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KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

15 MAY 2024

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

THE MAYOR REQUESTS THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER MAKES
ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MEETING.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work,
and pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging.

3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 17 April 2024 be confirmed as
circulated.



ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

17 APRIL 2024

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:59pm.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Daniel Linklater
Councillor Brian Beaumont
Councillor Steve Cooper
Councillor Peter Crisp (Video Conference)
Councillor Tim Elstone
Councillor Jane MacAllister
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Jo Rodda (Video Conference)

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
George Kenende (Acting Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Hannah Nicholas (Business Support Officer)
Deb Zorzi (Governance Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Linklater advised that he had a less than significant pecuniary interest in item 9.5 due to a relative's involvement/signature as an employee of a banking institution.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 20 March 2024 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 20 March 2024 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr Cooper, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 Outstanding Matters from Previous Meetings**6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

File Number: RPT/24/182

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The Outstanding Actions report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 10 April 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 10 April 2024.

Moved Cr Beaumont, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/184

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report

Moved Cr Linklater, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Linklater read out a letter written by Marg Whyte Cr Linklater acknowledged that although reading such a letter during a meeting is not usual business, the author is a renowned local advocate and artist. The letter pertains to the future name of the Wentworth Caravan Park and the significance of the local flora at the Caravan Park, noting in particular the significance of the native willow trees.

Mayoral Minute

In light of recent rainfall events in the upper catchment of the Darling River, and given the poor water quality currently being experienced in the Lakes and Lower Darling, WSC write to the NSW and Federal Water Ministers to request an immediate section 324 Embargo to protect the flow; to enable it to improve the quality of water in the lower darling, by providing a 'flush' event. This needs to occur by circumventing the Menindee lake system and in conjunction with a temporary lowering of the Wentworth Weir at the appropriate time to provide a draw into the Murray system. It is imperative that the water is protected to the end of system.

Moved Cr Linklater, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/183

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars
Nil
2. Meetings
As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events
As listed
4. Other items of note
Tourism Report

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - MARCH 2024

File Number: RPT/24/161

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring , supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of March 2024 were \$478,596.14. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 77.41%. For comparison purposes 74.95% of the levy had been collected at the end of March 2023. Council currently has \$46,471,329.59 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report.

Moved Cr Cooper, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - MARCH 2024

File Number: RPT/24/164

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Bryce Watson - Accountant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency

Summary

As of 31 March 2024, Council had \$42 million invested in term deposits and \$4,471,329.59 in other cash investments. Council received \$180,229.70 from its investments for the month of March 2024.

In March 2024 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.93% and it currently has \$8,740,704.97 of internal restrictions and \$34,115,297.73 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Beaumont

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 BURONGA COMMERCIAL PRECINCT PLANNING PROPOSAL

File Number:	RPT/24/176
Responsible Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division:	Health and Planning
Reporting Officer:	George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Objective:	1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region
Strategy:	1.5 Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council resolved to proceed with a Planning Proposal to amend planning provisions in the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP) that specifically relate to amendment to the Zoning.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) (now the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)) issued a Gateway Determination to proceed on 15 June 2023.

The Planning Proposal sought to amend the following provisions:

- Rezone approximately 15 ha of land north of the Sturt Highway in Buronga from RU5 Village to E1 Local Centre
- Rezone Lot 1 DP 848480 from RU5 Village to SP2 Infrastructure

Public exhibition and state agency consultation to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) was conducted in accordance with the Gateway Determination. One (1) public submission was received. No submission was received from Transport for NSW.

During the processing of the Planning Proposal, a development application (DA2021/008) refused by Council was challenged by the applicant through the Land and Environment Court (LEC). The development application was located on Lot 5 DP 1029509, which is part of the subject land being rezoned. The rezoning was a matter considered during the LEC proceedings. Due to this, the finalisation of the planning proposal was placed on hold until a judgment by LEC was reached. The LEC issued their judgement on 26 March 2024, and the planning proposal is being brought before Council to commence finalization.

No amendments have been made to the Planning Proposal as an outcome of public exhibition and submissions.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Planning Proposal and approval to proceed with finalisation of the amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.

Recommendation

- a. That Council endorse the post exhibition documentation as outlined in this report.
- b. That Council, as the plan-making authority, resolve to proceed with the finalisation of

the Planning Proposal in accordance with section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

- c. That Council call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

- a. That Council endorse the post exhibition documentation as outlined in this report.
- b. That Council, as the plan-making authority, resolve to proceed with the finalisation of the Planning Proposal in accordance with section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- c. That Council call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : Cr Beaumont, Cooper, Crisp, Elstone, Linklater, MacAllister and Nichols.

Against the Motion: Cr Rodda.

9.5 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 – PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REZONE RU4 LAND TO R5 AND REDUCE MINIMUM LOT SIZE FROM 10HA TO 1500 SQM IN EAST GOL GOL

File Number: RPT/24/179

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council has received a Planning Proposal from Cadell Consulting Services on behalf of MH2 Engineering & Architectural Services and the landowners.

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP) for the subject land made up of 10 allotments by:

- Rezoning it from RU4 Primary Production Small Lots to R5 Large Lot Residential
- Reducing the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) from 10 ha to 1,500 square metres.

This report seeks Council endorsement to submit the Planning Proposal with supporting documentation to the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces (Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)) for a gateway to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to:

- a. Submit the Planning Proposal to the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces for consideration for a Gateway Determination to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 in accordance with Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b. That Council call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Council Resolution

That Council resolves to:

- a. Submit the Planning Proposal to the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces for consideration for a Gateway Determination to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 in accordance with Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b. That Council call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : Cr Beaumont, Cooper, Crisp, Elstone, Linklater, MacAllister, Nichols and Rodda

Against the Motion: Nil.

9.6 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - APRIL 2024

File Number: RPT/24/159

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of March 2024 and the planned activities for April 2024.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in March 2024 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in March 2024 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Moved Cr Beaumont, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - WENTWORTH SPORTING COMPLEX GOLF CLUB INC

File Number: RPT/24/188

Motion

That Council provide financial assistance to the Wentworth Sporting Complex Golf Club Inc to the value of \$20,000 to be sourced through a budget variation to assist this volunteer based not for profit club achieve self sufficiency and thereby remain solvent.

Moved (to include the Motion) Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council provide financial assistance to the Wentworth Sporting Complex Golf Club Inc to the value of \$20,000 to be sourced through a budget variation to assist this volunteer based not for profit club achieve self sufficiency and thereby remain solvent.

Moved Cr. Beaumont, Seconded Cr. Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Cooper read out the formal resignation letter from the Wentworth Gaol Operator, Paul Swarbrick, on Mr Swarbrick's request. Mr Swarbrick thanked Council for the privilege to look after the Gaol for the last 24 years and wishes the new operators the very best in the years to come. Cr Cooper concluded that Mr Swarbrick has done a great job.

10.2 MORE BINS IN MCLEOD OVAL & SPRINKLERS TURNED ON AT WESTERN BOUNDARY

Cr Brian Beaumont would like more bins located at McLeod Oval, due to an increasing numbers of visitors camping within that area. Cr Beaumont also would like the sprinklers at the Western boundary turned on more frequently due to some vegetation needing it along that boundary.

Council Resolution

That Council adjourns into a closed session, that the recording of the meeting be paused, that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the closed session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session be with-held unless declassified by separate resolution.

Moved Cr Beaumont, Seconded Cr Cooper

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED

SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting for only so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

12.1 Low Darling Road Resheeting Works - PT2324/13. (RPT/24/163)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.2 Lease of Council Administration Building and Town Hall. (RPT/24/186)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (iii) information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 LOW DARLING ROAD RESHEETING WORKS - PT2324/13

File Number: RPT/24/163

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

That General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) accepts the tender from KW Earthmoving & Concreting Pty Ltd to carry out the Low Darling Road Resheeting Works Contract PT2324/13 in the amount of \$304,480.00 inc GST and authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the council seal.

12.2 LEASE OF COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND TOWN HALL

File Number: RPT/24/186

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

Strategy: 2.2 Work together to solve a range of social and health issues that impact community wellbeing and vulnerable people

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (iii) information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

That General Manager advised that Council:

1. Approves the preparation of a new lease agreement between Broken Hill University Department of Health / Sunraysia Collaboration and Council for the occupation of Crown Reserve 1036648, being Lot 1 DP630527.
2. In its capacity of the Crown Land Manager authorises the granting of a lease, pre Plan of Management, for the term of 20 years (10+10) tenure in accordance with Section 70 Clause 70(2)(c)(i)(ii) of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018.
3. Engages Bartier Perry Lawyers to prepare the draft lease
4. Affix the Common Seal of Wentworth Shire Council to all documentation that requires to be sealed, to give effect to this resolution
5. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager be delegated to sign any related documents.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

8:13pm.

NEXT MEETING

15 May 2024

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CHAIR

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/24/241

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The Outstanding Actions report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 9 May 2024.

Attachments

1. Outstanding matters as at 9 May 2024 [↓](#)

Division: Ordinary Council Committee: Officer:	Date From: Date To: Printed: Thursday, 9 May 2024 9:56:17 AM
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Outstanding Action Items Report

Meeting	Item	Title	Item	Action Record (latest first)
Ordinary Council 20/07/2022 2	10.5	Darling Street Pavers		07 May 2024 12:10pm Wall, Samantha In person Community consultation process undertaken on 2nd & 3rd May. Survey remains open for comment until 18th May. To date 30 direct responses & an additional response from survey. Results to be presented to June Council meeting 09 May 2024 9:53am Nicholas, Hannah The Heritage and History Advisory Committee meeting has been placed on hold pending resource availability.
Ordinary Council 16/11/2022 2	10.1	PS RUBY		Cr Brian Beaumont requested that the future of the PS Ruby be placed back on the outstanding action list to be discussed at a future meeting.
Ordinary Council 20/09/2022 3	10.4	Off Leash Dog Park		Cr Susan Nichols asked if an off leash dog park could be considered.
Ordinary Council 20/09/2022 3	9.15	Dog Waste Stations		Cr Brian Beaumont requested that the installation of dog waste stations be investigated.
Ordinary Council 15/11/2022 3	10.4	Review of User Agreements for Crown Reserves		Cr Jo Rodda requested that the reviewing of user groups agreements be placed on the outstanding action list.
Ordinary Council 13/12/2022 3	10.5	Lighting Sharedway Gol Gol		07 May 2024 12:13pm Wall, Samantha Essential Energy fixed power pole lighting design completed & approvals finalised. Tender for procurement of solar lights for Midway section finalised. Report to May Council meeting for consideration.

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/242

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by Mayor Linklater for the period of 18 April 2024 – 15 May 2024.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report

Report

The following table lists the meetings attended by Mayor Linklater for the period of 18 April 2024 – 15 May 2024.

Date	Meeting	Location
19 Apr 2024	Northern Mallee Leaders Program Launch	Mildura
23 Apr 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
23 Apr 2024	Meeting with Paul Buttigieg – Pooncarie Citizens Group	Wentworth
24 Apr 2024	Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder Meeting	Fletchers Lake
25 Apr 2024	ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Wentworth
25 Apr 2024	ANZAC Day Service	Pooncarie
26 Apr 2024	Community Recognition Statements Event	Dareton
	Opening of Dareton Coomealla Centenary Celebrations	Dareton
26 Apr 2024	Opening of Men in Shed Dareton	Dareton
26 Apr 2024	Dareton Coomealla Centenary Celebrations Dinner	Dareton
29 Apr 2024	Regional Development Australia Murray Buronga Breakfast Meeting	Buronga
30 Apr 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
30 April 2024	Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group Meeting	Wentworth
3 May 2024	Murray Darling Association Region 4 Meeting	Mildura
5 May 2024	Gol Gol Public School Country Fair	Gol Gol
5 May 2024	Wentworth Preschool and Long Day Care First Birthday Celebration	Wentworth
7 May 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
13 May 2024	Issues Paper Workshop – Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	Wentworth
14 May 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth

15 May 2024	Far South West Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Video Conference
15 May 2024	Pre Meeting Briefing	Wentworth
15 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth

Attachments

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/240

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars
 24-04
 24-05
2. Meetings
 As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events
 As listed
4. Other items of note
 Nil

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Detailed Report

1. Circulars

Circular 24-04 – New local government elections webpage launched on the Office of Local Government's website

- Local Government elections will be held on 14 September 2024.
- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has launched a dedicated webpage to provide information and resources for candidates, councils, and Councillors in the lead up to the elections and following the elections.
- New information and resources will be progressively published on the website over the coming months.
- As a first step, OLG has published a Pre-Election Guide for councils on the new webpage.
- The Pre-Election Guide has been prepared to inform councils about key tasks that need to be completed prior to the elections and the rules, restrictions and other considerations that apply to the way councils exercise their functions in the lead up to the elections.

Circular 24-05 – Information about rating 2024-2025**What's new or changing**

- Maximum boarding house tariffs for 2024-25 have been determined.
- Maximum interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges for 2024-25 has been determined.
- Section 603 Certificate fee for 2024-25 has been determined.
- Statutory limit on the maximum amount of minimum rates for 2024-25 has been determined

What this will mean for your council

Councils should incorporate these determinations into their 2024-25 rating structures, Operational Plan and Revenue Policy.

2. Meetings

Following is a list of meetings or events attended by the General Manager for the period of 18 April 2024 – 15 May 2024.

Date	Meeting	Location
18 April 2024	Council Meeting Debrief at Visitor Centre Site	Wentworth
18 April 2024	Visitor Centre Development Site Meeting	Wentworth
18 April 2024	Agency Review Meeting with Community Bank Wentworth & District	Wentworth
18 April 2024	Meeting with Fiona Howard – Wentworth Rowing Club	Wentworth
19 April 2024	Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation General Managers Advisory Committee Meeting	Video Conference
22 April 2024	Meeting with Peter Alexander – General Manager Strategy and Growth at MRCC	Mildura
23 April 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
23 April 2024	Meeting with Paul Buttigieg – Pooncarie Citizens Group	Wentworth
25 April 2024	ANZAC Day Ceremony	Dareton
26 April 2024	Community Recognition Statements Event	Dareton
26 April 2024	Opening of Dareton Coomealla Centenary Celebrations	Dareton
26 April 2024	Opening of Men Shed Dareton	Dareton
26 April 2024	Dareton Coomealla Centenary Celebrations Official Dinner	Dareton
29 April 2024	Regional Development Australia Murray Buronga Breakfast Meeting	Buronga
29 April 2024	Regional Development Australia Murray TriState Economic Zone Conference	Buronga
30 April 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
6 May 2024	Meeting with Alistair Lunn and Holly Davies –	Wentworth

	Transport for NSW	
7 May 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
13 May 2023	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting	Wentworth
13 May 2024	Issues Paper Workshop – Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy	Wentworth
14 May 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
15 May 2024	Far South West Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Video Conference
15 May 2024	Local Rescue Committee Meeting	Buronga
15 May 2024	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	Buronga
15 May 2024	Pre Meeting Briefing	Wentworth
15 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth

3. Events

Following is a list of upcoming events, conferences, or committee meetings, including out of region meetings where the Shire has been requested to attend in an official capacity from 16 May 2024 – 26 June 2024.

Date	Meeting	Proposed Attendees	Location
16 May 2024	Wentworth Shire Interagency Group Meeting	Cr Rodda	Video Conference
16 May 2024	Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation Meeting Pre Board Meeting Dinner	Mayor Linklater and GM	Corowa
17 May 2024	Opening of Mildura Field Days	Councillor Group and GM	Mildura
21 May 2024	Australian Floodplain Association AGM	General Manager	Video Conference
3 June 2024	Launch of Gabra Biik Wurruwila Wutja Research Centre – La Trobe University	Councillor Group	Mildura
3 June 2024	Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc Meeting	Cr Rodda	Wentworth
8 June 2024	Buronga Gol Gol Districts Lions Club 50 Year Anniversary Dinner	Mayor and GM	Dareton (Coomealla Club)
11 June 2024	Australian Inland Botanic Gardens Committee Meeting	Cr MacAllister	Mildura
12 June 2024	ClubGrants Category Once (1) Funding Committee Meeting	Mayor and GM	Dareton (Coomealla Club)
13 June 2024	Country Mayors Association June Meeting	Mayor and GM	Cobar

17 June 2024	Presentation by Richard Simon – Buronga Gol Gol Sporting Masterplan	Councillor Group, Executive Staff and GM	Wentworth
20 June 2024	Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and 20 Year Celebrations	Mayor and GM	Cobar

4. Other Items of Note

Nil.

Attachments

1. 24-04 [↓](#)
2. 24-05 [↓](#)



Office of
Local Government

Circular to Councils

Circular Details	24-04 / 18 April 2024 / A885507
Previous Circular	
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
Contact	Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Councils to Implement

New local government elections webpage launched on the Office of Local Government's website

What's new or changing

- Local Government elections will be held on **14 September 2024**.
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- New information and resources will be progressively published on the website over the coming months.
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- The Pre-Election Guide has been prepared to inform councils about key tasks that need to be completed prior to the elections and the rules, restrictions and other considerations that apply to the way councils exercise their functions in the lead up to the elections.

What this will mean for your council

- The Pre-Election Guide for councils provides guidance on the following:
 - the preparation and confirmation of non-residential rolls
 - information for candidates
 - the use of council resources for election purposes
 - staff political activities in the lead up to the elections
 - council publications during the "regulated period" in the 40 days prior to the election
 - attendance by the mayor and councillors at council and community events prior to the election
 - media comment by the mayor and councillors prior to the election
 - caretaker restrictions in the 4 weeks preceding election day
 - planning for the first council meeting following the election
 - delegations to the general manager during the election period.

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Where to go for further information

- The dedicated Local Government elections webpage is available [here](#).
- The Pre-Election Guide for councils is available [here](#).
- For further information, contact the Council Governance Team on 4428 4100 or olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	24-05 / 19 April 2024 / A894200
Previous Circular	23/02 – Information about Rating 2024-25
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council staff
Contact	Performance Team / (02) 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information / Council to Implement

Subject

Information about rating 2024-25

What's new or changing

- Maximum boarding house tariffs for 2024-25 have been determined.
- Maximum interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges for 2024-25 has been determined.
- Section 603 Certificate fee for 2024-25 has been determined.
- Statutory limit on the maximum amount of minimum rates for 2024-25 has been determined

What this will mean for your council

Councils should incorporate these determinations into their 2024-25 rating structures, Operational Plan and Revenue Policy.

Key points

Boarding House Tariffs

In accordance with section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), it has been determined that for the purpose of the definition of 'boarding house' and 'lodging house', the maximum tariffs, excluding GST, that a boarding house or lodging house may charge tariff-paying occupants are:

- Where full board and lodging is provided:
\$453 per week for single accommodation; or
\$747 per week for a family or shared accommodation
- Where less than full board or lodging is provided:
\$305 per week for single accommodation; or
\$502 per week for family or shared accommodation

Notice giving effect to these decisions has been published in the NSW Government Gazette (Government Gazette No 140 – 19 April 2024).

Maximum Interest Rate on Overdue Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 566(3) of the Act, it has been determined that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 will be 10.5% per annum.

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The methodology used to calculate the interest rate applicable for the period 1 June 2024 to 30 June 2025 is the Supreme Court methodology (the Reserve Bank cash rate plus 6%), rounded to the nearest half per cent. The cash rate used for the purposes of the maximum interest rate for local government is based on the cash rate set by the Reserve Bank of Australia on 5 December 2023.

Notice giving effect to these decisions has been published in the NSW Government Gazette (Government Gazette No 140 – 19 April 2024).

Section 603 Certificate

Under section 603 of the Act, councils may issue a certificate as to the amount (if any) of rates, charges, etc. due or payable to the council for a parcel of land. Section 603(2) states the application must be accompanied by the approved fee. In accordance with the approved methodology, the approved fee for 2024-25 is determined to be \$100. This is an increase of \$5 from the 2023-24 fee.

This determination applies to the issuing of a certificate for the matters specified in section 603(2) of the Act. Where a council offers to provide other information as an optional service, the council is not prevented from separately determining an approved fee for that additional service. Furthermore, a council is not prevented from determining approved fees for additional services required by an applicant for the expedited processing of a Section 603 Certificate.

Statutory limit on the maximum amount of minimum rates

Following a recommendation by Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), clause 126 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 will be amended on 1 July 2024 by the Local Government (General) Amendment (Minimum Amounts of Rate) Regulation 2024, so that under section 548(3)(a) of the Act, the maximum amount of the minimum ordinary rate will be \$617 for 2024-25.

The maximum amount of a minimum special rate (not being a water supply special rate or a sewerage special rate) prescribed by section 548(3)(b) of the Act will remain unchanged at \$2.

Where to go for further information

Office of Local Government has further information available at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/council-finances/rating-and-special-variations/>

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9.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - APRIL 2024

File Number: RPT/24/206

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring , supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of April 2024 were \$554,668.53. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 81.49%. For comparison purposes 77.82% of the levy had been collected at the end of April 2023. Council currently has \$45,497,659.22 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report.

Detailed Report

The purpose of this report is to indicate to Council the position in relation to the rate of collections and the balance of cash books.

Reconciliation and Balance of Funds held as at 30 April 2024

The reconciliation has been carried out between the Cash Book of each fund and the Bank Pass Sheet as at 30 April 2024.

	Combined Bank Account
Cash Balance as at 1 March 2024	\$ 2,195,139.08
Add: Receipts for the Period Ending 31 March 2024 Rates, Debtors, Miscellaneous	\$ 4,146,803.37
Less: Payments for the Period Ending 31 March 2024 Cash Book entries for this Month	\$ 4,126,789.16
Cash Balance of Operating A/C as at 31 March 2024	\$ 2,215,153.29
Trust Fund Balance	\$ 758,562.12
Total Investments as at 31 March 2024	\$ 42,523,843.81
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 45,497,559.22

Collection of Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges collections for the month of April 2024 were \$554,668.53. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 81.49%. A summary of the Rates and Charges situation as at 30 April 2024 is as follows:

Note: For comparison purposes 77.82% of the levy had been collected at the end of April 2023.

LEVIES	RATES & CHARGES	
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2023 - Rates / Water	975,306.94	
Rates and Charges Levied 21 July 2023	10,341,585.36	\$ 11,316,892.30
+ Additional Water Charges	1,469,687.77	
+ Supplementary Rates and Charges	191,405.33	
+ Additional Charges	112,174.50	
- Credit Adjustments	27,580.68	
- Abandonments	35,910.54	\$ 13,026,668.68
DEDUCTIONS		
- Payments	10,458,887.79	
- Less Refunds of Payments	15,787.31	\$ 10,443,100.48
		\$ 2,583,568.20
- Pensioner Subsidy		
Government Subsidy	94,902.58	
Council Subsidy	77,647.56	\$ 172,550.14
RATES/WATER CHARGES OUTSTANDING 30 APRIL 2024		\$ 2,411,018.06

Rates/Water write offs and adjustments

The following rates or charges have been written off or adjusted under the delegated authority of the General Manager for the month of April 2024.

Account	Date	Amount	Comment
Rates			
1436	29.4.2024	\$ 2.42	Credit interest accrued after land valuation was reduced by the Valuer Generals Department
Water			
1011	22.4.2024	\$ 1,392.60	Water Leak found on property, filtered water charge was reduced to the 1st tariff
568-78	11.4.2024	\$ 213.84	Incorrect water meter reading entered
767	2.4.2024	\$ 253.44	Incorrect water meter reading entered

Council Loans Report

Name	Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding	Due Date
Loan 201	National Australia Bank	Buronga Landfill	4.55% Fixed	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 109,361.28	30/01/2025
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.47% Fixed	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 532,748.05	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,317,842.66	1/06/2033
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.29% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,145,522.11	12/05/2037
CFWC310604	T-Corp	Trentham Cliffs Sewer	1.82% Fixed	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 574,888.68	4/06/2031
CFWC310624	T-Corp	Burong/Gol Gol Stormwater	1.79% Fixed	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 958,282.15	24/06/2031
Loan 205	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	2.2% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,200,402.09	25/01/2027
Loan 206	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill #3	1.85% Fixed	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 594,599.61	25/09/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	1.933% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,319,079.01	31/03/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Civic Centre	1.933% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	31/03/2028
CFWC440209	T-Corp	Civic Centre	5.45% Fixed	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00	9/02/2044
				TOTAL	\$ 13,252,725.64	

Overtime and Travelling

Month	Apr-24	Pay Periods	20 & 21					
Overtime from 16 March 2024 to 12 April 2024								
Overtime								
Department	Time and a Half & Half Time		Double Time		Double Time 1/2		Total	2023/24 Accumulative Total
	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount		
Animal Services	15.25	773.52	11.50	\$ 725.42	11.25	\$ 1,017.32	\$ 2,516.26	\$ 24,575.46
Assets							\$ -	\$ 302.45
Building Maintenance	2.00	129.87	2.00	\$ 173.15			\$ 303.02	\$ 803.47
Civil	6.50	359.46	19.00	\$ 1,339.40			\$ 1,698.86	\$ 9,229.69
Finance							\$ -	\$ 1,144.70
GM's Office							\$ -	\$ 678.34
Health & Planning							\$ -	\$ 280.84
Indoor Engineers	11.75	956.76					\$ 956.76	\$ 17,917.90
IT Support	2.00	151.23	2.00	\$ 201.63			\$ 352.86	\$ 3,217.61
Landfill Transfer Stations	26.50	1,188.85	8.00	\$ 704.16	6.00	\$ 462.95	\$ 2,355.96	\$ 17,661.48
Library							\$ -	\$ 2,024.43
Parks & Gardens	23.00	1,377.49	17.00	\$ 1,143.99	13.00	\$ 1,265.99	\$ 3,787.47	\$ 20,033.96
Private Works							\$ -	\$ 6,847.59
Roads - Council	216.50	10,541.85	77.00	\$ 4,897.13	4.00	\$ 308.64	\$ 15,747.62	\$ 295,706.07
Roads - RMS	187.00	9,250.16	235.00	\$ 15,608.13			\$ 24,858.29	\$ 33,919.06
Subdivision Officer							\$ -	\$ 154.36
Tourism & Promotion	8.25	395.89	10.00	\$ 550.97	8.50	\$ 627.74	\$ 1,574.60	\$ 13,625.10
Water & Waste Water	70.00	3,779.01	47.00	\$ 3,542.96	18.50	\$ 1,483.08	\$ 8,805.05	\$ 81,899.73
Workshop Manager	12.50	747.56					\$ 747.56	\$ 4,710.14
Workshop/Mechanics							\$ -	\$ 906.42
Total	581.25	29,651.65	428.50	28,886.94	61.25	5,165.72	\$ 63,704.31	\$ 535,692.62

Conclusion

The report indicates to Council that its finances are in a favourable position.

Attachments

Nil

9.3 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - APRIL 2024

File Number: RPT/24/217

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Bryce Watson - Accountant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency

Summary

As of 30 April 2024, Council had \$41 million invested in term deposits and \$4,497,559.22 in other cash investments. Council received \$174,178.33 from its investments for the month of April 2024.

In April 2024 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 5.04% and it currently has \$8,275,858.15 of internal restrictions and \$34,997,066.61 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of its investments as required by the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) and the associated regulation.

Matters under consideration

As of 30 April 2024, Council had \$45,497,559.22 invested with Ten (10) financial institutions and One (1) Treasury Corporation. This is a decrease of \$973,770.37 from the previous month.

The investment of surplus funds remains in line with Council's Investment Policy. This ensures sufficient working capital is retained and restrictions are supported by cash and investments that are easily converted into cash.

Interest Received from Cash Investments in April 2024

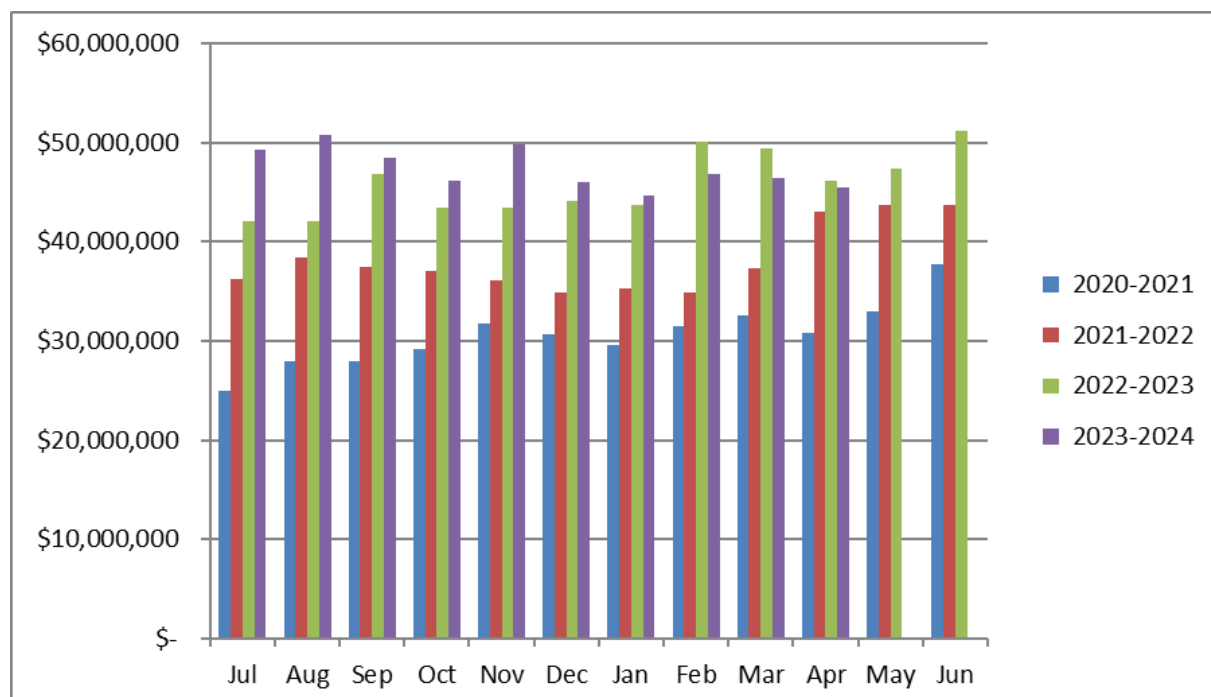
Three (3) deposits and One (1) other account matured or provided interest in April earning Council \$174,178.33 in interest. The budget for April was \$125,000. Year to date Council has received \$1,592,172.32 in interest based on cash accounting. Expired investments are now shown in the attached report along with a summary of accrued interest. The budget for the financial year was set at \$1,500,000.00. As shown in the attached report Council's investments are on track to return \$1,855,663.85 for the financial year.

**Note the difference in interest received between this report and the Yield Hub report is from Council's at-call cash account which is paid monthly.*

Restrictions

Internal Restrictions		
- Employee Entitlements	\$2,308,162.00	
- Doubtful Debts	\$47,730.00	
- Future Development Reserve	\$1,076,217.20	
- Trust Account	\$1,698,422.25	
- Caravan Park Loan Facility	\$645,326.7	
- Capital Projects	\$1,000,000.00	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500,000.00	\$8,275,858.15
External Restrictions		
- Water Fund	\$11,039,062.78	
- Sewer Fund	\$5,496,838.88	
- T-Corp Loan Balance	\$541,934.32	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$983,097.38	
- Unexpended Grants	\$16,154,115.71	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$208,296.22	
- Loan Guarantee Reserve	\$187.69	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$573,533.63	\$34,997,066.61
Day to Day Liquidity		\$2,224,634.46
Total Funds Available		\$45,497,559.22

Total Funds Invested



Summary – Unexpended Grants as at 30 April 2024

Grant	Amount
Crown Reserve Improvement Fund Astronomy Park	\$656,000.21
Fixing Local Roads Grants - Stage 3	\$211,305.90
Resources for Regions Round 8	\$33,227.65
Main Road Block Grant	\$799,089.37
Transport for NSW Pothole Repair Program	\$580,945.94
Resources for Regions Round 9	\$2,269,338.15
Rural Local Road Repair Program	\$7,503,593.76
NSW Office of Local Government Flood Grants	\$662,941.98
Strong Start Cadetship Program Grant	\$25,000.00
JEV Mosquito Eradication Grant	\$22,013.56
SCCF Female Jockey Changerooms	\$7,596.02
Regional Leakage Reduction Program - Local Water Utility	\$30,385.65
Regional Fire Services Levy	\$59,351.95
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4	\$793,325.57
RRUPP Arumpo 24km Upgrade	\$2,500,000.00
Total	\$16,154,115.71

Conclusion

The Director Finance & Policy has certified that all investments have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Council's Investment Policy. Council is investing its funds prudently to optimise returns and reduce exposure to risk in accordance with legislation and its own investment policy.

Attachments

1. Yeild Hub Investment Report - April 2024 [📄](#)



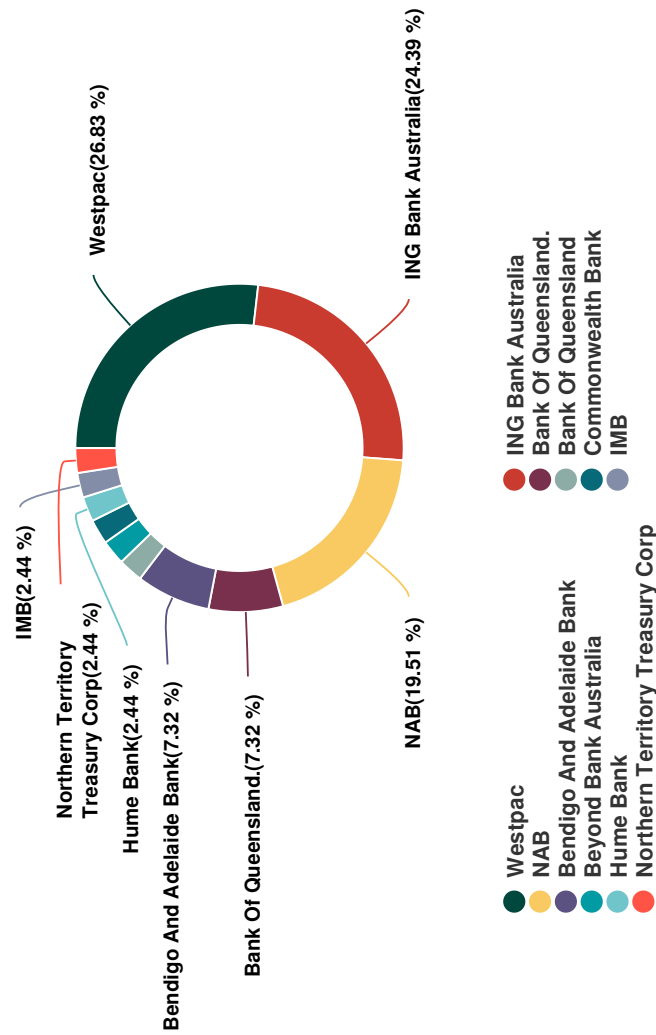
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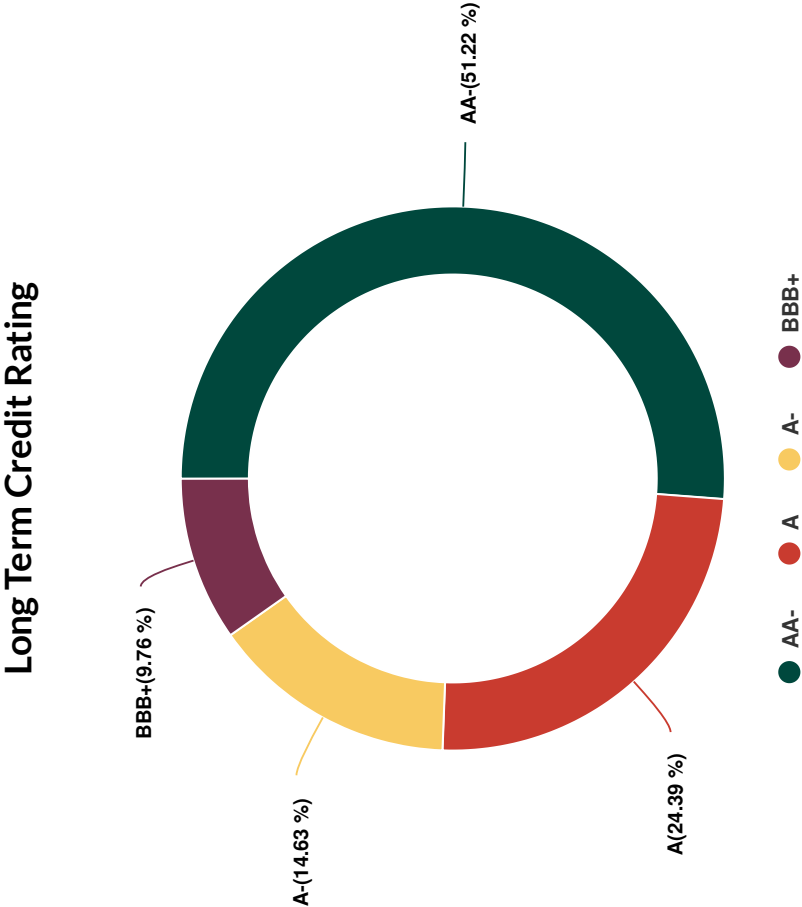
Summary

Total Cost	\$41,000,000.00
Total Portfolio Value	\$41,888,809.86
Weighted Average Term	235
Weighted Average Yield	5.01 %
90 day BBSW	4.41 %
Unrealised Capital Gain/Loss	\$0
Total Monthly Accrued Interest	\$167,813.73
Total Interest Received this month	\$171,769.32
Total Interest Received this FY	\$1,523,816.74
Total Interest Expected this FY	\$1,855,663.85
Interest Payments this month	4
Matured Investments this month	3
Total Funds Matured this month	\$4,000,000.00
Investments this month	2
Total Funds Invested this month	\$3,000,000.00
Compliant Portfolio	Yes



Counterparty





Wentworth Shire Council - Monthly Report							Report Date: 30 April 2024		
Investment Type	ADI/Security Name	Amount	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term in Days	Yield	Short Term Rating	Long Term Rating	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	18/05/2023	17/05/2024	365	4.900 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	26/05/2023	27/05/2024	367	4.94 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	06/06/2023	06/06/2024	366	5.04 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	IMB	\$1,000,000	06/03/2024	11/06/2024	97	5.300 %	NR	NR	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$2,000,000	28/06/2023	27/06/2024	365	5.62 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	26/07/2023	26/07/2024	366	5.25 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	27/07/2023	29/07/2024	368	3.27 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	24/08/2023	26/08/2024	368	5.100 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	24/08/2023	26/08/2024	368	5.100 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	29/08/2023	28/08/2024	365	5.200 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	04/09/2023	03/09/2024	365	5.12 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	07/03/2024	03/09/2024	180	5.07 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	05/09/2023	04/09/2024	365	5.17 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	14/03/2024	10/09/2024	180	5.12 %	A-2	A-	
Term Deposit	Beyond Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	11/09/2023	10/09/2024	365	5.200 %	A-2	BBB+	
Term Deposit	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	03/10/2023	02/10/2024	365	5.200 %	A-2	A-	
Term Deposit	Hume Bank	\$1,000,000	05/10/2023	04/10/2024	365	5.25 %	NR	NR	
Term Deposit	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	09/02/2024	05/11/2024	270	5.0 %	A-2	A-	
Term Deposit	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$1,000,000	07/03/2024	20/11/2024	258	5.03 %	A-2	BBB+	
Term Deposit	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$1,000,000	23/02/2024	20/11/2024	271	5.02 %	A-2	A-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	27/11/2023	27/11/2024	366	5.47 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	04/12/2023	03/12/2024	365	5.28 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	15/12/2023	16/12/2024	367	5.100 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	19/12/2023	18/12/2024	365	5.23 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$1,000,000	22/12/2023	23/12/2024	367	5.0 %	A-2	A-	
Term Deposit	Commonwealth Bank	\$1,000,000	30/01/2024	29/01/2025	365	5.02 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	09/02/2024	10/02/2025	367	5.100 %	A-1+	AA-	

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Investment Type	ADI/Security Name	Amount	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term in Days	Yield	Short Term Rating	Long Term Rating	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	12/02/2024	12/02/2025	366	5.15 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	12/02/2024	12/02/2025	366	5.15 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000	20/02/2024	19/02/2025	365	5.14 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	27/02/2024	27/02/2025	366	5.14 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	29/02/2024	28/02/2025	365	5.14 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$1,000,000	11/03/2024	11/03/2025	365	5.03 %	A-1+	AA-	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	19/03/2024	19/03/2025	365	5.13 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	02/04/2024	02/04/2025	365	5.0 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$2,000,000	04/04/2024	04/04/2025	365	5.0 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	04/01/2024	05/01/2026	732	5.14 %	A-1	A	
Term Deposit	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	04/12/2023	03/12/2026	1,095	5.25 %	A-2	A-	
Term Deposit	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$1,000,000	16/09/2021	15/12/2026	1,916	1.35 %	NR	NR	
		\$41,000,000							



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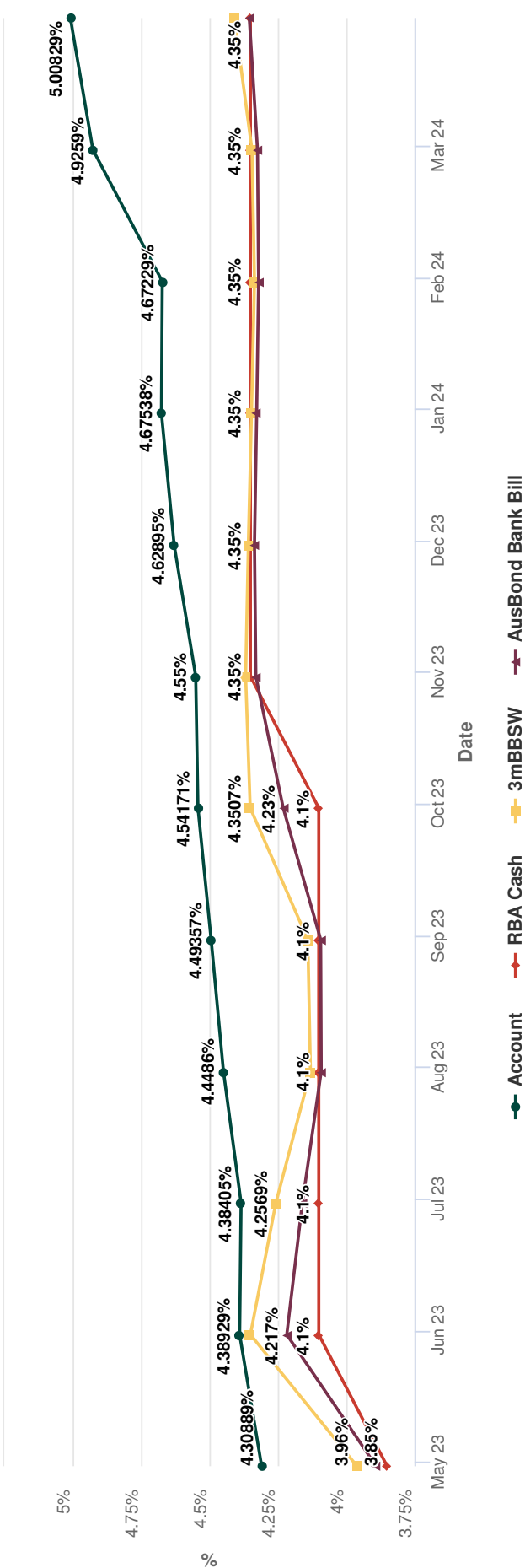
Transaction Date	Contract Number	ADI/Security Name	Type	Amount	Credit/Debit	Long Term Rating	Designation	Comments	Maturity Date
19/04/2024	057584	ING Bank Australia	Interest	\$30,984.66	Debit	A	Unclassified		19/04/2024
04/04/2024	064154	ING Bank Australia	Interest	\$93,600	Debit	A	Unclassified		04/04/2024
02/04/2024	064065	ING Bank Australia	Interest	\$128.22	Debit	A	Unclassified		02/04/2024
01/04/2024	064065	ING Bank Australia	Interest	\$47,056.44	Debit	A	Unclassified		02/04/2024
Total				\$171,769.32					

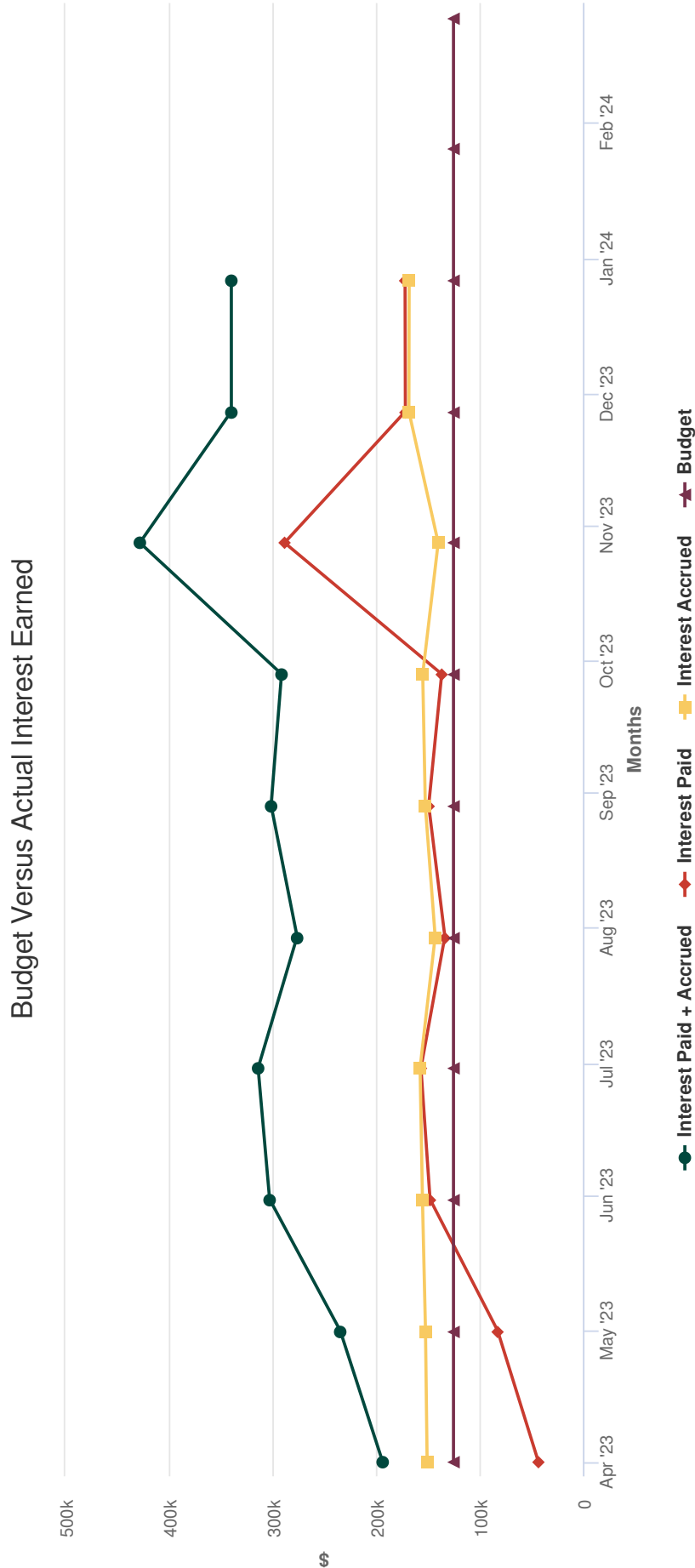


Account vs RBA Cash vs 3m BBSW vs Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index

Term	Account	RBA Cash	3m BBSW	Outperformance	AusBond Bank Bill	Outperformance
1m	4.98 %	4.35 %		0.62 %	4.35 %	0.62 %
3m	4.84 %	4.35 %	4.35 %	0.49 %	4.33 %	0.51 %
6m	4.72 %	4.35 %	4.36 %	0.37 %	4.33 %	0.39 %
12m	4.56 %	4.22 %	4.26 %	0.30 %	4.23 %	0.33 %

Month End Performance





9.4 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - THIRD QUARTER 2023 - 2024

File Number: RPT/24/216

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Bryce Watson - Accountant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.5 Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency

Summary

A full analysis of Council's Income, Operating Expenditure and Capital Expenditure has been undertaken. Several variations have been identified against the original budget as outlined in this report. Council's revenue and expenditure is reviewed on a quarterly basis to identify any potential areas requiring a variation.

In the March Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavorable operational variance of \$5,764,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$4,814,000 resulting in a total unfavourable budget variation of \$950,000.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Note the 2023/2024 Third Quarter Budget Review
- b) Approve the proposed variations to the 2023/2024 Budget

Detailed Report

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee with information on the 2023/2024 Budget position, proposing amendments where required and provide an overview of Council's current year financial performance in relation to the adopted budget and key indicators. This report is prepared in accordance with S407 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Clause 203(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's 2023/2024 Operational Plan. This report complies with the format required by the Office of Local Government.

Report Detail

As required by the Office of Local Government the quarterly budget review statement is attached and includes the following documents in order. All reports are presented in a consolidated view of all funds (General, Water and Sewer).

1. Consolidated Income Statement (containing operating income and expenses)
2. Proposed Variations to the Income Statement
3. Consolidated Capital Budget
4. Proposed Capital Budget Variations
5. Cash and Investments Position and Reserve Balance

6. Register of Material Contracts
7. Consultancy and Legal Expense Report

1. Consolidated Income Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

Income & expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$'000's)	Original budget 2023/24	Approved Changes					Revised budget 2023/24	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs				
Income										
Rates and annual charges	10,187				109		10,296		10,296	10,296
User charges and fees	7,089				1,937		9,026	650	9,676	5,326
Other revenues	1,104						1,104		1,104	707
Grants and contributions - operating	14,311		(3,725)	33			10,619		10,619	2,098
Grants and contributions - capital	26,314		3,725	(450)	(1,469)		28,120	(5,514)	22,606	10,480
Interest and investment revenue	1,693						1,693		1,693	1,557
Net gain from disposal of assets	100						100		100	-
Total income from continuing operations	60,798	-	-	(417)	577	-	60,958	(4,864)	56,094	30,466
Expenses										
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,078						11,078		11,078	8,193
Borrowing costs	473						473		473	241
Materials and services	7,449			33	1,937		9,419	650	10,069	4,711
Depreciation and amortisation	8,465						8,465		8,465	6,349
Other expenses	3,698						3,698	250	3,948	3,231
Net Loss from disposal of assets	-						-		-	-
Total expenses from continuing operations	31,163	-	-	33	1,937	-	33,133	900	34,033	22,725
Net operating result from continuing operations	29,635	-	-	(450)	(1,360)	-	27,825	(5,764)	22,061	7,741
Discontinued operations - surplus/(deficit)	-						-		-	-
Net operating result from all operations	29,635	-	-	(450)	(1,360)	-	27,825	(5,764)	22,061	7,741
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	3,321	-	(3,725)	-	109	-	(295)	(250)	(545)	(2,739)

The net result of operations as of 31 March was a deficit of \$2.739 million before capital income. There are \$4,864,000 in proposed variations to income and \$900,000 in proposed variations to operational expenditure. The net result if approved is an unfavorable operational variance of \$5,764,000.

Note: capital grant income in the operational income statement does not reflect grant amounts paid in advance and those held in external restrictions it only reflects cash amounts received to date this financial year. A reconciliation will be performed as of 30th June 2024 to recognise these amounts as income.

For the quarter to 31 March there was \$7,473 million of operational income. Some of the notable income for the 3rd quarter is listed below.

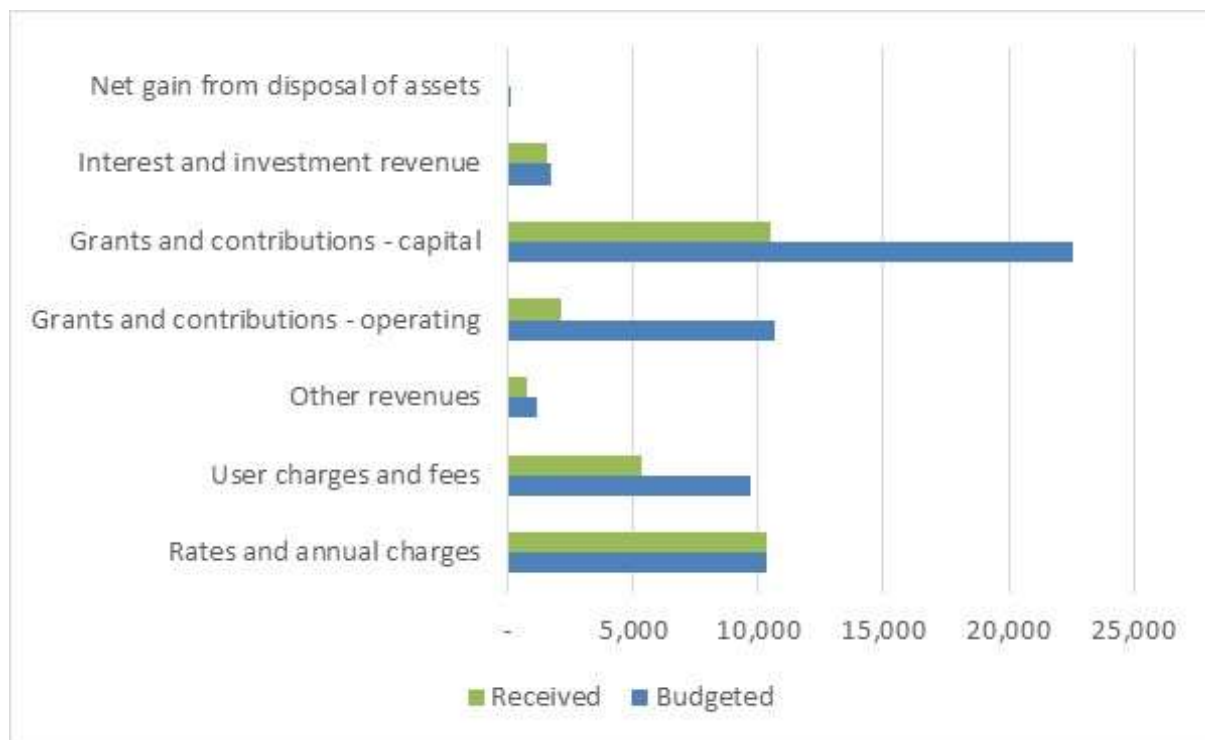
- Buronga Landfill Tipping Fees \$1,251,000
- Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program (Arumpo Road) \$1,000,000
- Regional Roads Block Grant Income \$828,000
- Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program \$806,000
- Excess Water Charges \$607,000

For the quarter to 31 March there was \$7,356 million of operational expenditure. Some of the notable expenditure for the 3rd quarter is listed below.

- Road Network Maintenance \$2,559,830
- Water Network Maintenance \$1,124,890
- Parks & Reserves Maintenance \$826,740
- Landfill Expenditure \$776,404
- Sewer Network Maintenance \$122,387

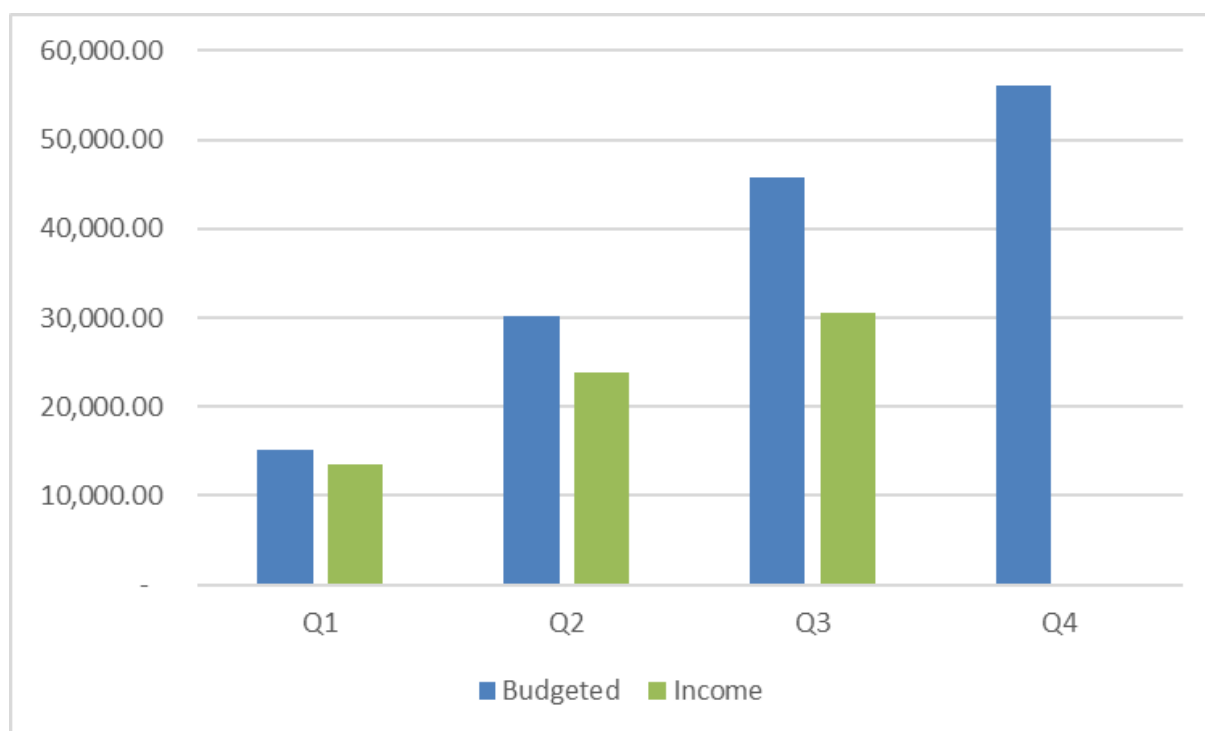
Income Recognised vs Budgeted Income - 31 March 2024

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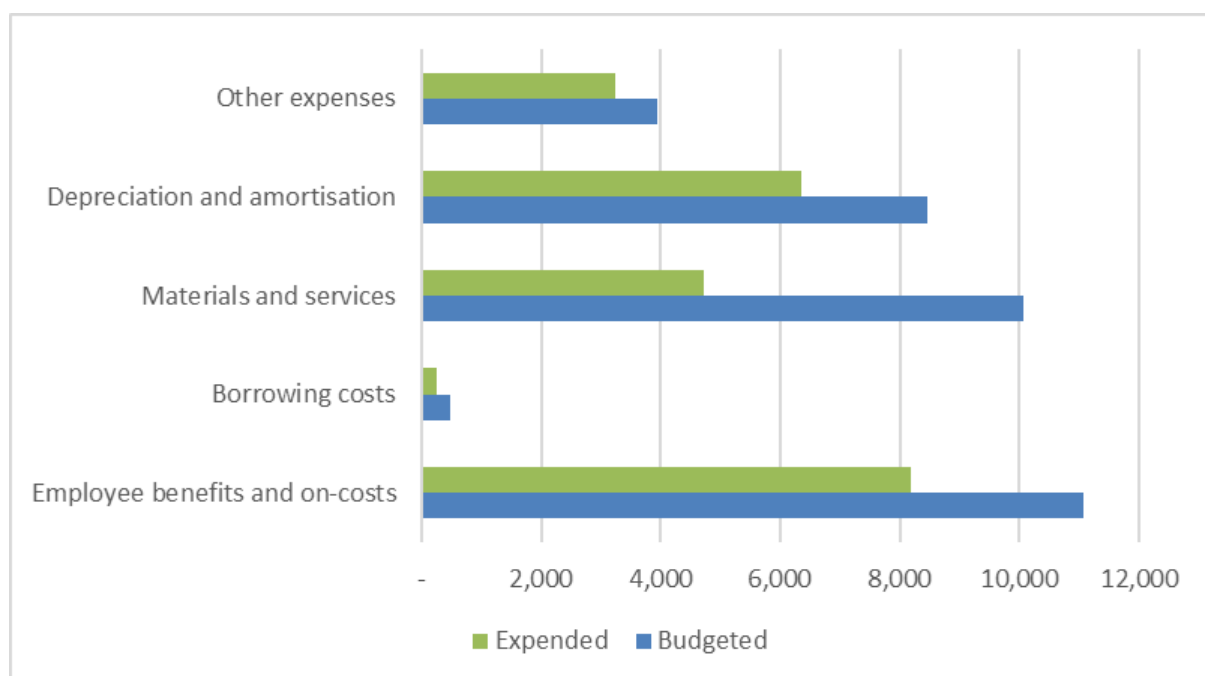
Consolidated Income Recognised vs Budgeted - 31 March 2024

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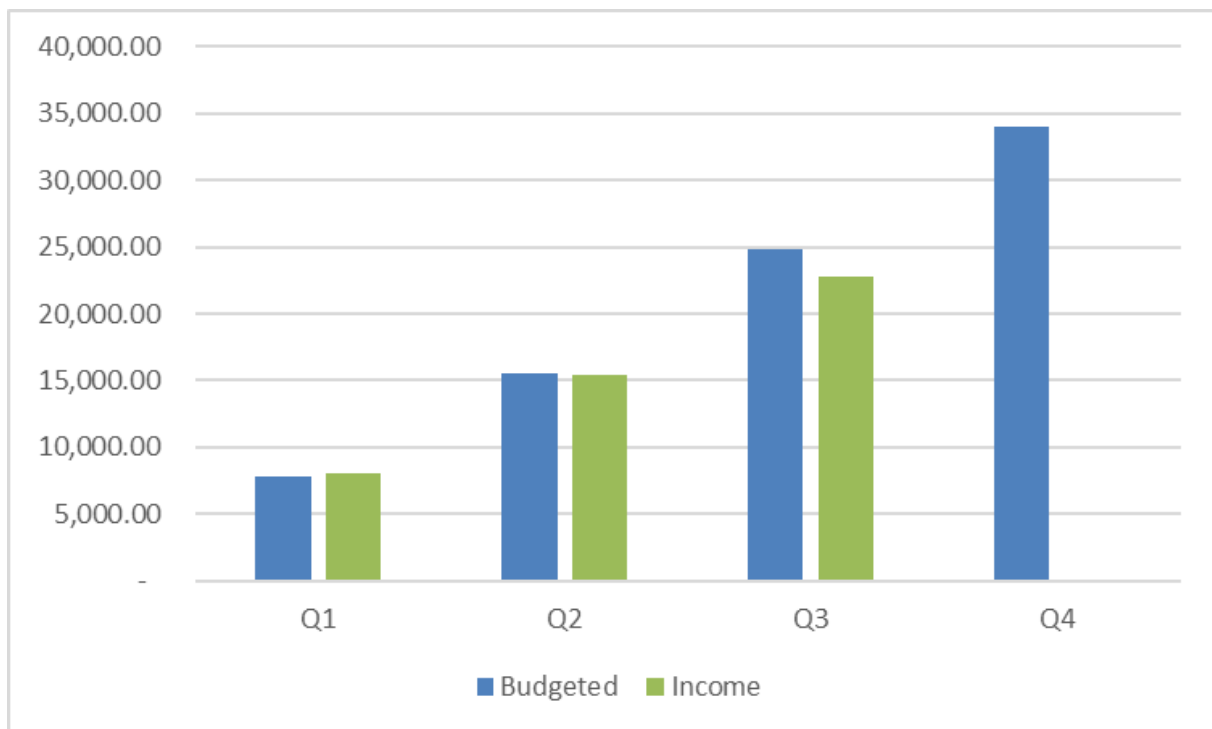
Expenditure to date vs Budgeted Expenditure - 31 March 2024

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Consolidated Expenditure vs Budgeted Expenditure - 31 March 2024

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2. Proposed Variations to the Income Statement

Buronga Landfill Income & Expenditure Variations:

Year-to-date the income for Buronga Landfill has been \$3,249,165 and expected takings for the June quarter is around \$850,000. This places Council around \$650,000 over the original budgeted income of \$3,450,000.

Year-to-date expenditure has been \$1,165,881 from an original budget of \$973,390.

Increasing the expenditure budget by \$650,000 ensures an additional \$455,000 of budgeted expenditure for the June quarter.

Overall, the Landfill has demonstrated profitability currently performing at a net result before depreciation and capital expenses of \$2,083 million.

3. Consolidated Capital Budget

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

Capital budget - Council Consolidated

(\$'000's)	Original budget 2023/24	Approved changes					Revised budget 2023/24	Variations for this		Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures	Variance Surplus (Deficit)
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs		Mar	Qtr				
Capital expenditure													
New assets													
- Plant & equipment	-		45				45		a		45	-	45
- Land & buildings	2,360	190			(302)		2,248	85	b		2,333	1,430	818
- Other	6,095	80			(1,600)		4,575	(3,245)	c		1,330	694	3,881
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	2,596				(486)		2,110	65	d		2,175	667	1,443
Renewal assets (replacement)													
- Plant & equipment	3,132						3,132		e		3,132	2,203	929
- Land & buildings	13,865		(45)		(453)		13,367	(400)	f		12,967	8,367	5,000
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	13,452				(373)		13,079	(1,369)	g		11,710	6,994	6,085
- Other	2,113	75			723		2,911		h		2,911	2,070	841
Loan repayments (principal)	1,135						1,135		i		1,135	688	447
Water Fund	729	475			50		1,254	250	j		1,504	1,543	(289)
Sewer Fund	1,196				70		1,266		k		1,266	1,101	165
Total capital expenditure	46,673	820	-	-	(2,371)	-	45,122	(4,614)			40,508	25,757	19,365
Capital funding													
Rates & other untied funding	2,519	475			428		3,422	900	l		4,322	2,345	(1,077)
Capital grants & contributions	26,314		3,725	(450)	(1,469)		28,120	(5,514)	m		22,606	10,480	(17,640)
Reserves:													
- External restrictions/reserves	8,340	345		450	120		9,255		n		9,255	6,932	(2,323)
- Internal restrictions/reserves	-						-		o		-	-	-
New loans	9,500				(1,450)		8,050		p		8,050	6,000	(2,050)
Receipts from sale of assets									q				
Total capital funding	46,673	820	3,725	-	(2,371)	-	48,847	(4,614)			44,233	25,757	(23,090)
Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)	-	-	3,725	-	-	-	3,725	-			3,725	-	(3,725)

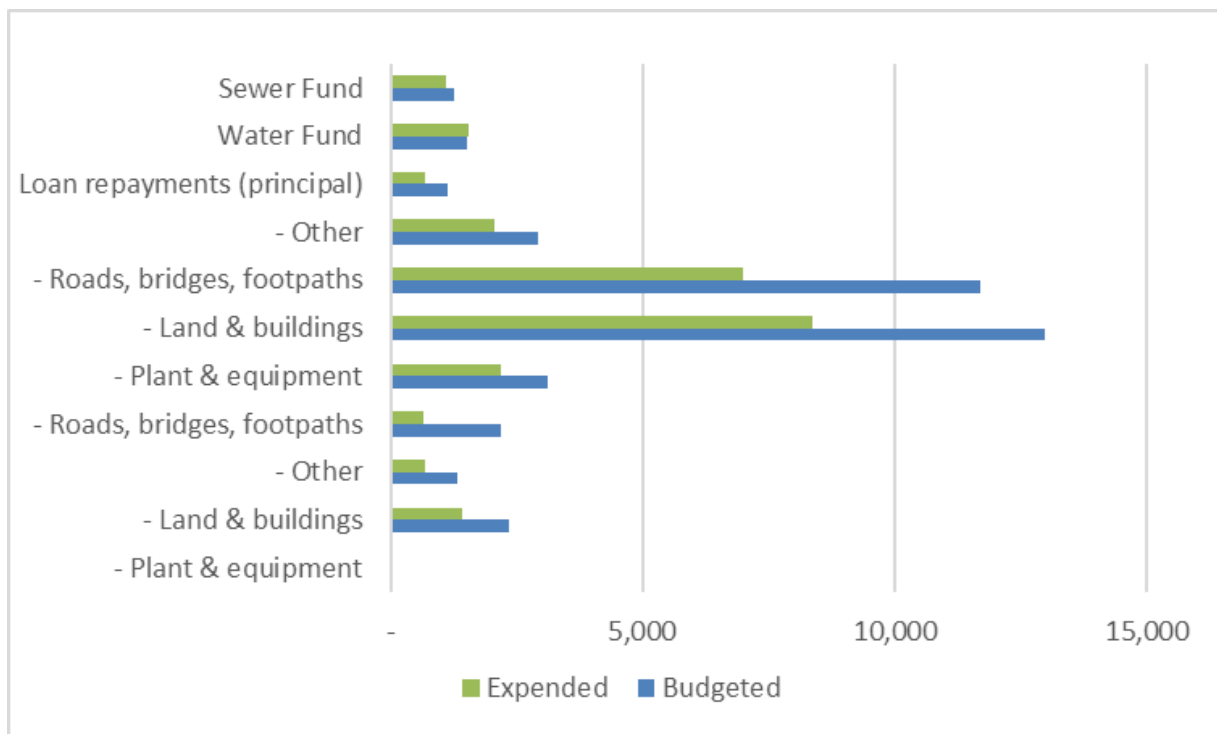
The net result of capital activities as of 31 March is total expenditure of \$26,767 Million. The sum of proposed capital variations if approved is a favorable variance of \$4,814 Million.

Some of the notable expenditure for the March quarter is listed below.

- Wentworth Civic Centre Upgrade \$2,377,252
- Wentworth Caravan Park Redevelopment \$826,754
- Wentworth EDS Upgrade \$547,376
- Capital Plant Replacement \$302,452
- George Gordon Oval Netball Court Replacement \$249,778

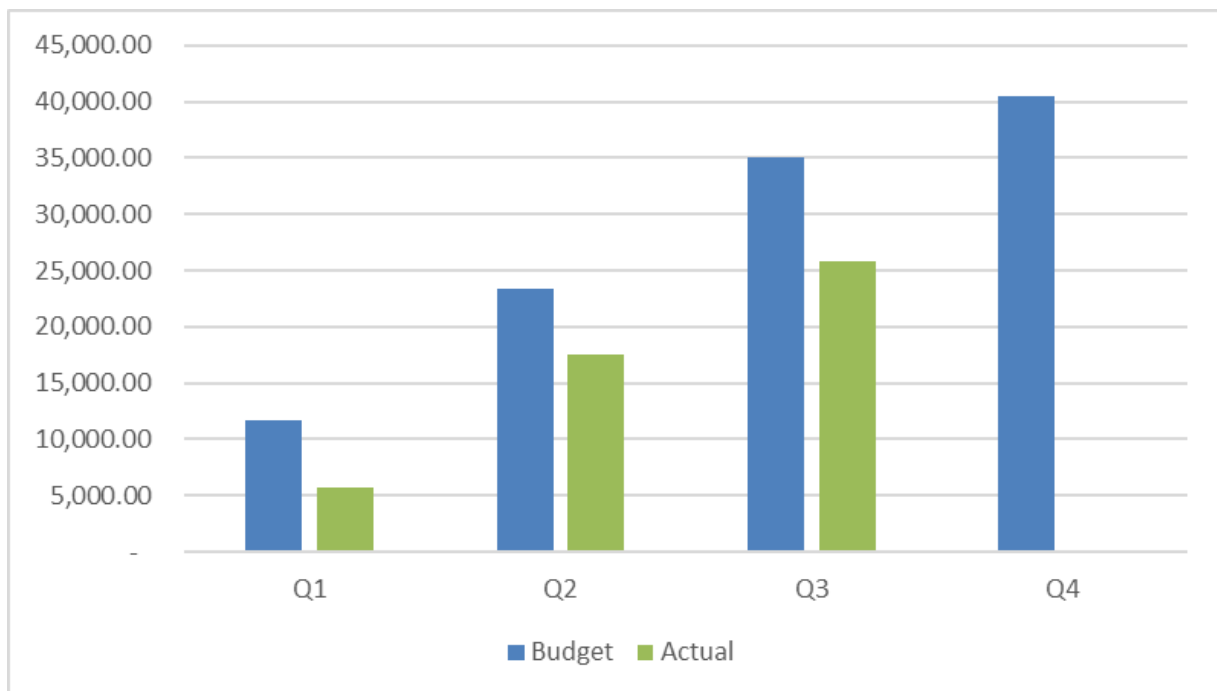
Capital Works Expenditure vs Budgeted Expenditure – 31 March 2024

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Consolidated Capital Works Expenditure vs Budgeted – 31 March 2024

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4. Proposed Capital Budget Variations

The breakdown of proposed variations to the capital budget statement are now listed in the attachment below.

5. Cash and Investments Position and Reserve Balance

Reserve Balance at 31 March 2024

<i>Internal Restrictions</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Restriction</i>
- Employee Entitlements	\$2,308,162.00	
- Doubtful Debts	\$47,730.00	
- Future Development Reserve	\$1,076,217.20	
- Trust Account	\$1,677,750.98	
- Caravan Park Loan Facility	\$1,30,844.79	
- Capital Projects	\$1,000,000.00	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500,000.00	\$8,740,704.97
External Restrictions		
- Water Fund	\$10,879,737.66	
- Sewer Fund	\$5,511,503.07	
- T-Corp Loan Balance	\$541,934.32	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$983,097.38	
- Unexpended Grants	\$15,420,340.49	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$208,296.22	
- Loan Guarantee Reserve	\$187.69	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$570,200.90	\$34,115,297.73
Day to Day Liquidity		\$3,615,326.89
Total Funds Available		\$46,471,329.59

Investments by Timeframe as of 31 March 2024

Council is currently complying with its investment strategy, which notes the preference of keeping cash invested for the short term (12 months or less). Cash needs to be accessed as needed due to the large amount of capital works currently being undertaken and the need for readily accessible cash flow to pay for these Capital Works.

Currently Council has less holdings for the long term than their strategy recommends however, this is due to current needs for cash flow for the large amounts of budgeted capital expenditure.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Portfolio</i>	<i>Strategy</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Long Term 12mths+	\$3,000,000.00	6.46%	15.00%	8.54%
Short Term <12mths	\$39,000,000.00	83.92%	75.00%	-8.92%
At-Call	\$4,471,329.59	9.62%	10.00%	0.38%
TOTAL	\$46,471,329.59			

6. Register of Material Contracts

Contracts over \$50k are disclosed in the report below. As of 31 March 2024, Council had not materially varied any of the contracts included in the register or ceased any of the agreements.

Attached upon request from the previous Audit Committee Meeting is a summary of all open contracts class one and above as of 31 March 2024.

For future reference any material variations, cancellations or other disclosures to these contracts will be listed within this report.

7. Consultancy and Legal Expense Report

Consultancies paid YTD - 31 March 2024

Consultant	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Totals	
AEC Group	\$ 12,369.50	\$ -	\$ 30,508.50		\$ 42,878.00	Landfill Expansion Advice
Anderson Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,872.65		\$ 2,872.65	Building Surveyors
Airport Surveys Pty Ltd	\$ 4,180.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 4,180.00	Aerodrome Surveys
Australian Corrosion Consultants	\$ 7,689.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 7,689.00	Cathodic Protection Survey
Civil Test	\$ 4,441.80	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 4,441.80	Soil & Compaction Testing
Exact Survey Group	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 34,012.00	\$ 7,890.25		\$ 44,542.25	Pooncarie Road Survey
James Golsworthy Consulting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,168.00		\$ 3,168.00	Landfill Consulting
GreenEdge Environmental	\$ 37,180.00	\$ 30,591.00	\$ 12,727.00		\$ 80,498.00	Environmental Impact Assessments
GSD Architects	\$ 39,528.50	\$ 59,620.00	\$ 40,975.00		\$ 140,123.50	Project Management
Lyall & Associates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,457.50		\$ 12,457.50	Flood Study
McMahon Consultancy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,899.50		\$ 3,899.50	Workplace Investigations
MH2 Engineering	\$ 26,088.00	\$ 45,662.11	\$ -		\$ 71,750.11	Engineering & Architectural Services
Morrison Low Consultants	\$ -	\$ 2,310.00	\$ -		\$ 2,310.00	Internal Reviews
Northern Land Solutions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,950.00		\$ 4,950.00	Title Surveys
Outerspace Landscape Architects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00		\$ 2,750.00	Architectural Design
Public Works Advisory	\$ 56,039.39	\$ 57,721.69	\$ 145,388.55		\$ 259,149.63	Engineering & Project Management
RSD Audit	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 13,090.00		\$ 27,720.00	Internal Audit
Tonkin Consulting	\$ -	\$ 157,172.42	\$ 117,754.18		\$ 274,926.60	Landfill Design & REF for Arumpo Road
Zenith Town Planning	\$ 18,711.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ -		\$ 23,661.00	Rural Residential Strategy
	\$ 218,107.19	\$ 397,429.22	\$ 398,431.13		\$ 1,013,967.54	

Notes to Consultancies

Council is currently experiencing higher than normal consultancy fees due to the design and environmental compliance of major capital works projects such as; Pooncarie – Menindee Road, Wentworth Civic Centre and Buronga Landfill Expansion.

Legal Expenses paid YTD - 31 March 2024

Legal Service	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	
Bartier Perry Pty Ltd	\$ 2,930.44	\$ 7,170.03	\$ 3,251.50		\$ 13,351.97	Sundry Legal Services
CGM Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,960.00		\$ 3,960.00	Plans of Management
Davies Watson Lawyers	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00	Property Easements
Iron Mountain	\$ 289.50	\$ 299.13	\$ 303.96		\$ 892.59	Secure Storage
John Irwin Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 907.50		\$ 907.50	Property Easements
Kells the Lawyers	\$ 1,443.92	\$ 2,275.32	\$ -		\$ 3,719.24	Property Easements
Maloney Anderson Legal	\$ 8,185.07	\$ -	\$ 346.14		\$ 8,531.21	Property Easements
Marsdens Law Group	\$ 17,487.55	\$ 48,013.58	\$ 10,690.39		\$ 76,191.52	Legal Representation
Martin Irwin Richards	\$ 2,809.68	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,809.68	Property Easements
Mills Oakley	\$ -	\$ 426.80	\$ -		\$ 426.80	GIPA Reviews
NAVITAS Legal	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 270.00	Property Sales
Norton Rose Fulbright	\$ 10,997.80	\$ 30,890.18	\$ 9,075.00		\$ 50,962.98	Land Acquisitions
NV Lawyers	\$ 721.16	\$ 3,244.22	\$ 364.10		\$ 4,329.48	Debt Collection
Outstanding Collections	\$ 13,395.46	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 13,395.46	Debt Collection
Peterson Westbrook Cameron	\$ -	\$ 5,730.05	\$ -		\$ 5,730.05	Property Easements
	\$ 61,030.58	\$ 98,049.31	\$ 28,898.59		\$ 187,978.48	

Notes to Legal Expenses

No major changes to note.

Conclusion

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Attachments

1. March 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement [↓](#)
2. GIPAA Contracts Register as at 31 March 2024 [↓](#)

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/24 to 31/03/24

Report by responsible accounting officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

31 March 2024

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Wentworth Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/03/2024 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/06/2024 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: 

Date: 01/05/2024

Simon Rule
Responsible Accounting Officer

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/24 to 31/03/24

Income & expenses budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

Income & expenses - Council Consolidated

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Interest and investment revenue	1,693							f	1,693	1,557	91.97%
Net gain from disposal of assets	100							g	100	-	0.00%
Total income from continuing operations	60,798	-	-	(417)	577	-	(4,864)		56,094	30,466	
Expenses											
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,078							h	11,078	8,193	73.96%
Borrowing costs	473							i	473	241	50.95%
Materials and services	7,449			33	1,937		650	j	10,069	4,711	46.79%
Depreciation and amortisation	8,465							k	8,465	6,349	75.00%
Other expenses	3,698						250	l	3,948	3,231	81.84%
Net Loss from disposal of assets	-							m	-		
Total expenses from continuing operations	31,163	-	-	33	1,937	-	900		34,033	22,725	
Net operating result from continuing operations	29,635	-	-	(450)	(1,360)	-	(5,764)		22,061	7,741	
Discontinued operations - surplus/(deficit)								n	-		
Net operating result from all operations	29,635	-	-	(450)	(1,360)	-	(5,764)		22,061	7,741	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	3,321	-	(3,725)	-	109	-	(295)		(545)	(2,739)	

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Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/24 to 31/03/24

**Income & expenses budget review statement
Recommended changes to revised budget**

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
	<u>Variations Other Than QBRS</u>	
	INCOME	
d	<u>Grants & Contributions - Operating</u>	
	Regional Tourism Activation Fund	-\$3,725,000
	<i>Included in Capital Projects however funded by operational revenue</i>	
	<i>The contribution is to a joint tourism project that Council will not capitalise</i>	
	<i>therefore the grant is treated as operational. So to remove the grants from</i>	
	<i>capital projects and re-budget to next financial year it first needs to be</i>	
	<i>moved to capital grants.</i>	
e	<u>Grants & Contributions - Capital</u>	
	Regional Tourism Activation Fund	\$3,725,000
	<i>Subsequent increase in capital grant revenue</i>	
	<u>Variations for this March QBRS</u>	
	INCOME	
b	<u>User Charges & Fees</u>	
	Buronga Landfill Income	\$650,000
	<i>Increase in expected takings for Buronga Landfill</i>	
e	<u>Grants & Contributions - Capital</u>	
	Regional Tourism Activation Fund	-\$3,725,000
	<i>Reduction in expected revenue this financial year, re-budgeted to next</i>	
	<i>financial year</i>	
	Resources for Regions Round 9	-\$400,000
	<i>Reduction in expected revenue this financial year, re-budgeted to next</i>	
	<i>financial year</i>	
	Pooncarie Road Upgrade	-\$1,369,000
	<i>Return of unspent funds upon project completion</i>	
	<u>Variations for this March QBRS</u>	
	EXPENDITURE	
J	<u>Materials & Services</u>	
	Buronga Landfill Expenditure	\$650,000
	<i>Increased expenditure due to staffing and machinery hire</i>	
I	<u>Other Expenses</u>	
	Software Expenditure	\$250,000
	<i>Increased expenditure due to office 365 & records manager upgrades</i>	

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Capital budget review statement

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

Capital budget - Council Consolidated

(\$'000's)	Original budget 2023/24	Approved changes				Revised budget 2023/24	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures	Variance Surplus (Deficit)	% Actuals by Projected
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs							
Capital expenditure												
New assets												
- Plant & equipment	-		45			45		a	45	-	45	
- Land & buildings	2,360	190			(302)	2,248	85	b	2,333	1,430	818	61.29%
- Other	6,095	80			(1,600)	4,575	(3,245)	c	1,330	694	3,881	52.18%
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	2,596				(486)	2,110	65	d	2,175	667	1,443	30.67%
Renewal assets (replacement)												
- Plant & equipment	3,132					3,132		e	3,132	2,203	929	70.34%
- Land & buildings	13,865		(45)		(453)	13,367	(400)	f	12,967	8,367	5,000	64.53%
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	13,452				(373)	13,079	(1,369)	g	11,710	6,994	6,085	59.73%
- Other	2,113	75			723	2,911		h	2,911	2,070	841	71.11%
Loan repayments (principal)	1,135					1,135		i	1,135	688	447	60.62%
Water Fund	729	475			50	1,254	250	j	1,504	1,543	(289)	102.59%
Sewer Fund	1,196				70	1,266		k	1,266	1,101	165	86.97%
Total capital expenditure	46,673	820	-	-	(2,371)	45,122	(4,614)		40,508	25,757	19,365	63.58%
Capital funding												
Rates & other untied funding	2,519	475			428	3,422	900	l	4,322	2,345	(1,077)	54.26%
Capital grants & contributions	26,314		3,725	(450)	(1,469)	28,120	(5,514)	m	22,606	10,480	(17,640)	46.36%
Reserves:												
- External restrictions/reserves	8,340	345		450	120	9,255		n	9,255	6,932	(2,323)	74.90%
- Internal restrictions/reserves	-					-		o	-	-	-	
New loans	9,500				(1,450)	8,050		p	8,050	6,000	(2,050)	74.53%
Receipts from sale of assets								q				
Total capital funding	46,673	820	3,725	-	(2,371)	48,847	(4,614)		44,233	25,757	(23,090)	58.23%
Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)	-	-	3,725	-	-	3,725	-		3,725	-	(3,725)	

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Capital budget review statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
	<u>Variations Other Than QBRs</u>	
	EXPENDITURE	
a	<u>Plant & Equipment - New Assets</u>	
	Purchase of Trimble R12i Survey Equipment	\$45,000
	<i>Budget variation from building renewals to fund purchase of new survey equipment</i>	
f	<u>Land & Buildings - Renewals</u>	
	Building Renewals	-\$45,000
	<i>Corresponding reduction for Trimble purchase</i>	
	<u>Variations Other Than QBRs</u>	
	FUNDING	
m	<u>Grants & Contributions - Capital</u>	
	Regional Tourism Activation Fund	\$3,725,000
	<i>Increase in capital grant revenue from operational grants</i>	
	<u>Variations for this March QBRs</u>	
	EXPENDITURE	
b	<u>Land & Buildings - New Assets</u>	
	Deposit for the purchase of 152 Log Bridge Road	\$85,000
	<i>Approved at the November Council meeting, originally to be funded by a new loan however now to be funded by rates & other income until a loan can be secured sometime in the new financial year.</i>	
c	<u>Other Assets - New Assets</u>	
	Light State Project	-\$3,250,000
	<i>Project expected to not incur further expenditure until next financial year. Funded by Regional Tourism Activation Fund.</i>	
d	<u>Roads, Bridges & Footpaths - New Assets</u>	
	Buronga Riverfront Sharedways	\$65,000
	<i>Further funds required due to variations relating to stabilising the paths prior to concreting.</i>	
f	<u>Land & Buildings - Renewals</u>	
	Reserve Kitchen Upgrades at Wentworth & Pooncarie Racecourse	-\$400,000
	<i>Project expected to not commence until next financial year. Funded by Resources for Regions Round 9</i>	
g	<u>Roads, Bridges & Footpaths - Renewals</u>	
	Pooncarie Road Upgrade	-\$1,369,000
	<i>Reduction in planned expenditure due to project cost savings project under budget by \$2,207,023</i>	

j	<u>Water Fund</u>	
	Gol Gol East Raw Water Upgrade	\$250,000
	<i>Further funds required due to variations and increased Public Works Department expenditure.</i>	
	<u>Variations for this March QBRs FUNDING</u>	
l	<u>Rates & Other Untied Funding</u>	
	Deposit for the purchase of 152 Log Bridge Road	\$85,000
	<i>Corresponding income adjustment</i>	
	Buronga Riverfront Sharedways	\$65,000
	<i>Corresponding income adjustment</i>	
	Gol Gol East Raw Water Upgrade	\$250,000
	<i>Corresponding income adjustment</i>	
m	Light State Project	\$500,000
	<i>Council expenditure to be re-couped in next financial year.</i>	
m	<u>Capital Grants & Contributions</u>	
	Pooncarie Road Upgrade	-\$1,369,000
	<i>Return of unspent funds upon project completion</i>	
	Reserve Kitchen Upgrades at Wentworth & Pooncarie Racecourse	-\$400,000
	<i>Reduction and re-budgeting into next financial year</i>	
	Light State Project	-\$3,750,000
	<i>Reduction and re-budgeting into next financial year</i>	

Wentworth Shire Council

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Cash & investments budget review statement
Reconciliation status

The YTD cash & investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:		\$ 000's
Cash at bank (as per bank statements)		4,471
Investments on hand		42,000
less: unpresented cheques	(Timing Difference)	1
add: undeposited funds	(Timing Difference)	-
Reconciled cash at bank & investments		46,472
Balance as per QBRS review statement:		46,472
Difference:		-

Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details

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Key performance indicators budget review statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

(\$'000's)	Current projection Amounts	Indicator	Original budget	Actuals prior periods
	23/24	23/24	23/24	22/23 21/22

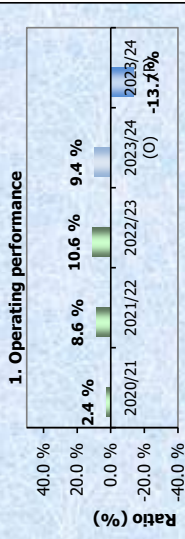
NSW local government industry key performance indicators (OLG):

1. Operating performance
Operating revenue (excl. capital) - operating expenses
Operating revenue (excl. capital grants & contributions)

-2738.75	10.6 %	8.6 %
19986		

-13.7 %

9.4 %



This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

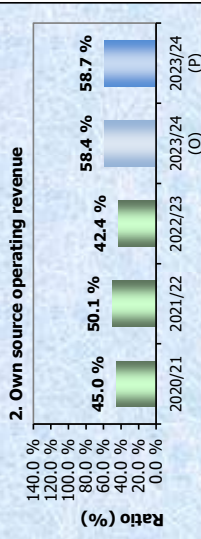
Benchmark: > 0

2. Own source operating revenue
Operating revenue (excl. ALL grants & contributions)
Total Operating revenue (incl. capital grants & cont)

17888	42.4 %	50.1 %
30466		

58.7 %

58.4 %



This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.

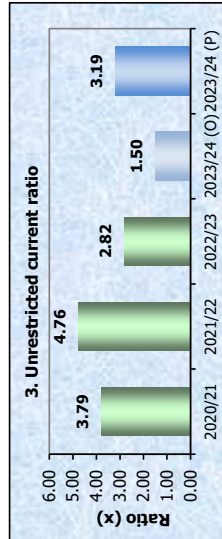
Benchmark: > 60%

3. Unrestricted current ratio
Current assets less all external restrictions
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities

12356	2.82	4.76
3868		

3.19

1.50



To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

Benchmark: > 1.5

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Key performance indicators budget review statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

(\$'000's)	Current projection		Original budget	Actuals	
	Amounts	Indicator		prior periods	
	23/24	23/24	23/24	22/23	21/22

NSW local government industry key performance indicators (OLG):

4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before interest & dep. exp (EBITDA)	14090	15.17	2.00	11.62	12.36
Principal repayments + borrowing interest costs	929				

This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments.

Benchmark: > 2

5. Rates, annual charges, interest & extra charges outstanding					
Rates, annual & extra charges outstanding	2936	23.8 %	10.0 %	12.3 %	12.8 %
Rates, annual & extra charges collectible	12353				

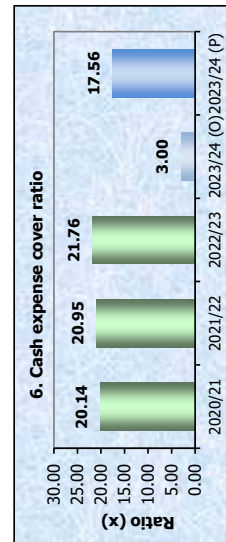
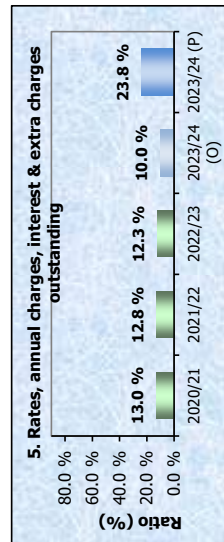
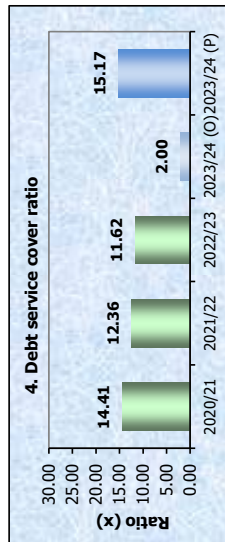
To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

Benchmark: < 10%

6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash & cash equivalents (incl term deposits)	45597	17.56	3.00	21.76	20.95
Operating & financing activities cash flow payments	2597				

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

Benchmark: > 3



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Key performance indicators budget review statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

(\$000's)	Current projection Amounts	Indicator	Original budget	Actuals prior periods
	23/24	23/24	23/24	22/23 21/22

NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

7. Building and infrastructure renewals ratio				
Asset renewals (building, infrastructure & other structures)	19634	309.3 %	100.0 %	174.7 % 162.1 %
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	6348.75			100.0 %

To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.

Benchmark: > 100%

8. Infrastructure backlog ratio				
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory condition	50003	11.2 %	11.2 %	11.2 % 10.5 %
Total value of infrastructure, building, other structures & depreciable land improvement assets	446395			

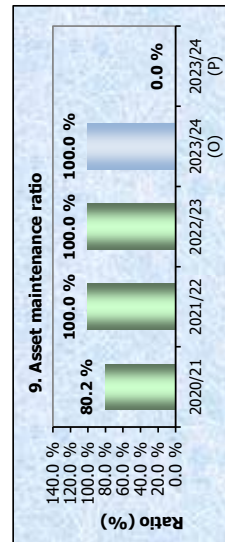
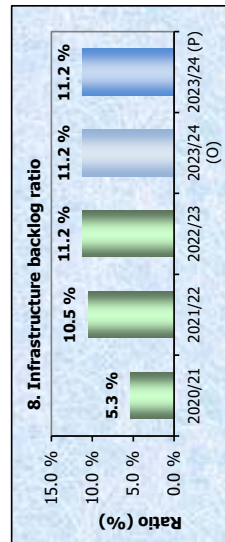
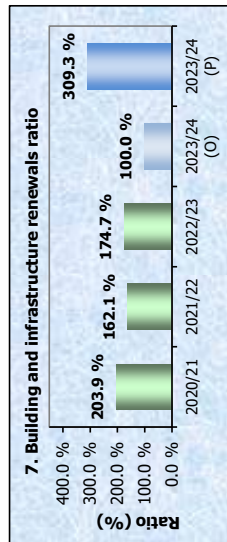
This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.

Benchmark: < 2

9. Asset maintenance ratio				
Actual asset maintenance	N/A	0.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 % 100.0 %
Required asset maintenance				0.0 %

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the Infrastructure Backlog growing.

Benchmark: > 100%



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Wentworth Shire Council

Key performance indicators budget review statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

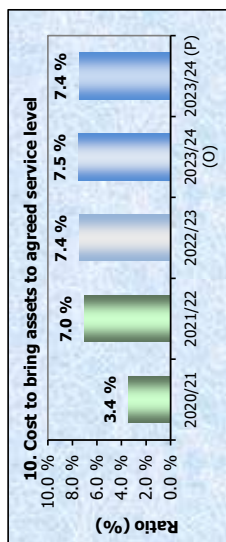
Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024

(\$000's)	Current projection		Original budget	Actuals prior periods
	Amounts	Indicator	23/24	22/23 21/22

NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

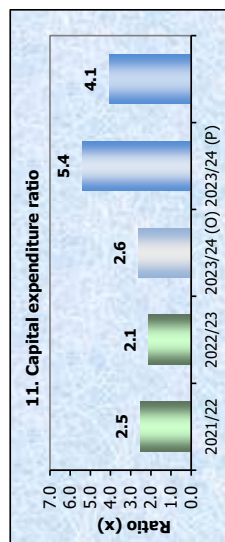
10. Cost to bring assets to agreed service level				
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by council				
Gross replacement cost	50003	7.4 %	7.5 %	7.4 % 7.0 %
	671336			

This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.
No Benchmark



11. Capital expenditure ratio				
Annual capital expenditure	25757	4.1	5.4	2.6 2.1
Annual depreciation	6348.75			

To assess the extent to which a Council is expanding its asset base thru capital expenditure on both new assets and the replacement and renewal of existing assets.
Benchmark: > 1



Quarterly Budget Review Statement						
for the period 01/01/24 to 31/03/24						
Wentworth Shire Council						
Contracts budget review statement						
Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2024						
Part A - Contracts listing - contracts entered into during the quarter						
Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract value	Start date	Duration of contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
Boral Construction Materials	Concrete Supply for Wentworth Caravan Park	\$ 105,538.00	11/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
Mildura Waste & Recycling	Shredding of Concrete & Tyres at Buronga Landfill	\$ 65,000.00	12/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Completed
Morello Earthmoving	Supply & Delivery of Red Loam to Wentworth Caravan Park	\$ 84,000.00	15/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
Electronic Signage Australia	Purchase of Electronic Scoreboard at Alcheringa Oval	\$ 96,052.00	22/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
Kerbworks Australia	Kerbing at Wentworth Caravan Park	\$ 140,195.00	23/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
Dahlsens Building Centre	Supply of Retaining Wall for Wentworth Caravan Park	\$ 73,900.45	24/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
Mallee Quarries Pty Ltd	Supply of Road Base for Wentworth Caravan Park	\$ 209,550.00	29/01/2024	6 Weeks	Y	Completed
Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	Asphalt Sealing of Wentworth Caravan Park	\$ 397,419.00	29/01/2024	4 Days	Y	Active
Levers Concept Constructions Pty Ltd	Construction of Shed for Rural Fire Service	\$ 81,163.00	29/01/2024	until 30 June 2024	Y	Active
Branded Collective	New Wentworth Shire Council Uniform Roll Out	\$ 50,000.00	29/01/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
Carter Group National	Traffic Control for Shoulder Grading - Sturt Highway	\$ 70,839.45	7/02/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
KW Earthmoving & Concreting	Shoulder Grading - Sturt Highway	\$ 58,987.50	7/02/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Completed
Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	Darebin to Namatjira Shared Path Construction	\$ 462,418.00	19/02/2024	20 Weeks	Y	Active
Maloney Anderson Legal	Purchase of 152 Log Bridge Road	\$ 850,000.00	19/02/2024	Settlement on the 16th July	Y	Active
Civica Limited	Practical Plus Licensing	\$ 50,882.81	20/02/2024	12 Months	Y	Active
KW Earthmoving & Concreting	Supply & Delivery of Road Base Material - Red Hill Road	\$ 73,920.00	26/02/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Completed
Datacall Telemetry Pty Ltd	Water & Sewer Telemetry Audit & 3G Upgrade	\$ 50,143.50	11/03/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
IXOM Operations Pty Ltd	Chemicals for Gol Gol & Wentworth WTP	\$ 100,000.00	13/03/2024	LG Supply Contract	Y	Active
Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd	Supply of Emulsion	\$ 192,000.00	15/03/2024	LG Supply Contract	Y	Active
Cullys Earthmoving	D8 Bulldoser Wet Hire for Gravel Pit Works	\$ 76,000.00	18/03/2024	4 Weeks	Y	Active
B & S Earthworks	Cadell Street Kerb Replacement	\$ 94,386.00	22/03/2024	Purchase order only	Y	Active
SA Tractors	Supply & Delivery of One CASE 821G Loader	\$ 528,000.00	25/03/2024	Until Delivery	Y	Active
Mildura Truck Centre	Supply & Delivery of One Isuzu NPR 45/55 & Crane	\$ 146,536.50	25/03/2024	Until Delivery	Y	Active

Notes:

- 1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 - whatever is the lesser.
- 2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the quarter being reported and exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.
- 3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

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Consultancy & legal expenses budget review statement

Consultancy & legal expenses overview

Expense	YTD expenditure (actual dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	1,013,968	Y
Legal Fees	187,978	Y

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes:

Details



Contract Register 2023-24

GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA
Contract Class	Contractor Name and Business Address	Contract Partners	Commencement Date / Amendment Date	Contract Duration	Contract Description	Contract Amount (including GST)	Method of Contract Procurement	Criteria of Contract Evaluation	Provision for Re-Negotiation or Variation of Contract	Provision for Operational or Maintenance Service	
Class 1	CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd 18 Madden Ave Mildura VIC 3500	No	4/04/2022	4 Months	Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment – Stage 1 Court Yard	\$ 647,148.00	Public Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Price• Program• Capability & Experience• WHS, risk management and quality• Environment & Community• Local Benefit	No	No	
Class 1	Wall Construction PO Box 179 Buronga NSW 2739	Regional Power Services 2468 SILVER CITY HIGHWAY CURLWAA NSW 2648, Think Water Mildura 59-63 THE CRESCENT MILDURA VIC 3500, Xylem Water Solutions Australia Limited PO BOX 6767 SILVERWATER NSW 1811	27/07/2022	6 Months	Willow Bend Caravan Park Upgrade	\$ 1,913,228.59	Private Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Price• Delivery times offered• Previous Performance• OHS, quality assurance & emergency management systems• Compliance with conditions of tender• Local Content	No	No	
Class 1	Sunraysia Petroleum Pty Ltd PO Box 817 IRYMPLE VIC 3498	No	1/01/2023	5 Years	Supply of Bulk Automotive Fuel Tender	Based on approved schedule of rates per location	Public Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Price• Delivery times, performance and experience• Capacity and Capability• Specification and Quality• Performance• Local Content	No	No	
Class 1	Regional Power Services Pty Ltd 2468 Silver City Highway Curlwaa NSW 2648	No	8/02/2023	12 Months + Possible 12 Month Extension	Wentworth Shire Council Bridge Lifts and Maintenance – 12 month period	\$410.00 per lift	Public Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tenderer has the capacity including financial capacity• WHS, risk management and quality systems in place• Tender Lump Sum• Program Methodology• Capability and Experience• H&S, Risk Management and Quality• Local Benefit	No	Yes	



Contract Register 2023-24

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Contract Class	Contractor Name and Business Address	Contract Partners	Commencement Date / Amendment Date	Contract Duration	Contract Description	Contract Amount (including GST)	Method of Contract Procurement	Criteria of Contract Evaluation	Provision for Re-Negotiation or Variation of Contract	Provision for Re-Operational or Maintenance Service		
Class 1	Wail Construction PO Box 179 Buronga NSW 2739	No	30/06/2023	6 Months	Supply & Construct Amenities Blocks (Shire Wide)	\$ 907,715.05	Public Tender	• Price • Delivery Times • Previous Performance • Experience of Tenderer and personnel proposed • Methodology • Compliance with Conditions of Tendering • Local Content	No	No		
Class 1	Lyall & Associates 8 West Street Sydney North NSW 2060	No	16/08/2023	12 Months	Wentworth Flood Study	\$ 181,555.00	Public Tender	• Tender Lump Sum • Delivery Time & Methodology • Technical Skills • Relevant Experience • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	Oliver Concreting Pty Ltd PO Box 431 Gol Gol NSW 2738	No	11/07/2023	4 Months	Construction of Shared Paths Gol Gol & Construction of Buronga Wetlands to Riverfront Shared Path	\$ 817,462.80	Public Tender	• Tender Lump Sum • Delivery Time • Previous performance • Experience of tenderer and personnel • Compliance with Conditions of Tender and Quality Assurance • Local Benefit • Methodology	No	No		
Class 1	Davison Ford 709-711 15th Street Mildura Vic 3500	No	24/07/2023	6 Months	Replacement of Multiple Vehicles	\$ 311,114.76	Public Tender	• Price • Fit for Purpose • Previous delivery performance • Local serviceability • Fleet standardisation	No	No		
Class 1	BRANDI PROJECTS, 5/209 ROBINSON ROAD EAST GEEBUNG QLD 4034	No	11/09/2023	Until 30 June 2024	Interpretive Space Construction at Wentworth Civic Centre	\$ 1,784,794.40	Public Tender	• Price • Program • Capability & Experience • WHS, risk management and quality • Environment & Community • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	JOHNSON'S TRUCK & COACH SERVIC, PO BOX 1700CP MILDURA VIC 3501	No	12/08/2023	6 Months	Replacement of Plant 504 Specialised Road Maintenance Truck	\$ 349,500.00	Public Tender	• Price • Fit for Purpose • Previous delivery performance • Local serviceability • Fleet standardisation	No	No		
Class 1	ALLQUIP WATER TRUCKS PO BOX 187 MAITLAND NSW 2320	No	27/09/2023	6 Months	Supply and delivery of one semi water tanker	\$ 196,225.52	Public Tender	• Price • Fit for Purpose • Previous delivery performance • Local serviceability • Fleet standardisation	No	No		



Contract Register 2023-24

GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA
Contract Class	Contractor Name and Business Address	Contract Partners	Commencement Date / Amendment Date	Contract Duration	Contract Description	Contract Amount (including GST)	Method of Contract Procurement	Criteria of Contract Evaluation	Provision for Re-Negotiation or Variation of Contract	Provision for Re-Operational or Maintenance Service		
Class 1	Waters Excavations Pty Ltd PO Box 10019 Mildura Vic 3502	MH Engineering Pty Ltd.	4/08/2023	6 Months	Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station Renewal	\$ 1,226,526.57	Public Tender	• Tender Price • Methodology • Previous performance • Experience of tenderer • Compliance with Conditions of tender • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	Belgravia Leisure 20 Longstaff Road BAYSWATER VIC 3153	No	30/06/2023	5 years with an option for a further 5 Years	Management and Operations of Dareton & Wentworth Swimming Pool	\$ 1,560,669.00	Public Tender	• Price • Pool Program Offered • Capability & Experience • OH&S, Risk Management & Quality Systems • Environment & Community • Local Benefit	Yes	Yes		
Class 1	Oasis Unmatched Pty Ltd PO Box 3458 MILDURA VIC 3502	No	26/10/2023	20 Weeks Post Acceptance	George Gordon Oval Netball Court Refurbishment	\$ 422,521.00	Public Tender	• Tender Lump Sum • Methodology • Previous performance • Experience of tenderer • Compliance with Conditions of tender • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd 18 Madden Ave Mildura Vic 3500	No	27/11/2022	Until 30 June 2024	Reconstruction of Wentworth Civic Centre	\$ 11,239,256.45	Public Tender	• Price • Program • Capability & Experience • WHS, risk management and quality • Environment & Community • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd 18 Madden Ave Mildura Vic 3500	No	16/11/2023	Purchase Order Duration	Tapio Park Dareton - New Toilet Block	\$ 237,971.80	Request for Quotation	Price	No	No		
Class 1	RIVERINA STABILISERS, 381 MURRAY STREET, HAY NSW 2711	No	20/12/2023	Purchase Order Duration	Stabilisation of Fir Keenans Drive Coomella - SH14&SH22 Heavy Patching - Seg 15 ordered works	\$ 182,251.94	Request for Quotation	• Price • Demonstrated Experience • Capacity & Capability • Local Content	No	No		
Class 1	GSD ARCHITECTS, 111 MADDEN AVENUE, MILDURA VIC 3500	No	11/03/2020	15 Months	Project Management of Civic Centre Redevelopment	5.25% of Total Project Cost (Ex GST)	Public Tender	• Tender Lump Sum • Delivery Time & Methodology • Technical Skills • Relevant Experience • Local Benefit	No	No		



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Class 1	Meridian Urban 93 White Street Wavell Heights QLD 4012	No	21/09/2023	9 Weeks	Regional drought resilience plan	\$ 161,590.00	Request for Quotation	• Price • Demonstrated Experience • Capacity & Capability • Local Content	No	No		
Class 2	PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY, LEVEL 3, BLOCK E, 84 CROWN STREET WOOLONGON NSW 2500	No	10/06/2021	Until Completion	Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	\$ 500,870.30	Direct Negotiation	Statutory Body Exemption	No	No		
Class 1	FULTON HOGAN INDUSTRIES PTY LTD, PO BOX 690 DANDENONG VIC 3175	No	13/03/2024	10 Days	Willow Bend Caravan Park - Asphalt Sealing	\$ 397,419.00	Public Tender	• Price • Program • Capability and Experience • WHS, Risk Management and Quality Control • Environment and Community • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	SA TRACTORS, 12/160 Churchill Road North Cavan SA 5094	No	25/03/2024	12 Weeks	Supply and Delivery of one CASE 821G Loader	\$ 528,000.00	Public Tender	• Price • Fit For Purpose • Fleet Standardisation • Local Serviceability • Previous Delivery Performance	No	No		
Class 1	MILDURA TRUCK CENTRE, PO BOX 2100 Mildura VIC 3502	No	25/03/2024	12 Weeks	Supply & Delivery of one ISUZU NPR 45/55 AMT MWB with Crane and Tray made to order.	\$ 146,536.50	Public Tender	• Price • Fit For Purpose • Fleet Standardisation • Local Serviceability • Previous Delivery Performance	No	No		
Class 1	FULTON HOGAN INDUSTRIES PTY LTD, PO BOX 690 DANDENONG VIC 3175		20/02/2024	20 Weeks Post Acceptance	Dareton to Namatjira Shared Path - Lighting	\$ 462,418.00	Public Tender	• Price • Program • Capability and Experience • WHS, Risk Management and Quality Control • Environment and Community • Local Benefit	No	No		
Class 1	DOWNER EDI WORKS PTY LTD, PO Box 1823 North Ryde NSW 2113		14/03/2024	Panel Contract	Supply of Emulsion	\$ 192,000.00	Public Tender	LGP Approved Panel	No	No		

9.5 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/198

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner

Strategy: 4.2 A strong, responsible and representative government

Summary

In accordance with the Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, Council develops a Four Year Delivery Program and a One Year Operational Plan, which details the actions to be undertaken by Council to implement the strategies established in the Community Strategic Plan.

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that progress is reported to Council with respect to the principal actions detailed in its Operational Plan at least every six months. To better align with the Quarterly Budget Review Process, the Operational Plan progress report is also compiled on a quarterly basis.

During the 3rd Quarter the following has occurred:

3 New Specific Actions were added.

- Men in a Shed Fire Services (LRCIP) (action 3.2.30)
- Civic Centre Solar (LRCIP) (action 3.5.13)
- Darling Street Footpath (LRCIP) (action 3.5.14)

7 Specific Actions were completed.

- Drought Resilience Plan (action 1.1.4)
- Regional & Local Road Repair Program (action 3.2.8)
- George Gordon Oval Car Park (action 3.2.9)
- Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station (action 3.2.15)
- George Gordon Oval Netball Courts (action 3.2.17)
- Alcheringa Tennis Courts (action 3.2.22)
- Wentworth Sporting Complex Bowling Green (action 3.2.27)

Recommendation

That Council notes the report

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to detail Council's progress on implementing the 2023-2024 Operational Plan.

Background

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Matters under consideration

Council's 2023-2024 Operational Plan commenced with 122 actions aligned with the four themes of:

- A vibrant, growing and thriving region
- A great place to live
- A community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
- Is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner.

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	
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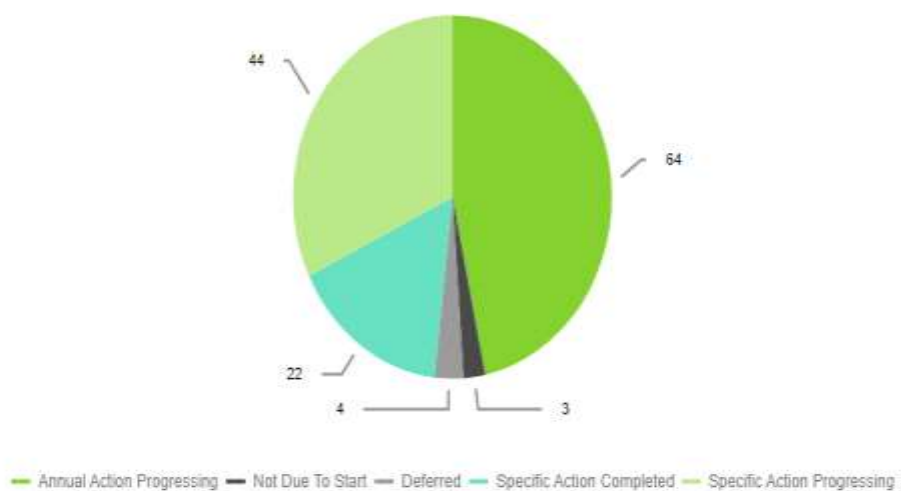
The Wentworth Shire Council's Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report (refer attachment 1) the progress for the period July 2023 to March 2024 is as follows:

Status Option	Action Status – 1 st Quarter	Action Status – 2 nd Quarter	Action Status – 3 rd Quarter	Action Status – 4 th Quarter
Annual Action Completed	0	0	0	
Specific Action Completed	6	15	22	
Annual Action Progressing	48	62	64	
Specific Action Progressing	58	47	44	

Stalled	1	0	0	
Not due to Start	14	7	3	
Deferred	1	5	4	

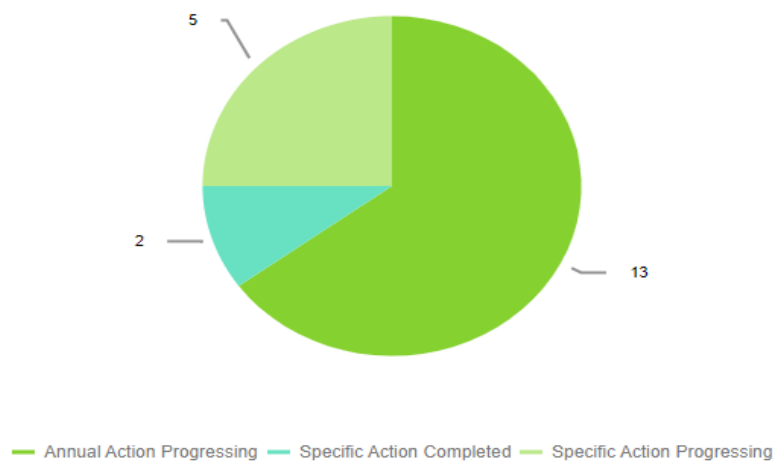
Actions added during the quarter: 3

All Actions

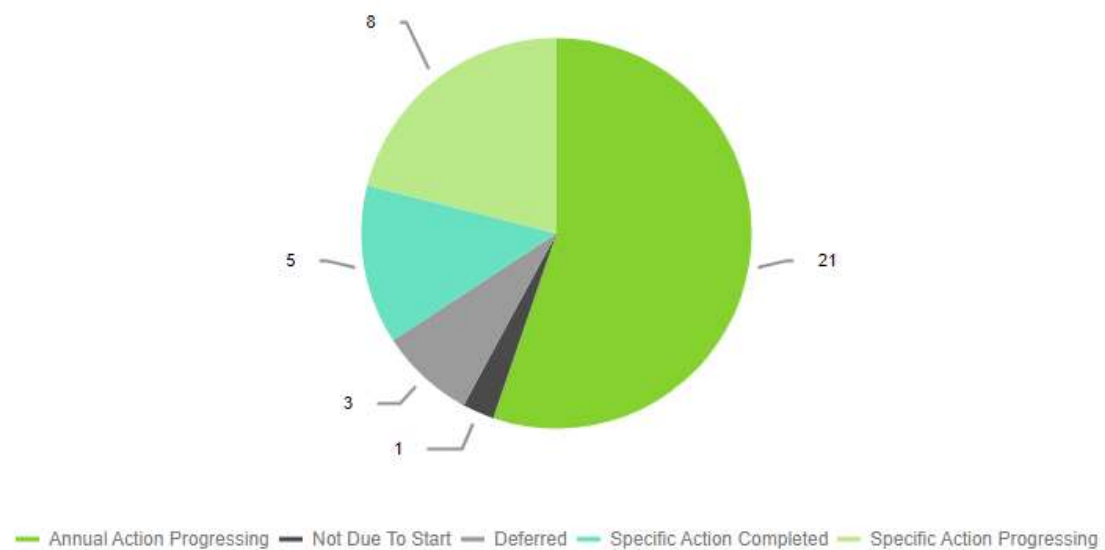


Strategic Direction

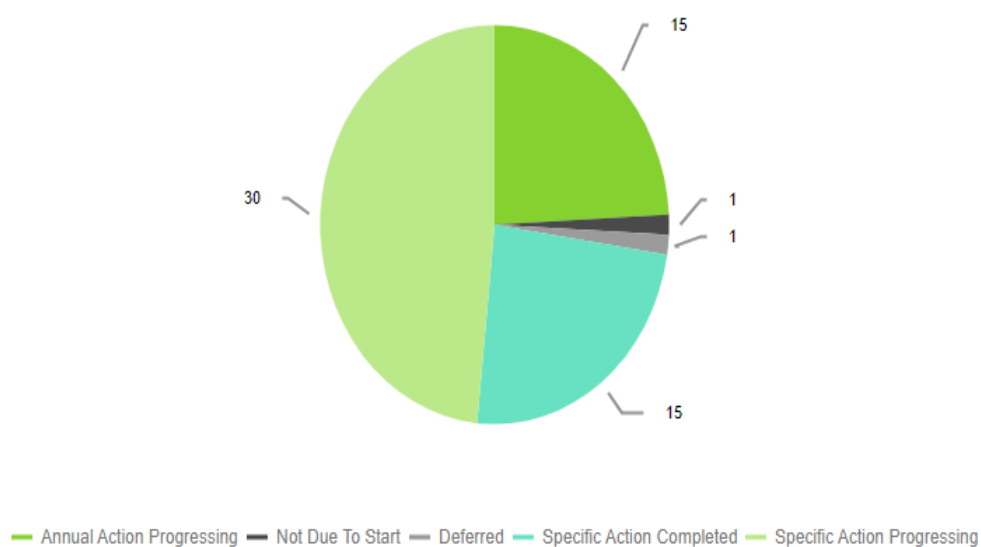
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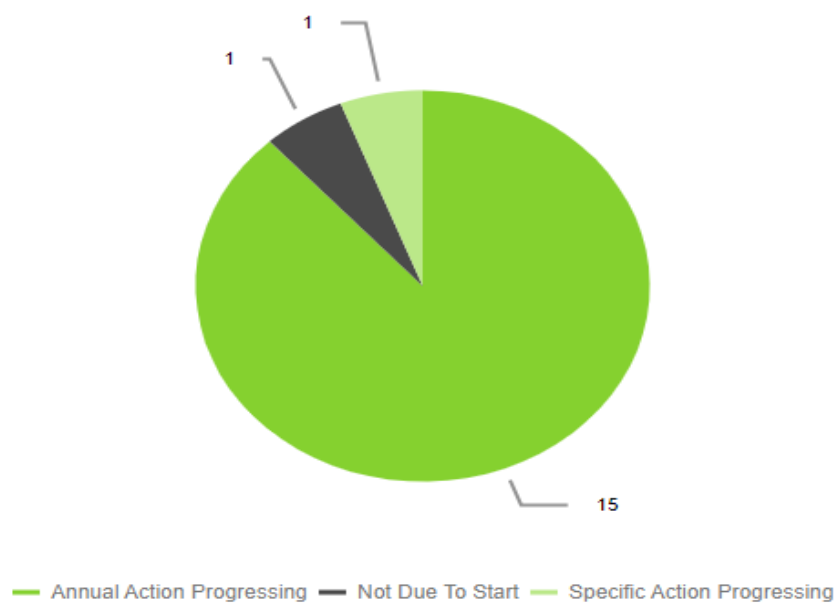
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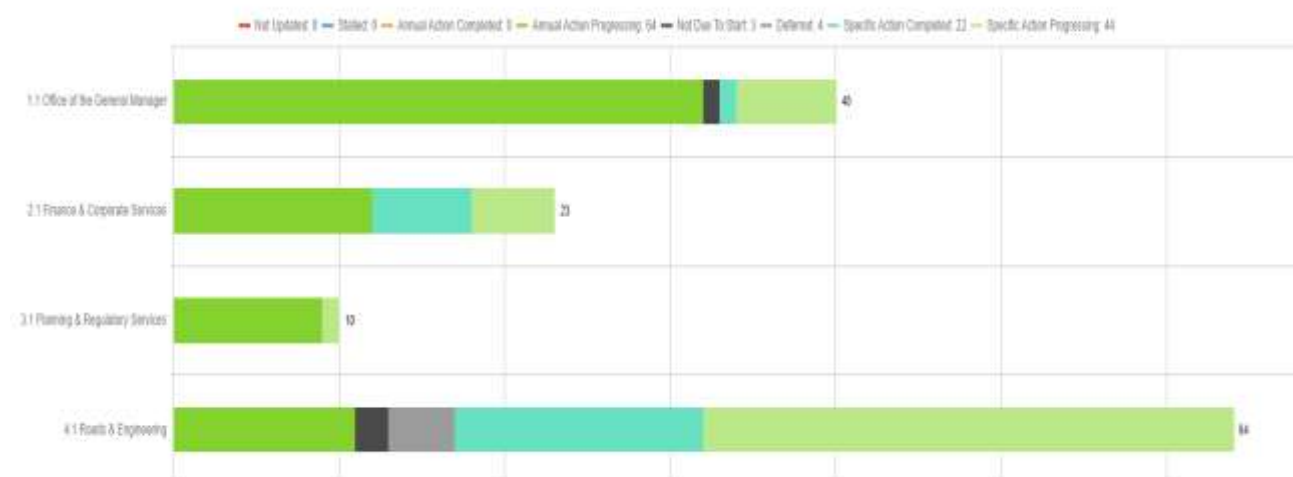
Our Environment



Our Leadership



Department



Quarterly Highlights

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

By tabling this report Council is complying with its legislative requirements

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Conclusion

The Quarterly Operational Plan Progress report details Council's overall progress against all 137 Operational Plan actions for the period July 2024-March 2024.

Attachments

1. Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report. [Download](#)



Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

Operational Plan Quarterly Progress Report March 2024



About this report


This progress report is for the six-month period 1 July 2023 to 31 March 2024 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.



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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	Ongoing meetings taking place with prospective renewable energy and critical minerals developments. Consultation for Economic Development Strategy took place during the third quarter. Council agreed to enter into a lease with a business to operate the Wentworth Caravan Park following the completion of the upgrade project.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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	Acting Director Health & Planning	The Rural Land Study has progressed as far as it can until the Flood Study Hydrological data collection and analysis has been completed.	
		1.1.3	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Acting Director Health & Planning	Planning has commenced regarding updating the Buronga Gol Gol Strategic Plan, and the Local Strategic Planning Statement.	



1.1.4	Drought Resilience Plan	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	<p>An additional round of the community consultation and engagement occurred in early February. Updates to the draft plan were made to reflect additional information gathered during additional consultation period. Plan has been endorsed by the Project Control Group and submitted to the Department of Regional NSW for approval. This completes this component of the Plan. Should the plan be approved there is the opportunity to access additional funding to implement actions identified in the Plan.</p>	





Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
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	
		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 Councilors in November. Council resolved to renew the MOU with MRT for a further three years. In January Council agreed to contribute \$30,000 to Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc for the production of the Wentworth & Darling Outback Official Visitor Information Guide.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.2.4	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Civil Works	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project is 80% complete. Western end of the park has been completed with the Eastern end on target to be completed by the end of April.	
		1.2.5	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Ablution Block Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Amenities blocks have been delivered to site and are awaiting connection to services for final completion.	



1.2.6	Deliver a program of Community Events	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	<div>In the period July 2023 to March 2024 Council has helped support, facilitate and or organise the following events: - Smoked Meats Festival, - Winter Arts Festival - Wentworth Show - Wentworth Show Street Party - Sunraysia Safari Rally - Mildura Wentworth Music Festival - 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</div>	


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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australia Day - AusFly Fly In - Junction Junk - Australian Mounted Games Consultation commenced on the development of a Tourism and Events Strategy.	
		1.2.7	Early Settlers Museum Business Case	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This action has been completed.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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. A Growing Regions Fund application has been prepared and submitted for additional project funding. Bruce Munro visited Wentworth in February with video footage taken for future promotional material.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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.	
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	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Advocacy is undertaken as required and when opportunities present themselves.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.3.2	Advocate for improved region-wide internet and mobile connectivity	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Advocacy is undertaken as required or when opportunities present themselves.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
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. The following specific activities/events were held during the quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EnviroEDU Wildlife presentation - Science Fun in the Library - Kids yoga - Friendship bracelet party - Ginyasa yoga - Seniors Morning Tea - Little Bookworms <p>Overall there have been 3,150 visitations to Councils libraries during the quarter.</p>	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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 of Council. Advocacy is undertaken when required or when opportunities present themselves.	
		1.4.3	Advocate for improved school services across the Wentworth Shire	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Advocacy is undertaken when required or when opportunities present themselves.	
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 of Council	






Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.5.2	Encourage businesses to employ people of all abilities and different backgrounds	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Resources	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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 and Seniors Week in March with a Seniors Morning Tea hosted by the Wentworth Library at Curlwaa Hall.	
		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 Corporate Services	Council helped support a community group to run the Gol Gol Markets. Council staff have been working with school students at Coomealla High School to plan, organise and deliver a youth week event in April.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.1.3	Identify opportunities to promote and celebrate Wentworth Shire as a welcome and inclusive community.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	Council held citizenship ceremonies in August and on Australia Day. Council has been actively promoting the various Australia Day 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. Council celebrated International Women's Day in March and actively promoted Disability Workshops being conducted by the Physical Disability Council of NSW and Safer Internet Day.	

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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	




		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	 <p>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. Council commenced negotiations with Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health to lease the current Council administration building once Council has relocated to the new Civic Centre. This arrangement once finalised will result in significant training opportunities and overall health outcomes for the community. Council also supported the funding application to refurbish the building which saw the opening of the Wentworth District Community Medical Centre.</p>
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Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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. A range of school holiday activities were undertaken in January utilising funding received from the Office of Regional Youth. Additional activities will take place during the April School Holidays.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.2.4	Promote and foster an accessible community that encourages access by people of all abilities	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	see action 2.2.6	
		2.2.5	Promote the benefit of healthy eating and an active lifestyle	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		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.	







Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.2.7	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Pine Road Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been completed.	
		2.2.8	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Wood Street Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been completed.	
		2.2.9	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Wood Street and Gal Gol North Road Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been completed.	

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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	Construction works have commenced and are due for completion in May. Procurement of the Solar Lighting has commenced and will be installed by the end of July.	
2.3	To have a safe community	2.3.1	Provide Public Health Function	Annual Action Progressing	Acting 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	General Manager	There were 15 cats and 37 dogs admitted to the Buronga Pound for the period January to March. Of those, 48 were either returned to their owners or rehomed.	



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		2.3.3	Provide Building Compliance Function	Annual Action Progressing	Acting Director Health & Planning	The building surveyor completed 116 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 of Council.	
		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 of Council. Meetings take place as required.	
		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, The General Manager also attended a Regional Emergency Management Committee meeting in Ballanald.	





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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	Manager Works	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 Corporate Services	The Child Safe Working Committee meets quarterly to progress and monitor strategies across the organisation including ongoing review and monitoring of our Child Safety Risk Management Plan. Further training and awareness actions undertaken including participation of Library Staff in the Office of the Children's Guardian online training and preparation of Tool Box sessions for Parks and Gardens staff.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.4	A well informed, supported and engaged community	2.3.9	RFS Para Fire Station	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This action has been completed.	
		2.3.10	RFS Boree Spring Hill Station	Specific Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	Contractor has been engaged. Construction works commenced in January.	
		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.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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.	

		2.4.3	Communicate funding opportunities available for the community	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	 <p>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. Grant opportunity discussion has been held with the Wentworth Football/Netball Club. Council staff have been working with students at Coomealla High School to plan, organise and run an event utilising Youth Week funding. Council has also forwarded NAIDOC Grant opportunities to local Aboriginal organisations.</p>
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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	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.5.2	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Reserves Upgrades	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final community consultation for the James King Park project took place in January, procurement has been completed with works to commence in June. Junction Island bridge works have been completed, materials currently being procured for works to commence on the pathway in May.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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 - Poonaire Toilet Block	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	See action 2.5.3	
		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.	





Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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.	
		2.5.9	Undertake specific public open spaces capital works projects - James King Park Riverfront	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final community consultation completed in January. Procurement has been completed with works to commence in May.	








Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.5.10	Flood Recovery - Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works have commenced to rebuild the damaged playgrounds at Fotherby Park. Wentworth Riverfront and Junction Park Playground and Ski Reserve Toilet Block have been completed.	
		2.5.11	O'Donnell Toilet Block Repair	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	This project has been completed.	



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	Acting Director Health & Planning	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.1.2	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Acting Director Health & Planning	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 of Council.	
		3.2.2	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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 of Council.	
		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 FOSO project.	
		3.2.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Poonscarie-Menindee Road	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	This action has been completed.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Flood Recovery Activities - Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	All 9 of the projects have been approved by Transport for NSW. 6 of the projects have been completed with the remaining 3 to be completed after the Arump Road project.	
		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. Procurement of material and supplies has commenced. Construction works to commence in May.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.8	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Regional & Local Road Repair Program	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	This program has been changed and merged into a new program by the State Government called the Regional Roads Emergency Road Repair Fund. Schedule of Works has been submitted and approved. Works to commence in the new financial year. This action has been completed for the year.	
		3.2.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Car Park	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	This project has been completed.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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 90% complete. On track to be completed by April.	
		3.2.12	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Footpaths & Sharedways	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	A concept design for the proposed footpath treatment in Darling Street has commenced. Community consultation for the Darling Street project to undertaken in April and May. The Gol project has been deferred till 2024/2025.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.13	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Showgrounds Female Change Rooms	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Delivery and placement on site to occur in April. On track to be completed by the end of May.	
		3.2.14	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth EDS	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	EDS has been completed, commissioned and is now operational. This action has been completed.	
		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 2025.	
		3.2.17	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Netball Courts	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been completed.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.18	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Female Change Rooms	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Nearing completion pending final fit out and concreting. On track for completion by the end of April.	
		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.	
		3.2.20	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Sporting Complex Bowling Green	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This project has been completed.	


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		3.2.21	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Dareton Main Street	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	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 Completed	Director Corporate Services	This project has been completed.	
		3.2.23	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket Nets	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This project has been completed.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.24	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Aerodrome Lighting	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Civil Projects	This project has been completed.	
		3.2.25	Pooncarie Race Tower Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been completed.	
		3.2.26	Wood Street Kerb & Channel	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	This project has been completed.	
		3.2.27	Wentworth Bowling Club Green Replacement	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been completed.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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	Sealing works have been completed. Final sweep and line marking to be completed in May.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.30	Dareton Men in a Shed Fire Services Upgrade (LRCIP)	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Recently approved Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program project. Contractors have been engaged and works have commenced and are on track to be completed by the Dareton Centenary.	
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 commenced in January.	
		3.3.2	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	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.	


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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	This is an ongoing annual action. Council continues to advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Barka River and the Menindee Lakes. There has been recent correspondence to State and Federal Ministers, the NSW Fisheries Department and a meeting with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.3.5	Promote environmental activities for community participation.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Council has promoted the Yabby Trap Round Up initiative run by the NSW Department of Fisheries and Clean Up Australia Day on March 3rd. Council is working with the Murray Wetlands Working Group, NSW Fishers and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder to explore options around the preservation of native fish in Thegoa Lagoon.	





	3.3.6	Wentworth Shire Flood Study	Specific Action Progressing	Acting Director Health & Planning	 <p>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. At the Flood Risk Management Committee held on 27 March it was discussed about possibly expanding the scope of the study to include overland flows, this has been discussed with the Department who have indicated that this might be eligible for additional funding, therefore an application will be submitted. If successful a variation to the project scope will</p>
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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	be agreed to with the consultant. This is an ongoing action of Council.	



		3.4.2	Provide and promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Landfill Operations	<p>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 was rolled out in January with 110 eligible properties registering for a collection. 292 Green Waste vouchers have been cashed in at waste facilities during the course of the financial year. Council actively promoted Clean Up Australia Day. Council in partnership with Riverina & Murray Joint Organisation has secured \$149k in funding to commence education process around the</p>	
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						introduction of a Food & Organics Bin for residents and ratepayers.	
		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	
		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	Director Roads & Engineering	Tender documents have been finalised and will be released to the market in early April with a report to approve a preferred contractor to be presented to Council for approval in June. Request to vary the Licence for the landfill in line with the approved DA has been submitted to the EPA.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.5	Undertake a review of energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	An application is being prepared to the Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 1. Installation of Solar on the Civic Centre has commenced. Council is also undertaking an analysis of potential EV Charging Stations in a number of locations across the Shire.	
		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	This action has been completed.	
		3.4.8	Melaleuca Street Sewer manhole upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been completed.	





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3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.4.9	Water Leakage & District Metering Program	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Bulk flow meters have been delivered. Installation plan is being finalised.	
		3.4.10	Beverly Street Sewer Main Repair	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been completed.	
		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	General Manager	The Mayor and the General Manager have 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.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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. A relocation committee has been formed to plan the logistics of the move.	
		3.5.4	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Pink Lake Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final designs have been completed. Tender process to commence in May with an approval of a preferred contractor to go to Council in July.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.5.5	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Rose Street Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Stage 1 designs have been completed with the tender to commence in May with works 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.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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 Corporate Services	Consultant has been appointed and initial data gathering has commenced. On site consultation to commence in April.	
		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.	
		3.5.13	Finalise Civic Centre Project - Solar Installation (LRCIP)	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	Installation of Solar System has commenced.	
		3.5.14	Finalise Civic Centre Project - Footpath Replacement (LRCIP)	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	The project has commenced.	



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	<p>Community engagement and consultation was undertaken during the quarter in relation to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interpretive Centre Project at the Wentworth Civic Centre, - the FOSO/LightSTATE project - Wentworth Tourism & Events Strategy - Wentworth Economic Development Strategy - Wentworth/Bairanald Regional Drought Resilience Plan - Community feedback about Outdoor fitness equipment and playground at Junction Park - Youth Week Event (Coomedilla High School) - Wentworth Flood Study - James King Park - Retaining Wall and Path Upgrade <p>The Mayor also hosted a "Cuppa with the Mayor" in Pooncarrie on March 18</p>	●









Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		4.1.2	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	New sliding doors have been 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 Councilors to undertake their civic responsibilities	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. The Mayor and General Manager meet the NSW Governor during a recent visit to Mungo.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		4.2.2	Support Councillors to undertake ongoing professional development	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action. The Director Corporate Services provided Councillors with a training session on understanding Local Government Finance. Councillors also undertook Cyber Security training facilitated by Cyber Security NSW. The Mayor also undertook training in the changes to the Public Interest Disclosure Act.	
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 Corporate Services	The options assessment for the ongoing operations of the Buronga Landfill has been completed and endorsed by Council.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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. As part of updating the IT Strategic Plan a staff survey was undertaken with 39 responses received.	
		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 Corporate Services	New Data Breach Policy was adopted by Council at the November Council Meeting. The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee has met four times during the year. The Annual Report was completed on time. The Internal Audit Function has completed the IT Internal Controls Audit and the Project and Contract Management Audit and commenced the Work Health and Safety Audit.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		4.3.4	Continue to monitor compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations	Specific Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	<p>Council has commenced using the Inherent Risk Identification Tool (IRIT) in accordance with Guidance on Reasonable Steps (GRS) issued by the Office of the Anti-Slavery Commissioner in December 2023 to identify the risk associated with specific procurement and the level of due diligence to apply. Review of tender and contract clauses continue with a view to including different versions based on the identified due diligence level. Continuing to review the GRS and its application to Council's procurement activities.</p>	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
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	
		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 \$13,080 of Financial Assistance during the March 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 Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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. 1st and 2nd Quarterly Budget Review Statements have been completed and submitted to Council for approval within the 2 month statutory requirement.	
		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	 <p>The following activities have taken place recently</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 x new employee inductions - skin cancer checks offered to all staff - hearing tests - for required outdoor staff - first aid training - for required staff - Worker on Foot training - all roads teams staff - Traffic control training - required outdoor staff - Drug & Alcohol testing information sessions - all staff - Asbestos awareness training - Water & Waste Water team - Statecover Quarterly Regional Workshop (Hay) - HR & WHS Staff - Commenced council wide hazardous chemical audit - Respect at work training - all staff - Psychological training/awareness program for HR & WHS Staff.
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Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		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. A funding application to the Heavy Vehicle Safety Program to upgrade Tara Downs Crossing was submitted. Update Schedule of Works for the next three years was submitted to the Regional Roads Emergency Repair Fund.	
		4.5.6	Review Attraction and Retention Strategies	Not Due To Start	Manager Human Resources		

9.6 DRAFT 2024/2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN - ENDORSEMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

File Number:	RPT/24/196
Responsible Officer:	Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division:	Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer:	Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.3 An effective and efficient organisation

Summary

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)* (the Act), Council must have an annual Operational Plan adopted for each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken in that year, to achieve the commitments outlined in the Delivery Program.

The Operational Plan also includes the Statement of Council Revenue Policy and the Annual Fees and Charges in accordance with the Regulations.

Council is being asked to endorse the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan for public exhibition. During the exhibition period the public are invited to provide feedback into the actions to be undertaken within the financial year. Public submissions are also invited on the proposed Rates and Annual Charges, as outlined in the Annual Statement of Revenue, and the Annual Fees and Charges.

The final version of all documents, together with all feedback received, will be presented to Council on the 26 June 2024.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan

That Council gives notice of its intention to adopt the following rates and annual charges, which are contained within the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan:

- To make and levy an Ordinary Rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for residential, business and farmland categories of rates;
- To increase the Ordinary Rate by the maximum 5.20% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART);
- To increase waste water access charges by 5%;
- To increase raw and filtered water access charges by 5%;
- To increase water consumption charges by 5%;
- To increase domestic waste charges by 5%;
- To levy the fees and charges established in Part B of the Annual Statement of Revenue; and
- To charge the maximum interest on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for local Government.

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to endorse the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan and place it on public exhibition as required by the Act.

Background

In accordance with the Act, Council must have an annual Operational Plan, for each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken in that year. The Operational Plan includes the Statement of Council Revenue Policy, in accordance with the Regulations.

The Operational Plan supports the Delivery Program and directly address the actions outlined in the Delivery Program and identifies projects, programs or activities that the Council will undertake within the financial year towards addressing these actions.

The Operational Plan must allocate responsibilities for each activity and include a detailed budget for the activities to be undertaken in that year.

Matters under consideration

The draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan sets out the Actions that Council will undertake during the financial year toward the Delivery Program.

The key highlights of the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan are:

Total Identified Actions: 96**Total Council Expenditure**

Total Council Expenditure for 2024/2025 is proposed to be \$71,969,513 based on:

- Operating Expenditure - \$30,320,839
- Capital Expenditure - \$41,648,674

Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure for 2024/2025 of \$41,648,674. Key Project include:

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| • Buronga Landfill Expansion | \$12,000,000 |
| • Roads Projects | \$6,487,010 |
| • Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade – Arumpo Road | \$4,625,000 |
| • Resources for Regions | \$2,703,069 |
| • Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO) | \$2,496,975 |
| • Stormwater Upgrades | \$1,950,000 |
| • Plant Replacement | \$2,000,000 |
| • Sewer Upgrades | \$1,720,788 |
| • Water Upgrades | \$1,384,762 |

Proposed Capital Expenditure budget of \$41,648,674 for 2024/2025 is a decrease of \$5,050,353 or 11% on the adopted budget for 2023/2024. It includes \$4,994,129 of projects that had been budgeted to be completed or substantially completed in 2023/2024 but have had to be re-budgeted for 2024/2025.

Borrowings

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

In the 2024/2025 financial year Council is proposing to utilise up to \$13,700,000 loan borrowings to help fund capital requirements for the:

- Buronga Landfill Expansion - \$12,000,000 (as approved by Council at the March 2024 Council meeting)
- Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades - \$1,700,000 (previously approved by Council)

Restricted Reserves

- Council will utilise the following restricted reserves to fund capital expenditure during the 2024/2025 financial year:

Loan Reserve

- \$1,70,000 from previously approved loan to fund stormwater infrastructure upgrades.

Unexpended Grants Reserve

- \$8,813,059 of prepaid grants to fund capital projects.

Operational Expenditure

Proposed Operating Expenditure of \$30,320,839 for 2024/2025 is a decrease of \$841,938 or 2.70% on the adopted budget for 2023/2024. The major contributing factor in this is the 2023/2024 budget had \$4,000,000 of one-off maintenance expenditure for the Pothole Repair Program and the Regional & Local Roads Repair Program which were grant funded expenditure.

Resource Levels

The current Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing level of 137.05 this is an increase of 3.60 as approved by Council at the March 2024 Council meeting. Total employment costs are forecast to be \$11,277,280 for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Rates

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) determines the maximum rate increase allowable, which for 2024/2025 is 5.20%.

The proposed rates and annual charges outlined in the Operational Plan are:

- Ordinary Rate increased by 5%;
- Waste water access charges increased by 5%;
- Raw and filtered water access charges increased by 5%;
- Water consumption charges increased by 5%; and
- Domestic waste charges increased by 5%

Indicative contributions towards CSP Strategies

The following table represents the alignment between the 2024/2025 Budget Expenditure and the strategies established within the 2032 Community Strategic Plan.

2023/2024 Operation Plan		
	Operational Expenditure	Capital Expenditure

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region.	\$1,243,781	\$2,496,975
Wentworth Shire is a great place to live	\$4,474,901	\$2,980,369
Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protects its physical and natural environment	\$16,179,983	\$35,800,562
Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner	\$8,422,174	\$370,768

Conclusion

Council is being asked to endorse the draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan for public exhibition. During the exhibition period the public are invited to provide feedback into the actions to be undertaken within the financial year. Public submissions are also invited on the proposed Rates and Annual Charges, as outlined in the Annual Statement of Revenue, and the Annual Fees and Charges.

The final version of all documents, together with all feedback received, will be presented to Council on the 26 June 2024.

Attachments

1. Draft Operational Plan 2024/2025 [↓](#)

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Operational Plan

2024/2025



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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging.



The Kiilalaana group (Shantelle Thompson dancers) portraying the connection of the land and water through dance at Namatjira Water Tank Commissioning event, Dareton.

Our Objectives



Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

ECONOMIC



Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

SOCIAL



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

ENVIRONMENTAL



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CIVIC LEADERSHIP



Wentworth LGA

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Our Values

HONESTY & INTEGRITY

ACCOUNTABILITY
& TRANSPARENCY

RESPECT

QUALITY & COMMITMENT



Overview

Council’s Operational Plan is created each financial year as a sub-plan of Council’s four-year Delivery Program.

The Operational Plan 2024-2025 is year three of Council’s Delivery Program.

It outlines the actions that Council will undertake in the financial year that contribute to achieving the commitments Council’s Delivery Program and Community Strategic Plan.

It also identifies the annual budget required to deliver the actions and the responsible service area within Council who will oversee and report progress and performance results achieve.

The Plan is accompanied by Council’s 2024-2025 Annual Statement of Revenue and Schedule of Annual Fees and Charges which includes the proposed rates and annual charges.



2024/2025 Council Snapshot

	137.05	Full-time equivalent staff		\$30 million	Operational budget
	\$72 million	Budget forecast		\$42 million	Capital budget
	96	Planned actions		5.20%	Rate increase



Achieving the vision for 2032

The consultation and engagement activities undertaken to inform the Wentworth Shire: Our Future in Focus - Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 resulted in the formation of the following concise and ambitious vision for the region:

Wentworth Shire will work together to create a thriving, attractive and welcoming community.

Community strategies



Namatjira Raw Water Storage

Quadruple Bottom Line

The quadruple bottom line underpins the Community Strategic Plan, helping to categorise the priorities that have been identified by the community.

Our strategies link directly to the quadruple bottom line, which are as follows:



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Financial information

Budgeted Income Statement Summary	2024/2025 Budget
Income from Continuing Operations	
Rates & Annual Charges	\$10,938,379
User Charges & Fees	\$8,457,840
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$2,220,250
Other Revenues	\$1,069,444
Grants - Operating	\$11,329,797
Grants - Capital	\$12,292,663
Net Gains from the disposal of assets	\$100,000
Total Income	\$46,408,373

Expenses from Continuing Operations	
Employee Benefits	\$11,277,280
Borrowing Costs	\$1,202,071
Materials & Contracts	\$4,457,447
Depreciation & Amortization	\$9,307,829
Other Expenses	\$4,076,213
Total Expenses	\$30,320,839
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$16,087,534
Discontinued Operations	\$0
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$16,087,534

Funding Requirements	2024/2025 Budget
Expenditure	
Operating Expenditure	\$30,320,839
Capital Expenditure	\$41,648,674
Total Expenditure	\$71,969,513
less depreciation (incl. in expenditure)	\$9,307,829
2024/2025 Cash Requirements	\$62,661,684

Cash Requirements funded from:	
Operational Revenue	\$37,595,314
Borrowings	\$12,000,000
Retained Earnings	\$2,550,311
Council Restricted Reserves	\$10,513,059
2024/2025 Total Funding	\$62,661,684

Projected Balances (Council Cash Reserves)	
Projected opening cash balance 01/07/2024	\$45,000,000
Less projected Cash deficit	\$13,066,370
Projected cash balance at 30/06/2025	\$31,933,630
Represented as:	
- Cash on hand	\$1,933,630
- Short Term Investments	\$4,000,000
- Long Term Investments	\$26,000,000

For Council to live within its means and achieve financial sustainability the annual budget must be balanced and in alignment to Council's long-term financial position. To ensure that Council lives within its means and that annual operations do not deplete financial reserves, Council's budget for 2024/2025 includes the following assumptions:

Rates and Annual Charges

- The Ordinary Rate will be increased by the maximum 5.20% (as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART)).
- Waste water access charges will be increased by 5.00%.
- Raw and filtered water access charges will be increased by 5.00%.
- Domestic waste charges will be increased by 5.00%.
- Water consumption charges will be increased by 5.00%.
- Interest will be charged on overdue rates and annual charges as approved by the Minister for Local Government.

Borrowings

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

In the 2024/25 financial year there will be loan borrowings of \$12,000,000 to help fund capital requirements for the:

- Buronga Landfill Expansion (approval to loan funds via Council resolution March 2024)

Restricted Reserves

Council will utilise the following restricted reserves to fund capital expenditure during the 2024/2025 financial year:

Loan Reserve

\$1,700,000 from previously approved loan to fund stormwater infrastructure upgrades.

Unexpected Grants Reserve

\$8,813,059 of prepaid grants to fund capital projects.



Contribution to CSP objectives


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

The financial expenditure figures depicted in the following table provide an indication of how Council’s expenditure in 2024/2025 is aligned to the Community Strategic Plan.

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




Strategy 1



ECONOMIC

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

Strategy 2



SOCIAL

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

Strategy 3



ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Strategy 4






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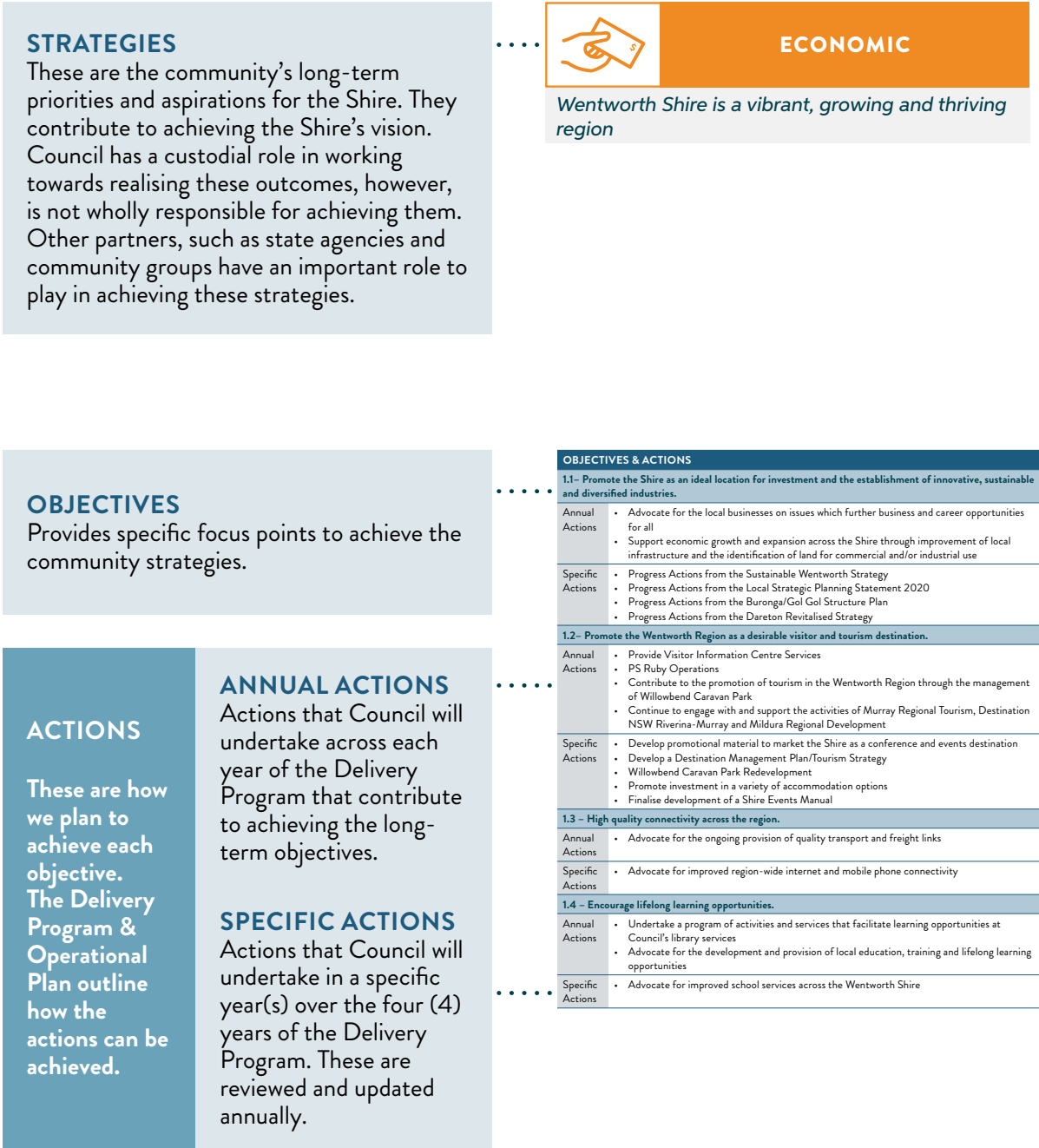
Capital Expenditure

The following major projects will be undertaken during 2024/2025:

	Buronga Landfill Expansion \$12,000,000		Plant Replacement \$2,000,000
	Roads Projects \$6,487,010		Stormwater Upgrades \$1,950,000
	Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade - Arumpo Road \$4,625,000		Sewer Upgrades \$1,720,788
	Resources for Regions \$2,703,069		Water Upgrades \$1,384,762
	Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO) \$2,496,975		

How to read this plan

This diagram explains the key headings and terminology used in the following pages of this Plan.





Operational Plan 2024/2025

Actions

📍 Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, Buronga



STRATEGY 1

ECONOMIC

Strategy 1

Our Economy

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
1.1– Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries		
Annual Actions	Advocate for the local businesses on issues which further business and career opportunities for all.	General Manager
	Ensure that land is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of development that is supported by a strategic and affordable infrastructure.	Director Health & Planning
	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Director Health & Planning
Specific Actions	N/A	
1.2– Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination		
Annual Actions	Provide Visitor Information Centre Services	Team Leader VIC
	PS Ruby	General Manager
	Support the activities of Murray Regional Tourism, Destination NSW, Riverina-Murray, and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.	Manager Tourism & Promotion
Specific Actions	Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra – Bruce Munro Art Installation	Director Corporate Services
1.3 – High quality connectivity across the region		
Annual Actions	Advocate for the ongoing provision of quality transport and freight links	General Manager
	Advocate for improved region-wide internet and mobile phone connectivity	
Specific Actions	N/A	
1.4 – Encourage lifelong learning opportunities		
Annual Actions	Undertake a program of activities and services that facilitate learning opportunities at Council's library services.	Team Leader Library Services
	Advocate for community access to a wide range of learning spaces, resources and activities for education and employment pathways that support local growth	General Manager

Specific Actions	N/A	
1.5 – Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities		
Annual Actions	Promote Wentworth Council as an employer of choice	Manager Human Resources
	Advocate for and promote initiatives that promote sustainable and resilient economic growth	General Manager
Specific Actions	N/A	

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 1	\$1,243,781
Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 1	\$2,496,975

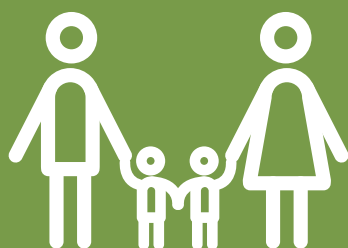
Measuring Progress

- Average development application approval time
- Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment completed on time and on budget
- Wentworth Shire Staff profile
- Number of Library Programs Delivered





📍 Perry Sandhills, Wentworth NSW

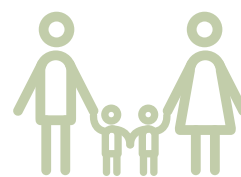


STRATEGY 2

SOCIAL

Strategy 2

Our Community

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
2.1 – Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life		
Annual Actions	Acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that people from all backgrounds make to our community.	Manager Tourism & Promotion
	Support opportunities to promote and celebrate Wentworth Shire as a welcome and inclusive community focusing on diversity, access, inclusion and capacity building.	Director Corporate Services
	Actively engage with and include the perspectives and knowledge of the local indigenous community.	General Manager
	Support a broad program of Civic and Community events	
	Support cultural, recreational and community interaction opportunities through the Financial Assistance Program	Director Corporate Services
Specific Actions	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Action Plan	Director Corporate Services
2.2 – Work together to solve a range of social and health issues that impact community wellbeing and vulnerable people		
Annual Actions	Deliver a program of activities and services that facilitate opportunities for vulnerable members of the community at Council's library services.	Team Leader Library Services
	Collaborate with Government Agencies and other organisations to support the provision of health services across the Region.	General Manager
	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.	General Manager
	Our buildings and spaces are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all community members.	Manager Engineering Services
Specific Actions	Work with the community to implement recommendations of the Wentworth & Balranald Drought Resilience Plan	Director Corporate Services

2.3 – To have a safe community		
Annual Actions	Provide Public Health Function.	Director Health & Planning
	Companion Animals & Buronga Pound Operations.	General Manager
	Provide Building Compliance Function.	Director Health & Planning
	In partnership with the RFS undertake hazard reduction works.	Manager Works
	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues.	General Manager
	Facilitate the Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure a co-ordinated approach by all agencies having responsibilities and functions in emergencies.	General Manager
	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues.	Manager Engineering Services
Specific Actions	Implement strategies to embed NSW Child Safe Standards across the organisation.	Director Corporate Services



2.4 – A well informed, supported and engaged community		
Annual Actions	Communicate the role of Council to the community.	Manager Tourism & Promotion
	Communicate information to relevant communities and stakeholders about Council achievements, activities, services, policies and plans through media liaison and external and internal publications and platforms.	General Manager
	Communicate funding opportunities available for the community.	Director Corporate Services
	Work with communities to establish town plans	Director Corporate Services
Specific Actions	N/A	
2.5 – To have a strong sense of place		
Annual Actions	Maintain and update the amenity of the Shire to meet community expectations for clean and well-presented public spaces and townships that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles	Manager Works
Specific Actions	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ski Reserve Rehabilitation project• Buronga Pump Track Stage 2• Open Spaces Development• Greater Junction Viewing Platform	Manager Engineering Services

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 2	\$4,474,901
Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 2	\$2,980,369

Measuring Progress

Number of community updates provided by Council
 Number of road safety initiatives implemented
 % of public health inspections completed within legislative timeframes
 Number of building inspections completed.
 Demographic profile of those attending library services
 Number of library programs completed
 Number of visitors to Council libraries



STRATEGY 3

ENVIRONMENTAL

Strategy 3

Our Environment

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



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
3.1 – Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development		
Annual Actions	Deliver timely services for the assessment of Development Applications and planning proposals.	Director Health & Planning
	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Director Health & Planning
Specific Actions	N/A	
3.2 – Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained		
Annual Actions	Land Tenure Program.	Director Health & Planning
	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges and Footpaths.	Manager Works
	Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities.	
Specific Actions	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixing Local Roads – Log Bridge Road • Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program – Arumpo Road • Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund • Darling Street Footpaths • Loop Road • Wamberra Road • Alcheringa Drive • Wentworth Rowing Club • Wentworth Showgrounds Kitchen Upgrade • Pooncarie Reserve Kitchen Upgrade • Wentworth Depot Fuel Tank Upgrade 	Manager Works
	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Gordon Oval Lighting • Wentworth Riverfront Mooring Sites • Buronga to Gol Gol Shared Ways 	Manager Engineering Services
3.3 – Minimise the impact on the natural environment.		
Annual Actions	Undertake actions identified in the Western Weeds Action Plan.	Manager Works
	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required.	Director Health & Planning
	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association.	General Manager
	Advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Baaka River and the Menindee Lakes.	General Manager

Specific Actions	Flood Plain Study	Director Health & Planning
3.4 – Use and manage our resources wisely.		
Annual Actions	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure.	Manager Works
	Provide and Promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives	Manager Works
	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible.	Manager Tourism & Promotion
Specific Actions	Buronga Landfill Expansion	Director Roads & Engineering
	Review energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	
	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fotherby Park SPS # 8• Dareton SPS # 2• Sewer Main Refurbishments• Buronga Waste Water Treatment Plant• Wentworth Waste Water Treatment Plant	Manager Engineering Services



3.5 – Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire		
Annual Actions	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.	General Manager
	Plan for appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs.	Director Roads & Engineering
Specific Actions	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pink Lake Stormwater • Rose Street Stormwater • 3 Sisters Stormwater • Crane Drive Stormwater 	Manager Engineering Services

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 3 \$16,179,983

Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 3 \$35,800,562

Measuring Progress

Civic Centre Redevelopment completed on time and on budget

Pooncarie-Menindee Road project completed on time and on budget

% of Capital works projects completed on time and on budget

Development Control Plan Reviewed and Updated accordingly

Number of land acquisitions completed.



STRATEGY 4

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Strategy 4

Our Leadership

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



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
4.1 – Consistently engage and consult the whole community to ensure that feedback is captured and considered as part of decision-making and advocating processes.		
Annual Actions	Support local decision making through transparent communication and inclusive community engagement	General Manager
Specific Actions	N/A	
4.2 – A strong, responsible and representative government		
Annual Actions	Ensure that Council is accountable to the community, meets legislative requirements and supports the Councillors to undertake their civic responsibilities.	General Manager
	Support Councillors to undertake ongoing professional development.	
Specific Actions	N/A	
4.3 – An effective and efficient organisation		
Annual Actions	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.	Director Corporate Services
	Staff are supported to deliver high quality services to the community.	General Manager
	Ensure the organisation is well led and managed through the implementation of Good Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Frameworks.	Director Corporate Services
Specific Actions	Monitor compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations.	Director Corporate Services
4.4 – Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future		
Annual Actions	Support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group	General Manager
	Foster strong partnerships with all levels of government, peak bodies, agencies and the community.	
Specific Actions	N/A	

4.5 – Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency.

Annual Actions	Maintain a strong financial position that supports the delivery of services and strategies and ensures long term financial sustainability.	Director Corporate Services
	Provide accurate and timely financial reports, monthly, quarterly and annually.	
	Be the best employer that we can be by attracting, developing and retaining skilled staff to ensure a capable and effective workforce.	Manager Human Resources
	Implement actions outlined in the Workforce Management Plan.	
	Implement sound asset management practices to ensure adequate provision is made for the maintenance and long-term replacement of Council's infrastructure assets.	Manager Engineering Services
Specific Actions	N/A	

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 4

\$8,422,174

Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 4

\$370,768

Measuring Progress

Strong financial position maintained

Financial reporting obligations met

Annual Financial Assistance Program completed

Continue to provide support for Wentworth Interagency Group

Number Service level reviews completed

Quarterly Progress Reports completed on time

Engagement activities undertaken as per Community Engagement Strategy

Workforce requirements

On 20 March 2024 Council increased the organisational structure by 3.60 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) to 137.05 FTE's.

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

For the 2024/25 financial year total employment costs are forecast to be \$11,277,890 which is a 1.80% increase on the previous financial year's budget.

The diagram on the following page depicts the Organisational Structure.



EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP REPORTING STRUCTURE

Our Organisational Structure is designed to deliver on the Community’s Strategic Objectives as outlined in the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032.



REPORTING STRUCTURE

As at 01 May 2024



Commenced journey with Council in November 2002.

KEN ROSS

GENERAL MANAGER

Appointed to role in May 2019

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS SUPPORT

- Advocacy
- Executive Services
- Civic Service
- Mayor & Councillor support

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Human Resources recruitment
- Organisational training & development
- Work Health & Safety
- Workplace & Industrial relations

TOURISM & PROMOTION

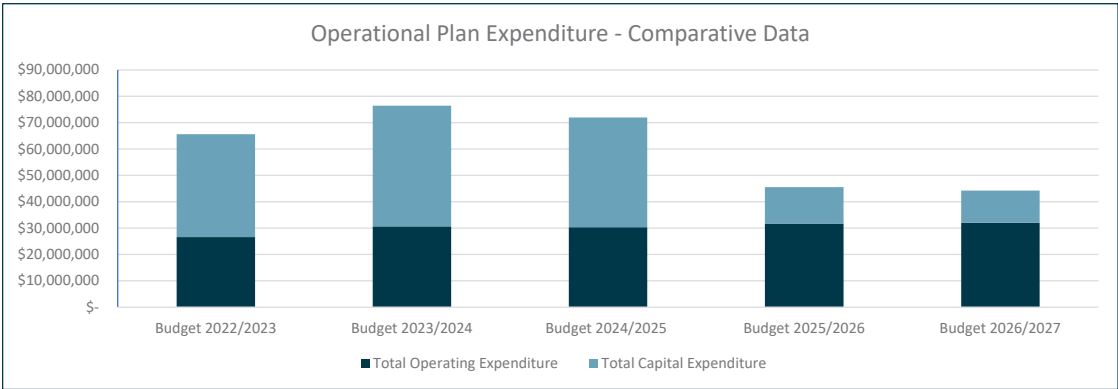
- Events
- Library
- Marketing & Communications
- Tourism
- Visitor Information Centre



Future year estimates

The following graph provides a comparison of previous budgeted amounts, compared with the budget for the upcoming financial year and the projected future budgets for 2024/2025.

Based on the current Delivery Program projects and forecasts from 2024/2025 onwards the level of capital expenditure reduces as the current four-year Delivery Program council comes to an end.



	Budget 2022/2023	Budget 2023/2024	Budget 2024/2025	Budget 2025/2026	Budget 2026/2027
Total Operating Expenditure	\$ 26,616,364.00	\$ 30,654,577.00	\$ 30,320,839.00	\$ 31,756,263.00	\$ 32,035,274.00
Total Capital Expenditure	\$ 39,014,529.00	\$ 45,799,027.00	\$ 41,648,674.00	\$ 13,819,727.00	\$ 12,176,827.00

Further information

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

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

The Annual fees and charges document provides details of annual fees and charges for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Operational Plan 2024/2025

Attachments

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2. Annual Statement of Revenue

The Annual Statement of Revenue forms part of the 2024/2025 Operational Plan and includes the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges.

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

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Statement of Revenue Policy

Introduction

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

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

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

Rating

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

Valuations in New South Wales are conducted by the NSW Valuer-General based on market movements and recent sales trends as required under the Valuation of Land Act.

When a local government area has been re-valued the property owner will be issued with a Notice of Valuation. Each Notice of Valuation contains both details of the property as they are recorded on the Valuer General's records and the land value at the common base date for all Valuer General valuations in the local government area.

The valuations are objective and impartial, and are based on the market for Land. The 'land value' represents the value that the 'fee simple' interest in the land, assumed to be vacant, would be if offered for sale. For 2024/2025, rates are based on property values as at 1 July 2022.

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

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

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

The ad valorem amount of a rate

The ad valorem amount of a rate is to be levied on the land value of all land that is to be rateable to the rate and the rate in the dollar is to apply uniformly. The ad valorem amount of the ordinary rate may be the same for all classes or it may be different for different classes or sub classes.

Base charges and minimum amounts of rates payable

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

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

The higher the amount of a base charge or a minimum rate the lower will be the ad valorem rate for any given revenue target. As a result higher valued properties may incur a greater or lesser share of the total rate burden depending

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

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

Annual rate increases in NSW are capped or "rate pegged as determined by the Independent Pricing and Pricing Tribunal, is the maximum amount by which Council's total rate revenue can increase over the previous year without making application for a special rate variation. The rate peg for 2024/2025 for Wentworth Shire Council has been set at 5.2%. Council is proposing to increase rates by the full amount of the rate peg.

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

Table of years and rate increases and % of total revenue						
Rating Year	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Rate Pegging % Increase	2.70	2.60	2.00	0.70	3.70	5.2
Rateable Value	518,336,290	862,040,158	879,598,432	885,520,951	1,555,890,730	1,583,196,330
Total General Rate Income \$	5,324,988	5,460,635	5,673,409	5,724,454	6,039,427	6,428,258
Increase \$	140,986	138,450	212,774	51,045	314,973	388,831

Budget analysis

This section provides comments on the main expenses and revenues, and capital expenditure for 2024/2025.

Operating Revenue

Council has forecasted to generate \$46,408,373 in revenue for 2024/2025.

Extract of Operating Statement				
Operating Revenue	2025	2026	2027	2028
Rates & Annual Charges	\$10,938,379	\$11,271,795	\$11,615,214	\$11,968,936
User Charges & Fees	\$8,412,720	\$10,799,350	\$11,117,037	\$11,444,254
Interest	\$2,220,250	\$2,286,858	\$2,335,463	\$2,426,127
Grants & Contributions (Op)	\$11,329,797	\$11,666,058	\$12,014,467	\$12,373,328
Grants & Contributions (Cap)	\$12,292,663	\$228,789	\$230,838	\$232,948
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,114,482	\$1,155,936	\$1,160,251	\$1,144,696
Net gain/loss Disposal of Assets	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$ 46,408,291	\$37,508,786	\$38,573,270	\$ 39,690,289

Rating and Annual Charges

The total income that can be raised from levying rates on property is capped by the State Government via the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. The current rate structure for Wentworth Shire Council will be maintained; rate assessments will be based entirely upon property valuations (ad valorem) but with base rates applying where appropriate. The continuing constraint of rate pegging imposed by the State Government limits Council's ability to provide additional services or borrow additional funds and has focused considerable attention to the need for and efficiency of each service provided. Council expects to raise \$10,938,379 from rates and annual charges for 2024/2025. This includes a special variation for Tourism which was approved in 1998 for \$10 per assessment.

Pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession card and own and occupy rateable property in Wentworth Shire receive a mandatory rebate on their rates and annual charges. The State Government funds 55% of the rebate.

This is expected to cost Council \$76,000 in 2024/2025.

Interest charges on unpaid rates and charges will accrue on a daily basis at the rate determined by the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Section 566 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Hardship and ability to pay rates

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

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

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

Applications for a special variance to general income

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

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

User Charges and Fees

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

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

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

Statutory fees such as development assessment fees, planning certificates etc charged by Council are subject to direction through regulation and other state government controls.

Council does not set these fees and does not have the power to vary the fee set. The majority of statutory charges do not provide for annual increase in line with CPI or the cost of providing the service and therefore excluding development related income, no growth in these fees has been included in the 2024/2025 budget.

REVENUE

The Roads and Maritime Services contract (RMCC) is classed as a fee for service and accounts for approx. \$1.9million of revenue annually. Council also operates the Buronga Landfill, it is expected that this operation will generate \$4,460,000 in revenue for 2024/2025. Overall Council expects to raise \$8,412,720 from user fees and charges for 2024/2025.

Interest on Investments

Council has an investment portfolio that varies in size from year to year however it is projected to be between \$35m and \$40m for the majority 2024/2025. These funds are a mixture of unspent grants, reserve funds and general revenue. All investments are placed in accordance with the Minister's Order and Councils adopted investment policy.

Interest earnings form a significant part of Council's revenue each year and are subject to fluctuations in interest rates as they respond to economic conditions. Approximately \$43,000,000 of Councils cash reserves are currently either internally or externally restricted, this means that they have been set aside to fund specific expenditure. This gives Council the ability to strategically invest these funds in order to gain maximum returns whilst minimising risk. The remaining funds make up Council's available working capital which is required to fund day to day operations. Council also receives interest on outstanding rates and annual charges.

Council expects to receive \$2,220,250 from investment activities in 2024/2025

Grants and Contributions

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

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

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

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

Council collects monetary contributions from developers as a condition of consent on Development Applications to meet the demand for public amenities and public services created by new development. Authority to do this is provided by Sections 7.11 & 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

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

The Local Government Financial Assistance Grants are paid to local councils to help them deliver services to their communities. The funds are paid annually by the Australian Government. Councils are free to use these funds at their discretion and are accountable to their ratepayers.

Following the 2013 independent review of local government in NSW the State Government has been refining the funding model for the Financial Assistance Grants in order to channel additional support to council's and communities with the greatest needs.

Generally, council's and communities with the greatest need have the following characteristics:

- Rural and remote councils;
- With small and declining populations;
- Have limited capacity to raise revenue;
- Have financial responsibility for sizeable networks of local roads/infrastructure & diminishing financial resources; and
- Relative isolation.

Funds are allocated by the State Government on the basis of the national principles as outlined in the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 (Cth)*. The ongoing challenge facing the government has been how to allocate a fairer share of the grant to disadvantaged council's when a fixed 30% of the grant must be allocated based on population increases/decreases.

Council has forecasted to receive \$23,622,460 in operating and capital grants in 2024/2025.

Council will receive capital grants and contributions in 2024/2025 which will contribute to funding the following projects:

- Roads to Recovery Program
- Regional Roads Block Grant
- Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Projects
 - Loop Road
 - Wentworth Riverfront Mooring Site
 - George Gordon Oval Lighting
 - Wamberra Road
 - Alcheringa Road
- Fixing Local Roads
 - Log Bridge Road
- Resources for Regions
 - Buronga Pump Track Stage 2
 - Greater Murray Darling Junction Viewing Platform
 - Reserve Kitchen Upgrades
 - Open Spaces Development
 - Wentworth Shire Footpaths and Sharedways
- Crown Land Improvement Fund
 - Ski Reserve Rehabilitation
- Regional Roads Emergency Repair Fund
- Regional Tourism Activation Fund
 - Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)
- Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade
 - 24.5km Arumpo Road Reconstruction
- Flood Plain Study
- Flood Recovery Works
 - Wentworth Rowing Club

Council has an internally restricted fund of \$1,000,000 that can be used to contribute to funding applications as they become available. Should the grant application process be unsuccessful, Council will have to use external borrowings to finance the works.

Other Revenue

Miscellaneous revenue is obtained from a variety of sources including insurance recoveries, property rentals, sale of assets etc. It is anticipated that other revenue will be maintained at current levels with an increase for CPI factored in. Council has budgeted to receive \$1,114,564 in 2024/2025.

Operating Expenditure

Council has forecasted \$30,320,839 in operating expenditure for 2024/2025

Extract of Operating Statement				
Operating Expenses	2025	2026	2027	2028
Employee Costs	\$11,277,280	\$11,868,172	\$12,489,573	\$12,489,573
Materials & Contracts	\$4,457,447	\$5,396,523	\$4,998,097	\$4,976,784
Borrowings	\$1,202,071	\$1,155,429	\$1,106,908	\$1,057,718
Depreciaton & Amortisation	\$9,307,829	\$9,307,829	\$9,307,829	\$9,307,829
Other Operating Expenses	\$4,076,213	\$4,028,310	\$4,132,866	\$4,233,202
TOTAL	\$30,320,839	\$31,756,263	\$32,035,274	\$32,436,734

Employee Expenses

Employee expenses comprise approximately 40% of Council's operating costs with 137.05 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff. The salaries and wages budget calculation include an assumption that staff will take four weeks annual leave. Throughout any year salary savings resulting from staff vacancies and efficiencies will occur naturally.

The superannuation Guarantee Levy is currently at 11.00% and will progressively increase to 12% starting in 2021-2022. Council has a number of staff in the defined benefit scheme and have been paying significantly increased contribution rates to fund this scheme.

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

Council's policy is to fully fund the leave entitlements of staff in the Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve. In recent years the reserve has been used to assist in the funding of costs associated with the resignation/retirement of a number of long serving employees. Council has been fortunate in recent years that it has had enough surplus cash to fund 100% of this reserve. It is projected that the reserve will maintain a balance of 100% through 2024/2025. However, if surplus funds were to decrease Council may choose to review this policy.

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

Organisational Structure

The 2024/2025 Operational Plan is based on the figure of 137.05 equivalent fulltime employees (EFT's). Councils total employee costs for 2024/2025 is expected to be \$11,277,280.

Borrowing Costs

Wentworth Shire Council in the past has been debt averse and viewed the achievement of a low level of debt or even a debt free status as a primary goal. However, Council appreciates that the use of loan funding can be a critical component of the funding mix to deliver much needed infrastructure to the community. The beneficiaries of these projects will assist in their funding as their rates will be applied in part to repaying the loans. This is in contrast to current ratepayers bearing the entire burden in one year, possibly at the expense of other worthwhile expenditure.

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

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

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

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

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

Borrowing costs on current and projected loans and financing arrangements will total \$1,202,071 in 2024/2025.

Materials and Contracts

Materials and Contracts represent the principal costs used to deliver services to the community and are forecast to increase by 5% in 2024/2025 in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index. Materials and contracts are subject to variations in the market and particularly to petroleum prices. Such fluctuations impact on the price of petroleum and petroleum-based products (such as asphalt) and makes forecasting difficult. Budgeted expenditure for 2024/2025 is \$4,457,447.

Depreciation

Depreciation reflects the fact that an asset's cost is proportionally expensed over the time during which it is used. Depreciation has been based on the estimated useful life of assets and will be reviewed every year. Council continues to thoroughly review its residual values and estimated useful lives. Budgeted depreciation for 2024/2025 is \$9,307,829.

Other Expenses

Includes items such as audit fees, valuation fees, office expenses, software licences, insurances, electricity costs etc. These costs count for approximately 10% of Council operating expenditure and have been forecast to increase in line with increases in CPI each year except for insurances, electricity costs and State Government Emergency Services levy which have been forecast to increase above CPI each year. Budgeted expenditure for 2024/2025 is \$4,076,213.

Expenditure Challenges

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

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

Capital Expenditure

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

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

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

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

Apart from funding constraints, Council has capacity constraints which determine the capital works program delivery timeframe. The constraints in project delivery include community consultation, state government approvals, design, procurement processes and availability of labour resources to project manage and implement the projects. In addition to the renewal and expansion of Council's asset base delivered through the capital works program, Council undertakes a replacement (and, where appropriate) upgrade/ expansion program for its plant and equipment assets including motor vehicles, furniture, plant and IT hardware.

The budget for 2024/2025 has been developed through a process of consultation and review with Council and staff. As required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, the Operational Plan and Budget are for a one year period. The Long Term Financial Plan details Council's financial forecast for a 10 year period and budget estimates for the next four years are provided in the Delivery Program.

Capital Expenditure	2025	2026	2027	2028
Existing Infrastructure Renewals	\$13,146,510	\$12,147,998	\$10,470,935	\$9,628,225
Projects Carried forward from previous years	\$4,994,129	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Capital Expenditure	\$21,880,975	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Capital loan repayments	\$1,447,060	\$1,421,729	\$1,455,892	\$1,493,916
TOTAL	\$41,468,674	\$13,819,727	\$12,176,827	\$11,372,141

The Major Projects and Capital Expenditure Program for 2024/25 will be \$41,468,674

Capital works are funded from the following sources:

Loans/financing	\$12,000,000
Restricted Funds	\$10,513,059
Retained Earnings	\$2,550,311
Council Operations	\$8,031,943
Grants and contributions	\$8,553,361

EXPENDITURE



Rate Levy 2024/2025

Council has received advice from the Minister for Local Government that the rate pegging limit for 2024/2025 is 5.20%. The maximum increase has been proposed.

The rating structure proposed is consistent with previous years and no changes have been forecast at this stage. Council has tried to spread its rate burden as evenly as possible across all ratepayers. While it is impossible to keep everyone satisfied, the proposed rating structure endeavours to make it as fair and equitable as possible. The Tourism Special Rate will remain at \$10 per Assessment.

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

- No special Rates are proposed for 2024/2025.

In accordance with Sections 534, 535 & 537 of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council resolves to make and levy an ordinary rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for 2023/2024 financial year for every parcel of rateable land within the Wentworth Shire Council as follows:

FARMLAND CATEGORY

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

Farmland

An ordinary rate of 0.00200372 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 32.96% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,281,704.

Farmland – Dry Land Grazing

An ordinary rate of 0.00160101 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Dry Land Grazing in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.21% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$827,783.

Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

An ordinary rate of 0.03526919 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 42.17% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$16,218.

RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY

Wentworth

An ordinary rate of 0.00350233 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$240.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 40.45% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$360,774.

Buronga

An ordinary rate of 0.00284856 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Buronga, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 27.84% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$534,262.

Gol Gol

An ordinary rate of 0.00315362 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.56% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$757,851.

Gol Gol East

An ordinary rate of 0.00300166 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol East, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.74% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$450,388.

Pooncarie

An ordinary rate of 0.01556897 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 44.88% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$24,801.

Dareton

An ordinary rate of 0.01920076 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Dareton, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 46.44% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$85,924.

Rural Residential

An ordinary rate of 0.0024780 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Rural, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.94% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$554,151.

BUSINESS CATEGORY

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

Business

An ordinary rate of 0.00540767 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 16.69% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$302,597.

Business, Wentworth

An ordinary rate of 0.00787116 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 38.54% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$38,528.

Business, Mourquong

An ordinary rate of 0.17286802 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.11% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$284,668.

Business, Trentham Cliffs

An ordinary rate of 0.00495035 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.73% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$12,861.

Business, Arumpo

An ordinary rate of 0.06449843 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.39% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$105,957.

Business, Pooncarie

An ordinary rate of 0.05613864 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2024/2025 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.03% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$789,790.

WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

It is necessary to increase Water & Waste Water by 5.00% per property for 2024/2025 to cover the cost of operational and capital expenditure required to provide this service to the ratepayers.

- Water Access Charges will increase by 5.00% per rateable property in 2024/2025
- Sewer Access Charges will increase by 5.00% per rateable property in 2024/2025
- Water Consumption Charges will increase by 5.00% per rateable property in 2024/2025

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

Water charges

Filtered Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$334.00	per annum
Water Cost - 0-250kl	\$1.38	per kl
Water Cost - over 250kl	\$3.10	per kl
Raw Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$183.50	per annum
Water Cost - 0-700kl	\$0.49	per kl
Water Cost - over 700kl	\$1.22	per kl
The above proposed charges are for a basic 20mm connection.		

Flats and Units

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

Access Charges are determined by the connection size as follows:					
Filtered Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Filtered Water Access Charge	Filtered Water Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2,685	334	250 kl	\$896,790.00
	25	34	522	500 kl	\$17,748.00
	32	8	855	750 kl	\$6,840.00
	40	19	1,336	1,000 kl	\$25,384.00
	50	17	2,088	1,750 kl	\$35,496.00
	80	2	5,344	4,000 kl	\$10,688.00
	100	1	8,350	6,250 kl	\$8,350.00
	150	1	18,788	14,000 kl	\$18,788.00
	200	0	30,750		\$0.00
					\$1,020,084.00

Raw Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Raw Water Access Charge	Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2,493	183.50	700 kl	\$457,465.00
	25	46	287	1,400 kl	\$13,202.00
	32	12	470	2,100 kl	\$5,640.00
	40	19	734	2,800 kl	\$13,946.00
	50	17	1,147	4,900 kl	\$19,499.00
	80	3	2,936	11,200 kl	\$8,808.00
	100	1	4,587.50	17,500 kl	\$4,587.50
	150	0	10,322	39,200 kl	\$0.00
	200	0	18,350		\$0.00
					\$523,148.00

Rural 1(c) Raw Water				
Size of Connection		Access Charge	First Step \$0.27	Second Step \$0.82
20mm	276	\$251.00	0-2,000kl	2,001+ kl
Rural Raw Water Only	23	\$251.00	0-2,000kl	2,001+ kl
				\$75,049.00
Industrial Water				
Filtered		Up to 4,000kl	\$1.21	per kl
		Next 4,000kl	\$1.99	per kl
		Next 4,000kl	\$1.89	per kl
		Over 12,000kl	\$1.78	per kl
Total Water Access Charges				\$1,618,281.00

Pensioner Concessions

Water pensioner concessions

\$32,000

Sewerage Charges

Description	Assess	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Sewerage Connected	1,923	915.00	\$1,759,545	\$29,500
Sewerage Unconnected	225	570.00	\$128,250	
Sewerage 1st Pedestal	32	915.00	\$29,280	
Sewerage Pedestal WC	747	128.00	\$95,616	
Sewerage Urinal	61	63.00	\$3,843	
Sewerage Church WC	38	68.00	\$2,584	
Sewerage 2 Flats	8	1,372.50	\$10,980	
Sewerage 3 Flats	3	1,830.00	\$5,490	
Sewerage 4 Flats	4	2,222.25	\$8,889	
Sewerage 5 Flats	4	2,658.00	\$10,632	
Sewerage 6 Flats	3	3,093.75	\$9,281	
Sewerage 7 Flats	3	3,529.50	\$10,589	
Sewerage 9 Flats	0	4,401.00	\$0.00	
Sewerage 10 Flats	1	5,032.50	\$5,033	
Sewerage 12 Flats	1	5,947.50	\$5,948	
Sewerage 14 Flats	0	6,862.50	\$0.00	
			\$2,085,959	\$29,500

DOMESTIC WASTE

Domestic Waste collection charges will increase by 5.20% per annum in order to keep up with the increased cost of collection.

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

Garbage Charges				
Description	Access	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Domestic Waste - Urban	2,326	274	\$637,324	\$26,000
Domestic Waste - Rural	1035	334	\$345,690	\$6,000
			\$983,014	\$32,000

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



Statement of the types of fees to be charged by Council and the amounts of each such fee:

Section 612 of the *Local Government Act 1993* prohibits Council from determining a fee until it has given public notice of its draft delivery and operational plans for the year in which the fee is to be made and has considered any submissions received. Council will adopt the 2024/2025 fees and charges schedule on 26 June 2024, after consideration of all written submissions by residents and ratepayers.

Refer to attached document for the fees and charges schedule.

Statement of Council's Pricing Policy with respect to the goods and services provided by it

Reference is made to Council's Pricing Policy in its Annual Fees and Charges 2024/2025. The Pricing Policy is related to the degree of cost recovery, having regard to the following factors:

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

Council's broad policies on revenue are:

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

The pricing policy referred to in the Annual Fees and Charges for 2024/2025 is based on a selection of one of the following choices:

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

Statement of the amounts or rates proposed to be charged for the carrying out by Council of work on private land

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

Examples of private works are:

- Paving and road making;
- Kerbing and guttering;
- Fencing and ditching;
- Tree planting and maintenance;
- Demolition and excavation;
- Land clearing and tree felling;
- Water, sewerage and drainage connections; and
- Traffic Management Services.

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

Statement of proposed borrowings

The Wentworth Shire Council is proposing to utilise up to \$13,700,000 in 2024/2025 to help fund capital requirements for the redevelopment of the:

- Buronga Landfill Expansion - \$12,000,000 (as approved by Council at the March 2024 Council meeting)
- Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades - \$1,700,000 (previously approved by Council)

This is a combination of \$12,000,000 of new loans and \$1,700,000 of previously drawn down funds.

3. Annual Fees & Charges

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Planning and Development Applications

Development and Construction

Construction Certificates	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Class 1a Buildings (Dwellings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$504.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$617.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,230.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,961.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,344 plus \$2.07 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)		
Up to \$5,000	\$504.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$572.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$852.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,209.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$1,541 plus \$1.97 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Class 2 - 9 Buildings (Commercial, Industrial & Public Buildings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$617.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$1,230.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,962.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,463.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,989 plus \$2.21 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%

The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.35% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at:
longservice.my.site.com/bci/s/levy-calculator



Complying Development Certificates	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Class 1a Buildings (Dwellings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$504.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$617.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,230.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,962.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,344 plus \$2.07 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)		
Up to \$5,000	\$504.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$572.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$852.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,209.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$1,541 plus \$1.97 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Class 2 - 9 Buildings (Commercial, Industrial & Public Buildings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$617.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$1,230.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,962.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,463.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,989 plus \$2.21 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%

Civil Works	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Plan Checking Fee		
2 - 3 Lots	\$141.00	10%
4 - 20 Lots	\$421.00	10%
21 - 49 Lots	\$702.00	10%
50 Plus Lots	\$983.00	10%
Subdivision Construction Certificate	\$924 or 1.5% of total project cost whichever is greater	10%
Tapping Fee – to be determined on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%
Street Trees Contribution – per tree	\$100.00	
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%
Headworks Charges (Servicing Plans 1 & 2)		
Filtered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,759.00	0%
Filtered water fee (per Lot) – Trentham	\$5,250.00	0%
Unfiltered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,905.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot)	\$9,195.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot) – Trentham	\$5,250.00	0%
Stormwater Fee	\$0.94 per sqm of original area to be subdivided	0%

The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.35% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at:
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Sundry Building Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Certificate and progress reports on buildings under construction	\$197.00	10%
Minor amendments to Construction Certificates / Complying Development Certificates	\$197.00	0%
Amendment > 50% of plan – Construction / Complying Development Certificates	50% of fee for new application	0%
Re-inspection for a critical stage building inspection	\$116.00	10%
Subscriber fee for provision of ABS data – full year	\$251.00	0%
Search and copy of records (per search)	\$111.00	0%
Private Certifier lodgement fee (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$39.00	0%
Submitting application for construction certificate, subdivision works certificate, occupation certificate, subdivision certificate, building information certificate or modification of development consent on the NSW planning portal. (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$43.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 where work involves no additional floor space (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$288.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works not exceeding 200m ² (cl 260 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$288.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works between 200m ² -2000m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$288 + \$0.50 per m ² over 200m ²	10%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works exceed 2000m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$1,000 + \$0.50 per m ² over 2000m ²	0%
Inspection Fee where more than one inspection is required prior to issuing a Building Information Certificate (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$115.00	0%
Building Information Certificate where a DA, CDC or CC was required for the erection of the building (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$288.00 + the maximum fee payable if the application was an application for Development Consent & Construction Certificate or Complying Development Certificate	0%
Infrastructure Protection Permit Fee (includes inspections)	\$232.00	0%
Infrastructure Bond (Refundable) – This bond applies to all construction works \$25,000 and above.	\$3,000.00	

Development and Construction

Swimming Pool Fence Inspection Fee	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Audit inspection initiated by Council – 1st Inspection	\$0.00	0%
Mandatory inspection for a swimming pool (cl 19 Swimming Pool Reg 2018)	\$150.00	0%
Follow up inspection when 1st inspection not compliant (cl 19 Swimming Pool Reg 2018)	\$100.00	10%
Local Government Act Approvals	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Application to install on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS)	\$525.00	0%
Application to alter on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS)	\$525.00	0%
Application to amend existing approval to install an on-site sewerage management system	\$249.00	0%
Install Grey Water System	\$301.00	0%
Amend Grey Water System	\$171.00	0%
Raw Water Sign	\$7.00	10%
Trade Waste Discharge Application Fee	\$742.00	10%
Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$742.00	0%
Amendment to Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$742.00	0%
Application for approval to connect to sewer	\$525.00	0%
Application to alter existing sewer plan	\$525.00	0%
Re-inspection for a mandatory plumbing inspection stage	\$116.00	0%
Section 68 Installation of a Relocatable Home, Moveable Dwelling or Associated Structure		
Up to \$5,000 of Building Value	\$64 + 0.5%	10%
\$5,001 - \$100,000 of Building Value	\$95 + 0.3%	10%
\$100,001 - \$250,000 of Building Value	\$458 + 0.2%	10%
>\$250,001 of Building Value	\$728 + 0.1%	10%
Stormwater Legal Point of Discharge	\$88.00	0%
Caravan Parks – Inspection fee + (per site) 5 year fee	\$315 + \$5 (per site)	0%
Caravan Parks noncompliance re-inspection fee (per hour)	\$212.00	0%
Section 68 Local Government Approvals not otherwise listed – Refer Appendix B	\$282.00	0%

Development Applications	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Schedule 4, Part 2, EP&A Regulation 2021		
Up to \$5,000	\$138.70	0%
From \$5,001 to \$50,000	\$212 plus \$3 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	0%
From \$50,001 to \$250,000	\$441.95 plus \$3.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000	0%
From \$250,001 to \$500,000	\$1,454.58 plus \$2.34 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0%
From \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2,189.38 plus \$1.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0%
From \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$3,280.31 plus \$1.44 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
More than \$10,000,001	\$19,914.67 plus \$1.19 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Development application for development not involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work, the subdivision of land or the demolition of a work or building.	\$357.20.00	0%
Development application for advertising signs where the lodgment fee based on the cost of works is less than \$333.00.	\$357.20 plus \$93.00 for each additional advertisement.	0%

Fees for Application for Modification of Consent Schedule 4 Part 4 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Modification under section 4.55 (1)	\$89.00	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(1A) or & S4.56(1) minimal environmental impact.	50% of original DA fee up to the maximum fee of \$808.81 – whichever is the lesser.	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was less than 1 fee unit.	50% of original fee.	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was 1 fee unit or more if the application did not involve erection of a building, carrying out of work or demolition of work or building.	50% of original fee.	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or 4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for original application was 1 fee unit or more.	\$238.13	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or 4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was for the erection of a dwelling house with an estimated cost of \$100,000 or less.	\$238.13	0%
Where Council is required to give notice under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) of the Act.	\$834.56	0%

Modification for S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact and the original application fee was 1 unit or more and application relates to an original development application.		
Up to \$5,000	\$68.65	0%
\$5,001 to \$250,000	\$106.19 plus \$1.50 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$5,000.	0%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	\$627.52 plus \$0.85 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$250,000.	0%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$893.55 plus \$0.50 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$500,000.	0%
\$1,000,000.1 to \$10,000,000	\$1,181.81.00 plus \$0.40 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000.	0%
More than \$10,000,000	\$5,942.75 plus \$0.27 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000.	0%
Request for LEP Amendment	\$8,280.00	0%
Request for s8.2(1) (C) review of decision to reject an application - Schedule 4 Part 7 EP&A Reg 2021.		
Where the estimated cost of development is less than \$100,000	\$68.65	0%
Where the estimated cost of development is more than \$100,000 but is less than or equal to \$1,000,000	\$187.72	0%
Where the estimated cost of development is more than \$1,000,000	\$313.22	0%
Request for Review of Determination – Schedule 4 Part 7 EP&A Reg 2021		
Review of development application not involve the erection of building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building.	50% of the original lodgment fee	0%
Review of development application involving the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	\$238.13	0%

In the case of any other development application		
Estimated development costs up to \$5,000	\$68.68	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$5,001 - \$250,000	\$107.27, plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$5,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$250,001 - \$500,000	\$627.52, plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$250,000	
Estimated development costs of between \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$893.55, plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$500,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000	\$1,237.89, plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$1,000,000	0%
Estimated development costs in excess of \$10,000,000	\$5,942.75, plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$10,000,000	0%
Where Council is required to give notice under S8.3 of the Act	Up to \$770.70	0%
Subdivisions Schedule 4 Part 2 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Development Application Lodgement without road opening	\$414.06 plus \$53 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Involving opening of a public road	\$833.48 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Strata Subdivision	\$414.06 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Subdivision Certificate Application Fee	\$260.40 plus \$5.25 per lot	10%
Section 10.7 Certificates	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) & (5) - Per Lot	\$167.33	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) - Per Lot	\$66.50	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (5) - Per Lot	\$100.83	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 Urgent Fee	\$158.00	0%
Sewer Diagram	\$24.00	0%
Provision of document map or plan	\$70.00	0%

Notification of Outstanding Orders	\$95.00	10%
Certificate under Section 735A of the Local Government Act 1993	\$95.00	10%
Designated Development Schedule 4 Part 3 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for a designated development.	\$1,154.22	0%
Designated Development Advertising Fee	\$2,784.20	0%
Integrated Development Schedule 4 Part 3 – item 3.1 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for an integrated development (cl 253 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$175.92	0%
Giving notice for nominated integrated development, threatened species development or Class 1 aquaculture development.	Up to \$1,385.92	0%
Note: Applicants are required to pay an additional \$374.00 to each concurrence Authority.		
Any Development Requiring Concurrence not assumed by Council	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Fee to Council as consent authority	\$175.92	0%
Note: Applicants are required to pay an additional \$374.00 to each concurrence Authority.		
Giving Notice of Prohibited Development	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Fee to give notice of Prohibited development	\$1,385.92	0%
Provision of Certified copy of Documents, maps or plans – Schedule 4 Part 9 – item 9.9	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Fee to give notice of Prohibited development	\$66.50	0%
Permissive Occupancy Licence Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Application Fee (new or transfer)	\$245.00	0%
Annual Rent Payable	\$252.00	0%

Regulatory Functions

Public Health Program Inspection Fees

Public Health Program Inspection Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Food Premises Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$67.00	0%
Food premises - administration fee (yearly)	\$221.00	10%
Food premises - fee per inspection	\$176.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice (including one inspection)	\$364.00	0%
Hairdressers and like Premises Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$128.00	0%
Hairdressers and like Premises - administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%
Hairdressers and like Premises - fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice (including one reinspection)	\$512.00	0%
Temporary Event		
Application to Sell Food Fee (single day/event)	\$72.00	0%
Annual approval (covers all events for the year)	\$183.00	0%
Mobile Vendor Permit - Application to Sell Food		
New Application Annual Fee	\$72.00	0%
Renewal Application Annual Fee	\$183.00	0%
Skin Penetration Premises Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$197.00	0%
Skin Penetration Premises – administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%
Skin Penetration Premises – fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Accommodation Premises Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$128.00	0%
Accommodation Premises – administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%

Accommodation Premises – fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Cooling Towers - administration fee (yearly)	\$353.00	10%
Cooling Towers - fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Cooling Towers - per km	\$0.38 per km	0%
Warm Water Systems Inspections – administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%
Warm Water System - fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Warm Water System - per km	\$0.38 per km	0%
Swimming Pool and/or Spa Pool Registration/ Change of Details Fee	\$128.00	0%
Swimming Pool and/or Spa Pool – administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%
Swimming Pool and/or Spa Pool – fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%

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

NSW Food Regulation 2015 Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$67.00	0%
Administration Fee (yearly). Up to and including 5 FTE food handlers	\$431.00	10%
Administration Fee (yearly). More than 5 but not more than 50 FTE food handlers	\$497.00	10%
Administration Fee (yearly). More than 50 FTE food handlers	\$662.00	10%
Fee per Inspection per hour	\$330.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice	\$382.00	0%

Companion Animal Fees

Other Regulatory Function Charges	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Micro-chipping Service	\$68.00	10%
Surrender Fees	\$116.00	0%
Release Fee - Cats	\$116.00	0%
Release Fee - Dogs	\$116.00	0%
Release Fee - Livestock (per animal)	\$116.00	0%
Livestock Sustenance - per day	\$20.00	10%
Trap Hire - Refundable Deposit	\$30.00	0%
Impounded Vehicles	\$596.00	10%
Animal Services Officer - After hours attendance (in addition to any fines imposed)	\$320.00	10%

Lifetime Registration Fees (as per Companion Animals Regulation 2021)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Dog		
Desexed (by relevant age)	\$69.00	0%
Desexed (by relevant age - eligible pensioner)	\$29.00	0%
Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	Free	0%
Not-Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)	\$234.00	0%
Not Desexed (not recommended)	\$69.00	0%
Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$69.00	0%
Working	Free	0%
Service of the State	Free	0%
Assistant Animal	Free	0%
Cat		
Desexed or Not Desexed	\$59.00	0%
Desexed (eligible pensioner)	\$29.00	0%
Desexed (sold by pound/shelter)	Free	0%
Not Desexed (not recommended)	\$59.00	0%
Not Desexed (recognised breeder)	\$59.00	0%
Registration late fee	\$19.00	0%

Annual Permits	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Cats under 4 months not desexed	\$85.00	0%
Restricted Breed and Dangerous Dogs	\$206.00	0%
Permit late fee	\$19.00	0%

Note 1: The lifetime registration fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the office of Local Government. The fees shown reflect amendments effective from 1 July 2023.

Note 2: The Annual Permit fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the Office of Local Government and are payable in addition to the one-off lifetime registration fee. The fees shown reflect amendments effective 1 July 2023.

Waste Management Charges

Landfill Charges	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
1 Bag of Rubbish	\$8.00	10%
Station wagon / car boot	\$19.00	10%
240 ltr MGB	\$19.00	10%
Domestic (Home) Waste		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$24.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$44.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$65.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$48.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$74.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$101.00	10%
Commercial/Industrial (Work) Waste		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$38.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$66.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$96.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$72.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$111.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$152.00	10%
Green Waste (Domestic)		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$6.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$9.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$14.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$9.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$14.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$18.00	10%
Green Waste (Commercial/Industrial)		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$14.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$20.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$14.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$20.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$26.00	10%

Commercial Green Waste > 2m ³ (per tonne)	\$150.00	10%
Commercial, Industrial, Construction & Demolition Waste > 2m ³ - (per tonne)	\$170.00	10%
Concrete (per tonne) - excluding concrete pipes	\$132.00	10%
Asbestos (per tonne)	\$248.00	10%
Problematic Waste – (per tonne)	\$231.00	10%
Clean Fill – (per tonne)	\$11.00	10%
Contaminated Fill – (per tonne)	\$170.00	10%
Disposal of car bodies	NIL	0%
Car and Motorbike Tyres	\$11.00	10%
Small Truck Tyres	\$26.00	10%
Large Truck Tyres	\$48.00	10%
Super Single Tyres	\$48.00	10%
Tractor Tyres	\$194.00	10%
Large Earthmoving Tyres	\$236.00	10%
Waste Oil (petroleum oils only) (Buronga & Wentworth only)	NIL	0%
Scrap Metal - clean fill	NIL	0%
Chemical Drums (clean and dry)	NIL	0%
Recycling (paper, cans, plastic bottles, glass)	NIL	0%
Cardboard, batteries, gas cylinders	NIL	0%
Mattress - Single	\$22.00	10%
Mattress - Double or bigger	\$42.00	10%
Unspecified Waste – (per tonne)	\$231.00	10%
Weighbridge Certification Fee – per vehicle	\$22.00	10%
Commercial Recycling (cardboard & Comingle)	\$16 per cubic meter	10%
Contractor Discount – Application approval to be determined on a case by case basis on application to Council	Increased in line with the increase to the per tonne gate rate.	10%

Trade Waste Charges

Trade Waste Fees and Usage Charges	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Annual Trade Waste Fee		
Category 1 Discharger	\$145.00	10%
Category 2 Discharger	\$288.00	10%
Large Discharger	\$968.00	10%
Industrial Discharger	\$288.00	10%
Re-inspection Fee	\$135.00	10%
Trade Waste Usage Charges per kL		
Category 1 Discharge with appropriate equipment (note 1)	\$0.00	10%
Category 1 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$7.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge with appropriate equipment (note 1)	\$270.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$25.00	10%
Food Waste Disposal	\$46.00	10%
Non-compliance pH charge		
Value of coefficient K in equation 3 of Liquid Trade Waste Policy	\$6.00	10%

Excess Mass Charges Substance price per kg	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Aluminium	\$6.00	10%
Ammonia (as N)	\$7.00	10%
Arsenic	\$122.00	10%
Barium	\$60.00	10%
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	\$122.00	10%
Boron	\$122.00	10%
Bromide	\$25.00	10%
Cadmium	\$561.00	10%
Chloride	\$6.00	10%
Chlorinated hydrocarbons	\$60.00	10%
Chlorinated phenolics	\$2,428.00	10%
Chlorine	\$7.00	10%
Chromium	\$40.00	10%
Cobalt	\$25.00	10%
Copper	\$25.00	10%
Cyanide	\$122.00	10%
Fluoride	\$9.00	10%
Formaldehyde	\$7.00	10%
Oil and Grease (Total O&G)	\$6.00	10%
Herbicides/defoliants	\$1,214.00	10%
Iron	\$7.00	10%
Lead	\$60.00	10%
Lithium	\$15.00	10%
Manganese	\$15.00	10%
Mercaptans	\$122.00	10%
Mercury		10%
Methylene blue active substances (MBAS)	\$4,047.00	10%
Molybdenum	\$122.00	10%
Nickel	\$40.00	10%

Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen - Ammonia) as N	\$29.00	10%
Organoarsenic compounds	\$1,214.00	10%
Pesticides general (excludes organochlorines and organophosphates)	\$1,214.00	10%
Petroleum hydrocarbons (non-flammable)	\$8.00	10%
Phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated)	\$16.00	10%
Phosphorous (Total PP)	\$7.00	10%
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons	\$25.00	10%
Selenium	\$86.00	10%
Silver	\$6.00	10%
Sulphate (SO ₄)	\$6.00	10%
Sulphide	\$7.00	10%
Sulphite	\$7.00	10%
Suspended Solids (SS)	\$6.00	10%
Thiosulphate	\$6.00	10%
Tin	\$15.00	10%
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	\$5.00	10%
Uranium	\$15.00	10%
Zinc	\$25.00	10%

Charges for tankered waste Fees in \$/kL (note 1)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Chemical Toilet	\$26.00	0%
Septic Tank Waste		
Effluent	\$7.00	0%
Septage	\$34.00	0%
Charges for use of Riverboat Pump-Out Stations (per each dump)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Disposal of effluent from riverboats	\$34.00	10%
Use of key to access pump out facility (refundable deposit)	\$30.00	0%
Note: Only applies to liquid trade waste dischargers with appropriately and/or maintained pre-treatment facilities.		

Finance and Customer Service Fees

GIPA Requests	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Government Information Public Access Request (GIPA)			
Application Fee (as per the Act)		\$30.00	0%
Processing Charges (1st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter) as per the Act		\$30.00	0%
Retrieval and copying of previous years Council Minutes (charge is per meeting)		\$44.00	0%
Sundry Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Photocopying A4		\$0.25	10%
Photocopying A3		\$0.50	10%
Colour Photocopying A4		\$1.00	10%
Colour Photocopying A3		\$2.00	10%
Grants – Preparation of funding applications on behalf of others	per hour	\$123.00	10%
Grants – Auspice of grant funds on behalf of others (this covers preparation of reports for funding body & audit certificate)		\$1,796 plus 1% of funding amount	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A2		\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A1		\$12.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A0		\$16.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A2		\$4.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A1		\$7.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A0		\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A2		\$12.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A1		\$20.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A0		\$23.00	10%
Laminating A4		\$5.00	10%
Laminating A3		\$9.00	10%
Scanning - small black & white logos etc.		\$7.00	10%
Scanning - colour photos (standard size)		\$9.00	10%

Licenses and Permits	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Tent Erection Fees - outside licensed Caravan Parks		\$137.00	0%
Tent Erection / Clearing		\$786.00	0%
Deposits - Tents for Circus, travelling shows and other commercial enterprises		\$600.00	0%
Valuer General's Insertion into Rates Notices	per hour	\$86.00	0%
Misc. Rates Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
603 Certificate		\$95.00	0%
603 Certificate Urgent Request		\$155.00	0%
Special Meter Reading - 603 Certificate		\$86.00	0%
Meter Check - Fault Report		\$146.00	0%
Copy of Rates Notice (per request)		\$10.00	0%
General Administration Fee		\$25.00	0%
Extraction from Valuation Book		\$26.00	0%
Rural Addressing - Provision of new address plate or replacement plate		\$54.00	10%
Account review administration fee		\$163.00	10%
Dishonour Fee (Bpay, Bill Pay & Direct Debit)		\$29.00	10%
Interest on overdue rates		9.00%	0%
Note: These fees are GST exempt if associated with the provision of regulatory information			

Library Fees

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

Roads and Engineering Support

Service	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Road Opening Permits		
Permit	\$188.00	0%
Refundable deposits (note 1):		
Road opening fee	\$525.00	0%
For works in a constructed nature strip with concrete footpath	\$370.00	0%
For works in an unpaved constructed nature strip	\$210.00	0%
New works which may affect Council assets such as footpaths, sewer, drainage & water supply	\$1,420.00	0%
Traffic Management Plans		
Plan Preparation Fee	\$188.00	10%
Plan Assessment Fee	\$171.00	0%
Hire Fee per day - Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$36.00	10%
Refundable Deposit (note 2)		
Hire of Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$210.00	0%
Bins		
Bin Hire (per bin, per day - includes 1 emptying/cleaning)	\$27.00	10%
Each additional empty/clean (per bin)	\$27.00	10%
Replacement of Mobile Garbage Bin	\$125.00	10%
Misc. services		
Hire of barbeque - per day	\$225.00	10%
Access permits - Heavy Vehicle National Law	\$116.00	10%

Weeds Inspections

Inspections within the built-up horticultural areas (i.e. Wentworth to Monak)	\$212.00	10%
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Inspections in rural areas (travel is calculated to and from the property)	\$212 plus \$55/hr after the first 2 hours + .85c per km	10%
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Grid Replacement (refer to Fencing and Grid Policy)
added 18/03/2020

Co-contribution towards fencing when removal of a grid has been agreed to in writing.	Up to \$2,500 per km of fencing for a maximum amount of 5km per grid.	10%
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Notes:

1. On completion of the job, the deposit will be refunded, less the restoration charges and any additional costs which may be required to restore the trench.
2. The restoration charge covers sealing and relaying of concrete surfaces and the top surface for gravel and earth. Any additional works are an extra charge. If the costs are greater than the deposit, a charge will be made.

Hire of Plant Items

Plant Item (refer notes) (Price per hour unless otherwise stated)			Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
CAT 12M	533 & 534	per hour	\$396.00	10%
Tractors and Implements	34, 39 & 51	per hour	\$277.00	10%
CAT Backhoe	30	per hour	\$247.00	10%
CAT 910F FEL	31	per hour	\$253.00	10%
John Deere Tractor & Implements	41	per hour	\$316.00	10%
CAT D6 Dozer	36	per hour	\$396.00	10%
JCB Loadalls	44	per hour	\$286.00	10%
CAT 938F FEL	47	per hour	\$258.00	10%
Low Loader	75	per hour	\$396.00	10%
Bitelli MT Rollers	56 & 57	per hour	\$277.00	10%
CAT 613B scraper	55	per hour	\$316.00	10%
Bomag Vib Roller	58	per hour	\$247.00	10%
Mobile Street Sweeper	65	per hour	\$247.00	10%
Bobcat & Attachments	62	per hour	\$416.00	10%
CAT mini excavator	67	per hour	\$416.00	10%
Water Carts	513, 519 & 523	per hour	\$228.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	483 & 520	per hour	\$307.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	531 & 771	per hour	\$307.00	10%
Tip Truck	536	per hour	\$247.00	10%

Notes:

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

Cemeteries

Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Coomealla - Lawn Section	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Basic Burial (includes purchase of burial plot, plus 1st interment)	\$3,061.00	0%
2nd interment	\$1,778.00	10%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$1,105.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in a burial plot	\$492.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$310.00	10%

Monumental (Denominational) Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Cal Lal	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Basic Burial (includes purchase of burial plot, plus 1st interment)	\$3,259.00	0%
2nd interment	\$2,165.00	10%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$1,105.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal/replacement of monument for excavation (works to be undertaken by a Monumental Mason)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in plot	\$492.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$310.00	10%
Cal Lal Cemetery – all purchases and interments quoted on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%

Niche Wall - Coomealla Memorial Gardens	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Purchase Plot in Niche Wall - includes purchase of standard size black stone tile (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per plot)	\$801.00	10%
Placement of ashes in Niche Wall & fixing of stone tile (per set of ashes).		
NB Engraving of stone tile is not included. Must be a black tile – Halls Memorial to engrave.	\$536.00	10%
Re-open of existing Niche	\$492.00	10%
Location and consent to place Monument or Headstone	\$189.00	10%
Amendment to Headstone	\$49.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Ground Plots (placement of plaques or memorial items)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Coomealla, Wentworth and Gol Gol – Basic Ashes Interment (includes ground ashes plot plus, placement of ashes)	\$1,085.00	10%
Placement of ashes in ground plots	\$492.00	10%
Re-open of existing Ground Plot	\$492.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Ashes Columbarium	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Gol Gol and Wentworth (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per columbarium)	\$801.00	10%
Placement of ashes in Columbarium (per set of ashes)	\$536.00	10%
NB: engraving of stone tile is not included – contact Davis Monumental		
Re-open of existing ashes columbarium compartment	\$492.00	10%

Plot Selection	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
On-site attendance by WSC Officer to assist in plot selection	\$97.00	10%
Cemetery Administration Fee	\$97.00	10%
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat	Actual Cost	10%
Additional Notes (all cemeteries and memorials)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat and supply of plaque for engraving by purchaser. NB There is the option to halve the cost by installing two memorial plaques on one seat.		
Additional fee – internments conducted on weekends and public holidays (only available between 9.00am and 1.00pm)	\$486.00	10%
Placement of black granite remembrance plaque – (150 x 150mm) – Sextons Hut Wentworth Cemetery (includes inscription & installation)	\$583.00	10%
As from 01 July 2019 internments are charged at the applicable rate at the time of interment and are not able to be pre-paid. All pre-paid internments prior to this date will be honored.		

Recreational Facilities

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

Pooncarie Hall, Curlwaa Hall, Anabranah Hall, Pomona Hall, Wentworth Memorial Room, Dareton Senior Citizens Room, Community Meeting Room, Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion

Hire Type - Building only with access to any amenities	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) 4 hours or less (note 1)	\$56.00	10%
Community (not for profit) more than 4 hours (note 1)	\$123.00	10%
Bond Community Group (note 2)	\$100.00	0%
Per day fee for use of Anabranah Hall amenities in relation to camping on the Anabranah. Please note a bond of \$500 will apply. Does not include use of the Hall	\$56.00	10%
Business or Private Function use - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$142.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$284.00	10%
Bond Business or Private Function	\$500.00	0%
Commercial Function per 24 hour period (note 3) - Includes any event where there will be an entrance fee charged or any Trade Show, Fair, Field Day or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$284.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$469.00	10%
Bond Commercial Function (GST Free)	\$500.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Additional Charges (all hirings)		
Cleaning & Rubbish removal – NB: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%
Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service Organisations from within WSC		
Registered Schools (including pre-schools, kindergartens and School P&C if they are raising money for registered school) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room).		
Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.		

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

Carramar Drive Sporting Complex, George Gordon Sporting Complex, Pooncarie Multi-Purpose, Golf Course & Public Reserve, McLeod Oval, Junction Park, Strother Park, Wentworth Rowing Club & Wharf Lawns, Fotherby Park, Sturt Park, James King Park, Perry Sandhills, Tapio Park, Buronga Wetlands, Coomealla Pioneer & Lions Parks, Dareton Boat Ramp Rotunda & Town Square, O'Donnell Park, Pooncarie Sporting Complex, Two Rivers Ski Recreation Reserve

Hire Type - Park, Oval and Reserve with access to any amenities	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) Half Day Hire – hire cost is for each designated area per 0-4 hour period.	\$56.00	10%
Community (not for profit) Day Hire more than 4 hours – hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.	\$123.00	10%
Bond - Community Group.	\$100.00	0%
Multi area discount	25%	10%
Business or Private Function per 24 hour period NB - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less – hire cost is for each designated area per 0-4 hour period	\$142.00	10%
Day Hire more than 4 hours – hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.	\$284.00	10%
Bond – Business or Private Hire.	\$500.00	0%
Bond - Small civil ceremonies, no items to be erected and no catering.	\$100.00	0%
Multi-area discount	25%	10%
Commercial Events, Circus or other performances NB - Includes any event for which there will be an entrance fee or ticket sold, or any Trade Shows, Fairs, Field Days or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less – hire cost is for each designated area 0-4 hour period	\$236.00	10%
Day Hire more than 4 hours – hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period	\$469.00	10%
Bond Commercial Events, Circus or Other Performance	\$1,000.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Multi-area discount	25%	10%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) NB - The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%

Hire Type – Primitive Camping on any reserve (per 24 hour period) NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site		
	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Unpowered Site – per person x 2 people	\$28.00	10%
Extra Child	\$7.00	10%
Extra Adult	\$12.00	10%
Family	\$116.00	10%
Powered Site – per person x 2 people	\$40.00	10%
Extra Child	\$7.00	10%
Extra Adult	\$12.00	10%
Family	\$130.00	10%

**Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service
Organisations from within WSC**

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

For Community/Private Use the above charge will only apply in the following instances:

- There are expected to be more than 50 people to attend.
- The use of the facility includes the use of inflatable/amusement devices etc.
- The use of the facility requires the use of onsite power or the supply of bins.
- The use of the facility requires road closures.

Cancellation or no show

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

N.B: No Primitive camping fees will be charge where a licensed User of the Reserve is holding an event.

Wentworth Showgrounds Hire

The following areas are available for hire:

- Horse Yards & Stalls
- Festival Parade
- Arena
- Dog Show Parkland

Camping is not permitted at the showgrounds unless it is in conjunction with an event.

Hire Type – Casual Hire of Showgrounds	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Hire of Designated Areas and amenities. Hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.		\$188.00	10%
Bond		\$500.00	0%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) Note: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.		Cost	10%
Camping (per 24 hour period) NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Unpowered Site		\$28.00	10%
Extra Child		\$7.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$12.00	10%
Powered Site		\$40.00	10%
Extra Child		\$7.00	10%
Extra Site		\$13.00	10%
A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:			
Cancellation or no show			
• Greater than 90 days prior to event		Full refund less deposit paid	
• Less than 90 days prior to event		50% refund	
• Less than 1 week prior or no show		Full forfeiture	
• Bond		Fully refundable	

Reserve Annual Use Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Reserve Lease Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Lease) Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.		\$284.00	10%
Reserve Licence Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Licence) Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.		\$284.00	10%
Annual Licence to occupy the reserve		\$284.00	10%
Local Markets – Stallholders and Food Vendors	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Stallholders – Public Liability Provided by Stallholder			
Single Site	Per Site	\$16.00	10%
Double Site	Per Site	\$21.00	10%
Stallholders – Public Liability Provided by Council			
Single Site	Per Site	\$21.00	10%
Double Site	Per Site	\$26.00	10%
Food Vendors			
Refundable Deposit	Per Event	\$100.00	0%
Sundry Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Event Management Fee - for groups without public liability insurance	Per hire	\$56.00	10%
Power - access and any use within 24 hour period from time of access	Per day per unit accessed	\$36.00	10%
Key Replacement - lost key or not returned	Per key	\$36.00	10%
Event Advertising - relates to any road closure, fireworks display, or other event with the potential to cause disruption to traffic, noise or other public disturbance	Per event	\$284.00	10%
Hire of Pooncarie Depot Quarters	Per person, per night	\$86.00	10%

Swimming Pools	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Admission Charges			
Children		\$5.00	10%
Adults		\$6.00	10%
Non-swimming adults		\$5.00	10%
Swimming Carnivals			
Admission charges for swimming carnivals and out of session groups are by arrangement between Belgravia Leisure and group representatives			
Season Tickets			
Family		\$124.00	10%
Adults		\$83.00	10%
Children		\$62.00	10%
Aerodrome	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Airport Landing Charge (ALC)	Per tonne	\$18.00	10%
Aircraft Parking Charge (APC) – short term	Per day or part day	\$13.00	10%
Aircraft Parking Charge (APC) – long term	Per month	\$255.00	10%
Aircraft Parking Charge (APC) – Non Lease/Apron/Tie Down Areas	Per day or part day	\$6.00	10%
Training Aerodrome Circuits (TAC) – Day Rate	Per hour	\$42.00	10%
Training Aerodrome Circuits (TAC) – Night Rate	Per hour	\$63.00	10%
Airside Supervision Charge (ASC) – Business Hours	Per ARO	\$128.00	10%
Airside Supervision Charge (ASC) – After Hours	Per ARO	\$185.00	10%
Airside Environmental Charge (AEC) – Minimum Charge		\$257.00	10%
Aircraft Hanger Charge (AHC) – New	Per year	On application	10%
Aircraft Hanger Charge (AHC) – Kevin J Thomas Hanger	Per year	\$1,691.00	10%
Call Out Fee (COF) – minimum 2 hour charge	Per hour	\$128.00	10%
Vehicle Parking Charge (VPC)	Per day or part day	\$3.00	10%

Midway Community Centre

Midway Centre Hire Fees	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Midway Function Centre & meeting rooms			
Stadium (includes stage area)	per hour	\$153.00	10%
Function Room and shared foyer	per hour	\$128.00	10%
Service kitchen (includes crockery, cutlery & glassware for 250 persons)	per use	\$192.00	10%
Meeting Room 1 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$50.00	10%
Meeting Room 2 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$50.00	10%
Foyer / Gallery Space (as a stand-alone space)	per hour	\$40.00	10%
Midway Serviced Offices			
Health Services Room with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$50.00	10%
Office 1 or 2 with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$40.00	10%
Service Centre Facilities			
(NB these facilities are only available during centre opening hours)			
Service Centre Officer 1 or 2	per hour	\$48.00	10%
Craft Room	per hour	\$48.00	10%
Bond and cleaning charges	On room hire	25%	
Bond - groups of 30 people or more	no discount	\$750.00	0%
Bond - Not for Profit Groups/groups of less than 30 people	no discount	\$200.00	0%
One-off Cleaning Charge (if required). Minimum charge \$200.00 deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	per clean	Min. \$200.00	10%

Midway Centre – Hire Packages & discounts	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Daily Rate - Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$4,787.00	10%
Daily Rate – Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$3,563.00	10%
Daily Rate – Stadium	24 hours	\$1,838.00	10%
Daily Rate - Function Room, Service kitchen and shared foyer/gallery space	24 hours	\$1,723.00	10%
Multi-day Discount – Hire package for 2 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2024 to be held before 30 June 2025.	discount applied to daily rate	15%	10%
Multi-day Discount – Hire package for 3 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2024 to be held before 30 June 2025.	discount applied to daily rate	20%	10%
Not for Profit Groups (Refer definitions) – 75% Discount for Not for Profit Community Groups based in WSC. 50% Discount for all other Not for Profit Groups. NB cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts.	maximum discount	75%	10%
Regular User Discount (12 month user agreement as negotiated by Council)	from standard hourly rate	75%	10%
Equipment & labour hire	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Teleconference equipment	Each use	\$45.00	10%
Portable data projector & stand	Each use	\$25.00	10%
Whiteboard & whiteboard markers	Each use	\$15.00	10%
Urn (20 litre capacity)	Each Use	\$15.00	10%
Labour hire (assistance with set up and pull down) – if required	per person/ per hour	\$40.00	10%
Event facilitation and coordination (if required)	per hour	\$192.00	10%
On-site IT support (if required)	per hour	\$192.00	10%

Midway Centre Hire Fees - Additional Notes

Midway Centre Stadium

- Stadium court with permanent line marking for basketball and netball
- Stage area, with maximum seating capacity of 700
- Full sound system

Function Room

- Carpet floor
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Tables & Chairs included in hire charge
- Maximum seating capacity of 250

Function Room Kitchen

- Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 250 people

Meeting Rooms

- Carpet Floor
- Tables & Chairs included in hire charge
- Maximum seating capacity (each room) 40

Kitchenette (shared)

- Service or bar kitchen
- Limited quantity of crockery & cutlery

Offices

- Office with desk/ meeting table and 4 chairs
- Access to shared kitchen facilities

Not for profit discount

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

Regular User discount

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

Additional cleaning charge

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

Bookings and cancellations

- A 20% non-refundable deposit must accompany all bookings, including bookings for community groups who are making application through Council for fee reductions or waivers.
- Unless otherwise agreed, an invoice will be raised and must be paid in full within 30 days. Any fee waiver or reduction granted by Council after payment of the invoice will be refunded to the hirer.
- Payment of the bond must be made before access permissions are issued for the facility.

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

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

Wentworth Civic Centre Function Room

Function Room Hire Fees	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Function Room (business & commercial use)	per half day	\$1,100.00	10%
	per day	\$2,200.00	10%
Bond and cleaning charges	On hire	25%	
Bond	no discount	\$750.00	0%
One-off Cleaning Charge (if required). Minimum charge \$200.00 deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	per clean	Min. \$200.00	10%
Visitor Centre – Hire Packages & discounts For events booked before 30 June 2024 to be held before 30 June 2025.	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Multi-day Discount: Hire package for 2 full consecutive days.	discount	15%	10%
Multi-day Discount: Hire package for 3 full consecutive days.	applied to daily rate	20%	10%
Equipment & labour hire	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Labour hire (assistance with set up and pull down) – if required	per person/ per hour	\$40.00	10%
Event facilitation and coordination (if required)	per hour	\$192.00	10%
On-site IT support (if required)	per hour	\$192.00	10%

Wentworth Visitor Centre Auditorium Hire Fees - Additional Notes

Auditorium

- Large area overlooking the Darling River
- Carpet floor
- Full sound system / Audio Visual Equipment
- Tables & Chairs included in hire charge
- Maximum seating capacity of XXX (150/180)

- Unless otherwise agreed, an invoice will be raised and must be paid in full within 30 days. Any fee waiver or reduction granted by Council after payment of the invoice will be refunded to the hirer.
- Payment of the bond must be made before access permissions are issued for the facility.

Auditorium Service Kitchen

- Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for XXX (150/180) people

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Additional cleaning charge

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

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

Bookings and cancellations

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

Water & Waste Water

Filtered and unfiltered water supply	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Tapping Fees		
20mm	\$530.00	0%
25mm	\$663.00	0%
32mm	\$848.00	0%
40mm	\$1,019.00	0%
50mm	\$1,274.00	0%
80mm	\$2,038.00	0%
100mm	\$2,547.00	0%
150mm	\$3,821.00	0%
Meter Charges		
20 mm - filtered	\$354.00	0%
20 mm - unfiltered	\$378.00	0%
25 mm - filtered	\$442.00	0%
25mm - unfiltered	\$473.00	0%
32 mm - filtered	\$566.00	0%
32 mm - unfiltered	\$605.00	0%
40 mm - filtered	\$678.00	0%
40 mm - unfiltered	\$726.00	0%
50 mm - filtered	\$848.00	0%
50 mm - unfiltered	\$907.00	0%
80 mm - filtered	\$1,358.00	0%
80 mm - unfiltered	\$1,451.00	0%
100 mm - filtered	\$1,697.00	0%
100 mm - unfiltered	\$1,814.00	0%
150 mm - filtered	\$2,545.00	0%
150 mm - unfiltered	\$2,722.00	0%

Misc. Water and Sewer Charges	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Standpipe fee	\$3,571.00	0%
Flow control valve - for unfiltered water to subdivisions - East of Gol Gol creek and at Wentworth Aerodrome	\$70.00	0%
Cut in new sewer junction (supervision fee only - applicant to supply all fittings)	\$223.00	0%

- Notes:
- Meter Charge is from the meter to inside of building/property
 - Meter Charge includes inspection fee
 - Unfiltered water includes “Y” strainer

Appendix A - Bodies Granted Exemptions

The following list represents the known value of pre-approved Financial Assistance that have been granted to Organisations for the 2024/2025 financial year

Organisation	Purpose	Qty	\$ Waived
Australian Inland Botanic Gardens	Contribution to operational costs	1	\$53,940.00
Buronga Go Gol Senior Citizens Club	Contribution towards photocopying done at the Buronga Library	1	\$195.00
Buronga Gol Gol Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Midway Meeting Rooms, Kitchen and Foyer @ 3 hours per week	N/a	\$4,992.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms (bond waived)	N/a	\$12,318.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$702.00	1	\$702.00
Dareton Community Creative Centre Inc.	Waiver of hire costs for the use of the Dareton Activity Centre	1	\$4,887.00
Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club	Use of James King Park for annual Easter fundraising activities	1	\$469.00
Gol Gol Primary School	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual country fair	10	\$280.00
Koori Kids	Donation	1	\$250.00
Murray House Aged Care	Subsidy against annual water rates	1	\$5,000.00
Rotary Wentworth Op Shop	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$13,229.00
St John's Anglican Ladies Guild	2 Annual Hire Fees for War Memorial Rooms	2	\$106.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of Wentworth Wharf Lawns (bond waived) for annual ANZAC day lunch	1	\$123.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual ANZAC day lunch	4	\$112.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$8,894.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary	Annual licence fee for meetings held in Memorial Rooms	1	\$284.00
Wentworth Rotary Club	Hire of Rubbish Bins for Christmas Eve Street Party	8	\$216.00

Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Wentworth Memorial Rooms (bond waived) 12 uses (@ \$117 per day and 24 uses @ \$53 (1/2 day)	N/a	\$2,820.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$1,124	1	\$1,124.00
Wentworth Shire Interagency Group	Hire of Dareton Senior Citizen's Room	12	\$378.00
Total amount of funds granted from Donations, Contributions and Grants Program			\$110,337.00

Notes:

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

(2) Public Schools operating within the Wentworth Shire end of year presentation day, up to a maximum of \$300.00 per school

Appendix B – Section 68 Local Government Act Approvals Not Otherwise Listed Health & Planning Division

Public Roads

1. Swing or hoist goods across or over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle projecting over the footway.
2. Expose or allow to be exposed (whether for sale or otherwise) any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the road or outside a shop window or doorway abutting the road, or hang an article beneath an awning over the road.

Other Activities

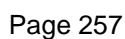
1. Operate a public car park.
2. Operate a manufactured home estate.
3. Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance.
4. Install or operate amusement devices.
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6. Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations.

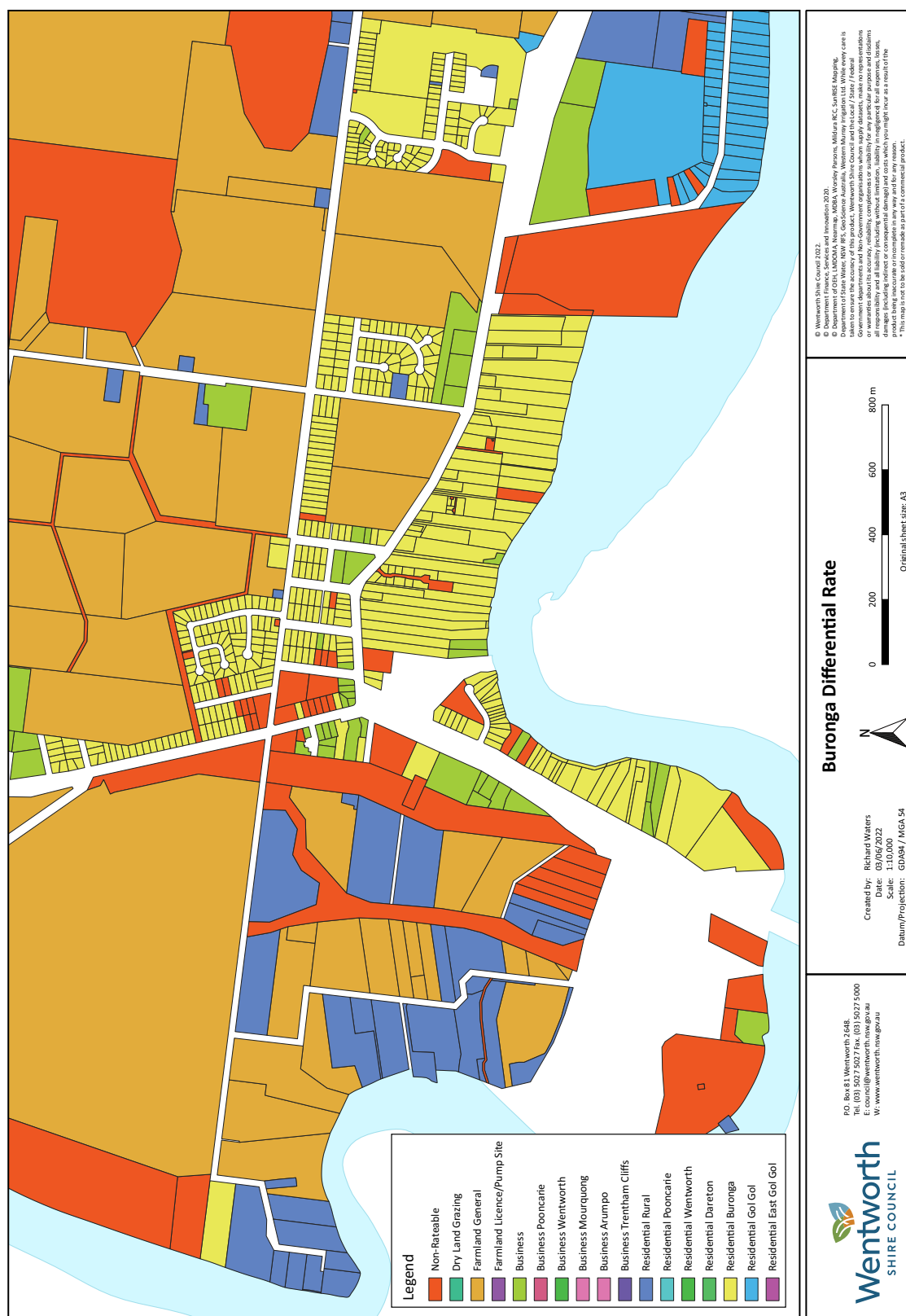
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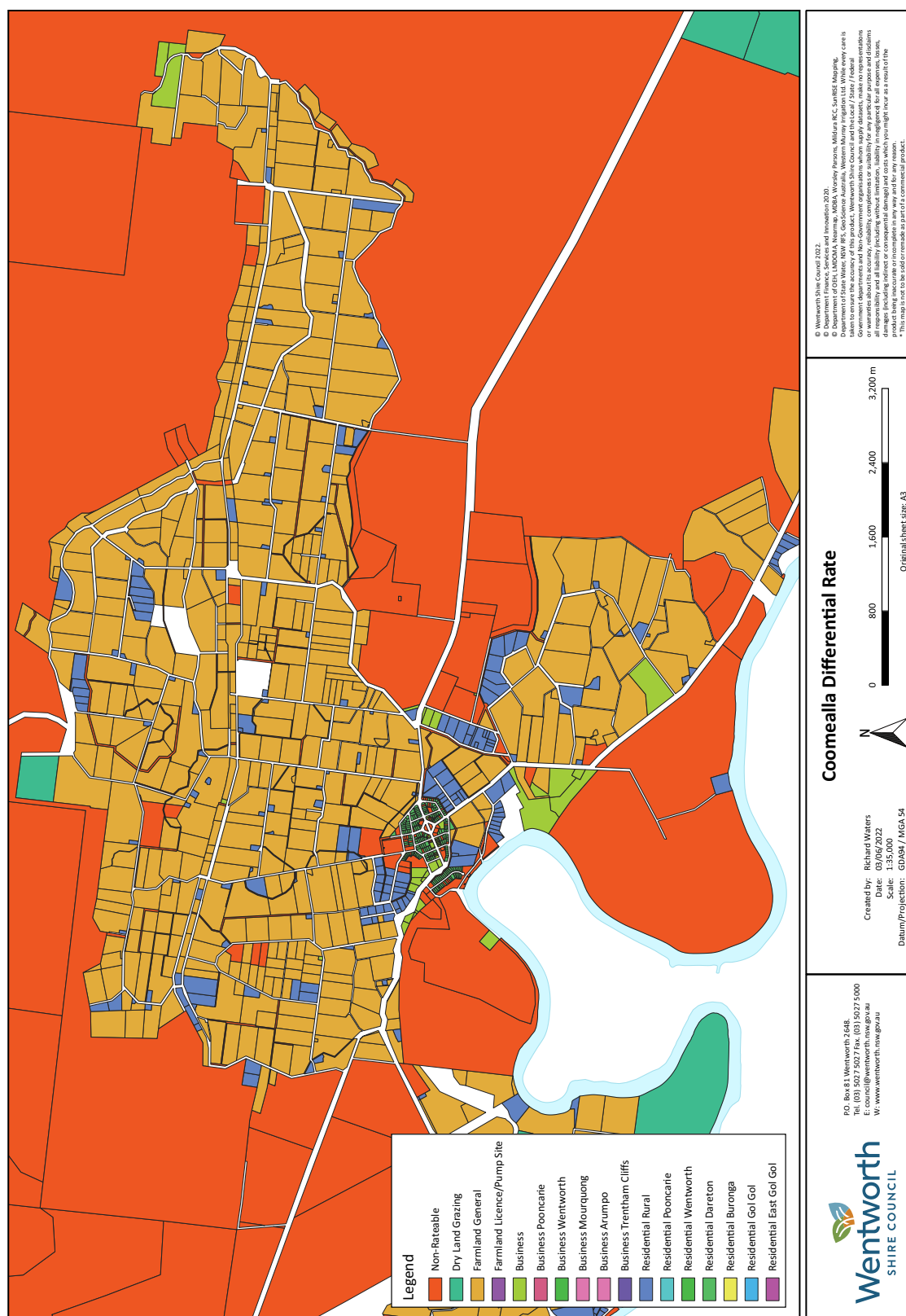


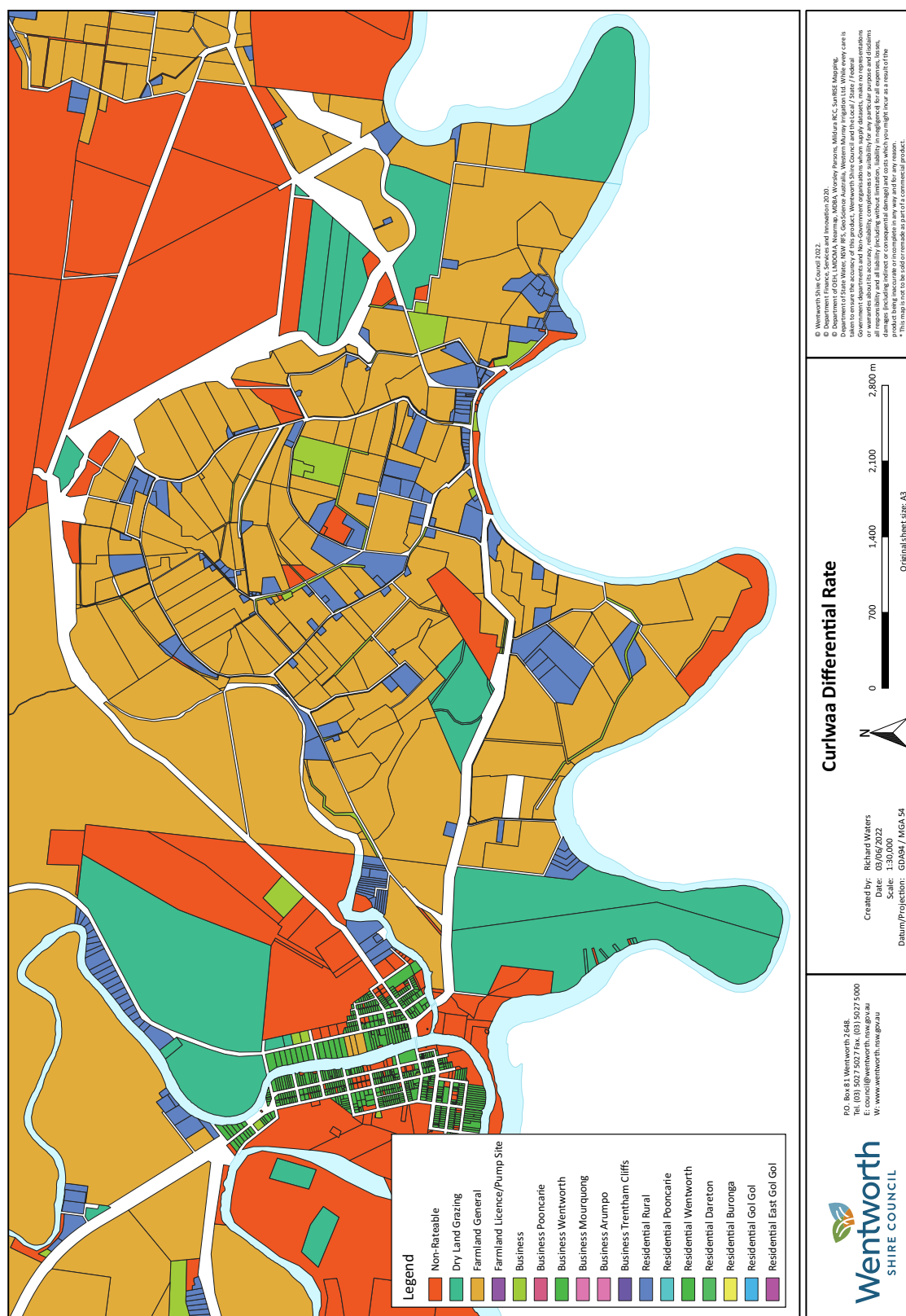
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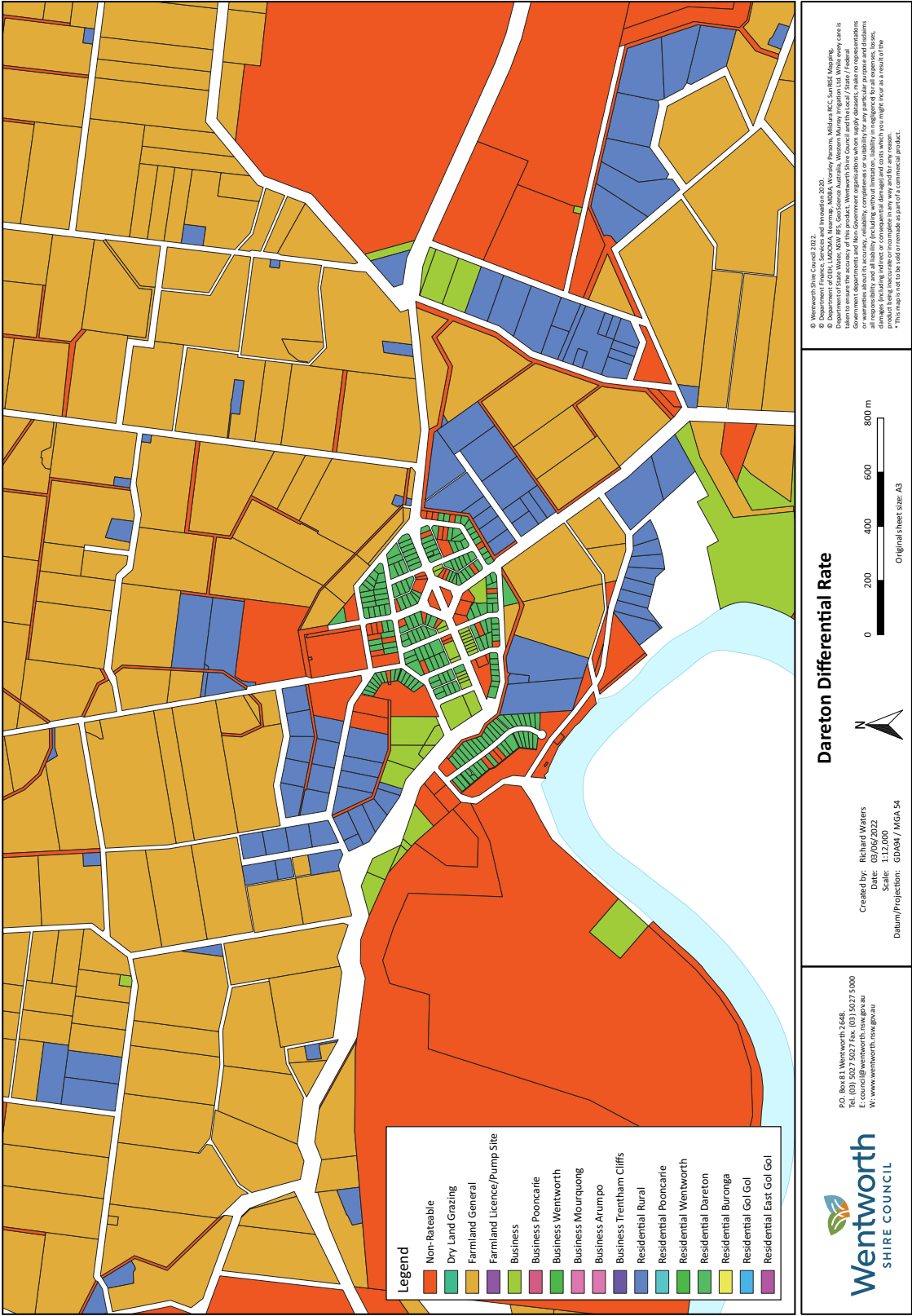
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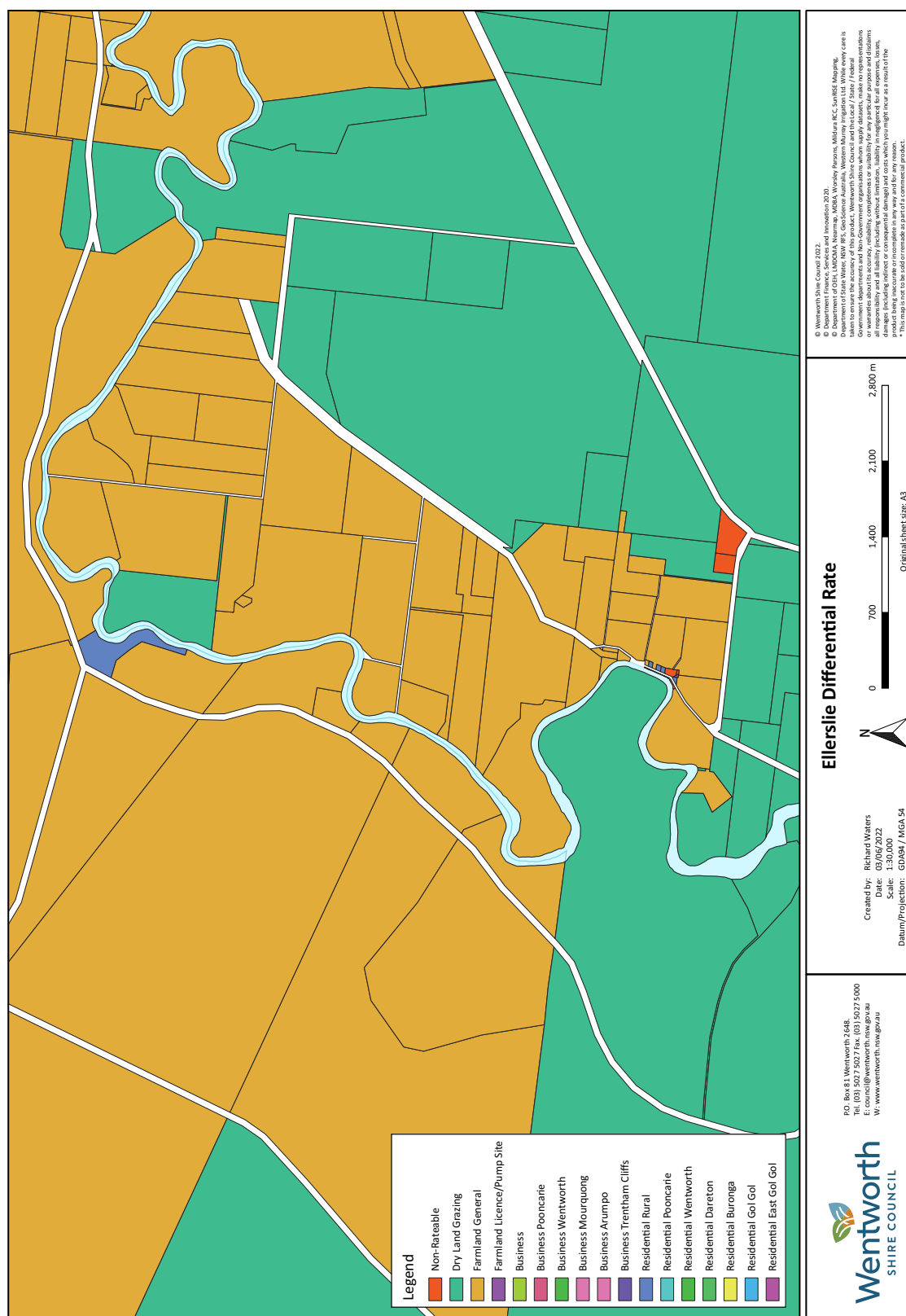


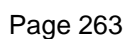




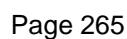


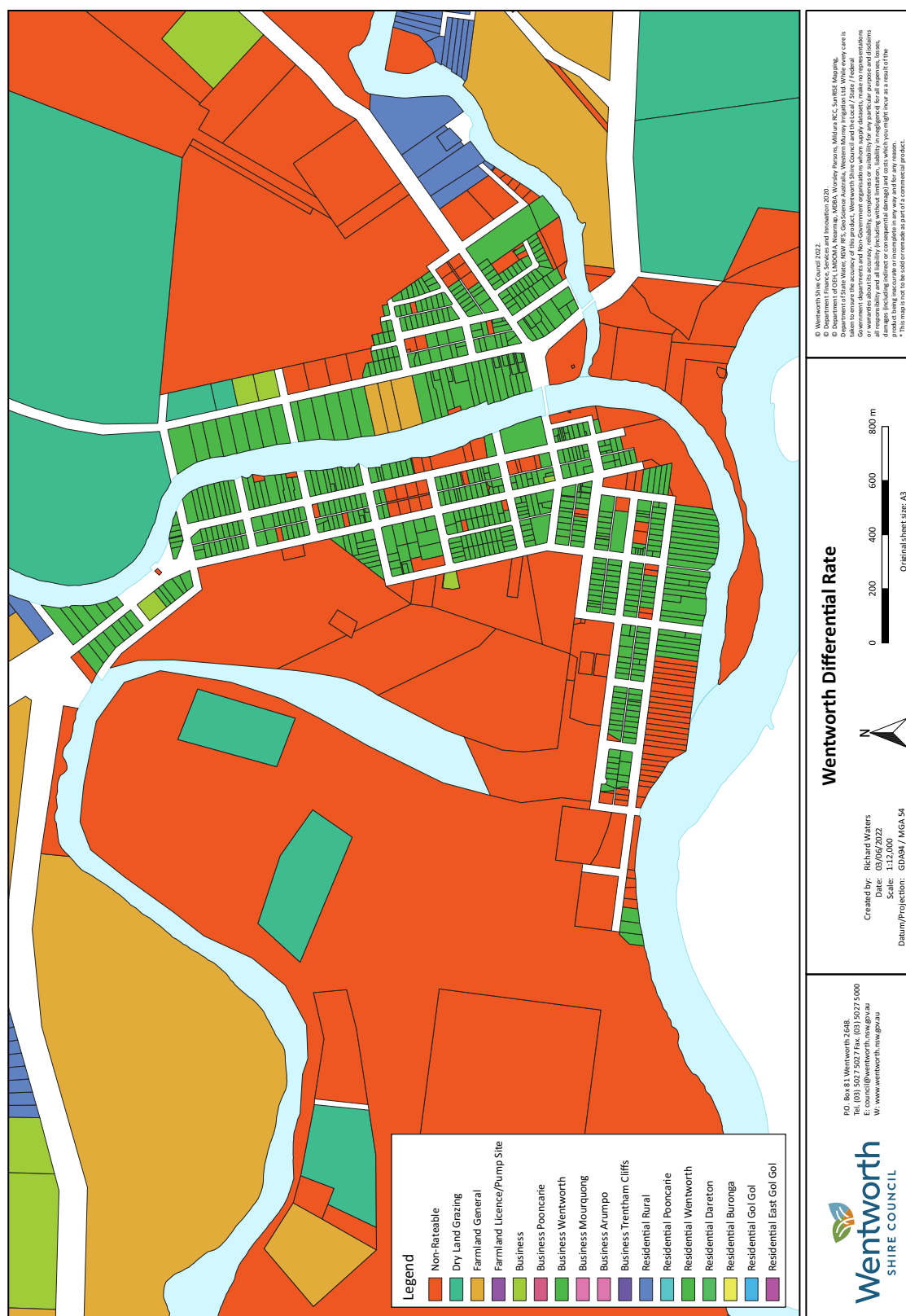














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9.7 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/24/202

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
 Reporting Officer: Annette Fraser - Team Leader Customer Service

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live
 Strategy: 2.4 A well informed, supported and engaged community

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2023/24 financial year for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$112,974.00 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemptions from the Application" process.

The total value of requests granted so far under delegated authority is \$3,124.00 and the total value of requests granted in full is \$55,680.42

The total value of requests received for the 30 January – 30 April 2024 funding application period totals \$7,860.65, which if granted in full would leave a balance in the financial assistance program of \$20,360.93.

Financial Assistance Program starting balance 2023/24	\$200,000.00
Annual fees & charges annual exemptions granted	\$112,974.00
Granted under delegated authority to 29 January 2024	\$ 2,817.00
Value of approved requests August 2023 Council Meeting	\$ 33,374.80
Value of approved requests November 2023 Council Meeting	\$ 13,489.62
Value of approved requests February 2024 Council Meeting	\$ 4,816.00
Available balance after February Council Meeting	\$ 32,528.58
Wentworth Regional Community Project Association Inc granted \$4000 outside of quarterly financial assistance considerations. Approved by Council at the 13 December 2023 Council Meeting	\$ 4,000.00
Granted under delegated authority 30 January – 30 April 2024	\$ 307.00
Available balance as at 30 April 2024	\$ 28,221.58
Financial request applications received 30 January – 30 April 2024	\$ 7,860.65
Remaining balance if all approved	\$ 20,360.93

Recommendation

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance, makes appropriate recommendations on the level of funding to be provided to each of these applications from the Financial Assistance program.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

- (a) Granting the full value of all requests for a total of \$7,860.65 or
- (b) Consider partially funding the applications

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider requests for financial assistance that have been received within the current application period.

Background

Council's ability to make financial contribution and/or in-kind assistance are set out in Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. To assist Council in its compliance requirement, Council has adopted a Financial Assistance Policy (AF003) and has provided a funding allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2023/24 financial year.

Report Detail

In this current application period, there has been three (3) requests for assistance received from community organisations. The total value of the requests under consideration is \$7,860.65

The Financial Assistance Policy (AF003) allows for requests for fee waivers up to the value of \$2,000 to be determined under delegated authority by either the Director Corporate Policy, or the General Manager.

During this application period the following one (1) request totalling \$307.00 was approved under delegated authority.

\$307.00 - Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation – hire of Sturt Park Dareton plus bins for Community Easter event.

Additional information

Although cancelled in 2023 due to lack of entries, the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club have confirmed that they are hosting the 2024 ABBA National Vision Impaired and Blind Bowling Championships in July 2024.

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

If the requested total of \$7,860.65 is approved this would leave a balance of \$20,360.93 for the remaining period of the financial year.

Conclusion

Council has received requests for financial assistance under this round of the program to the value of \$7,860.05. The sum of \$307.00 worth of fee waivers have been approved under delegated authority.

Matters under consideration

Community Organisations receiving indirect Financial Assistance from Council.

An indirect amount of \$254,425.20 was provided by Council between 1 July 2023 – 25 January 2024, plus a further \$16,243.50 between 26 January – 30 April 2024, a total of \$270,668.70.

Attachments

1. Financial Assistance Applications List - May 2024 [↓](#)
2. Financial Assistance Program Request Applications (Under Separate Cover) May 2024 [⇒](#)
3. Community Organisations receiving indirect Financial Assistance 26 January - 30 April 2024 (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS – May 2024

Organisation/Recipient	Type of Request	Request Value \$	\$ Amounts granted in 2022/23	Details of Request
Wentworth Bowling Club Inc	Grant	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00	2 x Star Days - Power Puff 13 March & Margaret Cooke 13 November 2024
Australian Blind Bowlers Association	Grant	\$ 4,575.00	\$0.00	National Blind Bowlers 7 Day Tournament being held at Coomealla Club 17 - 24 July 2024
Dareton Community Action Team	Grant	\$ 1,285.65	\$0.00	Replacement of Community Notice Board in Tapio Street Dareton & payment of "One Music" account
		\$ 7,860.65		

9.8 HELENA STREET TRANSFER & PART CLOSURE

File Number: RPT/24/160

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

As part of Council's move to the Civic Centre there is a need to extend the existing car park providing additional parking to accommodate the patrons of the Wentworth Grand Resort, Council staff and public visiting local shops. The extension involves occupying the furthest eastern end of Helena Street which crosses Darling Street to the Darling River, currently used as the entrance to the carpark and access to the Darling River.

Helena Street has been traditionally maintained by the Wentworth Shire Council's and forms a part of Council's local road network, facilitating access in and around the township of Wentworth and providing access to public areas. However, there is a small portion of the street that has been identified as a Crown Road, whereby Council is not the current road authority (owner).

Recommendation

That Council

1. Makes an application to Crown Lands requesting a transfer of the remaining section of crown road identified as Helena Street to Council's ownership.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from Council to lodge an application to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Crown Lands) for the transfer of the ownership of part of Helena Street to Council. Once the road is transferred, Council being the road authority may then propose the closure of a public road for which it is the road authority if required.

Background

Investigations into land tenure discovered that the identified section of Helena Street is still in the ownership of the Crown Lands (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) and that Council is not the road authority.

Helena Street was declared to be a parish / public road and dedicated to the public with Council as the road authority, however the section identified in the map below is still a Crown Public Road in the ownership of the Crown.

A road status report confirms that this section of the street is developed (sealed with car parking), and for many years has been maintained by Council, however is not a Council road but is a Crown Road. To gain legal ownership Council needs to undertake an application to "Transfer a Crown Road" for the public purpose of access to the river and carpark extension.



Matters under consideration

Before any new development can take place on the land, Council needs to become the road authority (owner).

At a later date Council may choose to undertake the process to close this section of road and classify as operational, making it land which is not open to the general public.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

1. Request the transfer of Helena Street (Crown Road) from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to Council's ownership and authority.

Conclusion

It is concluded that the most appropriate course of action is for the Wentworth Shire Council, to apply to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Crown Road transfer of Helena Street into Council's ownership.

Attachments

1. Site plans Helena Street Wentworth [↓](#)



Section to be closed (red)



Full extent of Helena Street, Wentworth



Google Maps – entrance to carpark



9.9 DA2024/018 SWIMMING POOL WITH SAFETY BARRIER 14 RIVERVIEW RISE LOT 5 DP 1014535 GOL GOL

File Number: RPT/24/211

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Kerrie Copley - Planning Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

A development application (DA2024/018) was received by Council for a swimming pool with safety barrier to be located at 14 Riverview Rise Lot 5 DP 1014355 Gol Gol within the river front setback.

Under the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011)*, this development is permitted with consent when located within the R5 Large Lot residential zone, as ancillary development to the existing dwelling.

The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier is to be located between the existing dwelling and the high bank of the Murray River. The proposed swimming pool safety barrier is to be located 17.78m from the high bank of the river at the closest point. The required river setback under clause 7.6 the WLEP 2011 is 30m from the high bank of the river. As part of the 7.6 assessment, a variation to the 30m river setback standard was required (usually referred to as a 4.6 variation).

Due to the variation being greater than 10%, the application cannot be determined under delegated authority, and must be determined by Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approve DA2024/018 being a swimming pool and safety barrier located at 14 Riverview Rise Lot 5 DP 1014355 Gol Gol.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council to determine Development Application DA2024/018, having consideration to the detail provided both within this report and the attachments provided.

Background

A Development Application was lodged with Council on 13 February 2024 seeking consent to construct a swimming pool with safety barrier on the subject lot.

The subject lot is located in the R5 Large Lot Residential zone under the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP 2011). The proposal seeks to construct a swimming pool with safety barrier 17.78m from the high bank of the river. Under Clause 7.6 of the WLEP 2011, swimming pools and safety barrier are not permitted within the river front area.

The definition of river front within the WLEP 2011 is as follows:

“**river front area** means the land between the river front building line and the highest bank of the Murray River or, if there is no river front building line, the land within 30 metres of the highest bank of the River.”

The definition of the Murray River in the WLEP2011 is as follows:

“Murray River includes the Darling River and the Great Darling Anabranch.”

Based on the definition of river front above, the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier did not meet the river front setback standard.

Where an application cannot achieve the development standards required by a Local Environmental Plan, the applicant may apply to vary the development standards.

An application to vary a development standard is made under clause 4.6 of the WLEP 2011.

Under clause 35B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, applications involving contravention of development standards must be accompanied by a document that sets out the grounds on which the applicant seeks to demonstrate that –

- compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances, and
- there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention of the development standard.

The consent authority must keep a record if its assessment carried out under subclause (3).

The variation proposed is greater than 10%, due to changes made by the NSW Government, Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument LEP has been reformed to make the planning system faster, simpler, and more transparent. The reform came into effect on 1 November 2023 and removes the requirement to obtain the Planning Secretary’s concurrence for a variation with new reporting framework. As such, council has authority to approve or refuse 4.6 variation applications.

The WLEP2011 provides a 30m riverfront setback. The application proposes a setback of 17.78m thus creating a variation of 40%. As this is greater than 10% this application cannot be determined under delegated authority and is presented to Council for consideration.

Refer to attachment 1 – Development Application

Refer to attachment 2 – 4.6 Variation request

Refer to attachment 3 - Plans

Matters under consideration

In determining a development application that requires consent, the consent authority must take into consideration matters prescribed in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as relevant to the development.

The proposed development was assessed and did not fully comply with relevant provisions of Chapter 5 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021.

The proposed development for a swimming pool with safety barrier is permitted with consent and meets the zone objectives of the R5 Large Lot Residential zone under the WLEP 2011.

The swimming pool with safety barrier does not meet the setback standard under clause 7.6, however, the clause 4.6 variation request provided by the applicant provides adequate justification for the contravening of development standards contained in Clause 7.6.

Due to the zoning and WLEP 2011 mapping impacting the land, the development application was assessed against clauses 7.1, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7. The development application was not able to satisfy the matters for consideration under all of these clauses.

Due to the nature of the proposed development, it was assessed against Chapters 2 and 4 of the Wentworth Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011. The development did not fully comply with provisions under Chapter 2, however, was compliant with Chapter 4 provisions.

Public notification of the development application was conducted as per Council Community Participation Plan for 14 days. One submission was received during the public notification, raising issues with sections of the development. Matters raised in the submission were assessed and addressed within the 4.15 assessment report.

Based on the assessment of the application, it is determined that the proposed development is compliant with the relevant objectives of the R5 Large Lot Residential zone. However, it did not meet relevant provisions of the Wentworth Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011, is inconsistent with planning matters for consideration of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, and is inconsistent with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021. However, this non-compliance is able to be managed using conditions of consent.

Refer to attachment 4 – 4.15 Assessment report

Refer to attachment 5 – 4.6 Variation Assessment report

Refer to attachment 6 – Submission

Refer to attachment 7 – Conditions of consent

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

- Approve Development Application 2024/018 subject to conditions

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

Should Council issue a determination to the application, the applicant has the right to submit a request for review of determination to Council under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1987*.

The applicant also has the right to appeal the decision made by Council to the Land and Environment Court pursuant to Section 8.7 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1987*.

Conclusion

Having consideration of the consent of this report it is concluded that the appropriate course of action is to approve DA2024/018.

Attachments

1. Development Application (Under separate cover)⇒
2. 4.6 Variation request (Under separate cover)⇒
3. Plans↓
4. 4.15 Assessment report↓
5. 4.6 Assessment report↓
6. Submission (Under separate cover)⇒
7. Conditions of consent↓



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Client | D. Davison
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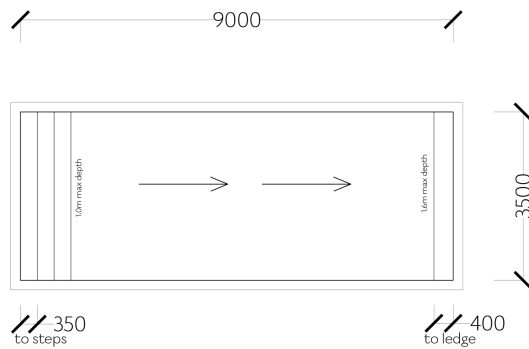
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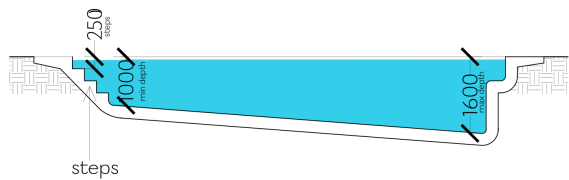
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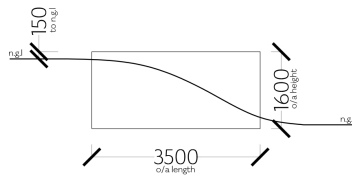




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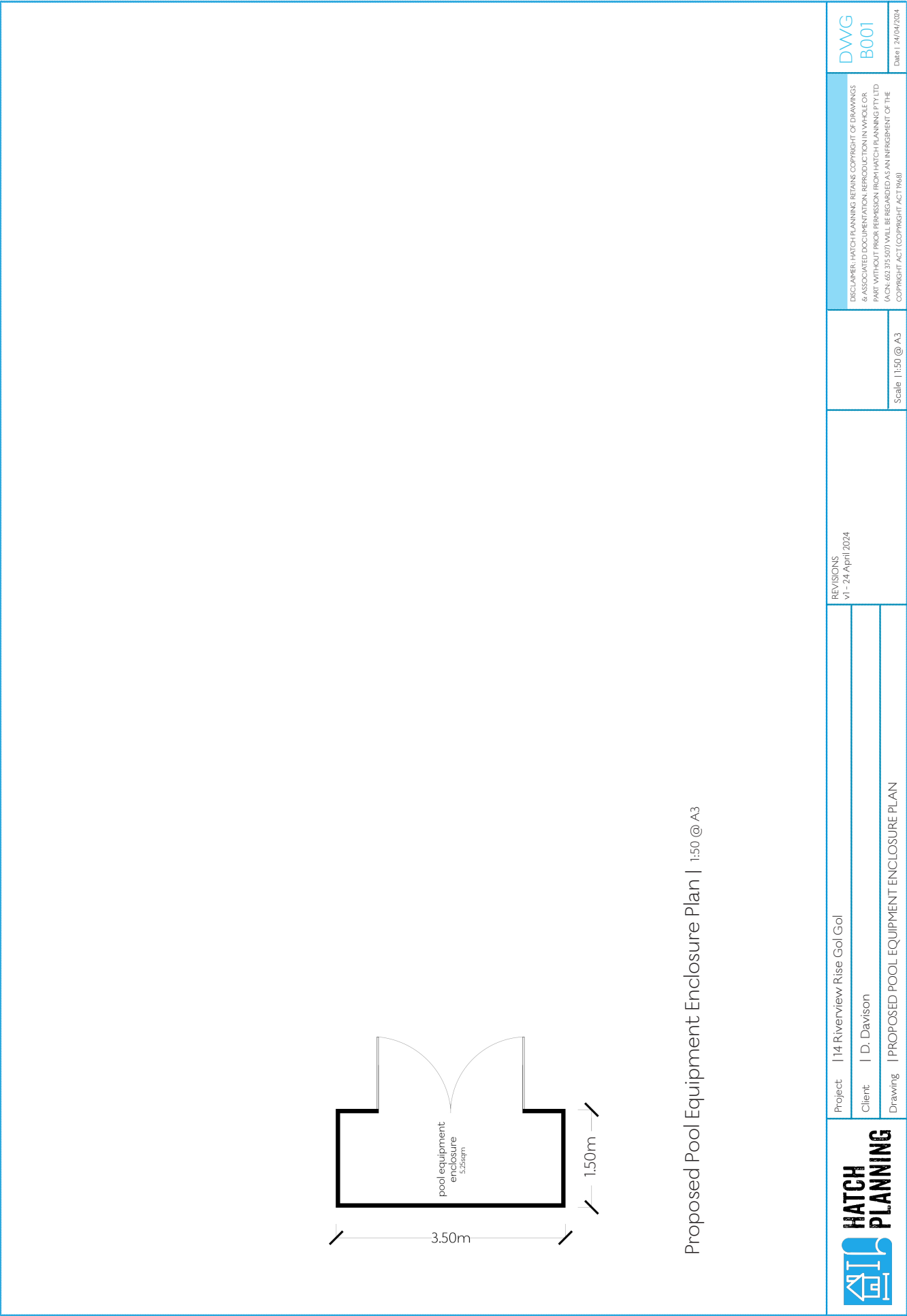
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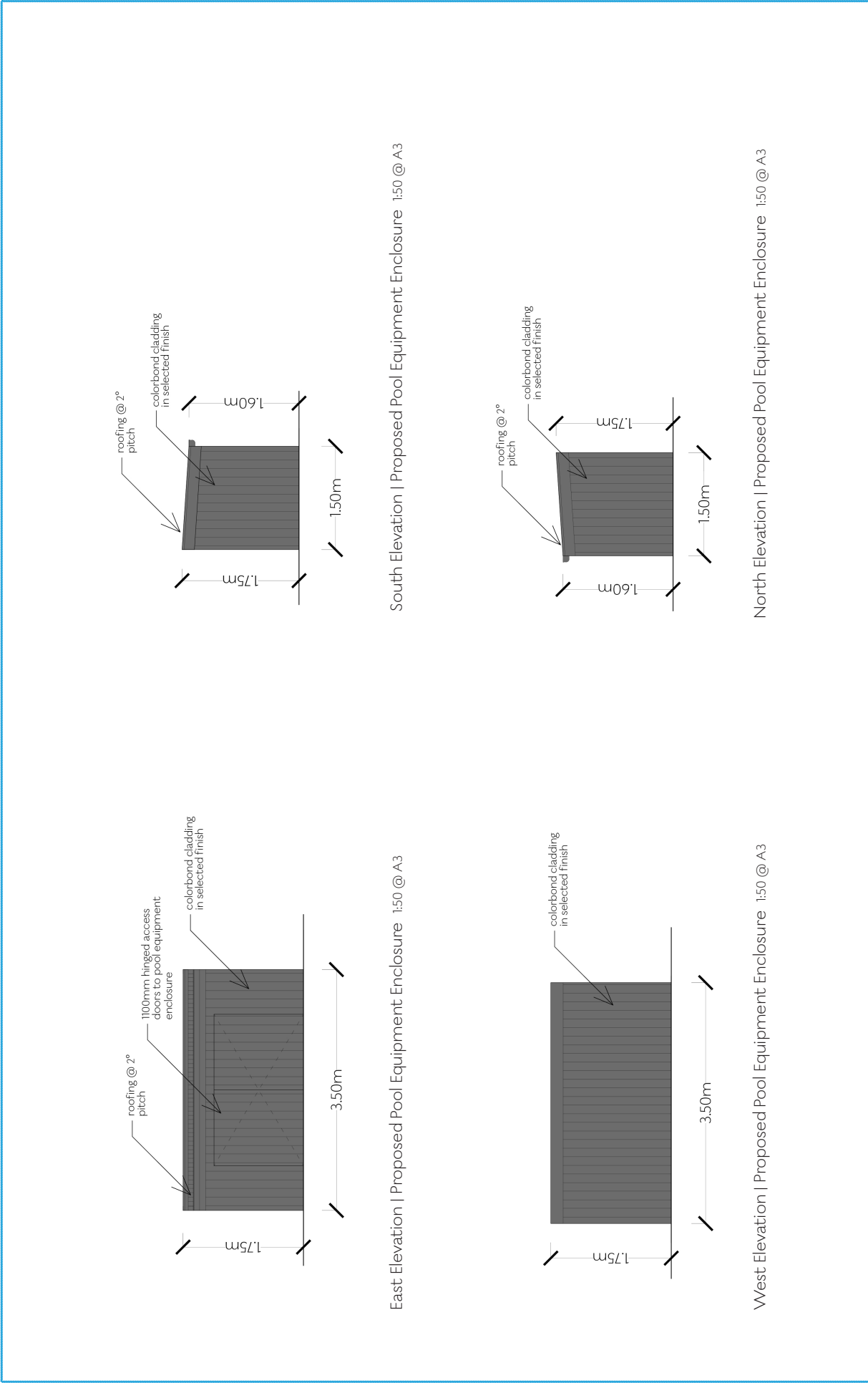
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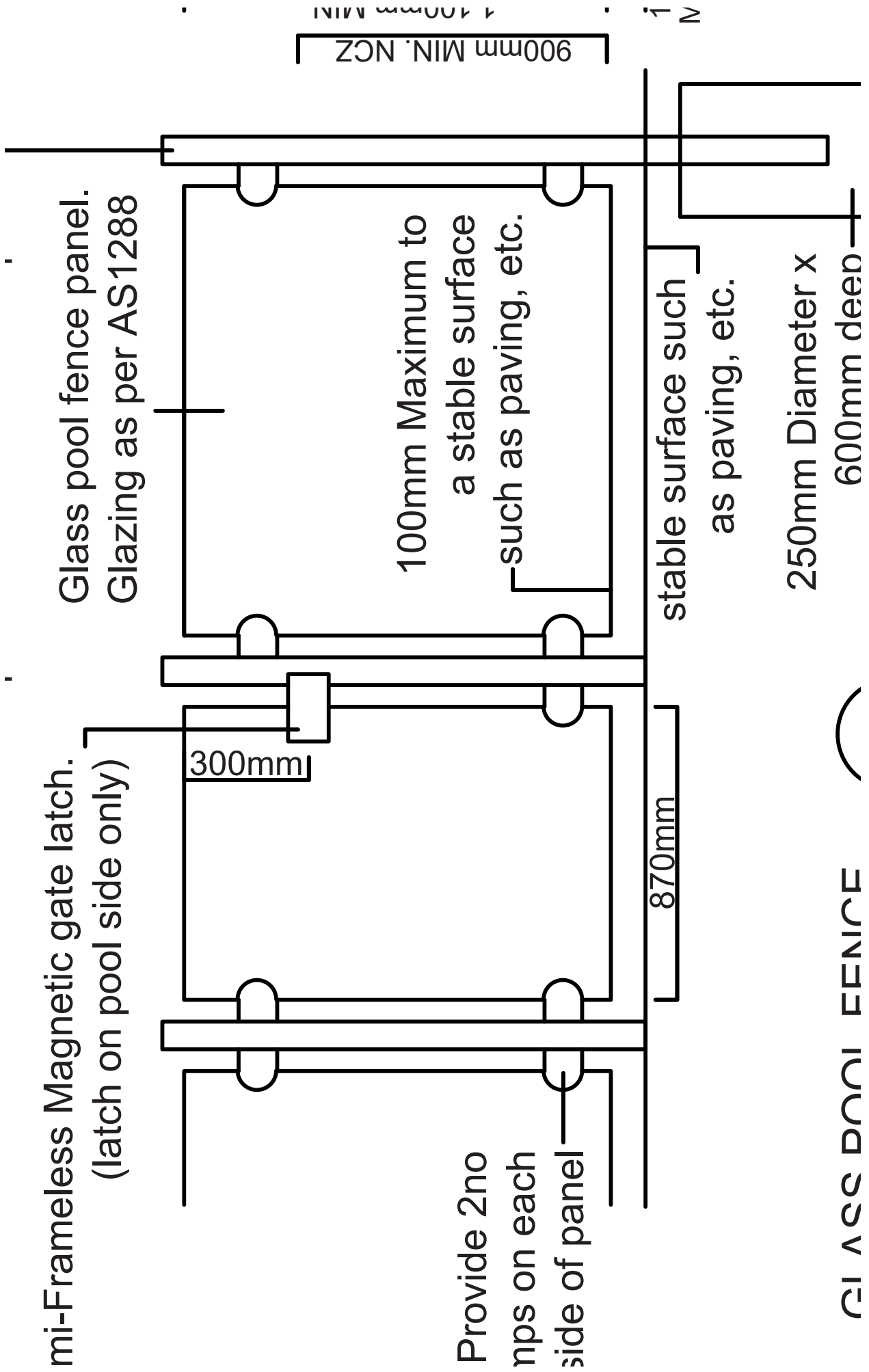
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 <p>Wentworth SHIRE COUNCIL</p>	<p>Health & Planning Department 26-28 Adelaide Street PO Box 81 WENTWORTH NSW 2648 Tel: 03 5027 5027 council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>DA Assessment Report Section 4.15 Evaluation</p> <p>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 as amended</p>
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File Reference:	DA2024/018 & PAN-410535
Property Title & Address:	14 Riverview Rise Lot 5 DP 1014355 Gol Gol P280/02041
Property owner(s):	Deborah Abbenhuys
Applicant(s):	JACKSON PLANNING MJJR PTY LTD – Matt Jackson
Proposal:	Swimming pool with safety pool
Previous DAs:	DA30/99 Rural Dwelling
Cost of proposed development:	\$126,120.00

SITE AND SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT

The subject site is described as Lot 5 DP 1014355 and is located on Riverview Rise Gol Gol, NSW. The site is an irregular shape lot with an area of 5584m². The site contains a residential dwelling with associated structures. The site has frontage to Riverview Rise, which links it to the road network in the surrounding area.

The site is located in the R5 Large Lot Residential zone as per the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 land zoning map. The surrounding area comprises similar development with residential dwellings and associated structures including swimming pools. The site does not contain any item of heritage significance and is not located in a heritage conservation area. It is not impacted by the bushfire floodway and flood planning area mappings and controls. The lot is affected by the wetland and terrestrial biodiversity mapping controls.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal seeks development consent to construct a swimming pool with safety barrier. The swimming pool will measure 9m x 3.5m and hold 37,000 litres, it is proposed to be sited between the existing dwelling and the Murray River. The pool is located a distance of between 17.78m and 23m from the high bank of the river, and 16.59m from the dwelling.

Due to the pool's location being within the 30m setback of the top bank of the Murray River a variation to the Standard 7.6 (development on River Front Areas) is required. As such a 4.6 variation is part of this application, the variation is greater than 10%. The application will be determined by Council at a council meeting (variation of 46% 40%).

The following clarification of the variation percentage was sent to the applicant 09/02/2024

Clarification regarding the variation being applied for. The portal has 17m with a variation % of 46%. The plans have the setback at 17.78m. The % variations on the portal and SEE do not match a variation of 17m or 17.78m for a required setback of 30m.

The applicant responded with the following:

Please note that the setback is 17.78 which results in a 40% variation.

HISTORY RELEVANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

N/A

SECTION 4.15-MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

(1) The provisions of any environmental planning instrument and development control plan

State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004

The proposed swimming pool development is below the volume requiring compliance with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004 at 37,000 litres.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021

The proposed development is located on land below 1 ha in size with no native vegetation removal proposed. As such no assessment against Chapter 3 & 4 of the SEPP is required.

An assessment against Chapter 5, Clause 5.9 principles of the SEPP are as follows:

1. Access

Land is freehold with no existing public access to the river. The development will not change this access to the river.

2. Bank Disturbance

The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier will be sited varying in distance from approximately 7m to 13m inside the 30m setback to the top bank of the river and 33 m from the water level, as it applies to this site. Some earthworks are required for the development, removal of native vegetation in this area in preparation for the development at this site is not necessary.

3. Flooding

The development is not located on flood liable land, however, the proposed development will be conditioned to minimise any detrimental effects on the land through erosion, land degradation, pollution, etc.

4. Landscape

No native vegetation removal is anticipated allowing for the proposed development to occur on the site. Landscaping will be conditioned to include native species for revegetation as appropriate.

5. River Related Uses

The proposed development does not demonstrate an essential relationship to the river, as such development should be located a reasonable distance from the river.

6. Settlement

The proposed development is not a settlement.

7. Water Quality

The proposed development and continued use will be conditioned to ensure measures are applied to reduce pollution of the waterway.

8. Wetlands

The proposed site is located in wetland area as per WSC mapping. The location where the swimming pool and safety barrier are to be sited has been disturbed through previous development.

An assessment against **Clause 5.13** principle of the SEPP are as follows:

- **Building setback:** Although the proposed development is not a dwelling, the swimming pool and safety barrier do not meet the WLEP 2011 requirement as the development is not a development type recognised as having an essential relationship to being close to the river, this development does not meet the prescribed setback distance from the bank high of the Murray River, encroaching between approximately 7m and 13m.
- **Matters to be considered**
 - o Effluent disposal: N/A as development is not a dwelling.
 - o Landscaping: To be conditioned recommending use of local native vegetation species.

The proposed development does not fully comply with the principles within the SEPP. Notable non-compliance being that the proposed development is **not** classified as having an essential relationship and is not listed as one of the items permitted near the river.

The 4.6 variation provided supports this application with justification for the location, and why the application should be approved.

Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011

Zone objectives and permissibility

The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier is **permitted with consent** as ancillary development to the existing residential dwelling and meet the zone objectives of the R5 Large Lot Residential zone under which the subject site is located.

Standard being varied

The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier will extend into the river front area, varying in distance from 23m to the high bank of the Murray River to 17m from the high bank of the Murray River, approximately 33.8m to the waterline. Under clause 7.6 of the WLEP 2011, only a certain list of uses are permitted within the river front area (30m from the high bank) if there is no river front building line as per the definition.

Only the following land uses are permitted within the river front area as per clause 7.6:

- a) *boat building and repair facilities, boat launching ramps, boat sheds, charter and tourism boating facilities or marinas,*
- b) *the extension or alteration of an existing building that is wholly or partly in the river front area, but only if the extension or alteration is to be located no closer to the river bank than the existing building,*
- c) *environmental protection works,*

- d) extensive agriculture and intensive plant agriculture,
- e) walking trails, cycleways, picnic facilities, recreation facilities and recreation facilities (outdoors),
- f) water recreation structures.

River front area is defined as:

“river front area means the land between the river front building line and the highest bank of the Murray River or, if there is no river front building line, the land within 30 metres of the highest bank of the River.”

A swimming pool and safety barrier is development ancillary to an existing residential dwelling and is **not** one of the listed uses permitted within the river front area. However, a 4.6 variation application was provided by the applicant seeking to vary this development standard and allow construction of the swimming pool and safety barrier to encroach within the river front area.

Approving 4.6 variations

Under clause 35B of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, applications involving contravention of development standards must be accompanied by a document that sets out the grounds on which the applicant seeks to demonstrate that -

- compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances, and
- there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention of the development standard.

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The variation proposed is greater than 10% (40%), due to changes made by the NSW Government, Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument LEP has been reformed to make the planning system faster, simpler, and more transparent. The reform came into effect on 1 November 2023 and removes the requirement to obtain the Planning Secretary’s concurrence for a variation with new reporting framework. As such, council has authority to approve or refuse 4.6 variation applications.

Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards.

Information provided by the applicant:

Clause 4.6 provides flexibility to vary the development standards specified within the Standard Instrument where it can be demonstrated that the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and where there are sufficient environmental grounds to justify the departure.

Relevant clauses of 4.6 for assessment are as follows:

2). *Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.*

3). *Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority is satisfied the applicant has demonstrated that -*

a. compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances, and

b. there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

Note—

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Applicants response:

The requirement for consideration and justification of a Clause 4.6 variation necessitates an assessment of a number of criteria. It is recognised that it is not merely sufficient to demonstrate a minimisation of environmental harm to justify a Clause 4.6 variation, although in the circumstance of this case, the absence of any environmental impact is of considerable merit.

Accordingly, justification is set out in following assessment for the departure from the 30-metre setback control applicable under the WLEP2011. The purpose of the information provided is to demonstrate that strict compliance with this development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of this particular case. It also demonstrates that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds for the departure from the 30-metre high bank setback as specified in the WLEP2011.

In addition to the above, the NSW Land and Environment Court in *Four2Five Pty LTD v Ashfield Council* [2015] NSWLEC 90, considered how this question may be answered and referred to the earlier Court decision in *Wehbe v Pittwater Council* [2007] NSWLEC 827. The court provided five tests as follows that can be used as prompts to answer the above question in relation to a Clause 4.6 Variation application.

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a. Although the development is cognisant with the zone objectives, the proposal is inconsistent with the objectives of clause 7.6 being varied.

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To protect the amenity, scenic landscape values and cultural heritage of the Murray River and to	Not applicable due to the subject land being privately owned to the riverbank.

protect public access to its riverine corridors,	
To conserve and protect the riverine corridors of the Murray River, including wildlife habitat.	The proposed development will have no further impacts on the Murray River.

5 part test

1. The objectives of the standard are achieved notwithstanding noncompliance with the standard:

Response from applicant: In this case, it is demonstrated that Test 1 has been satisfied.

It should be noted that the adjoining dwelling's swimming pools were established under the previous LEP's provisions which allowed swimming pools to be located 30 metres from the pool level. It was imperative that the proposed pool was also located in excess 30 metres from the pool level to allow a consistent development setback.

Officer comments: The minor encroachment beyond the dwelling into the river front area is minimal and is not anticipated to have significant impact to the bed or bank of the Murray River.

2. The underlying objective or purpose of the standard is not relevant to the development and therefore compliance is unnecessary:

Response from applicant: The underlying objective or purpose is relevant to the development and therefore this test is not relied upon.

Officer comments: Due to the existing residential development on the site and that on surrounding sites, the development is anticipated to be minimal.

3. The underlying objective or purpose would be defeated or thwarted if compliance was required and therefore compliance is unreasonable:

Response from applicant: The underlying objective or purpose is relevant to the development and therefore this test is not relied upon.

Officer comments: Conditions of consent will indicate requirements to be complied with relative to legislation.

4. The development standard has been virtually abandoned or destroyed by the council's own actions in granting consents departing from the standard and hence compliance with the standard is unnecessary and unreasonable:

Response from applicant: The standard has not been abandoned by Council, however the previous LEP did allow pools to be located where it is currently proposed.

Officer comments: Despite the previous LEP allowing swimming pools to be located within the river front area, applications must be assessed and determined based on current legislation with individual site conditions and environmental impact forming part of the assessment.

5. That compliance with development standard is unreasonable or inappropriate due to existing use of land and current environmental character of the particular parcel of land. That is, the particular parcel of land should not have been included in the zone:

Response from applicant: The zoning of the land is reasonable and appropriate and therefore this test is not relied upon.

Officer comments: The swimming pool and related earthworks are permitted as ancillary development under the land use zoning with surrounding allotments having similar developments.

The proposed variation is supported based on the results of the five (5) part test above.

Officer comments: The proposed variation to development standard 4.6 is supported based on the results of the five (5) part test – indicating that the development complies with the 5 part test. The minimal encroachment of the proposed swimming pool and associated works are not anticipated to cause any further significant impact to the river front area as that already imposed by development on surrounding sites.

Clause 7.1 Earthworks

Any earthworks will form part of this approval and will be ancillary to the main approval for a swimming pool with safety barrier. Due to the developments distance from the river bank, earthworks and any siteworks will be conditioned to minimise any detrimental impacts.

Clause 7.4 Terrestrial biodiversity

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier and associated works against clause 7.4(3) is as follows:

- a. The proposed development is unlikely to have adverse impacts on the condition, ecological value and significance of the fauna and flora on the land. This is because the proposed development is for a swimming pool and safety barrier for domestic use only. Potential impacts will most likely be from the construction of the swimming pool and associated works. No native vegetation clearing is proposed as part of the construction. The site has been previously disturbed and altered through development of the existing dwelling.
- b. The proposed development is unlikely to have adverse impacts on the importance of the vegetation on the land to the habitat and survival of native fauna. The development is to be located on site between the existing dwelling and the river bank with native vegetation along the river bank. Conditions of consent will include the use of local native species for landscaping.
- c. The proposed development is unlikely to have any potential to fragment, disturb or diminish the biodiversity structure, function and composition of the land. The proposed development for a swimming pool with safety barrier is to be used for private purposes in relation to the existing residential dwelling.
- d. The proposed development is unlikely to have adverse impacts on the habitat elements providing connectivity on the land as no native vegetation is to be removed as part of the application. There is currently no notable native vegetation on the swimming pool site area.

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier associated works against clause 7.4(4) is as follows:

- a. The swimming pool with associated works has been sited between the dwelling and the high bank of the river. There is minimal potential for the development to lead to adverse impacts to the bank of the river.
- b. Noted
- c. Noted

Clause 7.5 Wetlands

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier and associated works against clause 7.5(3) is as follows:

- a. The proposed swimming pool and safety barrier is not anticipated to impact growth and survival of flora and fauna.
- b. No vegetation is to be removed a part of the construction.
- c. The development site is well distanced from native trees minimising any potential impact from the development.
- d. Conditions of consent will be included to manage and mitigate potential impacts of the swimming pool with safety barrier being constructed.
- e. The development is located within the wetland mapped area according to councils mapping. However, the land has been historically disturbed with the development of the existing dwelling and associated landscaping, not unlike other neighbouring development.

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with associated works against clause 7.5(4) is as follows:

- a) The location on site of the proposed development, with a slight encroachment beyond the river front area is acceptable in this instance as the nature of the development and adverse impacts to the riverbank are perceived to be minimal.
- b) The risks can be mitigated and managed through conditions of consent.

Clause 7.6 Development in River Front Areas

The proposed development **does not meet** the permitted use in the riverfront area as identified under clause 7.6(2).

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier and associated works against clause 7.6(3) is as follows:

- a. The development will be compatible with surrounding area as surrounding neighbourhood properties contain similar land uses with dwellings and associated structures, such as swimming pools, located at similar distances from the river front area.
- b. The development has been assessed and is unlikely to cause pollution of the river, impact to riverine habitat of flora or fauna, or changes to drainage patterns. Conditions of consent should the development be approved, will be used to mitigate and manage and adverse impact.
- c. As no removal of native vegetation is required to facilitate the proposed development, minimal visual disturbance to the existing landscape is anticipated. The use of glass screening forming the swimming pool safety barrier with further enhance the integration of the development into the landscape.
- d. The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier will not change current access arrangement to the river.
- e. There is no known historic, scientific, cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural, or aesthetic significance of the land to be impacted by the development.

Based on the above assessment, the development complies with the clause.

Clause 7.7 Riparian land and Murray River and other watercourses—general principles

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier and associated works against clause 7.7(3) is as follows:

- a. Adverse impact of the proposed:
 - i. The structure is not located within floodway, flood planning area, or the waterway and will not impact the flow of water when not in flood. The proposed development is located outside of flood impacted land with no anticipated impact during flood events. This is mostly due to the elevation of the site in this location being well above the pool level of the Murray River under normal conditions.
 - ii. No impacts anticipated on aquatic and riparian species, habitats or ecosystems.
 - iii. Works are unlikely to impact bank stability as they are located away from the bank of the river.
 - iv. No impacts to the watercourse movement of aquatic fauna anticipated as no works proposed within the watercourse.
 - v. Not impact anticipated to any future rehabilitation of a watercourse and/or riparian areas.
- b. Reticulated water is available to the site for connection; therefore the development does not propose an increase water extraction from the Murray River.

An assessment of the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier against clause 7.7(4) is as follows:

- a). The location on site of the development encroaching on the river front area is appropriate in this instance due to the nature of the development and the topography of the site. As well as the distance from the proposed development from the dwelling, the location of the proposed is in line with other existing development on neighbouring properties.
- b). Noted.
- c). Noted.

Based on the above assessment, the development complies with this clause.

Wentworth Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011

The proposed development is **not fully** acceptable against Chapter 2 provisions but **acceptable** against Chapter 4 provisions of the Wentworth Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011.

Wentworth DCP	Chapters 2 & 4	Y	N	N/A	Further information
	Chapter 2 2.1 Murray River and Darling River		X		The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier and associated works do not meet the required setback from the high bank, however, the proposed development is in line with existing development on neighbouring properties. The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier is proposed to encroach within the river front area of 30m, with between 17m and 23m to the nearest points of the development and the top of the riverbank.

	2.2 Mooring			X	N/A not a mooring application
	2.3 Erosion control	X			The proposed development and associated works indicate minimal potential for erosion of the riverbank. Conditions of consent will be used to mitigate and manage impact.
	2.4 Vegetation Protection - Riverfront	X			The proposed development and associated works pose no impact to surrounding native vegetation with no vegetation to be cleared allowing for development to occur on the site.
	3 Koala Habitat Protection			X	N/A No known koala habitat on the site
	4 Flood Affected Land			X	The site is not flood liable land according to councils mapping.
	5 Vehicular access and parking	X			No change to access or parking
	5.1 Parking layout, servicing and manoeuvring	X			No changes to existing access or parking
	5.2 Specific land use requirements	X			Requirements met
	6 Crime prevention through environmental design	X			No change anticipated from development
	7 Disability Access Standards			X	N/A as development associated with private residential dwelling
	8 Development in the enterprise corridor – zone B6			X	N/A as not within this zone
	9 Highway Promotion signs			X	N/A
	10 Design Assessment Criteria			X	N/A

	Chapter 4 4.1.1 Site context	X			The proposed swimming pool and associated works – meets site context requirements
	4.1.2 Streetscape	X			The proposed swimming pool and associated works is in keeping with the proposed residential use of the land. Surrounding sites contain existing residential developments with similar ancillary structures with similar distance from the river edge. The swimming pool will be integrated with the surroundings with a glass fence.
	4.1.3 Front Setback			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.4 Side setbacks			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.5 Rear setback			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.6 Walls on Boundaries			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.7 Building heights and overshadowing			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.8 Site Coverage	X			Under 60% site coverage as large lot
	4.1.9 Private open space	X			Site offers ample private open space area
	4.1.10 Energy & solar access			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.11 Daylight to existing windows			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.12 North facing windows			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.13 Overlooking			X	N/A as not a dwelling
	4.1.14 Fencing and retaining walls			X	Retaining walls not part of application
	4.1.15	X			Site offers adequate room for parking and manoeuvrability of vehicles

	Car parking and vehicle access				
	4.1.16 Cut and fill	X			Soil management to be conditioned if approved

(2) The provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument

There is no Division 3.4 draft environmental planning instrument that affect the proposed development. (Post 1 July 2009 LEP amendments).

(3) Any matters prescribed by regulations

There are no further matters prescribed by regulations.

(4) The likely impacts of the development

There are no likely impacts from the proposal as discussed in the table below.

Impact item <i>(insert an 'x' in the relevant section)</i>	Acceptable	Not acceptable	Not relevant	Comment
Context and setting	X			The site is surrounded by similar residential dwellings with ancillary developments such as swimming pools setback at similar distances from the river.
Public domain & Streetscape	X			The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier is located between the existing dwelling and high bank of the river within the river front area as such this development will have no bearing on the streetscape.
Landscaping			X	Landscaping plans do not form part of the approval.
Stormwater	X			Will be conditioned to be managed onsite
Heritage	X			No known heritage items on this site
Soils & Soils Erosion	X			Soil management to be conditioned as part of consent if approved
Air and microclimate	X			No impact anticipated
Water Resources	X			No impact to the waterway anticipated – adequate distance between the proposed development site and the Murray River.
Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna)	X			No native vegetation to be cleared
Land Resources	X			None located on the site expected to impact the proposed development.
Utilities	X			Utilities are available to the site as required.

Access & Parking	X			Direct access to site available, space for parking available on site
Roads & Traffic	X			No new road proposed, traffic will not be impacted by proposal
Solar Access and Energy Efficiency			X	N/A
Overshadowing			X	N/A
Privacy & Overlooking			X	N/A
Flooding	X			Although the development will encroach on land identified as the river front area, no impact from the development to flood behaviour is anticipated. The development is located on ground above land indicated as flood impacted.
Bushfire Prone Area			X	Not in bushfire prone area
Noise	X			Possible noise increase during construction reducing to ongoing residential noises, noise will be addressed and managed through conditions of consent with hours listed for construction and attenuation of noise from pumps and filters to be addressed.
Technological hazards	X			None anticipated from the development, only residential activities anticipated from the site.
Safety, Security & Crime Prevention	X			Development will not affect the safety of the area.
Social and Economic Impacts	X			No negative social and economic impacts anticipated from the proposed development.

(5) The suitability of the site for development

The site is suitable for the proposed swimming pool with safety barrier and associated works as it not anticipated to have adverse effects on the local environment. The proposed development is permitted in the R5 Large Lot Residential zoning under the Wentworth LEP 2011. The proposed development is in character with existing residential dwellings and associated structures in the vicinity. The minimal encroachment toward the river, within the riverfront area of the Murray River under the WLEP 2011, is acceptable in this instance, as the area is outside of the flood mapped area. Development on neighbouring properties have swimming pools with similar setbacks between development and the high bank of the river.

(6) Any submissions made in accordance with this Act or Regulation

The application was notified for 14 days as per the Wentworth Community Participation Plan. One submission was received within the notification period.

The submission was received by council via email on 4 March 2024 from Cadell Consulting on behalf of the submitter. The main concerns raised within the submission were as follows:

- No objection to location of swimming pool
- Objection to location of the pool equipment enclosure due to lack of information provided.

- Pool equipment enclosure is located close to the private outdoor space of neighbouring property.
- Pool equipment enclosure provides for negative visual and noise amenity impacts.
- Request for pool equipment enclosure to be relocated on site to opposite corner, or closer to existing dwelling, or under existing patio area.
- Property listed as Airbnb defined as 'non-hosted' Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) "Bella Vista".
- Property being used as function centre for wedding receptions etc.
- Spa on site does not meet development setback requirement from the river.
- Recently installed signage for Airbnb increases potential for crime.

A response was received 28 March 2024 from the applicant - Jackson Planning, addressing matters as follows:

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to the submission received by the Wentworth Shire Council on 6 March 2024, we provide the following response:

Location of pool equipment enclosure

The pool equipment enclosure will be of a standard design. However, if officers believe that an additional plan is required, we consent to this being a requirement of any approval granted.

It is also worth noting that standard conditions relating to noise control measures would be placed on any NOD issued.

On this basis we are satisfied that the location of the pool equipment enclosure, however if officers require it to be relocated; we consent to this requirement.

Commercial premises/STRA/Spa matters

All these matters have no relevance to the processing of this application. However, I can confirm that events have ceased at the site.

Officer comments to submission and response from applicant:

- No objection to location of swimming pool – **Officer comments:** no comment necessary.
- Objection to location of the pool equipment enclosure due to lack of information provided. **Officer comments:** Under Subdivision 4 (Built form development standards for swimming pools and fences) 3D.52(3) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*, requiring the pump to be housed in a soundproofed enclosure does not apply within the R5 zone on a lot greater than 4000m² (subclause 4). Although other aspects of this development necessitate approval through the development application process rather than a complying development certificate, the provision of the enclosure is providing facilities addressing noise attenuation and amenity of the neighbourhood exceeding requirements within zone. Additional plans have been provided and detail the components of the pool equipment

enclosure. Measures to mitigate and manage noise impacts will be included in conditions of consent.

- Pool equipment enclosure is located close to the private outdoor space of neighbouring property. **Officer comments:** The pool equipment enclosure is located an appropriate distance within the site boundary for this type of development. Measures to mitigate and manage noise impacts will be included in conditions of consent. Outdoor areas of the neighbouring property featuring a swimming pool are distanced from the proposed enclosure as follows:
 - Distance from proposed enclosure to nearest point of swimming pool = 4.5m
 - Distance from proposed enclosure to nearest point of neighbouring dwelling = 16.9m



As can be seen in the site photo above taken during pre lodgement discussions 10 July 2023, the location of the proposed pool equipment enclosure is indicated by the red cross and will be constructed with a distance of 2m between the site and the existing hedge to the northwest. The proposed pool equipment enclosure has a height of 1.75m and will be constructed of non-reflective color bond building material. The existing hedge (indicated above as a white line) will act as a buffer for noise. The proposed enclosure will not cause a negative visual impact as it will effectively be screened by the hedge.

- Pool equipment enclosure provides for negative visual and noise amenity impacts. **Officer comments:** Negative visual and noise impacted to be managed and mitigated through conditions of consent.
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proposed pool equipment enclosure is suitably located in relation to the associated swimming pool. To locate the enclosure as suggested by the submitter would position the development with a potential to be more visually obtrusive with increased noise impact if placed closer to the dwelling or under the patio area.

- Property listed as Airbnb defined as 'non-hosted' Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) "Bella Vista". **Officer comments:** Noted, however this matter will not be assessed as it is not part of the development application. Please note: Non-hosted Short Term Rental Accommodation is exempt development if it complies with the Housing SEPP general requirements.
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- Recently installed signage for Airbnb increases potential for crime. **Officer comments:** This matter does not relate to the proposed development. The most appropriate way to address this matter would be to submit a formal customer request with council who will investigate as required.

(7) The public interest

The proposed development is consistent with public interest as it will have no detrimental effect on the surrounding area. Moreover, the objection received has been addressed by the applicant. No further objections were made by the surrounding neighbours.

RFI added to portal 15/04

As part of assessment the following is requested: floor plan and elevations for the pool equipment enclosure. This application will be placed "on hold" until this information is provided.

Pool equipment shed floor plan and elevations provided 29/04/2024.

Amended comments provided through internal referral as below.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS

Department	Referred Y/N	Comments
Building	Y	<p>BCA Classification: 10b</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location of swimming pool safety barrier is not clearly identified on the site plan. Recommend a request for further information include this matter. It should be noted that out of ground parts of a swimming pool (including infinity edge

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Subdivision Engineer	N	
Roads & Engineering	N	
Finance & Policy	N	
Heritage Advisor	N	
Environmental Health	N	
Local Laws	N	
Floodplain Mgt Committee	N	
Sustainable Infrastructure	N	


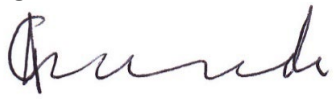
CONCLUSIONS


1. General comments:
2. The proposal satisfies the points for consideration listed under Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*.
3. The proposal occurs on land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential. The proposal is not considered to have detrimental impact on the site and surrounds.
4. The proposal is inconsistent with the Wentworth Shire Development Control Plan (2011). The proposal is inconsistent with development controls of Chapter 2 & consistent with the controls in Chapter 4 of the Wentworth Shire Development Control Plan (2011).
5. The proposed swimming pool with safety barrier do not accord with the relevant objectives, provisions, and principles of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021.

6. There is no draft local environmental plan affecting the proposed development.

Recommendation:

Approve the application subject to conditions

Delegate report author	Delegated approval and endorsement
Signature: 	Signature: 
Kerrie Copley Planning Officer	George Kenende Acting Director Health & Planning
Date: 02/05/2024	Date: 6/05/2024

	<p>Health & Planning Department 26-28 Adelaide Street PO Box 81 WENTWORTH NSW 2648 Tel: 03 5027 5027 council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>Clause 4.6 Assessment</p> <p>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 as amended</p>
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4.6 VARIATION ASSESSMENT

Approving 4.6 variations

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To protect the amenity, scenic landscape values and cultural heritage of the Murray River and to protect public access to its riverine corridors,	Not applicable due to the subject land being privately owned to the riverbank.
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5 part test

1. The objectives of the standard are achieved notwithstanding noncompliance with the standard:

Response from applicant: In this case, it is demonstrated that Test 1 has been satisfied.

It should be noted that the adjoining dwelling's swimming pools were established under the previous LEP's provisions which allowed swimming pools to be located 30 metres from the pool level. It was imperative that the proposed pool was also located in excess 30 metres from the pool level to allow a consistent development setback.

Officer comments: The minor encroachment beyond the dwelling into the river front area is minimal and is not anticipated to have significant impact to the bed or bank of the Murray River.

2. The underlying objective or purpose of the standard is not relevant to the development and therefore compliance is unnecessary:

Response from applicant: The underlying objective or purpose is relevant to the development and therefore this test is not relied upon.

Officer comments: Due to the existing residential development on the site and that on surrounding sites, the development is anticipated to be minimal.

3. The underlying objective or purpose would be defeated or thwarted if compliance was required and therefore compliance is unreasonable:

Response from applicant: The underlying objective or purpose is relevant to the development and therefore this test is not relied upon.

Officer comments: Conditions of consent will indicate requirements to be complied with relative to legislation.

4. The development standard has been virtually abandoned or destroyed by the council's own actions in granting consents departing from the standard and hence compliance with the standard is unnecessary and unreasonable:

Response from applicant: The standard has not been abandoned by Council, however the previous LEP did allow pools to be located where it is currently proposed.

Officer comments: Despite the previous LEP allowing swimming pools to be located within the river front area, applications must be assessed and determined based on current legislation with individual site conditions and environmental impact forming part of the assessment.


5. That compliance with development standard is unreasonable or inappropriate due to existing use of land and current environmental character of the particular parcel of land. That is, the particular parcel of land should not have been included in the zone:

Response from applicant: The zoning of the land is reasonable and appropriate and therefore this test is not relied upon.

Officer comments: The swimming pool and related earthworks are permitted as ancillary development under the land use zoning with surrounding allotments having similar developments.

The proposed variation is supported based on the results of the five (5) part test above.

Officer comments: The proposed variation to development standard 4.6 is supported based on the results of the five (5) part test – indicating that the development complies with the 5 part test. The minimal encroachment of the proposed swimming pool and associated works are not anticipated to cause any further significant impact to the river front area as that already imposed by development on surrounding sites.

 <p>Wentworth SHIRE COUNCIL</p>	<p>Health & Planning Department 26-28 Adelaide Street PO Box 81 WENTWORTH NSW 2648 Tel: 03 5027 5027 council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>TEMPLATE CONDITIONS</p>
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**DA2024/018 SWIMMING POOL WITH SAFETY BARRIER 14 RIVERVIEW RISE LOT 5 DP 1014355
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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.	<p>Approved development</p> <p>Approval is for a swimming pool with safety barrier.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure all parties are aware of the approved development.</p>
2.	<p>Approved Plans and Documentation</p> <p>The development shall be in accordance with the following plans, documentation and recommendations made there in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality Plan by Hatch Planning; Drawing No: DWG A001; Date: 16/01/2024. • Site Plan by Hatch Planning; Drawing No: DWG A002; Date: 16/01/2024. • Proposed pool plan and sections by Hatch Planning; Drawing No: DWG A003; Date: 11/01/2024. • Proposed pool equipment enclosure plan (Floor plan) by Hatch Planning; Drawing No: DWG B001; Date: 24/04/2024. • Proposed pool equipment enclosure plan (Elevations) by Hatch Planning; Drawing No: DWG B002; Date: 24/04/2024. • Pool fence detail provided by the applicant. No Date. <p>In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and the supporting documentation, the approved plans prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and a condition of this consent, the condition prevails.</p> <p>Note: an inconsistency occurs between an approved plan and supporting documentation or between an approved plan and a condition when it is not possible to comply with both at the relevant time.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure all parties are aware of the approved plans and supporting documentation that applies to the development.</p>
3.	<p>Compliance with Building Code of Australia and insurance requirements under Home Building Act 1989</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is a condition of a development consent for development that involves building work that the work must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. It is a condition of a development consent for development that involves residential building work for which a contract of insurance is required under the Home Building Act 1989, Part 6 that a contract of insurance is in force before building work authorised to be carried out by the consent commences. 3. It is a condition of a development consent for a temporary structure used as an entertainment venue that the temporary structure must comply with Part B1 and NSW Part H102 in Volume 1 of the Building Code of Australia. 4. In subsection (1), a reference to the Building Code of Australia is a reference to the Building Code of Australia as in force on the day on which the application for the construction certificate was made. 5. In subsection (3), a reference to the Building Code of Australia is a reference to the Building Code of Australia as in force on the day on which the application for development consent was made. 6. This section does not apply- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. to the extent to which an exemption from a provision of the Building Code of Australia or a fire safety standard is in force under the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021, or b. to the erection of a temporary building, other than a temporary structure to which subsection (3) applies. <p>Reason: Prescribed condition under section 69 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.</p>
4.	<p>Erection of signs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This section applies to a development consent for development involving building work, subdivision work or demolition work. 2. It is a condition of the development consent that a sign must be erected in a prominent position on a site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifier for the work, and b. showing the name of the principal contractor, if any, for the building work and a telephone number on which the principal contractor may be contacted outside working hours, and c. stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited. 3. The sign must be- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, and b. removed when the work has been completed. 4. This section does not apply in relation to- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. building work, subdivision work or demolition work carried out inside an existing building, if the work does not affect the external walls of the building, or b. Crown building work certified to comply with the Building Code of Australia under the Act, Part 6. <p>Reason: Prescribed condition under section 70 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment</p>

	Regulation 2021.
5.	<p>Lapsing of Approval</p> <p>Without the further consent of the Wentworth Shire Council, in writing, this permit shall lapse and have no force or effect unless the use or development hereby permitted is physically commenced within 5 years of the date of this permit.</p> <p>Reason: Ensure everyone is aware of the lapsing of the approval</p>
6.	<p>Works outside the property boundary</p> <p>This development consent does not authorise works outside the property boundaries on adjoining lands.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure all approved works occur within the property boundaries</p>

BUILDING WORK

BEFORE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

7.	<p>Access Point</p> <p>Before the issue of a Construction Certificate, the beneficiary of this consent must build a driveway crossing for the subject land (if one doesn't exist) to Council standards.</p> <p>Access during construction shall only be through the driveway crossing of the subject land.</p> <p>Reason: To control vehicular movement on road crossings.</p>
8.	<p>Building Material</p> <p>The proposed building/s and structure/s shall be clad in an approved non-reflective material e.g. colorbond.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the materials of the building not impact the visual amenity of the surrounding character of the area.</p>
9.	<p>Construction Site Management Plan</p> <p>Before the issue of a construction certificate, the applicant must ensure a construction site management plan is prepared before it is provided to and approved by the certifier. The plan must include the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location and materials for protective fencing and hoardings to the perimeter on the site • provisions for public safety • pedestrian and vehicular site access points and construction activity zones • details of construction traffic management, including proposed truck movements to and from the site and estimated frequency of those movements, and measures to preserve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the site

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protective measures for on-site tree preservation (including in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites) and trees in adjoining public domain • details of any bulk earthworks to be carried out • location of site storage areas and sheds • equipment used to carry out all works • a garbage container with a tight-fitting lid • dust, noise and vibration control measures • location of temporary toilets. <p>The applicant must ensure a copy of the approved construction site management plan is kept on-site at all times during construction.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure construction works are adequately managed to protect the surrounding amenity.</p>
10.	<p>Erosion and Sediment Control</p> <p>Before the issue of a construction certificate, the beneficiary of this consent is to ensure that an erosion and sediment control plan is prepared in accordance with the following documents before it is provided to and approved by the certifier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the guidelines set out in the NSW Department of Housing manual Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Certificate (the Blue Book), and • the 'Do it Right On-Site, Soil and Water Management for the Construction Industry'; (Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils and the Natural Heritage Trust). <p>The applicant must ensure the erosion and sediment control plan is kept onsite at all times during site works and construction.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure no substance other than rainwater enters the stormwater system and waterways.</p>
11.	<p>Hydrostatic valve</p> <p>The pool must be provided with a hydrostatic pressure relief valve for relief of ground water table pressures.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the pool is appropriately designed and constructed</p>
12.	<p>Long Service Levy</p> <p>Before the issue of a construction certificate, the beneficiary of this consent is to ensure that the person liable pays the long service levy as calculated at the operational date of this consent to the Long Service Corporation or Council under section 34 of the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Act 1986 and provides proof of this payment to the certifier.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the long service levy is paid.</p>
13.	<p>Payment of Security Deposits</p>

	<p>This condition applies to all construction works \$25,001 and above.</p> <p>Before the commencement of any works on the site or the issue of a construction certificate, the beneficiary of this consent must make all of the following payments to Council and provide written evidence of these payments to the certifier:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Infrastructure Bond (Security Deposit)</td><td>\$3,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Infrastructure Protection Permit Fee (includes inspections)</td><td>\$221.00</td></tr> </table> <p>The payments will be used for the cost of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> making good any damage caused to any council property (including street trees, kerb, road etc) as a consequence of carrying out the works to which the consent relates, completing any public work such as roadwork, kerbing and guttering, footway construction, stormwater drainage and environmental controls, required in connection with this consent, and any inspection carried out by Council in connection with the completion of public work or the making good any damage to council property. <p>The Infrastructure Bond will be returned on completion of the construction of the proposed development, subject to no damage being done to any council property (including street trees, kerb, road etc) as a consequence of carrying out the works to which the consent relates. The owner / developer is to arrange an inspection with an Officer of Wentworth Shire Council before any work commences on site. Any damage incurred to Council infrastructure will be repaired at the owners / developers expense and the balance of the Infrastructure Bond will be returned to the owner / developer on completion of the construction.</p> <p>Note: The inspection fee includes Councils fees and charges and includes the Public Road and Footpath Infrastructure Inspection Fee (under the Roads Act 1993). The amount payable must be in accordance with councils fees and charges at the payment date.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure any damage to public infrastructure is rectified and public works can be created.</p>	Infrastructure Bond (Security Deposit)	\$3,000.00	Infrastructure Protection Permit Fee (includes inspections)	\$221.00
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14.	<p>Plumbing and Drainage</p> <p>Before issuance of the Construction Certificate, a Plumbing and Drainage Application under Section 68 of the Local Government Act NSW 1993 is to be submitted to and approved by Council before any plumbing and drainage works (stormwater, water and sewerage).</p> <p>Note: All stormwater from the site is to be directed towards a legal point of discharge. All plumbing and drainage work is to be carried out by a plumber and drainer, or other authorised person, licensed with the New South Wales Department of Fair Trading.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure plumbing and drainage works are carried out appropriately.</p>				
15.	<p>Pool - Discharge</p> <p>Discharge from swimming pool filters are to be to Councils requirement.</p>				

	Reason: To ensure the pool is appropriately designed and constructed
16.	<p>Pool - Disposal of backwash</p> <p>Backwash water from the filter must be disposed of to a legal point of discharge. The backwash must not at any time be disposed of into the stormwater system.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the pool is appropriately designed and constructed</p>
17.	<p>Pool - Safety barrier construction</p> <p>The swimming pool and safety fences and gates shall be DESIGNED AND INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE with the Building Code of Australia, the Swimming Pools Act 1992 and Swimming Pools Regulations 2008.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure safety barrier meets compliance standards</p>
18.	<p>Waste management plan</p> <p>Before the issue of a construction certificate, the applicant is to ensure that a waste management plan is prepared in accordance with the EPA's Waste Classification Guidelines and the following requirements before it is provided to and approved by the certifier:</p> <p>Details the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the contact details of the person(s) removing the waste • an estimate of the waste (type and quantity) and whether the waste is expected to be reused, recycled or go to landfill • the address of the disposal location(s) where the waste is to be taken <p>The applicant must ensure the waste management plan is referred to in the construction site management plan and kept on-site at all times during construction.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure resource recovery is promoted and local</p>
19.	<p>Works in Road Reserve</p> <p>A Road Opening Permit is required from the Wentworth Shire Council prior to any works or excavation within the road reserve including but not limited to: water tapping, sewer, driveway crossings, tree planting or removal etc.</p> <p>Please contact Councils Roads & Engineering Department on Tel: (03) 5027 5027 to arrange a permit.</p> <p>Reason: To control development in the road reserve.</p>

BEFORE BUILDING WORK COMMENCES

20.	<p>Construction Certificates and Appointment of Principal Certifier</p> <p>Prior to the commencement of any building works, the following requirements must be complied</p>
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	<p>with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Construction Certificate must be obtained from the Council or an Accredited Certifier, in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, • A Principal Certifier must be appointed, and Council must be notified in writing of the appointment irrespective of whether Council or a Registered Certifier is appointed; and notify Council in writing of their intention to commence work (at least two [2] days' notice is required). <p>Reason: To ensure building works complies with relevant legislation and other codes.</p>
21.	<p>Contractor details notification</p> <p>The certifying authority must advise Council, in writing of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name and contractor licence number of the licensee who has been contracted to do or intends to do the work, or 2. The name and permit of the owner-builder who intends to do the work. <p>If these arrangements are changed, or if a contract is entered into for the work to be done by a different licensee, Council must be immediately informed.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure building work is carried out by licensed contractor</p>
22.	<p>Dial before you dig</p> <p>Underground assets may exist in the area that is subject to your application. In the interest of health and safety and in order to protect damage to third party assets please contact Dial before you dig at www.1100.com.au or telephone 1100 before excavating or erecting structures (This is the law in NSW). If alterations are required to the configuration, size, form or design of the development upon contact the Dial before You Dig service, an amendment to the development consent (or a new development application) may be necessary.</p> <p>Individuals owe asset owners a duty of care that must be observed when working in the vicinity of plant or assets. It is the individuals responsibility to anticipate and request the nominal location of plant or assets on the relevant property via contacting the Dial before you dig service in advance of any construction or planning activities."</p> <p>Reason: To ensure existing infrastructure is identified</p>
23.	<p>Erosion and sediment controls in place</p> <p>Before the commencement of any site or building work, the developer must be satisfied the erosion and sediment controls in the erosion and sediment control plan, (as approved by Council) are in place until the site is rectified (at least 70% ground cover achieved over any bare ground on site).</p> <p>Reason: To ensure runoff and site debris do not impact local stormwater systems and waterways</p>

24.	<p>Notice of commencement of works</p> <p>Subject to approval to commence works two days before any site works, building or demolition begins, the beneficiary of this consent must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward to Council notice of commencement of work and appointment of Principal Certifying Authority. 2. Notify the adjoining owners that work will commence. <p>Reason: To provide notification of works commencing</p>
25.	<p>Rubbish/Waste Management</p> <p>Throughout the construction period, from commencement of work, a suitable rubbish containment structure is to be located on site and utilised.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the construction site is kept clean and safe at all times.</p>
26.	<p>Toilet facilities</p> <p>Toilet facilities are to be provided on or in the vicinity of the building site. The toilet must be connected to a public sewer, or if connection to a public sewer is not practicable, an approved chemical closet. The toilet facility must be installed on-site prior to the commencement of any other work.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure workers and contractors have access to amenities on site.</p>
27.	<p>Tree protection measures</p> <p>Before the commencement of any site or building work, the principal certifier must ensure the measures for tree protection detailed in the construction site management plan are in place.</p> <p>Reason: To protect and retain trees.</p>

DURING BUILDING WORK

28.	<p>Approved Plans</p> <p>A copy of the stamped approved and certified plans, specifications and documents incorporating conditions of approval and certification must be kept on site for the duration of site works and be made available upon request to either the Council or other Government Agencies.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure all parties are aware of the approved works to be conducted</p>
29.	<p>Construction noise</p> <p>While work is being carried out and where no noise and vibration management plan is approved under this consent, the applicant is to ensure that any noise caused by demolition, vegetation removal or construction does not exceed an LAeq (15 min) of 5dB(A) above background noise, when measured at any lot boundary of the property where the construction is being carried out.</p>

	Reason: To protect the amenity of the neighbourhood
30.	<p>Contamination discovered during works</p> <p>1) If during works on the land comprising the lot, the land is found to be contaminated, within the meaning of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> all works must stop immediately, and the Environment Protection Authority and the council must be notified of the contamination. <p>2) Land is found to be contaminated for the purposes of this condition if the principal certifying authority knows or reasonably suspects the land is contaminated.</p> <p>Note: Depending on the nature and level of the contamination, remediation of the land may be required before further work can continue.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure contaminated land is managed appropriately</p>
31.	<p>Cut and fill (if applicable)</p> <p>While building work is being carried out, the principal certifier must be satisfied all soil removed from or imported to the site is managed in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All excavated material removed from the site must be classified in accordance with the EPAs Waste Classification Guidelines before it is disposed of at an approved waste management facility and the classification and the volume of material removed must be reported to the principal certifier. All fill material imported to the site must be Virgin Excavated Natural Material as defined in Schedule 1 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 or a material identified as being subject to a resource recovery exemption by the NSW EPA. <p>Reason: To ensure soil removal & replacement meets requirements</p>
32.	<p>Encroachment of easements</p> <p>No works are to encroach over any easements.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure works are not carried out over easements</p>
33.	<p>Hours of work</p> <p>The developer must ensure that building work, demolition or vegetation removal is only carried out between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.00am to 6.00pm on Monday to Friday 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays <p>The developer must ensure building work, demolition or vegetation removal is not carried out on Sundays and public holidays, except where there is an emergency.</p> <p>Unless otherwise approved within a construction site management plan, construction vehicles, machinery, goods or materials must not be delivered to the site outside the approved hours of</p>

	<p>site works.</p> <p>Note: Any variation to the hours of work requires Councils approval.</p> <p>Reason: To protect the amenity of the surrounding area</p>
34.	<p>Implementation of site management plans</p> <p>While vegetation removal, demolition and/or building work is being carried out, the applicant must ensure the measures required by the approved construction site management plan and the erosion and sediment control plan are implemented at all times. The applicant must ensure a copy of these approved plans is kept on site at all times and made available to Council officers upon request.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the required site management measures are implemented during construction.</p>
35.	<p>Natural drainage</p> <p>Any works undertaken in the subject land including building and filling shall not cause alteration to the previous drainage in the subject land or adjacent land. Any remedies required to discharge drainage water caused to be accumulated by the works associated with this permit shall be the responsibility of the beneficiary of this consent.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure natural drainage is maintained where possible</p>
36.	<p>Pool - construction</p> <p>The swimming pool is to be constructed strictly in accordance with the manufacturers recommendation.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure compliance with manufacturers requirements</p>
37.	<p>Pool - Construction works</p> <p>Any construction works/drainage works should be carried out in a manner that Eliminates/reduced water ponding and subsequent mosquitoes breeding i.e. all run off/stormwater should be diverted away from low lying poor surface drainage areas.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the pool is appropriately designed and constructed</p>
38.	<p>Procedure for critical stage inspections</p> <p>While building work is being carried out, any such work must not continue after each critical stage inspection unless the principal certifier is satisfied the work may proceed in accordance with this consent and the relevant construction certificate.</p> <p>Reason: To require approval to proceed with building work following each critical stage inspection</p>
39.	<p>Responsibility for changes to public infrastructure</p> <p>While building work is being carried out, the applicant must pay any costs incurred as a result of</p>

	<p>the approved removal, relocation or reconstruction of infrastructure (including ramps, footpaths, kerb and gutter, light poles, kerb inlet pits, service provider pits, street trees or any other infrastructure in the street footpath area).</p> <p>Reason: To ensure payment of approved changes to public infrastructure</p>
40.	<p>Security fencing</p> <p>An adequate security fence is to be erected around the perimeter of the site prior to commencement of any excavation or construction works, and this fence is to be maintained in a state of good repair and condition until completion of the building project</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the site is secured during construction</p>
41.	<p>Tree protection</p> <p>While site work is being carried out, all required tree protection measures must be maintained in good condition in accordance with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The construction site management plan 2. The relevant requirements of any Australian Standard for the protection of trees on development sites <p>This includes maintaining adequate soil grades and ensuring all machinery, builders refuse, spoil and materials remain outside tree protection zones.</p> <p>Reason: To protect trees during site works</p>
42.	<p>Uncovering relics or Aboriginal objects</p> <p>While demolition or building work is being carried out, all such works must cease immediately if a relic or Aboriginal object is unexpectedly discovered. The applicant must notify the Heritage Council of NSW in respect of a relic and notify the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Heritage Council of NSW in respect of an Aboriginal object. Building work may recommence at a time confirmed by either the Heritage Council of NSW or the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.</p> <p>In this condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “relic” means any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that: (a) relates to the settlement of the area that comprises New South Wales, not being Aboriginal settlement, and a) is of State or local heritage significance; and • “Aboriginal object” means any deposit, object or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains. <p>Reason: To ensure protection of objects of potential significance during works.</p>

43.	<p>Waste management</p> <p>While building work, demolition or vegetation removal is being carried out, the principal certifier must be satisfied all waste management is undertaken in accordance with the approved waste management plan.</p> <p>Upon disposal of waste, the applicant is to compile and provide records of the disposal to the principal certifier, detailing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contact details of the person(s) who removed the waste • The waste carrier vehicle registration • The date and time of waste collection • A description of the waste (type of waste and estimated quantity) and whether the waste is expected to be reused, recycled or go to landfill • The address of the disposal location(s) where the waste was taken • The corresponding tip docket/receipt from the site(s) to which the waste is transferred, noting date and time of delivery, description (type and quantity) of waste. <p>Note: If waste has been removed from the site under an EPA Resource Recovery Order or Exemption, the applicant is to maintain all records in relation to that Order or Exemption and provide the records to the principal certifier and Council.</p> <p>Reason: To require records to be provided, during construction, documenting that waste is appropriately handled.</p>
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BEFORE ISSUE OF AN OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

44.	<p>Completion of landscape and tree works</p> <p>Before the issue of an occupation certificate, the principal certifier must be satisfied that all landscape and tree-works, including pruning in accordance with AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees and the removal of all noxious weed species, have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and any relevant conditions of this consent.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the approved landscaping works have been completed before occupation, in accordance with the approved landscaping plan(s).</p>
45.	<p>Completion of public utility services</p> <p>Before the issue of the relevant occupation certificate, the principal certifier must ensure any adjustment or augmentation of any public utility services including gas, water, sewer, electricity, street lighting and telecommunications, required as a result of the development, is completed to the satisfaction of the relevant authority. Before the issue of the occupation certificate, the certifier must request written confirmation from the relevant authority that the relevant services have been completed.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure required changes to public utility services are completed, in accordance with the relevant agency requirements, before occupation.</p>

46.	<p>Occupation Certificate</p> <p>The building shall not be occupied or used until an Occupation Certificate is issued either by council or by an accredited certifier.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure development is accredited</p>
47.	<p>Removal of waste upon completion</p> <p>Before the issue of an occupation certificate, the principal certifier must ensure all refuse, spoil and material unsuitable for use on-site is removed from the site and disposed of in accordance with the approved waste management plan. Written evidence of the removal must be supplied to the satisfaction of the principal certifier.</p> <p>Before the issue of a partial occupation certificate, the applicant must ensure the temporary storage of any waste is carried out in accordance with the approved waste management plan to the principal certifier's satisfaction.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure waste material is appropriately disposed or satisfactorily stored.</p>
48.	<p>Repair of infrastructure</p> <p>Before the issue of an occupation certificate, the applicant must ensure any public infrastructure damaged as a result of the carrying out of building works (including damage caused by, but not limited to, delivery vehicles, waste collection, contractors, sub-contractors, concreting vehicles) is fully repaired to the written satisfaction of Council, and at no cost to Council.</p> <p>Note: If the council is not satisfied, the whole or part of the bond submitted will be used to cover the rectification work.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure any damage to public infrastructure is rectified</p>

OCCUPATION AND ONGOING USE

49.	<p>Additional structures</p> <p>No additional structures are to be built or installed on the site without permission from the Wentworth Shire Council.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure only approved work is carried out</p>
50.	<p>Amenity of the neighbourhood</p> <p>The operation of this development shall not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood or interfere unreasonably with the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises by reason of the emission or discharge of noise, fumes, vapour, odour, steam, soot, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil or other harmful products.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure the amenity of the neighbourhood is not compromised unreasonably.</p>

51.	<p>Maintenance of wastewater and stormwater treatment device</p> <p>During occupation and ongoing use of the building, the beneficiary of this consent must ensure all wastewater and stormwater treatment devices (including drainage systems, sumps and traps, and on-site detention) are regularly maintained, to remain effective.</p> <p>Reason: To protect sewerage and stormwater systems.</p>
52.	<p>Noise control measures</p> <p>The pool pumps, motor, filter and equipment must be housed and operated in accordance with the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2008</i>.</p> <p>Reason: To protect the amenity of the neighbourhood</p>
53.	<p>Prior to filling pool</p> <p>The swimming pool SHALL NOT BE FILLED WITH WATER until such time as the safety fencing and gates have been completed in accordance with Building Code of Australia.</p> <p>Note: It is the responsibility of the beneficiary of this consent is to ensure that all excavations and incomplete pools have appropriate safety fencing or are otherwise protected.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure compliance with relevant legislation.</p>
54.	<p>Release of securities / bonds</p> <p>When Council receives an occupation certificate from the principal certifier, the applicant may lodge an application to release the securities held. Council may use part, or all of the securities held to complete the works to its satisfaction if the works do not meet Councils requirements.</p> <p>Reason: To allow release of securities and authorise Council to use the security deposit to complete works to its satisfaction.</p>
55.	<p>Required signage</p> <p>The occupier of any premises in or on which a swimming pool is situated must ensure that there is at all times a SIGN prominently displayed and permanently fixed in the vicinity of the swimming pool, which contains the words YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD BE SUPERVISED WHEN USING THIS SWIMMING POOL, together with details of resuscitation techniques, in accordance with the provisions of section 17 of the Swimming Pools Act 1992.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure compliance with the <i>Swimming Pool Act 1992</i>.</p>
56.	<p>Swimming pool site safety</p> <p>The swimming pool shall at all times be SURROUNDED BY A CHILD RESISTANT BARRIER: that separates the swimming pool from any residential building situated on the premises and from any place (whether public or private) adjoining the premises; and that it is designed, constructed,</p>

	<p>installed and maintained in accordance with the standards prescribed by the Building Code of Australia.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure compliance with relevant legislation.</p>
57.	<p>Swimming pool registration</p> <p>The beneficiary of this consent shall have the Swimming Pool registered on the NSW Swimming Pool Register.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure compliance with legislation.</p>
58.	<p>Water testing</p> <p>The occupier is to maintain on the premises, a full set of testing apparatus for checking the effectiveness of the chemical treatment of the pool water.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure maintenance of pool water.</p>

9.10 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 AMENDED MAP TO BURONGA COMMERCIAL PRECINCT PLANNING PROPOSAL

File Number: RPT/24/225

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region

Strategy: 1.5 Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council resolved to proceed with a Planning Proposal to amend planning provisions in the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP) that specifically relate to amendment to the Zoning.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) (now the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)) issued a Gateway Determination to proceed on 15 June 2023.

The Planning Proposal sought to amend the following provisions:

- Rezone approximately 15 ha of land north of the Sturt Highway in Buronga from RU5 Village to E1 Local Centre
- Rezone Lot 1 DP 848480 from RU5 Village to SP2 Infrastructure

Public exhibition and state agency consultation to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) was conducted in accordance with the Gateway Determination. One (1) public submission was received. No submission was received from Transport for NSW.

A report was presented to Council at the 17 April 2024 ordinary council meeting where Council determined to proceed with finalisation amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.

During the finalization, a minor error was identified in the mapping, where land required to remain residential was included within the new proposed E1 zone. As the amended plan constitutes an amendment to the Planning Proposal, it will need Council endorsement.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the minor change to the Planning Proposal mapping to proceed with finalisation of the amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.

Recommendation

- a. That Council endorse the map amendment as outlined in this report.
- b. That Council, as the plan-making authority, resolve to proceed with the finalisation of the Planning Proposal in accordance with section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- c. That Council call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the minor amendment made to the Planning Proposal and process for the Planning Proposal to be finalised.

Background

Council's Health and Planning Department developed the Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan 2020 (BGGSP) to identify and investigate emerging planning issues relevant to Buronga Gol Gol study area. The BGGSP was endorsed by DPHI and adopted by Council in 2020.

The Planning Proposal went through the relevant process and was reported to the 17 April 2024 Council ordinary meeting, where it was resolved to commence the finalisation process for the Planning Proposal.

Matters under consideration

The 17 April 2024 ordinary council meeting report endorsed by Council identified compliance with all requirements of the Gateway determination, including a table responding to matters raised by the submitter.

The proposed amendment is to fix an error on the mapping, to ensure the employment zone is correctly located on land to be used for business purposes. No other changes are proposed to the planning proposal.

According to the Project Timeline the planning proposal will need to be completed by 18 September 2024. The amendment mapping will still allow the Planning Proposal to be finalised within this time frame.

Refer to **Attachment 1** Amended Mapping

Next Process

Condition 5 of the Gateway Determination authorises Council as the local plan-making authority. Therefore, the process to finalise the Planning Proposal is as follows:

- Seek an Opinion from Parliamentary Counsel mapping team with the new mapping
- Upload all required documentation to the Planning Portal, including the new mapping, with a request to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to finalise the planning proposal and notify the amendment to the WLEP on the legislative website.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

a) Resolve to proceed with the finalisation of the Planning Proposal and forward it to DPHI for notification of the amendment on the legislative website with amended mapping.

Or

b) Resolve to set aside the Planning Proposal and not proceed to finalisation with amended mapping.

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The options contained in this report ensure that Council:

- a) Satisfies its legal obligations under the Gateway Determination; and
- b) Is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2023 and Local Strategic Planning Statement; and
- c) Action recommendations made in the BGGSP.
- d) Endorse correct mapping

There are no known financial or policy implications for Council.

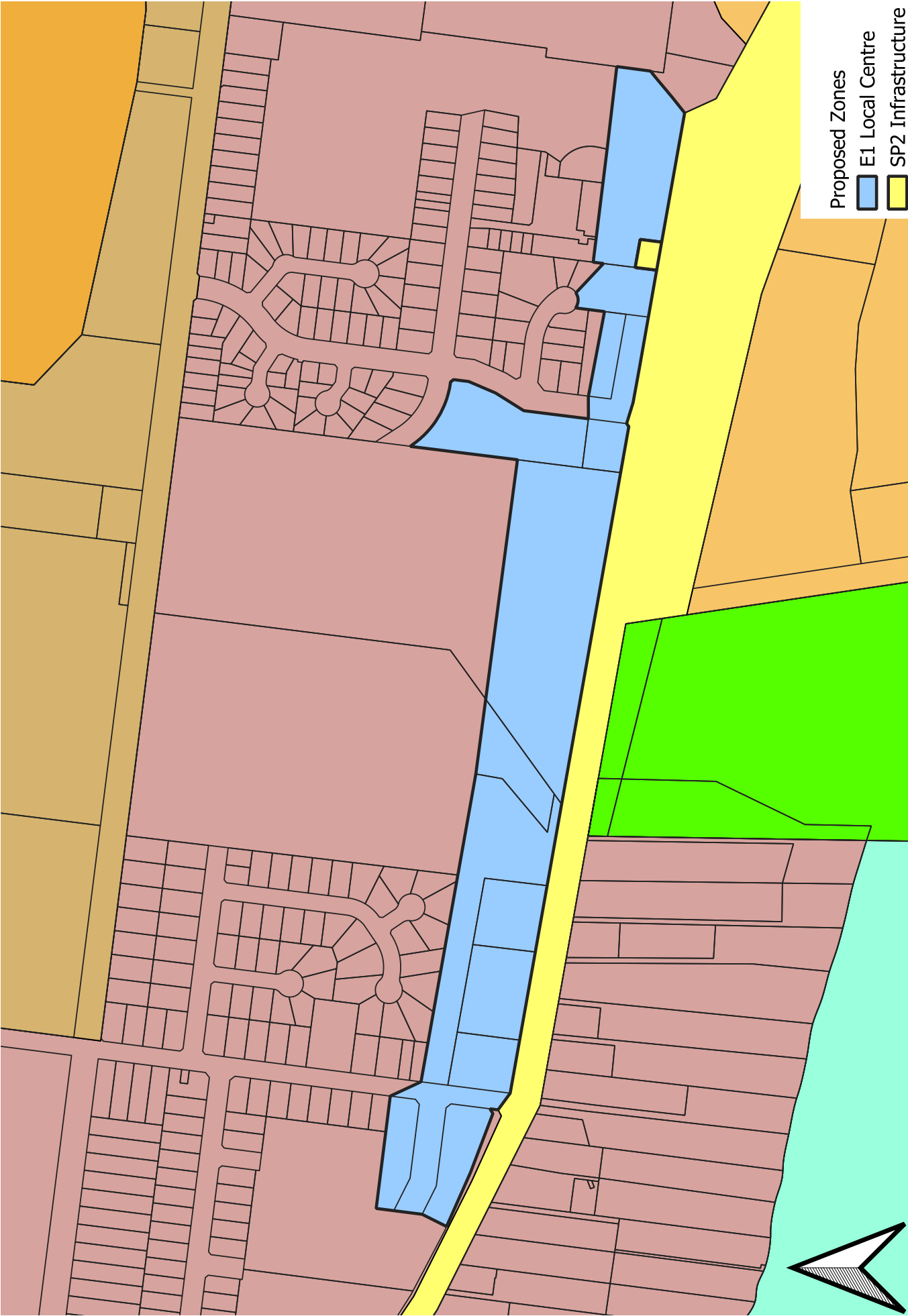
Conclusion

It is concluded that the most appropriate course of action is to resolve to commence finalization of the Planning Proposal then refer it to the Department of Planning Housing and

Infrastructure for notification of the amendment on the legislative website with the amended mapping.

Attachments

1. Amended Mapping [↗](#)



9.11 FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR PLANNING PROPOSAL

File Number: RPT/24/226

Responsible Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Acting Director Health & Planning

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.1 Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development

Summary

Cadell Consulting, working pro-bono on behalf of their clients is seeking a waiver of the applicable fee for the lodgment of a planning proposal of \$7,885.90 – see Attachment 1.

Once lodged, the Planning Proposal aims to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 by heritage listing a 2,500 year old Eucalyptus Oleosa tree (WOW Tree). This will be subject to a completed planning proposal document and report to Council at a later date.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to approve to waiver the LEP Amendment Fee of \$7,885.90.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution regarding the request to waiver the LEP amendment fee.

Background

Council resolved to support a request to list the Wow Tree as a locally significant item in the Wentworth LEP 2011 at the 20 April 2022 ordinary council meeting. The resolution also identified Council preparing the Planning Proposal on behalf of the Australian Inland Botanic Garden (AIBG). Due to Council staffing resources, the drafting of the Planning Proposal has been identified as low priority until a Wentworth Shire Heritage Study is drafted.

The planning proposal lodgment fee is set at \$7885.90 under the 2023/2024 fees and charges.

This report is written in line with previous deliberations on a similar matter as can be demonstrated in attachment 2 – Council resolution 20 April 2022.

Matters under consideration

The community and Council has a vested interest in protecting significant heritage items within the Shire. Before the planning proposal can be lodged, the matter of the fee and waiver request needs to be resolved.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

a) Refuse the planning proposal fee waiver;

Or

b) Approve the planning proposal fee waiver in its entirety.

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The fee for an LEP amendment is not a statutory charge, meaning that it is not a requirement of any legislative instrument and Council has the choice to impose it or not. Within Councils Operational Plan, the fee of \$7,885.90 pays for the time for Councils planning staff to:

- Prepare the Council report for endorsement
- Prepare application and lodgment onto NSW Planning Portal
- Ongoing liaising with NSW Planning Staff to secure a Gateway Determination
- Preparing submitting additional information as required by the Department

The planning proposal once lodged and approved, will enable the WOW Tree to be listed as a local Heritage item within the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, with a benefit to the community. The full fee waiver is considered to be a good benefit to Council.

Conclusion

Based on the information in this report it is recommended the request for a fee waiver be approved in its entirety.

Attachments

1. Fee waiver request letter (Under separate cover)⇒
2. Council resolution 20 April 2022↓

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20 APRIL 2022

9.18 AUSTRALIAN INLAND BOTANIC GARDENS HERITAGE REQUEST

File Number: RPT/22/250

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Michele Bos - Strategic Development Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest

Strategy: 2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination

Summary

Council has received a request, from the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, to add an item to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 Schedule 5 Environmental heritage list.

The item is a 2,500 year old Eucalyptus Oleosa tree, also known as the WOW tree, located within the Botanic Gardens at 1183 River Road, Mourquong.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolve to support the request for listing the 2,500 year old Eucalyptus Oleosa tree, known as the WOW tree, in the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
2. Resolve to prepare the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 Schedule 5 Environmental heritage on behalf of the Australian Inland Botanic Garden.
3. That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Resolve to support the request for listing the 2,500 year old Eucalyptus Oleosa tree, known as the WOW tree, in the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 Schedule 5 Environmental heritage.
2. Resolve to prepare the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 Schedule 5 Environmental heritage on behalf of the Australian Inland Botanic Garden.
3. That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr Linklater

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Beaumont, Cooper, Crisp, Elstone, Evans, Linklater, Nichols and Rodda.***

Against the Motion: ***Nil.***

9.12 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - MAY 2024

File Number: RPT/24/197

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.2 Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of April 2024 and the planned activities for May 2024.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in April 2024 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Detailed Report

Refer below for updates of the works completed in April 2024, and the planned activities for May 2024.

Project and Works Update for April 2024

<p>Roads</p>	<p><u>Maintenance Grading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works scheduled were completed on the Karpa Kora and Wilkurra Roads. <p><u>Arumpo Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design ongoing. • Clearing of vegetation in road reserve following consultation with relevant authorities. • Tenders for the Hire of Water Trucks, Hire of Land Plane/Earth Scoops and supply of Road Base material have been approved. Tender documents were completed for review and signing. • Signing of contracts with successful tenderers. <p><u>Keenans Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of all road signage, loose stones swept off and opened to all traffic. <p><u>Pooncarie Road Heavy Patching</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled maintenance was completed to repair damaged sections south of the township, following the major 26.5km project completed late last year. <p><u>TfNSW Reseals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council completed reseal works on behalf of TfNSW, on the Sturt and Silver City Highways to the value of \$900,000.00.
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<p>Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>District Bulk Metering</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation procurement underway. • <u>3G to 4G Upgrade for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New modems and Sim cards supplied. • Installations commenced in Wentworth. • <u>Junction Island Footpath</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil contractor engaged to construct footpath. • <u>Wentworth Jockey Changerooms</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building is in place adjacent to the Secretary's office. • <u>Wentworth and Pooncarie Camp Kitchens</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wentworth Camp Kitchen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anderson Group appointed as building surveyor. ○ Plan to be progressed with Users for completion following the 2024 Wentworth Show and Cup Day Races. • Pooncarie Camp Kitchen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anderson Group appointed as building surveyor. ○ Feedback compiled on comment to the concept design and shared back with Community User Groups. ○ Construction proposed to Commence directly following the Pooncarie Races. • <u>Pink Lake</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Environmental Factors underway. • Land tenure issues progressing. • <u>Wentworth Effluent Disposal System (EDS)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete. • <u>Willow Bend Caravan Park</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western end: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roll out grass to small island and riverfront complete. ○ Trees installed. ○ One permanent residence installed. • Eastern end: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuation of water / fire water / irrigation / electrical installation. ○ Office and Manager residence delivered. ○ Road works underway including connection to Darling Steet. ○ Kerbing complete. • <u>Amenities Blocks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooncarie and Buronga Amenities ready for delivery. • <u>Rose Street Stormwater – Stage 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical specification and detailed design complete. • Review of Environmental Factors nearing completion. • <u>Buronga Toilet Block</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to arrange permanent power to site underway. • Redesign of pump station.
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Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full works (civil and electrical) tender document in preparation. <p><u>Pooncarie Toilet Block</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes being sought for installation of Amenities block. • ReIn drain design updated. <p><u>James King Park Retaining Wall and Footpath</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes for retaining wall timber and steel work under evaluation. • Documentation for civil piling contractor being prepared. <p><u>Dareton Toilet Block</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed for Dareton 100 years Celebration. <p><u>Wentworth Rowing Club Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional works proposed until flood recovery funds approved. <p><u>Dareton to Namatjira Sharedway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asphalt section of sharedway completed. • Solar lighting tender closed. <p><u>George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball Court Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts Complete. <p><u>Buronga Shared Path</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening of original concrete path underway. • Additional work required due to erosion. <p><u>Wentworth Cadell Street Kerb Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerb & Channel works nearing completion.
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Projects and Works scheduled for May 2024

Roads	<p><u>Arumpo Road 24.5km</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design tested onsite. • RFQ for culverts close 9th of May, place order on review of submissions. • Pushing up of material in the new gravel pits in readiness for the contractor to commence crushing and pugging for the entire project. • Project to commence onsite Monday 20th with site amenities, earth scoops, graders rollers and carting of water to site dams. <p><u>Maintenance Grading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works scheduled to be completed on the Wamberra, Polia, Rufus River, Alfred Elms, Little Manly and High Darling Roads. <p><u>Buronga Landfill Intersection Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major works at the intersection of the landfill are due to commence mid May, which include an overtaking lane for north bound traffic, drainage works and asphalt surfacing to cater for the increase in heavy vehicle usage during and after the Landfill expansion. <p><u>Keenans Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line marking to be completed on Old Wentworth Road and River Road <p><u>Low Darling Road Re sheeting</u></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re shaping of the existing subbase, and 150mm layer of locally sourced gravel will be placed for an extent of 5.7km commencing at the end of the bitumen seal. This will provide a safe, all weather access onto the bitumen for residents of the area.
Projects	<p><u>District Bulk Metering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of straight replacement flow meter (Pooncarie). Procurement of contractors to undertake installation. <p><u>3G to 4G Upgrade for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation to the majority of sites to be complete. <p><u>Junction Island Footpath</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remaining vegetation to be removed. Footpath construction to commence. <p><u>Willow Bend Caravan Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western end to be completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power bollards to be installed. Amenities block operational. Eastern end works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All underground services completed. Retaining wall completed. Road and car park completed. Additional caravan pads. Reinstatement of Levee path and perimeter fencing. <p><u>Amenities Blocks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pooncarie Toilet Block to be delivered. <p><u>Rose Street Stormwater – Stage 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender documentation to be prepared and out to tender. REF to be completed. <p><u>Buronga Toilet Block</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full works package to go out to tender. Continue application for permanent electricity to site. <p><u>Pooncarie Toilet Block</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building foundations to be installed. Procurement documentation for reln drain to be issued to contractors. <p><u>Pink Lake</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender documentation to be prepared and go out to tender. REF progressing. Land tenure issues progressing. <p><u>Dareton to Namatjira Sharedway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil works to be completed. Solar lighting tender to be awarded. <p><u>James King Park Retaining Wall and Footpath</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials to be delivered for retaining wall. Construction contractor for retaining wall to be engaged.

<p>Projects</p>	<p><u>George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball Court Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor works to the perimeter to be completed - Oasis Unmatched engaged to complete the works under existing contract. <p><u>Buronga Shared Path</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared path to be completed. Signage to be installed. <p><u>Wentworth Cadell Street Kerb Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealing of road adjacent to kerb. Complete. <p><u>Wentworth Jockey Changerooms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plumbing connections to be completed.
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Flood Recovery Works

<p>Flood Recovery</p>	<p><u>Junction Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works awarded. 12-week lead time on supply of the lamp post light heads. Providing no delays with the lights, works will be completed for the Junction Rally. <p><u>Wentworth Wharf & Riverfront</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFQ awarded. 12-Week lead time on supply of the lamp posts light heads. Provided no delays with the lights, works should be completed by Mid-late July. Some underground electrical cables been replaced along with sundry works in other areas.
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Attachments

1. Willow Bend Caravan Park 1 [↓](#)
2. Willow Bend Caravan Park 2 [↓](#)
3. Willow Bend Caravan Park 3 [↓](#)
4. Dareton to Namatjira Shared Path [↓](#)
5. Buronga Shared Path [↓](#)





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Camp Kitchen





10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting for only so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

. PT2324/12 Dareton to Namatjira Shared Path Solar Lighting. (RPT/24/243)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 PT2324/12 DARETON TO NAMATJIRA SHARED PATH SOLAR LIGHTING

File Number: RPT/24/243

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Michael Hilliard - Project Engineer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

26 June 2024