

Transport Sub Plan

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Amendment Register

All versions are archived, and this sub plan only references the last two versions.

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Endorsement

This Transport Sub Plan has been developed for the Burdekin Shire Local Government Area (LGA) and subsequently approved by the Burdekin LDMG. This Plan is a Sub Plan of the *Burdekin Local Disaster Management Plan* (LDMP) and is to be read in conjunction.

The Plan is recommended for distribution by the LDMG and is considered live once approved by the LDMG.



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The functions of the Local Government were advised in accordance with the *Queensland Disaster Management Act* (DM Act) (s80). This sub plan was formally adopted by the Burdekin Shire Council through resolution at the Council meeting held on 28 October 2025



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Abbreviation List

Abbreviation	Full Title
BSC	Burdekin Shire Council
DDC	District Disaster Coordinator
DDCC	District Disaster Coordination Centre
DDMG	District Disaster Management Group
DTMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads
LAW	Local Area Warden
LDC	Local Disaster Coordinator
LDCC	Local Disaster Coordination Centre
LDMG	Local Disaster Management Group
LDMP	Local Disaster Management Plan
MRQ	Marine Rescue Queensland
QFD	Queensland Fire Department
QR	Queensland Rail
RFA	Request for Assistance
SES	State Emergency Services
VMR	Volunteer Marine Rescue

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1. Overview

1.1 Purpose

This Transport Sub Plan aims to outline arrangements for the effective coordination of transportation resources to support the needs of the Burdekin LDMG and other community support groups to perform their emergency response, recovery and assistance tasks effectively.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of this sub plan are to:

- Identify appropriate transport requirements in the event of an emergency/disaster;
- Provide a complete list of local transport resources;
- Provide effective liaison between all emergency services and supporting agencies;
- Provide arrangements for efficient coordination of local resources and any external support resources; and,
- Prescribe arrangements for testing, evaluation and maintenance of this plan.

1.3 Scope

This sub plan applies to emergency/disaster events occurring within the Burdekin Shire Council area, which are within the capability and resources of the Local Government, Emergency Services and other supporting agencies with a transport or evacuation function and/or responsibility.

1.4 Authority to Plan

The Burdekin LDMG has prepared this sub plan under the provisions of section 57 of the DM Act. This sub plan will be managed in accordance with the administrative and governance processes outlined within the Burdekin LDMP including approval, document control, distribution, review and renewal.

1.5 Plan Review and Testing Requirements

This sub plan is to be reviewed annually before the severe weather season or post event to include lessons learned. This sub plan is to be exercised to ensure the effectiveness and scalability of the plan and include involvement, communication, and collaboration with identified key local, district and state stakeholders.

2. Governance

2.1 Activation of Sub Plan

This plan will be activated by the LDC of the Burdekin LDMG, where the nature of a risk to the community will require the movement of resources or at-risk persons to a safer location. This sub plan is supported by the:

- Burdekin LDMP;
- Burdekin LDMG Airport Emergency Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Communications Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Community Information & Warnings Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Evacuation Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Pandemic Influenza Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Public Health Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Resupply Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Tsunami Sub Plan;
- Burdekin LDMG Multi-Purpose Hall Place of Refuge Manual; and,
- Burdekin LDMG Local Disaster Coordination Centre Standard Operating Procedures (LDCC SOP).

The activation of these supporting plans should be considered concurrently with this plan.

A list of local transport resources will be maintained and reviewed regularly. See [Attachment A](#) of this document.

2.2 Use of Sub Plan during Operations

The Burdekin Shire is susceptible to flooding from the Burdekin and Haughton Rivers and their associated waterways. Smaller settlements could be isolated due to flooding, cyclone damage, tidal surge or other road blockages, preventing contact with the larger towns for supplies, medical assistance, medical treatment or necessary evacuation. Transport assistance may be by road, rail, sea or air.

While disaster management at the local level is clearly the responsibility of the local governments, the disaster management system in Queensland involves a whole of government management framework with responsibilities shared between the state government, local governments and the community. One of the very important roles for Local Government in disaster management processes is the transportation of resources and people, as required by the particular event.

Refer to the *Burdekin LDMG Resupply Sub Plan* for detailed arrangements on resupply of goods and resources.

Refer to the *Burdekin LDMG Evacuation Sub Plan* for detailed evacuation arrangements.

2.3 Functional Responsibility

The LDC is to ensure all agencies and members of the LDMG are aware of these procedures.

3. Concept of Operations

A list of private companies engaged in the transportation of people and goods has been compiled to assess their availability in times of emergency. Although all companies responded positively, some stressed that they would not endanger their property or drivers in an event or if weather conditions were intolerable.

Council also has access to a large fleet of trucks and heavy equipment, both private and Council-owned. The database of privately owned vehicles and plant is available from Council.

3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

Coordination of transport for evacuations for affected communities within the Burdekin Shire is the responsibility of the Burdekin LDMG through the Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC), when activated.

Queensland Rail (QR) and the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) will provide support upon direction by the Townsville District Disaster Management Group (DDMG), as required following a formal Request for Assistance (RFA).

The role of the LDCC (Logistics, Planning, and Intelligence cells) shall be to assist in achieving the objectives of this sub plan by:

- Coordinating the provision of transport of personnel, equipment, supplies, and the public as required, in the event of a disaster or major event.
- Coordinating local traffic management plans (if deemed necessary).
- Maintaining information regarding the levels of locally available fuel during a disaster. The ability to supply fuel may be limited if there is a power failure.
- Providing reports and making recommendations to the LDMG about matters relating to transport disaster management issues.

3.2 Support Agencies

The Burdekin LDMG will work closely with DTMR calling on other supporting agencies as required.

The following are the support organisations that may be called upon in the event of a disaster or emergency:

- Public transport contractors;
- Public sector agencies with suitable heavy vehicles;
- Private Bus companies;
- Private transport contractors;
- Taxi network;
- Airplane/Helicopter contractors;
- Voluntary agencies with transportation vehicle;
- QR;
- State Emergency Services (SES);
- Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR)
- Marine Rescue Queensland (MRQ)
- Queensland Fire Department (QFD); and,
- Wilmar Sugar Industries

The provision of transport resources in response to an event requires maintaining information about the resources available locally. This information will be reviewed and updated at least annually and if possible, before every “wet” season commencing from November.

3.3 Media and Public Information Arrangements

Emergencies and disasters are likely to draw significant media interest to provide information. The response to requests needs to be coordinated through the Media Liaison Officer and is the responsibility of the Chair and Local Disaster Coordinator. The Chair of the LDMG is the spokesperson.

3.4 Remote and Isolated Communities

In the event of a disaster/emergency impacting the region, consideration also needs to be given to transport requirements for remote and isolated communities. The Local Area Warden (LAW) Program will be used to contact personnel in the affected areas to determine the community's needs.

Attachment A – Transport Resources

Company	Contact Numbers/Email (Not for public release)	Contact Name (Not for public release)	Details of Equipment/Vehicles
Road - Transport			
Burdekin Community Association	Phone: 07 4783 3744 Mobile: 0407 637 421	Debra Cochran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 9 people – wheelchair (4 seats out) <p><i>Note: If there is a requirement for a wheelchair, then the pax will drop to 7 per vehicle.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 8 people – wheelchair (4 seats out) <p><i>Note: If there is a requirement for a wheelchair, then the pax will drop to 5 for the vehicle.</i></p>
Burdekin Shire Council	Mobile: 0418 722 846	Kevin Holt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 12-seater
Burdekin School	Phone: 07 4790 3111 Mobile: 0403 353 994 Email: - theprincipal@burdekinspecs.eq.edu.au	Clare Cheyne Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 12-seater 1 x 8-seater <p><i>Note: 8-seater and 12-seater can be converted to two-wheel chair capacity.</i></p>
Burdekin Taxi	Phone: 07 4783 7029 Email: admin@burdekintaxis.com.au <u>After hours – 0447 127 410</u>	Fiona Kirke Ross Northwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x 4 passenger Taxis 1 x 10 passenger Maxi/one wheelchair, and 6 passenger/ two wheelchair 3 passenger/Wat Taxi 1 x 10 passenger Maxi/one wheelchair and 6 passenger/Wat taxi 1 x 13 passenger Bus 4 x 4 passenger Sedans <p>Note: All passenger numbers do not include the Driver.</p>
BQC Sands	Phone: 07 4783 3811 Mobile: 0417 709 686 Email: deanne.lewty@bqc.net.au bqcsands@bqc.net.au admin@bqc.net.au	Joe Giddy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 x loaders (4 registered) 1 x Float with winch 1 x truck & dog (tipper) - quad 1 x 30-tonne excavator 1 x 50-tonne excavator (16m reach) 1 x Prime Mover/Float/Dolly 1 x End tipper <p><i>Note: All are fitted with UHF radio and phones.</i></p>
Griggs Haulage – Giru	Phone: 07 4782 9350 Mobile: 0417 609 177 Email: ghc@griggshaulage.com.au	Damien Griggs	Various trucks of different capacities, six-wheelers plus dogs, low loaders, and front-end loaders

Company	Contact Numbers/Email (Not for public release)	Contact Name (Not for public release)	Details of Equipment/Vehicles
			<i>Note: All equipped with UHF, personal 2-way radio and mobile phones.</i>
Trans North Pty Ltd	Phone: 3036 2070 Mobile: 0428 650 837 Email: ayr.admin@transnorthbus.com.au Website: www.transnorthbus.com.au Mobile: 0412 303 299 Jeff Borroughs - Private	Jeff Burroughs – Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x 24-seater • 1 x 53-seater • 2 x 43-seater • 2 x 49-seater • 1 x 59-seater • 2 x 33-seater • 1 x 66-seater <p>Note: All vehicles have CB radio to the base.</p>
Wilmar – (Burdekin Office – Pioneer Mill)	Phone: 07 4752 6222 Andrew Wallwork - 0417 392 458 4752 6241 or 0419 477 335 (Paul Turnbull)	Andrew Wallwork – Regional Operations Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locos where suitable • Forklifts • Mobile cranes • Loaders <p><i>Note: If needed – virtually anything.</i></p>
Air - Transport			
Ayr Flying Services	Mobile: 0428 777 290 Phone: 07 4782 5475 (Ayr Aerodrome) Phone: 07 4783 2822 (a/h) Mobile: 0428 777 290	Neil Hoffensetz	1 x Cessna (172 – pilot and 3 seats)
BlanchAir	Mobile: 0429 802 204 Mobile: 0419 727 192	Bobbie Blanch	1 x Helicopter - Jet Ranger 206 (1 x pilot pls 4 x passengers) 1 x R44 (1 x Pilot + 3 passengers)
Dwyer Aviation Services	Mobile: 0419 825 665 Email: info@dwyeraviation.com.au	Don and Brooke Tudehope	<p>2 x Bell 206 Jet ranger helicopter (1 x pilot plus 3 x passengers) QFD radio 40 channel CB All aviation channels Can lift to 450 kg underslung</p> <p>Bell UH-1H helicopter (1 x pilot, no passengers) QFD radio 40 channel CB All aviation channels Can lift up to 1500 kg underslung</p> <p>2 x Drones (50ltr/50kg)</p>

Company	Contact Numbers/Email (Not for public release)	Contact Name (Not for public release)	Details of Equipment/Vehicles
Ryellen Heliwork PO Box 66 Ayr QLD 4807	Mobile: 0427 111 176 or 0427 009 928 Email: glenis.jones@bigpond.com Email: ryellen1@bigpond.com	Glenis Jones Ryan Jones	2 x Robinson 44 (1 x pilot plus 3 passengers) 2 x Robinson 22 (1 x pilot plus 1 passenger) CB radio to base
Roncato Helicopters Pty Ltd	Mobile: 0407 834 613 Email: roncato82@hotmail.com	Josh Roncato	1 x Long Ranger (1 pilot plus 6 passengers) Aviation air com
Agraerial (AGSKY) Services	Mobile: Charmaine Jacob- 0409 633 592 Ryan Jacob - 0498 975 242 Email: agskyservices@gmail.com	Ryan Jacob Charmaine Jacob	1 x Cessna Ag Wagon (Pilot only) 1 x Dual Cab Thrush (1 Pilot x 1 x passenger) 1 x Single Cab Thrush (Pilot only)

Note: Contact details are not for public release. Contact the Burdekin LDMG.