



Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Time: 9.15 am
Location: Boonah Cultural Centre
3 High Street
BOONAH QLD 4310

**Scenic Rim Regional Council
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1 Opening of Meeting

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4 Prayers

Pastor Nicholas Crampton from Boonah Baptist Church will attend to offer prayers

5 Public Question Time

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9 Confirmation of Minutes

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10 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

11 Consideration of Business of Meeting

People & Strategy

11.1 End of Year Closedown 2023-2024

Executive Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Item Author: General Manager People and Strategy

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Portfolio

Not applicable.

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

This report informs the Council of closure dates for Council offices, libraries and the Cultural Centres, over the end of year period.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council note the end of year closedown for 2023-2024 of a number of Council facilities, as follows:
 - Council offices, including Customer Care and Engagement, will close from 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up to and including Monday, 1 January 2024, reopening on Tuesday, 2 January 2024;
 - Council's libraries and Community and Cultural Centres will close from 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up to and including Sunday, 7 January 2024, reopening on Monday, 8 January 2024 (with employees returning to work on Tuesday, 2 January 2023); and
2. Council note closedown for field-based (operational) employees from Monday, 25 December 2023 up to and including Friday, 5 January 2024, with a return to work scheduled for Monday, 8 January 2024.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

Clause 4.6(a) of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Certified Agreement 2022 identifies that a minimum of one week Christmas closedown will be mandatory for employees of Council (with the exception of skeleton crews, as required).

It is the intention that a number of Council facilities will be closed as follows:

Council Offices (including Customer Care and Engagement) - Close 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up until Monday, 1 January 2024, reopening on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

Libraries and Community and Cultural Centres - Close 3.00pm on Friday, 22 December 2023 up until Sunday, 7 January 2024, reopening on Monday, 8 January 2024 (with employees returning to work on Tuesday, 2 January 2024).

For employees based in these facilities, the period of closure includes three work days and three public holidays.

Annual closedown for field-based (operational) employees will be from Monday, 25 December 2023 until and including Friday, 5 January 2024, with a return to work scheduled for Monday, 9 January 2024. The close down period for field-based (operational) employees includes seven work days and three public holidays.

A skeleton structure will remain on duty at Canungra, Beaudesert and Boonah depots. Park and roadside maintenance mowing and slashing will continue throughout the Christmas period as scheduled and appropriate.

Relevant employees will be identified and rostered for emergency situations and call outs.

Leave over the close down period can be taken in any combination of annual leave, accrued flex time, Rostered Days Off (RDOs), banked RDOs or leave without pay.

Advice of the Christmas closure dates will be provided to employees via The Bulletin and noticeboards.

Customers and community will be advised of the closure of Council's Libraries, Community and Cultural Centres, Customer Contact and administration offices via a media release, social media posts and website notifications.

Budget / Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 3. Open and Responsive Government

Key Area of Focus: To be a high-quality customer-focused organisation that provides high-quality customer-focused services

Legal / Statutory Implications

The Queensland Local Government Industry Award - State 2017 states:

" 19.4 Annual close down

(a) *Where an employer closes down its operations or a section or sections thereof for the purposes of allowing annual leave to all or the bulk of the employees in the section or sections concerned, the following provisions shall apply:*

(i) *by the giving of not less than 90 days' notice the employer may direct all employees in the section or sections concerned to take leave for the duration of the closedown and allow those who are not then qualified for sufficient annual leave to cover the period of the close down to take paid leave on a proportionate basis and to take such accumulated time off/rostered days off as may be available to the employee to apply towards the close down period."*

Risks

Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR51 Ineffective, inaccurate and/or inappropriate communication and relationship/stakeholder management impacting Council's ability to fulfil its strategic objectives.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership Failure to provide adequate notice to community of closure of Council facilities over the end of year period results in negative perceptions.	The timely communication of end of year closedown dates for Council facilities to community through a number of channels will mitigate the risk of reputational damage.
Governance, Risk & Compliance Failure to provide adequate and timely advice to staff of the scheduled end of year closedown results in noncompliance with the relevant Queensland Government Award.	The timely communication of end of year closedown dates for Council facilities to employees will mitigate the risk of noncompliance against the relevant Award.

Human Rights Implications

No human rights have been impacted by any actions recommended in this report.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Executive Team and relevant managers and supervisors.

Conclusion

The Council is requested to note the annual closure of Council's Libraries, Community and Culture Centres and administrative offices over the end of year period.

Options

Not applicable.

Customer & Regional Prosperity

11.2 Commencement of a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 (Amendment No. 8)

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Item Author: Principal Specialist Strategic Planning

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Portfolio

Economic Development and Prosperity - Cr Greg Christensen

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

This report outlines the proposal to commence the preparation of a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 (Planning Scheme). The amendment is described as Amendment No. 8 and will update a variety of policy matters in the Planning Scheme and incorporate the first phase of amendments to implement the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy (GMS).

Recommendation

That Council resolve to prepare a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to be known as Amendment No.8, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 March 2023, Council resolved to endorse the Strategic Planning Program 2022-2027.

Report / Background

A Major Amendment to the Planning Scheme is proposed in keeping with Council's commitment to maintain the Planning Scheme as a living policy instrument that evolves to respond to emerging issues. The Major Amendment will include a variety of changes that have been identified through the implementation of the Planning Scheme and will also incorporate the first phase of amendments to implement the GMS.

Council's endorsement to formally commence the amendment is required as part of the statutory process, however specific details of the amendments are yet to be finalised.

The first phase of amendments to implement the GMS that are included in the scope of the Major Amendment were identified in the adopted Strategic Planning Program 2022-2027 and include:

1. Review of the master planning requirements in the Planning Scheme.
2. Review of the zoning of existing Residential Care Facilities in Beaudesert to ensure their ongoing use and expansion is supported and consider incentives to encourage further development of these land uses.
3. Investigating potential locations for additional employment zoned land in the Canungra Study Area.
4. Investigating the zoning of land around the Kooralbyn Resort to identify a zone that reflects the constraints of the land and its unsuitability for future urban purposes.
5. Identifying and encouraging development of Retirement Facilities and Residential Care Facilities at suitable locations. Identified locations include:
 - (a) Lot 20 RP206025, 209-247 Beacon Road;
 - (b) Lot 1 RP45268, 30 Kidd Street;
 - (c) Lot 16 RP32167, 24-34 Macdonnell Road; and Lot 4 SP145316, 2- 10 Cook Road; and
 - (d) Lot 6 SP137576, 122-128 Long Road.
6. Consideration of other incentives such as reduced levels of assessment, infrastructure charge reductions to encourage development of Residential Care Facilities and Retirement Facilities at the abovementioned locations.

The amendment package will also include a range of other policy changes that have been identified, including changes to zoning to more accurately reflect the land use intent, changes to levels of assessment and code requirements for a number of uses.

Once the proposed amendments have been prepared and informal feedback from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) has been considered, the draft amendment package will be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement to proceed to a State Interest Review.

The Major Amendment package will also require public consultation, which will occur after the State Interest Review is completed and the Minister has given approval to proceed. The preparation of the draft amendment package to the State Interest Review is anticipated to take six to nine months from commencement.

Budget / Financial Implications

The Major Amendment will be developed using the existing adopted Strategic Planning operational budget allocated to Planning Scheme amendments.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 4. Relaxed Living and Rural Lifestyle

Key Area of Focus: Advocacy for outcomes that are compatible with the clear and comprehensive vision for the region

Legal / Statutory Implications

The *Planning Act 2016* references a statutory instrument called the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (MGR) that sets out the process for making and amending local planning instruments. The proposed amendment seeks to update a number of policy matters in the Planning Scheme and constitutes a Major Amendment as defined in Schedule 1 of the MGR.

Risks

Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR52 Ineffective and/or unrealistic strategic plans which are not appropriately scoped or resourced, resulting in missed opportunities, re-work, failure to deliver objectives and loss of confidence by community.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Governance, Risk & Compliance Failure to comply with statutory obligations	The Planning Scheme is amended in accordance with the Minister's Guidelines and Rules to ensure that the instrument remains up to date and reflects Council's preferred growth direction outlined in the adopted Growth Management Strategy.
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership Ineffective, inaccurate or inappropriate external communications	Community participation and support for the amendment is evident by ensuring stakeholder participation offers genuine avenues to inform the amendment process. This will be achieved by following the public consultation requirements outlined in the Planning Act 2016 and ensuring the Project Plan and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy offers opportunities for meaningful input as the amendment progresses.

Human Rights Implications

Taking part in public life

The draft amendment will be made available for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016* and the public will have the opportunity to make a submission.

Consultation

The Strategic Planning team will work with relevant Council teams to prepare this Major Amendment. An informal review of the draft amendments prior to the State Interest Review will also be requested from DSDILGP, to identify any state interest issues early in the amendment process.

The draft Major Amendment package will also require public consultation of at least 20 business days which, subject to Council's endorsement, will occur after the State Interest Review is completed and the Minister has given approval to proceed.

Conclusion

A Major Amendment to the Planning Scheme is proposed to update a variety of policy matters, including the first phase of amendments to implement the Growth Management Strategy.

In accordance with the process for amending planning schemes set out under the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, Council's endorsement will be sought to commence the preparation of the Major Amendment.

Options

1. That Council resolve to prepare a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to be known as Amendment No.8, in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.
2. The Council resolve not to proceed with the preparation of a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020.

11.3 2023 Tourism Week - DestinationIQ, DestinationQ and Queensland Tourism Awards

Executive Officer: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Item Author: Principal Specialist Regional Prosperity

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Portfolio

Tourism and Regional Events - Cr Jeff McConnell

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

As part of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's 'Tourism Week' and additionally, as an entrant in the Queensland Tourism Awards, Council receives an invitation from the Chair and the Board of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, for an official representative/s to attend the prestigious 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony (the Awards), to be held on the evening of 24 November 2023 in Cairns.

In the days leading up to the awards, Queensland's foremost annual First Nation Tourism Conference, DestinationIQ, and the industry's premier tourism forum, DestinationQ, and will also be held in Cairns, on 22 and 23 November respectively.

With tourism being one of the two biggest industries within the Scenic Rim, and with Council being an entrant in the Queensland Tourism Awards 'Excellence in Food Tourism' category (for which Council won a silver award in 2022), it is appropriate the organisation be represented at the Awards, and at the DestinationIQ conference and DestinationQ Forum.

Recommendation

That

1. Council endorse Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representative to attend the DestinationIQ Forum, being held on 22 November 2023 in Cairns;
2. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the DestinationQ Forum, being held on 23 November 2023 in Cairns;
3. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, being held on 24 November 2023 in Cairns; and
4. Council endorse the purchase of tickets to the Queensland Tourism Awards, return flights and accommodation for the designated representatives, noting that the event is being held in Cairns.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 October 2022, it was resolved that:

1. Council note that the Mayor's role as Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group takes necessary priority over the DestinationQ Forum;
2. Council endorse the Deputy Mayor Cr Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representative to attend the DestinationQ Forum, being held on 3 November 2022 on the Gold Coast;
3. Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen as the nominated Council representative to attend the 2022 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, being held on 4 November 2022 on the Gold Coast, noting the estimated cost of \$500;
4. Council endorse that, should the Mayor be unavailable, the Deputy Mayor to attend in his place; and
5. Council endorse the purchase of overnight accommodation for the designated representative to the Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, noting that the event is being held on the Gold Coast.

Report / Background

The Queensland Tourism Awards are Queensland's premier tourism accolade, recognising the outstanding achievements of the state's tourism industry, including individuals, businesses and events.

As an entrant, Council receives an invitation from the Chair and the Board of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council for an official representative/s to attend the prestigious Awards, to be held on the evening of 24 November 2023 in Cairns.

The Awards cover 31 categories ranging from attractions, events, tours and transport, accommodation, restaurants, culture, marketing and more, for the evaluation period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. Council has entered in the 'Excellence in Food Tourism' category, with a submission that encompasses the region's entire Eat Local movement, including Scenic Rim Eat Local Month, Farm Gate Trail, Scenic Rim Farm Box, the 'locavore' accreditation program, our Scenic Rim Food Ambassadors, the fostering of year-round, educational, immersive and DIY experiences, an always on public relations and marketing campaign and social media activation, nurturing and support for the LTO Destination Scenic Rim and mentoring and capability development of our agri-tourism and food producer sector.

Nominations for the Awards are not publicised leading up to the event and no finalists are announced. Award recipients for each category are only announced on the night, with no advance notification.

This report seeks to endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell (as Portfolio Councillor for Tourism and Regional Events) to attend the Queensland Tourism Awards as Council's official representatives.

It is also noted that in prior years, the relevant Manager and/or officer/s who deliver the projects and strategies relevant to our award submission/s, and who prepares the comprehensive entry submission, have also attended the conference and the Gala Awards Ceremony. In recognition of being the key architect and deliverer of these projects, the Manager Regional Prosperity and Communications will also attend, as a minimum.

In addition, the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity will be in attendance, as a guest of the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, in recognition of her role as a team leader judge of the Awards. (Of note, the General Manager has not participated in the preparation of Council's submission, and does not judge any entrants or submissions from Council or the Scenic Rim region.)

In the lead up to the Awards Gala Ceremony, Queensland's foremost annual First Nation Tourism Conference, DestinationIQ will be held on 22 November 2023. The conference invites delegates and industry professionals from across the state to discuss opportunities, hear the latest trends and recognise First Nations tourism achievements. Noting that the development of indigenous tourism is a growth opportunity for the region and one that is aspired to in Council's Nature-Based Tourism Strategy, it is recommended that the Portfolio Councillor for Tourism and Regional events, Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell attend the conference. The conference will also be attended by the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity and the Manager Regional Prosperity and Communications.

On 23 November 2023, the industry's premier forum, DestinationQ, will be presented by partners Queensland Tourism Industry Council, Tourism and Events Queensland and the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport. This year's forum will bring government and industry leaders together to consider the future of the industry, discuss key tourism and events issues and priorities to ensure Queensland remains competitive as a destination. The theme of the Forum in 2023 is 'Build and Focus – setting the foundations for the future' with further information about the program being provided in the lead up to the forum. As tourism is one of the biggest industries within the Scenic Rim, and noting Council's reputation within the tourism industry, it is recommended that Council be appropriately represented at the forum by endorsing Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell to attend. The forum will also be attended by the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity, the Manager Regional Prosperity and Communications and the Principal Specialist Regional Events.

Budget / Financial Implications

The Awards Gala Ceremony is a ticketed event, with an estimated cost of \$250 per person.

As the event will be held in Cairns, return flights and accommodation for the official representatives would be required. Anticipated costs for return flights and transport (including taxis and airport parking) are estimated at \$700 per person, and accommodation and ancillary expenses are estimated at \$1,000 per person.

There is no cost associated with attending the DestinationIQ conference and the DestinationQ Forum.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 2. Sustainable and Prosperous Economy

Key Area of Focus: Sustainable value captured from tourism in the region with regional capability to drive prosperity

Legal / Statutory Implications

Not applicable.

Risks

Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR46 Inadequate or lack of Governance (including procurement) Framework (systems, policies, procedures, delegations and controls) in place to ensure compliance by Council's Councillors and Officers with all relevant State and Federal legislation and regulations.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership	In proceeding with the recommendation there is a risk to Council reputation due to community perception of elected officials attending expensive, glamorous events. Treatment of the risk should include appropriate messaging to communicate the economic value of tourism to the region and importance as a driver of growth and ensuring attendees are appropriate to the portfolio. If Council were to consider option 2 or 3, there would be a risk to Council reputation within the tourism industry by not having appropriate representation at the events, and more so if Council are successful in winning the award.

Human Rights Implications

No human rights have been impacted by any actions recommended in this report.

Not applicable.

Consultation

Appropriate representation at the Awards has been raised by the Manager Regional Prosperity and Communications (as the contact person and preparer of the Awards submissions) and has been discussed with the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity and Chief Executive Officer.

Conclusion

Council is invited to attend the 2023 Queensland Tourism Industry Council's 'Tourism Week', inclusive of the DestinationIQ Conference, the DestinationQ Forum and the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards, at which Council is a potential award recipient for the 'Excellence in Food Tourism' category entered.

In addition to a relevant Manager and Officers attending, it is recommended that Council is officially represented at these important and prestigious awards by Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell.

Options

1. That:

- (a) Council endorse Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representative to attend the DestinationIQ Conference, being held on 22 November 2023 in Cairns;
- (b) Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the DestinationQ Forum, being held on 23 November 2023 in Cairns;
- (c) Council endorse Mayor Greg Christensen and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell as the nominated Council representatives to attend the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, being held on 24 November 2023 in Cairns; and
- (d) Council endorse the purchase of tickets to the Queensland Tourism Awards, return flights and accommodation for the designated representatives, noting that the event is being held in Cairns.

2. That:

- (a) Council endorse an alternative Councillor as the nominated Council representative to attend the DestinationIQ Conference, being held on 22 November 2023 in Cairns;
- (b) Council endorse alternative Councillor/s as the nominated Council representatives to attend the DestinationQ Forum, being held on 23 November 2023 in Cairns;
- (c) Council endorse alternative Councillor/s as the nominated Council representatives to attend the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony, being held on 24 November 2023 in Cairns; and
- (d) Council endorse the purchase of tickets to the Queensland Tourism Awards, return flights and accommodation for the designated representatives, noting that the event is being held in Cairns.

3. That:

- (a) Council acknowledge attendance by relevant operational officers at the DestinationIQ conference, the DestinationQ Forum and the Queensland Tourism Awards; and
- (b) Council do not endorse official representatives to attend the DestinationIQ conference, the DestinationQ Forum and the Queensland Tourism awards.

Council Sustainability

11.4 Council Monthly Financial Report for July 2023

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Item Author: Coordinator Financial Management

Attachments:

1. Financial Performance and Position Progress Report July 2023 [↓](#) 
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Councillor Portfolio

Economic Development and Prosperity - Cr Greg Christensen

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the monthly financial report for July 2023.

Recommendation

That Council receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2023 for the Financial Year 2022-2023.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

The Council monthly financial report provides information on Council's actual to budget performance. The graphical representation of key performance indicators provides key summary financial information.

Budget / Financial Implications

The budget/financial implications are reflected within Attachment 1.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 3. Open and Responsive Government

Key Area of Focus: Ongoing integrity of Council’s practice and processes

Legal / Statutory Implications

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a financial report to Council on a monthly basis.

Risks

Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR47 Inadequate or lack of an appropriate Financial Management Framework (including systems, policies, procedures and controls) in place to adequately minimise risk of fraudulent action and to maximise financial sustainability.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Financial/Economic Inaccurate or untimely management reporting	Actual performance is reported against budget on a monthly basis to the Executive Team and Council
Financial/Economic Failure to develop and implement procedures to manage cash and investments	Monthly investment report is provided to the Executive Team and Council that reports actual performance against investment limits
Financial/Economic Failure to manage outstanding debtors	Monthly debtors report is provided to the Executive Leadership Team and Council including chart showing total outstanding debtors and debtors greater than 90 days overdue

Human Rights Implications

No human rights have been impacted by any actions recommended in this report.

Not applicable.

Consultation

The Chief Executive Officer, General Managers and Managers have reviewed the actual to budget performance for their relevant portfolios.

Conclusion

The monthly financial report provides information on the actual to budget position at financial statement level.

Options

1. That Council receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2023 for the Financial Year 2022-2023.
2. That Council request further information or an amendment to this report.
3. That Council not receive the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 July 2023 for the Financial Year 2022-2023



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND POSITION
PROGRESS REPORT
JULY 2023



Executive Summary

The July 2023 monthly report comes on the back of the 2022-2023 financial year being finalised in preparation for external audit to be undertaken.

It should be noted that the draft 2023-2024 Carry Forward Budget Review is currently being compiled and will be presented for consideration at a Council and Executive Workshop in the near future. Budget variances may exist for some operational and capital programs until the Carry Forward Budget Review is adopted and incorporated into the 2023-24 Budgets.

Net operating surplus: **\$1.233 million above budgeted expectations**

- Operating expenditure \$1.239 million lower than budgeted forecast

Operating expenditure: **\$1.239 million 16.2% lower than budgeted expectations**

- Materials and services are \$1.144 million 31% lower than budget expectations mainly due to maintenance and operations expenditure. Refer Note 4 (Page 6 of 11) for more detail.

Capital expenditure: \$0.877 million 108% higher than budgeted expectations

- Largely due to carry forward budgets not being approved and included in this report
- Refer to Note 5 (Page 7 of 11) for more detail.

Proceeds from sale of assets: **\$0.090 million 100% lower than budgeted expectations**

- Refer Note 6 (Page 7 of 11) for more detail.

Capital revenue: **\$1.714 million 100% higher than budgeted expectations**

- Largely due to carry forward budgets not being approved and included in this report
- Refer Note 7 (Page 8 of 11) for details.

Statement of financial position

- Cash and investments: \$35.235 million higher than budgeted expectations largely due to the closing cash balance from 2023 and the carry forward budgets not being included in this report as yet.
- Receivables: \$10.844 million above budgeted expectations
 - \$10.953 million grant funds receivable (expenditure incurred awaiting funding).
- Trade and Other Payables: \$3.169 million above budgeted expectations
 - High volume of outstanding invoices as at 31 July.
- Other Current Liabilities: \$6.562 million higher than budgeted expectations
 - \$1.757 million Queensland Emergency Management Levy payable.
 - \$4.683 million due to Grant Funds received in advance.
- Provisions Non-Current Liabilities: \$1.401 million lower than budgeted expectations
 - Landfill monitoring and restoration provisions lower than anticipated
- Other Non-Current Liabilities: \$1.371 million higher than budgeted expectations
 - \$1.371 million additional State domestic waste levy refund received in advance during June.

12 Confidential Matters

Nil