio	52.63%
2. Asset Sustainability Ratio	46.14%	6. Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio (months)	246.27
3. Council Controlled Revenue Ratio	10.57%	7. Asset Consumption Ratio	61.52%
4. Population Growth Ratio	1.36%	8. Leverage Ratio	0



About Finance

Capital assets

CAPITAL WORKS COMPLETED YEAR TO DATE

\$103,866

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Sewerage Pump

MOTOR VEHICLES & HEAVY MACHINERY

LDV D90 Petrol Executive

Radio Station Hiace Van Accessories

BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURE

PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Bobcat Excavator

CURRENT WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$4,500,432

ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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

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

LRCI Phase 4 Traffic Signage \$36,759

PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Radio Station Studio Equipment \$79,113

BUILDINGS INFRASTRUCTURE

LGGSP Everlina Plaza \$1,691,807

Business Precinct \$50,000

Service Station \$50,000

Sports Precinct Development \$50,000

apid Starlink Infrastructure \$55,000

Lake Street Office Fitout \$70,000

MOTOR VEHICLES

Radio Station Vehicle \$64,409



About Finance

The forward orderbook

Infrastructure Roads and Bridges

LRCI Phase 4 Sandy Creek Bridge Apron

REPA HVASC.0015 - Alligator Creek Road

REPA HVASC.0017 - Multiple Roads

REPA HVASC.0019 - Elim Beach Road Embankment Failure

REPA HVASC.0022 - Cooktown McIvor Road/Rehab Road

REPA Betterment HVASC.0027 - Concrete Floodways Alligator Creek Road

QRA Crucial Access Links - Everlina Bridge

Roads to Recovery 2024-2029 Kerb and Channel Township

W4Q 2024-2027 Everlina Bridge Deck Replacement

\$11,286,046



About Finance

The forward orderbook

Infrastructure Buildings Other

LRRG Program - Switchboards Everlina Plaza

W4Q 2024-2027 - MPC Upgrade

Growing Regions - Digital Service Centre

\$2,578,009

Infrastructure Other

QRA Crucial Access Links - Aerodrome

W4Q 2024-2027 - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath

LRRG Program - Construction of Pedestrian Footpath

\$6,314,417

TOTAL FORWARD ORDERBOOK
\$20,063,805



About Finance

grant funding applications pending

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS

COUNTRY ROADS CONNECT PROGRAM – COOKTOWN MCIVOR ROAD BITUMEN SEALING

Program Overview

The Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program provides \$100 million over four years (2024-25 to 2027-28) aimed at supporting local infrastructure that will improve resilience and safety in regional communities.

The CRC Program provides funding to local governments to pave unsealed key regional access roads which serve rural communities and producers, provide access for emergency vehicles and are most at risk of becoming impassable following severe weather events.

Cooktown Mclvor Road: Bitumen Sealing

Funding Amount Requested: \$3,380,000

Submission Date: 19 May 2025

Submission Status: Unsuccessful

Scope of Works

The proposed works include pavement upgrades, a two-coat bitumen seal, drainage improvements, erosion control and signage covering approximately 4.2 kilometres of road. These sections are currently unsealed and become regularly impassable during the wet season, cutting off access for emergency services, school transport, and residents.

These upgrades will reduce maintenance costs, extend the life of the road, and keep essential services connected throughout the year. The road is also listed as a primary access route and supports broader regional objectives under the Cape York Transport Plan

The total project cost is \$3.38 million, with funding sought across three years: \$80,000 in 2024–25, \$2.4 million in 2025–26, and \$900,000 in 2026–27. While a financial co-contribution isn't required under the program, Council will support the project through in-kind contributions, including labour, plant, and project management.

If successful, planning and procurement would be finalised in late 2025, with construction to follow the wet season in 2026. This project builds on earlier sealing works already completed and reflects Council's ongoing commitment to improving resilience for Hope Vale.

Funding announcements are expected in Quarter 1 of the 25/26 financial year.



About Finance

Grant funding applications pending

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

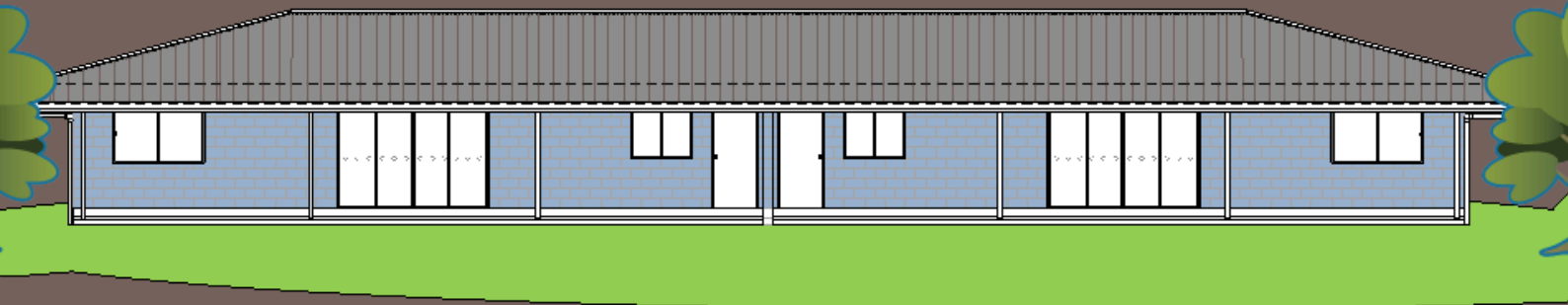
Funding Amount Requested: \$1,162,478

Submission Date: 16 May 2025

Submission Status: Pending

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 Finance Procurement

Specialised Supplier Services

Cooktown Cool Freezer Transport stands as a freight services company with depots in both Cairns and Mareeba based within a reasonable proximity, who is reasonably available to provide specialised weekly freight services between Cairns direct to Hope Vale for the collection and delivery of materials to support of Council's sales and contract works.

Given there are no other freight services who can provide freight services directly to Hope Vale or manned depots, and because of the specialised nature of these services, obtaining multiple quotes is neither practical nor achievable. Therefore, it is recommended that Cooktown Cool Freezer Transport is engaged under a sole supplier arrangement.

Recommendation

That Council

- (a) in accordance with Section 235(b) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, because of the specialised nature of the freight services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for council to invite quotes or tenders for these services.
- (b) in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, resolves, that it is satisfied that Cooktown Cool Freezer Transport is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available to provide these specialised services.



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



\$916K QBUILD REQUEST FOR TENDERS YTD

\$274K QBUILD WORK ORDERS RECEIVED YTD

\$1.32M TENDERS SUBMITTED AND AWAITING APPROVAL

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MAJOR PROJECTS

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$16.01M BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM VALUE

\$1.95M PROJECT VALUE OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$14.04M PROJECT VALUE OF BUILDING WORKS NOT YET COMMENCED

\$0 YTD VALUE OF WORKS COMPLETED

CIVIL CONSTRUCTION ROADS

- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
- SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPLIANCE
- IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



\$8.53M CIVIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM VALUE

\$2.40M PROJECT VALUE OF WORKS IN PROGRESS

\$6.13M 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

30

NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR
TENDERS FROM QBUILD YTD

18

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
TO QBUILD YTD

\$916,121.72

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
TO QBUILD YTD

- LAUNDRY UPGRADE- 1
- VERANDAH UPGRADE - 2
- KITCHEN UPGRADES - 3
- POLICE - 2
- ROOFING UPGRADES - 7
- SEPTIC UPGRADES- 3
- WINDOWS - 2
- PAINT UPGRADES - 3
- FLOORING UPGRADE - 5
- GEH TEACHER HOUSING UPGRADES - 1
- FULL HOUSE UPGRADE - 2

QBUILD ORDERS RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE

13

NUMBER OF ORDERS RECEIVED FROM
QBUILD YTD

\$274,800.78

VALUE OF ORDERS RECEIVED FROM
QBUILD YTD

38%

OF ORDERS RECEIVED VARIATIONS TO
ORDERS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

- GEH TEACHER HOUSING UPGRADES -1
- VARIATIONS TO ORIGINAL ORDER - 5
- ROOFING UPGRADES - 2
- WINDOW UPGRADES - 1
- KITCHEN UPGRADES - 1
- DISABILITY MODIFICATION - 2
- FLOORING UPGRADES- 1
- LAUNDRY UPGRADE - 1



About Building Construction Upgrade Program Snapshot

UPGRADE PROGRAM TENDERS SUBMITTED AWAITING APPROVAL ALL YEARS

34

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED AND
AWAITING APPROVAL ALL YEARS

\$1,327,027.50

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED AND
AWAITING APPROVAL

- WATER & SEWERAGE - 1
- FULL HOUSE UPGRADES - 2
- ELECTRICAL UPGRADE - 1
- CYAAA - 3
- POLICE - 8
- GEH HOUSING UPGRADES - 5
- WINDOW UPGRADES - 1
- FENCING UPGRADE - 1
- VERANDAH UPGRADE - 2
- ROOF UPGRADES - 8
- DISABILITY MOD - 1
- KITCHEN - 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

12

NUMBER OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY24/25 AWAITING APPROVAL

13

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

\$518k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY24/25 AWAITING APPROVAL

\$691k

VALUE OF TENDERS SUBMITTED
IN FY25/26 AWAITING APPROVAL



About Building Construction Projects - works in progress



LGGSP EVERLINA PLAZA ENTRANCE UPGRADE

Commence Construction: February 2024

Completion Date: June 2025

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

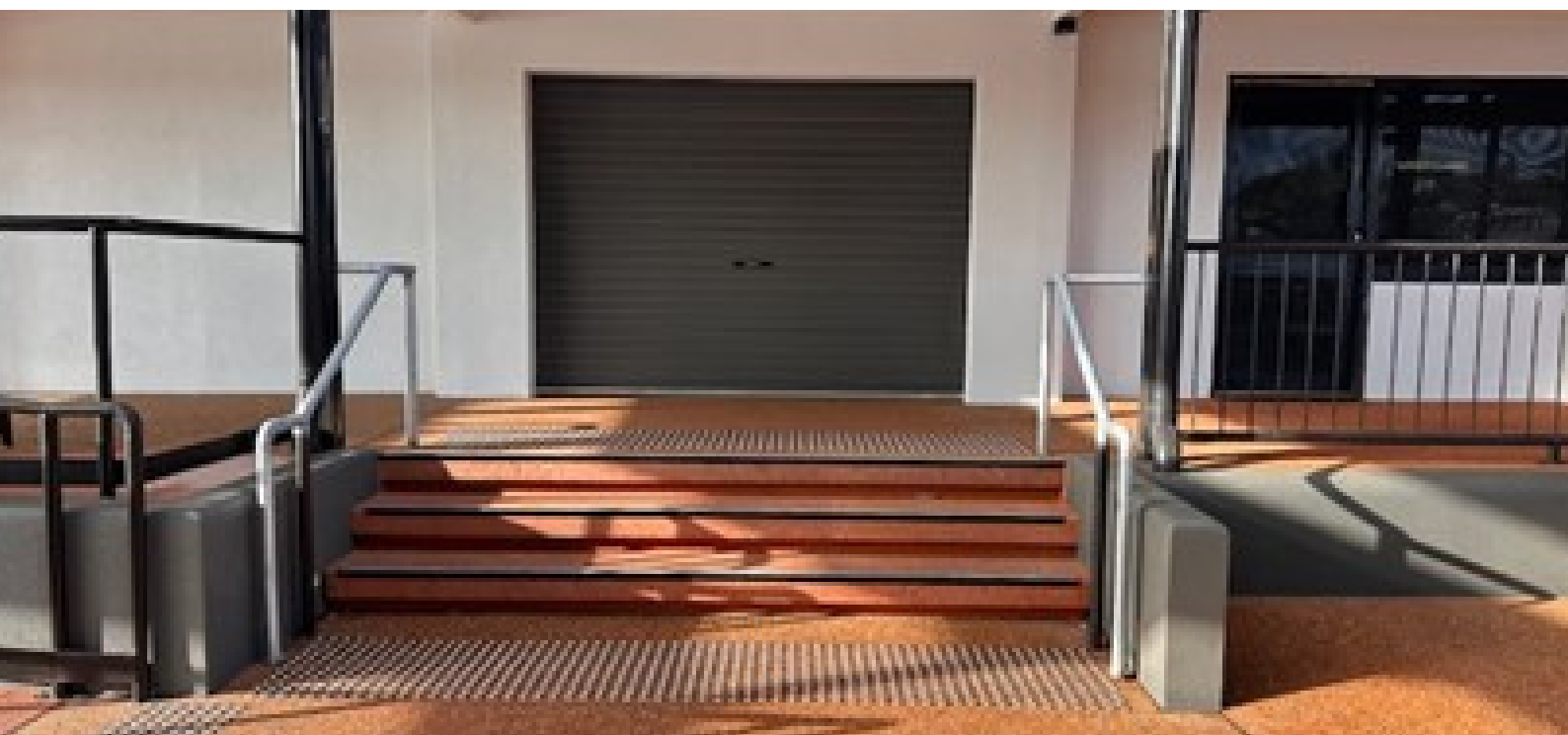
As the construction work draws to a close, road closures have been lifted, and Parks and Gardens are currently cleaning the streets in preparation for the official opening. Turf has been laid to enhance the eastern end of the worksite.

Old paving surfaces have been treated with a cement-based coating featuring splatter effects that closely mimic the color and texture of new exposed concrete finishes. All exposed concrete surfaces have been sealed. Tactile indicators and non-slip nosing strips for the stairs have been installed, along with the completion of handrails, all set for final inspection and certification.

All lighting installations are complete; however, we are still awaiting a Telstra connection location in the Everlina Main Frame Board to enable wireless connectivity for all lighting and projection equipment, which will soon be commissioned for use. The projection equipment has been ordered, but its anticipated late August arrival has been delayed until mid-September for installation.

The roller door has been installed and is awaiting an electrical connection to enable the commissioning of remote controls. Furniture for the covered sail area has been installed, along with planter boxes designed to accommodate a variety of plants, enhancing the aesthetics of the seating areas and walkways. New bin enclosures, matching the outdoor furniture, have also been installed and will be ready for use once the area officially opens. A water fountain is scheduled for installation this week.







About Building Construction

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 continued failure to issue Council work orders for additional tasks that extend beyond the original scope yet have 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, five 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

The seven 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
5. Installation of additional downlights to replace oyster fittings across all dwellings
6. Front personal access redesign and construction works to address steep fall at driveway to front boundary
7. Steel backing plate to sub-boards



About Building Construction

Works in progress

LOT 25 BAYANBI STREET - GEH HOUSING

Contract Status - Continued

Of the additional variation works that Council has completed, two variation orders remain unissued.

All on site activities remain suspended pending issuance of the outstanding variation work orders.

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. 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 motorised driveway gate. Minor electrical and NBN connection works are scheduled to be commissioned when activities resume on site and prior to handover. The installation of the powder-coated screens to western-facing elevations, house numbering, and letterbox installations are also yet to be completed.

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



About Building Construction Projects - not yet commenced

WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-2027

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 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

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
- HVASC 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 commence in June 2025, followed by development of a detailed bill of quantities. The final scope will be finalised early November after which procurement and scheduling of works may commence.



About Building Construction Projects - not yet commenced

WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-2027

Everlina Bridge Upgrade \$900,000

Scope of Works 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

Given the recent awarding of grant funding under the Crucial Access Links program which see the 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 October



About Building Construction Projects - not yet commenced

LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM (LRRG)

Upgrade of Switchboards at Everlina Plaza \$200,000

Scope of Works Upgrade of Switchboards at Everlina Plaza

Group two project nomination two see's 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.

Upgrading the switchboards at Everlina Plaza is critical because this facility houses the sole goods and grocery store available in Hopevale. Ensuring the electrical system is robust and reliable will prevent power outages that could disrupt the supply of essential goods during and after a disaster. By maintaining uninterrupted operations at this vital store, residents will have continuous access to food, water, and other necessities, which is essential for recovery.

The new, more efficient switchboards will support long-term resilience by providing a more reliable and safer electrical infrastructure. This upgrade will reduce the likelihood of power-related incidents during disasters, ensuring that Everlina Plaza, as the community's primary source of groceries and essential goods, can consistently serve its critical role in both recovery and ongoing resilience-building efforts and aligns with Councils developed Energy Options Paper.

Project Status

A preliminary design meeting for the switchboard upgrade was held during this reporting period. Project planning and design specifications will be finalised in October 2025 enabling procurement and installation begin.

Council remains committed to ensuring the efficient and timely delivery of these projects, with ongoing coordination between stakeholders to align with funding requirements and resilience objectives.





DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA) 2025 Emergent Works 2025

**North and Far North Tropical Low
Commencing 29 January 2025**

Since the activation on February 11, 2025, the Council has been actively coordinating response and early recovery efforts, including monitoring road conditions, basic clearing, and implementing public safety measures where access allows.

Persistent wet weather has severely restricted road access, preventing the initiation of further restoration road works during this reporting period. Several key roads remain waterlogged or only partially accessible, especially in the low-lying areas to the north of town.

Inspections remain ongoing where possible, and comprehensive road assessments will be completed once water levels return to normal conditions. These assessments are critical for evaluating the extent of damage and determining eligibility for QRA disaster recovery funding.

The Council is dedicated to advancing disaster recovery planning as soon as ground conditions improve and will continue to prioritise road safety and connectivity during this period of limited access.



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

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.

Project Status

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



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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: HVASC.0016.2324

APPROVED VALUE: \$1,064,652.79

Scope Of Works

Aerodrome Road, Alligator Creek Road to Brannican Road 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 McIvor, Airport Road, Water Bores 4 and 8 Access Road.

Project Status

The following road restoration works have now been completed:

- Coloured Sands Road
- Tea Tree Road
- Campground Road
- Elim to Spring Hill Connection Road

Construction works have commenced on Spring Hill Road (section 1) throughout this reporting period.



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

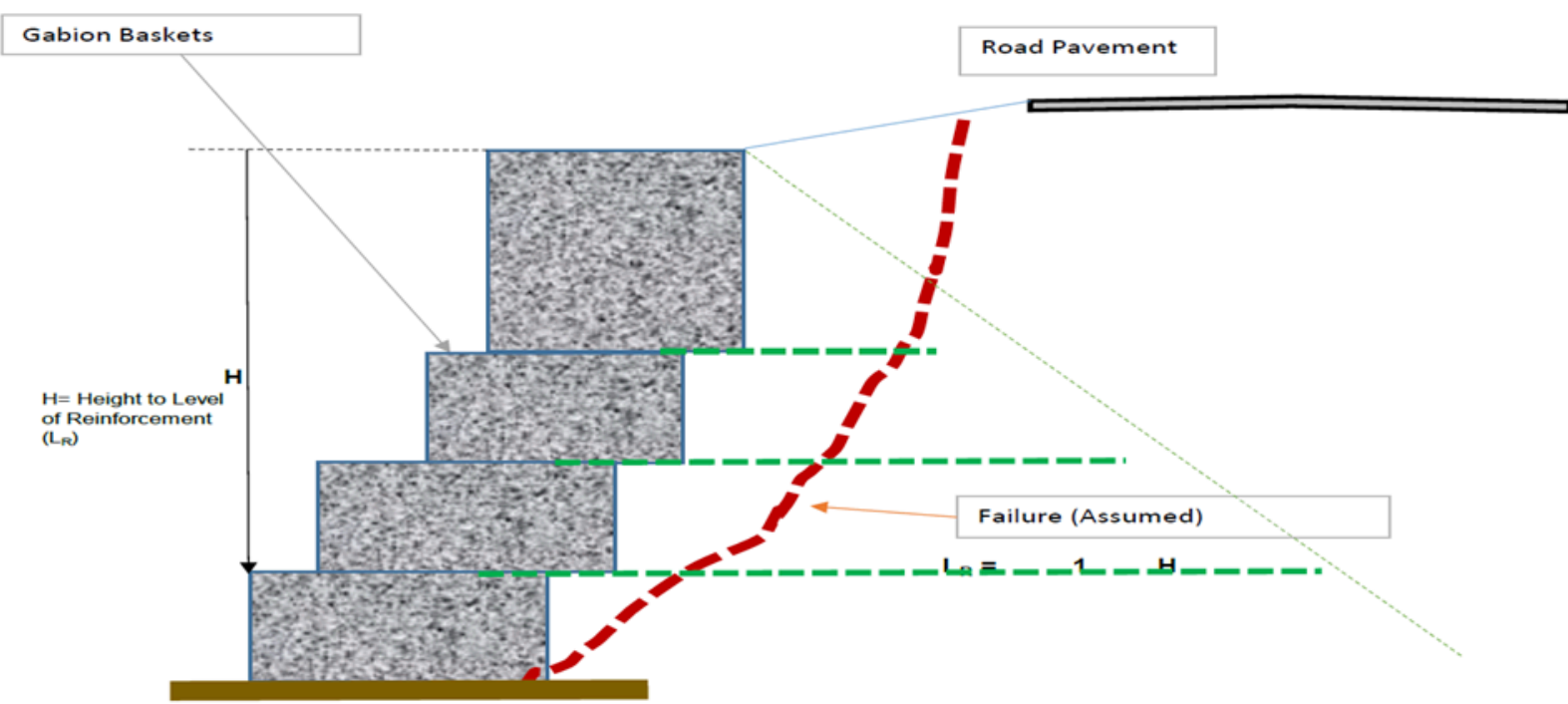
Scope of Works

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

Project Status

A market price update for the Elim Beach Road landslip remediation was approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), resulting in an increase of funding from \$360,312.05 originally approved to \$936,126.57.

Council initiated contractor engagement via Local Buy procurement to ensure a transparent and competitive bidding process, allowing Council to engage the most suitable contractor to undertake the works. Durack Civil is considered as the lead contractor and a letter of award and draft AS4000 contract will be issued and a letter of award and draft AS4000 contract will be issued by early October. Construction when commenced, will span approximately three months., focusing on embankment stabilisation and the restoration of road safety and functionality.





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DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

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

BULLS CROSSING BRIDGE 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, the Council engaged Dempsey Cranes and Constructions (DCC) for the replacement of the Bulls Crossing Bridge superstructure. The objective of this replacement is to enhance the load capacity of the existing bridge to accommodate a T44 design vehicle, which corresponds to a Class 2 Heavy Vehicle as defined by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulators Classification Scheme.

Offsite construction of the bridge superstructure commenced in August 2025, undertaken by DCC's subcontractor, Custom Steel Fabrications (CSF), based in Townsville. The fabrication is expected to be completed by September 19, 2025, with engineering certification inspections conducted by Lancini Consulting Engineers to ensure compliance with the design specifications. Following fabrication, CSF will transport the bridge to Australian Professional Galvanisers (APG) for the application of the galvanized protective coating system, with completion anticipated by October 3, 2025. DCC will then arrange for transportation from APG in Townsville to the Bulls Crossing site during the week of October 13, 2025, with site work anticipated to last up to five days.

At DCC's request, Lancini Consulting Engineers have modified the design of the relieving slab to facilitate precast construction at DCC's facility in Ravenshoe. This adjustment incurs no additional costs to the Council and is expected to expedite the opening of Bulls Crossing by at least seven days, as it eliminates the need for concrete curing time. The precast relieving slabs have been designed and documented by LCE to meet temporary works conditions (including lifting and early-age strength), and LCE will provide site certification of the constructed works through inspection.



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Bulls Crossing Bridge

Bridge Deck replacement forecast to commence
in October 2025



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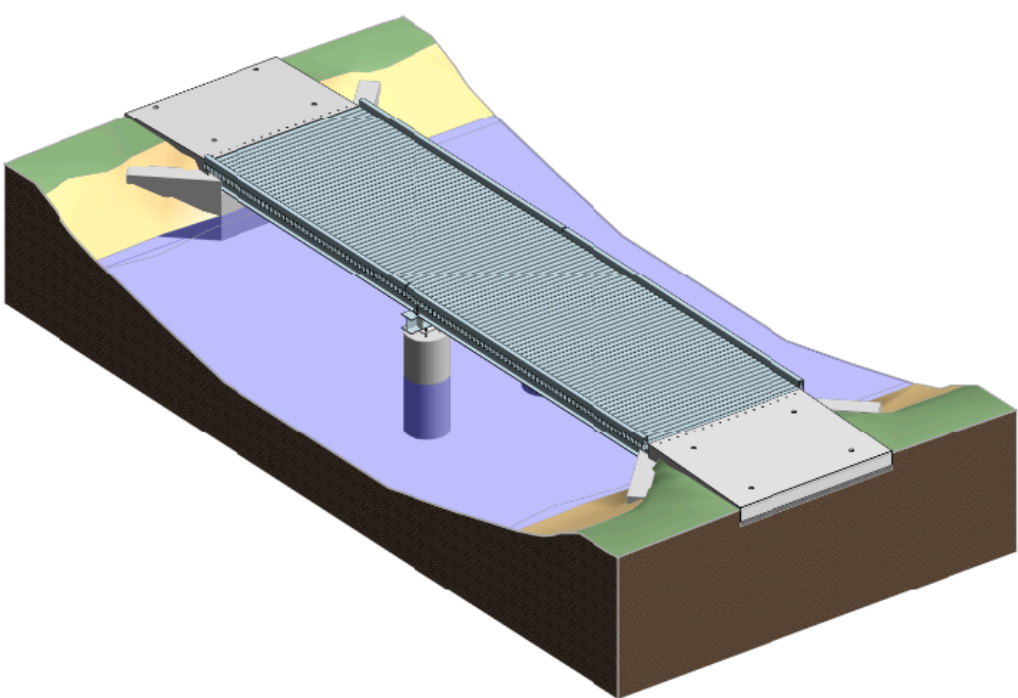
Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Road and Bridge Infrastructure

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

Project Status Continued

Currently, we anticipate that the closure of Bulls Crossing Road will occur from October 14 to October 18, 2025, with the road and bridge expected to reopen following this period. During the closure, a brief detour will be necessary for road users and residents.

To date there have been no variations to the project. However, at the Council's request, DCC is preparing a cost estimate for the installation of similar precast relieving slabs at Sandy Creek Bridge. Upon the Council's approval of this variation cost, the installation of the Sandy Creek Bridge relieving slabs is planned to coincide with the construction timeframe for Bulls Crossing.



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About the Civil Network Bulls Crossing Bridge

Bridge Deck replacement in fabrication



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STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM

Emergency Mobile Light Tower and Trailer

Scope of Works

The procurement of a dual axle emergency trailer, complete with a mobile emergency light tower that aims to further support and assist the important role that the local SES plays in disaster and emergency incident management, as well as, Councils responsibility for disaster operations, including recovery, ensures that we are adequately resourced and equipped to do so.

Project Status

The procurement of the dual-axle emergency trailer, complete with a mobile emergency light tower, has been finalised, and has been delivered.

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) SUPPORT GRANT

Recently delivered Emergency Mobile Light Tower and Trailer





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.





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Roads 2 Recovery

Kerb and channel infrastructure replacement

This photo illustrates why replacement of kerb and channel infrastructure is necessary to maintain proper drainage function across the township. Vegetation has been allowed to grow through cracks in the concrete, breaking apart sections of the existing drain. This has compromised the structural integrity of the kerb and channel, allowing water to infiltrate the pavement rather than being directed through the drainage network as intended. Over time, this will lead to further deterioration of the road surface and increased maintenance costs if not treated.

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

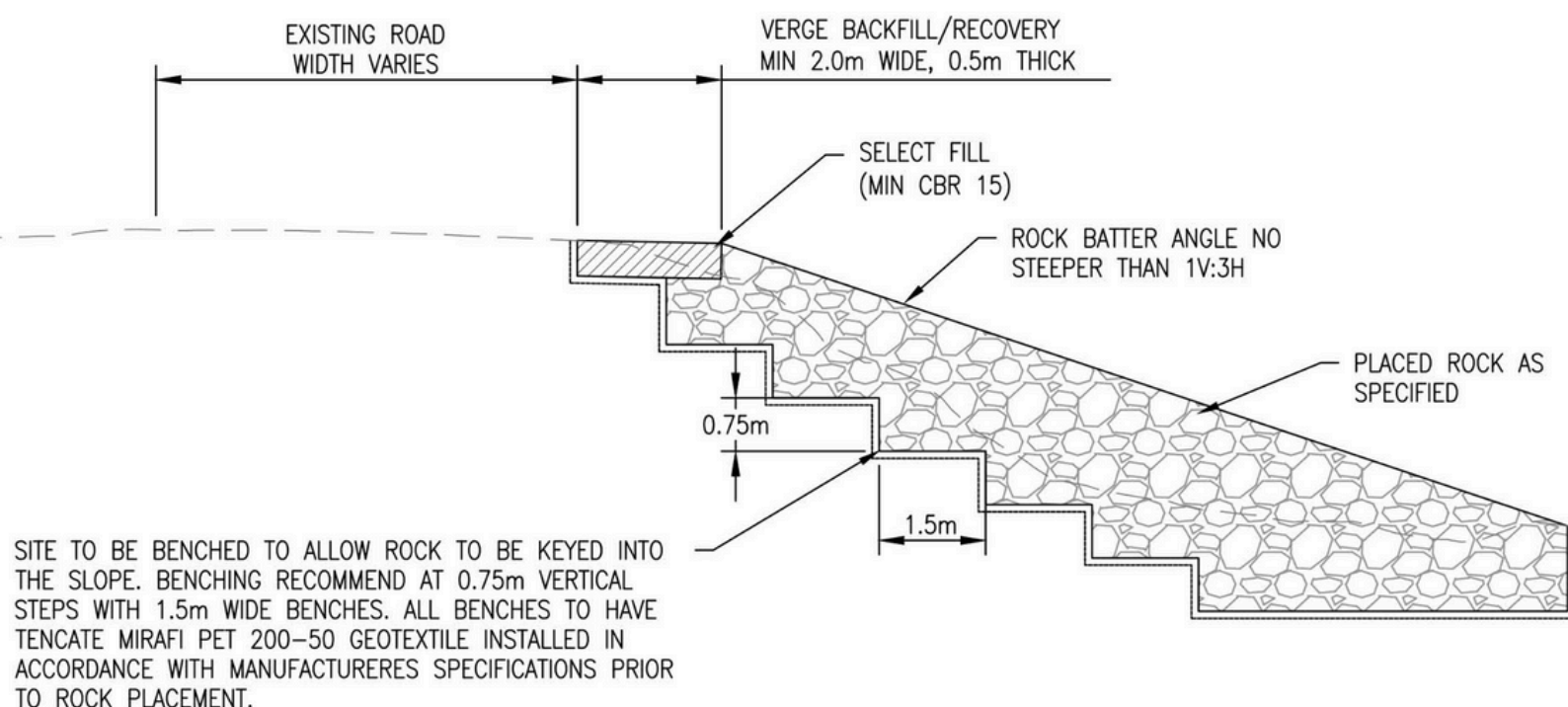
Sandy Creek Bridge Relieving Concrete Slab Apron Works \$63,728

Scope of works

The relieving concrete slab apron works is supplementary works to the new Sandy Creek bridge constructed on McIvor Road. The primary purpose of constructing the concrete apron is to facilitate proper water drainage away from the bridge foundation preventing moisture from seeping into the bridge structure. By diverting water away from the bridge structure, the concrete apron's will prevent soil erosion and the weakening of the foundation. This is particularly important in Hopevale which is prone to heavy rainfall and further, crucial in safeguarding the bridges foundation.

Project Status

Council has sought a cost estimate from Dempsey Cranes for the installation of similar precast relieving slabs scheduled for installation at Bulls Crossing bridge. Upon the Council's approval, the installation of the Sandy Creek Bridge relieving slabs is planned to coincide with the construction timeframe for the installation of the Bulls Crossing bridge relieving slabs. These works will ensure the longevity of the asset. Construction on the ground remains scheduled to commence in October, with initial efforts focused on stabilising the temporary structure.



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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

Council will be replacing missing or aging traffic signage and bridge load limit signage around the shire. Replacing missing or aging traffic signage and bridge load limit signage provides several key benefits to Hopevale, addressing both safety and efficiency concerns including:

1. Accident Prevention
2. Structural Integrity
3. Regulatory Adherence
4. Enhanced Safety
5. Emergency Response
6. Economic Benefits

This project is essential for enhancing traffic management and ensuring the safety of all road users across the Shire. The Council is dedicated to executing these improvements efficiently while fully complying with current safety and regulatory standards.

Project Status

The Council is embarking on a project to replace aging and missing traffic signs, including bridge load limit indicators, throughout the Shire, in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This initiative aims to enhance road safety, boost traffic efficiency, and ensure adherence to regulatory standards. By replacing outdated or missing signage, we will help prevent accidents by minimizing driver confusion, protect structural integrity by preventing overweight vehicles from damaging bridges, and ensure compliance with legal regulations, thereby reducing liability risks. Improved and visible signage will contribute to overall road safety, assist emergency vehicle navigation, and lower long-term maintenance costs by reducing infrastructure damage.

This project is being delivered internally by the civil workforce and scheduled to commence upon wet season. The replacement signage materials will be procured in mid October, with an anticipated procurement period of two weeks. Installation is forecast to last approximately four weeks

The installation will be managed to minimise traffic disruption, with appropriate safety measures in place.

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Projects - not yet commenced



LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM (LRRG)

Construction of Pedestrian Footpath \$678,216

Scope of works

Construction of Pedestrian Footpath - Dual Access

Length: 2569m

Width: 2 meters

Construction: 5138m² Concrete supply

Project Value: \$1,130,360

Project Status

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.



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Projects - not yet commenced



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APPROVED REPA SUBMISSIONS NOT YET COMMENCED \$2,595,570

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

SUBMISSION 6: HVASC.0022.2324

Approved Value: \$1,349,939.37

Works Program

Cooktown-Mclvor Road and Rehab Road

Project Status

Works not yet commenced

SUBMISSION 7: HVASC.0023.2324

Approved Value: \$613,208.02

Works Program

Spring Hill Road (Section 2)

Project Status

Works not yet commenced

About the Civil Network

Projects - not yet commenced



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BETTERMENT FUNDING - ALLIGATOR CREEK ROAD

SUBMISSION 1: HVASC.0027.2324

APPROVED VALUE: \$1,413,371.66

Works Program

The construction of 14 new concrete floodways on Alligator Creek Road. The proposed funding amount is \$1,413,371.66. The upgrades are designed to increase flood immunity, ensure year-round access, and minimise ongoing maintenance costs during the wet season.

This is one of the nominated sites where the existing gravel road and sealed pavement will be replaced with a concrete floodway. The current surface is highly susceptible to overland flows which scouring and damage the road during heavy rainfall. Upgrading to a concrete floodway will allow water to pass over safely without undermining the structure.



About the Civil Network Projects - not yet commenced



WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-2027

Pedestrian Footpath Access Between Thiele St to Millers Estate \$500,000

Scope of Works

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

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.