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2010 -2015 CORPORATE PLAN



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Have Your Say

Copies of this Corporate Plan are distributed to the Burke Shire Library and the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Feedback is welcome. To submit your comments please refer to page 29.

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Message from the Mayor – Councillor Annie Clarke

As Burke Shire progresses through a period of significant change the progress is visible as I move through the Shire and the good governance is obvious. Thanks must go to our hard working staff and contractors, who make Council's decisions happen.

While Council has not lost its focus on the crucial development of roads and associated infrastructure we now find Council is increasingly burdened with compliance roles, once the responsibility of other levels of government and the broader social agenda surrounding livability, equity, access and social inclusion.



It is within this environment that together Councillors, officers and the community work towards delivery outcomes that benefit Burke Shire now and into the future and face the challenges that will enable the region to grow.

We remain committed to the sustainability and development of Burke Shire as an entity and an organisation worthy of public trust. Fostering partnerships with the community, other government agencies and the private sector remain a focal point for this Council.

Significant challenges that Council seeks to address over the next four years include the extension of sealed road pavement between Mount Isa and Burketown, the provision of electricity to the community of Gregory, the wise management of natural resources, the further development of tourism opportunities within the Shire and increased participation in regional partnerships to determine sustainable economic development opportunities.

Council is also focused on the development and support of our industry sectors, including the pastoral industry, tourism and mining. In relation to mining the return of mining royalties to the region is of significant interest to Council.

Additionally we have the introduction and bedding down of a new Local Government Act, inclusive of long range community planning requirements, a long term asset management regime and some subtle, yet meaningful changes to the Mayor – CEO relationship and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

This plan enables Council to focus its activities, inform the community of Council's intended direction and to seek feedback on such direction. I urge you to make a comment on the Plan, speak with Councillors and to generally engage with Council and the myriad of activities we undertake on your behalf.

As always my door is open to all, at any time, to speak with residents and ratepayers regarding the wellbeing and future direction of Burke Shire. I wish only the best for the Shire and you as a stakeholder in the Shire.

Annie M. Clarke

Councillor Annie Clarke
Mayor, Burke Shire Council

Corporate Planning Process

To perform its role, Council (being elected members and officers) work together to address the present and future needs and aspirations of our stakeholders. Stakeholders may be defined as ratepayers, residents, other levels of government who influence the wellbeing of our Shire, industry, business and any person or entity that interacts with the Shire through the mechanism that is Council.

The Corporate Plan documents what Council will be doing, why we are doing it and what the expected outcomes will be. The Corporate Plan is a document that is required by legislation, can be regularly reviewed, seeks input from stakeholders and is refreshed when needs and aspirations.

The Corporate Plan identifies key issues and strategies to address those issues. The issues set the direction for Council and should reflect the needs and aspirations of our shareholders. Shareholder needs and aspirations are considered in relation to desired social, economic and environmental outcomes and legislative demands. While under review these needs and aspirations are considered in light of Council's ability to meet financial commitments required to make such needs and aspirations a reality

The Corporate Plan is Council's principal strategic document. It provides a four year framework for Council and identifies the priority issues for the Shire. The Plan then details outcomes proposed to address the priority issues and the strategies to achieve the outcomes. The Corporate Plan is a public document that gives shareholders a written record of the key issues Council is addressing at this time.

Once budgetary constraints are established then Council begins the process of transforming areas of the Corporate Plan into operational activity. This is called an Operational Plan. The Operational Plan provides the framework for Council's activities during any one year. Each financial year Council prepares a new Operational Plan which outlines specific outputs, activities and measures that are in response to the Corporate Plan's direction.

The Operational Plan subsequently provides direction to Council in respect to the annual budgeting process.

Reports that assess progress towards implementing the Corporate and Operational Plans are presented to Council at least every three months. At the end of each financial year Council's overall performance against the Operational Plan and success to date in addressing the outcomes of the Corporate Plan are reported to the community via an Annual Report.

All Local Authorities are required to produce an Annual Report at the close of each year. The Annual Report gives details of Council's performance for that period.

Consultation Process

Deliberately the consultation process undertaken in the development of this Corporate Plan has been streamlined given the fact that in 2011 Council will undertake extensive community consultation for the formulation of the Burke Shire Council Ten Year Community Plan.

None the less the following actions have been taken include:

Preparation of the draft Corporate Plan;

- a. Creation of a draft Corporate Plan
- b. Discussion of the draft Corporate Plan at the July 2010 Ordinary Council Meeting
- c. Notice inviting inspection and submissions regarding the draft Corporate Plan
- d. Consideration of submissions received about the draft Corporate Plan at the August 2010 Ordinary Council Meeting
- e. Preparation of the Corporate Plan 2010-2014.

Introduction

The Burke Shire was declared on 31 January 1885. The Shire is located in North West Queensland, and fronts the Gulf of Carpentaria. The Shire is bordered by the Northern Territory to the west, by Mount Isa to the south, by Cloncurry to the south east, by Carpentaria to the east and by the Gulf of Carpentaria to the north. The Shire covers an area of 41,802 square kilometres and has a resident population of 600. In addition there are over 700 people living in an onsite mining township managed by MMG at the Century operation.

There are two main communities within the Shire, being Burketown (population 210) and Gregory (population 50). The balance of the Shire is primarily made up of pastoral properties.

Doomadgee Council, which has a population of approximately 1,500 is surrounded by Burke Shire, but has its own elected representation and management structure.

The character of the Shire is predominantly rural with the key issues being those of a remote region with a small rate base, including roads, bridges, communications and power supply.

The Shire relies to a large extent on Federal and State Government funding to provide the necessary services and infrastructure to the community that continues to enjoy the lifestyle that this remote area has to offer.

The major commercial activities in the Shire consist of cattle, tourism, mining and fishing. It is a Shire with an increasing reliance on the mining industry and a continuing reliance on the pastoral industry and associated service areas. The developing tourism industry is based on a wilderness and outback experience and the rural character is in itself a draw card and an asset.

The main township of Burketown is serviced by partly roads which do become impassable each wet season for up to three months.

Fast Facts

Name:	Burke Shire Council
Location:	North-West Queensland on the Gulf of Carpentaria
Area:	41,082 square kilometres
Major Rivers:	Leichhardt, Albert, Nicholson and Gregory
National Parks:	Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park
Arterial Roads:	Wills Developmental Road The Savannah Way
Major Industry:	Cattle Mining Tourism Fishing
Councillors:	Cr Annie Clarke, Mayor Cr Ernie Camp, Deputy Mayor Cr Bill Olive Cr Tracy Forshaw Cr Tonya Murray
Chief Executive Officer	Leanne Mash
Director Engineering Services	Dennis Kerr
Finance Manager	Debbie Glyde

Councillor Profiles

Councillor Annie Clarke - Mayor

Annie Clarke has been a Councillor since 1994, and Mayor since 1997.

Annie is married to Les Clarke of Brinawa Station.

Annie and Les have six children who are fifth generation in the Shire. Annie's passions lie in regional development, education, politics, arts, cuisine and wines.



Annie has been involved for over 40 years in the Country Womens Association and the Isolated Children Parents Association, including 30 years of home tutoring. Annie has also been a Director in the racing industry, and chaired numerous boards associative practically with economic development.

Councillor Ernie Camp – Deputy Mayor



Born in Mount Isa Ernie Clarke has been a Councillor from 1996 - 2000 and then Deputy Mayor from 2004 onwards.

Ernie came to Floraville when he was one year old. By his late teens he was managing the stockcamp.

Ernie is married to Kylie and together they have four children.

At 17 years Ernie obtained his Private Pilot's Licence and still loves to fly when he has the opportunity. Ernie is a Director on two agri-political bodies, being the Australian Beef Association and Property Rights Australia. He is also a member of Agforce. He is a member of the Gregory Downs Jockey Club and has been race starter for many years.

Ernie is passionately interested in local and regional issues, a strong advocate for the beef industry and a firm believer in local involvement in decisions that affect the local environment.

Councillor Bill Olive

Bill Olive was elected to Council in 1991 and has served on Council for 18 years.

Bill has been a member of the State Emergency Services for 25 years. Bill, with his wife Leona have owned and managed Cliffdale Station since 1973 and Hells Gate Roadhouse since 1985.



Bill has a strong track record of moving forward issues that positively improve the Shire's living conditions and roads for the benefit of all of the Shire's residents and visitors. In 1990 Bill became a Savannah Guide and remains actually interested in tourism and its associated economic benefits.

Councillor Tracy Forshaw



Tracy Forshaw was elected to Council in 2008. Tracy is married to Ian and together they have three children. Tracy and Ian run an Earthmoving, Quarry and Concrete business in Gregory, employing up 16 people.

Tracy has lived in the gulf region for over 20 years and first came to the area as a cook for Planet (Gregory Downs) in 1989.

Tracy has been a member for the last 20 years of the following groups - Country Womens Association (as President, Secretary and Treasurer), SES, Rural Fire Brigade, Gregory Jockey Club and the Gregory District Sporting Association.

Tracy has been very involved with the local Royal Flying Doctors Service and Health needs at Gregory and across the Shire. In her role with Council Tracy is an advocate for the health and wellbeing of Shire residents, a keen supporter of small business and enterprise training and a

Tracy was the Burke Shire Council Citizen of the year in 2007

Councillor Tonya Murray

Tonya Murray was elected to Council in 2008. Tonya has lived in Burketown most of her life and is a descendant of the Gangalidda people.

Tonya is married to Clinton who grew up in Normanton.

Tonya attended Burketown State School and then St Patrick's College as a boarding student in Townsville until completing Year 12. Tonya worked at the Century Mine for four years before studying Environmental Science at James Cook University in Townsville and working for the Regional NRM body there for 2 years.

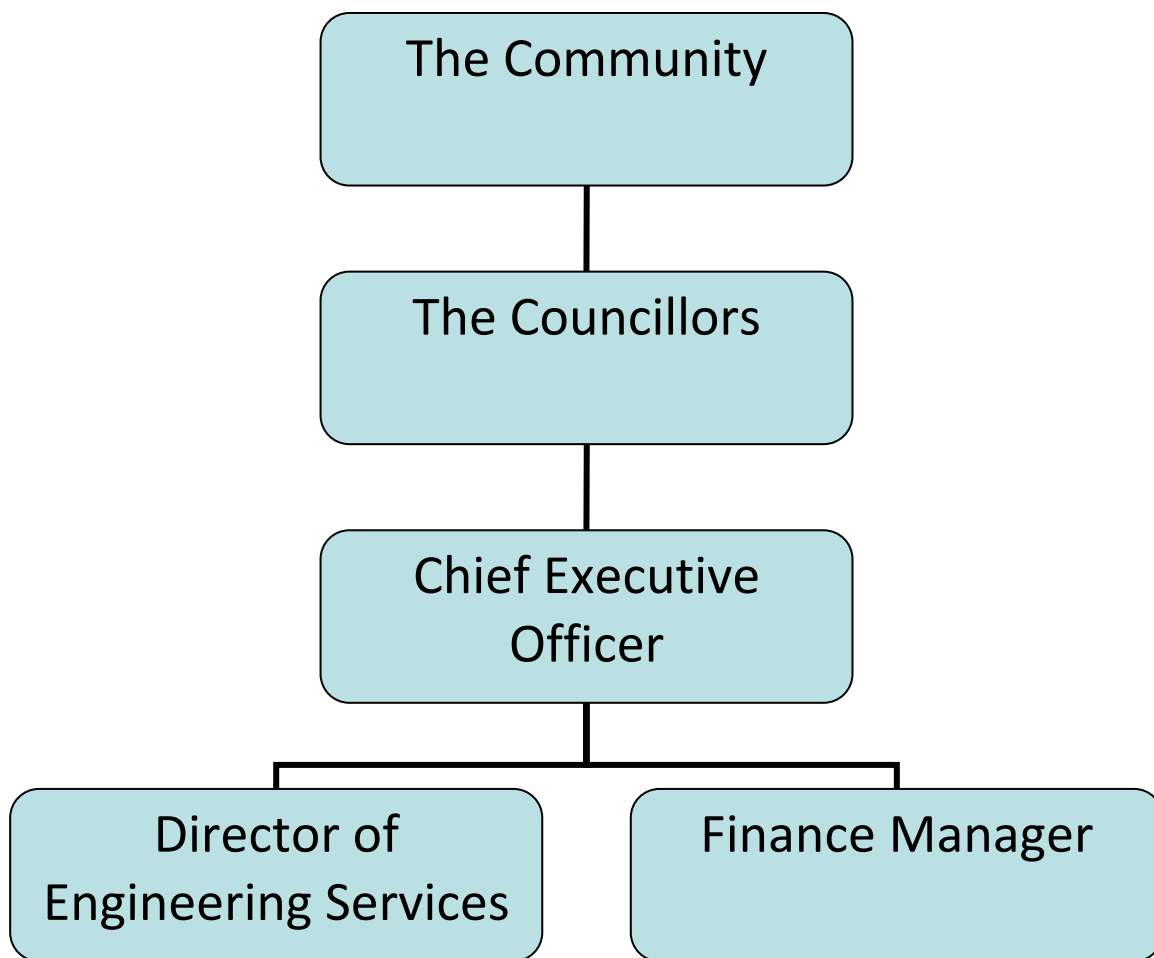
Currently Tonya works for the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation as the facilitator for a Dugong and Marine Turtle project that is running across northern Australia. She also facilitates an Indigenous Community Water project. Both of these projects are run by the Northern Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA).

Tonya is involved in the following community organisations - Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association, Volunteer Marine Rescue, Burketown Fishing Club, Burketown Kindergarten Association and the School P and C committee.

Tonya is passionate about the environment, improving lifestyle and opportunities for local people in our communities, developing young people and working with Aboriginal people to improve their lives.



Organisational Structure



Functional Areas

Chief Executive Officer

Corporate Services

- Corporate Governance
- Councillor Relationships and Support
- Strategic Planning
- Regional Partnerships
- Media Relations
- Economic Development
- Legal Matters
- Civic Administration including Public Halls, Museums and Libraries
- Civic Events
- Recruitment
- Housing
- Workplace Health and Safety

Community Services

- Community Engagement
- Community Development
- Home and Community Care
- Arts and Cultural Development
- Community Events
- Donations

Development and Environmental Services

- Town Planning
- Building Services
- Environmental Health Services
- Disaster Management

Director of Engineering Services

Infrastructure

- Engineering Administration
- Asset Management
- Transport Network – Roads and Bridges
- Airports
- Footpaths
- Parks and Gardens
- Public Toilets
- Wharfs and Boat Ramps
- Cemeteries
- Other Structures

Operation and Compliance

- Plant
- Workshop
- Animal Control
- Quarries
- Weed and Pest Control
- Private Works

Utilities

- Refuse Collection and Disposal
- Sewerage Treatment and Disposal
- Water Treatment and Supply
- UHF, Television and Radio Retransmission Facility

Finance Manager

Finance

- Financial Administration
- Financial Governance
- Grants
- Investments
- Rates and Charges
- Asset Management
- Payroll
- Compliance

Information Management

- Computer hardware and software
- Document Management
- Information Management

Operations

- Stores and Purchasing

Statement of Strategic Direction

The Council of the Burke Shire will increase the quality of life across the wider community through the pursuit of excellence in local governance and efficient and sustainable practice in addressing the issues affecting the Burke Shire.

Objectives

Through strong leadership and sound, open and responsible local government, the Council of the Burke Shire aims to -

- Maintain a sound and sustainable economic base through enhanced rural efficiency, diversification of industry and encouragement of tourism.
- Improve access to services and facilities for residents and visitors.
- Conserve the identity of the shire through the protection and accurate interpretation of the history, heritage and the environment.
- Encourage and foster pride in the community through the celebration of achievements of the Shire and its residents and the enhancement of the aesthetic appeal of townships and their surrounds.
- Respect the views and ideals of the residents.
- Foster community spirit and an appreciation of the functions of local government.
- Enhance the social, physical and economic environment for all residents.
- Foster an environment in which opportunities for enterprise development can be initiated.

Assessment of Local and Regional Issues and External and Internal Factors

Due to the small population of Burke Shire, the Council maintains an active role across many facets of the community. The population varies during the distinct wet and dry seasons, with an increasing number of people choosing to spend the dry winter months within Burke Shire.

Provision, Maintenance, Restoration or Replacement of Infrastructure in the Area

Council recognises the importance of maintaining and managing their extensive array of assets. Consequently, Council is in the process of developing a 10 Year Asset Management Plan.

The development of improved infrastructure is of primary concern to Council. The involvement of Council in maintaining a road network which receives extensive damage every wet season is extremely high, to the point where the majority of the workforce and sub-contractors are employed to maintain an inadequate road system.

The lack of funding from both State and Federal governments for financial assistance for the upgrades of general infrastructure is ultimately borne by Council. The improvement of water and sewerage services in Burketown is ongoing and the development of essential services including electricity, water and sewerage in Gregory is continuously raised at regional and state levels of government.

Although not directly within the charter of Council, electricity supply is an important issue for many residents, as no properties within the Shire are connected to the State electricity grid. Burketown is serviced by an off grid generator, while Gregory residents and all rural properties must generate their own electricity supplies at considerable expense compared to the majority of Queenslanders.

Economic Development

Council has considered and is aware of the important role it plays in developing and sustaining economic growth in the Shire. Council recognises that the provision and maintenance of quality infrastructure is vital to the economic development of the Shire.

It is Council's intention to support and facilitate diversified economic development through the development and resourcing of comprehensive economic development and tourism strategies for the Shire.

Council works collaboratively on economic development matters with other Local Government Authorities in the region. This cooperative partnership takes the form of working with neighbouring local authorities through membership of Gulf Savannah Development (GSD), the Mt Isa to Townsville Economic Zone (MITEZ) and the North West Queensland Regional Road Group.

While the cattle industry is the economic backbone of the shire it is envisaged that further mining development in the area will increase activity within the Shire. Uncertainty over land tenure issues continue to disrupt or undermine development opportunities.

Disaster Management and Emergency Services

The size and remoteness of Burke Shire and its exposure to potential serious weather events ensures that Council understands its need to be diligent, vigilant and well prepared for a wide range of disaster events

Strategies include the maintenance of State Emergency Services (SES) groups, supporting all emergency service agencies, revising and maintaining the Shire disaster management plan, the encouragement of volunteers and continued lobbying for the maintenance and enhancement of emergency services in the Gulf.

Arts and Culture

Burke Shire Council is aware of the need to preserve and protect the abundance of cultural heritage sites, artefacts, and documents that exist in the Shire for the benefit of future generations.

The rich cultural heritage of the Shire encompasses an array of cultures and time periods including sites, artefacts, and documents representing Indigenous, European, Asian habitation of the area.

The protection of this cultural heritage is vital if the community in general is to benefit from the future development of opportunities to visit or study these sites, artefacts, and documents. Council recognises that the cultural heritage of the Shire is valuable not only to its residents but also nationally and internationally.

Council participates in the Regional Arts Development Fund and as such Council has identified the need to support arts and cultural development in the Shire and to improve the facilities to support those activities.

Environmental Management

Council recognises it's role in environmental management and addressing matters as they relate to pest management, land and catchment management, waste management and reuse, water supply and sewage treatment and management of reserves.

Council actively works with its neighbours in a regional approach to environmental matters and where possible works with the State and Federal Governments to deliver outcomes which will ensure the environmental sustainability of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The management of the unique environment in which general Council activities are undertaken is also of primary importance. The over fishing of local rivers and tributaries is an issue of relevance.

Public Health Management

In recognising the public health management issues in the Burke Shire, Council has set long term goals which seek to establish appropriate waste management practices and high environmental health standards for the community.

Council regularly engages the services of an environmental health officer and makes this officer available to the community to assist in addressing compliance issues.

Community Services

Council regularly donates time, resources and expertise to local community groups, especially during the lead up to events within the Shire. Community events such as the Order of the Outback Ball and the Arts and Craft Show demand a large amount of time and resources.

Council continues to be involved in community awareness raising activities over a broad range of issues. Council is also actively seeking funds to provide additional community services to the residents of the Shire.

Strategies for Achieving the Objectives of the Burks Shire Corporate Plan

1000 Finance

The Finance program relates specifically to the management of all cash, obtained through financial assistance grants, rates and charges. The maintenance of a base level of revenue so as to provide a satisfactory level of service to the community is the primary objective of this program.

1000 Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges are the main income stream for Burke Shire Council. The objective of this program is to minimise rate increases but at the same time raise a level of revenue to maintain a satisfactory level of services. This will be achieved through analysis and evaluation of revenue and expenditure and maintenance of consistent increases.

1100 Financial Assistance Grants

The Financial Assistance Grant allows Council to effectively provide a higher level of service than would be possible if only relying on the Shire's rates base. The objective of this program is to maximise the grant that is received each year. This will be achieved through completion of the annual return in accordance with the specific guidelines and conditions of the grant.

2200 Administration

The Administration program relates specifically to the overall management of the organisation. The provision of resources to administer a satisfactory level of general operations throughout Council is the primary objective of this program.

2200 General

General administration relates to non-specific components involved in the management of affairs. The objective of the program is to maximise the return on expenditure through improved efficiency of procedures. This will be achieved through the analysis and definition of procedures; consolidation of inefficient procedures and development of new procedures utilising the advantages of technology.

2300 Indirect Expenditure – On costs

Indirect Expenditure relates to incurred expenditure not specifically allocated to other programs or function. The objective of this program is to minimise expenditure through efficient procedures and concise planning. This will be achieved through the definition of procedures and the effective use of benchmarking in all operations.

2500 Interest – Investments

Interest on investments relates to the interest generated from the investment of surplus funds. The objective of this program is to maximise returns on all investments. This will be achieved through periodically evaluating the performance of investments as determined by industry benchmarks and monitoring cash flows in order to invest surplus funds.

3000 Development

The Development program relates specifically to the forward progress of the Shire. The facilitation of sustainable development within the Shire is the primary objective of this program.

3400 Building, Planning and Developmental Services

Integrated Planning relates to the inclusion of Shire interests within all local and regional planning. The objective of this program is the development of sustainable and consistent planning documentation. This is achieved through the Burke Shire Planning Scheme and active involvement in regional planning forums.

Building Administration relates to the management of the built environment. The objective of this program is the facilitation of sustainable growth of the built environment within the Shire in accordance to relevant legislation. This will be achieved through the provision of clear advice and assistance to all development applications.

Economic Development relates to the increased wellbeing of the Shire and its communities through the development of business, industry and resources. The objective of this program is to explore and facilitate opportunities for economic expansion in the Burke Shire. This will be achieved through involvement in collaborative regional forums, the positive promotion economic development opportunities within the Shire in the mainstream media and the facilitation of training and development opportunities for established and potential business activities within the Shire.

3500 Shire Promotion

Shire Promotion relates to the promotion of the Shire assets and opportunities to visitors, investors and residents. The objective of this program is the equitable representation of Shire interests and assets in general promotion. This will be achieved through identification of promotional assets and the development of appropriate promotional materials.

4000 Engineering Services

Engineering Services relates to the external assets and works associated with Local Government. The maintenance and improvement of general infrastructure is the primary objective of this program.

4010 Acquisition of Land for Public Works

Acquisition of Land for Public Works allows Council to minimise forced delays. The objective of this program is to maintain adequate acquisition planning. This will be achieved through the development of procedures for the acquisition of land including appropriate timeframe planning and budgeting.

4300 Aerodromes – Burketown

The Burketown airport is of considerable importance to the community, considering it is the only means of transport available during the wet season. The objective of this program is to improve and expand general operations. This will be achieved through the maintenance of minimum standards and maximum accessibility, and undertaking erosion mitigation works at the Albert River end of the airstrip.

4301 Aerodromes – Gregory

The Gregory airport is of considerable importance to the community. The objective of this program is to improve and expand general operations. This will be achieved through the maintenance of minimum standards and maximum accessibility and the facilitation of improvements to the airport including access.

4350 Wharves and Boat Ramps

Wharves and Boat Ramps provide access to the river systems and subsequently are important in economic, social and recreational development. The objective of this program is to improve and expand general operations. This will be achieved through the continued improvement of the Albert River boat ramp and surrounds and the exploration of opportunities for expansion of the facilities through feasibility planning.

4500 Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment allows Council to conduct general works and operations. The objective of this program is to maintain and improve plant and equipment levels to adequately meet the requirements of Council. This will be achieved through the evaluation of life cycle and depreciation models; evaluation of plant replacement guidelines and maximising funds available for plant replacement.

4000 Roads – Maintenance

Roads Maintenance relates to the general condition of the road and associated works. The objective of this program is to improve the accessibility timeframe. This will be achieved through the evaluation of road management guidelines and prioritisation of maintenance.

4000 Roads – Capital Improvements

Roads Improvement relates to surface improvements and associated works. The objective of this program is to progress the upgrade of the road system. This will be achieved through

securing funding for upgrades, implementation of a long term road upgrade plan and continuing to ensure that roads remain a priority in local and regional planning documentation.

4001 Bridges – Maintenance

Bridge Maintenance relates to the general condition of bridges and associated works. The objective of this program is to improve the accessibility timeframe. This will be achieved through the evaluation of bridge management guidelines and prioritisation of maintenance.

4001 Bridges – Capital Improvements

Bridge Improvement relates to surface improvements and associated works. The objective of this program is to progress the upgrade of bridges. This will be achieved through securing funding for upgrades and the implementation of a long term bridge upgrades.

5000 Environmental Services

The Environmental Services program relates to the management of the environment in which general operations are conducted. To improve and ensure the environmental accountability of Council's operations is the primary objective of this program.

5000 Animal Control

Animal Control ensures that domestic and wild animals have minimal interaction and do not pose a threat to public safety. The objective of this program is to improve enforcement and control procedures. This will be achieved through the enforcement of licensing for domestic animals and adequate training and licensing for enforcement officers.

5100 Environmental Health

Environmental Health relates to the general health and standard of living across the community. The objective of this program is to maintain a high standard of community health. This will be achieved through the use of suitably qualified consultants on a regular basis.

5250 Pest Control

Pest Control relates to the control of environmental pests. The objective of this program is to develop and promote procedures for the control of pests. This will be achieved through the evaluation of control procedures; the provision of adequate training for staff entrusted with the control of pests and the implementation of a Pest Management Plan.

5300 Cemeteries

Cemeteries provide a community service and an insight in to the history and economics of a location. The object of this program is to ensure protection and preservation of grave sites and cemetery surrounds. This will be achieved through the regular maintenance of cemetery grounds and surrounds, detailed grave identification and location and construction of appropriate interpretive facilities at the cemetery locations.

5400 Protection of the Environment

This program relates directly to the conservation and preservation of the natural environment. The object of this program is to adopt environmental protection guidelines and practices. This will be achieved through the identification and protection of environmentally significant areas and the evaluation of Council practices under environmental protection guidelines.

5400 Ranger

The Ranger is the officer charged with maintaining and improving environmental protection. The objective of this program is the maintenance of an effective Ranger service. This will be achieved through the improved allocation of resources specific to the Ranger's identified needs.

5500 Community and Cultural

The Community and Cultural program relates specifically to the social and cultural wellbeing of the residents and visitors within the Shire. The instillation of confidence and pride in the community through participation and support is the primary objective of this program.

5500 Emergency Services

Emergency Services is of particular importance due to Shire wide flooding and storms throughout the wet season and the community's proximity to waterways, the ocean and uninhabited land. The objective of this program is to support emergency services in their activities. This will be achieved through the implementation of appropriate emergency services management plans and the support for improved training and rescue facilities and equipment.

5540 Public Halls

Public Halls provide facilities for use by community groups, external parties and Council. The objective of this program is to facilitate the development of increased public space. This will be achieved through ensuring adequate resources are maintained for the general maintenance and upgrading of public facilities and space.

5550 Museums and Information Centres

Museums and Information Centres provide residents and visitors with information regarding the historical and promotional assets of the Shire. The objective of this program is to promote the development and operation of Museums and Information Centres within the Shire. This will be achieved through the implementation of the specific information resources.

5570 RADF Activities

The Regional Arts Development Fund provides grants to local community groups for arts specific projects. The objective of this program is to support the development of arts. This will be achieved with RADF funding and Council support of general activities.

5600 Council and Community Housing

Council and Community Housing relates to the adequate housing of staff and the general community. The objective of this program is to facilitate the development of public and private housing. This will be achieved through the evaluating and addressing the need for public housing and maintaining Council houses under a scheduled maintenance plan.

5700 Libraries

The Library provides a service to the local community through the provision of a variety of literature, DVD and sporting equipment. The objective of this program is to improve and expand general library facilities and equipment. This will be achieved through the allocation of appropriate resources to the current library.

5750 Television and Radio Facilities

Television and Radio Facilities relates to the service provided to the community over these particular mediums of communication. The objective of this program is to maintain the available services to the community. This will be achieved through adoption of new technologies as they become available.

5800 Parks, Gardens and Reserves

Parks, Gardens and Reserves relates to the identified public land areas and their general aesthetic appeal. The objective of this program is to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the townships and their surrounds. This will be achieved through the aesthetic maintenance of parks and gardens and enhancement of the aesthetic appeal at town and shire entry points.

5850 Fish Restocking

Fish Restocking relates to the enhancement of natural resources through restocking programs for the benefit of residents and visitors. The objective of this program is to support the improvement of fish restocking programs. This will be achieved through the consistent financial support of fish restocking programs and evaluation of feasible restocking programs.

5950 Donations and Charities

The object of this program is to support local community groups and regional charities. This will be achieved through the support of community groups and regional charities through resource sharing and financial assistance.

5960 Electricity Supply to Gregory and Surrounding Properties

Electricity Supply to Gregory and Surrounding Properties relates to the economic and social development of a community currently reliant on individual diesel generation. The object of this program is to achieve a reliable reticulated electricity supply for the community of Gregory and surrounding rural properties. This will be achieved through the progression of feasibility studies and lobbying efforts directed at relevant State and Federal Politicians and Departments.

5970 Home and Community Care Program

The object of this program is to provide a service to members of the public requiring assistance and activities to improve their quality of life. This will be achieved within the parameters of available funding as provided by external agencies.

5990 Vacant Council Properties

Vacant Council Properties relates to the vacant land that Council owns within principal towns and the Shire. The objective of this program is to facilitate improvements and development of property. This will be achieved through evaluation of opportunities for sale of land and development of long term planning with respect to strategic land sales.

6000 Refuse Management

The Refuse Management program relates specifically to the management of refuse generated through normal operations. Improved management of refuse services and infrastructure is the primary objective of this program.

1000 Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges are the main income stream for Burke Shire Council. The objective of this program is to minimise rate increases. This will be achieved through analysis and evaluation of revenue and expenditure and maintenance of consistent increases.

6020 Collection and Disposal

Collection and disposal relates specifically to the process of rubbish and refuse collection and procedures for disposal. The objective of this program is to improve the efficiency of procedures in service delivery and disposal. This will be achieved through evaluation of the collection route; expanding curb side collection to the township of Gregory and adoption of guidelines for the efficient disposal of waste whilst minimising the negative aesthetics.

6030 Refuse Tip Maintenance

Refuse Tip Maintenance relates specifically to the management of resources utilised in the disposal of waste. The object of this program is to develop environmentally sustainable use of the refuse tip facilities. This will be achieved through evaluating techniques utilised by refuse tips of similar size and age; application of processes utilised by similar refuse tips where appropriate and consultation with community and government with respect to environmentally sustainable refuse management.

6300 Sewerage Utility

The Sewerage Utility program relates to the provision of sewerage services to principal townships. The improved management of sewerage services and infrastructure is the primary objective of this program.

1000 Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges are the main income stream for Burke Shire Council. The objective of this program is to minimise rate increases. This will be achieved through analysis and evaluation of revenue and expenditure and maintenance of consistent increases.

6320 Operations and Maintenance

Operations and Maintenance relates to the general operations of sewerage services. The objective of this program is to improve the efficiency of procedures. This will be achieved through evaluation of operational guidelines and infrastructure management; development of a maintenance schedule and replacement plan and implementation of a Total Management Plan.

6340 Capital Improvements

Capital improvements relates to the upgrade and improvement of infrastructure. The objective of this program is to implement the recommendations as the Total Management Plan for the Burketown Sewerage Scheme. This will be achieved through a staged implementation of the reports recommendations.

6400 Water Utility

The Water Utility program relates to the provision of water services to principal townships. The improved management of water services and infrastructure is the primary objective of this program.

1000 Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges are the main income stream for Burke Shire Council. The objective of this program is to minimise rate increases. This will be achieved through analysis and evaluation of revenue and expenditure and maintenance of consistent increases.

6420 Operations and Maintenance

Operations and Maintenance relates to the general operations of water services. The objective of this program is to improve the efficiency of procedures. This will be achieved through evaluation of operational guidelines and infrastructure management; development of a maintenance schedule and replacement plan and implementation of a Total Management Plan.

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