Agenda Item Submission

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Agenda Section

Director Operations Report

Agenda Item Subject *

Operations Report – August 2026

Council / Committee Name *

Ordinary Meeting

Requested Meeting Session *

Wednesday 16th September 2026

Date Requested *

10-Sep-26

Date item was requested

Item Reference Number

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Classification *

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Details

Recommendation *

That council receive and note the Operations Report for August 2026

Background/Summary

Operations Report – August 2026

This report provides a snapshot of key operational activities, infrastructure updates, and service delivery across Council for August 2026. It informs Council on the status of Essential Services, Environmental Management, Open Spaces, Cleaning Services, Work Health and Safety (WH&S), Building and Construction, Civil Works, and related operational matters.

Key Highlights

Work Health and Safety

The rollout of the Work Health and Safety Action Plan is underway. This 12-month program aims to strengthen Council's WH&S practices and improve organisational safety culture. Quarterly reports on implementation progress are being provided to Council.

Water Operations

Routine water quality testing was undertaken in accordance with Council's Drinking Water Quality Management Plan. All results were compliant with:

- Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
- Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Qld)

Other key observations:

- Water consumption remains stable overall, with peak demand recorded in November 2025.

- A total of 54 mm of rainfall was recorded at the Water Treatment Plant during August 2026.
- No significant operational issues were reported during the period, aside from routine reactive maintenance across the water reticulation network.

Sewage Operations

The Sewage Treatment Plant operated in compliance with its Environmental Authority under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)*. Implementation of Hope Vale Sewage Treatment Plant Site-Based Management Plan is in progress.

Key activities included:

- No major operational issues were reported.
- Maintenance activities were limited to routine reactive works on the reticulation system.

Environmental Health

Implementation of the 2027-2033 Environmental Health Plan continues to progress.

Key updates include:

- Council continues to receive support through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Program.
- Tropical Vets team is scheduled to visit from 3 to 5 November 2026.
- Tropical Vets continues to provide supervision and support to the Animal Management Worker, including animal sedation and euthanasia services where required

Management of horses within the community continues under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer. Horses are being lured to the pound and being taken out of the community.

Building, Construction and Civil Works

Construction activity experienced a seasonal slowdown during the reporting period.

Current status:

- Reduced volumes of QBuild upgrade works and "do and charge" projects were undertaken, consistent with typical late and early financial year trends.
- Civil road construction projects are expected to commence later than anticipated, with approvals expected around September 2026.
- QRA-funded works on Rehab Road have commenced.
- A separate update on External Disaster and Resilience Projects has been submitted to this Council meeting.

Open Spaces and Waste

- Council's mechanic continues to maintain the primary waste collection truck to ensure operational continuity.
- The vehicle is being kept operational pending its planned replacement under the 2026-27 budget.

Summary

Operational services across water, wastewater, environmental health, civil works, and waste management continued to perform effectively throughout July 2026. Compliance obligations were met, key planning initiatives progressed, and essential service delivery was maintained despite seasonal impacts on construction activity. Procurement and project planning activities are continuing to support future infrastructure delivery and operational resilience.

Budget and Resource Considerations

Nil

Action Options

That Council note the Operations Report for August 2026 for information.

Appointments and Meetings

Date	Description

Link to Operational Plan

4.0 Our Services and Infrastructure – we service our community

Consultation

N/A

Risk Assessment

(●) **Low** ( ) Medium ( ) High

Attach Supporting Agenda Materials

Monthly Water Consumption Data.pdf	850.88KB
Monthly Daily Average Water Consumption Data.pdf	700.03KB

Reference Document

( ) Yes (●) **Not Applicable**

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