



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 28 February 2024

**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held
on:**

Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Time: 9:00 am

**Location: Council Chambers
23 West Street
Mount Isa**

**Tim Rose
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRYAcknowledgement of Country

Mount Isa City Council acknowledges the Kalkadoon and the Indjilandji people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

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2 PRAYER**3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2024**

Document Number: 805393

Author: Senior Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2024



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**MINUTES OF MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 23 WEST STREET, MOUNT ISA
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Crs Slade, Barwick, Fortune, Coghlan, MacRae (Via Teams), Stretton (Via Teams), Tully (Via Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Rose (Acting CEO), Chiley Luangala (Director, Corporate Services), Stephen Jewell (Director, Infrastructure Services), Chad King (Director, Community Services), Aaron Motsi (Manager, Finance)

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Slade opened the meeting at 9.02am and provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PRAYER

Deputy Mayor provided the meeting with the Lord's prayer.

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION OM01/ 01/24

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 7

5.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 22 DECEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION OM02/ 01/24

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 7

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**6.1 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS AS AT 19 JANUARY 2024****RESOLUTION OM03/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 19 January 2024.

CARRIED 7**7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Mayor Slade acknowledged the 100 year anniversary of Mount Isa Mines (MIM) on 16 January 2024, "we now have a 100 year old mine in a 101 year old city". The bond between Mount Isa and Mount Isa Mines is likely one of the most significant relationships Queensland, if not Australia, has ever had. Mayor wished MIM a wonderful year with an exciting line up of celebratory events.

Mayor Slade advised that Council will enter caretaker mode on 29 January 2024 and this has a number of regulations and restrictions, including that Council cannot make financial decisions over \$470k. Mayor congratulated those running for Council and wished all candidates good luck in the elections - she looks forward to seeing the end result on 16 March 2024.

9 READING AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**11.1 2023-2024 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN - SECOND QUARTER UPDATE****RESOLUTION OM04/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT Council receive and accept the 2023-2024 Annual Operational Plan – Second Quarter Update report.

CARRIED 7

12 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**12.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER 2023****RESOLUTION OM05/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr Paul Stretton

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023 Finance Overview Report as presented.**CARRIED 7****13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS****13.1 SPLASHEZ OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER 2023****RESOLUTION OM06/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Phil Barwick

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023 Splashez Overview Report as presented.**CARRIED 7**

At 9:40 am, Cr Peta MacRae left the meeting.

13.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION OM07/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023 Economic Development Overview Report as presented.**CARRIED 6**

At 9:46 am, Cr Peta MacRae returned to the meeting.

13.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION OM08/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023 Community Development Overview Report as presented.**CARRIED 7**

At 10:03 am, Cr Peta MacRae left the meeting.

13.4 LOCAL LAWS OVERVIEW REPORT - AUGUST 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION OM09/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Paul Stretton

THAT Council receives and accepts the Local Laws Overview Report for August 2023 to December 2023 as presented.

CARRIED 6

At 10:08 am, Cr Peta MacRae returned to the meeting.

13.5 ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOSECURITY OVERVIEW REPORT - NOVEMBER 2023 AND DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION OM10/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan

Seconded: Cr Paul Stretton

THAT Council receives and accepts the November 2023 and December 2023 Environmental and Biosecurity Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7**13.6 APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD LOT 2 ON CROWN PLAN 849726, MOUNT ISA****RESOLUTION OM11/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr George Fortune

Seconded: Cr Phil Barwick

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Advise the Department of Natural Resources that Council supports the application for conversion to freehold over the area described as Lot 2 on Crown Plan 849726, Mount Isa.
2. Advise the Department of Natural Resources that all costs associated with the conversion to freehold are to be met by the applicant.

CARRIED 7**14 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS****14.1 MAJOR PROJECTS OVERVIEW REPORT DECEMBER 2023****RESOLUTION OM12/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Mick Tully

Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT Council receives and notes the December 2023 Major Projects Overview Report.

CARRIED 6

14.2 WORKS AND OPERATIONS OVERVIEW REPORT - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION OM13/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Mick Tully
Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT Council receives and accepts the November and December 2023 Works and Operations Report

CARRIED 7

14.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023**RESOLUTION OM14/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan
Seconded: Cr Paul Stretton

THAT Council receives and accepts the November and December 2023 Waste Management Overview Report as presented.

CARRIED 7

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

Meeting adjourned at 10.37am.

Meeting reconvened at 10.50am.

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**RESOLUTION OM15/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Kim Coghlan
Seconded: Cr Phil Barwick

THAT Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

16.1 FY23/24 Quarter 2 Budget Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - c of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget.

16.2 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges -Property Assessment 06364-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

16.3 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges -Property Assessment 06682-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

16.4 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges -Property Assessment 06468-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

CARRIED 7

At 11:09 am, Cr Peta MacRae left the meeting due to technical difficulties.

RESOLUTION OM16/ 01/24

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr Mick Tully

THAT Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED 6**16.1 FY23/24 QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW****RESOLUTION OM17/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT Council adopts the FY23/24 Quarter 2 Budget Review for the period ending 30 December 2023.

CARRIED 6**16.2 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES - PROPERTY ASSESSMENT 06364-00000-000****RESOLUTION OM18/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick

Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council resolves to decline to grant a concession to the applicant under *section 121(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012* by way of an agreement to defer payment of rates and charges levied on the Property Assessment 06364-00000-000.

CARRIED 6

**16.3 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES -
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT 06682-00000-000****RESOLUTION OM19/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick
Seconded: Cr Kim Coghlan

THAT Council resolves to decline to grant a concession to the applicant under section 121(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* by way of an agreement to defer payment of rates and charges levied on Property Assessment 06682-00000-000.

CARRIED 6

**16.4 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES -
PROPERTY ASSESSMENT 06468-00000-000****RESOLUTION OM20/ 01/24**

Moved: Cr Phil Barwick
Seconded: Cr George Fortune

THAT Council resolves to agree to grant a concession to the applicant under section 121(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* by way of an agreement to defer payment of rates and charges levied on the land with Assessment No. 06468-00000-000; Lot 47 on CP MPH40092) subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the ratepayer must pay \$10,000.00 to the Council within 30 days after the date of this resolution;
- (b) if the ratepayer fails to make the payment by the due date specified in subparagraph (a) of this resolution, the concession terminates and the Council may act in reliance on its resolution dated 23 August 2023 to commence sale procedures for the land under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3, Subdivision 2 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* by, for example, issuing an auction notice 3 months after the notice of intention to sell was given to all interested parties;
- (c) if the ratepayer makes the payment specified by the due date in subparagraph (a) of this resolution, the concession remains current and the ratepayer must make fortnightly payments of \$400.00 towards the overdue rates or charges currently on the land until all of the overdue amounts are paid;
- (d) the first fortnightly payment under subparagraph (c) is due within 44 days after the date of this resolution;
- (e) if the ratepayer complies with subparagraph (a) but fails to comply with subparagraph (c) by making each fortnightly payment when it falls due, the concession automatically terminates and the Council may consider again resolving to sell the land for overdue rates and charges.

CARRIED 6

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.30am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 28 February 2024.

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MAYOR SLADE

6 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**6.1 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS AS AT 23 FEBRUARY 2024****Document Number: 805700****Author: Acting Senior Executive Assistant****Authoriser: Acting Chief Executive Officer****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 23 February 2024

RECOMMENDATION**THAT** Council receives and notes the outstanding actions from previous Council Meetings as at 23 February 2024.

Meeting	Officer	Title	Target
Council 22/03/2023	Manager Environment, Regulatory Services & Land Use	Proposed Tenure Over Vacant Lease Area B SP248022 in Lot 8 RD138 – Mount Isa Campdraft Association Inc.	31/10/2023
Council 19/04/2023	Community Development Officer	RADF - Council Initiated Project - True Country	31/03/2024
Council 21/06/2023	Community Development Officer	Youth Strategy 2023-2027	15/12/2023
Council 23/08/2023	Coordinator Environmental Services	Annual Report 22/23 - Environmental Charge Projects	6/09/2023
Council 23/08/2023	Senior Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Services	Waste Fees and Charges	31/12/2023
Council 23/08/2023	Senior Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Services	NRMA EV Charging Site in Mount Isa	31/12/2023
Council 23/08/2023	Governance Coordinator	Updated policies for adoption	6/09/2023
Council 15/09/2023	Manager Environment, Regulatory Services & Land Use	Energy Efficiency Implementation Stage 3	29/09/2023
Council 15/09/2023	Director Community Services	Environmental Grant Program 2022/2023 Round 1	29/09/2023
Council 15/09/2023	Director Corporate Services	Notice of Motion - Mayor, Cr Danielle Slade	30/09/2024
Council 25/10/2023	Governance Coordinator	Updated Policies for Adoption	8/11/2023

Meeting	Officer	Title	Target
Council 22/11/2023	Manager Economic and Community Development	Adoption of Service Level Agreement - Between MICCOE & MICC	6/12/2023
Council 22/11/2023	Community Development Officer	Expressions of Interest to Host 2024 NQ Sportstar Awards	30/11/2024
Council 22/11/2023	Governance Coordinator	Updated Policies for Adoption	6/12/2023
Council 13/12/2023	Facilities Maintenance Coordinator	Mount Isa Civic Centre - Emerging Maintenance Works	27/12/2023
Council 13/12/2023	Manager Economic and Community Development	Motorsports Feasibility Study	27/12/2023
Council 13/12/2023	Community Development Officer	Out Of Rounds Sponsorship Application - International Legends of League	27/12/2023
Council 13/12/2023	Coordinator Environmental Services	Approval for Environmental Charge Projects 23/24	27/12/2023
Council 13/12/2023	Manager Economic and Community Development	Growing the Regions Fund - Applications	27/12/2023
Council 13/12/2023	Community Development Officer	Out of Rounds Sponsorship – Isa Rodeo – Road to Rodeo 2024 Event	27/12/2023

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

7 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

9 READING AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

12 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**12.1 FINANCE OVERVIEW REPORT - JANUARY 2024**

Document Number: 805353

Author: Manager, Corporate and Financial Services

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

Directorate: Corporate Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The January 2024 Finance Overview Report is presented to the Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the January 2024 Finance Overview Report as presented.

OVERVIEW

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation, Council presents a report on the financial operations for the year to date. This report provides information to Council regarding key metrics, trends and actual financial performance for the month ended 31 January 2024 against the Budget FY23/24 targets as adopted by the Council budget.

VARIANCES AND ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a financial report summarising the Council's actual performance against budgeted performance must be provided to the Council.

The following report covers the following key areas (in order) of the list:

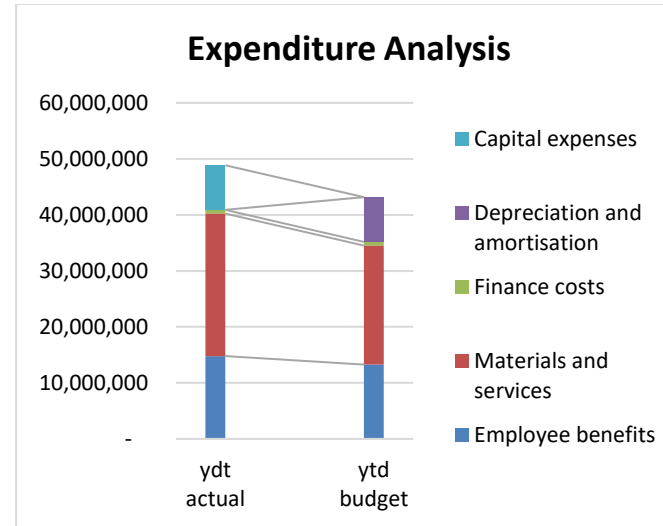
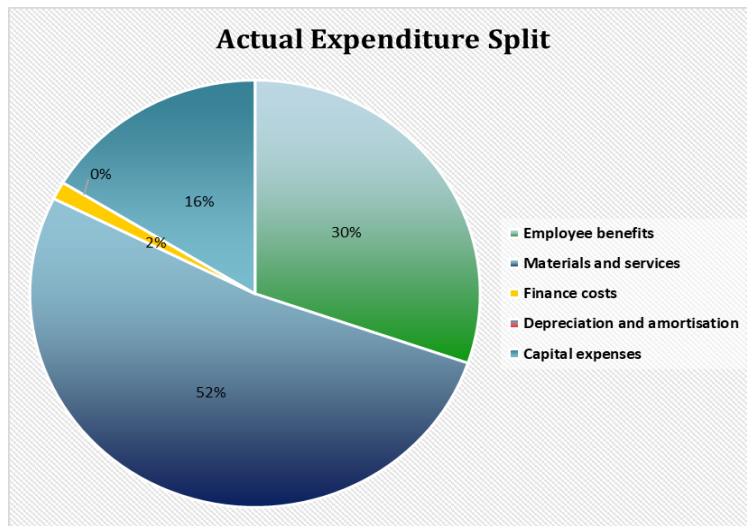
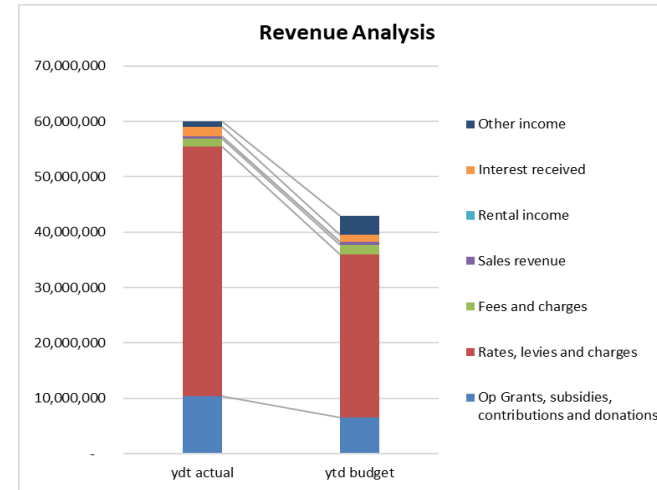
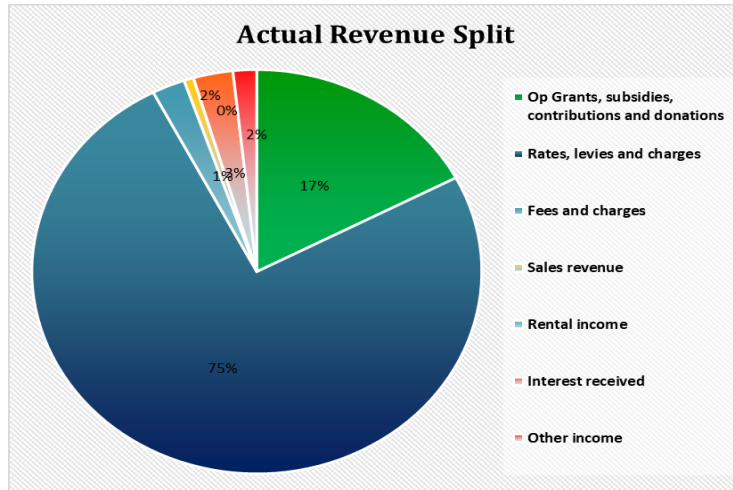
1. Operational Performance (Actual vs Budget)
2. Capital Revenue and Expenses
3. Plant, Property, and Equipment (Work-In-Progress)
4. Rates and Water Update
5. Borrowings
6. Cash and Cash Equivalent Movement Comparison

1. OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE (Actual vs. Budget)

Revenue and Expenditure Summary as of 31 January 2024

The below summary shows a brief snapshot of how the Council is tracking in the current year against the budget for the year as adopted by the Council.

Operational Performance		Actual YTD FY23/24	Budget YTD FY23/24	YTD Actuals Less YTD Budget \$	Variance as a % of YTD Budget %	Comments on significant variances
Revenue						
Recurrent revenue						
Rates, levies and charges	3(a)	45,085,314	29,409,333	15,675,980	↑ 53%	Rates Notice for period Jan to Jun 24 issued on mid Feb 24
Fees and charges	3(b)	1,424,584	1,755,198	(330,614)	↓ -19%	Fees to be raised in new ERP.
Sales revenue	3(c)	420,865	616,583	(195,719)	↓ -32%	Batch Plant Revenue not realised; a budget revision has been done in Q2
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3(d)	10,394,577	6,522,554	3,872,023	↑ 59%	QRA flood works payment received
Total recurrent revenue		57,325,339	38,303,668	19,021,671	↑ 50%	
Other Income						
Interest received	4(a)	1,708,422	1,256,831	451,591	↑ 36%	Interest rates from QTC including rates
Other income	4(b)	1,020,799	3,334,235	(2,313,436)	↓ -69%	timing of water dividend
Total income		60,054,560	42,894,734	17,159,826	↑ 41%	
Expenses						
Recurrent expenses						
Employee benefits	6	(14,786,928)	(13,272,567)	1,514,361	↓ -11%	Over due to un budgeted OT
Materials and services	7	(25,450,257)	(21,248,349)	4,201,907	↓ -20%	Mainly flood damage expenditure and progress claim, payment received
Finance costs	8	(663,289)	(654,265)	9,024	↓ -1%	higher than budgeted transaction cost
Depreciation and amortisation	13	(7,957,220)	(7,992,357)	(35,138)	↑ 0%	
Total recurrent expenses		(48,857,694)	(43,167,538)	5,690,155	↓ -13%	
Net result		11,196,867	(272,804)	11,469,671	↑ 131%	



2. CAPITAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES

The below statement shows a comparison between the Capital Revenue and Expenses as at 31 January 2024 actuals vs Budget for FY23/24.

		Actual YTD FY23/24	Full Budget FY23/24	YTD Actuals Less Full Budget	Variance as a % of Full Budget	Comments on significant variances
Capital						
Capital revenue						
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3(d)	2,634,738	16,795,859	(2,989,435)	↓	-53% progress claims to be made
Total capital revenue		2,634,738	16,795,859	(2,989,435)	↓	-53%
Capital expenses	9	-	2,652,952	(2,652,952)		

3. PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The below statement shows a comparison between the Property, Plant and Equipment as at 31 January 2024 actuals vs Budget for FY23/24.

		Actual YTD FY23/24	Full Budget FY23/24	YTD Actuals Less Full Budget	Variance as a % of Full Budget	Comments on significant variances
Plant, Property & Equipment						
Other Additions		8,233,566	31,529,902	(23,296,336)	↓	-74% MRF Additions
Renewals		14,313,317	14,522,040	(208,723)	↓	-1%
Total Work In Progress		22,546,883	46,051,942	(23,505,059)		

4. RATES AND WATER UPDATE

- Rates for Period 01-01-2-24 to 30-06-2024 for all properties in the Mount Isa City Council Shire will be issued 12-02-2024 and are due for payment in full by 4.30pm 13-03-2024.
- Water for Residential Properties for the 1st Half Year - Period 01-07-23 to 31-12-23, and Commercial Properties for the 2nd Quarter - Period 01-10-23 to 31-12-23 are due to be issued beginning of March, Revenue to confirm date of issue.
- Notices of Auctions for Sale of Land properties were issued to 6 properties on 9 February 2024. Auction dates for these properties will be released and displayed in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulations 2012, closer to the time of auction.
- Revenue is continuing the process on other properties listed under Council resolutions for Notice of Intention to Sell Land.

5. BORROWINGS

Council loan repayments are paid every quarter on the first working day. The balance as of 31 January 2024 was \$16.24 million.

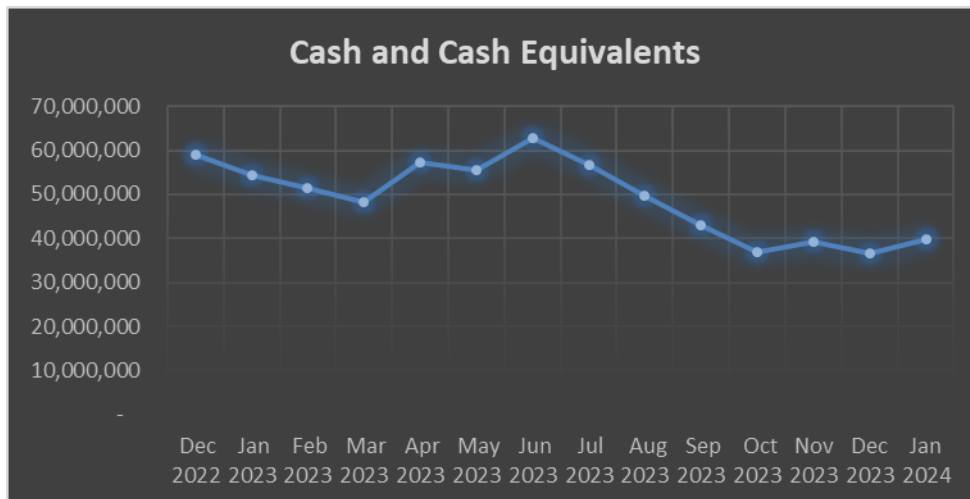
Summary of QTC Loans as at 31 January 2024					
Description	Loans Month/Year Start	Original Principal \$'000	Loan Balances \$'000	Interest Rate	Final Payment Due
Healey Heights development, Roads, Water and Sewer works	March 2009	7,000	2,953	7.28%	15/06/2029
Roads, water and sewer works	December 2009	5,000	2,360	6.39%	15/06/2030
Sewer upgrade	December 2010	5,875	2,147	6.30%	15/12/2028
Sewer upgrade	September 2011	5,000	2,730	4.89%	15/06/2032
Sewer upgrade	September 2012	5,000	2,929	5.06%	15/12/2032
Sewer upgrade	September 2013	5,000	3,123	4.32%	15/03/2034
Total		32,875	16,243		

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT MOVEMENT COMPARISON

Cash at Bank – 31 January 2024	\$ 39, 673
Total Cash Restrictions	\$ (5,433)
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED CASH	\$ 34,239

MICC had \$ 34,239 million cash on hand at the end of January 2024. The restricted cash as defined by the Council consists of grants received in advance for which MICC has contractual obligations. There are no short-term issues regarding cash on hand.

Summary of Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Month FY22/23	\$
Dec 2022	59,139,973
Jan 2023	54,230,630
Feb 2023	51,455,489
Mar 2023	48,329,305
Apr 2023	57,308,523
May 2023	55,565,084
Jun 2023	62,649,252
Jul 2023	56,763,115
Aug 2023	49,603,677
Sep 2023	42,890,742
Oct 2023	36,859,530
Nov 2023	39,265,263
Dec 2023	36,701,556
Jan 2024	39,672,707



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		Actual YTD FY23/24	Revised Budget FY23/24
	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	3(a)	45,085,314	50,416,000
Fees and charges	3(b)	1,424,584	3,008,910
Sales revenue	3(c)	420,865	1,057,000
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3(d)	10,394,577	11,181,521
Total recurrent revenue		57,325,339	65,663,431
Capital revenue			
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	3(d)	2,634,738	16,795,859
Total capital revenue		2,634,738	16,795,859
Rental income		-	-
Interest received	4(a)	1,708,422	2,154,567
Other income	4(b)	1,020,799	5,715,832
Other capital income	5	-	-
Total income		62,689,298	90,329,689
Expenses			
Recurrent expenses			
Employee benefits	6	(14,786,928)	(22,752,971)
Materials and services	7	(25,450,257)	(36,425,742)
Finance costs	8	(663,289)	(1,121,597)
Depreciation and amortisation			
Property, plant and equipment	13	(7,957,220)	(13,701,184)
		(48,857,694)	(74,001,494)
Capital expenses			
	9	-	-
Total expenses		(48,857,694)	(74,001,494)
Net result		13,831,605	16,328,195
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to net result			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	13	-	-
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		13,831,605	16,328,195

"The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies:

Net operating result (excluding capital items)	11,196,867	(467,664)
Total operating revenue (excluding capital items)	60,054,560	73,533,830
Operating surplus ratio	A 18.6%	-0.6%
	T 0-10%	0-10%

**Mount Isa City Council
Statement of Financial Position
For the period ended 31 January 2024**

		Actual YTD FY23/24	Revised Budget FY23/24
Note	\$	\$	
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	39,672,707	55,136,512
Receivables	11	38,356,105	5,973,676
Inventories	12	401,609	218,505
Contract assets	14	2,671,026	2,458,993
Total current assets		81,101,447	63,787,686
Non-current assets			
Other financial assets	20	1	1
Property, plant and equipment	13	667,570,288	680,147,768
Intangible assets		-	-
Total non-current assets		667,570,289	680,147,769
Total assets		748,671,736	743,935,455
Current liabilities			
Payables	15	10,158,833	3,781,404
Contract liabilities	14	5,433,419	2,933,309
Borrowings	16	1,063,799	1,971,454
Provisions	17	2,254,203	2,274,149
Other liabilities		-	979,033
Total current liabilities		18,910,255	11,939,347
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	16	15,319,612	13,386,307
Provisions	17	12,654,569	10,558,884
Other liabilities			
Total non-current liabilities		27,974,180	23,945,192
Total liabilities		46,884,435	35,884,539
Net community assets		701,787,301	708,050,915
Community equity			
Asset revaluation surplus		408,612,688	408,612,688
Retained surplus		293,174,613	299,438,227
Total community equity		701,787,301	708,050,915

"The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies."

Mount Isa City Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the period ended 31 January 2024

	Asset revaluation surplus	Retained surplus	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Restated balance at 30 June 2020	219,461,687	253,204,277	472,665,964
Net result	-	8,882,481	8,882,481
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	22,885,354	-	22,885,354
Share of comprehensive income of equity accounted	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	22,885,354	8,882,481	31,767,835
Balance as at 30 June 2021	242,347,041	262,086,759	504,433,799
Net result	-	706,648	706,648
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	33,968,839	-	33,968,839
Share of comprehensive income of equity accounted	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	33,968,839	706,648	34,675,486
Balance as at 30 June 2022	276,315,879	262,793,406	539,109,285
Net result	-	17,490,884	17,490,884
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	132,296,808	(692,472)	131,604,336
Share of comprehensive income of equity accounted	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	132,296,808	16,798,412	149,095,220
Balance as at 30 June 2023	408,612,688	279,591,818	688,204,506
Opening Balance Adjustment			
Net result	-	13,582,795	13,582,795
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Increase / (decrease) in asset revaluation surplus	-	-	-
Share of comprehensive income of equity accounted	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	13,582,795	13,582,795
Balance as at 31 January 2024	408,612,688	293,174,613	701,787,301

Mount Isa City Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For the period ended 31 January 2024

	Note	Actual YTD FY23/24 \$	Revised Budget FY23/24 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		23,215,021	68,836,670
Payments to suppliers and employees		(37,911,395)	(63,533,794)
		(14,696,374)	5,302,876
Interest received		1,708,422	2,154,560
Operating Grants and Contributions		10,394,577	12,475,000
Rental & Other Income		1,020,799	-
Borrowing costs		(663,289)	(949,623)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	18	<u>(2,235,864)</u>	<u>18,982,812</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(22,546,883)	(40,488,940)
Capital Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations		2,634,738	16,795,859
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment		-	(948,287)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities		<u>(19,912,146)</u>	<u>(24,641,368)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(828,536)	(1,854,185)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities		<u>(828,536)</u>	<u>(1,854,185)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent held		<u>(22,976,545)</u>	<u>(7,512,740)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		62,649,252	62,649,252
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the reporting period	10	<u>39,672,707</u>	<u>55,136,512</u>

"The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and accounting policies".

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2. Analysis of Results by Function

2(a) Components of council functions

The activities relating to the council's components reported on in Note 2(b) are as follows :

Business Services and finance

This function includes budget support, financial accounting, taxation advice, asset management, marketing and communication and information technology services. The goal of this function is to provide accurate, timely and appropriate information to support sound decision making and meet statutory requirements.

Construction and maintenance

Construction and maintenance is responsible for constructing new and maintaining existing infrastructure across a diverse range of assets that underpin the wellbeing of the Mount Isa community. These assets include roads, drains, stormwater, cemeteries, parks and open spaces.

Community services

The goal of community services is to ensure Mount Isa City Council is a healthy, vibrant, contemporary and connected community. Community services provides well managed and maintained community facilities, and ensures the effective delivery of cultural, health, welfare, environmental and recreational services.

This function includes:

- libraries
- entertainment venues
- public health services including vaccination clinics
- environmental licences and approvals, mosquito and other pest management programs
- animal management

Planning and development

This function facilitates the City's growth and prosperity through well planned and quality development. The objective of planning and development is to ensure the Mount Isa City Council is well designed, efficient and facilitates growth yet also preserves the character and natural environment of the city. This function includes activities and services related to city, neighbourhood and regional planning, and management of development approval processes.

Transport infrastructure

The objective of the transport infrastructure program is to ensure the community is serviced by a high quality and effective road network. The function provides and maintains transport infrastructure, including the maintenance and provision of the drainage network.

Waste management

The goal of this function is to protect and support our community and natural environment by sustainably managing refuse. The function provides refuse collection and disposal services.

Water and Sewerage infrastructure

The goal of this program is to support a healthy, safe community through sustainable water and sewerage services. This function includes all activities relating to water.

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3 Revenue

(a) Rates, levies and charges

	Actual YTD FY23/24	Revised Budget FY23/24
	\$	\$
General rates	19,340,565	19,047,000
Separate rates	536,490	509,000
Water	11,030,746	11,058,000
Water consumption, rental and sundries	1,578,441	6,873,000
Sewerage	8,150,544	8,328,000
Waste Management	4,692,176	4,766,000
Total rates and utility charge revenue	45,328,962	50,581,000
Less: Pensioner remissions	(243,648)	(165,000)
	<u>45,085,314</u>	<u>50,416,000</u>

(b) Fees and charges

Animal Control	102,748	221,728
Buchanan Park fees	20,965	37,000
Building and Development	124,846	577,000
Cemetery fees	116	150,000
Finance	28,365	93,600
Infringements	3,610	48,672
Other fees and charges	408,362	524,280
Refuse tip and recycling	735,572	1,356,630
	<u>1,424,584</u>	<u>3,008,910</u>

(c) Sales revenue

Rendering of services

Contract and recoverable works	9,016	151,500
Concrete sales	411,848	905,500
	<u>420,865</u>	<u>1,057,000</u>

Sale of goods

Other	-	-
Total Sales Revenue	<u>420,865</u>	<u>1,057,000</u>

(d) Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations

(i) Operating

General purpose grants	458,676	9,396,955
State government subsidies and grants	9,935,901	1,784,566
	<u>10,394,577</u>	<u>11,181,521</u>

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	Actual YTD FY23/24 \$	Revised Budget FY23/24 \$
(ii) Capital		
State & Commonwealth Government subsidies and grants	2,624,738	16,795,859
Contributions	10,000	
Total capital grants, subsidies and	<u>2,634,738</u>	<u>16,795,859</u>
	<u>2,634,738</u>	<u>16,795,859</u>
4 Interest and other income		
(a) Interest received		
Interest received from bank and term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment.		
Interest received from term deposits		
Interest received from financial institutions	1,296,281	1,583,933
Interest from overdue rates and utility charges	412,141	570,634
	<u>1,708,422</u>	<u>2,154,567</u>
(b) Other income		
Dividends are recognised when they are declared.		
Dividend (Mount Isa Water Board)	-	3,625,294
Other income	1,020,799	2,090,538
	<u>1,020,799</u>	<u>5,715,832</u>
5 Other Capital income		
Gain / loss on disposal of non-current assets	-	-
Provision for restoration of land	-	-
Total Other Capital Income	-	-
Revaluations	-	-
6 Employee benefits		
Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.		
Staff wages and salaries	11,721,926	17,536,681
Councillors' remuneration	396,324	543,094
Annual, Sick and Long Service Leave Entitlements	1,461,919	2,928,899
Workers compensation Insurance	383,427	291,258
Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT)	1,000	79,774
Superannuation	936,226	2,075,440
	<u>14,900,823</u>	<u>23,455,146</u>
Other employee related expenses	-	-
	<u>14,900,823</u>	<u>23,455,146</u>
Less: Capitalised employee expenses	(113,895)	(702,175)
	<u>14,786,928</u>	<u>22,752,971</u>

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	Actual YTD FY23/24	Revised Budget FY23/24
	\$	\$
7 Materials and services		
Advertising, marketing and promotion	-	
Audit Fees *	101,552	220,000
Bulk Water Purchases	6,640,469	13,886,217
Communications and IT	2,054,254	1,930,224
Council Enterprises Support	979,487	1,150,000
Governance and Promotions	1,010,190	3,502,529
Land Use Planning and Regulation	98,399	256,000
Parks and Gardens	563,973	1,871,500
Road Maintenance	1,808,368	1,676,738
Flood Works	6,466,984	1,769,766
Utilities	198,797	
Vehicle and plant operating costs	1,941,395	1,915,478
Waste Levy Payments (Total)	582,731	2,073,949
Waste Levy Refund **	-	(863,760)
Waste Management	1,819,728	1,944,869
Water and Sewerage Maintenance	824,667	1,481,996
Other materials and services	359,262	3,610,235
	<u>25,450,257</u>	<u>36,425,742</u>
8 Finance costs		
Finance costs charged by the Queensland Treasury Corporation	589,323	949,597
Bank charges	73,966	172,000
	<u>663,289</u>	<u>1,121,597</u>
10 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	7,344,046	
Deposits at call	32,328,661	55,136,512
Term deposits	-	
Balance per Statement of Financial	<u>39,672,707</u>	<u>55,136,512</u>
Less bank overdraft	-	
Balance per Statement of Cash Flows	<u>39,672,707</u>	<u>55,136,512</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	39,672,707	55,136,512
Less: Externally imposed restrictions on cash	(5,433,419)	
Unrestricted cash	<u>34,239,288</u>	<u>55,136,512</u>
Externally imposed expenditure restrictions at the reporting date relate to the following cash assets:		
Unspent Government Grants and Subsidies	5,433,419	2,933,309
Special Rate Levies Unspent	-	-
Unspent developer contributions	-	-
Unspent loan monies	-	-
Total externally imposed restrictions on cash assets	<u>5,433,419</u>	<u>2,933,309</u>

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	Actual YTD FY23/24	Revised Budget FY23/24
	\$	\$
11 Receivables		
Current Trade and Other Receivables		
Rates and charges	31,652,742	5,973,676
Statutory Charges (Water charges not yet levied)	3,770,437	
Contract Assets	-	
Lease Receivables	-	
GST Recoverable	1,134,484	
Prepayments	220,583	
Other debtors	1,577,858	
	<u>38,356,105</u>	<u>5,973,676</u>
Less: Expected credit losses		
Other debtors	-	
Rates and general debtors	-	
Total Current Trade and Other Receivables	<u>38,356,105</u>	<u>5,973,676</u>
12 Inventories		
Inventories held for distribution		
Other trading stocks	212,611	218,505
Quarry and road materials	124,907	-
Plant and equipment stores	64,092	-
	<u>401,609</u>	<u>218,505</u>
Total inventories	<u>401,609</u>	<u>218,505</u>

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13 Property, Plant and Equipment

Council

Basis of measurement

Fair value category

Asset values

Opening gross value as at 1 July 2023

Additions

Closing gross value as at 31 January 2024

Accumulated depreciation and impairment

Opening balance as at 1 July 2023

Depreciation expense

Accumulated depreciation as at 31 January 2024

Total Written Down Value as at 31 January 2024

Land and improvements	Buildings and Other Structures	Other plant and equipment	Road, drainage and bridge network	Water	Sewerage	Work in progress	Total	Intangible Asset Software
Fair Value	Fair Value	At Cost	Fair Value	Fair Value	Fair Value	Cost		Cost
Level 2	Levels 2 & 3		Level 3	Level 3	Level 3			
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
6,873,636	171,684,064	21,013,326	460,736,429	178,478,355	143,004,488	26,784,367	1,008,574,664	73,862
	-	-	-	-	-	22,546,883	22,546,883	
6,873,636	171,684,064	21,013,326	460,736,429	178,478,355	143,004,488	49,331,251	1,031,121,548	73,862
-	26,067,841	11,044,785	148,756,863	109,006,830	60,766,708	-	355,643,027	24,875
-	1,675,434	744,307	3,246,103	1,229,592	1,052,674	-	7,948,110	9,110
-	27,743,274	11,789,092	152,002,966	110,236,422	61,819,382	-	363,591,137	33,985
6,873,636	143,940,790	9,224,234	308,733,463	68,241,933	81,185,106	49,331,251	667,530,410.71	39,877

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14 Contract balances

(a) Contract assets	Actual YTD FY23/24 \$	Revised Budget FY23/24 \$
	2,671,026	2,458,993
(b) Contract liabilities		
Funds received upfront to construct Council controlled assets	3,753,521	-
Non-capital performance obligations not yet satisfied	1,679,898	2,933,309
	<u>5,433,419</u>	<u>2,933,309</u>

15 Payables

Creditors are recognised when goods or services are received, at the amount owed. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.

Current

Creditors	9,954,261	3,781,404
Prepaid rates	-	-
Other creditors	204,572	-
	<u>10,158,833</u>	<u>3,781,404</u>

16 Borrowings

Current

Loans - QTC	1,063,799	1,971,454
Loans - other	-	-
	<u>1,063,799</u>	<u>1,971,454</u>

Non-current

Loans - QTC	15,319,612	13,386,307
Loans - other	-	-
	<u>15,319,612</u>	<u>13,386,307</u>

Opening balance at beginning of financial year

17,211,947

Principal repayment

(828,536)

Book value at end of financial year

16,383,411

15,357,318

17 Provisions

Current

Annual leave	1,558,612	1,453,381
Long service leave	695,590	820,767
Waste Levy Term Advance	-	979,033
Total Current Provisions	<u>2,254,203</u>	<u>3,253,182</u>

Non-Current

Long service leave	313,743	210,070
Landfill rehabilitation	8,252,697	8,252,697
Waste Levy Term Advance	4,088,129	2,096,118
Total Non-Current Provisions	<u>12,654,569</u>	<u>10,558,884</u>

Landfill rehabilitation

Balance at beginning of financial year

8,252,697

Balance at end of financial year

8,252,697

This is the present value of the estimated cost of restoring the Mount isa landfill site to a useable state at the end of its useful life which is expected to be 2062.

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18 Reconciliation of net result for the year to net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities

Net result	<u>13,831,605</u>	
Non-cash items:		
<i>Write off of Prior years WIP to Profit and Loss</i>	-	
<i>Depreciation and amortisation</i>	7,957,220	
Capital grants and contributions	<u>(2,634,738)</u>	
	<u>5,322,482</u>	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/ decrease in receivables	(23,532,636)	
(Increase)/ decrease in other assets	-	
(Increase)/ decrease in contract assets	-	
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	(183,104)	
Increase/(decrease) in payables	1,219,091	
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	1,050,909	
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	-	
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements	55,789	
	<u>(21,389,951)</u>	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u><u>(2,235,864)</u></u>	-

19 Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

2024	As at	Cash flows	As at 31
	30 June 2023	\$	January 2024
	\$		\$
Borrowings	<u>17,211,530</u>	<u>(828,536)</u>	<u>16,382,993</u>
2023	As at	Cash flows	As at 30 June
	30 June 2022	\$	2023
	\$		\$
Borrowings	<u>18,960,448</u>	<u>(1,748,917)</u>	<u>17,211,530</u>
2022	As at	Cash flows	As at
	30 June 2021	\$	30 June 2022
	\$		\$
Borrowings	<u>20,607,490</u>	<u>(1,647,042)</u>	<u>18,960,448</u>

12.2 CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The December 2023 and January 2024 Corporate Services Overview Report is presented to Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023 and January 2024 Corporate Services Overview Report as presented.

OVERVIEW

The Customer Services Department responded to queries raised in person, over the phone, via email, and by letter. The majority of requests pertaining to matters such as Rates and Water queries and payments, missed bin collections, damaged bins, Tip Token inquiries, Animal Management matters (missing or roaming animals), and Water and Sewerage issues (such as water leaks).

STATISTICS

December 2023 and January 2024 Communications Summary:

	December 2023	January 2024
Calls received	1047	1401
Emails received	1398	1465
Letters received	145	84

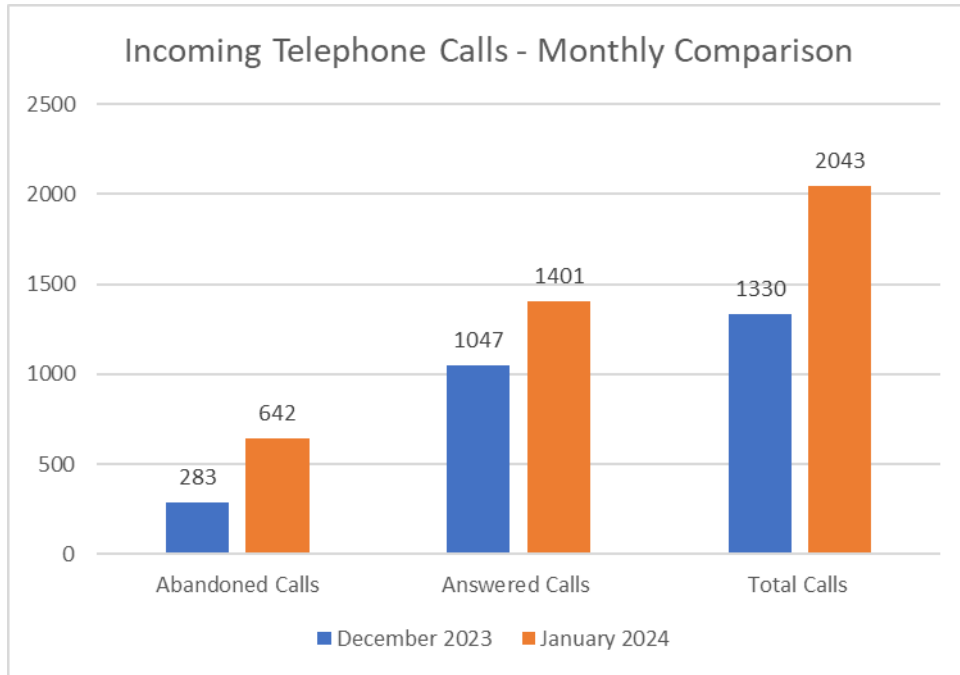
December 2023 and January 2024 Summary:

- December 2023 - 269 total cases
- January 2024 – 535 total cases

Top 4 Departments:

	December 2023	January 2024
Water & Sewerage	75	177
Local Laws	28	107
Revenue	88	93
Waste Management	40	80

Telephone Activity- Total Incoming Calls



Note: Abandoned calls refer to calls that have ended before any conversation occurs, e.g., public have either dialled the wrong number, called during a busier period, or have not wanted to be placed into the queue.

Telephone Call Response Time

In December 2023, 69.40% of 1047 answered calls were responded to within 60 seconds, in comparison to January 2024 where 85.50% of 1401 calls were responded to within 60 seconds.

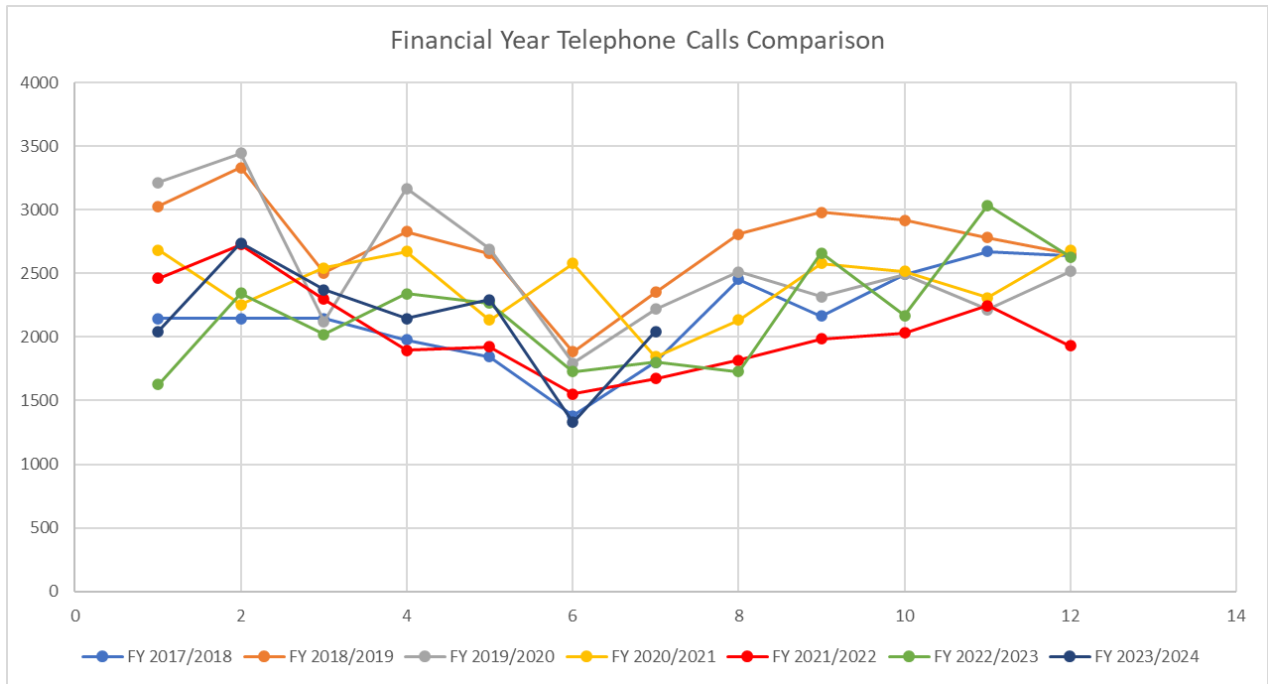
Across both months, the most frequent transfers of calls were to Local Laws Administration, Development and Land Use Administration, and Water & Sewer Administration.

Calls not transferred were either resolved in the first instance with the Customer Services team, entered into Customer Request Management for further action, or sent to the relevant department to contact the customer back.

Telephone calls averaged 56 per day (19 business days during December 2023), and in January 2024 calls averaged 67 per day (21 business days).

***Calls not answered in the 60-second time frame, refer to either call placed into the queue during high call traffic where all available staff is already engaged in phone calls and/or customer service.*

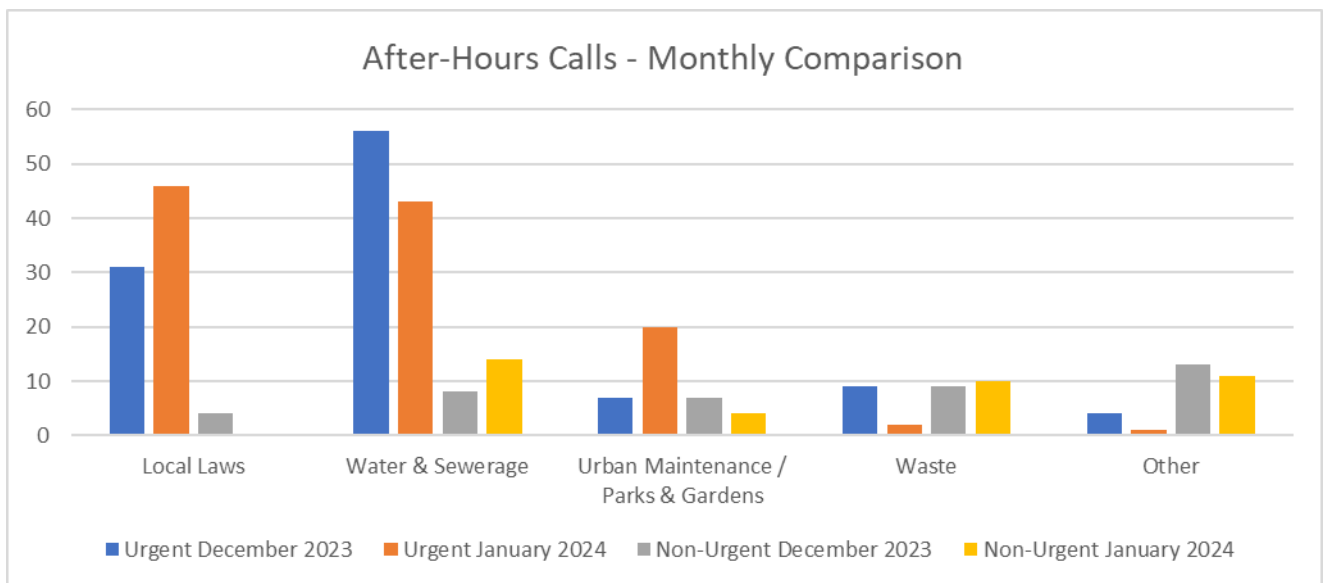
Monthly Telephone Calls – Financial Year Comparison 2017- 2024



Vodafone After-Hours Summary Report – By Department

The Vodafone After-Hours Service allows customers to contact the Council number ((07) 4747 3200) and speak to an operator, who records and escalates all calls made outside of business hours, including on weekends and public holidays.

A total of 146 calls were received by the after-hours service in December 2023, and a total of 144 calls in January 2024, across both months, the most common urgent requests were pertaining to water leaks, smart meter replacements, roaming dogs, animal attacks, and missed bin collections.



Incoming Written Communication

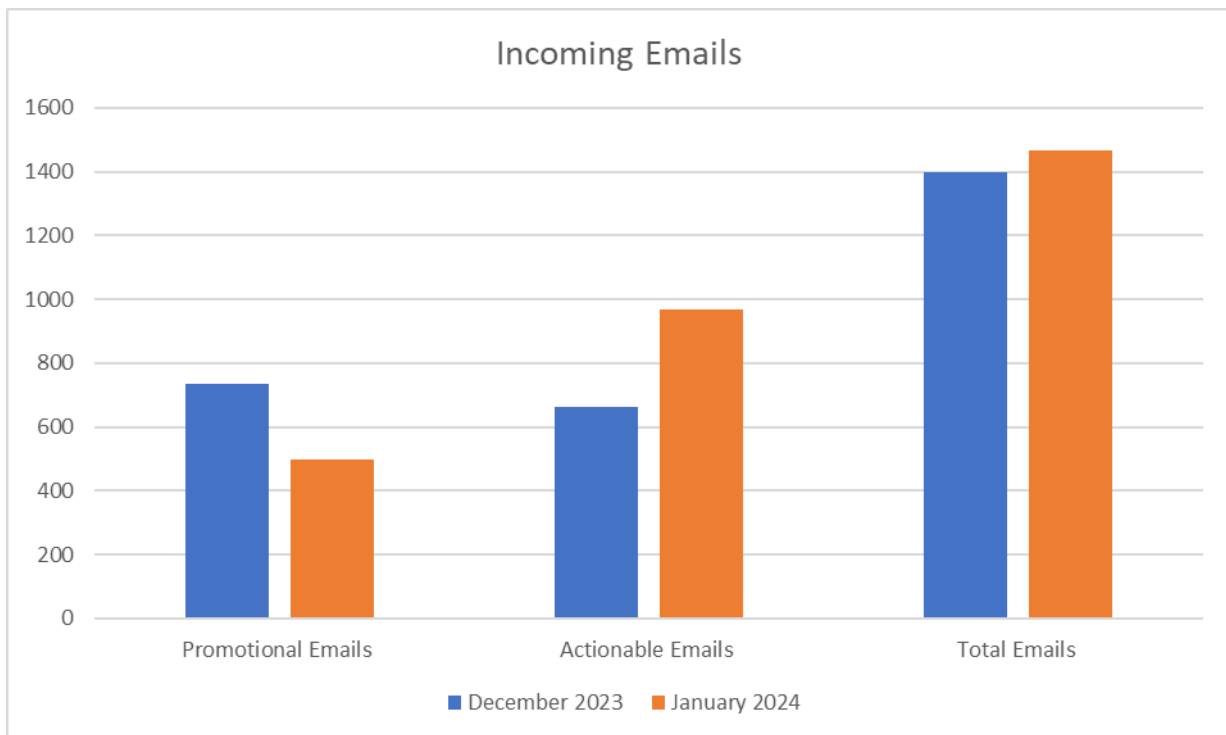
The city@mountisa.qld.gov.au email address receives emails from customers and organisations external to Council. Customer Services monitors this address, and emails requiring action are either responded to in the first instance, entered as a Customer Request Management, or forwarded to the relevant department.

Across both months, frequent emails included requests for the Revenue Department (change of postal address; payment commitment requests; queries regarding notices and accounts), invoices and remittance advice for the Finance Department, search request applications for Revenue and/or Development and Land Use and enquiries for other departments.

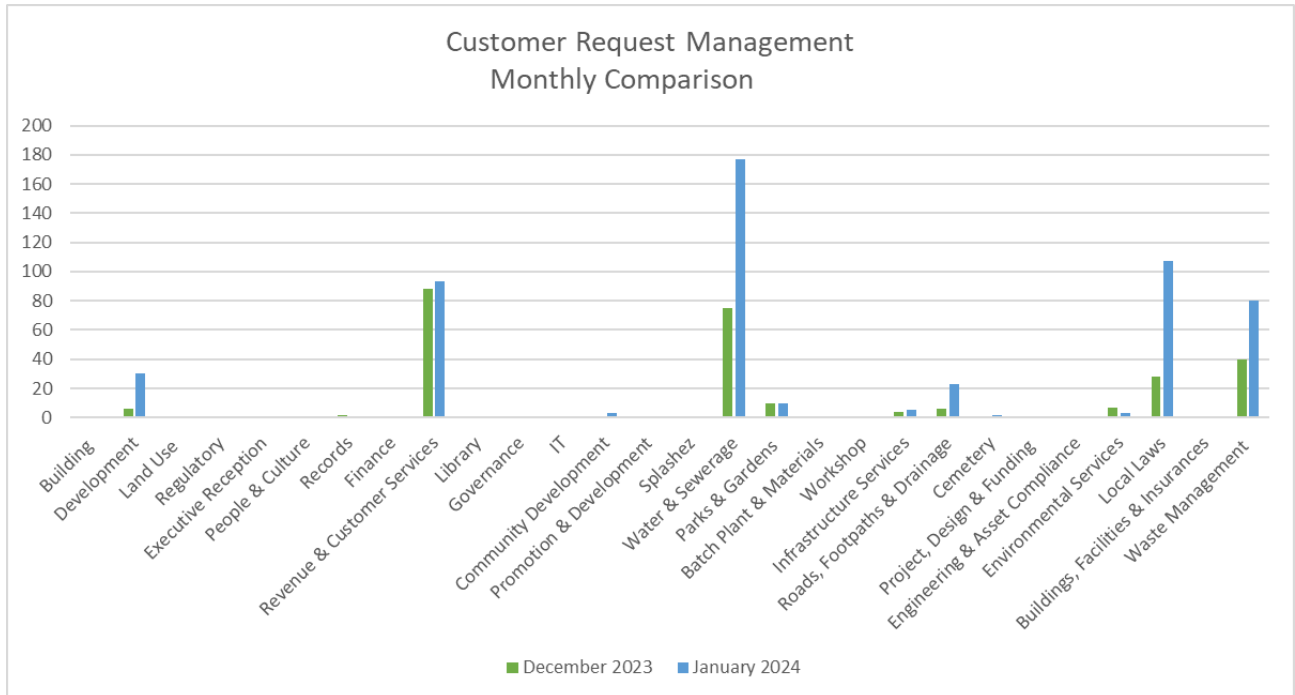
Emails in December 2023 averaged 74 per day (19 business days), and emails in January 2024 averaged 70 per day (21 business days).

In December 2023, 145 letters were received by Council, and 84 letters were received in January 2024. Letters were sorted and were either given to the relevant department or tasked through Customer Request Management. Recurrent items included financial statements, invoices, cheques, payment commitments, and items returned to the sender, particularly animal registration notices.

Letters averaged 4 per day (19 business days) in December 2023 and averaged 8 in January 2024 (21 business days).



Customer Request Management Summary Comparison December 2023 and January 2024.



**Note: Customer Request Management cases are created by all departments of the Mount Isa City Council and assigned to the relevant department for response.*

***Note: Council have now ceased iCasework and all Customer Requests are reported via Customer Request Management.*

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS**13.1 SPLASHEZ OVERVIEW REPORT - JANUARY 2024**

Document Number: 804515

Author: Manager Economic and Community Development

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

Tourism, Events, Sports and Recreation, Library

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The January 2024 Splashez Overview Report is presented to Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the January 2024 Splashez Overview Report as presented.

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

January 2024 continued with Summer Trading hours (Monday to Friday 6:00am to 9:00am and 2:30pm to 7:30pm, Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 5:00pm). A free community day was delivered as a part of Council's Australia Day celebrations and was well received by the community. Fitness programs, learn to swim lessons all continued through the school holidays and as the school year resumed. Some temporary partial closures have occurred due to lightning activity within the area.

ACTIVITIES

Activities and bookings remain popular with the classes running at capacity, this includes:

Swim School

Miss Julie's Swim School held two blocks of Learn to Swim Lessons through January.

School holiday times

- Lessons ran Monday to Friday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

School Term times

- Monday/Tuesday 4:00pm to 6:00pm
- Wednesday 4:00pm to 5:30pm
- Friday 3:30pm to 6:00pm
- Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm

Move-It Program

Aqua Aerobics, including Move-It NQ sessions, continued to run six times per week. A total of 170 Participants attended the eight Move-It funded sessions in January.

Swim Club

Mount Isa Heat Swim Team resumed their training sessions and club nights at the start of the new school term.

Australia Day

The event offered free entry, free sausage sizzle and ice blocks and childrens activities through the day and an aqua aerobics session. This was a great success having an attendance of 533 entries. The day was cut short slightly from a severe storm forcing a facility closure at 3:00pm due to the lightning and extrememly heavy rainfall.

MAINTENANCE

Construction work is continuing to support for the install of the waterslides. Work is scheduled to be completed by April 2024.

The leisure pool was closed in late January so it could be drained and plumbing work undertaken. Extensive communication occurred before and during the closure to create awareness and minimise inconvenience.

ISSUES/IDENTIFIED RISKS

Nil

EVENTS (Pre-bookings for January 2024 to March 2024)

Schools and community bookings are at capacity for the first quarter of the calnadar year.

Dates	Event / Activity
2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 January 2024	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 January 2024	Swim Fit Sessions
8, 9, 10, 11, 12 January 2024	Holiday Intensive Learn to Swim Lessons
15, 16, 17, 18, 19 January 2024	Holiday Intensive Learn to Swim Lessons
16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25 January 2024	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
22, 25, 28, 29 January 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Training Sessions
22, 29 January 2024	Mount Isa Flexible Learning Swimming Sessions
24, 31 January 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Nights
25, 30 January 2024	Swim Fit Sessions
26 January 2024	Australia Day Event
29, 30 January 2024	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
29 January 2024	NWRH Hydrotherapy Session
30, 31 January 2024	Good Shepherd Year 12 Rec Lessons
31 January 2024	Healy State School Learn to Swim Lessons
1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 February 2024	Healy State School Learn to Swim Lessons
1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18 February 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Training Sessions
1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15 February 2024	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 February 2024	Swim Fit Sessions

5, 12, 19, 26 February 2024	NWRH Hydrotherapy Sessions
2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 February 2024	Mount Isa Flexible Learning Swimming Sessions
7, 14, 21, 28 February 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Nights
8, 13, 14, 23, 27, 28 February 2024	Good Shepherd Year 12 Rec Lessons
16 February 2024	Central State School Yr 6 Pool Day
17 February 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Swimming Carnival
19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29 February 2024	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
19, 22, 25, 26 February 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Training Sessions
23 February 2024	Good Shepherd Year 7 Day
26, 27, 28, 29 February	Happy Valley State School Learn to Swim Lessons
1 March 2024	Happy Valley State School Swimming Carnival
1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15 March 2024	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17 March 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Training Sessions
4, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 March 2024	Mount Isa Flexible Learning Swimming Sessions
4, 5, 6, 7 March 2024	Barkly Highway State School Learn to Swim Lessons
5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 March 2024	Swim Fit Sessions
6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Nights
7, 12 March 2024	Good Shepherd Year 12 Rec Lessons
8 March 2024	Good Shepherd School Swimming Carnival
11 March 2024	Barkly Highway State School Swimming Carnival
12 March 2024	Spinifex State College Swimming Carnival
13 March 2024	Healy State School Swimming Carnival
18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29 March 2023	Aqua Aerobics (and Move-It NQ Sessions)
18, 21, 24, 25, 28 March 2024	Mount Isa Heat Swim Club Training Sessions
18, 19, 20, 21 March 2024	Central State School Learn to Swim Lessons

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Document Number: 804291

Author: Manager Economic and Community Development

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The January 2023 Economic Development Overview Report is presented to Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the January 2023 Economic Development Overview Report as presented.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES**Mine Workers Memorial Committee**

No meetings held in January.

Final Detailed Design Drawings have been completed for Frank Aston Hill however the City Centre RV parking strategy is still under development with Councils contractor. It is anticipated that the report will be completed and presented at the April Council meeting.

Motor Sports Advisory Committee

No meetings held in the month of January.

Council have accepted the feasibility study at the December Council meeting, next steps for the committee is to explore with stakeholders the feasibility of holding a series motoring events, discussion to date has included:

1. Go to Whoa competition.
2. Burn out competition.
3. Streetcar drag racing; and
4. Building on the already popular Show and Shine event.

Council will endeavour to further review funding opportunities for the regulatory requirements to be considered and look to provide support where possible for the promotion of ongoing motorsports events.

Future budget considerations for the regulatory requirements will be required (as per feasibility Study) and would include:

- Baseline flora and fauna survey
- Ecological assessment report/impact assessment
- Cultural heritage works Traffic Impact assessment report.
- Core infrastructure report

Once the above is completed a further business case can be developed in support of any further funding submissions.

Lake Moondarra Advisory Committee

No meeting was held in January 2023.

A further meeting will be scheduled to update the Lake Moondarra Advisory Committee once the Mount Isa Water Board provides further detail on their proposed 5 Year Strategy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commerce North West

Council officers have attended regular meetings in conjunction with the Commerce North West to hear about community business concerns and opportunities.

Planning and management of North West MPX is now underway for the event to be held at the Civic Centre on the 7-9, in May 2024.

Funding Submissions

Regional Economic Futures Fund –

The Regional Economic Futures Fund, REFF, is a new \$200 million program to support communities in seizing industry development opportunities presented by global decarbonisation.

Two projects were submitted for consideration:

- Mount Isa Renewable Energy, Critical Minerals, Transport and Logistics Hub; and
- Mount Isa Glider Port Project

Status: Pending Outcome.

Growing the Regions Round 1, Stage 2.

On 8 December 2023, Council received advice that the following applications for expressions of interest had been successful:

1. Outback at Isa Revitalisation Project and
2. Mount Isa Library Redevelopment Project.

Council approved, at the December ordinary meeting, to progress both applications to Stage 2. The application submissions was completed and lodged on the 15th January 2024.

Economic Development Strategy

Focus for the period has been on the response to the Glencore Copper Mining Closure, including:

Administration worked to develop the Transitioning Mount Isa's Economy strategy response, this response is quickly shifting into implementation through stakeholder engagement and data collection.

Strategy implementation

1.6 Continue to engage with Glencore to inform a strategic and targeted approach to the delivery of available community and economic development funding programs.

Glencore has been contacted on several occasions to provide details on all the businesses adversely affected by the pending MICO Mine in July 2025. To date Council has received no information to assist SME consultant's Urban Economics provide a report on alternate industry or project economic growth.

2.1 & 3.3 Work with MITEZ and North West Minerals Province industry stakeholders in advocating for the critical enabling infrastructure and other support needed to secure the future of the North West Region's new minerals economy.

The focus for MITEZ this month is water resources and MITEZ are holding a Water Forum in Townsville on the 22nd of February. It is expected that the MIWB will present their 5-year Strategy and the agenda could include an update on the formation of a North West Water Board.

Stakeholder Engagement

2023	Event Name/ Meeting Attended	Key Speaker	Council Representative	Key items taken from the Event/Meeting
17 January	Commerce North West Board Meeting		Economic Development Officer	Council officers have attended regular meetings in conjunction with the Commerce North West to hear about community business concerns and opportunities.
18 January	Glencore Community Session	Sam Strohmayer, COO Zinc Maryann Wipaki, Manager Health, Safety, Environment, and Community. Adam Purkis, General Manager Smelting and Refining NQ. Simon Pope, General Manager Zinc Mathew Little, Business Manager.	Economic Development Officer Manager Economic and Community Development CEO	Glencore representatives provided an operational update, the first session since 2022. Session notes available.
18 January	North West MPX	Emma Harman, President CNW, Jonathon Neilson, Manager	Economic Development Officer	After an improved 2023 event, North West MPX is looking to grow the participation of regional mines and energy project proponents. The aim is to grow the outdoor static displays of mining equipment, machinery, and vehicles, as well as the technology aspect.
23 January	Resource Sector report Transitioning Mount Isa' Economy.	Craig Wilson, CEO DeltaPearl.	Economic Development Officer CEO Director of Community Services	Craig Wilson visited Mount Isa to meet with Council staff and plan the pathway forward for the Resources Sector Report.
31 January	North West Live Site	Wayde Chiesa, CEO RDA Heather Hausfeld, Communications Consultant, Wink.	Economic Development Officer Manager Economic and Community Development	NW Liveability and Jobs websites is a collaborative project with Wayde Chiesa (RDA) and Greg Hoffman (NWQ ROC) and DSD to develop a liveability site and jobs portal for the NW Queensland region. The resources will feature information, hero photos and inspirational videos for each of the LGAs. The site branding will be a similar to the Live North Queensland and Jobs North Queensland sites delivered last year for the North Queensland region.

13.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW REPORT - JANUARY 2024

Document Number: 804292

Author: Manager Economic and Community Development

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The January 2024 Community Development Overview Report is presented to Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the January 2024 Community Development Overview Report as presented.

CIVIC CENTRE AND BUCHANAN PARK

After the Christmas Holidays, the month of January was a quiet month for Civic Centre and Buchanan Park venues.

Key events hosted at Civic Centre in January 2024 included:

- Australian Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony;
- Local election Pre-voting Centre, returning officer is based in Civic Centre Boardroom;
- Sign on day
- Essential Services Welcoming Event.

Business planning is underway for the next financial year in the delivery of events at the Civic Centre and Buchanan Park complex. A key focus will be on increased usage of the Buchanan Park arena, this will not only allow for additional events to be held but create greater community confidence and ownership of the facility.

Repairs and Maintenance

Civic Centre Lift:

The replacement of lift is a priority as it significantly impacts future bookings and daily operations. Council has approved budget for the lift replacement and procurement processes are underway.

Kitchen Upgrade:

Detailed design process for the kitchen upgrade will be undertaken, this is expected to be completed in April and will form a part of a future budget consideration.

Civic Centre Flooring:

Council has approved budget for the replacement of the auditorium floors, procurement processes for the floor replacement has commenced.

EVENTS

Australia Day Ceremony:

Winners of the 2024 Australia Day Awards are:

- Citizen of the Year – Rick Leeman
- Young Citizen of the Year – Lianna Woodsbey
- Senior Citizen of the Year – Pastor Keith Christie
- Senior Sports Award – Katelyn Hankin
- Junior Sports Award – Maleya Raitava
- Community Event of the Year – Mount Isa Show
- Arts and Culture Award – Brian Adamson

Australian Citizenship was granted to 24 new Aussies from the Philippines, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Kenya, China, New Zealand, Wales, Canada, Samoa and Papua New Guinea.

The Australia Day Ceremony was hosted at the Mount Isa Civic Centre and Mount Isa Community Ensembles Choir were invited to perform.

A free lamington morning tea was provided post ceremony with around 200 patrons in attendance.

The Electoral Commission and CAMS attended to provide information stalls at the event.

Australia Day Activities:

Free Entry was provided by Council at the Splashez Aquatic Centre and 533 patrons enjoyed the pool on Australia Day. Saints Netball Club were organised to supply a free Sausage Sizzle and ice block, catering for 500. Gecko Outdoor Sports were organised to provide a range of activities for the kids and proved very popular. The Pool staff also hosted a special free Australia Day themed Aqua Aerobics Session before lunch.

Later in the day a storm forced closure of the pool for safety reasons.

Outback @ Isa held a local's open day with all experiences and services available to locals, without charge and Australia Day themed food was provided at the Café for sale.

- Bush Tucker Experience (92 patrons)
- Riversleigh Fossils Tour (96 patrons)
- Hard Times Mine underground tour (85 patrons)

TOURISM STRATEGY

Tourism & Marketing Activities:

2024 City of Opportunity TVC finalised. The 30 second ad went to air with a mix of prime-time spots on Imparja started after the Australia Open. Spots with Southern Cross Austereo starts in February including Sky, 10 Townsville and Mackay, Rockhampton during beef week and moving to Seven Central June-August to capture the tourist market travelling central and outback Queensland.

Department of State Development and Regional Development Australia jobs portal project will be filming in Mount Isa 26 February for the Regional Liveability Video Series. Seeking talent to sell the liveability of Mount Isa for two x two-minute videos.

Getaway TV show featuring Mount Isa and filmed in 2023 is in the final stages of production. Scheduled to air 24 February at 5:30pm on Nine and Nine Now (date could change).

School Holiday program of events received positive feedback. This will be continued for each school holiday throughout the year.

Providing support where needed to Outback at Isa for the delivery of the Mount Isa Destination Planner 2024.

Finalised the Mount Isa section of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association, Outback Travellers Guide 2024. Being launched 20 February 2024 in Brisbane.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Move It NQ

Current funding will take the program through to June 2024. Aqua Aerobics still proves to be the most popular in January, however the interest in indoor activities of Fitness Boxing, Yoga and Pilates increased. Dance Fit will recommence in February 2024.

Activity	Attendance December	# of Sessions
Aqua Aerobics	238	8
Dance Fit	0	0
Fitness Boxing	47	4
Pilates	24	1
Yoga	29	1

Community Grants and Sponsorship

Round 2 of Community Grants and Sponsorship will opened on the 1st of February and will close the 1st of March. Media and communication is underway to promote the fund.

Approved upcoming sponsorship

Recipient	Event Details	Event date
Isa Rodeo Ltd	Road to Rodeo	11 May 2024
International Legends of League	International Legends of League Event	May 2024

Regional Arts Development Fund

Round 2 of RADF opened on Monday 12 February and closed on 14 March 2024 for projects commencing after 28 March 2024.

Sign On Expo

The Sign On Expo took place on Saturday 3 February 2024 at the Buchanan Park with over 1000 people attending. 63 stallholder registrations were received and 75 spaces booked for the event. Apex Mount Isa and Zonta Club of Mount Isa delivered food stalls during the event and performances are

delivered by fitness boxing, school of dance, Army Cadets and MICE (Mount Isa Community Ensemble).

NQ Sportstar Awards

Planning for the Sportstar Awards commenced in January with the date confirmed as 26 October 2024 at the Mount Isa Civic Centre. The Marketing and Tourism Officer will be seeking sponsorship for the event to lessen the burden on Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13.4 OUT OF ROUNDS SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - ZONTA CLUB OF MOUNT ISA

Document Number: 804067

Author: Community Development Officer

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application for sponsorship has been received out of rounds from the Zonta Club of Mount Isa for the 2024 International Women's Day Celebrations.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves sponsorship to Zonta Club of Mount Isa in the amount of \$5,000.00 (incl. GST) to be a Diamond Sponsor of the 2024 International Women's Day Celebrations, to be held on Saturday 20th April 2024 at the Mount Isa Civic Centre.

OVERVIEW

Zonta Club of Mount Isa have submitted an application for Sponsorship from Mount Isa City Council outside of the scheduled rounds in February and August. Due to a restructure of the event, they were unable to make an application in August and an application in February would result in the funding being retrospective and therefore ineligible. Their application for consideration of out of rounds was approved by the CEO.

BACKGROUND

Zonta Club of Mount Isa have redesigned their International Women's Day event giving it a fresh new approach.

The changes include a new separate IWD dinner created to recognise Young Women of Achievement in our community, with new criteria and a different way of recognising nominees. Together with a new fresh format to a separate evening celebrating women and International Women's Day, the events are certainly different to previous years. The Young Women of Achievement Dinner will be held at the Red Earth Hotel on Friday 8th March 2024 and the Celebrating Women event will be held at the Civic Centre on Saturday 20th April 2024.

Council is a regular sponsor of the Zonta International Women's Day events, sponsoring the event annually where an application is received.

Diamond sponsorship of the IWD Celebrating Women Event (\$5,000) has the following inclusions:

- Six Tickets to the event, including Pre-event VIP drinks with the Master of Ceremonies
- Logo on all tickets, placemats and programs
- Logo and acknowledgement on powerpoint presentation
- Four pull-up banners on display – foyer, stage and floor area

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Civic Centre has been booked for the event and charges will be forwarded accordingly. Sponsorship will go towards costs associated with the facility use. Administration has sufficient budget to cover the requested amount.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.3	Assist community groups to increase their sustainability and build social capacity

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Consultation is undertaken with internal departments of Council including Revenue, Local Laws, Town Planning, Land Use, Technical Services, Environmental Services, Civic Centre and Manager of Economic and Community Development.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Community Grants Policy

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the protected human rights under the policy and it is believed to not unreasonably infringe on these rights.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council approves sponsorship to Zonta Club of Mount Isa in the amount of \$5,000.00 (incl. GST) to be a Diamond Sponsor of the 2024 International Women's Day Celebrations, to be held on Saturday 20th April 2024 at the Mount Isa Civic Centre.

OR

THAT Council does not approve sponsorship to Zonta Club of Mount Isa for their event, International Women's Day Celebrations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Community Grants Policy** [↓](#) 



STATUTORY POLICY
MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL
 Community Grants Policy

RESOLUTION NO. **OM23/07/22** VERSION **V4**

APPLIES TO STATUTORY POLICIES ONLY

This an official copy of the **Community Grants Policy**, made in accordance with the provisions of *Local Government Act 2009, Local Government Regulation 2012, Public Records Act, Mount Isa City Council's Local Laws, Subordinate Local Laws*, and current Council Policies.

Statutory Policies comply with a legislative requirement; the **Community Grants Policy** is approved by the Mount Isa City Council for the operations and procedures of Council.

David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer

DOCUMENT VERSION CONTROL			
Governance/Policies/Statutory Doc ID# 26630			POLICY TYPE
			Statutory (Council)
VERSION	DATE	RESOLUTION NO.	DETAILS
V1	30.07.2014	OM50/07/14	Responsible Officer - Sports and Recreation Officer
V2	26.06.2019	OM35/06/19	Responsible Officer - Community Development Officer
V3	27.05.2020	OM25/05/20	Responsible Officer - Community Development Officer
V4	20.07.2022	OM23/07/22	Responsible Officer - Community Development Officer
			REVIEW DUE 06.2023

DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION			
Internal email to all employees	X	Section meetings / Toolbox talks	
Internal email to all councillors	X	Included in employee inductions	
Employee noticeboards		Uploaded to Council website	X
Internal training to be provided		External training to be provided	
Registered in magiQ	X		

1. PURPOSE

MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL STATUTORY POLICY



STATUTORY POLICY
MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL
 Community Grants Policy

RESOLUTION NO. [OM23/07/22](#) VERSION V4

- 1.1 Under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Part 5 Section 195, "A local government must prepare and adopt a policy about local government grants to community organisations (a *community grants policy*), which includes the criteria for a community organisation to be eligible for a grant from the local government".

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a) Detail how Mount Isa City Council ("Council") will provide community assistance payments to Not for Profit (NFP) organisations in times of exceptional circumstance from a declared disaster or health pandemic; and
- b) Detail how Council will provide local NFP community and sporting groups/organisations seeking sponsorship, donations, or in-kind Council assistance; and
- c) Outline the circumstances under which Council will provide small value in-kind support to local NFP community and sporting organisations; and
- d) To authorise Council to reimburse eligible costs for waste disposal fees incurred at the Mount Isa City Council Waste Management Facility by local NFP community and sporting organisations and educational facilities.

- 1.2 Council has the following funding programmes available to community groups, clubs, organisations and educational facilities:

- a) Community Grants Program;
- b) Event Sponsorship Program;
- c) Small and In-kind Donations Program;
- d) Waste Disposal Fee Donations Program; and
- e) From time to time, as determined by a declared disaster or health pandemic, provide community assistance payments as resolved by Council.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This policy will commence on and from 20 July 2022. It replaces all other policies or arrangements governing sponsorship, donations, in-kind support, funding and grants, excluding the Environmental Grants Policy (whether written or not).

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM and EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1 For the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship funding program, this policy applies to applicants based within the Mount Isa local government area, or associated with a membership base within the Mount Isa local government area, and/or be delivering a service/event/project that will be in the public interest of the community of the Mount Isa local government area.

- 3.2 The applicant must be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation. If an organisation is not incorporated but feels it has a service/event/project that satisfies all other eligibility criteria for one of the streams of this funding program, then a sponsor may be used. The sponsor organisation must be incorporated and satisfy all the same eligibility criteria. The sponsor organisation then becomes legally liable for the service/event/project.

4. INFORMATION ABOUT ALL COUNCIL SUPPORT

- 4.1 The level of assistance and sponsorship available is limited by Council's annual budget and its priorities as detailed in Council's Operational Plan. No applicant can be guaranteed to either receive funding or to receive the full amount requested.



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4.2 The advertisement for each funding round shall contain the funding pool amount for the Community Grants Program only. There is to be no advertisement of the funding pool for the Event Sponsorship Program. Funding amounts will be determined by Council with regard to the budget and Council's financial position at the time.

4.3 There are two (2) funding rounds each year for the Community Grants and Event Sponsorship Program and all applications must be received by the due date. Late submissions or applications may not be considered and are subject to Council's discretion. A schedule of funding rounds is contained within this policy.

Applications for the Community Grants received outside open funding rounds, will be asked to re-apply within an appropriate funding round. Event Sponsorship applications received outside open funding rounds may be directed to re-apply in the next round. If the timing of the next round will result in retrospective funding, a request in writing must be made for the Chief Executive Officers consideration of an out of rounds application. A sponsorship application form and all supporting documents must accompany the request.

The decision of Council on applications is final. Financial support may require compliance with specific conditions before payment. Should these conditions not be met by the specified date, Council reserves the right to revoke the offer of support.

4.4 Where relevant and agreed upon, Council expects agreed acknowledgement of support (for example: inclusion and display of the Council logo, invitation of Council staff and/or elected members to events, openings or ceremonies, and acknowledgement of Council support in media and promotional efforts).

4.5 Applicants may only submit one application per funding round.

4.6 Any organisation wishing to apply for a waiver of Council fees, charges, rates or bills (e.g. Excess Water Bills, Development Fees etc) must not apply under this program but submit a separate request in writing to Council.

4.7 GST: where applicable, all applications are to be GST inclusive.

4.8 Council's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), or their delegate, may approve departure from the procedure by Council where:

- a) It is within the limits of their financial delegation; and
- b) The departure would be in the public interest; and
- c) Where the departure is reasonable and necessary having regard to the community wellbeing that is to be promoted.

5. ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

5.1 Applications may seek to address some of the following priorities:

- a) Promotion of economic development in the area;
- b) Enhanced economic / cultural / social opportunities for residents;
- c) Enhanced health and safety for residents;
- d) Research and development projects relevant to the region;
- e) Small scale capital improvement to create a community asset;
- f) Meet a demonstrated need within the community;
- g) Promote a healthy and active lifestyle;
- h) Community education opportunities;
- i) Innovation and technology.



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- 5.2 Applicants shall have no overdue debt (including leases, infringements, rates and water bills) to Council at the time the application is processed by Council.
- 5.3 The applicant shall show that they have the financial capacity to carry out the project or event. If financial statements do not reflect this, then the organisation must show a proactive approach to fundraising and other funding sources.

6. INELIGIBLE CRITERIA

- 6.1 The following will NOT be considered for funding:
 - a) General operating costs (e.g. electricity, phone, rent, meals, salaries/wages, accommodation and hire charges. A position created for the length of a project is considered eligible);
 - b) Private and commercial ventures;
 - c) Political or for-profit groups;
 - d) Projects under litigation;
 - e) Retrospective funding;
 - f) Purchase of land;
 - g) Support of an individual pursuit;
 - h) Travel and accommodation, and uniforms for individual or team representatives;
 - i) Projects that do not involve the Council regional community.

7. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- 7.1 Applicants are encouraged to attach relevant letters of support to show community, business and financial support for their event or project.
- 7.2 Council may not supply letters of support from the CEO, Mayor or Councillors for any application to the Mount Isa City Council Community Grants Program or the Event Sponsorship Program.

8. APPROXIMATE FUNDING TIMELINES (subject to change at Council's discretion)

	Round One	Round Two
Applications Open	First Council business day in August each year	First Council business day in February each year
Applications Close	Last Council business day in August each year	First Council business day in March each year
Submitted to Ordinary Meeting	Third Wednesday in October	Third Wednesday in April
Official Advice of Funding	Fourth week of October	Fourth week of April
Final Acquittal must be received by Mount Isa City Council	Within six weeks of the event or project occurring	Within six weeks of the event or project occurring



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9. NOTIFICATION

- 9.1 All applicants will receive a generic email to state their application has been received by Council, including a reference number.
- 9.2 Successful applicants will receive an approval letter and, if applicable, a funding agreement and the Acquittal Form. The funding agreement will include the terms and conditions of the funding and any special conditions that may have been attached to the funding.
- 9.3 Successful applicants will need to complete and sign the funding agreement and supply a tax invoice before any funding will be released.
- 9.4 Unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter advising that their application has been unsuccessful.

10. COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Funding requests are to be financial only. If an applicant wishes to utilise Council services, they must first contact Council for a quote and include the dollar amount in their application.

11. EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to the above eligibility criteria, to be eligible for the Event Sponsorship Program, the event must:

- a) Be recurring regularly within the Mount Isa local government area i.e. be an annual or bi-annual event (if the event is a new event, it should aim to be annual or bi-annual); or
- b) Be a significant one-off event of benefit to the community within the Mount Isa local government area; and
- c) Should have a total event budget of \$20,000 or more.

Sponsorship requests are to be financial only, if an applicant wishes to apply for Council services, they must contact Council for a quote and include the dollar amount in their application.

12. CHANGE OF SCOPE

If an organisation is successful with a community grant or sponsorship application, but the project or event must be altered from that as outlined in the original application, a request must be made in writing to Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services and be approved by Council resolution before the event / project commences.

13. ACQUITTAL

In providing financial assistance, Council requires all applicants to provide Council with an acquittal, lodged on the relevant Council acquittal form within 6 weeks of the end of the event/project, showing that the financial assistance has:

- a) Been used for the approved purposes including proof of expenditure e.g. invoices, receipts, photos etc.; and
- b) Produced a community benefit; and
- c) Evidence of the appropriate acknowledgement to Council

14. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 14.1 Applicants are required to submit all the requested documents with the application as outlined in the application form check list. Failure to provide these documents by the due date may make the application ineligible.
- 14.2 Council is required to comply, to the best of its ability, with the dates as per the schedule of funding rounds contained within this document.



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14.3 The decision to award funding is made by Council resolution only.

15. FAILURE TO COMPLY

If an organisation that has received funding fails to comply with any requirement of this policy, Council has the right to refuse future applications for grants or sponsorship and/or request the return of funds

16. IN-KIND (Non-Cash) SPONSORSHIP

16.1 It is recognised that Council plays a significant role in the Mount Isa and Camooweal communities and has a role to play in developing and supporting the social fabric that makes the community a desirable place to live. Council also recognises that we are the sole or primary supplier of a number of services that community, educational, and sporting groups require in order to be able to function effectively.

16.2 In-kind support is available to not-for-profit community and sporting groups in the form of free goods or services that Council provides, such as waste services, bin hire, road signage etc. Small value items, not exceeding \$1500.00, that are commonly procured by Council may also be considered at the discretion of the CEO.

16.3 Applications will be reviewed and assessed on the following criteria:

1. Applicants are incorporated Not for Profit community or sporting groups, or educational facilities; or
2. Other unincorporated applicants who can demonstrate that all proceeds from the activity are for a not-for-profit cause or charity; and
3. That the support is for a purpose that is deemed to be in the public interest; and
4. That applications are received on the approved "In-Kind Donation Form" and with sufficient time before the service is required and appropriate detail to allow assessment of the request and preparation of the service; and
5. That the total value of support requested is not greater than \$1,500.00; and
6. That the requesting organisation meets the definition of an eligible Community Organisation; and
7. That proof the support was used for the stated purpose is provided on request; and
8. That there are still funds remaining in the In-kind budget.

16.4 The decision to award support is at the discretion of Council's CEO or their delegate.

16.5 The support provided cannot be cash.

16.6 In-kind support for goods or services from Mount Isa City Council Owned Enterprise (MICCOE) may be considered under this policy.

17. WASTE DISPOSAL GRANT

17.1 In March 2018, the Queensland Government announced the introduction of a waste disposal levy to underpin a new Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy. Commencing on the 1st July 2019, the levy will be implemented within the Mount Isa local government area.

17.2 The Waste Levy will apply to all types of waste, with some exemptions, and will consist of an increase in waste disposal costs. This will directly affect both non-residential rate payers, businesses and NFP Organisations.

17.3 Council recognises that this charge can impose a significant impost on many of the small community and sporting groups within the Mount Isa local government area, which may impact on the organisations viability to provide their community service.



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17.4 As such, within each financial year, Council may provide reimbursement to an eligible organisation to cover up to 100% of the costs incurred for waste disposal at the Mount Isa City Council Waste Management Facility. All reimbursements are subject to budget availability at the time the application is processed.

17.5 Camooweal waste disposal is only available by negotiation prior.

17.6 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

17.6.1 Eligible Criteria

- a) Applicants are a NFP sporting club or a NFP community organisation or a NFP early or primary educational facility; and
- b) That applications are received on the approved "Waste Disposal Grant Application Form"; and
- c) The organisation is either head-quartered or primarily based in the Mount Isa local government area; and
- d) The organisation is actively providing services to the Mount Isa and/or Camooweal community that are in the public interest; and
- e) The organisation is able to provide Council with a copy of a bank statement, in the name of the applicant organisation, dated within the last 3 months.
- f) Applicants have a valid receipt from the Mount Isa City Council Waste Management Facility, dated within the last 6 months of the application date.

17.6.2 Ineligible Criteria

- a) Applications from For Profit organisations - unless it can be evidenced that the waste disposal is from an activity in the interest of the community, which Council has approved prior to occurring. (e.g., riverbed clean ups)
- b) Receipts not issued by Mount Isa City Council Waste Management Facility
- c) Receipts that are more than 6 months old
- d) Reimbursements to individuals
- e) Bank details not in the same name as the applicant organisation.

17.7 Applications must be received on the official "Waste Disposal Grant Application Form" and be submitted with all the appropriate support documents as listed on the application form. Applications will be processed at the end of each month, with reimbursements processed for payment within 2 weeks of the end of each month

17.8 Reimbursement is applicable to waste disposal fees incurred at the Mount Isa City Council Waste Management Facility only, and amounts will include GST.

17.9 Camooweal waste disposal is by negotiation only and must be approved prior.

17.10 Any organisation provided financial assistance must afford, and evidence, appropriate recognition to Council for the assistance.

17.11 The decision to approve the support is at the discretion of Council's CEO or their delegate.

18. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

18.1 Council recognises that not-for-profit, community and sporting organisations within the Mount Isa local government area make an important contribution to enhancing the region's lifestyle and liveability, and assist in creating strong and inclusive communities.



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In response to an exceptional circumstance from a declared disaster or health pandemic, Council can provide quick response community assistance payments to individual or defined classes of eligible, rateable not-for-profit community and sporting organisations, via a Council resolution.

18.2 Council's resolution may provide for these not-for-profit community and sporting organisations, known to Council, and which meet Council's defined eligibility criteria being paid community assistance payment without being required to submit an application.

18.3 Eligible Criteria

- a) Not-for-profit community and sporting organisations must meet the criteria of Not-for-Profit as determined by Council's rateable reported primary and secondary land use, and in some instances, visual inspection.; and
- b) Be based in the Mount Isa local government area; and
- c) Be an active organisation, providing evidenced current programs to the community; and
- d) Be a current rate paying organisation.

18.4 Ineligible criteria

- a) For-profit organisations
- b) State and federal government departments and agencies
- c) Political parties
- d) Trade Unions
- e) Individuals
- f) Properties with the following differential rating categories:
 - 2 - Residential – Owner Occupied <4,000m2
 - 6 – Multi Residential: 2-4 Dwelling or Units
 - 8 – Multi Residential: 10-24 Dwellings or Units
 - 12 – Retail, Commercial Business <1,000m2
 - 13 – Retail, Commercial Business <2,000m2
 - 34 – Hotel/Licensed Clubs < 20 Accommodation Units
 - 36 – Intensive Accommodation 5-24 Rooms, Units or Sites
 - 39 – Intensive Accommodation 100-199 Rooms, Units or Sites
 - 53 – Transport, Storage Warehouse <4,000m2

18.5 Organisations that are deemed to be ineligible by Council, but believe they meet the eligible criteria may make a separate application in writing to Council's CEO for consideration. If approved by the CEO, the applications will also require a separate Council resolution.

18.6 Organisations that are deemed eligible by Council, but do not wish to receive the assistance, may submit a request in writing to Council's CEO to be excluded from the automatic distribution process.

18.7 All decisions for approval of a Community Assistance Payment are subject to budget availability and at the absolute discretion of the Council, determined by Council resolution only.

19. OTHER EXTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

19.1 Organisations requesting a letter of support from the Council for other funding programs, should email city@mountisa.qld.gov.au with a document containing a "draft version" of the text required in the letter of support. This ensures that any letter from Council will address all pertinent issues.



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- 19.2 This “draft version” will be considered by the appropriate elected member of Council, alteration to the text may be made if required. If approved, the applicant will be advised, and an official copy will be forwarded on Council letterhead.
- 19.3 Where Council agrees to provide a letter of support, the letter shall be provided no later than five (5) days after the request is received by Council.
- 19.4 Letters of support in-principle are only for the purposes of funding/application processes only and do not constitute automatic Council approval for the project as a whole. Any applicant requesting a letter of in-principle support must contact Council to ensure notification of and compliance with any necessary approval requirements or costs that their project/event may incur.

20. VARIATIONS

Council reserves the right to vary, replace, or terminate this policy from time to time.

21. COMMUNICATION AND DISTRIBUTION

21.1 Council will make available to the public, the Community Grants Policy on our website at www.mountisa.qld.gov.au.

21.2 Supervisors will ensure the policy is distributed as per the Distribution and Dissemination table on this policy.

22. DEFINITIONS

- a) **Acquittal** – the accurate reporting on the funded activities and the expenditure of funding.
- b) **Applicant** – the person or organisation who makes a formal application for financial assistance from Mount Isa City Council.
- c) **Application** – a formal request to be considered by Mount Isa City Council.
- d) **Community Wellbeing** – is a concept concerned with the common good of all people and includes dimensions such as economic vitality, celebration of place, access to services and facilities, community harmony, a healthy community, participation in community life, a safer community and cultural development.
- e) **Community Organisation** -
- a) an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or
 - b) another entity whose primary objective is not directed at making a profit.
- f) **Declared disaster** – as defined in s64 and d69 of the *Disaster Management Act 2003*
- g) **Financial Assistance / Support** - means any grant, sponsorship, service or funding provided by Mount Isa City Council.
- h) **Grant** – are contributions for projects or events, usually tangible, and tied to specific eligibility criteria for the applicant or project/event, with specified application, acknowledgement and acquittal requirements.
- i) **Health Pandemic** – means a critical health issue, as identified by a declaration of a public health emergency made under section 319 of the *Public Health Act 2005* with respect to an actual or potential health pandemic.
- j) **In-Kind**- Non-cash support such as the provision of goods or services.
- k) **Incorporated** – (of a company or other organisation) formed into a legal corporation.
- l) **Not-for-profit** - not making or conducted primarily to make a profit.



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- m) **Sponsorship** – is a mutually beneficial contract involving the purchase of usually intangible, exploitable potential, associated with an event, organisation or project, which results in tangible benefits for the sponsoring organisation.

ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- *Local Government Regulation 2012*
- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Mount Isa City Council Revenue Statement*
- *Disaster Management Act 2003*

13.5 OPERA QUEENSLAND REGIONAL TOUR 2024

Document Number: 803555
Author: Community Development Officer
Authoriser: Director of Community Services
Directorate: Community Services
Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts
Tourism, Events, Sports and Recreation, Library

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Opera Queensland are seeking a commitment from Council to be part of the Opera Queensland 2024 Regional Tour scheduled to tour across the state in April and May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves sponsorship in the amount of \$8,800.00 (incl GST) for the presenter's fee for Opera Queensland's 2024 Regional Tour performance of "Do We Need Another Hero?" to be held in Mount Isa in May 2024.

AND

THAT Council authorises the CEO to approve in-kind support as required to assist with the delivery of the event.

OVERVIEW

Opera Queensland conduct a regional tour annually, delivering opera-based performances to cities and towns outside of the capital cities. The 2024 touring schedule will begin in late April and tour through May 2024.

BACKGROUND

In 2024, Opera Queensland will tour a brand new production titled *Do We Need Another Hero?*

Synopsis:

From the creative team of *Are you Lonesome Tonight* (2021) and *Lady Sings the Maroons* (2023), this live musical tribute stars some of Queensland's best talent, taking you on a journey through the history of heroism. From *Hera to Hamlet*; *Wonder Woman* to the *Working-class Man*, this show balances joyful observation and thoughtful discourse, asking audiences the question; In a world connected yet divided, *Who's Gonna Save Us?*

The Regional Tour schedule is based on the commitments and the expressed availability across the state with the tour commencing in late April and through May. Ideally, the performance in Mount Isa will be on either 10 May or 11 May 2024.

This event may tie in with the proposed Road to Rodeo 2024 event scheduled for 11 May 2024. This would then build on attraction for visitors in region to take advantage of 2 nights entertainment.

It would be recommended that Council request statistics and other reporting be provided if funding is approved.

Council has previously financially supported the Opera Qld performances Are You Lonesome Tonight (2021), Composed in Qld (2022) and Lady Sings the Maroons (2023)

The event would either be free or low cost for the community if sponsorship is approved, adding to the calendar of events held at the Civic centre.

The Draft Agreement from Opera Qld is attached for reference.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The presenter fee for this event would be proposed to come from the sponsorship budget which has sufficient funds available. Round 2 of the Community Grants and Sponsorship is due to open in February and will be accessed on the available funds at the time of processing.

In-kind support from the venue (Civic Centre) will come from the in-kind budget.

A cost recovery option can be considered through a ticket price to reduce overall costs.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.5	Develop and promote our unique artistic and cultural diversity

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Consultation has been undertaken with the manager of Economic and Community Development and Civic Centre

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council is governed by the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and must abide by all requirements of the legislation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to the *Human Rights Act 2019 (the Act)*, and Mount Isa City Council Human Rights Policy, proper consideration has been given to human rights which may be affected.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council approves sponsorship in the amount of \$8,800.00 (incl GST) for the presenter's fee for Opera Queensland's 2024 Regional Tour performance of "Do We Need Another Hero?" to be held in Mount Isa in May 2024.

AND

THAT Council authorises the CEO to approve in-kind support as required to assist with the delivery of the event.

OR

THAT Council does not support the Opera Qld 2024 Regional Tour.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Agreement - (Confidential)

13.6 PCYC - REQUEST TO CHANGE SCOPE OF APPROVED GRANT - RUBY PROGRAM

Document Number: 804070

Author: Community Development Officer

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Police Citizen Youth Club (PCYC) Mount Isa is seeking a second variation of scope, to the approved funding received under Council's Community Grants and Sponsorship Program.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves a change of scope to the PCYC RUBY (Rise up Be Yourself) Program to permit a further extension to the approved grant to 31/12/2024.

OVERVIEW

PCYC Mount Isa is seeking approval from the Council to vary the scope of the approved Community Grants funding received from Round 2, 2021/22.

BACKGROUND

PCYC was successful in receiving funding of \$4950.00 (excl GST) in Round 2, 2021/22 of Council's Community Grants and Sponsorship Program to deliver the RUBY (Rise Up Be Yourself) Program, a Domestic and Family Violence Prevention program for women. Due to challenges in finding a female instructor for the program, PCYC requested to extend the program through 31 January 2024. This was resolved in the Ordinary Meeting of 22 February 2023. PCYC continues to source female instructors, who end up having a change in personal circumstances, causing issues with the delivery of the program.

The original scope was for the funds to be used to pay for an instructor to deliver the RUBY program. Under the proposed change of scope, the funds would be used to cover the cost of the CERT III in fitness at approx. \$1000-\$1500 with the remaining funds used to cover other costs associated with the program such as equipment and catering.

At the July OM, council resolved the following:

OM17/07/23 **THAT** Council approves a change of scope to the PCYC RUBY (Rise Up Be Yourself) Program to permit the utilisation of previously approved community grant funds to upskill a PCYC employee to enable the delivery of the program.

This allowed an extension to the program to 31 January 2024.

Whilst they have made progress and navigated barriers, they have encountered further staffing issues and therefore are requesting to further extend the program to 31.12.2024.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil as funding has already been distributed.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.3	Assist community groups to increase their sustainability and build social capacity

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Consultation was undertaken with Councils Manager of Economic and Community Development and Community Development Officer.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is a small risk that the employee leaves PCYC leaving the program in the same situation as currently.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the 23 protected human rights as per the human rights policy and it is believed to not unreasonably infringe on these rights.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council approves a change of scope to the PCYC RUBY (Rise up Be Yourself) Program to permit a further extension to the approved grant to 31/12/2024.

OR

THAT Council does not approve an extension to the approved grant and request unspent funds to be returned to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13.7 RADF (REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND) COUNCIL INITIATED PROJECT

Document Number: 805081

Author: Community Development Officer

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Finance, Customer Services, Economic Development, Promotion & Community Development, Arts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) Committee are seeking Council endorsement for a Council initiated project on the western wall outside splashez.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the RADF committee's recommendation to install a mural at the western facing wall of the Splashez Aquatic Centre, as a RADF Council initiated project.

OVERVIEW

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership with the Queensland Government to deliver both a community grants program as well as Council initiated projects. The RADF committee annually determine council initiated projects that can be funded under the RADF budget that meet the objectives of the program.

BACKGROUND

The program promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions.

The objectives are to support arts and cultural activities that:

- Provide public value for Queensland communities;
- Build local cultural capacity, cultural innovation and community pride; and
- Deliver Queensland Government's objectives for the community.

The RADF committee is made up of volunteers and is chaired by Deputy Mayor Phil Barwick and represents a cross section of the community arts sector. The development of murals have been a clear focus for the committee. Murals can create a sense of community, beautify urban spaces, express historical and cultural identity, raise awareness about social issues and inspire creativity and wonder. Research also suggests that murals discourage graffiti and improve community pride.

This project would still require a design and will follow the procurement process to seek quotations for the project. It is envisaged that the mural would create a welcoming environment to the Aquatic Centre entry and represent all things "aquatic". Community and Council consultation would be undertaken prior to final design installation.

Due to the time required to procure the artists and produce the design, the RADF committee are seeking the endorsement from Council to commence the project.

The area for the proposed mural is attached.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost would be approx. \$20,000 - \$30,000 depending on the artist, design and preparation requirements, and will be covered by the RADF budget for Council initiated projects.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Theme:	1.	People & Communities
Strategy:	1.5	Develop and promote our unique artistic and cultural diversity

CONSULTATION (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Consultation was conducted with the RADF committee and manager of Economic and Community Development, and will be conducted with the community as the project progresses.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Arts and Culture Policy

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration has been given to the 23 protected human rights in the policy and it is believed to not infringe on these rights.

RECOMMENDATION OPTIONS

THAT Council endorse the RADF committee’s recommendation to install a mural at the western facing wall of the Splashez Aquatic Centre, as a RADF Council initiated project.

OR

THAT Council does not endorse the RADF committee’s recommendation to install a mural at the western facing wall of the Splashez Aquatic Centre, as a RADF Council initiated project.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. **Splashez Western Wall for Proposed Mural** [↓](#) 



13.8 LIBRARY OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

Document Number: 804812

Author: Library Officer

Authoriser: Director of Community Services

Directorate: Community Services

Portfolio: Tourism, Events, Sports and Recreation, Library

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The December 2023 and January 2024 Library Overview Report is presented to Council for information and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023 and January 2024 Library Overview Report as presented.

OVERVIEW**Summer Reading Club**

One-hundred thirty-five (135) children participated the Summer Reading Club, an initiative to encourage reading, in the past Summer school holiday. The participants borrowed 1,738 books in total, while the top three participants borrowed 105, 99 and 62 books respectively.

School holiday activities

Eleven (11) school holiday activities were organised during the summer break in December 2023 and January 2024, 92 children participating. Activities include decorating Christmas cookies, making Christmas cards and decorations, aprons, canvas painting, etc.

Christmas show performance

The Library team performed in the City Council's Christmas show – Christmas in the City, on 2 December. Library staff read the story "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and invited children to the stage to sing several Christmas songs together. The team also provided some large toys for children to enjoy outside the Civic Centre.

Child health professional visits

A North West Hospital and Health Service child health nurse will join four of the Library's Baby Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions in the first quarter of 2024. The nurse provides professional support and advice to the parents and weighs and measures the babies.

Oral health educational story time

The Library invited Dr Bethany's Tooth Tales to be a guest storyteller, who provided two age-appropriate interactive musical program sessions on 2 December 2023. The program provided oral health education to children in a fun and interactive way, encouraging children to embrace good oral health habits.

Research collaboration

Dr. Jane Garner from Charles Sturt University approached the Library to do a research project on how urban, regional, and remote public libraries in different states of Australia are supporting people experiencing homelessness and insecure housing. The Library is one of the six libraries participating in this research project. North West Queensland Indigenous Catholic Social Services will also participate as an organisation that works with people experiencing homelessness or insecure housing. The project will take place on-site in March 2024.

Santa letters

On behalf of Santa, the Library team replied to 215 Santa letters to the local and visiting children and wished them a merry Christmas.

On a bright note all of the children were on the well behaved list, which saw zero naughty kids in the North West.

STATISTICS:

VISITORS	
December 2023	19 days open with 1,424 visitors
January 2024	25 days open with 1,313 visitors

TRANSACTIONS (<i>issues, returns, reservations, renewals</i>)	
December 2023	2,910 transactions
January 2024	4,182 transactions

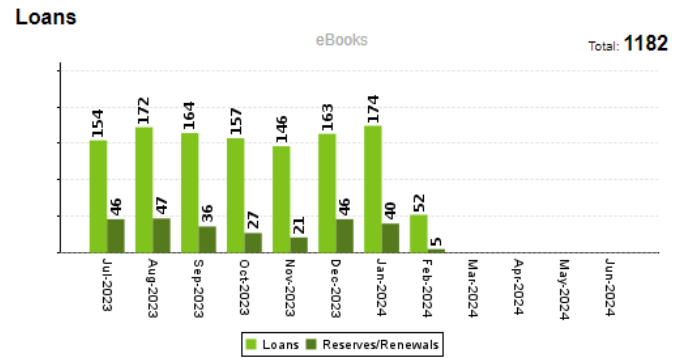
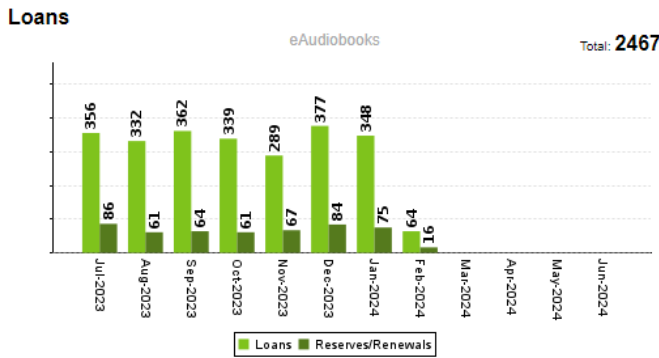
COMPUTER USAGE	
December 2023	323 customers for a total time of 166.63 hours
January 2024	404 customers for a total time of 231.98 hours

NEW MEMBERS	
December 2023	37 new members
January 2024	62 new members

E-book and E-audiobook statistics - (From 1 December 2023 – 31 January 2024)

eAudiobooks by Title	eBooks by Title
725 Loans	337 Loans
159 Reserves/Renewals	86 Reserves/Renewals
1581 eAudiobooks	1578 eBooks
49 Newly Added	25 Newly Added

E-Book and E-Audiobook statistics for this financial year.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

The library will be continuing with regular events, such as Baby Rhyme Time, Storytime, Conversational English and Writing Friday.

1 February 2024	Library visit: Mount Isa Flexible Learning Centre
3 February 2024	Sign On Expo
10 & 24 February 2024	Young Writers' Group
23 February 2024	Historical talk by local historian Kim-Maree Burton

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

13.9 DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE OVERVIEW REPORT - QUARTER 2

Document Number: 805380
Author: Planning Support Officer
Authoriser: Director of Community Services
Directorate: Community Services
Portfolio: Development and Town Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Development and Land Use Quarter 2 overview report is presented to Council for information and consideration only.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and notes the Development and Land Use Overview Report - Quarter 2.

OVERVIEW

The attached report details the Development and Land Use operations for the period October 2023 – December 2023 (Quarter 2).

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Quarter 2 DLU Overview Report** [↓](#) 

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Development and Land Use Section

Quarterly Report

Quarter 2, October 2023 – December 2023



Submitted by: Director Community Services

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Development Applications

During this quarter, Council received **5** development applications and approved **2** development applications. There has been **no change** in the number of applications received from the previous quarter (being 5), and **no change** compared to the same quarter in the last financial year (being 5).

Council received **3** boundary clearance dispensation applications and approved **5** applications during the quarter. This is a **decrease** in the number of applications received compared to the same quarter last financial year (being 4).

1.2 Building Applications

A total of **15** Notice of Engagements were received by Council during the quarter.

A total of **12** building approvals were issued by private building certifiers this quarter. This is a **decrease** compared to the previous quarter (being 18), and a **decrease** compared to the same quarter in the previous financial year (being 36).

Of the **12** building approvals, there was a total of **14** structures for which building permits were issued.

The total value of building works approved for the Mount Isa Local Government area for this quarter was **\$13.162M** which is an **increase** of **\$6.762M** compared to the same quarter last financial year.

NOTE: the building figures may differ from the previous quarter's report, due to Council not receiving documentation from Private Certification firms until after the finalisation of the report.

1.3 Property Searches

Council received a total of **32** property search requests for the quarter. This is a **decrease** compared to the last quarter (being 49) and a **decrease** compared to the same quarter last financial year (being 92).

Of the **32** requests, **23** were for residential properties, **6** were for commercial properties and **0** requests for Certificates of Classification / Occupation.

1.4 Land Use / Tenure

A total of **4** Council trust land tenure agreements were issued, **1** Council trust land tenure agreements was surrendered,

Council endorsed **1** request for Liquor Licence, **1** land tenure application and **0** reserve tenders.

During Q2, 2023-2024 Financial Year, Council received **\$0** in Reserve fees as Council has not issued invoices for these quarters.

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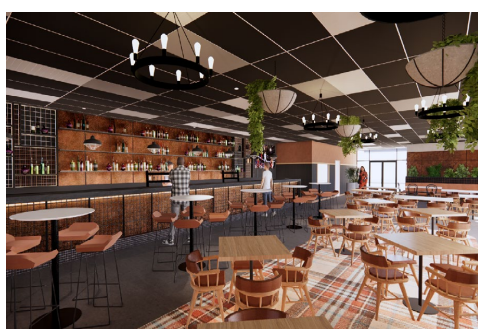
2. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

2.1 Development Applications Received Financial Year 2023-2024

Applications received financial year to date:

	Quantity	Value
Q1	5	\$11,927.00
Q2	5	\$21,628.50
Q3		
Q4		
Year to date total:	10	33,555.50

P06-23 55 Barkly Highway, Mount Isa



APPROVAL SOUGHT	Material Change of Use
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	Development Permit
PROPOSAL	Extension to Hotel and Shop
DATE RECEIVED	31 October 2023
APPLICATION STATUS	Application Completion: 75%

P07-23 Cnr Nineteenth Avenue & Brilliant Street, Mount Isa



APPROVAL SOUGHT	Operational Works
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	Construction of 2 storey, 10 x triplex and 30 x 1 bed units
PROPOSAL	Non-Residential Accommodation Workforce
DATE RECEIVED	9 November 2023
APPLICATION STATUS	Application Completion: 50%

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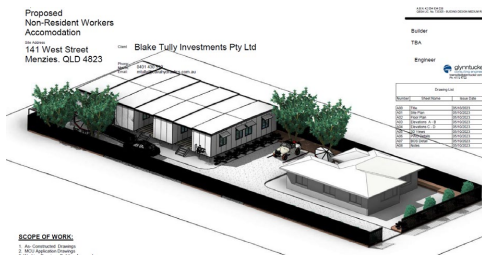


P08-23 **21 Camooweal Street, Mount Isa**



APPROVAL SOUGHT	Material Change of Use
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	Development Permit
PROPOSAL	Non-Resident workforce accommodation x 7 units and Short Term Accommodation x 7 units
DATE RECEIVED	14 November 2023
APPLICATION STATUS	Application Completion: 35%

P09-23 **141 West Street, Mount Isa**



APPROVAL SOUGHT	Material Change of Use
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	Development Permit
PROPOSAL	Twelve (12) unit rooming accommodation that consists of four (4) separate buildings
DATE RECEIVED	1 December 2024
APPLICATION STATUS	Application Completion: 25%

P10-23 **8 Erap Street, Mount Isa**



APPROVAL SOUGHT	Material Change of Use
DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	Development Permit
PROPOSAL	Home based business - Beauty
DATE RECEIVED	14 December 2023
APPLICATION STATUS	Application Completion: 100%

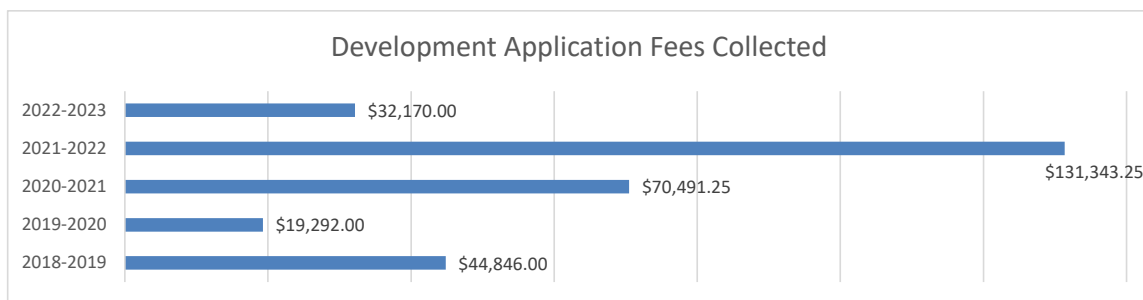
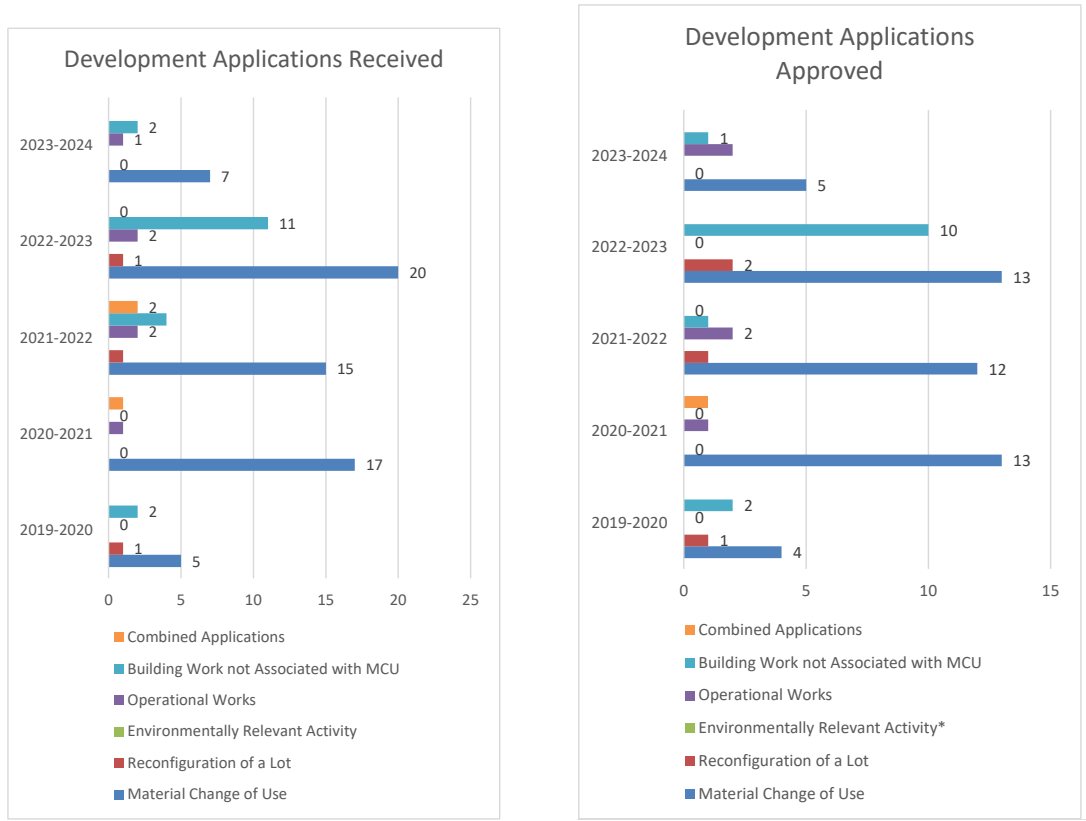
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2.2 5 Financial Year - Data Comparison

*Only recorded in D&LU's report where a combined application is lodged; otherwise refer to Environmental Health reports.



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3. COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENTS UNDERTAKEN

3.1 Development Permit Compliance Assessments

	Received	Assessed	Fees Received
Q1	1	1	\$325.00
Q2	0	0	\$0.00
Q3	0	0	\$0.00
Q4	0	0	\$0.00
Year to date total:	1	1	\$325.00

4. REQUESTS TO NEGOTIATE / CHANGE DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

4.1 Negotiate / Change Requests Received

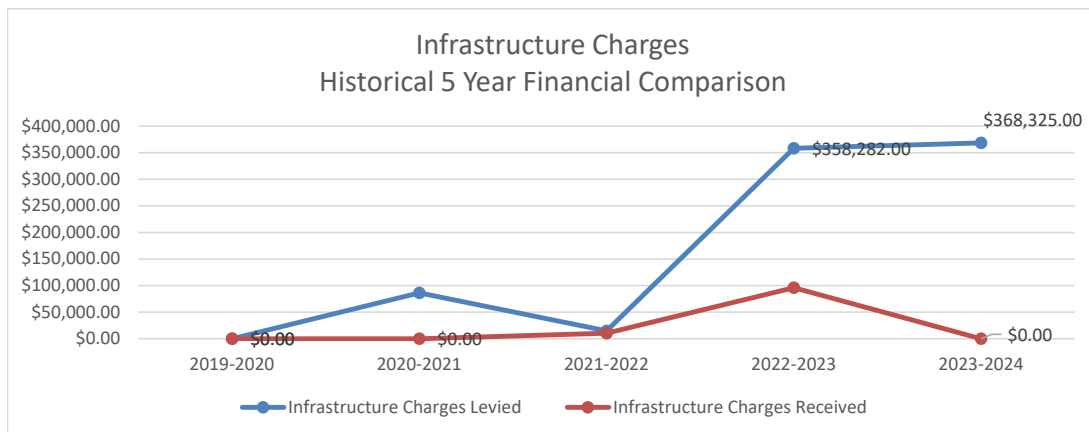
During this quarter of 2023-2024, the following Request to Negotiate Conditions or Change Requests were received / approved:

	Received	Approved	Fees Received
Q1	0	1	\$0.00
Q2	4	0	\$7374.00
Q3			
Q4			
Year to date total:			

5. INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES

5.1 Infrastructure Charges Levied

Infrastructure charges are levied as part of the development assessment process to contribute to the provision of essential trunk infrastructure. Trunk infrastructure is Council’s main infrastructure networks such as water, sewer, stormwater mains and roads and community infrastructure.



Infrastructure charges generally become payable by developers at the commencement of the approved use.

Note: Infrastructure Charges were not levied between 2018 - 2020 due to the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) not being adopted.



6. BOUNDARY CLEARANCE DISPENSATIONS

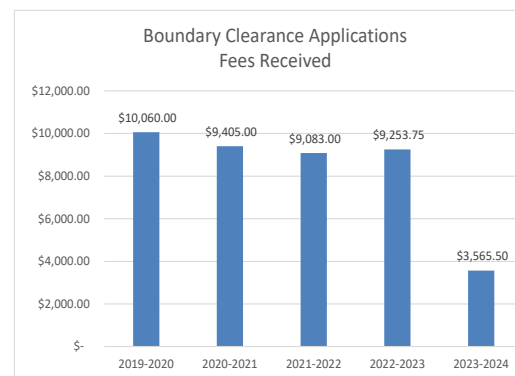
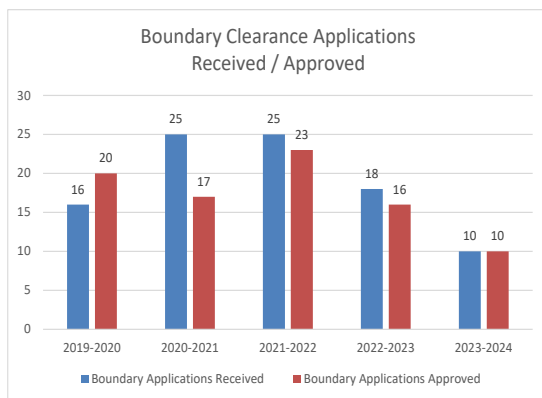
6.1 Boundary Clearance Dispensations Received / Approved

Boundary relaxation applications are regulated by the City of Mount Isa Planning Scheme provisions.

Summary of Applications received, approved and fees received for 2023-2024 Financial Year:

	Received	Approved	Fees Received
Q1	7	5	\$1882.00
Q2	3	5	\$1683.50
Q3			
Q4			
Year to date total:	10	10	

6.2 5 Financial Year - Data Comparison



7. ADVERTISING SIGNAGE

7.1 Advertising Sign Applications Received, Approved & Fees

Advertising devices erected within the Mount Isa Local Government Area are regulated by Council's Local Laws and different advertising applications are processed by different sections throughout Council. The Development & Land Use section assess all advertising devices with the exception of CBD banners, sandwich boards and election signage. Therefore, only the applications assessed and processed by Development & Land Use section are recorded in this report.

Summary of Applications approved, and fees received for 2023-2024 Financial Year:

Quarter	Advertiser	Location	Received	Approved	Fees
Q1	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Q2	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Q3	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Q4	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
YTD total	0	0	0	0	\$0.00

Please note – CBD banners, sandwich boards and election signage are not processed by the Development & Land Use section and therefore are not included in this report.

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8. BUILDING

8.1 Building Applications Approved

The below Class of Buildings / Structures is set out as per the Building Code of Australia. This information describes the type of building each building class represents. *Note: A singular building approval may include multiple structures.*

No. of Approvals Received during the quarter		
Class 1a	3	A single dwelling being a detached house, or one of a group of two or more attached dwellings, each being a building, separated by a fire resisting wall, including a row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit.
Class 1b		A boarding house, guest house, hostel or the like with a total area of all floors not exceeding 300m ² , and where not more than 12 people reside, and is not located above or below another dwelling or another Class of building other than a private garage.
Class 2		A building containing 2 or more sole-occupancy units each being a separate dwelling.
Class 3		A residential building, other than a Class 1 or 2 building, which is a common place of long term or transient living for a number of unrelated persons. Example: boarding-house, hostel, backpacker's accommodation or residential part of a hotel, motel, school or detention centre.
Class 4		A dwelling in a building that is Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 if it is the only dwelling in the building.
Class 5		An office building used for professional or commercial purposes, excluding buildings of Class 6, 7, 8 or 9.
Class 6	2	A shop or other building for the sale of goods by retail or the supply of services direct to the public. Example: café, restaurant, kiosk, hairdressers, showroom or service station.
Class 7a		A building which is a car park.
Class 7b		A building which is for storage or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale.
Class 8		A laboratory, or a building in which a handicraft or process for the production, assembling, altering, repairing, packing, finishing or cleaning of goods or produce is carried on for trade, sale or gain.
Class 9a		(A building of a public nature) A health care building, including those parts of the building set aside as a laboratory.
Class 9b		(A building of a public nature) An assembly building, including a trade workshop, laboratory or the like, in a primary or secondary school, but excluding any other parts of the building that are of another class.
Class 9c		(A building of a public nature) An aged care building.
Class 10a	17	(A non-habitable building or structure) (A private garage, carport, shed or the like).
Class 10b	8	(A non-habitable building or structure) A structure being a fence, mast, antenna, retaining or free-standing wall, swimming pool or the like.
Class 10c		(A non-habitable building or structure) A private bushfire shelter.
Special Structure		Special structure
User Defined		Demolition of existing structures
Total	30	

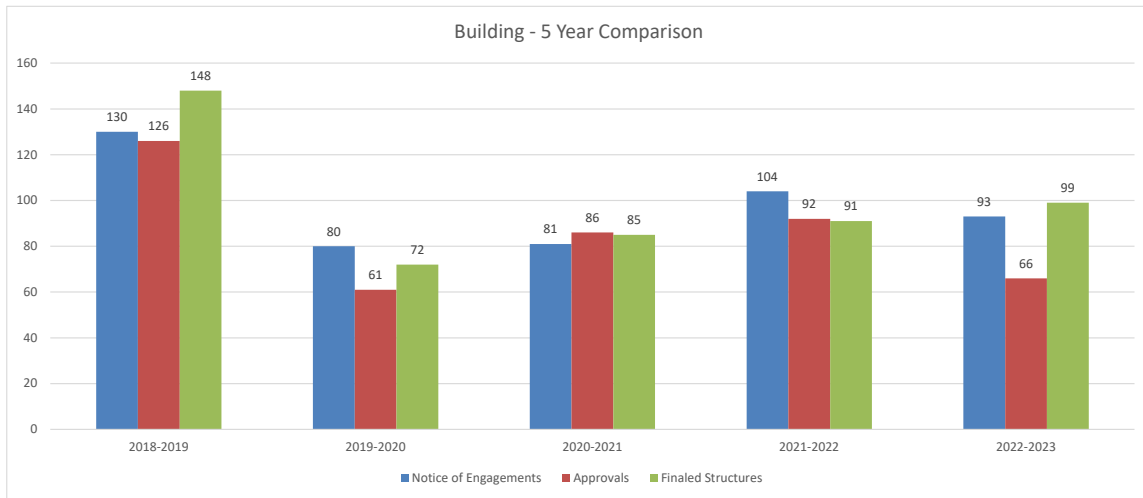
8.2 Building Permit Summary

The below graph indicates the past 5 financial years of the number of Notice of Engagements received, Approvals issued, and Building Permits finalised (both Council and Private Certifiers) for comparison purposes. It is important to note the current financial year only shows the number of quarter(s) to date.

NOTE: The building figures may differ from the previous quarter's report, due to Council not receiving documentation from Private Certification firms until after the finalisation of the quarterly report.

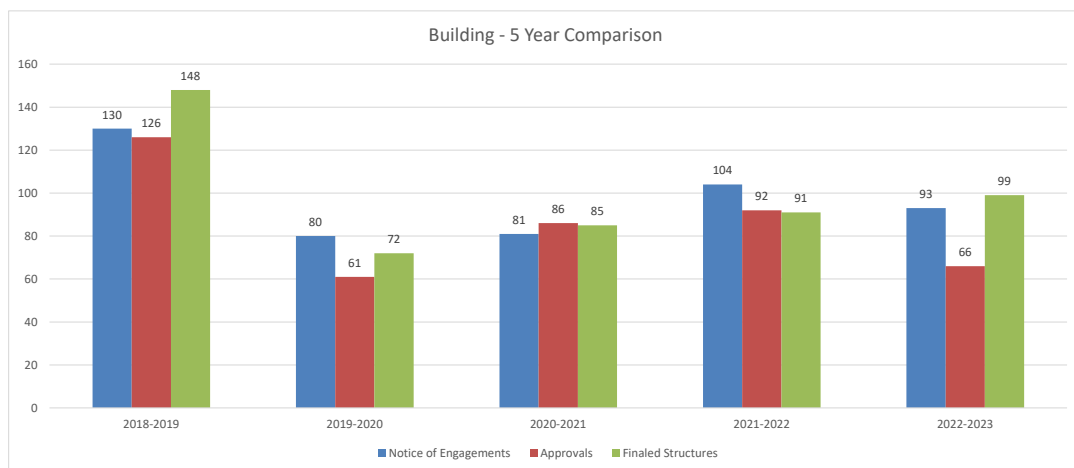
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8.3 Value of Building Works Approved

The below graph depicts the value of building works for the current quarter and past financial years. This information is obtained from lodged building documentation provided by private building certifiers.



**Note, where a value of works has not been provided with an application, a value has not been included in the above figures.*

8.4 Building Lodgement Fees Received

As required by legislation, private building certifiers must lodge building documentation with the local government in which the building works is being carried out and Council applies a lodgement fee payable by the private certifier.

During this quarter of 2023-2024, the following Building Lodgement fees were received:

Fees Received	
Q1	\$4166.00
Q2	\$5166.00
Q3	
Q4	
Year to date total:	\$9332.00



9. RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ACCREDITATION

9.1 Residential Services Accreditation Approvals / Refusals Issued

As per section 29 of the *Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002*, Council is required to review the property and ensure the premises seeking approval complies with Council’s criteria, being the prescribed building requirements for the area.

The frequency each Residential Services Accredited Facility must obtain local government approval depends on the facility provider level, generally Mount Isa has Level 1 facilities which require inspection every three (3) years.

Summary of applications received, approved and fees received for this quarter of 2023-2024 Financial Year:

	Received	Approved	Fees Received
Q1	0	0	\$0.00
Q2	0	0	\$0.00
Q3	0	0	\$0.00
Q4	0	0	\$0.00
Year to date total:	0	0	\$0.00

10. PROPERTY SEARCH REQUESTS

10.1 Property Search Requests Received

The number of property search requests may provide a general indication of the number of properties being transferred. However, it is important to note that not all property search requests are received from potential purchasers.

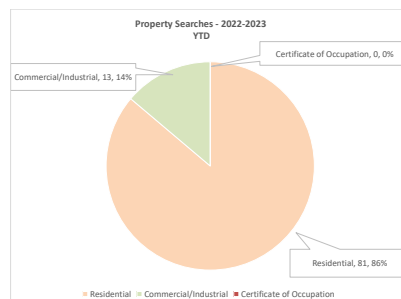
Summary of searches received, and fees received for 2023-2024 Financial Year:

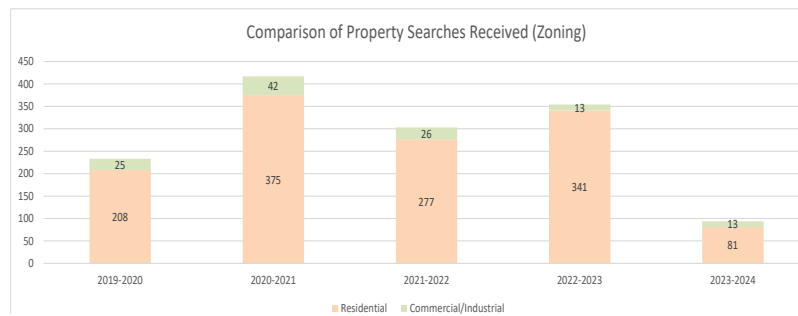
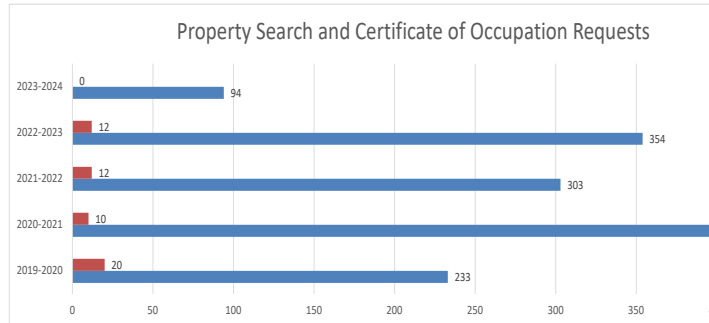
	No. of Property Search Requests Received RESIDENTIAL	No. of Property Search Requests Received COMMERCIAL	No. of Certificates of Occupation Searches Received (Commercial)	Fees Received
Q1	49	5	0	\$28555.00
Q2	23	6	0	\$22815.00
Q3				
Q4				
Total YTD	72	11	0	\$51370.00

Note:

1. Development and Land Use section do not undertake Rate Searches.
2. All Property Search data is based on the application received date for the purposes of consistency (not when the search was issued).

10.2 5 Financial Year - Data Comparison



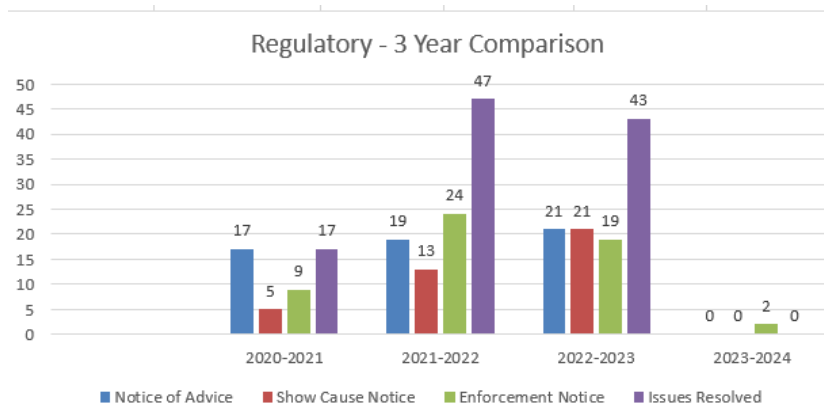


11. REGULATION

11.1 Non-Compliance Notices Issued & Resolved

Summary of Notices issued, and quantity of matters resolved for current Financial Year:

	Notice of Advice	Show Cause	Enforcement	Items Resolved
Q1			1	
Q2			1	
Q3				
Q4				
Year to date total:			2	



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11.2 Infringement Notices Issued & Paid

Summary of Infringement Notices issued, and monies received from Infringement Notices for current Financial Year:

	Infringements Issued	Infringements Paid
Q1	0	0
Q2	0	0
Q3	0	0
Q4	0	0
Year to date total:	0	0

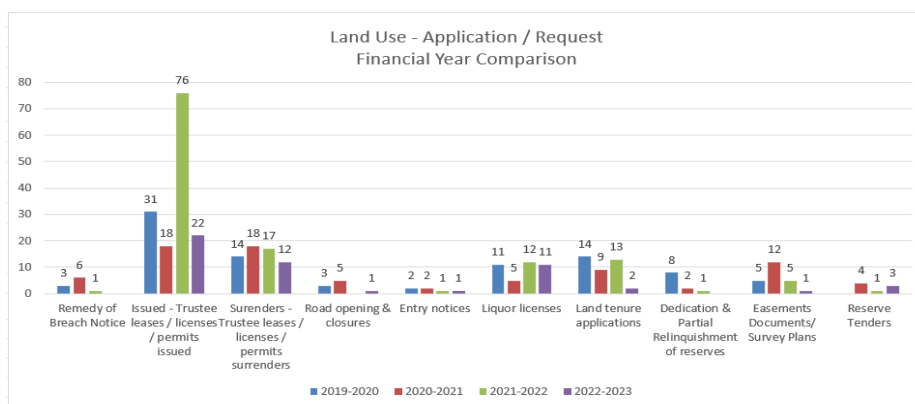
No Infringement Notices issued.

12. LAND USE / TENURE

12.1 Council Trustee Leases

Council received / finalised the following applications / requests for 2023-2024 Financial Year:

Item	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Remedy of Breach Notice	0	0			0
Trustee leases / licenses / permits issued	1	4			5
Trustee leases / licenses / permits surrenders	0	1			1
Road opening & closures	0	0			
Entry notices	0	0			
Liquor licenses	0	1			1
Land tenure applications	0	1			1
Dedication or Partial Relinquishment of reserves	0	0			
Easements Documents/ Survey Plans	0	0			
Reserve Tenders	0	0			





12.2 Council Reserve Fees

Mount Isa local government area consists of a vast variety of land tenure arrangements. Council is required to ensure that each parcel is utilised to its best potential to maximise community benefit by providing opportunities and allocate areas for people to participate in sports, recreation, cultural and community activities.

Reserve land (collectively referred to as trust land) is land owned by the State of Queensland under the control of Council as Trustee, such as community purpose, open space (park), sporting, recreation, and grazing reserves.

During Q2, 2023-2024 Financial Year, Council received \$0.00 paid in Reserve fees. No invoices were issued due to short staffing in the revenue section.

Quarter Summary	
Month	Amount Paid
October	\$0.00
November	\$0.00
December	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

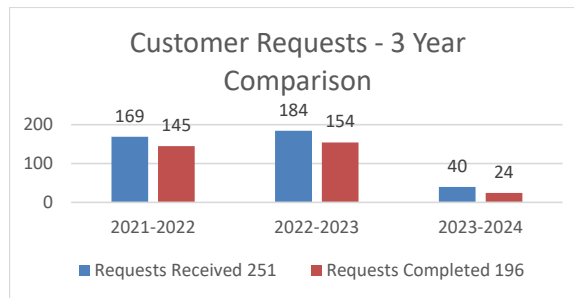
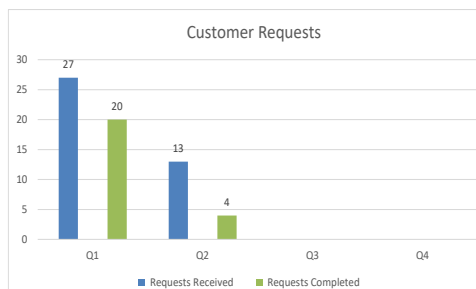
Financial Year Summary	
Quarter	Amount Paid
Q1	\$0.00
Q2	\$0.00
Q3	
Q4	
Total YTD	\$0.00

13. CUSTOMER REQUESTS

13.1 Customer Requests Received and Completed

Council received / finalised the following customer requests for 2023-2024 Financial Year:

	Received	Completed
Q1	27	20
Q2	20	4
Q3		
Q4		
Year to date total:	47	24



14 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**14.1 WATER & SEWER OVERVIEW REPORT - DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2024**

Document Number: 805330

Author: Acting Manager Water and Sewer

Authoriser: Director Infrastructure Services

Directorate: Infrastructure Services

Portfolio: Environmental Management, Waste Management, Environmental Health, Water and Sewerage, Local Laws, Camooweal

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The water and sewer are operating satisfactorily. Renewal work has continued, both on the water network and at the Sewerage Treatment Plant.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and accepts the December 2023/January 2024 Water and Sewerage Overview Report

OVERVIEW

Two substantial sewerage spills took place in the previous two months. These were appropriately responded to and reported to the regulator.

Significant maintenance work has also been undertaken.

Water Network***Renewal Work***

Service replacement works continued on Clarke Street, Campbell Street, Carbine Avenue, and Hilary Street.

Fire Hydrants were replaced on Camooweal Street near Woolworths, Northridge Road, and Spence Street.

Valve replacement works commenced in January with valves replaced on the corner of Second Avenue and Sapphire Street and the corner of Commercial and Enterprise Road. The valve replacement program for this financial year will be focused on replacing the older valves in Pioneer.

Maintenance Work

The number of reactive water leaks has been increasing with rectification times for repair on the road often protracted due to the requirement for traffic control.

Emergency works undertaken include the repair of a leaking 100 mm water main in Gray Street that feeds the renal unit and a damaged 250 mm trunk main near Townview State School that feeds the reservoirs on Healy Heights.

Reservoir Cleaning

Divers have been engaged to carry out a condition assessment and clean reservoirs 1 and 3. This work was programmed for early December but has been postponed until March. Traditionally, the reservoir would be taken offline and drained to complete internal inspections and cleaning. However, the use of divers and vacuum cleaning equipment renders this unnecessary.

Drinking Water Service Annual Report

The annual report was submitted in December 2023 per our regulatory requirement. Council is awaiting formal acknowledgement and approval.

Sewer Network

SPS Overflows

There were two overflow events occur during this period. The first event occurred at SPS 1 on 22 December 2023.

A power surge blew fuses on the pumps and resulted in an overflow of raw sewage into Breakaway Creek. The Creek was bunded and water was pumped out for a three-day period in an effort to minimise any public health issues.

The Department of Environment & Science (DES) was notified and has since decided that the event was not actionable. Critical spares have been identified and procured.

The other spill occurred on the 15 January 2024, This led to a sustained overflow into a gully adjacent to the Leichhardt River, and subsequently into the Leichhardt River. The pumps had become blocked with rags and debris. DES has not decided whether or not this event is actionable.

In both events the outcome was worse than it should have been, owing to the failure of the SCADA system to provide notification of the fault. A contractor has been engaged to visit site and review the current SCADA installation and advise on the shortfall and required actions. The site visit took place in early February and we are awaiting the proposal.

Primary Clarifiers

The rehabilitation works on the primary clarifiers have been progressing well with the launder wall fully reconstructed. Other works including crack repairs, coating, and resealing are currently undertaken before bringing them online. The contract is heading as per the timeline with works proposed to be completed by mid-March.

Water Quality Compliance

No non-compliances occurred during December/January

COMPLAINTS

Table 1 – Complaints¹ by category, based on customer requests

Category	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24
Quality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pressure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Taste/odour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sewage odours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6

¹ 'complaint' means a written or verbal expression of dissatisfaction about an action, proposed action or failure to act by the water business unit, including a failure of the water business unit to observe its published policies, practices or procedures. Definition provided by Victorian Essential Services Commission.

CUSTOMER REQUESTS*Table 5 – Customer Requests Received²*

Category	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Total
Application	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
Enquiry	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Service Request	173	191	274	196	156	150	114	124	94	253	191	1,916
Monthly Total	175	191	274	199	156	153	115	124	94	253	192	1,926

OUR ENVIRONMENT**Sewage Treatment Plant Compliance**

Council provides sewerage collection and treatment services to Mount Isa and Camooweal and operates under an Environmental Authority. The following table summarises compliance with all licence parameters.

Table 6 - Sewage Treatment Plant and Camooweal pump station compliance

Sewage Treatment Plant	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Compliance (%)
Mount Isa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Camooweal	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100

Legend

✓	Compliant with licence limits
✗	Exceeded one or more licence limits

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

² Data sourced from iCasework and CRM

14.2 SMART WATER METER CONTRACT CLOSEOUT

Document Number: 805381

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

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Directorate: Executive Services

Portfolio: Environmental Management, Waste Management, Environmental Health, Water and Sewerage, Local Laws, Camooweal

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the current status of the Smart Water Meter Contract.

OVERVIEW

The Smart Meter Contract reached practical completion on 29 November 2023. The project started in mid-2021, although the contract wasn't finally signed until April 2022. What should have been a six to nine-month contract was protracted due to the issues with meter supply during and post-COVID.

The final outturn cost of the project will be approx. \$4.4M including some unsettled variations. There are still outstanding claims for variations totalling \$500k, although not all of this will be approved. Actual expenditure on the project and approved variations to date is \$3.86M. Two of the approved variations were ancillary works, not directly associated with the installation of the smart meters but carried out under the auspices of the contract.

BACKGROUND

Council agreed to the implementation of smart meters in early 2020, engaging Jacobs to assist in the preparation of the specification and the evaluation of tenders. The original estimate was \$2.94M, of which a grant for \$1.77M (Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program 2019-21) was received to assist the implementation.

A number of optional items were also specified in the scope of the tender, including pressure sensors and acoustic loggers. It was decided not to proceed with any of the optional items, due to price and resource constraints.

The tender was released on 16 December 2020 and closed on 1 March 2021.

Council received tenders from eight contractors to carry out the work. The net present value of the various tenders (including O&M costs for the first 15 years) ranged from \$1.906M to \$17.280M. Two offers were made for a meter-as-a-service installation, both of which were non-complying. One offer was received for a drive-by automatic meter reading system, which was also non-complying.

Four contractors were shortlisted for further evaluation, based on price, technical expertise and experience. The final evaluation process recommended that Council appoint Suez to carry out the contract. Accordingly, Council resolved to enter into a contract with Suez in May 2021 for \$2,930,093, excl. GST.

The contract was not finalised and signed until 1 April 2022. A great deal of installation work had taken place in the meantime.

Static versus Mechanical Meters

Council elected to utilise the Sensus iPerl meter, manufactured by Xylem, the iPerl is a static meter.

Static meters have no moving parts and rely instead on measuring the deviation in a magnetic field to determine the flowrate and therefore the volume of the water moving through the meter. This removes several disadvantages of mechanical meters, viz.:

- the measuring chambers of mechanical meters wear with time and under register, or don't work at all.
- mechanical meters are prone to tampering.
- mechanical meters will not register very small flows and hence do not detect the majority of residential leakages.

By way of contrast, static meters maintain their high accuracy for the life of the meter. Even a dripping tap causes a static meter to register, and customers can be fully informed about the state of their internal plumbing. Static meters also offer notification of error conditions such as backflow, tampering and high night flows.

Most offerings were for traditional, positive-displacement, mechanical meters with transducers fitted. These meters lose accuracy with time and could expect to be reading 5-10% slow at the end of 15 years.

As one of the aims of the project was to reduce the estimated 36% non-revenue water (NRW) that Council was experiencing, the iPerl meter was the only meter that helped meet this objective, by eliminating the metering component of NRW.

Delivery Issues

Taking into account the reduced revenue loss with time, the iPerl meter promised to be much more economic over the 15-year life of the meter. To counter the economic advantages, the delivery schedule of the iPerl meters was always going to result in late delivery of the project, by an estimated six months. In the end the project was 18 months late, owing to considerable slippage in the delivery schedule. Despite this, the final product is superior to any of the proffered alternatives.

The production problems were due to the well documented chip shortages during the COVID-19 crisis. Chip shortages impacted all manufacturers of equipment that used microprocessors to provide smart functions, and almost all manufacturers of electronics.

Water Meter Audit

In September 2021, Council engaged NPS, the meter installation subcontractor, to carry out a meter audit on the existing meters in Mount Isa and Camooweal. Following the audit, the revised installation costs provided by NPS totalled nearly \$1.8M, almost a doubling in the originally tendered cost.

The contract documentation provided to prospective tenderers listed and showed photographs of 7-8 different 20mm meter install types, illustrating the variety of different materials and configurations that the contractor would need to contend with.

The photographs were taken of sites that had clear, easy access and were unencumbered by obstacles, fences or other factors. This made sense in terms of illustration, but these were also probably the only meters in town that were unencumbered. The rest were either half buried, behind fences or somehow else difficult to replace.

If Council had proceeded with the original offer, then there would have been a continuous stream of (legitimate) claims for variations and the project would have given every appearance of being out of control. It would have cost more than \$1.8M for the meter install component of the Contract as we would also have had significant material delays.

Installation

Installation of smart water meters in Mount Isa commenced on Monday, 15 November 2021 with the replacement and retrofitting of commercial and industrial meters 50mm and above. Large meters installed since 2015 did not need to be replaced and were retrofitted with a pulse unit to record flow and consumption.

The first batch of 500 residential (20mm) meters arrived in Mount Isa in late November and installations commenced on Monday, 29 November 2021. The replacement of these commenced in the south of the city, starting in the Happy Valley area and working north.

The next shipment of meters was due to arrive in the first quarter of 2022. COVID-19 logistical issues pushed this date back and the following batch was not received until August 2022. This was followed by further batches in December 2022 and January 2023. The final batch of meters arrived in March 2023.

Implementation Issues

There are some people who seek to avoid water charges. This is usually a very low percentage. Some common methods of avoidance include bypassing the water meter; swapping the meter out for a second meter between reads; reversing the meter; installing a breaching piece and using magnets to interfere with the operation of the register. All of these practices were found in Mount Isa.

At the beginning of 2021 there were over 500 non-working meters. At some stage Council had decided not to replace non-working meters, owing to the imminent replacement by smart meters. For some customers this resulted in up to 4 years of free water, followed in some cases by the shock of receiving a hefty bill when the meters were finally installed.

By far the largest implementation issue was the number of meters installed behind high fences, locked gates, or in yards patrolled by dogs. Despite efforts to contact the landowners and arrange a time to replace the meter, there were still around 1200 properties that couldn't be accessed in mid-2023.

These properties were issued notices advising that, unless access could be arranged, the meters would be installed in a pit on the footpath, and the cost (\$854) would be passed on. This still elicited little or no response until a fourth and final notice was delivered, advising of the date and time the meter would be installed on the footpath. This triggered the required action and only 6 meters had to be installed in the footpath.

Uncompleted Works

There are still 74 meters in Mount Isa to be changed over. These were in the original scope; however, Suez ran out of meters. The required meters have been ordered and will be installed by Council staff when they arrive.

Camooweal was never in scope, however 100-odd meters have been ordered to allow Camooweal to be changed over to smart meters. These will be installed by Council staff when they arrive.

Meters have also been ordered for spares, and for any new connections. These will not arrive until the second half of 2024.

Outrun Cost

The original estimated cost of installation was \$2.93 million. The cost was revised to \$3.73 million following the meter audit conducted in 2021.

The total cost of the project to date (as of 31 October 2023), including all variations was \$3.86 million (\$4.21 including the two variations not directly related to the smart meters). There are claims for a further \$500k in variations to be finalised. Therefore, the final overrun cost will be between \$3.86 and \$4.36 million, and most likely around \$4 million.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Smart Water Meters - Contract Payment Schedule** [↓](#) 

Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Item Total
Financial				
Contract Works Insurance	lump sum	1	22,400.00	22,400.00
Bank Guarantee	lump sum	1	519.12	519.12
				22,919.12
Project Management				
Project Manager	hr	-	-	-
Senior Project Manager	hr	220	150.00	33,000.00
Project Engineer	hr	1,515	119.00	180,285.00
Scheduler	hr	230	150.00	34,500.00
Contract Administrator	hr	-	-	-
Document Controller	hr	145	84.00	12,163.42
LAFHA & Expenses	lump sum	1	20,160.00	20,160.00
				280,108.42
Meter Data Management (MDM) set up package				
ACMA Submission & Licensing Process	units	10	1,011.98	10,119.80
SaaS Configuration	lump sum	1	20,825.00	20,825.00
Endpoint Activation	lump sum	7,333	10.50	76,996.50
				107,941.30
Equipment Supply - Mechanical				
Supply of Concentrators - (type 1)	units	10	4,811.45	48,114.50
Handheld(s)	units	2	1,907.50	3,815.00
				51,929.50
Meter Supply				
iPERL meters - 20mm	units	5,759	192.68	1,109,644.12
iPERL meters - 20mm - Extended Warranty	units	5,759	21.58	124,280.14
iPERL meters - 25mm	units	312	275.61	85,990.32
iPERL meters - 25mm - Extended Warranty	units	312	30.87	9,630.92
iPERL meters - 32mm	units	117	316.95	37,083.15
iPERL meters - 32mm - Extended Warranty	units	117	35.50	4,153.31
iPERL meters - 40mm	units	87	328.55	28,583.85
iPERL meters - 40mm - Extended Warranty	units	87	36.80	3,201.39
Meistream meters - 50mm	units	65	405.38	26,349.70
Meistream meters - 50mm - Extended Warranty	units	65	45.40	2,951.17
Meistream meters - 50mm - Short Body	units	7	405.38	2,837.66
Meistream meters - 50mm - Short Body - Extended Warranty	units	7	45.40	317.82
Meistream meters - 80mm	units	1	413.67	413.67
Meistream meters - 80mm - Extended Warranty	units	1	46.33	46.33
Meistream meters - 100mm	units	16	761.60	12,185.60
Meistream meters - 100mm - Extended Warranty	units	16	85.30	1,364.79
Meistream meters - 100mm - Short body	units	7	761.60	5,331.20
Meistream meters - 100mm - Short body - Extended Warranty	units	7	85.30	597.09
Meistream meters - 100mm - Fire Service meter	units	1	761.60	761.60
Meistream meters - 100mm - Fire Service meter - Extended War	units	1	85.30	85.30
Meistream meters - 150mm	units	1	1,040.65	1,040.65
Meistream meters - 150mm - Extended Warranty	units	1	116.55	116.55
				1,456,966.33
Retrofit Scenario - 20mm	units	598	97.00	58,006.00
Retrofit Scenario - 25mm	units	45	97.00	4,365.00
Retrofit Scenario - 32mm	units	2	97.00	194.00
Retrofit Scenario - 40mm	units	5	97.00	485.00
Retrofit Scenario - 50mm	units	123	97.00	11,931.00
Retrofit Scenario - 50mm - Fire Service Meter	units	1	97.00	97.00
Retrofit Scenario - 80mm	units	6	97.00	582.00
Retrofit Scenario - 100mm	units	46	97.00	4,462.00

Retrofit Scenario - 100mm - Fire Service Meter	units	3	97.00	291.00
Retrofit Scenario - 150mm	units	4	97.00	388.00
Retrofit Scenario - 150mm - Fire Service Meter	units	2	97.00	194.00
				80,995.00
Installation Works - concentrators				
Site survey for Meters & Concentrators	lump sum	1	51,118.20	51,118.20
Installation Works - Concentrators	lump sum	-	-	-
MICC - WWTP - Option 2 (Control Rm Bldg)	lump sum	1	5,324.00	5,324.00
MICC - Quota Club Park	lump sum	1	7,867.00	7,867.00
MICC - Reservoir 2	lump sum	1	10,032.00	10,032.00
MICC - Reservoir 1	lump sum	1	5,412.00	5,412.00
MICC - Old Town Reservoir (Env Stn)	lump sum	1	13,464.00	13,464.00
MICC - Reservoir 3A	lump sum	1	10,032.00	10,032.00
MICC - Reservoir 5	lump sum	1	10,032.00	10,032.00
				113,281.20
Installation Works - Meters				
20mm - Scenario 1 - MRP, Rep. RABV & Strainer	each	3,563	180.00	705,474.00
20mm - Scenario 2 - MRP, Rep. RABV, Strainer & Dig Out	each	507	280.00	156,156.00
20mm - Scenario 3 - MRP & Install RABV	each	527	164.00	95,070.80
20mm - Scenario 4 - MRP, Install RABV & Dig Out	each	42	273.00	12,612.60
20mm - Scenario 5 - MRP, Rep. RABV	each	425	160.00	74,800.00
20mm - Scenario 6 - MRP, Rep. RABV & Dig Out	each	28	271.00	8,346.80
20mm - Scenario 7 - MRP & Inline BV in pit	each	230	217.00	54,901.00
20mm - Scenario 8 - MRP & Inline BV in pit; combi clean	each	451	367.00	182,068.70
25mm - Scenario 9 - MRP & Inline BV in pit; combi clean & pit re	each	6	317.00	2,092.20
25mm - Scenario 10 - MRP & Strainer	each	88	232.00	22,457.60
25mm - Scenario 11 - MRP, Strainer & Dig Out	each	36	332.00	13,147.20
25mm - Scenario 12 - MRP & Inline BV in pit	each	104	454.00	51,937.60
25mm - Scenario 13 - MRP & Inline BV in pit; combi clean	each	100	424.00	46,640.00
Retrofit - Scenario 14 - Retrofit (50mm & above)	each	131	65.00	9,366.50
Retrofit - Scenario 15 - Retrofit; Combi Req'd (50mm & above)	each	52	215.00	12,298.00
Other - Scenario 18 - Quoted/Complex	lump sum	377	564.58	234,129.50
Other - Unable to audit (Average cost \$250/job)	lump sum	666	250.00	183,150.00
				1,864,648.50
Variations				
VAR01 200 DIEHL Transmitters	units	-	-	-
VAR02 - Scrap meters	each	7,333	(3.00)	(21,999.00)
VAR03 - MICC - Reservoir 2 (new site)	lump sum	1	10,032.00	10,032.00
VAR04 - not used	lump sum	1	-	-
VAR05 - PR7 / 10:10 Inductive Pulser with 5 metres cable	lump sum	1	-	-
VAR06 - Horse paddocks	lump sum	1	155,925.00	155,925.00
VAR07 - Transmitters installation	each	200	71.50	14,300.00
VAR08 - Service visits (meter cock installation)	each	1,000	55.00	55,000.00
VAR09 - Mobilisation (CANCELLED)	lump sum	-	27,500.00	-
VAR10 - Horse paddock (1,2,3 & 4)	lump sum	1	24,937.50	24,937.50
VAR11 - Combi truck (Training & hiring)	lump sum	1	4,906.00	4,906.00
VAR12 - Install sun shade on Concentrators	each	6	737.00	4,422.00
VAR13 - Supply of 5 sensus meters (Quote 70288)	each	5	860.20	4,301.00
VAR14 - Deemed meters audit (2 men x 10 hours)	each	20	132.00	2,640.00
VAR15 - West street services	lump sum	25	7,539.00	188,475.00
VAR16 - PR7 / 10:10 Inductive Pulser with 5 metres cable (CANCELLED)				-
VAR17 - No access meters (10% of the estimated fleet)	each	171	843.70	144,272.70
				442,939.50
Total				\$ 4,421,728.87
Contract value delivered to date (31 October 2023)				\$ 4,207,174.90

15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

16 CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

16.1 Notice of Intention to Sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges - Lot 88 on Crown Plan MPH22033, Lot 14 on Crown Plan MPH22013 and Lot 20 on Crown Plan MPH22110

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d and e of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions and legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

16.2 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges - Property Assessment 02897-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

16.3 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges - Property Assessment 03124-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

16.4 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges - Property Assessment 02199-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

16.5 Notice of Intention to sell Land for Overdue Rates and Charges - Property Assessment 02474-00000-000

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - d of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with rating concessions.

16.6 UPDATED Award of Contract 2023-49 - Consultancy for the Diversification and Transformation of the Mount Isa Economy - Critical Infrastructure

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J - c and g of the Local Government Regulation, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the local government's budget and negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.