

1.0	Opening of meeting
	The meeting was opened by Chair, Mayor Liz Schmidt, at 1.00pm
2.0	Attendance & Apologies
	<p>Attendance:</p> <p>Council: Mayor Liz Schmidt Cr Kim Farmer Cr Steven Plant 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: Blair Knuth Jenny Black John Brownson Kylie Stretton (Teams)</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew & Toni Bourke Neil Angus Judith Costello Patrick Scharf Carl Martel Liz Miller Kate Andison</p>
3.0	Confirmation of minutes
	Moved: John Brownson & Seconded: Kim 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>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple declared events are ongoing across the region <p>2023 Event – is 99% completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harvest Home Road rolled over to the 2025 event due to a scope change - Lornesleigh held up due to wet weather (Request for extension of time approved) <p>2024 Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope reassessments are underway to determine contract variations to avoid delays or rollover to the 2025 event - Ewan / Laroona and Burdekin Falls completed - Culverts of Laroona Road and Shrimp Battery Road are underway after a lengthy state referral approval process. <p>2025 Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On track, all submissions estimated to be lodged with QRA by October

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2025 Event contractor briefings facilitated <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floodway work funding available through NQ resilience - 10 new floodways are confirmed across the region (Update next meeting) <p>For Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pigeon Box Road, Marny Creek sand removal - Mt Cooper house turn off the floodway requiring attention - Oaky Creek (Burdekin Downs) sand across <p>Actioned - Sent to Council's Roads team</p> <p>Locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roads to Recovery Funding is being considered for additional causeways across the road network - Feedback from Council inspection team - RIAG to send in a list of locations for the quadrants <p>For Action: ask for specific locations from the group Actioned: Email sent 14 August 2025</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt Cooper Causeway - Removal of sand / Gravel across the creek / Recent repairs - Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) requirements are challenging for approvals therefore, bed level concrete crossings are being considered for creek crossings moving forward.
6.2	<p>1080 Program Update Nick Hall, Manager Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed dates: 29 September 2025 to 31 October 2025 <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 Days submission through to the Council before staff attend the baiting station - Attendance numbers in comparison to previous years - Education around regulations - Effectiveness - Consideration to change to this year, 250kgs maximum per property - Out-of-season baiting opportunity - Landholders are content to pay for the poison and have the Land Protection team deliver off-season if option is available <p>Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spleen, liver kidney, won't be accepted - Drying, excess blood etc dilutes the charge <p>Observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noticing dogs in poor condition and scouse - Pig double dose is effective for dogs also, and appears successful - Infrequent and on dog trails seems effective, whereas frequently used baits are often overlooked by the dogs and are not as effective - Trapping seems effective - Dogs are observed to be immune to frequent baiting <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope to do subsidised trapping or trapping courses - Option for a specific window, earlier starts the better, cost-effective, less meat, shorter wait time, targeted baiting - Dates effective / Dogs travelling in the mating season / More flexibility

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASMTI area – Baiting program conducted by Defence (ESO emailed Peta Ross) - Local committees to the west initiated baiting programs by air throughout the creeks and channels, effective <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advocacy on trapping / Look for funding opportunities Actioned: ESO enquired with the Department of Primary Industries about QDOG, pending a response. Contact details as follows: CSCHub@daf.qld.gov.au - Group feedback on 250kg meat cap
6.3	<p>Environment Update Nick Hall, Manager Operations</p> <p>Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grader Grass Update - Advocate for Grader Grass to be a declared weed in Queensland. However, unlikely to be obtained without an available target spray. - No targeted spray to kill, requiring spray 3 times per year <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethridge Shire – partner for stronger advocacy - Other Regional Councils - Education and stronger advocacy - Biosecurity Plan – Medium Risk & Impact / protection of Assets - Methodology & ensuring spraying while still green - Slash before it goes to seed, ensuring not to carry it or spread it <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for slashing to start at Charters Towers and go toward Greenvale, ensuring the spread is limited <p>Siam Weed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biological control & Windy conditions spread - As far west as Homestead and Balfes Creek currently <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further information on Insect / Bug trial available to combat Siam weed <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Releasing properties back to owners around Greenvale for use (Answers from Defence?) - Chinee Apple – Biosecurity Plan as a high protection of Assets - Biosecurity Queensland enquire into class of Chinee Apple <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further information on releasing properties back to owners around Greenvale for use
6.4	<p>Snap Send Solves on rural roads Kylie Stretton</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the processes / Inefficiency of staff time - Coordination and connectivity issues - Follow up with SSS / Request for Council staff to call beforehand / meet the landholders there - Some issues are around service when it's pinged <p>Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good communication received, phoned the owner, and double checked details - More interaction with people on the land

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landholders willing to interact and open communication
6.5	<p>Balfes Creek Update Glenn Petersen, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comms issue between the team and the customer - Discussing a way forward around use of the facility - Amenities are closed due to a Council resolution - Work behind the scenes, getting the toilet block up to a standard where it can be offered back to the community when the time comes
7.0	<p>General Business</p> <p>Contractors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Care around width markers <p>Main Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourist season brings excessive amounts of rubbish especially around truck stops - Blowing into paddocks, larger items such as mattresses - Landholders are cleaning up themselves to avoid rubbish blowing into their paddocks - Illegal parking and camping on properties with campfires - Request for scheduled clean-up or use of cameras at truck stops <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For further information and discussion <p>News / Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government has reversed the land grab - Freehold land required to be surveyed for the stock route - Increase the size of the Stock Routes - Create freehold while still recognising Native Title / Freehold with a condition <p>Dust mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic increased significantly during tourist periods, causing excessive dust past homesteads - Policy criteria for bitumen due to dust - Is Tourism infrastructure funding available / Product to spray on <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enquire into the criteria for bitumen due to excessive dust - Enquire into tourism infrastructure funding availability - Enquire into a product to spray onto dirt roads <p>Insurance for landholders carrying out emergent work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up - QRA accepts from a remediation - Insurance consideration <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up / further information on requirements <p>Telstra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachael Cliff meeting and advocacy for service - iPhone can send a text when displaying SOS – Telstra plan & Version 14 or above - Council is continuing to work on the black spot from a Disaster Management point of view - Emergency coordinates available - Limitations and connectivity constraints - Emergency Plus Australia – App available

	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send 'Emergency Plus' app details to Community <p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buffel Grass - Reiterating the importance of Buffel Grass, to the federal government <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further advocacy / Blair Knuth to send through details to send in submission, for Agforce and the Queensland Government
8.0	Next Meeting
	Tuesday, 14 October 2025
9.0	Close of Meeting
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2.18pm