

1.0	Opening of meeting
	The meeting was opened by Chair, Mayor Liz Schmidt, at 1.00pm
2.0	Attendance & Apologies
	Attendance: Council: Mayor Liz Schmidt Cr Kim Farmer Cr Steven Plant Martin Drydale, Acting Chief Executive Officer (MS Teams) TJ Laveti, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Deb Miller, Executive Services Officer (ESO) (Minute Taker) Kathleen Morris, Acting Executive Services Manager Representatives: Blair Knuth John Brownson Liz Miller Kylie Stretton Neil Angus Patrick Scharf (MS Teams) Apologies: Judith Costello Andrew & Toni Bourke
3.0	Confirmation of minutes
	Moved: Patrick Scharf Seconded: Cr Farmer
4.0	Declarations of interest
	Nil
5.0	Actions
	As per the attached table
6.0	Matters of discussion
6.1	Welcome and Introductions
6.2	DRFA update Council provided an update on ongoing DRFA-funded recovery works, with overall program delivery currently at approximately 33% completion and a targeted completion date of 30 June 2027. Key projects progressing across the region include: • Water and wastewater infrastructure works, including procurement of key assets and construction contracts. • Dotswood Road upgrades, with completion anticipated in October 2026. • Floodway and causeway upgrade works, with design and construction activities continuing throughout 2026. • Bridge upgrade projects, with design and construction expected to be completed by the end of the financial year. Council reaffirmed its commitment to delivering recovery projects in a fair and transparent manner for all stakeholders.
6.3	Saleyards Update TJ Laveti, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Council reported continued activity at the regional saleyards, including upcoming livestock sales and ongoing investment in facility improvements.

	Funding of just under \$100,000 has been secured to support infrastructure upgrades focused on livestock welfare and operational improvements. The project is currently being scoped, with tenders expected to be released by September. The saleyards are also being used to support community training initiatives, including road safety programs. Council acknowledged current staffing challenges and thanked users and stakeholders for their patience and cooperation. Stakeholders raised several operational concerns relating to fees, livestock movements, and access arrangements. These matters will continue to be reviewed by Council.
6.4	1080 Baiting Schedule TJ Laveti, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services Council advised that the next coordinated 1080 baiting program is scheduled to run from 6 October to 5 November across the region. Landholders participating in the program will be required to notify neighbouring properties in accordance with program requirements. Suggestions from attendees regarding increased awareness, registration timeframes, and seasonal timing will be considered as part of future program planning.
6.5	Roadside Rubbish Management During Caravan Season A request was raised regarding additional waste disposal facilities at roadside stopping locations during peak caravan seasons. Council advised that responsibility for these locations generally sits with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), however opportunities for future investigation and recommendations will be explored where appropriate.
7.0	General Business Road Maintenance and Dust Concerns Several attendees raised concerns regarding road conditions, including dust, corrugations, potholes, and the quality of recent road maintenance works. Council advised that all works are subject to quality assurance processes and that contractors are responsible for rectifying defects where identified. Council will investigate specific issues raised and continue to monitor contractor performance. Council also noted that DRFA-funded restoration projects are required to return infrastructure to its pre-disaster condition in accordance with funding guidelines. Road Safety and Defence Activities Community members raised road safety concerns associated with Defence activities and vehicle movements in the region. Council advised that these matters have previously been raised with Defence representatives and welcomed the provision of specific information, including locations, dates, times, and supporting evidence, to assist future discussions. Environmental and Biosecurity Matters

	Discussion included concerns about invasive weed species within the region and the importance of increasing community awareness around identification, management, and available control measures. Council acknowledged the value of community feedback and will continue to work with relevant agencies and stakeholders on biosecurity awareness initiatives. Other Community Concerns Additional matters raised included roadside beekeeping activities, road infrastructure issues, and the ongoing condition of local transport routes. Council committed to investigating the matters raised and providing updates where appropriate.
8.0	Next Meeting
9.0	Close of Meeting
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 2.32pm

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Item No.	Meeting Date	Description	Progress
6.3	8/04/2025	Charters Towers Area Fire Management Group — Patrick Scharf to send through info on patches missed by QR & TMR (PS). — Council to raise issue through Regional Roads Transport Group (RRTG) process (GP).	In progress: Letter of Support for TMR and QR approval In progress