



Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report

About this report



This progress report is for the three-month period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023 and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 404(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, (NSW) which states that the General Manager must ensure that regular progress reports are provided to the Council, reporting as to its progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery program. Progress reports must be provided at least every 6 months.





Each action has been allocated to a Department who is accountable for its progress. The responsible officer is required to assess the status of the action as follows:


Status Option	Definition	Legend
Annual Action Completed	Annual Action completed for the year	
Specific Action Completed	Specific Action completed for the year	
Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action underway and is progressing as planned	
Specific Action Progressing	Specific Action underway and is progressing as planned	
Stalled	There is an issue that has delayed progress with this action	
Not due to start	Action not scheduled to start until later in the year	
Deferred	Action will not happen this year	


Strategic Direction : Our Economy



Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region.





Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
1.1	Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries.	1.1.1	Advocate for local businesses on issues which further business and career opportunities for all	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	The new Minister for Regional & Western NSW will be visiting the region in December. Visit has been coordinated by local officer of the Department.	
		1.1.2	Ensure that land is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of development that is supported by strategic and affordable infrastructure.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	Council Officer are currently working on planning proposals for rezoning of land for housing in Dareton and Buronga.	



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		1.1.3	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	Working to finalise draft Rural Land Strategy to commence public consultation early in the new year. When finalised the strategy will provide a strategic look at available land for rezoning for either housing or other purposes.	
		1.1.4	Drought Resilience Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Consultant has been engaged and commenced work on the plan. Community consultation to take during October.	
1.2	Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination.	1.2.1	Provide Visitor Information Centre Services	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Visitor Information Centre		
		1.2.2	PS Ruby	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	see action 1.2.9.	





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		1.2.3	Continue to engage with and support the activities of Murray Regional Tourism, Destination NSW Riverina-Murray, Mildura Regional Development and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	The new CEO of Murray Regional Tourism has accepted an invitation to brief Council.	

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		1.2.4	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Civil Works	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Stormwater Infrastructure has been installed. Principal Contractor is currently installing sewer, electrical and fire services infrastructure. Water infrastructure to be installed follow completion of fire services. Construction of the Internal roads to commence in mid to late November following completion of Pooncarie-Menindee Road project.	

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		1.2.5	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Ablution Block Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Building is currently under construction off site. Framework and external gladding and roofing has been installed. Internal fit has commenced.	
		1.2.6	Deliver a program of Community Events	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	Council has helped support, facilitate and or organise the following events including the Smoked Meats festival, Winter Arts Fest, Wentworth Show Street Party, Sunraysia Safari Rally and the Mildura Wentworth Music Festival.	




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		1.2.7	Early Settlers Museum Business Case	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy	Business case has been prepared and given to the Museum Committee.	
		1.2.8	Regional Tourism Activation Project - Wentworth Light State.	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager		
		1.2.9	Review PS Ruby Operational Model	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	Council is currently investing the process to have the PS Ruby included on the State Heritage List. Once the investigation has been completed the matter will be referred to the new Heritage and History Committee for consideration.	
1.3	High quality connectivity across the region.	1.3.1	Advocate for the ongoing provision of quality transport and freight links	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See Action 1.1.1	



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		1.3.2	Advocate for improved region-wide internet and mobile connectivity	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See Action 1.1.1	
1.4	Encourage lifelong learning opportunities.	1.4.1	Undertake a program of activities and services that facilitate learning opportunities at Council's library services	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Library Services	Council libraries continue to deliver a range of services that facilitate learning opportunities for the community. New Library Team Leader commenced in early September and is currently reviewing services offered by the libraries. Community consultation via survey to be undertaken during October and November.	




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		1.4.2	Advocate for the development and provision of local education, training and lifelong learning opportunities	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Office of the General Manager is seeking the opportunity to engage with the new Minister responsible for this portfolio.	
		1.4.3	Advocate for improved school services across the Wentworth Shire	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See Action 1.4.2	
1.5	Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities.	1.5.1	Promote Wentworth Council as an employer of choice including offering apprenticeships and traineeships	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Resources		
		1.5.2	Encourage businesses to employ people of all abilities and different backgrounds	Not Due To Start	Manager Human Resources		





Strategic Direction: Our Community





Wentworth Shire is a great place to live.




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.1	Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life.	2.1.1	Acknowledge and celebrate Seniors Week and International Day of People with Disabilities	Not Due To Start	Manager Tourism & Promotion	International Day of People with Disabilities is celebrated on December 3rd and Seniors Week will be celebrated in March 2024.	
		2.1.2	Support the community to develop a range of community activities that focus on diversity, access, inclusion and capacity building.	Not Due To Start	Director Finance & Policy		
		2.1.3	Identify opportunities to promote and celebrate Wentworth Shire as a welcome and inclusive community.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy		





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		2.1.4	Actively engage with and include the perspectives and knowledge of the local indigenous community	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Ongoing meetings with Barkindji Maraura Elders Environment Team continue. The Mayor and General Manager attended the Barkindji Board Meeting in Wilcannia.	
2.2	Work together to solve a range of social and health issues that may impact community wellbeing and vulnerable people.	2.2.1	Deliver a program of activities and services that facilitate opportunities for vulnerable members of the community at Council's library services.	Stalled	Team Leader Library Services	Council's libraries continue to deliver a program of activities and services that facilitate opportunities for vulnerable members of the community. New Team Leader Library Services commenced in early September and is currently reviewing services offered by the Libraries.	


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		2.2.2	Continue to collaborate with Government Agencies and other organisations to support the provision of health services across the Region	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Council continues to support the work of the Wentworth Shire Interagency Group in advocating and collaborating for the provision of health services across the Region.	
		2.2.3	Advocate for the provision of social services that meet the needs of all our community including families, children, youth, people with disability and the aged	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Council continues to support the work of the Wentworth Shire Interagency Group who advocate and collaborate for the provision of social services that meet the needs of the community.	
		2.2.4	Promote and foster an accessible community that encourages access by people of all abilities	Not Due To Start	Director Finance & Policy		


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		2.2.5	Promote the benefit of healthy eating and an active lifestyle	Not Due To Start	Director Finance & Policy		
		2.2.6	Our buildings and spaces are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all community members	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services		
		2.2.7	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Pine Road Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		
		2.2.8	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Wood Street Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		



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		2.2.9	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Wood Street and Gol Gol North Road Sharedway	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Currently under construction. Due to be completed by mid November.	
		2.2.10	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Silver City Highway Dareton Sharedway	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Detailed design has been completed and approved by Transport for NSW. Tender process will commence mid October for approval by Council in December.	
2.3	To have a safe community	2.3.1	Provide Public Health Function	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning		
		2.3.2	Companion Animals & Buronga Pound Operations	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	There were 8 cats and 25 dogs admitted to the Animal pound for the period July to September.	





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		2.3.3	Provide Building Compliance Function	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	Building Surveyor completed 120 inspections for the September Quarter. Inspections included Building, Infrastructure, Swimming Pools and Plumbing.	
		2.3.4	In partnership with the RFS undertake hazard reduction works	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works		
		2.3.5	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	The General Manager regularly meets with the Inspector from the NSW Police Barrier Local Area Command.	




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		2.3.6	Facilitate the Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure a co-ordinated approach by all agencies having responsibilities and functions in emergencies	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	The Committee meets quarterly or as required.	
		2.3.7	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	Operations Engineer		
		2.3.8	Develop and implement strategies to embed NSW Child Safe Standards across the organisation.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy		
		2.3.9	RFS Para Fire Station	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Station has been constructed. Final fit out is currently underway.	



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2.4	A well informed, supported and engaged community	2.4.1	Consistently communicate the role of Council to the community	Annual Action Progressing	Media & Communications Officer	Council's media and communications officer continues to produce and promote the monthly and quarterly Council connects news letter. Council actively promoted local government week in early August.	

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		2.4.2	Provide regular updates of Council's achievements, strategic objectives and actions utilising a variety of platforms and communication channels.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Council utilises its various communication channels to provide regular updates on Council's achievements, strategic objectives and actions. A monthly and quarterly Council connects newsletter is also used to communicate and engage with the community.	
		2.4.3	Communicate funding opportunities available for the community	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council continues to communicate external funding opportunities to the community through a variety of communication channels.	

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2.5	To have a strong sense of place.	2.5.1	Maintain and update the amenity of the Shire to meet community expectations for clean and well-presented public spaces and townships	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Parks & Garden		
		2.5.2	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Reserves Upgrades	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Design for works at James King Park has been completed. Final community consultation to be undertaken in October with work to commence after Easter. Works at Junction Island to commence after the installation of the new Junction Island bridge has been completed.	






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		2.5.3	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Riverfront Toilet Block	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Toilet is currently under construction off site. Design for the sewer connection is nearing completion.	
		2.5.4	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Pooncarie Toilet Block	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Toilet block is currently being constructed off site. Design for the sewer connection is nearing completion.	
		2.5.5	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Ski Reserve Rehabilitation project	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services		
		2.5.6	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Pump Track Stage 2	Not Due To Start	Senior Civil Engineer		

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		2.5.7	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Open Spaces Development	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services		
		2.5.8	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Greater Junction Viewing Platform	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services		
		2.5.9	Undertake specific public open spaces capital works projects - James King Park Riverfront	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Design for works has been completed. Final community consultation to commence in Mid October with construction to commence after Easter.	




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		2.5.10	Flood Recovery - Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works to repair and rebuild damaged Ski Reserve toilet block and playgrounds at Junction Park, Fotherby Park and Wentworth Riverfront.	
		2.5.11	O'Donnell Toilet Block Repair	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works		




Strategic Direction: Our Environment




Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment.




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
3.1	Ensure our planning decisions and controls ensure the community benefits from development.	3.1.1	Deliver timely services for the assessment of Development Applications and planning proposals.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	Councils issued 22 planning approvals for the September Quarter.	
		3.1.2	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer		
3.2	Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained.	3.2.1	Land Tenure Program	Annual Action Progressing	Property & Land Tenure Officer		
		3.2.2	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads		
		3.2.3	Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works		




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		3.2.4	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Fixing Local Roads - Log Bridge Road	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Construction works to commence in February.	
		3.2.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie-Menindee Road	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Construction works have recommenced following delays due to the flood. Final seal to completed by the end of October and final site close out by mid November.	
		3.2.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Flood Recovery Activities - Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Awaiting finalisation of revised Program of Works by Transport for NSW.	

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		3.2.7	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program - Arumpo Road Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Currently finalising design and Cultural Heritage assessment. Construction works to commence in April.	
		3.2.8	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Regional & Local Road Repair Program	Deferred	Team Leader Roads	This program has been changed and merged into a new program by the new State Government, awaiting final confirmation of funding conditions.	
		3.2.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Car Park	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Tender to be approved at the October Council meeting with works to commence mid to late November.	





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		3.2.10	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pothole Repair Program	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Council is working through the approved schedule of works.	
		3.2.11	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Buronga Wetlands Sharedway	Specific Action Progressing	Project Engineer	Construction works to commence after the Gol Gol North Sharedway has been completed.	
		3.2.12	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Footpaths & Sharedways	Not Due To Start	Team Leader Civil Projects		



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		3.2.13	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Showgrounds Female Change Rooms	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Contractor has been appointed. Works to commence after Wentworth Cup Race day.	
		3.2.14	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth EDS	Specific Action Progressing	Senior Civil Engineer	Tender was approved in July. Fabrication works have commenced off-site.	
		3.2.15	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Rowing Club Extension	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final concept has been approved by the Rowing Club Committee. Formal plans being finalised and approved. Additional neighbour consultation to take place in November.	



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		3.2.16	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Showgrounds Kitchen Upgrade	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services		
		3.2.17	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Netball Courts	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Tender to be approved at the October Council meeting with works to commence in Mid November.	
		3.2.18	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Female Change Rooms	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project is being managed by the Wentworth Football Club. Designs have been approved and a contractor appointed.	


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		3.2.19	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Reserve Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Further discussions taking place with the user groups at the Multi Purpose Park.	
		3.2.20	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Sporting Complex Bowling Green	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	This project is being managed by the Wentworth Bowling Club. Green has been installed and is awaiting final certification.	
		3.2.21	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Dareton Main Street	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Quotes for new toilet block close mid October.	



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		3.2.22	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Alcheringa Tennis Courts.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Project is being managed by the Alcheringa Tennis Club. Light upgrade has been completed. New courts have to be installed.	
		3.2.23	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket Nets	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Project is being managed by the Gol Gol Cricket Club. Major construction works have been completed. Some minor fit out to be completed.	
		3.2.24	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Aerodrome Lighting	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Civil Projects	Lights have been installed, awaiting final certification and sign off from regulatory authorities.	
		3.2.25	Pooncarie Race Tower Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		
		3.2.26	Wood Street Kerb & Channel	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works		





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		3.2.27	Wentworth Bowling Club Green Replacement	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Bowling Green was damaged by fireworks let off by a member of the public. Contractor has been on site to assess the damage and has commenced the repair.	
3.3	Minimise the impact on the natural environment	3.3.1	Undertake actions identified in the Western Weeds Action Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works		
		3.3.2	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning		
		3.3.3	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Councillors Linklater and Elstone attended the Murray Darling Association's Annual Conference at Murray Bridge in September. Council	




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		3.3.4	Advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Barka River and the Menindee Lakes	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Councillors Beaumont and MacAllister attended a Community Drop In session at Menindee in September.	
		3.3.5	Promote environmental activities for community participation.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council actively promoted National Tree Day and the catch a carp event held in Pooncarie.	
		3.3.6	Flood Plain Management Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	Consultant has commenced data collection in order to inform flood modelling.	
3.4	Use and manage our resources wisely.	3.4.1	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Water & Waste Water		






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		3.4.2	Provide and promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Landfill Operations		
		3.4.3	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible	Annual Action Progressing	Media & Communications Officer		


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		3.4.4	Identify strategic partnerships in order to introduce cost-effective recycling and green waste collections services - Progress Buronga Landfill Expansion	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Landfill Expansion Development Application has been improved by the Department of Planning. Planning for the first stage of the expansion continues to progress inline with the project plan. Currently seeking additional advice regarding Biodiversity implications and potential offsets. Consultant has been appointed to undertake an options assessment regarding the best operational model for the site.	

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		3.4.5	Undertake a review of energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	Not Due To Start	Director Finance & Policy		
		3.4.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	East Gol Gol Raw Water projects is nearing completion. Planning work has commenced on 4 priority projects that have been identified in the plan - design and documentation will be completed over the next 12 months for these four projects.	

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		3.4.7	Darling Street Sewer Main Repair	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Due to depth and age of the sewer main and the location of the main this project has presented a number of significant challenges.	
		3.4.8	Melaleuca Street Sewer manhole upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services		
3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.5.1	Advocate to the Federal and State governments for adequate funding for the delivery of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure for the region.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy		
		3.5.2	Plan for appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs	Annual Action Progressing	Director Roads & Engineering		


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		3.5.3	Finalise Civic Centre Redevelopment	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	The project is Progressing in accordance with Contract Schedule.	
		3.5.4	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Pink Lake Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Senior Civil Engineer	Finalising the design and tender documents. Tender process to commence in January with works scheduled to commence in April.	
		3.5.5	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Rose Street Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Senior Civil Engineer	Design has been completed. Tender to commence in November for approval at the January Council meeting with works to commence in March.	


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		3.5.6	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - 3 Sisters Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Senior Civil Engineer	Power for the pump station has been installed. Currently preparing Request for Quotation for the installation of the pump station.	
		3.5.7	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Kingfisher Road Stormwater & Sewer Pump Station	Not Due To Start	Senior Civil Engineer		
		3.5.8	Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round 3A projects	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Planning has commenced on a number of the projects.	
		3.5.9	Wentworth Aerodrome Facilities Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Civil Projects		
		3.5.10	OLG Flood Recovery Projects	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works have commenced on a number of projects.	



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		3.5.11	Undertake a review of current and future sporting needs within the Shire - Buronga/Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Currently preparing the Request for Quotation documentation.	



Strategic Direction : Our Leadership




Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner.




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
4.1	Consistently engage and consult the whole community to ensure feedback is captured and considered as part of decision making and advocating processes.	4.1.1	Undertake community engagement activities and provide opportunities for participation in decision making where appropriate, in-line with Council's adopted Community Engagement Strategy	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Regional Drought Resilience Plan Community Consultation session to commence in Mid October. New Economic and Community Engagement Officer to commence in October.	




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		4.1.2	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Works have commenced to upgrade the doors at the Dareton Senior Citizens and Library Building to make them more accessible for people with mobility issues. Council continues to implement actions outlined in the review of Pram Ramps. New sharedways that have been constructed in Buronga and Gol Gol have been constructed to specification outlined by Transport for NSW making it easier for people with mobility issues to utilise the paths.	


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4.2	A strong, responsible and representative government.	4.2.1	Ensure that Council is accountable to the community, meets legislative requirements and supports the Councillors to undertake their civic responsibilities	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Councillors are provided with required material in order for them to fulfil their civic responsibilities.	
		4.2.2	Support Councillors to undertake ongoing professional development	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Councillors are undertaking professional development activities as required by the Office of Local Government.	

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4.3	An effective and efficient organisation.	4.3.1	Engage the community on a regular basis to ensure that Council is providing services that deliver value for money and are relevant in meeting the changing needs of the community.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Currently undertaking an options assessment for the ongoing operations of the Buronga Landfill.	
		4.3.2	Staff are supported to deliver high quality services to the community	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Staff are provided with the tools of the trade and training in order for the undertake their roles.	

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		4.3.3	Ensure the organisation is well led and managed through the implementation of Good Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Frameworks	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Internal Audit Function has commenced. Outcomes of the audit of IT Internal Controls will be reported in February. New Public Interest Disclosure Policy was adopted by Council in September. Training for staff on changes to the Public Interest Disclosure Act to commence in October.	
		4.3.4	Continue to monitor compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy		
4.4	Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future.	4.4.1	Continue to support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See Actions 2.2.2 & 2.2.3	

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		4.4.2	Foster strong partnerships with all levels of government, peak bodies, agencies and the community	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	The Mayor and General Manager continue to utilise various methods of communication with all levels of government.	
		4.4.3	Support cultural, recreational and community interaction opportunities through the Financial Assistance Program	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Customer Service	\$34,000 of financial assistance was approved by Council at its August meeting.	
4.5	Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency.	4.5.1	Maintain a strong financial position that supports the delivery of services and strategies and ensures long term financial sustainability	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Currently undertaking a review of operational options for the Buronga Landfill.	

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		4.5.2	Provide accurate and timely financial reports, monthly, quarterly and annually	Annual Action Progressing	Financial Accountant	Audit of the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Statements is underway.	
		4.5.3	Be the best employer that we can be by attracting, developing and retaining skilled staff to ensure a capable and effective workforce	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Resources		
		4.5.4	Implement actions outlined in the Workforce Management Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Resources	Mental Health First Aid training was conducted during this quarterly. Staff supported "Are you OK" day. HR continues to work with governance area to embed new Child Save Standards across the organisation.	

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		4.5.5	Implement sound asset management practices to ensure adequate provision is made for the maintenance and long-term replacement of Council's infrastructure assets	Annual Action Progressing	Assets Co-ordinator		
		4.5.6	Review Attraction and Retention Strategies	Not Due To Start	Manager Human Resources		