

TITLE:	Works Manager - February 2025 Report	DOC REF: 13.1
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure

2.1: Well connected

2.1.1: Develop, manage, and maintain Council controlled roads and airport infrastructure to sustain and improve connectivity and safety

2.1.2: Deliver quality roadwork on non-Council roads within quality assurance guidelines

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Council works program for February 2025.

CONTENT:

Town Services

Town Water Supply

- During the month of February our town water supply had some supply demand issues during this month due to it being hot and dry. We issued a public residence notice with lawn and garden watering restrictions. With the notice in place the demand on town water supply is stabilised and back to normal. During this period, we had also been pumping water from the river to maintain our road islands grassed areas.
- All public toilets, taps, irrigation and the like are now being monitored with a greater attention to leaks and repaired as quickly as possible.
- Jade Sacipovic has been off siding Willie Parsons on a casual basis of 2 days per week learning and gaining Willie's wisdom of Town Services and has been progressing well. She has also been learning how to take water readings and perform the testing on our town water supply.
- The new water bore named (Tank Bore No. 10) is still being tested and recorded and still producing good quality water. We will continue to perform the testing and recording for a further 1 month.

Town Sewage System

- The town sewage system has been operating in a normal capacity and trouble free for the month of February.

Parks & Gardens

- All works in parks and gardens have been operating well; however, at times during this month we had been operating with low staff attendance levels.
- All Streets and Roads in the Boulia Township had all the weeds and grasses poisoned that were growing through the bitumen or road corridor. We will continue to perform this over the next few months until all are no longer an issue. This will become a monthly task going forward.

- As a combined discussion with the Town Services team, we shall be looking and investigating ways of further improving and greening the township of Boulia with more trees and shrubs. We are currently investigating what trees and shrubs require low maintenance and watering that will suit this beautification.

Road Construction & Maintenance

- The team have completed the side road at the Dajarra end of the Waverley Crk Bridge Approaches project and had commenced profiling the existing 1.1km of road.
- The contractor (Harris) has completed the ripping and push to stockpile of the base course material in the Headingly 01 borrow pit on Nth Urandangi Rd.
- It is expected that the Waverley Creek Bridge Approaches Road Works is to be completed and ready for bitumen sealing the first week in April.

RMPC Team

- The RMPC team have mainly been assisting the Town Services team this month due to low staff attendance.
- Works were carried out on pavement repairs in town streets in Pituri, Moonah and Herbert.
- The removal and establishment of the concrete batching plant in the Works Depot compound in the new Industrial sub-division has commenced and expected to be fully completed and operational by mid-March.
- The Cloncurry section of RMPC shall commence works with bitumen surface correction and road edge widening in the month of March and it is expected to have all works completed by mid-April.
- Awaiting Variation on CH276.28 to carry out Culvert replacement works on this Chainage.
- In-Principal approval for Dajarra/Mt Isa section for specific sections around CH128 has been given, working with TMR PM to cost these and get a Variation through.
- RMPC spend for FY24/25 has been better than for FY23/24. Few factors have helped (DO & Charge Model for the FY, Having a dedicated foreman). Key activity is to lock in Unit rates for the FY26. We need to improve on the Quality of the spend.

CONSULTATION:

Director of Works and Operations as required

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

All work completed within budget allocations

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Works Manager - February 2025 Report for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

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Approved by Acting Chief Executive Officer	Mrs Kaylene Sloman