

Operations Department Report

February 2024



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Executive Summary

Operations department

- Process engineers from ARUP visited the water treatment plant and took 3d scans of the plant, the water team provided them with information about the plant they have taken all this back with them and are working on a solution for the problems with the water treatment plant
- The solar street lights for the Cherbourg Murgon road project have been ordered (report attached)
- Council has received a letter from Darling Downs public health unit concerning horses and animals grazing around the water intake point at the rocks (letter attached) a project is being setup to address this issue via building an exclusion fence around the intake.
- Qld water connections tour visited
- The foundations are being put in for the smart bins to be installed
- Roadtec have started on road repairs and line marking

Feet Services

- 20 Jobs were completed for the month of February this included services and repair work
- 8 Vehicles and plant equipment received their annual scheduled services
- Cattle Truck clutch slipping Replaced All clutch components
- Lifter on Garbage truck broken removed Lifter and replaced Lift actuator
- Repaired faulty A/C on Backhoe
- Welded cutting deck of Huskvana zero turn mower and replaced blade tower
- Upkeep of mowers during heavy rain season

Environment and Waste

- Bowman Murray (AWO) and Elizabeth O'Chin (EHW) currently enrolled in CERT IV in Animal Regulation and Management
- AWO and EHW have completed Authorised persons training
- BOIL WATER ALERT issued on 14th of November 2023 - Ongoing
- Fortnightly Catch up with DDPHU – Safe & Healthy Drinking Water Program
- Fortnightly Catch up with DDPHU – ATSI Public Health program (ATSIPHP)

Works, Roads, Parks and Gardens

- The parks and gardens crew are picking up rubbish and mowing where needed daily
- Cemetery burials and associated works

Water and Sewerage

- All 7 Effluent ponds are in working condition with no blockages.
- Boil water alert in place for whole of Cherbourg community until further notice.
- All water and sewage staff are currently working new roster from 7am to 4:30pm include RDOs, public holidays and weekends.

Environment and Waste

EHW, AWO/AMW Monthly Report – FEBRUARY 2024

General

- Fortnightly Catch up with DDPHU – Safe & Healthy Drinking Water Program
- Fortnightly Catch up with DDPHU – ATSI Public Health program (ATSIPHP)
- Monthly Teams Engagement – ATSIPHP EHW & AMW Working Group

Animal Welfare

- Bowman Murray (AWO) and Elizabeth O'Chin (EHW) currently enrolled in CERT IV in Animal Regulation and Management
 - Attended 3rd Training Block in Cairns, 12th – 16th February 2024
- Dangerous dog register active – 2 Regulated dogs
- Food Donation provided by ARC Foundation, to be used for surrenders that are kept in Animal Pound as part of rehoming process
- 54% of Dogs and 62% of cats in community are desexed

AMRRIC Data (January 2024)	Dogs				Cats			Total Cats	Total
	Female	Male	Unknown	Total Dogs	Female	Male	Unknown		
Entire	49	121	3	173	10	8	-	18	191
Unknown	26	23	3	52	2	1	1	4	56
Desexed	149	122	-	271	21	16	-	37	308
Total by species	496				59				

- *Data submitted by AMO. As at 30/01/2024
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CASC Data (January 2024)	Dogs	Cats	Total				
Registrations	1	-	-				
Treatment Administered	-	-	-	Complaints and/ or concerns			
Euthanised	-	-	-	Dogs	Cats	Other	Total

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Rehomed (RSPCA, Community)	-	-	-	Public	-	-	1	1
Traps Set	-	-	-	Open	2	-	1	3
Strays Caught (Landfill, Street etc.)	-	-	-	Closed	-	-	-	-
Deceased (Injury, Illness)	10	4						

▪ **Food Safety**

- EHW working with DDPHU SEHO to ensure all Food Business's licensing requirements are up to date
- Current No. of Food Business – 3, 2 – Fixed Business Licence Certificate Issued
 - Ny Ku Byun & Cherbourg Retail Store
 - Gundoo Early Learning Centre – Additional Information Required, EHW and DDPHU SEHO visited facility to provide advice and support to proceed with licensing requirements
- Food recall notices sent to food businesses – 5 Food recalls in February

Waste & Recycling

- Recycling Program – *Figure 1 – CASC Recycling Program 2024*
- Bin Sticker distribution still ongoing, Coex donated small recycling bags to distribute to community
- **0 bins distributed in January**
 - Frequency of stolen, burnt or damaged bins has decreased in the Spring and Summer months
 - Damages by rubbish truck has occurred
- Education and community engagement is required for recycling to become a habit

Water & Wastewater

- BOIL WATER ALERT issued on 14th of November 2023, still active as at 29th Feb 2024 – Ongoing issues with WTP
- Daily Monitoring – ESO's, WSM, Trainees – *See Water & Sewerage Manager Sub-Report*
- Weekly & Monthly Water Sampling – EHW, *Figure 2 - FY2023 Weekly/ Monthly Sampling Verification Results*
- Clear water tank added back into sampling program, not cleared to use for distribution

Sampling Program	
Weekly	Monthly
Human Consumption - MWDRNK	Pesticides - KWP & KWHPDI
THM's - KEWTHM	Blue Green Algae - KPCB
Heterotrophic Colony Count - MWHCPC	Standard Water Analysis - SWAHN
	Heavy Metals - ANZMT

Complaint/s, Concerns, Issues

- **ANIMAL CONCERNS – DOGS & HORSES**
 - 20 Bond St - Up to 5 Dog/s in paddock near water intake attacking horses, Unregistered, owner does not seem to want to be compliant, multiple complaints received

- 3 Carter St – Multiple complaints regarding menacing dogs causing fear, have rushed people on multiple occasions
- 28 Barber St – REGULATED DOGS – Enclosure requires additional work to ensure compliance
- Community owned Horses roaming in community and on main road, dog attacks and children torturing them
- Boil Water Alert (14.11.2024) Ongoing – Low Chlorine
- Food Vendors are not compliant with Food safety laws – DDPHU Senior EHO, CASC EHW to commence education program in 2024
- Parthenium weed in paddocks and near waterways – OVERGROWN

CASC Recycling Program 2024						
Collection No.	Date	Weight (kg)	Monthly Total (kg)	No. of Bins	Monthly Total (No. of bins)	Comments
		Daily total		Daily Total		
52	6-Feb-24	480	1740	44	173	Monthly Averages: Bin No. 43 Collection Weight: 435kg
53	13-Feb-24	280		31		103 residents recycled in February
54	20-Feb-24	520		54		5 residents recycled every week, 7 thrice, 21 twice, 70 once
55	27-Feb-24	460		44		Community engagement and promotion required to encourage residents to recycle

Figure 1 - CASC Recycling Program 2024

FY2023 CASC Weekly/Monthly Water Sampling Verification Results													
Coliforms (mpn/100mL)									Total THMs				
Date	CHER 1	CHER 2	CHER 3	CHER 4	CHER T	CHER 5	CWT	Summary	Date	CHER 1	CHER 5	CWT	Summary
05-Feb-24	1	2	0	43	0	0	NT	PASS	05-Feb-24	250	270	NT	FAIL
12-Feb-24	2	0	0	3	0	1	NT	PASS	12-Feb-24	170	240	NT	PASS
19-Feb-24	0	0	0	3	0	0	NT	PASS	19-Feb-24	160	290	NT	1/2 PASS
26-Feb-24	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	PASS	26-Feb-24	190	340	NT	1/2 PASS
E.coli (mpn/100mL)									Sample Points				
Date	CHER 1	CHER 2	CHER 3	CHER 4	CHER T	CHER 5	CWT	Summary	CHER 1 STP (Wakka park) tap				
05-Feb-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	PASS	CHER 2 Depot tap				
12-Feb-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	PASS	CHER 3 Day care (rear) tap				
19-Feb-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	NT	PASS	CHER 4 BB Lookout Res. tap				
26-Feb-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	PASS	CHER 5 WTP Reservoir 1 & 2 Blended Tap				
Total Chlorine (mg/L)									CHER T After treatment yard tap				
Date	CHER 1	CHER 2	CHER 3	CHER 4	CHER T	CHER 5	CWT	Summary	CWT Clear water tank in WTP yard				
05-Feb-24	0.26	0.22	0.33	0.39	0.62	0.34	NT	PASS					
12-Feb-24	0.73	0.33	0.76	0.32	1.56	3.01	NT	PASS					
19-Feb-24	0.12	0.28	0.25	0.31	0.5	0.31	NT	PASS					
26-Feb-24	0.21	0.15	0.23	0.14	0.37	0.27	0.45	PASS					
Free Chlorine (mg/L)									Monthly Tests				
Date	CHER 1	CHER 2	CHER 3	CHER 4	CHER T	CHER 5	CWT	Summary	BGA BlueGreenAlgae				
05-Feb-24	0.18	0.14	0.15	0.2	0.27	0.16	NT	PASS	HM HeavyMetals				
12-Feb-24	0.29	0.22	0.52	0.19	1.44	2.95	NT	PASS	SWA Standard Water Analysis				
19-Feb-24	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.18	0.28	0.18	NT	PASS	Pesticides				
26-Feb-24	0.14	0.1	0.12	0.07	0.26	0.09	0.26	PASS	Weekly Tests				
pH									THM's - Trihalomethanes				
Date	CHER 1	CHER 2	CHER 3	CHER 4	CHER T	CHER 5	CWT	Summary	E. Coli - Escherichia coli				
05-Feb-24	6.85	7.01	7.24	6.98	6.91	6.92	NT	PASS					
12-Feb-24	6.75	6.79	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.82	NT	PASS					
19-Feb-24	6.87	6.93	7.23	7.01	7.03	7.06	NT	PASS					
26-Feb-24	7.18	6.96	7.37	7.16	7	7.23	7.18	PASS					
									Legend/ key				
									*NR - Results not yet received				
									*NT - Not tested				
									*MD - Missing Data				
									Green text & B/Ground - Perfect				

Figure 2 - FY2023 Weekly/ Monthly Sampling Verification Results
By Elizabeth O'Chin

Roads Parks and Gardens

Current Business

- The parks and gardens crew are picking up rubbish and mowing where needed daily
- Cemetery burials and associated works

Staffing and Training

NIL.

Workplace Health & Safety Incidents

Nil

Issues & Training Updates

Nil

Next Month's Business Plan

- Continuation of day-to-day duties including rubbish pick up and mowing etc.

By Matthew Bock (Operations Manager) for Lindsay Bligh

Fleet Services

Workshop

Current Business

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Issues

Nil

Damage Report

Repair of collision damage to Water and sewage Ute carried out

Workplace Health & Safety Incidents

Nil

Training Updates

Nil

Next Month's Business Plans

- Continuation of normal workshop work
- Tenders will be evaluated, and purchases made
- Planning of fleet purchases for 2024/25

Other Information

By Sebastian Mearns

Water, Sewerage

Water & Wastewater

- Daily, Weekly, Monthly Water Sampling, including Raw Water.
 - (Daily)** – Daily grab samples from different locations throughout community.
 - MWDRNK** – (Weekly) – **Human Consumption.**
 - MWHCPC** – (when requested) **Heterotrophic Colony Count.**
 - KEWTHM** – (Weekly) - **THM's.**
 - KWP & KWHPDI** (Monthly) – **Pesticides.**
 - KPCB** – (Monthly) - **Blue Green Algae.**
 - SWAHN** – (Monthly) – **Standard Water Analysis.**
- **ANZMT** – (Monthly) – **Heavy Metals.**
- Daily Checklists on Plant and Operations:
 - QR code Checklists WTP & WWTP Operations including Effluent Ponds & Pivot irrigator.
 - QR code Checklists on all Sewage Pump Station's (SPS).
 - Daily QR code checklists on WTP & WWTP i.e., Basic Housekeeping and ensuring grounds are clean and maintained.
- Roll out of new QR code scanning for Sewage Treatment plant, Water Treatment Plant and all Water and Sewage Pump Stations.
- Only 2 open water incidents Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.
- All water staff attended DRQMP review workshop scheduled for 3rd – 4th October with Viridis, DDPHU, and CASC staff.
- Weekly jar testing (coagulant optimization) to cope with recent rain events.
- Daily flushing of all Community main water lines to ensure disinfection of town water distribution system and eliminate buildup of turbidity.


Incidents

- Boil water alert in place for whole of Cherbourg community until further notice.

Staffing & Training

- Current Qualifications:
 - Certificate III in Water Industry Operations - 3 (2 Active in Water Operations)
 - Certificate IV Water Industry Operations – 1 (1 Active in Water Operations)
 - Ongoing Training and develop to ensure Operators are qualified and confident in operating WTP and WWTP

General

- All 7 Effluent ponds are in working condition with no blockages.
 - All water and sewage staff are currently working new roster from 7am to 4:30pm include RDOs, public holidays and weekends.
 - Standard water analysis came back clear for the CWT.
 - The CWT will also be included in weekly Micro Verification sampling and regular inspections followed up with scheduled maintenance.
 - CWT will be turned on to community distribution system on Wednesday 05/03/24
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29 February 2024

Mr Chatur Zala
Chief Executive Officer
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
22 Barambah Avenue
CHERBOURG QLD 4605

Dear Zala,

I am advised that horses are grazing in the paddock near the Barambah Creek water intake point for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council drinking water supply. Faecal contamination from livestock, poses an additional threat to the raw water quality.

To effectively manage the safety of Cherbourg's water supply it is necessary to implement preventive measures from catchment to consumers for each identified hazard. Drinking water service providers are encouraged to adopt a multi barrier approach, so that the failure of one barrier will be compensated by the effective operation of the remaining barriers. This minimises the likelihood that contaminants will pass through the entire treatment system and be present in sufficient amounts to cause harm to consumers.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP) identifies hazards and hazardous events and ensures that there are barriers and preventative measures in place to manage them. Existing and proposed preventative measures are listed on the Risk Register and Improvement Plan that forms part of the DWQMP. Item 7 of the DWQMP Improvement Plan includes a hazardous/source event item *Catchment: Animal Faeces – access and runoff*. This item was initially included as a catchment risk due to cattle having access to the intake water source, which was considered a medium level risk to the catchment water quality. While a risk from upstream grazing remains, it was identified that Council would exclude livestock from this paddock to reduce the risk of animal access to the water intake and animal faeces runoff into the creek.

Pathogens found in faeces from livestock can be spread to the community through drinking contaminated water. Some of these pathogens, such as *Cryptosporidium*, are resistant to chlorine disinfection so other barriers to prevent contamination of the town's drinking water supply are critical. It is recommended that the following measures are taken:

1. Livestock be excluded from Council controlled land surrounding the drinking water supply intake.
2. Weekly catchment inspections be continued around the raw water intake to manage potential hazards. All inspections should be recorded on the Weekly Catchment Inspection Checklist (SOP 4.7.128) and any signs of animal activity reported to the Manager of Water & Sewage.

While I am aware of the animal management challenges that Council are addressing, it is important to ensure the continued safety of the drinking water supply to protect the health and wellbeing of the community.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Peter Boland
Manager Environmental Health



Lighting Design

Solar Street Lighting

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

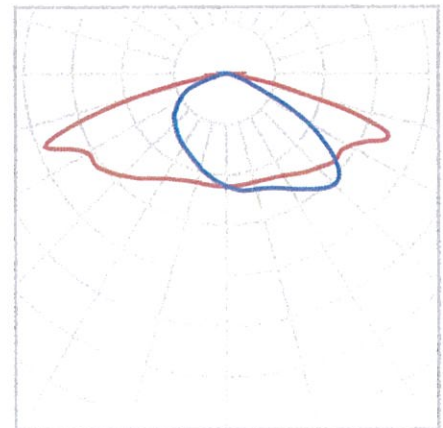
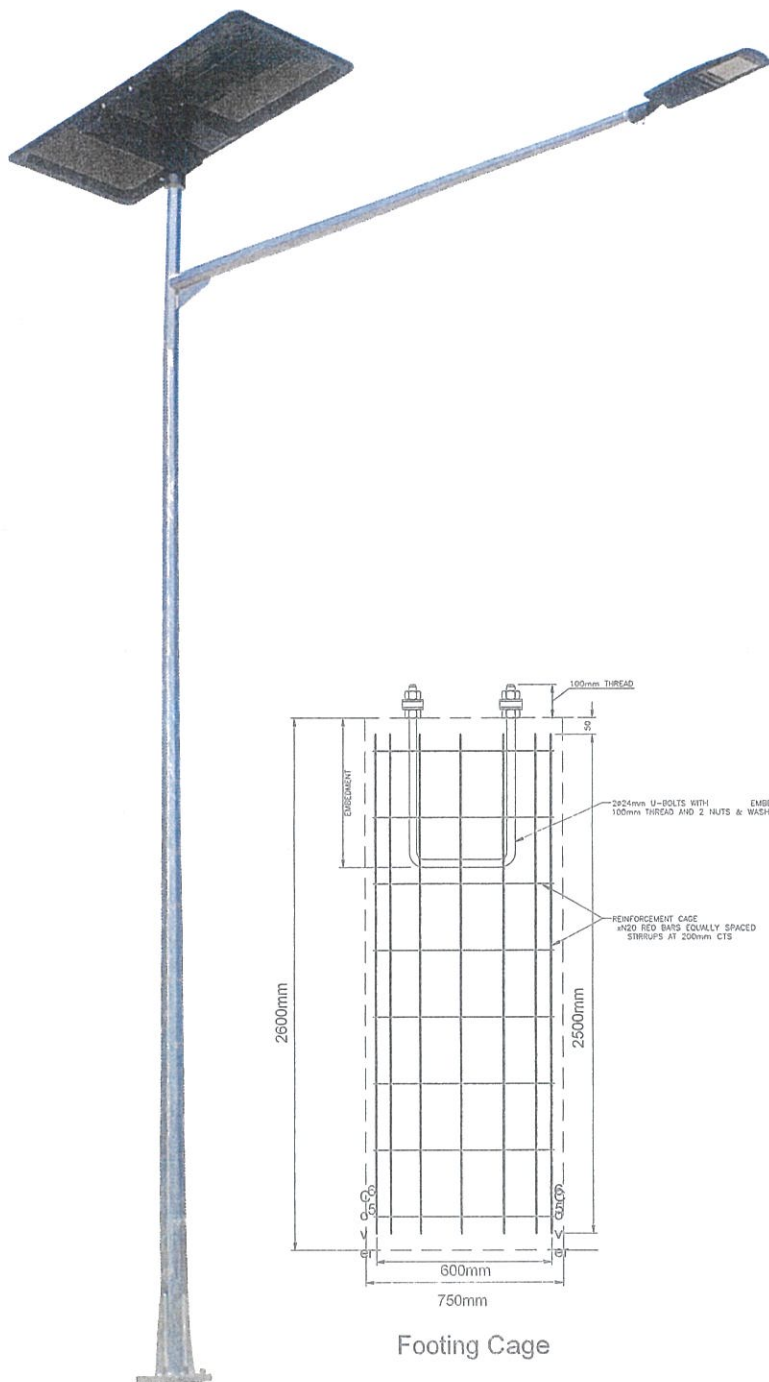
16TH January 2024

Cherbourg Rd, Cherbourg QLD 4605



Luminaire list

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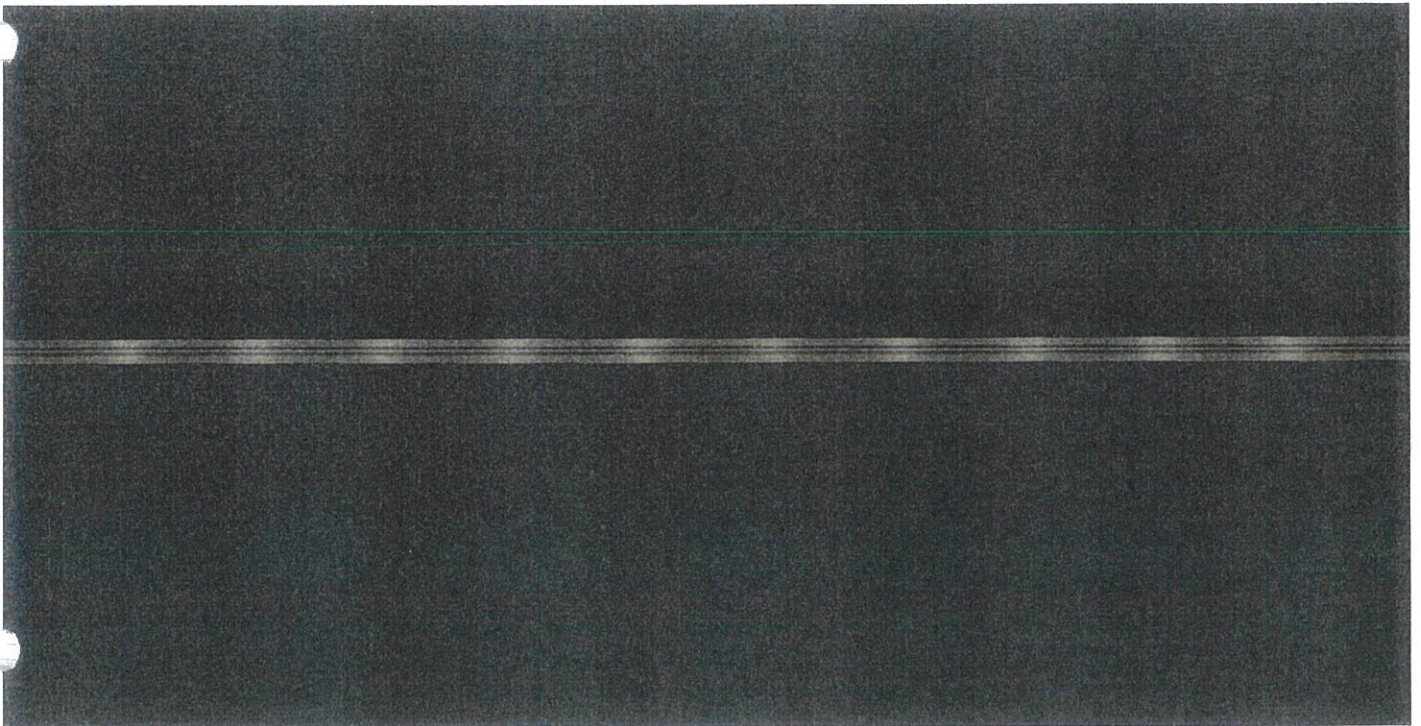


pcs.	10
Manufacturer	VIZONA
Article name	EcoEdge
Fitting	100W (60W Constant)
P	60.4 W
Φ_{Lamp}	9052 lm
$\Phi_{\text{Luminaire}}$	9052 lm
η	100.00 %
Luminous efficacy	149.9 lm/W

Solar Light & Pole

CHERBOURG ROAD

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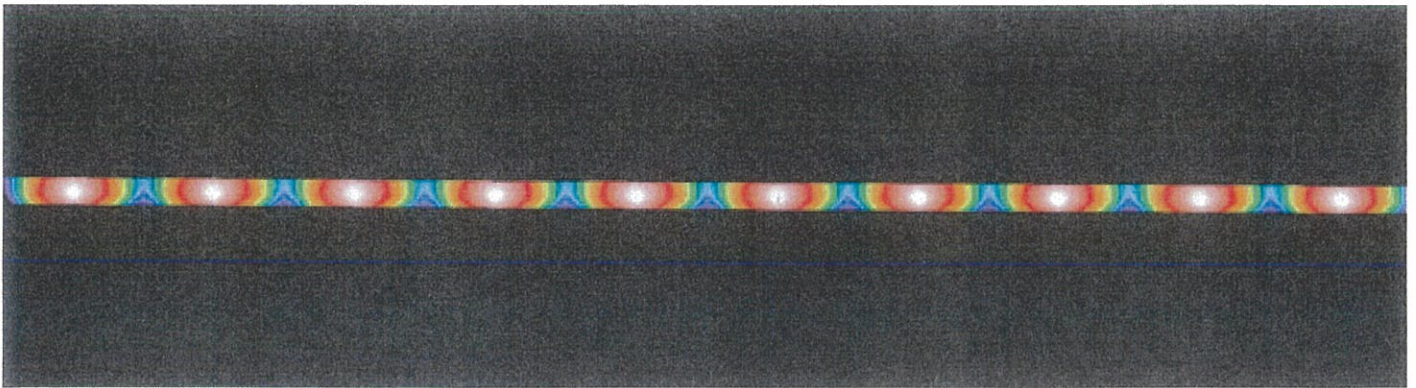


CHERBOURG ROAD

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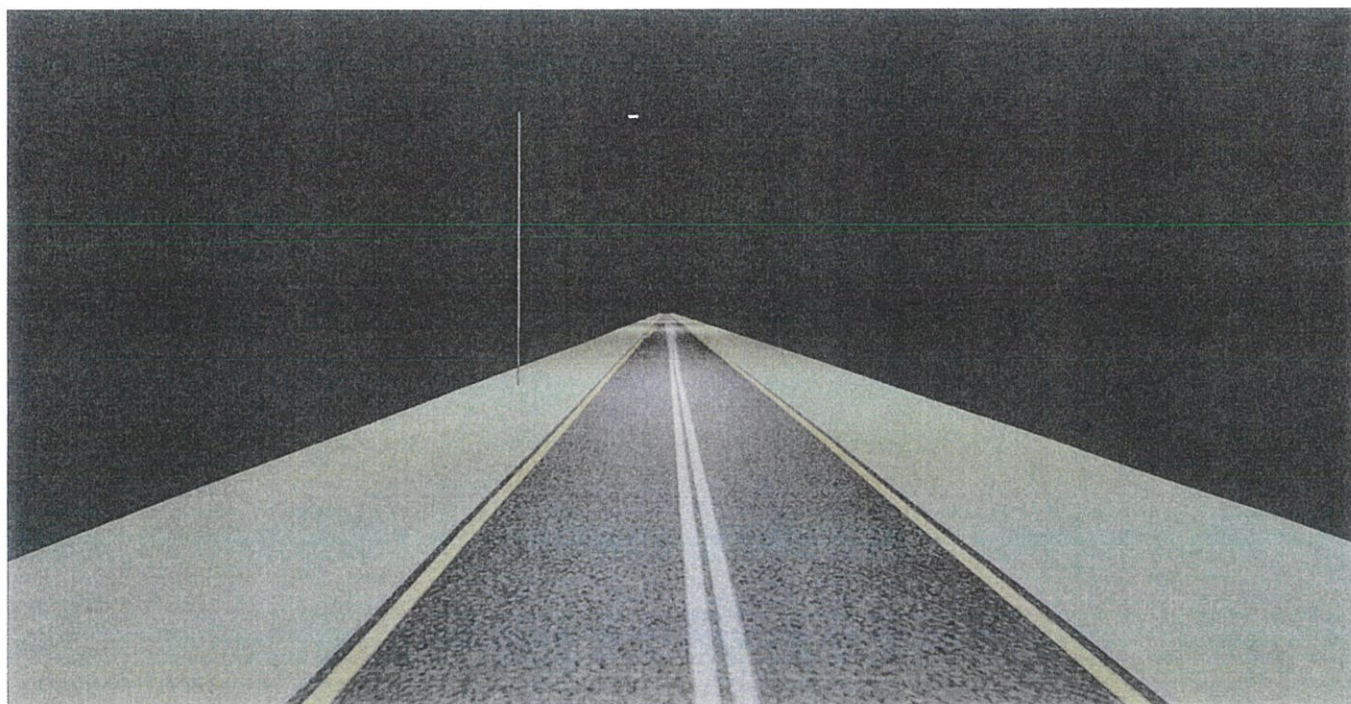
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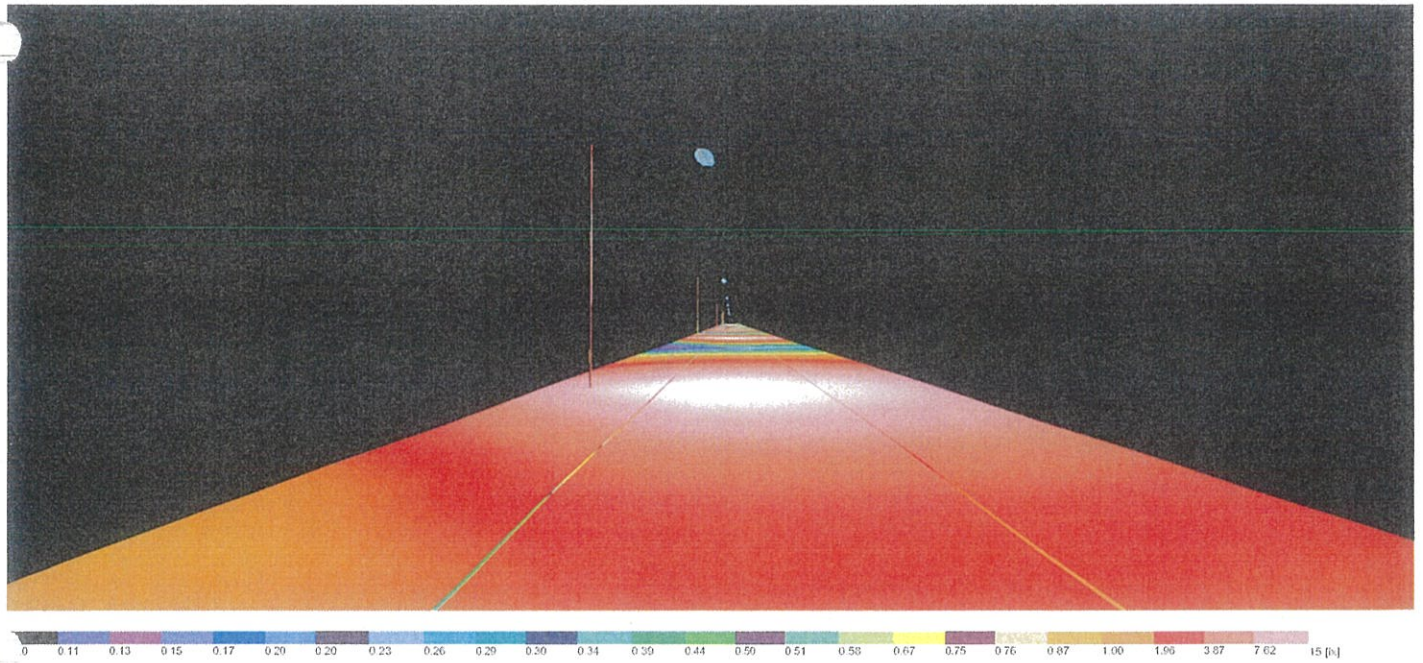
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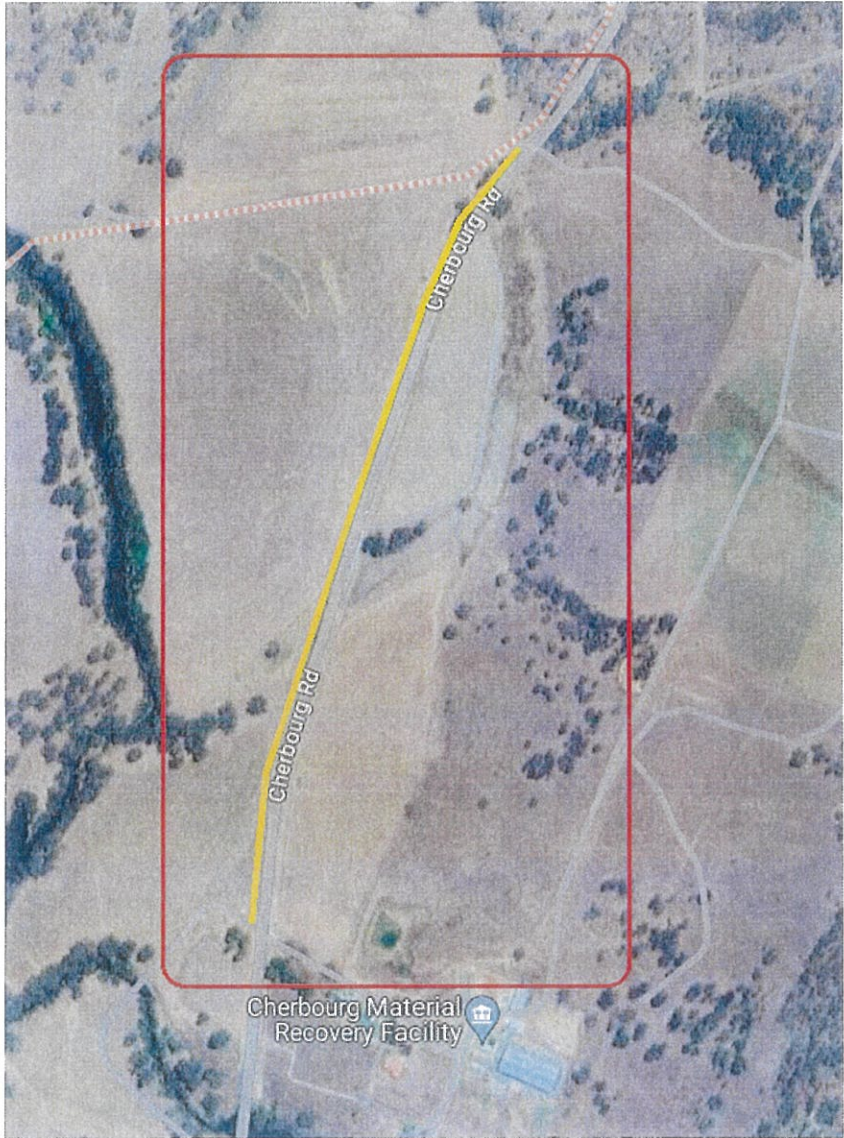


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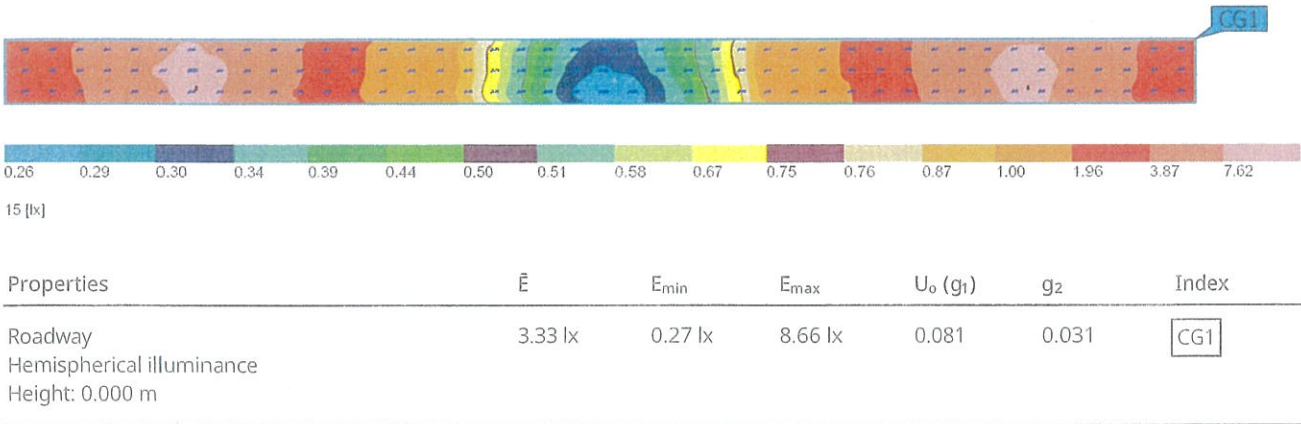
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Geographical Location



Roadway V1 (Light scene 1)



Luminaire layout plan

EcoEdge 100W (60W Constant)

X	Y	Mounting height	Luminaire
-805.170 m	1.710 m	10.500 m	1
-714.154 m	1.710 m	10.500 m	2
-623.173 m	1.710 m	10.500 m	3
-532.154 m	1.710 m	10.500 m	4
-441.162 m	1.710 m	10.500 m	5
-350.160 m	1.695 m	10.500 m	6
-259.179 m	1.695 m	10.500 m	7
-168.160 m	1.695 m	10.500 m	8
-77.168 m	1.695 m	10.500 m	9
13.831 m	1.695 m	10.500 m	10

V1 (Light scene 1)

CHERBOURG ROAD

Calculation objects

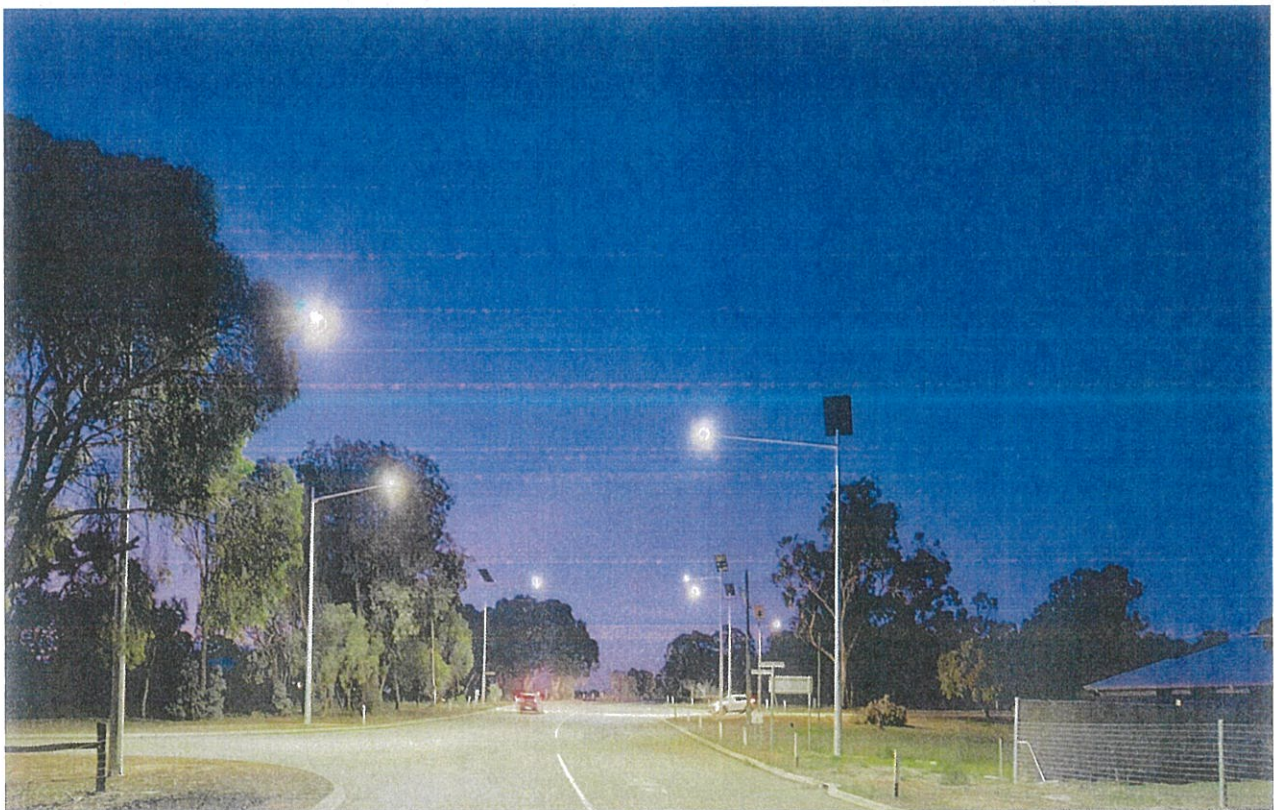


Calculation surfaces

Properties	\bar{E}	E_{min}	E_{max}	$U_o (g1)$	$g2$	Index
Roadway Hemispherical illuminance Height: 0.000 m	3.33 lx	0.27 lx	8.66 lx	0.081	0.031	CG1

Solar Street Lights

10.5m high, 4.5m outreach



6. Community Services Department

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

February - March 24

**RADIO*

**IKC*

SPORTS & REC

**YAG*



The Interagency meeting held Thursday 7th March and an LDMG meeting 6th of March.

Works in progress

- Community Services area working on Community Safety Plan – updating the current plan, community consultation will be happening soon. *Meeting/Interview with Service providers and a community forum will be organised to update the Community Safety Plan.*
- YAG will be employing young people in retail positions and yardmen position. Shop will open Monday – Saturday. YAG Social Enterprises commenced (Flyers attached). *Two young females employed at the YAG shop and four young men employed as yardmen, community residents have come on board with the mowing group and the boys are in high demand.*
- Designer workshops at the IKC commenced. *Nine women attend this now and they are split in two groups, one doing fabric design and one group designing children's clothing.*
- Projects with SLQ – Who's your mob? And truth telling workshops. Registered community and staff interest. *Community and Council staff have registered for this training; State Library will notify us of dates they will come to Cherbourg to deliver this training.*
- University of QLD – Fryer library visit, yarns with Lesley Acres from UQ to make this happen. *No date.*
- Planning for Youth Festival - Youth Week with Office for Youth. *Youth Pathway Expo is happening at the Cherbourg Sports Complex on Thursday 11th April.*
- Camps for Men, Women & Youth planning – Planning to work in partnership with community organisations to make this happen. *We have held initial discussions with Agencies and Community organisations to partner with Council to organise these events.*

Sports & Rec

Report attached.

Radio Station

Not submitted.

IKC (Library)

Report attached.

IYCC Yag Project

Report attached.

This ends my report for the months of February-March 24



Edwina Stewart

Community Services Manager

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Stats from programs at the sports complex		
Early Morning Gym Sessions 6:30a -7:30a Daily	Female Staff for Ladies Male Staff for Males	We haven't had any request for early morning gym this month
Ladies Workout Group 5pm – 6pm Mon, Tues and Thurs	Erica	We had to add more days for our ladies workout sessions. going from once a week to 3 days. They starting off light exercise. To give other ladies a chance to catch up. Ladies exercise include walking up steps, doing step ups, working out on equipment in the gym, doing short community walks and dancing.
After School 2:45p -5p Daily	All Staff	During the month of February, we had about 95 children come for afterschool program and our deadly active sports activities. The children who come are mainly around the primary school age 7-12 years old. We do get a few high school girls coming along as well. There is a number of different activities set up , to help children play with team work, to share and take turns and learn other needed life skills. Cricket is still a favourite; children are showing interest in our deadly active games. We set up what we have to help them build skills for their choice of sport. It's hard for us at times to further their skills as we (staff) need training in the sports and sometimes need to travel to someone/somewhere to development because of limited time for bus.
Play Group Running our Own & Supporting Other Community Play Groups 10am – 12pm	Kaysee & Myesha	Staff are helping out down at the IKC with their play group First 5 Forever. We have had request from other community playgroup Hippy. They have asked if we can combine and set up activities in the ANZAC Memorial Park to help get little children enrolled in their program.
Boys Cultural Activities 2p – 5p Wednesday	Jeffrey	Because Jeffrey has been busy with helping with golf programs, he wasn't able to do any cultural activities with the boys.
Community Basketball 5p – 7p Wednesday	Mark & Jeffrey	We started community basketball back up again. We also had request for training from parents for their children who have been selected for school basketball. Mark is also starting training for these children on Wednesday before the community basketball games.
Deadly Active Sports Seniors Games 10a – 12p Mondays	Kaysee & Lavina	Some community elders got a chance to participate in Deadly Choices seniors' games CRAICCHS, had at the sports complex. They really enjoyed themselves. I need to work in partnership with CRAICCHS for us to run these activities at the sports complex and for our community elders to participate against elders in other QAICCHS services/community/towns.
Deadly Active Sports Netball 5p – 6p Tuesday	Erica & Lavina	No netball training is set yet. Thinking of maybe having training on a Thursday afternoon.
Deadly Active Sports Rugby League 4p – 5p Thursdays (Feb-Apr)	Jeffrey	Still hot trying to find the right time that suits both children and staff. Thinking Wednesday or Thursday afternoon down the football field.
Deadly Active Sports Golf 3p – 5p Monday	Mark & Jeffrey	This month we had 14 children help make mini putt- putt with Jeffrey. The project itself helped children with life skills of team work, respect, sharing as well as helping them learn putting skills. They also started going to the golf range in Cherbourg to practice there hitting. We had offers for children to play a around of golf on Friday afternoons as well, however we are still trying to work out bus situation.

Deadly Active Sports Gymnastics 4p – 5p Thursday	Lavina & Myesha	Staff set up gymnastic equipment up during afterschool program. We are still working on setting a day just for gymnastics. And try to get a teacher to come teach children and staff exercise/activities.
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- **Blue** – is open upon request for community members who's wanting to use the complex/boxing/gym outside normal opening hours.
- **Yellow** –programs we run at the sports complex set by sports and rec staff for children and community.
- **Green** – is our only/main program we run Monday – Friday (public holidays not included.)
- **Orange** - activities are our funded Deadly Active Sports we run at the sports complex for and with the children and any interested community people. They are done on different days and times throughout the week.
 - The aim of these games is to in courage children and their families to take up and be active in a sport that they enjoy playing. Also, for parents to support their children in choice of sports.
 - For children to know and understand the rules and how to play game.

We hope that the skills and rules they learn from the sports, helps them make healthy, safe choices in life and that they take up the sport as a profession.

During the last month we have been working in partnership with:

- **CTC Grannies' Group:** working with the grannies in this group. Getting ideas from them about what activities they feel comfortable doing for our Seniors activities.
- **IKC** – Staff have been helping out with IKC play group. Setting up, supervising and packing away play equipment each Tuesday.
- **IBA – Simon Taylor** came and ran a basketball clinic for interested children. We had about 30 children attend and take part in activities. The children ages ranged for 7 -16 years of age. He invited children to join his skills camp down Sunshine Coast during the holidays. The camp is a one-day event. On his latest visit we yarned about dates he would like to come. (Once a term)

We have 3 boys who have been selected to play in the IBA comp for selection SE QLD. (Kobe played in last 2- years.)

He's asking for some children to attend his clinics that are coming up 2024.

It will be free all we have to do is provide transport and meals for our community children.

Simon still wants to continue working with the children for basketball.

- **Hippy/Ration Shed** – asked if we can combine and set up activities in the ANZAC Memorial Park to help get little children enrolled in their program. Planning in progress for this activity.

- **Women Shelter/Uniting Care** – staff are working in partnership with the women shelter ladies for DV awareness month (May). They are going ahead with children arts and craft, netball, basketball, touch and movie night. Same as last year. They will provide medallions', meals, drinks and snacks for each sport, craft and movie events. Dates for each activity are still on hold at the moment.

Community organisations have used the sports complex for meetings:

- **CTC grannies' group**: use the complex for community ladies to meet once a month in the morning doing arts and craft activities.
- **Korean Church Group** – they come and share the Gospel with children and staff once a term. If children and staff don't want to join in the play outside in the undercover area, most of the children stay. They've been coming for a few years now. I thought they have spoken Aunty Edwina – Sorry I will ask them to meet Aunty Edwina before they come to the complex next time.
- **Complex staff** – we had our first team meeting this month, (Feb 2024). Went well Aunty Wina sat in on our meeting to see how we went. Next one I (Lavina) will do on my own.
- **CRAICCHS** – they held a, Deadly Choices launch at the complex (27th Feb 2024). They held/showed us how they run their seniors' games, with community elders competing against sunshine coast elders. As well as promoting their Deadly Kindy program by doing some activities and giving away gift bags and Deadly Choice shirts. They also promoted healthy eating and wellbeing.

Maintenance

Main Building

- Ceiling replaced where it was cut out to see where the water was coming from.
- Doors to the office and kitchen need replacing. As it is a safety and theft issue as is at the moment.
- Can we change one of the showers to another toilet please. We have 2 showers and 1 toilet indoors. No showers outdoors toilet can we have 1 shower in there.
- Our complex boxing shed, got broken into over the weekend (3rd March 2024). Roller doors was kicked in to get in the shed. Boxing gloves and a punching bag was stolen. Doors need repairing.

Outdoors

- The new lawn mowing crew has mowed and whipper snipped the complex grounds around buildings and fence and the oval has been mowed by parks & garden gang with the slasher.

- Still waiting for a laundry to be place in one of the storerooms. At the moment, staff, are taking dirty laundry home to clean.
- Want to bring the retainer wall up again. As there is concern for the children about snakes. A baby was killed this month, because it was trying to enter the main building at the complex. Sighting on larger ones disappearing in the retainer walls.

Other

- Staff would like to do a community celebration BBQ for award winning story of Pa Eddie Gilbert inspiration film clip for community members. Looking at doing sometime around the school holidays.



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Indigenous Knowledge Centre

1/3/2024

Council Report for March 2024

CENTRE USAGE

*For the past month March the centre has been
utilized by the following:*

MEETINGS:

*Parent Next every Wednesdays
St Vinnies had a meeting this month
Personal meeting*

COMMUNITY INTERNET USERS.

*Clients for centrelink
Job search
Checking emails and printing.
School research.
Social Media*

Programs:

After school program.

First Five Forever started again.

Creative Arts and Designs

(with members of the community)

OTHER NEWS

*Cherbourg YAG lawn mowing had
started their services at the IKC.*

TOTAL TALLY FOR February March 51

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Staff

Coordinator – 8hrs day - 72.5 hours f/n

Lavina Dynevor

Sport and Rec Officer: 5 hrs daily - (50 hr f/night)

Kaysee Miller

Jeffrey Dynevor

Mark Saltner

Erica Duncan

Boxing Program: Mon, Tues, Wed – 5hrs each day

No one at the moment

Cleaner: 2hrs daily

Kaysee Miller

Relief Staff: when needed 3hrs daily

Myesha Gadd

Marhella Saltner

Number Stats for the February

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
Sessions						
Early Morning Gym	No one has requested yet.					
Gym During the Day	3	2	6	3	4	8
Children After School	65	72	63	69	85	94
Deadly Active Sports						
Golf	-	-	8	12	-	12
Netball	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rugby League	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gymnastics	3	16	10	-	11	19
Ladies Gym Group			6	7	15	19
Play Group	-	-	2	4		6
Men's Basketball			6	8		7
Boys Cultural Group	-	-	-	-	-	-
IBA Basketball			30			30

Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture (IYCC)

Youth Advisory Group

February / March 2024

- Youth officers continuing community engagement with young people, community members and stakeholders.
- YAG staff have met with the following:
 - DATSIP
 - TAFE
 - Indigenous Futures Foundation
 - Cherbourg Interagency
 - Office for Youth
 - Murgon State High School
 - Julie Appo
 - Greenbox
 - TAFE
 - Queensland Music Festival
 - Silver Lining School
- New YAG employees attended safety awareness training
- YAG have been hosting and joining in with CTC grannies group on Tuesday mornings up at the YAG Shop.
- St Vinnies will be holding their monthly meetings at the Shop
- YAG Youth Festival will be held at the sports complex on the 11th April commencing at 10am.
- QMF planning on visiting community first week of April for workshops.
- YAG mowing service has received an overwhelming amount of support from the community. There are 4 young men employed and have been busy mowing community yards.
- Art & Design workshops with Julie Appo & her sister Maxine continuing. They will be back in community 6th March 2024 at the IKC.
- YAG shop was opened for international visitors on Saturday 24th Feb.

This ends my report for February / March

Wawida Collins

Community Services Officer / YAG Co-ordinator



Products on display at the YAG shop.

Cherbourg YAG member Maureen Weazel models a dress at the opening of the YAG shop last October. Photos Dave Pattinson

CHERBOURG'S YOUNG ACHIEVERS

HAVING THEIR VOICES HEARD IS POSITIVELY INFLUENCING THE YOUNG MEMBERS OF THIS QUEENSLAND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY.

YOUNG CHERBOURG RESIDENTS are using the newly formed Youth Action Group (YAG) to have their voices heard, improving outcomes for themselves and the Indigenous community through their 'social enterprise' work at the Bert Button Lookout.

The facility at the scenic lookout includes a native nursery to create floral arrangements to provide another source of income for the community.

It is also used as a space for workshops, hosting community gatherings and facilitating truth-telling.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Council Community Services Officer Wawida Collins said the YAG was about "our youth connecting with Elders and the community, developing leadership and

learning about culture, family and history".

"It provides a space for our youth to feel safe, respected and included, as well as being engaged in activities that come from their ideas," she said.

Those ideas have led to activities and events, from candle and soap-making workshops to fashion parades. The latter features clothing incorporating the artists' own stories, modelled by the young women themselves to increase their self-esteem.

Ms Collins said the idea of flower arrangements developed after the young women had noticed the amount of 'sorry business' in Cherbourg.

"They talked about how beneficial it would be to have a florist or a shop that sold flowers in the community to save families travelling to nearby Murgon to

buy the flowers," she said.

It is hoped that the YAG will evolve into a sustainable business that will give more opportunities to Cherbourg's youth.

"We are working towards a social enterprise for young people to be trained to run the business," Ms Collins said.

"This would offer employment opportunities for youth in our community, support mental health and wellbeing and encourage and boost self-esteem among our young people."

Visitors to Cherbourg are welcome to visit the YAG facility at Bert Button Lookout to learn more about its projects and buy products like soaps and flowers. Community members are also invited to join its workshops.

"The YAG gives our young people a sense of pride, hope, belonging and inclusiveness," Ms Collins said.

During the RACQ Foundation visit to Cherbourg last October, volunteers helped plant the native nursery and restore the grounds at the lookout. ■



SCAN THE CODE TO WATCH A VIDEO ON THE RACQ FOUNDATION VISIT.

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Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Inc.



19/02/2024

Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Club Inc
Broadway Street, Cherbourg QLD 4605

To:

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your outstanding contribution to the Community and region through sponsorship of the Cherbourg Junior Rugby League in 2023.

Your generous donation has contributed enormously to our Club fielding, U6's, U8's, U10's, U12's, U14's Juniors.

The A-Grade Men's Team and the first ever A-Grade fixtures Womens Team for Cherbourg.

We also hosted the legends of League game between local Cherbourg Legends and the NRL legends including Sam Thaiday, Cliff Lyons, Ben Hannant, John Hopoate, Terry Mathieson, and others that played out in Cherbourg in 2023.

This Year will be a bigger and better year for our Club, and we are committed to working hard for better outcomes for our people and to assist council and local people in the following areas;

- Reducing Domestic and Family Violence
- Substance Abuse for young and older people.
- Assist to lower incarceration rate for men, women, and children.
- Promote healthy lifestyles.

Last year our Annual Budget for 2023 was estimated to be: \$56,311.00.

The Draws from the South Burnett Rugby League for 2024 as not been released but we are expecting around the same cost if not more due to the South Burnett attempting to field a U16's Girls Team. This will be a great opportunity for girls to be involved and for us as a community to promote healthy lifestyles and positive outcomes for all members of the community and the young girls and women have missed out on this in previous years.

We are keen for our relationship with the Cherbourg Council to continue to grow for the betterment of the Cherbourg Community and the rest of the South Burnett as we work together to bridge the gap between cultures and people through sport.

The Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Inc. are seeking Sponsorship for the 2024 season. Last year the Cherbourg Council supported the Club with generous contributions financially and maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, were asking that the Cherbourg Council consider an upgrade of contributions due to the club having more expected expenditure in season 2024.

The Cherbourg Club hope that you consider our offer and know that we appreciate any support you can show our club and we look forward to developing a strong working relationship with you in 2024.

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Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Inc.



In Closing we would like to say thank-you to the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council for your generous donation and support in 2023.

Here is a list of the awards for the Cherbourg Rugby league players from the South Burnett Rugby League as well as being named Club Champions in 2023.

2023 Harvey Norman U19 Girls Wide Bay Representative - Samantha Cobbo
2023 U16 Cyril Connell Wide Bay Representative - Shamus Cobbo, Tito Bligh
2023 U18 Mal Meninga Cup Representative - Djuran Murray-Smith
2023 U15 Eagles Boys Most Improved Forward - Kenneth Davidson
2023 U16 Eagles Boys Best Forward - Franky Bligh
2023 U16 Eagles Boys Most Improved Forward - Shamus Cobbo
2023 U16 Eagles Boys Best & Fairest - Tito Bligh
2023 Senior SB Eagle - George Fisher
2023 Senior Top Try Scorer - George Fisher
2023 SBRL Best Club Person - Kalchiri Jacobs
2023 Ken Mills Isuzu Ute SBRL U14 Player of the Final - Elijah Langton
2023 Burnett Brahmans Representative Players - Barry Tapau-Fewquandie, David Hopkins, Drew Jackson, Elwyn Fewquandie, George Fisher, John Blair, Patrick Alberts, Vinnie Law
2023 Burnett Brahmans Best Back - Vinnie Law
2023 Burnett Brahmans Best & Fairest - George Fisher
2023 SBRL Team of the Year:
Wing - Michael Aubrey
Prop - Anthony Gray
Reserve - George Fisher
Reserve - Vinnie Law
Reserve - Patrick Alberts

Club Champions - Cherbourg Hornets



Cherbourg Hornets Under 14's Grand Final Winners 2023

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,

George Fisher | Sponsorship Co-ordinator

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From: Kirra Faulkner <Kirra.Faulkner@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:48 AM
To: Zala Chatursinh <ceo@cherbourg.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Meeting outcomes

Dear Zala,

It was lovely to meet with you, the Mayor, Councillors and the Government Champion, Clare O'Connor, on the 15th of February at Parliament.

The Minister has asked me to follow up to confirm the commitments made during the meeting and outline next steps.

Ministerial Champion

- We committed to follow up in relation to the letter regarding the Cherbourg Multipurpose & Civic Centre with the Premier's Office and the Hon Meghan Scanlon MP, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works' Office. We have undertaken this and been advised that Minister Scanlon's Office will consider the material you have provided, advise our office regarding the next steps and prepare a response to you in conjunction with the Premier's Office, and
- To follow up with the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) regarding funding for the current landfill development and upgrade. We understand you had a meeting with representatives from DESI on 16 February. We have sought a briefing in relation to the next steps arising from that meeting and will make contact with you to discuss this when we have received that information.

Government Champion

- Your Government Champion committed to speaking with the Director-General of Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works, Michael Cridland,
- to look into Federal funding opportunities, and
- to explore the possibility of co-contributions towards your proposal from the Communities portfolio.

I understand Paul O'Driscoll will be able to provide both you and our office with an update on these enquiries.

We appreciate the time taken to come to Brisbane to discuss this matter. It is clear that significant time, energy and resourcing has gone into the business case for the Cherbourg Multipurpose & Civic Centre and we appreciate the benefit that such a facility could have in the community.

On a personal note, the Minister thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with you all and asked me to convey her warm sentiments.

As always, please call me on 0420 996 494 should you have any questions about this email, or other matters arising in your community.

Kind regards



**Queensland
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1 March 2024

Mr Chatur Zala
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Via email: ceo@cherbourg.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Zala

Re: Thank you for hosting the Water Connections Tour

On behalf of the Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*) I would like to extend my personal gratitude for hosting delegates from the Water Connections Tour on Friday 23 February.

As the central advisory and advocacy body, working with our members to provide safe, secure and sustainable urban water to Queensland communities, we were privileged to assist the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water in developing the Tour.

I understand that my colleague David is continuing work with council to ensure the recognition and visibility of the critical projects identified during the Tour with the relevant Queensland Government personnel.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us (gdavis@qldwater.com.au/mobile 0450 296 240 and dwiskar@qldwater.com.au /mobile 0417 720 211) if we can assist in any way.

Yours sincerely

Dr Georgina Davis
Chief Executive Officer

Indigenous Communities Program

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC)

Indigenous Communities Program Status Report as at January 2024

Agreed Delivery Method for the 2023-24 Program	Council and Contractors as engaged by Council will deliver works outlined in the 2023-24 Program Delivery Schedule, within agreed timeframes and have agreed to seek assistance from QBuild for remaining works (in consultation with Council) not in the schedule using QBuild trades or QBuild engaged contractors as required.			
Joint Operational Meetings	Last meeting – not held		Next meeting – 1 March 2024	
Maintenance Overview				
Aged Responsive Maintenance (RM) Works	Aged Job cards have decreased in quarter two, however still need to be actioned. Additional responsive maintenance was identified, and the responsive maintenance program progressed very well in quarter two.			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Total No. of Outstanding RM	505	207		
Aged job cards (over 60 days)	289	77		
Aged job card % (over 60 days)	57%	37%		
RM Condition Assessment Data	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
RM at the Start of the Quarter	489	505		
Additional RM identified	565	432		
RM completed by Council	549	730		
% of RM Completed	52%	78%		
Paint Program	The 2023-24 Paint program progressed very well in quarter two.			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
No. of Paints in the program	6	7		
No. of Paints from 2022-23	3	0		
Additional Paints identified	2	0		
Paints completed by Council	4	4		
% of Paints Completed	36%	57%		
Upgrade Overview				
Upgrade Program	The 2023-24 Upgrade program progressed slowly in quarter two.			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
No. of Upgrades in the program	4	20		
No. of Upgrades from 2022-23	11	-		
Additional Upgrades identified	8	-2		
Upgrades completed by Council	3	4		
% of Upgrades Completed	13%	22%		



Our reference: DGBN24/79



22 February 2024

Mr Chatur Zala
Chief Executive Officer
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
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Office of the
Director-General

Department of
**Housing, Local Government,
Planning and Public Works**

Dear Mr Zala

The Auditor-General recently tabled in Parliament his Report 8: 2023-24 *Local Government 2023* (the draft report). A copy of the draft report can be found on the Queensland Audit Office's (QAO) website at <https://www.qao.qld.gov.au/reports-resources/reports-parliament/local-government-2023>.

It is pleasing to note that most councils met the deadline for the completion of their 2022-23 financial statements. I would like to personally thank you and your staff for your efforts to meet these requirements.

In the report, the Auditor-General has made the following three recommendations for councils:

- Implement processes to ensure policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and kept up to date.
- Provide an onboarding program for all elected councillors and mayors following the March 2024 elections.
- Annually review the registration status of employees undertaking engineering services.

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works (the department) supports these recommendations. I encourage all councils to prioritise the activities needed to implement the recommendations, including reviewing your council's policies, procedures and practices and identifying opportunities to improve systems and processes.

The Auditor-General has also highlighted several other matters for councils throughout the report. These include:

- Actioning any outstanding significant deficiencies that the QAO identified for your council.
- Having an audit committee and/or an effective internal audit function.
- Setting up good budget and cash management processes to cope with increasing costs and changes to the timing of grant funding.
- Attending to any outstanding prior year recommendations.
- Plan for early certification of end of financial year reporting to meet the audit certification statutory deadline of 31 October each year.

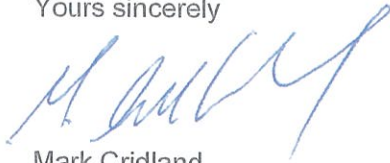
I encourage all councils to take action to address these matters during 2024, to the extent they apply to your council. As you may be aware, the department has recently released a range of financial management and performance tools, which are designed to support councils with budget and cashflow planning and reporting. Information about the tools is available on LG Central.

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If you require further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Ms Deanne Stewart, Director, Local Government Division in the department by telephone on (07) 3452 7875 or by email at deanne.stewart@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Cridland', written over a horizontal line.

Mark Cridland
Director-General

cc Mr Sam Murray
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Every Queensland
community deserves
to be a liveable one

7 February 2024

Cr Elvie Sandow
Mayor
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Mr Chatur Zala
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Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

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Dear Mayor,

Dear Chatur,

RE: Reef Councils' Rescue Plan – Cleaner Water for the Reef – 2024 Review

I'm pleased to write to you about the Local Government Association of Queensland having commenced a review of the *Reef Councils' Rescue Plan – Cleaner Water for the Reef* (the Plan), which will be a key advocacy document in our work to secure outcomes for member councils.

The review of the Plan ensures that it continues to be a contemporary document for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef (Reef) and contributes towards the delivery of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan 2021-25 and the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan.

We would like you to please nominate a contact person at your council to consult with and keep informed as part of the review. This contact person will be involved through all stages of the review and will be integral in shaping the next iteration of the Plan. It is important to the LGAQ that we have your feedback to ensure the Plan is contemporary, specific and can underpin our advocacy in a state election year in 2024, followed by a federal election year in 2025.

The original Plan was developed by the LGAQ in 2020, through support from the State Government and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and focusses on improving water quality entering the Reef lagoon by identifying council specific initiatives that enable community engagement, improved understanding of priorities and opportunities, trialling and implementing innovative approaches and improving practices in council management of infrastructure and delivery of services.

The three initiatives identified in the Plan are the:

1. Cleaner Wastewater – improving the outflows from our communities' sewage treatment plants into the Reef.
2. Cleaner Stormwater – improving local fish and marine habitats.
3. Cleaner Road Runoff – reducing sediment and erosion from unsealed roads that service our communities along the Reef.

To date the Plan, which was endorsed by 21 of the 32 Reef councils, has delivered more than \$2.6 million in State Government funding to Reef councils to deliver initiative activities that support the delivery of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan 2021-25 and the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan.



Initiatives delivered to date include:

- supporting nine Reef councils to scope future wastewater investment activities through a wastewater strategic assessment study (\$1.128 million); and
- the delivery of the Cleaner Road Run-off Project which, in partnership with five Reef councils, aims to understand and mitigate the impact of unsealed road sediment runoff to the Reef (\$1.5 million).

The LGAQ is committed to continuing to strengthen partnerships and advocacy for ongoing State and Federal government investment in Reef protection, recognising the calls of Queensland councils over successive LGAQ Annual Conferences, the valuable feedback obtained from members at the 2023 LGAQ Annual Conference, Coastal Councils Forum and the significant economic, social and environmental value of this World Heritage Area to Queensland and its local communities.

The review will be completed prior to the State Government election period and will provide a strong advocacy platform for the LGAQ and member councils to seek increased natural resource management funding for councils to deliver actions that support the protection of the Reef.

Please forward contact details for your nominated person to Josh Dyke, Lead – Natural Resources and Environment at Joshua.Dyke@lgaq.asn.au by Friday, 23 February 2024.

If you have any questions about the review, or questions on LGAQ's natural resources and environment's portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Dyke directly on 0427 909 927.

Yours sincerely

Alison Smith
Chief Executive Officer



Premier of Queensland

For reply please quote: EPP/MJC – TF/24/1786 – DOC/24/31394

7 MAR 2024

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Dear Councillor Sandow

Thank you for your letter of 29 January 2024 regarding the Cherbourg Community Centre and Council offices project (the project).

I appreciate your kind words of congratulation following my swearing in as Premier of Queensland. Serving as Premier is and always will be the greatest honour of my life.

I also appreciate the opportunity to work closely with you and the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (the Council) over the past three years in my previous role as the minister responsible for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

The information you have provided on the Council's project is noted. Advice received is that Queensland Government agencies were on the project steering committee which has previously provided advice to the Council on potential funding opportunities, and the Council has been encouraged to seek funding through Federal and Queensland Government grant programs.

The caretaker period for local government elections commenced on 29 January 2024 and accordingly, the Council may wish to re-engage with the Queensland Government once election outcomes have been confirmed.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

STEVEN MILES MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND