

1.0	Opening of meeting
	The meeting was opened by Chair, Mayor Liz Schmidt, at 1.01pm
2.0	Attendance & Apologies
	<p>Attendance:</p> <p>Council: Mayor Liz Schmidt Cr Kim Farmer Scott Greensill, Interim Chief Executive Officer (I/CEO) Glenn Petersen, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Nick Hall, Manager Operations Kathleen Morris, Executive Services Officer (Minute Taker)</p> <p>Representatives: Jenny Black Judith Costello Kylie Stretton (MS Teams) Liz Miller Neil Angus</p> <p>Defence Peta Ross, Assistant Director, Environment and Sustainability, NQ</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Steven Plant John Brownson Andrew & Toni Bourke Blair Knuth Carl Martel Kate Andison Patrick Scharf</p>
3.0	Confirmation of minutes
	Moved – Liz Miller & Seconded - Cr Farmer
4.0	Declarations of interest
	Nil
5.0	Actions
	As per the attached table
6.0	Matters of discussion
6.1	<p>Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Update Nick Hall, Manager Operations</p> <p>Emergent Works Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contracted out emergent works - Packages 1, 2, & 3 have 1 week left to complete (Valley of Lagoons area, Conjuboy & Mt Fox) - Packages 4, 5, 6 & 8 are complete (Niall, Jesse Springs, Fletchervale, & Laroona) - Package 7 is ongoing (Gregory Springs) - Package 9 is complete (Dotswood) - Package 10 is ongoing (Myola) - Package 11 has 2-3 days to complete (Longton – Yarrowmere) - Package 12 is commencing in the next couple of days following Lake Buchanan (Helenslee) - Package 13 is 2-3 Weeks (Harvest Home) - Package 14 is complete (Burdekin Falls) - Package 15 is 2-3 Days to completion (Lake Buchanan) - Package 16 is ongoing (Scartwater)

	<p>Customer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 370 currently active, thank you for your patience - Looking to be complete mid-July all emergent works <p>Restoration works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2023 Event is 98% complete - 2024 Event reassessed and potentially added into 2025 Event as a variation - 2025 Event all inspections carried out, currently under assessment - 2024 Betterment application for Valley of Lagoons Road wasn't approved by QRA - 2025 Betterment application process will begin once the leftover money can be distributed - Resilience funding approved for floodways and rural network (Further update to come) - Feedback and advocacy through Mayor visit to Canberra <p>Gravel Pits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending further information (Further update to come) - Pending changes in policies aimed at streamlining the process - CTRC & DAF License renewal to include pit reduction for unsuitable and end-of-life pits - 170-180 new pits in the proposed application <p>Contractors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication and frustration - Encouraged to share issues with the Council in writing - Tender and valuation process - Slashing standard / Road Hierarchy / Servicing industry dependent roads - Request to start with the oldest (Egera Road & Bridge) / build it back better
6.2	<p>Defence Introduction and Update Peta Ross, Assistant Director Environment and Sustainability NQ</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From Peta and depth of her role - Scientists who have a good understanding of environments within the Defence footprint - Understanding of cattle and the spreading of weeds / Teams provide input to contractors - Manage, treat, and monitor the spread of weeds and pests - Infrastructure within training areas where there are environmental considerations <p>Weeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration to address weed spread downstream of the TFTA and other training areas - Treatment of the weeds / Willing to work with neighboring graziers - Consider the impact and spread of weeds following the weather event - Parthenium, Siam weed, Bellyache bush, and grader grass are current concerns - Spread of weeds can be from windy conditions <p>Process and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraged to report and provide locations/photos (TFTA & Macrossan) - Send through to Peta send out contact to group <p>Weed management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries are looking to keep on top of pests and weeds - Focus on Grader Grass and Siam Weeds / Encouraged to report sightings - Defence has been in discussions internally for further funding to combat weeds - Lobby for further funding to get on top of weed spread concerns and financial support - Discussions from an advocacy point of view, push for grader grass to be prohibited or restricted - Triage classifications are considered / Flora/Fauna and ecosystems - Financial competition to support bigger ticket items nationally - Providing intelligence to allow informed decisions - Discussion around Sickie pod spread from roadside slashers, causing environmental damage

	<p>Pest Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pigs, deer, all types of pests / Baiting over aerial dispersion considered for future - Aerial eradication of pests, statistically is working - Focusing on waterways as a priority / Wild dogs and dingoes - Cattle (Safety Issues) <p>Fencing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buffer zone consideration / Illegal for neighboring properties to fix the fence - Range control contact details already on hand for neighboring properties <p>Raising of respect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect can go a long way - Appreciative of the level of respect received from both parties <p>Opportunity to raise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grader Grass / Sickle Pod / Rattle Pod <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate how to add to the prohibited or restricted list (Nick Hall) - Peta to send out contact details (PR)
6.3	<p>Stronger Homes Grant</p> <p>See go-live information for stronger homes grants for residents who meet the criteria: Delivered through Dept Housing through Smarty Grants portal: https://hpw.smartygrants.com.au/StrongerHomesGrant</p>
6.4	<p>A Place to Call Home: The Next Gen Ag Forum</p> <p>Friday, 1 August 2025 Townsville Port, Quayside Terminal https://aapevents.eventsair.com/thenextgenagforum2025</p>
7.0	General Business
	<p>Wedge Leaf Rattlepod</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following a truck being bogged, and cattle being unloaded, Spreading 300m x 50m - Has been lodged as a CR and land protection team will attend <p>House keeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting etiquette / Concern can be raised via CR or direct contact or email - A disrespectful tone will not be tolerated / consideration for staff involved <p>Example of discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In a group setting, respect that the group is an invited guest into Council chambers - Request for a plan around communication / a common-sense approach - Balancing act and awareness of obligations <p>Customer Request Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion around the process / Encourage people to call and raise issues with Council <p>Gravel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard and access to available pits
8.0	Next Meeting
	Tuesday, 14 October 2025
9.0	Close of Meeting
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2.34pm