



# Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

## **Operational Plan Quarterly Progress Report December 2023**

## About this report



This progress report is for the six-month period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 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 visited the region in December. Visit has been coordinated by local Department contact. Council staff and Councillors attended the Cross-Border Future Industry Workforce Forum at the Euston Club in December.	
		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	The Rural Land Study has progressed as far as it can until the Flood Plain Management Study has been completed. This is an ongoing annual action.	

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		1.1.3	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	The update of the Development Control Plan is nearing completion of the draft stage. It will then be placed on community consultation. Planning has commenced regarding updating the Buronga Gol Gol Strategic Plan.	
		1.1.4	Drought Resilience Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Draft plan has been submitted to the Department of Regional NSW for peer review by the CSIRO. An additional round of the community consultation and engagement is being planned for early February.	
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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		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 Murray Regional Tourism CEO briefed Councillors in November. Council resolved to renew the MOU with MRT for a further three years.	
		1.2.4	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Civil Works	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	All western underground infrastructure has been installed. Works on road, pads and Retaining Wall are to commence in January. Eastern side works still to be completed. Western end suitable for accommodation by March and Eastern side to be completed June.	





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		1.2.5	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Ablution Block Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Amenities blocks are completed and ready for delivery. Scheduled to be delivered onsite in February.	
		1.2.6	Deliver a program of Community Events	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	In the period October to December 2023 Council has helped support, facilitate and or organise the following events: - Gol Gol Twilight Markets - Wentworth Races - Murray Darling 110 Ski Race - Wentworth Twilight Christmas Markets - Dareton Christmas Markets - Gol Gol Christmas Carols with a Twist - Wentworth Christmas Eve Street Party	
		1.2.7	Early Settlers Museum Business Case	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy		

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		1.2.8	Regional Tourism Activation Project - Wentworth Light State.	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	Bruce Munro has commenced construction of art installation. Works have progressed on final site designs and the Project Steering Committee are completing governance and due diligence requirements around the selection of a preferred site for the project.	
		1.2.9	Review PS Ruby Operational Model	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	Council is currently investigating the option of having the PS Ruby included on the State Heritage List. Once the investigation has been completed the matter will be referred to the Heritage and History Committee for consideration.	

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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	During this quarter the Mayor and General Manager met with staff from the NSW Roads Ministers Office.	
		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	<p>Council libraries continue to run regular programs such as Toddler Story Time, Social Sewing, Book Clubs, Baby Bounce, Pre-School visits and Outreach services and attendance at events such as the street markets and Christmas carols with a twist. The specific activities/events were held during the quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bluey Party</li> <li>- NBN Scan awareness presentation</li> <li>- Kids Christmas Movie presentation</li> <li>- Kids Messtival</li> </ul> <p>Overall there have been 2,583 visitations to Councils libraries during the quarter. Library Team Leader is currently working with Services NSW to facilitate a number of</p>	
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						sessions/workshops for the community.	
		1.4.2	Advocate for the development and provision of local education, training and lifelong learning opportunities	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		1.4.3	Advocate for improved school services across the Wentworth Shire	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	
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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		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	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	Council actively promoted and acknowledged International Day of People with Disabilities in December.	
		2.1.2	Support the community to develop a range of community activities that focus on diversity, access, inclusion and capacity building.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council helped support a community group to run the Gol Gol Markets.	

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		2.1.3	Identify opportunities to promote and celebrate Wentworth Shire as a welcome and inclusive community.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council held a citizenship ceremony in August and has another one planned for Australia Day. Council has been actively promoting the various Australia functions across the Shire including the annual Australia Day awards. Council shares community information on its various communication platforms in a variety of different languages.	




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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	Consultation with the local indigenous community was undertaken as part of the new Interpretive Space for the Civic Centre. The General Manager has also had a number of meetings with the Dareton Aboriginal Land Council in regards to the Roads to Home program work being proposed at Namatjira.	
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.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Library Services	See action 1.4.1	




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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 to advocate for the provision of social services that meet the needs of the community. The Mayor and General Manager met with the NSW Housing Minister to discuss potential funding for an upgrade to a social housing precinct in Wentworth.	



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		2.2.4	Promote and foster an accessible community that encourages access by people of all abilities	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	see action 2.2.6	
		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	Council is undertaking a number of new footpath/sharedway projects across the Shire as part of the Get Active NSW program. These paths have been specifically designed to cater for the use of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams. Council has submitted a number of additional projects for funding under the next round of the program.	




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		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		
		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 Completed	Manager Engineering Services		






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		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	Contractor has been engaged. Works to commence in January. On track for completion in April as per the funding guidelines.	
2.3	To have a safe community	2.3.1	Provide Public Health Function	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	A casual Environmental Health Officer has been engaged to undertake food and public health premises inspections.	
		2.3.2	Companion Animals & Buronga Pound Operations	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	There were 23 cats and 26 dogs admitted to the Buronga Pound for the period October to December. Of those 47 were either returned to their owners or rehomed.	




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		2.3.3	Provide Building Compliance Function	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	The building surveyor completed 105 inspections for the December 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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		2.3.5	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		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 as required,	





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		2.3.7	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	Operations Engineer	In the absence of a Road Safety Officer, Roads and Engineering staff are responding to minor issues as they eventuate. Nothing proactive is scheduled for the foreseeable future.	
		2.3.8	Develop and implement strategies to embed NSW Child Safe Standards across the organisation.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Further strategies to build capability have included developing/delivering training for our reporting officers; including formal child safe training in our induction program; promoting community awareness including of our complaint/reporting processes; promoting a code of conduct for our libraries & venue hires; & updating our child safe employment practices.	

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		2.3.9	RFS Para Fire Station	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy		
		2.3.10	RFS Boree Spring Hill Station	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Contractor has been engaged. Construction work to commence in January.	
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 & Communications Officer produces and promotes the quarterly Council Connects news update.	




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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 to the community on Council's achievements, strategic objectives and actions. A copy of the quarterly operational plan progress report is placed on Council's website after it has been tabled at the relevant Council meeting.	

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		2.4.3	Communicate funding opportunities available for the community	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council's Economic & Community Development Officer worked with the Wentworth Shire Interagency Group to successfully apply for funding to run school holiday activities in January and April. Council has also discussed grant opportunities with the Wentworth Showgrounds Users Group.	
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	This is an ongoing annual action.	

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		2.5.2	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Reserves Upgrades	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Design or works at James King Park has been completed. Final community consultation to take place on January 7th with works to commence after Easter. Works at Junction Island to commence after installation of the new Junction Island bridge has been completed.	
		2.5.3	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Riverfront Toilet Block	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Toilet blocks construction nearing completion. Currently finalising prices for installation and connection to services.	
		2.5.4	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Pooncarie Toilet Block	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	See action 2.5.3	





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		2.5.5	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Ski Reserve Rehabilitation project	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services	This project does not need to be completed till 30 June 2026. Initial site rehabilitation to be undertaken before 30 June 2024.	
		2.5.6	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Pump Track Stage 2	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	This project does not have to be completed till June 2025.	
		2.5.7	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Open Spaces Development	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	This project does not have to be completed till 30 June 2025.	
		2.5.8	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Greater Junction Viewing Platform	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	This project does not have to be completed till 30 June 2025.	








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		2.5.9	Undertake specific public open spaces capital works projects - James King Park Riverfront	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Design works have been completed. Final community consultation scheduled for January 7th. Construction to commence after Easter.	
		2.5.10	Flood Recovery - Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works have commenced to repair/rebuild the damaged Ski Reserve Toilet Block and playgrounds at Fotherby Park and Wentworth Riverfront. Junction Park Playground has been completed.	
		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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		3.1.2	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	See action 1.1.3	
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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		3.2.2	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	This is an ongoing annual action.	



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		3.2.3	Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		3.2.4	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Fixing Local Roads - Log Bridge Road	Deferred	Team Leader Roads	This project has been deferred and will be completed later in the year in line with works to be completed for the Light State project.	
		3.2.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie-Menindee Road	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads		

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		3.2.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Flood Recovery Activities - Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	6 of the 9 projects have been approved by Transport for NSW with 4 of those projects being completed.	
		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	Final feature survey and design has been completed. Construction works to commence in April.	




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		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 State Government. Schedule of Works needs to be submitted by April. As projects and approved and commence they will be added as individual actions and this action will be made inactive.	
		3.2.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Car Park	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	These works are being completed in conjunction with the Netball Courts upgrade. On track to be completed prior to the start of the Football season.	




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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	Manager Engineering Services	Project is 50% complete. Works to recommence in January and is on track to be completed by April.	
		3.2.12	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Footpaths & Sharedways	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Civil Projects	A concept design for the proposed footpath treatment in Darling Street has commenced. The Gol Gol project has been deferred till 2024/2025.	




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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 and works have commenced. On track to be completed by May.	
		3.2.14	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth EDS	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project is 70% complete and on track to be complete in February.	
		3.2.15	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Rowing Club Extension	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final designs have been completed. Awaiting outcome of flood recovery grant application.	



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		3.2.16	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Showgrounds Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Consultation with the users has commenced and an initial concept has been provided for consideration and feedback. On schedule for the tender to be approved prior to the end of the financial year with works to commence in 2024/2025. Project does not have to be completed till 30 June 2026.	
		3.2.17	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Netball Courts	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project is 40% complete and on track to be completed prior to the start of the netball season.	







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		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. Contractor has been appointed. Awaiting final development approvals prior to commencing construction.	
		3.2.19	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Reserve Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Initial consultation has been undertaken with the user groups. A number of options are being prepared for the consideration of the users. Project does not have to be completed till 30 June 2025.	
		3.2.20	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Sporting Complex Bowling Green	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy		



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		3.2.21	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Dareton Main Street	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Construction on Stage 1 (New Toilet Block) has commenced and is on track to be completed prior to the Centenary Celebrations in April.	
		3.2.22	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Alcheringa Tennis Courts.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Light upgrade has been completed. Work have commenced on installing the new courts.	
		3.2.23	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket Nets	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy		



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		3.2.24	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Aerodrome Lighting	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Civil Projects		
		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		
		3.2.27	Wentworth Bowling Club Green Replacement	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Contractor has been appointed with works scheduled to commence in February.	

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		3.2.28	George Gordon Oval Lighting Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Recently approved Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round 4 project. Contractor to be appointed prior to June 2024 with the works commence after the football season finishes in September. Temporary works to be undertaken so the lights can be used during the Dareton Centenary Celebrations.	
		3.2.29	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Fixing Local Roads Round 4 - Keenans Drive/Old Wentworth Road.	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Design has been completed and required procurement as taken place. Works to commence in March.	






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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	New Bio-Security Officer to commence in January.	
		3.3.2	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	This an ongoing annual action.	
		3.3.3	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action. Council continues to support to work of the Murray Darling Association.	
		3.3.4	Advoacte for the sustainable management of the Darling-Barka River and the Menindee Lakes	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action. Council continues to advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Barka River and the Menindee Lakes.	



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		3.3.5	Promote environmental activities for community participation.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council promoted the Yabby Trap Round Up initiative run by the NSW Department of Fisheries.	
		3.3.6	Flood Plain Management Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	Consultant has commenced data collection and analysis in order to inform flood modelling. This is expected to take 12 months in line with the schedule of works agreed to with the funding body.	
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	This is an ongoing action of Council.	



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		3.4.2	Provide and promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Landfill Operations	At the August Council meeting, Council approved an option to trial providing the Kerbside Hardwaste Collection across the whole year instead of at a dedicated time each year. This will be rolled out in January.	
		3.4.3	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible	Annual Action Progressing	Media & Communications Officer	See actions 3.3.5 & 3.4.2	




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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	Final designs are with EPA and Department for comment as required by the condition of the consent approval. Tender for the construction of the works planned to commence in March. Request to vary the Licence for the landfill in line with the approve DA has been submitted to the EPA.	
		3.4.5	Undertake a review of energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Currently reviewing the criteria of the Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 1 to identify potential projects for funding.	








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		3.4.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Council is submitting applications to the Safe & Secure Water fund to progress designs for 4 key water projects.	
		3.4.7	Darling Street Sewer Main Repair	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		
		3.4.8	Melaleuca Street Sewer manhole upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		
		3.4.9	Water Leakage & District Metering Program	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project funded under the Regional Leakage Reduction Program. Flow meters have been procured. Currently finalising the installation plan.	
		3.4.10	Beverly Street Sewer Main Repair	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		

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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	During this quarter the Mayor and the General Manager advocated to the NSW Water Minister, NSW Roads Minister and the NSW Housing Minister in relation to funding of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure.	
		3.5.2	Plan for appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs	Annual Action Progressing	Director Roads & Engineering	Currently considering applications to the Safe & Secure Water Fund for some water infrastructure design works. Work has commenced on formulating a Community Planning Framework.	

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		3.5.3	Finalise Civic Centre Redevelopment	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	Project is progressing as scheduled. Works have commenced on the interpretive space with consultation held with the Historical Society and local First Nations representatives. There have been ongoing consultation with staff in relation to the final layout of work spaces etc.	
		3.5.4	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Pink Lake Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Tender documents are being finalised with the tender process to commence in February.	


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		3.5.5	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Rose Street Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Stage 1 tender to commence in early Feb with Stage 2 to commence in 2024/2025 financial year.	
		3.5.6	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - 3 Sisters Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final design and installation of irrigation to occur this financial year. Remainder of the project to be completed in 2024/2025.	
		3.5.7	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Kingfisher Road Stormwater & Sewer Pump Station	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services	This project is no longer required due to changes made to the subdivision by the developer.	




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		3.5.8	Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round 4 projects	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Schedule of works has been approved by the funding body. Once all the individual projects have commenced this action will be made inactive and new actions will be created for all the individual projects.	
		3.5.9	Wentworth Aerodrome Facilities Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Civil Projects	Painting and Power Upgrades have been completed. Awaiting CASA approval for the installation of the RNAV system.	
		3.5.10	OLG Flood Recovery Projects	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	See 2.5.10	

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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	Request for Quotation documentation have been completed. Will start seeking quotations in February. This project doesn't have to be completed till June 2025.	
		3.5.12	Crane Drive Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Stage 1 works have been submitted to Transport for NSW for approval to bore under the Sturt Highway. Stage 2 will commence in 2024/2025	



## 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.



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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	Community engagement and consultation was undertaken during the quarter in relation to the following: - Interpretive Centre Project at the Wentworth Civic Centre, - the FOSO/LightSTATE project - Tara Downs Crossing grant application to the Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program and the Bridges Renewal Program. - Wentworth Economic Development Strategy - Wentworth/Balranald Regional Drought Resilience Plan	




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		4.1.2	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	New sliding doors are being added to the Dareton Senior Citizens and Library Building. New footpaths/Sharedways have been installed in Buronga and Gol Gol.	
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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		4.2.2	Support Councillors to undertake ongoing professional development	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	







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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	This is an ongoing annual action. The IT department are currently reviewing the IT Strategic Plan.	

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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	New Data Breach Policy was adopted by Council at the November Council Meeting. The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee met twice during the Quarter. The Annual Report was completed on time. The Internal Audit Function commenced the IT Internal Controls Audit with the outcome to be reported in February.	

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		4.3.4	Continue to monitor compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Our Modern Slavery Statement was finalised and published in our Annual Report in accordance with section 428(4) of the Local Government Act, outlining the steps taken to address the risk of modern slavery in our procurement activities. Commenced review of Guidelines published in December 2023 by the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner as to the reasonable steps to manage modern slavery risks in our next annual reporting period.	
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	See action 3.5.1	
		4.4.3	Support cultural, recreational and community interaction opportunities through the Financial Assistance Program	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Customer Service	Council approved \$21,467 of Financial Assistance during the December Quarter.	
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	Council is 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	The audit of the 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements were completed in October and the Statements were lodged with OLG within the Statutory deadline requirements.	
		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	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		4.5.4	Implement actions outlined in the Workforce Management Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Resources	This is an ongoing annual action.	

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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	This is an ongoing annual action. Work commenced on a funding application to the Heavy Vehicle Safety & Productivity Program to upgrade Tara Downs Crossing.	
		4.5.6	Review Attraction and Retention Strategies	Not Due To Start	Manager Human Resources		