

## Gympie Regional Council Meeting 18/06/2025

### 6.1 Financial Report

The Director stated that Capital expenditure is under the year to date budget amount with actual year to date costs of \$72.4m expended, which equates to 70.86% of the annual capital works program. The Director said this level of expenditure reflects the weather events experienced across the region over the summer months and into March 2025.

As at the end of May 2025, Council's Operating Result including Extraordinary Items is ahead of the year to date budget by \$1m. This is mainly due to lower than forecast expenditure on extraordinary items and receipt of grants and contributions earlier than anticipated.

#### **Operating Revenue**

As at 31 May 2025 Actuals - Year to date

Rates and Charges - \$102,066,000

**Total Operating Revenue - \$134,875,000**

92% of year elapsed

#### **Assets**

**TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY - \$1,953,664,000**

### 6.2 Fees / Charges

Income from - Fees and Charges - \$10,246,000 - As at 31 May 2025 Actuals.

Note: CR Lahn stated the workshop clarified. There were a relocation in some fees and charges particularly those that affected farmers.

Note: CR Curran Noted he is not in favour of supporting the fees and charges of 13.05%

CR Milne stated she supported the unpopular as the average 3.5% rise.

Note: Look at how many fees / charges Council raise revenue with.

### 6.3 Information Privacy & Other Amendment Act 2013

Note: Council has to come into alignment with the QLD Legislation Introduced in 2023. - Protects Data & Information of Ratepayers

### 6.4 Delegations Review of CEO

Councillors were requested to consider and endorse a resolution to appoint Oliver Pring as Acting Chief Executive Officer during Robert Jennings' upcoming leave. This arrangement will ensure continuity of leadership and operations throughout the period of absence.

## 6.5 Procurement by Exception

Note: This is to do with the dispersal of the Rattler

Following the handback of the lease of the rail corridor between Amamoor and Imbil from Council to the Rattler Railway Company (RRC), RRC are now in the process of engaging contractors to remove rail infrastructure.

As part of these works, Council is required to undertake bridge protection works and has been provided with a costing from contractors to supply and install gate assemblies at bridges. Council is also required to re-profile the track and has also been provided with costings to grade and compact ballast post removal of rail and sleepers to provide a smooth, even surface that is trafficable in the section between Amamoor and Imbil.

On the basis these works are required to be undertaken by Council and the remedial works being quoted are fair and reasonable, leveraging off on the fact they have already been engaged by RRC, this represents savings on any additional mobilisation/demobilisation costs makes sense for Council to engage this contractor to complete the works.

Note: Engaged by The Rattler Company

CR Polley asked if Ratepayers paying for it.

Director: Yes, it is coming out of the Maintenance Budget.

## 6.6 Appointment of CEO

The CEO has identified Oliver Pring as a suitably qualified person to act as the Chief Executive

Officer for the period of leave. Oliver has extensive experience in the local government environment including taking on acting CEO roles at other Councils.

Note: Mr Jennings is going on leave.

## 7.1 Community Sustainability P8. 186 of 389

Implement the Planning Scheme

This report highlights the Community Sustainability Directorate deliverables and highlights of the past three months. It should be noted that the Strategic Planning team have been preparing the new Planning Scheme for State interest review, this has

been 3 years in the making to deliver such work, an acknowledgement to the team for their dedication and contribution.

May 2025 has also recorded the highest amount of development applications submitted to Council for assessment and processing.

Notes: Infringement Notices 36 = \$74,667 in fines.

- Planning - Development Assessment
- 86 New Development Applications
- 59 Applications Determined

## 7.2 Compliance & Enforcement Policy

CR Laun asked if other Councils have this.

Director: Yes, very similar

Mayor: Noted the work being done to personalise the approach by council officers with the public to the approach with the public.

## 7.3 Proposed 2025/26 Community Grants Program

CR.S - Milne, Lahn, Laudsley, Jensen

Took leave from the meeting due to conflict of interests, due to MGT or related politics in Community Halls.

## 7.4 Proposed Events Framework

The framework provides clarity around events

Support & Coordination by Council.

## 7.5 MCU - Amy Street Gympie

Note: Discussion around the table that there is an alternative recommendation opportunity. This is the second time this application has been presented to Councillors and Councillors have requested council officers go back to the applicant to try to have this application approved due to the benefits to the community Councillors see this application offering Gympie.

Note: The Proposed Recommendation from Council Officers

- Did not receive a mover or a seconder
- The recommendation failed.
- A subsequent recommendation was presented to support the approval by Council.

## 8.1 Library & Gold City Root Renewal

Local Company - Sutton Building Solutions Pty Ltd

## 8.2 Rainbow Beach Sludge Handling

- Focus from the Regulator due to non-compliance to regulations of the Qld government.