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# 1. OPENING BUSINESS

Cr Jane McNamara (Mayor) opened the meeting with the Council Prayer

Lord,

Please guide and direct us, In that the decisions to be made, Will be for the benefit, Of our whole community Amen

# 1.1 PRESENT

### Councillors

Mayor Jane McNamara Kim Middleton Kelly Carter Clarence Haydon Nicole Flute Arthur Bode Trevor Mitchell

### Staff

Andrew Nunn - Director of Engineering Barbra Smith – Director of Community Services & Wellbeing and Acting Chief Executive Officer Jackie Coleman – Executive Support Officer

# **School Students**

Nil

# 1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

# 1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

# **1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 20 June 2023 be taken as read and signed as correct.

That the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held 28 June 2023 be taken as read and signed as correct.





# 1.5 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

### 1.5.1 Prescribed Conflict of Interest - Sections 150EG, 150EH & 150EI Local Government Act 2009

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any prescribed conflict of interest on matters to be discussed at a council or committee meeting (other than ordinary business matters).

When dealing with a Prescribed Conflict of Interest, Councillors must abide by the following procedures:

- A Councillor who has notified the Chief Executive Officer of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter to be discussed in a council meeting must also give notice during the meeting.
- A Councillor who first becomes aware of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter during a council meeting must immediately inform the meeting of the conflict of the interest.
- When notifying the meeting of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest, the following details must be provided:
  - if it relates to a gift or loan given by an entity state the details of gift or loan
  - if it relates to a sponsored travel or accommodation benefit state the benefit details
  - if it relates to a contract between the Councillor and Local Government or close associate of the Councillor
     state details
  - if it relates to an application or submission state the subject of the application or submission
  - if it relates to appointment/employment matters of Chief Executive Office position state conflict details

The Councillor must then leave the place of the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away while the matter is being discussed and voted on, unless the subject Councillor has written notice from the Minister to participate in the matter.

Once the Councillor has left the area where the meeting is being conducted, the council can continue discussing and deciding on the matter at hand.

### 1.5.2 Declarable Conflict of Interest - Section 150EN Local Government Act 2009

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any Declarable Conflict of Interest on matters to be discussed at council or committee meetings that might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest (other than ordinary business matters).

A Councillor may raise their personal interests in a matter at the meeting to canvas the view of the other Councillors prior to deciding to declare a conflict of interest. If the other Councillors suspect the personal interest might be a conflict of interest, the Councillor may disclose their suspicion and the processes under section 150EW of the LGA.

When dealing with a Declarable Conflict of Interest, Councillors must abide by the following procedures:

- A Councillor who has notified the Chief Executive Officer of a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter to be discussed at a council meeting must also give notice during the meeting.
- A Councillor who first becomes aware of a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter during a council meeting must inform the meeting of the conflict of interest
- When notifying the meeting of a Declarable Conflict of Interest or it could be reasonably presumed that a conflict exists, Councillors should provide sufficient detail to allow the other Councillors to make an informed decision about how best to manage the Declarable Conflict of Interest in the public interest. The following details must be provided:
  - the nature of the Declarable Conflict of Interest
  - if it arises because of the Councillors relationship with a related party:
    - i. the name of the related party to the Councillor
    - ii. the nature of the relationship of the related party to the Councillor
    - iii. the nature of the related party's interest in the matter
  - if it arises because of a gift or loan from another person to the Councillor or a related party:
    - i. the name of the other person
    - ii. the nature of the relationship of the other person to the Councillor or related party
    - iii. the nature of the other person's interest in the matter
    - iv. the value of the gift or loan and the date the gift or loan was made.



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After a Councillor has declared a conflict of interest, the Councillor should consider leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed unless they have reasons why their participation would improve making the decision in the public interest.

# 1.5.3 Procedure if no Quorum for Deciding Matter because of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest of Declarable Conflicts of Interest – Section 150EU *Local Government Act 2009*

- (1) This section applies in relation to a meeting if:
- (a) a matter in which 1 or more councillors have a prescribed conflict of interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest is to be decided at the meeting; and
- **(b)** there is less than a quorum remaining at the meeting after any of the councillors mentioned in paragraph (a) leave, and stay away from, the place where the meeting is being held.
- (2) The local government must do 1 of the following:
- (a) delegate deciding the matter under section 257, unless the matter cannot be delegated under that section;
- (b) decide, by resolution, to defer the matter to a later meeting;
- (c) decide, by resolution, not to decide the matter and take no further action in relation to the matter.
- (3) The local government must not delegate deciding the matter to an entity if the entity, or a majority of its members, have personal interests that are, or are equivalent in nature to, a prescribed conflict of interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest in the matter.
- (4) A councillor does not contravene section 150EK(1), 150EM(2), 150EQ(2)(a) or (3)(a) or 150ES(5) by participating in a decision, or being present while the matter is discussed and voted on, for the purpose of delegating the matter or making a decision under subsection (2)(b) or (c).

### 1.5.4 Closed Meeting Discussion Items – Section 254J Local Government Regulation 2012

Council and standing committee meetings may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its Councillors consider it necessary to discuss any of the following matters:

- appointment, dismissal or discipline of the CEO
- industrial matters affecting employees
- the council's budget
- rating concessions
- legal advice obtained by the council, including legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the council
- · matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals
- negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the council for which a public discussion could prejudice the interests of the council
- negotiations relating to the taking of land by the council under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967
- a matter that the council is required to keep confidential under a law of, or a formal agreement with, the Commonwealth or state.

A Council or committee meeting cannot resolve that a meeting be closed where the meeting is informed of a Councillors personal interest in the matter by another person and the eligible Councillors at the meeting must decide whether the Councillor has a Declarable Conflict of Interest or Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the matter.

Further, the meeting must not be closed if a quorum is lost due to the number of conflicted Councillors who leave the meeting and the council must;

- · delegate the matter
- decide by resolution to defer to a later meeting
- decide by resolution to take no further action on the matter.

Note: None of the above will be considered, discussed, voted on or made during a closed session.

If a closed session includes attendance by teleconference, the Councillor/s attending by teleconference must maintain confidentiality by ensuring no other person can hear their conversation while in the closed meeting.





To take a matter into a closed session the council must abide by the following:

- pass a resolution to close the meeting
- the resolution must state the matter to be discussed, an overview of what is to be discussed and why the meeting should be closed while the matter is considered
- if the matter is known in advance, the agenda should clearly identify that the matter will be considered in closed session, and an explanation of why it is deemed necessary to take the issue into closed session must be stated
- not make a resolution while in a closed meeting (other than a procedural resolution).

# **1.6 PETITIONS**

Nil

# 1.7 CONDOLENCES

The family of Marjorie Lesley Bode

# **1.8 RECOGNITIONS**

# 1.9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Flinders Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Yirendali people as Traditional Owners and the oldest living culture of the land on which our Council operates, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



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# 2. REPORTS

# 2.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 2.01.01 CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD – TERM LEASE 221410

Appendix 2.01.01

**Background** – The Department of Resources are seeking Councils views on the Conversion to Freehold of Term Lease 221410 Lot 39 on WOU95. The property is adjacent to the Prairie Pastorage Reserve (Lot 44 on SP324527) which Council is trustee of this reserve.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council offer no objection to issuing the Conversion to Freehold of Term lease 221410, known as Lot 39 on WOU95, on the condition that wild dogs and noxious weeds are controlled, and that the landholder participates in the 'Good Neighbour Program' as part of the Flinders Shire Local Government Biosecurity Plan.

### 2.01.02 CONVERSON TO FREEHOLD – GHPL 23/16718

Appendix 2.01.02

**Background** – The Department of Resources advise that the Letter of Offer for the Conversion to Freehold of GHPL 23/16718 was forwarded to the lessee's on 16/01/2023, subject to the requirements from Council for proposed road opening as outlined.

The Department is investigating the proposed road closure of an area of road which is located within Lot 5 on RM74 and runs parallel to Dutton River. The proposed area of road to be closed is about 65ha. The Department is requesting Council's written views in relation to the proposed road closure.

Officer's Recommendation – For Council discussion.

### 2.1.03 CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD – TERM LEASE 242315

Appendix 2.01.03

**Background** – At Council meeting held on 19 April 2022 Council resolved to offer no objections to the conversion to freehold of Rolling Term Lease 242315, described as Lot 1 on SP330982.

In December 2022 the Department of Resources contacted Council in relation to comments received from the Stock Route Management Unit seeking Councils views on road options that reflect their views on the proposed relocation of Stock Route FLIN015. Council resolved at Council meeting held on 13 December 2022 that the preferable option would be to the proposed closure of Road A and widening of Road C (options 2) as shown on the maps provided then.

The Department of Resources has now advised that the proposals have now been further refined with map LAGIS 538 Option 4 (attached). The revised proposal ensures that none of the support structures for the proposed Mount James Wind Farm turbines fall within the proposed Stock Route area. In relation to the size of the blades to be attached to the turbines the department has been advised:





The wind turbines will have a maximum hub height of 169-194m with a maximum total height of up 300m above ground surface level and each turbine will has a maximum rotor diameter of 162m.

As Council is the Road Manager of the local road that will extend from the boundaries of the State Controlled Hann Highway to the actual Stock Route boundary, the Department of Resources is seeking Council's views on the minor amendments.

Officers Recommendation - For Council Discussion.

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# **2.02 CORPORATE AND FINANCE SERVICES**

# 2.02.01 FINANCIAL REPORT

Appendix 2.02.01

**Background** – In accordance with section 204 of the <u>Local Government Regulation</u> 2012, the Chief Executive Officer must present a financial report to the Council at its monthly ordinary meetings. Monthly financial reports consist of:

- i. Statement of financial performance;
- ii. Statement of financial position;
- iii. Statement of cash flows;
- iv Statement of Changes in Equity;

The following is a summary of the Unaudited financial results as at 30 June 2023:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income		
	\$,000	
Total Recurrent Revenue	41,188	100%
Total Recurrent Expenditure	39,221	94%
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	1,967	(423%)
Total Capital Income	4,331	41%
Total Capital Expense	-	-
Net Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	6,298	63%
2. Statement of Financial Position		
	\$,000	
Total Current Assets	50,705	100%
Total Non-Current Assets	253,794	92%
Total Assets	304,499	93%
Total Current Liabilities	6,162	153%
Total Non-Current Liabilities	9,997	104%
Total Liabilities	16,159	119%
Net Community Assets	288,341	92%
Asset Revaluation Surplus	96,358	82%
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	191,983	98%
Total Community Equity	288,341	92%
3. Cash Flow Statement		
	\$,000	
Cash at the beginning of the period	41,549	100%
Total Payments Received	50,135	78%
Total Payments Made	(46,325)	77%
Cash as the end of the period	45,359	100%





**Officer's Recommendation** – That in accordance with Section 204 of the <u>Local Government Regulation 2012</u>, Council receives and approves the financial report, which includes the following statements, for the period ending 30 June 2023.

- i. Statement of financial performance;
- ii. Statement of financial position;
- iii. Statement of cash flows;
- iv Statement of Changes in Equity.

# 2.03 ENGINEERING

Nil

# 2.04 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WELLBEING

# 2.04.01 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) COMMUNITY ROUND APPLICATION

**Background** – The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between state and local governments which invests in quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland based on locally determined priorities.

Council offer Community Rounds which are open to individuals and community groups undertaking arts and cultural activities.

One application was received and has been endorsed by members of the Flinders Shire Arts Advisory Group for a total funding of \$1616.82 and they are requesting this decision to be ratified by Council.

One application was received as follows:

Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation
Katie Jones	2-Day Oil Painting Workshop, Hughenden	\$1617.00	Recommended

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council approve the application from Katie Jones for \$1617 to deliver a 2-day Oil Painting Workshop in Hughenden.





# 2.04.02 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – SPECIAL REQUEST – ST FRANCIS SCHOOL FETE

Appendix 2.04.02

**Background** –St Francis School was awarded \$1000.00 through the Community Grants Program – Event Support Stream, at the May 2023 Council Meeting.

The objectives of the Flinders Shire Council's Community Grants Program - Events Stream, is designed to build relationships with community organisations to provide benefits to the Flinders Shire residents and visitors by ensuring Flinders Shire is a vibrant active community.

The Events Stream Funding is offered in two tiers:

- Event Support Up to \$1000 focusing on supporting local events
- Event Development Up to \$5000 focusing on the development and building capacity of events and seed funding for new and developing initiatives.

Council has received a special request from St Francis School requesting consideration for a resubmission of the grant submission under the Event Development Stream, and award St Francis an additional \$4000 in grant funding. The revised proposal from the applicant meets the criteria for the Event Development stream and will be utilised to run a 'Ringers Challenge' as part of their school fete activities.

Officer's recommendation - For Council Discussion.

# 2.04.03 OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2023/24 Appendix 2.04.03

**Background** – Council received a letter from OQTA on 5 July 2023, acknowledging ongoing commitment of the Council to tourism in outback Queensland and partnership with OQTA.

OQTA is the regional tourism organisation for Outback Queensland, and in 2022/23 has undertaken a series of events and conferences, targeted marketing and PR campaigns, and industry development indicatives. They also work to lobby and advocate to Governments to drive product development and visitation. The attached partnership agreement outlines the benefits of membership in more detail.

OQTA have written to Council to advice that membership fees from 2023/24 will apply a 6.89% increase in line with CPI. The 2023/24 Membership fee is \$ 17.930.00.

**Officer's recommendation** – That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign the OQTA 2023-24 Partnership Agreement and pay membership invoice of \$17,930.00.

### 2.04.04 DEBTOR WRITE-OFF - AR1659.03 - \$36.00

**Background** – Debt owing for services provided in September 2022 under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), the client is now deceased.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council resolve to write off amount owing on AR1659.03 of \$36.00.





# 2.04.05 DEBTOR WRITE-OFF – AR1660.03 - \$6.00

**Background** – Debt owing for services provided in April 2022 under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). Debtor has now relocated, and all correspondence is being 'Returned to Sender', no forwarding address has been provided to Council.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council resolve to write off amount owing on AR1660.03 of \$6.00.

# 2.04.06 DEBTOR WRITE-OFF – AR1556.03 - \$25.00

**Background** – Debt owing for services provided in December 2021 under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), the client is now deceased.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council resolve to write off amount owing on AR1556.03 for \$25.00.

# 2.04.07 DEBTOR WRITE-OFF – AR1397.01 - \$18,837.85

**Background** – Debt owing for services provided in 2020/2021 financial year of \$18,837.85 under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Council has tried to recoup fund from NDIS program and was successful in recovering approx.\$55,000.00. Council was unable to recuperate the remaining amount of \$18,837.85 due to NDIS Pricing Agreements not being met and clients exhausting allocated funds under the NDIS program.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council resolve to write off amount owing on AR1698.03 for \$18,837.85





# 3. CLOSED BUSINESS

That Council close the meeting to the public at under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012.

# 3.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil



# **4. PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE	TOPIC
Monday 17 July 2023	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 18 July 2023	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 14 August 2023	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 15 August 2023	9:00am - 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 18 September 2023	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 19 September 2023	9:00am - 12:30pm	Council chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 23 October 2023	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 24 October 2023	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 20 November 2023	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 21 November 2023	9:00am - 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 11 December 2023	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 12 December 2023	9:00am - 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 15 January 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 16 January 2024	9:00am - 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 19 February 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 20 February 2024	9:00am – 12:20pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 18 March 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 19 March 2024	9:00am – 12:20pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting
Monday 15 April 2024	9:00am – 2:00pm	Council Chambers	Briefing
Tuesday 16 April 2024	9:00am – 12:30pm	Council Chambers	Council Meeting





The meeting closed at

Jane McNamara Mayor Flinders Shire Council

# **Bill Paine**

From: Miranda Shepherd

**Sent:** Thursday, 11 May 2023 12:07 PM

To: Bill Paine

**Subject:** FW: Views Request Conversion to Freehold Term Lease 221410 39WOU95 Flinders

Shire Council eLVAS 2022/003208

Attachments: Qld Globe 39WOU95.png

Miranda Shepherd Rural Lands Admin Officer



From: Graeme Geisler < Graeme. Geisler @resources.qld.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 10 May 2023 8:56 AM

To: Public Enquiries <Flinders@flinders.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Views Request Conversion to Freehold Term Lease 221410 39WOU95 Flinders Shire Council eLVAS

2022/003208

The department has received the above application. The proposed use of the land is grazing.

The attached extract from Queensland Globe shows the subject land and the surrounding locality.

When a property is converted to freehold the survey plan must show the correct boundaries as well as define roads on their correct alignment. Council may be aware of roads or other issues and its views should address these and give guidance as to any issues a licenced cadastral surveyor would need to address, were they engaged by the lessee to satisfy requirements of an approved conversion. The property is adjacent to the Prairie Pasturage Reserve, described as Lot 44 on Survey Plan 324527, the trustees of this reserve are the Flinders Shire Council.

Please advise the department of your views or requirements including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values that the department should consider when assessing this application.

Objections to the application, and any views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land should be received by close of business on **10 July 2023**. If you offer an objection to the application, a full explanation stating the reason for the objection should be forwarded to this Office.

If you wish to provide a response but are unable to do so before the due date, please contact the author before the due date to arrange a more suitable timeframe. An extension to this due date will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

If a response is not received by the due date and no alternative arrangements have been made, it will be assumed you have no objections or requirements in relation to this matter.

This information has been provided to you in confidence for the purpose of seeking your views on this matter. It is not to be used for any other purpose, or distributed further to any person, company, or organisation, without the express written permission of the department unless required.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Graeme Geisler on 4447 9150.

All future correspondence relative to this matter is to be referred to the contact Officer at the address below or by email to <u>LASSLSteam1enq@resources.qld.gov.au</u>. Any hard copy correspondence received will be electronically scanned and filed. For this reason, it is recommended that any attached plans, sketches or maps be no larger than A3-sized.

Please quote reference number 2022/003208 in any future correspondence.

Regards



Graeme Geisler
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Department of Resources

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# Miranda Shepherd

From:

Paula Thomas < Paula. Thomas@resources.qld.gov.au>

Sent:

Thursday, 11 May 2023 4:05 PM

To:

Public Enquiries; Miranda Shepherd

Subject:

application for conversion to freehold GHPL 23/16718 - Lot 5 on RM74 (Elvas Case:

2020/011660)

**Attachments:** 

amended drawing showing proposed road openings.pdf; Road to be closed.pdf

### Good afternoon,

I refer to an application for conversion to freehold Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 23/16718, described as Lot 5 on RM74.

I wish to advise the department's letter of offer for the conversion to freehold Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 23/16718 was forwarded to the lessee's on 16 January 2023, subject to the requirements from Flinders Shire Council for proposed road opening as outlined in Drawing CNS22/026A. (Please see attached drawing showing the proposed road openings).

The department is investigating the proposed road closure of an area of road which is located within Lot 5 on RM74 and runs parallel to Dutton River. The proposed area of road to be closed is about 65ha outlined in blue as Road to be closed for council's information.

The department is requesting council's written views in relation to the proposed road closure of an area of about 65ha of road which runs parallel to Dutton River.

Council's written views in relation to the proposed road closure is required to be lodged with the department by close of business on **30 June 2023**.

Should you wish to discuss this application, please contact Paula Thomas on telephone number 4447 9180.

Please quote reference number 2020/011660 in any future correspondence.

Kind regards,



Paula Thomas
Land Officer
Land Services |

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Department of Resources

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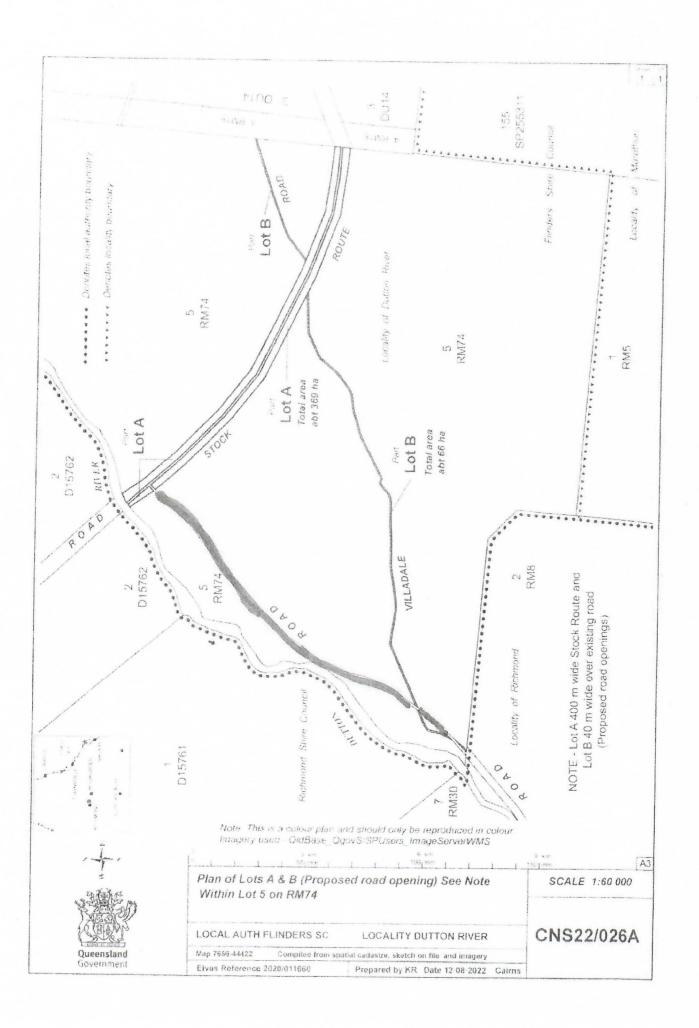
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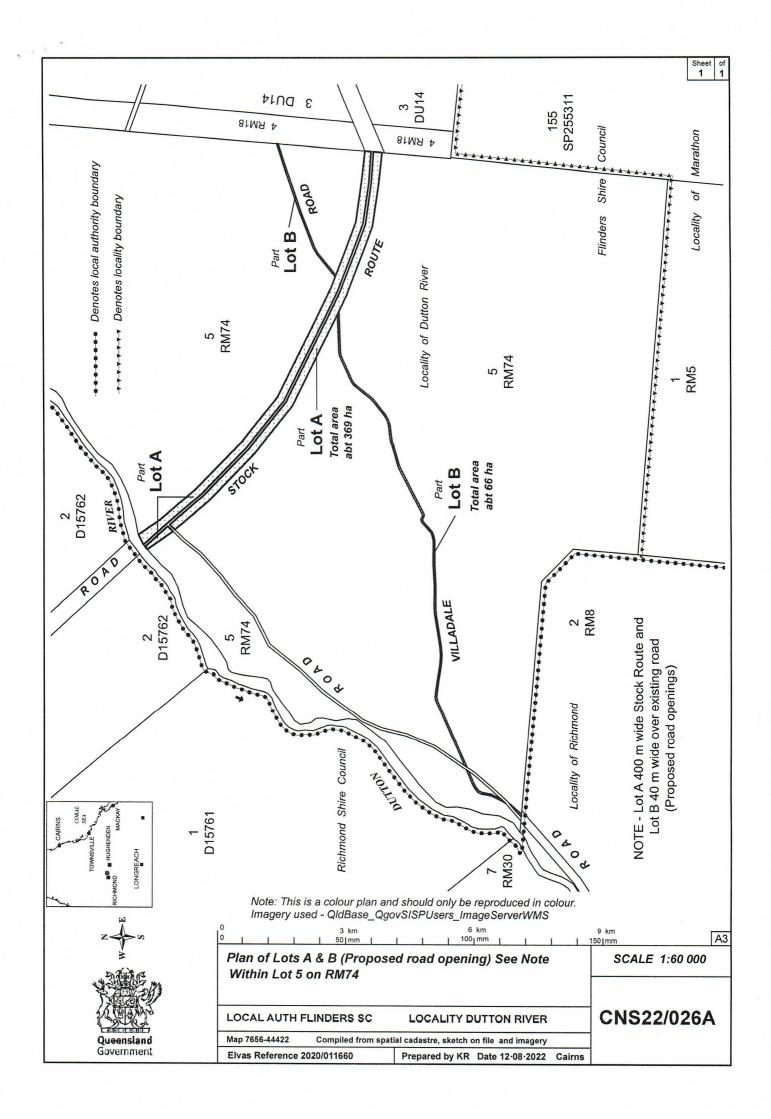
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# **Jacqueline Coleman**

**From:** Graeme Geisler < Graeme.Geisler@resources.qld.gov.au>

**Sent:** Thursday, 22 June 2023 9:01 AM

**To:** Miranda Shepherd; Hari Boppudi; Public Enquiries

**Subject:** FW: Flinders Shire Council - 2022/000392 - Proposed relocation of Stock Route FLIN015

- Vicinity of proposed Mount James Wind Farm

Attachments: Rseponse Letter -Dec 22.pdf; LAGIS 538 - Option 4.pdf

## Good morning,

The department does not appear to have received a response from Council to the below request for views on the proposed relocation of Stock Route FLINO15 in the vicinity of the proposed Mount James Wind Farm.

The proponents are eager to commence the required survey works required to progress this project.

The changes to the proposed route are very minor. As Council is the Road Manager of the local road that will extend from the boundaries of the State Controlled Hann Highway (30 metres either side of centreline) to the actual Stock Route boundary, its views are urgently required.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Stock Route Management Unit of this department have provided supportive views.

### Kind regards



# **Graeme Geisler**Land Officer

# Land Services | Land & Surveying Services

Department of Resources

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From: Graeme Geisler

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:10 PM **To:** Linda Bell; Flinders Shire Council

Subject: FW: Flinders Shire Council - 2022/000392

### Good afternoon,

I have attached an email trail regarding the proposed relocation of Stock Route FLINO15 to be situated broadly 400 metres either side of the centreline of the Kennedy Developmental Road (Hann Highway) in the locality of Porcupine. The initial proposals have been further refined with LAGIS 538 Option 4 attached being the latest iteration. The revised proposal ensures that none of the support structures for the proposed turbine falls within the proposed Stock Route area. In relation to the size of the blades to be attached to the turbines the department has been advised:

The wind turbines will have a maximum hub height of 169-194m with a maximum total height of up to 300m above ground surface level.

Each turbine will have a maximum rotor diameter of 162m.

The comments and views of Flinders Shire Council are sought.

Kind regards



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From: Linda Bell < <a href="mailto:rlao@flinders.qld.gov.au">rlao@flinders.qld.gov.au</a> Sent: Thursday, 15 December 2022 9:15 AM

To: LASS LS Team 1 enquiries

Subject: Flinders Shire Council - 2022/000392

Good Morning,

Please find attached response letter from Flinders Shire Council regarding:

CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD – ROLLING TERM LEASE 242315, LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 ON SURVEY PLAN 330982. REF: 2022/000392.

Re: Department of Resources considering certain options to reflect the views of the Stock Routes Management Unit. The current options are attached as drawings LAGIS-364 Options 1 and 2.

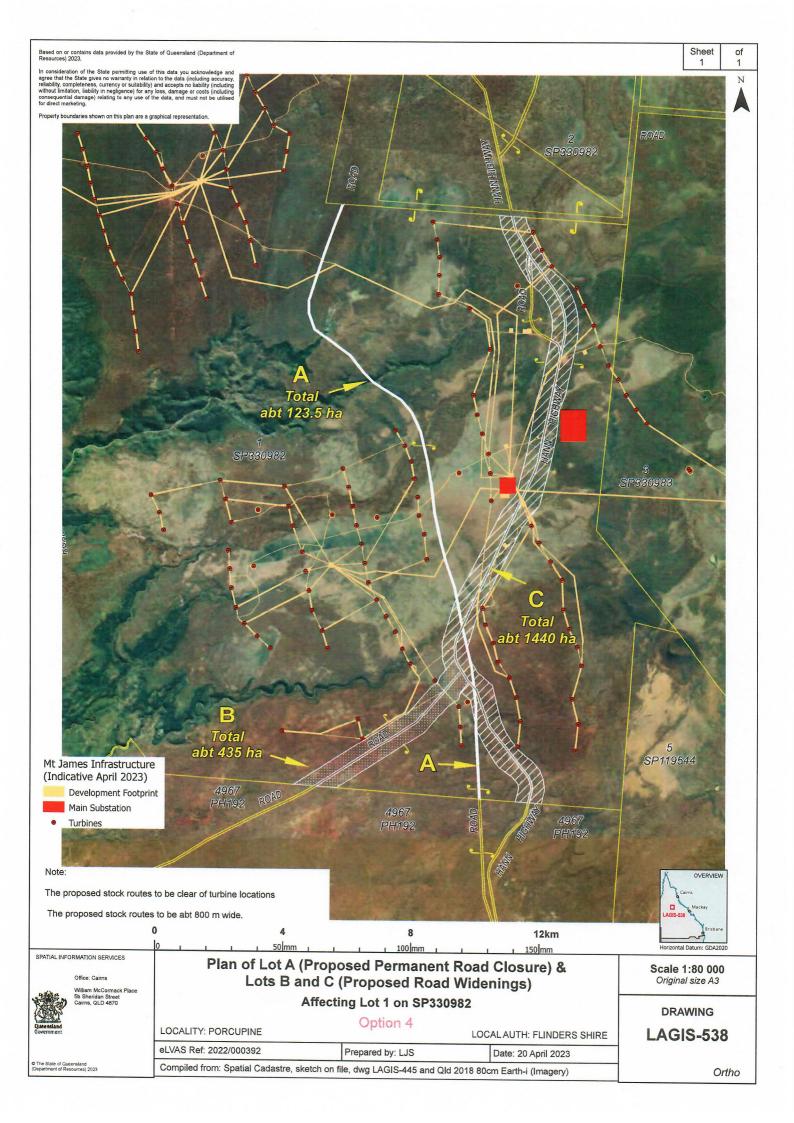
If you have any queries on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Kind Regards, **Linda Bell** Rural Lands Administration Officer

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# **Financial Report**

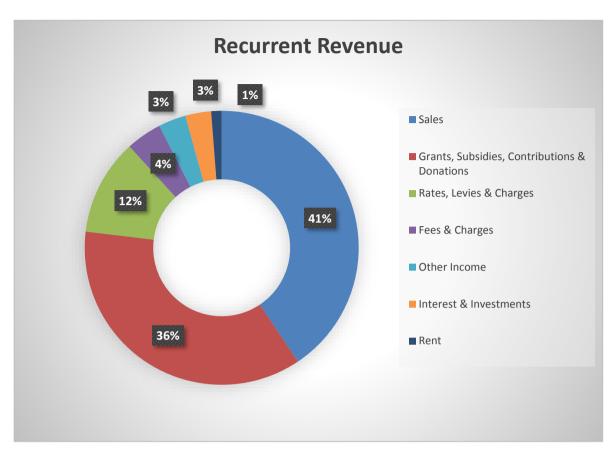
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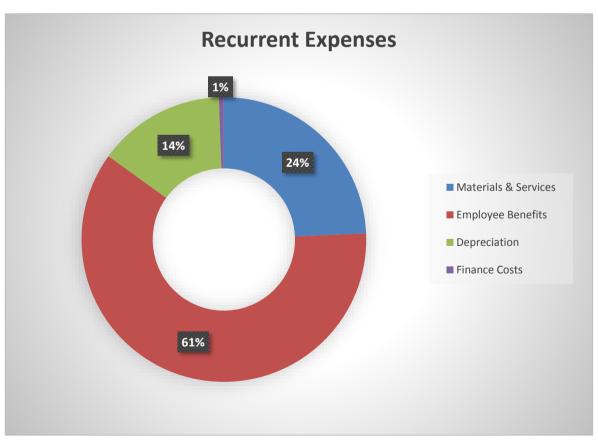
30 June 2023 - Unaudited

# Flinders Shire Council Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the financial year to date 30 June 2023 - Unaudited

	Actual YTD 22/23	Budget 22/23	Variance Target 100%	Actual 21/22
\$'000				
Income from Continuing Operations				
Recurrent Revenue				
Rates, Levies and Charges	4,679	4,788	98%	4,441
Fees and Charges	1,735 507	1,883 470	92%	1,741
Rental Income Interest and Investment Revenue	1,255	1,143	108% 110%	415 250
Sales Revenue	16,725	20,479	82%	29,762
Other Income	1,341	1,030	130%	527
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	14,946	11,563	129%	11,720
Total Recurrent Revenue	41,188	41,356	100%	48,856
Expenses from Continuing Operations				
Recurrent Expenses				
Employee Benefits	23,784	14,115	169%	11,731
Materials and Services	9,535	21,766	44%	24,520
Finance Costs	220	243	91%	273
Depreciation	5,682	5,697	100%	5,494
Total Recurrent Expenses	39,221	41,821	94%	42,018
Net Operating Result	1,967	(465)	(423%)	6,838
Capital Revenue				
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions and Donations	4,331	10,469	41%	3,208
Capital Income	-	-	1170	30
Total Capital Revenue	4,331	10,469	41%	3,238
Capital Expenses	-	-	-	369
Total Capital Expenses	-	-	-	369
Net Result	6,298	10,004	63%	9,707
Other Comprehensive Income				
Items that will not be reclassified subsequent				
Net Result Gain/(Loss) on Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	-	16,124
Total Comprehensive Income				

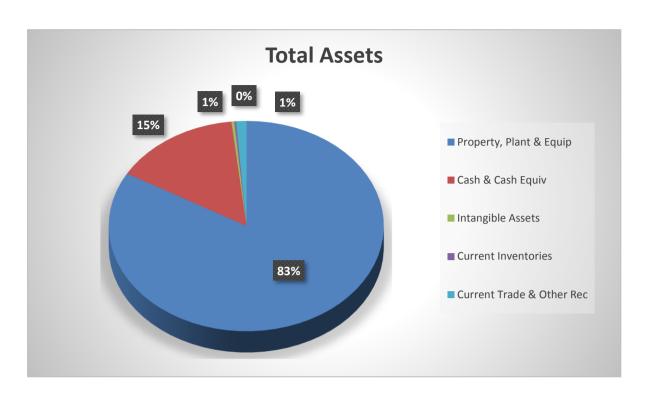


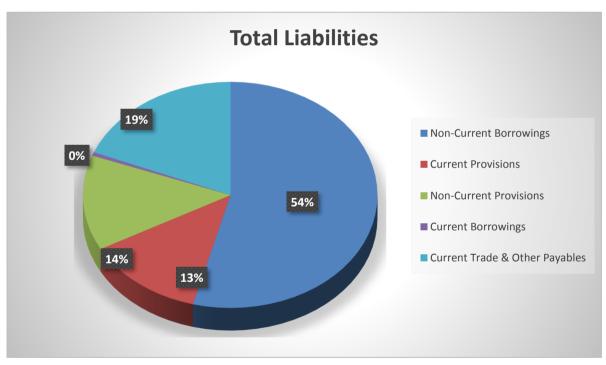


# Flinders Shire Council Statement of Financial Position

for the financial year to date 30 June 2023 - Unaudited

\$'000	Actual YTD 22/23	Budget 22/23	Variance Target 100%	Actual 21/22
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents Trade and Other Receivables Inventories Contract Assets	45,359 3,673 660 782	45,357 4,641 649	100% 79% 102% -	41,549 6,043 530 782
Other Assets	231	74	312%	63
Total Current Assets	50,705	50,721	100%	48,967
Non-Current Assets				
Trade and Other Receivables Property, Plant and Equipment Intagible assets	1 252,771 1,022	2 275,776 1,022	50% 92% 0%	1 250,242 1,022
Total Non-Current Assets	253,794	276,800	92%	251,266
TOTAL ASSETS	304,499	327,521	93%	300,233
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Trade and Other Payables Contract Liabilities Borrowings Provisions	2,781 1,386 74 1,921	2,472 - 916 632	112% - 8% 304%	3,909 1,386 875 1,921
Total Current Liabilities	6,162	4,020	153%	8,092
Non-Current Liabilities				
Trade and Other Payables Borrowings Provisions	7,993 2,004	- 6,313 3,293	127% 61%	- 8,095 2,004
Total Non-Current Liabilities	9,997	9,606	104%	10,099
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,159	13,626	119%	18,191
Net Community Assets	288,341	313,895	92%	282,043
COMMUNITY EQUITY				
Asset Revaluation Surplus Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	96,358 191,983	118,206 195,689	82% 98%	96,358 185,685
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	288,341	313,895	92%	282,043





# Flinders Shire Council Statement of Changes in Equity

for the financial year to date 30 June 2023 - Unaudited

Asset Revaluation Surplus	Retained Surplus	Total Equity
96,357	185,686	282,043
	6,298	6,298
96,357	191,984	288,341
80,233	175,978	256,211
	9,707	9,707
		96,357 191,984 80,233 175,978

16,124

96,357

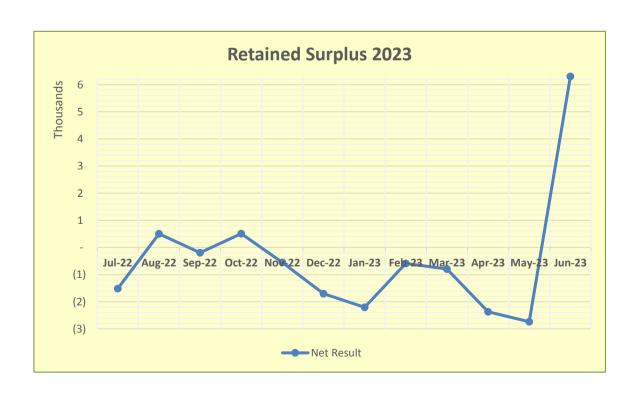
185,686

16,124

282,043

Increase / Decrease in Asset Revaluation Surplus

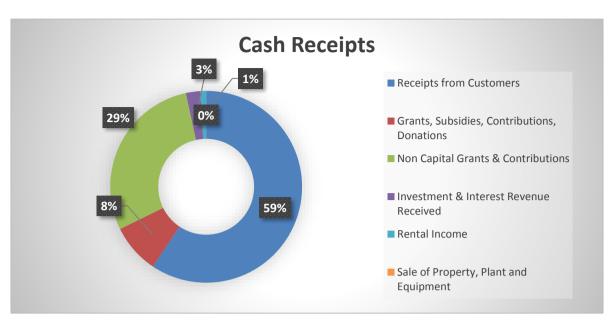
Equity Balance as at 30 June 2022

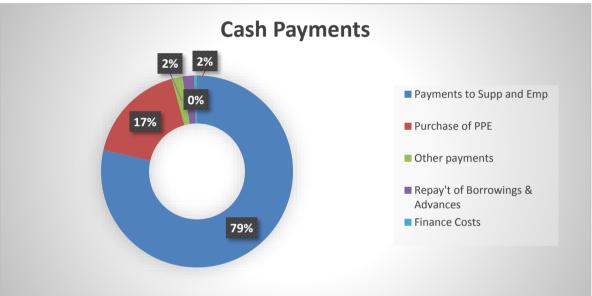


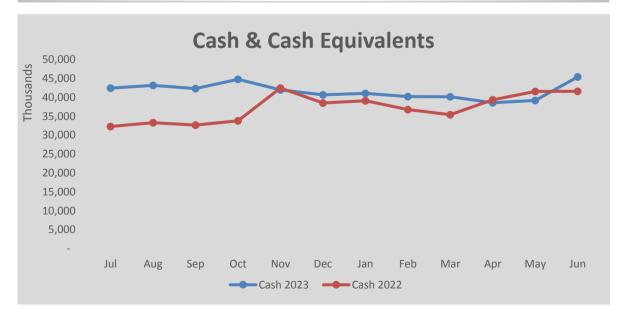
# Flinders Shire Council Statement of Cash Flows

for the financial year to date 30 June 2023 - Unaudited

\$'000	Actual YTD 22/23	Budget 22/23	Variance	Actual 21/22
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts from Customers Payments to Suppliers and Employees	30,759 (36,418) (5,659)	40,106 (31,220) 8,886	77% 117% -64%	36,392 (37,918) (1,526)
Receipts :				
Investment and Interest Revenue Received Rental Income Non Capital Grants and Contributions Other	1,255 507 14,946 (1,663)	1,143 470 11,563	110% 108% 129% -	250 414 12,780
Payments:				
Finance Costs Other	(220) (838)	(243)	91% -	(273)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	8,328	21,819	38%	11,646
Cash Flows from Investing Activities  Receipts:				
Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment (Capital)	- 4,331	500 10,469	- 41%	565 5,737
Payments:				
Payments for real estate assets Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment Payments for intangible assets	- (7,946) -	- (28,062) -	- 28% -	- (9,494) -
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(3,615)	(17,093)	21%	(3,192)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Proceeds from Borrowings Repayment of Borrowings	- (903)	- (918)	- 98%	- (856)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(903)	(918)	98%	(856)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) FOR THE YEAR	3,810	3,808	100%	7,598
plus: Cash and Cash Equivalents - opening	41,549	41,549	100%	33,951
CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	45,359	45,357	100%	41,549







# FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL UNRESTRICTED CASH RECONCILIATION

# As at 30 June 2023

	\$000	\$000
Cash Balance at		45.250
		45,359
Less: Current Liabilities		4,776
Non-Current Provisions		2,004
Unspent Grants		1,412
Reserves		12,000
- Roads	4,000	
- Water	1,500	
- Sewer	1,500	
<ul> <li>Buildings and Other Structures</li> </ul>	2,500	
- Plant Replacement	2,000	
- Cemeteries	500	
Total Unrestricted Cash at 30 June 2023		25,167
Non-Current Loans Payable		7,993



# St Francis Catholic School HUGHENDEN

**RE: Event Stream Funding** 

Attn: Taree Walsh

Dear Flinders Shire Council,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing on behalf of our Parish and School's fete organising committee, with a request to reconsider our grant application under the Event Stream Funding.

We previously applied, and were successful, for a grant of \$1,000 to support our annual Parish and School Fete, specifically to fund the rides, which have been a significant draw for attendees in past years. Unfortunately, due to escalating costs of fuel, living, insurance, and other factors, the expense of procuring these rides for our fete has nearly tripled.

In light of these challenges, we are taking this opportunity to innovate and expand our fete's offerings. We are excited to bring a new event, "The Ringers Challenge - School Style," which we believe will not only bolster the appeal of our fete but also provide tangible benefits to our wider community.

This team-based event is designed to attract larger numbers of participants and spectators, with each team of 3 to 4 individuals likely to bring along friends and family for support. Initial feedback from our community and beyond has been overwhelmingly positive, suggesting that this event has the potential to attract visitors from outside our town. This influx of visitors will have a ripple effect on our local economy, as these individuals will require accommodations, services, supplies, and more.

Moreover, we foresee a challenging landscape for ride hires and facilitators, many of whom are being forced to close down due to these rising costs, leaving only larger companies in operation. This could lead to a potential monopoly and further increase in costs. Our proposed "Ringers Challenge" offers a strategic alternative to heavily relying on rides for the fete's success.

In light of these considerations, we are seeking an upgrade in our Event Stream Funding to \$5,000 to successfully launch the "Ringers Challenge - School Style" event. Your assistance would enable us to set a high benchmark for the inaugural challenge, ensuring the future success of our fete, regardless of the challenges faced by traditional ride hires.

We trust that the Flinders Shire Council recognises the value and potential of our fete, not only as a cherished community event but also as a contributor to the local economy and social fabric. We thank you for considering our request and look forward to the possibility of furthering our partnership with the council for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,

Mr Scott Murray

A/Principal

St Francis Catholic School, Hughenden



Flinders Shire Council Cr Jane McNamara PO Box 74 Hughenden QLD 4821

05 July 2023

Dear Cr McNamara

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Outback Queensland tourism through your partnership with the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) during 2022/23.

Our partnerships with Councils across our region are vital to developing and sustaining a resilient and united industry and your support ensures that our marketing and trade response continues to be inspiring and agile, particularly in the face of increased domestic and international competition.

At OQTA's Conference, Muster and Awards event hosted in Brisbane in March this year we welcomed a record number of Outback products and partners, along with more than 120 trade, media and industry representatives. A record number of Outback operators also attended Australia's largest tourism event, the Australian Tourism Exchange, following the success of our one-on-one tailored Pathway to ATE Mentoring Program.

These activities, along with our targeted marketing and PR campaigns and industry development initiatives, demonstrate our strategy to work collaboratively to amplify our destination's tourism and event offerings and boost innovation and operational excellence.

Lobbying and advocating on your behalf is also a key role for OQTA. We will continue to work with government and our various industry bodies to seek out opportunities to put Outback Queensland on the agenda, drive product development and visitation, and connect and support stakeholders.

As the economic and social impacts of current global market conditions are felt across the state, the importance of tourism and the visitor economy to communities across the Outback region has never been more vital. OQTA has worked with the State Government to secure Tourism Network Funding at a similar level to last financial year, however costs continue to rise across all budget lines, given the current fiscal environment.

The OQTA Board has therefore taken the decision to apply a 6.89% CPI adjustment to OQTA Council Partnership fees for the 2023/24 financial year, with no other increase. The Board intends to use CPI as a benchmark for any future changes to fees for the foreseeable future. Please find attached your 2023/24 partnership invoice.

We look forward to working with you to support our local communities and keep our sector viable, sustainable, and attractive to visitors seeking a memorable and authentic holiday experience.

**Denise Brown** 

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Outback Queensland Tourism Association

Ph: 0438 394 492

Email: ceo@outbackqueensland.com.au

# **Partnership Agreement between**



# Outback Queensland Tourism Association and Flinders Shire Council

The Partnership Agreement outlines the relationship between Flinders Shire Council and the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA), Outback Queensland's peak destination marketing, leadership and advocacy body. The annual Partnership Agreement with OQTA entitles Flinders

Shire Council to the following benefits:

Advocacy on tourism issue	
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	scheduling with air travel, and advocate for better connectivity throughout our
	region and increased product development funding. Upon request, we can supply
	letters of support for product development and grant funding submissions.
Access to OQTA brand and	Gain instant recognition and benefit from already high awareness amongst
marketing tools	consumers when you promote your region using our brand and marketing tools.
<b>9</b>	Your council will receive access to the OQTA image library and town, drive route
	and product listings on the OQTA website, valued at \$1,500.
Social Media and Consume	r As a partner, you'll receive a guaranteed minimum of five posts to Facebook and
eNews	Instagram, valued at \$1,250, along with inclusion in OQTA's Consumer
	eNewsletter, with reach to more than 57,000 subscribers. You'll also have the
	opportunity to buy in to co-operative brand and consumer marketing campaigns
	and OQTA social media and website spots (additional costs apply).
2024 Outback Qld	Your partnership agreement entitles you to free editorial in the 2023 Guide,
Traveller's Guide	valued at over \$6,000. The Traveller's Guide is distributed nationally.
<b>Consumer Shows</b>	OQTA is a crowd favourite at the various Outback Queensland and Drive
	Queensland Caravan, Camping and 4x4 Shows we attend. Your partnership
	agreement gives you the opportunity to join us - in person on one of our many
	trips to promote the region.
Media Program	We work closely with our Council partners, our media agency and Tourism and
	Events Queensland to pitch media stories and familiarisation opportunities to
	journalists, social media influencers and trade.
Industry Insights	Our regular newsletter contains information about the latest industry
	developments, research, marketing and funding opportunities. We'll also keep you
	apprised of our many events, workshops and training opportunities throughout the
	year, including our Tourism Development Officer round table meetings.
OQTA Report Card	Get the facts in a timely fashion with data on visitor numbers, traditional & social
	media activity, and more.
Localis	Our partnership with Localis allows you to have access to market leading visitation
	data for your region. As an OQTA partner, you'll have access to two free prebuilt
	reports. You'll also have the ability to work directly with Localis for more specific
	and targeted data for your region (additional costs apply).
OQ Assist	Enjoy access to OQ Assist services at a discounted rate. OQ Assist's team of
	tourism professionals specialise in destination, event and product marketing,
	content, brand and trade development, media management, grant applications,
	workforce training, special interest tourism and more.
"Always On" marketing	Our "always on" activity is working for your region on social, traditional and digital
activity	media on an ongoing basis.
Best of Queensland	As an OQTA partner, you'll receive an automatic five points towards eligible Best of
Experiences Program	Queensland Experiences Program assessments.
Voting Rights	Your partnership agreement entitles your region to voting rights at the OQTA
	Annual General Meeting.

The Partnership will be in effect from 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 on signing of the agreement and payment of the annual fee.

**OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION INC** 

**FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL** 

Authorised Officer Date:	Authorised Officer Date:



# TAX INVOICE

Flinders Shire Council PO Box 274 HUGHENDEN QLD 4821 ceo@flinders.qld.gov.au **Invoice Date** 

05 Jul 2023

Outback Queensland Tourism Association

ABN: 46 805 356 912

PO BOX 506

LONGREACH QLD 4730

**Account Number** 

Invoice Number INV-1307

Reference

LGA Partnership 23/24

Description	Quantity	<b>Unit Price</b>	GST	Amount AUD
LGA Partnership - OQTA 2023-2024	1.00	16,300.00	10%	16,300.00
		Subtotal		16,300.00
		То	tal GST 10%	1,630.00
		Invoic	e Total AUD	17,930.00
		Total Net Pay	ments AUD	0.00
		Amou	nt Due AUD	17,930.00

Due Date: 19 Jul 2023

# **PAYMENT ADVICE**

To: Outback Queensland Tourism Association PO BOX 506

Bank Account Details

Acc Name: Outback Queensland Tourism Association Inc.

BSB: 084 004 Acc No: 509010834

Please put Name & Inv No. as Reference

Customer Flinders Shire Council
Invoice Number INV-1307

Amount Due 17,930.00

Due Date 19 Jul 2023

Amount Enclosed

Enter the amount you are paying above

ABN: 46 805 356 912. Registered Office: PO BOX 506, LONGREACH, QLD, 4730