

Item No.	11.3
REPORT TITLE	TOWN SERVICES REPORT
AUTHOR	Town Services Manager (Reginald Cressbrook)
ATTACHMENTS	

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

This report provides information about the status of programs managed by the Town Services Manager.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Town Services Report be received and that those matters not covered by resolution be noted

1. Water

- 1.1. Microbiology samples sent for monthly external testing (January 2024). All samples passed. Microbiology samples are sent to an external lab as per the DWQMP. Results are sent back to Council by email in electronic form to Operators, management, and the CEO (Chief Executive Officers). Qld Health Rockhampton also receive a copy of records. External samples sent to the Public Health Microbiology Forensic and Scientific Services as part of Councils DWQMP compliance.
- 1.2. Turbidity issues in the community caused by the Dawson River flooding on the 26th of December 2023. Water Operator encountered a quick spike in dirty water on the 31st of December 2023 that swept through the WTP (Water Treatment Plant) and into the town's reticulation. The quick response from the WASC skeleton crew was outstanding. Notifying the Woorabinda Hospital and all other stakeholders in community of the situation. Handing out bottled water and asking the community to boil their water. All this action whilst the community suffered from not having the luxury of power, internet or telephone, and dealing with sorry business. QLD Health were notified along with the Regulator, a report of the incident was drafted and sent to the Regulator. Inhouse testing from sample points - Hospital, Primary school, and reservoir outlet proved that zero count of E. coli was found. See below external lab testing returning with the same zero count of E. coli also.

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

CLIENT : (HWOORN)	Woorabinda Aboriginal Council 112 Munns Rd WOORABINDA QLD 4713 housing@woorabinda.qld.gov.au	Laboratory Reference : SSP0086771 Client Order No. : YOREN_W Date Received : 03-Jan-2024 Laboratory Number/s : SS24MW96-SS24MW98
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Client Reference			1.50	1.51	1.52
Sample Type			Water River Chlorinated	Water River Chlorinated	Water River Chlorinated
Sampling Time/Date			11:30 02-Jan-2024	11:30 02-Jan-2024	11:30 02-Jan-2024
Testing Time/Date			12:00 03-Jan-2024	12:00 03-Jan-2024	12:00 03-Jan-2024
Sample Description			Sample Point 1, top Reservoir shed water treatment plant Woorabinda	Sample Point 2, Tap- Sink Staff Room, Woorabinda Hospital Woorabinda	Sample Point 3, Tap- Woorabinda State School, Carbine Street Woorabinda
Method	Test Microorganisms	Units	SS24MW96	SS24MW97	SS24MW98
20902	Coliforms	MPN/100mL	0	0	0
20902	E. coli	MPN/100mL	0	0	0
FDMEAS	pH		7.30	7.25	7.00
FDMEAS	Free Chlorine	mg/L	1.02	0.45	0.40
	Interpretation of Results		PASS	PASS	PASS

Bore fields are currently being assessed to find the best alternative. Working with David Dowden from Dowden's Pumping who is pricing a team to visit from Western Australia. The main contact from WA was one of the original workers to install the bore pumps and controls back in the 1990's.

Blackboy camp continues to source water from Bore 2. Issues on Friday 12th January when the Caretaker discovered a major leak that was limiting water flow to all buildings. After repairs, everything is running well.

Reservoir Level as of the 14th of January 2024



Neville Hewitt Weir January 2024



Pump Station view of Baralaba Weir January 2024



2. Sewage

2.1. Below Effluent sample collected from pond 5 at the STP (Sewage Treatment Plant) and sent for monthly external testing (January 2024). The council sends external samples to the Brisbane laboratory in compliance with our EPA license agreement.

2.2. Slashing the Lucerne Paddock and Tree Farm in January. Organized contractor to slash due to both council slashers having mechanical issues.



Forensic and Scientific Services

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Laboratory Reference : SSP0087002
Client Order No. : GELA_R
Date Received : 18-Jan-2024
Laboratory Number/s : SS24MW1222

ATTN: Wally

Copies sent to: Central QLD Public Health Unit

Client Reference			18 0102 WASC
Sample Type			Water
Sampling Time/Date			09:43 16-Jan-2024
Testing Time/Date			09:00 18-Jan-2024
Sample Description			STP Pond 5
Method	Test Microorganisms	Units	SS24MW1222
20902	E. coli	MPN/100mL	NT

2.2. IMHOFF tank, maintenance performed in January 2024. Maintenance required daily by the STP team.

2.3. IMHOFF tank sludge dropped for the month of January 2024. Sludge dropped each month.

3. Parks and Gardens

3.1. Due to a workplace accident, the mechanic was unable to repair mowing equipment and repairs were put on hold during this time. The mechanic has now returned and is working hard on getting WASC's mowing equipment back up and running.

3.2. 6 casual positions on the P&G's crew will be filled in January as part of the Give It a Go scheme for WASC.

The new casuals will help get on top of the high grassed area in community which has been hard to catch up on over the Christmas and New Years break and lack of mowing equipment.

Yard maintenance				Notes:
Mowing has been hectic due to heavy rainfall in December 2023 and January 2024.				
Mowing schedule Council assets:	When needed	Fortnightly	Monthly	Note: Schedule changes.
September 2023 to March 2024				
Vacant Council houses and units.	✓			
Swimming Pool Grounds.	✓ Weekly			Mondays.

Sporting Complex, Footy Field.	✓	✓		Mondays.
Cemetery.	✓		✓	First week of the month.
Rodeo grounds,			✓	Last week of the month.
IKC grounds.			✓	Last week of the month.
Duaringa Hall.			✓	Last week of the month.
Main Streets and lane ways cleaned and mowed.	✓			Daily, Weekly
Parks and playgrounds.		✓		
Roadside slashing on main roads in and out of community.			✓	Mid – month. When airstrip and entrances are due.
Vacant blocks.	✓			
Air strip slashed.	✓		✓	Mid-month.
Lucerne farm.			✓	Mid-month.
Kangaroo Stadium.		✓		Fits in with swimming pool yard maintenance.
Entrances slashed.			✓	Mid-month.
Government units 45 Carbine Street.			✓	First week of the month.
Tenants in the Council houses pay for mowing service.	✓			Quoted by Supervisor Mark Weazel.
Elders yard maintenance.	✓			Elders contact Council.

Old Church house Carbine Street, AIM Church, Anglican (yellow church)	✓		✓	Visual check.
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4. **Waste**

4.1. Working with DES (Department of Environment & Science) and Peak services on purchasing a new Garbage truck and machinery for the Woorabinda Landfill. Quotes submitted. The process needs to be followed up by TSM due to the current garbage truck issues.

4.2. It has been over 12 months since the process commenced to establish a Woorabinda Waste Management Plan. It will be a 'Plan' that will stand alone until the CQROC Regional Waste Management Plan is up for review. Consideration will need to be given not only to waste/rubbish collection but also strategic matters relating to dump design for recycling and repurposing as determined by Council and community.