

## COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

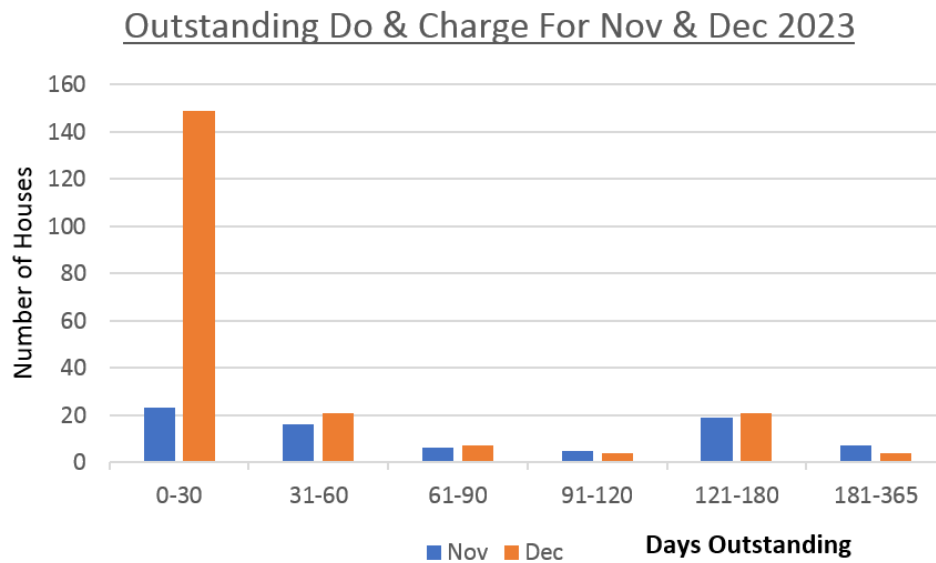


### Item 1: Building & Construction

#### *Q-Build Plug-ins*

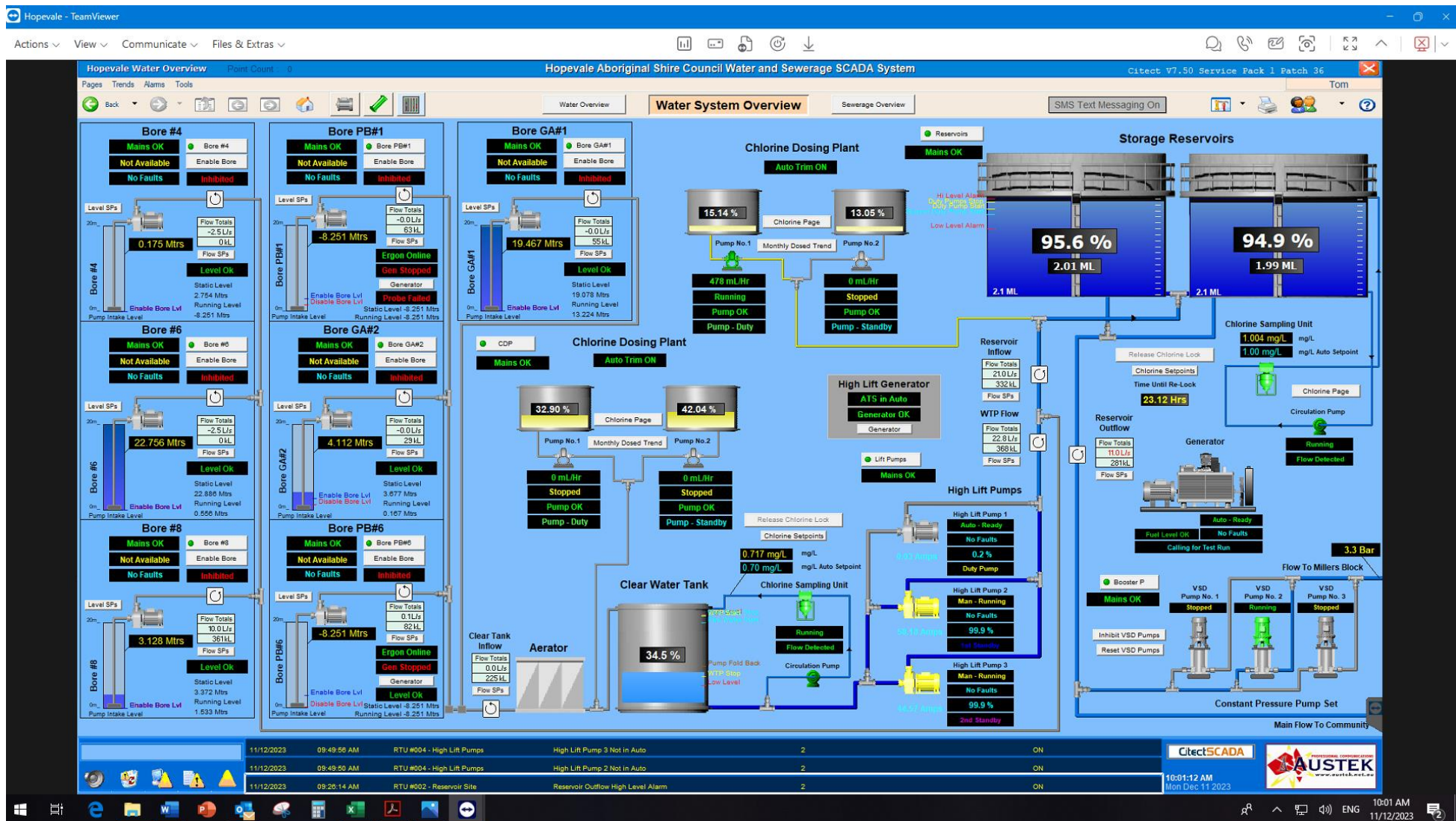
ADDRESS	OUTSTANDING WORKS	% COMPLETION (NOV)	% COMPLETION (DEC)
Lot 38 Poland St	Plumbing fit-off and vinyl flooring	95	95
Lot 49 Poland St	Windows, painting, inside linings, bulkheads in bedrooms, doors, outside works (clothesline)	65	65
Lot 109 Rose St	Kitchen fit-off, cabinetry, electrical & plumbing fit-off, flooring, clothesline	85	85
Lot 54 Poland St	Painting, cabinetry, plumbing fit-off, electrical fit-off, clothesline	85	85
61 Wenke St	Painting, cabinetry, plumbing fit-off, electrical fit-off, clothesline	85	85
93 Rose St	Rose St – only slab has been constructed.	15	15
7 Flierl St	Kitchen, bathroom tiling, electrical & plumbing fit-off, flooring and external works	75	75
20 Flierl St	Kitchen fit-off, cabinetry, electrical & plumbing fit-off, flooring, clothesline	80	80

**Q-Build Responsive Maintenance Update as of 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.**



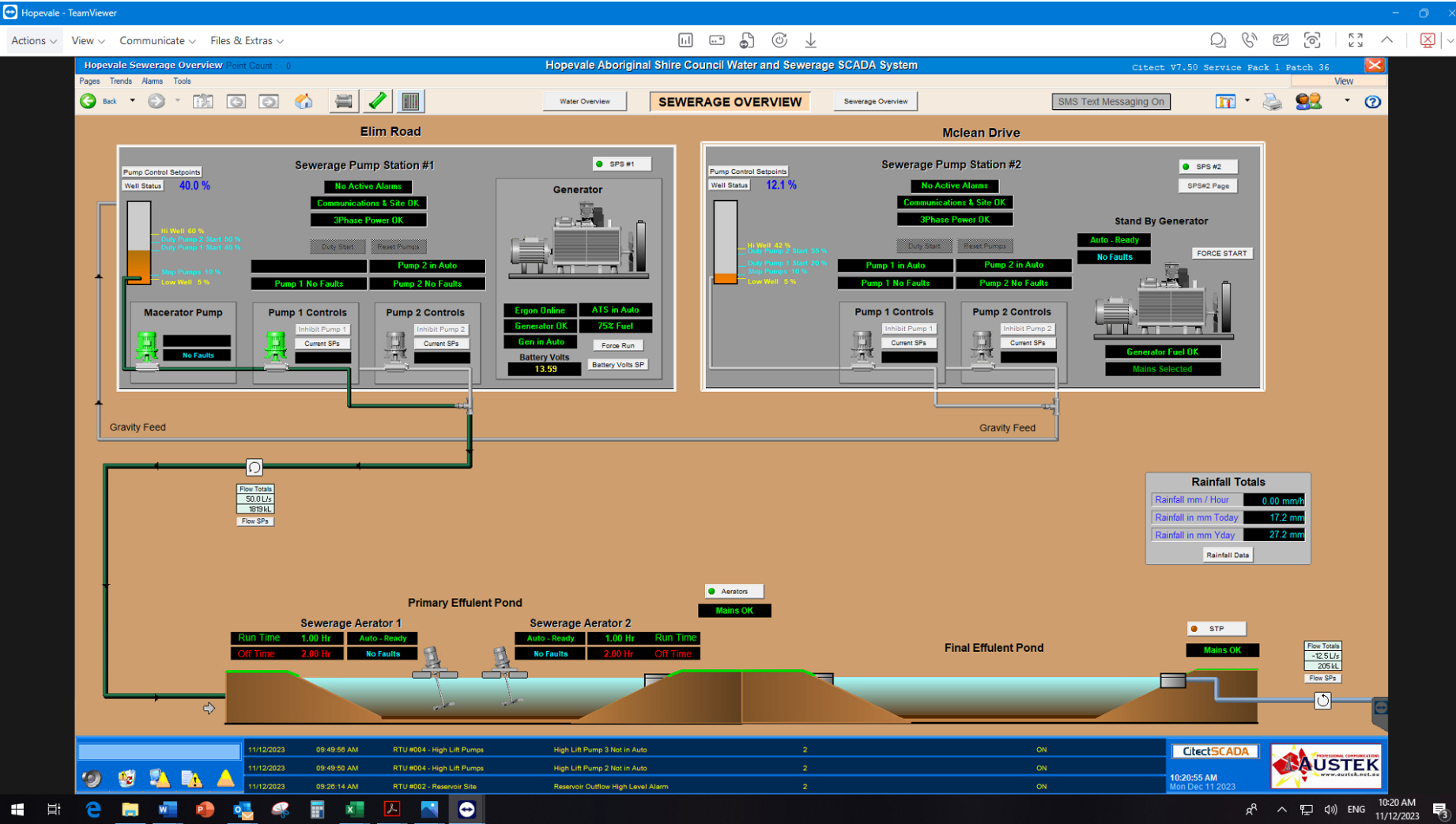
**25 Bayanbi St \_ GEH – 4 x Detached Houses – 1 x 2BR and 3 x 3BR Update**

- Significant progress with the erection of trusses => 100% completed
- Roofing – 45% completion
- External concrete (driveways) rescheduled post-15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 due to:
  - Competing priorities
  - sub-contractor workers quitting
- Plumbing – rough-ins commenced 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023
- Electrical – rough-ins yet to commence due to competing priorities
- Expected completion => June 2024



Item 1: Essential Services - Hope Vale Water Treatment Plant and Reservoir SCADA schematic as at 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023.

Item 2: Essential Services - Sewerage SCADA schematic as at 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023. No issues with sewerage.



## Item 2.1 Daily Testing

Daily testing for pH, free chlorine and turbidity at all test points are compliant with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Reading	Acceptable Range
Average pH of water after the reservoir = 7.37	6.5 to 8.5
Average turbidity = 1.91 units	0 to 5 Units (NTU)
Average free chlorine = 0.89 mg per litre	0.5 to 5.0 mg per litre

Volume of water produced at the treatment plant = 28,509 kilolitres for November

Number of water connections = 356

Volume per connection per day = 2669 litres per connection per day

3 x water mains leakages @ Flierl and Muni Streets.

In-house microbiological test results of water for detection of Coliforms/E-Coli were all compliant with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines for the reporting period.

## **Item 3: Civil Construction**

Item 3.1 Capital Works by Grant

### ***QRA (formerly NDRRA) funding***

Springhill Road works completed and all plant and equipment mobilized to Cooktown-Mclvor Road works.

### ***Betterment funding – Cooktown-Mclvor Rd***

Civil works in progress with ripping of rubble for pavement formation and civil works.

### ***Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding – Tea Tree Rd Sealing***

The sealing of 150m of Tea Tree Rd is to coincide with the TIDS access upgrades that was previously scheduled for completion by Christmas will be on hold to enable civil crew to focus on Cooktown-Mclvor Rd construction and sealing.

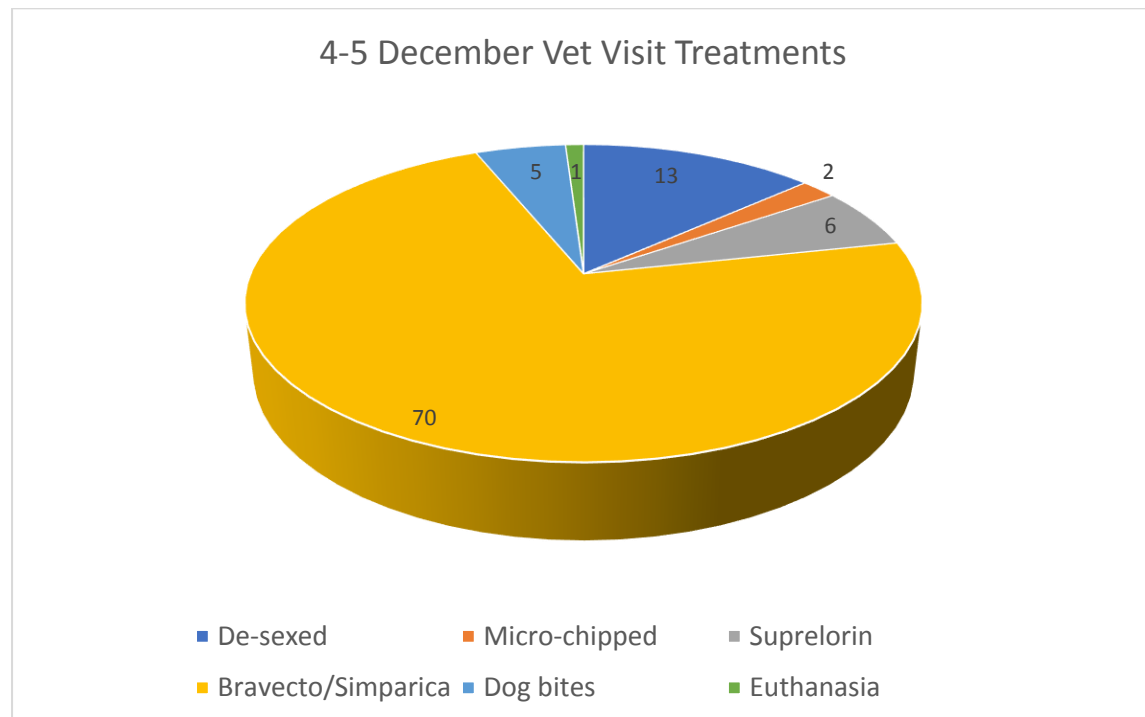
***ATSI TIDS funding – sealing of 5 x driveway access entrances to protect Council's main road asset.***

Put on hold till further notice.

#### **Item 4: Animal Management**

##### **Item 4.1 Vet Services**

Council had it's first Vet visit for the year on Mon/Tue (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Dec). The visit was a success, producing the following results:



The visiting Vet Dr Graham Lauridsen, from Tropical Vets in Atherton, was pleased that the facilities from where he operated suited his needs. He is already holding discussions with the department to enable euthanasia of dogs to be carried out by Council Animal Management Worker Gary Bowen in the future, under the guidance and direction of Dr Lauridsen. This involves a process which can be easily facilitated.

The next Vet visit is planned for February 2024 but after an animal census when the head count and number of dog/cat treatments have been identified.

##### **Item 4.2 Additional Worker**

A Position Description for an Animal Health/Environmental Health Worker is being prepared – this position will be a new environmental health position and will provide assistance for Gary Bowen.

### **Item 4.3 Horses**

Public Notice is being drafted to notify horse owners that a 2-month window has been given them by Council to remove their horses from the Community. The Notice will:

- stipulate reference to the legislation – *The Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2013 Section 10, Schedule 6* as this ensures that Council is working within the legislation.
- Warn horse owners that their animals will be impounded for removal and relocation after the 2-month period expires.

### **Item 5: Current Capital Projects/Grants**

#### **Item 5.1 Works 4 Queensland Asset Management 2021/2024**

Project title	Description	Status	Funding acquittal
Precinct	Exterior painting and repairs	Await quotes	June 2024
Post Office	New aircon unit	100%	June 2024
Warehouse	Structural repairs/doors	Partial scope	June 2024
Cabinet Makers	Refurbish	Partial scope	June 2024

#### **Item 5.2 Building Our Regions (BOR) Round 5**

*Hope Vale Township Community and Cultural Park*

Practical Completion was reached on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec and certification awarded by Council's Building Inspector.

#### **Item 5.3 SES Shed Upgrade**

Seeking quotes – work in progress.

#### **Item 5.4 SES Grant Application – Emergency Trailer**

Grant application drafted for the procurement of an emergency trailer fitted with a diesel generator and floodlights. Applications close

### **Item 6.0 Workplace Health & Safety / Local Disaster Management**

- Hazard reports identified by the WHS consultant continue to be assessed in terms of their risk profile and to be eventually rectified. 99% of sub-contractors now have valid White Cards.

- Council assets for emergency services have been thoroughly inspected to ensure readiness for oncoming tropical cyclone Jasper. Assets include all generators, chain saws, wire and hemp ropes, pumps, grinders, hoses etc.
- Awaiting quotes to salvage existing Daikin multi-head reverse cycle air conditioning units at the MPC. An inspection of the system was made on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and an inspection of the existing Skope fridge was carried out on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. A ballpark for fixing the air conditioning unit is \$10,000 - \$15,000. This unit has not worked for more than 5 years and a replacement unit could cost at least more than \$250,000.
- Recent derelict car removal as part of emergency preparedness resulted in a total of **56 cars, 2 x trailers and 1 x quad bike** removed to the local dump.



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8<sup>th</sup> December 2023