



# Wentworth Shire Council STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2021/22



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past, present and emerging.**

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# Introduction

Councils are required to develop a State of Environment (SoE) report every four years, following local government elections.

The purpose of the SoE report is to provide accurate, current and accessible information about environmental and heritage conditions within the local government area.

Reporting is used for:

- Identifying issues most relevant to the sustainability of the environment and heritage;
- Report on causal factors that influence the environment;
- Report on the effectiveness of responses designed to address change;
- Guide improvements in the reporting process; and
- Facilitate policy development to enhance and protect the environment and heritage.

The content of this report has been grouped into 12 main categories: these being General; Town Planning; Development; Roads; Management Plans/Strategies/Studies; Land; Atmosphere; Water; Biodiversity; Human Settlement; Heritage; and Council Projects.

<b>1. GENERAL</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
What is the local government area covered by WSC?		26,268 km <sup>2</sup>	No change.
What is the current population of WSC?		7,453 (2021 ABS Census All persons QuickStats Wentworth LGA)  ABS 2021 Estimated Residential Population 7,487 (REMPPLAN Published July 2022)	6,610 (2011 ABS Quick Stats Wentworth LGA)
Were there any significant local events that affected population numbers in 2021/22? ie. new development, business closure	N	Transgrid's major transmission project EnergyConnect traverses Wentworth LGA with workers' camps and laydown areas increasing the working population.  International border closures had an effect on worker availability.	No data reported.



<b>1. GENERAL</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
Has Council undertaken or participated in any new significant environmental projects in 2021/22?	Y	<p>Council has removed the STP at Dareton</p> <p>Council has continued work on upgrading its EDS Infrastructure.</p> <p>Staff have been involved in a myriad of legislative changes that have impacted development applications, native title, crown land and others.</p>	No data reported.
Has Council undertaken or participated in continuing environmental projects in 2021/22?	Y	<p>Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of draft Flood Study, preparation of Flood Risk Management Study &amp; Plan.</li> <li>• Sought funding for flood studies.</li> </ul>	No data reported.
What do you consider to be the most important environmental issue(s) faced by your council in 2021/22?		<p>Waste Management.</p> <p>Sustainability of natural environment.</p>	No data reported
What do you consider to be the most important environmental issues facing your Council in future years?		<p>Climate change, increase in number and severity of storm events.</p> <p>Flood.</p> <p>Drought.</p> <p>Management of Murray Darling Basin/Riverine environment.</p> <p>Waste management/recycling.</p> <p>Pest animals/weeds.</p> <p>Irrigation water/supply/allocations.</p>	No data reported
Has Council made any direct response to climate change in 2021/22?	Y	<p>Encouraging and supporting solar farm development.</p> <p>Supporting State Significant Development to improve power services</p>	No data reported.

<b>1. GENERAL</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
Does Council have any plans in response to climate change?	Y	<p>Committed to completing the Flood Study, Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.</p> <p>Committed to completing the Rural Land Planning Control Strategy and Rural Land Use Strategy.</p> <p>Will continue to encourage the development of natural energy infrastructure.</p>	No data reported.
<b>2. TOWN PLANNING</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
What year was your current WLEP gazetted?		Wentworth LEP 2011 was gazetted 16 December 2011.	Wentworth LEP 1993
Have any amendments been undertaken to the current LEP in 2021/22?	Y	Map amendment 1 amendment was changed to the WLEP via the online portal mapping during the 2021-22 financial year.	Amendment No. 5 8/7/15 – Rectified a mapping error. Amendment No. 7 16/10/15 – Removed 3 heritage items from Schedule 5 and Mapping. Amendment No. 12 15/7/16 – Extended the provisions to the Grandfather/Sunset Clause by 12 months.
Under the current WLEP how much area of land is under an conservation zone (previously environmental zone)?		Approximately 261,541 Hectares.	Approximately 261,541 Hectares
Has Council utilised environmental overlays within its WLEP?	Y	<p>Flood Planning Maps.</p> <p>Natural Resource - Watercourse Maps.</p> <p>Natural Resource - Wetlands Maps.</p> <p>Natural Resource – Terrestrial Biodiversity Maps</p>	<p>Flood Planning Maps.</p> <p>Natural Resource - Watercourse Maps.</p> <p>Natural Resource - Wetlands Maps.</p> <p>Natural Resource – Terrestrial Biodiversity Maps</p>



<b>3. DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
How many new dwellings were approved in 2021/22?		36	41
How many subdivision approvals did your Council grant in 2021/22?		Subdivisions 19  Boundary Re-alignments 6	27
How many lots were approved/certified in 2021/22?		322	31 Lots approved through Development Approvals.  23 Lots approved through Subdivision Certificates.
How many designated development applications were determined in 2021/22?		1	3 Gravel Quarries
How many DA's were referred to Independent Panels in 2021/22?		Nil.	Nil
How many DA's were received for retirement villages/aged care and the like in 2021/22?		Nil.	Nil
How many DAs for other public developments (such as schools, hospitals, childcare centres) were received in 2021/22?		1 - The Health One Facility Buronga	Nil.



<b>4. ROADS</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
Please provide the lengths (approx.) for the following road types maintained by your council: Sealed Unsealed State/National Highways		Sealed (Urban) = 58km Sealed (Rural) = 543km Unsealed (Rural) = 1412km Unsealed (Urban) = 6km State/National Highways = 216km	Sealed (Urban) = 52km Sealed (Rural) = 455km. Unsealed (Rural) = 1496km. Unsealed (Urban) = 10km State/National Highways = 216km.
Have there been any major road and related projects (e.g. bridges, railway, etc) in your LGA during 2021/22?	N	Commenced Pooncarie/ Menindee Road upgrade 26.5 klm unsealed section. Wentworth Aerodrome lighting for and sealing of secondary runway.	17km upgrade to seal of Renmark Road. 4km upgrade to seal of Low Darling Road. 3km upgrade to seal of Rufus River Road
Have there been any major changes of road use/traffic counts in 2021/22?	N	No data reported	No data reported.
Has there been any major damage to the roads in 2021/22?	N	No data reported	No data reported.

<b>5. MANAGEMENT PLANS/STRATEGIES/STUDIES</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
Does Council have a current heritage study?	Y	Wentworth Heritage Study 1989.	Wentworth Heritage Study 1989.
Does Council have a heritage management plan, strategy or similar document?	N	Council has previously engaged the services of a qualified heritage consultant.	Council has previously engaged the services of a qualified heritage consultant.
Does Council have a vegetation management plan?	N	No data reported.	No data reported.
Does Council have a pest/weed management plan?		PR017 Weed Inspection Policy.	It was reported that most councils implement a weed management plan.
Does Council have a soil and water management plan?	Y	Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan currently being finalised. Previous Drought Management Plan 2014 - 2019 currently being revised.	No.
Does Council have a salinity management?	N	N/A	N/A
Does Council have an acid sulphate soils management plan?	N	N/A	N/A

**5. MANAGEMENT PLANS/STRATEGIES/STUDIES (continued)**

Question	Y/N	Details	Previous Reporting 2015/16
Does Council have a floodplain management plan?	Y	Current plan only relates to the Murray River from Gol Gol to Abbotsford Bridge.  Council is currently working on a Flood Study, Flood Risk Management Study and Plan with consultants and the Floodplain Risk Management Committee.	Murray River from Gol Gol to Abbotsford Bridge.
Does Council have recent flood prone data?	Y	Council has recent LiDAR flood data for the Murray, Darling and Anabranh Rivers.	No data reported.
Does Council have a flora/ fauna management plan?	N	N/A	N/A
Has Council undertaken any major assessments of flora or fauna or biodiversity certification?	N	Not formally, however, the terrestrial biodiversity and wetlands mapping, as endorsed by the Office of Environment and Heritage have been applied in the Wentworth LEP 2011.	Some Councils within RAMROC are currently preparing new LEPs presenting an opportunity for greater protection of natural resources and biodiversity.
Does Council have a domestic animal policy?	Y	Yes, Council has a Keeping of Animals Policy in Residential Premises	No



<b>6. LAND</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>6.1 Contaminated Land</b>			
Does Council maintain a contaminated lands register? If so, how many items are on the register?	Y	WSC register contains 4 properties.	WSC register contains 4 properties on its register. The EPA website lists three sites, one of these is still under investigation.
Were any new sites added to the register in 2021/22?	N	N/A	N/A
Are there any sites that have been the subject of remediation by order of NSW EPA?	N	N/A	N/A
<b>6.2 Salinity/Acid sulphate</b>			
Does your Council know of any land affected by salinity? If so, how much?	N	Area of affected land in hectares is unknown.	Area of affected land unknown.
Are there any salinity measuring sites in the LGA?	N	N/A	N/A
Does your Council know of any land affected by acid sulphate? If so, how much?	N	Area of affected land in hectares is unknown.	Area of affected land in hectares is unknown.



<b>7. ATMOSPHERE</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>7.1 Pollution</b>			
Does your Council maintain a pollution complaint register?  If so, how many complaints were received in 2021/22?	Y	Council has a container set up in HP Content Manager called Laws & Enforcement – Air Pollution Notices. We register all Customer Complaints and Requests including pollution complaints in this container in HPCM.  Council did not receive any pollution complaints during 2021/22	Council maintains a complaint register.  Nil received in the previous reporting period.
<b>7.2 Motor vehicle use</b>			
How many vehicles does Council operate?		Passenger = 5 Light vehicles = 33 Heavy vehicles = 23 Plant = 33	Passenger = 7 Light vehicles = 29 Heavy vehicles = 18 Plant = 31
How many kilometres were travelled by Council vehicles in 2021/22?		Approx. 1161117.2 kms	Approximately 2,710,000 kilometres. This includes all light and heavy vehicles.
How many litres of fuel were consumed by Council vehicles?		Unleaded = 4316.63Lts  Diesel = 311246.47Lts	Unleaded = 20,000  Diesel = 366,000
Does Council have a policy to increase the number of fuel efficient vehicles purchased?		The purchase of new vehicles is guided by Best Value.  The majority of new vehicles purchased now are diesel.	The purchase of new vehicles is guided by Best Value.  The majority of new vehicles purchased now are diesel.
Are any vehicles run on alternative fuel?		No vehicles are running on alternative fuel however some Diesel Vehicles do run/use ADBLUE which reduced emissions.	1 passenger vehicle on gas.



<b>7. ATMOSPHERE (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>7.3 Smoke</b>			
How many permits were issued for green waste burning in 2021/22?		17 Permits were issued. Note the Protection of the Environment Clean Air Regulations permit agricultural burn offs to be conducted without approval from the local government authority.	215 permits were issued for a variety of types of burning off, including crop stubbles.
How many permits were issued for solid fuel heaters in 2021/22?		2	1
Were controlled burns conducted by council/RFS in 2021/22?	N	N/A	Due to lack of suitable conditions, controlled burns were not carried out. Hazard reduction works such as ploughing, grading and slashing were carried out instead.
<b>7.4 Climate</b>			
Were there any significant climatic events in 2021/22? ie record temperatures, rainfall	N	N/A	<p>A total of 191.3 mm of rain recorded at the Wentworth Post Office. The highest recording for the year occurred in January with 59.5 mm.</p> <p>Highest temperature recorded for the year was 42.9 deg in January at the Lake Victoria Storage Station. Lowest recorded for the year was 8.5 deg in July.</p>
Were there any storm events in 2021/22 which resulted in widespread damage to the built or natural environment?	N	<p>During this year the region experienced a significant increase in rainfall due to the La Nina pattern.</p> <p>A severe thunderstorm and heavy rainfall fell on the region on 26 January 2022 with 80mm of rain or just under one third of the yearly average rainfall.</p>	N/A

<b>8. WATER</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>8.1 Consumption</b>			
Did your Council have any water restrictions in place during 2021/22?	N	There were no water restrictions in place during the 2021/22 financial year.	There were no water restrictions in place during the 2015/16 financial year.
What was the total average daily household water consumption in 2021/22?		Filtered Water 728kl  Raw Water 479kl	Filtered Water 287 kl  Raw Water 529 kl
What was Council's water consumption for 2021/22?		Filtered Water 628,466 kl  Raw Water 1,055,476 kl	\$64,000 of water purchased from NSW Office of Water plus water via rateable properties totalling \$10,000.  Raw water used 3,750 kl  Filtered water used 2,100 kl
Does Council use treated wastewater for irrigation or any other purposes? If so, how much land is irrigated with wastewater and how many megalitres of wastewater was used?	N	The Wentworth Wastewater Treatment Facility has been decommissioned.	The Wentworth Wastewater Treatment Facility irrigates McLeod Oval and the Wentworth Golf Course. This results in a saving of up to 80 mega litres of potable water per year which returns approximately \$50,000 in water savings. (EDS 2011-2016)
<b>8.2 Quality/Monitoring</b>			
Does Council monitor raw/filtered water for quality purposes?	Y	Council maintains regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water in accordance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines with effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management to consumers.	CP173 Water Quality Policy includes the following: Council will maintain regular monitoring of the quality of drinking water and effective reporting mechanisms to provide relevant and timely information, and promote confidence in the water supply and its management to consumers.
Did Council issue any alerts for its filtered water in 2021/22?	N	No alerts were issued during 2021/22	No alerts were issued during 2015/16.
Does Council maintain a complaints register for water quality?	Y	All complaints are registered in Councils record management system.	All complaints are registered in HPRM
Did your Council report any blue-green algae outbreaks in 2021/22?	N	No Outbreaks were reported	During autumn 2016 the Murray River was affected with blue-green algae.



Does Council have any groundwater monitoring points?	Y	Yes but no data reported	No data reported
Does Council have any identified groundwater issues?	Y	Some areas of the shire have a high water table – these areas are not mapped.  Some areas of the shire have brackish groundwater – these areas are not mapped.	Some areas of the shire have a high water table – these areas are not mapped.  Some areas of the shire have brackish groundwater – these areas are not mapped.
8.3 Irrigation			
How many hectares of land, approximately, are irrigated for agricultural purposes?		8,860 Ha irrigated permanent crops. 1,740 Ha irrigated seasonal crops. 4,100 Ha vacant/not irrigated area previously permanent/seasonal crop.	8,860 Ha irrigated permanent crops. 1,740 Ha irrigated seasonal crops. 4,100 Ha vacant/not irrigated area previously permanent/seasonal crop.
8.4 Flooding			
Did your LGA experience any flooding in 2021/22? If so, what was the ARI of the flood event? Eg. 1:20 years	N	N/A	N/A
Was there any damage caused by flooding?	N	N/A	N/A.

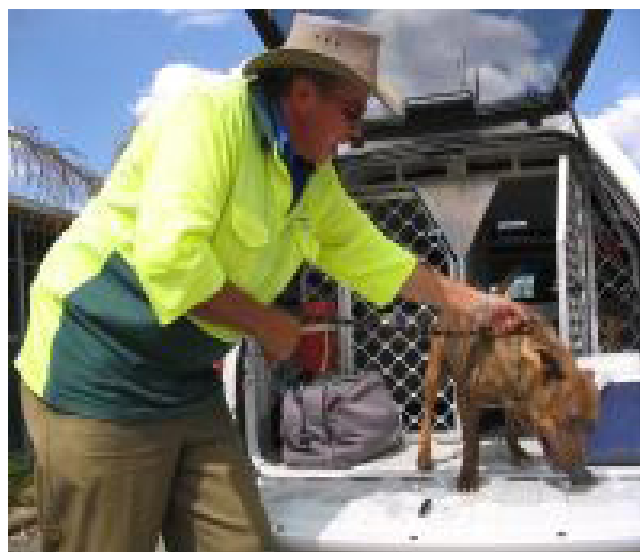
<b>9. BIODIVERSITY</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>9.1 Tree Preservation</b>			
Does your Council require approval for tree removal? If so, how many applications were received in 2021/22?	N	Office of Environment & Heritage together with Local Land Services manage the implementation of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and Native Vegetation Regulation 2013.	Office of Environment & Heritage together with Local Land Services manage the implementation of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and Native Vegetation Regulation 2013.
Does Council require offset plantings to compensate for vegetation removal?	N	This is now controlled by the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. There is now a NSW state government biodiversity offsets scheme in place.	N/A
<b>9.2 Firewood collection</b>			
Does Council allow collection of firewood from roadside and other public places?	N	Collection of firewood from roadside and public places is not permitted.	Collection of firewood from roadside and public places is not permitted.
If so, does collection of firewood require a permit or approval?		N/A	N/A
<b>9.3 Environmental Reserves</b>			
Does Council maintain any land for the purposes of biodiversity or the environment?	Y	The following reserves are used for both public recreation and have Management Plans for the preservation of the natural environment and biodiversity:  Perry Sandhills Reserve.  Thegoa Lagoon Reserve.  Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve.	The following reserves are used for both public recreation and have Management Plans for the preservation of the natural environment and biodiversity:  Perry Sandhills Reserve.  Thegoa Lagoon Reserve.  Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve.
If so, how much land is reserved?		Thegoa Lagoon Reserve is approximately 294 hectares.  Perry Sandhills Reserve is approximately 97 hectares.  Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve 9.31 hectares.	Thegoa Lagoon Reserve is approximately 294 hectares.  Perry Sandhills Reserve is approximately 97 hectares.  Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve 9.31 hectares.



<b>9. BIODIVERSITY (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
Is this land protected from activities such as four wheel driving and fire wood collection?		<p>Thegoa Lagoon has a number of 4WD tracks and firewood collection is prohibited.</p> <p>Perry Sandhills prohibits vehicle access over the hills but vehicle access is permitted around the base of the site and firewood collection is prohibited.</p> <p>Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve provides for pedestrian access only and firewood collection is prohibited.</p>	<p>Thegoa Lagoon has a number of 4WD tracks and firewood collection is prohibited.</p> <p>Perry Sandhills prohibits vehicle access over the hills but vehicle access is permitted around the base of the site and firewood collection is prohibited.</p> <p>Junction Island/2 Rivers Ski Reserve provides for pedestrian access only and firewood collection is prohibited.</p>
<b>9.4 Bushfires</b>			
Does your LGA contain bushfire prone land? If so, how many hectares?	Y	Under the current Bushfire Prone Land mapping approximately 60% of the LGA is classed as either Category 1 or 2. Council is working with RFS to finalise the draft 2016 BPL mapping which proposes approximately 80% of the LGA as either Category 2 or 3.	Under the current Bushfire Prone Land mapping approximately 60% of the LGA is classed as either Category 1 or 2. The draft 2016 BPL mapping proposes approximately 80% of the LGA as either Category 2 or 3.
How many fires occurred in your LGA during 2021/22? If so, how many hectares were burnt?		There were no recorded bushfires in 2021/22.	85 bushfire events recorded during 2015/16. The amount of hectares burnt is unknown.
How many rural fire brigades are operational in your area?		There are 17 brigades located throughout the LGA.	There are 17 brigades located throughout the LGA.
How many fire trucks are maintained by Council?		None. Council do not maintain any fire trucks.	None. Council do not maintain any fire trucks but do contribute financially to their maintenance. Council pay the total maintenance cost and claim it back the following year. Therefore, contributing 11.7% of the cost with the remaining 88.3% being reimbursed. Rural Fire Services has 28 Firefighting Appliances and 14 Support Vehicles.

<b>9. BIODIVERSITY (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>9.5 Weeds</b>			
Did Council implement any weed control measures during 2021/22?	Y	Per the NSW DPI Weeds Action Plan.	Burr Ragweed at Pooncarie, Menindee Road, Clockweed at Dareton, Boneseed at Coomealla.
Does Council implement other weed control techniques such as biological weed control?	N	N/A	Cactoblastis delivered to Balranald and Popiltah.
Does Council participate in larger weed control programs?	Y	WAP through MVWAC and Western Regional Weeds Committee.	WAP through MVWAC and Western Regional Weeds Committee.
Does Council involve community groups and landholders in weed control programs?	Y	Council encourages individual landowners and community organisations to be pro-active in the control and eradication of weeds.	Council encourages individual landowners and community organisations to be pro-active in the control and eradication of weeds.
<b>9.6 Pest animals</b>			
Did Council identify or experience any specific pest problems in 2021/22?	N	Nil to report	Wild dog attacks on stock.
Does Council involve community groups and landholders in pest control?	Y	Council encourages landholders and community groups to assist with the control of pest and feral animals.	Council encourages landholders and community groups to assist with the control of pest and feral animals.
What are the most common pest animals in your LGA?		Wild goats/dogs/cats, rabbits, foxes, dingoes, wild pigs, possums, miners, kangaroos, emus, mice, carp.	Wild goats/dogs/cats, rabbits, foxes, dingoes, wild pigs, possums, miners, kangaroos, emus, mice, carp.
<b>9.7 Domestic animals</b>			
How many dogs were impounded in 2021/22?		Total 150 Seized – 79 Abandoned/Stray – 18 Surrendered – 53 Returned to owner – 43 Re-homed – 100 Euthanised - 7	343 dogs were impounded in 2015/16. Of those impounded, 123 were returned to owners, 202 rehomed to rescue groups and 18 euthanised.
How many cats were impounded in 2021/22?		Total 132 Seized – 64 Abandoned/Stray – 49 Surrendered- 19 Returned to owner – 6 Rehomed - 93 Euthanised – 32 Death in facility - 1	179 cats were impounded in 2015/16. Of these, 7 were returned to owners, 72 rehomed to rescue groups and 99 euthanised.

<b>9. BIODIVERSITY (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>9.7 Domestic animals (continued)</b>			
How many other animals were impounded in 2021/22?		Nil	5 horses and 12 goats were also impounded in 2015/16.
How many animals were euthanised in 2021/22?		Total 39 Dogs – 7 Cats - 32	117 Animals were euthanised over this period mostly pertaining to feral cats totalling 99. 18 dogs were euthanised due to age, injury or being unsuitable for rehoming.
Is it compulsory to microchip pets in your LGA?	Y	Companion Animals are required to be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away.	Companion Animals are required to be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away.
Is it compulsory to register pets in your LGA?	Y	Registration is required from 6 months of age. In NSW it is a lifetime registration.	Registration is required from 6 months of age. In NSW it is a lifetime registration.
Is it compulsory to de-sex non-breeding pets in your LGA?	N	Currently there is no requirement to de-sex your pets. An incentive is offered in reduced registration rates for de-sexed animals.	Currently there is no requirement to de-sex your pets. An incentive is offered in reduced registration rates for de-sexed animals.



<b>10. HUMAN SETTLEMENT</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
<b>10.1 Effluent treatment &amp; disposal</b>			
Does Council operate sewerage treatment facilities?	Y	Treatment plants are located in Wentworth, Dareton and Gol Gol.	Treatment plants are located in Wentworth, Dareton, and Gol Gol.
Approximately how many dwellings in you LGA are connected to treatment facilities?		2000	1,860
Approximately how many dwellings are not connected to treatment facilities?		170	102
How many approvals were granted for on-site disposal systems in 2021/22?		15	26
Does Council specify a standard for on-site disposal systems?	Y	Systems must be in accordance with NSW Health Department Guidelines.	Systems must be in accordance with NSW Health Department Guidelines.
<b>10.2 Landfill waste</b>			
Does Council manage landfill waste sites?	Y	Landfill sites are located at Buronga Landfill, Ellerslie, Pomona and Pooncarie.	Landfill sites are located at Buronga Landfill, Ellerslie, Pomona and Pooncarie.
How many tonnes of waste were conveyed to landfill in 2021/22?		30,850 tonnes.	A total of 12,370 tonnes of waste was transported to landfills.
Has there been any significant changes to waste disposal methods in 2021/22?	N	N/A	Accurate weighing system in place through the new weighbridge and its software.

<b>10. HUMAN SETTLEMENT (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
Does Council manage a street sweeping program?	Y	Council maintains a street sweeping program.	<p>Council's street sweeping program is as follows:</p> <p>First week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday and Friday sweeper completes all Wentworth streets</li> <li>Tuesday is Buronga all streets</li> <li>Wednesday all Dareton and Curlwaa</li> <li>Thursday all Gol Gol streets</li> </ul> <p>Second week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All streets in Wentworth completed Tuesday and Friday</li> <li>Wednesday and Thursday sweeper used where required.</li> </ul>
How many complaints of illegal dumping were received by Council in 2021/22?		3	8 incidents have been reported.
<b>10.3 Recycling and reuse</b>			
Does Council manage or control a recycling program?	Y	Recycling drop off bins are available at Buronga Landfill and Transfer Stations.	Recycling drop off bins are available at Buronga Landfill and Transfer Stations.
If so, how many tonnes of material were recycled or sent for recycling during 2021/22?		Approx. 30 tonnes.	22 tons of materials were transported from these site for recycling.
Has Council reused any items for a specific project in 2021/22? Eg. Milk cartons, railway sleepers, tree guards	N	N/A	Collection of used items used in libraries for children's activities.
Have any major changes affecting the recycling program occurred in 2021/22?	N	N/A	N/A



<b>10. HUMAN SETTLEMENT (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
How many reams of office paper were used by Council in 2021/22?		412 approx.	600 reams.
Does Council recycle used office paper?	Y	All used office paper is recycled.	All used office paper is recycled.
<b>10.4 Noise</b>			
Does Council maintain a noise complaints register?	Y	Council has a container set up in HP Content Manager called Laws & Enforcement – Noise Control. All customer complaints and requests regarding noise are registered in this container.	Council has a container set up in HP Records Manager called Laws & Enforcement – Noise Control. All customer complaints and requests regarding noise are registered in this container.
If so, how many complaints were received during 2021/22?		Council received three (3) noise complaints during 2021/22	Council received two (2) noise complaints during 2015/16.
<b>10.5 Energy consumption</b>			
What was Council's electricity consumption and cost for 2021/22?		Administration Cost: \$149,946.21 Sewer Cost: \$64,921.45 Water Cost: \$250,615.23 Street Lighting: \$119,217.20	Administrative consumption cost (including libraries, rest rooms, public halls, swimming pools, recreation reserves, parks, aerodrome etc.) \$173,000.00 Sewer Cost \$72,000 Water Cost \$120,000 Street Lighting \$96,000 Total = \$461,000
How did Council's electricity consumption compare to the previous years?		Total cost in 2010/11 = \$453,953 Total Cost in 2014/15 = \$461,000 Total cost in 2021/22 = 519,778 An increase of \$58,778	Total Cost in 2014/15 = \$461,000 Total cost in 2010/11 = \$453,953 An increase of \$8,000
How many solar energy systems were installed in the LGA during 2021/22?		Unknown – exempt development.	Unknown – exempt development.
How many solar hot water systems were installed in the LGA during 2021/22?		Unknown – exempt development.	Unknown – exempt development.
What steps has Council taken to reduce its energy consumption?		Consideration of installing solar panel system on administrative building roof.	Consideration of installing solar panel system on administrative building roof.

<b>11. HERITAGE</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
How many local heritage items are identified in your heritage study?		115	115
How many local heritage items are identified in your LEP?		91	91
How many state heritage items are identified in your LEP?		5 items listed as state heritage items on the Office of Environment & Heritage website: St Ignatius School St John's Anglican Church & Rectory Avoca Homestead Complex Old Wentworth Gaol Rodney Paddle Steamer	5 items listed as state heritage items on the Office of Environment & Heritage website: St Ignatius School St John's Anglican Church & Rectory Avoca Homestead Complex Old Wentworth Gaol Rodney Paddle Steamer
How many national heritage items are identified in your LEP?		1	1
Did Council undertake any heritage studies or similar during 2021/22?	N	N/A	No. The current WSC Heritage Study 1989 is due for review.
Have any items been added during 2021/22?	N	N/A	3 items were removed during 2015/16.
Did council receive any funding during 2021/22 for heritage projects?	N	N/A	No.
Were any heritage items altered or demolished in 2021/22?	N	N/A	1 dwelling was severely damaged by fire that it was deemed unsafe to retain and was subsequently demolished.
Were any heritage sites damaged or vandalised in 2021/22?	N	N/A	As above.
<b>11.1 Aboriginal sites</b>			
How many aboriginal items/areas are identified in your LGA?		Sturts Billabong Snaggy Bend Aboriginal Burial Ground Rufus Creek area and massacre burial site Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area Lake Nitchie Area Fletchers Lake Area	Sturts Billabong Snaggy Bend Aboriginal Burial Ground Rufus Creek area and massacre burial site Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area Lake Nitchie Area Fletchers Lake Area

<b>11. HERITAGE (continued)</b>			
<b>Question</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Previous Reporting 2015/16</b>
How many aboriginal items are nominated in your LGA?		None.	None.
Have any archaeological studies been undertaken in 2021/22?	N	No known archaeological studies have been undertaken.	No known archaeological studies have been undertaken.

<b>12. COUNCIL PROJECTS</b>
Details of any other council project or venture undertaken in 2021/22 that is beneficial to the environment.
Council is currently drafting Plans of Management for all of Council Managed Crown Land Reserves, including addressing their environmental and cultural significance.

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