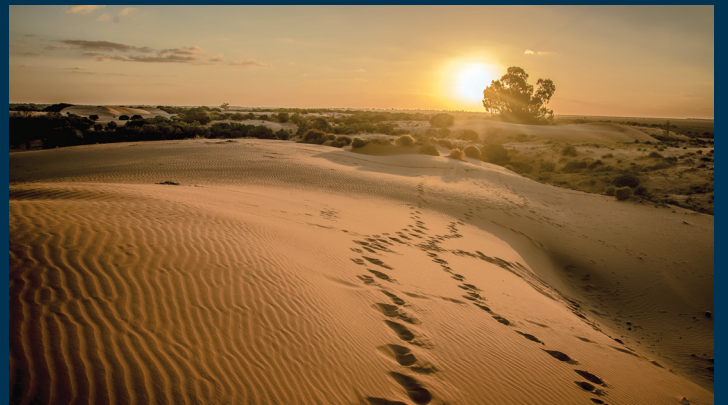


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OVERVIEW

In June 2017 Council endorsed the 10 year Community Strategic Plan (2017-2027) and adopted the four year Delivery Program (2017-2021). In line with the Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements, each year council is required to present its Annual Operational Plan and budget.

The total revenue budget from continuing operations is \$37,054,513, as follows:

- Rates & Annual Charges \$8,900,179
- User Charges & Fees \$5,026,280
- Interest & Investment Revenue \$601,149
- Other Revenues \$1,265,360
- Grants – Operating \$10,556,967
- Grants – Capital \$10,604,578
- Net Gains from the disposal of assets \$100,000

Rates will be increased as follows:

- the Ordinary Rate will be increased by the maximum 2.60% (as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
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The total council expenditure budget for 2020/21 \$52,214,720, as follows:

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Significant Capital Projects include:

- \$6,100,000 for the upgrade of the Wentworth Aerodrome
- \$4,500,000 for Road Renewals and upgrades
- \$4,000,000 for the upgrade of the Wentworth Civic Centre
- \$2,515,000 for Water Infrastructure Projects
- \$1,949,953 for Sewer Infrastructure Projects
- \$1,500,000 for replacement of plant and machinery
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- \$1,250,000 for Stormwater Drainage Projects
- \$1,000,000 for the Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project
- \$1,000,000 for upgrade works at Willowbend Caravan Park
- \$1,000,000 for Drought Recovery Projects
- \$ 620,000 for projects funded under the Stronger Country Communities Fund

Council has endorsed a revised organisational structure, which consists of 132.45 full time equivalents.

There are proposed new borrowings of up to \$7million for the Civic Centre Redevelopment and Sewer and Stormwater Drainage Projects. A further \$2,067,118 will be drawn from Council's reserves to fund Council's contribution to the following projects:

- Water Infrastructure Upgrades
- Land Acquisitions
- Wentworth Riverfront Upgrade
- Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade
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INTRODUCTION

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

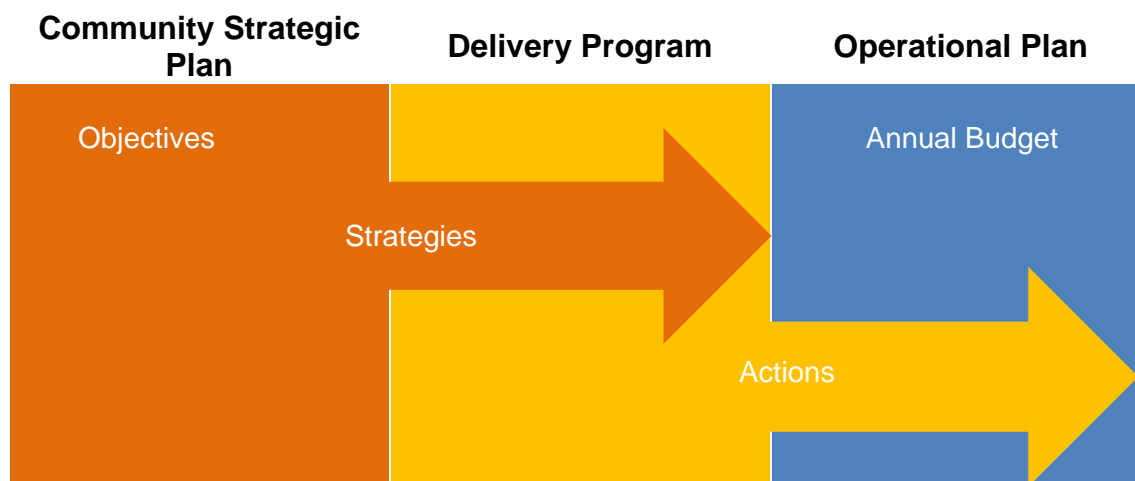
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 Councils across New South Wales (NSW) are required to produce a Community Strategic Plan covering a period of at least 10 years, with the plan to be updated in line with each Council election cycle (every four years).

The Community Strategic Plan is the highest level of plan that a Council will prepare and the purpose of the plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals.

The four year Delivery Program is Wentworth Shire Council's commitment to assisting the community to achieve the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027. It is a high level plan that maps out the Council's strategic business direction. This is the point where the community's strategic goals are systematically translated into actions. These are the principal activities to be undertaken by council to implement the strategies established by the Community Strategic plan within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy.



Council is also required to have an annual Operational Plan, adopted before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken that year as part of the Delivery Program. The Operational Plan includes the Annual Statement of Revenue Policy. The following diagram shows how the various levels of the planning framework connect¹.



¹ Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual for local government in NSW, NSW Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government, March 2013.

Integrated Planning at a glance²

Plan/strategy	Description/requirements	Due dates/ frequency	Legislative reference
Community Engagement Strategy	A strategy based on social justice principles for engagement with the local community when developing the Community Strategic Plan.	For use during development of the Community Strategic Plan and councils' other planning activities.	s402(4) (Act)
Community Strategic Plan (CSP)	Plan which identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area. Minimum 10 years.	From 2012, endorsed by 30 June in year following election. Review every four years, and roll forward so remains at least 10 year horizon. Exhibit for at least 28 days.	s402(1)–(7) (Act)
Long Term Financial Plan	Included in the council's Resourcing Strategy for the provision of resources required to implement the CSP. Minimum 10 years.	Review in detail every 4 years as part of CSP review. Update annually when developing the Operational Plan.	s403(2) (Act)
Workforce Management Plan	Included in the council's Resourcing Strategy for the provision of resources required to implement the CSP. Minimum 4 years.		s403(2) (Act)
Asset Management Plan	Included in the council's Resourcing Strategy for the provision of resources required to implement the CSP. Comprises an Asset Management Strategy and Plan/s. Minimum 10 years.		s403(2) (Act)
Delivery Program	Details the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to implement strategies established by the CSP. Four years' duration.	From 2012, adopt by 30 June in year following election. Exhibit for at least 28 days.	s404(1)–(5) (Act)
Operational Plan	Details the activities to be engaged in by the council during the year, and annual budget. Annual sub-plan of Delivery Program.	Adopt prior to beginning of financial year. Exhibit for at least 28 days.	s405(1)–(6) s532 s610B – s610F s706(2) (Act) cl201(1) (Reg)

² Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual for local government in NSW, NSW Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government, March 2013.

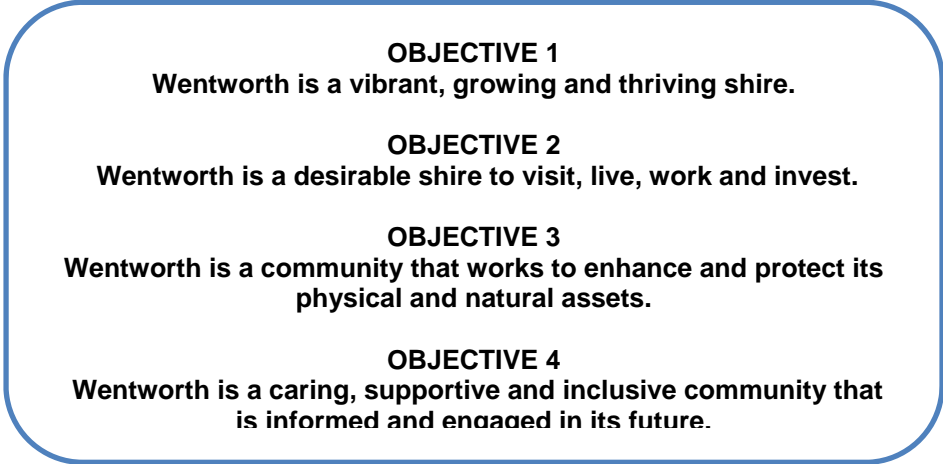
Achieving the vision for 2027

The consultation and engagement activities undertaken to inform the Wentworth Region Community Strategic Plan resulted in the formation of the following concise and ambitious vision for the region:

A thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces, and strong local governance and leadership.

To ensure we, as a community, can work toward achieving this vision, four strategic objectives have been developed around the quadruple bottom line which aims to balance social, environmental, and economic and governance aspects of strategic plans.

Underpinning each objective is a range of supporting strategies that outline high-level approaches to achieving the objectives and delivering the vision.

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- OBJECTIVE 1**
Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving shire.
 - OBJECTIVE 2**
Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest.
 - OBJECTIVE 3**
Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.
 - OBJECTIVE 4**
Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future.

Council's four year Delivery Program (2017-2021) contains the strategies that are aligned to the objectives in the Community Strategic Plan. Each annual Operational Plan sets out the individual actions (activities) that will be undertaken within the financial year all of which can be linked back to the Community Strategic Plan.

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Financial Information

Budgeted Income Statement Summary	2020/21 Budget
Income from Continuing Operations	
Rates & Annual Charges	\$8,900,179
User Charges & Fees	\$5,026,280
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$601,149
Other Revenues	\$1,265,360
Grants - Operating	\$10,556,967
Grants - Capital	\$10,604,578
Net Gains from the disposal of assets	\$100,000
Total Income	\$37,054,513
Expenses from Continuing Operations	
Employee Benefits	\$9,996,585
Borrowing Costs	\$266,424
Materials & Contracts	\$4,408,063
Depreciation & Amortization	\$7,093,089
Other Expenses	\$3,362,481
Total Expenses	\$25,126,641
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$9,658,815
Discontinued Operations	\$0
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$9,658,815

Funding Requirements	2020/21 Budget
Expenditure	
Operating Expenditure	\$25,126,641
Capital Expenditure	\$27,088,079
Total Expenditure	\$52,214,720
less depreciation (incl. in expenditure)	\$7,093,089
2020/21 Cash Requirements	\$45,121,631

Cash Requirements funded from:-

Operational Revenue	\$37,054,513
Borrowings	\$6,000,000
Retained Earnings	\$679,118
Council Restricted Reserves	\$1,388,000

2020/21 Total Funding	\$45,121,631
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Projected Balances (Council Cash Reserves)

Projected opening cash balance 01/07/2020	\$ 29,000,000
less expenditure funded from restricted reserves and retained earnings	\$ 2,067,118

Projected cash balance at 30/06/2021	\$ 26,932,882
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Represented as:

- Cash on hand	\$ 1,932,882
- Short Term Investments	\$ 12,000,000
- Long Term Investments	\$ 13,000,000

Rates and Annual Charges

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- Waste water access charges will be increased by 2.60%.
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- The maximum interest of 0.00% for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 and 7.00% for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (as determined by the Minister for Local Government) will be charged.

Borrowings

Borrowed funds enable the cost of acquiring assets to be spread over a longer period of time, thus easing the burden on current ratepayers.

In the 2020/21 financial year there will be loan borrowings of up to \$7,000,000 in 2020/21 to help fund capital requirements for the:

- Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment
- Installation of new Sewer and Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure (Low Interest T-Corp Loans)
- Willowbend Caravan Park Upgrades (will be required if grant funding is unsuccessful)

It should be noted that Council did not proceed with the proposed borrowings for the Wentworth Civic Centre project in the 2019/20 budget.

Restricted Reserves

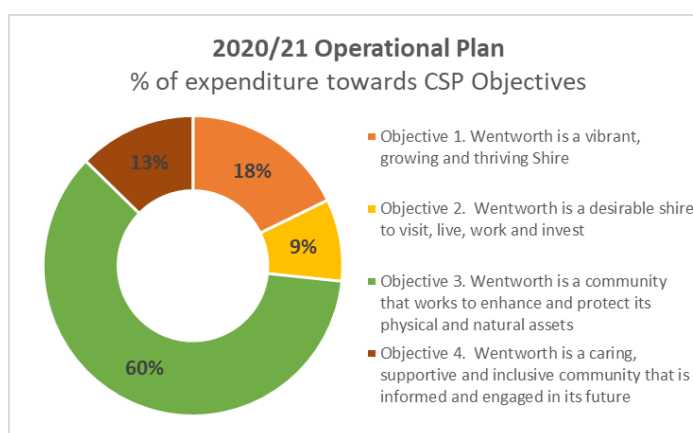
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- Water Infrastructure Upgrades
- Land Acquisitions
- Wentworth Riverfront Upgrade
- Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade
- Stronger Country Communities fund projects

Contribution to CSP Objectives

In line with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework Council's expenditure has been aligned with the Objectives established within the Community Strategic Plan.

The financial expenditure figures depicted in the following table provide an indicative indication of how Council's expenditure in 2020/21 is aligned to the Community Strategic Plan.



The following pages provide the details of each Operational Plan action, including the description, the strategy that it is aligned to, the responsible officer, the source of funding and the budget amount for the financial year.

2020-2021 Operational Plan

(Indicative representation of council's expenditure towards CSP Objectives and Strategies, including the significant expenditure items)

	Capital Expenditure	Operational expenditure	Total
1. Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire			\$9,300,670
1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand			\$1,835,253
Building Control		\$301,959	
Economic Affairs		\$1,533,294	
1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction			\$7,465,417
Housing and Community Amenities		\$1,315,417	
Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade Project	\$6,100,000		
2. Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest			\$4,618,377
2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination			\$1,050,000
Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment Project	\$1,000,000		
2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services			\$151,933
Health Services		\$151,933	
2.4 Enhance access to education, skills and training			\$76,500
2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities			\$3,339,944
Recreation and Culture		\$2,187,444	
Wentworth Riverfront BBQ Area Upgrade Project	\$220,000		
Wentworth Riverfront Wall Remediation Project	\$300,000		
Wentworth Showgrounds Barrett Pavilion Replacement Project	\$325,000		
3. Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets			\$31,666,451
3.1 Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations			\$9,348,683
Environment – Storm Water & Environmental Protection		\$259,864	
Sewer		\$1,402,724	

2020-2021 Operational Plan

(Indicative representation of council's expenditure towards CSP Objectives and Strategies, including the significant expenditure items)

	Capital Expenditure	Operational expenditure	Total
Water Supplies		\$1,971,142	
Annual Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade Program	\$1,590,953		
Annual Sewer Main Refurbishment Program	\$224,000		
Annual Stormwater Drainage Program	\$250,000		
Annual Water Infrastructure Upgrade Program	\$1,000,000		
Buronga/Gol Gol Stormwater Constraints Project	\$1,000,000		
Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Process Upgrade Project	\$1,000,000		
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan Project	\$150,000		
Wentworth Raw Water Main Replacement Project	\$280,000		
3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure			\$20,319,496
Transport		\$8,559,033	
Annual Capital Plant Replacement Program	\$1,500,000		
Annual Land Acquisitions Program	\$250,000		
Annual Office Equipment Replacement Program	\$100,000		
Drought Communities Extension Programme Projects	\$1,000,000		
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Grants	\$1,278,207		
Road Infrastructure Renewals included in Operating Expenses	\$3,542,255		
Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Project	\$4,000,000		
3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change			\$132,420
3.4 Reduce, reuse and recover waste			\$1,865,852
Environment – Waste Management		\$1,740,852	
Buronga Landfill Land Use Planning for Licence Upgrade	\$100,000		
4. Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future			\$6,629,222
4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery			\$6,629,222
Administration Finance & Policy		\$1,780,056	
Administration General Managers Office		\$1,953,908	
Administration Roads and Engineering		\$177,697	
Governance		\$472,484	
Public Order and Safety		\$1,007,629	
Annual IT Infrastructure Replacement Program	\$200,000		
New Corporate Information System	\$500,000		
Total budgeted expenditure 2020/21	\$27,088,079	\$25,126,641	\$52,214,720

Operational Expenditure Detail

Operational Expenditure area	2021/21 Budget
Administration Finance and Policy	\$1,780,056
Administration General Managers Office	\$1,953,908
Administration Roads and Engineering	\$177,697
Building Control	\$301,959
Community Services	\$83,785
Economic Affairs	\$1,533,294
Environment	\$2,073,136
Governance	\$472,484
Health Services	\$151,933
Housing and Community Amenities	\$1,315,417
Public Order and Safety	\$1,007,629
Recreation and Culture	\$2,187,444
Transport	\$12,101,288
Sewer	\$1,402,724
Water Supplies	\$1,971,142
Operational items included in Capital Expenses	\$155,000
Road Infrastructure Renewals included in Operational Expenses	-\$3,542,255
Total Operational Expenditure	\$25,126,641

Capital and Major Works detail including Loan Repayments

Budget Item	2020/21 Budget
New – Plant & Equipment	\$500,000
New Corporate Information System	\$500,000
New – Land & Buildings	\$1,685,000
Annual Land Acquisitions Program	\$250,000
Buronga Landfill Land Use Planning for Licence Upgrade Project	\$100,000
Wentworth Riverfront BBQ Area Upgrade Project	\$220,000
Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment Project	\$1,000,000
Other minor new Land & Building projects	\$115,000
New – Other Structures	\$1,250,000
Annual Stormwater Drainage Program	\$250,000
Buronga/Gol Gol Stormwater Constraints Project	\$1,000,000
Renewal – Plant & Equipment	\$1,926,500
Annual Capital Plant Replacement Program	\$1,500,000
Annual IT Infrastructure Replacement Program	\$200,000
Annual Office Equipment Replacement Program	\$100,000
Other minor Plant & Equipment Renewal projects	\$126,500
Renewal – Land & Buildings	\$7,058,207
Drought Communities Extension Programme Projects	\$1,000,000
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCl) Grants Projects	\$1,278,207
Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Project	\$4,000,000
Wentworth Showgrounds Barrett Pavilion Replacement Project	\$325,000
Wentworth Riverfront Wall Remediation Project	\$300,000
Other minor Land & Building Renewal projects	\$155,000

Budget Item	2020/21 Budget
Renewal – Other Structures	\$167,500
Other minor Other Structure Renewal projects	\$167,500
Renewal – Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	\$9,682,256
Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade Project	\$6,100,000
Road Infrastructure Renewals included in Operating Expenses	\$3,542,256
Other minor Roads projects	\$40,000
Water Network	\$2,465,000
Annual Water Infrastructure Upgrade Program	\$1,000,000
Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Process Upgrade Project	\$1,000,000
Wentworth Raw Water Main Replacement Project	\$280,000
Other minor Water projects	\$185,000
Sewer Network	\$1,899,953
Annual Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade Program	\$1,590,953
Annual Sewer Main Refurbishment Program	\$224,000
Other minor Sewer projects	\$85,000
Loan Repayments	\$453,663
Buronga Landfill Capital Loan Repayments - Loan #1	\$92,140
Buronga Landfill Capital Loan Repayments - Loan #2	\$50,680
Midway Centre Redevelopment Loan Repayments	\$77,147
Sewer Loan Repayments - Loan #1	\$45,792
Stormwater Project Loan Repayments - T-Corp	\$45,792
Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Loan Repayments - Loan #1	\$42,496
Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Loan Repayments - Loan #2	\$99,616
Total Capital Expenditure	\$27,088,079

Grant funded projects

Of the \$27,088,079 of capital expenditure for 2020/21, Council will fund \$13,463,909 or 49.70% of the projects, with \$13,644,963 being funded through grant revenue.

The following table depicts the capital and major projects that have been funded and the amount of funding allocated to the project in the 2020/21 financial year.

Project Title	2020/21 budget	2020/21 funding
Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade Project	\$6,100,000	\$5,612,000
Road Infrastructure Renewals	\$3,542,256	\$3,542,256
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grants Projects	\$1,278,207	\$1,278,207
Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Process Upgrade Project	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Drought Communities Extensions Programme Projects	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment Project	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Wentworth Showgrounds Barret Pavilion Replacement Project	\$325,000	\$153,000
Wentworth Riverfront Precinct BBQ Area Upgrade Project	\$220,000	\$134,000
Buronga Riverfront Redevelopment Project	\$75,000	\$68,000
Mourquong Filtered Water Main Upgrade Project	\$50,000	\$44,000
Other Capital Projects	\$63,500	\$63,500
Value of funded projects and funding offsets	\$14,653,963	\$13,644,963

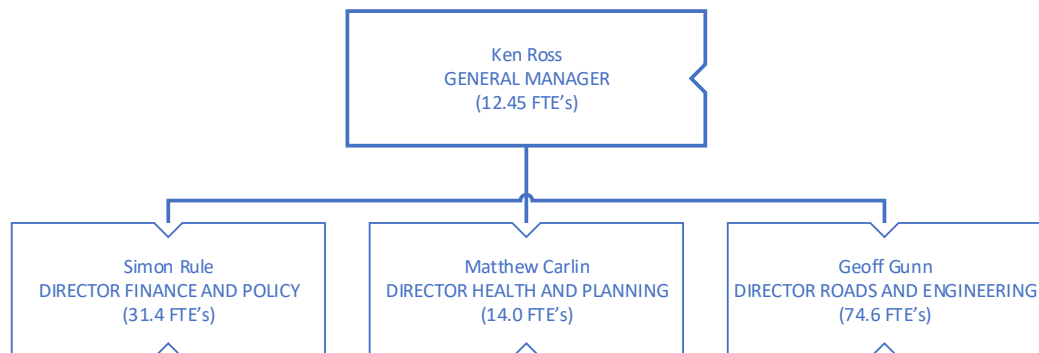
Workforce requirements

On 22 January 2020 Council adopted a revised structure consisting of 132.45 full time equivalents (FTE's) up 17.5 from the previously adopted structure.

The adopted structure consists of the general manager and three (3) directors, with each of these positions the subject of a standard contract of employment for Senior Staff. All other staff are employed in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award.

For the 2020/21 financial year total employment costs are forecast to be \$9,996,585 which is a 12.91% increase on the previous financial year's budget.

The following diagram depicts the Organisational Structure and the total number of FTE's within each Directorate.

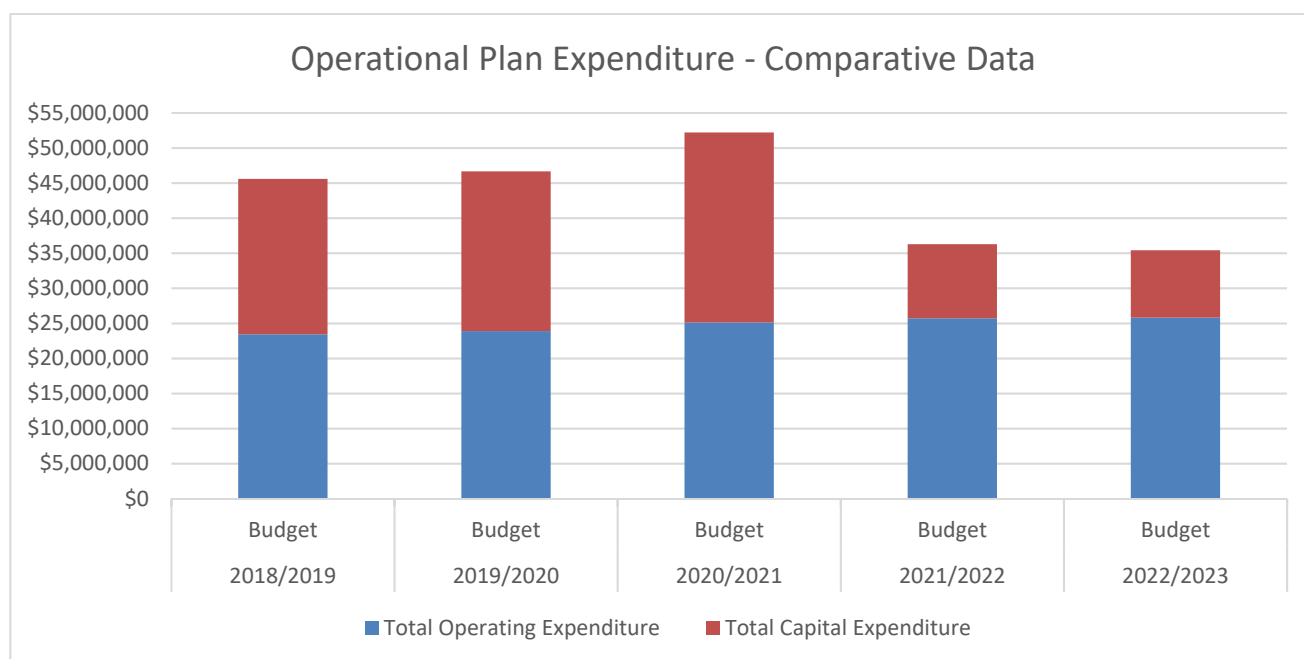


Future year estimates

The following graph provides a comparison of previous budgeted amounts, compared with the budget for the upcoming financial year and the projected future budgets for 2021/22.

Based on the current Delivery Program projects and forecasts from 2020/21 onwards the level of capital expenditure reduces as the current four year Delivery Program council comes to an end.

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework the adoption of each four-year Delivery Program occurs nine months after each council election. Council elections were originally scheduled to be held in September 2020 however amendments to the Local Government Act as a consequence of the global pandemic has resulted in the elections being pushed back by 12 months to September 2021.



Total Operating Expenditure	23,441,778	23,886,646	25,126,641	25,711,220	25,823,871
Total Capital Expenditure	22,160,172	22,770,541	27,088,079	10,567,524	9,596,235

Further information

The draft Annual Statement of Revenue provides a full breakdown of revenue and contains the following required statements;

- a statement of the types of fees proposed to be charged by Council,
- a statement of Council's proposed pricing methodology for determining the prices of goods and the approved fees under for services provided by Council,
- the amounts of any proposed borrowings,
- the sources from which they are proposed to be borrowed, and
- the means by which they are proposed to be secured.

The Annual fees and charges document provides details of annual fees and charges for the 2020/21 financial year.

Attachments

Part 2 – Annual Statement of Revenue and rating maps

Part 3 – Annual Fees and Charges

2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN

PART 2

Annual Statement of Revenue

The Annual Statement of Revenue forms part of the 2020/21 Operational Plan and includes the 2020/21 Fees and Charges.

These documents have been prepared in accordance with Section 403(2) of the Local Government Act 1993

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Integrated Planning and Reporting
2020/21 Operational Plan
Part 2 – Statement of Revenue

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The information pertained in this Statement of Revenue comes directly from Councils Long Term Financial Plan. The quality and quantity of services that Council provides to its citizens continue to grow despite an income that, in real terms, is decreasing. We are not alone in facing this predicament, but that does not lessen the size of the issue.

Despite these constraints, Council is determined to provide quality services at a level the community expects and at a price they are willing to pay. This will involve working closely with our community to provide services that best suit their needs.

In preparing the Long Term Financial Plan consideration was given to a range of economic and political factors that affect our finances and in turn our capability to maintain existing levels of service and long term financial sustainability.

RATING

Council rates are a form of taxation; they are not a fee-for-service. The Valuation of Land Act and the Local Government Act provide the legislative framework for valuing land and raising rates. All rateable land must be valued and rated. The Valuation of Land Act prescribes that the value of all properties be reassessed every 3 or 4 years to accommodate movements in land values. Council currently has its land revalued every 3 years. A revaluation establishes the value of a property relative to all other properties (ie: its market relativity).

Valuations in New South Wales are conducted by the NSW Valuer-General based on market movements and recent sales trends as required under the Valuation of Land Act. When a local government area has been re-valued the property owner will be issued with a Notice of Valuation. Each Notice of Valuation contains both details of the property as they are recorded on the Valuer General's records and the land value at the common base date for all Valuer General valuations in the local government area.

The valuations are objective and impartial, and are based on the market for Land. The 'land value' represents the value that the 'fee simple' interest in the land, assumed to be vacant, would be if offered for sale. For 2020/2021, rates are based were property values as at 1 July 2019.

By virtue of section 494 of the Local Government Act, council is required to make and levy an ordinary rate for each year on all rateable land in its area. This is a mandatory requirement.

A rate may, at council's discretion, consist of:

- An ad valorem amount; which may be subject to a minimum amount of the rate; or
- A base amount to which an ad valorem amount is added.

The ad valorem amount of a rate

The ad valorem amount of a rate is to be levied on the land value of all land that is to be rateable to the rate and the rate in the dollar is to apply uniformly. The ad valorem amount

of the ordinary rate may be the same for all classes or it may be different for different classes or sub classes.

Base charges and minimum amounts of rates payable

The Local Government Act allows the use of both different minimums and/or different base charges for different land use/localities. This provides additional flexibility in determining the distribution of the rating burden. It potentially enables better accommodation of 'equity' considerations but at the expense of the criteria of "simplicity". Greater flexibility also leaves council more vulnerable to lobbying for favourable treatment by special interest groups.

A base charge is a fixed fee levied equally against all properties. Rates based on property value are then levied to provide the additional revenue required by council. The effect is to reduce the influence that property values have in determining the relative amounts paid by different ratepayers. By contrast, a minimum rate applies only to those properties with a value below a set threshold. The amount of rates payable by all properties with a value above that threshold is therefore determined solely by relative property values.

The higher the amount of a base charge or a minimum rate the lower will be the ad valorem rate for any given revenue target. As a result higher valued properties may incur a greater or lesser share of the total rate burden depending on the level of the base charge or minimum rate. Applying a base rate charge will result in a different distribution between low, medium and high valued properties relative to the application of a minimum rate. The Local Government Act limits the amount of revenue that can be generated by a base charge or minimum rate. A base rate or minimum rate must not produce more than 50% of the total revenue derived for each class of property. Council has a base charge for each property class but currently does not levy a minimum charge.

Council must apply the ad valorem and base amount uniformly to every parcel of land within each property class but they can differ from property class to property class.

For well over a decade councils in NSW have been restricted to a rate cap and this has made it increasingly difficult to achieve financial sustainability for Western Division Councils. Most of these councils have rates as a percentage of total revenue below 25%.

Rate increases over the last six years are detailed in the following table.

Table of years and rate increases and % of total revenue

Rating Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
%	2.40	1.80	1.50	2.30	2.70	2.60
Rateable Value	456,121,220	458,997,140	504,286,220	511,880,220	518,336,290	862,040,158
Total General Rate Income \$	4,760,834	4,873,624	4,978,068	5,146,523	5,324,988	\$5,460,635
Increase \$	111,582	112,790	104,444	168,455	140,986	\$138,450

BUDGET ANALYSIS

This section provides comments on the main expenses and revenues, and capital expenditure for 2020/21.

OPERATING REVENUE

Council has forecasted to generate \$37,054,513 in revenue for 2020/2021

Extract of Operating Statement

Operating Revenue	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rates & Annual Charges	\$8,900,179	\$9,127,071	\$9,359,636	\$9,598,014
User Charges & Fees	\$5,026,280	\$5,141,606	\$5,266,162	\$5,393,831
Interest	\$601,149	\$616,178	\$631,582	\$647,372
Grants & Contributions (Op)	\$10,556,967	\$9,879,552	\$9,708,315	\$9,920,961
Grants & Contributions (Cap)	\$10,604,578	\$2,211,993	\$1,821,342	\$595,011
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,265,360	\$1,284,327	\$1,277,423	\$1,290,846
Net gain/loss Disposal of Assets	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$37,054,513	\$28,360,727	\$28,164,459	\$27,546,033

Rating and Annual Charges

The total income that can be raised from levying rates on property is capped by the State Government via the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. The current rate structure for Wentworth Shire Council will be maintained; rate assessments will be based entirely upon property valuations (ad valorem) but with base rates applying where appropriate. The continuing constraint of rate pegging imposed by the State Government limits Council's ability to provide additional services or borrow additional funds and has focused considerable attention to the need for and efficiency of each service provided. Council expects to raise \$8,900,179 from rates and annual charges for 2020/2021. This includes a special variation for Tourism which was approved in 1998 for \$10 per assessment.

Pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession card and own and occupy rateable property in Wentworth Shire receive a mandatory rebate on their rates and annual charges. The State Government funds 55% of the rebate. This is expected to cost Council \$76,000 in 2020/2021

Interest charges on unpaid rates and charges will accrue on a daily basis at the rate of 0.0% for the period of 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020 and 7.00% for the period 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021 as approved by the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Hardship and Ability to Pay Rates

Hardship is the difficulty in paying debts when repayment is due. Any person who cannot pay their rates or charges due to hardship can apply to Council for assistance at any time. Ratepayer are encouraged to seek assistance from Council as soon as practical. Council will consider each hardship application on its merits.

There are several ways Council may help a ratepayer who is experiencing financial hardship including, but not limited to:

- A payment plan or agreement (s564 of the Local Government Act) so that rates and charges (whether overdue or not) are paid on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.
- Interest may be waived or reduced for a set period of time.
- A pensioner rebate (additional to the legislated rebate) may be given.
- Interest, rates or charges may be written off, waived, reduced, or deferred for eligible applicants (s564, s 577, 601 Local Government Act)

Applications for a Special Variation to General Income

The ability to introduce a special rate variation to General Income requires Ministerial Approval. The provision allows the raising of additional income over and above the rate cap for specific purposes and under strict guidelines.

Council can apply for additional income through these provisions, however at this stage this has been no thought given to doing so. In the future this option will be explored if deemed necessary.

User Charges & Fees

Many of the services provided by Council are offered on a user pays basis. Fees and Charges relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users. All fees in this category are annually reviewed and some of the general considerations for setting these fees include:

- Cost of the service or operation
- Consumer Price Index
- Other revenue sources which may fund the service
- Laws and Regulations
- Ability of the persons/groups using the service to pay
- Benefit to the community (possible subsidy)
- Benchmarking with others providing similar services

Council needs to be mindful of using fees and charges as an avenue to increase revenue to the extent that it can create issues around maintaining equitable access to services and facilities for residents. The Shire's relatively low population base does not provide a large market from which significant fees and charges can be obtained.

Statutory fees such as development assessment fees, planning certificates etc charged by Council are subject to direction through regulation and other state government controls. Council does not set these fees and does not have the power to vary the fee set. The majority of statutory charges do not provide for annual increase in line with CPI or the cost of providing

the service and therefore excluding development related income, no growth in these fees has been included in the 2020/2021 budget.

The Roads and Maritime Services contract (RMCC) is classed as a fee for service and accounts for approx. \$1.5million of revenue annually. Council also operates the Buronga Landfill and the Willowbend Caravan Park in Wentworth. It is expected that these operations will generate \$2,100,000 in revenue for 2020/2021. Overall Council expects to raise \$5,026,280 from user fees and charges for 2020/2021.

Interest on Investments

Council has an investment portfolio that varies in size from year to year however it is projected to be between \$24m and \$27m for the majority 2020/2021. These funds are a mixture of unspent grants, reserve funds and general revenue. All investments are placed in accordance with the Minister's Order and Councils adopted investment policy. Interest earnings form a significant part of Council's revenue each year and are subject to fluctuations in interest rates as they respond to economic conditions. Approximately \$20,000,000 of Councils cash reserves are either internally or externally restricted, this means that they have been set aside to fund specific expenditure. This gives Council the ability to strategically invest these funds in order to gain maximum returns whilst minimising risk. The remaining funds make up Council available working capital which is required to fund day to day operations. Even with interest rates currently at an all-time low Council still expects to receive \$601,149 from investments in 2020/2021

Grants & Contributions

Council receives an annual Financial Assistance Grant from the Commonwealth as well as various grants from other State and Commonwealth Government departments. Council has assumed that it will continue to receive these grants, however, should these grants and subsidies be reduced Council's ability to provide the same level of service will be impacted.

Council also receives operating and capital grants from various funding bodies to help fund the following services

- Roads maintenance and capital works
- Library services
- Weeds
- Youth week
- Rural Fire Services

Council will continue to seek grant and partnership funding for a range of well-aligned projects and programs, which will be reflected in the budgets as and when specific arrangements are confirmed.

Council collects monetary contributions from developers as a condition of consent on Development Applications to meet the demand for public amenities and public services created by new development. Authority to do this is provided by Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

This form of revenue is difficult to predict and Council has adopted the prudent position of making no assumption that this source of funds can be relied upon for the purpose of forward forecasting of resources and financial sustainability. Successful increases in revenue through, grants, partnerships and developer contributions will be treated as windfalls.

In the 2019 Federal budget the Government announced that it would again be making an advance payment of up to 50% of the 2019/2020 Financial Assistant Grant prior to June 30 2019. Council has assumed that this will continue in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Council has forecasted to receive \$21,161,545 in operating and capital grants in 2020/2021.

Council will also apply to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a 50% rebate on interest payment under the Department's Low Cost Loans Initiative which aims to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure to support growing communities. Council has identified up to \$3,000,000 of sewer and stormwater infrastructure over the next 2 financial years that will be targeted at this initiative.

Council will receive capital grants and contributions in 2020/2021 which will contribute to funding the following projects:

- Barrett Pavilion
- Wentworth Riverfront
- Buronga Riverfront
- Wentworth Aerodrome
- Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant
- Roads to Recovery Program
- Regional Roads Block Grant and Repair Program
- Drought Recovery Projects
- Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Projects (COVID-19 stimulus funding)

Works to commence upgrading facilities at Willowbend Caravan has been included in the budget for 2020/2021, Council will actively seek grant funding to help offset some of the costs associated with this project

Council has an internally restricted fund of \$1,000,000 that can be used to contribute to funding applications as they become available.

Should the grant application process be unsuccessful, Council will have to use external borrowings to finance the works.

Should the grant application process be unsuccessful, Council will consider using external borrowings to finance the works.

Other Revenue

Miscellaneous revenue is obtained from a variety of sources including insurance recoveries, property rentals, sale of assets etc. It is anticipated that other revenue will be maintained at current levels with an increase for CPI factored in. Council has budgeted to receive \$1,265,360 in 2020/2021.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Council has forecasted \$25,126,641 in operating expenditure for 2020/2021

Extract of Operating Statement

Operating Expenses	2021	2022	2023	2024
Employee Costs	\$9,996,585	\$10,292,973	\$10,597,787	\$10,911,265
Materials & Contracts	\$4,408,063	\$4,366,170	\$4,407,082	\$4,349,409
Borrowings	\$266,424	\$314,269	\$300,343	\$276,081
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$7,093,089	\$7,123,233	\$7,154,848	\$7,188,583
Other Operating Expenses	\$3,362,481	\$3,614,576	\$3,363,811	\$3,419,432
TOTAL	\$25,126,641	\$25,711,220	\$25,823,87	\$26,144,770

Employee Expenses

Employee expenses comprise approximately 40% of Council's operating costs with 132.45 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff. The salaries and wages budget calculation includes an assumption that staff will take four weeks annual leave. Throughout any year salary savings resulting from staff vacancies and efficiencies will occur naturally.

The superannuation Guarantee Levy is currently at 9.5% and will progressively increase to 12% starting in 2020-21. Council has a number of staff in the defined benefit scheme and have been paying significantly increased contribution rates to fund this scheme.

Council Employee Leave Entitlements reserve is used to fund unanticipated changes in termination payments each year. The number of staff who might leave is difficult to predict and the budget has a provision added to represent the projected levels of retirements, to accommodate the challenges of an ageing workforce.

Council's policy is to fully fund the leave entitlements of staff in the Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve. In recent years the reserve has been used to assist in the funding of costs associated with the resignation/retirement of a number of long serving employees. Council has been fortunate in recent years that it has had enough surplus cash to fund 100% of this reserve. It is projected that the reserve will maintain a balance of 100% through 2020/2021. However if surplus funds were to decrease Council may choose to review this policy.

Workers Compensation premiums increase and decrease significantly with claims history. Council continues to be proactive in order to minimise any potential for claims

Organisational Structure

The 2020/2021 Operational Plan is based on the figure of 133.45 equivalent fulltime employees (EFT's). Councils total employee costs for 2020/2021 is expected to be \$9,996,585

Borrowing Costs

Wentworth Shire Council in the past has been debt averse and viewed the achievement of a low level of debt or even a debt free status as a primary goal. However Council appreciates that the use of loan funding can be a critical component of the funding mix to deliver much needed infrastructure to the community. The beneficiaries of these projects will assist in their

funding as their rates will be applied in part to repaying the loans. This is in contrast to current ratepayers bearing the entire burden in one year, possibly at the expense of other worthwhile expenditure.

Debt is seen as a method of more fairly spreading capital costs to deliver intergenerational equity. Keeping this in mind there are limits to the amount the Council can borrow without impacting on its financial sustainability and Council is mindful of not wanting to impose excessive debt on current or future generations.

Council's borrowing strategy projected in the LTFP is to restrict the debt service ratio to less than the industry benchmark of 20%. Before embarking on any new debt Council will consider the following:

- Debt financing is only to be used for clearly identifiable major projects and the Capital Works Program
- Debt finance will not be used to meet operational shortfalls
- The period of repayment of debt finance shall not exceed the period over which the benefits are received from a project, or the life of the asset whichever is lesser

The principles of intergenerational equity are supported in respect of the Council contribution to the funding of major projects, the benefits of which will be shared by future generations.

Loans shall only be raised after taking into consideration future known specific capital funding requirements and, when raised, shall only fund the specific project or purpose approved.

Borrowing costs on current and projected loans and financing arrangements will total \$266,424 in 2020/2021.

Materials and Contracts

Materials and Contracts represent the principal costs used to deliver services to the community and are forecast to increase by 2% in 2020/2021 in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index. Materials and contracts are subject to variations in the market and particularly to petroleum prices. Such fluctuations impact on the price of petroleum and petroleum-based products (such as asphalt) and makes forecasting difficult. Budgeted expenditure for 2020/2021 is \$4,408,063

Depreciation

Depreciation reflects the fact that an asset's cost is proportionally expensed over the time during which it is used. Depreciation has been based on the estimated useful life of assets and will be reviewed every year. Council continues to thoroughly review its residual values and estimated useful lives. Budgeted depreciation for 2020/2021 is \$7,093,089

Other Expenses

Includes items such as audit fees, valuation fees, office expenses, software licences, insurances, electricity costs etc. These costs count for approximately 10% of Council operating expenditure and have been forecast to increase in line with increases in CPI each year except for insurances, electricity costs and State Government Emergency Services levy which have been forecast to increase by approximately 2% above CPI each year. Budgeted expenditure for 2020/2021 is \$3,362,481

EXPENDITURE CHALLENGES

As part of the process of preparing the operational plan each year, Council critically reviews operating expenditure in order to identify areas where it could reduce spending without compromising service delivery.

Community needs must be understood and are a key input into the annual operational plan, for many years Council has recognised the challenge of meeting community needs in a financially sustainable manner. This challenge has been divided into two elements (1) assess the gap in financial sustainability assuming community needs correspond to the current scope of services and service levels and (2) assess the impact of additional or enhanced services in line with changing or revised community needs.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The challenge over the medium to long term is to achieve financial sustainability whilst still assisting the community to achieve its visions as established in the 10 year Community Strategic Plan. The challenge is to also adequately maintain existing assets before adding to the asset base, bearing in mind that new assets add to ongoing operational costs.

Substantial capital programs are in place to continue the renewal of Council's infrastructure network. The programs will ensure that these key asset groups meet or exceed Council's determined 'minimum' service levels and continue to provide the expected amenity to the community.

The capital works program prioritises projects based on asset condition, risk, community need and other opportunities as they arise with other entities. Over shorter periods, some areas of the Shire may require more capital works than others to reflect short term needs and opportunities.

The need for new assets is constantly assessed and verified against current population and development projects, community feedback and alternative means of supplying services. A further consideration is the priority of refurbishing existing assets that provide community benefits or operational service that require regular refurbishment to enable the overall safety and quality of the facility to be maintained.

Apart from funding constraints, Council has capacity constraints which determine the capital works program delivery timeframe. The constraints in project delivery include community consultation, state government approvals, design, procurement processes and availability of labour resources to project manage and implement the projects.

In addition to the renewal and expansion of Council's asset base delivered through the capital works program, Council undertakes a replacement (and, where appropriate) upgrade/expansion program for its plant and equipment assets including motor vehicles, furniture, plant and IT hardware.

The budget for 2020/21 has been developed through a process of consultation and review with Council and staff. As required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, the Operational Plan and Budget are for a one year period. The Long Term Financial Plan details Council's financial forecast for a 10 year period and budget estimates for the next four years are provided in the Delivery Program.

Capital Expenditure	2021	2022	2023	2024
Existing Infrastructure Renewals	\$19,129,415	\$8,724,004	\$8,383,846	\$7,352,710
Projects Carried forward from previous years	\$3,940,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Capital Expenditure	\$3,565,000	\$1,200,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Capital loan repayments	\$453,664	\$643,520	\$712,389	\$713,899
TOTAL	\$27,088,079	\$10,567,524	\$9,596,235	\$8,566,609

The Major Projects and Capital Expenditure Program for 2020/21 will be \$27,088,079

Capital works are funded from the following sources:

- Loans/financing \$6,000,000
- Restricted Funds \$1,388,000
- Retained Earnings \$679,118
- Council Operations \$5,375,998
- Grants and contributions \$13,644,963

RATE LEVY 2020/21

Council has received advice from the Minister for Local Government that the rate pegging limit for 2020/21 is 2.60%. The maximum increase has been proposed.

The rating structure proposed is consistent with previous years and no changes have been forecast at this stage. Council has tried to spread its rate burden as evenly as possible across all ratepayers. While it is impossible to keep everyone satisfied, the proposed rating structure endeavours to make it as fair and equitable as possible.

The Tourism Special Rate will remain at \$10 per Assessment.

Statement with respect to each ordinary and each special rate proposed to be levied:

No special Rates are proposed for 2020/2021.

In accordance with Sections 534, 535 & 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council resolves to make and levy an ordinary rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for 2020/21 financial year for every parcel of rateable land within the Wentworth Shire Council as follows:

FARMLAND CATEGORY

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Farmland except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

Farmland

- An ordinary rate of 0.00309165 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$510.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 33.36% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,108,302

Farmland – Dry Land Grazing

- An ordinary rate of 0.00252606 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$510.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.06% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$661,041

Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

- An ordinary rate of 0.03653814 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 42.19% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$16,886.16

RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY

Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00409093 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$230.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 45.75% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$308,178.79

Buronga

- An ordinary rate of 0.00363459 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Buronga, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 31.51% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$405,929

Gol Gol

- An ordinary rate of 0.00389402 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 27.30% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$523,897

Gol Gol East

- An ordinary rate of 0.00439115 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol East, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 23.96% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$338,072

Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.01332810 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$185.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 46.40% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$21,131

Dareton

- An ordinary rate of 0.01572021 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Dareton, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now

made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$185.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 48.40% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$76,450

Rural Residential

- An ordinary rate of 0.00373314 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Rural, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$170.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.14% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$437,290

BUSINESS CATEGORY

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Business except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Business, Mourquong; Business, Trentham Cliffs; Business, Arumpo; Business, Wentworth; Business, Pooncarie (including all of the lands within the locality of Pooncarie sub categorised as Business Pooncarie except those lands within the township of Pooncarie).

Business

- An ordinary rate of 0.00659508 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.38% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$244,994

Business, Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00950742 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 38.26% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$39,518

Business, Mourquong

- An ordinary rate of 0.29338897 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.12% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$241,172

Business, Trentham Cliffs

- An ordinary rate of 0.00817110 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.49% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$10,329

Business, Arumpo

- An ordinary rate of 0.06246807 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.17% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$71,679

Business, Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.09382097 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.02% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$955,767

WATER & SEWER CHARGES

It is necessary to increase Water & Waste Water by 2.60% per property for 2020/21 to cope with the cost of operational and capital expenditure required to provide this service to the ratepayers.

- Water Access Charges will increase by 2.60% per rateable property in 2020/21
- Sewer Access Charges will increase by 2.60% per rateable property in 2020/21
- Water Consumption Charges to remain unchanged per rateable property in 2020/21

In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council resolves to make and levy the following Water and Sewer Charges for each rateable property within Wentworth Shire Council.

WATER CHARGES

Filtered Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$295.00	per annum
Water Cost - 0-250kl	\$1.25	per kl
Water Cost - over 250kl	\$2.80	per kl
Raw Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$162.00	per annum
Water Cost - 0-700kl	\$0.45	per kl
Water Cost - over 700kl	\$1.10	per kl

The above proposed charges are for a basic 20mm connection.

Flats & Units

The access charge will apply to all connections and to Namatjira and resident complexes such as flats. Each flat or unit will be levied at 20mm access charge for raw and filtered water. The body corporate management committee will then be charged for actual water used. The body corporate will be responsible for the allocation of charges within the complex.

Access Charges are determined by the connection size as follows:-					
Filtered Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Filtered Water Access Charge	Filtered Water Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2392	295	250 kl	\$ 705,640.00
	25	34	445	500 kl	\$ 15,130.00
	32	8	690	750 kl	\$ 5,520.00
	40	17	1,090	1000 kl	\$ 18,530.00
	50	15	1,715	1750 kl	\$ 25,725.00
	80	2	4,340	4000 kl	\$ 8,680.00
	100	1	6,760	6250 kl	\$ 6,760.00
	150	0	14,476		
	200	0	26,522		
					\$ 785,985.00
Raw Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Raw Water Access Charge	Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2278	162	700 kl	\$ 369,036.00
	25	42	254	1400 kl	\$ 10,668.00
	32	10	340	2100 kl	\$ 3,400.00
	40	19	550	2800 kl	\$ 10,450.00
	50	17	830	4900 kl	\$ 14,110.00
	80	3	2,240	11200 kl	\$ 6,720.00
	100	1	3,430	17500 kl	\$ 3,430.00
	150		7,445		\$ -
	200		13,235		\$ -
					\$ 417,814.00

SEWERAGE CHARGES

Description	Assess	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Sewerage Connected	1,794	805.00	\$1,444,170	\$29,500
Sewerage Unconnected	140	570.00	\$79,800	
Sewerage 1st Pedestal	29	805.00	\$23,345	
Sewerage Pedestal WC	604	114.00	\$68,856	
Sewerage Urinal	61	56.00	\$3,416	
Sewerage Church WC	38	61.00	\$2,318	
Sewerage 2 Flats	9	1,207.50	\$10,868	
Sewerage 3 Flats	3	1,610.00	\$4,830	
Sewerage 4 Flats	5	2,012.50	\$10,063	
Sewerage 5 Flats	4	2,415.00	\$9,660	
Sewerage 6 Flats	2	2,817.50	\$5,635	
Sewerage 7 Flats	3	3,140.00	\$9,420	
Sewerage 9 Flats	0	4,025.00	\$0	
Sewerage 10 Flats	1	4,427.50	\$4,428	
Sewerage 12 Flats	1	5,235.50	\$5,233	
Sewerage 14 Flats	0	6,037.50	\$0	
			\$1,682,280	\$29,500

DOMESTIC WASTE

Domestic Waste collection charges will increase by 2.60% per annum in order to keep up with the increased cost of collection.

In accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves to charge the following Domestic Waste Management Charge for each rateable residential property within Wentworth Shire Council.

Garbage Charges				
Description	Assess	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Domestic Waste Urban	2,132	242	\$515,944	\$26,000
Domestic Waste Rural	909	295	\$268,155	\$6,000
			\$784,099	\$32,000

In accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will adopt its rates and charges after public notice is given and after due consideration of submissions received.

STATEMENT OF THE TYPES OF FEES to be charged by the Council and the amounts of each such fee:

Section 612 of the Local Government Act 1993 prohibits Council from determining a fee until it has given public notice of its draft delivery and operational plans for the year in which the fee is to be made and has considered any submissions received. Council will adopt the 2020/21 fees and charges schedule on 24 June 2020, after consideration of all written submissions by residents and ratepayers.

Refer to attached document for the fees and charges schedule.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL'S PRICING POLICY with respect to the goods and services provided by it:

Reference is made to Council's Pricing Policy in its Annual Fees and Charges 2020/21. The Pricing Policy is related to the degree of cost recovery, having regard to the following factors:

- Equity objectives
- User pays principle
- Cross subsidisation objectives
- Financial objectives
- Customer objectives
- Resource use objectives
- GST

Council's broad policies on revenue are:

- Council will ensure all rates, fees and charges will be levied equitably
- Council supports the user pays principle in assessing the levying of fees and charges and the amount to which they are set, while considering the needs of those in the community who are unable to meet their own needs
- Council will pursue all cost effective opportunities to maximise its revenue base.

The pricing policy referred to in the Annual Fees and Charges for 2020/21 is based on a selection of one of the following choices:

- The pursuit of full cost recovery (100% of identified costs)
- The application of partial cost recovery (reflecting the impact of public good constraints and/or community service obligations)
- The application of zero cost recovery (reflecting an inability to charge a fee)
- The application of a reference price (a fee or charge set by statute or regulation)
- The pursuit of a commercial rate of return on capital invested (to reflect the capital risks involved in the provision of a particular service).

STATEMENTS OF THE AMOUNTS OR RATES PROPOSED to be charged for the carrying out by the Council of work on private land:

The Council may by agreement with the owner or occupier of any private land, carry out on the land any kind of work that may lawfully be carried out on the land (Section 67(1) Local Government Act 1993).

Examples of private works are:

- Paving and road making

- Kerbing and guttering
- Fencing and ditching
- Tree planting and maintenance
- Demolition and excavation
- Land clearing and tree felling
- Water, sewerage and drainage connections

This type of work is to be charged at cost with a percentage charge of 10% added for profit purposes. All profit is returned to Council's General Fund income.

STATEMENT OF PROPOSED BORROWINGS

The Wentworth Shire Council is proposing to borrow/finance up to \$7,000,000 in 2020/21 to help fund capital requirements for the:

- Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment
- Installation of new Sewer and Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure (Low Interest T-Corp Loans)
- Willowbend Caravan Park Upgrades (will be required if grant funding is unsuccessful)

2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN

PART 3

Annual Fees and Charges

The Annual Fees and Charges forms part of the 2020/21 Operational Plan
These documents have been prepared in accordance with Section 403(2) of the
Local Government Act 1993

FINAL 24/06/20

Integrated Planning and Reporting
2020/21 Operational Plan
Part 3 – Annual Fees and Charges

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Economic Development & Tourism

Paddle Steamer Ruby (P.S. Ruby) Hire

Day Cruises from Wentworth Wharf	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
One Hour Ruby Cruise - minimum booking 30 passengers			
Adult ticket (aged 18 and over)		\$28.00	10%
Child under 18 years of age and Concessional Card Holders		\$18.00	10%
Child under 12 years of age		Free	10%
Family ticket (2 Adults & 2 children)		\$69.00	10%
Two Hour Ruby Cruise - including Lock passage minimum booking 25 passengers			
Adult ticket (aged 18 and over)		\$41.00	10%
Child under 18 years of age and Concessional Card Holders		\$23.00	10%
Child under 12 years of age		Free	10%
Family ticket (2 Adults & 2 children)		\$105.00	10%
Overnight Cruises from Wentworth Wharf of Fotherby Park, including dinner, bed & breakfast	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
1 night - 4 hours steaming and returning to Wentworth	per person	\$214.00	10%
2 nights - 8 hours steaming and return to Wentworth	per person	\$428.00	10%
Longer cruises by arrangement	per person	Quote per charter	10%
Group Booking Packages			
Discount of 10% is available when one booking fills the vessel manifest			
Static Vessel Hire at Wentworth Wharf or Fotherby Park (see note 6)	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Overnight Accommodation Hire at Wentworth Wharf or Fotherby Park			
Cabin accommodation only - Minimum 20 adult passengers	per person	\$41.00	10%
Cabin including breakfast - Minimum 20 adult passengers	per person	\$51.00	10%
Cabin including dinner, bed & breakfast - Minimum 20 adult passengers	per person	\$105.00	10%
Static Vessel Hire at Fotherby Park	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Group Hire - Full day, dry hire - Maximum 30 passengers (NO BYO)		\$868.00	10%
Conference Hire - Full day, light lunch & refreshments - Maximum 25 passengers		\$1,737.00	10%
Celebration Hire - Half day hire - Maximum 80 passengers on vessel (NO BYO)		\$1,737.00	10%
* A Bond is payable for all Static Hire Bookings		\$500.00	0%
Additional Information	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Audio Visual Equipment Hire			
LCD Screen and DVD Player	per day	\$60.00	10%
Specialty Catering Requests			
Any special catering packages/requirements are to be negotiated at additional cost.			10%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hiring's)			
Note: Hirers are responsible for cleaning and rubbish removal. If required, the cost for additional cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.		Cost	10%

Paddle Steamer Ruby Hire (P.S. Ruby) additional notes:

- (1) The Vessel may only carry 100 day passengers
- (2) The Wheelhouse deck may only carry 30 persons at a time
- (3) The passenger deck may only carry 60 persons at any time
- (4) All passengers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- (5) Overnight Cruises require 20 passengers to fill a booking.
- (6) Fotherby Park provides overnight parking in a CCTV controlled area
- (7) Each cabin has one upper and one lower bunk
- (8) Luggage space in cabins is limited
- (9) Linen is also included in all overnight cruises
- (10) Single cabin occupancy rate is 70% of the fees shown
- (11) Special dietary requirements are to be made known at the time of booking
- (12) There are no disabled or wheelchair facilities on board
- (13) Animals are not permitted on board
- (14) An Officer of P.S. Ruby will be in attendance at all hire events
- (15) Extra security is the responsibility of the hirer

Note: Embarkation may be cancelled by the Captain at his absolute discretion

Planning & Development Applications

Development and Construction

Construction Certificates	Fee (Including GST)	GST
The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.35% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at http://www.longservice.nsw.gov.au/bci/levy/other-information/levy-calculator		
Class 1a Buildings (Dwellings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$414.00	10%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$508.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,011.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,614.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,026 plus \$1.80 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)		
Up to \$5,000	\$414.00	10%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$470.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$700.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$994.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$1,333 plus \$1.70 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Class 2 - 9 Buildings (Commercial, Industrial & Public Buildings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$508.00	10%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$1,011.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,614.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,027.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,583 plus \$1.90 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	10%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	10%
\$200,001 and above	1%	10%
Complying Development Certificates	Fee (Including GST)	GST
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\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,583 plus \$1.90 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	10%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	10%
\$200,001 and above	1%	10%
Civil Works	Fee (Including GST)	GST
The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.35% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at http://www.longservice.nsw.gov.au/bci/levy/other-information/levy-calculator		
Plan Checking Fee		
2- 3 Lots	\$122.00	10%
4 - 20 Lots	\$364.00	10%
21 - 49 Lots	\$607.00	10%
50 Plus Lots	\$849.00	10%
Civil Works construction certificate	\$924 or 1.5% of total project cost whichever is greater	10%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	10%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	10%
\$200,001 and above	1%	10%
Headworks Charges (Servicing Plans 1 & 2)		
Filtered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,489.00	0%
Unfiltered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,614.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot)	\$7,787.00	0%
Stormwater Fee	\$0.94 per sqm of original area to be subdivided	0%
Sundry Building Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Certificate and progress reports on buildings under construction	\$162.00	10%
Minor amendments to Construction Certificates / Complying Development Certificates	\$162.00	10%
Amendment > 50% of plan – Construction / Complying Development Certificates	50% of fee for new application	10%
2 nd re-inspection for a mandatory building inspection stage	\$190.00	10%
Subscriber fee for provision of ABS data – full year	\$207.00	0%
Search and copy of records (per search)	\$91.00	0%
Copy of building plans (per sheet)	Standard Copy Fee	10%
Private Certifier lodgement fee (cl 263 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$36.00	0%

Application for inspection of dwelling to be re-sited		
- dwelling outside of Council area	\$350 + .88c per km	10%
- dwelling within Council area	\$351.00	10%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 where work involves no additional floor space (cl 260 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$250.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 involving additional floor space (cl 260 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$250 + \$0.50 per m ² over 200m ²	0%
Inspection Fee where more than one inspection is required prior to issuing a Building Information Certificate (cl 260(2) EP&A Reg 2000)	\$90.00	10%
Building Information Certificate where a DA, CDC or CC was required for the erection of the building or any of the other conditions prescribed in Regulation 260(3A) of the EP & A Act Apply. Note: DA, CC or CDC fee addition only applies if the building erection/alteration happened 2 years immediately preceding date of building certificate application.	Relevant DA & CC, or CDC fee that should have been paid + \$250	0%
Fee for copy of a Building Information Certificate (cl 261 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$13.00	0%

Planning & Development Applications

Development and Construction

Swimming Pool Inspection Fee	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Audit inspection initiated by Council – 1 st Inspection	\$0.00	0%
Mandatory inspection for a swimming pool (cl 18A Swimming Pool Reg 2008)	\$150.00	10%
Follow up inspection when 1 st inspection not compliant (cl 18A Swimming Pool Reg 2008)	\$100.00	10%
Local Government Act Approvals	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Application to install on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS)	\$431.00	0%
Application to amend on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS)	\$431.00	0%
Install Grey Water System	\$248.00	0%
Amend Grey Water System	\$141.00	0%
Raw Water Sign	\$6.00	10%
Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$610.00	0%
Amendment to Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$610.00	0%
Application for approval to connect to sewer	\$431.00	0%
Application to amend existing sewer plan	\$431.00	0%
2 nd re-inspection for a mandatory plumbing inspection stage	\$134.00	0%
Section 68 Installation of a Relocatable Home, Moveable Dwelling or Associated Structure		
Up to \$5,000 of Building Value	\$53 + 0.5%	10%
\$5,001 - \$100,000 of Building Value	\$79 + 0.3%	10%
\$100,001 - \$250,000 of Building Value	\$378 + 0.2%	10%
>\$250,001 of Building Value	\$693 + 0.1%	10%
Stormwater Legal Point of Discharge	\$72.00	0%

Caravan Parks – Inspection fee + (per site) 5 year fee	\$300 + \$5 (per site)	0%
Caravan Parks noncompliance re-inspection fee (per hour)	\$174.00	0%
Section 68 Local Government Approvals not otherwise listed – Refer Appendix B	\$232.00	0%
Development Applications	Fee (Including GST)	GST
The Planning Reform Fund is payable at 0.064% of the value of works where the cost of development is greater than \$50,000. (cl 246B EP & A Reg 2000)		
Up to \$5,000	\$110.00	0%
From \$5,001 to \$50,000	\$170 plus \$3 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	0%
From \$50,001 to \$250,000	\$352 plus \$3.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000	0%
From \$250,001 to \$500,000	\$1,160 plus \$2.34 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0%
From \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$1,745 plus \$1.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0%
From \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$2,615 plus \$1.44 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
More than \$10,000,001	\$15,875 plus \$1.19 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Misc. Planning Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Modification of DA S4.55(1) Minor Error, Misdescription or Miscalculation as per cl 258 EP&A Reg 2000 (no fee charged if agreed Council error)	\$71.00	0%
All other Modifications - S4.55(1A), S4.55(2) & S4.56	50% of original DA fee up to the maximum fee of \$645	0%
Request for LEP Amendment	\$6,367.00	0%
Request for s8.2(1)(a)(b) Review of determination as per cl 257 EP&A Reg 2000		0%
In the case of a development application that does not involve the erection of building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building.	50% of the original lodgement fee	0%
In the case of a development application that involves the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	\$190.00	0%
In the case of any other development application		
Estimated development costs up to \$5,000	\$55.00	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$5,001 - \$250,000	\$85, plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$5,000	0%

Estimated development costs of between \$250,001 - \$500,000	\$500, plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$250,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$712, plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$500,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000	\$987, plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$1,000,000	0%
Estimated development costs in excess of \$10,000,000	\$4,737, plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$10,000,000	0%
Additional fee if notice of the application is required to be given under Section 8.5 of the Act.	Up to \$620	0%
Request for s8.2(1)(c) review of decision to reject an application as per cl 257A EP&A Reg 2000		
Estimated development costs up to \$100,000	\$55.00	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$150.00	
Estimated development costs in excess of \$1,000,000	\$250.00	
Mooring Sites (private)	\$330.00	0%
Mooring Sites (commercial)	\$654.00	0%
Development Requiring Advertising as per cl 252 EP&A Reg 2000	Min \$205 Max \$1,105	0%
Fee for an advertising structure	\$347 plus \$115 for each advertisement in excess of one	0%
Subdivisions	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Development Application Lodgement (cl249 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$330 plus \$53 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Involving opening of a public road (cl 249 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$665 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Strata Subdivision (cl 249 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$330 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Subdivision Certificate Application Fee	\$231 plus \$5.00 per lot	10%
Section 10.7 Certificates	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) & (5) - Per Lot (cl 259 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$133.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) - Per Lot (cl 259 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$53.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (5) - Per Lot (cl 259 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$80.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 Urgent Fee	\$122.00	0%
Sewer Diagram	\$20.00	0%
Notification of Outstanding Orders	\$72.00	10%
Certificate under Section 735A of the Local Government Act 1993	\$72.00	10%

Designated Development	Fee (Including GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for a designated development (cl 251 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$920.00	0%
Designated Development Advertising Fee (fee is as per Clause 252 of the EP&A Reg 2000)	\$2,220.00	0%
Integrated Development	Fee (Including GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for an integrated development (cl 253 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$140 plus additional \$320 per body for each approval body	0%
Permissive Occupancy Licence Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Application Fee (new or transfer)	\$198.00	0%
Annual Rent Payable	\$198.00	0%

Regulatory Functions

Public Health Program Inspection Fees

Public Health Program Inspection Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Food Premises Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$55.00	0%
Hairdressers & food premises - administration fee (yearly)	\$170.00	0%
Hairdressers & food premises - fee per inspection	\$135.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice (including one reinspection)	\$442.00	0%
Temporary Event - Application to Sell Food Fee (single day/event)	\$60.00	0%
Annual approval (covers all events for the year)	\$150.00	0%
Cooling Tower Inspections – administration fee (yearly)	\$170.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$135.00	0%
Per km	\$0.38 per km	0%
Warm Water Systems Inspections – administration fee (yearly)	\$170.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$135.00	0%
Per km	\$0.38 per km	0%

Note: A minimum of 1 inspection conducted annually, depending on hazard rating. Some premises may have up to 4 scheduled inspection per year.

Companion Animal Fees

Other Regulatory Function Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Micro-chipping Service	\$56.00	10%
Surrender Fees	\$95.00	0%
Release Fee - Cats	\$95.00	0%
Release Fee - Dogs	\$95.00	0%
Release Fee - Livestock (per animal)	\$95.00	0%
Livestock Sustenance - per day	\$16.00	10%
Trap Hire - Refundable Deposit	\$30.00	0%
Impounded Vehicles	\$490.00	10%
Animal Services Officer - After hours attendance (in addition to any fines imposed)	\$263.00	10%
Lifetime Registration Fees (as per Companion Animals Regulation 2008)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Dog - Desexed (by relevant age)	\$60.00	0%
Dog – Desexed (by relevant age eligible pensioner)	\$26.00	0%
Dog – Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	\$30.00	0%

Dog - Not-Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)	\$216.00	0%
Dog – Not Desexed (not recommended)	\$60.00	0%
Dog – Not Desexed (recognized breeder)	\$60.00	0%
Dog – Working	Free	0%
Dog – Service of the State	Free	0%
Lifetime Registration – Assistant Animals	Free	0%
Cat – Desexed or Not Desexed	\$50.00	0%
Cat – Eligible Pensioner	\$26.00	0%
Cat – Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	\$25.00	0%
Cat – Not Desexed (not recommended)	\$50.00	0%
Cat – Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$50.00	0%
Annual Permits	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Cats under 4 months not desexed	\$80.00	0%
Restricted Breed and Dangerous Dogs	\$195.00	0%

Note 1: The lifetime registration fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the office of Local Government. The fees shown reflect amendments effective from 1 July 2020.

Note 2: The Annual Permit fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the Office of Local Government and are payable in addition to the one-off lifetime registration fee. The fees shown reflect amendments effective 1 July 2020.

Waste Management Charges

Landfill Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
1 Bag of Rubbish	\$4.00	10%
Station wagon / car boot	\$15.00	10%
Domestic (Home) Waste		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$20.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$36.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$53.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$40.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$61.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$83.00	10%
Commercial/Industrial (Work) Waste		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$30.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$54.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$79.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$60.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$91.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$125.00	10%
Truck loads - (per tonne)	\$106.00	10%
Concrete (per tonne) - excluding concrete pipes	\$109.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level - concrete	\$15.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level - concrete	\$25.00	10%
Asbestos (per tonne)	\$204.00	10%
Problematic Waste	\$159.00	10%
Disposal of car bodies	NIL	0%
Green Waste	NIL	0%
Car and Motorbike Tyres	\$15.00	10%
Small Truck Tyres	\$22.00	10%
Large Truck Tyres	\$40.00	10%
Super Single Tyre	\$40.00	10%
Earthmoving/Tractor Tyres	\$175.00	10%
Waste Oil (petroleum oils only) (Buronga & Wentworth only)	NIL	0%
Scrap Metal - clean fill	NIL	0%
Chemical Drums (clean and dry)	NIL	0%
Recycling (paper, cans, plastic bottles, glass)	NIL	0%
Cardboard, batteries, gas cylinders	NIL	0%
Mattress - Single	\$18.00	10%
Mattress - Double or bigger	\$34.00	10%
Deep Burial	\$134.00	10%

Trade Waste Charges

Trade Waste Fees and Usage Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Annual Trade Waste Fee		
Category 1 Discharger	\$119.00	10%
Category 2 Discharger	\$237.00	10%
Large Discharger	\$796.00	10%
Industrial Discharger	\$237.00	10%
Re-inspection Fee	\$111.00	10%
Trade Waste Usage Charges per kL		
Category 1 Discharge with appropriate equipment (note 1)	\$0.00	10%
Category 1 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$3.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge with appropriate equipment (note 1)	\$222.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$21.00	10%
Food Waste Disposal	\$38.00	10%
Non-compliance pH charge		
Value of coefficient K in equation 3 of Liquid Trade Waste Policy	\$2.00	10%
Excess Mass Charges - Substance price per kg	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Aluminium	\$2.00	10%
Ammonia (as N)	\$3.00	10%
Arsenic	\$100.00	10%
Barium	\$49.00	10%
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	\$100.00	10%
Boron	\$100.00	10%
Bromide	\$21.00	10%
Cadmium	\$462.00	10%
Chloride	\$2.00	10%
Chlorinated hydrocarbons	\$49.00	10%
Chlorinated phenolics	\$1,997.00	10%
Chlorine	\$3.00	10%
Chromium	\$32.00	10%
Cobalt	\$21.00	10%
Copper	\$21.00	10%
Cyanide	\$100.00	10%
Fluoride	\$5.00	10%
Formaldehyde	\$3.00	10%
Oil and Grease (Total O&G)	\$2.00	10%
Herbicides/defoliants	\$999.00	10%
Iron	\$3.00	10%

Excess Mass Charges - Substance price per kg	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Lead	\$49.00	10%
Lithium	\$9.00	10%
Manganese	\$9.00	10%
Mercaptans	\$100	10%
Mercury	\$3,329.00	10%
Methylene blue active substances (MBAS)	\$100.00	10%
Molybdenum	\$100.00	10%
Nickel	\$32.00	10%
Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen - Ammonia) as N	\$25.00	10%
Organoarsenic compounds	\$999.00	10%
Pesticides general (excludes organochlorines and organophosphates)	\$999.00	10%
Petroleum hydrocarbons (non-flammable)	\$4.00	10%
Phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated)	\$9.00	10%
Phosphorous (Total PP)	\$3.00	10%
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons	\$21.00	10%
Selenium	\$70.00	10%
Silver	\$2.00	10%
Sulphate (SO ₄)	\$2.00	10%
Sulphide	\$3.00	10%
Sulphite	\$3.00	10%
Suspended Solids (SS)	\$2.00	10%
Thiosulphate	\$2.00	10%
Tin	\$9.00	10%
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	\$2.00	10%
Uranium	\$9.00	10%
Zinc	\$21.00	10%
Charges for tankered waste - Fees in \$/kL (note 1)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Chemical Toilet	\$22.00	0%
Septic Tank Waste		
Effluent	\$3.00	0%
Septage	\$28.00	0%
Charges for use of Riverboat Pump-Out Stations (per each dump)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Disposal of effluent from riverboats	\$28.00	10%
Use of key to access pump out facility (refundable deposit)	\$30.00	0%

Note: Only applies to liquid trade waste dischargers with appropriately and/or maintained pre-treatment facilities.

Finance and Customer Service Fees

GIPA Requests	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Government Information Public Access Request (GIPA)			
Application Fee (as per the Act)		\$30.00	0%
Processing Charges (1st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter) as per the Act		\$30.00	0%
Retrieval and copying of previous years Council Minutes (charge is per meeting)		\$36.00	0%
Sundry Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Photocopying A4		\$0.25	10%
Photocopying A3		\$0.50	10%
Colour Photocopying A4		\$1.00	10%
Colour Photocopying A3		\$2.00	10%
Grants – Preparation of funding applications on behalf of others	per hour	\$101.00	10%
Grants – Auspice of grant funds on behalf of others (this covers preparation of reports for funding body & audit certificate)		\$1,477 plus 1% of funding amount	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A2		\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A1		\$12.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A0		\$16.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A2		\$4.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A1		\$7.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A0		\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A2		\$12.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A1		\$20.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A0		\$23.00	10%
Laminating A4		\$5.00	10%
Laminating A3		\$9.00	10%
Scanning - small black & white logos etc.		\$7.00	10%
Scanning - colour photos (standard size)		\$9.00	10%
Licenses and Permits	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Tent Erection Fees - outside licensed Caravan Parks		\$112.00	0%
Tent Erection / Clearing		\$647.00	0%
Deposits - Tents for Circus, travelling shows and other commercial enterprises		\$600.00	0%
Valuer General's Insertion into Rates Notices	per hour	\$70.00	0%
Misc. Rates Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
603 Certificate		\$85.00	0%
603 Certificate Urgent Request		\$128.00	0%
Special Meter Reading - 603 Certificate		\$70.00	0%
Meter Check - Fault Report		\$120.00	0%
Copy of Rates Notice (per request)		\$10.00	0%
General Administration Fee		\$25.00	0%
Extraction from Valuation Book		\$22.00	0%
Rural Addressing - Provision of new address plate or replacement plate		\$45.00	0%
Account review administration fee		\$134.00	10%
Dishonour Fee (Bpay, Bill Pay & Direct Debit)		\$25.00	0%
Interest on overdue rates: 1 July 2020 – 31 December 2020		0.00%	0%
Interest on overdue rates: 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021		7.00%	0%

Note: These fees are GST exempt if associated with the provision of regulatory information

Library Fees

Service	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Inter-library Loans, Late returns and Damages		
Inter-library Loans	\$3.00	10%
Lost or Damaged Items	Original Cost + \$7.00	10%
Book Covering		
Plastic / contact (small)	\$4.00	10%
Plastic / contact (medium)	\$5.00	10%
Plastic / contact (large)	\$5.00	10%
Dust jacket (small)	\$5.00	10%
Dust jacket (medium)	\$5.00	10%
Dust jacket (large)	\$6.00	10%
Photocopying / Printing / Scanning		
A4 photocopy or print	\$0.25	10%
A4 photocopy - coloured print	\$1.00	10%
A3 photocopy or print	\$0.50	10%
A3 photocopy - coloured print	\$2.00	10%
Facsimile		
First page	\$5.00	10%
Subsequent pages each	\$2.00	10%
Overseas minimum charge	\$9.00	10%
Receiving fax (per 5 pages)	\$3.00	10%
Laminating		
Business card	\$5.00	10%
A4	\$5.00	10%
A3	\$9.00	10%
Replacement Library Card		
Adult	\$3.00	0%
Child	\$3.00	0%
Visitor Deposit (refundable)	\$20.00	0%

Roads & Engineering Support

Service	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Road Opening Permits		
Permit	\$154.00	0%
Refundable deposits (note 1):		
Road opening fee	\$525.00	0%
For works in a constructed nature strip with concrete footpath	\$368.00	0%
For works in an unpaved constructed nature strip	\$210.00	0%
New works which may affect Council assets such as footpaths, sewer, drainage & water supply	\$1,418.00	0%
Traffic Management Plans		
Plan Preparation Fee	\$154.00	10%
Plan Assessment Fee	\$141.00	0%
Hire Fee per day - Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$29.00	10%
Refundable Deposit (note 2)		
Hire of Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$210.00	0%
Bins		
Bin Hire (per bin, per day - includes 1 emptying/cleaning)	\$23.00	10%
Each additional empty/clean (per bin)	\$23.00	10%
Replacement of Mobile Garbage Bin	\$103.00	10%
Misc. services		
Hire of barbeque - per day	\$185.00	10%
Access permits - Heavy Vehicle National Law	\$95.00	10%
Weeds Inspections		
Inspections within the built up horticultural areas (i.e. Wentworth to Monak)	\$174.00	10%
Inspections in rural areas (travel is calculated to and from the property)	\$174/hr plus \$55/hr after the first 2 hours + .85c per km	10%
Grid Replacement (refer Fencing and Grid Policy) added 18/03/2020		
Co-contribution towards fencing when removal of a grid has been agreed to in writing.	Up to \$2,500 per km of fencing for a maximum amount of 5km per grid.	10%

Notes:

(1) On completion of the job, the deposit will be refunded, less the restoration charges and any additional costs which may be required to restore the trench.

(2) The restoration charges covers sealing and relaying of concrete surfaces and the top surface for gravel and earth. Any additional works are an extra charge. If the costs are greater than the deposit, a charge will be made.

Hire of Plant Items

Plant Item (refer notes) (Price per hour unless otherwise stated)	Plant Number (s)	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
CAT 12M	533 & 534	per hour	\$326.00	10%
Tractors and Implements	34, 39 & 51	per hour	\$228.00	10%
CAT Backhoe	30	per hour	\$203.00	10%
CAT 910F FEL	31	per hour	\$212.00	10%
John Deere Tractor & Implements	41	per hour	\$260.00	10%
CAT D6 Dozer	36	per hour	\$326.00	10%
JCB Loadalls	44	per hour	\$235.00	10%
CAT 938F FEL	47	per hour	\$221.00	10%
Low Loader Prime Mover	507	per km	\$8.95	10%
Low Loader	75	per hour	\$326.00	10%
Bitelli MT Rollers	56 & 57	per hour	\$228.00	10%
CAT 613B scraper	55	per hour	\$260.00	10%
Bomag Vib Roller	58	per hour	\$203.00	10%
Mobile Street Sweeper	65	per hour	\$203.00	10%
Bobcat & Attachments	62	per hour	\$342.00	10%
CAT mini excavator	67	per hour	\$342.00	10%
Water Carts	513, 519 & 523	per hour	\$188.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	483 & 520	per hour	\$252.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	531 & 771	per hour	\$252.00	10%
Tip Truck	536	per hour	\$203.00	10%

Notes:

- (1) The above rates include the hire of the equipment and a qualified operator.
- (2) These rates are for weekday work only. Any works required to be done out of normal working hours or on weekend will incur additional penalty rates.
- (3) The above hire charges have been set so as to be similar to, or above the rate of, local contractors for

Cemeteries

Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Coomealla - Lawn Section	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Purchase of burial plot	\$1,056.00	10%
1st interment	\$1,462.00	10%
2nd interment	\$1,462.00	10%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$909.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in a burial plot	\$406.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$255.00	10%
Monumental (Denominational) Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Cal Lal	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Purchase of plot	\$1,056.00	10%
1st interment	\$1,626.00	10%
2nd interment	\$1,781.00	10%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$909.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal/replacement of monument for excavation (works to be undertaken by a Monumental Mason)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in plot	\$406.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$255.00	10%
Cal Lal Cemetery – all purchases and interments quoted on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%
Niche Wall - Coomealla Memorial Gardens	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Purchase Plot in Niche Wall - includes purchase of standard size black stone tile (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per plot)	\$659.00	10%
Placement of ashes in Niche Wall & fixing of stone tile (per set of ashes). NB Engraving of stone tile is not included	\$441.00	10%
Re-open of existing Niche	\$406.00	10%
Location and consent to place Monument or Headstone	\$155.00	10%
Amendment to Headstone	\$41.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Ground Plots (placement of plaques or memorial items)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Coomealla, Wentworth and Gol Gol	\$487.00	10%
Placement of ashes in ground plots	\$406.00	10%
Re-open of existing Ground Plot	\$406.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Plot Selection	Fee (Including GST)	GST
On-site attendance by WSC Officer to assist in plot selection	\$80.00	10%
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat	Actual Cost	10%

Additional notes (all cemeteries and memorials)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat and supply of plaque for engraving by purchaser. NB There is the option to halve the cost by installing two memorial plaques on one seat.		
Additional fee – internments conducted on weekends and public holidays (only available between 9.00am and 1.00pm)	\$400.00	10%
Placement of black granite remembrance plaque – (150 x 150mm) – Sextons Hut Wentworth Cemetery (includes inscription & installation)	\$480.00	10%
As from 01 July 2019 internments are charged at the applicable rate at the time of internment and are not able to be pre-paid. All pre-paid internments prior to this date will be honored.		

Recreational Facilities

Casual Hire of Shire Owned Halls, Meeting Rooms and Sporting Pavilions/Stadiums (NB Midway Centre fees are listed separately)

Town Halls

- Wentworth
- Pooncarie
- Curlwaa
- Anabranah
- Pomona

Community Meeting Rooms

- Wentworth Memorial Rooms
- Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms
- Community Meeting Room (Wentworth Town Hall)
- Dareton Activity Centre

Hire Type- Building only with access to any amenities	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) 4 hours or less (note 1)	\$46.00	10%
Community (not for profit) more than 4 hours (note 1)	\$101.00	10%
Bond Community Group (note 2)	\$100.00	0%
Business or Private Function use - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$117.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$233.00	10%
Bond Business or Private Function	\$500.00	0%
Commercial Function per 24 hour period (note 3) - Includes any event where there will be an entrance fee charged or any Trade Show, Fair, Field Day or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$233.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$387.00	10%
Bond Commercial Function (GST Free)	\$500.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Additional Charges (all hirings)		
Cleaning & Rubbish removal - NB The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%
Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service Organisations from within WSC		
Registered Schools (including pre-schools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.		

Recreational Facilities

Hire Type - Park, Oval and Reserve with access to any amenities

Alcheringa Oval Wentworth Wharf Lawns
 George Gordon Oval Fotherby Park
 Poongarie Oval Sturt Park
 McLeod Oval James King Park
 Junction Park Perry Sandhills
 Strother Park Tapio Park
 Wentworth Rowing Club Lawns

Hire Type - Park, Oval and Reserve with access to any amenities	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) Half Day Hire	\$46.00	10%
Community (not for profit) Day Hire more than 4 hours	\$101.00	10%
Bond - Community Group	\$100.00	0%
Business or Private Function per 24 hour period NB - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$117.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$233.00	10%
Bond – Business or Private Hire	\$500.00	0%
Bond - Small civil ceremonies, no items to be erected and no catering	\$100.00	0%
Commercial Events, Circus or other performances NB - Includes any event for which there will be an entrance fee or ticket sold, or any Trade Shows, Fairs, Field Days or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$194.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$387.00	10%
Bond Commercial Events, Circus or Other Performance	\$1,000.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) NB - The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%
Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service Organisations from within WSC		
<p>Registered Schools (including pre-schools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.</p> <p>For Community/Private Use the above charge will only apply in the following instances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are expected to be more than 50 attend • The use of the facility includes the use of inflatable/amusement devices etc • The use of the facility requires the use of onsite power or the supply of bins • The use of the facility requires road closures 		

Recreational Facilities

Wentworth Showgrounds Hire			
<p>The following areas are available for hire:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse Yards & Stalls • Festival Parade • Arena • Dog Show Parkland <p>Camping is not permitted at the showgrounds unless it is in conjunction with an event.</p>			
Hire Type – Casual Hire of Showgrounds	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Hire of Designated Areas and amenities. Hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.		\$154.00	10%
Bond		\$500.00	0%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) Note: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.		Cost	10%
Camping (per 24 hour period) NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Unpowered Site		\$24.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$9.00	10%
Powered Site		\$32.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Site		\$9.00	10%
Hire Type – Primitive Camping on any reserve (per 24 hour period) NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Unpowered Site		\$24.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$9.00	10%
Powered Site		\$32.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$9.00	10%
Family		\$107.00	10%
Adults		\$71.00	10%
Children		\$53.00	10%
Reserve Annual Use Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Reserve Lease Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Lease) Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.		\$233.00	10%
Reserve Licence Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Licence) Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.		\$233.00	10%
Temporary Licence to occupy the reserve		\$233.00	10%
Sundry Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Event Management Fee - for groups without public liability insurance	per hire	\$46.00	10%
Power - access and any use within 24 hour period from time of access	per day per unit accessed	\$29.00	10%

Key Replacement - lost key or not returned	per key	\$29.00	10%
Event Advertising - relates to any road closure, fireworks display, or other event with the potential to cause disruption to traffic, noise or other public disturbance	per event	\$233.00	10%
Hire of Pooncarie Depot Quarters	per person, per night	\$70.00	10%
Swimming Pools	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Admission Charges			
Children		\$4.00	10%
Adults		\$5.00	10%
Non-swimming adults		\$4.00	10%
Swimming Carnivals			
Admission charges for swimming carnivals and out of session groups are by arrangement between Belgravia Leisure and group representatives			
Season Tickets			
Family		\$102.00	10%
Adults		\$68.00	10%
Children		\$50.00	10%
Aerodrome	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Council does not apply landing fees nor passenger levies to either Wentworth or Pooncarie aerodromes			
Hangars at Wentworth aerodrome are privately operated			

Recreational Facilities

Midway Centre Hire Fees	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
<u>Midway Function Centre & meeting rooms</u>			
Stadium (includes stage area)	per hour	\$126.00	10%
Function Room and shared foyer	per hour	\$105.00	10%
Service kitchen (includes crockery, cutlery & glassware for 250 persons)	per use	\$158.00	10%
Meeting Room 1 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$42.00	10%
Meeting Room 2 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$42.00	10%
Foyer / Gallery Space (as a stand-alone space)	per hour	\$32.00	10%
<u>Midway Serviced Offices</u>			
Health Services Room with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$42.00	10%
Office 1 or 2 with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$32.00	10%
<u>Service Centre Facilities</u> (NB these facilities are only available during centre opening hours)			
Service Centre Officer 1 or 2	per hour	\$33.00	10%
Craft Room	per hour	\$33.00	10%
<u>Bond and cleaning charges</u>	On room hire	25%	
Bond - Casual Users	no discount	\$750.00	0%
Bond - Not for Profit Groups	no discount	\$200.00	0%
One-off Cleaning Charge (if required). Minimum charge \$200.00 deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	per clean	Min. \$200.00	10%
Midway Centre – Hire Packages & discounts	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Daily Rate - Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$3,938.00	10%
Daily Rate – Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$2,930.00	10%
Daily Rate – Stadium	24 hours	\$1,512.00	10%
Daily Rate - Function Room, Service kitchen and shared foyer/gallery space	24 hours	\$1,418.00	10%
Multi-day Discount – Hire package for 2 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2019 to be held before 30 June 2020.	discount applied to daily rate	15%	
Multi-day Discount – Hire package for 3 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2019 to be held before 30 June 2020.	discount applied to daily rate	20%	
Not for Profit Groups (Refer definitions) – 75% Discount for Not for Profit Community Groups based in WSC. 50% Discount for all other Not for Profit Groups. <i>NB cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts.</i>	maximum discount	25%	
Regular User Discount (12 month user agreement as negotiated by Council)	from standard hourly rate	75%	
Equipment & labour hire	Unit of measure	Fee (including GST)	GST
Teleconference equipment	Each use	\$37.00	10%
Portable data projector & stand	Each use	\$21.00	10%
Whiteboard & whiteboard markers	Each use	\$11.00	10%
Urn (20 litre capacity)	Each Use	\$11.00	10%

Labour hire (assistance with set up and pull down) – if required	per person/per hour	\$32.00	10%
Event facilitation and coordination (if required)	per hour	\$158.00	10%
On-site IT support (if required)	per hour	\$158.00	10%

Midway Centre Hire Fees additional notes:

(1) Midway Centre Stadium

Stadium court with permanent line marking for basketball and netball

Stage area, with maximum seating capacity of 700

Full sound system

(2) Function Room

Carpet floor

Audio Visual Equipment

Tables & Chairs included in hire charge

Maximum seating capacity of 250

(3) Function Room Kitchen

Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 250 people

(4) Meeting Rooms

Carpet Floor

Tables & Chairs included in hire charge

Maximum seating capacity (each room) 40

(5) Kitchenette (shared)

Service or bar kitchen

Limited quantity of crockery & cutlery

(6) Offices

Office with desk/ meeting table and 4 chairs

Access to shared kitchen facilities

(7) Not for profit discount

The discount can only be applied to Registered Not for Profit Organisations, Government and Semi-Government users, State and Federal Members of Parliament. The discount cannot be added to any other discounts.

(8) Regular User discount

The discount can only be applied to users who have entered into a 12 month signed agreement approved by Council.

(9) Additional cleaning charge

Failure to leave the venue clean and tidy, with floors mopped and or vacuumed, toilets cleaned, benches wiped and bins emptied will result in an additional cleaning charge being applied.

(10) Bookings and cancellations

A 20% non-refundable deposit must accompany all bookings, including bookings for community groups who are making application through Council for fee reductions or waivers.

Unless otherwise agreed, an invoice will be raised and must be paid in full within 30 days. Any fee waiver or reduction granted by Council after payment of the invoice will be refunded to the hirer.

Payment of the bond must be made before access permissions are issued for the facility.

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Cancellation or no show	Amount
Greater than 90 days prior to event	Full refund less deposit paid
Less than 90 days prior to event	50% refund
Less than 1 week prior or no show	Full forfeiture
Bond	Fully refundable

Willow Bend Caravan Park

Fees	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Cabins - Off Peak			
Single	per night	\$75.00	10%
Double	per night	\$90.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Single Weekly Stay	per week	\$450.00	10%
Double Weekly Stay	per week	\$510.00	10%
Cabins - Peak			
Single	per night	\$85.00	10%
Double	per night	\$95.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Powered Sites - Off Peak			
Single	per night	\$26.00	10%
Double	per night	\$32.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Weekly Stay	per week	\$180.00	10%
Powered Sites - Peak			
Single	per night	\$32.00	10%
Double	per night	\$35.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Weekly Stay	per week	\$190.00	10%
Un-Powered Camp Sites - Peak & Off Peak			
Per Person (swag)	per night	\$10.00	10%
Double	per night	\$20.00	10%
Single	per night	\$10.00	10%
Dump Station		Gold Coin Donation	

Notes:

(1) Peak (minimum 2 nights) Country Music Festival, Christmas School Holidays, Easter

(2) Linen can be hired at a fee of \$10

(3) Deposit of one nights accommodation required at time of booking

Water & Waste Water

Filtered and unfiltered water supply	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Tapping Fees		
20mm	\$458.00	0%
25mm	\$516.00	0%
32mm	\$732.00	0%
40mm	\$837.00	0%
50mm	\$939.00	0%
80mm	\$1,500.00	0%
100mm	\$1,876.00	0%
Meter Charges		
20 mm meter - filtered	\$306.00	0%
20mm meter - unfiltered	\$327.00	0%
25 mm meter - filtered	\$445.00	0%
25mm meter - unfiltered	\$491.00	0%
32 mm meter - filtered	\$654.00	0%
32 mm meter - unfiltered	\$707.00	0%
40 mm meter - filtered	\$693.00	0%
40 mm meter - unfiltered	\$777.00	0%
50 mm meter - filtered	\$823.00	0%
50 mm meter - unfiltered	\$947.00	0%
80 mm meter - filtered	\$1,302.00	0%
80 mm meter - unfiltered	\$1,473.00	0%
100 mm meter - filtered	\$1,831.00	0%
100 mm meter - unfiltered	\$2,035.00	0%
Misc. Water and Sewer Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Standpipe fee	\$3,624.00	0%
Flow control valve - for unfiltered water to subdivisions - East of Gol Gol creek and at Wentworth Aerodrome	\$58.00	0%
Cut in new sewer junction (supervision fee only - applicant to supply all fittings)	\$183.00	0%

Notes:

- (1) Meter charges is from the meter to inside of building/property
- (2) Meter Charge includes inspection fee
- (3) Unfiltered water includes "Y" strainer

Appendix A - Bodies Granted Exemptions

The following list represents the known value of pre-approved Financial Assistance that have been granted to Organisations for the 2020/21 financial year

Organisation	Purpose	Qty	\$ Waived
Australian Inland Botanic Gardens	Contribution to operational costs	1	\$45,900
Buronga Go Gol Senior Citizens Club	Contribution towards photocopying done at the Buronga Library	1	\$161.00
Buronga Gol Gol Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Midway Meeting Rooms, Kitchen and Foyer @ 3 hours per week	N/a	\$2,208.00
Combined Churches Group	Hiring of Wentworth Town Hall (bond waived) for annual Combined Churches' Christmas carols	1	\$101.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms (bond waived)	N/a	\$10,133.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$1,216	1	\$578.00
Dareton Community Creative Centre Inc.	Waiver of hire costs for the use of the Dareton Activity Centre	1	\$4,020.00
Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club	Use of James King Park for annual Easter fundraising activities	1	\$387.00
Gol Gol Primary School	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual country fair	10	\$230.00
Koori Kids	Donation	1	\$250
Murray House Aged Care	Hiring of Wentworth Town Hall (bond waived) for entertainment activities	1	\$101.00
Murray House Aged Care	Subsidy against annual water rates	1	\$5,000.00
Murray House Fundraising Committee	Hiring of Wentworth Town Hall (bond waived) for fashion parades	2	\$202.00
New South Western Standard Bulletin	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$7,317.00
Rotary Wentworth Op Shop	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$10,884.00
St John's Anglican Ladies Guild	2 Annual Hire Fees for War Memorial Rooms	2	\$92.00
Sunraysia Aero modellers	Hiring of Showgrounds for NSW state model gliding contest	2	\$308.00
Sunraysia Aero modellers	Hiring of wheelie bins for NSW state model gliding contest	2	\$46.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of Wentworth Wharf Lawns (bond waived) for annual Anzac day lunch	1	\$101.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual Anzac day lunch	4	\$92.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$7,317.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary	Annual licence fee for meetings held in Memorial Rooms	1	\$233.00
Wentworth Rotary Club	Hire of Rubbish Bins for Christmas Eve Street Party	8	\$184.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Wentworth Memorial Rooms (bond waived) 12 uses @ \$91 per day and 24 uses @ \$42 (1/2 day)	N/a	\$2,316.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$1,216	1	\$1,880.00
Wentworth Shire Interagency Group	Hire of Dareton Senior Citizen's Room	12	\$360.00
Total amount of funds granted from Donations, Contributions and Grants Program			\$99,401.00

Notes:

(1) Registered Schools (including pre-schools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.

(2) Public Schools operating within the Wentworth Shire end of year presentation day, up to a maximum of \$50.00 per school

Appendix B – Section 68 Local Government Act Approvals Not Otherwise Listed

Health & Planning Division

Public Roads	
1.	Swing or hoist goods across or over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle projecting over the footway
2.	Expose or allow to be exposed (whether for sale or otherwise) any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the road or outside a shop window or doorway abutting the road, or hang an article beneath an awning over the road.
Other Activities	
1.	Operate a public car park
2.	Operate a manufactured home estate
3.	Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance
4.	Install or operate amusement devices
5.	Use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place
6.	Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations

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