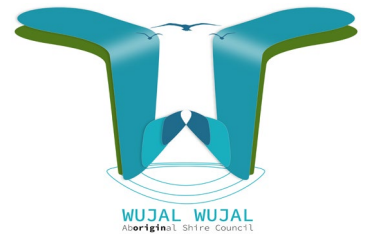


Appendices

Ordinary Council Meeting – 17 March 2026



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**MINUTES for WWASC Ordinary Council Meeting
17-02-2026 - Unconfirmed**



Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Ordinary Council | Meeting Agenda

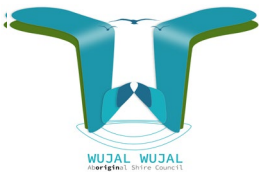
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Venue: Council Administration and MS Teams

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- 1. **Opening of Meeting**
 - 1.1 **Welcome | Opening of Meeting**
 - 1.2 **Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**
- 2. **Attendance, Leave of Absence and Apologies**
 - 2.1 **Attendance**

Councillors

- Councillor Alister Gibson, Mayor
- Councillor Claudia Doughboy, Deputy Mayor
- Councillor Nikita Tayley
- Councillor Lucas Creek
- Councillor Robert Bloomfield

WWASC Staff Representatives

- Chief Executive Officer, Peter O'May
- Finance Manager, Arminda David
- Finance Accountant – Elise Angel
- Community Services Manager, Kesa Strieby
- Executive Officer, Bronwyn Barry (secretariat)

2.2 **Leave of Absence | Apologies**

- Operations Manager, Works and Building Services, Dan Hall
- Operations Accountant, Renelle Shipton

2.3 **Visitors | Presenters**

The schedule for these presentations is as follows:

Time	Topic	Agency/Presenter

3. **Condolences | Congratulations**

4. **Mayoral Motion**

Mayoral minutes/motion are used to introduce urgent/non routine matters only.



5. Confirmation of minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting | 20 January 2026

Refer to Appendix 1 (Page 2 of the Appendices) to review the minutes of the meeting held 20 January 2026.

Resolution: Acceptance of the minutes meeting held Tuesday 20 January 2026

Resolution:	That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2026 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260120-01	

6. Declarations of Interest in the matters on the Agenda

- Declaration of Prescribed Conflict of Interest of any Item of Business
- Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest of any Item of Business
- Councillors to review existing Registers of Interest and Related Parties Disclosures

7. Business Arising or Outstanding Matters from Previous Meeting

Action Items from previous Ordinary Council Meeting.

Resolution: Business Arising

Resolution:	That Council receive the business arising from the previous meeting.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	
Resolution No	20260217-02	



8. Items for Consideration and Decision

8.1 Operational Plan Quarter 2 Review

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Operational Plan – Quarter 2 Review
Reporting Officer:	Communications and Governance Manager, Tania Edwards
Status:	Consideration

Refer to Appendix 2 (Page 27 of the Appendices) – 2025-26 Operation Plan – Qtr 2 Progress Statements

Purpose

The Chief Executive Officer is required by legislation to report to Council every quarter on the progress against priorities listed in the Operational Plan.

Proposed Resolution

That Council accept the 2025-2026 Operational Plan Quarter 2 Progress Statement Report as presented.

Resolution: Operational Plan Quarter 2 Review

Resolution:	That Council accept the 2025-2026 Operational Plan Quarter 2 Progress Statement Report as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Nikita Tayley	
Resolution No	20260217-03	

8.2 Councillor Remuneration

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Councillor Remuneration
Reporting Officer:	Communications and Governance Manager, Tania Edwards
Status:	Decision

Purpose

This report summarises the findings of the Local Government Remuneration Commission Report 2025 which proposes an increase in the maximum remuneration levels applicable from 1 July 2026.

Proposed Resolution

That Council receive the Local Government Remuneration Commission Report 2025 and adopt the maximum remuneration values as determined for Category 1 Council's, effective 1 July 2026.

Resolution: Councillor Remuneration

Resolution:	That Council receive the Local Government Remuneration Commission Report 2025 and adopt the maximum remuneration values as determined for Category 1 Council's, effective 1 July 2026.	
Moved:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-04	



8.3 LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit – March 2026

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Local Government Association of Queensland Civic Leaders Summit – March 2026
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Peter O’May
Status: Decision

Refer to Appendix 3 (Page 67 of the Appendices) - 2026 Civic Leaders Summit - Registration Information

Purpose

To provide Councillors with information on the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit, being held in Brisbane from 25 – 26 March 2026 and seek Council endorsement for nominated representatives to attend.

Proposed Resolution

That Council:

1. Endorse the attendance of nominated Councillor(s) and CEO to attend the 2026 LGAQ Civil Leaders Forum on behalf of Council; and
2. Approve the associated registration, travel, and accommodation costs to be funded from the operational budget; and
3. Resolves to reschedule the March Budget | Strategic Planning Special Council Meeting from Tuesday 24 March 2026 to Tuesday 5 May-2026.

Resolution: LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit – March 2026

Resolution:	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the attendance of Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy and CEO to attend the 2026 LGAQ Civil Leaders’ Summit on behalf of Council; and 2. Approve the associated registration, travel, and accommodation costs to be funded from the operational budget; and 3. Resolves to reschedule the March Budget Strategic Planning Special Council Meeting from Tuesday 24 March 2026 to Tuesday 5 May-2026. 	
Moved:	Cr Lucas Creek	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-05	



8.4 FNQROC State Mayoral Delegation – April 2026

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: FNQROC State Delegation to Brisbane - April 2026
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Peter O'May
Status: Decision

Refer to Appendix 4 (Page 78 of the Appendices) - FNQROC State Mayoral Delegation - Date Claim

Purpose

To seek Council endorsement for the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) State Delegation to Brisbane, scheduled for Tuesday 21 April to Thursday 23 April 2026.

Proposed Resolution

That Council:

1. Endorse the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to the FNQROC State Delegation in Brisbane in April 2026; and
2. Approve the associated travel and accommodation expenses to be met from the appropriate budget allocation; and
3. Resolves to reschedule the April Ordinary Council Meeting from 21 April 2026 to 28 April 2026.

Resolution: FNQROC State Mayoral Delegation – April 2026

Resolution:	That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to the FNQROC State Delegation in Brisbane in April 2026; and 2. Approve the associated travel and accommodation expenses to be met from the appropriate budget allocation; and 3. Resolves to reschedule the April Ordinary Council Meeting from 21 April 2026 to 28 April 2026. 	
Moved:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-06	



8.6 Grants Funding and Project Status Report – January 2026

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Grants Funding and Project Status Report – January 2026
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Peter O’May
Status: Information

Refer to Appendix 6 (Page 90 of the Appendices) - Grants Program Management Service Progress Report – (January 2026) –

Refer to Appendix 7 (Page 94 of the Appendices) – Grants Dashboard

Refer to Appendix 8 (Page 112 of the Appendices) – A3 WWASC Capital Funded Projects Council Status Report

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on grants management and project coordination support activities delivered by Peak Services, including the status of grant applications and grant-funded projects for the period of January 2026.

Proposed Resolution

That Council accept the Grants Funding and Project Status Report for January 2026 as presented.

Resolution: Grants Funding and Project Status Report

Resolution:	That Council accept the Grants Funding and Project Status Report for January 2026 as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	
Resolution No	20260217-08	

8.7 Built-Form Design Principles

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Built-Form Design Principles
Reporting Officer: Operations Manager, Dan Hall
Status: Decision

Refer to Appendix 9 (Page 115 of the Appendices) – Wujal Wujal Design Principles

Purpose

To present the Built-Form Design Principles (BFDP) to Council for consideration and to seek Council’s formal adoption of the policy, which establishes a consistent framework to guide built outcomes and inform future planning, development and assessment processes.

Proposed Resolution

That Council adopt the Wujal Wujal Built Form Design Principles into Council policy.

Resolution: Built-Form Design Principles

Resolution:	That Council adopt the Wujal Wujal Built-Form Design Principles document into council policy to shape future community culture.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-09	



8.8 Two Bedroom Unit Construction – 3 Heorlein Street Wujal Wujal

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Two Bedroom Unit Construction – 3 Heorlein Street Wujal Wujal
Reporting Officer:	Operations Manager, Dan Hall
Status:	Decision

Purpose

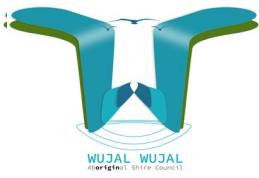
To present a location proposal for new construction of a two-bedroom unit at 3 Heorlein Street Wujal Wujal.

Proposed Resolution

That Council endorse a new two-bedroom unit construction at 3 Heorlein Street Wujal Wujal.

Resolution: Two Bedroom Unit Construction – 3 Heorlein Street Wujal Wujal

Resolution:	That Council endorse a new two-bedroom unit construction at 3 Heorlein Street Wujal Wujal.	
Moved:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Nikita Tayley	
Resolution No	20260217-10	



8.9 Housing Development Degarra – Residential Activation Fund Application

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors
Subject:	Housing Development Degarra – Residential Activation Fund Application
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer, Peter O’May
Status:	Decision

Purpose

Resolution is sought from the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (WWASC) to:

Confirm preparation of a collaborative Residential Activation Fund submission for the provision of trunk infrastructure development at Degarra with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council the lead applicant.

Proposed Resolution

Council resolves as follows: -

That Council prepare and lodge a collaborative Residential Activation Fund submission for the provision of trunk infrastructure to establish serviced residential allotments for housing at Degarra in conjunction with Douglas Shire Council, Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and the Wet Tropics Management Authority with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council the lead applicant.

Resolution: Housing Development Degarra – Residential Activation Fund Application

Resolution:	That Council prepare and lodge a collaborative Residential Activation Fund submission for the provision of trunk infrastructure to establish serviced residential allotments for housing at Degarra in conjunction with Douglas Shire Council, Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and the Wet Tropics Management Authority with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council the lead applicant.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-11	



8.10 Closing the Gap Funding Program

Report to: Mayor, Councillors
Subject: Closing the Gap Funding Program
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Peter O'May
Status: Decision

Purpose:

To consider projects that may be eligible for funding under the Closing the Gap Grant Funding Program.

Proposed Resolution:

Council resolves as follows: -

That Council prepare and lodge an application to complete a Wetlands Effluent Water Filtration Project under the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund.

Resolution: Closing the Gap Grant Funding Program

Resolution:	That Council prepare and lodge an application to complete a Wetlands Effluent Water Filtration Project under the Closing the Gap Priorities Fund.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-12	

Meeting adjourned for break at 10:51am

Meeting resumed at 11:22am



9. Reports: Elected Members and Council Officers

9.1 Corporate and Commercial Report

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Portfolio Report: Corporate and Commercial Finance Report
Reporting Officer:	Finance Manager Arminda David
Status:	Information

Refer to Appendix 10 (Page 181 of the Appendices) to view Financial Report – January 2026.

Council Financial Accountant to present the financial report to Council.

That Council receive the Works and Building Services Monthly Report for the month January 2026 as presented.

Resolution: Acceptance of the Corporate and Commercial Report

Resolution:	That Council receive the Financial Corporate and Commercial Report for the month of January 2026 as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-13	



9.2 Mayor’s Monthly Portfolio Report

Report to: Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Finance, Governance and all other portfolios
Reporting Officer: Councillor Alister Gibson, Mayor
Status: Noting

Mayor Alister Gibson represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 January 2026 and reported on his portfolio: Governance, Finance and all other portfolios.

Meetings attended

Dates (2026)	Meeting
Tuesday 20 January	Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Daniel Hall, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations, Finance Manager Arminda David
Monday 2 February	SWG Housing – TCICA Mayor Alister Gibson, CEO Peter O’May
	DCI Master Plan Review - Wujal Kindy and Bloomfield SS Mayor Alister Gibson, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May
Wednesday 4 February	Community Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Monday 9 February	Meeting to discuss main priorities for Council Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May
Tuesday 10 February	Wujal Interagency Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, CEO Peter O’May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Wednesday 11 February	Degarra Workshop Mayor Alister Gibson, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Monday 16 February	Wujal Wujal - Lot 2 Masterplan - Landscape Design - Council Presentation Blaklash Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Accord Monthly Meeting – LGAQ
	Councillors’ pre-council meeting - go over the agenda Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May

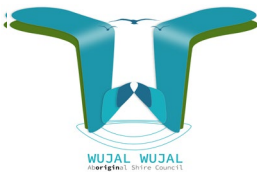


	<p>LDMG Meeting</p> <p>Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Dan Hall</p>
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Resolution: That Council note Mayor Alister Gibson’s portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Mayor Alister Gibson’s portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-14	

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9.3 Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy: Economic Development, Tourism and Health

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Economic Development, Tourism and Health
Reporting Officer: Councillor Claudia Doughboy, Deputy Mayor
Status: Noting

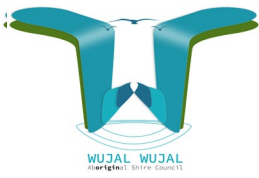
Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 January 2026 and reports on her portfolio: Economic Development, Tourism and Health.

Meetings attended:

Dates	Meeting
Tuesday 20 January	Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Robert Bloomfield, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Daniel Hall, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations, Finance Manager Arminda David
Wednesday 4 February	Community Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Monday 9 February	Meeting to discuss main priorities for Council Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May
Monday 16 February	Wujal Wujal - Lot 2 Masterplan - Landscape Design - Council Presentation Blaklash Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Councillors’ pre-council meeting - go over the agenda Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May
	LDMG Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Dan Hall

Portfolio Research items

Date	Outcome
	Cairns Funeral Directors – Jane Donnolly – spoke to Jane and she is happy to come to community to address any questions the community might have regarding pre-arranging funeral services.



Action: Bron to set up meeting with Jane Donnolly (Teams) to discuss with Councillors first. Then look at coming to talk to community. ICAN may be able to help.

Resolution: That Council note Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy’s portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy’s portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-15	

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9.4 Councillor Robert Bloomfield: Community Sports and Lifestyle

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Community, Sports and Lifestyle
Reporting Officer: Councillor Robert Bloomfield
Status: Noting

Councillor Robert Bloomfield represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 January 2026 and reports on his portfolio: Community, Sports and Lifestyle.

Meetings attended:

Dates	Meeting
Tuesday 20 January	Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Daniel Hall, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations, Finance Manager Arminda David
Monday 2 February	DCI Master Plan Review - Wujal Kindy and Bloomfield SS Mayor Alister Gibson, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May
Monday 16 February	Wujal Wujal - Lot 2 Masterplan - Landscape Design - Council Presentation Blaklash Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Councillors' pre-council meeting - go over the agenda Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May

Portfolio Research items

Date	Outcome
	Discussed organising supporter jerseys for the Wujal football team with Community Services Manager. Would like an indigenous design on the team jerseys. Two sets of jerseys Wujal Wujal and Yindili.

Action: Community Services Manager, Cr Bloomfield and Deputy Mayor to talk to the football team to discuss the proposed design.

Resolution: That Council note Councillor Robert Bloomfield's portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Councillor Robert Bloomfield's portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-16	



9.5 Councillor Nikita Tayley: Environment and Culture

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Portfolio Report: Environment and Culture
Reporting Officer:	Councillor Nikita Tayley
Status:	Noting

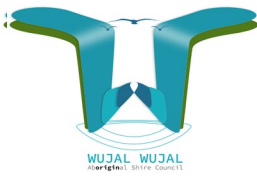
Councillor Nikita Tayley represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 January 2026 and reports on her portfolio: Environment and Culture.

Meetings attended

Dates	Meeting
Tuesday 20 January	Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Daniel Hall, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations, Finance Manager Arminda David
Thursday 22 January	Minister for Health visit to Wujal Wujal PHCC Cr Nikita Tayley, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Wednesday 4 February	Community Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall

Resolution: That Council note Councillor Nikita Tayley's portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Councillor Nikita Tayley's portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-17	



9.6 Councillor Lucas Creek: Law and Order

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Portfolio Report: Law and Order
Reporting Officer:	Councillor Lucas Creek
Status:	Noting

Councillor Lucas Creek represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 January 2026 and reports on his portfolio: Law and Order.

Meetings attended

Dates	Meeting
Tuesday 20 January	Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Daniel Hall, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations, Finance Manager Arminda David
Monday 2 February	DCI Master Plan Review - Wujal Kindy and Bloomfield SS Mayor Alister Gibson, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter
Wednesday 4 February	Community Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Monday 9 February	Meeting to discuss main priorities for Council Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May
Monday 16 February	Wujal Wujal - Lot 2 Masterplan - Landscape Design - Council Presentation Blaklash Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Councillors’ pre-council meeting - go over the agenda Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O’May

Resolution: That Council note Councillor Lucas Creek’s portfolio report presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Councillor Lucas Creek’s portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-18	



9.7 Chief Executive Officer Report

Report to:	Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Chief Executive Officer's Report
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer Peter O'May
Status:	Noting

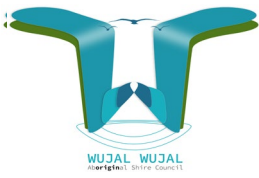
The Chief Executive Officer represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last council meeting on 20 January 2026.

Meetings attended

Dates	Meeting
Tuesday 20 January	Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Daniel Hall, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations, Finance Manager Arminda David
Wednesday 21 January	Meeting with Gavin Williams QRA CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Meeting with WWASC to review LRAP – Louise Robertson QRA CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Art Centre Consultation - Black and More CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall, Community Services Manager Kesia Strieby, Junibel Doughboy, Cultural Advisor Bill Harrigan
	Wujal Wujal - Audit catch up CEO Peter O'May, Finance Manager Arminda David
Thursday 22 January	Operations Plan - Qtr 2 Assessment Review CEO Peter O'May, Governance and Communications Manager Tania Edwards
	WWASC Funded Projects PCG CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall, Grants Project Officer Lana Maki, Grants Projects Manager (Peak), Trish Barnard (Peak)
	WWASC - Growing Regions grant discussion CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall, Grants Project Officer Lana Maki (Peak), Grants Projects Manager Trish Barnard (Peak)
Friday 23 January	Wujal Wujal - Housing - CEO briefing – Daielle Sturton HPW CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Tuesday 27 January	GFW Shiny Docs - finding Records solution CEO Peter O'May, Executive Officer Bronwyn Barry
	Monthly Managers Meeting
Thursday 29 January	Wujal Wujal - Post Engagement Action Plan fortnightly meetings – Mel Ison



	CEO Peter O'May, Finance Manager Arminda David
	Wujal Wujal and Degarra Infrastructure Need and Capacity – Lynette Bunker CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Friday 30 January	
	Wujal Council and Civica - Upgrade to Authority Altitude
Monday 2 February	SWG Housing – TCICA Mayor Alister Gibson, CEO Peter O'May
	DCI Master Plan Review - Wujal Kindy and Bloomfield SS Mayor Alister Gibson, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May
Wednesday 4 February	Community Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Grant catch-up CEO Peter O'May, Grants Projects Manager Trish Barnard (Peak)
	Touchpoint: Progressing housing opportunity at Degarra CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Wujal Wujal Planning Scheme Amendment Phase 1 Project Team – Nikki Huddy CEO Peter O'May, Grants Projects Manager Trish Barnard (Peak)
Thursday 5 February	Meeting with Fourier Brett Manktelow
	WWASC Funded Projects PCG CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall, Grants Project Officer Lana Maki, Grants Projects Manager (Peak), Trish Barnard (Peak)
	Wujal Wujal - Housing - Fortnightly catch-up – Danielle Sturton CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Friday 6 February	Scott Quail and Wujal CEO catch up re six loaned Starlink devices
	Catch up on 2025 Financial Statements – Shave and Brett CEO Peter O'May, Finance Manager Arminda David, Finance Accountant Elise Angel
	Meeting with Alex Ung – Unganco
Monday 9 February	Meeting to discuss main priorities for Council Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May
	FNQ FRMP Project Plan Review and Steering Committee membership - QRA CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Tuesday 10 February	Wujal Interagency Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, CEO Peter O'May, Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby, Operations Manager Dan Hall



	Cairns DDMG 2025/2026 Cyclone Season meeting #4
	DETSI and Wujal Wujal Disaster Recovery Funding Agreement - Monthly catch up - February CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall,
Wednesday 11 February	Degarra Workshop Mayor Alister Gibson, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
Thursday 12 February	Food Security Workshop – JCU
	Wujal Wujal - Post Engagement Action Plan fortnightly meetings – Mel Ison
	QPS - Mayors Working Group Meeting CEO Peter O'May, Mayor Alister Gibson
Monday 16 February	Wujal Wujal - Lot 2 Masterplan - Landscape Design - Council Presentation Blaklash Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall
	Councillors' pre-council meeting - go over the agenda Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, Cr Robert Bloomfield, Cr Nikita Tayley, Cr Lucas Creek, CEO Peter O'May
	LDMG Meeting Mayor Alister Gibson, Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy, CEO Peter O'May, Operations Manager Dan Hall

9.7.1 Matters for Discussion

Customer Service Charter

To be tabled at Council Meeting – Copy of Customer Service Charter

Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) – Councillor Complaints

To be Tabled at Council Meeting – Correspondence from OIA

Resolution: Chief Executive Officer Report

Resolution:	That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Report as presented.	
Moved:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Mayor Alister Gibson	
Resolution No	20260217-19	



9.8 Works and Building Services Report

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Works and Building Services Report – January 2026
Reporting Officer:	Operations Manager, Dan Hall
Status:	Information

This report outlines the Works and Building Services undertaken during the month of January 2026.

Resolution: That Council receives the Works and Building Services Monthly Report as presented.

Resolution:	That Council receive the Works and Building Services Report for the month January 2026 as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-20	

9.9 Community Services Monthly Report

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Community Services Monthly Report
Reporting Officer:	Community Services Manager, Kesa Strieby
Status:	Information

This report outlines the works undertaken during the month of January 2026.

Resolution: Community Services Monthly Report

Resolution:	That Council receive the Community Services Monthly Report for January 2026 as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	
Resolution No	20260217-21	

Resolution: New Council Logo

Resolution:	That Council endorse Community Services Manger to work with the Artists to create a new Council Logo and bring back to the April Ordinary Council Meeting for review.	
Moved:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Nikita Tayley	
Resolution No	20260217-22	

Aged Care Coordinator Gina Mani joined the meeting at 12:48pm



9.10 Aged Care Services Monthly Report

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Aged Care Services Monthly Report
Reporting Officer: Aged Care Coordinator, Gina Manai
Status: Information

This report outlines the works undertaken during the month of January 2026.

Proposed Resolution:

That Council receive the Aged Care Monthly Report for January 2026 as presented.

Resolution: Aged Care Monthly Report for January 2026

Resolution:	Council receives the Aged Care Monthly Report for January 2026 as presented	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-23	

Proposed Resolution:

That in accordance with Section 97 of *the Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt the following updated Support at Home Fees and Charges for the Wujal Wujal Aged Care Services.

- Domestic Assistance / Social Support – Individual / Personal Care (DA, SSI, PC etc.) – \$132 per hour
- Meals – \$40 per meal
- Social Support – Group (SSG) – \$44 per hour
- Mowing – \$142 per hour
- Transport – Local – \$38 per client per trip
- Transport – Group (Cooktown) – \$38 per client per trip
- Home Support Care Management – \$250 per client (as applicable)

Resolution: Support at Home (SaH) Fees and Charges

Resolution:	That in accordance with Section 97 of <i>the Local Government Act 2009</i> , Council adopt the following updated Support at Home Fees and Charges for the Wujal Wujal Aged Care Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic Assistance / Social Support – Individual / Personal Care (DA, SSI, PC etc.) – \$132 per hour - Meals – \$40 per meal - Social Support – Group (SSG) – \$44 per hour - Mowing – \$142 per hour - Transport – Local – \$38 per client per trip - Transport – Group (Cooktown) – \$38 per client per trip - Home Support Care Management – \$250 per client (as applicable) 	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	
Resolution No	20260217-24	



Aged Care Coordinator Gina Mani left the meeting at 1:20pm

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:21pm

Meeting resumed at 2:05pm

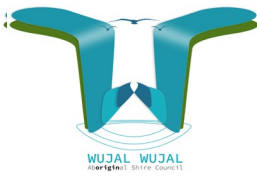
10 Closed Business

274J (3) Local Government Regulations 2012 - Closed Meetings

Resolution:	That in accordance with Section 254J(3)(c)(g) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , the General Meeting was closed to the public at 2:06pm for discussion of the following matter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub Consultants – Detailed Design of the Arts and Cultural Precinct • Microgrid - Agreement to Lease to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation 	Carried 4/4
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20260217-25	

Cr Lucas Creek returned to meeting at 2:15pm

Resolution:	That in accordance with Section 254J(3)(c)(g) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , the General Meeting was reopened to the public at 2:33pm for the taking of resolutions.	Carried 5/5
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-26	



10.1 Sub Consultants – Detailed Design of the Arts and Cultural Precinct

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Sub Consultants – Detailed Design of the Arts and Cultural Precinct
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Peter O’May
Status: Decision

Refer to Attachment 1 - Closed Business to view Sub Consultants – Detailed Design of the Arts and Cultural Precinct report and appendices

Proposed Resolution

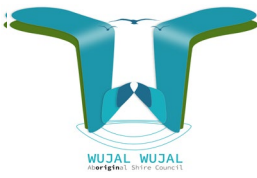
Being satisfied there is only one supplier reasonably available, that Council in accordance with S235 (a) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* that Council endorses engagement of the following sub consultants by Black and More (Council’s appointed project manager) for completion of the detailed design of the Wujal Wujal Arts and Cultural Precinct.

Discipline	Company
Mechanical (HVAC) Engineer	Sequal Mechanical
Electrical Engineer	Sequal Electrical
Hydraulic Engineer	Gilboy Hydraulic Solutions
Fire Engineer	Diffusion Fire
Sustainability Consultant	JHA
Landscape Architect	LatStudios
Commercial Kitchen Design	Churchie's
Quantity Surveyor	Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB)
Building Certifier	Baker Building Certification
Town Planner	Brazier Motti
Survey and Lot Amalgamation	MD Land Surveys
Structural Engineer	Black and More
Civil Engineer	Black and More



Resolution: Sub Consultants – Detailed Design of the Arts and Cultural Precinct

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	Building Certifier	Baker Building Certification
	Town Planner	Brazier Motti
	Survey and Lot Amalgamation	MD Land Surveys
	Structural Engineer	Black and More
Civil Engineer	Black and More	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	
Resolution No	20260217-27	



10.2 Microgrid - Agreement to Lease to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation

Report to: Mayor, Councillors
Subject: Microgrid - Agreement to Lease to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Peter O'May
Status: Decision

Refer to Attachment 2 - Closed Business to view Microgrid – Agreement to Lease to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation report and appendices

Proposed Resolution:

Council resolves as follows: -

1. In accordance with section 236 1(f) of Local Government Regulation 2012, Council dispose of other than by tender or auction, the following identified land: -
Interest in part of Lot 9 on RP 903516, Title Reference 50158940, comprising an area of approximately 4.05 hectares, to be determined by survey for the purpose of granting a lease for the development of a solar and battery microgrid system to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation (or nominee) on terms including market value rent to be determined by Council for a period of twenty (20) years, with five (5) option periods each of ten (10) years
2. The disposal of the asset other than by tender or auction is in the public interest noting: -
 - a) *The Proponent has approached Council as the owner of the Land with the Proposed Project and has identified the suitability of the Land for the Proposed Project.*
 - b) *The Land is currently a disused quarry site that is non-operational, non-grazing land with limited commercial or agricultural potential.*
 - c) *The adoption of a tender or auction process will be time-consuming, afford the Proponent no assurance that the Land will be available for the Proposed Project, and, if conducted on the basis of the Proposed Project, will put the Proponent's intellectual property in the Proposed Project at risk.*
 - d) *It is in the public interest that every opportunity be taken to secure renewable power sources to strengthen energy resilience and deliver long-term benefits for Wujal Wujal Community the wider public and Eastern Kuku Yalanji community.*
 - e) *It will enable the continued supply of power to sections of the community that maintain pole and wire connectivity and ensure the ongoing operation of critical services including the Telstra tower, Health Centre, and water and sewerage systems, significantly mitigating the impact of extreme weather events.*
 - f) *The Proponent has no presence in the Wujal Wujal local government area.*
 - g) *The grant of a Lease on commercial terms will enhance Council's ability to protect its land asset and manage its risk.*
 - h) *Council will be advantaged by the grant of the Lease given that the proposed disposal will, amongst other things, generate revenue.*
3. The disposal is otherwise in accordance with the sound contracting principles noting: -
 - a) *The Rent will be determined by market rent appraisal.*
 - b) *Council cannot identify any risk that the grant of the exemption will deter other renewable energy development, given:*



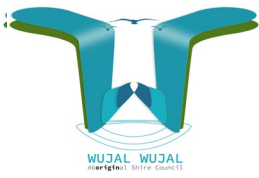
- i. *the availability of other land in the Douglas Shire and Wujal Wujal local government areas; and*
- ii. *that Council is not aware of any competing demand for the Land.*
- c) *Construction of the microgrid project will provide opportunities for local business to provide services via sub-contracting arrangements.*
- d) *Significant legislative approvals will be required for the proponent to progress the proposal.*
- e) *The lease will be offered via an Agreement to Lease ensuring the lease can only be enlivened on satisfaction of all necessary development approvals and other precedent conditions.*
- f) *It is not considered that any party will be adversely affected by the proposed disposal.*

Resolution: Agreement to Lease to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation

Resolution:	<p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In accordance with section 236 1(f) of <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, Council dispose of other than by tender or auction, the following identified land: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Interest in part of Lot 9 on RP 903516, Title Reference 50158940, comprising an area of approximately 4.05 hectares, to be determined by survey for the purpose of granting a lease for the development of a solar and battery microgrid system to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation (or nominee) on terms including market value rent to be determined by Council for a period of twenty (20) years, with five (5) option periods each of ten (10) years</i> 2. The disposal of the asset other than by tender or auction is in the public interest noting: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>The Proponent has approached Council as the owner of the Land with the Proposed Project and has identified the suitability of the Land for the Proposed Project.</i> b) <i>The Land is currently a disused quarry site that is non-operational, non-grazing land with limited commercial or agricultural potential.</i> c) <i>The adoption of a tender or auction process will be time-consuming, afford the Proponent no assurance that the Land will be available for the Proposed Project, and, if conducted on the basis of the Proposed Project, will put the Proponent's intellectual property in the Proposed Project at risk.</i> d) <i>It is in the public interest that every opportunity be taken to secure renewable power sources to strengthen energy resilience and deliver long-term benefits for Wujal Wujal Community the wider public and Eastern Kuku Yalanji community.</i> e) <i>It will enable the continued supply of power to sections of the community that maintain pole and wire connectivity and ensure the ongoing operation of critical services including the Telstra tower, Health Centre, and water and sewerage systems, significantly mitigating the impact of extreme weather events.</i>
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	<p>f) <i>The Proponent has no presence in the Wujal Wujal local government area.</i></p> <p>g) <i>The grant of a Lease on commercial terms will enhance Council's ability to protect its land asset and manage its risk.</i></p> <p>h) <i>Council will be advantaged by the grant of the Lease given that the proposed disposal will, amongst other things, generate revenue.</i></p> <p>3. The disposal is otherwise in accordance with the sound contracting principles.</p> <p>a) <i>The Rent will be determined by market rent appraisal.</i></p> <p>b) <i>Council cannot identify any risk that the grant of the exemption will deter other renewable energy development, given:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. <i>the availability of other land in the Douglas Shire and Wujal Wujal local government areas; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. <i>that Council is not aware of any competing demand for the Land.</i></p> <p>c) <i>Construction of the microgrid project will provide opportunities for local business to provide services via sub-contracting arrangements.</i></p> <p>d) <i>Significant legislative approvals will be required for the proponent to progress the proposal.</i></p> <p>e) <i>The lease will be offered via an Agreement to Lease ensuring the lease can only be enlivened on satisfaction of all necessary development approvals and other precedent conditions.</i></p> <p>f) <i>It is not considered that any party will be adversely affected by the proposed disposal.</i></p>	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-28	



11. General Business

Cr Robert Bloomfield

Cr Bloomfield has requested that Council cut the grass at the Council's Ayton block of land.

Action: Operations Manager Dan Hall to organise.

Cr Lucas Creek

Cr Creek report that he witnessed a young Council employee misusing the kubota mower.

Action: Operations Manager Dan Hall to speak to staff.

Cr Nikita Tayley

Cr Tayley has asked if Council can improve the aesthetics at the entrance to community for example can two (2) Christmas trees be planted at the entrance (one on each side of the road) so that they can be decorated at Christmas time and one somewhere in the middle of community.

Action: Operations Manager Dan Hall to look at possible planting of Christmas trees.

Cr Tayley advised that the outdoor employees are falling behind with their work, they seem to be focusing on certain areas only (lots of staff in one area instead of spreading out through community).

Action: Operations Manager Dan Hall to speak to staff.

Cr Tayley has requested that staff stop mowing when people are moving past as stones fly out at cars.

Action: Operations Manager Dan Hall to speak to staff.

Cr Tayley has advised that more awareness and supervision of children going to the toilet as children are going in pairs and there is evidence of sexual activity happening. Would like to see the toilets locked when no one is using the hall.

Action: Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby to organise more supervision of the children and email the Justice group to be aware of this activity.

Action: Operations Manager Dan Hall Close the toilets when no one is using the hall.

Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy

Review the Funeral Policy

Possibly include a clause where Council can provide an exception via Council resolution for families when required.

Action: Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby to organise a Forum for community with agencies e.g. ICAN regarding life insurance and funeral planning.

Resolution: Funeral Policy

Resolution:	Council endorses the Funeral Policy to be brought to the March Ordinary Council Meeting for further review.	
Moved:	Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20260217-29	



Mayor

Tabled the QPS Community Safety Charter to Councillors – Mayor will provide feedback to QPS Council pleased to proceed with the Charter.

Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby has received an email regarding an opportunity for the Sunny Coast Rude Boys Band to perform and provide a workshop to community on 25 September 2026 for 2 hours at a cost of \$2500.

Councillors discussed and declined the offer; they would rather see this money go towards our local bands.

Councillors would like to see the community using the new band equipment more. Community Services Manager has advised that there needs to be supervision when community use the equipment and she does not have enough staff to do this.

Councillors have advised that they will help supervise community when they use the band equipment, taking it in turns.

Action: Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby to provide a band equipment use roster to Bronwyn Barry so supervision dates can be entered into the Councillors diaries.

CEO

CEO Peter O'May has received a request for a Letter of Support from Edward John Madsen – Burungu Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) in relation to their Gaming Fund Grant Application from Council.

Action: Councillors have requested more information regarding the area of the fire break that BAC will cover. CEO to discuss further with Edward Madsen.

CEO Peter O'May discussed the possibility of purchasing iPads/tablets for Council meeting papers. This would reduce the preparation and printing costs to Council.

Councillors agreed that this purchase would benefit Council's budget long term.

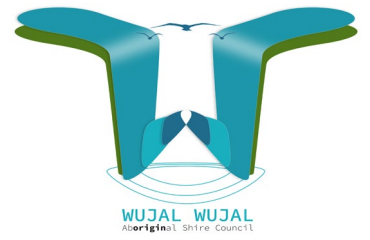
Action: Executive Officer Bronwyn Barry to organise some quotes.

12. Next Ordinary Council Meeting Date

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is set for **Tuesday 17 March 2026**.

13. Meeting Closure

Meeting closed 3:26pm



Appendix | 2

Community Engagement Policy



Community Engagement Policy

Document Control

Document Type	Statutory Policy				
Reviewed Adopted	11 July 2023	Resolution Ref	20230710	File Reference	
Reviewed Adopted	28 May 2024	Resolution Ref	20240528-08	File Reference	34755
Reviewed Adopted	March 2026	Resolution Ref		File Reference	79874
Next review	2028				

1. Origin / Authority

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council.

This policy is required by law:

Section 130 of the [Local Government \(Finance, Plans and Reporting\) Regulation 2010](#) requires a local government prepare and adopt a policy describing how the local government engages with the community about –

- a) Preparing, reviewing and changing its long-term community plan; and
- b) Any other matters mentioned in the policy relevant to establishing or reviewing the performance of its systems of financial management.

2. Purpose and Scope

Purpose

To provide Council with direction in relation to planning, implementing and evaluating community engagement activities.

Scope

This Policy applies to elected members of Council, all employees and any consultants engaged by Council.

3. Policy Statements

Council recognises that engagement with the community and other stakeholders is a vital part of the democratic process which can assist and guide council in terms of decision-making and consequently better outcomes for the community

Community and stakeholder engagement enables Councillors and staff to be confident that all views are considered when making a decision, along with technical requirements, research and any other policy or legislative requirements. Stakeholder engagement complements the decision-making role of Council.

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council will engage the Community we serve in a respectful, transparent, and community-centred approach that recognises the unique cultural, social, and historical context of Wujal Wujal.

3.1 Definition

Community Engagement is how Council seeks the opinion and feedback from community on important/strategic decisions.

It may include informal or formal consultation through Community Meetings and Public forums, and or workshops. Within our own small community there are unique and diverse issues and priorities that may change and evolve over time. Community members may have numerous and opposing opinions.

Community engagement activities will be planned in a way that considers and accommodates the diversity and dynamics of our whole community. Priority will be made to engage and consider issues in a constructive manner.

3.2 Policy Principles

- 3.2.1 That community engagement forms an integral part of the development, implementation and evaluation of policies, programs and services.
- 3.2.2 The opportunity will be provided to community members to be involved in discussions on council initiatives which are likely to impact them.

- 3.2.3 That Council will adopt open, accountable processes through which individuals and groups can exchange views and influence policy or decision-making.
- 3.2.4 That Council will provide contributors with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
- 3.2.5 That recording and evaluating the results of the engagement will ensure council learns from community engagement activities, enabling improvements for future engagement strategies.
- 3.2.6 That the day-to-day operations and administration of the Council shall reflect the philosophical objectives of this policy.
- 3.2.7 That public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
- 3.2.8 That Council will communicate to participants how their input affected the decision.

3.3 Benefits of Community Engagement

3.3.1 Benefits for Community

- Helping Council understand complex issues.
- Knowing that their ideas have been heard and that they inform the council's decisions.
- Increased community participation in Council decision-making.
- Learning from each other and working together towards common goals.
- Hearing other opinions and understanding their perspectives.
- Strengthening community networks and social cohesion.
- Strengthens relationships and trust with council.
- Community are informed, involved and empowered.

3.3.2 Benefits for Council

- Gain a greater understanding of community needs and aspirations.
- Improved decision making through local knowledge and insights.
- Increase our awareness and understanding of the issues in our community.
- Strengthens relationships and trust with community members.
- Identifying challenges, opportunities and solutions that may not have been previously considered.
- Increased participation and community ownership of Council initiatives.
- Enhances outcomes of initiatives when community have a sense of 'ownership' of an initiative.

3.4 When will Council Engage with Community?

Community engagement must be undertaken when:

- 3.4.1 It is a requirement under legislation. There are a number of legislative requirements and standards that apply to Local Government and its decision making.
- 3.4.2 It is a requirement under a funding agreement. Engagement may be an obligation attached to the receipt of Government funding.
- 3.4.3 Council resolves to recommend the need for community engagement.
- 3.4.4 A council operated community service, facility, community focused policy or event is to be introduced, changed or discontinued, which may impact on the community.
- 3.4.5 Introduction of a new development, service or program that may affect community members.
- 3.4.6 A specific "Community Engagement Plan" will be developed for any/each large strategic project.

3.5 Principles of Community Engagement

This policy should be provided to any agencies or organisations we work with on significant strategic projects.

Council’s process of community engagement is underpinned by the following principles:

Purpose:	A clear purpose and reason why the engagement is occurring.
Timeliness:	The timing and duration the engagement process is expected to last, and when feedback will be clearly provided.
Commitment:	Establish and maintain credibility and accountability by demonstrating dedication to the community engagement process.
Inclusive:	Undertake a range of opportunities and techniques to encourage participation and increase awareness and understanding of all people who may be affected by or interested in the outcome.
Accessibility:	Council aims to enable access and participation in the community engagement process for all relevant parties. Council will present information in formats that can be understood by all sectors of the community.
Integrity:	Council will be transparent, accountable and not tokenistic.
Respect for all opinions:	Council will encourage mutual respect for the needs, aspirations and opinions of all within the communities of our region.
Respect for Culture and Country:	Council will recognise the cultural traditions of our community, acknowledging the Traditional Custodians/ Owners of the land and waters in which the community engagement activity is being held.
Welcoming:	Provide safe environments and venues conducive to friendly, constructive, inclusive and productive engagement.
Communication:	Council will work to establish and maintain a two-way process of providing accurate and timely information to our community.
Evidence:	Council will utilise engagement practices based on best practice, sound research and quality information to create fit-for-purpose engagement as and when it is needed.
Flexible & Responsive:	Council will be adaptable and flexible to incorporate the feedback into their decision-making processes.
Collaboration:	Council will work in partnerships with relevant community groups, State and Federal government, local government partners, other stakeholders to facilitate the desired outcome.
Ethics:	All consultative and or advisory groups, along with Councillors and staff will adhere to relevant Codes of Conduct including requirements to address pecuniary and conflict of interests and allow the views of all members to be heard.
Respecting Personal Information:	Personal information collected from any community engagement activity will be respected as private and will not be shared or used for any other purpose, unless required or authorised by law.
Don’t Over Consult:	Council will respect the community by avoiding over consultation.
Record and Evaluate:	Recording and evaluating the results of the engagement will ensure council learns from community engagement activities, enabling improvements for future engagement strategies.

4. Associated Policies, Documents and Procedures

- Operational Plan
- Corporate Plan 2022-2027

5. Relevant Legislation

This policy has been prepared after consideration of the following (as amended) pieces of legislation and plans:

- [Local Government Act 2009](#)
- [Local Government Regulations 2012](#)
- [Queensland Sustainable Planning Act 2009](#)
- [Local Government \(Finance, Plans and Reporting\) Regulation 2010](#)
- [Queensland Integrated Planning Act 1997](#)

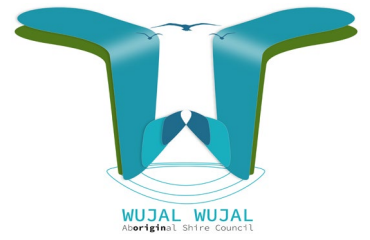
6. Review and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related legislation or governing documents are amended or replaced; or
2. Other circumstances as determined by resolution of Council or the CEO; or
3. Two years from date of adoption.

This Policy will commence on adoption by Council. It replaces all other policies (whether written or not).

Peter O'May
Chief Executive Officer



Appendix | 3

Fees and Charges Schedule



WUJAL WUJAL ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Schedule of Fees & Charges 2025/2026

Document Control

Policy Category	Statutory				
Reviewed Adopted	3.12.2012	Resolution Ref	SB21	File Reference	
Reviewed Adopted	21.11.2013	Resolution Ref	2345	File Reference	7574
Reviewed Adopted	15.4.2014	Resolution Ref	2475	File Reference	7575
Reviewed Adopted	17.3.2015	Resolution Ref	2622	File Reference	7576
Reviewed Adopted	21.7.2015	Resolution Ref	2682	File Reference	12680
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Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council Fees and Charges Schedule

Council, as part of its budgetary process and under the legislation of the Local Government Act, is required to adopt a Schedule of Fees and Charges each year.

Cost Recovery Fees:

Section 97 of *Local Government Act 2009* prescribes the circumstances where a Local Government may set a cost-recovery fee. This section also prescribes that a cost-recovery fee must not be more than the cost to the local government of taking the action for which the fee is charged.

Costs for services are reviewed annually, with the full cost recovery model applied wherever possible.

1. Wet Plant Hire and Civil Labour

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Backhoe Cat 430C	Per hour	220.00	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
CAT 18t Roller		176.00		
Civil Foreman		132.00		
Civil Labourer		99.00		
Excavator (20 tonne)		220.00		
Forklift Komatsu FD25T-17		110.00		
Grader		275.00		
Loader		220.00		
Magni Telehandler – Two hour minimum		165.00		
Mini Excavator Cat 304C		176.00		
Prime Mover with Float or Side Tipper		264.00		
Skid Steer Cat 252B3		176.00		
Tractor with offset flail head slasher		166.00		
Tractor with slasher		143.00		
Traffic Control Vehicle & Signage- Min 2 Hours		55.00		
Traffic Management Plan-	Per Plan	440.00		
Traffic Controller- Normal Hours- Min 2 Hours	Per hour	66.00		
Traffic Controller- Overtime		99.00		
Truck- Two-ton tipper		99.00		
Truck – 12000ltr Tipper		176.00		

1.1 Other Fees and Charges

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Other Construction Materials	At Cost Plus 50%		Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
Traffic Control – includes Signage, Plant and Two (2) Operators	Per hour	305.00	N	
Construction & Demolition Disposal	Per cubic meter	590.00	Y	

1.1 Hire of Council Bus

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
<p>Standard Hire Rate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes: 150kms, windscreen insurance, tyre damage, mechanical maintenance and hourly charge for designated driver. The hire fee does not cover malicious damage of any sort, including graffiti or any form of vandalism. <p>Fuel tank must be returned full.</p>	Day	300	N	LGA2009 s262(2)
<p>Sorry Business Hire:</p> <p>Where the standard rate for hire of the bus is waived, as for Sorry Business, the cost of the Council Driver will still apply, including 40% on cost charges, and penalty rates for weekends, public holidays</p>	Per day	0	N	
<p>Council Driver:</p> <p>Applies to Sorry Business hire where a qualified Councillor is not available to drive.</p>	Per day	150	N	
<p>Per kilometre fee</p>	Per Km	0.88	N	
<p>Cleaning fee:</p> <p>Charged if the bus is not returned in a clean and tidy state. Refer to section 6.8 of the Use of Council Bus Policy for more details on cleaning of the Bus on return</p>	Per clean	200	N	
<p>Late fee:</p> <p>Charged if the Bus is not returned on the day of hire. Refer to section 5. Definitions for the definition of 'Drop Off Time' and 'Late Return'.</p>	Day	300	N	

2. Animal Management

Where an application fee is paid for an annual approval or annual licence.

Registration of regulated dogs applies to dogs classified as Dangerous or Menacing.

2.1 Dog Registration

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Entire Dog	Per animal	12.00	Y	Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 S44 & S66
Desexed Dog	Per animal	Free	Y	
Permit for more than 2 dogs per animal per house with permit	Per animal/ Per house	25.00	Y	

2.2 Regulated Dog

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Declared Restricted	Per animal	250.00	N	Animal Management
Declared Dangerous		180.00	N	

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Declared Menacing		130.00	N	(Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 S44 & S66

2.3 Impounding of Animals

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Impoundment of Registered Dog				
1 st Impoundment	Per year		N	LGA2009 s97(2)(d)
2 nd Impoundment		14.00	N	
3 rd Impoundment		30.00	N	
Entire Dog (Plus Registration Fee)	Per animal	50.00 + rego fee	N	LGA2009 s97(2)(d)
Desexed Dog		25.00	N	
Daily Sustenance Fee		7.00	N	
Other animals impounded		25.00	N	

2.4 Other Animal Management Charges

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Emergency Vet costs whilst the animal is in Council Care	Per animal	Per Vet Quote	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
Tag Replacement	Per Tag	12.00	Y	Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 S44 & S66
Regulated Collar	Per Collar	Free with registration	Y	
Replacement Collar	Per Collar	12.00	Y	
Microchipping	Per animal	12.00	Y	

3. Environmental Health

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Food Business License Fees	Per licence	135.00	Y	LGA2009 s97(2)(a)
New Licence Fee	Per licence	490.00	Y	
Renew Licence Fee	Per licence	130.00	Y	FA2006 s31 & s52

4. Fire Levy

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Bloomfield River Rural Fire Brigade Levy	Per Property	25.00	N	LGA2009 s97(2)(a) Fire Services Act 1990 152ZD

5. Local Laws

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Recovery of abandoned vehicles	Per recovery	133.00	Y	LGA2009 s97(2)(d)

6. Planning Fees

All planning applications are to be accessed per application.

7. Cleaning

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Normal Clean	Per hour	110.00	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
End of Lease Clean	Per hour	165.00	Y	
Industrial/Building Clean	Per hour	220.00	Y	
Facility Cleaning if left unclean/untidy	Per hour	275.00	Y	

8. Commercial Leasing

Commercial leases are to be based on negotiated lease agreements and market evaluations.

These include:

- Small, Medium and Large office space/s
- Police Lease
- Shop Lease

9. Facility Hire

Applies to an organisation, group, individual and event that:

- Operates for profit with high commerciality or corporate sponsorship; or
- Receives State or Federal funding and is holding an event which is within the scope of their funding.

Full Day Hire is from 7 am to Midnight or Half Day

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
RTC Training Room	Per Day	305.00	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
	Per Half Day	150.00	Y	
Training Room – My Pathway	Per Day	305.00	Y	
	Per Half Day	150.00	Y	
IKC (Library)	Per Day	303.00	Y	
CDCC Playgroup	Per Day	165.00	Y	
Community Hall – max 24hrs per hie	Per Day	250.00	Y	
Cleaning Fees	Up to 2 hours	220.00	Y	
Additional cleaning fees	Per hour over the initial clean	110.00	Y	
Bond (refundable upon satisfactory cleaning of the hired venue)	Per event	160.00	N	

9. Accommodation Hire

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Hire of 1 bedroom apartment	Per night	200	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)

10. Funeral/Cemetery Fees

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Excavation of Site (Based on Max. 3 hours – 2 staff and mini-excavator)	Per Site	500.00	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
Other Fees/Request	Per Quote		Y	

11. Printing/Copying

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Printing/Copying				
A4 – Black & White	Per sheet	0.60	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)
A4 – Colour	Per sheet	1.60	Y	
A3 – Black & White	Per sheet	1.60	Y	
A3 – Colour	Per Sheet	2.60	Y	
Double Sided Copying	Per Sheet	Twice single sheet fee	Y	
A4	Per Sheet	2.00	Y	LGA2009 s262(3)(c)
A3	Per Sheet	3.00	Y	

12. Right to Information (RTI)

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Right to Information Application Fee	Per application	AI (Fee Unit) R 2022 s2	Y	RTIR 2009 s3A RTIR 2009 s4
Access Charge (B&W A4 Photocopies of documents)	Per sheet	AI (Fee Unit) R 2022 s2	Y	RTIR 2009 s3A RTIR 2009 s6
Processing Charge (Searching, retrieving and decision making)	Per 15mins (or part thereof)	AI (Fee Unit) R 2022 s2	Y	RTIR 2009 s3A RTIR 2009 s5

13. Waste

Name	Unit	2025/26 Fee (\$)	GST (N/Y)	Legislation
Replacement Wheelie Bin (240L)	Per bin	225.00	Y	LGA2009 s262(2)

Home Care Pricing Schedule – Last updated on 01/07/2025

Wujal Wujal Aged Care supports our Elders to remain living safely and independently in their own homes, connected to family, culture and Country.

We work alongside each person to strengthen independence and enable them to maintain their skills, confidence and wellbeing. Our services are flexible and person-centred, honouring individual strengths, choices and goals.

Grounded in respect, cultural safety and community connection, we focus on Wellness and Reablement, supporting people to live life their way.

Client Contributions

Client contribution requirements are determined through income assessments undertaken by Services Australia, with fees applied in accordance with Australian Government advice and approved Council pricing.

Our team is available to assist clients and families to understand their assessment outcome and what it means for their services.

16. Common Services Provided

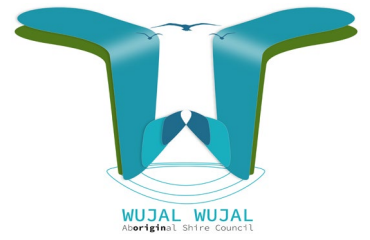
Service	Unit	Standard Hours Rate (\$)
Meals	Per Meal	40.00
Domestic Assistance	Per hour	132.00
Social Support- Individual		132.00
Social Support (Group SSG)		44.00
Personal Care		132.00
Mowing / Yard Maintenance		142.00
Transportation (local)	Per client, per trip	38.00
Transportation (group to Cooktown)	Per client, per trip	38.00
Home Support Care Management (where applicable).	Per Client	250.00

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Appendix | 4

WWASC Planning Scheme Review

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire

Wujal Wujal Planning Scheme Review and Planning Considerations for the Degarra Historic Township – Outcomes Report

26 February 2026



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Executive summary

Urban Planning North Group (UP North) has been engaged to partner with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council to review the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Planning Scheme (WW Planning Scheme), as well as examining planning for a proposed area at the Degarra historic township in Douglas Shire, to facilitate well-located and culturally responsive housing for the Wujal Wujal community and to support the Eastern Kuku Yalanji (EKY) People to Return to Country.

The review is funded under the Queensland Government Scheme Supply Fund (SSF). Funding has been awarded to Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council to amend the WW Planning Scheme and to collaborate with Douglas Shire Council to amend the Douglas Shire Planning Scheme in relation to the Degarra historic township.

The key issues for housing in Wujal Wujal and for the EKY People are a chronic shortage of housing, overcrowding, and residential areas affected by flooding. The issues are highlighted in the Corporate Plan, Master Plan, Local Housing Plan and current WW Planning Scheme. These issues are not new and have been documented for decades.

The WW Planning Scheme was a foundational planning scheme and commenced on 22 July 2013 and amended in 2015 and 2020. A review of the WW Planning Scheme and planning for Degarra historic township can facilitate well located, flood resilient, culturally responsive housing for bama (rainforest people) on their bubu (land).

The review is proposed to be undertaken in two stages:

- Stage 1 – Statutory 10-year Planning Scheme Review (this report); and
- Stage 2 – WW Planning Scheme amendment and planning for Degarra historic township.

This statutory Planning Scheme Review has been undertaken in accordance with section 25 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act) and essentially considers the currency of the WW Planning Scheme and planning options for the Degarra historic township. It examines the demographic, legislative and policy context and sets out recommendations to address culturally appropriate housing priorities and alignment with current policy.

This report recommends that Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council:

- **prepare and progress an amendment to the WW Planning Scheme to facilitate better housing outcomes for Wujal Wujal as a short term priority;**
- **in conjunction with an amendment to the WW Planning Scheme, amend and update Planning Scheme Policy No.1 and prepare new planning scheme policies as needed;**
- **in the long term replace the current WW Planning Scheme and make a new planning scheme; and**
- **collaborate with Douglas Shire Council, on planning for the Degarra historic township to facilitate Return to Country, via an appropriate statutory mechanism.**

1 Introduction

1.1 Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire is located on the banks of the *bana yiri* (Bloomfield River) north of Cape Tribulation and south of Cooktown. It is a remote Aboriginal community that is part of Eastern Kuku Yalanji Country. Degarra is an area to the east of Wujal Wujal, which includes a historic subdivision layout that was never developed. This study is focussed on the Wujal Wujal township and the Degarra historic township.

The historical and geographic context of both Wujal Wujal and Degarra is fundamental to understanding contemporary land use, tenure and housing constraints.

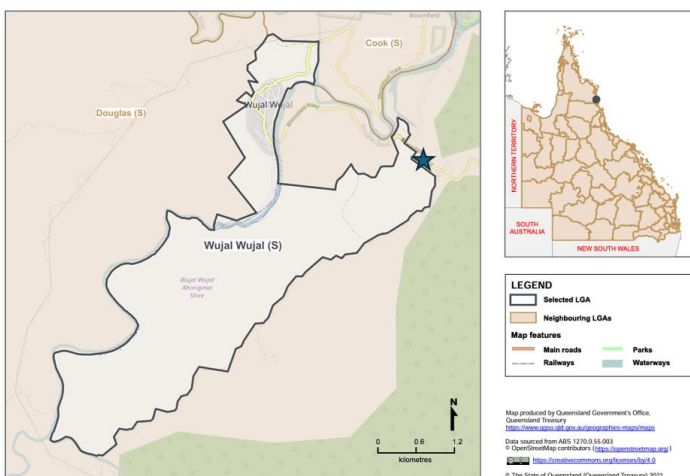
Wujal Wujal developed from a mission settlement established following the rapid alienation of land in the Bloomfield and Annan catchments from 1882, when coastal and riverfront areas were allocated for pastoral, mining and timber purposes. Traditional Kuku Yalanji access to *bubu* (land) was diminished with their concentration into a small mission reserve on the northern bank of the Bloomfield River. The limited land base, combined with subsequent aggregation of multiple clan groups, resulted in a compressed settlement pattern with constrained residential land supply and ongoing exposure to flood and environmental hazards. The community transitioned to Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) tenure under the Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984 (Qld) and in 2004 the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council was formed.

Land at Dikarrba (Degarra) was historically a residential area for EKY people within the Bloomfield Valley, located along Woobadda River (Thompson Creek). For more than a century, Degarra functioned as a primary residential and cultural site for Kuku Yalanji families. However, by the mid-1960s, church and government pressure resulted in the relocation of residents upstream to Wujal Wujal, with only intermittent occupation continuing into the early 1980s. The land retains strong patrilineal and matrilineal connections to families now residing at Wujal Wujal and is of substantial cultural and historical significance.

Together, the histories of Wujal Wujal and Degarra demonstrate the inter-relationship between land alienation, mission consolidation, tenure arrangements and environmental constraints that continue to shape settlement form, housing supply, infrastructure planning and hazard exposure across the Bloomfield Valley.

Figure 1.1 illustrates the location of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire LGA and Degarra historic township.

Figure 1 – Location of Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire LGA and Degarra historic township.



★ Degarra Historic Township

Source: ABS

1.2 Scope

Urban Planning North Group (UP North) has been engaged to partner with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council to review the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Planning Scheme (WW Planning Scheme) and consider planning for the Degarra historic township, so as to facilitate well-located and culturally responsive housing for the Wujal Wujal community and support the Eastern Kuku Yalanji (EKY) People to Return to Country. This review is funded under the Queensland Government Scheme Supply Fund (SSF).

The WW Planning Scheme commenced over 12 years ago on 22 July 2013 and recognises the need for more housing. The need for more housing is restated in the more recent Corporate Plan, Master Plan and Local Housing Plan, all of which highlight the urgent need for housing that is flood-resilient, safe and reflective of EKY cultural values.

Wujal Wujal is constrained by limited, hazard-prone land (bubu), contributing to chronic overcrowding and homelessness. While some capacity for growth exists within the township, the long-term solution lies in integrating planning for nearby EKY-owned lands in the Degarra historic township, in Douglas Shire. This area is safe, suitable for development, and already supported by detailed constraints mapping undertaken through the State-funded Return to Country Community Development Plan, led by the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate (Jabalbina) and Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA).

This review of the WW Planning Scheme has been undertaken in accordance with section 25 of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act) and the relevant State guidance material 'Planning scheme monitoring and undertaking a 10-year review - Guidance for local governments' (DSDILGP, November 2021). However, this report essentially focuses on the currency of the WW Planning Scheme and housing priorities.

Section 25 of the Act states that Council must review its planning scheme within ten years after the planning scheme was made or was last reviewed. This requirement ensures planning schemes are well-maintained and remain contemporary, responsive, and relevant to informing and guiding the future of the local government area. Based on the review, Council must decide whether to amend or replace the planning scheme or whether the Planning Scheme should remain the same.

This Planning Scheme Review report:

- examines population and development trends;
- considers the need for alignment with current State and regional planning policy;
- considers the need to reflect current local planning policy outcomes;
- synthesises existing strategic, technical, recovery, housing, and cultural heritage work;
- examines whether the WW Planning Scheme is operationally effective and consistent with community and Council expectations;
- examines planning options for the Degarra historic township;
- identifies key findings and information gaps; and
- makes recommendations to amend the WW Planning Scheme and to facilitate planning for the Degarra historic township.

1.3 Report Structure

This Planning Scheme Review report is structured as follows:

- Executive Summary
- Section 1 – Introduction
- Section 2 – Population and Development Trends
- Section 3 –Legislative and Policy Context

- Section 4 – Projects and Studies
- Section 5 – Consultation
- Section 6 –Wujal Wujal Planning Scheme Technical Audit
- Section 7 – Planning for Degarra Historic Township
- Section 8 – Gap Analysis
- Section 9 – Key Findings and Recommendations.

2 Population and Development Trends

Population and development trends are outlined in the Master Plan and Local Housing Plan (LHP). A brief summary is provided below.

In the 2021 Census, the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire recorded a usual resident population of approximately 276–282 people, reflecting the small, predominantly Aboriginal community that characterises the Shire. The population has remained relatively stable over recent census periods.

The Queensland Government Statisticians Office (QGSO) indicates a falling population for Wujal Wujal. However, this rate appears to be underestimated. The LHP notes that the Wujal Wujal community suggest that the low population figures may be a reflection of the lack of housing and short-term absences and that the people of Wujal Wujal want to grow their community. It is also noted that actual population figures can be much higher than recorded in the census or QGSO figures and notes that health data from 2023 estimated 419 residents, far exceeding official projections.

The community has a young median age of around 29 years, lower than the Queensland average, and a high proportion of residents identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (over 90%), underscoring the strong Indigenous demographic presence.

Household structures show larger average household sizes compared with broader regional averages, with most dwellings occupied as separate houses and a high proportion of rented rather than owner-occupied housing. The number of people in Wujal Wujal, identifying as homeless is ten times higher than for Queensland.

The labour force participation rate is comparatively low, with a significant share of residents not in the labour force.

When undertaking the review the demographic characteristics including small population base, young age profile, high Indigenous representation, larger households and prevalent rental tenure, are important considerations.

3 Legislative and Policy Context

3.1 Introduction

The key State planning legislation is the Act and Planning Regulation 2017. However, there is a range of other federal and state legislation that affects land use planning which is relevant when preparing or amending planning schemes. Planning schemes are also required to align with the State Planning Policy and any regional plan.

The local policy context is important to inform the vision for the community, and the strategies and actions to achieve the vision.

3.2 State legislation and policy context

3.2.1 *Planning Act 2016 and Planning Regulation*

Planning Act 2016

The State Government sets the key planning rules and establishes the framework of planning instruments that support the making of planning schemes. The key planning legislation is the Act and Planning Regulation 2017. This is supported by the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR) which sets out a consistent method for plan making.

Under the Act a planning scheme must:

- integrate state interests;
- include zones, local plans (if applicable), overlays and codes;
- identify assessment benchmarks; and
- be prepared in accordance with the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

The WW Planning Scheme was prepared under the superseded *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and the Queensland Planning Provisions (QPP). It commenced on 22 July 2013 and was amended in 2015 (minor amendment to reflect amendments made to QPP and State Planning Policy) and in 2020 (alignment amendment to reflect the Act).

The Planning Scheme is consistent with the Act in that it:

- contains a strategic framework that identifies strategic outcomes for the local government area. However, as noted later in the report should be updated in accordance with current state policy;
- includes a regulatory framework that establishes categories of development assessment and 'assessment benchmarks' against which assessable development is measured;
- is drafted in accordance with the mandatory zones and definitions that comprise the 'regulated requirements'.

The statutory guideline Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR) made under the Act establishes requirements for planning scheme amendments and scheme preparation processes. The MGR is supported by the non-statutory Guidance for the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

Planning Regulation 2017

The Planning Regulation 2017 (Planning Regulation) supports the Act and:

- identifies categories of development and assessment;
- prescribes referral agencies;
- defines accepted development; and
- identifies development that is prohibited.

Relevant to the provision of social housing in Wujal Wujal, is that the Planning Regulation includes provisions that certain development carried out by or on behalf of the State for social housing purposes may be:

- categorised differently (e.g. accepted development or exempt from assessment in certain circumstances), and/or
- not subject to a planning scheme where prescribed.

In effect, where the Planning Regulation prescribes that development for social housing by or on behalf of the State is accepted development (or otherwise exempt), the local planning scheme does not apply to the extent stated in the Regulation. This is particularly relevant for Wujal Wujal, which has a large component of social housing.

3.2.2 Other key state legislation

Vegetation Management Act 1999

The *Vegetation Management Act 1999* (VMA) regulates the clearing of native vegetation on freehold and certain leasehold land.

The purpose of the VMA is to:

- conserve remnant native vegetation;
- protect biodiversity; and
- maintain ecological processes.

The implications for the Planning Scheme include:

- clearing of native vegetation is primarily regulated under the VMA and the Planning Act (through referral triggers);
- the VMA generally does not regulate clearing in Urban areas identified on the regulated vegetation management maps; and
- development of land for purposes such as housing is better facilitated in Urban designated areas.

The primary implication for Wujal Wujal and the Degarra historic township is that land proposed for development should be included within an urban designation, in the regional plan and the planning scheme to be more facilitatory for housing development. This is particularly relevant for the Degarra historic township which is in a non-urban designation.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

The *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* establishes a “duty of care” to avoid harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*:

- cultural heritage is protected regardless of land tenure;
- a statutory duty of care applies to all persons;
- Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs) may be required in certain circumstances; and
- cultural heritage registers and databases are maintained by the State.

Whilst, protection of cultural heritage is dealt with under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, key implications for planning schemes include:

- planning schemes should recognise areas of cultural heritage significance (where appropriate and lawful);
- cultural heritage can be considered upfront in the planning process; and
- engagement with Traditional Owners is best practice and in the case of Wujal Wujal and the Degarra historic township is essential in scheme preparation.

Any drafting of planning scheme provisions for Wujal Wujal and the Degarra historic township must recognise and respect Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Native Title Act (Queensland) 1993

The *Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993* seeks to ensure that Queensland law is consistent with the *Commonwealth Native Title Act* for future dealings affecting native title. The *Commonwealth Native Title Act*:

- provides for the recognition and protection of native title;
- sets out processes for future dealings affecting native title and past acts; and
- establishes a mechanism for determining claims to native title.

Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) are made under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). They are voluntary but legally binding agreements between native title parties and others about land use and management, and may include agreed processes for cultural heritage assessment and protection.

Whilst cultural heritage compliance is governed by processes articulated in an ILUA, the planning scheme review provides an opportunity to ensure strategic intent, overlays and assessment benchmarks appropriately recognise cultural landscapes and areas of potential archaeological sensitivity. This is especially relevant in the Degarra historic township, where historic settlement patterns and long-standing occupation intersect with areas of environmental and cultural significance, requiring an integrated and culturally responsive planning framework.

The status of ILUAs for Wujal Wujal and Degarra are shown in **Figure 3.1 ILUAs**.

Figure 3.1 ILUAs



Source: Queensland Globe

3.2.3 State Planning Policy 2017

The Act requires a planning scheme to coordinate and integrate the matters that it deals with, including state and regional dimensions.

The State Planning Policy 2017 (SPP) sets out the state interests in land use planning and development and applies instead of a regional plan or a planning scheme to the extent of any inconsistency.

The State Planning Policy (SPP) includes the following themes:

- Liveable communities and housing;
- Economic growth;
- Environment and heritage;
- Safety and resilience to hazards; and
- Infrastructure.

The Planning Scheme was confirmed by the planning minister to be consistent with the SPP current at the time. The SPP has undergone amendments since that time, and further guidance has been provided by the State in relation to the operation of certain aspects of the SPP. The current SPP is dated July 2017.

Overall, the WW Planning Scheme should be updated to further alignment with the SPP. Matters which require further consideration include:

- **Housing:** The highest priority is the need to facilitate well-located, safe and culturally responsive housing for the Wujal Wujal community and to support the Eastern Kuku Yalanji (EKY) People to Return to Country;
- **Cultural heritage:** Appropriate recognition and protection of the rich cultural heritage and values that have significance to the local Aboriginal community;
- **Flooding:** The Wujal Wujal community is extensively affected by flooding. A review of the WW Planning Scheme and planning for the Degarra historic township can incorporate updated provisions and mapping informed by recent flood hazard risk assessments;
- **Bushfire:** New bushfire hazard mapping in the current SPP is particularly relevant for Wujal Wujal, as almost the whole shire is at bushfire risk. An assessment of bushfire risk for the Degarra historic township can take into account mapping and assessments undertaken by WTMA, the SPP mapping and QFES bushfire prone area mapping;
- **Landslide:** The Wujal Wujal area is prone to landslide and updated landslide hazard mapping, with a particular focus on areas considered for future development, is needed to ensure the safety of the community;
- **Biodiversity:** Updating of biodiversity provisions and mapping to further alignment with the SPP. A major constraint for Wujal Wujal is the extent of regulated vegetation, under the VMA, in and around the township;
- **Coastal hazards:** Coastal hazard mapping (sea level rise, open coast erosion and storm tide) should be updated to align with the SPP and inform land use policy directions; and
- **Infrastructure:** Review of provisions relating to key infrastructure and mapping.

3.2.4 Far North Queensland Regional Plan

The Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009 (FNQRP) includes the local government areas of Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire and Douglas Shire (noting at that time Douglas Shire was part of Cairns Regional Council). The township of Wujal Wujal is included within the Urban Footprint. Degarra is included within the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area.

The FNQRP is currently under review. Public consultation on the Draft FNQRP closed on 5 January 2026.

The Draft FNQRP projects:

- the population to increase from 285 in 2021 to 310 - 335 persons in 2046; and
- dwellings to increase from 90 in 2021 to 110 - 115 in 2046.

The Draft FNQRP notes that:

- Wujal Wujal has the second-largest average household size in FNQ. Housing is the most pressing need in the community now, having fundamental effects on all other areas of community life and individual and intergenerational health and wellbeing;
- a lack of housing impacts peoples' ability to stay in the community, and new housing is required to meet the changing needs of the population – particularly the high number of younger people needing homes of their own;
- there is a need for new housing types while ensuring dwelling designs are climatically and culturally appropriate;
- Wujal Wujal faces complex challenges, but residents want to grow their community and increase housing and economic opportunities; and
- Wujal Wujal is vulnerable to isolation during disaster events, which impacts housing and access to essential services like healthcare and education.

Council provided a submission to the Draft FNQRP having resolved in September 2025 that Council investigate and advance the provision of social/community housing at the Degarra historic township and to

collaborate on a Draft FNQ Regional Plan submission for the inclusion of the Degarra historic township in the in the Urban Footprint.

3.3 Local policy context

3.2.1 Introduction

The local policy context sets the vision and aspirations for the community, with the following clear directions emerging:

- housing supply must increase to address overcrowding;
- development must occur on land that is both serviceable and outside unacceptable flood risk;
- infrastructure planning and land use planning must be closely aligned;
- cultural and environmental considerations remain central to settlement planning; and
- resilience to natural hazards is a primary determinant of future growth areas.

The key documents provide a contemporary strategic foundation that the Planning Scheme Review should formally recognise and operationalise through zoning, overlays, assessment benchmarks and infrastructure coordination provisions.

The documents, discussed in more detail below, include:

- Corporate Plan;
- Master Plan;
- 10-year Strategic Capital Plan; and
- Local Housing Plan.

3.3.2 Corporate Plan

The Corporate Plan 2022-2027 was revised in July 2025. It establishes clear strategic priorities relating to sustainable settlement planning, housing delivery, infrastructure coordination, and environmental and cultural protection. Housing supply, overcrowding reduction, and improved liveability are identified as core community objectives.

The vision in the Corporate Plan is:

A sustainable and thriving community in which residents have opportunities to develop and experience quality of life.

The Planning Scheme Review should ensure alignment with the strategic directions by facilitating sufficient and appropriately located residential land supply, removing regulatory impediments to housing delivery, integrating hazard and infrastructure constraints into zoning decisions, and embedding cultural and environmental considerations within development assessment provisions.

3.3.3 Master Plan

The Wujal Wujal Master Plan (Master Plan) was prepared for the Queensland Government Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) and Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council, by Meridian Urban and Water Technology. It was endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 18 March 2025.

The Master Plan provides a spatial framework for the future development of the township, integrating land use planning, infrastructure provision, flood risk management, and community facilities planning. It was prepared to guide coordinated investment and staged development in response to growth pressures, infrastructure constraints and natural hazard exposure.

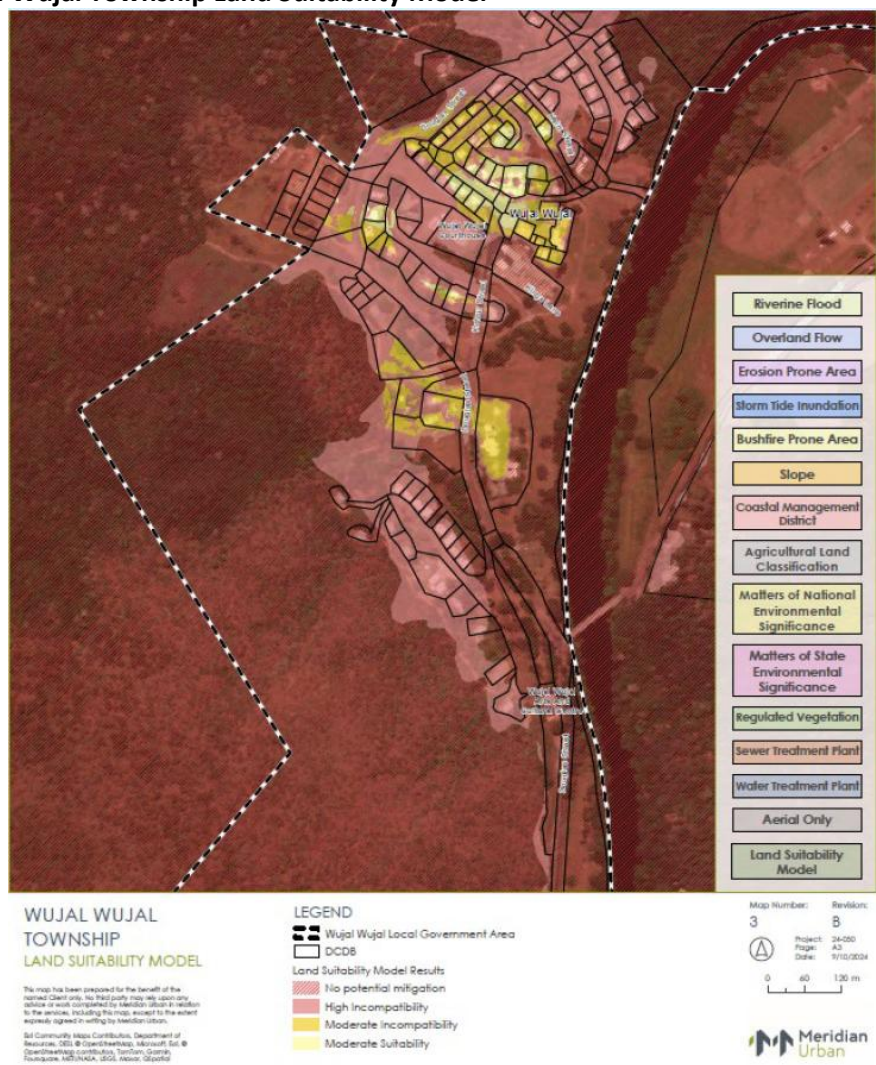
The Master Plan is a living document that outlines the strategic planning and future development intentions for the Wujal Wujal township. It covers the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire LGA as well as freehold lots owned by Council in the immediate vicinity.

Key findings of the flood risk assessment and land suitability analysis undertaken as part of the Master Plan include:

- a significant proportion of the township is exposed to some form of flood risk. The Master Plan identified 30% of residential land in the township has high incompatibility with housing and no immediate mitigation pathway. Only 7% was found to be moderately suitable;
- low-lying areas closer to the *bana yiri* (Bloomfield River) have a higher risk level; and
- large parts of the township may be isolated when inundated by either riverine flood or overland flow.

The land suitability model is shown in **Figure 3.1 Wujal Wujal Township Land Suitability Model**.

Figure 3.1 Wujal Wujal Township Land Suitability Model



The Master Plan applied the Queensland Resilience, Adaptation Pathways and Transformation Approach (QRAPTA), developed by the CSIRO for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, to inform future development in Wujal Wujal and ensure it is flood resilient.

The QRAPTA includes three possible pathways - maintain, modify and transform. The Master Plan identifies properties which require a modify or transformation pathway response due to the nature of the flood hazard and other site constraints.

Based on the assessment and analysis the Master Plan provides a concept plan outlining preferred land use and supporting actions, shown in **Figure 3.2 Wujal Wujal Master Plan Concept Map**.

Figure 3.2 Wujal Wujal Master Plan Concept Map



The Master Plan identifies residential (bayan) projects being the redevelopment of Lots 1 and 2 (noted as 1 on the map) and small lot infill redevelopment, as immediate and short-term priorities to relieve housing stress for the community and to provide more options to shelter-in-place in the event of future cyclones and floods.

The Master Plan does not include an assessment of increased demand on infrastructure services as a result of the proposed projects. It also does not consider in-detail the location of infrastructure services in relation to flood risk.

The Master Plan sets out the aspirations for *bama* (an Aboriginal person or rainforest person) and Council for the future development of Wujal Wujal.

A review of the WW Planning Scheme Review provides an opportunity to:

- review the planning framework for development in Wujal Wujal;
- identify and master plan the subdivision for housing on the key redevelopment site known as Lots 1 and 2;
- facilitate opportunities for infill development in the township, taking into account design requirements to modify development to respond to flood constraints, climate and cultural values;
- reconsider planning designations for land subject to flooding;
- update flood hazard risk assessment mapping and provisions; and
- consider the capacity of infrastructure to accommodate future development and the location of infrastructure services in relation to flood risk.

3.4 10 Year Strategic Capital Plan

Council adopted its 10-year Strategic Capital Plan in March 2025, which primarily focuses on housing and infrastructure recovery following the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Jasper. The plan aims to address housing shortages, reduce overcrowding, and improve community infrastructure.

The primary objectives of the capital plan include:

- **Disaster Recovery:** Rebuilding the community and infrastructure damaged by Tropical Cyclone Jasper;
- **Housing:** Delivering social housing to reduce overcrowding, decrease homelessness, and provide suitable accommodation for all community members, including the elderly;
- **Infrastructure:** Collaborating with state and federal governments to ensure sustainable, secure, and safe water and wastewater services; and
- **Community Wellbeing:** Supporting the provision of essential services like health, education (kindergarten), recreation, and cultural expression facilities.

A review of the WW Planning Scheme provides an opportunity to align the WW Planning Scheme with the outcomes sought in the 10-year Strategic Capital Plan.

3.5 Local Housing Plan

A Draft Local Housing Plan has been prepared by the Department of Housing and Public Works, which Council adopted on 18 March 2025. It identifies current and projected housing need across Wujal Wujal and Degarra and provides evidence-based analysis of housing demand, overcrowding, dwelling condition, and future supply requirements.

The Preface by Council acknowledges the specific needs of the community members, including the importance of culturally appropriate housing, the demand for additional social and affordable housing, and the need to maintain and upgrade existing housing stock. Furthermore, it highlights the necessity of sustainable housing solutions that consider environmental factors, such as flood resilience, and the long-term growth of the community.

The LHP highlights the community's preference for development on higher ground that allows people to shelter in place, in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Jasper in December 2023 and the aspirations of the community to build homes on Country.

The LHP identifies a homeless rate more than ten times the Qld average. Health data (2023) estimated 419 residents, far exceeding official projections and confirming housing supply is suppressing actual population return. By addressing housing constraints and enabling culturally appropriate growth, the review of the WW Planning Scheme and planning for the Degarra historic township can ensure planning provisions align with the lived needs and aspirations of the EKY Bama to live, work and thrive on Country.

Key themes in the LHP are:

- **Increase housing supply:** Reduce overcrowding and increase housing diversity to meet housing need.
- **Economic development:** The delivery of housing and housing services drives economic benefit in the community.
- **Increase land availability:** Identify and secure land to be developed for future residential land use.
- **Appropriate and sustainable housing:** Housing in the community to reflect the needs of the local terrain and climate.
- **Home ownership:** Home ownership to enable continuation of cultural, personal and intergenerational connection to land and homes.

A review of the WW Planning Scheme provides an opportunity to address the urgent housing need, including addressing:

- the demand for increased housing diversity to meet Wujal Wujal's needs and promote independent living;
- redevelopment that includes higher density rebuilds including duplex, triplex and townhouses;
- the need for increased land availability and the need to identify existing vacant land;
- the need to secure land for future residential development/ subdivision; and

The LHP notes the aspiration of the community and Council to expand the WWASC LGA through a boundary realignment.

4 Project and studies

4.1 Introduction

Wujal Wujal and the Degarra historic township have been the subject of studies that can inform the review including:

- flood studies;
- cultural heritage risk assessment; and
- research into factors affecting the community in Wujal Wujal and outlying areas.

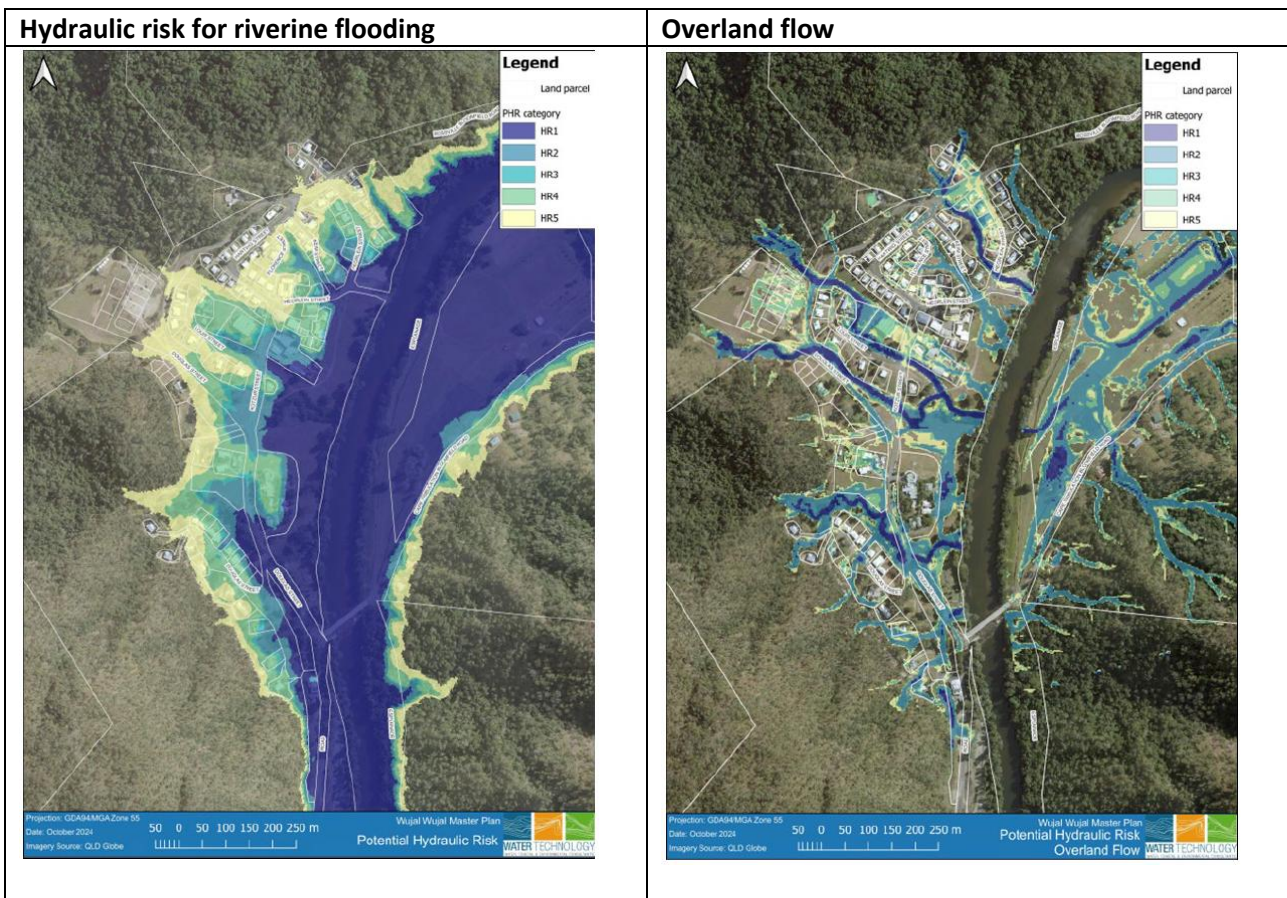
4.2 Natural hazard risk assessments

Wujal Wujal Master Plan – Flood Review

The Wujal Wujal Master Plan – Flood Review was prepared by Water Technology in December 2024. This review applied a flood model for the Bloomfield River. In addition, an overland flow flood study was subsequently completed for the Wujal Wujal township and surrounds to inform flood risk in relation to land use planning. The Wujal Wujal Master Plan – Flood Review informed the Master Plan and is suitable to inform updates to the WW Planning Scheme. It did not extend as far as Degarra.

The hydraulic risk for riverine flooding and overland flow is shown in **Figure 4.1**.

Figure 4.1 Hydraulic risk for riverine flooding and overland flow in Wujal Wujal



Safeguarding Degarra: A Multi-Hazard Evaluation for Community Resilience

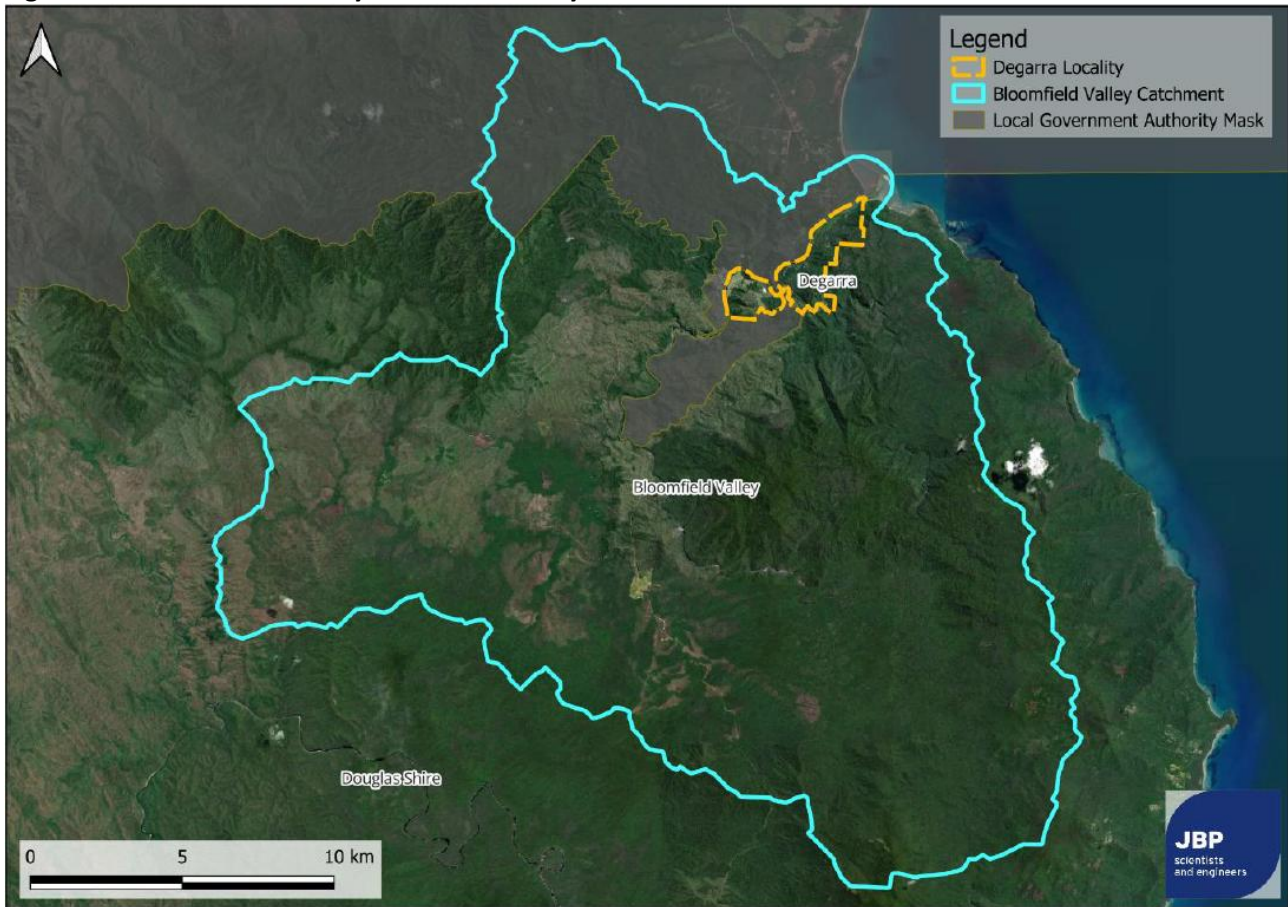
Safeguarding Degarra: A Multi-Hazard Evaluation for Community Resilience was prepared for Douglas Shire Council (JB Pacific, 2024b).

The study was done in conjunction with the following studies, which are discussed in further detail below;

- Building Resilient Communities: Understanding natural hazards and land use planning - Recommendations for Degarra (2024)
- Degarra Flood Risk Management Study.

The study addresses natural hazard risks in the Bloomfield Valley Catchment which is an extensive area including Degarra, as shown in **Figure 4.2**. The study integrates multiple hazards including flooding, bushfire, landslide, and storm tide, into a comprehensive risk assessment to inform risk management options for the Degarra residents. The Study focuses on existing houses in the broader Degarra locality and assesses a range of options for existing houses.

Figure 4.2 – Bloomfield Valley Catchment Study Area



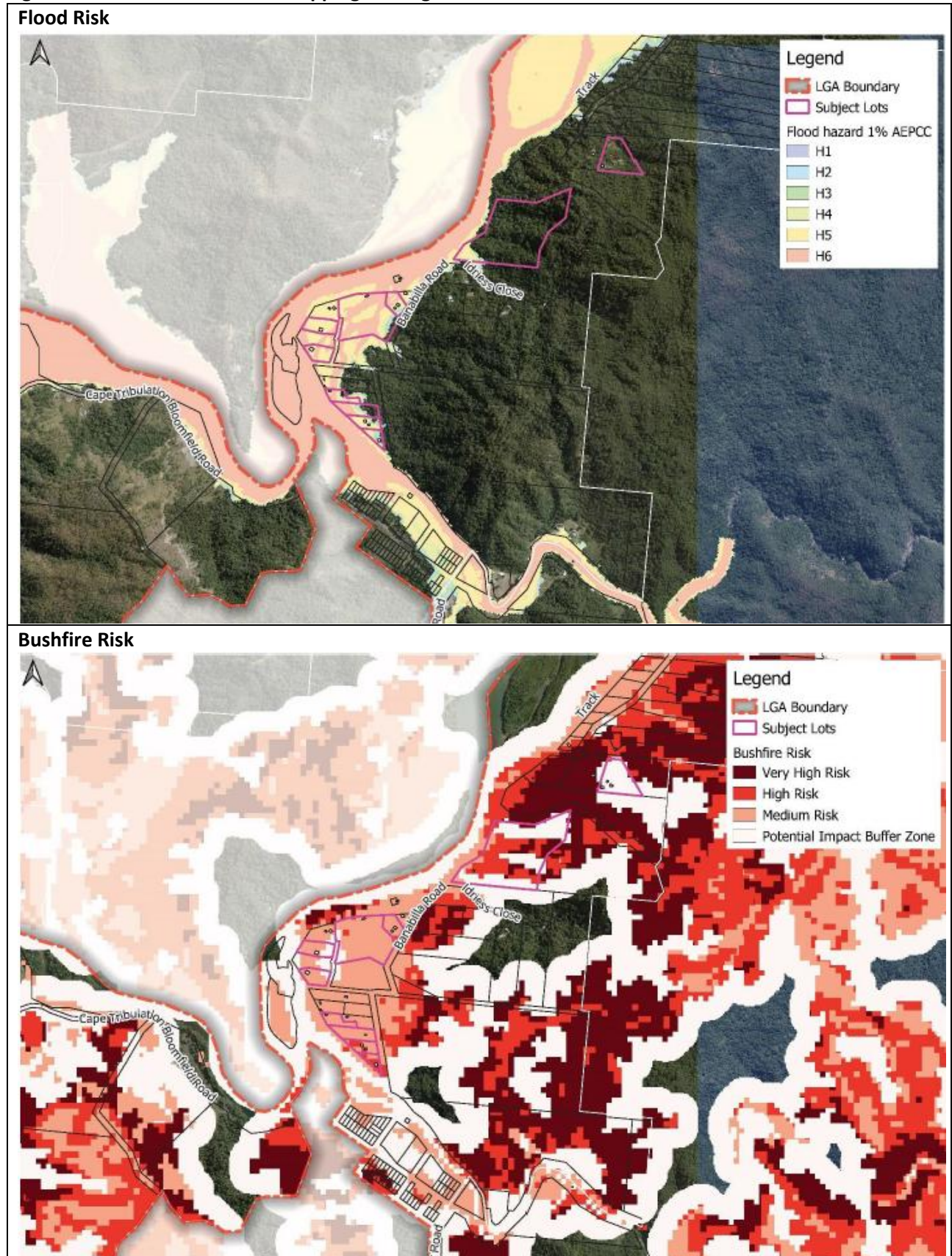
This study can inform planning for the proposed area at the Degarra historic township. However, the study has been produced at a much larger scale. Planning for the proposed area at the Degarra historic township would require further detailed analysis.

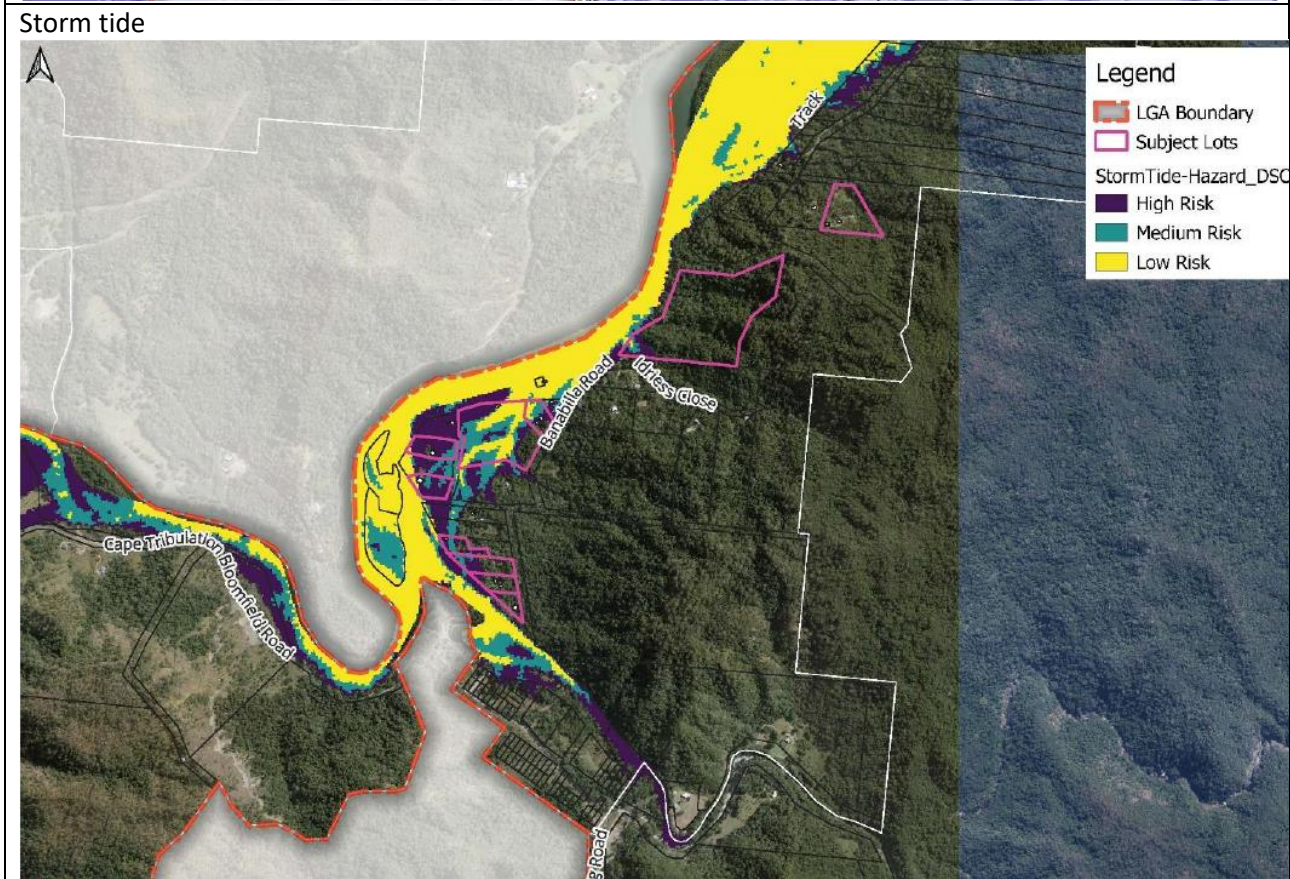
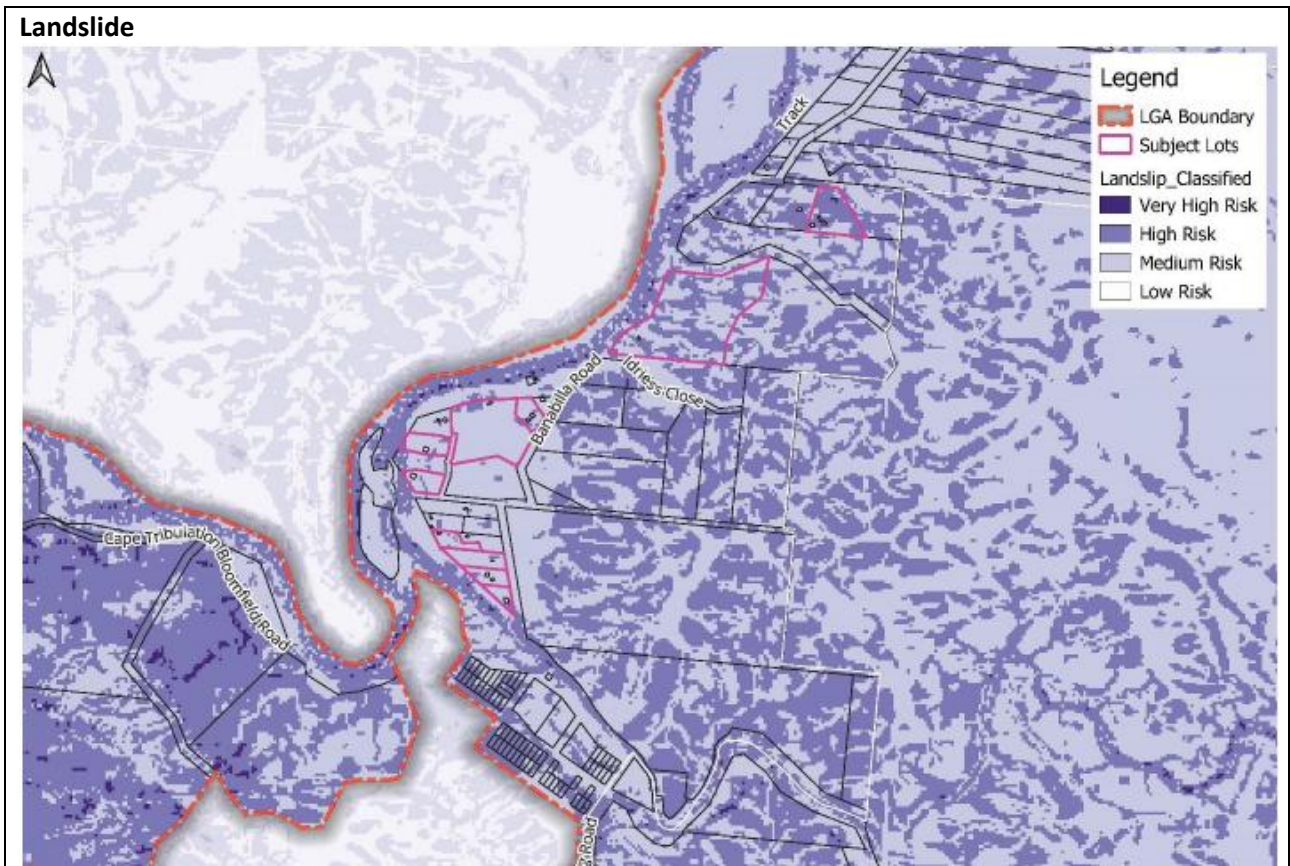
Building Resilient Communities: Understanding natural hazards and land use planning - Recommendations for Degarra

Building Resilient Communities: Understanding natural hazards and land use planning - Recommendations for Degarra (UPRS, 2024) provides a risk based planning approach to protect people, property, infrastructure, the environment and the economy through best practice land use planning and policy development for multiple-hazards. The study provides land use planning recommendations that address risks for existing housing areas north of the Degarra historic township.

The assessments undertaken in this study can inform further detailed assessments for the proposed land at the Degarra historic township. Mapping of natural hazard risks is shown in **Figure 4.3**.

Figure 4.3 Natural Hazard Risk Mapping for Degarra



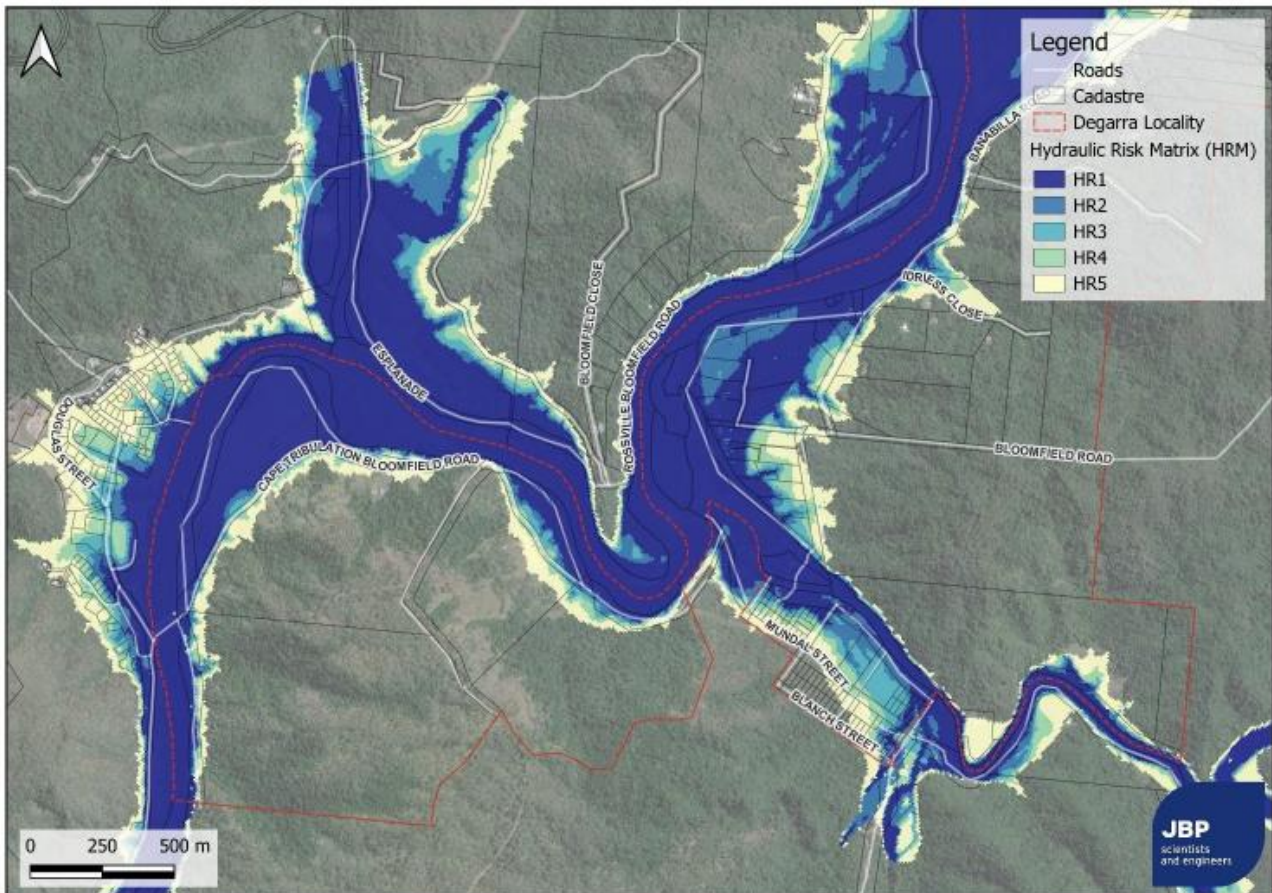


Degarra Flood Risk Management Study

The Degarra Flood Risk Management Study, Draft Report was prepared for Douglas Shire (JB Pacific 2024a). The study investigated flood hazards in Degarra. A hydraulic risk assessment was completed in line with the Regional Guideline for Flood Awareness Mapping and Communication produced by the Queensland

Reconstruction Authority in 2020. The study showed lots in the Degarra historic township, along Cape Tribulation Bloomfield Road 9Mundal Street and Blanch Street) as having low to no impact from flooding, being categorised as HR4, HR5, or not impacted at all, as shown in **Figure 4.4 – Hydraulic Risk Matrix outputs across Degarra**.

Figure 4.4 – Hydraulic Risk Matrix outputs across Degarra



A vulnerability analysis of roads was undertaken including the two main roads into Degarra and the two bridges within Degarra. This found that the two major roads through Degarra are non-trafficable for the 50% AEP event. The bridges leading out of Degarra have between 8 and 11.5 hours from when the rainfall commences for a 50% AEP event to when they become inundated.

The Degarra Flood Risk Management Study provides a detailed technical basis for avoiding or mitigating flood risk and can inform planning scheme options, including land use controls, structure planning, and potential relocation or land swap strategies.

4.3 Cultural Heritage Risk Assessment

Cultural heritage is dealt with under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act* and any applicable ILUAs.

A Cultural Heritage Risk Assessment was conducted by Archaeology Survey Team Pty Ltd for Council, including a Cultural Heritage Field Assessment Report, dated 6.4.2025.

The Cultural Heritage Risk Assessment (CHRA) was undertaken across Wujal Wujal Shire and assesses cultural heritage values, risk and risk mitigation measures needed to protect cultural heritage. The assessment focuses on specific priority areas.

Whilst the Cultural Heritage Risk Assessment can inform the review of the WW Planning Scheme, a broader review of cultural heritage place-making can inform planning scheme measures that address cultural heritage values. Similarly, cultural heritage place-making should be considered as part of any planning for the Degarra historic township.

4.4 1989 Research Study

Research Study No.1 – the Underlying causes for the deaths of Australian Aboriginal people in government detention (Anderson & Coates 1989), investigated the social and governance context in Wujal Wujal and surrounding lands including Degarra.

A summary of key points is described below.

- the people of Wujal Wujal have traditional affiliation with the Bloomfield River Valley and the upper Annan River valley to the north. The Aboriginal people were generally not removed in large numbers and lived in small groups on their own territories in extended family or clan groups. From the 1950s the groups were moved into a centralized mission settlement at Wujal Wujal;
- land has always been a problem for the Wujal Wujal community ‘The initial mission site was very small and not wholly suitable for extensive residential development’;
- Degarra, was identified as the major residential site for Kuku-Yalanji people in the Bloomfield Valley. In 1957 the Lutheran missionaries reported that there were about 100 people living at Degarra. The camp existed until the mid-1960s. Two families continued to maintain sporadic residence at Degarra until the early 1980s. In 1985 an outstation was set up there;
- there are burials in the area and one site of great religious significance. The land is strongly linked by patrilineal and matrilineal descent ties to many families at Wujal Wujal. The land is of great cultural, historical and personal significance to Wujal Wujal people. ‘Degarra was seen as perhaps their only opportunity for residential expansion’;
- infrastructure studies undertaken in the late 1980s identified the suitability of Degarra for residential living due to flat, cleared land and permanent freshwater; and
- the research paper made recommendations to the Royal Commissioner that the township of Degarra be acquired from the Douglas Shire Council, and included within the Deed of Grant in Trust for Wujal Wujal.

This paper provides a significant overview of the history and challenges for the people of Wujal Wujal since around the 1950s. It also outlines the chronic shortage of land leading to overcrowding and social problems as well as the need to allow for development of outlying settlements such as Degarra. This paper, although written over 35 years ago, highlights challenges still being faced today.

5 Consultation

Recent consultation was undertaken for the Master Plan and Local Housing Action Plan which identified aspirations of *bama* for the future development of the area.

In summary key outcomes can be summarised as follows:

- the highest priority is provision of flood resilient housing through location of housing in flood free areas. It is essential for the community to see progress on a safer future to assist the healing process from trauma experienced during Cyclone Jasper;
- housing affected by flooding can be made more resilient through changes to elevated structures, building materials and design;
- overcrowding is still a significant issue with some households accommodating 4–5 families or up to 16 people;

- land availability for development is limited, requiring discussions with Traditional Owners for culturally appropriate solutions;
- new developments should reflect rainforest aesthetics and cultural identity; and
- flood-affected areas could be repurposed for community and recreational spaces.

The Master Plan responds to community direction following Cyclone Jasper: that maintaining the status quo is not an option. Engagement revealed strong support for relocating housing to higher ground, converting flood-affected areas for public use, and adopting a long-term staged approach. These priorities can underpin planning scheme amendments.

The development of the Wujal Wujal Master Plan was a collaborative effort between community, Elders, Council and RILIPO. The review of the WW Planning Scheme and planning for the Degarra historic township should continue to be informed by engagement with including Elders, Traditional Owners, Council, State government, residents, businesses and service providers.

There is already considerable work underway, to facilitate planning for Degarra, incorporating the Return to Country work led by Jabalbina and the Wet Tropics Management Authority. Inter-agency working group structures are already established.

The WW Planning Scheme review and planning for the Degarra historic township should be informed by statutory and non-statutory consultation.

6 Wujal Wujal Planning Scheme

6.1 Introduction

Introduction

The WW Planning Scheme was a foundational planning scheme. It commenced on 22 July 2013 and was prepared in accordance with the now superseded *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

The planning Scheme was amended as follows:

- Amendment 1.1 – Minor Amendment to reflect the Queensland Planning Provisions (QPP) adopted on 17 March 2015; and
- Amendment 1.2 – Alignment Amendment undertaken in accordance with the current Act, adopted on 17 September 2020 and commenced on 9 October 2020.

At the time the Planning Scheme was prepared, Wujal Wujal was surrounded by the Cairns Regional Council LGA, due to the amalgamation of Cairns City Council and Douglas Shire Council in 2008. The two local authorities were subsequently subject to de-amalgamation in 2014.

6.2 Wujal Wujal Planning Scheme Audit

An audit of the parts of the WW Planning Scheme is undertaken below.

Community Statement and Vision

The Planning Scheme is prefaced by a Community Statement and Vision which describes the EKY people's connection to the land, settlement patterns and history and contains the following statement:

Land availability has always been a problem for the Wujal Wujal community. Not all land within the DOGIT area is suitable for extensive residential development, due to the physical constraints of the area, including increased flooding from climate change,

existing drainage lines, bushfire hazards and steep slopes. These constraints need to remain the focus when determining areas to accommodate development, to ensure that the risk to people and property is reduced, the natural processes of the river flooding remain intact and the steep slopes, which create the scenic backdrop to the area, are not reduced. This also requires consideration of existing vegetation, which not only creates the forested scenic backdrop, but also provides habitat for important species.

The Community Statement notes that due to a lack of suitable land for residential purposes, in the future the local people will be required to reside outside of the centralized township, and into their homelands including Degarra which is located outside of the LGA. It also notes challenges relating to complexity of legislation and tenure.

The Planning Scheme sets a vision for Wujal Wujal recognising social, cultural and natural values.

Part 1 About the Planning Scheme

Part 1 describes the administrative aspects of the Planning Scheme. The mapping requires updating to reflect the current adjoining local authority of Douglas Shire.

Part 2 State Planning Provisions

Part 2 State Planning Provisions refers to integration of the State planning interests in the SPP current at the time. The Planning Scheme requires updating to reflect the current SPP. Refer to Section 3.2.4 of this report.

The Planning Scheme appropriately reflected the FNQRP. The Planning Scheme should be updated to reflect the revised FNQRP once it is adopted. Refer to Section 3.2.5 of this report.

Part 3 Strategic Framework

The Strategic intent expresses the community's intent for the future development of Wujal Wujal and also expresses the intent of the community to move back to their homelands including Degarra. The intent refers to aspirations of the community to reside within the southern portion of the DOGIT that is located within the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The intent should be updated in consultation with the community and key stakeholders including Council and the Wet Tropics Management Authority.

Section 3.2 Strategic Intent states:

Wujal Wujal is a single discrete township, located on the banks of Bloomfield River and surrounded by forested hillslopes.

Accommodating the expected population growth over the next 20 years, within the local government area is difficult as not all land within the DOGIT area is suitable for residential development, due to the physical constraints of the area including flooding, established drainage lines, bushfire hazards and steep slopes.

In addition, the environmental values of the land, reflected in the riverside location and established vegetation is further constrained by designations under Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 and Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. When combined, these reduce the ability of residents to be able to live within the designated Local Government Area. Due to these constraints, it is expected that the local people will reside outside of the centralised township area, moving back to their homelands which include Middle Camp, Ayton, Degarra and the 'southern blocks', which are located outside the formalised boundaries of the Local Government Area.

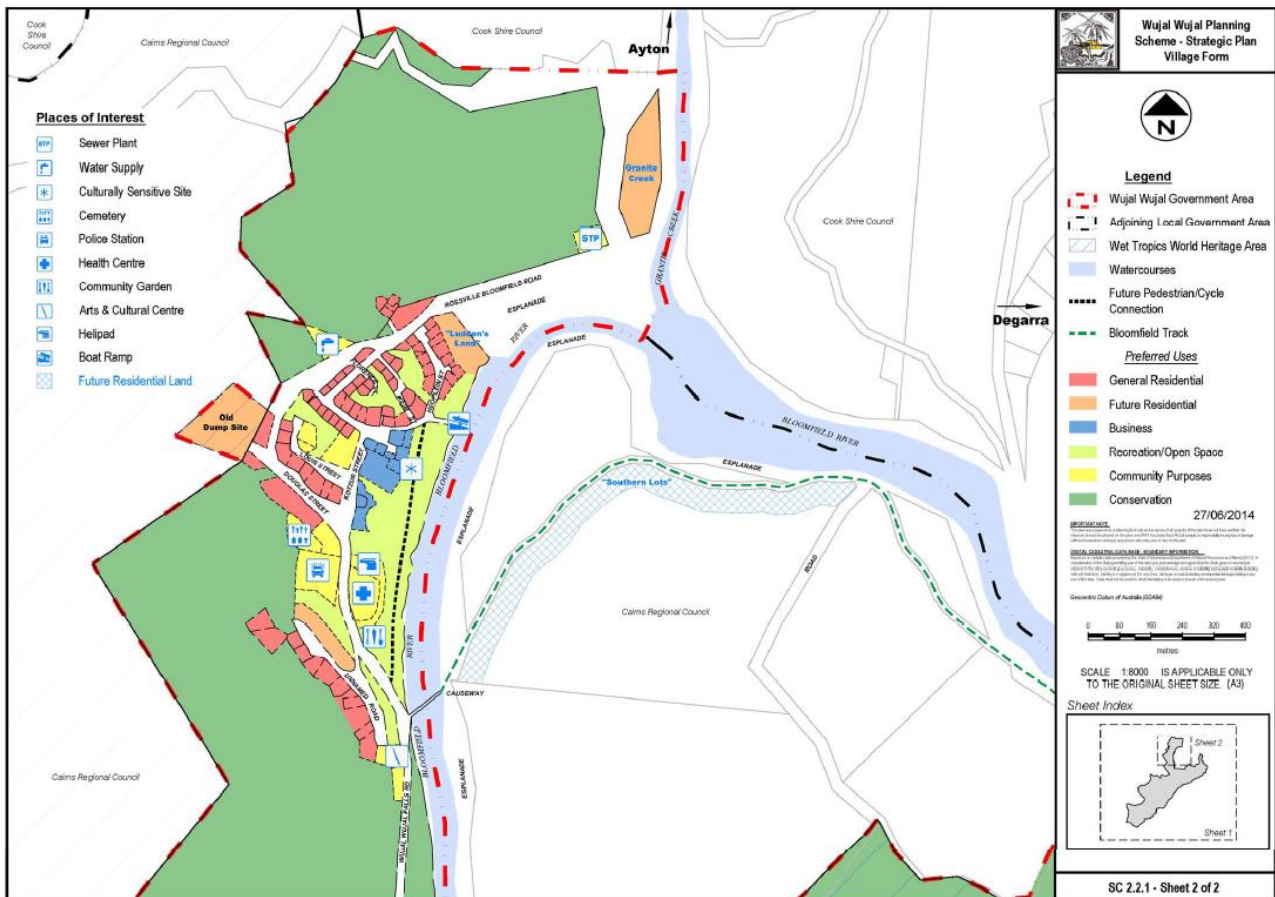
The Strategic Framework recognises the shortage of land for residential purposes and the need for land outside of the local government area. It also recognises that the potential for future development of the old dump site, referred to in this report as Lots 1 and 2, was subject to approval from the relevant authorities or

bodies. Council is intending to undertake further work to determine the feasibility of the development of this area.

The Strategic Framework requires updating to reflect the recently adopted Master Plan including examining areas for future housing, flood resilient, well located and culturally responsive housing.

The Strategic Plan is shown in **Figure 6.1 Strategic Plan**.

Figure 6.1 Strategic Plan



Part 4 Local Government Infrastructure Plan

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) was prepared under the repealed *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

Review of the LGIP is not part of this Planning Scheme Review project. However, it is important that infrastructure need and capacity is considered, so as to accommodate existing and future needs of the community. This work can then inform a later review of the LGIP for Wujal Wujal and identify any implications for Douglas Shire in relation to the Degarra historic township.

Part 5 Tables of Assessment

The Tables of Assessment set out levels of assessment and associated assessment benchmarks. The tables can be reviewed to improve efficiencies for example facilitating some forms of development where for Council purposes on Council owned or controlled land.

Part 6 Zones

The Planning Scheme contains the following zones:

- Environmental Management and Conservation;
- Recreation and Open Space Zone;

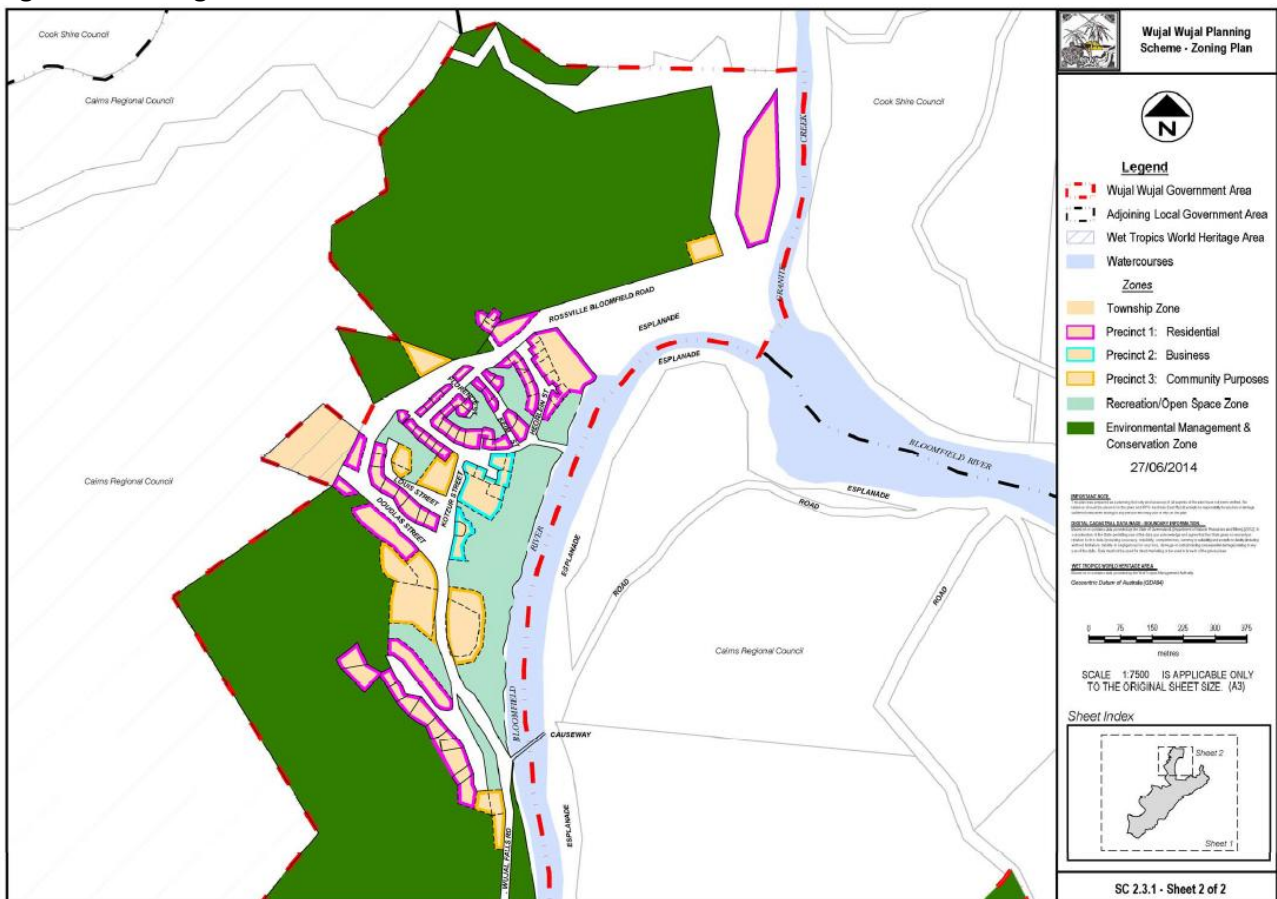
- Township Zone:
 - Township Zone – Precinct 1 (Business);
 - Township Zone – Precinct 2 (Community Purposes); and
 - Township Zone – Precinct 3 (Residential).

The Township Zone Code seeks to provide for a range of uses including a range of residential types and densities which reflect local housing needs. The code specifically states that development of Lots 1 and 2 is not supported unless it is consistent with the relevant requirements of the Wet Tropics Management Plan and can be conducted safely without risk to health and property. Lots 1 and 2 are currently being investigated for future housing development. A review of the WW Planning Scheme provides an opportunity to update the provisions for this site including concept planning.

There is also an opportunity to incorporate flood resilient and culturally appropriate design for infill development.

The zoning plan is shown in **Figure 6.2 Zoning Plan**.

Figure 6.2 Zoning Plan



Part 7 Overlays

The Planning Scheme contains mapping for the following overlays:

- Natural Hazard (Landslide);
- Natural Hazard (Bushfire);
- Natural Hazards (Flood);
- Environmentally Sensitive Area (Acid Sulfate Soils);
- Environmentally Sensitive Area (Wetlands);
- (Environmentally Sensitive Area (Environmental Significance); and
- Environmentally Sensitive Area (Coastal Areas).

There are no overlay codes in the WW Planning Scheme. A review of the WW Planning Scheme provides an opportunity to update overlay mapping and assessment benchmarks. Consideration could be given to incorporating specific overlay codes. Further studies should be undertaken to inform locally refined mapping for landslide.

Schedules

Schedule 1 contains definitions. The Planning Scheme Review provides an opportunity to review the definitions in accordance with the Planning Regulation 2017.

Schedules 2 and 3 contain mapping that can be updated.

Schedule 4 Notations should be reviewed to ensure that it meets current requirements.

Schedule 5 contains a planning scheme policy (PSP) outlining public notification requirements. Since this PSP was prepared, the Act has been updated in terms of public notification requirements. The current PSP should be reviewed and updated to reflect the current Act and the needs of the community. PSPs can provide advice and guidance material and consideration should be given to whether additional PSPs are needed to complement the WW Planning Scheme.

Summary

A review of the WW Planning Scheme provides an opportunity to:

- refine natural hazard mapping to ensure residential development occurs in safe, low-risk areas; and
- align the strategic framework, zone codes, overlays and assessment benchmarks to streamline approvals and reduce unnecessary regulation.

A review of the WW Planning Scheme can result in the following benefits for housing:

- improved housing diversity;
- reduced overcrowding;
- enhanced community resilience (particularly in the face of natural hazards);
- climate responsive and culturally appropriate housing;
- tropically responsive development that maximises shade and soft landscape areas, ventilation, light, and effective shading on openings and outdoor living spaces; and
- cool, green and safe community-oriented streets.

7 Planning for Degarra Historic Township

7.1 Background

Degarra has long been recognised as having potential for a residential community. Wujal Wujal is constrained by limited, hazard-prone land (bubu), contributing to chronic overcrowding and homelessness. While some capacity for growth exists within the township, the long-term solution lies in integrating planning for nearby EKY-owned lands in Degarra (in Douglas Shire).

Council resolved at the 16 September 2025 Ordinary Meeting that Council support in principle, to investigate and advance the provision of social/community housing at Degarra, and collaborate on an FNQ Regional Plan submission for inclusion of Degarra in the Urban Footprint, collaborate on a Round 2 RAF submission for the provision of trunk infrastructure to Degarra.

Considerable work has already been undertaken including detailed constraints mapping through the State-funded Return to Country Community Development Plan by Jabalbina and Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA). Land at the Degarra historic township has been identified as safe and suitable for development, reaffirming the need for cross-boundary planning solutions.

Inter-agency working group structures are already in place to support coordination across jurisdictions and tenure to facilitate Return to Country for the EKY people.

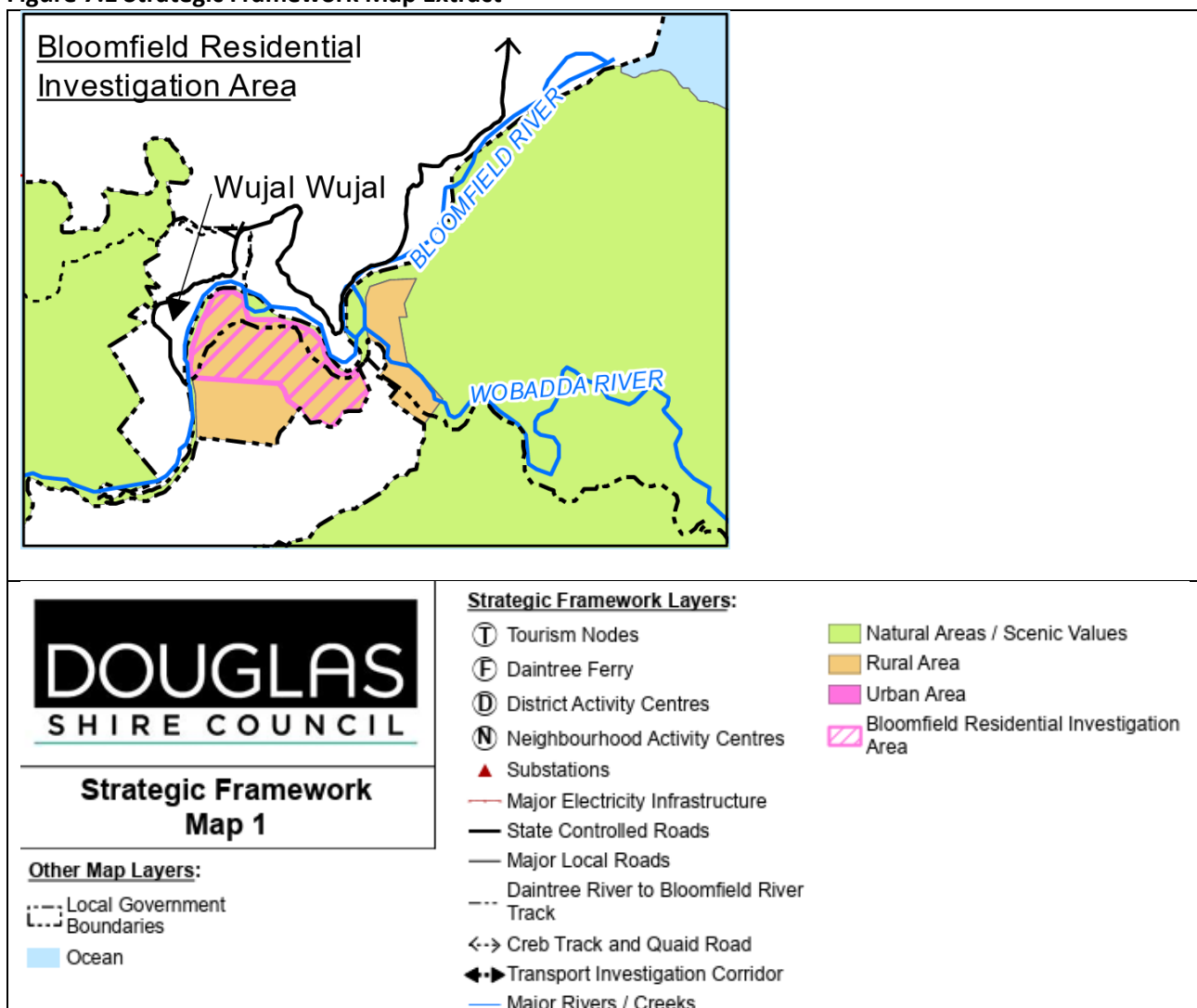
It is also noted that the LGA boundary for Wujal Wujal abuts the Degarra historic township. Longer term considerations can be given to an amendment to the LGA to exclude the Degarra historic township from Douglas Shire LGA and include the area within the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire LGA.

7.2 Douglas Shire Planning Scheme

The Douglas Shire Planning Scheme commenced on 2 January 2018. There have been no amendments to the Douglas Shire Planning Scheme.

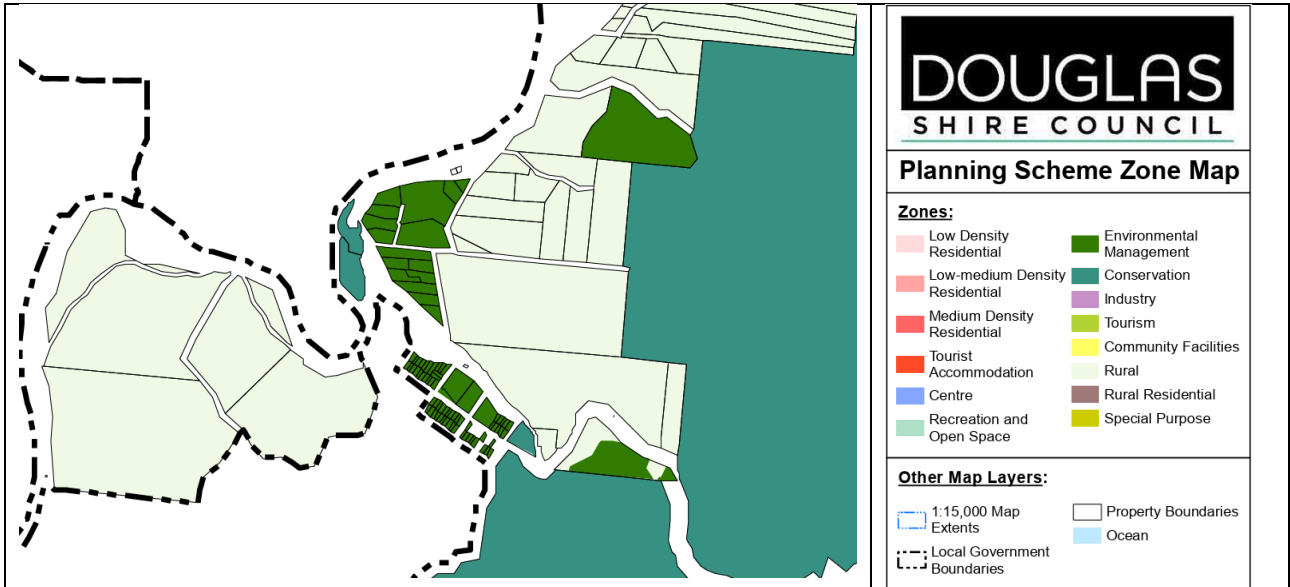
The Strategic Framework Map (Figure 7.1) designates the Degarra historic township as Rural Area. To the northwest, towards Wujal Wujal is an area designated as Bloomfield Residential Investigation Area.

Figure 7.1 Strategic Framework Map Extract



The Degarra historic township is included within the Environmental management zone (shown in **Figure 7.2**). The purpose of the Environmental management zone code is to:
 'is to recognise environmentally sensitive areas and provide for houses on lots and other low impact activities where suitable.'

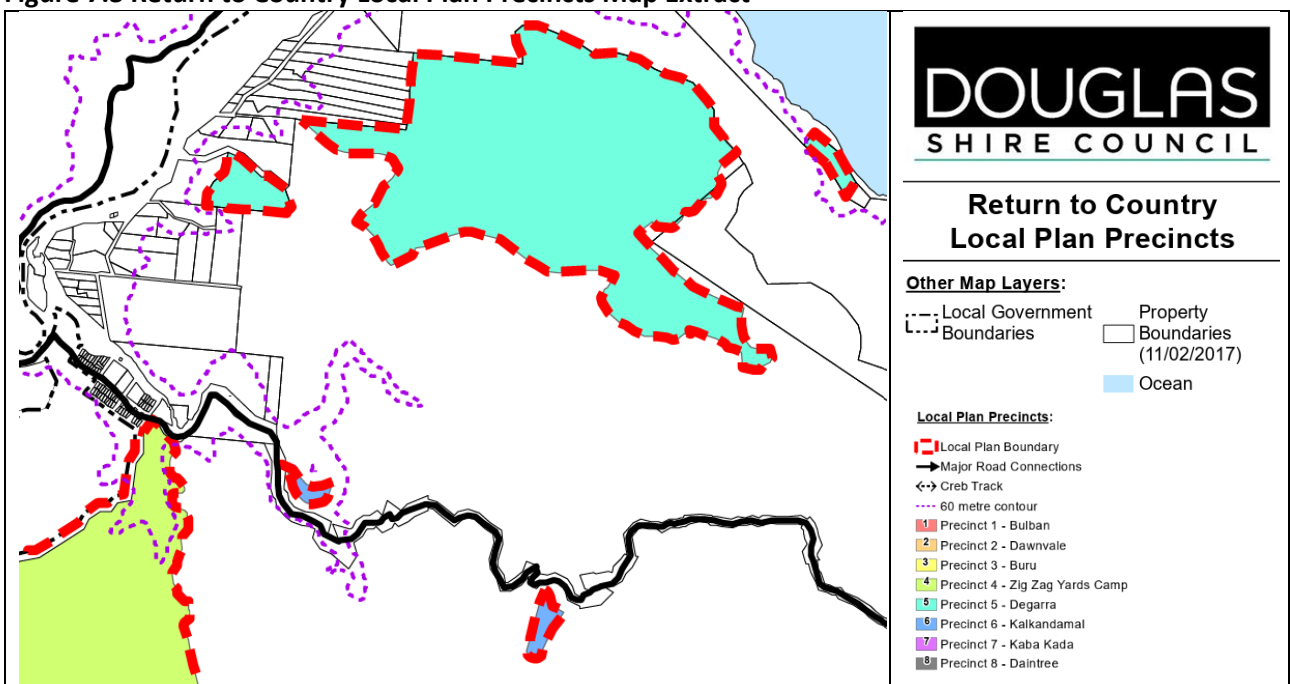
Figure 7.2 Degarra Zoning Map Extract



The Douglas Shire Planning Scheme has a Return to Country Code the purpose of which is to:
 'facilitate social and economic opportunities for Indigenous people to return to their country so that Bama can live on their Bubu and manage their environment, land and culture.'

Notably the area designated as Degarra is an area to the north of the proposed area, currently being considered. **Figure 7.3** shows an extract of the Return to Country Local Plan Precincts Map.

Figure 7.3 Return to Country Local Plan Precincts Map Extract



The Douglas Shire Planning Scheme includes overlay codes and maps. Notably, landslide is not mapped for the Degarra area.

To facilitate Return to Country for the EKY people it is recommended that further planning for the Degarra historic township be undertaken.

Key amendments to be considered would include:

- Strategic Framework – inclusion of the Degarra historic township within the Urban Area;
- zoning – changes to a residential zoning to recognise the development of the Degarra historic township as a residential community; and
- inclusion of the Degarra historic township within an appropriate Local Plan Precinct.

Potential statutory pathways that could be considered include:

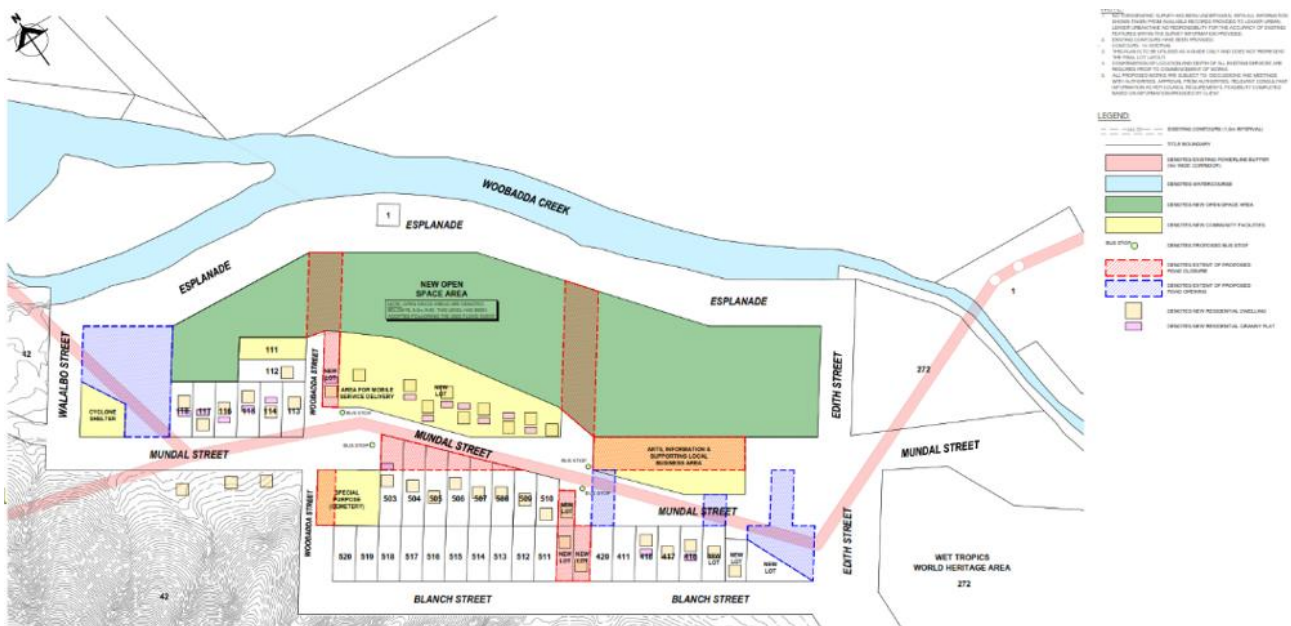
- amendments to the Douglas Shire Planning Scheme under S18 (tailored amendment) or S20 (major amendment) of the Act. This option has been funded under the Queensland Government SSF funding.
- the introduction of a Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI). A TLPI is only valid for two years (extensions from the Minister can be sought). The TLPI can then be incorporated into an amendment to the Douglas Shire Planning Scheme. As the criteria for a TLPI are limited, this option is not currently funded, and not preferred; and
- a variation approval – whereby Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council could apply to Douglas Shire Council for a preliminary approval request to vary the planning scheme under s50 of the Act. This option is not currently funded.

Further consultation with the State Government and Douglas Shire Council on the most appropriate pathway should be undertaken.

7.4 Preliminary Master Plan for Degarra Historic Township

A preliminary master plan for the Degarra historic township was prepared by WTMA to support an application for funding under the Residential Activation Fund. This master plan (illustrated in **Figure 7.4**) shows potential for residential living, community areas and open space.

Figure 7.4: Degarra Historic Township Preliminary Master Plan



Development of the Degarra historic township will require consideration of:

- land use requirements including for residential needs as well as other community purposes;
- natural hazard constraints including flood (already undertaken), bushfire, landslide and ecology;
- cultural heritage values;
- any required processes under an ILUA;
- tenure and ownership; and
- infrastructure needs and capacity.

8 Gap Analysis

Based on the above outcomes of this report the following gap analysis identifies further work required to support a review of the WW Planning Scheme and planning for the Degarra historic township, as shown in **Table 8.1 Gap Analysis**.

Table 8.1 Gap Analysis

Further study required	Wujal Wujal	Degarra Historic Township
Land availability	Examine the suitability of land for housing, community facilities and infrastructure including for housing in new development areas and for infill development.	Examine the suitability of land for housing, community facilities and infrastructure.
Cultural Heritage	Cultural heritage place making to inform amendments to the WW Planning Scheme.	Cultural heritage place making to inform the appropriate statutory planning mechanism for the Degarra historic township.
Landslide hazard	Landslide hazard mapping and risk assessment.	Landslide hazard mapping and risk assessment
Bushfire hazard	Bushfire hazard risk assessment, taking into account updated studies and mapping including SPP mapping, QFES bushfire prone area mapping.	Bushfire hazard risk assessment, taking into account updated studies and mapping including SPP mapping, QFES bushfire prone area mapping and assessments undertaken by WTMA.
Biodiversity		Flora and ecological community assessment to identify flora, fauna, ecological communities, wetland and waterway values, and other relevant environmental values.
Infrastructure assessment	Assessment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need and capacity of infrastructure services to meet future demand; • location of infrastructure services in relation to flood risk; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stormwater upgrades, and road realignment. 	Due to the inter-relationship of infrastructure undertake infrastructure assessment in conjunction with assessment for Wujal Wujal.

9 Conclusion

The review the WW Planning Scheme and planning for the Degarra historic township in Douglas Shire, is to facilitate well-located and culturally responsive housing for the Wujal Wujal community and to support the Eastern Kuku Yalanji (EKY) People to Return to Country. The review is funded under the Queensland Government Scheme Supply Fund (SSF).

The WW Planning Scheme commenced in 2013 and was a foundational planning scheme. This review of the WW Planning Scheme has been undertaken in accordance with Section 25 of the Act and the relevant State guidance material. It considers the currency of the Planning Scheme and the extent of change experienced since its commencement.

The review is being undertaken in two stages:

- Stage 1 – 10-year statutory Planning Scheme Review (the subject of this Report); and
- Stage 2 – WW Planning Scheme amendment and planning for Degarra historic township.

The key outcome of this 10-year statutory review of the WW Planning Scheme Review is that the WW Planning Scheme should be updated to ensure adequate land availability, alignment of land use and infrastructure planning, and reduction in regulatory complexity to support housing supply.

As the first planning scheme for Wujal Wujal, was a foundation scheme commencing in 2013, it was not informed by detailed mapping or technical studies. A review of the WW Planning Scheme can build upon new flood modelling and land suitability assessments undertaken as part of the Master Plan and deliver a planning scheme that reflects up-to-date data, risk, and community priorities. A review of the WW Planning Scheme can identify areas for future development and opportunities for small-lot infill redevelopment within existing urban areas, as well as identify opportunities for development of land in the Degarra historic township, in Douglas Shire.

It is important that the review of the WW Planning Scheme be undertaken in coordination with a review of the planning for the Degarra historic township in Douglas Shire, through an agreed approach to facilitate the Return to Country for the EKY people. This ensures that land outside Wujal Wujal, that is critical to EKY housing aspirations, is planned for.

This is a rare and transformative opportunity to realise the long-held EKY aspiration to live, work, and care for Country.

It is recommended that Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council:

- **prepare and progress an amendment to the WW Planning Scheme to facilitate better housing outcomes for Wujal Wujal as a short term priority;**
- **in conjunction with an amendment to the WW Planning Scheme, amend and update Planning Scheme Policy No.1 and prepare new planning scheme policies as needed;**
- **in the long term replace the current WW Planning Scheme and make a new planning scheme; and**
- **collaborate with Douglas Shire Council, on planning for the Degarra historic township to facilitate Return to Country, via an appropriate statutory mechanism.**

APPENDIX 1 – STATE PLANNING POLICY ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT

Note: The Planning Scheme appropriately integrated the state interests in the superseded SPP (July 2014). The assessment below for the WW Planning Scheme is against the current SPP (July 2017).

STATE INTEREST	PLANNING SCHEME PROVISIONS	MAPPING	ALIGNMENT
Planning for Liveable Communities and Housing			
Housing supply and diversity Diverse, accessible and well-serviced housing, and land for housing, is provided and supports affordable housing outcomes	SF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SF highlights the need for additional areas for housing in Wujal Wujal and surrounding communities outside of the local government area. The Township Zone Code allows for a range of dwelling types and densities.	Zone maps	Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the Planning Scheme to provide opportunities for culturally appropriate, diverse and well-located housing. Review provisions relating to the 'Old Dump Site'.
Liveable communities Liveable, well-designed and serviced communities are delivered to support wellbeing and enhance quality of life	SF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important natural and cultural places are protected. The township has adequate areas to live work and play. The Township Zone Code overall outcomes refer to design that protects the character and cultural values of the township.	Zone maps	Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasise in the planning provisions that promote liveable, well designed and serviced communities.
Economic Growth			
Agriculture The resources that agriculture depends on are protected to support the long-term viability and growth of the agricultural sector.	The LGA does not contain rural land.		N/A
Development and construction Employment needs, economic growth, and a strong development and construction sector are supported by facilitating a range of residential, commercial, retail, industrial and mixed use	SF – Strategic Outcome - A range of local business, industry and tourism activities that are innovative, environmentally sustainable and generate employment opportunities for community members is provided to ensure economic resilience	Zone maps	✓

development opportunities.	Addressed in Township Zone.		
<p>Mining and extractive resources</p> <p>Extractive resources are protected and mineral, coal, petroleum and gas resources are appropriately considered to support the productive use of resources, a strong mining and resource industry, economical supply of construction materials, and avoid land use conflicts where possible.</p>	<p>Mining and extractive industry is not anticipated.</p>		N/A
<p>Tourism</p> <p>Tourism planning and development opportunities that are appropriate and sustainable are supported, and the social, cultural and natural values underpinning tourism developments are protected.</p>	<p>The Community statement encourages tourism opportunities.</p> <p>SF promotes tourism and eco-tourism.</p> <p>The zone codes allow for tourism opportunities.</p>		✓
Environment and Heritage			
<p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Matters of environmental significance are valued and protected, and the health and resilience of biodiversity is maintained or enhanced to support ecological processes.</p>	<p>The SF seeks to protect the natural environment.</p> <p>Zone codes address environmental attributes of the land in particular the Environmental Management and Conservation Zone.</p>	<p>Planning Scheme: SF Environmental Significance Map.</p> <p>Overlay maps include: Environmentally Sensitive Area (Wetlands) and Environmentally sensitive Areas (Environmental significance).</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update biodiversity provisions and mapping to further alignment with the SPP as needed.
<p>Coastal environment</p> <p>The coastal environment is protected and enhanced, while supporting opportunities for coastal-dependent</p>	<p>The SF and Environmental Management and Conservation Zone seek to protect the coastal environment and to ensure that development avoids</p>	<p>Planning Scheme includes Environmentally Sensitive Area (Coastal Areas)</p>	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review coastal environment provisions in the Planning Scheme to

development, compatible urban form, and maintaining appropriate public use of and access to, and along, state coastal land.	areas affected by coastal hazard.		further alignment with the SPP if needed.
<p>Cultural heritage</p> <p>The cultural heritage significance of heritage places and heritage areas, including places of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, is conserved for the benefit of the community and future generations.</p>	<p>A central theme of the Planning Scheme is the strong connection to land and culture. This is expressed in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Framework • Zone codes. 		<p>Recommendation: Update the Planning Scheme to further enhance provisions that seek to respect and protect cultural values and heritage.</p> <p>Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural heritage is protected under the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i> or the <i>Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>.</p>
<p>Water quality</p> <p>The environmental values and quality of Queensland waters are protected and enhanced.</p>	<p>SF seeks to protect water quality.</p> <p>Water is addressed in the LGIP and zone codes.</p>		✓
<p>Emissions and hazardous activities</p> <p>Community health and safety, and the natural and built environment, are protected from potential adverse impacts of emissions and hazardous activities. The operation of appropriately established industrial development, major infrastructure, and sport and recreation activities is ensured.</p>	Addressed in zone codes.		✓
<p>Natural hazards, risk and resilience</p> <p>The risks associated with natural hazards, including the projected impacts of climate change, are avoided or mitigated to protect people and property and enhance the</p>	<p>A key theme in the Planning Scheme.</p> <p>Addressed in SF and zone codes.</p>	<p>WW Planning Scheme overlay maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushfire hazard • Flood hazard • Landslide hazard. 	<p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review alignment with the Natural hazards, risk and resilience state interest and update provisions and mapping relating to bushfire, flooding and landslide.

community's resilience to natural hazards. Natural hazards include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushfire hazard • Flood hazard • Landslide • Storm tide inundation • Erosion. 		The Master Plan updated flood modelling and mapping.	
Energy and water supply The timely, safe, affordable and reliable provision and operation of electricity and water supply infrastructure is supported and renewable energy development is enabled.	Provision of water supply is dealt with in the SF and Township Zone Code. Renewable energy is not addressed.		Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provisions relating to the energy and water supply state interest.
Infrastructure integration The benefits of past and ongoing investment in infrastructure and facilities are maximised through integrated land use planning.	Dealt within in the SF LGIP and zone codes.		Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review provisions relating to key infrastructure and mapping.
Transport infrastructure The safe and efficient movement of people and goods is enabled, and land use patterns that encourage sustainable transport are supported.	Dealt with in the SF, LGIP and zone codes.	The Planning Scheme maps: Sealed roads.	Recommendation: Review and update provisions if necessary provisions and mapping relating to transport.
Strategic airports and aviation facilities N/A			N/A
Strategic ports N/A			N/A

Abbreviations:

LGA	Local Government Area
SPP IMS:	State Planning Policy Interactive Mapping System
SF:	Strategic Framework
SO:	Specific Outcome

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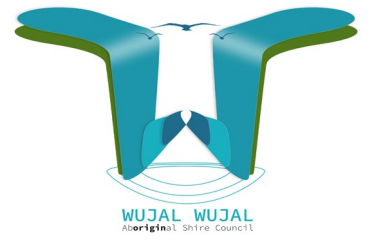
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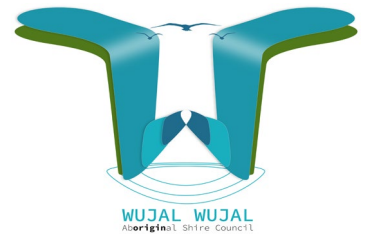
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Grant Project Status Report for February

WWASC Capital & Funded Projects Status Report

February 2026 Period

PROJECT	PROJECT COMPLETION DATE as per Agreement	TOTAL PROJECT COST/FUNDING	EXPENDITURE TO DATE (Grant)	COMMITTED	
Administration Building & Business Hub	30 June 2027 + pending	\$326,000.00	\$106,615.00	\$88,520.00	The Growing Regions Funder has agreed to Council redesigning the Administration and Business Hub back to within the approved funding from the Growing Regions R2 program and the W4Q 2024/27 program providing the outcomes, benefits and uses included in the application for funding are maintained.
	30-Jun-27	\$1,304,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	The following funding has been approved to date: - W4Q 24-27 - Planning & Design - \$326,000 – funding approved - W4Q 24-27 - Construction - \$1,304,000 - funding approved
	pending	pending - \$7,489,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	- Growing Regions R2 - Construction - \$7,489,800 - funding approved awaiting a funding agreement which will be progressed once a concept design is approved. Initial assessments and site block planning have been undertaken. An RFQ to a select Design Consultancy and Quantity Surveyor will be sent early next week to undertake the redesign.
Place of Refuge	pending	pending	\$0.00	\$0.00	A meeting was held with the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (Funder of LGGSP program) on 24th February 2026 during which the opportunity to rescope the proposed planning review to focus on the Place of Refuge and remove the Administration and Business Hub from the review, was discussed. The Funder suggested the reduced scope would reflect a reduced funding amount of \$120,000 with \$30,000 contingency. The following has been proposed by the Funder as the scope of the planning review: a needs analysis together with a priority ranking, options analysis and high level scoping of the preferred solution to support funding of the project. The Funder also advised funding of the detailed design and construction of the preferred solution was still a consideration pending the review and timeframes.
Mango / Knowledge Tree Meeting Place Discrete Communities Planning Funding Landscape Design (Concept and Detailed)	30-Nov-25	\$73,315.00	\$66,126.25	\$19,070.00	Detailed Designs are complete.
CCTV (P1) Works for Queensland (W4Q) 21-24	Complete	\$60,775.00	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	This project is complete. Awaiting confirmation that the underspend has been transferred to the Footpath Network project below.
Wujal Wujal Footpath Network (P2) Works for Queensland (W4Q) 21-24 \$1,029,225	31-Dec-25	\$1,029,225.00	\$92,176.00	\$402,198.30	This project has continued to be impacted by weather events with the majority of concrete now poured and finishing works underway. Still waiting on a decision from the Funder to approve a small budget reallocation from the CCTV underspend and an EOT for the Footpath.
Slow Down Now Signage ATSI TIDS RTA RRTG 25-26	30-Jun-26	\$45,016.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	The project scope has been refined to include a speed limit for vehicles to slow down to. The structural design is planned to commence this month and signs to be installed at the entrances to the town.
Sport Field Lighting Minor Infrastructure and Facilities Fund	Complete	\$395,364.00	\$350,456.52	\$0.00	This project is complete. The project final acquittal reports are underway.
Douglas St Footpath Building Bush Tourism (BBT)	31-Jan-26	\$160,000.00	\$5,223.75	\$113,987.27	The Douglas St Footpath works are complete.
Interpretive Signs Building Bush Tourism (BBT)	15-Jun-26	\$30,000.00	\$1,612.50		An appropriate photo of a large adult estuarine salt water crocodile is still being sourced for inclusion in the final sign.
Project Coordination - Interpretive Signs & Douglas St Footpath Building Bush Tourism (BBT)	15-Jun-26	\$10,000.00			
Cemetery Carpark Reef Guardian Councils Program	30-Sep-26	\$920,000.00	\$36,713.75	\$3,810.00	This project is progressing through the design phases.
SES Demountable Office SES Support Grant 2024-25	30-Jun-26	\$204,447.19	\$5,404.85	\$0.00	The works to relocate the SES building and been scoped and an RFT sent for the works to be undertaken.
Heorlein St Speed Hump & Clinic Footpath Roads to Recovery (R2R) 24-29	30-Jun-29	\$87,614.00	\$78,266.00	\$0.00	This project is complete, the balance of funds are planned to be held for emergency potholes and minor remediation works.
Female Gym Play our Way Program – Stream 1 Facilities - Design and Construction	30-Jun-27	\$1,995,961.00	\$154,149.78	\$49,718.25	The project is moving into the RFT phase which will be subject to a development approval and ILUA settlement.
Planning Scheme Review Scheme Supply Fund	30-Jun-27	\$844,850.00	\$31,816.00	\$50,804.00	This project is in the process of scoping and commencing procurement activities for Consultants.
Bloomfield Riverbank Planting Local Conservation and Clean-Up Program Planting of native plants along the Bloomfield	30-Apr-26	\$33,581.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	A list of approved plant species has been supplied by the Funding body and materials and supplies have been ordered to commence the works.
Recovery Project Manager Funding	30-Jun-26	\$121,451.81	\$120,165.21	\$0.00	This project covers the costs of the project officer and grant officer
BBQ - Knowledge Tree Area WWASC.0025.2324P.RRG.004	30-Jun-26	\$326,591.44	\$743.09	\$11,920.00	A potential Contractor has inspected the site and documentation as part of market testing to inform the next phase of Request for Quotation.
Knowledge Tree Gathering Place WWASC.0025.2324P.RRG.005	30-Jun-26			\$0.00	
Temporary Recovery Project Officer / Manager	30-Jun-26	\$220,000.00	\$21,376.66	\$6,208.12	This project is proposed to cover costs of the project officer and grant officer following the take up of the Recovery Project Manager Funding.
Arts and Cultural Centre Cat C Targeted Assistance - New Build	30-Jun-27	\$13,931,000.00	\$69,665.00	\$394,393.00	This project has undergone a design review with input from the previous Arts Centre Management team, the Indigenous Arts Centre Alliance and specialist advisors with knowledge across National
Sport & Rec Hall Recovery work Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$464,653.99	\$12,899.84	Extensive works have been undertaken on the Sport & Rec Hall. A concrete slab is proposed adjacent the roller doors to help keep the hall clean and reduce ingress of overland stormwater flows.
Pump Track (New build) Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$15,875.00	\$3,865.00	The pump track preliminary design has been complete. Further community consultation required to progress this project.
Splash Park Recovery Works Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$0.00		A concrete apron is proposed around the splashpark fence line to reduce the ingress of overland flows and to create a mowing strip.
Sports Ground Ablution Block Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$421,653.71	\$221,060.87	Extensive works have been undertaken on this project
Sports Field Recovery surface Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$0.00	\$0.00	Works are being planned on this project.
Community Garden Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$0.00	\$0.00	A variation has been lodged to relocate this project to the Nursery site, due to the extensive loss of tools, equipment, infrastructure, loss of crops, loss of access to fresh produce for extended periods, exposure of the community to high cost fresh produce and further limited access to fresh produce during extreme weather events. This together with the frequency this site has been flooded within a 5 year period.
Boardwalk Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$0.00	\$0.00	A variation has been lodged to relocate this boardwalk due to Council not having ownership or control over the land this boardwalk was located. The proposed relocated project is a walkway from the Bloomfield Bridge to the Football fields to provide a safe pedestrian access from the township as children currently walk on the road.
Admin Costs & Contingency Cat C Targeted Assistance			\$44,650.00		The project helps Council cover the costs of delivering this project



Appendix | 6

Letter from Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation

Please quote: 1096672/LAB06
Contact officer: Customer Support Team
Contact Number: 1300 072 322

Chief Executive Officer
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Email: ceo@wujal.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir

BLOOMFIELD RIVER INN - BLOOMFIELD
Application for a commercial other subsidiary on premise licence
Real Property Description: Lot 1 on 732702
Attn: Peter O'May, contact no: 0475 619 363, email: ceo@wujal.qld.gov.au

An application for a liquor licence for a premises has been received at this office. Details of the application are as follows:

Applicant: Verona Pty Limited
Name of premises: Bloomfield River Inn
Street address: 3427 Bloomfield Road, Bloomfield
Proposed trading hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 am – Monday to Sunday
Type of licence: Commercial other subsidiary on premises –
(Provision of meals)

If this licence is granted it would enable the holder to sell liquor for consumption on the premises where the principal activity is eating meals prepared and served to be eaten on the premises. (However, liquor may be sold to patrons who are non-diners i.e. only there to have a drink).

The applicant has also indicated their intention to include an outdoor dining area as part of their proposed licensed area.

Due to the location of the proposed premises near the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council's community area. The Wujal Wujal Council are informed of the application and are invited and afforded the opportunity to:

- Comment on the reasonable requirements of the public in the locality.
- Object to the grant of the application on the grounds that the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality would be lessened.

(2)

Please advise whether you have any comments on, or objections to, the grant of the application.

To comply with section 117A of the Act, your comments or objection should be received by **19 March 2026**. If no response is received by this date, it will be assumed that you do not have any concerns relating to the approval of the application.

If you do not support the application, your comments or objection should include full particulars of:

- The grounds upon which the objection is made.
- The facts, evidence or reasons upon which it is based.

It is important to note that less weight will be given to statements that merely indicate that the Chief Executive Officer does not support, or objects to the application. Accordingly, any objection to this application should be supported by documentary evidence on the specific trading history of this venue and include incidents directly linked to the operation of the premises and the conduct of the licensee and their management.

If this application relates to a new licensed premises and there is no trading history to rely on, your objection may be based on anecdotal evidence, particularly in relation to the reasonable requirements of the public.

In the interests of natural justice, any comment or objection you provide may be referred to the applicant.


In considering your comments, including the likelihood of adverse health, public safety and amenity issues, the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming may also impose licence conditions to mitigate any risk posed by the application.

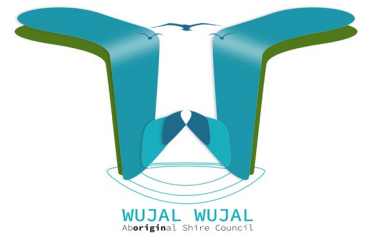
The Commissioner's decision may be subject to review by the independent Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Substantiating any comments or objections as requested will ensure the Commissioner's decision is appropriately evidence-based and more capable of withstanding scrutiny in any subsequent review.

(3)

If you require clarification on any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact the Customer Support Team on telephone 1300 072 322.

Yours sincerely


Ruth Timaloa
Licensing Officer
Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation
5 / 3 /2026



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Finance Report



FEBRUARY FINANCIAL AT A GLANCE				
Comprehensive Income	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	FULL YEAR BUDGET
Total operating revenue	\$8,884,460	\$17,126,631	\$8,242,171	\$25,689,947
Total operating expenses	\$7,580,881	\$16,660,323	\$9,079,442	\$24,990,485
Net Operating Result	\$1,303,579	\$466,308	-\$837,271	\$699,462
Capital Revenue	\$2,124,656	\$8,938,095	\$9,916,713	\$13,407,142
Net Result	\$3,428,235	\$9,404,403	\$9,079,442	\$14,106,604
Capital Expenditure	\$2,369,622	\$8,938,095	\$837,271	\$13,407,142

We are currently **67% through the financial year** (month ending 28 February 2026).

Operating Revenue of \$8.9M has been received, representing **35% of the full year budget** of \$25.7M and **52% of the YTD budget**. While revenue collection is tracking below the YTD budget pace, the shortfall is partly attributable to the timing of capital grants and recoverable works receipts.

Operating Expenses of \$7.6M have been incurred — **30% of the full year budget** — indicating expenditure is well-controlled and running behind the budgeted spend rate, which is contributing positively to the net result.

Capital Revenue of \$2.1M has been received (16% of full year budget), and **Capital Expenditure** of \$2.4M (18% of full year budget) reflects early-stage delivery of the capital works program, with the majority of project spending expected in the second half of the year.

The **QRA account** holds \$10.5M in tied cash (invested with QTC), with \$8.1M in income and \$0.8M in expenditure to date — the balance represents funds received in advance for QRA reconstruction works.



Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Month Ending 28 February 2026
Year Elapsed 67 %

- At 67% through the year, **Total Recurrent Revenue of \$8.9M** represents **35% of the full year budget** of \$25.7M and **52% of the YTD budget** — below the expected run rate, driven largely by timing of grants and recoverable works.
- Key revenue highlights:
 - **Fees & Charges** of \$1.07M are tracking well at 93% of annual budget
 - **Rental Income** of \$885K is significantly ahead — 560% of annual budget — reflecting the TCHHS and QBUILD lease agreements
 - **Interest Received** of \$325K is 123% of annual budget, benefiting from strong cash holdings
 - **Grants, Subsidies & Contributions** of \$4.99M represent 61% of the full year budget
 - **Sales Revenue – Building Construction** of \$890K is only 33% of annual budget, indicating project delivery is weighted toward the second half
 - **Total Recurrent Expenses of \$7.6M** represent **30% of the full year budget** — expenditure is well-managed and running below the budgeted pace. Employee Benefits of \$2.2M are at 50% of annual budget.
 - The **Net Recurrent Income of \$1.3M** is **186% of the annual budget** and **280% of the YTD budget** — a strong operational result at this point in the year.

	Actual YTD	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Actual vs Budget %
REVENUE				
Recurrent Revenue				
Fees and charges charges	\$1,069,574	\$762,685	\$1,144,028	93%
Rental income	\$885,633	\$105,473	\$158,209	560%
Interest received	\$324,920	\$176,667	\$265,000	123%
Sales Revenue-Building Construction	\$890,397	\$1,785,502	\$2,678,253	33%
Other recurrent income	\$226,871	\$203,055	\$304,583	74%
Recoverable Works	\$495,505	\$389,835	\$584,752	85%
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	\$0	\$8,216,823	\$12,325,235	0%
	\$4,991,560	\$5,486,591	\$8,229,887	61%
Total Recurrent Revenue	\$8,884,460	\$17,126,631	\$25,689,947	35%
EXPENSES				
Recurrent Expenses				
Employee Benefits	\$2,217,252	\$2,974,502	\$4,461,753	50%
Materials and Services	\$3,877,116	\$12,165,127	\$18,247,690	21%
Finance Costs	\$54,273	\$88,455	\$132,682	41%
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$1,432,240	\$1,432,240	\$2,148,360	67%
Total Recurrent Expenses	\$7,580,881	\$16,660,323	\$24,990,485	30%
NET RECURRENT INCOME	\$1,303,579	\$466,308	\$699,462	186%
Capital Revenue				
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	\$2,124,656	\$8,938,095	\$13,407,142	16%
Total Capital Revenue	\$2,124,656	\$8,938,095	\$13,407,142	16%
Gain/ Loss on Disposal of PPE	\$0	\$0	\$0	
NET CAPITAL INCOME	\$2,124,656	\$8,938,095	\$13,407,142	16%
NET RESULT	\$3,428,235	\$9,404,403	\$14,106,604	24%
Increase / (Decrease) in Asset Revaluation	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$3,428,235	\$9,404,403	\$14,106,604	24%



Statement of Financial Position

For the Month Ending 28 February 2026
Year Elapsed 67%

	Actual YTD	Annual Budget	%
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$23,396,548	\$21,377,674	109%
Trade and Other Receivables	\$898,500	\$397,022	226%
Inventories	\$93,302	\$261,971	36%
Other Financial Assets	\$8,755,331	\$0	
Contract Assets	\$0	\$0	
Lease Receivable	\$86,693	\$86,693	100%
Total Current Assets	\$33,230,374	\$22,123,360	150%
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	39,231,142.00	\$61,987,735	63%
Lease Receivable	3,341,721.00	\$3,341,721	100%
Investment in Joint Venture		262,957	
Total Non-Current Assets	\$42,572,863	\$65,592,413	65%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$75,803,237	\$87,715,773	86%
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	\$257,524	\$161,063	160%
Contract Liabilities	\$11,451,410	\$11,178,771	102%
QTC Loan	\$120,858	\$354,868	34%
Provisions	\$225,407	\$1,579,932	14%
Others	\$542,207	\$0	0%
Total Current Liabilities	\$12,597,406	\$13,274,634	95%
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	\$21,308	\$0	0%
QTC Loan	\$2,230,003	\$1,878,330	
Provisions	\$81,266	\$209,438	39%
Total Non-Current Liabilities	\$2,332,577	\$2,087,768	112%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$14,929,983	\$15,362,402	97%
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	\$60,873,254	\$72,353,371	84%
Community Equity			
Shire Capital Account	\$17,973,633	\$28,306,094	63%
Asset Revaluation Surplus	\$39,471,387	\$44,047,277	90%
Current Surplus	\$3,428,235	\$0	0%
Accumulated Surplus	\$0	\$0	0%
Other Reserves	\$0	\$0	0%
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	\$60,873,254	\$72,353,371	84%

- As at 28 February 2026, **Total Assets stand at \$75.8M** against an annual budget of \$87.7M.
- **Current Assets of \$33.2M** are tracking well ahead of budget (\$22.1M), driven primarily by:
 - **Cash & Cash Equivalents of \$23.4M** — 109% of budget and up \$231K from January, reflecting strong operating cash inflows
 - **Other Financial Assets of \$8.8M** — largely QRA funds invested with Queensland Treasury Corporation
 - **Trade & Other Receivables of \$899K** — elevated at 226% of budget, reflecting outstanding debtor balances
- **Non-Current Assets of \$44.0M** are below the annual budget of \$65.6M, consistent with the capital works program being in early stages. **Property, Plant & Equipment** increased by \$1.25M from January, reflecting capital expenditure offset by ongoing depreciation.
- On the liabilities side, **Total Current Liabilities of \$12.6M** are broadly in line with budget. The largest component is **Contract Liabilities of \$11.5M**, predominantly QRA project funds received in advance. The **QTC Loan balance** has reduced to \$121K as repayments progress. **Provisions** (annual leave and LSL) of \$225K are tracking below budget, which should be monitored as the year progresses.



For the Month Ending 28 February 2026 Year Elapsed 67%

- **Net Cash from Operating Activities is \$10.7M** — an exceptionally strong result, sitting at **400% of the full year budget** of \$2.7M. This is primarily driven by the receipt of QRA and grant funds in advance of expenditure, boosting operating cash inflows above normal expectations.
- **Receipts from Customers** of \$3.4M are tracking at 81% of annual budget, while **Rental Income** of \$884K has significantly exceeded its \$150K annual budget. **Interest Received** of \$325K continues to perform above budget at 123%.
- **Net Cash from Investing Activities is -\$1.1M**, well below the budgeted inflow of \$5.2M, reflecting that capital grant receipts (\$0 vs \$21.2M budgeted) have not yet been received for the year. Capital payments for Property, Plant & Equipment of \$2.7M are at 17% of the full year budget, indicating the capital works program is in its early stages still. Proceeds from asset sales of \$1.66M were not budgeted and provide a partial offset.
- **Net Cash from Financing Activities is -\$240K**, reflecting QTC loan repayments tracking at a normal pace.
- **Closing Cash of \$23.4M** is 109% of the annual budget of \$21.4M — a healthy cash position. The strong cash balance is underpinned by advance receipt of tied funds (QRA) and should be read in context with the \$11.5M in contract liabilities held on the balance sheet.

	Actual YTD	Annual Budget	%
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers	\$3,442,079	\$4,255,338	81%
Payment to Suppliers and Employees	\$1,800,068	-\$22,842,124	-8%
	\$5,242,147	-\$18,586,786	-28%
Interest Received	\$324,920	\$265,000	123%
Rental Income	\$884,305	\$150,000	590%
Non-Capital Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	\$4,235,411	\$20,950,123	20%
Borrowing costs	-\$54,273	-\$109,013	50%
	\$10,632,510	\$2,669,324	398%
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities			
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	-\$2,742,971	-\$16,141,742	17%
Finance Lease Receipts	\$0	\$86,178	0%
Capital Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	\$0	\$21,209,952	0%
Proceeds from sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	\$1,659,021	\$0	0%
	-\$1,083,950	\$5,154,388	-21%
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing Activities			
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayments of Borrowings	-\$239,950	-\$354,868	0%
	-\$239,950	-\$354,868	0%
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Financing Activities			
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held			
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period	\$9,308,610	\$7,468,844	125%
	\$14,087,938	\$13,908,829	
	\$23,396,548	\$21,377,673	109%



In accordance with S169 (6) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the DLGWV Financial sustainability ratios have been provided. The ratios are designed to provide an indication of the performance of the Council against key financial sustainability criteria which must be met to ensure the prudent of financial risks.

As the information required for the leverage ratio and asset sustainability ratio is based on full year results it is not feasible to report these ratios monthly. The ratios will be provide in the budget and annual Financial Statement as regulated.

Ratio Input Sheet (Sustainability Ratio)

	Budget 28/02/2026	Budget 30/06/2026
Unrestricted Cash		
Total Cash & Equivalents		
Add Current Investments		
Add Working Capital Facility		
Less Externally Restricted Cash		
Total	18,151,599	11,178,771
Expense		
Total Operating Expenditure	5,244,949	10,198,903
Less Depreciation	7,580,881	24,990,485
Less Amortisation	1,432,240	2,148,361
Less Finance Costs	-	-
Total	54,273	132,682
Result	6,094,368	22,709,442
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Operating Surplus Ratio		
Operating Result	1,303,579	699,464
Operating Revenue	8,884,460	25,689,949
Result	15%	3%
Operating Cash Ratio		
Operating Result	1,303,579	699,464
Add Depreciation	1,432,240	2,148,361
Add Amortisation	-	-
Add Finance Costs	54,273	132,682
Total	2,790,092	2,980,506
Total Operating Revenue	8,884,460	25,689,949
Result	31%	12%
Asset Sustainability Ratio		
Capital Expenditure on Replacement of Infrastructure Assets (Renewals)		
Depreciation Expenditure on Infrastructure Assets	-	2,148,361
Result	0%	0%
Asset Consumption Ratio		
Written Down Replacement Cost of Depreciable Infrastructure Assets		
Current Replacement Cost of Depreciable Infrastructure Assets		
Result		

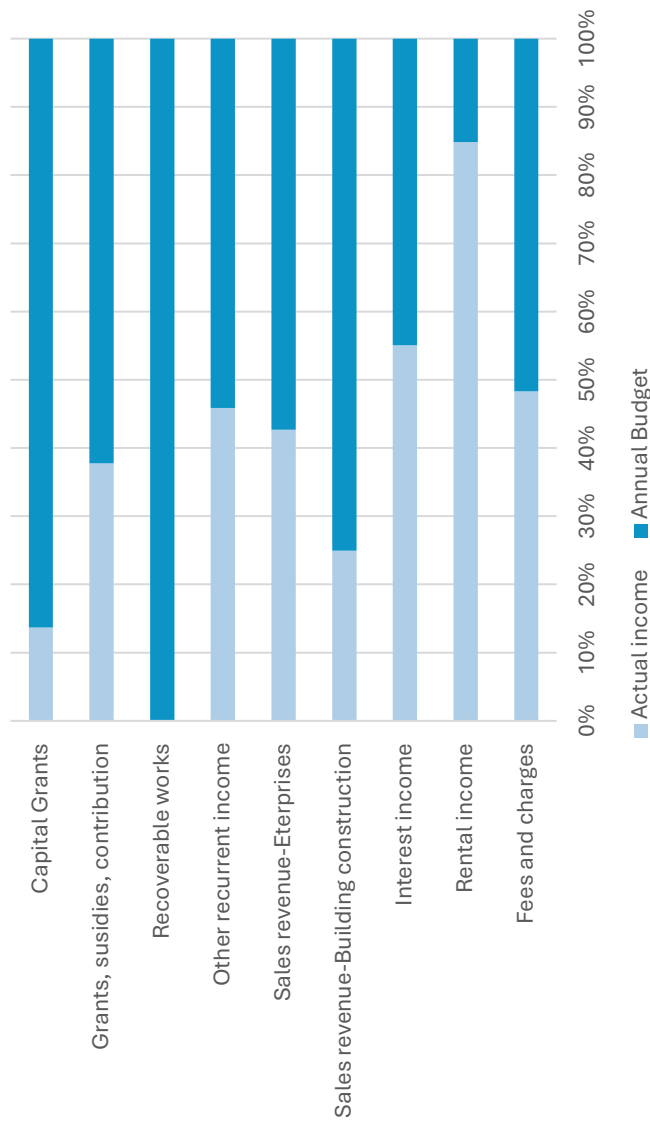


Schedule of Revenues

	Actual February 2026	Original Budget 2025-26
Fees and charges	1,069,574	1,144,028
Rental income	885,633	158,209
Interest income	324,920	265,000
Sales revenue-Building construction	890,397	2,678,253
Sales revenue-Eterprises	226,871	304,583
Other recurrent income	495,505	584,752
Recoverable works		12,325,235
Grants, subsidies, contribution	4,991,560	8,229,887
Capital Grants	2,124,656	13,407,142
Total income	11,009,116	39,097,089

An increased of 14% income from previous month of January.
It was coming from Rental/Sales revenue, QBUILD for BAS projects, JV income and Grants from Community Broadcasting Foundation

Actual income - February 2026 vs Budget



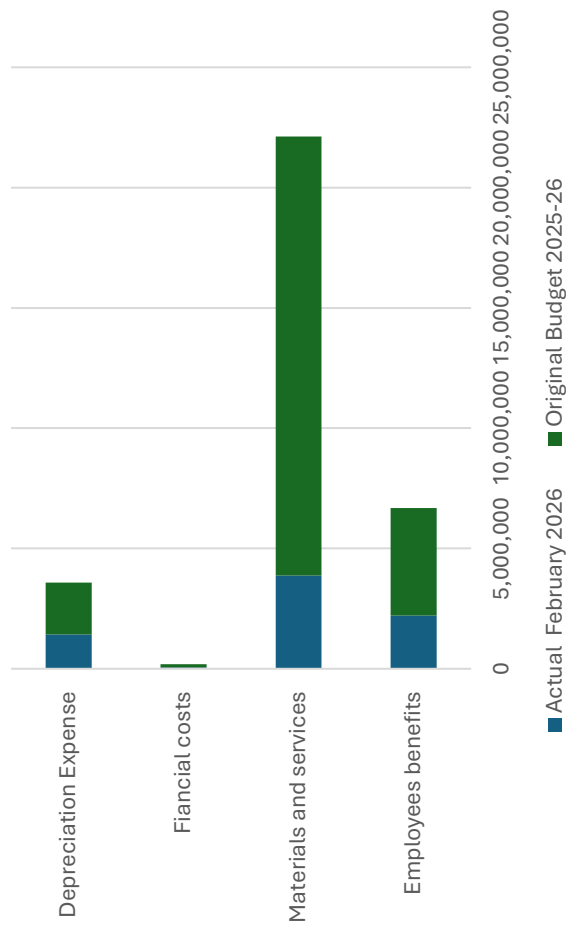


Schedule of Operating Expenses

	Actual February 2026	Original Budget 2025-26	
Employees benefits	2,217,252	4,461,753	50%
Materials and services	3,877,116	18,247,690	21%
Financial costs	54,273	132,682	41%
Depreciation Expense	1,432,240	2,148,360	67%
Total	7,580,881	24,990,485	30%

The Operating expense is \$7.5m, 30% of original Budget. There was an increase of \$833k from previous month (January 2026) mostly wages and materials and services.

Actual Expenses vs Original Budget





Schedule of Operational Grants

For the Month Ending 28 February 2026

Year Elapsed 67%

1013-1200-0000	Revenue	SQW First Start Grant	-	60,000
1220-1200-0000	Revenue	Town Planning & Legal	-	670,000
2054-1200-0000	Revenue	FAGS Identified Road Grant	6,627	-
2055-1200-0000	Revenue	Financial Assistance Grant - FAGS	1,352,866	3,660,433
2060-1200-0000	Revenue	Finance - Grants - ICFP	1,527,015	1,482,136
3400-1200-0000	Revenue	Rodeo - Grant Income	5,500	25,000
3500-1200-0000	Revenue	DTSIP Thriving Communities - Grant	-	102,969
4023-1200-0000	Revenue	FAGS - Roads	-	17,756
4870-1200-0000	Revenue	ATSI - Public Health Grant 71406	160,461	140,000
4871-1200-0000	Revenue	Sponsorship for Mental Health Preven	1,818	-
5100-1200-0000	Revenue	Grant - QKFS Kindy	283,673	120,000
5102-1200-0000	Revenue	Great Start to Kindy Funding Program	36,272	-
5103-1200-0000	Revenue	Kindy Uplift Funding	17,726	90,000
5106-1200-0000	Revenue	Kindergarten- Teacher Subsidy	-	43,000
5156-1000-0000	Revenue	First 5 Forever Grant 2021-22	3,000	-
5157-1000-0000	Revenue	Public Library Grant - IKC Staffing	20,000	-
5166-1200-0000	Revenue	Public Library Grant - IKC Staffing	-	100,000
5170-1200-0000	Revenue	SLQ Service Devpt Subsidy 2022- Living and Thriving Communities	3,000	-
5333-1200-0000	Revenue	Service Enhancement DATSIP Grant	196,397	136,413
5334-1200-0000	Revenue	Get Ready Queensland Grant	-	146,673
5346-1200-0000	Revenue	Scheme Supply Fund (SSF) grant	422,425	4,880
5365-1200-0000	Revenue	NAIDOC - Grant Received	-	25,000
5368-1200-0000	Revenue	LRRG Revenue	-	136,517
5369-1200-0000	Revenue	LRRG Disaster FA Proj Officer-Wages	-	130,000
5371-1200-0000	Revenue	QRA TC Jasper Recovery	21,683	12,325,235
5383-1200-0000	Revenue	Deadly Active Sport & Recreation Grt	59,948	89,528
5585-1200-0000	Revenue	Arts Qld Cns Ind Arts Fair	-	500
5617-1200-0000	Revenue	BIA IAC Operating Grant	-	60,000
5620-1200-0000	Revenue	Indigenous Visual Arts Ind Supp IVAI	-	200,000
5637-1200-0000	Revenue	IVAISO1001 Fund Revenue	140,000	-
5750-1200-0000	Revenue	Home Care Pkg HCP Subsidy	176,252	118,627
5752-1200-0000	Revenue	Commonwealth Home Packages CHSP	195,214	393,629
5756-1200-0000	Revenue	QCC Op State Younger Persons	3,750	75,641
5758-1200-0000	Revenue	IEI Program Activity 4-ENHCUCQN	132,537	124,845
5880-1200-0000	Revenue	NJCP Radio Arts Culture 4- CBF Specialist Radio Program Grant	-	76,341
		Total	4,905,432	20,555,123

Movement of \$512k from previous month (Financial Assistant Grant and Commonwealth Home Package Grants)
 A total of \$772k were received not included in the adoption of 2025-26 budget

This will be included in the 6 month budget review.



Schedule of Capital Grants

For the Month Ending 28 February 2026
Year Elapsed 59%

	Description	Received	Expenses	Budget 2025/26
3200-1300-0000	Revenue	-	36,713.75	320,000.00
4013-1300-0000	Reef Guardian Council Capital Rev W4QLD 2021-2024	-	147,409.39	1,090,000.00
4014-1300-0000	Revenue	815,000.00	52,107.41	1,630,000.00
4027-1300-0000	LGPC700001619 W4QLD 24/27	-	45,081.25	3,648,150.00
4028-1300-0000	Revenue	-	-	1,874,700.00
4028-1300-0000	Growing Regions Program Round 2	-	-	-
4031-1000-0000	China Camp Road	50,000.00	4,400.00	-
4096-1700-0000	Revenue	329,887.20	-	45,016.00
4450-1300-0000	Dept of Environment Capital Revenue	-	122,236.04	307,902.00
4829-1300-0000	RRTG ATSI TIDS Grant	-	-	395,364.00
4921-1300-0000	Revenue	-	-	53,260.00
5031-1300-0000	Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant	-	340,136.11	100,000.00
5120-1300-0000	MIIF Grant - Sports Field Lighting	79,249.63	5,405.00	-
5130-1300-0000	SES Capital Grant	-	107,737.56	-
5160-1300-0000	Tourism Funding Revenue	-	-	-
5368-1300-0000	UMBRELLA - STAGE 1 LAND	415,635.00	-	-
5386-1300-0000	Play our Way Construction Female	154,969.00	154,149.80	460,000.00
5387-1300-0000	Revenue	-	377,011.23	-
5530-1300-0000	LRRG Capital Revenue	-	-	-
	SRRG Splash Park Reimbursement	118,104.50	303.61	-
	Revenue	161,810.60	303.60	-
	SRRG Sport & Rec Centre	-	-	-
	Regional Arts Fund - Projects Grant	-	-	-
	Total	2,124,655.93	1,392,994.75	13,407,142.00

Movement of \$185,209 from previous month, from Dept of Environment & Play our Way Const.

A total of \$883,759 were received not included in the adopted 2025-26 budget

This will be included in the 6 month budget review.



Monthly Financial Report - February 2026			
QRA Works (Disaster Works)			
Particular	Actual YTD	YTD budget	Full Year Budget
Income	8,114,845.46	8,216,823	12,325,235.00
Expense	822,553.07	8,216,823	12,325,235.00
Net	7,292,292.39	-	-
The amount of \$10,468,152.16 is the Cash (Tied) received in advance by the Council to be spend on QRA Reconstruction			
This amount was invested in Queensland Treasury Corporation.			



Monthly Financial Report - February 2026

Cash Type	Actual YTD	Full Year Budget
Tied Cash	18,152,383	11,178,771
Untied Cash	5,244,165	10,198,903
Cash Balance	23,396,548.00	21,377,674

The Council achieved its restricted and unrestrictef cash budget Queensland Sustainability Framework requires only 4 months. The Council has 7.85 months of unavailable un-restricted cash for operating expenses The Council has budgeted to have 5 months of cash available at the end of financial years.



Monthly Financial Report - February 2026 Creditors and Debtors

Accounts Payable

	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days
	\$258,663	-\$2,512	\$0	-\$1,000

All current invoices are being managed and paid on time. The credit sitting under 30 days is with The Good Guys and they are arranging a refund on the credit.

Accounts Receivable

	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days
	\$4,393	\$404,849	\$668	\$585,283

The Council conduct regular reviews of aged debtors and ensure timely and lawful recovery of debts

Over 50% of invoicing relates to Torres & Cape Hospital and health services