



Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday, 19 September 2023

Time: 9.15 am
Location: Council Chambers
82 Brisbane Street
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

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Customer & Regional Prosperity

11.1 2023 Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Board Meeting Update

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

Item Author: Economic Development Officer - Agribusiness & Workforce Development

Attachments:

1. Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes 17 February 2023 [↓](#) 
2. Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes 19 May 2023 [↓](#) 

Councillor Portfolio

Not applicable.

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

The Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO), which was formed in June 2018, is the peak representative group for the six local government areas of the Northern Rivers region in Northern New South Wales. It aims to address matters of regional significance through collaboration with its members and six associate members, of which Scenic Rim Regional Council is one.

This report provides copies of the business and activities of the NRJO and presents the Minutes from the Ordinary Board Meetings held on 17 February 2023 and 19 May 2023 (refer to Attachments 1 and 2) .

Cr Jeff McConnell is the appointed Council Representative on the NRJO Board.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council note the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes for meetings held in February and May 2023; and
2. Council note the activities and initiatives being undertaken by the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation, pertaining to the Scenic Rim region.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2023 (Item 10.2), Cr Jeff McConnell was appointed as representative on the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation.

Report / Background

The NRJO was formed on 22 June 2018 and consists of six Member Councils (Ballina Shire Council, Byron Shire Council, Kyogle Council, Lismore City Council, Richmond Valley Council and Tweed Shire Council) and six Associate Member Organisations (New South Wales Office of Local Government, New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet, Regional Development Australia Northern Rivers, Rous County Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council and Destination North Coast, New South Wales).

As the current appointed representative of Council, Cr Jeff McConnell is charged with attending quarterly meetings, either in person or via teleconference as necessary, depending on the location and purpose of the meeting.

The organisation aims to address matters of regional significance and identifies the following five priorities:

- biodiverse natural environments;
- improved community wellbeing;
- a connected region;
- sustainable energy, water and waste; and
- a diverse regional economy.

The majority of agenda items discussed at these meetings pertain to the business, activities and initiatives being undertaken in northern New South Wales, however Council's continued participation in the NRJO ensures that activities and initiatives being undertaken in, or relevant to, the Scenic Rim are included in discussions.

To assist Cr McConnell, the Regional Prosperity team prepare a report on a range of activities and initiatives being undertaken by Scenic Rim Regional Council, pertaining to the NRJO.

The most recent NRJO Board Meeting took place on 18 August 23, where the Meeting Minutes from the May 2023 meeting were endorsed by the group. The Meeting Minutes for August will be presented at a future Ordinary Meeting, once provided by the NRJO Secretariat.

Budget / Financial Implications

Council's participation in the NRJO is at an Associate Member Organisation level and does not incur any membership fees.

NRJO meetings are held at various locations across northern New South Wales, and due to the distance of some locations and COVID-19 restrictions, the Councillor's attendance at the Ordinary Board Meetings is usually via teleconference. On occasion, the appointed Councillor may attend meetings in person, which will incur some travel costs.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 2. Sustainable and Prosperous Economy

Key Area of Focus: The current and future economic prosperity of the region

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:

SR50 Failure to manage Environmental Sustainability (including climate change) through inappropriate and/or inadequate planning and operational considerations of impacts to the natural environment.

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 Cross-border relationship with neighbouring local government authorities to progress the Scenic Rim region and maintain the integrity of Council.	Active participation with neighbouring regions ensures Council's reputation is not adversely affected and the regional partnerships are productive. Not supporting the endorsed minutes of the NRJO may jeopardise Council's involvement and reputation.

Human Rights Implications

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

Not applicable.

Consultation

Generally, after the Council representative attends the NRJO Ordinary Board Meetings, it has been customary for the Councillor to provide an update to the Chief Executive Officer and, if required, to the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity and General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability, where the content is relevant to their portfolios.

Conclusion

The NRJO is the peak representative group for the six local government areas of the Northern Rivers region in northern New South Wales which aims to address matters of regional significance through collaboration with its members and associate members.

This information is provided to ensure Councillors are apprised of the business, activities, functions and initiatives being undertaken by the NRJO Board and are informed of Council's continued collaboration with the organisation.

This report serves to provide an update on the NRJO meetings held in February and May 2023, and endeavours to report back to Council as an Associate Member of the NRJO.

The most recent NRJO Board Meeting took place on 18 August 2023, and the Minutes of the meeting will be presented to Council once provided by the NRJO.

Options

Option 1

That:

1. Council note the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes for meetings held in February and May 2023; and
2. Council note the activities and initiatives being undertaken by the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation, pertaining to the Scenic Rim region.

Option 2

That:

1. Council does not support the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes for meetings held in February and May 2023 in their current form; and
2. Council does not support the activities and initiatives being undertaken by the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation, pertaining to the Scenic Rim region.



NORTHERN RIVERS JOINT ORGANISATION (NRJO) BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2023 AT TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL

The meeting commenced : 10.01am

In attendance:

Mayors:

- Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council (Chair)
- Cr Kylie Thomas, Kyogle Council (Deputy Chair) (11:35 – 12:04pm)
- Cr Chris Cherry, Tweed Shire Council
- Cr Steve Krieg, Lismore City Council
- Cr Michael Lyon, Byron Shire Council
- Cr Robert Mustow, Richmond Valley Council

General Managers:

- Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council
- Paul Hickey, Ballina Shire Council
- Troy Green, Tweed Shire Council
- Jon Gibbons, Lismore City Council

Other Attendees:

- Louise McMeeking, director (Regional NSW North Coast)
- Phillip Rudd (NRJO)
- Vicky Scott (NRJO)
- Michael Thurston, General Manager (Destination North Coast)
- Aveley McCann - Chief of Staff, Lismore City Council
- Nathan McGrath, Director (Regional Development Australia)
- Robyn Waldron (Minute Taker)

Address by official visitors:

- David Witherdin, Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC)
- Dr Jai Vaze, Senior Principal Research Scientist (Hydrologist) CSIRO via Teams

1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

Chair extended a welcome to everyone to today's meeting.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge that this meeting is held upon the land of the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



3 APOLOGIES

170223/1 RESOLVED (*Lyon/Cherry*) that apologies be received and accepted on behalf of Mr Vaughan MacDonald (Richmond Valley Council); Cr Jeff McConnell (Scenic Rim Regional Council), Anita Gambhir (Office of Local Government)
(CARRIED)

Apologies due to technology issues were received from Graham Kennett (Kyogle Shire Council), Cr Ian Tiley and Laura Black (Clarence Valley Council).

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

170223/2 RESOLVED (*Krieg/Cherry*) that the Minutes of the meeting held 2 December 2022 and business arising be approved with the modification of Vaughan MacDonald being an apology.
(CARRIED)

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 ADDRESS BY OFFICIAL VISITORS

6.1 David Witherdin, Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (*present*)

6.2 Dr Jai Vaze, Senior Principal Research Scientist (Hydrologist) CSIRO (on-line)

170223/3 RESOLVED (*Krieg/Cherry*) that the NRJO Board receive and note the presentations.
(CARRIED)

170223/4 RESOLVED (*Krieg/Lyon*) that Cr Kylie Thomas join the meeting by phone.

Cr Kylie Thomas, Mayor Kyogle Shire Council joined meeting by phone 11:35am

7 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 CMA 2023 State Election Priorities

170223/5 RESOLVED (*Thomas/Mustow*) that NRJO Board receive and note the report on the CMA 2023 State Election Priorities.

(CARRIED)

11.2 2023-2024 Scenic Rim Community Grants Program Round 1 - Minor and Major Grants

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Item Author: Principal Specialist Community Development

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Portfolio

Community, Arts and Culture - Cr Michael Enright

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

This report advises of applications made to Council's 2023-2024 Scenic Rim Community Grants Program Round One and outlines the recommended distribution of grant funds.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council approve the allocations for Minor Grants in the amount of \$81,109.44 for 27 projects, and for Major Grants in the amount of \$200,550.00 for 11 projects, under the Scenic Rim Community Grants Program 2023 - 2024 Round One, representing a total of \$281,659.44 for 38 projects outlined in the following tables:

Minor Community Grants

Number	Community Group	Project	Amount Recommended
1.	Anglican Parish of Tamborine Mountain - St. Luke's Guild Canungra	Community Christmas Carols	\$570.00
2.	Beaudesert and District Horse and Pony Club	Day Yards	\$3,000.00
3.	Beaudesert Bowls Club	Kitchen Equipment	\$3,297.69
4.	Beaudesert Chamber of Commerce	Beaudesert Community Christmas Carols and Markets	\$2,000.00
5.	Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society	Autumn and Spring Orchid and Foliage Shows	\$2,000.00
6.	Beechmont Tennis Club	Tennis Court Repairs	\$2,486.00

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7.	Calanthe Collective	Sound equipment	\$1,448.00
8.	Canungra Area Golf Club	Defibrillator	\$2,349.50
9.	Fassifern District Historical Society	Laptop	\$1,200.00
10.	Fassifern Lions Club	Kalbar Country Day 2023	\$3,200.00
11.	Fassifern Tennis	Painting of the Tennis Clubhouse	\$4,108.50
12.	Harrisville and District Historical Society	Secure storage for military and historical artefacts	\$1,350.00
13.	Harrisville School Of Arts	Solar Panels	\$5,000.00
14.	Kalbar Peace Memorial Baptist Church	2024 Australia Day Awards Ceremony and Community Breakfast	\$3,569.75
15.	Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain	Dancing with Celebrities 2023	\$2,820.00
16.	Maroon School of Arts	Defibrillator	\$1,775.00
17.	Rathdowney and District Memorial Grounds	Canteen Upgrade	\$4,860.00
18.	Rotary Club of Beaudesert	Upgrade Website	\$2,250.00
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20.	Scenic Rim Cadets	Storage Container	\$5,000.00
21.	Scenic Rim Writers	A Sense of Place Anthology of Local Stories	\$3,000.00
22.	Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Scarecrow Festival 2023	\$3,080.00
23.	Tamborine Mountain Community Care	Proactive Cognitive Health for an Ageing Population	\$3,600.00
24.	Tamborine Mountain Orchestral and Choral Society	Orchestral Concerts	\$4,992.00
25.	Tamborine Pony Club	Improve Competition and Training Surfaces	\$5,000.00
26.	Tamborine Village Lions Club	Fundraising Equipment	\$3,000.00
27.	Tamrookum Memorial Hall	Erect a Fence to improve safety	\$5,000.00
Total Recommended			\$81,109.44

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2.	Boonah Rodeo Association	Bar and Canteen Refurbishment and Upgrade	\$15,000.00
3.	Canungra Owls Soccer Club	Main Field Turf Renovation	\$19,750.00
4.	Fassifern Horse and Pony Club	Renovate Clubhouse	\$20,000.00
5.	Fassifern Tennis	Tennis Courts Lighting Project Stage 2	\$20,000.00
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7.	Moogerah Passion Play Association	Structural Safety Requirements at Lake Theatre	\$10,000.00
8.	Rathdowney and District Memorial Grounds	Carpark for Community Building	\$19,800.00
9.	Rathdowney Area Development Historical Association	Shelter to house Historic Bullock Wagon	\$20,000.00
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11.	Tamborine Mountain Golf Club	Replace Front deck, Railings and Shade Sail for the Clubhouse	\$18,000.00
Total Recommended			\$200,550.00

2. Council provide relevant feedback and advice to unsuccessful grant applicants to continue building capacity of the community sector.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

The aim of Council's Community Grants Program is to provide assistance to local not-for-profit community groups and organisations who make a positive contribution to the quality of life in the Scenic Rim. The program includes stream one for Minor Community Grants and stream two for Major Community Grants. The maximum amount of funding for Minor Grants is \$5,000 and the maximum amount of funding for Major Grants is \$20,000.

This report advises of applications for the 2023-2024 Minor and Major Community Grants Program Round One.

Applications were called from the community for Round One Minor and Major Grants on 3 July 2023 and closed on 31 July 2023. The grants program was promoted on Council's website and other online platforms, as well as targeted email reminders to Scenic Rim community groups.

Face-to-face and online grant information sessions were provided to assist with any grant related enquiries. The Biodiversity and Climate Change team also attended these sessions to assist with any enquiries related to the Environmental Grants program, as it was released the same time as the Community Grants program. Community groups could also contact Council Officers directly if they wanted a more detailed conversation about their respective projects. Based on feedback from community groups, the opportunity to discuss potential projects is still valued and the quality of applications continues to improve following attendance at a workshop or having a detailed conversation with Council Officers.

A total of 33 Minor applications and 22 Major applications were received for Round One, valued at approximately \$455,000.

A rigorous selection process was undertaken by Council's grant assessment panel and all submitted applications were scored against the same criteria. The applications with the highest rating from the Grant Panel have been recommended for funding. Some applications did not meet all of the eligibility criteria and could not be funded on this occasion.

The following Minor Community Grant applications were not successful and are **not recommended** for approval. Council Officers will provide relevant feedback and advice to the unsuccessful applicants, to continue building capacity of these community groups.

Unsuccessful Minor Grants:

Number	Community Group	Project	Amount Requested
1.	Beaudesert Community Kindergarten	Computer Upgrade	\$4,889.08
2.	Boonah Golf Club	Travelling Irrigator	\$3,980.00
3.	Boonah District Kindergarten	Replacement of Shade Sail	\$1,635.30
4.	Logan and Albert Fish Management Association	Hall Hire for meetings	\$1,000.00
5.	Maroon School of Arts	Website Development	\$1,300.00
6.	The 4275 Collective	Open Studio 2023	\$4,585.00
Total			\$17,389.38

Unsuccessful Major Grants:

Number	Community Group	Project	Amount Requested
1.	Beaudesert Pistol Club	Remedial Work for Air Pistol Range	\$8,177.40
2.	Boonah and District Landcare	Portable Toilet	\$6,008.00
3.	Boonah Aviation	Boonah Airfield Fencing Renewal	\$17,610.00
4.	Boonah Golf Club	Upgrade Bar Flooring	\$10,505.00
5.	Boonah Show Society	Portable Showers	\$20,000.00
6.	Boonah District Kindergarten	Covered Walkway	\$5,979.60
7.	Canungra and District Show Society	Restore Rodeo Arena Announcers Box	\$19,800.00
8.	Canungra Area Golf Club	Replace Flooring in the Clubhouse	\$6,243.65
9.	Tamborine Mountain Show Society	Showground Lighting	\$11,394.00
10.	Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens	Camellia Garden Path	\$15,070.00
11.	Tamborine Village Lions Club	Heavy Duty Trailer to transport Fundraising Equipment	\$6,168.40
Total			\$126,956.05

Budget / Financial Implications

Council has allocated \$400,000 to the Scenic Rim Community Grants Program in 2023-2024. This report proposes \$281,659.44 (\$81,109.44 for Minors plus \$200,550.00 for Majors) for Round One, leaving a balance of \$118,340.56 for Round Two Minor Grants and Council's In-Kind program. There is only one Major Grant round each financial year.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 7. Healthy, Engaged and Resourceful Communities

Key Area of Focus: Enduring social connectedness that drives positive community participation and contribution

Legal / Statutory Implications

Section 194 *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Grants to community organisations:

A local government may give a grant to a community organisation only:

- (a) *if the local government is satisfied*
 - (i) *the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and*
 - (ii) *the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government’s community grants policy; and*
- (b) *in a way that is consistent with the local government’s community grants policy*

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
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership Negative perception from unsuccessful applicants	Community Grants Program has a robust framework including Grants Policy and Procedures, grant assessment process and formal reporting of final outcomes to Council.

Category	Explanation
Financial/Economic Misappropriation of grant funds	Acquittal reports required for all grants and register maintained for all funded projects.
Infrastructure, Assets & Service Delivery Funding used to create or acquire assets where future maintenance is not adequate	Community Works on Council Land Policy in place. Consultation with relevant Council Business Units to address any potential compliance or maintenance issues.

Human Rights Implications

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

Not applicable.

Consultation

The applications were administratively assessed by a Grant Panel of Council officers from Customer, Community and Culture, Maintenance and Operations, Regional Prosperity and Communications and Biodiversity and Climate Change.

Conclusion

The aim of the Scenic Rim Community Grants Program is to provide assistance to local community groups and organisations who make a positive contribution to the quality of life in the Scenic Rim. Council recognises that supporting community organisations through financial assistance is essential in helping them develop and deliver programs, activities and projects that provide cultural, recreational and community development opportunities in the region.

The community projects funded under the 2023-2024 Scenic Rim Community Grants Program ultimately build resilient, adaptive and vibrant communities while contributing to the social wellbeing of local Scenic Rim residents.

OptionsOption 1

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Option 2

That Council does not approve the allocations for Minor Grants in the amount of \$81,109.44 for 27 projects, and for Major Grants in the amount of \$200,550.00 for 11 projects, under the Scenic Rim Community Grants Program 2023-2024 Round One, representing a total of \$281,659.44 for 38 projects.

11.3 Environmental Grants Program 2023-2024

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

Item Author: Principal Specialist Biodiversity and Climate Change

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Portfolio

Biodiversity and Agribusiness - Cr Duncan McInnes

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

This report advises of applications made to Council's 2023-2024 Environmental Grants Program and outlines the recommended distribution of grant funds.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council approve the allocations for Environmental Grants in the amount of \$155,326.11 for 41 projects under the Environmental Grants Program for 2023-2024, as outlined in the following table:

Item	Applicant	Project	Amount
1.	Wernowski	The project is a Lantana Infestation removal project that will restore native bushland for wildlife and promote rainforest regeneration of native trees.	\$1,000.00
2.	Barton	Targeted treatment of lantana infestations at Bartopia Nature Reserve, teaming site experts (owner and local conservationists) with weeding contractors.	\$2,000.00
3.	Callum	Removal of weeds particularly lantana in and near sub-rainforest gullies to enable planting of koala trees and other native trees to the area	\$2,000.00
4.	Gray	Extending buffers surrounding Eucalypts through continued Cats-claw & Celtis thinning on Warrill Ck. riparian to benefit identification & installation of habitat holes in significant trees	\$1,500.00
5.	Aagaard	Continuing process of regeneration on property, Tamborine Mountain, a valuable wildlife corridor.	\$2,660.00

Item	Applicant	Project	Amount
6.	Smith	The project is to protect elderly river trees on Reynold's creek from weed invasion and regenerate the area and create a green corridor for wildlife.	\$1,390.00
7.	Davidson	Creation of a wildlife corridor as protected habitat for waterbirds, turtles, birds and insects, by adding two dams and excluding cattle from the area.	\$1,625.00
8.	Logan and Albert Fish Management assoc.	Project as part of the Mary river cod recovery project to restock local waterways with fish.	\$2,500.00
9.	Koch	The project to achieve environmental weed eradication, replant and re-establish native species in the area adjacent to Nunkeri NR, whilst maintaining steep slope stability.	\$2,981.05
10.	Peric & Vanee	This project to eradicate weeds to preserve and extend remnant regional ecosystems, enhance koala and native fauna habitat.	\$3,000.00
11.	Beechmont District Landcare Association	Planting, watering, maintaining, weeding and teaching through BDLA volunteers and the hire of contractors.	\$10,311.91
12.	Tamborine Mountain Landcare Inc	Tamborine Mountain corridors Regeneration Project.	\$25,000.00
13.	Fletcher	Last component of weed management along Oaky Creek roadside boundary.	\$2,470.00
14.	Legros-Delve	Weed Management & Bush Regeneration project focussing on weeds of national significance.	\$2,000.00
15.	Minahan	Rock Wallaby & Koala Protection and Lantana Reduction project.	\$4,200.00
16.	Bartle Grove CTS 37380	Weed treatment in locations included Top Shelf and Bartle Grove.	\$1,800.00
17.	Huth	Fig Tree forest weed control.	\$2,000.00
18.	Macarthur	Rock Point Continued Teviot Brook Restoration project. Project consists of cats claw weed treatment.	\$15,015.00
19.	Lee	Project to remove weeds to open up habitat for koalas and glossy black cockatoos to access their preferred feed trees.	\$2,740.00
20.	Beale	Control lantana infestation at the base of Mount Gillies (eastern ridge) which is degrading brush-tailed rock wallaby habitat.	\$2,000.00
21.	Solyma	Weed control of concern vegetation located in Croftby	\$1,936.00
22.	Numala CTS34266	Project is part of the long term plan to restore the 99 acres of the Numala	\$2,892.00

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		Community Nature Refuge located within the Tamborine Mountain.	
23.	Paul	Project involving environmental weed control adjacent to a High Risk Trigger Map area to encourage naturally assisted regeneration and habitat enhancement.	\$3,360.00
24.	Pattinson	Restoring the Palen Creek habitat to stop erosion and restore the damage done Planting local indigenous species to ensure natural habitat and wildlife corridors.	\$5,638.15
25.	Drynan	Project addressing lantana infestation and extend tree cover along the creek line of running creek.	\$1,590.00
26.	Buckham	Cat's Claw Creeper and Lantana control at Mt Moorang for better Koala movement	\$6,800.00
27.	Boonah and District Landcare Inc	Project to produce videos in conjunction with events and activities to educate the wider community to manage environmental issues.	\$800.00
28.	Graeme	Project to stabilise and improve riparian zone along the upper Coomera river	\$2,120.00
29.	Ison	Project to enhance Koala habitat by removing environmental weeds, principally Lantana, to restore habitat for Koalas to access trees.	\$5,040.00
30.	Muller	A staged program to eradicate Cat's Claw Creeper to protect a dry vine forest and one of the last remaining stands of mature Gaint Ironwood trees in the Scenic Rim.	\$3,600.00
31.	Brodribb	Species recovery project removes lantana from known brush-tailed rock wallaby habitat bordering Mt Barney National Park and enables on-going monitoring of the population.	\$4,620.00
32.	Wild Mountains Trust	Recovery project aimed at restoring the open steep eucalypt forest from invasive exotic weeds and grasses allowing for natural regeneration.	\$4,350.00
33.	Isdale	Project including environmental weed control and planting of native species along Canungra Creek and boarding areas.	\$2,900.00
34.	Humphrey	Project to enhance designated koala habitat area by removal of environmental weeds in an area near Flagstone creek in the Coochin district.	\$2,332.00
35.	Powell	Ongoing restoration of degraded land including planting of rainforest trees	\$5,600.00
36.	Parry	Follow up weed treatment works and extension to weed treatment area to treat Cat's Claw Creeper, Lantana, Cassia and other major environmental weeds.	\$2,080.00

Item	Applicant	Project	Amount
37.	Wackwitz	The project will remove lantana to manage fire and improve the environment in the vicinity of a rock wallaby colony on The Glen Nature Refuge.	\$1,115.00
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39.	Creagh	The project aims to clear an established Cat's Claw Creeper (<i>Dolichandra unguis-cati</i>) infestation on a section of Coulson Creek, Clumber.	\$1,848.00
40.	Wackwitz	Project to remove dense lantana that blocks access to permanent water holes, and impedes the movement of koalas and other native animals.	\$2,112.00
41.	Gillett	Project to restore habitat access by removing invasive weeds at Croftby property.	\$2,000.00
	Total Recommended		\$155,326.11

- Council provide relevant feedback and advice to the unsuccessful grant applicants to continue to build capability in the delivery of environmental projects.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

The Scenic Rim boasts a unique natural environment and is committed to proactively working to preserve and enhance it in partnership with the community. Working together to care for the environment is a significant theme in the Scenic Rim Regional Council Biodiversity Strategy.

Through the Environmental Grants Program, the natural environment can be cared for by providing assistance for community initiatives that contribute to the protection, enhancement and sustainability of the Scenic Rim region.

The Environmental Grants Program aims to encourage and assist community involvement to preserve the Scenic Rim's environment for the benefit of the whole region.

The objectives of this program are to:

- Support community groups and private property owners to enhance, protect and restore the natural environment of the Scenic Rim region.
- Encourage and foster environmental ethic and behaviour change amongst the community.
- Increase community awareness and understanding of environmental values.
- Support conservation strategies currently undertaken by Council.

Summary 2023-2024

Council made \$155,875 available to the community through the 2023-2024 program.

During the 2023-2024 financial year, Council invited applications from community groups and Habitat Protection Program members to make application for environmental projects through the Environmental Grants Program.

The program was opened for a period of four weeks from 3 July to 31 July with digital applications made available through the Smarty Grants portal as well as paper based applications.

Face-to-face and online grant information sessions were provided to assist with any grant related enquiries. These face-to-face sessions were run in conjunction with the Community Development team. Four workshops were conducted (three in person and one online) with approximately 25 people attending.

Council received a total of 58 applications for a variety of projects including weed management, habitat enhancement, restoration, revegetation and education projects. During the assessment period one application was withdrawn resulting in 57 applications being assessed.

Applications were assessed against set criteria detailed in the Environmental Grant Program Guidelines. The level of funding sought from the community totalling \$526,122 has exceeded Council's 2023-2024 budget. This has resulted in difficulty in awarding full funding to applicants irrespective of their satisfaction of the criteria. Due to the large request for support, the assessment panel has sought to ensure the provision of funds is as equitable as possible.

Some successful applicants are recommended to receive partial funding in an effort to maximise the number of successful applicants and to ensure high numbers of worthwhile projects can be supported across the region. The partly funded projects are of a nature which will allow work to be completed in stages.

In total, of the 58 applications, Council's assessment panel has recommended that:

- 15 applications are successful and receive full funding;
- 26 applications are successful and receive partial funding;
- 16 applications are unsuccessful; and
- 1 application was noted as withdrawn.

In certain instances, components of the projects were ineligible and only eligible components were able to be funded. Where possible, components of projects are proposed to be supported through other initiatives including the One Million Trees Program. Where this is recommended, the applicant will be notified of an alternative option.

Proposed recommendations for funding amounts provided in Attachment 1.

Budget / Financial Implications

\$155,875 has been allocated in the 2023-2024 adopted budget for the Environmental Grants Program 2023 - 2024.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 1. Spectacular Scenery and Healthy Environment

Key Area of Focus: Recognition, preservation and enhancement of the region’s unique environment and natural resources, including its biodiversity

Legal / Statutory Implications

Section 194 Local Government Regulation 2012, Grants to community organisations:

A local government may give a grant to a community organisation only:

- (a) if the local government is satisfied*
 - (i) the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and*
 - (ii) the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government’s community grants policy; and*
- (b) in a way that is consistent with the local government’s community grants policy*

Risks

Strategic Risks

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

SR50 Failure to manage Environmental Sustainability (including climate change) through inappropriate and/or inadequate planning and operational considerations of impacts to the natural environment.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership Negative perception from unsuccessful applicants	The Environmental Grants Program has a robust framework including a Grants Policy, Procedures, assessment processes and reporting requirements. This process ensures Council maintains a robust and objective assessment processes.
Governance, Risk & Compliance Funding not used in accordance with policy requirements.	The Environmental Grants Program incorporates a robust assessment and project delivery and acquittal framework that supports the effectively delivery of fund.

Human Rights Implications

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

Human rights have been considered throughout the administration of the Environmental Grants Program for the 2023-2024 financial year. No implications have been identified as part of this assessment.

Consultation

The applications were administratively assessed by a Grant Panel of Council officers from Biodiversity and Climate Change and Customer, Community and Culture. Proposed funding allocations have been reviewed by the Principal Specialist - Biodiversity and Climate Change.

Conclusion

The provision of the Environmental Grants Program enables Council to effectively increase the capacity of the community to undertake environmental projects and tackle the numerous ecological and biodiversity issues facing the region. The increase in funding available to community groups has improved support for groups and Habitat Protection Program members in the delivery of environmental projects throughout the Scenic Rim. The oversubscription during the 2023-2024 continues to display the tremendous interest and efforts from local community groups, landholders and organisations in contributing to the improvement of the natural environment of Scenic Rim region.

Options

In consideration of this report, the officer provides the following options:

Option 1

That:

1. Council approve the allocations for Environmental Grants in the amount of \$155,326 for 41 projects under the Environmental Grants Program for 2023-2024 as outlined in the following table:

Item	Applicant	Project	Amount
1.	Wernowski	The project is a Lantana Infestation removal project that will restore native bushland for wildlife and promote rainforest regeneration of native trees.	\$1,000.00
2.	Barton	Targeted treatment of lantana infestations at Bartopia Nature Reserve, teaming site experts (owner and local conservationists) with weeding contractors.	\$2,000.00
3.	Callum	Removal of weeds particularly lantana in and near sub-rainforest gullies to enable planting of koala trees and other native trees to the area	\$2,000.00

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4.	Gray	Extending buffers surrounding Eucalypts through continued Cats-claw & Celtis thinning on Warrill Ck. riparian to benefit identification & installation of habitat holes in significant trees	\$1,500.00
5.	Aagaard	Continuing process of regeneration on property, Tamborine Mountain, a valuable wildlife corridor.	\$2,660.00
6.	Smith	The project is to protect elderly river trees on Reynold's creek from weed invasion and regenerate the area and create a green corridor for wildlife.	\$1,390.00
7.	Davidson	Creation of a wildlife corridor as protected habitat for waterbirds, turtles, birds and insects, by adding two dams and excluding cattle from the area.	\$1,625.00
8.	Logan and Albert Fish Management assoc.	Project as part of the Mary river cod recovery project to restock local waterways with fish.	\$2,500.00
9.	Koch	The project to achieve environmental weed eradication, replant and re-establish native species in the area adjacent to Nunkeri NR, whilst maintaining steep slope stability.	\$2,981.05
10.	Peric & Vanee	This project to eradicate weeds to preserve and extend remnant regional ecosystems, enhance koala and native fauna habitat.	\$3,000.00
11.	Beechmont District Landcare Association	Planting, watering, maintaining, weeding and teaching through BDLA volunteers and the hire of contractors.	\$10,311.91
12.	Tamborine Mountain Landcare Inc	Tamborine Mountain corridors Regeneration Project.	\$25,000.00
13.	Fletcher	Last component of weed management along Oaky Creek roadside boundary.	\$2,470.00
14.	Legros-Delve	Weed Management & Bush Regeneration project focussing on weeds of national significance.	\$2,000.00
15.	Minahan	Rock Wallaby & Koala Protection and Lantana Reduction project.	\$4,200.00
16.	Bartle Grove CTS 37380	Weed treatment in locations included Top Shelf and Bartle Grove.	\$1,800.00
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2. Council provide relevant feedback and advice to the unsuccessful grant applicants to continue to build capability in the delivery of environmental projects.

Option 2

That Council not approve the allocations for Environmental Grants for requested projects under the Environmental Grants Program for 2023-2024.

11.4 Draft Submission on ShapingSEQ Update, Draft South East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement and Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper

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

Item Author: Principal Specialist Strategic Planning / Acting Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity

Attachments:

1. Draft Scenic Rim Council Submission [↓](#) 

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 provides an overview of Council's submission on the ShapingSEQ (South East Queensland Regional Plan) Update, South East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement (SEQIS) and Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the submission on the Draft ShapingSEQ Update, Draft South East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement and Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper and provide a copy to the Minister for Planning before 9 October 2023.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) has undertaken a review of the ShapingSEQ. The consultation draft ShapingSEQ, SEQIS and Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper are currently available for public consultation and Council has been given until 9 October 2023 to make a submission.

The review has a targeted scope and the consultation draft has been delivered within compressed timeframes as part of the Queensland Government's response to the housing supply issues facing South East Queensland that were captured in the Queensland Housing Summit in late 2022.

Council officers have developed a submission with a focus on advocating for the achievement of the key policy directions of the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy and Regional Prosperity Strategy.

As such, the key aspects of the draft submission are outlined as follows:

1. The draft ShapingSEQ does not recognise the existing opportunities for development to support jobs that are currently available in the Bromelton State Development Area. The long-term view applied to Bromelton also conflicts with the identification of the State Development Area as a Recycling Enterprise Precinct, which sets short-medium term diversion and recycling targets for 2025, 2030, 2040 and 2050. Further information about the concept of a Bromelton Compact is also requested.
2. The proposed amendments to the Planning Regulation 2017 to support the sustainable growth of rural towns and villages are supported, however, assurance is sought that the existing opportunities to use the Township Zone to facilitate the modest growth of rural villages will remain an option and that this is explicitly supported in the final ShapingSEQ.
3. The proposed additional Urban Footprint in Harrisville is supported, as it will enable further opportunities for housing development and support the ongoing economic and social sustainability of the township.
4. The draft ShapingSEQ Update places an emphasis on affordable living, acknowledging the connection between where people live, access to employment, transport and other services and facilities, and living costs. Council's Growth Management Strategy has identified that the Scenic Rim, particularly the Beaudesert/Gleneagle Urban Footprint, can make a significant contribution to the demand for dwellings and affordable living in South East Queensland. However, the provision of strategic region-shaping infrastructure is critical for the Scenic Rim to:
 - a. meet the dwelling supply benchmarks of 8,000 additional dwellings between 2021 and 2046, while also achieving the goals of the ShapingSEQ, being to grow, prosper, connect, sustain and live; and
 - b. realise the potential of Bromelton as a State-significant industrial and employment area and the primary driver for growth within the Scenic Rim.

In this regard, it is considered that the delivery of the Bromelton North-South Arterial Road and the Salisbury to Beaudesert Rail link projects are crucial to the achievement of these outcomes.

Other regional infrastructure upgrades, including a regional traffic solution for the Canungra township, the Cook Road bypass at Gallery Walk, the upgrade of the Coulson Crossing, and further improvements to enhance the efficiency of the Mount Lindesay Highway as a transport route for freight, commuters and visitors, are also essential for the achievement of the desired outcomes for the Western sub-region in the ShapingSEQ and importantly, the efficient movement of athletes and spectators during the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

5. The provision of trunk infrastructure continues to be a significant challenge for Council and the trunk infrastructure funding framework must fairly reflect the cost impact of local government in supporting the objectives of the ShapingSEQ through a review of the capped charges framework and identification of alternative financing models.
6. The community engagement and awareness campaign that the Queensland Government has commenced to increase community understanding of the housing needs of the growing population and advancing the concept of 'gentle density' is supported. It is important that the messaging of this campaign demarcates the responsibilities of local and State government in delivering the desired planning outcomes.
7. The draft SEQ Infrastructure Supplement (SEQIS) provides the opportunity to identify infrastructure considerations that support the unique growth needs of each ShapingSEQ sub-region and local government area. As a region comprising dispersed settlements with limited employment and further education opportunities, the Scenic Rim would greatly benefit from investment in tertiary education facilities and TAFE, including a Country University campus.

Investment in local education and training facilities supports the growth of a skilled workforce and improves self-containment and the retention of younger people living in the region.

8. The Scenic Rim is well known for leading the way in innovative agribusiness and agritourism ventures and the local industries that thrive under these environments need to be supported by infrastructure that enables business development opportunities and strong industry collaboration. The SEQIS presents an opportunity to identify and plan for investment in government business hubs to enhance local employment opportunities for skilled workers in these industries. Beaudesert and Boonah are well positioned to house regional offices for Queensland Government departments, such as the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, to support the achievement of shared goals for the growth of these industries.
9. Finally, stronger collaboration with Queensland Government agencies is required in planning for infrastructure such as hospitals, education facilities and emergency service facilities, so that these services are provided in alignment with the needs and expectations of the growing population. It is important that land for this infrastructure is identified early and in collaboration with Council, so that associated local infrastructure networks can be planned for and therefore achieve cost-effective and well-designed outcomes.

The submission also provides a number of other general observations and requests for consideration, including a request to review regional land use categories, including the removal of Urban Footprint on constrained land and a request for additional Urban Footprint at Gleneagle to support the preferred location of a future neighbourhood centre.

A copy of the submission for Council's endorsement is attached (refer Attachment 1).

Budget / Financial Implications

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Risks

Strategic Risks

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

SR53 Inadequate sustainable economic growth plans in place to appropriately maximise opportunities, resulting in increased pressures on Council and State infrastructure and social environmental cohesiveness.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership The South East Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Supplement does not support the achievement of the desired growth outcomes outlined in the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy.	Council's submission on the draft ShapingSEQ Update and Infrastructure Supplement will advocate for the preferred growth directions for the region and the infrastructure that is required to support it.

Human Rights Implications

Taking part in public life

As a key stakeholder that is directly responsible for the delivery of the ShapingSEQ, Council is participating in the public consultation process.

Consultation

Since the review was announced in late 2022, DSDILGP has consulted with Council officers to gain an understanding of the key priorities for the Scenic Rim and delivered a number of workshops to provide information on the scope, policy changes and the updated population and dwelling supply data that was applied to inform the draft policy. Council officers attended all consultation opportunities and provided input where required.

Conclusion

A submission on the draft ShapingSEQ Update, SEQIS and Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper has been prepared for submission to the Minister and DSDILGP. The submission advocates for the achievement of Council's preferred growth directions expressed in the Growth Management Strategy and Regional Prosperity Strategy and for stronger collaboration between Council and the Queensland Government to achieve the shared vision for growth in South East Queensland.

Options

In consideration of this report, officers provide the following options:

Option 1

Council endorse the attached submission on the Draft ShapingSEQ Update, Draft South East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement and Regulation Amendment Consultation Paper and provide a copy to the Minister for Planning before 9 October 2023.

Option 2

That Council endorse the attached submission on the Draft ShapingSEQ Update and Draft South East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement with amendments.

Option 3

That Council note the proposed Draft ShapingSEQ Update and Draft South East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement and resolve not to make a submission.



Asset & Environmental Sustainability

11.5 Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032

Executive Officer: General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Item Author: Manager Maintenance and Operations

Attachments:

1. Draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032 [↓](#) 
2. Draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review (Implementation and Management) 2023-2032 [↓](#) 

Councillor Portfolio

Sport and Recreation - Cr Marshall Chalk

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

The draft Scenic Rim Regional Council Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032 has been prepared by ROSS Planning Pty Ltd, following extensive community consultation and officer consideration. The Strategic Review, which includes Implementation Plan, is provided.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council endorse the draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032; and
2. The draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032 inform the development of an updated Scenic Rim Sports and Recreation Plan.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

Council has prepared a draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032 (Attachment 1) to support the ongoing operation and maintenance of sports facilities located on Council owned land within the Scenic Rim region.

It has been identified that the condition of the facilities is deteriorating and will continue to decline under the current maintenance arrangements.

The Strategic Review categorises all sports facilities into the east, central and west regions. A review of sports facilities was undertaken including an extensive condition assessment of the existing facilities located on Council controlled or owned land and provided insight into the future requirements for sports facilities due to expected growth patterns within the region. The draft Strategic Review has been prepared considering factors such as:

- consultation undertaken with sporting groups, the wider community, other user groups, and peak sporting bodies;
- the size and condition of existing facilities; and
- current membership numbers and future growth indicators.

As part of the review, and identified within the draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review Implementation Plan (Attachment 2), all sports facilities were categorised into five tiers as follows:

Tier 1 - Premier multi-sports facility	
	Coronation Park, Boonah Tamborine Mountain Sports Association grounds Lupton Road, Beaudesert (Refer Note ¹)
Tier 2 - Multi-sports facility	
	Everdell Park, Gleneagle (Refer Note ²) Geissmann Oval, Tamborine Mountain Graceleigh Park, Beechmont Moffatt Park, Aratula Moriarty Park, Canungra Selwyn Park, Beaudesert (Refer Note ²)
Tier 3 - Primary-use sports facility	
	Hayes Oval, Harrisville Ron Bushby Oval, Dugandan Willis Park, Beaudesert

Tier 4 - Specialised sports facility	
	Beaudesert Community Swimming Pool, Beaudesert Beaudesert Cutting and Western Performance facility, Josephville Boonah Community Aquatic Centre, Boonah Canungra Pool, Canungra Cedar Creek Pony Club grounds, Cedar Creek Mavor Park, Beaudesert Rathdowney Pool, Rathdowney Scenic Rim Aquatic Fitness Centre, Boonah Tamborine Mountain Pool, Tamborine Mountain Tamborine Mountain Tennis, Tamborine Mountain Tamborine Pony Club grounds, Tamborine
Tier 5 - Recreation facility	
Skateparks	Beaudesert Skate Park, Beaudesert Canungra Skate Park, Canungra Kalbar Skate Park, Kalbar Tamborine Mountain Skate Park, Tamborine Mountain Tamborine Skate Park, Tamborine
Recreational Open Space	J F Burnett Park, Warrill View Maroon Memorial Grounds, Maroon Robert Sowter Park, Tamborine Mountain

Note¹ – Lupton Road is identified as a future Tier 1 facility and as yet does not currently exist other than for future development.

Note² – Everdell Park, Gleneagle and Selwyn Park, Beaudesert will fulfill the role of a Tier 2 facility within Beaudesert and surrounds until such time as applicable stages of the Lupton Road facility is in operation.

Additionally, the Strategic Review provides overarching direction that will provide guidance as to how future Council investments regarding future sporting capital upgrades could be undertaken, as per the following:

- 2023-2027 – investigate and upgrade field lighting at Tier 1 to 3 facilities;
- 2028-2032 – investigate and upgrade all-abilities access and clubhouse amenities at Tier 1 to 3 facilities; and
- 2022-2032 – develop Lupton Road Sports Precinct.

It is important to note that the Strategic Review does not include the level of service to be provided to individual sporting groups. This will require further analysis and will come before a future meeting of Council and will likely impact on future budget decisions.

It has also been identified that to appropriately manage sporting and community facilities, Council needs to resource this more so than in the past. Additional resources would be responsible for the overall delivery of the opportunities for improvement, as identified during this process, including improved liaison with sporting and community groups.

Otium Pty Ltd has been engaged by Council for the development of a Sports and Recreation Plan. This current strategy will inform the development of this further plan.

Budget / Financial Implications

Additional capital budget of an estimated \$10,000,000 has been allocated within the draft 10 year capital program to develop the Lupton Road Sports Precinct.

The Sports and Recreation Plan currently under development through Otium Pty Ltd is funded through the 2022-2023 Facilities operational budget with a carry forward provision required for completion within 2023-2024.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 7. Healthy, Engaged and Resourceful Communities

Key Area of Focus: Increased capacity and community aspiration for improved health and wellbeing

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:

SR43 Inadequate or ineffective planning, delivery and maintenance of infrastructure resulting in risk to public and staff safety and potential financial implications.

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
Infrastructure, Assets & Service Delivery Adverse impacts to the community due to inadequate or ineffective planning, delivery and maintenance of infrastructure resulting in risk to public and staff safety and potential financial implications.	The strategic review and implementation plan outline existing infrastructure quantum and includes the capital and maintenance requirements required to address current infrastructure maintenance requirements. The Strategic Review defines future growth expectations within the region and identifies future sporting infrastructure requirements to address the expected growth. Without the strategic review and implementation plan current infrastructure risks would not be identified and prioritised.
Financial/Economic Adverse impacts to the community due to 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.	This risk has impacted this project due a variety of reasons including multiple occasions of scope creep, multiple reworks, changes in objectives and pandemic impacts resulting in negative perception and mixed expectations of outcome of the review. Failure to include realistic outcomes and capture growth requirements would continue to adversely impact the community.

Human Rights Implications

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

Consultation

ROSS Planning Pty Ltd has been engaged to prepare the strategic review and the implementation plan.

Consultation was undertaken with community sporting organisations that utilise Council owned or controlled land. Surveys were provided to sporting organisations, local schools, and the general public.

Individual community consultation was undertaken across the region for the general public to complete the surveys provided regarding the sporting facilities.

Council's Property Management, Facilities Maintenance and Parks and Landscape Maintenance teams have contributed to the preparation of this report.

Conclusion

The draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032 has been prepared, along with an implementation plan, to provide a framework for the future management of sporting facilities across the region

OptionsOption 1

That:

1. Council endorse the draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032; and
2. The draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032 inform the development of an updated Scenic Rim Sports and Recreation Plan.

Option 2

That Council does not endorse the draft Sports Facilities Strategic Review 2023-2032.

11.6 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program delivery

Executive Officer: General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Item Author: General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Attachments:

1. 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program Delivery as at 24 August 2023 [↓](#) 
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Councillor Portfolio

Not applicable.

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

The delivery of Council's Infrastructure Capital Works Program supports Council's investment in community infrastructure. An overview of the final delivery status of the 2022-2023 Capital Works Program is provided.

Recommendation

That Council note the delivery of the 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 May 2023 (Item 10.8), it was resolved that Council note the overview of the delivery of the 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program.

Report / Background

Council continues to invest in the renewal and rehabilitation of the region's infrastructure through the delivery of Council's Infrastructure Capital Works Program. The attached report details delivery of Council's 2022-2023 program, updated as at 24 August 2023.

The format presented is an extract from a wider operational data set utilised by staff for planning and delivery analysis and reporting. Where deviation of project scope, cost or program has or is likely to occur an exceptions note is provided under each applicable asset function heading within this report.

As previously provided, an additional column of 'Delivery Risk' has been provided in the report (attached) to assist in evaluating project delivery. A brief explanation of the coding is provided below:

Colour Code: Green	
Delivered/Completed	Project on-site works are completed. Note actual costs may still require finalisation
On Track	Delivery status has no current identified impediments
Colour Code: Orange	
Cost Investigation	An issue has been identified relating to the overall anticipated actual cost in relation to the allocated budget which needs to be resolved
Program Investigation	The original anticipated delivery timeframe has been deferred or extended
Scope Investigation	Following addition on-site investigations and/or updated design, a significant change to the project is likely
Colour Code: Red	
Deferred	A major issue has been identified (cost, scope, and/or program) with the project, or as result of another project's influences, which has resulted in the need for the project to be removed from the program

Where a colour code other than green, is presented within the delivery risk column, a high-level comment will be provided within the Status Comments column of the delivery report. Where there is a need for further information, either a separate report or additional information within the covering report to Councillors (ie. this report) will be provided.

In summary

Of the final capital budget of 2022-2023 totally \$130,998,891, \$58,336,848 was spent, leaving \$72,662,043 unspent.

Of the total unspent (\$72,662,043), the following is a high-level breakdown.

Unallocated loan funding	\$5,833,112
Grant funded multi-year projects	\$47,812,123
Works started not yet completed and or committed	\$13,343,545
Works not started for various reasons (Note ¹)	\$5,613,262

**Note¹ includes multi year projects entirely Council funded.*

Unallocated Loan Funding

The funds still allocated to this item relate to the funds generated via the consolidation of existing loans with the Queensland Treasury Corporation that resulted in a capital allocation of \$15 million which over time have been utilised to progress Strategic projects of Council.

Grant funded Multi-Year Projects

The majority of grants are now provided with a funding timeline of at least two years with some out to four years. This is in recognition of the time it takes to process site issues to enable more efficient project delivery once constructing on site. To date Council has provide full budget allocation in the year the grant is received even though full delivery and therefore expenditure of the grant funded project may not occur for one or more budget years after the grant has been awarded to Council. Similarly, within the guidelines associated with the Infrastructure Recovery program, Council has a minimum of two years to deliver the program; with the budget adjusted when approvals have been given via the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

A breakdown of the funding that are within this category are as follows:

Grant / External Funded By	Number of Projects	Carryover Amount
SEQ Community Stimulus Package	7	\$2,007,887
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 2)	2	\$292,238
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 3)	1	\$3,040,055
Building Our Regions	1	\$2,344,866
Building Better Regions	1	\$2,462,527
Black Spot Funding	5	\$1,481,660
School Transport Infrastructure Funding	1	\$157,541
Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program	1	\$1,883,600
Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA)	numerous	\$27,007,302
Bridge Renewal [^]	4	\$7,134,447
	Total	\$47,812,123

[^] Noting two projects are pending confirmation of approval and may be withdrawn

Works started not yet completed and / or committed (non-grant related)

Various projects that have been either started and/or completed with outstanding invoices are included in this category.

The most substantial area being Fleet with \$6,166,168 worth of plant on order and yet to be delivered, with some items on order for over a year.

Other projects over \$200,000 are awaiting finalisation of contractor payments for completed works for example: Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct of \$731,774.

The relocation of the CWA hall to Selwyn Street \$906,592 has been programmed with an order for the works issued, on ground works are to commence shortly.

Finalisation of the 2022-2023 Reseal program is valued at \$300,775 and the construction of the Church Street footpath of \$276,164 which was delayed due to a service relocation that took longer to finalise than first programmed.

Due to competing priorities the trail Footpath project/s was delayed with \$245,461 unspent with a number of site suitable for alternative treatments identified for a future report to Council.

Moffatt Street Drainage has additional funding in this year's budget with an allocation from 2022-2023 of \$201,000 being unspent.

Other Capital projects

These include \$4,076,452 of allocated funding to compliment the Beaudesert Town Centre Revitalisation project. The remaining projects are generally less than \$200,000 as individual projects that for various reasons where not started at by the end of the year.

Budget / Financial Implications

A number of projects have been identified for alteration within the capital budget within the original adopted 2022-2023 budget. Any project adjustments that were identified within the third quarter of delivery have been updated as part of the March budget review.

The current anticipated carryover of capital works of approximately \$60 million has been identified, with almost \$30 million being associated with Infrastructure restoration works; this and the majority of the remaining identified carryover is associated with multi-year projects.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 6. Accessible and Serviced Region

Key Area of Focus: Accessibility and reliability of Council-controlled transport, flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure, with enhanced resilience

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:

SR43 Inadequate or ineffective planning, delivery and maintenance of infrastructure resulting in risk to public and staff safety and potential financial implications.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Infrastructure, Assets & Service Delivery Delivery of Capital Works Program.	Lack of or inadequate strategic planning and growth prediction. 10-year capital works program; 10-year financial plan; Core Asset Management Plan; Asset Management frameworks (plans, policies, procedures)

Human Rights Implications

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

Consultation

The infrastructure report has been developed in consultation with the Manager Capital Works and Asset Management, the Manager Maintenance and Operations and their respective teams as well as Council's Finance team.

Conclusion

An update detailing the delivery status of Council's 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program has been provided for information purposes.

Options

Option 1

That Council note the delivery of the 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program.

Option 2

That Council note and reject the report on the delivery of the 2022-2023 Infrastructure Capital Works Program.

Council Sustainability

11.7 2023-2024 Carry Forward Budget Review

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Item Author: Coordinator Financial Management

Attachments:

1. 2023-2024 Carry Forward Budget Review [↓](#) 

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 provides Councillors with an overview of the Carry Forward Budget Review requests and their effect on the 2023-2024 budget and long-term financial forecast.

Recommendation

That, in accordance with sections 169 and 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the 2023-2024 Carry Forward Budget Review, as outlined in the:

1. Revised Statement of Comprehensive Income for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
2. Revised Statement of Financial Position for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
3. Revised Statement of Cash Flows for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
4. Revised Statement of Changes in Equity for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive; and
5. Revised Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

As with standard end of financial year procedures, Council officers were tasked with reviewing their respective 2022-2023 budget areas to identify works that were required to be considered for carry forward into the 2023-2024 revised budget.

Budget / Financial Implications

Consideration will need to take into account impact/s on current-year budget, including operating result, cash levels and other key financial indicators.

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

Not applicable.

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 Failure to ensure systems are in place to identify and report on material budget variations	Budget packs are produced monthly with Managers required to explain individual budget variances greater than \$50k and 10%- Budget packs are required to be approved by General Managers - Quarterly budget reviews undertaken - Budget Review Policy sets guidelines for amendments to the original budget

Human Rights Implications

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

Not applicable.

Consultation

General Managers and Managers

Conclusion

Consideration from Council is sought to review and approve the budget adjustments from the 2023-2024 Carry Forward Budget Review for incorporation into the 2023-2024 Revised Budget.

OptionsOption 1

That in accordance with sections 169 and 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the 2023-2024 Carry Forward Budget Review, as outlined in the:

1. Revised Statement of Comprehensive Income for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
2. Revised Statement of Financial Position for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
3. Revised Statement of Cash Flows for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
4. Revised Statement of Changes in Equity for 2023-2024 through 2025-2026, inclusive;
and
5. Revised Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability.

Option 2


That Council request further information or an amendment to this report prior to being presented to a future Ordinary Meeting.

11.8 Council Monthly Financial Report for August 2023

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Item Author: Coordinator Financial Management

Attachments:

1. Monthly Financial Report August 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 August 2023.

Recommendation

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

11.9 Annual Internal Audit Plan 2023-2024

Executive Officer: General Manager Council Sustainability

Item Author: Principal Specialist Internal Audit and Improvement

Attachments:

1. Annual Internal Audit Plan 2023-2024 [↓](#) 

Councillor Portfolio

Economic Development and Prosperity - Cr Greg Christensen

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

Each year Internal Audit works through a process to review and update the Annual Internal Audit Plan including the Strategic Audit Plan covering the next four years in total. The draft plan has been developed in consultation with the Executive Team and the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC). It was endorsed by the ARC at the meeting held on 24 August 2023.

Recommendation

That Council approve the Annual Internal Audit Plan 2023-2024.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable. The audit plan for each year is considered independently from previous years.

Report / Background

The Principal Specialist Internal Audit and Improvement works through a process each year to review and update the Annual Internal Audit Plan. This involves considering changing risks for Council, the results of other reviews, Council's significant projects, the work of the Queensland Audit Office and emerging issues across the industry. From this a revised draft is developed that then progresses through consultation with various stakeholders including relevant staff, the Executive Team, External Audit and the Audit and Risk Committee.

An earlier draft of this plan was presented to the ARC in June. The ARC provided a range of feedback and comments regarding that draft. The overall theme was to encourage a review of the plan with a focus on including the topics that will provide the greatest value to Council at this time. An updated plan was then presented to the August ARC meeting, which was endorsed for the consideration of Council.

The attached Annual Internal Audit Plan contains descriptions of the planned reviews along with other details of the planning process, the scoring and the related risks. The review titles are as follows:

Review Title	Planned Effort (Days)	Planned Timing
Asset Management Plans	15	Quarter 3
Development Assessment	15	Quarter 2
Procurement - Operational	10	Ongoing
Regulatory Processes	20	Quarter 3
Infrastructure charges and collection	15	Quarter 2
Procurement - Corporate Card Management	10	Quarter 1
Privacy Management	15	Quarter 4
Grants Management	15	Quarter 1
Total	115	

The rolling Four Year Plan, which is updated each year, is included on page 10 of the attachment. Although risks and priorities are likely to change over time and it is unlikely that the later years of the plan will be executed exactly as currently planned, there is still value in developing a plan with this longer horizon to see the coverage that is likely over that time period and to aid in making adjustments to this year's plan if needed.

Budget / Financial Implications

The proposed plan can be delivered with the resources provided in the currently approved budget.

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

The *Local Government Regulation (2012)* includes Section 207 "Internal audit":

- (1) For each financial year, a local government must:
 - (a) prepare an internal audit plan; and
 - (b) carry out an internal audit; and
 - (c) prepare a progress report for the internal audit; and
 - (d) assess compliance with the internal audit plan.

- (2) A local government’s Internal Audit Plan is a document that includes statements about:
- (a) the way in which the operational risks have been evaluated; and
 - (b) the most significant operational risks identified from the evaluation; and
 - (c) the control measures that the local government has adopted, or is to adopt, to manage the most significant operational risks.

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
Governance, Risk & Compliance Legislative Compliance	Council is non-compliant if it does not have an appropriate internal audit plan. No specific penalty is defined, nor is there a requirement regarding timing. The process followed to develop the plan and the consultation process is designed to ensure that the plan developed is compliant, considers organisational risk and will be of value to the organisation. If Council requires changes to the audit plan, then these changes can be developed and a revised plan presented at a later meeting with a very low risk of compliance implications.
Governance, Risk & Compliance Uncertainty on reviews for the year	One of the values of the audit plan is that it provides a level of certainty to the organisation on the risk areas that will be examined by Internal Audit in the financial year. This may influence the timing of other activities by teams across the organisation. If there are changes there is a risk that work already underway by Internal Audit may not fit the update plan, or there may be impacts on the activities of other teams.

Human Rights Implications

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

The Annual Internal Audit Plan will not negatively impact on the human rights of staff or others. There has been an appropriate development and consultation process supporting natural justice and involvement and inclusion and the plan does not inappropriately target any particular group.

Consultation

The Annual Internal Audit Plan has been developed through consultation with various stakeholders including relevant staff, the Executive Team, External Audit and the ARC.

Conclusion

The 2023-2024 Annual Internal Audit Plan is compliant with relevant legislation and includes reviews prioritised based on risk to Council and should provide valuable assurance to the organisation.

Options

Option 1

That Council approve the Annual Internal Audit Plan 2023-2024.

Option 2

That Council not approve the current Annual Internal Audit Plan 2023-2024 and provide feedback to enable an updated plan to be presented to a subsequent meeting.

12 Confidential Matters**12.1 Update - Recovery of Costs of Appeal - MCU20/050 SDA Property Nominees Pty Ltd v Scenic Rim Regional Council and Ors - Planning and Environment Court Appeal No.BD2001 of 2021, 1 - 11 Eagles Retreat Place, Tamborine Mountain [Closed s.254J(3)(e)]**

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

Item Author: Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity /
Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

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- (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.