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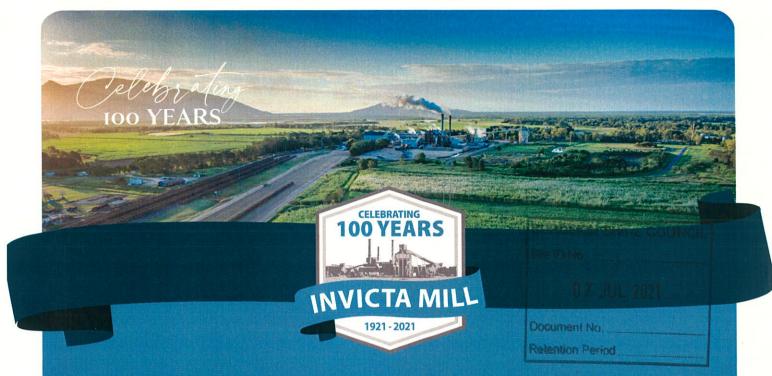
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Dear Lyn

You are invited to join Wilmar Sugar Australia to celebrate Invicta Mill's Centenary. Celebrations will be held in Giru on Friday 13 August 2021.

The events are:

Centenary Ceremony

10am

Invicta Mill – grassed area at entrance to mill site

Official ceremony will be followed by morning tea at the Giru School of Arts Hall

Bus tour of Invicta Mill

11am

Brolga Park – buses will leave from area adjacent to School of Arts Hall Take a 30 minute guided bus tour of Invicta Mill

Invicta Centenary Community Night

From 5pm

Brolga Park – reserved seating available in the School of Arts Hall

Official ceremony at 7.30pm

Pop-up food trucks, licensed bar, live entertainment, kids' amusements



An historical exhibition featuring photos and memorabilia from Invicta Mill will be on display at the Giru QCWA Hall from **11am to 3pm** and from **5pm to 7pm**



Please confirm your attendance at events by **Friday 30 July**. You can RSVP online, using the QR code below, or complete the enclosed form and return to Invicta Mill.

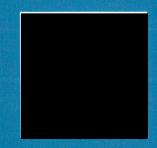
Invited guests who plan to attend the Community Night will be provided with food and drinks tickets for the evening.

We hope you will join us to celebrate this special milestone for Invicta Mill.

Kind regards

James Wallace Production Superintendent Invicta Mill

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Radiant is back!

It is time to gather again ladies, it is time to be blessed, it is time to be spoilt and it is time to shine again! Yes, Radiant is on and we are excited to host you again this year! We are so blessed this year to have Dr Amanda Nickson as our Guest Speaker. She is a wife, mother, author, social worker, walking miracle and passionate Christian. She has also earned her LhD in Social Work, lectured at James Cook University and currently runs her own business. She has written a book Living by Faith and her passion is to encourage others in their own journey of faith to help them develop a closer personal relationship with God—so she is just perfect for our Radiant Conference!

We are in for a great weekend — be sure not to miss out! Looking forward to spending the weekend with you all, Helene Holmes

Jession Times:

Friday Night ~ 7:00 pm (Dessert included)

Saturday ~ 9:00 am - 1:30 pm (Morning Tea and Lunch included) Saturday Night ~ 6:00 pm (Refreshments included)



Radiant Women's Conference 2021

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Your Details:
Full Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Church Name:
Registration Details: Full Conference ~ \$50 Full Conference Concession ~ \$40 Friday Night ~ \$20 Saturday ~ \$30 Saturday Night ~ \$20
Please RSVP to Helene (mobile: by 11 th July, 2021.

Home Hill Grain Storage Pty Ltd



5th of July 2021

To Mayor McLaughlin and Councillors,

The members of Home Hill Grain Storage would like to express our gratitude for your letter of support which was used in the Expression of Interest stage of the North Queensland Economic Diversification Grant. We are pleased to announce that we have progressed to the next stage of the funding process and will lodge our second-round application shortly.

Thank you to Eliza Lovell for her assistance in being our conduit to Council and her efforts in promoting diversification in general throughout the district.

We would also like to thank the town planning staff who have been helpful in any answering any questions regarding the Material Change of Use application.

We hope for the continued support of Burdekin Shire Council as we progress with the project.

Kind regards,

Jeff Linton

Director

Home Hill Grain Storage Pty Ltd

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

For reply please quote: - QRATF/20/2937

11 June 2021

Mr Terry Brennan Chief Executive Officer Burdekin Shire Council PO Box 974 AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Brennan

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority is committed to strengthening disaster resilience so our communities are better equipped to deal with the increasing prevalence of natural disasters.

A key outcome of Resilient Queensland: Delivering the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience is the development of regional resilience strategies.

I am pleased to advise that today, Friday 11 June 2021 the *Burdekin and Haughton Flood Resilience Strategy* was released by the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

I would like to personally thank the eight councils that partnered with the Queensland Government to deliver the *Burdekin and Haughton Flood Resilience Strategy*, jointly funded as part of the \$242 million Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Category C and D package by the Australian and Queensland Governments following the Monsoon Trough disaster event of 2019.

The Burdekin and Haughton Flood Resilience Strategy has been published at https://www.qra.qld.gov.au/burdekin-haughton along with the supporting videos and local knowledge maps. Local resilience action plans have been supplied directly to councils as these are not for public release.

The supporting resources for councils including the Strategy PDF, and a communication toolkit including key messages, suitable web text for council web pages, two videos, and social media tiles have been sent to council in a separate email. Arrangements have also been made for print copies to be delivered directly to council.

Delivery of Regional Resilience Strategies in Queensland has been published as a commitment under the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Sendai Framework.

We look forward to our continued work with you throughout 2021 to grow the strategy to incorporate a wider range of natural hazards.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Moon
Chief Executive Officer

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Queensland Reconstruction Authority

For reply please quote: QRA/Prog Del/GL - QRATF/21/2915

30 June 2021

Mr Terry Brennan Chief Executive Officer Burdekin Shire Council PO Box 974 AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Brennan

I refer to Burdekin Shire Council's applications under the 2020-21 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF).

The applications have been assessed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) according to the criteria set out in the 2020-21 QRRRF Guidelines.

I am pleased to confirm that the following projects have been successful in obtaining funds from the Commonwealth Government, funded under the *National Partnership Agreement (NPA)* on *Grants Assistance to Primary Producers Impacted by the North Queensland Floods*.

	Funding	Eligible Project Cost		
Project Name	Source	QRRRF Funding	Applicant Contribution	
Stormwater Drainage Upgrade - Chippendale St	QRRRF (MDR)	\$570,000.00	\$120,000.00	
Provision of 3 Dual Gravity Sand Bag Fillers	QRRRF (MDR)	\$33,000.00	\$5,000.00	

The outcome of QRA's assessments are detailed in the attached Project Funding Schedules. To accept these approvals please sign and return the Project Funding Schedules via email to submissions@qra.qld.gov.au. By signing each Project Funding Schedule, a Project Funding Agreement will be formed in accordance with clause 2.3 of the Head Agreement.

QRA has authorised a payment of \$180,900.00 (excluding GST) as a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI). Until the Project Funding Schedule is signed, this payment will be considered an advance in accordance with clause 4.1 of the Head Agreement.

Please note, that QRA provides this funding outcome advice under embargo until formally announced by the Commonwealth Minister. Funding recipients must also acknowledge relevant funding contributions in any future public materials. To coordinate approval for any materials, please email media@qra.qld.gov.au.

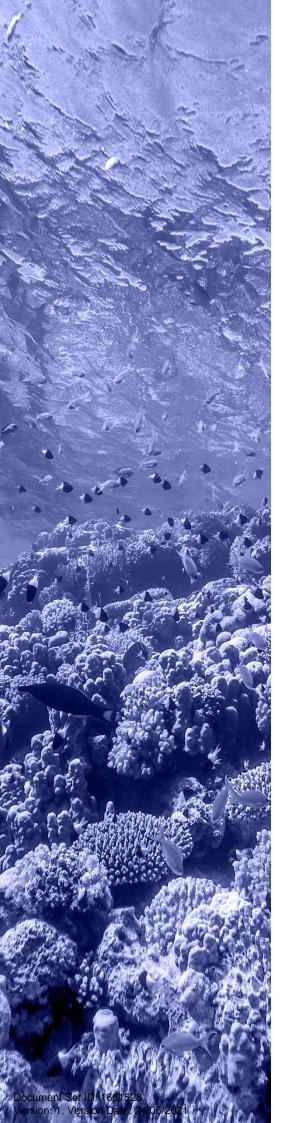
If you require further information on this approval or other submissions, please contact Jade Christensen, Regional Liaison Officer, Liaison and Recovery Division, on

Yours sincerely

Brendan Moon

Chief Executive Officer

Encl.



Burdekin Shire Council

2021 Interim Report to the Mayor

21 June 2021





Our ref: DS:TM

21 June 2021

Cr. Lyn McLaughlin Burdekin Shire Council PO Box 974 AYR QLD 4807

Dear Cr. McLaughlin

2021 Interim report

We present to you our interim report for Burdekin Shire Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2021. This report details the results of our interim work performed to 31 May 2021. In this phase we assess the design and implementation of your internal controls, and whether they are operating effectively. We have also undertaken work over the areas of audit significance that was communicated in our external audit plan. To date our work has not identified any significant deficiencies in your internal controls.

Please note that under section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, you must present a copy of this report at your council's next ordinary meeting.

The *Auditor-General Act 2009* requires the Auditor-General to report to parliament on an issue raised during an audit if he considers it to be significant. The results of your entity's audit will be included in our report to parliament on results of local government.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the audit report, please contact me on Engagement Manager, Tracey Mayhew, on Engagement Manager, Manager, Mayhew, Manager, Mayhew, Mayhew,

Yours sincerely

Donna Sinanian

Partner

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cc. Mr Ian Jessup, Chair of Audit Committee

Terry Brennan, Chief Executive Officer

1. Summary



The interim phase of the audit is now complete. In this phase we assess the design and implementation of your internal controls, and, where applicable, whether they are operating effectively.

This report details our audit findings from the work performed on revenue, expenditure and payroll cycles that were identified during the interim audit phase.

During this phase of the audit we have also reviewed the results of valuation activities over Council's property, plant and equipment and tip restoration provision.

Summary of findings - On track



Details of our audit findings are explained further in this report. Refer to section on *Internal control* and *Prior Year Issues*.

Based on the results of our testing completed to date and the resolution of prior year issues, we have determined your internal control environment does support an audit strategy that can rely upon these controls.

Areas of audit focus - On track

Our progress against the areas of audit focus is on track. Refer to section 4 of this report for details.



2. Internal control deficiencies



The following table summarises our reporting on deficiencies in internal controls. Further in this section, you will find details of these deficiencies identified during our interim audit. Refer to *Section 3* for the status of prior year deficiencies.

		Number of significant deficiencies		Number of deficiencies		
	Internal control issues by COSO element	Current year issues	Prior year unresolved issues	Current year issues	Prior year unresolved issues	Rating
	Control environment Structures, policies, attitudes and values that influence daily operations	-	-	-	-	•
	Risk assessment Processes for identifying, assessing and managing risk	-	-	-	-	
	Control activities Implementation of policies and procedures to prevent or detect errors and safeguard assets	-	-	-	-	•
	Information and communication Systems to capture and communicate information to achieve reliable financial reporting	-	-	-	-	•
	Monitoring activities Oversight of internal controls for existence and effectiveness	-	-	-	-	

Effective

No significant deficiencies identified

Partially effective

One significant deficiency identified

Ineffective

More than one significant deficiency identified



3. Prior year issues



The following table summarises the status of deficiencies and other matters reported in prior years.

Reference	Rating	Issue	Status / Comment Action Date			
	Other matters					
20OM-1	8	Waste Levy Best Practice	Work in progress. Management are undertaking appropriate action in response to this matter. Action date: 31 May 2021 (previously 31 December 2020)			



4. Areas of audit focus



In our external audit plan, we identified those classes of transactions, accounts and balances that we considered to be significant or a risk of material misstatement to the financial statements. In the following tables we have set out the identified areas of audit focus and any new areas, and progress on the audit procedures undertaken to date to address the risk.

#	Area of audit focus	Status
1	Valuation of infrastructure assets	Valuation reports and information were supplied by the agreed date. Our preliminary review of this information has commenced and to date we have not identified any issues of concern. Should any issues arise we will work with management to resolve them in a timely manner.
2	Financial sustainability	Due to the nature of the inputs of these ratios, our testing will be targeted at our final visit to confirm values and calculations.
3	Provision for tip restoration	The calculations and inputs associated with the model have been reviewed. No issues were identified, we are satisfied the valuation technics and assumptions applied by management are appropriate.



Appendix A—Our rating definitions



Our rating definitions

	Definition	Prioritisation of remedial action
Significant deficiency	A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that requires immediate remedial action. Also, we increase the rating from a deficiency to a significant deficiency based on: the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements the risk to reputation the significance of non-compliance with policies and applicable laws and regulations the potential to cause financial loss including fraud, or where management has not taken appropriate timely action to resolve the deficiency.	This requires immediate management action to resolve.
Deficiency	A deficiency arises when internal controls are ineffective or missing, and are unable to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements in the financial statements. A deficiency may also result in non-compliance with policies and applicable laws and regulations and/or inappropriate use of public resources.	We expect management action will be taken in a timely manner to resolve deficiencies.
Other matter	An other matter is expected to improve the efficiency and/or effectiveness of internal controls, but does not constitute a deficiency in internal controls. If an other matter is not resolved, we do not consider that it will result in a misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with legislative requirements.	Our recommendation may be implemented at management's discretion.

Financial reporting issues

	Potential effect on the financial statements	Prioritisation of remedial action
High	We assess that there is a high likelihood of this causing a material misstatement in one or more components (transactions, balances and disclosures) of the financial statements, or there is the potential for financial loss including fraud.	This requires immediate management action to resolve.
Medium	We assess that there is a medium likelihood of this causing a material misstatement in one or more components of the financial statements.	We expect management action will be taken in a timely manner.
Low	We assess that there is a low likelihood of this causing a material misstatement in one or more components of the financial statements.	We recommend management action to resolve; however, a decision on whether any action is taken is at management's discretion.



Appendix B—Information on internal controls



What is internal control?

'Internal control' is the processes, systems, records and activities that your entity designs, implements and maintains to provide you with reasonable assurance about the achievement of organisational objectives regarding:

- · reliability of financial reporting
- · effectiveness and efficiency of operations
- · compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Your governing body and executive management collectively are responsible for preparing reliable financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. They are similarly responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.

Our assessments of your internal control framework

The auditing standards that we must comply with require us to understand and assess those aspects of your internal control that relate to our financial statement audit objectives. In the planning phase of our audit, we sought to understand and evaluate how controls are designed and implemented. We communicated to you the results of our analysis in our external audit plan.

If we decide that we can rely on your controls, we must then test them to confirm they operated effectively. The results of our testing may highlight deficiencies in your internal controls. We assess whether any identified deficiencies in internal control constitute, individually or in combination, a significant deficiency in internal control.

Limitations of our reporting on internal control deficiencies

No system of internal control can provide absolute assurance about the absence of error or compliance. Even in the absence of identified control weaknesses, inherent limitations in your internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect material misstatements.



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Suggest a performance audit topic

Contribute to a performance audit in progress

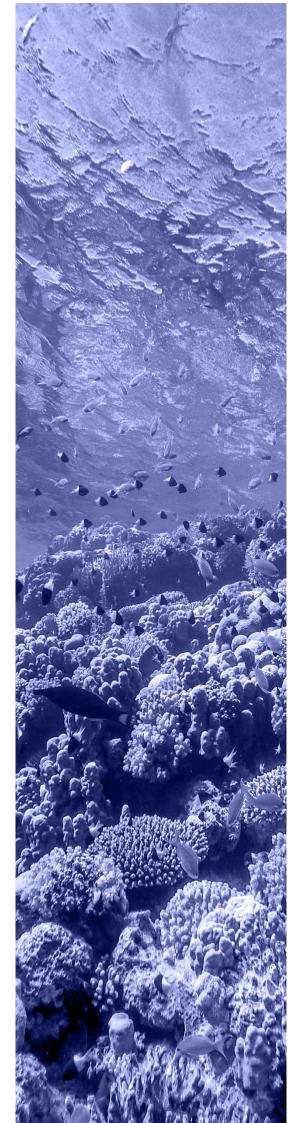
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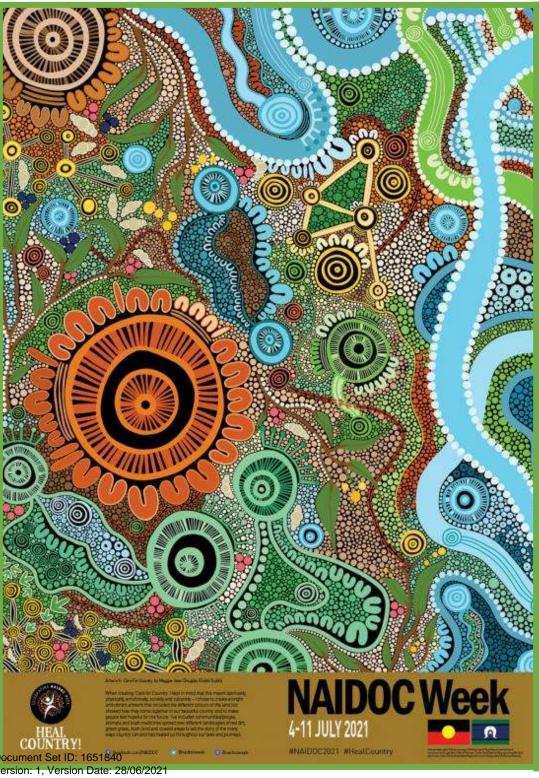
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You are invited to

BURDEKIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL's

2021 N.A.I.D.O.C. Ceremony

B.C.H.S. Marcellin Centre Wednesday, 14 July 11:50 am (for 12:00 pm).

followed by light refreshments

BURDEKIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL P & F ASSOCIATION DEBUTANTE BALL COMMITTEE

24th June, 2021

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin, Burdekin Shire Council, PO Box 974, Ayr, QLD 4807

Email:- Councillor.McLaughlin@burdekin.qld.gov.au

Dear Cr McLaughlin and Mr McLaughlin,

On behalf of the B.C.H.S. Parents & Friends Debutante Ball Committee, we would like to extend an invitation to you both to attend our 2021 Debutante Ball. We have a total of 20 Debutantes to be presented to our Principal, Mr Craig Frattini and Father Sibi Kaippanplackal.

The Ball will be held at the Memorial Hall, Home Hill on Saturday, 31st July. We would like our official guests to arrive at the Memorial Hall by 6.45p.m. to have the meal served at 7.00p.m. Our officials will be introduced to the guests at approximately 8:30pm and presentation of the Debutantes will follow straight after. The Debutantes and their Partners will then perform the Deb dances.

We look forward to having you both with us on this special evening.

Nicky Achurra

BCHS P & F President

R.S.V.P. by Friday 16th July Nicky Achurra

Phone:

Email: bchsdebball@gmail.com

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

For reply please quote: QRA/Prog Del/CM – QRATF/21/2323

18 June 2021

Mr Terry Brennan Chief Executive Officer Burdekin Shire Council PO Box 947 AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Brennan

I refer to the Recovery and Resilience Grants, funded under the *National Partnership* Agreement (NPA) on Grants Assistance to Primary Producers Impacted by the North Queensland Floods.

The projects within the submission have been assessed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) in terms of eligibility as outlined in the North Queensland Recovery and Resilience Grants Guidelines.

QRA has prepared the attached Project Funding Schedule outlining Council's approved funding. To accept this approval please sign and return the Project Funding Schedule via email to submissions@qra.qld.gov.au. By signing the Project Funding Schedule, a Project Funding Agreement will be formed in accordance with clause 2.3 of the Head Agreement.

QRA has authorised a payment of 226,665.00 (excluding GST) as a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI). Until the Project Funding Schedule is signed, this payment will be considered an Advance in accordance with clause 4.1 of the Head Agreement.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Moon

Chief Executive Officer

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Project Funding Schedule					
1. QRA Program	North	North Queensland Recovery and Resilience Grants			
2. Project/Event Identifier	North & Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January – 14 February 2019				
3. Recipient Name	Burd	ekin Shire Council			
4. Project Description	Commonwealth funding for project/s and activities identified by the Recipient and assessed by the State as essential for the recovery and renewal of the region. Funded projects: • Home Hill Water Tower – Installation of Bypass Pipeline • Upgrade/Refurbishment of Ayr SES Headquarters • Local Disaster Coordination Centre – Cyclone Shutters • Sweet Days Hot Nights Festival – Event Infrastructure • Relocation of Giru Helipad • Appointment of Community Engagement Officer				
5. Project Funding (ex GST)	\$755	,550.00			
6. Recipient Contribution (ex GST)	N/A				
7. Type of Project Funding	Сарр	ed Funding			
8. Program Guidelines	North Queensland Recovery and Resilience Grants Guidelines				
9. Approved Project Plan	The approved project scope assessed and approved by QRA in accordance with the Program Guidelines				
10. QRA Contact	Chief Executive Officer				
11. Recipient Contact	Chief	Executive Officer		T	
12. Key Dates	Commencement Date Project Completion Date			The date the last party signs this Project Funding Schedule 1 December 2023	
	Proje	ect Funding Agreement En		1 December 2024	
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	1	The Project Funding Agreement Commencement Date	(a) Pro Pro Ag	rements ovision of this oject Funding reement to the cipient	Amount 30% of the Project Funding
13. Milestone Schedule	2	Various (the Recipient may submit multiple Payment Claims in respect of Milestone 2)		ovision of a syment Claim	Up to 60 per cent of the Project Funding
				amount of any unpaid Eligible	
14. Payment Claim Requirements		sion of a payment claim a		-	
15. Eligible Project Costs	payment claim requirements set out in the Program Guidelines Eligible Project Costs means the costs described as "Eligible Costs" in the Program Guidelines.				
16. Ineligible Project Costs	Ineligible Project Costs means the costs described as "Ineligible Costs" in the Program Guidelines.				





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2021 BURDEKIN SHOW

Please accept the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation as acknowledgement of your generous support of the Ayr Pastoral Agricultural and Industrial Association Inc.

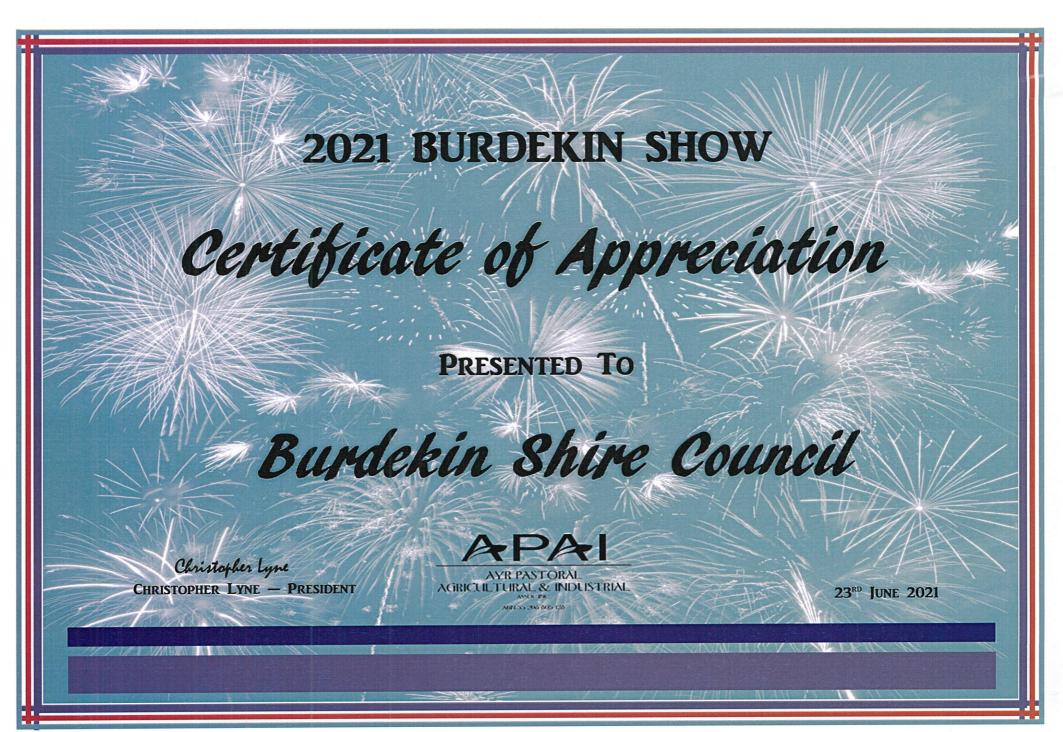
The 2021 Management Committee and I look forward to your continued support for the Ayr Pastoral, Agricultural and Industrial Association Inc and the 2022 Burdekin Show.

We look forward to seeing you at show-time.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Lyne President

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From: "Jemila Rushton"

Sent: Wed, 16 Jun 2021 19:22:53 +1000

To: "undisclosed-recipients:"

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Subject: Attn: ALGA Delegates for #NGA21 - Agenda Item 61

Attachments: CITY OF FREMANTLE SUPPORT LETTER - NGA 21.pdf, TPNW Factsheet & ICAN

Letter - NGA21.pdf

Dear Mayors and Council Members

Attached are some background papers in relation to Agenda item #61 in the upcoming National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

The United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) has been brought to the attention of ALGA since its adoption in 2017 by councils across Australia.

Attachment 1: TPNW Factsheet & letter from Co-Chairs of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Australia (Nobel Peace Prize 2017).

Attachment 2: Letter of support from the City of Fremantle, Lead City for the Oceania Region in the International Mayors for Peace Network (with a membership base of over 8000 cities globally)

I hope that your council delegates will take time to review these brief papers in the lead up to the National General Assembly, and vote in support of a motion which puts forward the case for Australia to sign this landmark treaty.

Together with our partners at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) we'll be at the 'Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty' booth in the Exhibition Hall over all three full days of the conference. We'll have the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to ICAN in 2017 on display.

Kind Regards

Jemila Rushton

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Jemila Rushton

Campaigner

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (Nobel Peace Prize 2017)

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From the office of the Mayor

Our Ref: RNB15062021

Contact: Rebecca Bowden –

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15 June 2021

Dear Delegates



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The opinions expressed in this letter are not necessarily those of the City of Fremantle.

SUPPORT LETTER - THE END OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (WHILE MAINTAINING ANZUS)

We hope you will support motion 61 asking the Australian Government to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (see Motion 61 in ALGA's National General Assembly 2021).

The City of Fremantle is the Lead City in Mayors for Peace network in the Oceana region and showed its support with the following motion made to National General Assembly of Local Government in March 2021.

"Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. That is why the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was adopted in July 2017 by 122 member states of the United Nations.

The TPNW is the first treaty to comprehensively outlaw nuclear weapons, setting out a pathway for their total elimination.

Nuclear dangers are increasing worldwide, and with more than 13,500 nuclear weapons still in existence the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons is a humanitarian imperative.

This National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association urges the Australian Government to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons."

Why we believe all local governments, even the most remote ones, should be concerned about nuclear weapons:

- Most of the 13,000 nuclear weapons which exist in the world actually target cities and their civilian populations.
- 1800 cities are currently targeted on "hair trigger" nuclear strike alert, less than 30 minutes from now



- Even a "limited" nuclear war would endanger the global economy, environment, agriculture and governance for decades, if not centuries.
- In the case of a nuclear war accidental or intentional cities, towns and shires would be responsible for emergency frontline responses. The International Red Cross, a supporter of the Treaty, assures us that there would be insufficient humanitarian resources available. The aftermath of a nuclear war would be far more extreme in its demands on councils than the Australian bushfires of 2019-2020.
- In case of a nuclear war, rural and remote local governments would be required to house evacuated populations and manage radioactive victims, the breakdown in civil order, as well as the threat of widespread epidemics, including covid-19.
- Escalating expenses involving preparations for war, especially nuclear war, divert much needed financial resources from building cities.
- The threat of use of nuclear weapons undermines efforts to build international friendships and economic ties.

Some additional facts about the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

- The treaty was introduced into international law, for ratifying nation states, on 22 January 2021.
- The treaty fulfils Australia's promise under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty 1970 to work for general and complete disarmament.
- The treaty can operate alongside all of our obligations under ANZUS.

Is the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons going to be effective in eradicating the world of nuclear weapons?

- It has already cleared up the question of whether the use of nuclear weapons, or the threat of nuclear weapons, is in accord with international norms. The answer is no.
- It has already committed a substantial number of members of the United Nations to never take up nuclear weapons, and not to financially support them directly or indirectly, and to put pressure on nuclear weapons possessors to honour their obligations under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- It has already stigmatised nuclear weapons as a repellent weapon of mass destruction, at least on par with (but actually much worse than) chemical weapons (which Australia has signed to ban) and biological weapons (which Australia has signed to ban).
- It is encouraging middle-power countries around the world to focus on "shared security" diplomacy.

We hope you will join this historic cause.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Sullivan **Deputy Mayor**

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June 15, 2021

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

RE: Item 61, Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2021: *The United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)*.

Nine heads of state have the ability to launch more than 13,000 nuclear weapons between them. In the last five decades there have been many times we have come within a hair's breadth of nuclear war, due to technical and human error¹

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons became international law in January 2021. It is the first treaty to comprehensively outlaw nuclear weapons and provide a pathway for their elimination. Similar treaties have been crucial in phasing out biological and chemical weapons, landmines, and cluster munitions. Australia has joined all these multilateral disarmament treaties.

Despite this, sadly Australia is not yet a state party to this treaty. This is why after several years of local government leadership² a motion in support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons will be put to the floor at this year's National General Assembly.

The support of the Australian Local Government Association will contribute directly to the success of the TPNW. As cities worldwide are nuclear targets, councils have a special responsibility to their constituents to speak out against these instruments of humanitarian harm.

Surveys find 70-79 % of Australians support joining the TPNW³. The Australian Red Cross and the Australian Medical Association both see this as a critical humanitarian issue, beyond party politics. More than 400 cities, including Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, Oslo, Barcelona, Edinburgh, Los Angeles, and Washington DC, have urged their respective national governments to ratify the treaty.

As the National General Assembly is the annual forum for local government to discuss issues of national significance, it is a fitting moment to call on our Federal Government to sign and ratify it without delay.

With your support we can bring Australia one step closer to signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Signed,

Dr Margaret Beavis Co-chair ICAN Australia

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Dr Ruth Mitchell Co-chair ICAN Australia

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is a coalition of non-governmental organizations in more than one hundred countries promoting adherence to and implementation of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, adopted by 122 nations in New York on 7 July 2017.

³ Ispos 2018 & 2020

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¹ https://www.chathamhouse.org/2014/04/too-close-comfort-cases-near-nuclear-use-and-options-policy

² 30+ Australian Councils have pledged their support for the TPNW since October 2018, and in August after receiving submissions from local councils across the nation, the Australian Local Government Association wrote to the Senator the Hon. Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs with a message: Councils urge the Australian Government to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. (See more information overleaf)

THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF

NUCLEAR WEAPONS



The TPNW, also known as the nuclear weapon ban treaty, was negotiated and adopted at the United Nations with the support of 122 nations in 2017

- Prohibits the use, production, possession, threat of use and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the pathway for their total elimination.
- Permanent international law since 2021.
- 86 signatories and 54 states parties.

The TPNW is compatible with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the ANZUS Treaty.

THE ALGA #NGA21 MOTION:

Support for the TPNW will be discussed in Item 61 of the #NGA21 agenda.

This motion should:

- Acknowledge the harm caused by nuclear weapons.
- Note the necessity of the TPNW.
- Call on the Federal Government to join it.

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THE RED CROSS:

"Nuclear weapons pose the greatest existential threat facing the world today and are of deep and enduring concern to the worldwide Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

There is no viable emergency service or effective medical response plan for a nuclear detonation. The Movement would be unable to fulfil its mandate to respond to the needs of the affected population."

Tara Gutman, Australian Red Cross Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law.

MORE INFO:

Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty booth at #NGA21

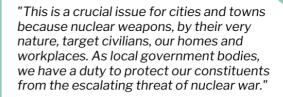


SUPPORTERS:

- 88 Federal parliamentarians
- Parliamentary Friends Group of the TPNW.
- 119 State and Territory parliamentarians.
- Hundreds of civil society organisations including the Red Cross and the Australian Medical Association.
- · Australian Council of Trade Unions.
- More than 400 cities and towns globally.

Polling shows 70-79 % of Australians want to join the Treaty. (ISPOS 2018, 2020)

MAYORS FOR PEACE



Dr Brad Pettitt, Mayor, City of Fremantle Mayors for Peace Lead City in Australia

COUNCILS IN AUSTRALIA THAT HAVE PUBLICLY PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE TREATY

Augusta Margaret River, WA

Ballina, NSW

Bassendean, WA

Bayside, NSW

Benalla, VIC

Blue Mountains, NSW

Brimbank, VIC

Byron Shire, NSW

Canberra, ACT

Cockburn, WA

Darebin, VIC

Fremantle, WA

Georges River, NSW

Hobart, TAS

Hume, VIC

Inner West, NSW

Lismore, NSW

Maribyrnong, VIC

Melbourne, VIC

Moreland, VIC

Mount Barker, SA

Mount Isa, QLD

Newcastle, NSW

Port Adelaide Enfield, SA

Port Phillip, VIC

Prospect, SA

Randwick, NSW

Shellharbour, NSW

Shoalhaven, NSW

Sydney, NSW

West Torrens, SA

Wollongong, NSW

Waverley, NSW

Yarra, VIC

Yarra Ranges, VIC

