



SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA

Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting Wednesday, 12 October 2022

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Time: 1.30pm

**Location: Warren Truss Chamber
45 Glendon Street
Kingaroy**

**Mark Pitt PSM
Chief Executive Officer**

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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- 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE & CORPORATE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

File Number: 12-10-2022

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2022 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Minutes of the Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting held on 21 September 2022**



MINUTES

**Executive and Finance & Corporate
Standing Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 21 September 2022**

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**MINUTES OF SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE & CORPORATE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WARREN TRUSS CHAMBER, 45 GLENDON STREET, KINGAROY
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT:**Councillors:**

Cr Brett Otto (Mayor), Cr Gavin Jones (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jane Erkens, Cr Danita Potter, Cr Kirstie Schumacher, Cr Kathy Duff, Cr Scott Henschen

Council Officers:

Mark Pitt (Chief Executive Officer), Susan Jarvis (General Manager Finance & Corporate), Tim Low (Acting General Manager Infrastructure), Joanne Newbery (Communications Officer), Bree Hunt (Executive Assistant), Kimberley Donohue (Executive Assistant)

1 OPENING

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Lords Prayer and welcomed all attendees.

2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE / APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Cr Duff acknowledged the passing of Her Majesty The Queen with a prayer followed by a minute of silence.

Cr Duff acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting took place.

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**5.1 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE & CORPORATE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2022**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/28

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Minutes of the Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2022 be received.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

5.2 MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE RISK & AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/29

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Minutes of the Corporate Risk & Audit Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2022 be received.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/30

Moved: Cr Brett Otto

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That Mayor Otto's Corporate, Governance & Strategy, People & Culture, Communications/Media, Finance & Sustainability, ICT & Business Systems, Community Representation & Advocacy and 2032 Olympics Portfolio Report to Council be received.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0**8.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/31

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

1. South Burnett Regional Council adopt the following Standing Committee structure for each of the Standing Committees pursuant to s264 of *the Local Government Regulation 2012*:

Standing Committee	Meeting Date	Members	Chair/Deputy Chair
Infrastructure, Environment and Compliance	First Wednesday of each month	All Councillors	Mayor/Deputy Mayor
Liveability, Governance and Finance	Second Wednesday of each month	All Councillors	Mayor/Deputy Mayor

2. Portfolio Matters to be discussed at each Standing Committee:

Infrastructure, Environment and Compliance Standing Committee

- *Infrastructure Planning –*
 - *Works (Construction & Maintenance);*
 - *Water & Wastewater;*
 - *Plant and Fleet*
- *Natural Resource Management*
 - *Rural Services including Agricultural Innovation*
 - *Compliance*
 - *Environment Health*
- *Rural Resilience and Disaster Recovery*
 - *Parks & Gardens*
 - *Property & Facility Management*
 - *First Nations Affairs*
- *Community Development,*
 - *Disaster Management*
 - *Waste and Recycling Management*

Liveability, Governance and Finance Standing Committee

- *Corporate Governance & Strategy*
 - *People & Culture*
 - *Communications & Media*
 - *Finance & Sustainability*
 - *ICT & Business Systems*
 - *Community Representation and Advocacy*
 - *2032 Olympics*
- *Community Development,*
 - *Health, Youth, Senior citizens*
 - *Arts & Heritage*
 - *Library Services*
- *Tourism & VICs*
 - *Sport & Recreation*
 - *Commercial Enterprises including Saleyards, Dams, Aerodromes, Cemeteries*
- *Regional Development*
 - *Industry, Agriculture, Water security, Energy and circular economy*
 - *Development Services including Planning, Building, Plumbing*
 - *Community & Social Housing*

3. Amend the following Terms of Reference to reflect the changed structure and number of Standing Committees:
- Infrastructure Standing Committee
 - Executive & Community Standing Committee
 - Finance & Corporate Standing Committee

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8.3 2022 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/32

Moved: Cr Jane Erkens

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the report be received.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8.4 CHRISTMAS CLOSEDOWN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/33

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff

Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

1. Council closes administration offices, depots and library facilities on Friday, 16 December 2022 at the following times for the purpose of allowing Council employees to attend the staff Christmas function:
 - Blackbutt – 11:30am
 - Kingaroy – 12:30pm
 - Murgon – 11:15am
 - Nanango – 11:45am
 - Proston – 11:15am
 - Wondai – 12:00pm
2. Council will generally be closed from midday Friday 23 December 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2023.
3. Key skeleton staff are rostered on to undertake on-call and emergency work where required during the Christmas Closedown period.
4. Parks staff will be required to work as advised through the Christmas period with the exception of Public Holidays.

5. Operational/Field staff will operate on a skeleton staff arrangement from Friday 16 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023.
6. Council will advise employees to use leave accrued leave entitlements (e.g. annual leave, TOIL, RDO's) during this period with TOIL and RDO's being used in the first instance.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance:

At 9:33am, Communications Officer Joanne Newbery left the meeting.

At 9:34am, Communications Officer Joanne Newbery returned to the meeting.

8.5 CORPORATE RISK AND AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/34

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

That South Burnett Regional Council note the recommendation from the Corporate Risk and Audit Advisory Committee and request the Executive Leadership Team to provide an updated report on the internal audit plan 2022-23 and the action required to finalise any outstanding items.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/35

Moved: Cr Brett Otto

Seconded: Cr Kathy Duff

That the Committee recommends to Council:

A review of hours and costs of engineering staff on the Kingaroy Transformation Project in relation to training and compliance with AASB116 prior to capitalisation.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/36

Moved: Cr Brett Otto

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the Committee recommends to Council:

To clear instructions on any proposed advanced payment of the Federal Assistance Grants in 2022/2023 be sought from the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission, relevant State

and Federal Government Ministers and support a budget revision of the 2022/2023 budget with the objective not to overstate the budget.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/37

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That a supply chain risk be included on the Corporate Risk Registers and both the Risk Registers and Capital Works Project delivery be reported on quarterly.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/38

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That Budget Standing Committee meetings recommence in October 2022, to actively consider the risk to Council's overall financial performance in particular the delivery and supply risks that may impact on the capital works program and end of year financial result and to review the first quarter results.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance:

At 9:56am, Executive Assistant Bree Hunt left the meeting.

At 9:58am, Executive Assistant Bree Hunt returned to the meeting.

8.6 ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL RATE COLLECTION POLICY - STATUTORY041

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/39

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the South Burnett Regional Council Rate Collection Policy - Statutory041 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott HenschenAgainst: Nil**CARRIED 7/0**

8.6.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE - FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

Question on Notice from Cr Kirstie Schumacher:

Are the details of Council's Hardship Policy included in the rates reminder notices that are issued?

8.7 ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY - STATUTORY012

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/40

Moved: Cr Jane Erkens

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the South Burnett Regional Council Financial Hardship Policy – Statutory012 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott HenschenAgainst: Nil**CARRIED 7/0**

8.8 ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL DISPOSAL OF ASSETS POLICY - STATUTORY008

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/41

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the South Burnett Regional Council Disposal of Assets Policy – Statutory008 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott HenschenAgainst: Nil**CARRIED 7/0**

8.9 ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPRESENTATIVE POLICY - STATUTORY003

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/42

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the South Burnett Regional Council Councillor Portfolio Representative Policy – Statutory003 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott HenschenAgainst: Nil**CARRIED 7/0**

8.10 ADOPTION OF THE SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL INSURANCE MANAGEMENT POLICY - STATUTORY024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/43

Moved: Cr Jane Erkens

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the South Burnett Regional Council Insurance Management Policy – Statutory024 be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott HenschenAgainst: Nil**CARRIED 7/0**

8.10.1 NOMINATION OF SINGLE DRIVER - INSURANCE POLICY

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Question of Notice from Cr Scott Henschen:

Does Council have any vehicles with a single nominated driver? If not could Council investigate the option for our insurance policy as to what the implications and cost savings are?

ADJOURN MORNING TEA

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/44

Moved: Cr Brett Otto

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the meeting adjourn for morning tea.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

RESUME MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/45

Moved: Cr Brett Otto

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the meeting resume at 10:41am.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8.11 EXTENSION OF THE RATES DISCOUNT DATE TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/46

Moved: Cr Scott Henschen

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That the extension of discount by one additional day to the 23rd of September 2022 be approved.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

8.12 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATIONS OVERVIEW - SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL VS QLD CATEGORY 3 COUNCILS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/47

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Jane Erkens

That the report be received for information.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0**8.12.1 QUESTION ON NOTICE - ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECEIVED**

Question on Notice received from Cr Brett Otto:

What is the breakdown of the additional \$533k which was received compared to the 2022-23 budget prediction?

8.12.2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATIONS - LETTER TO MAYOR HARTWIG

RESOLVED 2022/48

That the Office of the Mayor invite Mayor Hartwig to meet with all Councillors and neighbouring Councillors to articulate what WBBROC role is in the future.

8.12.3 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATIONS - LETTER TO DEB FRECKLINGTON & SHADOW MINISTER

RESOLVED 2022/49

A letter be sent to Deb Frecklington MP and Shadow Minister Ms Ann Leahy for Local Government to a request a forum or an opportunity to meet to progress the issues raised with the Financial Assistance Grant Allocations.

8.12.4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT ALLOCATIONS - REVIEW OF METHODOLOGY

RESOLVED 2022/50

A report to be brought back to the October Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting on how Council can approach a media story/ video to communicate with our broader residents to bring awareness to the challenges Council faces with dwindling grants.

Including any advice regarding the review of the current methodology versus the federal guidelines and what options Council may have to have input into the methodology.

9 PORTFOLIO - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**9.1 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, WATER SECURITY, ENERGY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY) PORTFOLIO REPORT**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/51

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That Cr Schumacher's Regional Development (Industry, Agriculture, Water Security, Energy and Circular economy Portfolio Report to Council be received for information.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.1.1 FORMAL DEPUTATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/52

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the Committee recommends to Council:

That meeting support is provided to enable Mayor Otto and Cr Schumacher to present a formal deputation to Minister Furner, Minister DeBrenni and Minister Butcher about the work that has been progressed as part of phase two of the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund options analysis and business case for the South Burnett.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

9.2 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/53

Moved: Cr Kathy Duff

Seconded: Cr Danita Potter

That the Committee note the CEO proposed action to call for an expression of interest from staff for voluntary placement at the Visitor Information Centres and the proposed combined workshop with Visit South Burnett.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

10.1 DISCOUNT ON RATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/54

Moved: Cr Kirstie Schumacher

Seconded: Cr Kathy Duff

That the response to the question regarding discount on rates raised by Councillor Schumacher be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.1.1 POTABLE WATER INFORMATION - RATES NOTICE

RESOLVED 2022/55

That a report be brought back to the October Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting on what can and should be included on the rates notices regarding potable water and non-potable water.

10.1.2 POTABLE WATER - PROSTON

RESOLVED 2022/56

That a report be bought back to the October Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting on;

1. What happened with the incident in Proston?
2. Why did it happen?
3. What Action was taken?
4. Different strategies that can help prevent these issues reoccurring e.g. development of a fact sheet to be included when properties in that area are sold, creation of a media release, direct written contact with residents.

10.2 HARSHIP POLICY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/57

Moved: Cr Danita Potter

Seconded: Cr Scott Henschen

That the response to the question regarding hardship policy raised by Councillor Potter be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

10.3 BACONFEST - POWER SUPPLY ISSUES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/58

Moved: Cr Brett Otto
Seconded: Cr Kathy Duff

That the response to the question regarding BaconFest – Power Supply Issues raised by Mayor Otto be received and noted.

In Favour: Crs Brett Otto, Gavin Jones, Jane Erkens, Danita Potter, Kirstie Schumacher, Kathy Duff and Scott Henschen

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

11 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11:43am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

6 BUSINESS ARISING**7 NOTICES OF MOTION****7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CLEARING OF VEGETATION - KAPERINICK'S PARK - BOAT MOUNTAIN****File Number: 12-10-2022**

I, Councillor Kathy Duff, give notice that at the next Executive and Finance & Corporate Standing Committee Meeting to be held on 12 October 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That the Committee recommends to Council that:

That Council engage contractors with the consent of the private landholder to clear vegetation currently obstructing the viewing area from Kapernick's Park, Boat Mountain and seek quotes for the construction of a modest timber viewing platform at the park.

RATIONALE

The Boat Mountain area is fast becoming a popular tourist drive due to the panoramic views of the Bunya Mountains and surrounding landscape. This viewing area has the potential to attract more tourists to our region at minimal cost to Council. The park area already has toilet amenities and shade shelters.

CORPORATE PLAN

GR6 - Advocate for and support of the region's tourism sector through an industry led development of a Tourism Strategy with particular focus on indigenous tourism, adventure tourism, international tourism and high wealth tourism.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ATTACHMENTS**Nil**

8 GENERAL BUSINESS**9 PORTFOLIO - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & STRATEGY, PEOPLE & CULTURE, COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA, FINANCE & SUSTAINABILITY, ICT & BUSINESS SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY AND 2032 OLYMPICS****9.1 CORPORATE, GOVERNANCE & STRATEGY, PEOPLE & CULTURE, COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA, FINANCE & SUSTAINABILITY, ICT & BUSINESS SYSTEMS, COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY AND 2032 OLYMPICS PORTFOLIO**

File Number: 12/10/2022

Author: Mayor

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

PRECIS

Corporate, Governance & Strategy, People & Culture, Communications/Media, Finance & Sustainability, ICT & Business Systems, Community Representation & Advocacy and 2032 Olympics Portfolio

SUMMARY

Mayor Otto presented his Corporate, Governance & Strategy, People & Culture, Communications/Media, Finance & Sustainability, ICT & Business Systems, Community Representation & Advocacy and 2032 Olympics Portfolio Report to Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Mayor Otto's Corporate, Governance & Strategy, People & Culture, Communications/Media, Finance & Sustainability, ICT & Business Systems, Community Representation & Advocacy and 2032 Olympics Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Corporate, Governance & Strategy:

The Customer Service team have been busy over the past three (3) months answering 10,282 calls to Council's 07 4189 9100 number with 4,278 of those calls answered in the rate collection period.

Additionally, the team issued 5,435 receipts with a value of \$4,182,918. Of these receipts, 3,517 receipts were issued with a value of \$3,917,154.

Further statistics of interest for the period between July and September are:

- Applications processed 1,775
- Hall Bookings processed 293
- QGAP transactions 550
- Services Australia transactions 60
- New number plates issued 75

Council's Customer Service centre in Kingaroy renovations is nearing completion and it is anticipated that the team will be moving from the current location in the Kingaroy Library to the Kingaroy Administration Centre late October/early November 2022.

**People & Culture:
Rural Management Challenge**

South Burnett Regional Council was proud to host the 2022 Southern Queensland Local Government Managers (LGMA) Rural Management Challenge on the 4th and 5th October 2022.

With teams coming to our region from Southern Downs, Western Downs and Murweh it was a great two-day event and lots of positive feedback about the region and facilities on offer. We are now awaiting the results on how our two teams went on challenge day.

Communications/Media:

In September 2022, the Media and Communications team progressed the following:

- Media Releases x 34
- Media enquiries (via the Media email) x 8
- Social Media:
 - Facebook: x 65 Posts
 - Instagram: x 49 Posts
- Enews x 1
- Printed advertising x 3
- Graphic design x 23

A list of all media release/enquiries and statistics for September 2022 is available as an attachment to this report.

Finance & Sustainability:

At the end of September 2022, Council held \$61.86 million in cash and cash equivalents with \$42.86 million sitting with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC).


Finance have been working through the 2021-2022 audit, with the Financial Statements having been signed off by the auditors and the Queensland Audit Office on the 10th of October.

The Rate Notices discount period ended 23 September 2022 with approximately 88% of property owners paying on time to receive the discount on offer.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. **September 2022 Media Report** [↓](#) 

Media Releases – September 2022:

1. 090. Public Notice 02-09-2022 - Dual Cab Tender
2. 091. Public Notice 02-09-2022 - SBRC 22-23-04 Request for Tender for a Preferred Supplier Agreement for Road Resurfacing and Maintenance
3. 092. Media Release 05-09-2022 - HAVE YOUR SAY Kingaroy CBD Parking Smoking Restrictions
4. 093. Public Notice 07-09-2022 Tender George St Carpark Switchboard
5. 094. Public Notice 06-09-2022 Weeks Rd, Goodger road closure
6. 095. Media Release 07-09-2022 BlazeAid finishes up in South Burnett
7. 096. Media Release 08-09-2022 Mayor Community Catch Ups
8. 097. Public Notice 08-09-2022 - Goodger Weeks Rd Bin Collection change
9. 098. Public Notice 08-09-2022 Qld govt works on D'Aguilar Highway
10. 099. Public Notice 08-09-2022 - Qld govt work on Bunya Highway
11. 100. Public Notice 09-09-2022 SBRCQ - 2223-18 Supply of Street Lights - George Street Carpark Upgrade
12. 101. Public Notice 09-09-2022 Notice of Works - George Street Carpark
13. 102. Public Notice 09-09-2022 - Weed Biosecurity Alert
14. 103. Mayoral Media Statement 09-09-2022 - Mayor pays tribute to Queen
15. 104. Media Release 12-09-2022 - How you can honour Her Majesty the Queen
16. 105. Media Release 12-09-2022 Flood Damage Update
17. 106. Media Release - 12-09-2022 - Local Disaster Management Group Quarterly Meeting
18. 107. Public Notice 12-09-2022 - Council Pools Opening Soon
19. 108. Public Notice 12-09-2022 - Wondai Swimming Pool – water play area
20. 109. Public Notice 13-09-2022 Emergency Water Restrictions – Proston Town Supply & Proston Rural Supply
21. 110. Public Notice 14-09-2022 Local Stories with Julie Berry
22. 111. Public Notice 14-09-2022 - SBRCQ - 2223-02 - Request for Tender - Supply of Pre-mix Concrete Preferred Supplier Agreement
23. 112. Public Notice 15-09-2022 - National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty the Queen Public Holiday
24. 113. Public Notice 15-09-2022 - Justice of the Peace now available at Kingaroy Library
25. 114. Public Notice 15-09-2022 - Change of Speed Limit on Blackbutt Crows Nest Road
26. 115. Media Release 16-09-2022 - Survey – Disaster Recovery and Resilience Funding
27. 116. Public Notice 16-09-2022 - Extensions to Disaster Recovery Funding Dates
28. 117. Public Notice 16-09-2022 - Extension to Rates Discount Period
29. 118. Public Notice 16-09-2022 - Waste Facility Closure
30. 119. Public Notice 19-09-2022 - SBRC 22-23-06 Request for Tender - Traffic Management Services
31. 120. Public Notice 27-09-2022 Boating Survey
32. 121. Public Notice 28-09-2022 Flood Recovery Survey
33. 122. Media Release 29-09-2022 – Warning on Flooded Roads
34. 123. Public Notice 30-09-2022 - Wondai Waste Facility

Media Releases 22-23						
2022	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	47	42	34			
2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun

Media enquiries (received to the 'Media' email, excludes phone and other emails): 8

- 04-09-2022 – South Burnett Online – Requesting information regarding DTMR media alert about water across the Bunya Highway at Memerambi
- 05-09-2022 – Seven Network – Requesting Mayor or Council spokesperson share a condolence message following death of Nanango man in Ukraine.
- 08-09-2022 – Burnett Today – Requesting why Kingaroy is not listed in Mayor Community Catch ups and whether Division Councillors will be attending Community Catch Ups alongside the Mayor
- 14-09-2022 – SouthBurnett.com – Requesting information on Proston Water Supply major plant malfunction and updates on water restrictions
- 20-09-2022 – Burnett Today – Requesting information about George Street carpark beehive
- 20-09-2022 – South Burnett Times – Requesting information about the new pool play area at Wondai pool
- 21-09-2022 – ABC Wide Bay – Requesting details of any Queen's Memorial Day services scheduled for the South Burnett
- 26-09-2022 – ABC Brisbane – Requesting comment on the local perspective regarding the Ironpot Wind Farm proposal

Media Enquiries 22-23						
2022	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	23	8	8			
2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun

Social media: South Burnett Regional Council

Facebook

@southburnettregion: 65 posts

Most engaged post:

07-09-2022 – Council wishes to advise of a positive identification of Fireweed – 11,901 reached, 125 reactions, 99 comments, 93 shares

Followers: 9703 (+13 from August 2022)

Page reach: 32,336 (-18.9% from August 2022)

Instagram: 49 posts

Most engaged post:

06-09-2022 – The community is invited to give feedback on parking and smoking in the Kingaroy CBD – 10 likes, 2 comments, 413 reached, 0 engagements, 0 shares

Followers: 1096 (+9 from August 2022)

Page reach: 794 (+12.3% change from August 2022)

Social media posts – all platforms						
2022	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Facebook: 77 Instagram: 59	Facebook: 106 Instagram: 79	Facebook: 65 Instagram: 49	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:
2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:	Facebook: Instagram:

Enews

- Council progressed 1 Enews during September

Printed advertising

- Council progressed two full page ads (Page 4) in the South Burnett Today published on 15 and 29 September 2022
- Council progressed one Murgon Moments ad in September for South Burnett Libraries

Graphic design – September 2022:

- Website Banners x 2 – Shaping our Region to become more resilient - Survey, Free Grant Workshops
- Social media graphic – Public Notices x 25
- Flyers - 23
- Sign

10 PORTFOLIO - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

10.1 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, WATER SECURITY, ENERGY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY) PORTFOLIO REPORT

File Number: 12/10/2022

Author: Councillor

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

PRECIS

Regional Development Portfolio Report

SUMMARY

Cr Schumacher presented her Regional Development (Industry, Agriculture, Water Security, Energy and Circular economy) Portfolio Report to Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Cr Schumacher's Regional Development (Industry, Agriculture, Water Security, Energy and Circular economy) Portfolio Report to Council be received for information.

Regional Development (Industry, Agriculture, Water Security, Energy and Circular economy) Portfolio Report to Council.

This month has seen work and conversations progressed in regard to:

- Housing and Homelessness Forum
- Housing and Homelessness Local Government Action Plan
- Queensland Energy & Jobs Plan Release
- Queensland Super Grid Infrastructure Blueprint
- Regional Investment Prospectus
- Opportunities for further TSBE collaboration
- Powerlink Stakeholder Reference Group
- AusIndustry Strengthening Business opportunities for collaboration
- AAM Directors Future Planning discussions at Murgon Saleyards
- Farm to Fork opportunities for collaboration in Regional Flavours
- Impact Community Services - Kingaroy Drop-in Centre and Mental Health supports
- Bundaberg Burnett Regional Water Assessment Feedback and Stakeholder Advisory Group
- National Water Infrastructure Development Fund Phase 2 Economic Road Map stakeholder engagement planning and report release and briefing to Council.
- 25 year Economic Road Map briefing for Minister Butcher, Minister DeBrenni & Minister Furner.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan Overview**  
2. **South Burnett Housing & Homelessness Forum Speech presented by Cr Schumacher on 7/10/2022**  

QUEENSLAND ENERGY AND JOBS PLAN

Power for generations

70%
Renewable Energy
by 2032



Cleaner
Affordable
Energy
For Everyone



100,000 jobs

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“My Government has a long standing commitment of 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030, and now we are accelerating our progress. We are committing an extra \$4 billion to our energy transformation and setting two new renewable energy targets of 70 per cent renewable energy by 2032 and 80 per cent by 2035. We will showcase our clean energy credentials to the world as we prepare to deliver a climate positive Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2032.”

Annastacia Palaszczuk

Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Olympics

“Cleaner energy will enable exciting new industries like renewable hydrogen which could represent billions in exports and thousands of new clean energy jobs, mostly in our regions.”

Steven Miles

Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure



“Through this Plan, we will keep public ownership of our energy system, with 100% ownership of transmission, 100% ownership of deep storage, and majority ownership of generation.”

Cameron Dick

Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment



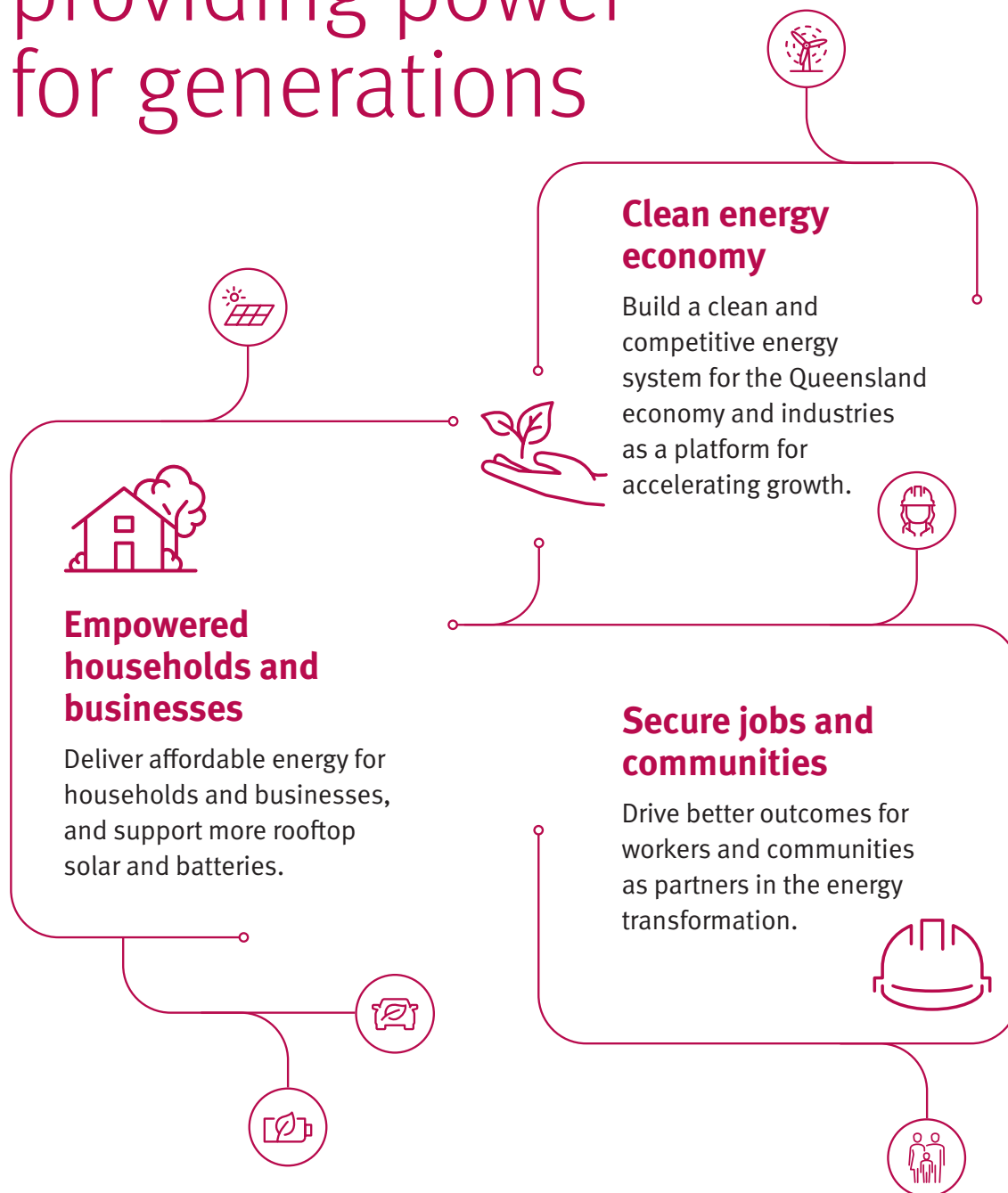
“This Plan will build the new ‘Queensland SuperGrid’ – the renewable energy, storage and network infrastructure we need to power our industries, businesses and homes.”

Mick de Brenni

Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement



Queensland's **SuperGrid** providing power for generations



A Plan to deliver

More jobs

More industries

Affordable power

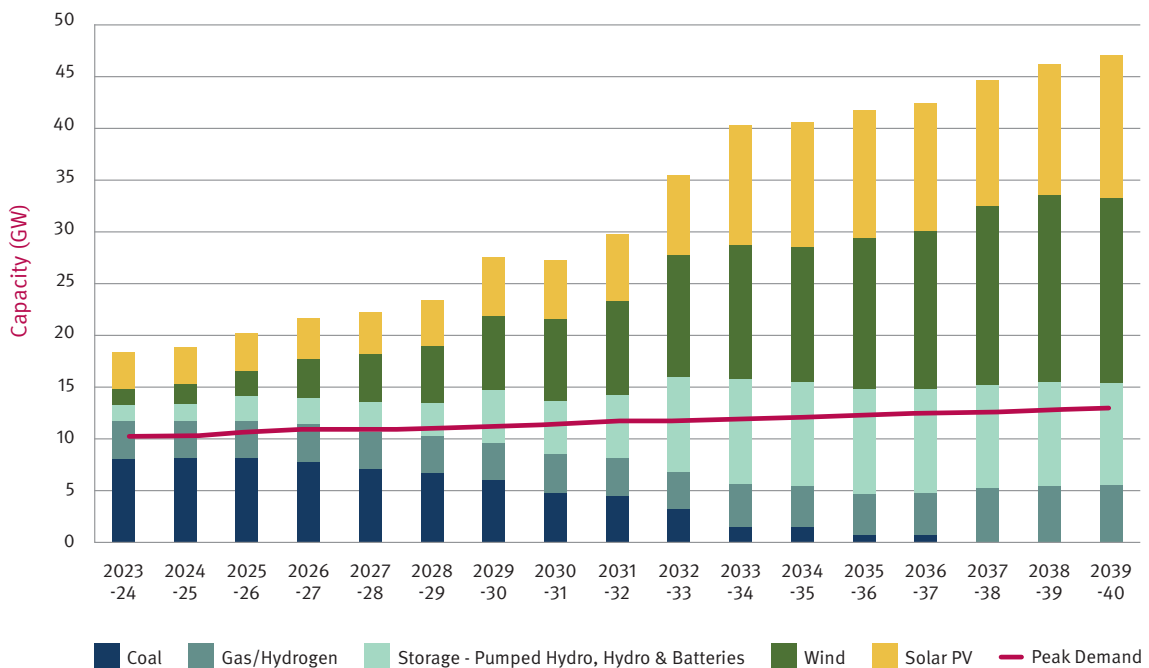
Lower emissions

Stronger growth



Queensland’s SuperGrid will deliver clean, reliable and affordable power

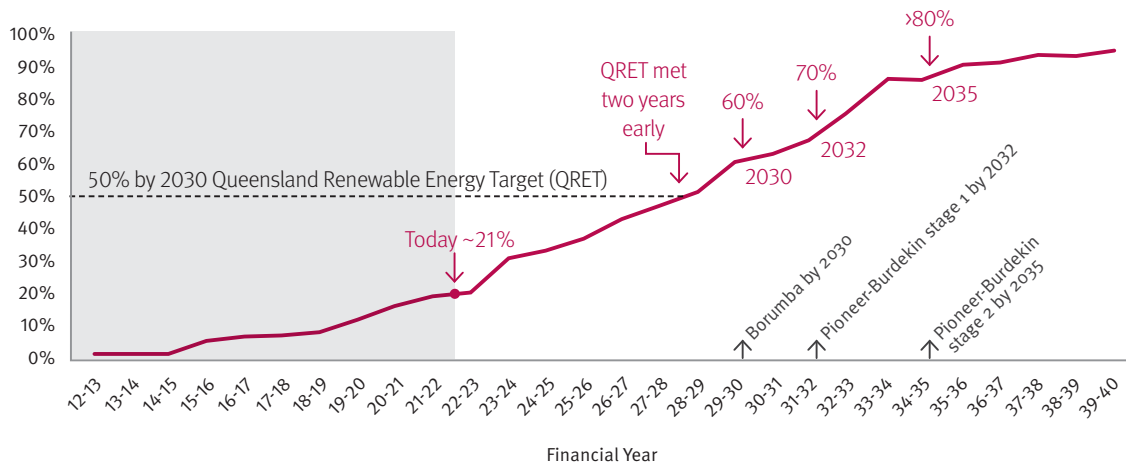
Queensland’s generation mix will transform over time to include more wind, solar and storage to ensure we always have enough energy to meet Queensland’s energy demand including at peak times.



Based on independent modelling

Under the Plan Queensland beats the 50 per cent renewable energy target

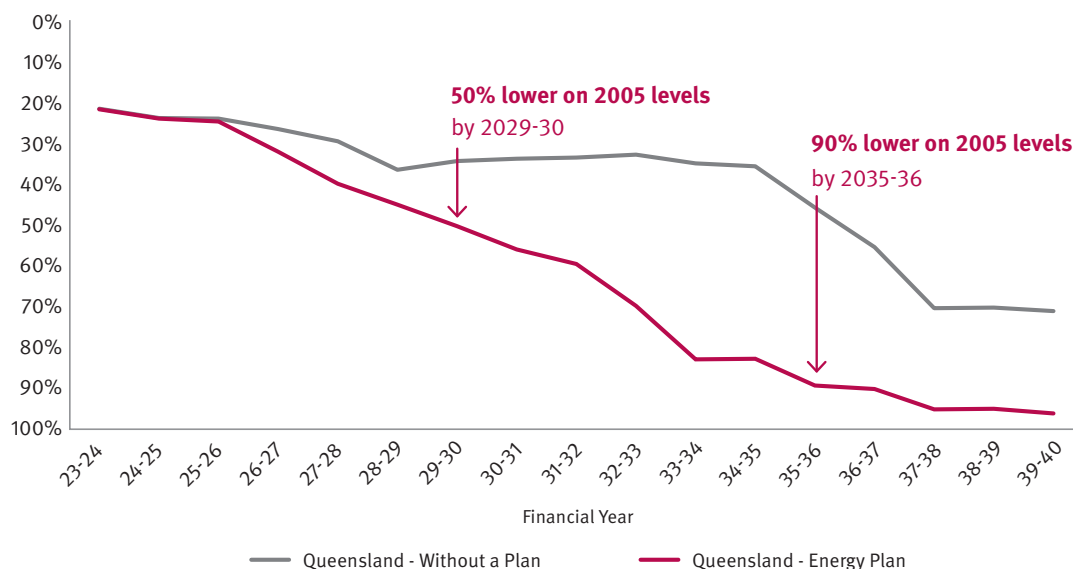
Renewable energy percentage under the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan



And reduces electricity emissions

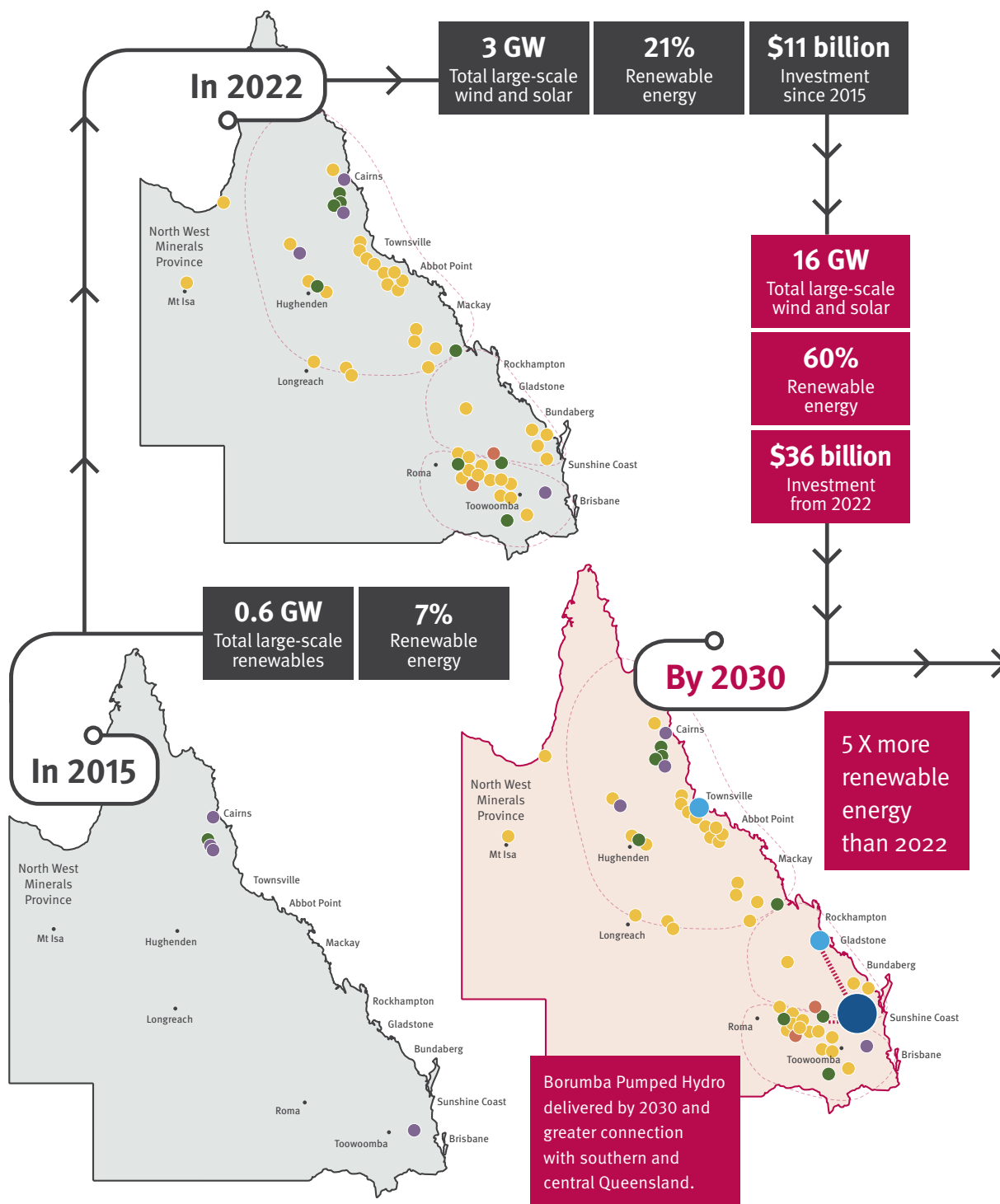
Lower electricity emissions – **90 per cent lower** by 2035-36

Electricity emissions (reduction on 2005 levels)



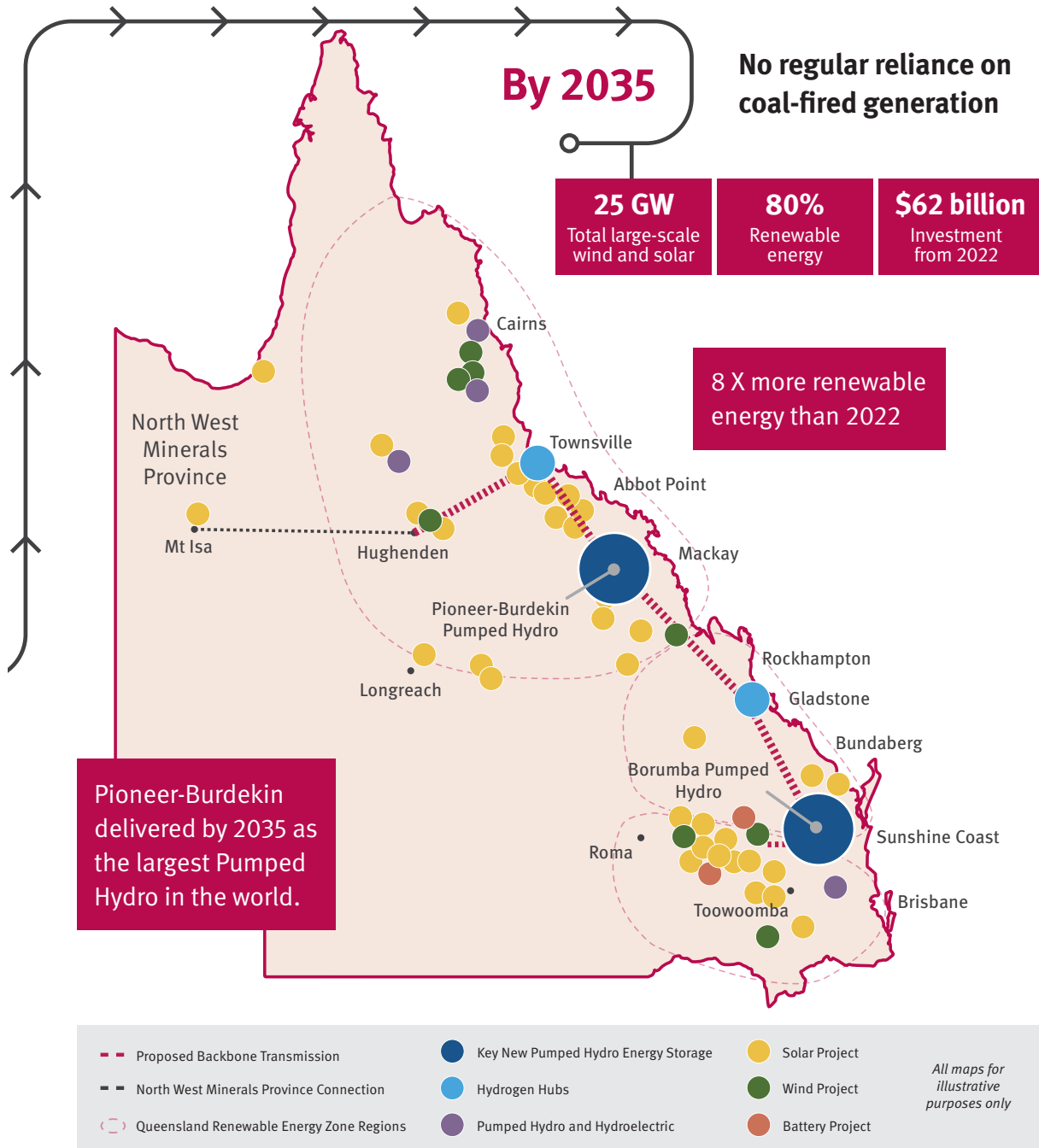
Based on independent modelling

Building the Queensland SuperGrid



What is the Queensland SuperGrid?

The SuperGrid is all of the elements in the electricity system, including the poles, wires, solar, wind and storage that will provide Queenslanders with clean, reliable and affordable power for generations.



The Queensland Government has outlined the optimal infrastructure pathway in the *Queensland SuperGrid Infrastructure Blueprint*.

Projections informed by independent modelling and internal analysis

This Plan represents an extra \$4 billion down payment on Queensland’s energy transformation

\$2.5 billion boost

to the Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund to make it a **\$4.5 billion Fund**, including \$500 million for grid and community batteries, and a hydrogen-ready gas peaker

Queensland’s energy system will remain **majority owned by the people of Queensland**

\$285 million to start building the SuperGrid and Powerlink to invest **\$365 million** for Central Qld Grid Reinforcement

25 GW wind and solar by 2035

\$20 million to supercharge future hydrogen hubs



64,000 jobs from building the SuperGrid including direct and indirect jobs by 2040*

36,000 more jobs by 2040 across key sectors of the economy than without a Plan including direct and indirect jobs*

\$150 million Job Security Guarantee and **\$90 million** for two new training hubs



Over \$270 million to progress two world-class Pumped Hydros

\$200 million Regional Economic Futures Fund

All publicly owned coal-fired power stations operating as clean energy hubs by 2035



Queensland's economy is **\$25.7 billion** bigger by 2040 than without a Plan*



Electricity emissions **50% lower by 2030** and 90% lower by 2035 on 2005 levels*

Household retail bills **\$150 lower in 2032** than without a Plan*

New household savings programs to lower electricity bills



\$4 million to advance the bioenergy sector

\$42 million for integrating electric vehicles



\$35 million for a business savings and transformation program

Wholesale electricity prices **15% lower** on average to 2040 than without a Plan*



Key sectors of the economy like **renewable hydrogen, manufacturing and new economy minerals** growing faster than without a Plan*

\$11.6 million to grow local supply chains and support manufacturers



**Based on independent modelling*





Clean energy economy

Actions

- 1.1: Begin building the SuperGrid**

Begin building Queensland's SuperGrid with \$285 million to develop new backbone transmission that will connect more renewable energy and storage across the state.
- 1.2: Develop two world-class Pumped Hydros**

Over \$270 million committed to progress the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro near Mackay, which could be the world's largest, and the Borumba Pumped Hydro. Together, these projects could deliver up to 7 GW of long duration storage for Queensland.
- 1.3: Invest in more batteries and storage**

The Queensland Government will invest \$500 million as part of the boosted Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund (QREHJF) for government-backed grid-scale and community batteries. The Government will also develop an energy storage strategy for a reliable and resilient system.
- 1.4: Build more renewable energy and connect an additional 22 GW by 2035**

Boost the QREHJF to \$4.5 billion with an injection of \$2.5 billion from coal royalties. Powerlink will also invest \$365 million for grid upgrades in Central Queensland, and the Government will prepare legislation and a long-term roadmap on Queensland Renewable Energy Zones (QREZ) to connect 22 GW of renewables by 2035.
- 1.5: Ensure reliability with low to no emissions gas**

Invest in a new 200 MW hydrogen-ready gas peaking power station at Kogan Creek and the delivery of new low to no emissions gas, including hydrogen, for Queensland's SuperGrid.
- 1.6: Grow the future renewable hydrogen industry**

Commit \$20 million to supercharge Queensland's renewable hydrogen hubs, review the *Queensland Hydrogen Industry Strategy* in 2023 and investigate a potential new renewable hydrogen gas target.
- 1.7: Deliver sustainable liquid fuels**

Deliver a fuels strategy that sets out the vision for developing and using sustainable liquid fuels to support decarbonisation.
- 1.8: Switch to renewable energy with new targets**

Prepare legislation to establish the Government's renewable energy targets in law including, 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030, 70 per cent by 2032 and 80 per cent by 2035. The Government will also work towards 100 per cent renewable electricity for all large government sites by 2030.
- 1.9: Advance Queensland's bioenergy future**

Invest \$4 million to advance Queensland's bioenergy future by working with industry to investigate options for expanding generation from biomass waste streams and support innovation.
- 1.10: Establish a new technical board for expert advice**

Establish a new Queensland Energy System Advisory Board to provide technical advice to Government on the energy transformation, including advice on how to accelerate progress and ensure affordability, reliability and security is maintained. This will include providing advice on updates to the *Queensland SuperGrid Infrastructure Blueprint* every two years from 2025.



Empowered households and businesses

Actions

2.1: Deliver a smarter grid that benefits all Queenslanders

Progress a range of initiatives to build a smarter grid and effectively integrate customer energy resources such as rooftop solar, home batteries and electric vehicles to ensure businesses and households can get the most out of their investments.

2.2: Deliver a new household program

The Government will establish a new program to support households to manage their energy use and save on electricity bills.

2.3: Support to reduce household bills

Support trusted non-government organisations with \$10 million in funding to improve access to energy efficiency advice and devices for hard to reach customer cohorts, like those experiencing vulnerability, to help them manage their energy use and reduce electricity bills.

2.4: Drive savings for small businesses

Establish a new \$35 million Queensland Business Energy Saving and Transformation (QBEST) program to help businesses save money on their electricity bills.

2.5: Integrate Queensland's zero emissions vehicles

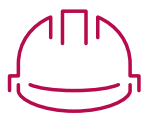
Invest \$42 million to deliver charging infrastructure and trials to support efficient integration of electric vehicles into the grid.

2.6: Enable savings for commercial buildings with Environmental Upgrade Agreements

Enable the use of Environmental Upgrade Agreements to deliver energy savings for commercial business owners and tenants, including ensuring the right regulatory environment is in place.

2.7: Ensure affordable electricity in regional and south east Queensland

Continue to implement the Uniform Tariff Policy to ensure all Queenslanders pay a similar price for electricity no matter where they live, for 2022–23 this represents \$638.5 million in the State Budget. The Government will also keep prices affordable in south east Queensland with a review of the regulatory market, new initiatives to reduce electricity bills and supporting more rooftop solar.



Secure jobs and communities

Actions

■ 3.1: Invest to modernise Queensland's publicly owned coal-fired power stations for the future

Queensland's publicly owned coal-fired power stations will continue to play a vital role in the energy system, with Government reserving back-up capacity, repurposing critical infrastructure and reinvesting into these sites as clean energy hubs, supported by the \$4.5 billion QREHJF. All publicly owned coal-fired power stations will be operating as clean energy hubs by 2035.

■ 3.2: Support workers with a Job Security Guarantee

A new \$150 million Job Security Guarantee, backed by a fund and an *Energy Workers' Charter*, will support workers in publicly owned coal-fired power stations by guaranteeing opportunities to continue their careers within these energy businesses or pursue other career pathways.

■ 3.3: Prepare Queensland's workforce and regions for growth

Develop a *Future Energy Workforce Roadmap* during 2023 and invest \$90 million to establish two new regional transmission and training hubs. The Government will also establish a new Energy Industry Council and a Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate to provide advice on the future skills, opportunities and training pathways required.

■ 3.4: Grow the renewable energy supply chain in Queensland

Invest \$11.6 million to help build capacity in the Queensland manufacturing sector, and deliver a grant program that supports up to 400 manufacturers to increase their competitiveness in a low carbon future.

■ 3.5: Clean energy for remote and First Nations communities

Work to reduce emissions in remote and First Nations communities with a \$10 million Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund to improve network resilience. The Government will also co-design a clean energy strategy with First Nations communities to achieve net zero electricity emissions in communities supported by Energy Queensland power stations.

■ 3.6: Partner with industries and communities to maximise benefits from the energy transformation and drive regional economic opportunities

Deliver real and lasting benefits for regional communities through a new \$200 million *Regional Economic Futures Fund* to support economic and community development initiatives and a new *Regional Energy Transformation Partnerships Framework* with \$35 million for strategic planning and community engagement activities.



Learn more about the Plan



During 2023 the Queensland Government will be consulting on key initiatives in this Plan.

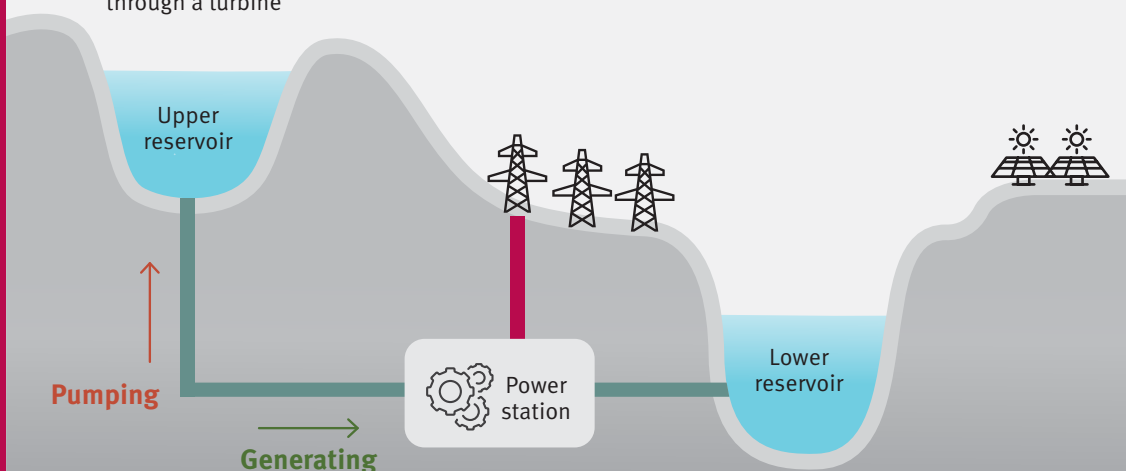
To learn more about the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan and how you can get involved, check out the website: qld.gov.au/energyandjobsplan

How does Pumped Hydro work?

Pumped Hydro acts like a giant battery:

- it uses electricity from the grid or nearby renewables to pump water from a lower reservoir into an upper reservoir when energy prices are low
- when energy is needed, water is released from the upper reservoir into the lower reservoir, generating energy as it passes through a turbine

- hydroelectricity can be generated almost immediately and at any time, so power can be fed into the grid when it is needed.
- ✓ **Drives reliable power for a clean energy economy**
- ✓ **Stores renewable energy like solar and wind**
- ✓ **Provides on demand power when we need it**



Two sites in Queensland

- Borumba close to both central and southern Queensland
- Pioneer-Burdekin the battery of the north – the largest in the world



Megawatt (MW) and Gigawatt (GW):
A measure of output from a generator (1000 MW = 1 GW this is enough to power around 300,000 homes).



Dispatchable generation: Sources of electricity that can be switched on and off and ramp their power output up and down based on market needs.



Demand: The amount of power consumed at any time.



Renewable energy: Energy that comes from renewable sources, such as sun and wind.



Electricity grid: Often referred to as 'the grid', this includes the transmission and distribution networks that carry electricity from generators to energy users.



Hydrogen: A clean, renewable fuel that can be used in transport, power supply and a range of industrial processes.

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Power for **generations**



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I'd like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Wakka Wakka people and recognise their connection to the land, water and community. I'd like to pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander joining us today. I would also like to acknowledge our federal member the Hon. David Littleproud, along with my colleagues Mayor Otto, Crs Thank you for being at the table with the South Burnett community that you represent here today. I'd also like to thank and acknowledge our sponsors QShelter and Stanwell's Tarong power station and Meandu Mine, we know you stand by your communities in times of need, and we appreciate your support. And on behalf of the Working Group I want to thank all of you, for your willingness to be here and to work together on what is the biggest and most complex problem our region is experiencing - the housing and homelessness crisis.

As many of you know, our region is no stranger to housing challenges. Rewind to the Global Financial Crisis, many mum and dad investors purchased rental properties on the promise of a new mine opening, a coal gasification project, a couple of new shopping centres and a giant land development. Growth was the word about town, yet still to this day none of these projects have eventuated. It is gut-wrenching to think that 3 years post the GFC a local real estate agent recalls holding around 40 repossession auctions. He says banks were taking what they could, and property values were plummeting. He was forced to evict families, was threatened and abused and recalls these as the darkest days of his life, as he knew there was no relief for the mum and dad investors who were battling with below market rental returns and high interest rates. Some lost everything as their investment property was secured by their own home. In the last couple of years, many of those who made it through the GFC have cashed in and this has directly impacted rental stocks. I share this story with you, because it sets the scene for what truly has been an extraordinary couple of years. Prior to the pandemic, most house sales occurred as residents moved houses within the region. Often you waited for a buyer, you negotiated down on the price and you may accept less than what it would cost to rebuild the equivalent house and land package. Fast forward to today and we find ourselves in a new kind of normal, our rates team, a team of 3 people prepared 2020 rate searches and a further 2504 property transfers last year. Our population has also increased by around 400 people since 2019 when we know population had decreased for the third consecutive year. We have not seen population growth like this since the construction of Tarong North power station in the early 2000's. In fact population had been declining in our region since 2012 when two of the five generating units were put into cold storage at Tarong Power Stations.

So what does this mean? Well in the South Burnett, if you are looking for a place to live it is likely that you are struggling to find one and we know that this is stifling growth, impacting local industry, service providers, small businesses and community wellbeing. We all have seen families and locals living in public places, in tents and in cars because of the lack of available housing, and we all agree this cannot continue.

Currently our region holds a rental vacancy rate of 0.3%. A crippling challenge when you consider a healthy rental vacancy rate tracks between 2.5-3.5%. Long gone are the days when you could go and look at the long list of properties for rent and barter. Property managers are overwhelmed by rental applications and the lack of rental stock daily. We know that this means low to medium income families and residents are struggling to compete in the bid for the limited properties available. I would like to acknowledge all property managers who every day are faced with someone looking for a place to live and know that there simply are not enough to go around. I'd also like to acknowledge the incredible service agencies we have here today, South Burnett CTC, Regional Housing Limited and QShelter, who are all passionate advocates for better housing solutions in our region. I'd like to thank you and your teams for the incredibly difficult work you do. Our local service clubs, not for profits and support agencies are also doing all they can to support and help those who are vulnerable in our community and we thank you for your efforts knowing that often the only relief we can offer people is a swag, a warm blanket or a meal.

We know, right now that in the South Burnett there are more than 180 people who are thought to be homeless. From a Council viewpoint, we also know there are many people in our community living in unapproved dwellings, in sheds, tents and caravans. We have experienced an increase in community complaints received about these, and simply do not have the resources to respond or the support services available to help find residents better options. We know that we have to do something about this and hold hope that by working together perhaps we can.

We also have growing workforces to house and know we need to find homes for professionals that we need living in our region to support our hospital and our major industries. We have a strong pipeline of renewable energy projects on our doorstep, that will bring hundreds of people to the area during the construction phase and who will then leave once the project is complete. There are upcoming overhauls at Tarong power station that bring hundreds of people into our region. We host the largest pork processing facility in the Southern hemisphere who has a growing workforce that they need to house and we know that some workers are overcrowding or living between motels and that this is not sustainable. We also have a new hospital with the capability to deliver more services to our

community if they had the staff and if we had places for them to live. And local manufacturing businesses like Plenty Foods with exciting plans to expand into the future and create more local jobs for people who too will need a place to live.

Its ironic to think at a time when we need more houses built that our builders are unable to get the materials or the tradespeople to build them. Many of our local builders have benefited from the state government grants and incentives that started in 2020 and resulted in them signing more contracts than they could manage. These grants have helped first homeowners to enter the market or have encouraged residents to build new homes or purchase vacant land that had been sitting idle. We know this because we've seen the upturn in building applications. Ordinarily between the years 2015-2020 our council averaged around 490 building applications a year. In 2021, we saw this increase to 772 building applications and in 2022, the stats remained strong with a further 698. From July 2021 to June 2022 Council approved 197 Class 1 dwellings and 33 applications for dwelling relocations, which are likely to be removal homes into the region. Our Council is actively encouraging residents to consider the option of a removal home and have discounted the bond paid to Council by 50%.

The ongoing increase in workload has been an enormous task for our small planning and building team and we haven't been able to recruit more staff to support them. This is not for the lack of trying, local governments across the state are all competing with an increase in demand for qualified building and planning staff to join their teams. Despite numerous recruitment processes, we are still short staffed with few applicants expressing an interest. This means our team is working exceptionally hard.

Local builders say the uplift in the construction of homes has been intense and with the pressures around supply of materials and costs, many fear it is only going to get worse. It is devastating to see both locals who are building homes and the builders themselves caught and stuck in something that they've got absolutely no control of.

It's evidently been a turbulent couple of years, and we know our Council cannot do this sudden heavy lifting alone. We are seeking genuine collaboration with all levels of government, industry, businesses, community organisation and agencies to achieve the best possible outcomes for our residents and to embrace the opportunity for growth and make it sustainable.

To be honest, we have been at the table listening to developers and investors since the start of this term in 2020 because we weren't expecting to experience the growth that we have.

Despite significant cost cutting and efforts to reduce our overheads our council operations and ability to deliver core services rely on the rates we collect. This year we will pull \$54M from the pockets of our ratepayers, and this equates to 88% of our operating costs. This percentage of own source revenue is high for a region with the levels of socio-economic disadvantage that we have so we know we need to grow our population to spread the costs across more people.

Prior to the pandemic, private investment in the development of land and housing construction has been almost non-existent. Many developers had been burned or gone bankrupt waiting for the land they'd developed to sell. In listening to developers, I understand the costs of civil works, holding and borrowing costs have killed local developments in the past because the saleable value of land did not cover the costs of developing it. Many believe the risk is too high or have chosen to go elsewhere as the returns are higher. Its exciting to report during the 21/22 FY we received 19 requests for Council's development incentives scheme discounts. This is a Council policy that we adopted in 2020 to provide reduced infrastructure charges to developers and encourage them to complete the half done land developments in the region. It means a developer can apply for a discount of up to 75% for reconfiguring a lot for residential development, a 75% discount for Residential development and 100% discount for Residential development in the Rural Residential zone. We have also conducted a recent analysis of our available land stocks and know there is 2,438 hectares of land zoned as emerging communities, low density residential, rural residential or township and hope our Development Incentives Policy may help to encourage its development. There are some indications it is working as our planning department has seen an increase in applications.

Council has been working on a major amendment to its planning scheme to improve the scheme's efficiency by providing more streamlined requirements for development and removing unnecessary triggers for development applications. Council wants to see projects come to fruition and is committed to ongoing improvements in planning and development services. We now offer pre-lodgement meetings to provide accurate information firsthand to encourage better working relationships from the start, the work is yet from done but we are on a pathway of improvement.

What we know is that right now some residential developments are unable to proceed without significant investment in trunk infrastructure which is beyond the means of Council and the developer and so we must do something. We have worked with state government to complete a Regional Water Assessment and Maturing Infrastructure Pipeline project and

now know we have an unacceptable risk of water failure in Kingaroy and to fix the issues across the network we need to invest \$115M in water infrastructure over the next ten years. This is beyond the means of our ratepayers, and even with active grant applications underway, we have had to pick and choose what was more important and settle on a \$75M 10 year capex plan in 2021. This means we have accepted to fund these works we will need to apply 6% rate increases to water access charges year on year to cover the costs, as well as significant borrowings. We are actively working on strategies to reduce the impact on our rate payers and will review this again with the next budget.

Council has also been actively working with South Burnett CTC to develop a relationship with a tier 1 housing provider, Regional Housing Limited and its great to be joined here today with my friend and colleague Chris Robinson who will talk more about this collaboration. Together, we have been investigating what available land Council can gift to support bricks and mortar outcomes and have four social housing projects currently with the state government for consideration of funding. We have also connected other private investors with Regional Housing in hopes this may create more conversations and collaborations in growing local social housing stocks. It's great to see currently how state government has stepped up and is willing to contribute and we are excited about the prospect of potential projects we have put forward.

Community groups and associations are also keen to help create more housing outcomes. We've met with our local RSL club's to discuss the construction of more veterans housing, a local group of parents of children with disabilities who are keen to create independent living outcomes. We are working with South Bank Medical Group to redevelop the Lady Flo Bjelke Petersen Community hospital to provide 100 room aged care accommodation facility to meet the growing needs of an ageing population. We have also actively been working with Eurkea Group to develop a green field site for a 110-one bedroom rental units for seniors in Kingaroy and despite offering significant discounts the developer at this stage cannot make the costs of the development stack up due to the current construction costs, regardless we hold hope that something may occur on that site into the future.

And in closing on behalf of our Council, we are so very grateful for the partnership we have forged with QSHelter, South Burnett CTC, Regional Housing and the Department of Communities to host a local Housing Forum, whereby we will as a community will create a localised strategy to help us to lead the change we would like to see. We recognise we all have a role and are committed to exploring every option and to be part of the solution not the problem. We believe that no one entity, or level of government can solve the issues we face in the South Burnett but hold hope that by working together, we just may be able to make a difference.

11 CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING