

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Opening of meeting</b>
	The meeting was opened by Chair, Mayor Liz Schmidt, at 1.00pm
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b>
	<p><b>Attendance:</b></p> <p><b>Council:</b> Mayor Liz Schmidt Glenn Petersen, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Nick Hall, Manager Operations Kathleen Morris, Executive Services Officer (Minute Taker)</p> <p><b>Representatives:</b> Andrew &amp; Toni Bourke (MS Teams) Blair Knuth Carl Martel Jenny Black (MS Teams) John Brownson Judith Costello Kate Andison (MS Teams) Kylie Stretton Liz Miller Neil Angus Patrick Scharf</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr Kim Farmer Cr Steven Plant Martin Drydale, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes</b>
	Confirmed
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>
	Nil
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Introduction
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Matters of discussion</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update / Presentation (attached)</li> <li>- Have your say portal / Website</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council has received approval for resilience funding for concrete culverts on arterial and unsealed roads</li> <li>- Arterial roads &amp; resilience funding consideration / Hierarchy allocation review pending</li> <li>- Concerns raised for impact on trucks &amp; cattle sales</li> </ul> <p>Hidden Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community has been completely isolated</li> <li>- Council's priority ensuring residents can get essentials and access for emergencies</li> </ul> <p>Andrew Cripps, State Recovery Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To visit the region to identify key needs for recovery of impacted communities</li> <li>- Building back better than what it was / Betterment funding</li> <li>- Lobbying to build the infrastructure back to a better standard</li> </ul>

	<p>Road Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good feedback for most of the work completed by contractors</li> <li>- Some issues identified and scheduled to repair</li> <li>- Any further issues, please send through</li> </ul>
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>1080 Baiting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2025 Program</li> <li>- Applications Forms</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This year's baiting program dates: 28 April – 30 May (5 Week Period)</li> <li>- Legislative compliance ensuring 72 hours' notice to the adjoining properties</li> <li>- Also ensuring Council has enough solution at baiting sites</li> <li>- Ensure meat is of quality (Not rotten or roadkill)</li> <li>- Suggestion of messaging out to the quadrants</li> <li>- Request for on the spot, all year around event possibility? Consideration of influx of dogs during army exercise. For further Council consideration.</li> <li>- Further suggestion of a cold storage facility with baited meat 365 days of the year allowing access</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council to send through link to 1080 baiting program and applications once available</li> <li>- Investigate Winton (Shire Council) baiting &amp; Request information</li> </ul>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>2025 Declared Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grants and funding opportunities (Business relief / Recovery / Exceptional / Fencing)</li> </ul> <p>QRIDA Disaster Assistance Loans:</p> <p><a href="https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/disaster-assistance-loans">https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/disaster-assistance-loans</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/disaster-assistance-essential-working-capital-loan">https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/disaster-assistance-essential-working-capital-loan</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small Business Survey</li> <li>- Contacts:</li> </ul> <p>Rural Financial Counselling Services &gt;&gt; <a href="https://www.rfcsnq.com.au/">https://www.rfcsnq.com.au/</a></p> <p>Transport and Motoring Assistance &gt;&gt; <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/disasters/money-finance/types-grants/transport-and-motoring-assistance">https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies/disasters/money-finance/types-grants/transport-and-motoring-assistance</a></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mobile Service / Status of UHF repeaters especially during an event</li> <li>- Repeater around Hervey Range Road and further to Greenvale aren't working</li> <li>- Now 3G is closed down, more reliant on repeaters</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>Request for information on maintenance and who to discuss issues with (Council?)</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>Community Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have your say: Review the 2025-2030 Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>- <a href="https://haveyoursay.chartersowers.qld.gov.au/economic-development-strategy">https://haveyoursay.chartersowers.qld.gov.au/economic-development-strategy</a></li> </ul> <p>Economic Development Strategy feedback from the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Request for further emphasis on roads throughout the area and further development of transport network (Beef / Hay / etc)</li> <li>- It was noted roads underpin the beef economy / Consideration to be further included in the Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>- Setting an expectation of roads and funding attraction</li> <li>- To ensure businesses are able to get their product to market, i.e. Saleyards, export, horse sales, etc, they need a solid road to do it</li> <li>- Can support as a group / start an email discussion / send back to Ashlee Keen by 3 March</li> <li>- Agforce assistance</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group to discuss and send feedback through for Ashlee Keen, Economics Development Officer by 3 March 25</li> </ul>
<b>6.5</b>	<p><b>Charters Towers Area Fire Management Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact Daryl Robinson, Bushfire Mitigation Officer</li> <li>- Mobile: 0428 730 822</li> <li>- Email: <a href="mailto:daryl.robinson@qfes.qld.gov.au">daryl.robinson@qfes.qld.gov.au</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information to educate people volunteering in different areas to what they are used to</li> </ul>
<b>7.0</b>	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>Saleyards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update &amp; reason for closure / Safety and community access point of view</li> <li>- Main priority of access / Fairness and equality / Road condition and risks</li> <li>- Town water supply issues / State of yards during a rain event</li> <li>- Noted a sensible decision was made during a busy time</li> <li>- Understand water issue in the yards</li> <li>- Request for group consultation or community engagement in the future for a decision like this</li> <li>- Council engaged with Saleyard Agents</li> <li>- Concerns raised about market once roads are opened up</li> </ul> <p><b>Road Closure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of ramifications / Suggestion to close roads, not saleyards</li> <li>- Graziers requested to take advantage of window of opportunity to sell cattle</li> <li>- Request for feedback from and consideration of graziers before closing facilities</li> <li>- Potential alternatives, how Council manage this in the future and room for public consultation</li> <li>- Saleyards agents have been considered and included in discussions</li> <li>- Communication / timeline for reopen</li> <li>- Understanding communication / Feedback to be taken onboard</li> <li>- Currently reviewing policy on road closure and weight restrictions on roads</li> <li>- Reminder the door is always open with Council for any questions or concerns</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Network of contacts through to emails</li> <li>- Suggestion of communication through Council emails</li> <li>- Members encouraged to subscribe to CTRC's Business Buzz - <a href="#">Register for Business Buzz – Charters Towers Regional Council</a></li> <li>- Members encouraged to Register for media updates using the following link: <a href="https://www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/subscribe-now">https://www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/subscribe-now</a></li> <li>- All information available on Charters Towers Regional Council Website &amp; Disaster dashboard, Link: <a href="#">Home – Charters Towers Regional Council</a></li> <li>- Media releases are on the home page, along with What's on, Meeting dates, events, advisory groups and latest Facebook posts</li> <li>- Saleyards closure article: <a href="#">Flood damaged roads pose a risk for cattle sales – Charters Towers Regional Council</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send necessary links through to the group (Actioned)</li> <li>- Suggestion of regular email (Media can add RIAG email group to the email for all media releases)</li> <li>- Request for Council to look further into email groups for Rural Residents</li> </ul> <p><b>Campaign for awareness of Melioidosis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reminder to be vigilant / Member of the group's family member is sick and in hospital</li> <li>- Can be spread through waterways / be mindful when working in flooded conditions</li> </ul> <p><b>Advocate for flood cameras and BOM updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disaster Management Groups have been working on this</li> </ul>

	<p>Road maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valley of Lagoons Road, Culvert damage (Registered as a CR)</li> <li>- Be aware of road conditions on the Valley of Lagoons Road</li> </ul> <p>Defence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions with civil contractor / Army aviation</li> <li>- Potential to engage with landowners and address issues with Defence</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blair Knuth to send through details for contact / future invite</li> </ul> <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Single Access Roads / Public Consultation process / No further work in this space currently</li> <li>- Council to discuss and consider what roads fall into the category discussed</li> <li>- Council General Meeting for resolution is required</li> <li>- Consideration of Plain Creek Road, 3km of damage</li> </ul> <p>Maintenance Grading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DRFA specifications / Issue raised for discussion / Yearly road grading</li> <li>- Gravel put in the same place a previous, but not the right place to fix roads</li> <li>- Request for Council consideration for engagement surrounding roadworks</li> <li>- Sections of road e.g. 900-1.8kms / or each damaged section approx. 100m long</li> <li>- Request to move gravel back to needed sections</li> </ul> <p>Tomato Springs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The QRA process outlines roads to be broken down into 10m chainage strips</li> <li>- Requirement to restore it back to what it was previously / like for like</li> <li>- Gravel not approved to be put into areas previously without gravel</li> <li>- However, sections that aren't gravel, Council maintenance contracts are in place and can improve mid sections using gravel / requested to send through a CR / gravel can be added to the scope</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please send through as a Customer Request (CR) or snap send solve for areas not covered or considerations for Council to fix to a higher standard</li> <li>- Request for Nick Hall to contact Matt Stanger (Details exchanged following meeting)</li> </ul> <p>Biosecurity Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Macrossan Training Facility (Only mentioned Dotswood)</li> <li>- Grader grass has been spread from defence using a slasher</li> <li>- Request for 'Woody Weed' section in future agenda to discuss Siam weeds</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council to discuss and investigate (ESO)</li> </ul> <p>Floods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Macrossan Campground fencing in place</li> <li>- Discussions in place for future management</li> </ul> <p>Gravel Pits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sourcing and future gravel pits / Quadrant sub-standard gravel and sand</li> <li>- Current gravel used washes away quickly / Old Victoria Downs gravel pit on Egera Road</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	Tuesday, 8 April 2025
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Close of Meeting</b>
	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.20pm

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

Item No.	Meeting Date	Description	Progress
6.3	16/10/2024	John Brownson to send through details as discussed on Grader Grass  Kylie Stretton to send through details of Bellyache bush  Nick to further discuss, suggestion for Council to collaborate with Isaac shire / surrounding or request funding for Isaac rate payers to attend (1080 Baiting)	Pending  Pending  In progress
6.4	16/10/2024	Single Access Roads to be added to the next RIAG agenda.	In progress Future agenda due to recent weather event
6.2	25/02/2025	Council to send through link to 1080 baiting program and applications once available  Investigate Winton (Shire Council) baiting & Request information	ESO enquired with Environmental Services  ESO enquired with Environmental Services
6.3	25/02/2025	Request for information on UHF and repeater maintenance and who to discuss issues with (Council?)	ESO enquired with IT
6.4	25/02/2025	Group to discuss and send feedback through for Ashlee Keen, Economics Development Officer by 3 March 25	ESO has sent out an email outlining discussion points, links and due date
7.0	25/02/2025	Send links through to the group (Actioned above)  Suggestion of regular email (Media can add RIAG to the email for all media releases)  Request for Council to look further into email groups for Rural Residents  Blair Knuth to send through details for defence contact / future invite  Group to send through as a Customer Request (CR) or snap send solve for areas not covered under DRFA or considerations for Council to fix to a higher standard  Request for Nick to contact Matt Stanger (Details exchanged following meeting)  Council to discuss and investigate Macrossan Training Facility (Only mentioned Dotswood) & Grader grass  Request for 'Woody Weed' section in future agenda to discuss Siam weeds	Complete  ESO has enquired with media to consider options  In progress  Future agenda item / invite & discussion  In progress  In progress  ESO spoke with Environmental Services Coordinator – In progress  ESO spoke with Environmental Services Coordinator – In progress

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