



BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

17 May 2023

**Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
will be held in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Chambers on:
Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 9:30am**

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- 1 WELCOME**
- 2 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**
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Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 April 2023

**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2023 AT 9:00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Ross Andrews (Mayor), Cr Brian Underwood, Cr Lucrecia Willett, Cr Kenneth Jackson, Cr Hezron Murgha

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Wright (CEO), Mike Mair (Director – Corporate Services), Leona Worrell (Minute Taker)

1 MEETING OPEN

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 9.17am.

The Mayor welcomed councillors and staff members present to the meeting.

One minute silence was observed to respect those who have passed away.

Councillor Cr Murgha opened with a word of Prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledges the traditional custodians the Gunggandji People whose country this meeting is being held today, acknowledgement to their elders, past present and emerging.

Acknowledgment also offered to the other Trustees of this land the Northern & Southern PBCs, the Stolen Generations and for our historical descendants whose elders past present and emerging also call Yarrabah home and support progress in the Shire.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLUTION 01:26/04/2023

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 March 2023 and the Special Council Meeting held on 4 April 2023 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

5/5

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cr Underwood asked as to status of Gindaja DA for Mukka Street. CEO advised matter was in progress.

Cr Murgha asked about implementation of findings from the QTC workshop. CEO advised that these related to strategic planning and budget input by Council and were being implemented for the preparation of the 2023 – 2024 budget.

Mayor commented on participation at ANZAC ceremony in community and thanked the Deputy Mayor for also attending.

CEO mentioned the attendance today of Hon Tony Burke MP due to arrive at 10.30am. Council may wish to adjourn the meeting at this time to meet with the Minister.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the requirement to declare their conflicts of interest to the CEO prior to the meeting and called on all councillors to re-declare then now.

No declarations made.

Cr Underwood advised that he would update his register of interests during a break due to recent changes.

7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

MOTION

The Mayor requested that in accordance with 254J (3)(a) Council move into closed session so he could brief Councillors of a matter. The matter related to a complaint by another staff member against actions taken by the CEO.

RESOLUTION 02:26/04/2023

That under legislative principles of Section 254J(1), the meeting would move into closed session .

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

CARRIED 5/5

EA Leona Worrell left the meeting at 9.30am

CEO left the meeting at 9.35am

CEO and EA returned to the meeting at 9.49am

MOTION

The Mayor requested that Council move out of closed session .

RESOLUTION 03:26/04/2023

That Council move out of closed session.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

CARRIED 5/5

7.1 CEO OPERATIONAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Monthly Council meeting report on the operational and strategic performance of council business for months of March 2023 / April 2023.

The CEO read to the report.

RESOLUTION 04:26/04/2023

That Council accept the CEO Operational Report for the period to 20 April 2023.

Moved: Cr Lucretia Willett

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

5/5

Meeting adjourned at 10.24am

Council met with Hon Tony Burke MP, Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Minister for the Arts.

Meeting reconvened at 12noon

Director Corporate Services entered at 12noon

Cr Willett noted that due to the Ministerial visit, there would be an impact on the expected completion time today that had not been planned for. CEO advised that with the exception of the Finance Report, the CEO could read to all other operational reports and take questions on notice for the relevant Directors. Councillors agreed.

7.2 YASC MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Provide council with monthly financial report. This report covers the financial period 31 March 2023.

Director Corporate Services read to the report.

CEO thanked the Director for acting in CEO role over the last couple of weeks whilst CEO on leave. Mayor and Councillors commended the Director for his actions during this time.

RESOLUTION 05:26/04/2023

That Council accept the 31 March 2023 Finance Reports as tabled.

1. Operating results
2. Current Debtors:
 - Trade Debtors & Creditors,
 - Housing Debtors
3. Capital works
4. Balance sheet
5. Cash position
6. Status of Commercial leases
7. Areas of Interest Report
8. Grants Report

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Ross Andrews

CARRIED 5/5

Meeting adjourned at 12.55pm

Meeting reconvened at 1.40pm

Cr Underwood absent.

Cr Underwood entered at 1.43pm

7.3 PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES - OPERATIONAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide Council an update on operational activities undertake within the Department of People and Communities for the period 8 March 2023 to 4 April 2023.

The CEO read to the report.

Cr Murgha inquired as to eviction process for tenants not paying rent. CEO advised process of breach notices / payment plans and if not complied with, eviction notice would be issued. Processes were in accordance with Rental Tenancy Act.

RESOLUTION 06:26/04/2023

That Council accept the Director of People and Communities Operational Report, tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

CARRIED 5/5

7.4 BUILDING SERVICES - OPERATIONAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To report to Council the status/activities of Building Services areas for the month of March 15TH up to April the 26th 2023

The CEO read to the report.

The Mayor noted completion percentages need to be accurate. In particular noting demolition/rebuild. CEO advised that the percentage reflected related to the design phase of the project, not the complete project. CEO would discuss with Director to ensure accurate percentage rates were reported clearly as to work.

RESOLUTION 07:26/04/2023

That Council accept the report of the Director – Building Services, tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brian Underwood

CARRIED 5/5

7.5 INFRASTRUCTURE - OPERATIONAL REPORT**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To report to Council the status/activities of Infrastructure Department areas for the month March up to 08 April 2023.

The CEO read to the report.

The Mayor noted completion percentages need to be accurate.

RESOLUTION 08:26/04/2023

That Council accept the report of the Director – Infrastructure, tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Hezron Murgha

CARRIED 5/5**7.6 AWARD BUDDABADOO BRIDGE PROJECT TO FLEAS CONCRETING****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To seek Council endorsement to award Buddabadoo Bridge Project to Fleas Concreting for sum of \$212,250 (Ex GST)

CEO advised Council that this report was withheld from last meeting to ensure offers to quote were made to other parties. This was now done and compliance to Procurement Policy was ensured.

RESOLUTION 09:26/04/2023

That Council resolve to award the Buddabadoo Bridge Project to Fleas Concreting for sum of \$212,250 (Ex GST).

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED 5/5

7.7 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM:

[REDACTED]

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – [REDACTED].

RESOLUTION 10:26/04/2023

That Council resolve, in relation to the application for confirmation of Aboriginality/Community Affiliation as submitted by [REDACTED].

To accept the application as submitted

Moved: Cr Hezron Murgha

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 5/5

7.8 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM:

[REDACTED]

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – [REDACTED].

RESOLUTION 11:26/04/2023

That Council resolve, in relation to the application for confirmation of Aboriginality/Community Affiliation as submitted by [REDACTED].

To accept the application as submitted

Moved: Cr Hezron Murgha

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 5/5

8 CORRESPONDENCE**8.1 CORRESPONDENCE - DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Inform Council of correspondence received from the Director General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, local Government & Planning in relation to the challenges faced by councils in dealing with inappropriate conduct matters referred to councils by the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA).

RESOLUTION 12:26/04/2023

Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 5/5

8.2 CORRESPONDENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION COMMISSION COUNCIL CATEGORY REVIEW**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The Local Government Remuneration Commission (the Commission) is required under the Local Government Regulation 2012 to establish remuneration categories for local governments and undertake a review of the established categories once during each local government term ('a category review').

RESOLUTION 13:26/04/2023

1. Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Kenneth Jackson

CARRIED 5/5

Cr Jackson declared his interest and left the meeting – 2.48pm

8.3 CORRESPONDENCE - YARRABAH JETTY PLAQUE REQUEST

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Muriel Brown has requested a plaque be placed at the Yarrabah Jetty for her grandfather, Harold Jackson to be remembered and recognised for his service to the Yarrabah community and his dedication to the sea vessels from the early 1900's.

Including the men who provided a transport service from the community to Cairns and transporting medical patients to Cairns as well as the delivery of food supplies and other cargo back to Yarrabah.

Deputy Mayor Willett has taken this matter to the Gunggandji PBC Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC previously. A plaque will be organised by Council to recognise all skippers with ties to Yarrabah. Mayor and Deputy Mayor to liaise with CEO in design and wording.

RESOLUTION 14:26/04/2023

1. Council note the correspondence tabled as read. Councillors instruct the CEO to organise a plaque & consult with Mayor & Deputy Mayor on the wording.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Lucretia Willett

CARRIED 4/4

Cr Jackson re-entered the meeting at 3.06pm

9 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Councillors to provide updates on Meetings and Trips and other information for the meeting.

10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

11 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 17 May 2023.

The Mayor thanked the councillors and staff for their participation and attendance at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 3.12pm pm.

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MAYOR

- 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES

7 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 CEO OPERATIONAL REPORT

File Number: 01.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Richard Wright, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Monthly Council meeting report on the operational and strategic performance of council business for months of April 2023 / May 2023.

BACKGROUND

This monthly report covers the period from 26 April 2023 to 17 May 2023.

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

- Technical Working Group: Yarrabah 27 April 2023. Mayor and CEO attended.
- Healthy Housing Program: Teams on 28 April 2023. Meeting between YASC/CHDE/TPHS and CHDE as to current status and issues. Formal meeting with all stakeholders to be scheduled on 22 May 2023.
- Software Review: Teams on 2 May 2023. All SMT attending. Organised by Director Corporate Services to allow review of potential software programs that will address our operational needs.
- Local Housing Plan Workshop (with CHDE): Yarrabah 3 May 2023. Mayor and CEO attended.
- Reef Guardian Council Executive Committee Meeting: 4 May 2023 by Teams. CEO attended.
- Meeting: Yarrabah on 5 May 2023. Visit by Ann Leahy MP -- Shadow Minister for Local Government, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers. Attended by Mayor and CEO.
- TCICA Meeting: Cairns 9 – 10 May 2023. Mayor attended.
- FNQROC: Mayoral delegations to Ministers during Regional sitting of Parliament in Cairns 9 – 11 May 2023. Mayor attended.

- Yarrabah Water Multiagency Meeting – 9 & 11 May 2023 by Teams. Meeting was attended by Water Supply Regulator, DSDILGP, TPHS and YASC to discuss ongoing action plans to address current issues.

GOVERNANCE:

Internal processes continued to be monitored to ensure compliance with legislative requirements. Continuing annual returns as legislatively required.

Date to be confirmed with DSDILGP for new Councillor training session. DSDILGP also to assist in providing other management training to staff.

GRANT MANAGEMENT

Grants Team continue to build a comprehensive current list/status of all projects, grants applied, forecast opportunities and grant briefs, in collaboration with each YASC Department & government departments.

GRANTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

- **Queensland Governments QCosat Implementation of a Coastal hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS)**

The maximum grant is nominally set at \$500,000 to deliver actions or recommendations that are;

- Part of Councils CHAS, or in the Implementation Plan forming part of a CHAS; or
- Be identified as a critical need in a CHAS under development, works are required to address an imminent threat; and
- Be reasonably expected to gain development approval under relevant legislation, if required, and to meet the performance outcomes in the State Development Assessment Provisions

- **The Queensland Government NAIDOC Week Grants program**

Funding of **\$1,000** towards any NAIDOC activities that Council will be undertaking.

- **Arts Queensland – Arts Showcase Program**

Up to \$70,000 for projects and programs for up to 12-months, or

Up to \$150,000 for projects and programs that need a larger and/or longer scale of development of up to two-years and include presentation and/or distribution.

The grant aims to support the development and presentation of new arts and cultural works by individual Queensland artists, organisations, and communities.

- **Indigenous Workforce and Skills Development Grant**

Up to \$250,000 is available to Indigenous-led organisations to develop and deliver projects that address training and skills challenges or create job opportunities for Indigenous people in their communities. Council officers have identified opportunities such as:

- A local law's officers,
 - Animal Management,
 - Outdoors crew, and
 - Building trades which may fit within this grant opportunity.
- **Federal Governments Regional Connectivity Program**
Proposed submission - \$ 670,476.00 with a Co-Contribution from NBN as lead applicant.

Fixed Wireless Internet is proposed as part of the Regional Connectivity Program (RCP) which is a grants program funding the delivery of 'place-based' telecommunications infrastructure projects to improve digital connectivity across regional, rural and remote Australia.

FORECAST OPPORTUNITIES

- **Transport and Main Roads Track to Treaty program - \$500,000.00**
Mobility Strategy - to design, plan and implement a transport system for Yarrabah including micro mobility and light public transport.
- **State Emergency Service (SES) Support Grant**
The aim of the SES Support Grant is to assist local governments in providing high quality emergency and disaster management services by supporting the activities of the SES. Grants up to \$75,000 for facilities and \$30,000 for motor vehicles are available.
- **Federal Governments Reef Guardian Council Funding**
The grant funding is \$920,000 (over 3 yrs – Yr 1 is \$300k / Yr 2 is \$300k and Yr 3 is \$320k) and is to deliver actions or recommendations that are shovel ready programs and form part of Councils Reef Guardians action plan at time of application.

CONFIRMED FUNDING

- **Federal Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program**
The Federal Minister for infrastructure, Transport Regional develop and Laval government has confirmed Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council will receive an allocation of \$26,101 under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program for the purposes of stimulating infrastructure and road construction in local councils and create local jobs.

The Grants' Team are continuing to build a comprehensive current list/status of all projects, grants applied, forecast opportunities, and grant briefs, in collaboration with each YASC Department through SurePact.

AGENDA ACTIONS

Ordinary Meeting –26 April 2023

Item	Agenda item	Status
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Item	Agenda item	Status
7.1	CEO Operational Report	Tabled
7.2	YASC Monthly Financial Report	Tabled
7.3	People and Communities - Operational Report	Tabled
7.4	Building Services - Operational Report	Tabled
7.5	Infrastructure - Operational Report	Tabled
7.6	Award Buddabadoo Bridge Project to Fleas Concreting	Actioned
7.7	Confirmation of Aboriginality / Community Affiliation Applicant form: [REDACTED]	Actioned
7.8	Confirmation of Aboriginality / Community Affiliation Applicant form: [REDACTED]	Actioned
8.1	Correspondence - Director General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	Tabled
8.2	Correspondence - Local Government Remuneration Commission council category review	Tabled
8.3	Correspondence - Yarrabah Jetty Plaque Request	Tabled – Outstanding Actions

UPCOMING MATTERS:

- GMYPBC Board of Directors to meet with Councillors to provide an update on the Masterplan Project on 15 May 2023.
- YAG Meeting - Healthy Housing Program Update and Review. 22 May 2023. 900am – 2pm. Followed by BBQ at YASC Works Department (provided by TPHS)
- Hobsons Bay City Council & YASC – Teams meeting on 23 May 2023 at 3pm to discuss Uluru Statement from the Heart and the Voice.
- Yarrabah Water Multiagency Meeting – 25 May 2023 and 8 June 2023 by Teams.
- FNQROC – Cairns on 1 – 2 June 2023. Mayor & CEO attending.
- ILF: (Tentative) in Cairns 8 – 9 June 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the CEO Operational Report for the period to 20 April 2023.

7.2 YASC MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

File Number: 02.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Mike Mair, Director - Corporate Services

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Provide council with monthly financial report. This report covers the financial period 30 April 2023.

BACKGROUND

This report is created with the following in mind:

Local Government Regulations, s204 - Financial

(1) The local government must prepare a financial report.

(2) The chief executive officer must present the financial report—

(a) if the local government meets less frequently than monthly—at each meeting of the local government; or

(b) otherwise—at a meeting of the local government once a month.

(3) The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.

CEO delegates the reporting responsibility to the Corporate Services Director – Mike Mair.

COMMENT

The information provided in this report reflects the financial accounts and statements for the month end.

The content of the reports to include information on the following:

Overview of

1. Operating results
2. Current Debtors
 - Trade Debtors & Trade Creditors,
 - Housing Debtors
3. Capital works
4. Balance sheet
5. Cash position
6. Commercial leases
7. Areas of Interest Report
8. Grants Report

POLICY/FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Regulations, s204 - Financial

RISK

Compliance.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Finance Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Finance Report April 2023
2. Areas of Interest Report April 2023
3. Grants Report April 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the 30 April 2023 Finance Reports as tabled.

1. Operating results
2. Current Debtors:
 - Trade Debtors & Creditors,
 - Housing Debtors
3. Capital works
4. Balance sheet
5. Cash position
6. Status of Commercial leases
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**CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
TO THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
For the Period Ended 30 April 2023**

FINANCIAL SERVICES

I. Overview of Operating Results at 30 April 2023

	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD 22/23	VARIANCE	VARIANCE	BUDGET FY 22/23
	\$	\$	\$	%	\$
Recurrent Income					
Fees & charges	330,407	958,065	-627,658	-66%	1,149,678
Other incomes	558,255	447,315	110,940	25%	536,778
Rental income	2,480,909	2,478,391	2,519	0%	2,974,069
Interest received	95,511	16,667	78,844	473%	20,000
Sales & recoverable works	3,386,156	2,442,161	943,996	39%	2,930,593
Grants & Subsidies	5,287,204	5,365,850	-78,646	-1%	6,439,020
	12,138,443	11,708,448	429,994	4%	14,050,138
Recurrent Expenditure					
Employees costs	5,173,051	5,204,088	-31,037	-1%	6,244,906
Materials and services	6,543,165	6,423,438	119,727	2%	7,708,125
Finance costs	6,346	266,300	-259,954	-98%	319,560
Donations Paid	800	-	800		
Depreciation	4,787,275	4,402,074	385,200	9%	5,282,489
	16,510,636	16,295,900	214,736	1.32%	19,555,080
Less: Capitalised Expenses	16,510,636	16,295,900	214,736	-1.32%	19,555,080
Net Operating Profit	-4,372,194	-4,587,452	215,258	-5%	-5,504,942

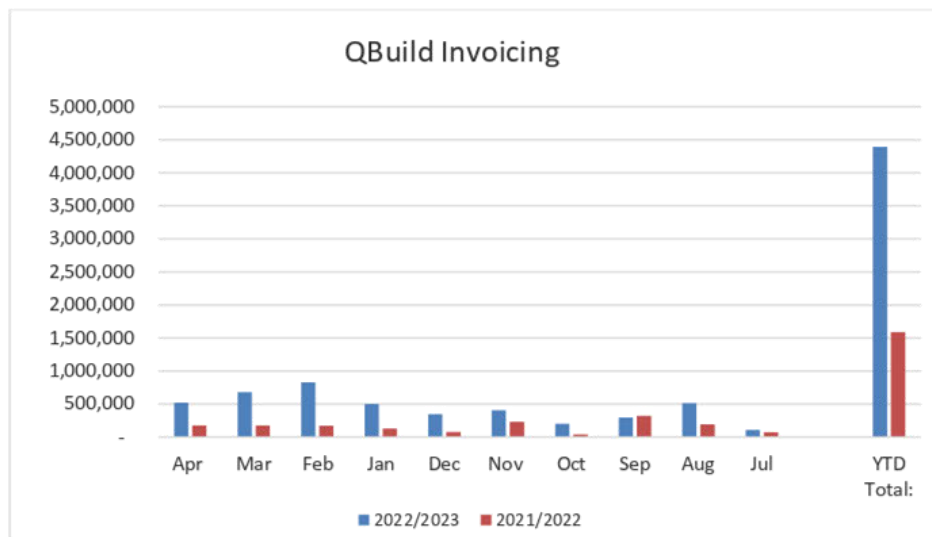
Council's Operating result is a loss of \$4.372M to the end of April 2023, which under budget by \$215K.

Recurrent income is \$429K over budget.

Recurrent expenditure is \$215K under budget. Employee costs continually to track relatively on budget, materials and services costs are marginally exceeded budget whilst finance costs were below budget because the provision for doubtful debts calculation is not done until the end of the financial year.

Depreciation was over budget by \$385K as a result of a large revaluation of asset values at end of financial year 2021-22.

QBuild Revenues have increased by \$2.805M on that of last year. This is largely attributable to the Healthy Housing program work commencing October 2021:



QBuild R&M's YTD loss is \$108k. Last month's YTD loss was \$ 82K. Although Council has lost ground month on month it needs to be noted that April 2022 loss was \$321k.

Actions taken or to be taken:

1. Pricing by Building Services has now been reallocated to three Works Dept resources instead of through one only. This is to increase both the speed and accuracy of the process.
2. Director Building Services has identified 3 R&M staff who are being actively encouraged to either set up their own contractor business or get employment with existing contractors currently working in community. The current status of this action can be covered by the Director Building Services.

Liquidity Highlights

II. Current Trade Debtors, Housing Debtors & Trade Creditors

	90 Days	60 Days	30 Days	Current	Total
Total Debtor Type	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors Sundry	207,627	32,757	18,476	445,127	703,987
Blockholders Service Fees	410,950	-	-	501	410,449
Commercial Service Fees	183,275	-	17,311	-	200,587
Grants	479	-	-	-	479
Ex - Rent (pre 2013)	961,820	633	-	348	962,800
Trustee Leases	24,974	-	-	-	24,974
Commercial Leases	59,997	16,875	1,956	4,375	83,203
Daycare Debtors	95,845	4,198	1,816	2,908	104,767
Housing Current Rent	2,560,107	1,414	2,216	829	2,564,565
TOTAL DEBTORS	4,505,074	1,812	28,488	685,235	5,055,811
TOTAL CREDITORS	27,905	690	1,620	498,522	528,737

Of the \$5.055M owing to Council, only \$1.671M is estimated as collectable with \$3.384 million included in our provision for doubtful debts. A full recalculation of doubtful debts provision will be completed at end of the financial year.

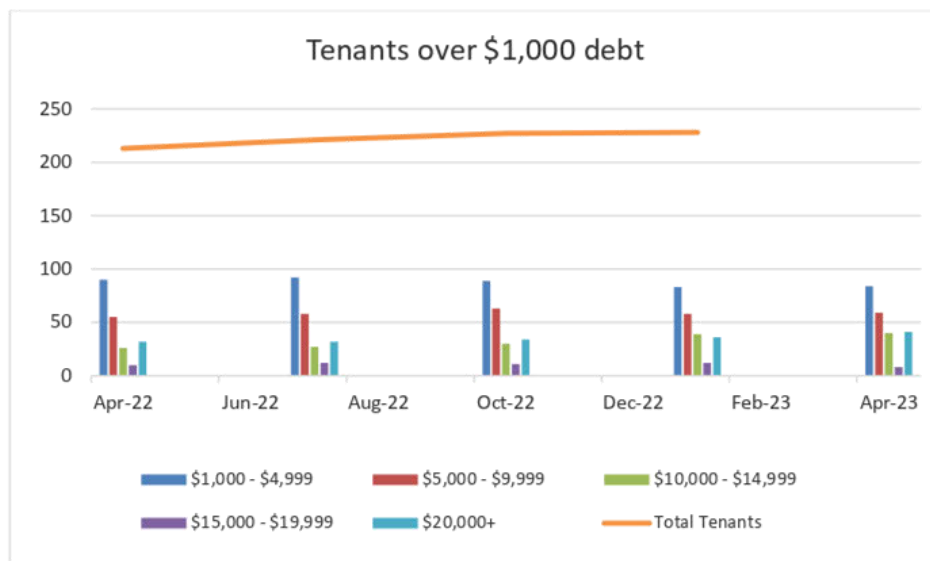
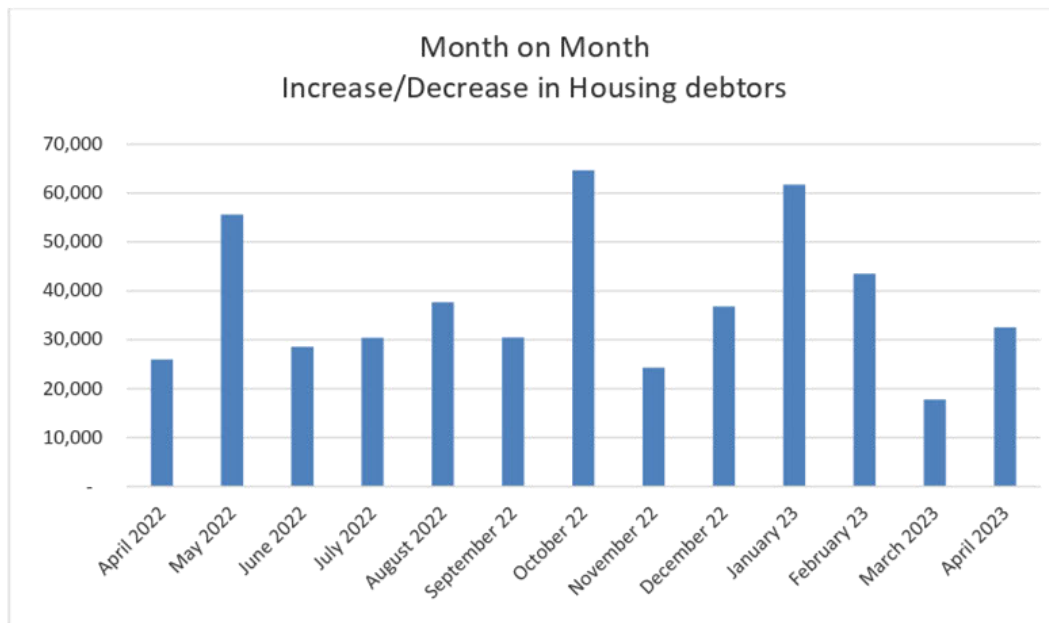
Snapshot: SOCIAL HOUSING DEBT LEVEL (CURRENT)

Over the past 12 months, the rental arrears to Council for social housing has increased by 22% from \$2,100,820 to \$ 2,564,454. A review of debtors has highlighted the following:

60% of current tenants are in arrears and 84 total tenants owe over \$1,000 which is 4 more tenants than the previous quarter. April's housing debt increased by \$32,537 on that of the previous month.

The 41 debtors owing over \$20k increased by \$73K on that of last month from \$1.195M to \$1.268M.

For the month of April 2023, 93 discussions have been conducted with tenants who are in arrears and 19 Form 11 breach notices issued. 163 form 11 Breach notices have been issued year to date.



Monthly movement to housing debt	
Month	Actual increase/(decrease)
April 2022	25,979
May 2022	55,595
June 2022	28,594
July 2022	30,408
August 2022	37,678
September 22	30,490
October 22	64,674
November 22	24,317
December 22	36,835
January 23	61,714
February 23	43,492
March 2023	17,811
April 2023	32,537

	# Tenants	# Tenants	# Tenants	# Tenants	# Tenants
Amount Owning to Council	Apr-22	Jul-22	Oct-22	Jan-23	Apr-23
\$1,000 - \$4,999	90	92	89	83	84
\$5,000 - \$9,999	55	58	63	58	59
\$10,000 - \$14,999	26	27	30	39	40
\$15,000 - \$19,999	10	12	11	12	8
\$20,000+	32	32	34	36	41
Total Tenants	213	221	227	228	232
Percent of tenants in arrears	55%	57%	59%	59%	60%

III. Capital Works

The following is an overview of Capital Works for specific large projects. The capital project reviews are for the total project from start to completion. This means the below totals may encompass more than one financial year.

<i>Capital Expenditure 30/04/2023</i>	Total Grant Budget	Monies Received to Date	Expenses to Date	Variation v Budget	Brief Description
Interim Remote Capital Program	2,139,036	1,283,423	1,234,820	904,216	5 lots 6A Djenghi Estate
Works For Qld - Covid	2,380,000	2,380,000	2,638,904	- 258,904	Council Chambers, Malcolm Park Redevelopment, Community Hall, Jilara Oval Sports Facility upgrade, Sawmill Road Pathway, Community Shelters
Works for Qld 4 - 21/24	3,280,000	1,640,000	679,882	2,600,118	Fibre Optic installation, Housing driveways, Security fencing, Council buildings upgrade and refurbishment, Yarrabah beautification
Roads to recovery	42,409	31,337	11,150	31,259	Construction or maintenance of roads
Sewerage Pump Stations (ICCIP)	1,210,455	1,222,865	408,878	801,577	Replace gantrys, pump upgrades and maintenance, SCADA, assesment of future expansion, new switchboard pump 3
Water Mains Upgrade (ICCIP)	1,260,720	916,753	1,208,701	52,019	Replace water main Back Beach Road, SCADA, Fit bore 2 & 7 pumps, water treatment upgrade.
Community Message Sign (NIAA)	44,765	49,242	9,191	35,574	LED lit sign to transfer information eg. Disaster information, events in and around the community and special events out of the community.
Qbuild Housing demolition and construction	3,498,000	-	299,318	3,198,682	14 Smith St, 4 Dabah Close, 19 Smith St, 32 Workshop Rd, 7 Beach St, 64 Gribble St
Qbuild Housing construction	2,093,892	2,123,214	1,933,472	160,420	Lots 601,611 Millie, 701,702,715 Gurrngga St Houses construction
Forward Capital Program	5,927,444	1,778,233	39,871	5,887,573	16 Lots Djenghi, 10 houses Gurrngga St
Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (LGGSP)	1,253,159	375,948	14,318	1,238,841	Water Treatment Plant upgrade
Buddabadoo Road drainage upgrades (QRA)	566,475	-	6,832	559,643	Buddabadoo Road drainage upgrades
	\$23,696,355	\$11,801,013	\$8,485,338		
Estimated Capital Deficit		0			

IV. Balance Sheet

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council		
Statement of Financial Position		
At 30 April 2023		
	Council	
	At 30 April 2023	At 30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,474,195	8,594,157
Trade and other receivables	3,172,020	2,666,312
Inventories	277,589	159,548
Total current assets	12,923,804	11,420,018
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	150,684,052	145,520,339
Total non-current assets	150,684,052	145,520,339
Total assets	163,607,856	156,940,356
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	5,935,402	5,735,068
Provisions	575,271	575,271
Total current liabilities	6,510,673	6,310,339
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	1,620,203	1,765,897
Total non-current liabilities	1,620,203	1,765,897
Total liabilities	8,130,876	8,076,236
Net community assets	155,476,980	148,864,120
Community equity		
Asset revaluation surplus	95,873,414	95,873,414
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	59,603,566	52,990,706
Total community equity	155,476,980	148,864,120

V. Cash Position

	\$	\$
CBA - General Fund	51,767	
CBA - Housing Fund	1,965,094	
CBA - Remote Capital	951,989	
CBA - Forward Capital	1,956,056	
QTC - Leases	321,908	
QTC - Investment	4,083,572	
Cash Floats	<u>450</u>	
Total Cash		9,330,836
Trade Debtors	5,055,811	
Provision Doubtful Debts	<u>(3,384,426)</u>	1,671,384
Less: Trade Creditors		(528,737)
Less: Tied Grant Funds		(6,493,039)
Less: Current Commitments		(2,560,770)
Cash Position at EOM		<u>1,419,674</u>

VI. Commercial Leases

Status of Council Commercial Leases	No.
Total Council leasable properties	21
No. of current leases outstanding	3
<i>Being made up of those:</i>	
- Expression of interest released	2
- awaiting signature of tenant	0
- Expression of interest to be done	1

VII. Other

2023-24 Budget templates are being completed by Directors and CEO with draft budget figures being completed for most of the Directorates already.

The tender for the Industrial Special Risks Insurance (July 2023- June 2025) has been issued and will close 25th May 2023. A recommendation will be given to Council at the June meeting.

Mike Mair

Director Corporate Services



300. Program GL Report with IE Code Detail

8:10 AM
Wednesday, 10 May, 2023

YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

For Period Ending: 30/04/2023

Year : 22/23 **83%**

		Current Budget	YTD Actual	Order Value	Total Actual	Variance \$	Variance %
Sub Programme: 306 SGFA - Parks & Gardens							
Operating Expenditure							
13062000	Parks & Gardens - Employee Costs						
201	Salaries & Wages	144,324.60	115,560.42	0.00	115,560.42	(28,764.18)	80%
203	Sick Leave	0.00	13,586.98	0.00	13,586.98	13,586.98	(100%)
205	Long Service Leave	0.00	2,006.59	0.00	2,006.59	2,006.59	(100%)
206	Annual Leave	0.00	15,643.26	0.00	15,643.26	15,643.26	(100%)
208	Superannuation	18,040.58	12,496.59	0.00	12,496.59	(5,543.99)	69%
211	Workwear	945.00	1,303.05	0.00	1,303.05	358.05	138%
212	Workcover	2,435.48	1,968.24	0.00	1,968.24	(467.24)	81%
	Total: 13062000	165,745.66	162,565.13	0.00	162,565.13	(3,180.53)	(98%)
13062100	Parks & Gardens - Materials & Services						
315	Hire of equipment	0.00	2,790.00	1,800.00	4,590.00	4,590.00	(100%)
321	Materials & operating	6,000.00	17,072.35	1,132.00	18,204.35	12,204.35	303%
323	Motor Vehicle - Fuel & oil	5,000.00	7,975.11	0.00	7,975.11	2,975.11	160%
326	Motor Vehicle - Registration	1,000.00	368.50	0.00	368.50	(631.50)	37%
327	Motor Vehicle - R&M	10,000.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	(9,200.00)	8%
333	R&M - Equipment	8,000.00	(7.11)	372.73	365.62	(7,634.38)	5%
345	Minor Equipment	6,000.00	1,355.72	0.00	1,355.72	(4,644.28)	23%
346	Motor Vehicles - expenses	0.00	5,852.45	0.00	5,852.45	5,852.45	(100%)
	Total: 13062100	36,000.00	36,207.02	3,304.73	39,511.75	3,511.75	(110%)
	Total Act Type: OPERATING EXPENDITURE	201,745.66	198,772.15	3,304.73	202,076.88	331.22	100%
	Net Profit/(Loss): SGFA - Parks & Gardens	(201,745.66)	(198,772.15)	(3,304.73)	(202,076.88)	331.22	100%
Sub Programme: 307 Pool							
Operating Income							
13071000	Pool - Income						
114	Pool Income	5,000.00	2,161.35	0.00	2,161.35	2,838.65	43%
	Total: 13071000	5,000.00	2,161.35	0.00	2,161.35	2,838.65	43%
	Total Act Type: OPERATING INCOME	5,000.00	2,161.35	0.00	2,161.35	2,838.65	43%
Operating Expenditure							
13072000	Pool - Employee Costs						
201	Salaries & Wages	14,000.00	29,297.12	0.00	29,297.12	15,297.12	209%
208	Superannuation	1,750.00	2,903.30	0.00	2,903.30	1,153.30	166%
211	Workwear	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(315.00)	0%
212	Workcover	236.25	873.04	0.00	873.04	636.79	370%
	Total: 13072000	16,301.25	33,073.46	0.00	33,073.46	16,772.21	(203%)
13072100	Pool - Materials & Services						
304	Cleaning	4,074.00	66.80	0.00	66.80	(4,007.20)	2%
310	Electricity & gas	9,102.00	7,926.85	0.00	7,926.85	(1,175.15)	87%
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321	Materials & operating	39,000.00	24,437.29	1,314.67	25,751.96	(13,248.04)	66%
323	Motor Vehicle - Fuel & oil	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)	0%
332	R&M - Buildings	5,000.00	11,472.70	0.00	11,472.70	6,472.70	229%
333	R&M - Equipment	2,500.00	2,024.82	393.00	2,417.82	(82.18)	97%
339	Telephone & internet	2,500.00	951.20	0.00	951.20	(1,548.80)	38%
345	Minor Equipment	2,325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,325.00)	0%
Total: 13072100		94,365.00	74,816.84	1,707.67	76,524.51	(17,840.49)	(81%)
Total Act Type: OPERATING EXPENDITURE		110,666.25	107,890.30	1,707.67	109,597.97	(1,068.28)	99%
Net Profit/(Loss): Pool		(105,666.25)	(105,728.95)	(1,707.67)	(107,436.62)	1,770.37	97%
Sub Programme: 501 Upgrades (Contract Works)							
<u>Capital Income</u>							
15011000	Upgrades (Contract Works) - Income						
153	Services - Housing Maintenance	0.00	1,036.20	0.00	1,036.20	(1,036.20)	(100%)
154	Services - Contract Works	1,000,000.00	1,083,780.31	0.00	1,083,780.31	(83,780.31)	108%
201	Salaries & Wages	0.00	(302.01)	0.00	(302.01)	302.01	(100%)
332	R&M - Buildings	0.00	(1,660.00)	0.00	(1,660.00)	1,660.00	(100%)
Total: 15011000		1,000,000.00	1,082,854.50	0.00	1,082,854.50	(82,854.50)	108%
Total Act Type: CAPITAL INCOME		1,000,000.00	1,082,854.50	0.00	1,082,854.50	(82,854.50)	108%
<u>Capital Expenditure</u>							
15019020	Upgrades (Contract Works) - Capital Houses						
201	Salaries & Wages	0.00	39,338.37	0.00	39,338.37	39,338.37	(100%)
208	Superannuation	0.00	7,579.49	0.00	7,579.49	7,579.49	(100%)
212	Workcover	0.00	4,927.12	0.00	4,927.12	4,927.12	(100%)
321	Materials & operating	0.00	6,480.68	0.00	6,480.68	6,480.68	(100%)
334	R&M - Houses	0.00	23,924.76	0.00	23,924.76	23,924.76	(100%)
338	Subscriptions	11,666.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	(11,666.67)	0%
860	Capital Purchases	0.00	976,883.79	1,118,891.31	2,095,775.10	2,095,775.10	(100%)
998	Stock Overheads	0.00	965.69	0.00	965.69	965.69	(100%)
999	Plant Recovery	0.00	5,359.57	0.00	5,359.57	5,359.57	(100%)
Total: 15019020		11,666.67	1,065,459.47	1,118,891.31	2,184,350.78	2,172,684.11	(18723%)
15019040	Upgrades (Contract Works) - Capital Houses WIP						
860	Capital Purchases	988,333.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	(988,333.33)	0%
Total: 15019040		988,333.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	(988,333.33)	0
Total Act Type: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		1,000,000.00	1,065,459.47	1,118,891.31	2,184,350.78	1,184,350.78	218%
Net Profit/(Loss): Upgrades (Contract Works)		0.00	17,395.03	(1,118,891.31)	(1,101,496.28)	1,101,496.28	163%
Sub Programme: 502 Planned Maintenance							
<u>Operating Income</u>							
15021000	Planned Maintenance - Income						
153	Services - Housing Maintenance	1,700,000.00	3,098,170.19	0.00	3,098,170.19	(1,398,170.19)	182%
154	Services - Contract Works	0.00	37,648.72	0.00	37,648.72	(37,648.72)	(100%)
201	Salaries & Wages	0.00	(130.23)	0.00	(130.23)	130.23	(100%)
334	R&M - Houses	0.00	(3,486.40)	0.00	(3,486.40)	3,486.40	(100%)
Total: 15021000		1,700,000.00	3,132,202.28	0.00	3,132,202.28	(1,432,202.28)	184%
Total Act Type: OPERATING INCOME		1,700,000.00	3,132,202.28	0.00	3,132,202.28	(1,432,202.28)	184%
<u>Operating Expenditure</u>							
15022000	Planned Maintenance - Employee Costs						
201	Salaries & Wages	238,659.54	450,527.23	0.00	450,527.23	211,867.69	189%

211	Workwear	2,520.00	3,331.95	0.00	3,331.95	811.95	132%
212	Workcover	4,027.38	4,000.54	0.00	4,000.54	(26.84)	99%
334	R&M - Houses	0.00	7,437.13	0.00	7,437.13	7,437.13	(100%)
Total: 15022000		275,039.36	509,440.87	0.00	509,440.87	234,401.51	(185%)
15022100	Planned Maintenance - Materials & Services						
201	Salaries & Wages	0.00	2,975.87	0.00	2,975.87	2,975.87	(100%)
306	Computer expenses	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,200.00)	0%
310	Electricity & gas	2,000.00	1,139.08	0.00	1,139.08	(860.92)	57%
315	Hire of equipment	2,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	450%
321	Materials & operating	58,000.00	128,769.00	26,788.57	155,557.57	97,557.57	268%
332	R&M - Buildings	0.00	18,576.07	3,341.13	21,917.20	21,917.20	(100%)
334	R&M - Houses	1,423,357.98	2,486,740.46	134,816.24	2,621,556.70	1,198,198.72	184%
335	R&M - Infrastructure	0.00	0.00	6,458.40	6,458.40	6,458.40	(100%)
338	Subscriptions	0.00	4,332.00	0.00	4,332.00	4,332.00	(100%)
344	Travel - other	0.00	305.00	0.00	305.00	305.00	(100%)
345	Minor Equipment	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	0%
346	Motor Vehicles - expenses	24,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(24,500.00)	0%
860	Capital Purchases	0.00	38,747.73	21,338.11	60,085.84	60,085.84	(100%)
998	Stock Overheads	0.00	24,833.84	0.00	24,833.84	24,833.84	(100%)
999	Plant Recovery	0.00	15,475.99	0.00	15,475.99	15,475.99	(100%)
Total: 15022100		1,515,057.98	2,730,895.04	192,742.45	2,923,637.49	1,408,579.51	(193%)
Total Act Type: OPERATING EXPENDITURE		1,790,097.34	3,240,335.91	192,742.45	3,433,078.36	1,642,981.02	192%
Net Profit/(Loss): Planned Maintenance		(90,097.34)	(108,133.63)	(192,742.45)	(300,876.08)	210,778.74	188%
Sub Programme: 601 FAGS							
Operating Income							
16011700	Roadgang FAGS - Grant Income						
171	General Purpose Grants	31,771.00	5,618.25	0.00	5,618.25	26,152.75	18%
Total: 16011700		31,771.00	5,618.25	0.00	5,618.25	26,152.75	18%
Total Act Type: OPERATING INCOME		31,771.00	5,618.25	0.00	5,618.25	26,152.75	18%
Operating Expenditure							
16012000	Roadgang FAGS - Employee Costs						
127	Workcover Claim Proceeds	0.00	(356.93)	0.00	(356.93)	(356.93)	(100%)
201	Salaries & Wages	100,286.55	115,799.99	0.00	115,799.99	15,513.44	115%
203	Sick Leave	0.00	6,519.27	0.00	6,519.27	6,519.27	(100%)
205	Long Service Leave	0.00	3,664.91	0.00	3,664.91	3,664.91	(100%)
206	Annual Leave	0.00	8,604.68	0.00	8,604.68	8,604.68	(100%)
208	Superannuation	12,535.82	17,754.73	0.00	17,754.73	5,218.91	142%
211	Workwear	1,575.00	1,599.54	0.00	1,599.54	24.54	102%
212	Workcover	1,692.34	1,797.82	0.00	1,797.82	105.48	106%
Total: 16012000		116,089.71	155,384.01	0.00	155,384.01	39,294.30	(134%)
16012100	Roadgang FAGS - Materials & Services						
308	Contractors fees	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(22,000.00)	0%
315	Hire of equipment	10,000.00	0.00	3,830.00	3,830.00	(6,170.00)	38%
321	Materials & operating	10,000.00	15,078.74	3,304.96	18,383.70	8,383.70	184%
323	Motor Vehicle - Fuel & oil	6,000.00	14,721.95	0.00	14,721.95	8,721.95	245%
324	Motor Vehicle - Insurance	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(700.00)	0%
326	Motor Vehicle - Registration	700.00	329.99	0.00	329.99	(370.01)	47%
327	Motor Vehicle - R&M	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	0%
332	R&M - Buildings	0.00	0.00	454.55	454.55	454.55	(100%)

335	R&M - Infrastructure	10,000.00	4,227.17	0.00	4,227.17	(5,772.83)	42%
339	Telephone & internet	0.00	472.81	0.00	472.81	472.81	(100%)
345	Minor Equipment	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	0%
346	Motor Vehicles - expenses	0.00	18,445.12	0.00	18,445.12	18,445.12	(100%)
Total: 16012100		71,400.00	53,632.02	7,589.51	61,221.53	(10,178.47)	(86%)
Total Act Type: OPERATING EXPENDITURE		187,489.71	209,016.03	7,589.51	216,605.54	29,115.83	116%
Net Profit/(Loss): FAGS		(155,718.71)	(203,397.78)	(7,589.51)	(210,987.29)	55,268.58	101%
Sub Programme: 819 Container Exchange							
<u>Operating Income</u>							
18091700	Container Exchange - Grant Income						
172	State Government Grants - Operating	0.00	74,884.00	0.00	74,884.00	(74,884.00)	(100%)
Total: 18091700		0.00	74,884.00	0.00	74,884.00	(74,884.00)	(100%)
Total Act Type: OPERATING INCOME		0.00	74,884.00	0.00	74,884.00	(74,884.00)	(100%)
<u>Operating Expenditure</u>							
18092000	Container Exchange - Employee costs						
201	Salaries & Wages	0.00	518.14	0.00	518.14	518.14	(100%)
Total: 18092000		0.00	518.14	0.00	518.14	518.14	(100%)
18092100	Container Exchange - Materials and Services						
321	Materials & operating	0.00	17,327.80	44,644.61	61,972.41	61,972.41	(100%)
Total: 18092100		0.00	17,327.80	44,644.61	61,972.41	61,972.41	(100%)
Total Act Type: OPERATING EXPENDITURE		0.00	17,845.94	44,644.61	62,490.55	62,490.55	(100%)
Net Profit/(Loss): Container Exchange		0.00	57,038.06	(44,644.61)	12,393.45	(12,393.45)	(100%)



500. SPECIFIC PURPOSE GRANT BALANCES BY PROJECT

YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

8:11 AM
Wednesday, 10 May, 2023

as at 30 April 2023

	Opening Balance	Receipts Grants	Receipts Other	Disbursements	Closing Balance
Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs					
FAGS	904,930.00	906,691.50	356.93	(209,372.96)	1,602,605.47
IEDG Grant	0	160,000.00	0	(160,073.98)	(73.98)
Works for Qld COVID	(276,507.88)	238,000.00	0	(782,260.77)	(820,768.65)
Revenue Replacement Grant	0	49,500.00	0	(49,500.00)	0
SGFA	0	2,868,983.00	500.00	(2,064,404.33)	805,078.67
Works For Queensland	(356,061.28)	275,000.00	0	(19,850.41)	(100,911.69)
Advancing the Planning Act	2,682.50	0	0	0	2,682.50
Sewerage Pumps Stations Upgrade ICCIP	807,745.19	0	0	(44,875.75)	762,869.44
Water Mains Upgrade ICCIP	(282,050.36)	70,000.00	0	(24,769.27)	(236,819.63)
Bukki Road Upgrade Stage 2 (LGGSP)	(19,826.66)	0	0	0	(19,826.66)
Waste ICCIP	(177,102.38)	0	0	(182,238.18)	(359,340.56)
Works for Qld 4	1,513,010.43	0	0	(420,147.46)	1,092,862.97
Total: Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs	2,116,819.56	4,090,010.69	856.93	(3,957,493.11)	2,728,357.88
Queensland Health					
ATSI Health Grant	0	187,711.00	0	(148,050.52)	39,660.48
Total: Queensland Health	0	187,711.00	0	(148,050.52)	39,660.48
Department of Communities Housing and Digital Economy: Arts Qld					
YCMF 2021 - Local Musicians/Facilitator (FNCF)	5,592.00	0	0	(2,310.00)	3,282.00
Forward Remote Capital Program	0	1,778,232.73	0	(39,870.79)	1,738,361.94
Total: Department of Communities Housing and Digital Economy: Arts Qld	5,592.00	1,778,232.73	0	(42,180.79)	1,741,643.94
Department of Environment and Science: Arts Qld					
Fashion & Wearable Art	240.45	0	0	0	240.45
Arts BIA	0	25,000.00	0	(5,488.39)	19,511.61

Conatiner Exchange	0	74,884.00	0	(17,845.94)	57,038.06
Total: Department of Environment and Science: Arts Qld	54,240.45	99,884.00	0	(23,334.33)	130,790.12
Dept of Infrastructure Transport Regional Development & Communications					
Arts IVAIS Relief & Recovery	24,978.24	0	0	(24,978.24)	0
LRCI 2020 Traffic Calming Devices	0	4,525.00	0	(420.00)	4,105.00
LRCI 21-22	(45,164.85)	6,772.55	0	0	(38,392.30)
LRCI 22-23	0	67,875.00	0	(210.01)	67,664.99
LGGSP - Foreshore Development Plan	0	75,000.00	0	0	75,000.00
LGGSP - Water Treatment Plant upgrade	0	375,947.70	0	(14,318.10)	361,629.60
Total: Dept of Infrastructure Transport Regional Development &	(20,186.61)	530,120.25	0	(39,926.35)	470,007.29
Dept of the Premier and Cabinet					
YCMF 2021 Premier \$220K	100,000.00	0	0	0	100,000.00
Total: Dept of the Premier and Cabinet	100,000.00	0	0	0	100,000.00
Department of Communities Disability Services and Seniors					
Floodtide Sensors	0	0	0	(345.62)	(345.62)
SES Building Upgrade	0	0	0	0	0
NAIDOC \$500	0	0	0	0	0
Total: Department of Communities Disability Services and Seniors	0	0	0	(345.62)	(345.62)
Australia Council for the Arts					
Arts Adapt to Digital Era	1,852.92	0	0	0	1,852.92
Yarrabah Fashion Style 2023	21,400.00	0	0	(20,005.43)	1,394.57
Total: Australia Council for the Arts	23,252.92	0	0	(20,005.43)	3,247.49
National Australia Day Council					
National Australia Day Council	0	24,000.00	0	(21,209.09)	2,790.91
Total: National Australia Day Council	0	24,000.00	0	(21,209.09)	2,790.91
Department of Social Services					
Daycare Centre Grant	223,380.30	537,385.00	217,606.08	(787,772.22)	190,599.16
Total: Department of Social Services	223,380.30	537,385.00	217,606.08	(787,772.22)	190,599.16

QGAP Grant	0	32,180.00	0	0	32,180.00
Total: Department of Science Information Technology & Innovation	0	32,180.00	0	0	32,180.00
Department of Communications and the Arts					
IVAIS	13,007.46	190,000.00	0	(225,340.90)	(22,333.44)
Total: Department of Communications and the Arts	13,007.46	190,000.00	0	(225,340.90)	(22,333.44)
Dept of Housing & Public Works					
Interim Remote Capital Program	676,111.38	0	0	(33,834.89)	642,276.49
Total: Dept of Housing & Public Works	676,111.38	0	0	(33,834.89)	642,276.49
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet					
CDP Like Activities	377,983.35	0	0	0	377,983.35
Community Message Sign (NIAA)	44,765.00	4,476.50	0	(9,191.25)	40,050.25
Total: Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	422,748.35	4,476.50	0	(9,191.25)	418,033.60
National Indigenous Australians Agency					
Market Garden Feasibility Study	27,129.52	0	0	0	27,129.52
YCMF 2021 (NIAA)	100,000.00	0	0	0	100,000.00
NAIDOC	0	0	0	(5,822.16)	(5,822.16)
Total: National Indigenous Australians Agency	127,129.52	0	0	(5,822.16)	121,307.36
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services					
SES	(5,043.47)	13,550.60	0	(11,413.56)	(2,906.43)
Total: Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	(5,043.47)	13,550.60	0	(11,413.56)	(2,906.43)
Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development					
Deadly Active Sports & Rec Program	0	83,192.00	0	(5,600.00)	77,592.00
Total: Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development	0	83,192.00	0	(5,600.00)	77,592.00
Department of Education					
Vacation Care Grant	16,915.92	6,460.60	0	(16,491.85)	6,884.67
Total: Department of Education	16,915.92	6,460.60	0	(16,491.85)	6,884.67

Work First Start	(48,425.92)	20,703.91	0	(39,056.14)	(66,778.15)
Total: Department of Employment Small Business and Training	(48,425.92)	20,703.91	0	(39,056.14)	(66,778.15)
State Library of Queensland					
IKC	7,153.37	53,362.00	0	(39,079.14)	21,436.23
Total: State Library of Queensland	7,153.37	53,362.00	0	(39,079.14)	21,436.23
Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation					
Total: Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation	0	0	0	0	0
Queensland Reconstruction Authority					
Get Ready Qld	7,606.95	7,848.00	0	(3,363.64)	12,091.31
NQNDMP Flood Study	0	66,000.00	0	(4,800.00)	61,200.00
NDRP	0.09	0	0	0	0.09
QDRF	4,689.61	0	0	0	4,689.61
REPA 2021	781,885.02	58,447.34	0	(602,729.86)	237,602.50
QRRRF 2020	17,347.88	0	0	(6,832.00)	10,515.88
REPA 2023	0	0	0	(22,512.86)	(22,512.86)
Total: Queensland Reconstruction Authority	811,529.55	132,295.34	0	(640,238.36)	303,586.53
LGAQ					
Coastal Hazard Adaption	(101,015.82)	135,133.68	0	(83,773.26)	(49,655.40)
Total: LGAQ	(101,015.82)	135,133.68	0	(83,773.26)	(49,655.40)
Department of Transport and Main Roads					
TIDS	(58.95)	(9,706.29)	0	(20,402.27)	(30,167.51)
Cycle Paths Stage 1	20,164.92	0	0	0	20,164.92
Cycle Paths Stage 2	(34,567.50)	0	0	0	(34,567.50)
Total: Department of Transport and Main Roads	(14,461.53)	(9,706.29)	0	(20,402.27)	(44,570.09)
Department of State Development					
RTC Extension Design (MIPP2)	0	0	0	0	0
Total: Department of State Development	0	0	0	0	0

DFV Social Reinvestment	0	140,000.00	0	(18,181.82)	121,818.18
Service Enhancement	0	35,000.00	0	0	35,000.00
Yarrabah Leaders Forum	0	0	0	0	0
Social Reinvestment Project	31,500.17	0	0	0	31,500.17
Community Safety Plan	6,692.10	50,000.00	0	685.00	57,377.10
Total: Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	38,192.27	225,000.00	0	(17,496.82)	245,695.45
FNQROC					
Transport Network Plan	(52,783.00)	52,783.00	0	0	0
Total: FNQROC	(52,783.00)	52,783.00	0	0	0
Untied					
Untied	0	0	9,840,805.70	(10,777,227.72)	(936,422.02)
Total: Untied	0	0	9,840,805.70	(10,777,227.72)	(936,422.02)
Grand Total	4,394,156.70	8,186,775.01	10,059,268.71	(16,965,285.78)	5,674,914.64
Negative Grants					-1,811,222.54
Tied Grants					6,493,038.87

7.3 PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES - OPERATIONAL REPORT

File Number: 03.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Terry Farrelly, Director People & Communities

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide Council an update on operational activities undertake within the Department of People and Communities for the period 5 April 2023 to 5 May 2023.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

This report covers activities for the period 5 April 2023 to 5 May 2023. This report provides Council information on activities and progress of projects for the Department in-line with Council functions, community services, funding agreements and project timelines.

HOUSING

Total Number of stock	Year to Date Occupied	Current Vacant	Total Stock
	382	1 – Awaiting upgrade	383
Revenue - Year	Total rent charged for housing stock	Year to Date Rent payments collected	Year to Date rent arrears collected
	\$2,223,419.41	\$1,717,900.29	\$178,041.42
Revenue - Month	Monthly Rent Charged for housing stock	Monthly Rent Payments collected	Monthly Rental Arrears collected
	\$207,172.44	\$170,842.40	\$14,841.40
Arrears	Total Rent Arrears As at 31.03.2023	Total Rent Arrears (previous years) as at 31.03.2022	Change from year on year
	Tenants - 230 Amount - \$2,131,454.39	Tenants - 199 Amount - \$1,632,778.73	Increase in rental arrears of \$498,675.66 since March 2022 ↑ Tenants 15% increase ↑ Amount 30.5% increase
Property Inspections	Year to date	Monthly inspections Completed	Monthly Inspections Scheduled
	101 Inspections	2	12

Engagement activities	Number of discussions with tenants regarding arrears/enquiries Month to Date	Number of discussions with tenants regarding arrears/enquiries Year to Date	Waitlist Applicants
	93	775	329 Applicants
Breach Notices (form 11)	Number of Form 11's – 1 st Notice Month to Date	Number of Form 11's – Rental Arrears Year to Date	Monthly Rental statements
	6	170	383
	Number of second Notice 11's Month to Date	Number of third Notice 11's Month to date	Number of Final Notices
	12	Allowing appropriate response timeframes before 2 nd Notices are sent – As per Housing policy	Allowing appropriate response timeframes before 2 nd Notices are sent – As per Housing policy

- Since the implementation of Housing Policy in January 2023 of housing allocations and collection of rent arrears Housing staff, Manager and Director receiving multiple abuse and threats from community members, serious matters have been referred to local Police. Developed zero tolerance policy to address community member's behaviour when interacting with all Council staff to be adopted by Council at a future meeting.
- Housing Services continuing to concentrate on Arrears Notices;

Since April 2023, 99 First and Second Breach Notices were sent to tenants in rent arrears

Since the notices have been sent

- 6 tenants have entered into a Payment Agreement
- 4 tenants have paid the arrears in full

Of the total number of tenants in rent arrears 115 tenants are actively paying their arrears owed.

Officers will be monitoring closely and will continue to implement collection of the rent arrears as per the Housing Policy adopted in January 2023.

DAY CARE

Number of Children	Current enrolment 0-15 months	Current enrolment 15months-5years
42 Placements Total	8	33
Year to date	Enrolment 0-15 months	Enrolment 15months-5years
	8	32
Outside School Hours Care	Enrolments	Hours per Month
	6	60
Arrears	Month to Date	Year to Date
	\$3 020.90	\$62 761.60

- April Daycare celebrated a few events within the centre with children and families
- Payment plans are steady, with families making weekly/fortnightly contributions 2 updated payment arrangements have been signed and started this month.
- Only 3 families (new) are to be linked with CCS
- Additional staff member engaged to cover leave arrangements
- Online Staff Training
 - In safe hands
 - Child safe organizations/National principles self-assessment online training to begin for all staff

Submission for Minor Infrastructure funding areas in progress which includes;

- Erect roof in Carpark and walkway to centre
- Privacy screening Nursery yard
- External painting
- Purchase of Additional Shed/container
- Nursery Yard to be landscaped and additional playground/water area installed
- Centre flooring upgrade

YARRABAH KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

Number of patrons	Month to Date	Year to Date
Library	227	649

First 5 Forever	50	100
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- Electronic Door Counter installed to accurately record library patronage.
- Working on spending remainder of Refurbishment Grant with Queensland State Libraries to improve library space and purchase equipment.

TRANSPORT

Number of Children	Registered	Month to Date transports	Year to Date transports
	59	1,694	11,834

Issues

- Council only contracted to provide transport for 22 students and travel of 33.6KM's per day as per the approved route. Council currently is providing an average of servicing 89 patrons and 200KM's per day, indicating a loss of \$100,000 per annum with the additional resources required to operate the school bus.
- Director and Community Services Officer met with Department of Transport and Main Roads (Translink) on the current funding arrangements, to discuss options to increase funding. Council to implement a bus survey in May 2023 to all service users and will present to Department as a request for additional funding.

YARRABAH ARTS AND CULTURAL PRECINCT

Number of patrons	Month to Date	Year to Date
	54	683
Sales	Month to Date	Year to Date
	\$8,935	\$85,759

- Working with Girroriny Yealamucka on the Mother's Day scarves.
- CIAF film crew professionally filmed the Girroriny Yealamucka project, the video will be released to Girroriny Yealamucka and the Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct to use and then on CIAF's platform.
- Successful in the CIAF Fashion Performance and will be presenting 8 designs in the collection in July.

- Successful in the DAAF (Darwin Art Fair) Fashion Performance, Country to Couture and will be presented in August.
- Centre listed as finalist in the Wangaratta Textile Award which will be announced in June.
- Centre opened for the first time on a Saturday on 29 April. Despite advertising on social media platforms and networks no visitors to the centre, Saturday's opening will continue and monitor patronage.
- Minister Tony Burke visited us and I spoke about additional funding for wages, projects and infrastructure for the centre.
- Funding application was submitted for QASP for funding for Jabu Birriny annual event to coincide with Yarrabah Music Festival.
- Centre hosting TAFE training in a Cert 3 in Visual Arts, 15 participants from the community involved. The training will be delivered at the Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct 3 days a week over 20 weeks.
- Baileys Crystal Brooke collection exhibition of Yarrabah pottery is scheduled to launch 5 June - 31 July.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Community Services Officer currently working on planning towards the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council upcoming events and in-house promotions of weekly awareness's and day of celebrations.
 - Reconciliation week (promoting in house)
 - Foundation Day
 - NAIDOC day
 - Bishop Malcolm Park Opening
 - DOGIT Day
 - Christmas Carols
 - New Year Celebration

Officers met with Queensland Symphony Orchestra to discuss opportunity for a small contingent of the Orchestra to attend Yarrabah in August, where Yarrabah's youth and musicians will be showcased nationally. Discussions with Queensland Symphony Orchestra and event planners are still in progress and will have detailed program in upcoming months.

The April Community Newsletter completed in collaboration with Gurriny.

Yarrabah Music and Cultural Festival

Event Producer's report on progress of the Festival;

- Festival's website soft launch

- Official Pre-launch of the QMF and Festival's website and booking systems will be open during the first week of Reconciliation Week
- During the 2 weeks launch the Yarrabah people will have an opportunity to register and book tickets online at YASC ticketing areas
- Event producer organising meetings with stakeholders, schools, artists, elders and community groups on being part of festival
- QMF to visit Yarrabah 22nd – 26th May 2023 to scope site and speak with stakeholders
- Event producer continuing discussions with Wugu Nyambil regarding security and volunteers for the festival as part of the capacity building component.
- Jessie Lloyd mission songs will engage with the Yarrabah Elders

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QMF:

Yarrabah Music and Cultural Festival 2023

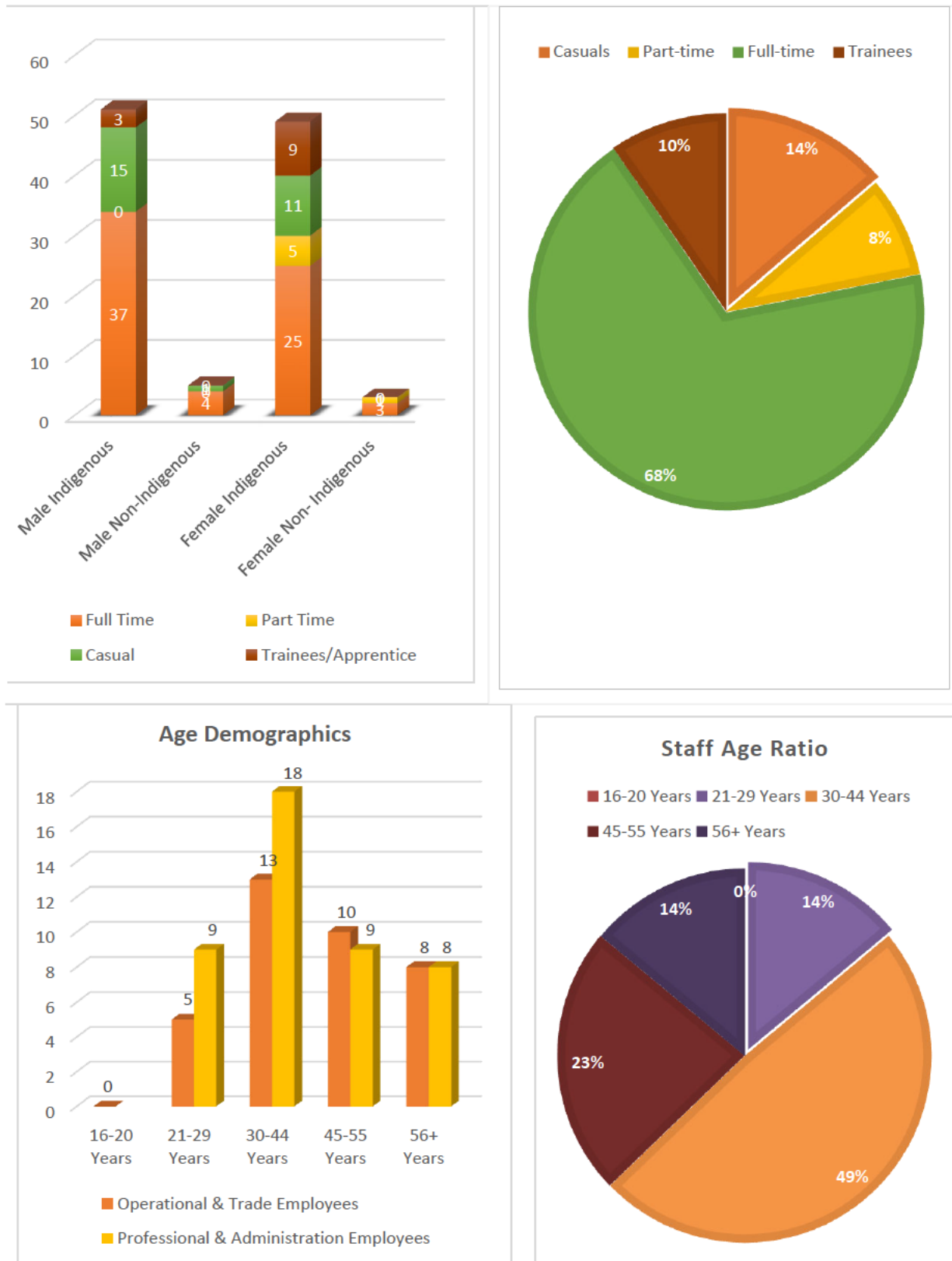
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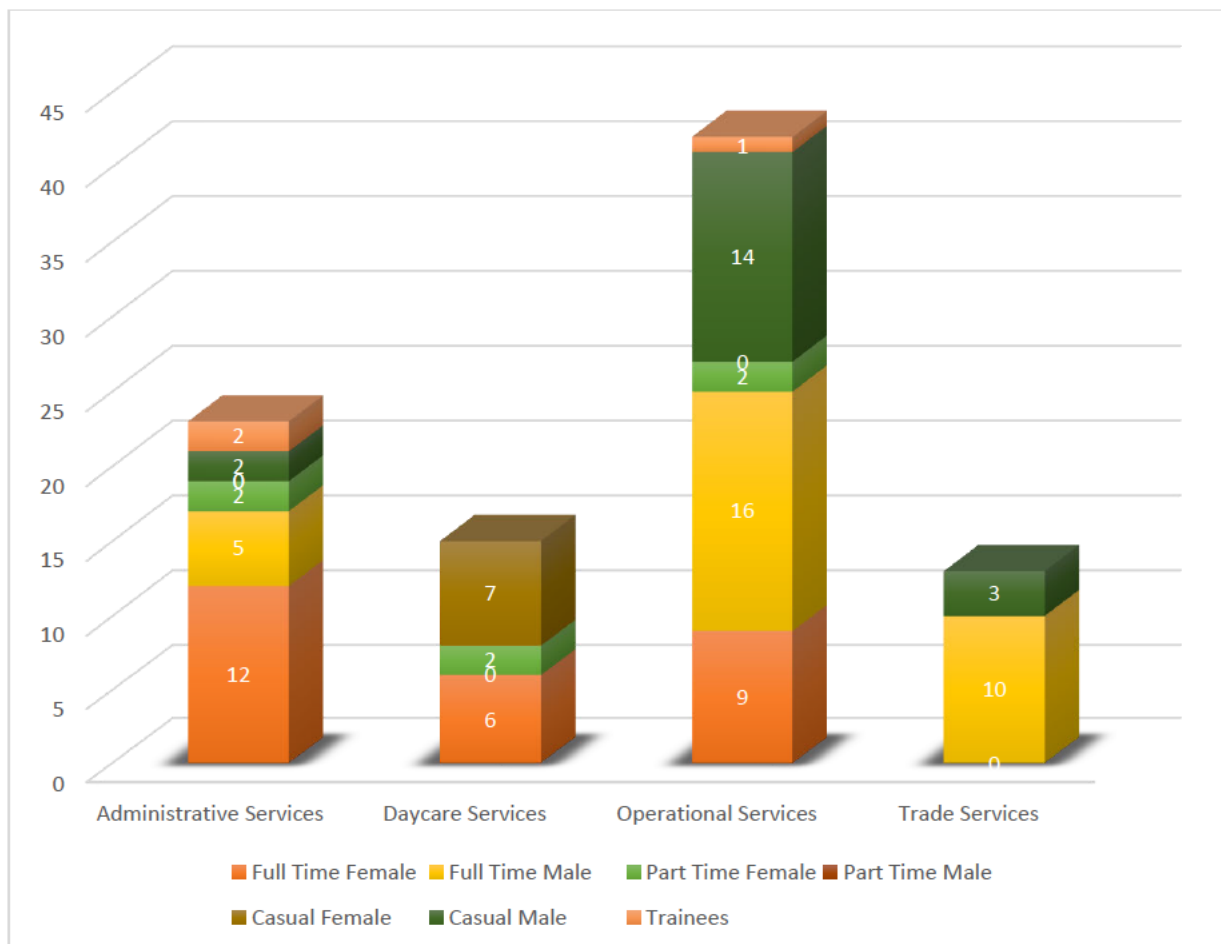
HUMAN RESOURCES**STAFFING:**

Our current employment Ratios are as follows:-

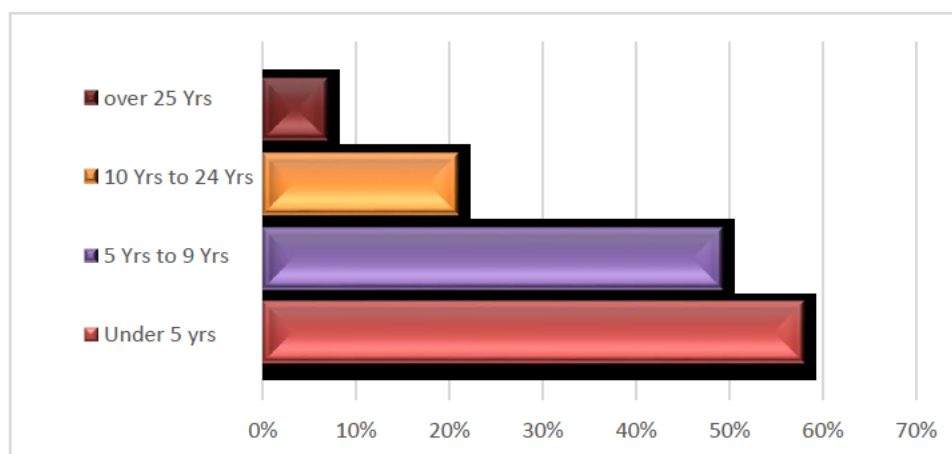
COUNCIL EMPLOYEES	MALE INDIGENOUS	MALE NON- INDIGENOUS	FEMALE INDIGENOUS	FEMALE NON- INDIGENOUS	TOTAL
Full Time	34	4	25	2	65
Part Time	0	0	5	1	06
Casual	14	1	10	0	25
Trainees/Apprentice-Wugu Participants	3	0	7	0	10
TOTAL	51	05	47	03	106



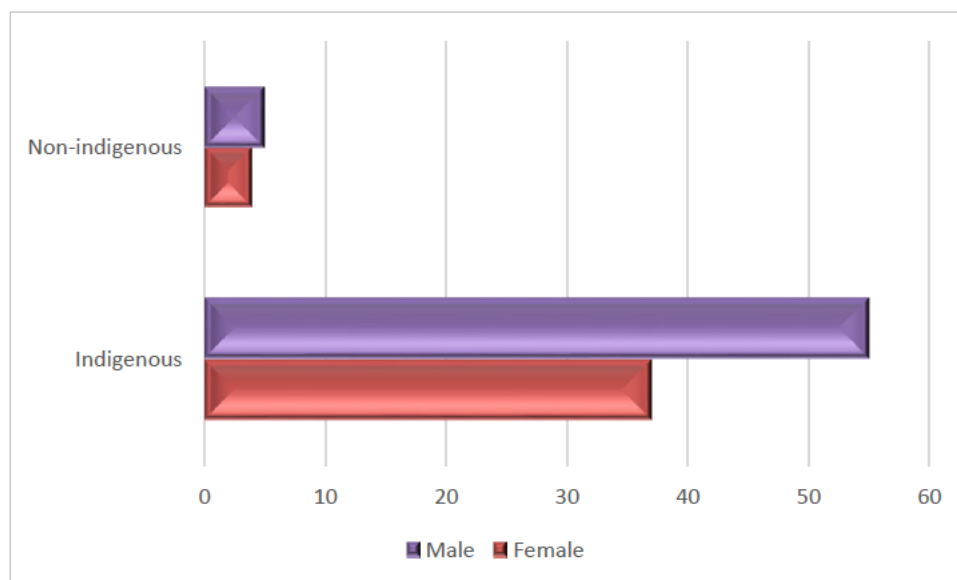
Staffing By Areas



Employees Years Of Service



Graph for indigenous / non indigenous employees



RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS

One resignation

RECRUITING:

Human Resources Officer - ongoing.

Project Officer – Full Time 3 Year contract advertised externally, currently reviewing applications

TRAINING UPDATE

- Skills Register and Training Plan – Ongoing
- Trainee in Certificate III Supply Chain Operations (Stores/Warehouse) is on track and has 4 more Modules to complete, training will be completed this year.
- First Aid and Pool Lifeguard (Aquatic Centre) training will be taking place in June for 4 YASC participants.
- Traffic Control Officers training has been put on hold for the next round of the ICB funding.
- ICB Funding is also covering fees for First Aid and CPR training for 20 Council employees.
- Traineeships – Business Administration certificate trainee (2 x Corporate Services staff) is on track to complete their training 2023. Staff have been attending Blocks in Cairns and TAFE will be visiting once a month.
- 1 x Wugu participant from the Arts & Precinct Centre has been engaged in Housing on a 6 Month Fixed Term contract.
- Corporate Services Wugu participant has gained full time employment elsewhere and the other participant will return to People & Communities in May.
- Housing Officers, Reception Staff and Local Laws staff attended Dealing with Difficult Customers, hosted by clinical staff from EAP provider on 2 May 2023.

TRAINING UPDATE

- Wugu Nyambil Placements Outdoors – YASC has signed an agreement with Wugu to host 12 participants in outdoor work, with a view to commence in May 2023.

SAFETY

- Officer working through WH&S Accreditation details with Container for Change representatives to approve premises.
- Trees at rear of Council building removed.
- Safe Work Methods rollout progressing.

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

- Random Drug and Alcohol testing of staff and contractors. No cases this month.

SECURITY

- Ongoing patrols and monitoring continuing.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Director of People and Communities Operational Report, tabled as read.

7.4 BUILDING SERVICES - OPERATIONAL REPORT**File Number:** 04.MFD_OM20230517**Author:** Preston Andrews, Director - Building Services**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To report to Council the status/activities of Building Services areas for the month of April 26th up to May 17th 2023

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

This report covers performance up to and including the 17th of May 2023. Items contained below reflect actions and tasks performed to progress the projects in-line with funding agreements and project plans.

Planning and engagement with stakeholders and consultants about programmed / scheduled works.

BUILDING / CONSTRUCTION AREAS - GENERALS**Repairs & Maintenances & Healthy Housing Pilot Program**

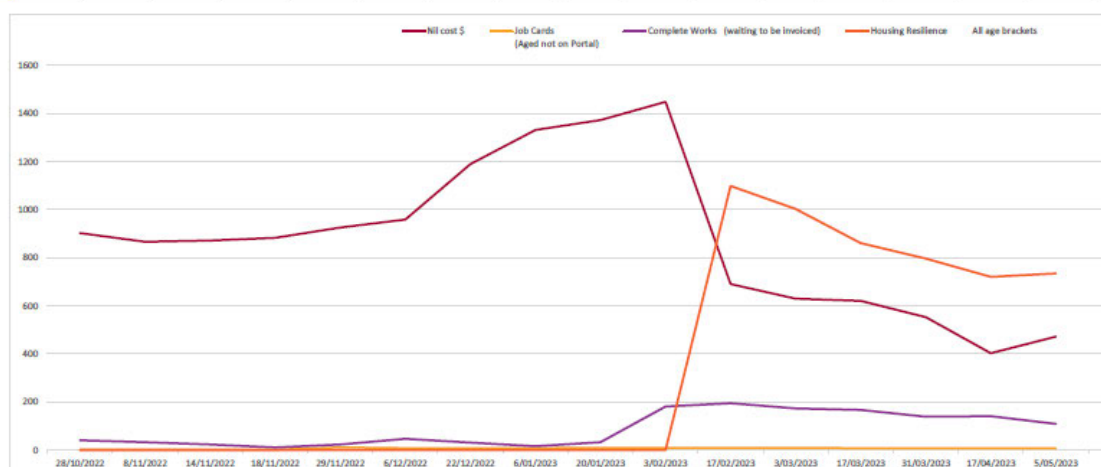
The following tables contains the data for workflow activities in the works department for building and construction and field workers:

Current Workflow below for QBuild Work Orders.

(Chart current as of 5/05/2023)

Department of Energy and Public Works, **QBuild**

YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL - Aged Job Cards > 60 days																
Date	28/10/2022	8/11/2022	14/11/2022	18/11/2022	29/11/2022	6/12/2022	22/12/2022	6/01/2023	20/01/2023	3/02/2023	17/02/2023	3/03/2023	17/03/2023	31/03/2023	17/04/2023	5/05/2023
Nil cost \$	903	867	872	883	926	959	1190	1332	1373	1449	691	630	621	553	403	472
Job Cards (Aged not on Portal)	1	2	2	2	11	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	8	7	7	7
Complete Works (waiting to be invoiced)	41	33	23	11	23	47	31	16	33	181	195	173	167	139	141	109
Housing Resilience All age brackets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1099	1003	861	797	721	735



Workflow		
Unscheduled		23
Work In Progress		1234
Awaiting Approval		0
Completed		372
Invoiced		4679

NAHA UPGRADES & MAINTENANCES

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
1.	20 SAWMILL RD - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
2.	11/9 GRIBBLE ST - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
3.	1A MAJOR CL - REFURBISHMENT	40%	WIP
4.	38 SAWMILL RD - REFURBISHMENT	20%	WIP
5.	10 SAWMILL RD - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
6.	REFURBISHMENTS- 67 WORKSHOP RD	10%	WIP
7.	REFURBISHMENTS- 25 SAWMILL RD	35%	WIP
8.	9 GRIBBLE ST - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
9.	EXTERNAL CLADDING & ELECTRICAL 16 AMBRYM	10%	WIP
10.	24 WORKSHOP RD - REFURBISHMENT	35%	WIP
11.	49 BACK BEACH RD – KITCHEN UPGRADE	10%	WIP
12.	39 GRIBBLE ST – BATHROOM UPGRADE	35%	WIP
13.	1A STONEWIG CL – REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
14.	23 SAWMILL RD - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
15.	9/15 WORKSHOP RD - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
16.	24 SAWMILL RD - REFURBISHMENT	35%	WIP
17.	2/9 GRIBBLE ST - REFURBISHMENT	10%	WIP
18.	20 WORKSHOP RD - DRIVEWAY / PATH	10%	WIP
19.	37 Back Beach Rd, Yarrabah - Carry out Internal Paint.	45%	Contract Awarded

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
20.	37 Back Beach Rd, Yarrabah - Carry out Internal Works.	45%	Contract Awarded
21.	39 Sawmill Rd, Yarrabah - Carry out External Paint.	45%	Contract Awarded
22.	39 Sawmill Rd, Yarrabah - Carry out External Works.	45%	Contract Awarded
23.	39 Sawmill Rd, Yarrabah - Carry out Internal Paint.	45%	Contract Awarded
24.	39 Sawmill Rd, Yarrabah - Carry out Internal Works.	45%	Contract Awarded
25.	31 Gribble St Yarrabah - Carry out Internal Paint.	45%	Contract Awarded
26.	31 Gribble St Yarrabah - Carry out External Paint.	45%	Contract Awarded
27.	32 Gribble St Yarrabah - Carry out Internal Works	45%	Contract Awarded

WORK 4 QLD AREA - CAPITAL WORKS

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
WFQ COVID	Malcolm Park Redevelopment	10%	Planning Stage - WIP
WFQ 4	Works Department Shed Improvement	20%	Planning Stage - WIP
WFQ 4	Leisure Centre & Community Hall (Lighting, Landscape, Fencing & Patio)	20%	Planning Stage - WIP
WFQ 4	Community Hall – New Covered Area (Beach Front Side)	20%	Planning Stage - WIP
WFQ 4	Arts Precinct – Covered Pathway & Fencing improvements	20%	Planning Stage - WIP
WFQ 4	Jilara Oval – Building Extension / Toilet Upgrades / Patio Area / CCTV	20%	Planning Stage - WIP
WFQ 4	RTC/YKC – Fencing / Undercover Parking / Out-Door Patio Area	20%	Planning Stage - WIP

CAPITALS

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
<u>81911</u>	<u>Djenghi 2x New Built</u>	<u>90%</u>	2x New Build YASC to self-perform WIP
<u>81907</u>	<u>4 Demolitions + 5 New House and 1 x 2 Bedroom Extension.</u>	<u>95%</u>	POD'S Update on Flood Data: There have been delays finalising the designs for this package as we've been waiting on flood modelling data from Cardino / Stanec to confirm the FFL. This information was finally received the night of Wednesday 1st of MARCH 2023 7-Beach Rd & 64 Gribble St will be amended to a 2x 3 BDR Duplex's Site. Variation price have been submitted to QBuild following Preparation Estimates Note: Please be advised that the above is DESIGN STAGE CONSTRUCTION STAGE to follow

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the report of the Director – Building Services, tabled as read.

7.5 INFRASTRUCTURE - OPERATIONAL REPORT

File Number: 05.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Sam Bann, Director Infrastructure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to Council the status/activities of Infrastructure Department areas for the month April up to 08 May 2023.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

This report covers performance up to and including the 08 May 2023. Items contained below reflect actions and tasks performed to progress the projects in-line with funding agreements and project plans.

Planning and engagement with stakeholders and consultants about programmed / scheduled works.

NOTE:

WATER - YASC has received no further copper Exceedance to date, TPHS and YASC are monitoring water quality 3 times a day (7 days per week) including copper sampling throughout our reticulation system.

INFRASTRUCTURE AREA - GENERALS

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
Roads	Routine Maintenance Plan	Road and Road Reserve Maintenance W4Q and Roads currently carrying out Emergent works under QRA Schedule to start road recovery April has now rescheduled for Mid-May Due to Machinery Breakdown
Waste Management	Routine Waste Management Plan Coex container exchange	Continuing to collect general waste dumped outside property Building fit out 95% completed. Safety signs and traffic management system to be installed. Coex team scheduled to return to Yarrabah. Opening day to be confirmed.
Mechanics	Routine Maintenance Plan	General fleet management

		Staff raising concerns about aged fleets.
Parks & Gardens	Routine Maintenance Plan	Ongoing maintenance throughout community

<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
Animal Control	Routine preventative Action Plan	Currently collecting and impounding roaming dogs and horse, preplanning community consultation day regarding animal management. <u>Dogs</u> - 6 dogs were collected and impounded - 6 dog owners were supplied with Bravecto flea and tick medication - 2 dogs euthanized <u>Horses</u> - Horse round up daily, kids cutting fencing on weekends - Consulted with contractor regarding removal and rehoming of unwanted horses.
Environmental Health	Routine preventative Action Plan	Assisting animal management team. Participating in Healthy Housing program Carrying out pest treatment with Allen Ambrym, Josiah Patterson and Francis Maloney who have recently completed their pest management course.
ESO	Water Routine Maintenance Plan	Routine maintenance as per DWQMP ESO team on 7 day roster to monitor water supply and quality due to No SCADA. We have had various complaints from ED regarding water quality, TPHU

	Sewerage Routine Maintenance Plan	investigated and tested the water, found that one of the water tanks had elevated copper levels, currently being investigated internally. Ongoing sewerage pump station maintenance manually pumping and monitoring. Minor upgrades to pumps and critical spares required.
Aquatic centre	Routine Maintenance Plan,	Operation as per maintenance plan Preparing costings etc. for a possible shut down Throughout the winter period to carry out minor repairs to the infrastructure.

CAPITALS

Road recovery projects

PROJECT ID	JOB DESCRIPTION	ACTION	COMPLETION
REPA	Reservoir Rd Betterment	Prestart meeting held with contractor, updated program to be issued with a confirmed start date.	<u>10%</u>
REPA	Seal Package - Back beach Rd - Connolly close - Partially reservoir road roundabout	• Works completed with exception of reservoir road betterment	<u>95%</u>
REPA	Unsealed Package	Gravel re-sheeting to commence mid-April Due to machinery failure anticipate to commence 15/05/23	10%

		- Swamp access road - King beach Road - Buddabadoo road - Nursery Road - Wungu Road	
REPA	Buddabadoo Betterment	- PO issued to contractor - Commencing May, contractor procuring materials and programming commencement	<u>15%</u>
QDRF	Buddabadoo Bridge	- Contract awarded, EOT submitted to QRA - Anticipate completion by June 2023, with weather delays etc, Estimate completion August.	<u>20%</u>
REPA	Buddabadoo Landslide	WIP, EOT submitted by contractor due to wet weather, impacting access to site.	<u>80%</u>

CAPITALS

ICCIP – Indigenous Council Critical Infrastructure Program

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
1.05	Water and Sewer combined SCADA upgrade ICCIP 1.05 -	5%	DSDILGP finalising scope of works.
1.13	Bores Security (Fencing)	5%	DSDILGP awaiting close out on completed projects
1.15	Replace reservoir roof	10%	EOT and variation for change of scope to be submitted due to roof structure require replacements, final scope of works to be confirmed as per TPHU suggestions.
2.14	SPS 2 Upgrade (pump	5%	DSDILGP Re-scope project

	replacement)		
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LGGSP Water treatment plant upgrade - CAPITAL WORKS

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
LGGSP	Water treatment plant refurbishment	10%	Tender review/assessment completed, Report prepared for Council meeting, awaiting on direction in regards to the below: YASC requested a quote a filter system to control turbidity from bore 2 and to utilise surface water in future. Investigating quotes received, anticipate providing further advise for the next Council meeting

WORK 4 QLD AREA - CAPITAL WORKS

<u>PROJECT ID</u>	<u>JOB DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
WFQ 4	Yarrabah Beautification	10%	WIP

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the report of the Director – Infrastructure, tabled as read.

7.6 ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

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Author: Richard Wright, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider and adopt the:

- Community Safety Plan Volume 2 (Yoofella Way – Your Way 2022)
- Community Safety Plan Volume 1 (Moofella Way - Alcohol Management Strategy 2021)

BACKGROUND

In January 2022, Council endorsed the draft Community Safety Plan (CSP) (**Attachment 1**), to allow the plan to proceed to final graphic design, community engagement and presentation to the YLF.

In June 2021, Council endorsed the Community Safety Plan Volume 1 (Moofella Way - Alcohol Management Strategy 2021) (**Attachment 2**).

The Plans were developed by Council in conjunction with the YLF and upon wider consultation with community residents and valued community stakeholders. Consultation has been held between 22 February to 22 March with both reports available on Council's website and promotion on Facebook.

No formal feedback was received on the plans, and the final plans can now be adopted by Council. The adoption of the plans is required to enable funding to be released for the review and implementation.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council has funding of \$285,000 to review the action plan and develop a service enhancement plan to actively respond to action plan and the identified gaps and requirements.

The CSP is a standing item on the YLF agenda for the next 6 months. Actions for the ongoing implementation of the plan include:

- Review the CSP and identify additional priority actions and service enhancement actions
- Identify and include additional actions that respond to new or emerging community priorities
- Create a strategy to achieve the actions
- Consider timeframes and allocating the budget to activities
- Seek an extension from DATSIP for the timeframes in the Contract which is due to end in June 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

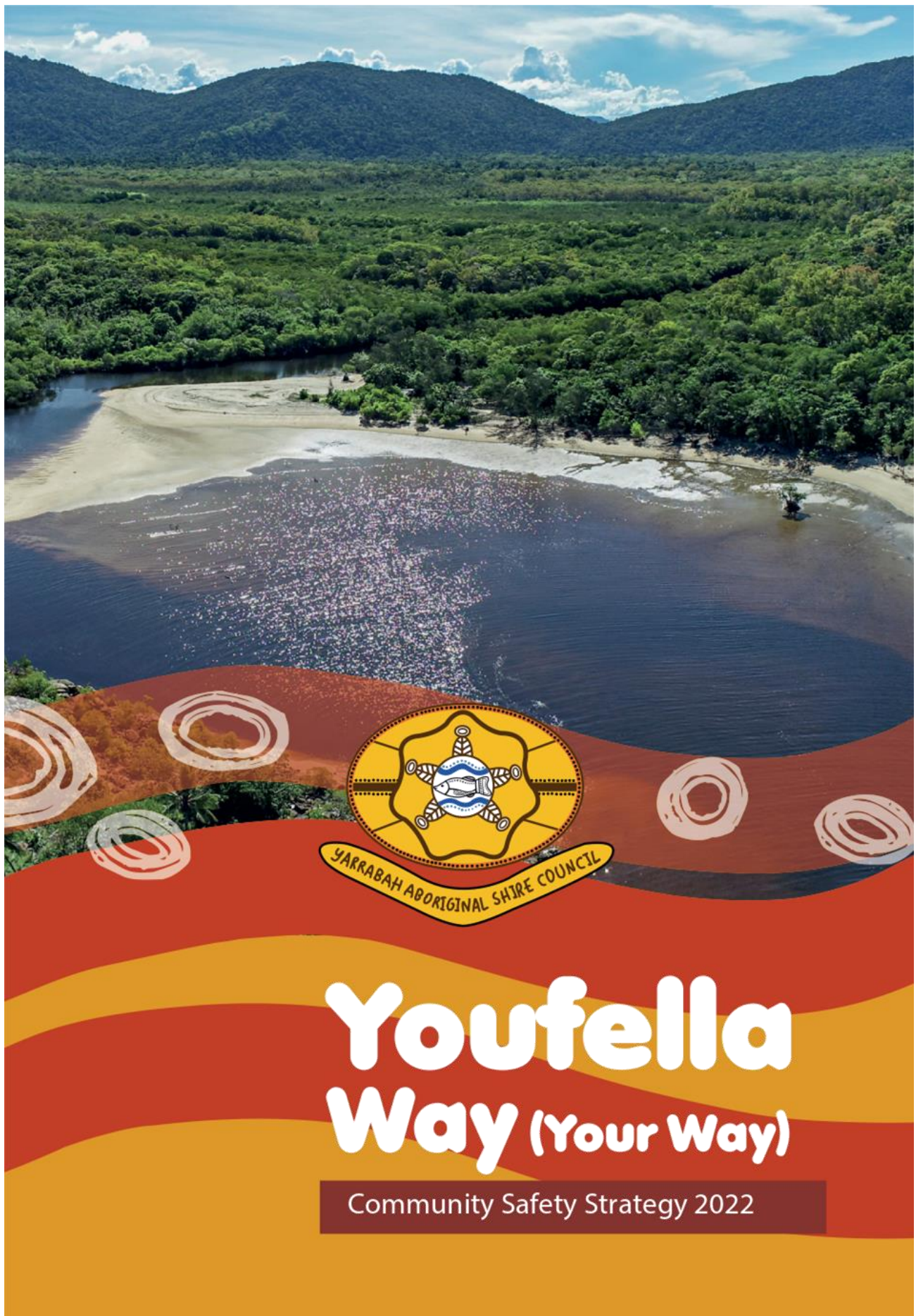
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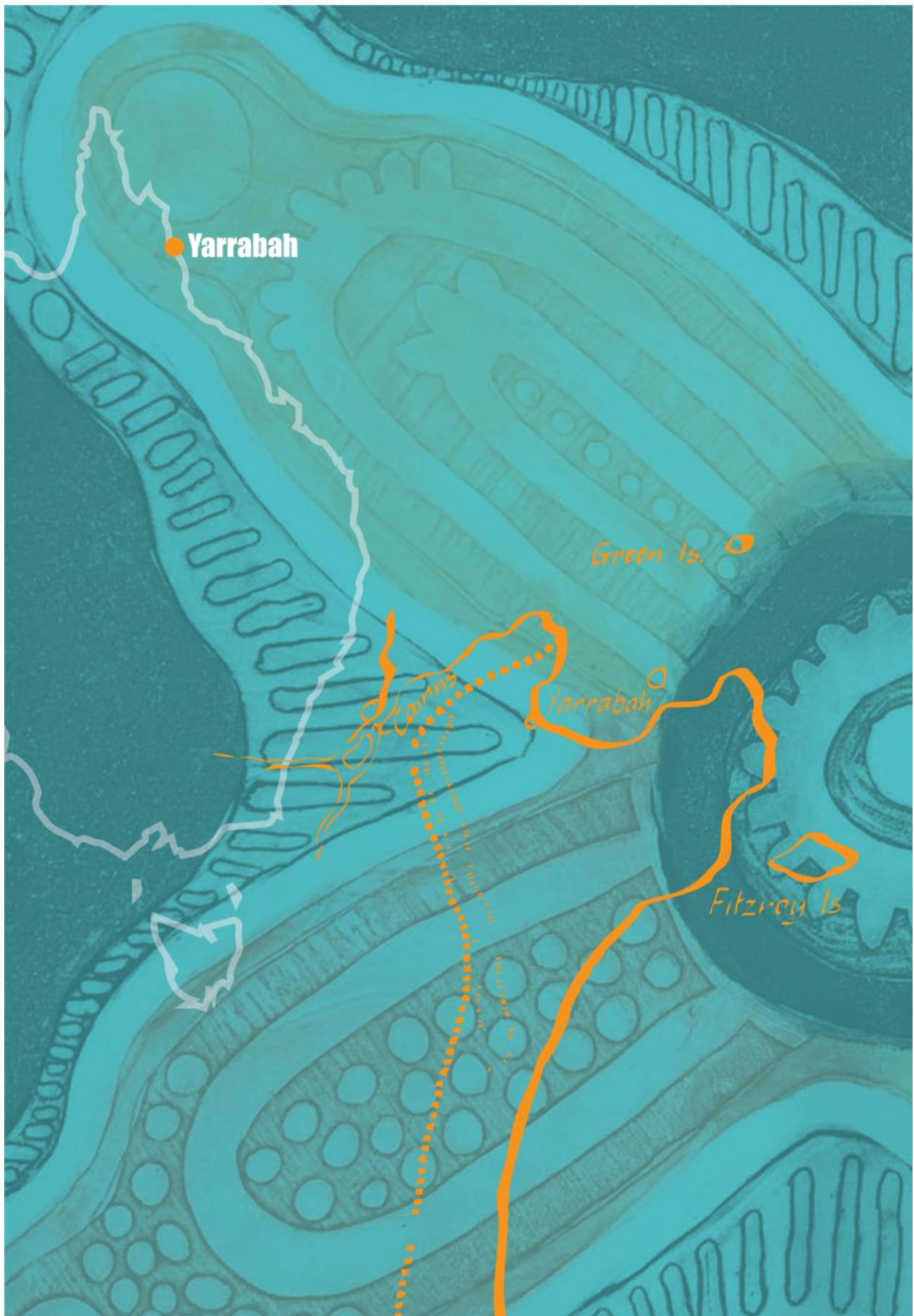
RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

- a. Adopt the Community Safety Plan Volume 2 (Yoofella Way – Your Way 2022) and the Community Safety Plan Volume 1 (Moofella Way - Alcohol Management Strategy 2021)

- b. Review the Community Safety Plans (Vol 1 and Vol 2) and identify:
 - i. additional priority actions and service enhancement actions
 - ii. additional actions that respond to new or emerging community priorities
 - iii. allocate timeframes and the budget to the existing and additional actions.







MAYORAL FOREWORD

Dear Residents of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire,

Following Council's endorsement of its Moofella Way (Our Way) – Alcohol Management Strategy 2021 in June 2021, I am pleased to now present Volume 2, which we have named Youfella Way (Your Way) – Community Safety Strategy 2022. Together, both Volumes form our Community Safety Plan.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all Traditional Owners of Yarrabah on whose lands we operate our Local Government Area, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

I would further like to acknowledge and thank you, the Yarrabah People, for sharing your voices and views by engaging in our community surveys. Your voices and the health, safety and wellbeing of every community member, our Elders, our youth and our children, are at the centre of the work we have completed to develop this Plan.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of all community stakeholders who have contributed their time to informing this process.

Our Community Safety Plan provides a clear vision: That every Yarrabah resident feels and is safe in our homes, on our land and on our seas.

I am proud to belong to Yarrabah and it is my hope that every community member can continue to share in this pride.

In developing our CSP, we listened to you, our valued community residents, as well as our community stakeholders, to better understand your views and perceptions of community safety in your Shire, and to hear what you believed Council should be doing to improve your safety and your perceptions of safety here.



This CSP has been developed on the assumption that Governments, both State and Federal, will continue to assist Yarrabah as well as the other 18 discrete Indigenous communities in Queensland to achieve self-determination, whilst at its core acknowledging that change must be led by the community itself, under the current and future leadership of your local Council. We take this responsibility very seriously.

I and your elected Councillors are honored and committed to advocating improvement in your standard of living and wellbeing, including your safety as residents of Yarrabah. It is intended that this CSP will guide the conversation within Council (and within Government more generally) and provide enhanced focus during strategic planning for our region, for many years to come.

It is clear from this study that in addition to alcohol management, Council must develop new and innovative ways (with the assistance of agencies and services) to tackle the priority community safety concerns of antisocial behavior, community engagement, animal management, and telecommunications coverage.

We have intentionally not included reference to the present global COVID 19 pandemic in this Volume as it has been managed by Council under separate, standalone strategies in collaboration with other stakeholders.

On behalf of my Council, I sincerely thank you for your contribution to this important community initiative, and to the Council's response that shall flow out of it. Your Council shall welcome any feedback you may have as our response to it continues to evolve.



Ross Andrews
Mayor
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council



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OUR INTENT

Our CSP has been developed by us in conjunction with your Yarrabah Leader's Forum (YLF) and upon wider consultation with you (our community residents) and the community stakeholders listed below.

The intent of our CSP is to identify Action Areas for us to focus on in our future strategic planning (including our Corporate Plan, Annual Operational Plans and annual budgets), to improve your safety and your perceptions of safety in our Shire.

This CSP has been funded by the Queensland Government as represented by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP), and forms part of the Queensland Government's new approach to alcohol management in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland, applying its Local Thriving Communities strategy.

We have however taken this opportunity to take a more holistic approach to addressing community safety via our own unique CSP across two (2) interconnected Volumes, considering both alcohol management (Volume 1) and wider community safety concerns common to our Shire (Volume 2).

The Action Areas identified in this CSP, as suggested by you, will likely evolve into specific operational and capital actions of Council and incorporated formally within Council's strategic plans and budgets. Some operational and capital actions suggested by you, are provided later in this CSP.

Individual respondent responses have been deidentified to protect your privacy.

It is not intended that our CSP provide an exhaustive list of all our policy and operational/ capital responses to community safety concerns in Yarrabah, however it will highlight focus areas raised by you. The Action Areas identified shall provide compelling support for consideration by us in our future Government funding submissions, as well as our future budget and strategic planning deliberations, however we cannot provide any guarantee of specific action, which shall be subject to factors such as current community circumstances, priorities and need, legislative responsibility, availability of funding, availability of staff and resources, and technical feasibility etc.

Both Volumes of our Community Safety Plan are to be read together, including the Action Areas.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – COMMUNITY SAFETY

We concluded in Volume 1 (Alcohol Management Strategy 2021) that "it is clear that there is a need and desire for change in how alcohol is managed in our community". We also concluded that:

It is recognised that a holistic and collaborative strategy is required to responsibly manage alcohol in our community, particularly given that it is but one cause and symptom of community harm as observed in other discrete Indigenous communities outside Yarrabah, amongst many other inter-related indicators such as:

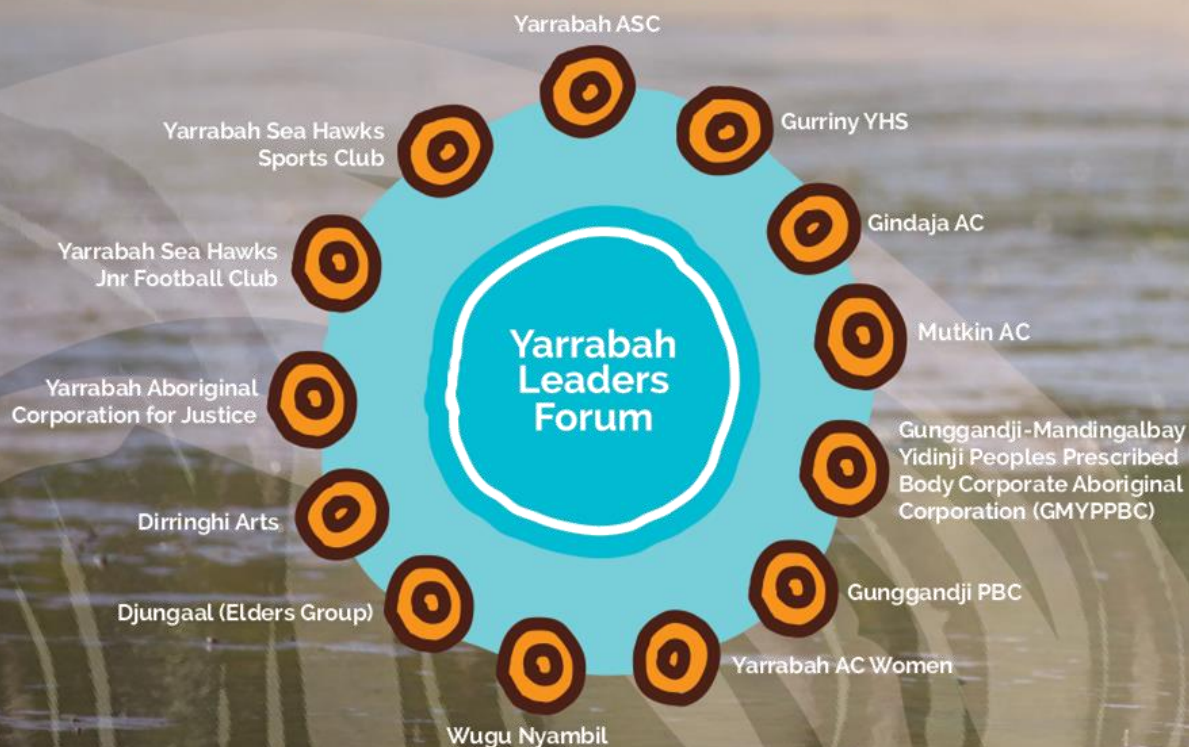
- poor educational attainment;
- parenting skills and effective supervision of teenagers;
- low employment and economic participation rates;
- lack of and access to culturally capable health and rehabilitation services.

We cannot do this all alone and need to partner with suitably experienced service providers and Government.

Our holistic strategy may take the form of (but is not limited to):

- (a) variations to carriage limits;
- (b) consideration of liquor permit/ licenses with a focus on family, recreation and wellbeing over profit (for licensed venues and one-off entertainment events), on a case by case basis;
- (c) assessing the adequacy and utilisation of targeted local supports to reduce alcohol dependence (community education and addiction support services (rehabilitation, treatment and diversion including mental health));
- (d) increasing the availability of community participation events; and

Yarrabah Leaders Forum Members and configuration



(e) expanding the Community Safety Plan program to consider holistic community safety concerns for Yarrabah and feeding these findings into this CSP (Alcohol Management Strategy) 2021 to better to inform, strengthen and expand our recommendations.

In this Volume 2, we have sought to consult further with you to gather your views on wider interconnected community safety concerns in Yarrabah and expand our approach to tackling these Moofella Way (Our Way).

In fulfilling our goal to forge a community-led pathway out of discriminatory AMP's for Yarrabah, and into responsible self-management of alcohol; Moofella Way (Our Way), we must be mindful and aware of the interconnectedness of many other community safety issues in Yarrabah and take this opportunity to improve community safety holistically for the betterment of our Region.



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OUR COMMUNITY

Our community of Yarrabah lies to the East of Cairns. By road it is placed about 60 kilometers from the Cairns CBD, however, it is only approx. 12 kilometers if measured in a straight line "as the Crow flies". It takes about 45 minutes to travel by car from the Cairns CBD to our community. Our coastline runs East from False Cape around Mission Bay, past Cape Grafton and Kings Point and then South to Palmer Point. The total coastline is more than 60 kilometers.

Geographically, our land area could generally be described as a long slender shape, bounded in the West by the Murray Prior Range and the coast on the East. It has an overall length of about thirty (30) kilometers and is about 2.5 kilometers wide in the South, but broadens out to almost eight (8) kilometers across the Northern part. It has an area of about 158.8 square kilometers. The township of Yarrabah is, for the most part, located adjacent to Mission Bay. Originally, European influence began in earnest with the establishment of an Anglican Mission on this same location on the 17th of June, 1892.

Over the years, subsequent State Government administrations forcibly relocated Aboriginal and some South Sea Islander Peoples from far and wide to our community. As a consequence, most local residents can claim both traditional and historical ties to the area.

The first Aboriginal Council was established in the mid 1960's, principally as an advisory body to the State Government. Your Council is now a Local Government under the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld).

Our community has an official population of 2,559 people at the 2016 census. Official health records suggest a population closer to 3,500 in 2020.



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Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

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OUR APPROACH

Our approach to the development of our overarching Community Safety Plan comprised four (4) stages:

1. Volume 1

Alcohol Management Strategy 2021

Our engagement on Volume 1 (Alcohol Management) of our Community Safety Plan occurred in Q1 and Q2 of 2021. During the development phase, we engaged with you via digital and paper surveys. We carefully considered your views specifically on alcohol management in addition to undertaking a literature review of available expert resources, culminating in five (5) unique Actions Areas presented as Volume 1.

2. Volume 2

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Action Area #5 – Community Safety (Generally) presented in Volume 1 required that Council:

Expand the CSP Program to undertake Yarrabah public engagement on community and stakeholder perspectives of safety more broadly to inform Action Area 1 (Alcohol Management – Moofella Way (Our Way)), including expansion on community concerns to assess and improve our response to the following potential safety concerns:

- i. Noise (parties/ hooning etc)
- ii. Infrastructure - street lighting, footpaths, community amenity;
- iii. Policing
- iv. Surveillance (CCTV)
- v. Alcohol dependence/ diversionary services (and provider performance)
- vi. Vulnerable groups (ie. youth/disabled/ aged care) (and provider performance)
- vii. Security
- viii. Transport – roads

- ix. Housing – social housing
- x. Planning – master planning
- xi. Animal control
- xii. Environment
- xiii. Water/ Waste
- xiv. Local Laws
- xv. Money Management (e.g. gambling)

Volume 2 seeks to fulfil Action Area #5 from Volume 1. Our focus in Volume 2 has been in understanding your perceptions of safety in Yarrabah (how safe you feel). This approach is in the recognition that official statistics may tell one story, but your perception of safety may differ dramatically (as this is your lived experience and reality).

Stakeholder Engagement

Our Volume 2 (Community Safety Strategy 2022) project was officially launched in July 2021 following endorsement of Volume 1 (Alcohol Management Strategy 2021) in June 2021. Invites were sent by us to community stakeholders presently servicing Yarrabah inviting them to participate in the study via completion of an online survey, followed by participation in a one-hour interview (conducted either in person, or via video/teleconference), to further expand upon answers given in the surveys. 13 stakeholders engaged in the survey and follow-up interviews, comprising the following organisations servicing Yarrabah:

- Gungandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples (PBC) RNTBC
 - o Native Title/ Landholder
 - o Land and Sea Rangers
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
 - o Mayor
 - o Councillors
 - o Executive

- Yarrabah Emergency Service (Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service)
- Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service
 - o Social and Emotional Wellbeing
 - o Business Development and Research
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Corporation for Women
- Queensland Police Service
- Yarrabah Leaders Forum Coordination
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- Wugu Nyambil

Resident Engagement

90 Yarrabah community residents participated in the surveys. Resident engagement was open between 1 September 2021 and 31 October 2021 (two (2) calendar months).

Community Verification

To verify the accuracy of our interpretation of the perspectives expressed by you, following close of surveys and interviews on 31 October 2021, we developed a consolidated draft and placed it out for a further 30 days' community consultation in April 2022 via our website, prior to our formal endorsement.





RESPONDENT SUMMARY – YOUR VOICE

In this section, we will summarise the combined resident and stakeholder survey and interview responses. This quantitative and qualitative data informed the Action Areas identified later in this document and further support those Action Areas arising out of Volume 1.

Responses are summarised by surveyed community safety theme, namely:

1. Crime and Policing (including CCTV)
2. Alcohol and Drugs
3. Environment
4. Roads and infrastructure
5. Youth and vulnerable Groups

Deidentified survey data from the resident and stakeholder surveys is available upon request.

1. Crime and Policing (including CCTV)

"Try sleeping through 5 different parties, 5 nights per week and still going to work in Cairns every night. Waking up and going to sleep to the same music; it's disgusting and shameful to live in such a community with no respect or regard for any other people." – Community resident

Above 73% of combined respondents considered crime to be a moderate problem (happens sometimes) in Yarrabah. 36% of resident respondents felt safe sometimes in Yarrabah, with 26% often and 21% always. 63% of resident respondents perceived a moderate impact (I slightly change my lifestyle for my safety) of crime on their daily lifestyle.

A majority (52%) of combined respondents perceived that crime levels had stayed the same over the past 12 months in Yarrabah compared to the previous 12 months. It is relevant to note that this period includes mandatory COVID19 lockdowns.

When respondents were asked to compare their perceptions of crime prevalence in Yarrabah to other Cairns communities, 63% of residents perceived there to be less crime in Yarrabah whereas 58% of stakeholders considered crime might be equal with Cairns communities. Combined respondents agreed that their perceptions were mainly influenced by media coverage (>50%) followed by having witnessed crime themselves (>41%).

Out of 28 possible crimes identified in surveys, combined respondents identified an identical top five (5) crimes by perceived prevalence in Yarrabah:

1. Anti-social driving (speeding, dangerous driving, hooning, loud music)
2. Drunkenness
3. Loud music/ parties
4. Disorder/ shouting/ swearing/ fighting in public
5. Graffiti/ Vandalism

These together can be bundled into the classification antisocial behavior.

Combined respondents agree that antisocial behavior is a major problem (always happens) in Yarrabah (>61%) with levels of antisocial behavior being perceived to have stayed the same over the past 12 months (>52%) consistent with other crime. Combined respondents put this unrest down to:

- Lack of youth programs
- Lack of jobs
- Lack of support services
- Lack of parental guidance and role models
- COVID19 restrictions affecting free movement and availability of support services
- COVID19 stimulus packages bringing more money into community
- Availability of alcohol in community (supply)
- Social media (disputes)
- Lack of police/ security presence (particularly at night)
- Alcohol Management Plan restrictions.

Residents were more likely to report witnessed crimes to police (63%) over stakeholders (46%). When reported, stakeholders tended to preference:

1. Calling 000 (23%)
2. Speaking to an officer on-duty police officer (23%)
3. Calling Crimestoppers (15%)

Residents preferred to report crimes via:

1. Calling Crimestoppers (36%)
2. Calling 000 (21%)

Although a majority of stakeholder respondents considered police response to reported crimes to be overall satisfactory, this was not the experience of resident respondents with 43% stating police response was not responsive at all, 18% saying not so responsive and 43% saying somewhat responsive. 57% of resident respondents considered the performance of the police in Yarrahah to be poor. 93% of resident respondents considered the police to be poorly to averagely resourced to perform their roles. 68% of resident respondents stated that they did not know the name of their police Officer in Charge, versus 53% of stakeholders who did.

On the question of CCTV effectiveness in the deterrence of crime and increase in perceptions of safety in Yarrahah, 57% of residents considered CCTV to be ineffective, whereas stakeholders overwhelmingly viewed CCTV as effective (75%). As an additional effective deterrent against crime, 91% of stakeholders recommended patrolling security guards, and 84% of stakeholders favored the introduction of Community Police (versus 72% of residents in favor). Residents did not favour CCTV as an effective crime deterrent as they considered it at risk of vandalism and feared this would result in less police presence, and more money being applied to repairs and maintenance. Residents generally advanced a preference to building long-term relationships based on trust and education between community and law enforcement.

The differing views on the effectiveness of CCTV are likely influenced greatly by the deterrent benefits being experienced only by stakeholders (who own and manage CCTV at their premises) compared with residents (who do not own CCTV and do not see the direct benefits through reduced crime).

Other measures considered by combined respondents likely to be effective in deterring crime and increasing perceptions of safety in Yarrahah include:

- Youth programs and activities
- Neighborhood Watch network
- Adequate street lighting
- Targeted traffic enforcement operations
- Speed bumps to slow traffic (hooning)
- Private security patrolling businesses
- Youth curfews

Overall, combined responses indicate a lack of perceived police presence and/or positive relationship with Yarrahah residents. Limited engagement is perceived to occur between police and stakeholders 'behind closed doors' and appears not to be visible to residents. This engagement is evident by stakeholders having more familiarity with police than residents seemingly do. Police are perceived to be under-resourced by combined respondents and hampered by remote staffing (driven at least partly by a lack of community-based staff housing). Community engagement by police must be improved along with greater collaboration and coordination with community stakeholders in the provision of services.

2. Alcohol and Drugs

"It would be nice to have a controlled environment where families and the elderly could also enjoy. Make it a restaurant or something to benefit the community and not just a venue of alcohol. Also make support advertised." – Community resident

As described in Volume 1, from 2002 Alcohol Management Plans were implemented across Queensland's 19 discrete Indigenous communities, covering 15 Local Government Areas, including the Yarrabah from 6 February 2004. Their aim was to reduce alcohol-related violence and harm, particularly against women and children. They included restrictions on the types and quantities of liquor permitted in the Local Government Area, along with offences for breach. Carriage limits presently apply in Yarrabah under this AMP.

Wholly consistent with Action Areas recommended in Volume 1, resident respondents suggested the following alternate measures to effectively assist with drug and alcohol harm minimisation efforts in Yarrabah, namely:

- Reframing perceptions of alcohol via a controlled environment for liquor consumption (eg. liquor-licensed venue, serving meals with alcohol including a community bus service (to reduce incidence of drink driving))
- Move away from prohibition/ criminalisation to an empowerment framework (self-management), with a focus on education and support services
- Yarrabah Leader's Forum and stakeholders should lead the conversation on AMP reform
- Increase wrap-around family-orientated health and wellbeing support services alongside normalisation of legal social drinking (incl. mental health services, social workers, rehabilitation, diversionary services etc)
- More dedicated youth support services
- More training programs for community (2-4 week blocks) – consider a Yarrabah-based TAFE
- Increased education around drugs and alcohol use (including in schools) and promotion of safe practices
- Focus on police enforcement efforts in stamping out anti-social behavior generally (rather than mere alcohol carriage limit infractions)

- Cultural awareness training for police and other government stakeholders (developed and run by the Yarrabah community)
- Men's, Women's and Youth Groups as a conduit and hub for education and awareness
- Increased employment opportunities
- Youth curfews
- Registration of parties with police
- More community engagement events and promotion thereof (including sports and recreation)
- Remove the demand for sly grog by providing legal and affordable supply options within community
- Revisit and revise Council bylaws as they relate to curbing anti-social behavior (eg. noise)
- Offer health and exercise opportunities
- Overnight "sober up" facilities for intoxicated persons

By way of context, most residents expressed that they started drinking alcohol between the ages of 15 – 18 years. 50% started drinking due to peer pressure/ social acceptance, with 40% for other socio/economic reasons, including:

1. Boredom (88%)
2. Unemployment (88%)
3. Lack of support with life issues (80%)
4. Grief and Loss (72%)
5. Alcohol Restrictions (60%)

Only 30% of resident respondents knew of residents who had relocated from Yarrabah due to AMP restrictions. 80% of resident respondents had been themselves, or knew of someone who had been, convicted of a crime related to AMP carriage limits.

The vast majority of resident respondents considered that they did not suffer from any self-induced alcohol related harm/ illness (physical or otherwise), but rather suffered from the indirect health impacts from the anti-social behavior of others whilst intoxicated (loud noise, parties, hooning etc).



50% of resident respondents considered that if they wanted to stop drinking alcohol, or drink less alcohol, they had sufficient access to support services in Yarrabah to facilitate this, with a further 27% considering somewhat that services were available to them.

Combined respondents overwhelmingly considered alcohol to be a moderate influence to major influence in accidents in the home, anti-social behavior, road traffic incidents and violent crime and disorder in Yarrabah. Stakeholders make direct correlation between supply of alcohol and increased anti-social behavior in Yarrabah.

Cannabis has been identified as the highest used drug in Yarrabah (besides alcohol). ICE and other methamphetamines are not considered a notable issue presently in Yarrabah. Anti-social behavior is observed by stakeholders as mainly confined to the youth demographic, who similarly generally also have truancy issues. There are said to be good diversionary services in Yarrabah for children, however are observed to lack continuity and wrap around services and instead tend to be reactive and 'on demand'.

With respect to AMP restrictions, the following reforms are supported by resident respondents:

1. Licensed Venue (76%)
2. No restrictions (44%)
3. New carriage limits (eg. Per person rather than per vehicle limits/ types of alcohol allowed etc) (36%)
4. All alcohol banned from community (16%)

With respect to AMP restrictions, the following reforms were supported by stakeholder respondents:

1. Remove the AMP (remove all alcohol restrictions and rely on support services and community education) (64%)
2. Improve support services for alcohol harm minimisation (60%)
3. Keep the AMP but change carriage limits (eg. Per person limits/ liquor licensed venue/ types of alcohol allowed) (32%)
4. Strengthen the AMP (all alcohol banned from community) (12%).

There is strong support generally from residents and stakeholders alike to wind back AMP restrictions in Yarrabah whilst maintaining structured self-management via controlled venues, improved "wrap-around" support services and enhanced and targeted education programs. These findings support the Action Areas identified in Volume 1. Respondents generally agree that the Alcohol Management Plan is not working to prevent alcohol entering the community. It was anecdotally suggested as part of this study that prohibition and enforcement is not the answer in Yarrabah. Current sly grog fines, detection strategies and prosecution seem largely ineffective in stemming the flow of alcohol into Yarrabah.

On the question of support services, when asked whether in the event resident respondents attended counselling for substance use they would feel more comfortable to engage with an Indigenous counsellor, 58% said No.

When residents were asked whether if alcohol restrictions in Yarrabah were loosened they would feel safer having a greater police presence in community, 62% answered indifferent/ somewhat. There appears to be significant support for normalisation of alcohol in Yarrabah akin to the rest of Queensland and in reframing the negative stigma surrounding alcohol (eg. from binge drinking by "criminals" in the shadows to avoid law enforcement detection vs moderated drinking between adults during a meal with family).

As per our comments in Volume 1, on the question of effectiveness of the AMP in reducing alcohol and drug-related crime in Yarrabah, more than 60% of combined respondents considered the AMP to be not very effective. Of course, as also canvassed by us in Volume 1:-

"It is recognised that a holistic and collaborative strategy is required to responsibly manage alcohol in our community, particularly given that it is but one cause and symptom of community harm as observed in other discrete Indigenous communities outside Yarrabah, amongst many other inter-related indicators such as:

- poor educational attainment;
- parenting skills and effective supervision of teenagers;
- low employment and economic participation rates;
- lack of and access to culturally capable health and rehabilitation services. "

It is for this reason, Council has embarked upon Volume 2 of its Community Safety Plan to consider these interconnected community safety issues as they are often the source of community safety concerns (rather than alcohol itself). AMP's do not appropriately provide for these wider community safety concerns.

If given the opportunity, 100% of resident respondents said that they would attend community meetings/ events to inform the strategies for future management of alcohol in Yarrabah.

Council continues to support its Action Areas identified in Volume 1.

3. Environment

When asked about their perceptions of the state of the environment in Yarrabah, resident respondents answered:

1. Unclean and unsafe (61%)
2. Adequately clean and safe (23%)
3. Clean and safe (7%)

The environmental issues perceived by resident respondents to be affecting Yarrabah the most were:

1. Noise pollution (100%)
2. Animal Management (100%)
3. Pest control (61%)
4. Water pollution/ drainage (53%)

Noise pollution (antisocial behavior) and animal management undoubtedly comprise Yarrabah's primary environmental priorities. Relevantly, 76% of resident respondents reported that they are usually or always woken during the night or unable to sleep, due to people-related noise in Yarrabah (music, parties, social disturbances).

Resident respondents reported that water drainage is sometimes (69%) to often (30%) a safety concern in Yarrabah.

A majority of resident respondents consider that access to clean and safe drinking water is easy and inexpensive most of the time (61%).

75% of resident respondents said that they would know where to go to ask for assistance if they had concerns regarding anything in their environment which was having a negative effect on their lives.

Power supply is considered reliable in Yarrabah, with 46% of resident respondents reporting a power outage rarely, and 23% sometimes.



Access to trades for private repairs and maintenance is reported as being quite accessible (46%) to very accessible (23%) for residents in Yarrabah.

Resident respondent's report recycling sometimes (53%) with a lesser number recycling always (30%). Residents generally feel somewhat supported (69%) to change their lifestyles to better suit the environment (eg. reduction of power usage/ recycling etc), although when asked whether resident respondents were aware of any community initiatives/ projects that exist to provide education and support to enhance resident wellbeing in relation to environmental factors (eg. rubbish disposal education, fires etc), 61% responded No. 58% of resident respondents considered that Yarrabah stakeholders were not doing enough to take appropriate initiatives to enhance environmental wellbeing in Yarrabah.

Resident respondents considered that when the community of Yarrabah collaborates together in solving environmental concerns, outcomes are generally somewhat successful (66%) to successful (16%).

82% of resident respondents considered that Yarrabah has some family friendly facilities where people can meet to have BBQ's and gatherings.

100% of resident respondents said that they would be prepared to engage in community discussions for feedback and suggestions regarding the environment in Yarrabah.

4. Roads and Infrastructure

The top five (5) issues of concern identified by combined respondents on Yarrabah roads (from highest to lowest) were:

1. Anti-social driving of motor vehicles (speeding, dangerous driving, hooning, loud music)
2. Anti-social driving of motorbikes and quadbikes (speeding, dangerous driving, honing and loud music)
3. Drink driving
4. Drug driving
5. Failure to wear a seatbelt

Motorcyclists (including quadbikes) were the demographic identified as posing the greatest risk to themselves and others on the roads, followed then by young drivers, business drivers and recreational drivers.

Residents perceive that alcohol and drugs are involved in road accidents often (68%).

66% of stakeholder respondents felt safe walking the streets in Yarrabah, whilst 50% of residents felt quite unsafe with only 31% of residents feeling safe on the streets in Yarrabah.

62% of resident respondents considered that satisfactory road maintenance occurred sometimes to usually in Yarrabah, with 87% of residents perceiving that the vehicles seen on Yarrabah roads were usually perceived as safe to drive (road worthy and serviced).

Street lighting can be improved in Yarrabah, with 81% of residents considering Yarrabah to be unsatisfactorily lit, compared with 60% of stakeholder respondents.

62% of residents are aware of programs/services in Yarrabah to assist with learning to drive/ licensing.

On the question of sufficiency of combined Council infrastructure maintenance, 43% of residents considered the overall maintenance to be poor, with 41% perceiving it to be average and only 25% rating it as well maintained. When accessing Council infrastructure however, 50% of resident respondents considered safety to be average with 31% considering it to be safe, with asset utilisation being perceived by resident respondents as average (43%) to well (31%).

5. Youth and vulnerable groups

"Indigenous community peoples have a very low numeracy and literacy skills, so engaging with services is something that is avoided. Fear and shamefulness is a major contributor." – Community resident

Most combined respondents considered that Yarrabah presently embraced community diversity and supported vulnerable groups (ie. Youth, disabled and the aged) poor to average.

There is an acknowledgement amongst stakeholder respondents that interagency collaboration needs improvement (46%), notwithstanding 46% considered they communicate well. With respect to the fitness for purpose of existing services in Yarrabah, stakeholder respondents acknowledge that existing services meet community safety needs to an average standard (69%) with 23% believing services provide well in these areas.

Community understanding of available support services appears low, with a majority of resident respondents characterising their understanding as poor (29%) to average (35%). Resident respondents put this down to:

- Information not being culturally-sensitive/ clear;
- Low literacy/ numeracy amongst community members;
- Need to improve platforms for education (Men's, Youth, Women's, Elder's groups);

- No outside of hours stakeholder availability (inflexible programs)
- Stakeholders' blaming each other for deficits and not taking responsibility
- Lack of interagency collaboration on messaging
- Lack of community engagement and events
- Limited youth activities and general community engagement

The most regularly accessed community services in Yarrabah by resident respondents over the past 12 months have been:

1. Health (92%)
2. Children, youth, family (28%)
3. Family/ domestic violence (21%)
4. Drug and alcohol support (14%)
5. Money/ financial (7%)
6. Disability support services (7%)

60% of resident respondents feel that in accessing these services, they perceived improvement in their circumstances as a direct result of accessing the service(s). However, 31% of resident respondents identified that they often feel worried about their health and safety and felt unable to access supports, with 18% sometimes feeling this way.

Over the past 12 months, 52% of resident respondents reported that they, or someone they know, accessed a support service and felt they did not get the support they needed.

Resident respondents reported that the following factors generally adversely impacted their health and wellbeing the most in Yarrabah,

1. Crime (70%)
2. Environment (64%)
3. Alcohol and drugs (64%)
4. Roads and infrastructure (47%)
5. Child, youth and vulnerable group issues (41%)



Resident respondents reported that they at least sometimes (69%) felt worried about their physical or emotional wellbeing whilst in their private homes, versus 92% when in public in Yarrabah.

Over the past two (2) months (60 days) 60% of resident respondents reported missing school, work or other engagement due to caring for someone, with 50% absent due to their own health concerns (illness, disability, aged).

94% of resident respondents reported being a primary carer of either:

- Aged parents (43%)
- Grandchildren (31%)
- Children (25%)
- Someone with a disability (18%)

81% of resident respondents reported that they think the community of Yarrabah generally cares for its aged population.

One resident respondent acknowledge time spent by them in prison for breach of the Alcohol Management Plan (homebrew), however stated that no support was provided upon reengagement back into Yarrabah civil life.

Out of resident respondents, a need was identified for the following services in Yarrabah:

- Family/ domestic abuse
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Caregiver support
- Depression/ anxiety
- Parenting
- Trauma/ PTSD
- Suicide prevention
- Money/ financial/ carer support and counselling

Residents believe that the following areas should be prioritised for vulnerable groups:

1. Youth activities (88%)
2. Wrap around family support/ education (70%)
3. Mothers and children support groups (58%)
4. Aged care support (52%)

A majority of resident respondents believe that government services recognise and respect cultural sensitivities sometimes (58%), with 11% usually and 5% always.

Resident respondents consider that increased participation by community to improving youth and vulnerable group services can be achieved by:

- More community engagement on available services
- More interagency collaboration and consistent messaging
- Culturally-sensitive messaging and recognition of literacy and numeracy deficits
- Toolbox sessions at organisations with morning teas for community members to attend (both meet and greets and information sessions)
- Organisations having open door policies for community and more flexible and accessible hours of operation
- More cultural awareness for stakeholders (run by the community of Yarrabah)
- Employment of more locals to engage locals.
- Getting service providers out and about in community (away from offices)

Anecdotally, it is observed by stakeholders that some local services are being underutilised by community. This may well be due to lack of promotion and education and interagency collaboration.

Yarrabah-based services do complain that referrals are difficult when many referral agencies are based out of Cairns or do not service Yarrabah.

93% of resident respondents said that they would be prepared to engage in community discussions for feedback and suggestions regarding the youth and vulnerable groups in Yarrabah.

6. Other Concerns

Other areas of community safety concern raised by combined respondents included:

- Truancy
- Housing (both community and staff housing)
- Tenancy Management – conflict mitigation/ parties/ noise
- Lateral Violence, including online bullying and harassment via social media
- Animal Management- horses/ dangerous dogs wandering at large/ animal noise pollution (e.g. barking at night)
- Employment – limited employment opportunities
- Telecommunications – limited coverage and slow internet speeds



ACTION AREAS

Stage 2 of the Community Safety Plan has considered the following community safety themes:

1. Crime and Policing (including CCTV)
2. Alcohol and Drugs
3. Environment
4. Roads and infrastructure
5. Youth and vulnerable Groups

In addition to the Action Areas identified in Volume 1 (Alcohol Management), through your survey and interview responses, the following additional 4 Action Areas have been identified to help us improve your wider but interconnected safety and your perceptions of safety in Yarrabah (continuing on numerically from the Action Areas identified in Volume 1).

Please note that the Action Areas identified are considered priority Action Areas for Council, and do not comprise an exhaustive list of all community safety concerns raised by you during this study, or otherwise. Specifically, our response to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic shall comprise an alternate standalone strategy.

3. Antisocial Behavior

3.1 Surveillance/ CCTV

Action

- 3.1.1. Maintain and expand CCTV monitoring in Yarrabah to deter crime.

3.2 Security

Action

- 3.2.1 Enhance 24 hour coordinated security guard patrols around the Yarrabah township (utilising local security businesses/ capability wherever practicable).
- 3.2.2 Enhance coordinated interagency response to emergencies/ disaster management (including community automated text messaging service).

3.3 Infrastructure

Action

- 3.3.1 Prioritise footpath investment (with lighting) within the township/ CBD to ensure community members (especially the children and the elderly) have safe passage between services and education facilities.
- 3.3.2 Undertake a street lighting audit in conjunction with Ergon Energy and identify and improve lighting in "black spots" around the Yarrabah township.
- 3.3.3 Invest in speed-bumps in strategic areas to reduce honing.

3.4 Transport

Action

- 3.4.1 Investigate the provision of a transit bus to operate throughout Yarrabah to ensure community members and workers can move safely around community and facilitate increased work and school attendance.

3.5 Youth

Action

- 3.5.1 Host regular community events, programs and activities to promote improved engagement between community service providers and Yarrabah residents. Community events and activities should offer options, stimulation and a healthy community rivalry to de-escalate underlying community tensions, and reduce resulting youth crime, including but not limited to:
 - Youth programs (day and night) – 15 to 25 age-group (camps)
 - Kids space/ Youth Hub (hand out, café, ping pong tables, arcade, youth Hub) including also holiday and after school programs, movie nights, video arcade/ gaming center;
 - Men's, Women's, Elders groups;
 - Sporting/ competition events (darts etc);
 - Community gardens;

- Concerts;
- Community BBQ's;
- Education sessions;
- Gyms and outdoor exercise equipment
- Christmas lights competitions.
- Campgrounds for families
- Have your say days
- Playgrounds (shaded)

It is important that culture remains central to these activities (strengths-based approach).

See also Action Item 1(d) – Community Participation Events from Volume 1 (Alcohol Management Strategy 2021).

- 3.5.2 Focus interagency on proactive and collaborative "wrap around" services for youth rather than piecemeal reactive on demand services.

3.6 Policing

Action

- 3.6.1 Advocate for a policing model/ approach that embraces engagement (education) and discretion over enforcement (infringement)
- 3.6.2 Advocate for a permanent police presence in Yarrabah 24 hours per day – consider supplementing police presence with security (review Palm Island Protective Services model).
- 3.6.3 Investigate the possibility of imposing a youth curfew to deter loud music and antisocial behavior after dark.
- 3.6.4 Investigate the prospect of mandatory party registration (and enforcement)
- 3.6.5 Advocate the need for greater police presence in community (including by the OIC), including closer direct engagement with community (including during events) to improve relationship and trust.
- 3.6.6 Investigate the formal promotion of a Neighborhood Watch program
- 3.6.7 Directly discuss with police their current and prospective policing strategies to reduce anti-social behavior in Yarrabah.

3.7 Vulnerable Groups

Action

- 3.7.1 Advocate for tailored and locally-staffed programs to address vulnerable groups in Yarrabah (not SEQ-centric).
- 3.7.2 Advocate for the provision of standardised conflict resolution training to community service providers (in early intervention and de-escalation).
- 3.7.3 Proactive (not reactive) transportation options to be offered for women the subject of domestic violence to the women's shelter as they are presently relying on stakeholders (such as Yarrabah Emergency Service/ Police) for assistance – promote new bus service.

3.8 Local Laws

Action

- 3.8.1 In conjunction with police and other interagencies, undertake a targeted community safety/ law and order Local Law review with particular attention to areas such as:
- Regulation of types of vehicles on local government-controlled areas and roads (ie. quadbikes and motorcycles);
 - Youth curfew;
 - Gambling;
 - Antisocial behavior and public nuisance (loud music and hooning).
- Engage dedicated local laws officers (Authorised Persons under the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)).

3.9 Housing/ Tenancy Management**# Action**

- 3.9.1 Advocate for an increase in both social housing and staff housing to enable in-community servicing.
- 3.9.2 Advocate to the Department of Housing and Public Works for the improvement of tenancy management and housing allocation practices to reduce prospects of conflicts between neighboring residents.
- 3.9.3 Advocate to the Department of Housing and Public Works for it to do more (as Tenancy Manager) in relation to enforcement of tenancy conditions to reduce public nuisance (such as loud noise, overgrown allotments, harboring vermin etc.).
- 3.9.4 Advocate for more housing officers to monitor conduct of tenants.
- 3.9.5 Advocate with the Native Title Prescribed Body Corporates for Yarrabah to prioritise essential housing infrastructure via simplified s24JAA of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) processes – community housing and staff housing/ upgrades.

3.10 Employment**# Action**

- 3.10.1 Advocate for more targeted engagement between Wugu Nyambil and major employers in Yarrabah to improve employment opportunities by providing purpose to presently unemployed residents and reduce environmental factors which may lead to increased crime and associated community safety concerns.

4. Community Engagement**4.1 Performance, Accessibility, Coordination. Utilisation and Resourcing of Services****# Aim**

- 4.1.1 Advocate for more Yarrabah-based services (not Cairns based).
- 4.1.2 Advocate for proactive coordinated and continuous care needs to be offered via wrap around servicing (presently reactively on-demand only).
- 4.1.3 Improve follow up/ actions when collaboration happens between interagencies (centrally coordinated actions).
- 4.1.4 Advocate for key performance measures to be implemented for community service providers servicing Yarrabah, with 360-degree review and accountability.
- 4.1.5 Promote full implementation and coordination of the interagency "Community Dashboard" to disseminate community information.
- 4.1.6 Regularise YLF meetings – consider having these in a public setting to bring about transparency re self-management to community.
- 4.1.7 Formalise interagency coordination and knowledge sharing (e.g. beginning with regular and mandatory attendance at interagency meetings by all stakeholders). Consider these meetings being made public and widely promoted to bring transparency to decision-making processes and public dissemination of information, including meets and greets with stakeholders and residents.

See also Action Areas 1(a) Alcohol Management/ 1(c) – Alcohol and Mental Health Support Services from Volume 1 (Alcohol Management Strategy 2021).

4.2 Communications

Action

- 4.2.1 Establish regular Council-hosted community meetings as an effective means of communicating with residents on matter of topics such as the Yarrabah vision, education and general community updates and meets and greets.
- 4.2.2 Establish and promote "safe places" at our community facilities to improve community engagement.
- 4.2.3 Utilise community engagement tools additional to social media, including face-to-face forums (Have your say days etc.).
- 4.2.4 Advocate the primacy of Council and the YLF as peak bodies for township coordination and representation.
- 4.2.5 Establish clear Council commitments, expectations and values to counter the rising perception of normalisation in Yarrabah of topics such as:
 - Domestic violence;
 - Drug and alcohol dependence.
- 4.2.6 Advocate for clear, culturally-sensitive and coordinated interagency communication guidelines for community.
- 4.2.7 Advocate for interagencies not to "re-invent the wheel" when it comes to communicating with residents – utilise existing community structures to share information (remove the duplication).

4.3 Education

Action

- 4.3.1 Advocate for community-based cultural awareness training to be mandated for all long-term new arriving staff and contractors entering Yarrabah (developed and run by Yarrabah on a fee for service basis e.g. YLF).
- 4.3.2 Advocate for education to be provided to community on effective use of social media (i.e. Facebook/ Tik Tok/ Instagram) to reduce the incidence of community unrest including due to lateral violence.

- 4.3.3 Advocate for a financial management/ money training for community to combat gambling and alcohol dependence.

See also Action Areas 1(b) – Community Education from Volume 1 (Alcohol Management Strategy 2021).

5. Animal Management

5.1 Animal Management

Action

- 5.1.1 Enhance Council's animal management service to further reduce dogs and horses wandering at large and dog attacks as well as increase owner animal management responsibility.
- 5.1.2 Consider incentivising desexing of animals and registration (e.g. vouchers).
- 5.1.3 Undertake a literature review into the cultural significance of dogs/ horses in Yarrabah, in conjunction with key Indigenous stakeholders including RNTBC's.
- 5.1.4 Undertake a local law review to assess the adequacy/ fitness for purpose of current local laws for improved animal management.

6. Telecommunications

6.1 Telecommunications Coverage

Action

- 6.1.1 Advocate to the State and Federal Governments and Telstra/ Optus for an upgrade to telecommunications infrastructure in Yarrabah to make phone reception available to everyone and increase the bandwidth to improve internet speeds.

Liaise with the PBC(s) regarding land access for essential community safety infrastructure.

Hairy Men and the Little People

Our Old people told us about the Hairy Men and the Little People. Some call the Little People the missing tribe.

There are a few types of Hairy Men and Little People around Yarrabah. Bina Bina is tall and big, the Bina Bina woman is bit smaller. They have really long ears and are really smelly.

One night a man was driving up around Angel Bend, he was heading back to Cairns when he thought he seen a figure in a big coat walking up the road. When the man got closer he realised it was Bina Bina. Bina Bina wasn't wearing a coat, it was his ears covering his body. The man got a big fright and took off.

There is one Hairy man that looks a like a lizard, we see him all over.

Little People live at the Point on the hillside near the beach.

Wundju is the name of a type of one legged man who looks like a bird. He smells really bad. He is in the mangroves and they say he stinks.

The Lost People are everywhere but they are shy and usually only come out at night. But sometimes you will see evidence of them during the day. Sometimes you see their fire smoke coming out of the rainforest.

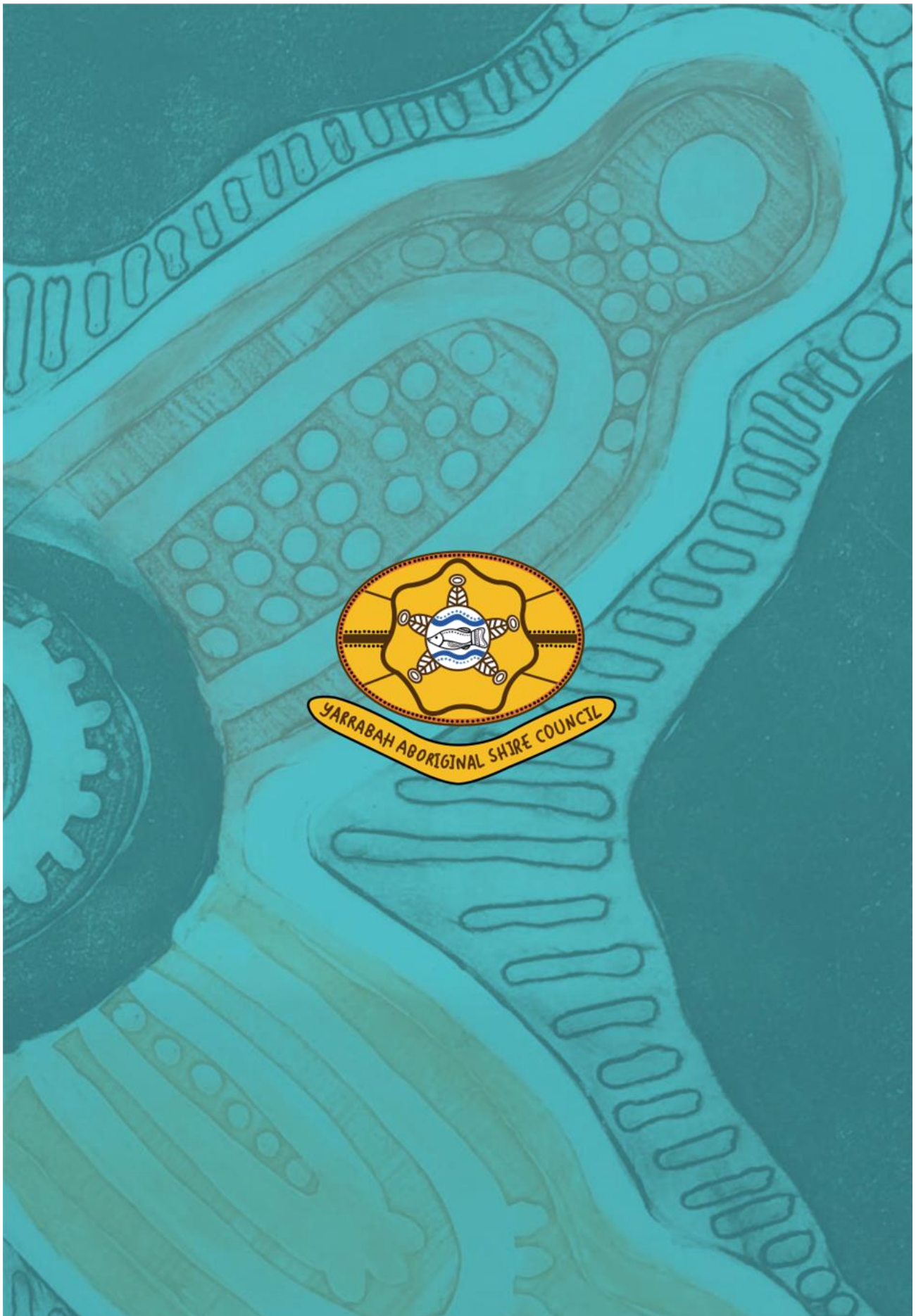
We say to the kids when they are naughty "those Little People and Hairy Men are watching us all the time. You better be good or they will come for you in the night"

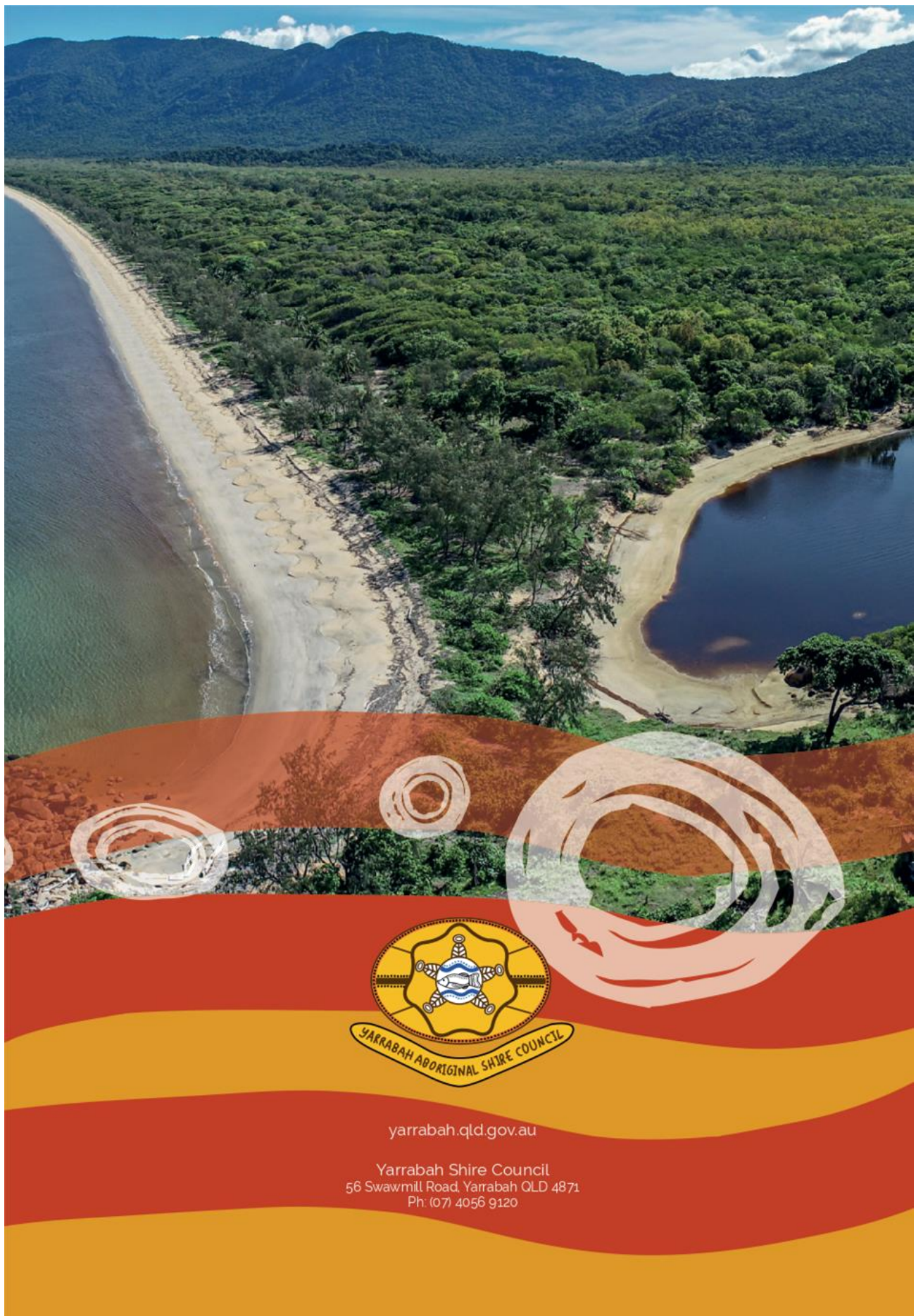


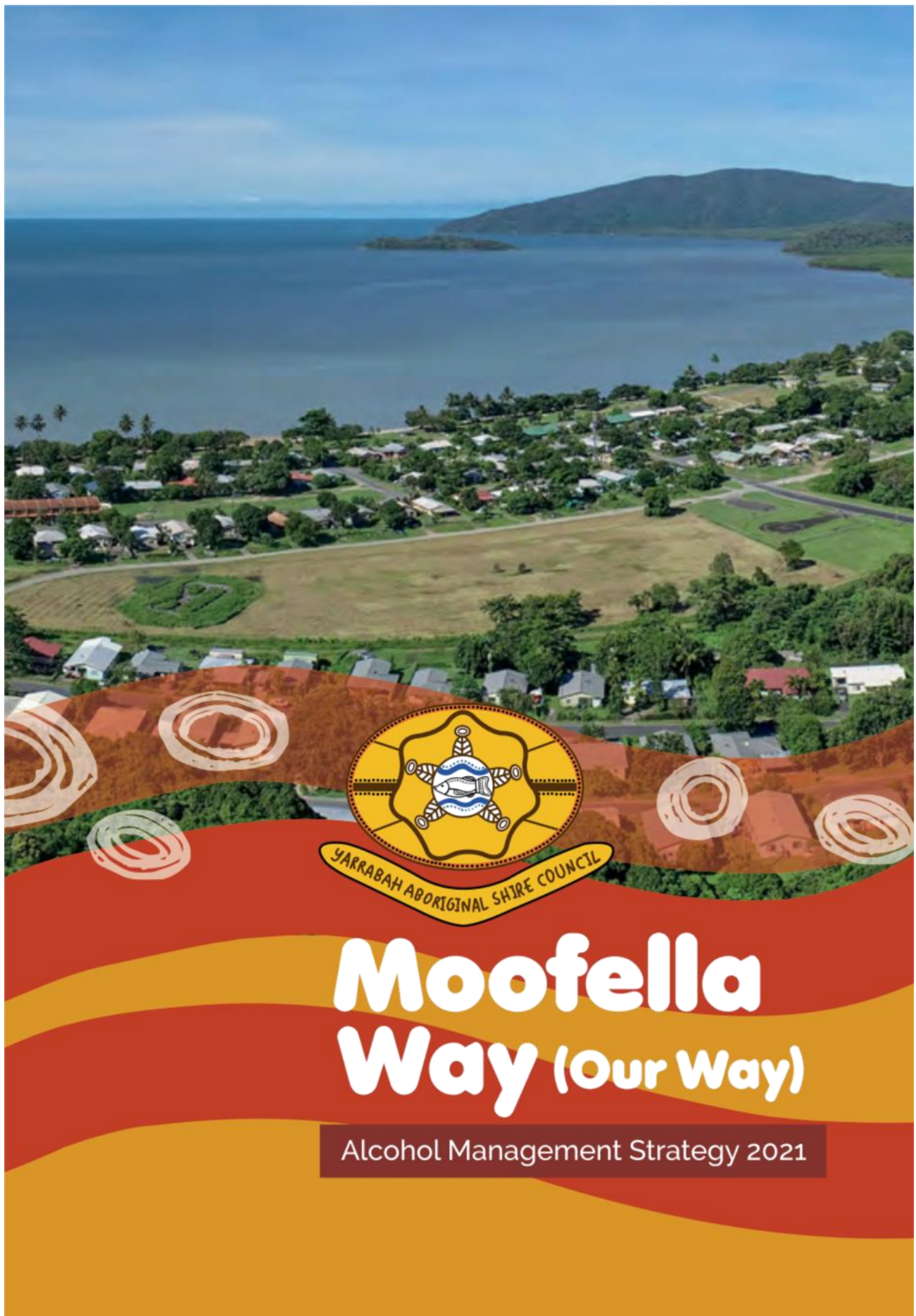
Artist - Philomena Yeatman

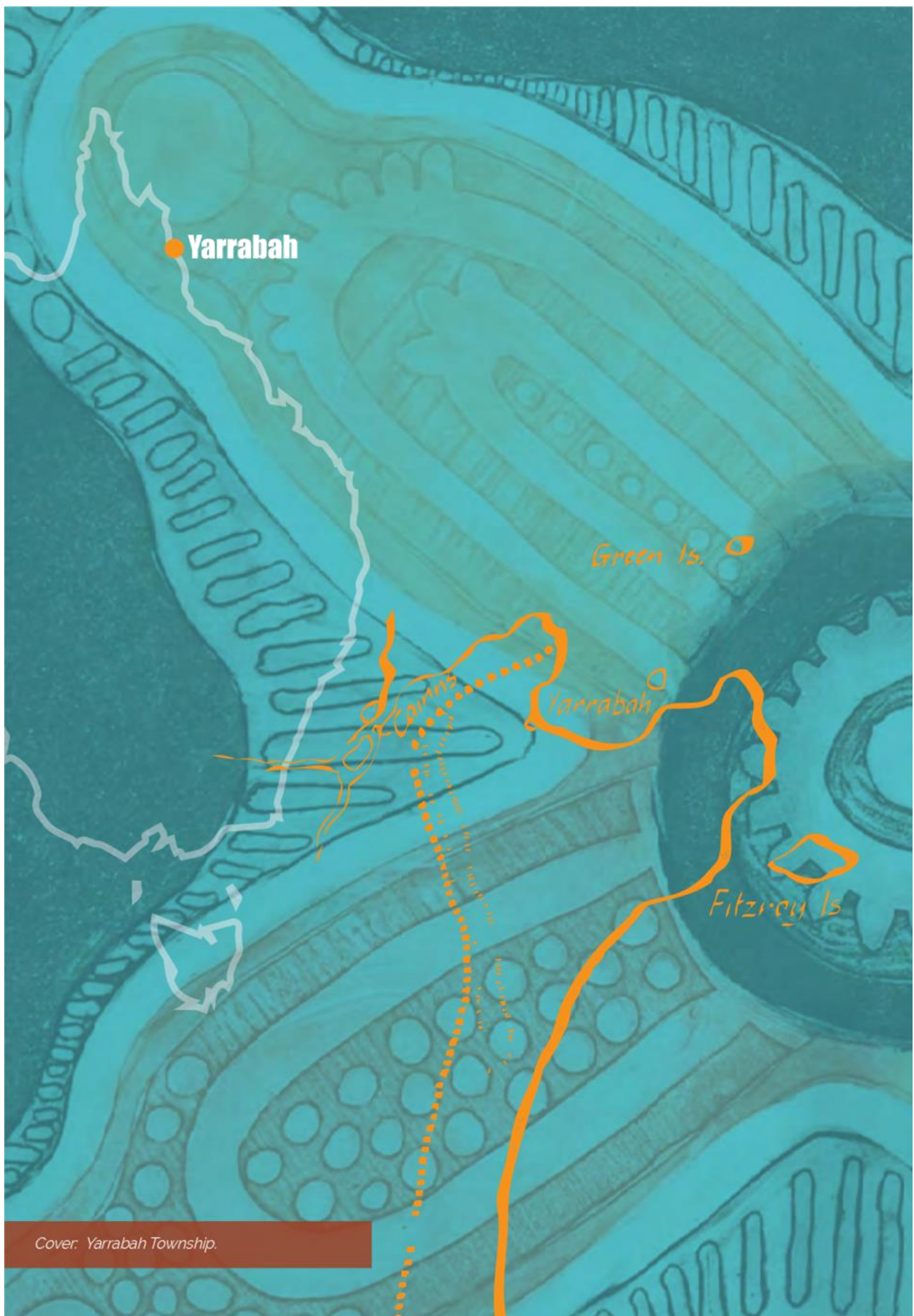
Philomena Yeatman is a Gunggandji woman, born in Cairns in 1960 and raised in Yarrabah Community. Philomena mother's side is Gunggandji and her father's side is Kuku Yalanji.

She began her career in the arts in 1991. At first, she experimented with print and jewellery making and shortly after embraced weaving, ceramics and painting. Philomena is an renown weaver. Learning traditional practices from her grandmother who taught her how to make baskets and mats using pandanus, cabbage palm and natural dyes found in country. She is passionate about maintaining traditional knowledge. Her vibrant weaving is inspired by traditional forms that were used to carry food collected from the sea and rainforests.











MAYORAL FOREWORD

Dear Residents of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire,

On behalf of your Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council ("your Council") and Yarrabah Leaders Forum ("your YLF"), I wish to first and foremost acknowledge the Gungandji People, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

I would like to acknowledge and thank you, the Yarrabah community, for sharing your voices and views by engaging in our Community Survey. Your voices and the health, safety and wellbeing of every community member, our Elders, and our youth are at the centre of the work we have completed to bring you this Community Safety Plan (Alcohol Management Strategy) 2021 ("CSP").

Our CSP is a first important strategic step in listening to your voices and views and those of our valued local community stakeholders regarding responsible management of alcohol in our Shire over coming years and setting a plan with clear actions to manage the risks *Moofella Way (Our Way)*. This CSP will be complemented by other CSPs covering many other community safety concerns which you have told us about in our Shire. For this reason, our CSPs will continue to evolve.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of your YLF who together have provided insightful and evidence-based input, balanced with local knowledge. Our CSP provides a clear vision: that every Yarrabah resident feels, and is safe in, our homes, on our land and on our seas.

I am so proud to belong to Yarrabah and it is my hope that every community member can continue to share in this pride.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you our Community Safety Plan (Alcohol Management Strategy) 2021. We value and welcome your ongoing input.

Ross Andrews

Mayor

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OUR INTENT

This CSP has been developed by your Council in conjunction with your YLF and upon wider consultation with you (our community residents) and valued community stakeholders.

In this CSP, our aim is to identify community-led strategies for reducing alcohol misuse and related harm in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire; including improving school attendance and reducing child protection issues. However, it has been identified by the Queensland Government that "it is not enough to attempt to address alcohol support on its own."¹ This is why the intent of our overarching CSP program is to identify Action Areas for us to focus on in our future Council and YLF strategic planning to improve your safety and your perceptions of safety in our Shire, across all areas.

This CSP has been funded by the Queensland Government as represented by DATSIP, and forms part of the Queensland Government's new approach to alcohol management in the 19 discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland with Alcohol Management Plans ("AMP's"), applying its Local Thriving Communities strategy, consisting of a commitment to:

- co-designing community-specific safety plans that emphasise shared accountability;
- building community capacity to actively manage alcohol;
- continuing to implement targeted strategies to reduce illicit alcohol; and
- ensuring effective, coordinated and well targeted service delivery through targeted investment.²

We thank the Queensland Government for its commitment to our community safety.

The Action Areas identified in this CSP, as suggested by you, will likely evolve into specific operational and capital actions of Council and members of your YLF (and other stakeholders) and will be incorporated formally within our strategic plans and budgets. These are described later in this CSP.

Individual respondent responses have been deidentified to protect your privacy. It is not intended that our CSP provide an exhaustive list of all our policy and operational/ capital responses to community safety concerns in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire, however it will highlight focus areas raised by you. The Action Areas identified shall provide compelling support for consideration by us in our future Government funding submissions, policy deliberations as well as our future budget and strategic planning. However, we cannot provide any guarantee of specific action, which shall be subject to factors such as current community circumstances, priorities and need, legislative responsibility, availability of funding, availability of staff and resources, and technical feasibility etc.

¹ Letter Hon. Glen Elmes MP Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs to Committee Secretary - House of Representatives' Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs - 22 May 2014.

² Ibid, p2



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – ALCOHOL

Following our engagement with you (our valued residents of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire) and our community stakeholders, consideration of available Government and independent reviews of the AMP and review of statistical harm and wellbeing indicators compiled by the Queensland Government over many years, it is clear that there is a need and desire for change in how alcohol is managed in our community.

Notwithstanding the widely-held view amongst our community of the discriminatory nature AMP's introduced into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland in Yarrabah (2004) and in 18 other discrete communities (over a total of 15 Local Government Areas) (2002- 2009), there is no refuting the overwhelming evidence that the alcohol restrictions (wrapped-up as part of the AMP packages), have had positive impacts in reducing harm and improving wellbeing of residents in Yarrabah, particularly amongst our women and children. AMP's however, have not been without their negative impacts, which have included an increase in extortionately-priced and illicit alcohol availability within our community (both homebrew and commercially-sourced), a greater alcohol "binge drinking" culture due to urgency to consume illicit alcohol (particularly amongst our youth to age 35), the departure of community members from community to access legal alcohol elsewhere, and the increase in our criminalisation rate (fines and convictions) due to breach of carriage limits, to name just a few.

This CSP recognises a fundamental need for continued alcohol restriction in Yarrabah, both controlling the supply and demand of alcohol within our community, whilst enabling the necessary harm minimisation measures and supports. It commits to forging a community-led pathway out of discriminatory AMP's for Yarrabah, and into responsible self-management of alcohol; Moofella Way (Our Way).

It is recognised that a holistic and collaborative strategy is required to responsibly manage alcohol in our community, particularly given that it is but one cause and symptom of community harm as observed in other discrete Indigenous communities outside Yarrabah, amongst many other inter-related indicators such as:

- poor educational attainment;
- parenting skills and effective supervision of teenagers;
- low employment and economic participation rates;
- lack of and access to culturally capable health and rehabilitation services.³

We cannot do this all alone and need to partner with suitably experienced service providers and Government.

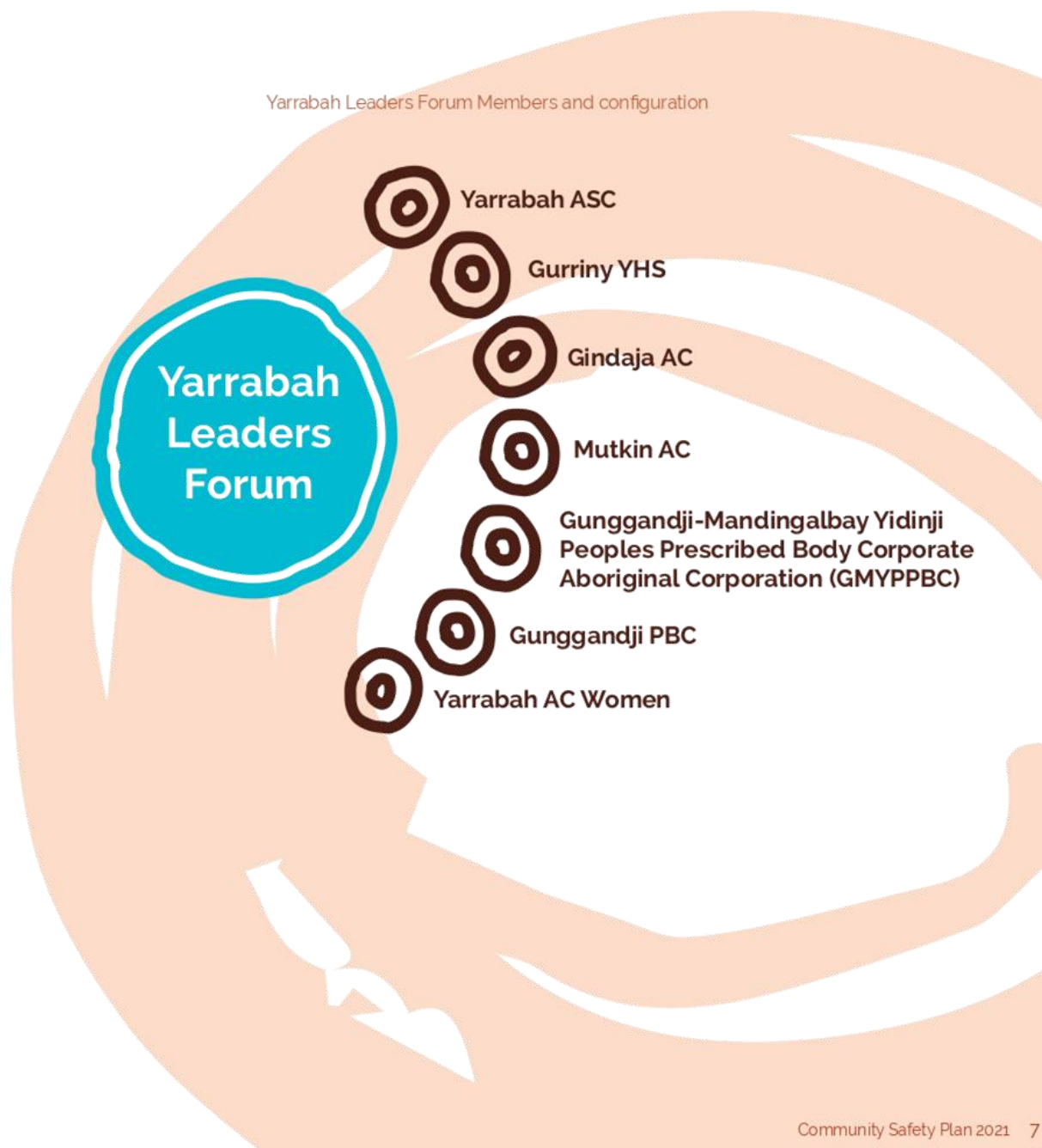
Our holistic strategy may take the form of (but is not limited to):

- (a) variations to carriage limits;
- (b) consideration of liquor permit/ licenses with a focus on family, recreation and wellbeing over profit (for licensed venues and one-off entertainment events), on a case by case basis;
- (c) assessing the adequacy and utilisation of targeted local supports to reduce alcohol dependence (community education and addiction support services (rehabilitation, treatment and diversion including mental health));
- (d) increasing the availability of community participation events; and
- (e) expanding the Community Safety Plan program to consider holistic community safety concerns for Yarrabah and feeding these findings into this CSP (Alcohol Management Strategy) 2021 to better to inform, strengthen and expand our recommendations.

³ House of Representative Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs Inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities - Queensland Government submission, May 2014, p7

We know what is best for our community, and what will work, however we are committed to listening to our valued community stakeholders/ service providers and Government as to how they might complement Moofella Way (Our Way).

We realise that this will take time and careful planning and engagement with you, our community stakeholders/ service providers, and the Queensland Government, however as leaders of our community, we are confident that a community-led strategy is in the best interests of our community over the long-term.



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Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

OUR COMMUNITY

Our community of Yarrabah lies to the East of Cairns. By road it is placed about 60 kilometers from the Cairns CBD, however, it is only approx. 12 kilometers if measured in a straight line "as the Crow flies". It takes about 45 minutes to travel by car from the Cairns CBD to our community. Our coastline runs East from False Cape around Mission Bay, past Cape Grafton and Kings Point and then South to Palmer Point. The total coastline is more than 60 kilometers.

Geographically, our land area could generally be described as a long slender shape, bounded in the West by the Murray Prior Range and the coast on the East. It has an overall length of about thirty (30) kilometers and is about 2.5 kilometers wide in the South, but broadens out to almost eight (8) kilometers across the Northern part. It has an area of about 158.8 square kilometers. The township of Yarrabah is, for the most part, located adjacent to Mission Bay. Originally, European influence began in earnest with the establishment of an Anglican Mission on this same location on the 17th of June, 1892.

Over the years, subsequent State Government administrations forcibly relocated Aboriginal and some South Sea Islander Peoples from far and wide to our community. As a consequence, most local residents can claim both traditional and historical ties to the area.

The first Aboriginal Council was established in the mid 1960's, principally as an advisory body to the State Government. Your Council is now a Local Government under the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld).

Our community has an official population of 2,559 people at the 2016 census. Official health records suggest a population closer to 3,500 in 2020.

Alcohol Management

Since 6 February 2004, Yarrabah has been subject to an AMP with carriage limits imposed to restrict legal access to alcohol in our community. 18 other discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are also subject to AMP's (over 15 Local Government Areas). There are presently no licensed premises in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire. AMP's were introduced into discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with a view to reducing alcohol-related harm, particularly to women and children. It is noted that AMP's were imposed on our community, with little to no engagement with us on our proposed solutions. We consider AMP's to be discriminatory government policy. We will discuss the effectiveness of AMP's later in this CSP.

As at the time of writing this CSP, alcohol restrictions apply to the confines of the Yarrabah Shire Council Local Government Area and its foreshores, and impose the following carriage limits:

Alcohol	Carriage Limit
Beer (>4% COA) - light/ mid-strength	11.25L (1 carton of 30 cans)
Wine (other than fortified wine)	750ml (1 bottle)
Other (incl. Spirits etc.)	ZERO

OUR APPROACH

Our approach to development of this CSP comprised two (2) stages over the period 2019/2020:

1. Research

To assist in framing-up the problem (alcohol-related harm) confronting our community both past and present, as well as potential solutions, in preparing this CSP we have considered the following materials/resources:

- a. Queensland Government alcohol-related harm and wellbeing statistics;
- b. Government Alcohol Management reviews, including historical findings and recommendations, namely:
 - Queensland Government's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Task Force on Violence (1998)
 - Cape York Justice Study – Justice Tony Fitzgerald (2001)
 - Meeting Challenges, Making Choices (2002)
 - AMP initial implementation evaluation – Dept of Premier and Cabinet (2005)
 - Partnerships Queensland: Future Directions Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy in Queensland 2005-2010 (2005);
 - Alcohol Management Reform Program (2008) – recommending and legislating the closure of local Council-run community canteens.

- c. Independent Alcohol Management Studies, namely:

- Clough, Alan R., et al. "Study Protocol- Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) in remote indigenous communities in Queensland: their impacts on injury, violence, health and social indicators and their cost-effectiveness." BMC public health 14.1 (2014): 1-11..
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- D'Abbs, Peter, and David MacLaren. "A Licensed Club in Yarrabah?: managing rewards, minimising risks." (2008).

2. Resident Engagement – Your Voice

Since commencement of our AMP in February 2004, our community has been engaged on numerous occasions to understand community views on the AMP and its effectiveness, both by Government and independent researchers. Most recently, in April 2020, a community resident survey was undertaken by your Council (in conjunction with DATSIP). To engage in the survey, respondents needed to be:

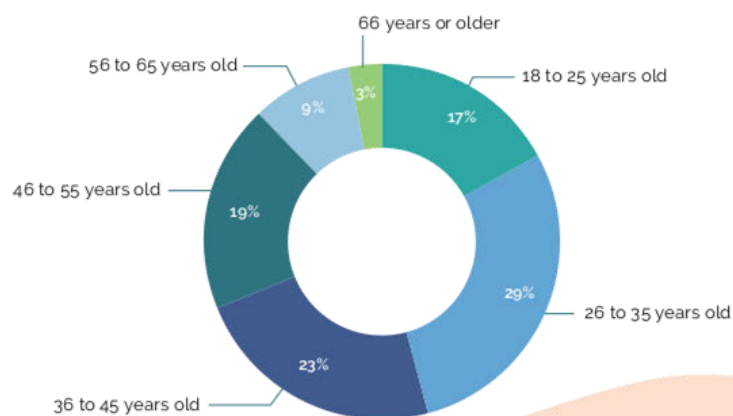
- aged 18 or older in 2020; and
- living in Yarrabah at the time of completing the survey.

Survey questions were developed in consultation with community stakeholders and focused primarily on alcohol management.

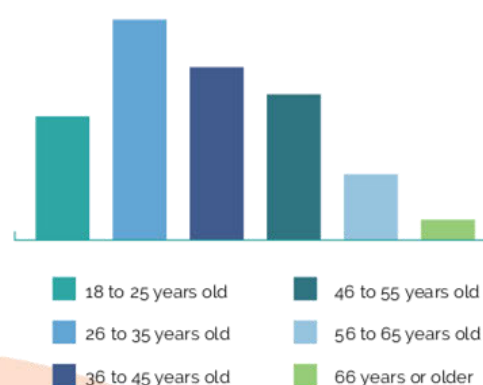
At the time of developing this report, it is known that population size of Yarrabah is better reflected by health records (as opposed to ABS data), which indicate there are 3,500 residents living in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire. Based on this, with an accepted 5% margin of error and a desired confidence level of 95%, a required sample size of minimum 347 survey responses were targeted. A total of 396 responses were received. Survey responses were collected in person by Gindija Treatment and Healing Centre staff and via an online survey, administered by DATSIP.

As shown in the below graphs, the greatest number of responses were received from respondents who were aged 26-35 years old (29%), followed by those aged 36-45 years (23%), and then those aged 46-55 years (19%).

PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS BY AGE IN 2020



PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS BY AGE IN 2020



RESEARCH

(A) QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT STATISTICS

The Queensland Government currently uses six (6) key statistical indicators to monitor and report on alcohol-related harm and wellbeing, namely:

Primary indicators are considered direct indicators and supporting indicators are considered indirect indicators of alcohol-related harm. The following statistical snapshot is provided indicating statistical improvement/decline over the duration of the AMP regulation:

	Indicator	Community safety element
1	Reported offences against the person	Harm (primary indicator)
2	Episodes of care for assault-related injuries	Harm (primary indicator)
3	Alcohol carriage restriction breaches	Demand (supporting indicator)
4	Child safety - Substantiated notifications of harm	Wellbeing (supporting indicator)
5	Child safety - Finalised child protection orders	Wellbeing (supporting indicator)
6	Student attendance	Wellbeing (supporting indicator)

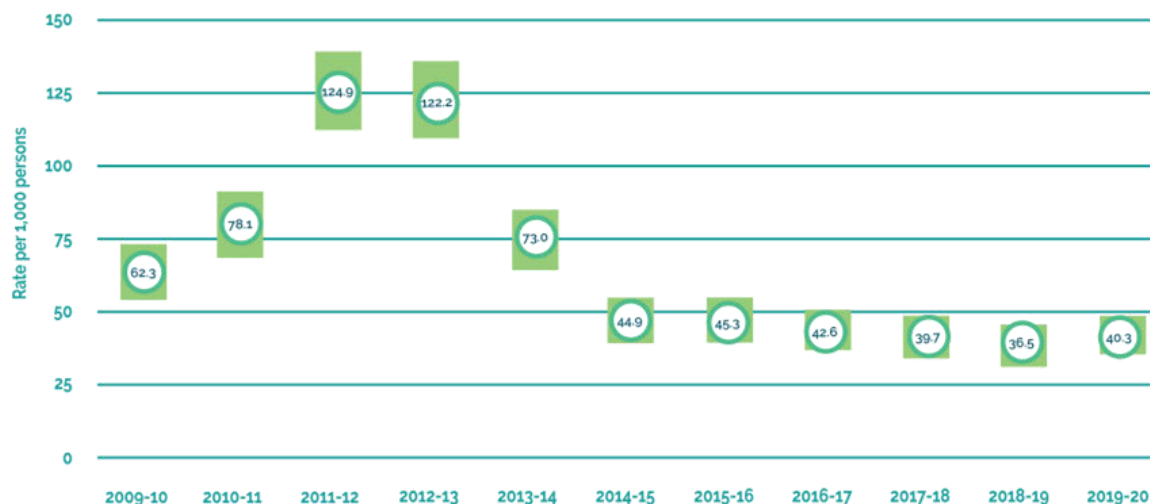
1. Reported Offences Against the Person

These offences refer to offences perpetrated against an individual person and include homicide, assault, sexual offences, robbery, stalking and kidnapping and abduction.

In 2019–20, 117 offences against the person were reported in Yarrabah (a rate of 40.3 per 1,000 persons compared with 7.4 per 1,000 people elsewhere in Queensland).

	Yarrabah	Queensland
	Rate	Rate
Offences against the person	40.3	7.4

Figure 14. Reported offences against the person



Trends include:

- Rates trended downward by 2% per year, on average, from 2000–01 to 2010–11.
- Rates did not significantly change from 2014–15 to 2019–20.

2. Episodes of Care for Assault-Related Injuries

Facilities within our community as of 1 July 2014 are no longer classified as hospitals. From 1 July 2014 until 30 June 2015, data provision from these facilities was not mandatory; however if episodes of care were supplied from these facilities, they were still retained in the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC).

From 1 July 2015, collection of episodes of care from these facilities ceased entirely. Furthermore, data for several facilities in the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (HHS) are known to be incomplete from 2010–11 to present. This does not include transfers and admissions of community residents to other facilities.

In 2019–20:

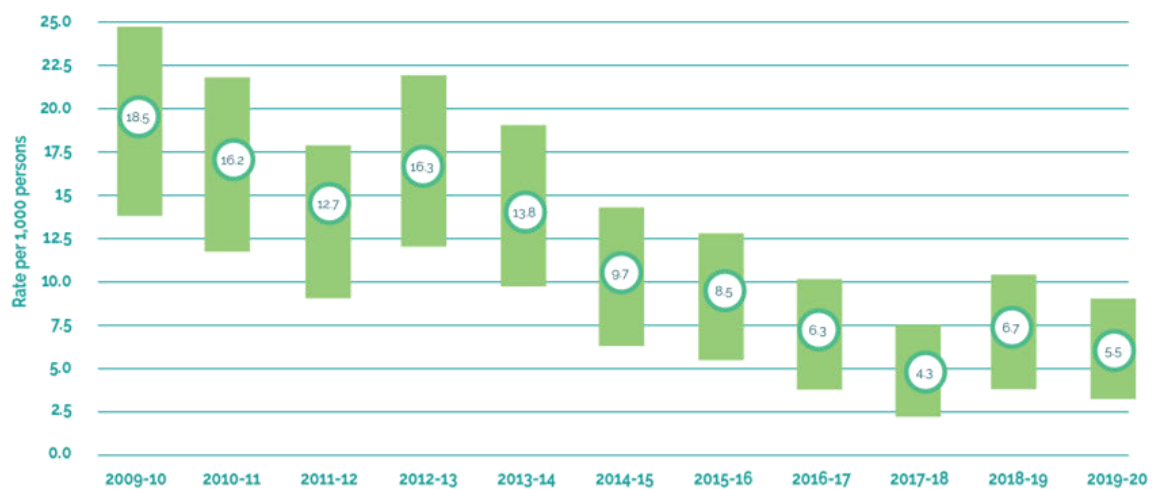
- 16 episodes of care for assault-related injuries were recorded for Yarrabah residents, compared with 19 in 2018–19.
- The episodes of care for assault-related injuries rate for Yarrabah residents (5.5 per 1,000 people) was significantly higher than the Queensland rate (1.3 per 1,000 people).



Table 12. Episode of care for assault-related injuries

Year	Yarrabah	Queensland
	rate(3)	rate(3)
2018-19	6.7	1.3
2019-20	5.5	1.3
Change from previous period	No significant change	No significant change

Figure 13. Episodes of care for assault-related injuries



3. Alcohol Carriage Restriction Breaches

People convicted of breaching alcohol carriage restrictions have been counted in the location where they committed the offence. A single offender can be convicted of multiple charges. As such, the rate of charges is a measure of charges (not offenders).

In 2019-20:

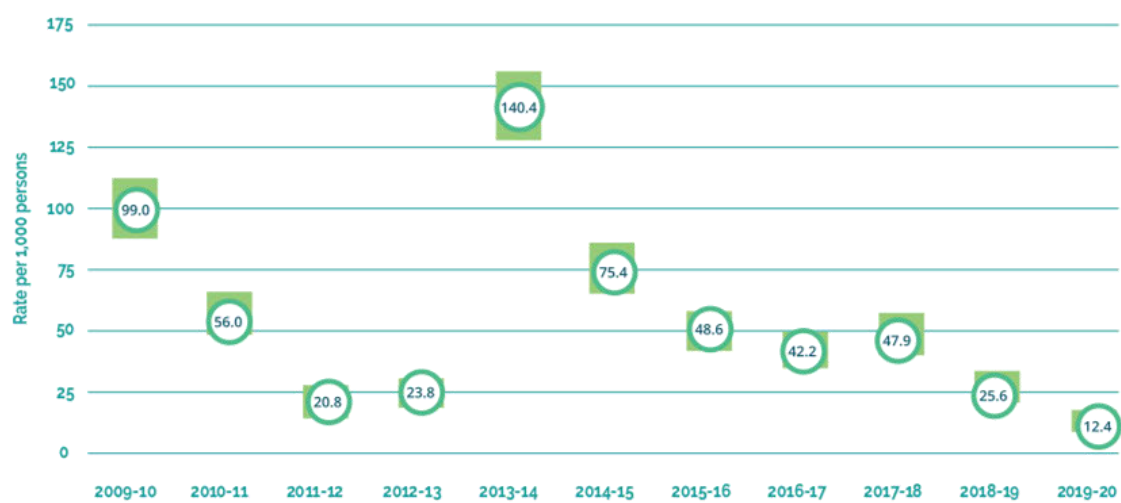
- The rate of charges resulting in a conviction for breach of alcohol carriage restrictions in Yarrabah was 12.4 per 1,000 persons. This was significantly lower than the rate reported for 2018-19 (25.6 per 1,000 persons).
- For 47.2% of people convicted, it was their first conviction for a breach of alcohol carriage restrictions.



Table 26. Breaches of Sections 168B and C, *Liquor Act 1992*, 2019-20

	Yarrabah
Charges resulting in a conviction (number)	36
People convicted (number)	36
People convicted of a breach for the first time (%)	47.2

Figure 23. Charges resulting in a conviction for breaches of alcohol carriage restrictions



4. Child Safety – Substantiated Notifications of Harm

Children subject to substantiated child protection notifications are all children who were subject to a notification during the relevant period, where the investigation resulted in a substantiated outcome and who were living in the relevant community at the time of notification.

In 2018–19, 26 children aged 0–17 years were subject to a substantiated notification of harm, compared with 13 in 2017–18.

Table 14. Unique children aged 0-17 years subject to a substantiated notification of harm

Year	Yarrabah rate(3)	Queensland rate(3)
2017-18	11.2	5.1
2018-19	22.2	5.2
Change from previous period	Significant increase	No significant change

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons aged 0-17 years



5. Child Safety – Finalised Child Protection Orders

Children admitted to child protection orders are all children who were admitted to a finalised child protection order during the relevant period and whose family residence was in Yarrabah at the time the order was made.

In 2018–19, less than 5 children aged 0–17 years were admitted to a finalised child protection order, compared with less than 5 in 2017–18.

6. Student Attendance

Yarrabah State School delivers education for years Prep to Year 10. It is noted that as at 2020, there were in approximately 200 students that reside in Yarrabah who attend schools other than Yarrabah State School, including boarding schools. The statistics below demonstrate attendance rates for the Yarrabah State School. The below tables show overall school attendance (averaged between primary and secondary school).

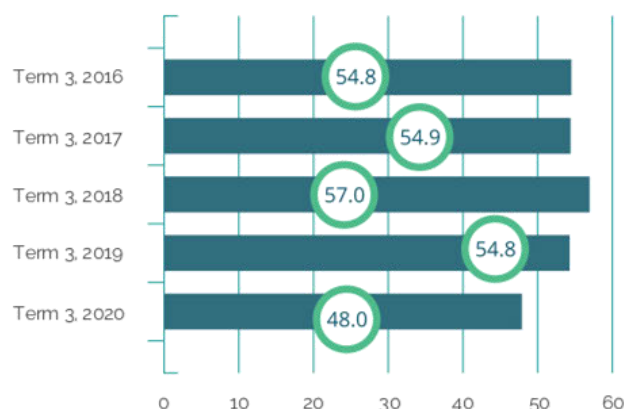
In Term 4, 2019:

- 326 primary school students were enrolled at Yarrabah State School. Their attendance rate was 63.5%. This was a significant decrease from the rate recorded for Term 4, 2018.
- 156 secondary school students were enrolled at Yarrabah State School. Their attendance rate was 37.4%. This was a significant decrease from the rate recorded for Term 4, 2018.

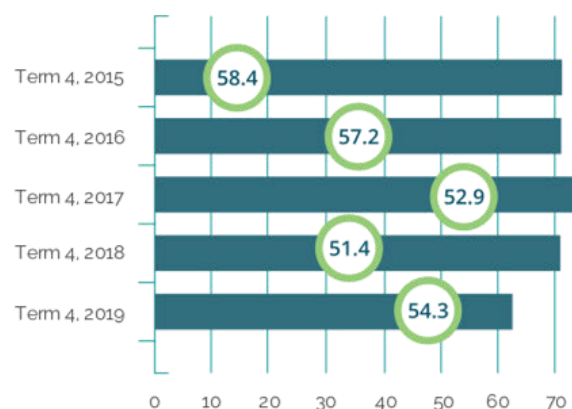
In Term 3, 2020:

- 320 primary school students were enrolled at Yarrabah State School. Their attendance rate was 48%. This was similar to the rate recorded for Term 3, 2019.
- 158 secondary school students were enrolled at Yarrabah State School. Their attendance rate was 30.0%. This was a significant decrease from the rate recorded for Term 3, 2019.

Overall student attendance



Overall student attendance



**(B) GOVERNMENT ALCOHOL
MANAGEMENT REVIEWS**

Many Government and independent reviews of alcohol management in discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have occurred over the years. Findings and recommendations generally support:

- (a) Ongoing role for AMPs in ensuring community safety
- (b) Local leadership and community ownership important for success
- (c) Targeted strategies required to reduce illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew)
- (d) Investment in demand and harm reduction measures required
- (e) Low impact of AMP's on criminal history

Our community is primed to develop a road map towards responsible self-management of alcohol: Moofella Way (Our Way). Your perspectives were/are vitally important to developing our road map. The Queensland Government has recognised that "one of the most significant learnings from our experience to date with AMPs is that community generated and community "owned" proposals can be more effective than government imposed "solutions".⁴

**(C) INDEPENDENT ALCOHOL
MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

Independent research into the effectiveness of AMP's in the discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is generally consistent with the Queensland Government's harm and wellbeing statistics, suggesting that overall under AMP's across the 19 discrete communities:

- Violence has decreased;
- Community is a better place to live (amenity);
- There is an improvement in safety for residents (especially children);
- School attendance has improved;
- Awareness of the harms of alcohol has improved;
- Sly-grog has become a greater issue (both homebrew and commercially-sourced);
- There is a greater "binge drinking" culture due to urgency to consume illicit alcohol;
- Some residents leave community to access legal alcohol elsewhere;
- Increased resident criminalisation rate (fines and convictions) due to breach of carriage limits; and
- There has been an increase in illicit drug use (mainly cannabis) as a substitute for alcohol.⁵

Independent research has concluded that "people living in the communities are divided in their opinions about ways forward. The majority of affected communities are reportedly seeking some loosening, but not abandonment, of restrictions." Independent research recommendations include:

- More strategic efforts to reduce the supply of illicit alcohol at State and regional levels;
- An increase in efforts to address family violence; and
- A scaling up of demand and harm reduction activities including well-resourced and appropriate alcohol (and drug) prevention and treatment services.⁶

⁴ House of Representative Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs Inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities - Queensland Government submission, May 2014, p3.

⁵ Summary of Results to Date – JCU – Clough A – December 2016; Clough, A.R., Margolis, S.A., Miller, A. et al. Alcohol management plans in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) Australian communities in Queensland: community residents have experienced favourable impacts but also suffered unfavourable ones. BMC Public Health 17, 55 (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-016-3995-8>

⁶ Ibid.

Independent research has suggested that "it is not clear that relaxing restrictions would reverse the harmful impacts of AMPs without significant demand reduction, treatment and diversion efforts."⁷ That is, without adequate and well-utilised/ implemented demand reductions, treatment and diversionary services/ measures, AMP's in their current form may be the "the lesser of the two evils" (AMP's vs alcohol-related harm).

Further, in 2008 James Cook University (d'Abbs & MaClaren) undertook a community survey regarding the establishment of a liquor-licensed venue in Yarrabah (connected to the Yarrabah Seahawks). The study observed community support for a licensed-venue with the following characteristics:

- a. Alcohol to be served strictly with meals (bistro) and to promote moderation; alongside social/ recreational activities;
- b. Caters also for non-drinkers;
- c. Children should not be present;
- d. A primary focus on responsible sale of alcohol, over profit;
- e. Connected to local alcohol support and diversionary services;
- f. Takeaways are not supported as this dilutes the family/ recreational purpose of the Club;
- g. Strong regulation of responsible sale and consumption of alcohol (including consequences for breach eg. bans from the Club); and
- h. Subject to regular independent evaluation.⁸



The Yarrabah Djunngaal Elders Group is collaborating with Yarrabah artists to create dresses for the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ 'A Licensed Club in Yarrabah? Managing Rewards, Minimising Risks', d'Abbs & MaClaren, James Cook University. July 2008.

RESPONDENT SUMMARY – YOUR VOICE

At this stage of the CSP program, we wanted to understand your perspectives on: -

- (a) the demand for alcohol in Yarrabah, including resident alcohol preference, the age group alcohol is most-in-demand, and how often residents would consume alcohol (demand);
- (b) the current and future availability (delivery-method) of alcohol in Yarrabah (supply)
- (c) what alcohol support services (rehabilitation, treatment and diversionary) should be available in Yarrabah (harm minimisation).

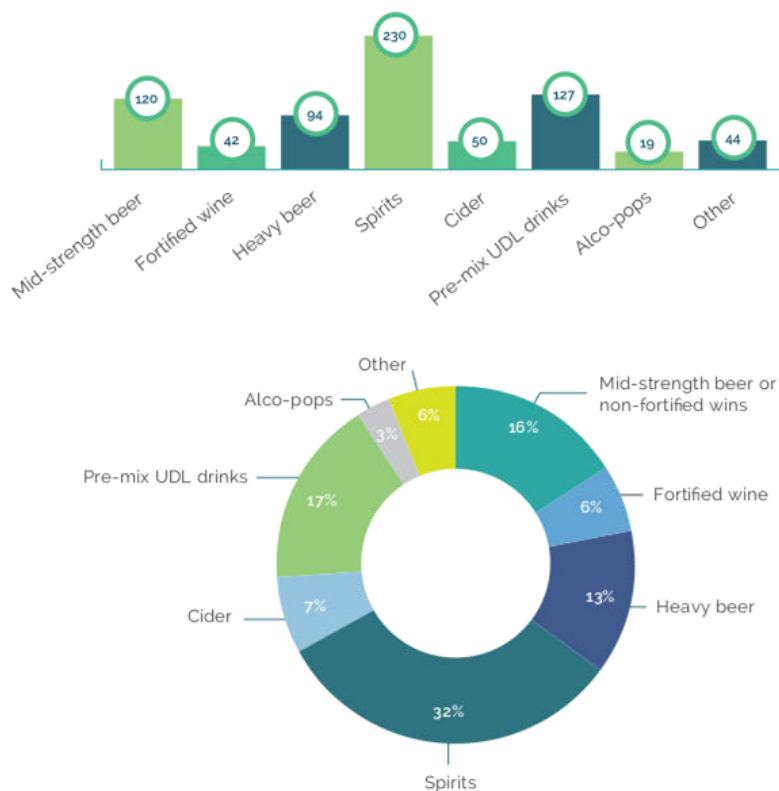
(A) DEMAND

Respondents were asked for their preferred alcohol beverage and how often they would ordinarily consume alcohol (and when). Respondents were asked to think not just about their preferences whilst in Yarrabah, but also whilst outside Yarrabah.

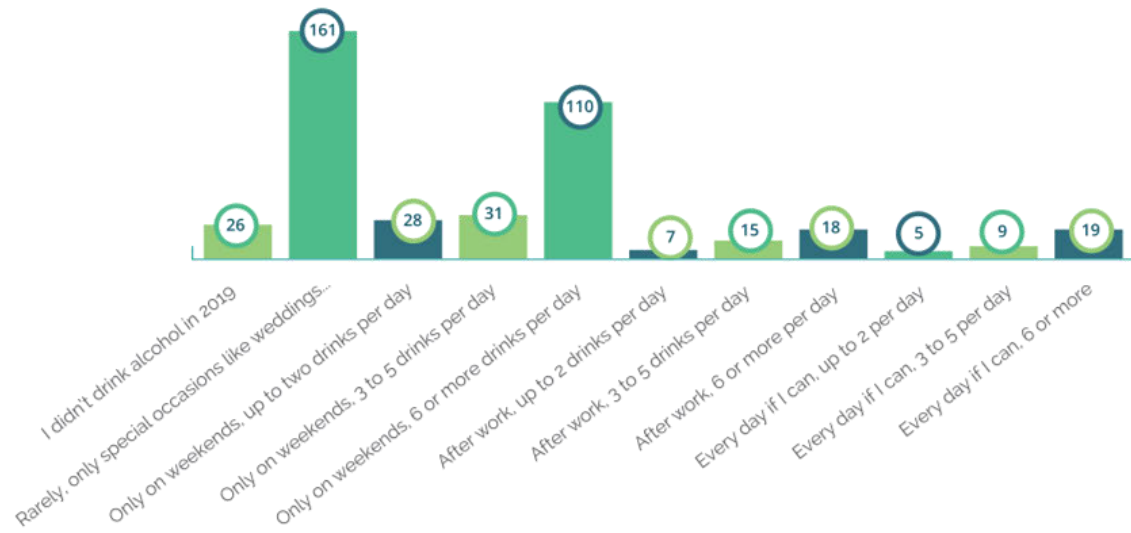
The results demonstrate that a high percentage of respondents prefer drinks other than beer and wine presently available under the current AMP carriage limit. Responses demonstrate that 38% of respondents drink rarely – on special occasions such as weddings, funeral or birthday party events. This response may be consistent with the existence of current carriage limits in Yarrabah, and not indicative of future consumption.

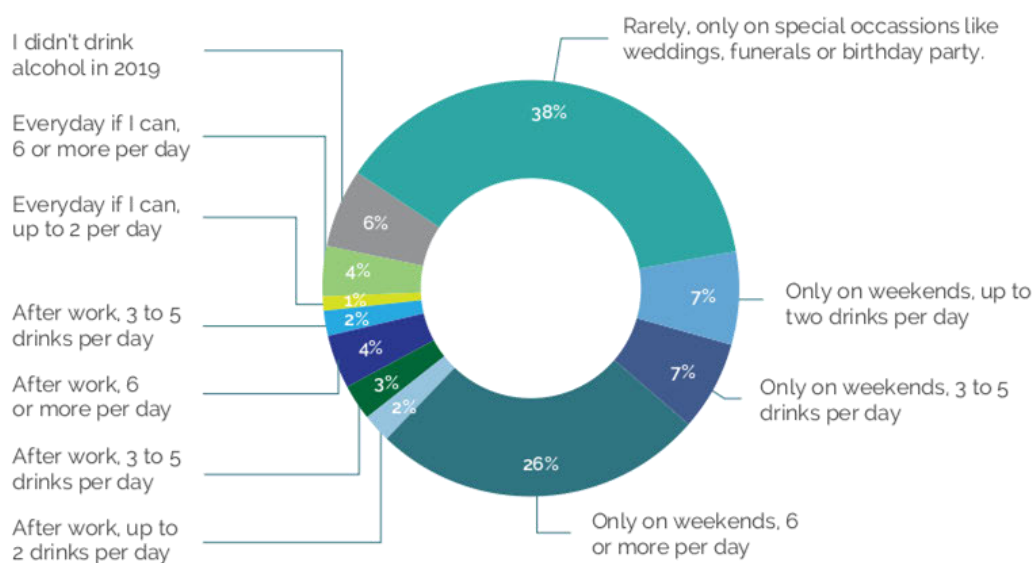
26% of respondents drink six (6) or more drinks per day on weekends. Of this cohort, 37% were aged 26-35 years.

What is your preferred alcoholic drink?

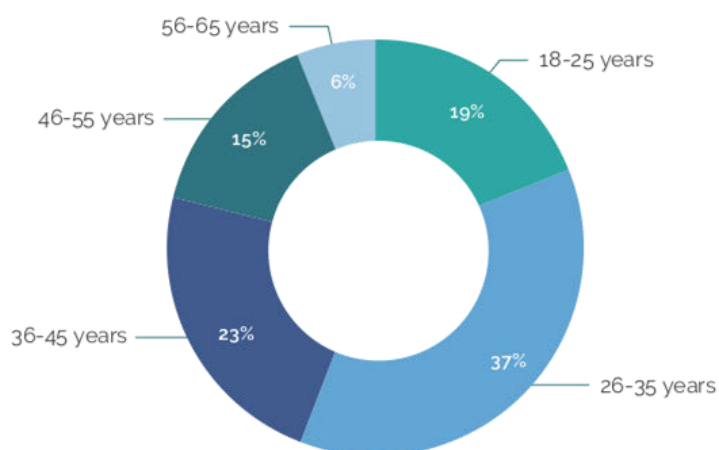


DURING 2019, HOW OFTEN DID YOU DRINK?





SURVEY RESPONDENTS WHO DRINK 'ON WEEKENDS, 6 OR MORE PER DAY' BY AGE



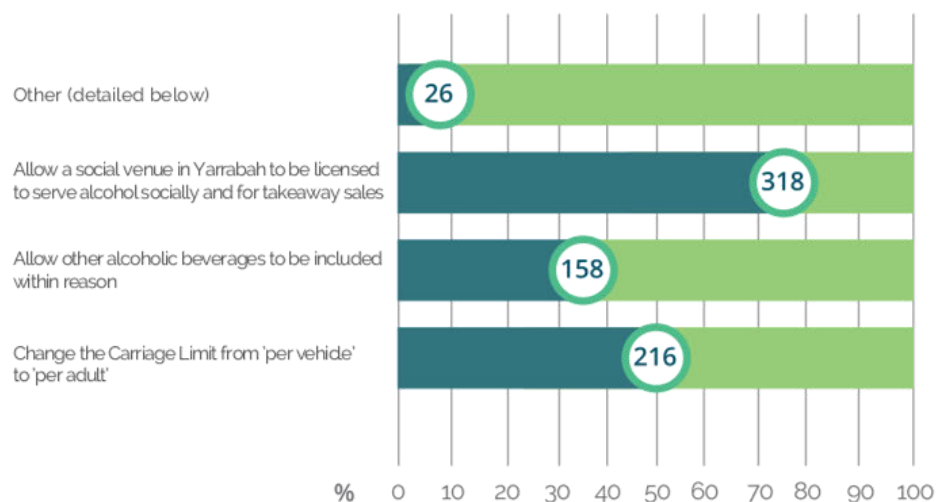
(B) SUPPLY

Respondents were asked whether they would support changes to the carriage limits, and if so, what?

Respondents provided free text responses to the "other" category, recommending the following additional options, namely:

- Zero carriage limit (alcohol-free community);
- Exclude bottles – canned drinks alcohol only;
- No change to carriage limits;
- Remove carriage limit – unlimited alcohol allowed;
- Allow takeaways / mobile delivery/ drive thru.

Overall, responses affirmed the independent 2008 JCU study regarding "in principle" support for a licensed venue in Yarrabah. There was general support for changes to carriage limits (including types of alcohol available, quantities and per adult measure).



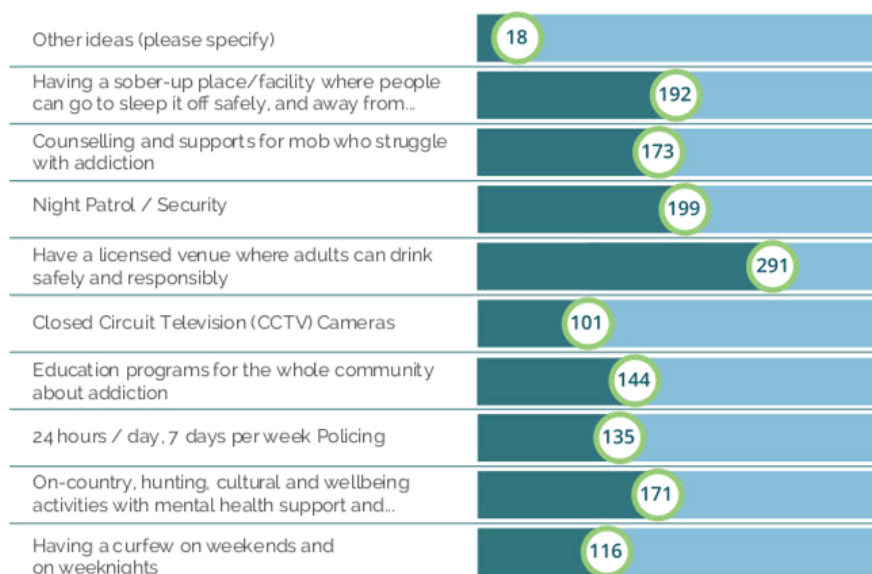
(C) HARM MINIMISATION

Respondents were asked what alcohol-related support services should be available in Yarrabah to improve safety and perceptions of safety.

Respondents provided free text responses to the "other ideas" category, recommending:

1. Courtesy bus
2. Men shelter / outstation, bigger youth drop in centre
3. More street lights
4. Enforcement of noise breaches (parties etc).

Again, a licensed venue for responsible sale and consumption of alcohol received the greatest support by respondents. It is also clear from the results that there is a demand for greater rehabilitation, treatment and diversionary services in Yarrabah (community education, counselling, sober-up place, on-country activities) as well greater surveillance and enforcement (policing, security, CCTV).

Harm Minimisation

ACTION AREAS

The following Action Areas comprise Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire's initial pathway out of AMP's and into responsible self-management of alcohol; Moofella: Our Way.

1) ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT – MOOFELLA WAY - OUR WAY

AIM: To develop a holistic framework (Moofella Way – Our Way) for responsible self-management of alcohol which addresses supply, demand and harm minimisation factors.

ACTION:

- a. Carriage Limits - To review carriage limits with a focus on supply, demand and harm minimisation factors, including consideration of proposals such as:
 - i. per person limits vs per vehicle limits;
 - ii. types of alcohol (extending beyond beer and wine);
 - iii. delivery-method – eg. liquor permit/ licenses with a focus on family, recreation and wellbeing over profit (for licensed venues and one-off entertainment events), on a case by case basis, including consideration of the following conditions:
 1. trading hours
 2. takeaways
 3. types of alcohol
 4. purchasing restrictions (# of drinks at a time by patrons)
 5. requirement to be sold with meals/ bistro etc.

APPROACH:

- a. Focused- community workshops on targeted proposals supported in this CSP;
- b. Consideration of findings and recommendations from Action Area 2 (Community Safety (Generally)).
- c. Business case/ model developed by liquor license proponents and submitted to YLF for consideration and comment;
- d. Referral of all carriage limit changes to the YLF for expert advice and comment;
- e. Application(s) to the Queensland Government (eg. OLGR).

ACTION OWNER: YASC

TIMEFRAME: By 30 June 2022

ACTION:

- b. Community Education - To review effectiveness of current community education programs (content and delivery-method) around alcohol awareness (addiction and substance education), with a particular focus on Yarrabah youth demographic (15-25) and provide comment/ seek additional supports (including funding) to facilitate improvement.

APPROACH:

- a. Focused- stakeholder workshops;
- b. YLF expert advice and comment;
- c. YLF Recommendations and;
- d. Implementation.

ACTION OWNER: YLF

TIMEFRAME: By 30 June 2022

ACTION:

- c. Alcohol and Mental Health Support Services – To review effectiveness, utilisation of places, data-collection, location, cultural-appropriateness and sufficiency of funding of/for current alcohol and mental health support services (rehabilitation, treatment and diversion) in Yarrabah, including but not limited to:
 - i. a 'sober-up' facility
 - ii. AOD support
 - iii. Family/Domestic Violence
 - iv. Parenting courses
 - v. Career/employment planning
 - vi. Financial/money matters

APPROACH:

- a. Focused- stakeholder workshops;
- b. YLF expert advice and comment;
- c. YLF Recommendations and;
- d. Implementation.

ACTION OWNER: YLF

TIMEFRAME: By 30 June 2022

ACTION:

- d. Community Participation Events – To research and investigate creative options/ methods for a community calendar, including:
 - i. Clean up Yarrabah day (BBQ's provided etc)
 - ii. Youth music video making program (offered during 6pm-8pm keeping youth from roaming the streets)
 - iii. Men's and Women's circles – informal, once a week (See also Action Area 1(b) Community Education)
 - iv. Mum's and bub's mornings, story times etc
 - v. Program for young people aged 17-25 to be transported to Cairns for a day to attend local open day's for TAFE, UNI etc
 - vi. Conduct monthly or quarterly 'have your say' days (BBQ's) – encourage discussion and care for community direction.

APPROACH:

- a. YLF to develop an events calendar;
- b. YASC to publish events calendar to community and;
- c. YASC to continue to update the events calendar.

ACTION OWNER: YASC

TIMEFRAME: By 31 December 2021 (for 2022).

2) COMMUNITY SAFETY (GENERALLY)

AIM: To develop a holistic Community Safety Plan covering all community safety concerns relevant to the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, including actions to inform the future strategic planning and budgets of Council.

ACTION:

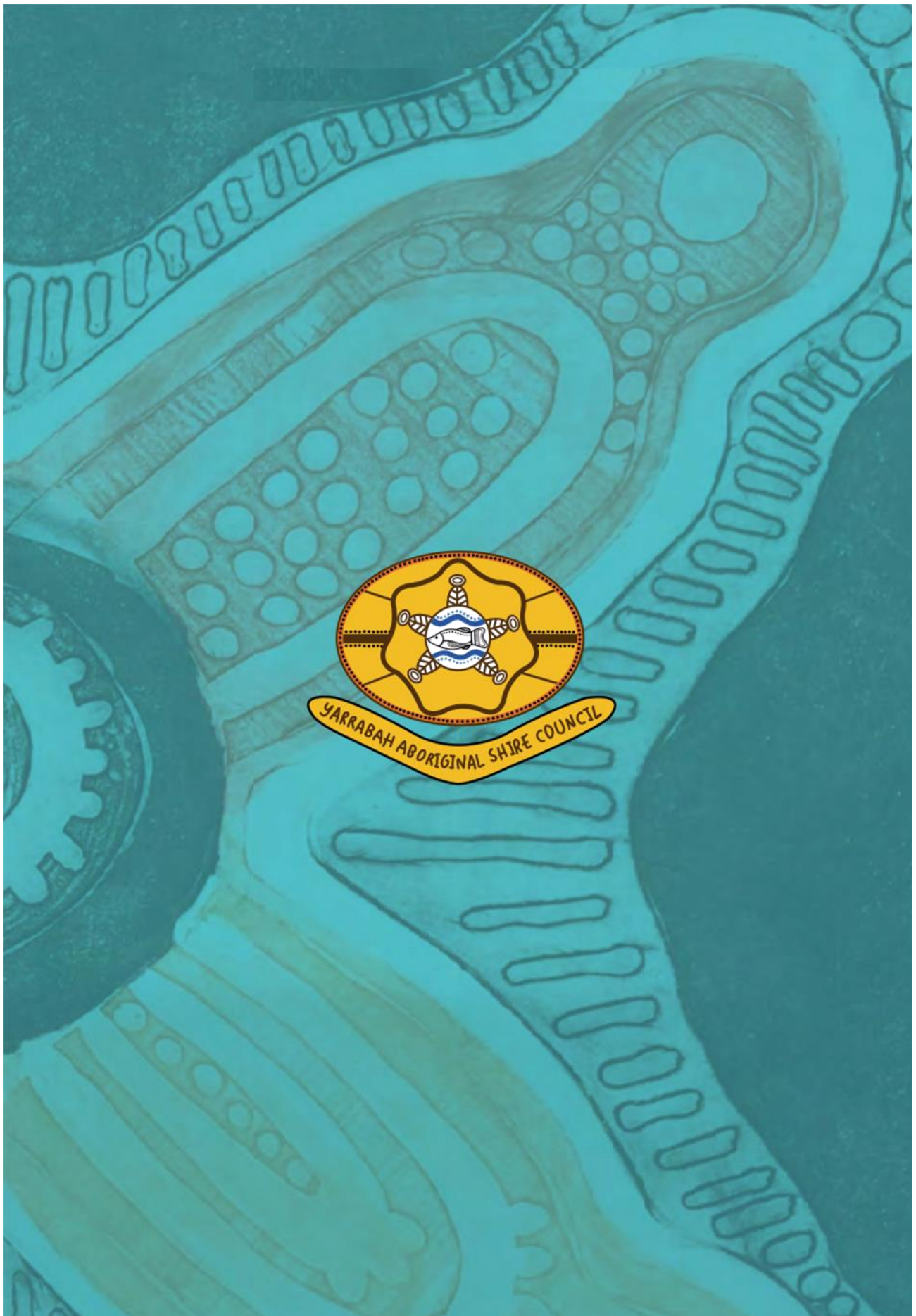
- a. Community Safety Plan (General) - Expand the CSP Program to undertake Yarrabah public engagement on community and stakeholder perspectives of safety more broadly to inform Action Area 1 (Alcohol Management – Moofella Way (Our Way)), including expansion on community concerns to assess and improve our response to the following potential safety concerns:
 - i. Noise (parties/ hooning etc)
 - ii. Infrastructure - street lighting, footpaths, community amenity;
 - iii. Policing
 - iv. Surveillance (CCTV)
 - v. Alcohol dependence/ diversionary services (and provider performance)
 - vi. Vulnerable groups (ie. youth/disabled/ aged care) (and provider performance)
 - vii. Security
 - viii. Transport – roads
 - ix. Housing – social housing
 - x. Planning – master planning
 - xi. Animal control
 - xii. Environment
 - xiii. Water/ Waste
 - xiv. Local Laws
 - xv. Money Management (eg. gambling)

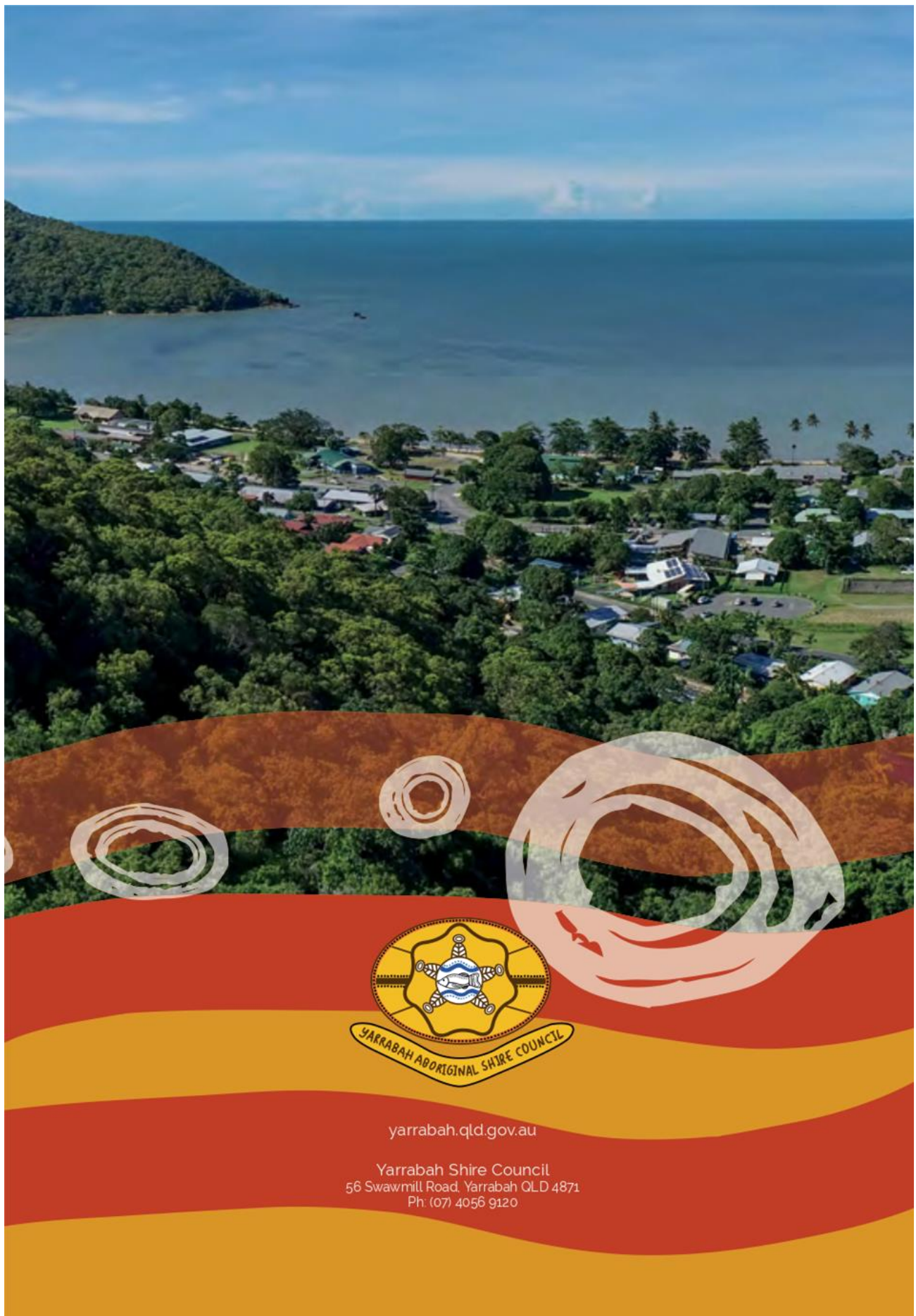
APPROACH:

- a. Community engagement with community residents and community stakeholders via methods such as surveys, workshops, focus groups and semi-structured interviews;
- b. Referral of draft CSP to YLF for expert advice and comment;
- c. Community verification – consultation draft released for 30 days;
- d. Adoption by your Council.

ACTION OWNER: Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

TIMEFRAME: By 31 December 2021





7.7 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM:

File Number: 07.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Richard Wright, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – [REDACTED].

BACKGROUND

Applicant for consideration identified as [REDACTED]. Parents are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following documents have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and other relevant statutes.

Council's process for providing confirmation of persons known to authorised person in Council or have family ties in community. The attached application received from persons seeking Council's confirmation / endorsement. This will grant support to confirm their cultural identity and affiliation to Yarrabah.

As a note, requirements for access to programs or services now calls for applicants to provide confirmation to support Indigenous progress or development. It requires individuals to demonstrate their connection to country and confirm their aboriginality status.

This application was endorsed by Deputy Mayor Willett and Councillor Murgha on 26th April 2023.

The approved form was signed, sealed and recorded in the common seal register.

ACTION

Formal resolution by Council endorsing confirmation.

ATTACHMENTS**1. Confirmation Of Aboriginality / Community Affiliation Form****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve, in relation to the application for confirmation of Aboriginality/Community Affiliation as submitted by [REDACTED].

That Council resolve to endorse the recommendation provided by the CEO to accept the application for confirmation of Aboriginality community affiliation as submitted by the following person:

- [REDACTED]

It is further recommended that this action is moved and seconded by the signing Councillors.

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CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY/COMMUNITY AFFILIATION

I, [REDACTED]
(First Name) (Other Name) (Last Name)

Born on [REDACTED]
(Location of birth)

And now living at [REDACTED]
(Your full address)

Declare that I am Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (cross whichever refers to you)

My mother's name is /was [REDACTED]

My father's names is/was [REDACTED]

The language group and/or home community is _____

Culturally I identify as ABORIGINAL

I have lived in this community for 20 years

Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 19 / 04 / 2023

To be completed by an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Organisation or association within the applicants community.

The above person is accepted and recognised as a member or was a member of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire.

Name of Organisation: Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	
Name: _____	Position: _____
Signature: _____	Date: ____/____/____
Name: _____	Position: _____
Signature: _____	Date: ____/____/____

7.8 CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY / COMMUNITY AFFILIATION APPLICANT FORM:

File Number: 08.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Richard Wright, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Present information to council from community resident seeking Confirmation of Aboriginality endorsement consideration. Applicant – [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND

Applicant for consideration identified as [REDACTED]. Parents are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following documents have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and other relevant statutes.

Council's process for providing confirmation of persons known to authorised person in Council or have family ties in community. The attached application received from persons seeking Council's confirmation / endorsement. This will grant support to confirm their cultural identity and affiliation to Yarrabah.

As a note, requirements for access to programs or services now calls for applicants to provide confirmation to support Indigenous progress or development. It requires individuals to demonstrate their connection to country and confirm their aboriginality status.

Due to the urgency of this matter, this application was endorsed by Mayor Andrews and Councillor Underwood on 17th April 2023.

The approved form was signed, sealed and recorded in the common seal register.

ACTION

Formal resolution by Council endorsing confirmation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confirmation Of Aboriginality / Community Affiliation Applicant Form - [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to endorse the recommendation provided by the CEO to accept the application for confirmation of Aboriginality community affiliation as submitted by the following person:

- [REDACTED]

It is further recommended that this action is moved and seconded by the signing Councillors.



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CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY/COMMUNITY AFFILIATION

I, [REDACTED]

Born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

And now living at [REDACTED]
(Your Full Address)

Declare that I am Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (cross whichever does not refer to you)

My mother's name is/was [REDACTED]

My Father's names is/was [REDACTED]

The language group and/or home community are Gunggandji/Yarrabah

Culturally I identify as Aboriginal

I have lived in this community for 20 years

Signature [REDACTED] Date: 05 / 04 / 23

To be completed by an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Organisation or association within the applicant's community.

The above person is accepted and recognised as a member or was a member of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire.

Name of Organisation: YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL	
Name: <u>Ross Andrews</u>	Position: <u>Mayor</u>
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>17 / 4 / 2023</u>
Name: <u>Brian Underwood</u>	Position: <u>Councillor</u>
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>17 / 4 / 2023</u>

* these Signatures must not be members of the Applicant's family

7.9 AMMENDMENT TO REEF GUARDIAN COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

File Number: 09.MFD_OM.20230517

Author: Richard Wright, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To recommend to Council an amendment to the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire –Reef Guardian Council Action Plan

BACKGROUND

The Reef Guardian Council program (RGC program) is a collaborative stewardship arrangement between local government in the Great Barrier Reef catchment and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, which recognises that local and regional approaches are central to protecting and managing the Reef and the communities it supports.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council is a signatory to the Reef Guardian Councils.

On 21 December 2022 Council adopted its Reef Guardian Council Action Plan.

COMMENT

In late May / early June 2023, Federal Government will be releasing guidelines in relation to Federal Governments Reef Guardian Council Funding.

This funding is closed to the 19 Reef Guardian Councils, who will receive equal shares of the overall funding. Each Council will receive \$920,000 (over 3 yrs – Yr 1 is \$300k / Yr 2 is \$300k and Yr 3 is \$320k) and is to deliver actions or recommendations that are shovel ready programs and form part of Councils Reef Guardians action plan at time of application.

Due to Council's current situation with regards to our drinking water infrastructure, our Action Plan has been reviewed.

It is recommended that the suggested amendment to include

LAND BASED RUN OFF

Upgrade and Repair councils drinking water treatment plant and water systems.	Upgrade, repair and replace councils water treatment plant which includes a chlorination, pH correction and sodium Hydroxide system. Replace the non-functioning SCADA system. The repairs, upgrades and replacement of equipment will reduce the land-based run-of contaminated water to the reef from the damaged water infrastructure, incorrect dosage of chemicals, seepage and leaching from joints/shoulders.	Pending Funding.
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May assist Council access further funding to assist in addressing our water issues.

POLICY/FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Action Plan provides access to specific funding opportunities for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef.

RISK

Nil. Strategy Plan can be revised / amended.

CONSULTATION

CEO has consulted with Reef Guardian Council executive.

ATTACHMENTS**1. YASC Reef Guardian Council Action Plan - Ammended****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to endorse the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council –Reef Guardian Council Action Plan, as amended and presented by the CEO.



Reef Guardian Council program

The Reef Guardian Council program (RGC program) is a collaborative stewardship arrangement between local government in the Great Barrier Reef catchment and the Authority, which recognises that local and regional approaches are central to protecting and managing the Reef and the communities it supports.

The RGC program was first launched in 2007 and in 2020 has grown to include 19 member councils covering an area of 300 000 square kilometres and a population of more than one million people.

Whether Reef Guardian Councils and their communities are large or small, they are making continuous improvements to help the Reef.

Action plans

This Action Plan records the diversity of council actions and projects that contribute to Reef health. It aligns with Queensland and Australian Government objectives to improve the long-term outlook for the Reef.

Actions are scalable reflecting each council's financial and technical capacities. To be a member, councils with a population of less than 50,000 residents must commit to at least one action for each item (climate change, coastal development, land-based run-off, direct use, heritage values), while councils with greater than 50,000 residents must commit to at least three actions per item. Examples of actions are provided in Table 1 of the Reef Guardian Council program Terms of Reference, however the program empowers councils to drive change and deliver innovative solutions to help the Reef by identifying other actions beyond those provided.

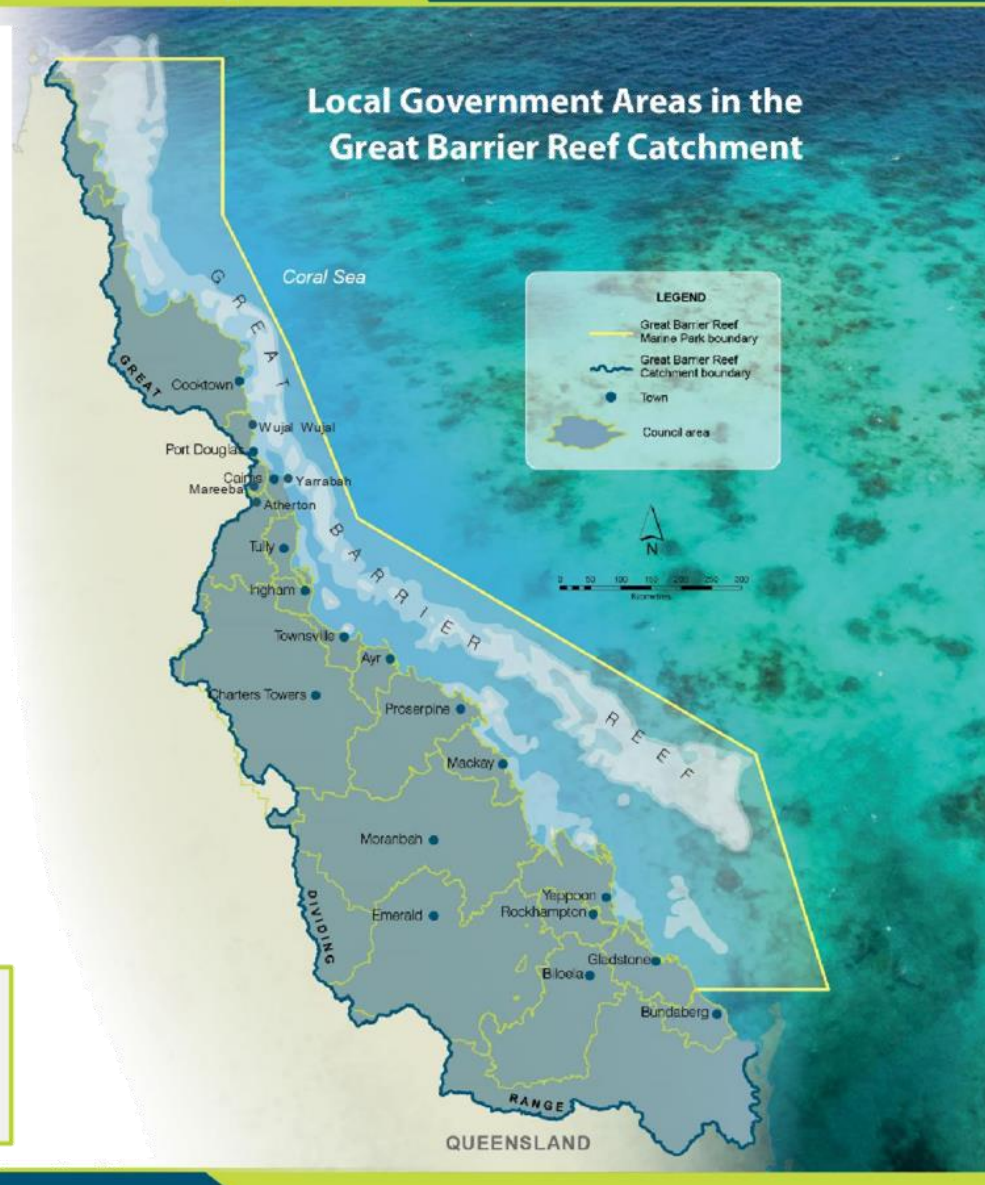
Endorsement

The council recognises the importance of the Reef Guardian partnership and values the contributions made by staff and the community 'working together today for a healthier Reef tomorrow'.

Period of Action Plan: 2020-24

Endorsed: /..... /.....

Council signatory



Climate change

Action	Description	Financial/Resource Commitment	Partnerships	Project Status
Climate resilience alliance	Participate in the Rivers to Reef climate resilience alliance		FNQROC, LGAQ	
Microgrid feasibility study	Undertake microgrid feasibility study		Australian Renewable Energy Agency, Qld government	Completed March 2022
Microgrid business case	Following microgrid feasibility study produce a business case for potential funding		Qld government	Seeking funding
Develop e-mobility plan	Develop and seek funding to progress plan for an e-transport network to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and improve socio-economic outcomes in the shire		Qld government (Qld Transport)	Seeking funding

Future projects wish list

Project Name	Description	Financial / Resource Requirements
Microgrid	Install microgrid	\$20M
Microgrid Stage 1a - Energy efficient appliances	Provide 5-star energy efficient appliances (Microgrid Stage 1A) Assumes 368 dwellings \$7,000 / household including contingency and project management costs for replacement of HWS and air-conditioners. Final requirements subject to outcomes of energy efficiency audits. Expenditure budgeted over 2 years (Years 1-2)	\$2.8m
Microgrid Stage 1b – Rooftop solar	Install microgrid – Stage 1b Residential Rooftop Solar PV Assumes 300 rooftop systems @\$6,000 per system. Budget cost includes provision for switchboard upgrades to meet current safety standards and sundry wiring upgrades. Digital metering installations assumed to be funded by Ergon Retail with costs recovered via metering charges associated with standard tariffs. Expenditure in Year 1	\$2.1M

Microgrid Stage 2a – Solar Farm, Battery, Standby Generator, Microgrid Control	Central microgrid establishment • 1,450Kw solar farm • 1,700Kw Battery (6hr) • 550kw Diesel Standby Generator • Microgrid Control System & Communications • Network Connection Assets incl. metering • Site Preparation Works & Civil • Project Management • Cost Contingency Expenditure over 2 years (Years 1-2)	12.3M
Microgrid – Stage 2b Science Centre & Knowledge Hub	Renewables and science centre learning hub Integral part of the project for demonstration of the microgrid and for delivering the economic outcomes for Yarrabah including significant contribution to education, local employment and tourism. Assumes facility is co-located with microgrid, and includes : - Building - Plant, equipment & technology fit-out - EV Charging Facility - E-mobility maintenance facility Caretaker's residence	4M
Microgrid – Stage 2c Micro Hydro & Micro Wind	Micro hydro can potentially be installed earlier to offset water production costs for YASC. Wind turbine option included for demonstration purposes.	0.2M
Microgrid - Stage 2D – Community Rooftop Solar PV	400Kw of rooftop solar PV on commercial / community buildings	1.5M

	400Kw rooftop solar PV on High School, Health Centre, PCYC building, Council buildings etc. It is assumed that this would be funded by the participating agencies and rooftops are suitable for solar installations.	
Electronic transport network	Fund and develop an e-transport network to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and improve socio-economic outcomes in the shire	\$500K feasibility study and pilot
CHAS increasing infrastructure resilience	3.1.3 Promote resilient homes within the community (link in with knowledge sharing initiatives).* • Insist on climate resilient housing when negotiating new housing or housing upgrade programs • Identify and embed operational triggers for simple retrofits, e.g. raising electrical points, hot water systems • Advocate for a State-wide approach to supporting resilient community housing, potentially supported by the Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program.	

Coastal development

Action	Description	Financial/Resource Commitment	Partnerships	Project Status
Landfill upgrade	Upgrade waste transfer station		Queensland Government (Building our Regions)	In progress
Recycling	Work with Cairns Regional Council to gain access to CRC recycling centre		CRC	In progress
Masterplan	Development of housing masterplan for community		DATSIP	
Balamba masterplan	Development of a community masterplan		Qld government	
Foreshore plan	Develop foreshore plan	\$400K	Qld government	In progress
Transport network plan	Develop a transport network plan to provide direction for the funding and provision of transport infrastructure for the	\$100K	Qld Transport	Completed

	Yarrabah Community and to provides the supporting information required for future funding application. The TNP should cover: ▪ Assessment of the Yarrabah ASC Local Government Area, Constraints and Opportunities. ▪ Population and Demand Modelling ▪ Transport network objectives and standards ▪ Infrastructure standards ▪ Existing and planned transport networks ▪ Opportunities & Prioritisation of Works ▪ Implementation strategy ▪ Network costs and Funding			
Container refund scheme exchange centre	Establish a container refund centre in Yarrabah			
Community nursery	1.1.4 Investigate opportunity to establish a community nursery linked to market gardens.		NIAA	Feasibility study for market garden complete
CHAS land use and planning	2.1.3 Consider implications (within Council) of the Strategy for future development approvals and conditions, including: • Approval conditions for lots of undeveloped land • Implications for future development approvals and conditions.			Ongoing
Source reduction plan – review and update	Work with TBF and the PBCs to review, update and implement source reduction plan		ReefClean, PBCs	
CHAS knowledge sharing	1.2.3 Continue to advance partnerships and collaboration with Traditional Owners to further consider needs and aspirations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in coastal hazard			In progress

	adaptation.*			
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Future projects wish list

Project Name	Description	Financial / Resource Requirements
Town centre masterplan	Town Centre MasterPlan to address/rationalise town centre runoff, drainage, parking, landscaping and land use mix.	\$250K
CHAS community stewardship	1.1.1 Establish and implement a dune protection and maintenance program, including establishing a nursery (refer to 1.1.4) that is coordinated by and/or encourages participation by Traditional Owners, Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers and schools . * 1.1.3 Promote coastal custodianship in the youth and future generations with community dune and coast care events.*	Junior ranger funding, ranger wages, operational costs.
CHAS knowledge sharing	1.2.2 Enhance community adaptive capacity to coastal hazards, including awareness of increasing coastal hazard exposure and risk, and way to improve individual preparedness and adaptive capacity through training, education and events.*	
CHAS monitoring	1.3.1 Establish a system of photo monitoring points (CoastSnap, Fluker Post or similar) at beaches in the area or provide training (see 1.2.2) for Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers in drone monitoring techniques for coastal areas.* 1.3.2 Establish a water quality monitoring program to understand changes in salinity and saltwater intrusion in the coastal aquifer. 1.3.3 Create a platform/process for data monitoring and management, identifying synergies and collaboration opportunities with existing monitoring programs and research.	Photo monitoring into foreshore management plan Work with PBCs land and sea rangers to progress
CHAS land use and planning	2.1.1 Submit updated Erosion Prone Area layers to State Government for formal update to the existing State-wide mapping.	

	2.1.2 Use the updated Erosion Prone Area and storm tide mapping and outcomes of the Strategy in current and future Planning Scheme and Master Plan updates to inform decisions on development areas and strategic land use planning.	
CHAS relocate infrastructure	3.2.1 Consider relocating/rebuilding at-risk temporary structures away from fragile and eroding foredunes and rehabilitate sand dunes.	
Flood study	Undertake study to establish flood levels and minimum building levels for development	

Land-based run-off

Action	Description	Financial/Resource Commitment	Partnerships	Project Status
WTP options assessment	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) engage GANDEN Engineers and Project Managers (GANDEN) to undertake an options assessment on the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant with the intent to improve final effluent quality			Report received for consideration
CHAS dune and vegetation protection and maintenance	4.1.1 Work with the existing Ranger programs to establish a targeted dune and riparian protection and maintenance program.* 4.1.2 Revegetate the dunes and foreshore along the shoreline where vegetation has been cleared.* 4.1.3 Consider areas where fencing can be used to protect native dune vegetation.* 4.1.4 Establish formal access paths and roads to the shore.* 4.1.5 Extend the dune protection and maintenance program to include protecting mangroves and marine plants			
Urban Water Stewardship Framework	Participate in UWSF process e.g. workshop		OGBR	

Future projects wish list

Project Name	Description	Financial / Resource Requirements
WTP upgrade option 1	De-sludge WTP lagoons (at least number 1) (as per 2433-RPT-001 A, Yarrabah Sewage Treatment Plant Review Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council)	
WTP upgrade option 3	Install aerator(s) (as per 2433-RPT-001 A, Yarrabah Sewage Treatment Plant Review Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council)	>\$95-128K
WTP beneficial reuse study	Engage contractor to investigate potential for beneficial reuse of waste from WTP as per Ganden study 2022	
Full upgrade of WTP - Two-train SBR System	Modern, mechanical water treatment plant installed (as per 2433-RPT-002 A, STP Options Report Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council)	\$7.65M (+/-50%)
Stormwater drainage mapping	Undertake stormwater drainage study and implement stormwater management tools e.g. drain buddies, GPTs	
Upgrade and Repair councils drinking water treatment plant and water systems.	Upgrade, repair and replace councils water treatment plant which includes a chlorination, pH correction and sodium Hydroxide system. Replace the non-functioning SCADA system. The repairs, upgrades and replacement of equipment will reduce the land-based run-of contaminated water to the reef from the damaged water infrastructure, incorrect dosage of chemicals, seepage and leaching from joints/shoulders.	Pending Funding.

Direct use

Project Name	Description	Financial/Resource Commitment	Partnerships	Project Status
Zoning education	Stock zoning maps and share responsible Reef practice messaging (as supplied by the GBRMPA) e.g. at RTC/library	Nil	GBRMPA	
Responsible Reef practices signage	Install signage to share fishing information (as part of foreshore strategy)			
ReefClean fishing marine debris reduction plan	Work with TBF to develop a fishing tackle marine debris reduction plan and implement		ReefClean	
Marine debris clean ups	Work with TBF to undertake community beach clean ups in partnership with the PBCs		ReefClean and PBCs	

CHAS coastal hazard reduction	6.1.2 Investigate suitability of formalising boat ramps and decommissioning existing boat ramps that are impacting foredunes (in conjunction with 4.1.4).			
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Future projects wish list

Project Name	Description	Financial / Resource Requirements
Yarrabah Jetty	Provide Reef zoning and other responsible fishing information to the community through signage and other education initiatives	
CHAS knowledge sharing	1.2.4 Promote cross-sector partnerships and initiatives to enhance resilience and strategic adaptation for transport infrastructure, including boating infrastructure.*	
CHAS knowledge sharing	1.2.5 Community education and awareness around beach access and impacts on dunes. Responsible pedestrian, 4WD and vessel access, including boat launching	

Reef heritage and social values

Action	Description	Financial/Resource Commitment	Partnerships	Project Status
Manage the shire as both a LGA and trustee under the Land Act	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council has the dual responsibility of being a local government under the Local Government Act 2009 and being a trustee of Aboriginal DOGIT land under the Land Act 1994.			
Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct	Continue to run the development and use of the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural precinct, including opening the Gateway Building and supporting immersive experiences to share the rich culture of the region.		Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport	Ongoing
Yarrabah Jetty interpretive signage available electronically	Make the interpretative materials from the Yarrabah Jetty available for use in the Reef Guardian Schools program to share culture and information			

Future projects wish list

Project Name	Description	Financial / Resource Requirements
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CHAS knowledge sharing	1.2.1 Establish a coastal working group with key stakeholders (Traditional Owners, Council, research agencies and community) to collaborate and advise on the management of the Yarrabah coastline, including culturally significant sites.*	
CHAS monitoring	1.3.4 Establish a monitoring program for sites of cultural significance that measures indicators such as spiritual/social value, archaeological value, physical condition, and protection of sites.*	

7.10 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE – COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE AND RECONFIGURING A LOT – LEASE GREATER THAN 10 YEARS. GINDAJA TREATMENT AND HEALING IND. CORPORATION OVER PART OF LOT 18 SP284220

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Report prepared by Planz Town Planning

To seek Council resolution in relation to a Development Application For Material Change Of Use – Community Care Centre and Reconfiguring A Lot – Lease Greater Than 10 Years. Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation over Part of Lot 18 SP284220.

APPLICANT

Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation.

LOCATION

Muka Street, Yarrabah described as proposed lease A Lease P over part of Lot 18 SP284220.

BACKGROUND

Deferred at the Council Ordinary Meeting of 23 February 2023

The application was deferred at the Council Ordinary Meeting of 23 February 2023. A workshop was held with Gindaja and Councillors on 20 March 2023.

The workshop discussion related to the leasing of the site to the Yarrabah Justice Services once the group becomes incorporated. Further correspondence on has been received from Gindaja CEO, and is **attached**.

Deferred at the Special Trustee Meeting on 4 April 2023

The Trustee considered correspondence received from the Gindaja CEO and noted that their request was for the Gindaja Board to confirm their position by board resolution and forward confirmation of same by writing.

This matter was resolved by the Gindaja Board (Resolution 1 27/04/2023) and correspondence has been received confirming same **is attached**.

This matter has now returned to the Trustee for further consideration, and pending the Trustees approval, returns to this meeting for endorsement.

MAIN POINTS

The application formalises the relocation of the building that was the old Gindaja Service Centre on Workshop Street to the Muka Street site to allow the building to be used for Justice Services.

The application also includes a subdivision (Reconfiguring a Lot) as Gindaja will lease part of Lot 18 SP284220 and the lease is longer than 10 years.

The application triggers code assessment under the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Planning Scheme 2017 (v1.1). The subject site is included in the Community Facilities zone.

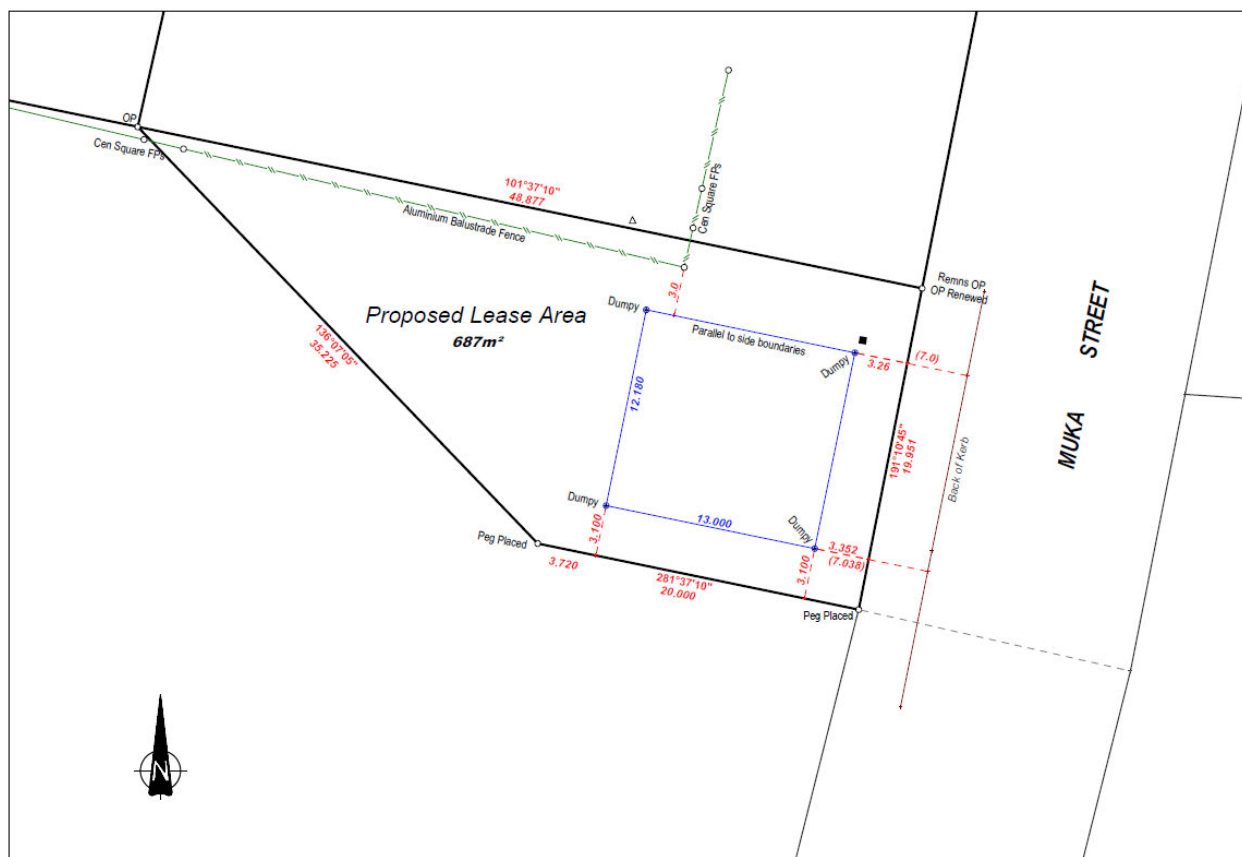
The application does not trigger referral to any State Government agencies.

Figure 1: Site and proposed building locality**BACKGROUND**

The proposed application is consistent with Council's resolution of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 September 2022, where Council considered a range of options for the location of the Justice Services building. Council resolved:

"To inform Gindaja that the Treatment and Healing Centre for Yarrabah Justice Services can be located in the area adjacent to the Community Hall (on the southern boundary) on Muka Street in the area generally shown on the image below, subject to the following:

1. *Gindaja will be responsible for a survey to confirm that the building including building setbacks (fire separation areas), fencing and onsite effluent disposal area must be located outside the Gunggandji special interest area.*
2. *Gindaja will be responsible for the cost of:*
 - a. *The survey and preparation of a lease for the area of land to be utilised (including the area for on-site effluent disposal).*
 - b. *Fencing, connection to services including, water, electricity, drainage and septic / on-site effluent disposal.*
3. *The terms of the lease is to be 30 years, with the option to renew the lease. At the end of the lease the building may either:*
 - a. *Become council's asset*
 - b. *Be removed at Gindaja's expense".*

Figure 2: Proposed Lease and building location**COMMENT**

In accordance with section 45 (3) of the *Planning Act 2016*, Code Assessment is an assessment that must be carried out only –

- (a) *Against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and*
- (b) *Having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this paragraph.*

Pursuant to section 45 (3) of the Act, the categorising instrument for the development is the *Yarrabah Planning Scheme 2019 v1.1*. Sections 26 and 27 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*, prescribe additional assessment benchmarks and matters that must be considered in deciding a Code Assessable development application.

The additional assessment benchmarks and matters that are relevant to the development are identified as follows:

Table 1.0 – Assessment Benchmark Table

Assessment benchmarks	Comment
Planning Regulation Schedule 9	The application does not include development identified Building work under Building Act
Planning Regulation Schedule 10	The application does not include development identified in Schedule 10 as Assessable Development

Assessment benchmarks	Comment
Regional Plan	Section 2.2 of the Planning Scheme identifies that the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 has been adequately reflected in the Planning Scheme. A separate assessment against the Regional Plan is not required
State Planning Policy, part E	The State interests are reflected in the Planning Scheme. There have been no additional assessment provisions in the current SPP or changes to mapping. As such, further assessment against the SPP is not required.
Temporary State Planning Policy	Not applicable
Local Government Infrastructure Plan	The site is within designated Priority Infrastructure Area and no further assessment is required in this regard.
Any development approval for, and any lawful use of the premises, or adjacent premises	As discussed below
The common material	As discussed below

ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE YARRABAH SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME 2019 V1.1

The use is for **Community Care Centre** which is defined as:

Premises used to provide social support where no accommodation is provided. Medical care may be provided but is ancillary to the primary use.

The use requires Code Assessment within the Community Facilities Zone

The subject site is included in the following overlays:

- Potential Acid Sulfate Soils
- Coastal Hazard
- Flood Hazard

Assessment Benchmarks

Assessment against the benchmarks and statement of reasons to support the application are as follows.

Planning Scheme v1.1		Scheme Requirement
Zone	Community	The proposed development is consistent with the purpose and

Planning Scheme v1.1		Scheme Requirement
	facilities	overall outcomes of the Community Facilities Zone code and achieves compliance as summarised below. The development achieves the purpose of the zone code to: 1. Provide for community related activities and facilities whether under public or private ownership. 2. Provide for the development of uses that meet the economic, community and social needs of the community. • 3. Development is located in publicly accessible locations and is generally consistent in scale 4. Support the implementation of the policy direction set in the Strategic Framework, in particular Theme 4: Strong communities, Element 3.7.5 Sense of community, place and identity.
Overlays	Acid Sulfate Soils	The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes: 1. Development ensures that the release of any acid and associated metal contaminant is avoided by not disturbing acid sulfate soils when excavating, removing soil or extracting groundwater or filling land; 2. Development ensures that disturbed acid sulfate soils or drainage waters are treated and, if required, on-going management practices are adopted that minimise the potential for environmental harm from acid sulfate soil and protects corrodible assets from acid sulfate soil. Standard conditions can be applied in this regard.
	Coastal Hazard and Flood Hazard	The site is within the coastal hazard and flood hazard areas. This is typical of most coastal regions. The proposed development is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes of the Coastal Hazard and Flood Hazard Overlay codes and achieves compliance as summarised below. • Development is designed and constructed to mitigate the risk to an acceptable or tolerable level. • Development does not increase the extent or severity of likely flood or coastal hazard. • Adverse impacts on coastal processes and resources are avoided or minimised.
Development	Access, Parking and	The proposed development is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes of the Access, Parking and Servicing Code and

Planning Scheme v1.1		Scheme Requirement
Codes	Servicing Code (8.3.1)	achieves compliance. There is no minimum number of parking spaces required for this use. There is sufficient parking in the locality to accommodate the use.
	Landscaping Code (8.3.3)	The proposed development is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes of the Landscaping Code and achieves compliance. No change to the landscaping is proposed.
	Reconfiguring a Lot Code (8.3.3)	The proposed development is consistent with the purpose and overall outcomes of the Reconfiguring a Lot Code and achieves compliance. In particular: • development results in appropriately sized, dimensioned and shaped lots to meet the outcomes of the respective zones; • development is designed and constructed to integrate with existing and planned infrastructure and services.

In summary, the proposal has been assessed against the relevant assessment benchmarks prescribed in the applicable Local and State planning instruments. The application largely complies with the relevant assessment benchmarks. The proposed development will have no adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining and surrounding areas.

CONSULTATION

The application is code assessable and does not require public consultation.

A workshop was held with Gindaja and Councillors on 20 March 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Correspondence - Resolution by Gindaja Board of Directors
2. Correspondence - CEO of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation
3. Survey of Lease area - Muka St
4. Building Plans

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to approve the application for a Development Permit Material Change of Use – Community Care Centre and Reconfiguring a Lot over part of Lot 18 SP284220 at Muka Street with a 10 + 10 + 10 lease option to allow the transition of the lease and transfer the new building to the Yarrabah Justice entity once fully established, funded and operational, subject to the following conditions:

APPROVED PLANS

The term 'approved drawing(s) and / or document(s)' or other similar expressions means:

Drawing or Document	Reference	Date
Lease A SP339694 in Lot SP284220	RPS Lease Plan	10/11/2022
LWBC Modules Yarrabah 12m x 9m x 2.4m	Ausco	29/06/2020
ASSESSMENT MANAGER CONDITIONS		
#	Assessment Manager Conditions	Timing
1.	Timing of Effect The conditions of the development permit must be complied with to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer. Reason: The development must comply with all planning scheme requirements and definitions as approved and conditioned by this development permit.	Prior to the commencement of the use except where specified otherwise in these conditions of approval
2.	General Development must be carried out substantially in accordance with the approved plans and the facts and circumstances of the use as submitted with the application, subject to any alterations: - Found necessary by Council's delegated officer at the time of examination of the engineering plans or during construction of the development because of particular engineering requirements; and - To ensure compliance with the following conditions of approval. Reason: The development must comply with all planning scheme requirements and definitions as approved and conditioned by this development permit.	During the operation and life of the development
3.	Noise Nuisance Refrigeration equipment, pumps, compressors and mechanical ventilation systems must be located, designed, installed and maintained to achieve a maximum noise level of 3dB(A) above background levels as measured from noise sensitive locations and a maximum noise level of 8dB(A) above background levels as measured from commercial locations. Screening is required to be installed and maintained to all air conditioning, lift motor rooms, plant and service facilities located at the top of, or on the external face of buildings. The screening structures must be constructed from materials that	During the operation and life of the development

are consistent with materials used elsewhere on the facade of the building. There are to be no individual external unscreened air conditioning units attached to the exterior building facades.

Reason: To ensure the development does not have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the surrounding land in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

4. Infrastructure

The applicant / developer is responsible for the cost of necessary alterations to existing public utility mains, services or installations required by works in relation to the proposed development or any works required by condition(s) of this approval.

All works must be designed, constructed and carried out in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual requirements (as amended) and to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer.

Reason: To ensure the development does not have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the surrounding land in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

During the operation and life of the development

5. Access

The applicant/developer must:

- a. Engage a suitably qualified engineer to confirm the access driveways are suitably located providing safe and efficient access to the site, and provide written confirmation to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer; and
- b. Construct commercial access crossovers in the locations shown on the approved plans, except where modified by item a. above. The crossovers must be constructed (from the edge of the road pavement to the property boundary of the subject lot) in accordance with the FNQROC Development Manual, to the satisfaction of Council's delegated officer; and
- c. Ensure that any redundant vehicle crossovers are removed and the ground surface made good.

Reason: To provide development with access in accordance with council standards.

Technical details are to be submitted to council prior to issue of a Building Approval and maintained for the life of the development

6. Parking/Internal Driveways

The applicant/developer must provide a minimum of 16 on-site parking spaces, including 1 PWD space and 1 emergency

Prior to the commencement of the use

vehicle bay.

All spaces must be sealed, line-marked and appropriately drained and designed in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890:1 Off Street Parking – Car Parking and Australian Standard AS2890.6-2009 Off-street parking for people with disabilities as applicable.

All car parking facilities must be maintained to a safe operating standard at all times thereafter.

Reason: To provide development with parking in accordance with council standards.

7. Stormwater Drainage

The applicant/developer must:

- a. Take all necessary steps to ensure a non-worsening effect on surrounding land as a consequence of the development; and
- b. Ensure development is undertaken in accordance with the approved Stormwater Management Plan SKC01 and supporting material, prepared by STP Consultants in particular:
 - i. Stormwater management must meet or exceed the standards of design and construction set out in the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM) and the FNQROC Development Manual to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer; and
 - ii. Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must that meet or exceed the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Guidelines (Institute of Engineers Australia) to the satisfaction of Chief Executive Officer.

Reasons: To convey stormwater legally and in an environmentally responsible manner and to manage and minimise the risk of causing environmental harm to receiving waters, damage to council infrastructure, and unnecessary financial burdens to council and the community in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

8. Landscaping

The landscaping of the site must be carried out generally accordance with the landscaping shown on the Proposed Site Plan (SD02 rev 7), and irrigated, mulched and maintained to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer.

Reason: To ensure the development does not have a

Prior to the commencement of works and during the operation and life of the development

Prior to the commencement of the use and maintained during the operation and life of the development

detrimental effect on the amenity of the surrounding land in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

9. Lighting

- a. Outdoor lighting must be designed, located and installed to prevent light spillage to cause nuisance to neighbours and must be provided in accordance with Australian Standard 1158.1 – Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces.
- b. Illumination resulting from direct, reflected or other incidental light emanating from the subject land does not exceed 8 lux when measured at any point 1.5m outside the property boundary of the subject site. The lighting fixtures installed on site must meet appropriate lux levels as documented within Australian Standard 4282 – Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.

Prior to the commencement of the use and maintained during the operation and life of the development

Reason: To ensure that the use does not cause a light nuisance to nearby sensitive receptors, and to ensure that a nuisance is not caused to the use from other nearby light sources in accordance with the Queensland Environmental Protection Act 1994 Section 440.

10. Water Supply

The development must be connected to Council's water service in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual standards (as amended) to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to the issue of a Building Approval

Prior to the water service connection works commencing, a request for a Plumbing Connection is required to be submitted with detailed hydraulic drawings. The connection must be approved by Council prior to the property connection work being undertaken.

Reason: To ensure that the premises is appropriately serviced by reticulated water supply infrastructure in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

11. Sewerage Connection

The development must connect to Council's reticulated sewerage system in accordance with FNQROC Development Manual standards (as amended) to the satisfaction of Council's Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to the issue of a Building Approval

Prior to the property connection to the existing sewer main, a request for a Property Connection must be lodged with

Council's Chief Executive Officer. The connection must be approved by Council prior to the property connection work being undertaken.

Reason: To ensure that the premises are appropriately serviced by Council infrastructure where located in a service area for a sewerage service in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

12. Minimum Floor Levels

Prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Works

Floor levels must achieve immunity from flood hazards by ensuring floor levels for new buildings or structures (other than Class 10 Buildings and Structures) achieve a finished floor level of 12.14m AHD.

Note: the draft drainage study forming part of the Yarrabah Masterplan 2021 provides guidance on flood depth. The site is mapped with an indicative flood depth of 0.5-1.0 m across the site and identifies a maximum flood level of 11.17 to 12.81. Applying a maximum flood depth of 1m from the lowest level of the site of 10.84 m AHD (south eastern corner), a finished floor level 12.14 m AHD is required (11.84 plus 300mm).

Reason: To ensure developments are appropriately immune from rising storm tide /flood water in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

13. Bushfire Management

During the operation and life of the development

The Gindaja Treatment and Healing Centre Business Continuity Plan shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to addresses actions to be undertaken during a bushfire event.

Reason: To protect development from bushfire hazards in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

14. Acid Sulphate Soils Management

Prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Works

Development does not disturb acid sulfate soils or potential acid sulfate soils. Where disturbance is unavoidable an acid sulfate soils investigation is to be conducted. Should the soils and groundwater investigations reveal the presence of acid sulphate soils or potential acid sulphate soils, an Acid Sulphate Soils Management Plan must be prepared and complied with.

Reason: To ensure potential adverse impacts on the natural and built environment, including infrastructure and human health as a result of acid sulphate soils are avoided in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

15. Refuse Facilities

The waste storage area is to be of sufficient size to house all garbage bins including recycling bins. The waste storage is to be suitably paved, with a hose cock fitted in close proximity to the enclosure and drain to sewer via a legal sewer connection.

During the operation and life of the development

Where the refuse truck must enter the site for waste collection, access roads and driveways must be designed and constructed to accept vehicle loadings of not less than G.V.M 33 tonnes.

Reason: to ensure protection of matters of public health and amenity in accordance with relevant code/s and policy direction.

16 Electricity Supply

Where Ergon Energy requires the installation of a padmount, transformer or substation to augment their network, details of any electrical padmount or substation positioning must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to the issue of a Development Permit for Building Works

Assessment Manager Advice

1. Infrastructure Charges do not apply to this development.

2. Further Permits Required

a) Building Works

A Development Permit for Building Works to carry out building works prior to works commencing on site.



Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation
Flying Minute
27th April, 2023.

The following resolution is to seek Directors approval to transfer an asset, namely the demountable building located on Muka Street Yarrabah to the New Justice Entity once established.

The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council/Trustees have requested that this be endorsed to progress the lease and development application for the Muka Street site.

RESOLUTION 1 27/04/2023 – The Gindaja Treatment and Healing Indigenous Corporation approve to transfer the demountable building located on Muka Street which is a current asset to the new Justice Entity once established.

Director	Signature	Agree	Disagree
Lynese Hari		✓	
Janine Yeatman		✓	
Sandra Houghton		✓	
Andrew Malcolm		✓	
Alicia Hari		✓	
Jasmine Graham		✓	
Rachel Hari		✓	



20th March, 2023,

Mr. Richard Wright,
Chief Executive Officer,
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council,
C/- Post Office,
YARRABAH. QLD. 4871.

Dear Mr. Wright,

RE: GINDAJA DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

We thank you and your Council for inviting us to workshop Gindaja's current Development Applications for both Back Beach Road and Muka Street.

We hope that Council have now been given the information required to assist with making informed decisions on the Development Applications.

We note that Council do not require any further information in relation to the Back Beach Road Development Application.

In relation to the Muka Street Development Application it is understood further clarification is needed in relation to Gindaja's long term plans for the lease and the infrastructure on this site.

As per Gindaja's proposal to Council back in August 2022 we asked for the Council's consideration in granting a piece of land for the purpose of moving our Demountable building from Workshop Street to ensure that our Justice Services Team will have office space in the future. The Council granted approval for a proposed lease on Muka Street with conditions.

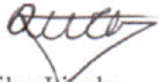
Gindaja and the Yarrabah Community Justice Group have worked towards the creation and implementation of a new service model to support those in the Yarrabah community who have contact with the Justice system. The new Funding Agreement which is to come into effect in July 2023 has short, medium- and long-term goals and outcomes. A major long-term goal is to see the creation of a new Justice entity/corporation in the Yarrabah Community and the transition of the program to the new entity.

In consideration of this goal and also Council's desire to ensure the Justice Program is fully supported long term. Gindaja support the transition of any lease that is given and the transfer of building to the new Justice entity once fully established, funded (dependant on Funding Body) and operational.

Gindaja would like to ask Council to consider a 10+10+10 lease option with the option to end earlier to transition to the new Justice entity.

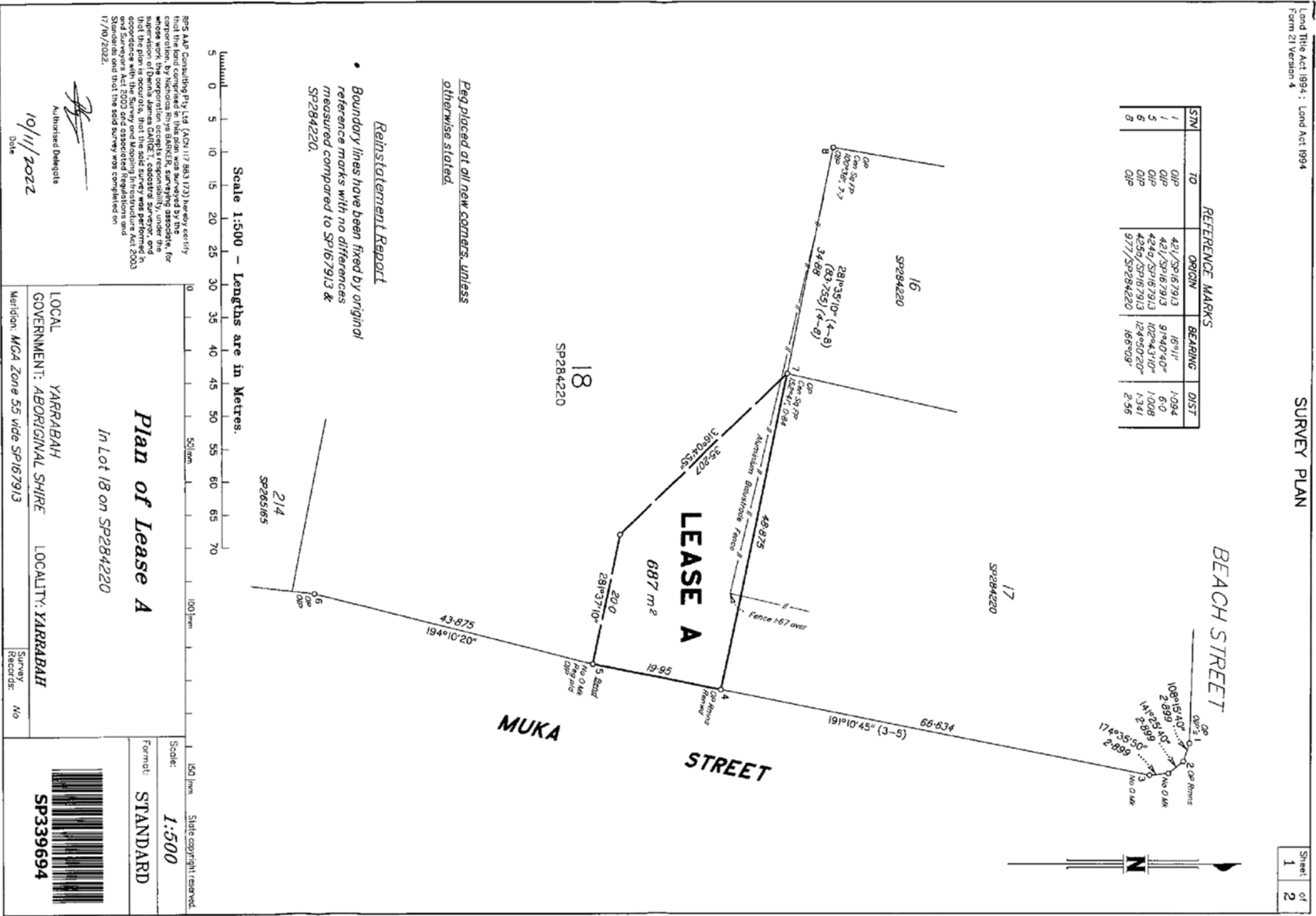
If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Ailsa Lively,
Chief Executive Officer.





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<i>Notification issued to the owner(s) of Lots 17 & 18 on SP284220 on 10/11/2022, in accordance with s.18 of the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Regulation 2014.</i>				
2. Orig Grant Allocation :		5. Passed & Endorsed :		
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3. References :		By : RPS AAP Consulting Pty Ltd Date : 10/11/2022 Signed : <i>[Signature]</i> Designation : Cadastral Surveyor		
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CLIENT: <i>Qonda Treatment & Healing</i>				
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MANUFACTURING - TRIMS (GUTTERS)
DESCRIPTION
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MANUFACTURING - ROOMS			
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Meeting	Vinyl, 2mm seamless (Neutral Grey)	T' Mould (Black)	T' Mould (Black)
Office 1	Vinyl, 2mm seamless (Neutral Grey)	T' Mould (Black)	T' Mould (Black)
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CLIENT:
Gindaja Treatment & Healing

PROJECT:
LWBC Modules Yarrabah 12m x
9m x 2.4m

10 Workshop Road, Yarrabah QLD
4871

DRAWING TITLE:

PROJECT TYPE: DESIGN/LOADING BUILD FACILITY

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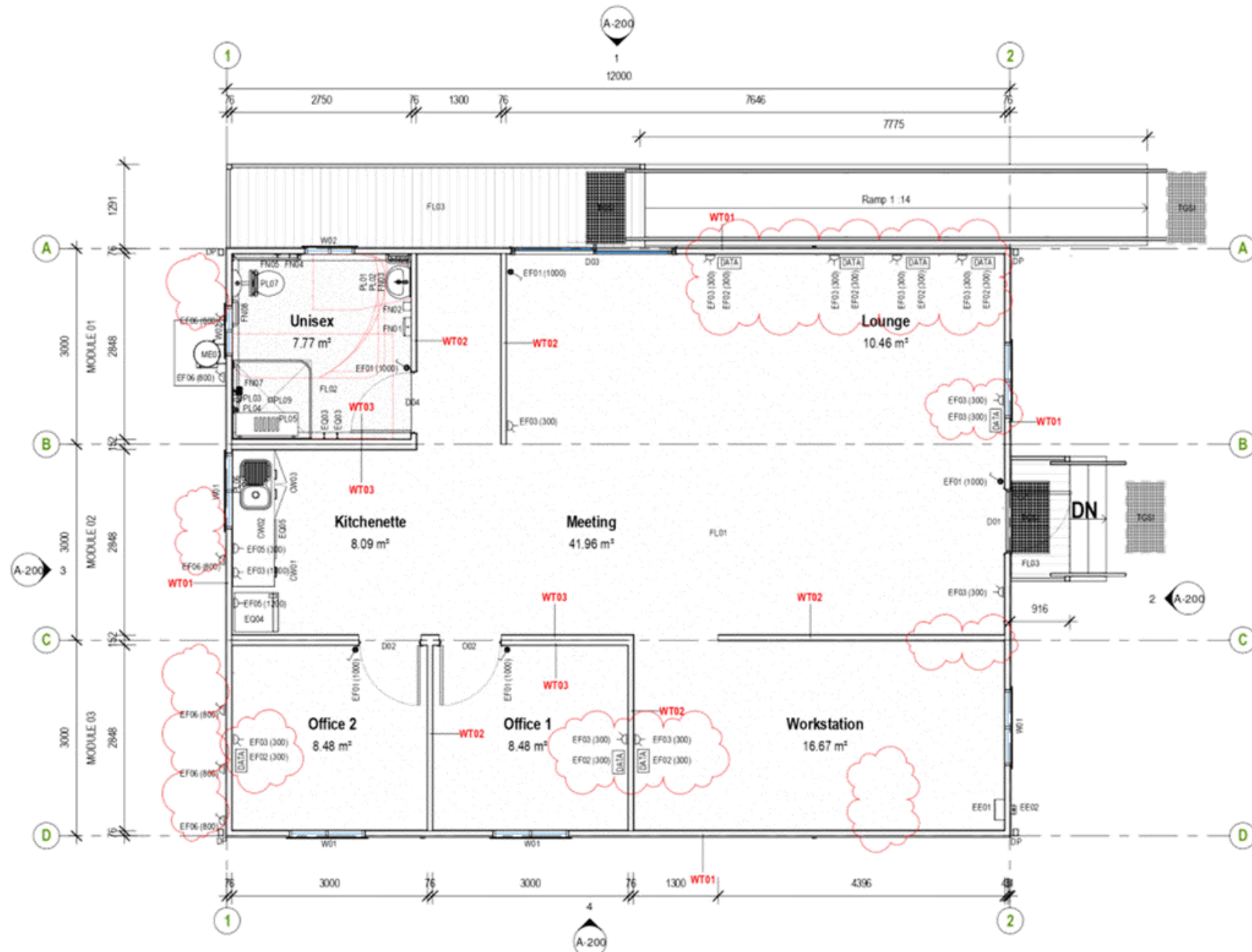
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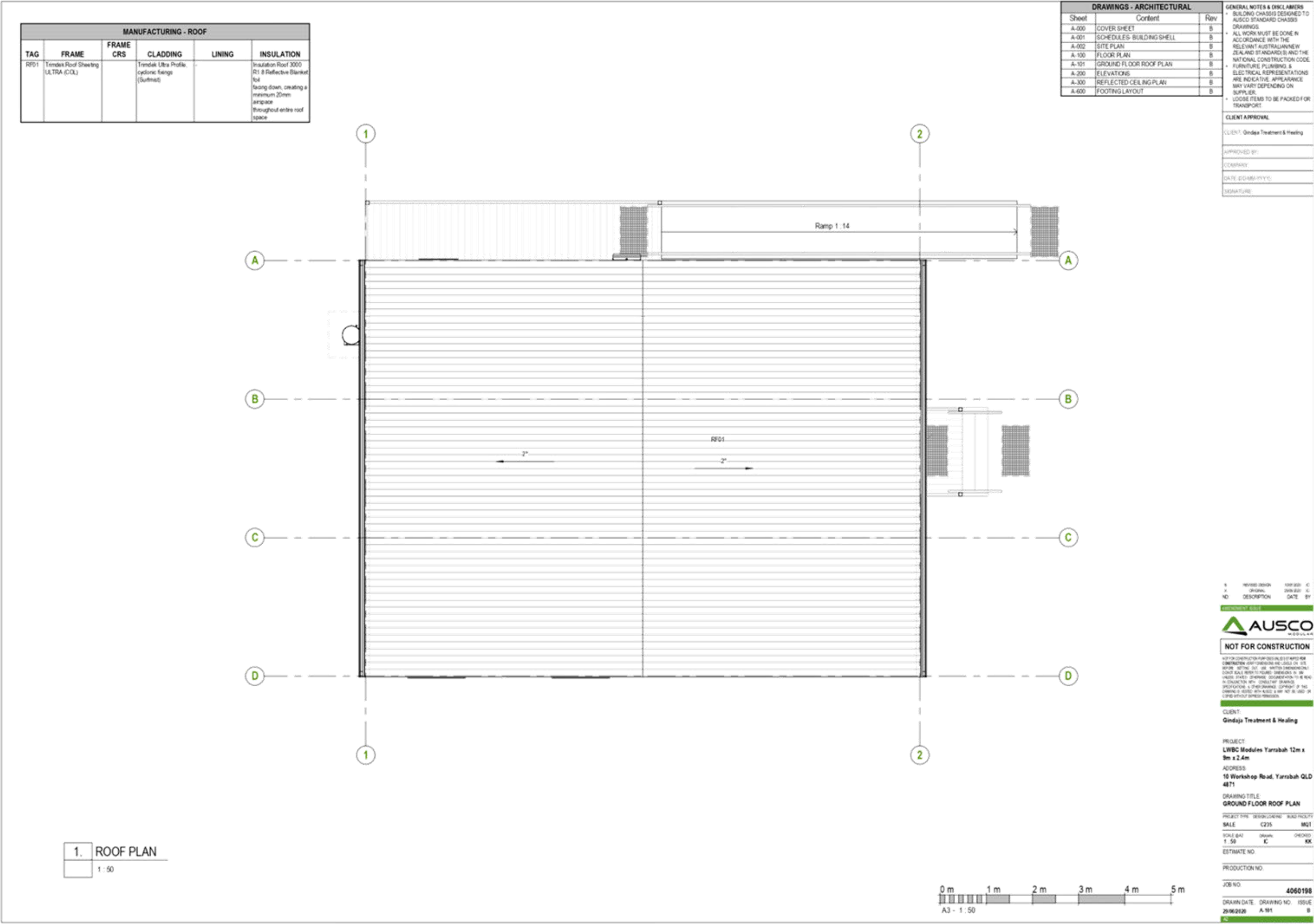
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8 CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 CORRESPONDENCE - FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL PLAN REF: MBN22/959

File Number: 01.COR_OM.20230517

Author: Richard Wright, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Deputy Premier Hon Steven Miles MP is now writing to formally invite Mayor Andrews to be a member of the FNQ Regional Planning Committee (RPC), to help inform the review of the FNQRP and the broader planning program.

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BACKGROUND

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Deputy Premier Hon Steven Miles MP, Far North Queensland Regional Plan

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council note the correspondence tabled as read.

2. The Mayor accept the invitation and authorise the CEO to acknowledge same.



Hon Steven Miles MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

Our ref: MBN22/959

28 April 2023

Councillor Ross Andrews
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Dear Councillor Andrews

On 25 January 2023, I wrote to Far North Queensland and Cape York Mayors and Chief Executive Officers advising of my decision to include the Etheridge Shire Council and the Cooktown local government area, south to the Douglas Shire Council, into the Far North Queensland Regional Plan (FNQRP).

I also decided to bring forward a fit-for purpose review of the Cape York Regional Plan to align with the review underway for the FNQRP, which will enable a proper and simultaneous consideration of matters impacting the broader FNQ and Cape York regions.

I am now writing to formally invite you to be a member of the FNQ Regional Planning Committee (RPC), to help inform the review of the FNQRP and the broader planning program.

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I look forward to working with you to deliver a regional plan that advances the unique economic and environmental context of the FNQ region.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Ms Katharine Wright, Chief of Staff in my office, by email at katharine.wright@ministerial.qld.gov.au or by telephone on (07) 3719 7100.

Yours sincerely

STEVEN MILES MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
Minister for State Development, Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
Minister Assisting the Premier on
Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

9 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

10 CLOSE OF MEETING