

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of Wentworth Shire Council will be held in the **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SHORT STREET, WENTWORTH**, commencing at **7:00PM**.

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KEN ROSS GENERAL MANAGER

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA 21 FEBRUARY 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 AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 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 24 January 2024 be confirmed as circulated.



ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

24 JANUARY 2024

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00pm.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Daniel Linklater

Councillor Brian Beaumont Councillor Steve Cooper Councillor Peter Crisp Councillor Tim Elstone Councillor Jane MacAllister Councillor Susan Nichols Councillor Jo Rodda

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)

Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering) Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)

Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

That Council grants the Leave of Absence request from Cr Heywood.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Rodda advised that she had a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.7 as she is the Council Representative on Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.

Councillor Beaumont advised that he had a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.7 as he is the President of Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc. who is seeking financial assistance to produce the Official Visitors Guide.

Councillor Elstone advised that he had a pecuniary interest in Item10.1 as he is a water broker.

Councillor Crisp advised that he had a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.1 as he has shares in Western Murray Irrigation which is an Irrigation Infrastructure Organisation.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13 December 2023 be confirmed as

circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 13 December 2023 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Rodda

6 Outstanding Matters from Previous Meetings

6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/23/820

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 17 January 2024.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the list of outstanding matters as at 17 January 2024.

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/23/819

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

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Cr Rodda advised there is an Australia Day breakfast at the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens on 26 January 2024 and that the Magenta Art Prize will be occurring in the Woolshed over Easter.

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/23/816

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

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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

Circulars 23-16 to 23-17

2. Meetings

As listed

3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed

4. Other items of note

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 Cooper

9.2 FAR SOUTH WEST JOINT ORGANISATION

File Number: RPT/24/18

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

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: 4.4 Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to

strategically plan for the future

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council has been part of the Far South West Joint Organisation since its inception in 2018. Member Councils are Balranald Shire Council, Broken Hill City Council, Central Darling Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council. This Joint Organisation structure has struggled to generate income and accordingly it is forecast that the operation of this entity would only remain for a period of 2 years. With this in mind, it is pertinent for Council to consider being part of an alternate Joint Organisation. Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation have resolved to formally invite Wentworth Shire Council to join as a non-voting Associate Member while the more formal process of Full Membership of RAMJO unfolds within the Office of Local Government.

Recommendation

That Council apply to Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation to become a non-voting Associate Member.

Council Resolution

That Council apply to Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation to become a non-voting Associate Member.

Moved Cr Cooper, Seconded Cr Crisp

CARRIED

For the Motion: Clr.s Cooper, Crisp, Elstone, Linklater, Nichols and Rodda.

Against the Motion: Clr.s Beaumont and MacAllister.

9.3 MEN IN A SHED REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/24/19

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

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

Council is in receipt of correspondence from Dareton Men in a Shed seeking financial assistance to the value of \$100,000 to complete the fire service for the building to allow an occupation certificate to be issued on the completed building.

Recommendation

That Council

- a) Submit an amended schedule of works attached to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program round 4 to remove the Buronga Toilet Block project and add the Men in Shed project.
- b) If successful support the request from Dareton Men in a Shed to a value up to one hundred thousand dollars.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Submit an amended schedule of works attached to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program round 4 to remove the Buronga Toilet Block project and add the Men in Shed project.
- b) Support the request from Dareton Men in a Shed to a value up to one hundred thousand dollars.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr Rodda

9.4 WRITING OFF OF OUTSTANDING DEBTOR ACCOUNT

File Number: RPT/24/17

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

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

Council has an outstanding debtor amount owed by Wentworth River Cruises. Wentworth River Cruises no longer exists.

Recommendation

That Council write off the amount of \$3,576.94 for the debtor account of Wentworth River Cruises.

Council Resolution

That Council write off the amount of \$3,576.94 for the debtor account of Wentworth River Cruises.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr Cooper

9.5 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL AND WENTWORTH PIONEER HOMES COMMITTEE INC

File Number: RPT/24/26

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

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: 4.4 Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to

strategically plan for the future

Summary

Wentworth Pioneer Homes Committee Inc have requested a Memorandum of Understanding be initiated with Wentworth Shire Council. This Memorandum of Understanding is to put in place an agreement for the ongoing collaborative relationship between the Shire and the Committee for the development and management of Tunkin Homes, a set of low-cost housing units, located on the Corner of Armstrong Avenue and William Street Lot 710 DP 1297635 Wentworth.

Recommendation

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor and the General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wentworth Pioneer Homes Committee Inc and Wentworth Shire Council and affix the Council seal.

Council Resolution

That Council defer Item 9.5 pending further information.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nichols

9.6 ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

File Number: RPT/24/13

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 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government is being held from 2 July to 4 July 2024 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra. The National General Assembly of Local Government provides an opportunity for Councils to identify and discuss national issues of priority for the sector. Motions are due for submission to the Australian Local Government Association by 29 March 2024.

To meet this deadline any motions to the Annual Conference will need to be submitted to the General Manager by 5 February 2024 for consideration at the 21 February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, as the motions require a resolution of Council.

Council is also required to nominate and endorse delegates to attend the National General Assembly. In previous years the Mayor and General Manager have attended to conference and from time to time one other Councillor.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Notes that motions for the 2024 National General Assembly are required by to be submitted to the General Manager by 5 February 2024
- b) Endorses the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the National General Assembly of Local Government

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Notes that motions for the 2024 National General Assembly are required by to be submitted to the General Manager by 5 February 2024
- b) Endorses the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the National General Assembly of Local Government

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr Cooper

Amendment

That Council:

- a) Notes that motions for the 2024 National General Assembly are required by to be submitted to the General Manager by 5 February 2024
- b) Endorses the attendance of the Mayor, one other Councillor and General Manager at the National General Assembly of Local Government

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Rodda

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Notes that motions for the 2024 National General Assembly are required by to be submitted to the General Manager by 5 February 2024
- b) Endorses the attendance of the Mayor, one other Councillor and General Manager at the National General Assembly of Local Government

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr Rodda

9.7 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - WENTWORTH REGIONAL TOURISM INC

File Number: RPT/23/825

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Hannah Nicholas - Business Support Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and

tourism destination

At 07:39 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont left the Council Chambers.

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request for assistance from Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc with productions costs of the next edition of the Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback Visitor Information Guide. The guide is produced biennially and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc compile the guide.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Allocate \$30,000 of funds towards production costs for the Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback Visitor Information Guide to Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc and approve a budget variation for \$30,000;
- b) Grant financial assistance of another amount toward production costs for the Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback Visitor Information Guide to Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc and approve a budget variation for the same amount; or
- c) Decline the request for financial assistance for productions costs for the Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback Visitor Information Guide to Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc

Council Resolution

That Council:

a) Allocate \$30,000 of funds towards production costs for the Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback Visitor Information Guide to Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc and approve a budget variation for \$30,000;

Moved Cr Rodda, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 07:45 pm Councillor Brian Beaumont returned to Council Chambers.

9.8 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

File Number: RPT/24/15

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 December 2023 were \$515,930.78. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 64.8%. For comparison purposes 61.81% of the levy had been collected at the end of December 2022. Council currently has \$45,949,120.77 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. Elstone

9.9 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

File Number: RPT/24/5

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 December 2023, Council had \$41 million invested in term deposits and \$4,949,120.77 in other cash investments. Council received \$165,232.59 from its investments for the month of December 2023.

In December 2023 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.70% and it currently has \$8,084,119.76 of internal restrictions and \$32,636,888.36 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. MacAllister

9.10 POONCARIE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER LEASE

File Number: RPT/23/818

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region

Strategy: 1.3 High quality connectivity across the region

Summary

At the October 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting the new lease was tabled for consideration and approval. Council deferred a decision on the matter and requested additional information in relation to the need for four separate lease documents, why all four need to be signed now and the impact that this has on any rent review mechanism.

Further work has been undertaken to address the issues raised and the lease documents are again being tabled to be executed by Council.

Recommendation

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the General Manager to sign the lease documents and affix the Council seal.

Council Resolution

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the General Manager to sign the lease documents and affix the Council seal.

Moved Cr Beaumont, Seconded Cr Cooper

9.11 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - JANUARY 2024

File Number: RPT/24/1

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 December 2023 and the planned activities for January 2024.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in December 2023 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in December 2023 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr Crisp

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 WATER MISMANAGEMENT CLAIMS PUBLISHED BY BLOOMBERG 27 DECEMBER 2023

File Number: RPT/24/35

At 07:56 pm Councillor Tim Elstone left the Council Chambers. At 07:57 pm Councillor Jo Rodda left the Council Chambers.

Motion

That Council:

- 1. Writes to Federal and NSW Water Ministers, seeking comment on claims investigated by Bloomberg in its article of 27 December 2023, specifically seeking assurance from Federal Water Minister, The Honourable Tanya Plibersek, that:
 - all Irrigation Infrastructure Organisations in the Murray-Darling Basin will be investigated to ascertain whether their operations are adversely impacting allocations more broadly, or their own customers and whether some form of regulation is required; and
 - b) water trading and speculative "hedge fund" activity is not adversely impacting water prices, or deliverability, that so-called "zero amount" trades are explained more fully, and whether some form of regulation is required; and
 - c) immediately institute a basin-wide water audit, to ascertain whether the States are acting to ensure Environmentally Sustainable Level of Take is adhered; and
- Seeking urgent action from NSW Water Minister, The Honourable Rose Jackson, to freeze all floodplain harvesting licences, and initiate an independent, comprehensive review, to ascertain whether increased extraction in the northern basin assists or hinders a return to sustainable levels of extraction and is in line with Environmentally Sustainable Level of Take, as required under the Water Act 2007 (Cth).

That Council:

- 1. Writes to Federal and NSW Water Ministers, seeking comment on claims investigated by Bloomberg in its article of 27 December 2023, specifically seeking assurance from Federal Water Minister, The Honourable Tanya Plibersek, that:
 - all Irrigation Infrastructure Organisations in the Murray-Darling Basin will be investigated to ascertain whether their operations are adversely impacting allocations more broadly, or their own customers and whether some form of regulation is required; and
 - b) water trading and speculative "hedge fund" activity is not adversely impacting water prices, or deliverability, that so-called "zero amount" trades are explained more fully, and whether some form of regulation is required; and
 - c) immediately institute a basin-wide water audit, to ascertain whether the States are acting to ensure Environmentally Sustainable Level of Take is adhered; and
- 2. Seeking urgent action from NSW Water Minister, The Honourable Rose Jackson, to freeze all floodplain harvesting licences, and initiate an independent, comprehensive review, to ascertain whether increased extraction in the northern basin assists or hinders a return to sustainable levels of extraction and is in line with Environmentally Sustainable Level of Take, as required under the Water Act 2007 (Cth).

Moved Cr MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Beaumont

Amendment

That Council write to NSW Water Minister seeking urgent action to formulate scientific triggers for storage levels in the Menindee Lakes that would embargo upstream extraction of floodplain and supplementary flows until satisfactory flows to towns, communities and environment of the Lower Darling are met and sustainable for a period of two years.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That Council write to NSW Water Minister seeking urgent action to formulate scientific triggers for storage levels in the Menindee Lakes that would embargo upstream extraction of floodplain and supplementary flows until satisfactory flows to towns, communities and environment of the Lower Darling are met and sustainable for a period of two years.

Moved Cr Crisp, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

For the Motion: Clr.s Cooper, Crisp, Linklater and Nichols.

Against the Motion: Clr.s Beaumont, MacAllister and Rodda.

At 08:43 pm Councillor Tim Elstone returned to Council Chambers.

At 08:00 pm Councillor Jo Rodda returned to Council Chambers.

10.2 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS CADELL STREET TO JUNCTION PARK

Cr Brian Beaumont requested that due to there not being safe pedestrian access from the Beverley Street corner with Cadell Street to the Junction there be investigation into providing pedestrian access.

10.3 CIVIC CENTRE FOOTPATH

Cr Susan Nichols asked what is happening with the footpath area outside the Civic Centre.

The General Manager advised there will be a pebblecrete footpath put in, including a compliant disabled ramp as there old ramp was non compliant.

10.4 NATIVE TREES TRENTHAM CLIFFS

Cr Jane MacAllister asked whether existing native trees at Trentham Cliffs are under threat from development including turning lanes on the highway.

10.5 SPEED ZONE REVIEW AT TRENTHAM CLIFFS

Cr Jo Rodda asked what is happening regarding the speed zone review at Trentham Cliffs.

The Mayor advised that this matter was brought to the attention of the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads when she visited recently.

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 Caravan Park Management. (RPT/24/20)

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 Plant Replacement - Approval on Tenders for Replacement of Plant 657 - Ford Mondeo - VR2324/657. (RPT/23/815)

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.

12.3 Willow Bend Caravan Park - Supply Road Base Material - PT2324/05. (RPT/24/24)

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.

12.4 Willow Bend Caravan Park - Asphalt Sealing - PT2324/06. (RPT/24/25)

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.

12.5 Expression of Interest - The Smoke Show. (RPT/24/37)

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.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) 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.
- b) Admit Late Supplementary Item 12.5 into the Closed agenda.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 CARAVAN PARK MANAGEMENT

File Number: RPT/24/20

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

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

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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The General Manager advised that Council:

- a) Nominated Darling River Man as the preferred lessee for the Wentworth Caravan Park
- b) Authorised the General Manager to negotiate a 21 year Standard Crown Land Contract.
- c) Write to the Local Government Minister requesting if a 30 year term of lease could be entered into.
- d) requested the General Manager to report back to Council with the lease detail

12.2 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL ON TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 657 - FORD MONDEO - VR2324/657

File Number: RPT/23/815

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: 3.4 Use and manage our resources wisely

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Auto Synergy - Option 2 for the supply & delivery of one Subaru Forester 2.5i-L for the sum of \$39,253.90 inc GST, and accepted the trade price of \$12,000 inc GST for the Council owned Ford Mondeo, plant item 657 with a total changeover price of \$27,253.90 inc GST.

12.3 WILLOW BEND CARAVAN PARK - SUPPLY ROAD BASE MATERIAL - PT2324/05

File Number: RPT/24/24

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Taygun Saritoprak - Project 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

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1) (a) accepted the tender from Mallee Quarries, and subsequently authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works specified for PT2324/05 for \$209,550.00 GST Inclusive.

12.4 WILLOW BEND CARAVAN PARK - ASPHALT SEALING - PT2324/06

File Number: RPT/24/25

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Taygun Saritoprak - Project 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

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.

The General Manager advised that Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1) (a) accepted the tender from Fulton Hogan, and subsequently authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works specified for PT2324/06 for \$397,419.00 including GST.

12.5 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - THE SMOKE SHOW

File Number: RPT/24/37

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Kerren Miles - Economic and Coummunity Development Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and

tourism destination

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.

The General Manager advised that Council:

- a) Accepted the expression of interest from the event management company Hidden Gems Victoria Pty Ltd *Smoke on the Water* to facilitate the Smoked Meat Festival for 2024.
- b) Allocated \$50,000 plus GST from within the Tourism & Promotion budget to support the event.
- c) Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hidden Gems Victoria Pty Ltd for one year with options for further two years subject to a review of this event.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:23pm.

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21 February 2024

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6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/24/54

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 14 February 2024.

Attachments

1. Outstanding matters as at 14 February 2024 U.

Date From: Date To:	Printed: Wednesday, 14 February 2024 9:17:35 AM	Action Record (latest first)	ssue raised Contractor has completed the site review. Contractor to complete a draft landscape concept for Council to review within the next week.	12 Feb 2024 1:17pm Marsden, Gayle The Heritage and History Advisory Committee meeting has been placed on hold pending resource availability	tations be The Dog Waste Station investigation has been placed on hold pending resource availability	12 Feb 2024 1:18pm Marsden, Gayle The investigation of Off Leash Dog Parks has been placed on hold pending resource availability	13 Feb 2024 8:53am Wall, Samantha Draft agreement to be finalised Dec 2023 for review and comments by working group Feb 2024. Followed by feedback from User Group committees prior to Council approval May 2024	edway be Together with Essential Energy, fixed power pole lighting options to be confirmed for Gol Gol End., Solar lighting for Midway section estimated installation
Division: Committee: Ordinary Council Officer:	Outstanding Action Items Report	Item	Cr Brian Beaumont asked if Council should be focussing on the issue raised on Facebook with the pavers in Darling Street.	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.	Cr Brian Beaumont requested that the installation of dog waste stations be investigated.	Cr Susan Nichols asked if an off leash dog park could be considered.	Cr Jo Rodda requested that the reviewing of user groups agreements be placed on the outstanding action list.	Cr Daniel Linklater requested that lighting along the Gol Gol sharedway be investigated.
Division Commit Officer:		Title	Darling Street Pavers	PS RUBY	Dog Waste Stations	Off Leash Dog Park	Review of User Agreements for Crown Reserves	Lighting Sharedway Gol Gol
		Item	10.5	10.1	9.15	10.4	10.4	10.5
		Meeting	Ordinary Council 20/07/2022	Ordinary Council 16/11/2022	Ordinary Council 20/09/2023	Ordinary Council 20/09/2023	Ordinary Council 15/11/2023	Ordinary Council 13/12/2023

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7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/55

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by Mayor Linklater for the period of 25 January 2024 – 21 February 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 25 January 2024 – 21 February 2024.

Date	Meeting	Location
25 Jan 2024	Opening of the Gol Gol Cricket Nets	Gol Gol
25 Jan 2024	2024 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony	Dareton
26 Jan 2024	Buronga Gol Gol & Districts Lions Club Australia Day Breakfast	Buronga
26 Jan 2024	Dareton Community Action Team Brunch at Tapio Park	Dareton
30 Jan 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
4 Feb 2024	Tour of Mildura Icon Cancer Centre	Mildura
6 Feb 2024	Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group Meeting	Gol Gol
13 Feb 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
20 Feb 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
21 Feb 2024	Presentation for the research and development of the Economic Strategy 2024-2028	Wentworth
21 Feb 2024	Pre Meeting Briefing	Wentworth
21 Feb 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth

Attachments

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/56

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

Circular 24-01

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 24-01

Constitutional referendums and council polls

Councils are reminded to inform the NSW Electoral Commissioner (NSWEC) if they have resolved for the NSWEC to administer a constitutional referendum or poll in conjunction with the September 2024 local government elections.

Key points

- Councils should notify the NSWEC as soon as possible if they wish to enter into an arrangement for the administration of a referendum or poll.
- If a council resolves that a constitutional referendum or poll is to be conducted, it must comply with the notification requirements contained in Schedule 10 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
- Any changes approved at a constitutional referendum held in September 2024 will come into effect at the September 2028 local government elections.

2. Meetings

Following is a list of meetings or events attended by the General Manager for the period of 25 January 2024 – 21 February 2024.

Date	Meeting	Location
29 Jan 2024	Darling River Man Pty Ltd Meeting	Wentworth
30 Jan 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
30 Jan 2024	Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra Meeting	Video Conference
31 Jan 2024	Club Grants Cat 1 Committee Meeting	Dareton
9 Feb 2024	Thegoa Lagoon Catfish Project Meeting	Wentworth
9 February 2024	Military Museum Meeting	Video Conference
12 Feb 2024	Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation Meeting	Wentworth
13 Feb 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
14 Feb 2024	Local Rescue Committee Meeting	Buronga/Midway
14 Feb 2024	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	Buronga/Midway
15 Feb 2024	Active Transport Community of Practice Meeting	Video Conference
20 Feb 2024	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
21 Feb 2024	Presentation for the research and development of the Economic Strategy 2024-2028	Wentworth
21 Feb 2024	Pre Meeting Briefing	Wentworth
21 Feb 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 22 February 2024 – 20 March 2024.

Date	Meeting	Proposed Attendees	Location
22 Feb 2024	Site Visit from Bruce Munro	Councillors	Wentworth
4 Feb 2024	Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc Meeting	Cr Rodda	Dareton
6 Mar 2024	George Gordon Oval User Group Meeting	Cr Cooper, Cr Crisp and Cr Elstone	Dareton
12 Mar 2024	Australian Inland Botanic Garden Meeting	Cr Rodda	Buronga
14 Mar 2024	Pooncarie Sporting Reserve User Group Meeting	Cr Elstone and Cr Rodda	Buronga/ Midway
19 Mar 2024	Wentworth Sporting Precinct User Group Meeting	Cr Beaumont and Cr Cooper.	

20 Mar 2024	Presentation from Illuka	Councillors	Wentworth
20 Mai 2024	Presentation from Iluka	Councillors	Wentworth

4. Other items of note

Update on Events

Nil

Attachments

1. Circular 24-01<u>↓</u>

Item 9.1 - Attachment 1 Circular 24-01



Circular to Councils

Circular Details	24-01 / 18 January 2024 / A857671
Previous Circular	20-39 Constitutional referendums and council polls
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council Governance Staff
Contact	Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 /
	olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

Constitutional referendums and council polls

What's new or changing

Councils are reminded to inform the NSW Electoral Commissioner (NSWEC)
if they have resolved for the NSWEC to administer a constitutional referendum
or poll in conjunction with the September 2024 local government elections.

What this will mean for your council

- Under section 16 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a council must obtain the approval of its electors at a constitutional referendum to do each of the following:
 - o divide a council area into wards or abolish wards
 - o change the number of councillors
 - o change the method of electing the mayor
 - change the method of election for councillors where the council's area is divided into wards.

Key points

- Councils should notify the NSWEC as soon as possible if they wish to enter into an arrangement for the administration of a referendum or poll.
- If a council resolves that a constitutional referendum or poll is to be conducted, it must comply with the notification requirements contained in Schedule 10 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
- Any changes approved at a constitutional referendum held in September 2024 will come into effect at the September 2028 local government elections.

Where to go for further information

- For councils considering, or that have resolved to have the NSWEC conduct a constitutional referendum or poll, contact Steve Robb at the NSW Electoral Commission on telephone 9290 5431 or Steve.Robb@elections.nsw.gov.au.
- See attachment to this Circular for further information.

Douglas Walther

A/Deputy Secretary, Local Government

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Attachment

Conducting a constitutional referendum

If a council resolves to conduct a constitutional referendum it must comply with the notification requirements contained in Schedule 10 of the *Local Government* (General) Regulation 2021.

This includes notifying the Electoral Commissioner within 21 days of council resolving to conduct a constitutional referendum. Where the constitutional referendum is to be held in conjunction with the 14 September 2024 ordinary election of councillors, the council must notify the Electoral Commissioner of the question to be asked at the constitutional referendum by no later than 12 noon on the closing date for that election on 5 August 2024.

It is critical that the referendum question or questions are carefully worded to ensure workable outcomes. Questions should be clear, concise, and be capable of being responded to with a 'yes' or 'no' answer.

If more than one question is asked on a subject, then extra care needs to be taken to ensure that the possible combinations of 'yes' and 'no' answers do not produce a conflicting decision.

Councils are responsible for the preparation and publicity of the required explanatory material. Councils must ensure this material presents a balanced case both for and against any proposition to be put to a constitutional referendum.

Dividing an area into wards or abolishing all wards

Under section 210(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), a council must not divide its area into wards or abolish all wards unless it has obtained approval to do so at a constitutional referendum.

After receiving elector approval at a constitutional referendum, and before dividing its area into wards, a council must undertake the consultation required by section 210A of the Act. This includes consulting with the Electoral Commissioner and the Australian Statistician together with public exhibition of the proposal. (Compliance with section 210A is not required where approval has been given by electors at a referendum to abolish wards.)

Changes to wards approved at a constitutional referendum conducted in September 2024 come into effect for the electoral term commencing in September 2028.

Changing the number of councillors

Section 224(2) of the Act requires that not less than 12 months before an ordinary election the council must determine the number of its councillors for the following term.

If a council has determined to change the number of its councillors, it must obtain approval at a constitutional referendum. Approval at a constitutional referendum conducted in September 2024 changes the number of councillors for the electoral term starting September 2028.

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If a reduction in councillor numbers is approved at a referendum and has not yet taken effect, a casual vacancy in the office of a councillor (but not a mayor elected by the councillors), must not be filled if the number of councillors will remain at or above the number approved at the referendum (section 294B of the Act).

Changing the method of electing the mayor

The Act provides two methods for electing a mayor — by popular vote at an ordinary election or by vote among the councillors. Section 228 of the Act permits a council to change the way the mayor is elected by seeking approval of its electors at a constitutional referendum.

Councils with wards are reminded that sections 280(2) and 281(2) of the Act require the same number of councillors to be elected for each ward. A popularly elected mayor is not included in this count. In such circumstances, councils should be mindful that changing the method of electing the mayor could result in an increase or decrease in the number of councillors to be elected.

If following the September 2024 election, electors approve a change to the way the mayor is elected, that change will come into effect for the electoral term commencing in September 2028.

Changing the method of electing councillors

The councillors for an area divided into wards are to be elected in accordance with either method of election prescribed under section 280 or 281 of the Act.

The method of election under section 280 (method 1) is to apply unless a decision made at a constitutional referendum is in force, which requires the method of election to be conducted under section 281 (method 2).

The decision made at a constitutional referendum to alter the method of election to method 2 must also specify the number of councillors to be elected by the ward electorate and the number of councillors to be elected by the area electorate.

If electors at a constitutional referendum conducted in conjunction with the 2024 ordinary elections approve a change to the method for electing councillors, this will come into effect for the electoral term commencing in September 2028.

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9.2 REQUEST FOR FUNDING - SPORT AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

File Number: RPT/24/103

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region Strategy: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and

tourism destination

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request for financial assistance from the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia for their annual Ausfly 2024 event to be held at the at the Wentworth Aerodrome on 22 - 23 March 2024. This is the first year the event will take place in Wentworth. The Association is requesting financial support of \$25,000 from Council toward the event.

Recommendation

That Council nominate a level of support for the event as listed within the options section of the report

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of a request for financial assistance from the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia toward the Ausfly 2024 event.

Report Detail

Council is in receipt of a request for financial assistance from the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia for their annual Ausfly 2024 event to be held at the at the Wentworth Aerodrome on 22 - 23 March 2024. This will be the first time the event has been held in Wentworth and members of the local aviation group have been involved in securing this event for Wentworth. The event was last held at Narromine. It is expected that the event will inject approximately \$500,000 into the community over the weekend. Councils Visitor Information staff have assisted the Association with compiling an activities itinerary for Saturday and Sunday for guests who would like to experience the area this includes busing visitors into Wentworth for lunch and dinner. Also included is visiting eateries and wine tasting in Buronga and Gol Gol as well as the ability for guests to play golf at Coomealla should they desire. These activities will be undertaken by shuttle buses provided by the Association.

Council is providing "in Kind" support for the following:

- Preparation of airport for the event
- Chairs for seminar and workshop space x 70 x 2
- Temporary garbage disposal
- Temporary fencing
- Furniture exhibitor tables x 18
- Furniture exhibitor chairs x 40
- Traffic Management into airport
- Cleaning of facilities

The value of "in kind" support is approximately \$10,000.

Conclusion

Council is requested to consider whether to provide financial assistance to the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia toward the Ausfly 2024 event by one of the following options:

- a) Allocate \$25,000 of funds to the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia toward the Ausfly 2024 event and approve a budget variation for \$25,000; or
- b) Grant financial assistance of another amount to the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia toward the Ausfly 2024 event and approve a budget variation for the same amount; or
- c) Decline the request for financial assistance to the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia toward the Ausfly 2024 event

Attachments

- 1. Request for Financial Assistance J.
- 2. Event Budget (Under separate cover) ⇒



The General Manager

Wentworth Shire Council 26-28 Adelaide Street Wentworth NSW 2648

By email: ken.ross@wentworth.nsw.gov.au

Attn: Mr Ken Ross

Cc: Trevor Wilcock, Team Leader Civil Projects, Wentworth Shire Council

By email: Trevor.Willcock@wentworth.nsw.gov.au

8th February 2024

Dear Mr Ross,

Re: Consideration of Support from Wentworth Shire for AusFly 2024

We are writing to seek support from the Wentworth Council for the AusFly event that we are holding at Wentworth Aerodrome on 22^{nd} and 23^{rd} March 2024.

AusFly is a relaxed, traditional Australian fly-in event where aircraft owners, pilots, builders, industry supporters and enthusiasts come along and soak up the true spirit of Australian general aviation.

The event will include seminars, workshops, social events, Exhibitors, Air Displays and much more.

Through our Australia wide marketing of this event we would hope to be bringing a considerable number of visitors to the town, and that they will experience not only our event but everything the town has to offer by frequenting local businesses.

We are a not-for-profit organisation and as you can understand the cost of putting on an event is a challenge with so many suppliers involved. SAAA does not necessarily expect to make a profit – even though in an ideal world this would be great.

We gratefully note that your Shire has provided much support "in kind" and may be able to support the event with a cash grant.

SAAA has invested heavily in this event by providing its paid administration and events team and also many man hours of "in kind" support by members.

Our current forecast budget is attached for your reference. This includes actuals and estimates as recorded up to and including 8/2/2024. Obviously, budgeting has been a little difficult with your area being an untried market for us but we are buoyed by the enthusiasm and vision of your local group for this event.

As presented the budget is in Summary form. We are happy to go into detail on any item/s if required. This can be done via contact with the SAAA National Treasurer – Andrew George (<a href="mailto:and-understand-national-nationa

To a senior stakeholder like your Council, we operate an open book.

We have included a \$25k cash grant from Council in the budget. With that grant it would, at this stage, we are looking at a \$17,000 loss. We, apologise for the lateness of this request but for some reason the need for support was not communicated to your organisation.

The Sport Aircraft Association of Australia

- An active group of aviation enthusiasts supporting the building and flying of experimental aircraft -

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Telephone: 02 6889 7777 Website: www.saaa.com E-mail: enquiries@saaa.com



We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Tony White

President, Sports Aircraft Association of Australia

The Sport Aircraft Association of Australia

- An active group of aviation enthusiasts supporting the building and flying of experimental aircraft -

Telephone: 02 6889 7777 Website: www.saaa.com E-mail: enquiries@saaa.com

9.3 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2023

File Number: RPT/24/63

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 January 2024 were \$291,395.00. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 67.06%. For comparison purposes 63.72% of the levy had been collected at the end of January 2023. Council currently has \$44,674,246.38 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 31 January 2024

The reconciliation has been carried out between the Cash Book of each fund and the Bank Pass Sheet as at 31 January 2024.

	Combined Bank Accoun		
Cash Balance as at 1 January 2024	\$	1,001,115.67	
Add: Receipts for the Period Ending 31 January 2024	\$	5,655,314.62	
Rates, Debtors, Miscellaneous			
Less: Payments for the Period Ending 31 January 2024			
Cash Book entries for this Month	\$	4,247,730.98	
Cash Balance of Operating A/C as at 31 Janaury 2024	\$	2,408,699.31	
Trust Fund Balance	\$	758,562.12	
Total Investments as at 31 January 2024	\$	41,506,984.95	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	44,674,246.38	

Collection of Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges collections for the month of January 2024 were \$291,395.00. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 67.06%. A summary of the Rates and Charges situation as at 31 January 2024 is as follows:

Note: For comparison purposes 63.72% of the levy had been collected at the end of January 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	861,652.04	
+ Supplementary Rates and Charges	165,068.06	
+ Additional Charges	87,232.40	
- Credit Adjustments	23,012.01	
- Abandonments	35,192.18	\$ 12,372,640.61
DEDUCTIONS		
- Payments	8,134,467.09	
- Less Refunds of Payments	9,588.38	\$ 8,124,878.71
		\$ 4,247,761.90
- Pensioner Subsidy		
Government Subsidy	94,758.74	
Council Subsidy	77,529.88	\$ 172,288.63
RATES/WATER CHARGES OUTSTANDING 31 JANUARY 2024		\$ 4,075,473.28

Rates/Water write offs and adjustments

No rates or charges have been written off or adjusted under the delegated authority of the General Manager for the month of January 2024.

Council Loans Report

Name	Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Lo	oan Amount	C	Amount Outstanding	Due Date
Loan 201	National Australia Bank	Buronga Landfill	4.55% Fixed	\$	920,000.00	\$	135,933.86	30/01/2025
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.47% Fixed	\$	850,000.00	\$	544,685.48	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$	1,900,000.00	\$	1,349,657.63	1/06/2033
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.29% Fixed	\$	1,500,000.00	\$	1,160,753.31	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	\$	1,238,756.92	25/01/2027
Loan 206	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill #3	1.85% Fixed	\$	900,000.00	\$	623,233.11	25/09/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	1.933% Fixed	\$	1,500,000.00	\$	1,365,382.52	31/03/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Civic Centre	1.933% Fixed	\$	1,500,000.00	\$	1,500,000.00	31/03/2028
					TOTAL	\$ 9	9,451,573.66	

Overtime and Travelling

Month	Jan-24	Pay Periods	14 & 15								
Overtime from 23 December 20	023 to 19 Ja	nuary 2024									
Overtime											
	Tim	e and a Half	Do	ubl	e Time	Dou	ble	Time 1/2	Total		2023/24
										Ac	cumulative
Department	Hours	Amount	Hours		Amount	Hours		Amount			Total
Animal Services	22.50	1,203.37	22.75	\$	1,565.76	1.00	\$	90.43	\$ 2,859.56	\$	17,022.62
Assets									\$ -	\$	302.45
Building Maintenance	0.50	32.47							\$ 32.47	\$	305.65
Civil			0.50	\$	47.39				\$ 47.39	\$	4,550.86
Customer Service Office									\$ -	\$	-
Depot Store									\$ -	\$	-
Finance	1.00	81.43							\$ 81.43	\$	900.42
GM's Office									\$ -	\$	678.34
Health & Planning									\$ -	\$	280.84
Indoor Engineers	9.00	732.84	0.75	\$	81.43				\$ 814.27	\$	13,614.50
IT Support	2.00	151.23							\$ 151.23	\$	2,187.65
Landfill Transfer Stations	27.50	1,474.11	10.00	\$	699.51				\$ 2,173.62	\$	8,890.05
Library									\$ -	\$	2,024.43
Parks & Gardens	9.50	526.92	12.00	\$	855.81				\$ 1,382.73	\$	10,185.93
Private Works									\$ -	\$	6,847.59
Roads - Council	50.50	2,404.88	29.00	\$	1,923.03				\$ 4,327.91	\$	232,446.46
Roads - RMS	3.00	134.14	2.00	\$	117.50				\$ 251.64	\$	3,738.73
Subdivision Officer									\$ -	\$	154.36
Tourism & Promotion	4.00	217.02	16.50	\$	1,160.91				\$ 1,377.93	\$	10,351.48
Water & Waste Water	91.00	4,802.18	90.00	\$	6,390.91				\$ 11,193.09	\$	58,661.12
Workshop Manager	9.50	568.15	6.50	\$	518.32	3.50	\$	280.58	\$ 1,367.05	\$	2,915.94
Workshop/Mechanics									\$ -	\$	751.03
Total	230.00	12,328.74	190.00		13,360.57	4.50		371.01	\$ 26,060.32	\$	376,810.45
Travel Allowance											
Department	Kms	Amount									
Total	0	0									
Grand Total		\$ 26,060.32									

Conclusion

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

Attachments

Nil

9.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2023

File Number: RPT/24/67

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 January 2024, Council had \$40 million invested in term deposits and \$4,674,246.38 in other cash investments. Council received \$143,739.65 from its investments for the month of January 2023.

In January 2023 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.73% and it currently has \$9,535,581.71 of internal restrictions and \$33,120,672.44 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 31 January 2024, Council had \$44,674,246.38 invested with Ten (10) financial institutions and One (1) Treasury Corporation. This is a decrease of \$1,274,874.39 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 January 2024

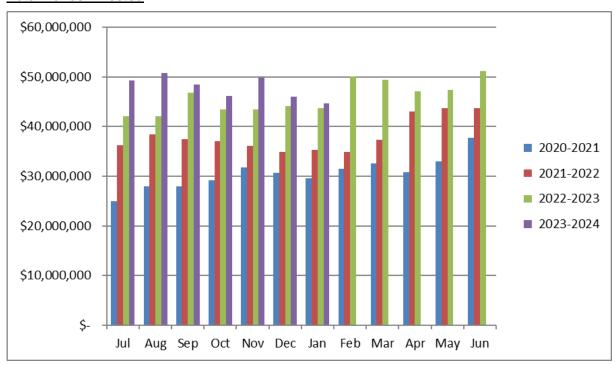
Three (3) deposits and One (1) other account matured or provided interest in January earning Council \$143,739.65 in interest. The budget for January was \$125,000. Year to date Council has received \$932,861.62 in interest based on cash accounting. Expired investments are now shown in the attached report 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 \$1,841,578.92 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	\$1,666,921.10	
- Caravan Park Loan Facility	\$1,936,551.41	
- Capital Projects	\$1,000,000.00	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500,000.00	\$9,535,581.71
External Restrictions		
- Water Fund	\$10,872,387.68	
- Sewer Fund	\$5,305,337.78	
- T-Corp Loan Balance	\$541,934.32	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$983,097.38	
- Unexpended Grants	\$14,643,674.11	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$208,296.22	
- Loan Guarantee Reserve	\$187.69	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$565,757.26	\$33,120,672.44
Day to Day Liquidity		\$2,017,992.23
Total Funds Available		\$44,674,246.38

Total Funds Invested



Summary - Unexpended Grants as at 31 January 2024

Grant	Amount
SCCF Wentworth Rowing Club	\$42,069.66
Crown Reserve Improvement Fund Astronomy Park	\$656,000.21
Fixing Local Roads Grants - Stage 3	\$154,554.87
Fixing Local Roads Grants - Stage 4	\$41,872.22
Resources for Regions Round 8	\$288,349.96
Pooncarie Menindee Road	\$188,356.46
Main Road Block Grant	\$291,674.81
Transport for NSW Pothole Repair Program	\$584,571.63
Resources for Regions Round 9	\$2,489,413.80
Rural Local Road Repair Program	\$7,836,946.97
NSW Office of Local Government Flood Grants	\$776,938.34
Strong Start Cadetship Program Grant	\$25,000.00
JEV Mosquito Eradication Grant	\$22,013.56
Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5	\$202,173.68
SCCF Female Jockey Changerooms	\$71,184.20
Regional Leakage Reduction Program - Local Water Utility	\$69,892.80
Regional Fire Services Levy	\$88,421.14
Regional Youth School Holiday Program	\$8,037.80
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4	\$806,202.00
Total	\$14,643,674.11

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. Monthly Finance Report - January 2024 U.



SHIRE COUNCIL



31 January 2024 Wentworth Shire Council - Monthly Report

Wentworth Shire Council - Monthly Report

Summary

Total Cost	\$40,000,000.00
Total Portfolio Value	\$41,018,701.91
Weighted Average Term	203
Weighted Average Yield	4.68%
90 day BBSW	4.35%
Unrealised Capital Gain/Loss	\$0
Total Monthly Accrued Interest	\$154,716.70
Total Interest Received this month	\$136,382.19
Total Interest Received this FY	\$892,401.39

\$1,841,578.92

Total Interest Expected this FY

Interest Payments this month

\$3,000,000.00

Matured Investments this month Total Funds Matured this month Compliant Portfolio

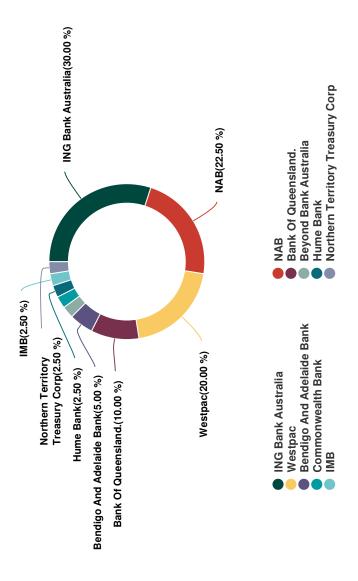
Yes

\$2,000,000.00

Total Funds Invested this month

Investments this month

Counterparty



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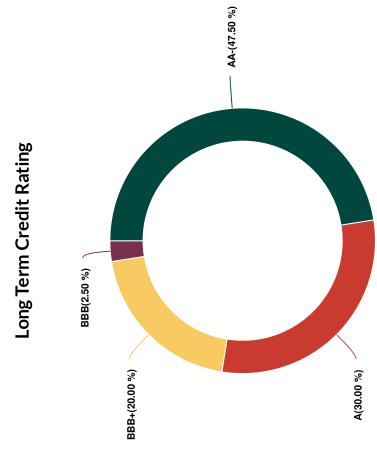
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Report Date: 31 January 2024



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Investment Type	ADI/Security Name	Amount	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term in Days	Yield	Short Term Rating Long Term Rating	Long Term Rating
Term Deposit	Bank Of Queensland.	\$1,000,000	03/10/2023	02/10/2024	365	5.200 %	A-2	BBB+
Term Deposit	Hume Bank	\$1,000,000	05/10/2023	04/10/2024	365	5.25 %	RN	NR
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	4
Term Deposit	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$1,000,000	22/12/2023	23/12/2024	367	2.0 %	A-2	BBB+
Term Deposit	Commonwealth Bank	\$1,000,000	30/01/2024	29/01/2025	365	5.02 %	A-1+	AA-
Term Deposit	ING Bank Australia	\$1,000,000	04/01/2024	05/01/2026	732	5.14 %	A-1	∢
Term Deposit	Bank Of Queensland.	\$1,000,000	04/12/2023	03/12/2026	1,095	5.25 %	A-2	BBB+
Term Deposit	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$1,000,000	16/09/2021	15/12/2026	1,916	1.35 %	N.	NR
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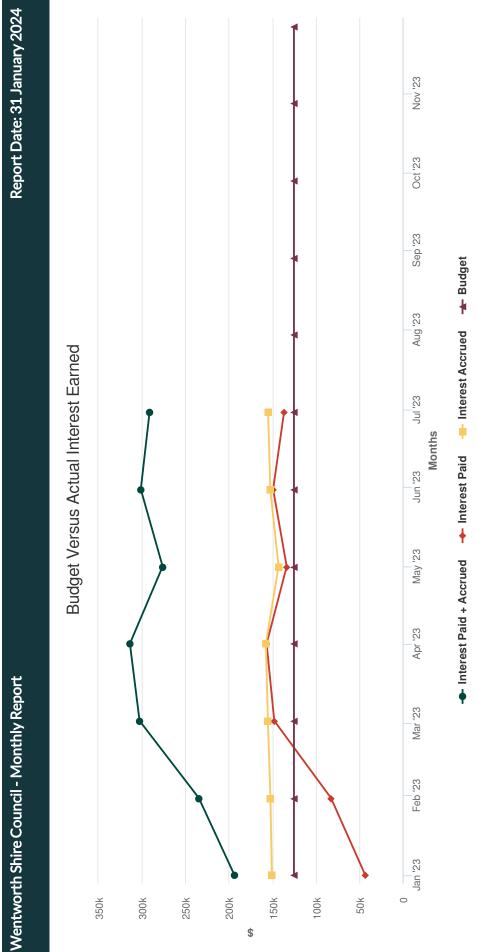
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03/01/2024		Unclassified	AA-	Debit	\$45,000	Interest	NAB	065632 NAB	03/01/2024
23/01/2024		Unclassified	AA-	Debit	Interest \$44,482.19	Interest	NAB	065633 NAB	23/01/2024
30/01/2024		Unclassified	AA-	Debit	\$46,900	Interest	065634 Commonwealth Bank Interest	065634	30/01/2024
Maturity Date	Comments	Designation	Long Term Rating	Credit/Debit	Amount	Type	ansaction Date Contract Number ADI/Security Name Type Amount Credit/Debit Long Term Rating Designation Comments Maturity Date	Contract Number	Transaction Date

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9.5 DECEMBER QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - SECOND QUARTER 2023 - 2024

File Number: RPT/24/66

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Report Author: Bryce Watson - Accountant

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 December Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavourable operational variance of \$2,550,000 and a favourable capital variance of \$4,086,000 resulting in a total favourable budget variation of \$1,536,000.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Note the 2023/2024 Second Quarter Budget Review
- b) Approve the proposed revised 2023/2024 Changes to Operational and Capital Expenditure.

Detailed Report

<u>Introduction</u>

The purpose of this report is to provide Council 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).

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

1. Consolidated Income Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023
Income & expenses - Council Consolidated

	Original		Approve	d Chang	jes		Revised	Variations		Projected	Actual
(\$000's)	budget	Carry	Other than	Sep	Dec	Mar	budget	for this	Notes	year end	YTD
	2023/24	forwards	by QBRS	QBRS	QBRS	QBRS	2023/24	Dec Qtr		result	figures
Income											
Rates and annual charges	10,187		109				10,296		а	10,296	10,296
User charges and fees	7,089		1,937				9,026		b	9,026	3,106
Other revenues	1,104						1,104		С	1,104	513
Grants and contributions - operating	14,311			33			14,344		d	14,344	799
Grants and contributions - capital	26,314			(450)			25,864	(2,550)	е	23,314	8,250
Interest and investment revenue	1,693						1,693		f	1,693	891
Net gain from disposal of assets	100						100		g	100	-
Total income from continuing operations	60,798	-	2,046	(417)	-	-	62,427	(2,550)		59,877	23,855
Expenses											
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,078						11,078		h	11,078	5,671
Borrowing costs	473						473		i i	473	150
Materials and services	7,449		1,937	33			9,419		j	9,419	2,733
Depreciation and amortisation	8,465						8,465		k	8,465	4,233
Other expenses	3,698						3,698		1	3,698	2,582
Net Loss from disposal of assets	-						-		m	-	
Total expenses from continuing operations	31,163	-	1,937	33	-	-	33,133	-		33,133	15,369
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Net operating result from continuing operation	29,635	-	109	(450)	-	-	29,294	(2,550)		26,744	8,486
Discontinued operations - surplus/(deficit)							-		n	-	
Net operating result from all operations	29,635	-	109	(450)	-	-	29,294	(2,550)		26,744	8,486
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	3,321	_	109	_	_	_	3,430	_		3,430	236
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The net result of operations as of 31 December was a surplus of \$236,000 before capital income. There are \$2,550,000 in proposed variations to operational income and no variations to operational expenditure. The net result if approved is an unfavorable operational variance of \$2,550,000.

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 December there was \$23,855 million of operational income. Some of the notable income for the 2nd quarter is listed below.

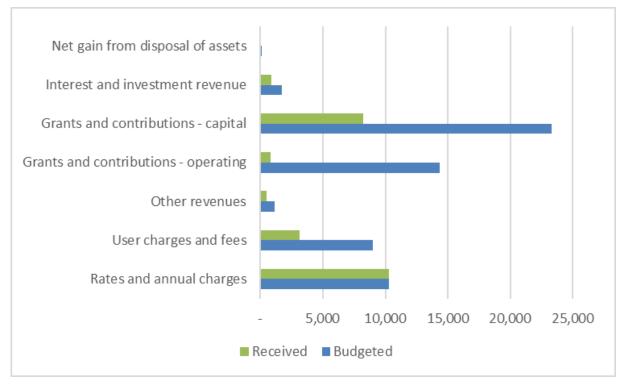
- Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund \$5,139,928
- Buronga Landfill Tipping Fees \$1,158,457
- Get Active NSW Grants \$314,905
- Rural Fire Service Funding \$204,126
- Highways Maintenance Contract Income \$130,565

For the quarter to 31 December there was \$15,369 million of operational expenditure. Some of the notable expenditure for the 2nd quarter is listed below.

- Road Network Maintenance \$2,013,301
- Water Network Maintenance \$871,637
- Landfill Expenditure \$527,577
- Parks & Reserves Maintenance \$389,355
- Sewer Network Maintenance \$101,612

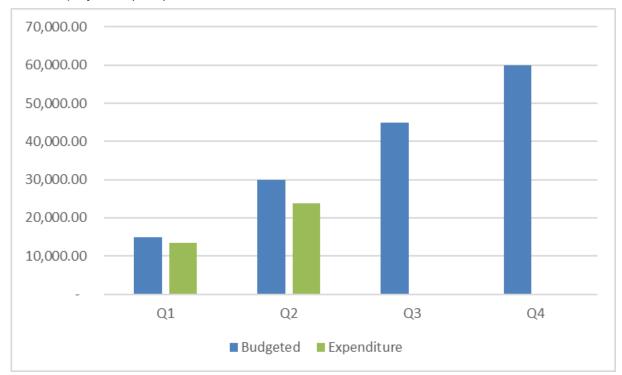
Income Recognised vs Budgeted Income - 31 December 2023

Units displayed in ('000)

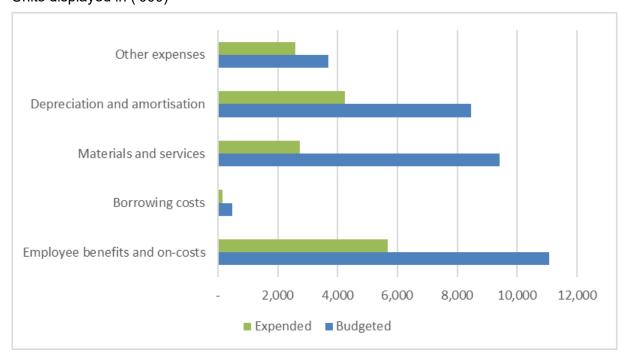


Consolidated Income Recognised vs Budgeted - 31 December 2023

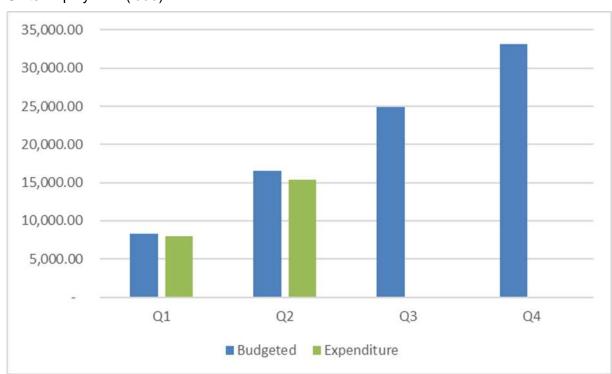
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Expenditure to date vs Budgeted Expenditure - 31 December 2023 Units displayed in ('000)



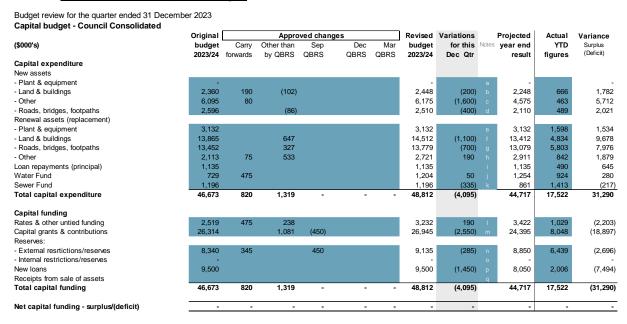
Consolidated Expenditure vs Budgeted Expenditure - 31 December 2023 Units displayed in ('000)



2. Proposed Variations to the Income Statement

The breakdown of proposed variations to the income & expenditure statement are now listed in the attachments below.

3. Consolidated Capital Budget

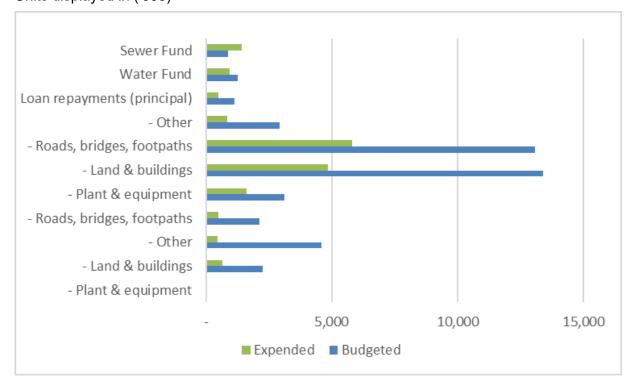


The net result of capital activities as of 31 December 2023 is total expenditure of \$17,662,000. The sum of proposed capital variations if approved is a favorable variance of \$4,086,000.

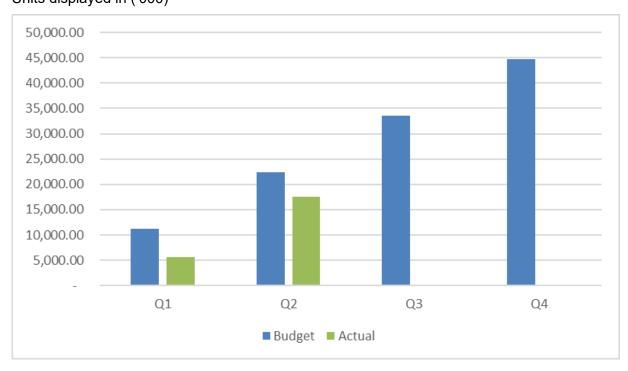
Some of the notable expenditure for the December quarter is listed below.

- Pooncarie Road Upgrade \$3,059,510
- Wentworth Civic Centre Upgrade \$2,260,680
- Plant Replacement Program \$1,366,880
- Wentworth Caravan Park Redevelopment \$509,132
- Wentworth EDS Upgrade \$441,635

<u>Capital Works Expenditure vs Budgeted Expenditure - 31 December 2023</u> Units displayed in ('000)



Consolidated Capital Works Expenditure vs Budgeted - 31 December 2023 Units displayed in ('000)



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 December 2023

Internal Restrictions	Balance	Restriction
- Employee Entitlements	\$2,308,162.00	
- Doubtful Debts	\$47,730.00	
- Future Development Reserve	\$1,076,217.20	
- Trust Account	\$1,694,412.70	
- Caravan Park Loan Facility	\$957,597.86	
- Capital Projects	\$1,000,000.00	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500,000.00	\$8,584,119.76
External Restrictions		
- Water Fund	\$10,955,713.17	
- Sewer Fund	\$5,332,167.64	
- T-Corp Loan Balance	\$502,318.03	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$983,097.38	
- Unexpended Grants	\$14,094,905.52	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$208,296.22	
- Loan Guarantee Reserve	\$187.69	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$560,202.71	\$32,636,888.36
Day to Day Liquidity		\$4,728,112.65
Total Funds Available		\$45,949,120.77

Investments by Timeframe as of 31 December 2023

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.

Term	Amount	% of Portfolio	Strategy	Difference
Long Term 12mths+	\$3,000,000.00	6.54%	15.00%	8.46%
Short Term <12mths	\$38,000,000.00	82.69%	75.00%	-7.69%
At-Call	\$4,949,120.77	10.77%	10.00%	-0.77%
TOTAL	\$45,949,120.77			

6. Register of Material Contracts

Contracts over \$50k are disclosed in the report below. As of 31 December 2023 Council had not materially varied any of the contracts included in the register or ceased any of the agreements.

Attached upon request from Cr Beaumont at the November Audit Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting is a summary of all open contracts class one and above as of 31 December 2023.

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 December 2023

Consultant	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Totals	
AEC Group	\$ 12,369.50	\$ -			\$ 12,369.50	Landfill Expansion Advice
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			\$ 36,652.00	Pooncarie Road Survey
GreenEdge Environmental	\$ 37,180.00	\$ 30,591.00			\$ 67,771.00	Environmental Impact Assessments
GSD Archetects	\$ 39,528.50	\$ 59,620.00			\$ 99,148.50	Project Management
MH2 Engineering	\$ 26,088.00	\$ 45,662.11			\$ 71,750.11	Engineering & Archetectural Services
Morrison Low Consultants	\$ -	\$ 2,310.00			\$ 2,310.00	Internal Reviews
Public Works Advisory	\$ 56,039.39	\$ 57,721.69			\$113,761.08	Engineering & Project Management
RSD Audit	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 5,390.00			\$ 14,630.00	Internal Audit
Tonkin Consulting	\$ -	\$157,172.42			\$157,172.42	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			\$615,536.41	

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 December 2023

Legal Service	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	
Bartier Perry Pty Ltd	\$ 2,930.44	\$ 7,170.03			\$ 10,100.47	Sundry Legal Services
Davies Watson Lawyers	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -			\$ 2,500.00	Property Easements
Iron Mountain	\$ 289.50	\$ 299.13			\$ 588.63	Secure Storage
Kells the Lawyers	\$ 1,443.92	\$ 2,275.32			\$ 3,719.24	Property Easements
Maloney Anderson Legal	\$ 8,185.07	\$ -			\$ 8,185.07	Property Easements
Marsdens Law Group	\$17,487.55	\$48,013.58			\$ 65,501.13	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			\$ 41,887.98	Land Acquisitions
NV Lawyers	\$ 721.16	\$ 3,244.22			\$ 3,965.38	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			\$159,079.89	

Notes to Legal Expenses

No major changes to note.

Conclusion

In the December Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavourable operational variance of \$2,550,000 and a favourable capital variance of \$4,086,000 resulting in a total favourable budget variation of \$1,536,000.

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Attachments

- 1. December Quarterly Budget Review 2023
- 2. GIPAA Council Contracts Register 4

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Report by responsible accounting officer

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

31 December 2023

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Wentworth Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/12/2023 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:
	Simon Rule Responsible Accounting Officer	

Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Wentworth Shire Council

Income & expenses budget review statement

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Total income from continuing operations	60,798	•	2,046	(417)	•	•	62,427	(2,550)		29,877	23,855	
Expenses												
Employee benefits and on-costs	11.078						11.078		٦	11.078	5.671	51.19%
Borrowing costs	473						473			473	150	31 71%
Materials and services	7 449		1 937	33			9 4 19			9 4 19	2 733	%60.66
Depreciation and amortisation	8 465)	}			8 465		- 7	8 465	4 233	50.01%
Och colation and amon usation	0,40						0 0		۷ -	, c	0,4,0	90.01 /0
Orner expenses	3,098						3,098		-	3,098	7,582	69.82%
Net Loss from disposal of assets	- 007 70		1001	6			' 007		٤	- 007	000	
l otal expenses from continuing operations	31,163	•	1,93/	, ,	•	•	33,133	•		33,133	15,369	
Net operating result from continuing operations	29,635		109	(420)			29,294	(2,550)		26,744	8,486	
Discontinued operations - surplus/(deficit)							•		C	•		
	1								I			
Net operating result from all operations	29,635		109	(450)	1	•	29,294	(2,550)		26,744	8,486	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	3,321	•	109	•	•		3,430	•		3,430	236	

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Income & expenses budget review statement Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Re-budget of project to 2025 financial year

Notes	Details	
	Variations Other Than QBRS	
	INCOME	
а	Rates and Annual Charges	
	Rating Income	\$109,000
	Additional income from new developments	
b	User Fees and Charges	
	Ordered Works through RMCC Contract	\$1,937,000
	Various Heavy Patching, Resealing and Culvert Replacements as orderd	
	by Transport for NSW for 2024 financial year.	
	Variations Other Than QBRS	
	EXPENDITURE	
j	Materials and Services	
	Ordered Works through RMCC Contract	\$1,937,000
	Various Heavy Patching, Resealing and Culvert Replacements as orderd	
	by Transport for NSW for 2024 financial year.	
	Variations by QBRS	
	INCOME	
е	Grants and Contributions - Capital	
	Resources for Regions Round 9	-\$1,750,000
	Re-budget of projects to 2025 financial year	
	Crown Reserves Improvement Fund	-\$500,000
	Re-budget of project to 2025 financial year	
	Fixing Local Roads Round 3	-\$300.000

for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23 **Quarterly Budget Review Statement**

Wentworth Shire Council

Capital budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 Capital budget - Council Consolidated

capital budget - council consolidated	'											
	Original		Appro	Approved changes	S		Revised	Variations	Projected	ed Actual	l Variance	%
(s,000\$)	budget 2023/24	Carry forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS	budget 2023/24	for this Dec Qtr	Notes year end result	nd YTD		Actuals by Projected
Capital expenditure			,									•
New assets												
- Plant & equipment	•						•		В	•	_	
- Land & buildings	2,360	190	(102)				2,448	(200)	b 2,248		1,782	29.63%
- Other	6,095	80					6,175	(1,600)	c 4,575			10.12%
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	2,596		(88)				2,510	(400)	d 2,110	10 489		23.18%
Renewal assets (replacement)												
- Plant & equipment	3,132						3,132		е 3,132	32 1,598		51.02%
- Land & buildings	13,865		647				14,512	(1,100)	f 13,412			36.04%
- Roads, bridges, footpaths	13,452		327				13,779	(200)	13,079	79 5,803		44.37%
- Other	2,113	75	533				2,721	190	h 2,911		1,879	28.92%
Loan repayments (principal)	1,135						1,135		-	1,135 490		43.17%
Water Fund	729	475					1,204	20	1,254	54 924	280	73.68%
Sewer Fund	1,196						1,196	(332)	~	861 1,413	(217)	164.11%
Total capital expenditure	46,673	820	1,319		•	•	48,812	(4,095)	44,717	17 17,522	31,290	39.18%
Capital funding												
Rates & other untied funding	2,519	475	238				3,232	190	3,422			30.07%
Capital grants & contributions	26,314		1,081	(420)			26,945	(2,550)	m 24,395	95 8,048	(18,897)	32.99%
Keserves: - External recriptions/reserves	8 340	345		450			0 135	(285)	2 250	50 6 439	(969 6)	%9Z CZ
- Internal restrictions/reserves	5	2		3			· ·	(202)); ;			
New loans	9,500						9,500	(1,450)	в,050	50 2,006	(7,494)	24.92%
Receipts from sale of assets									q			
Total capital funding	46,673	820	1,319	•	•	•	48,812	(4,095)	44,717	17 17,522	(31,290)	39.18%
Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)	•	•	•		•	٠	·	•				

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Capital budget review statement Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details

Variations Other Than QBRS

EXPENDITURE

New Assets - Land & Building

Bowling Green Insurance Claim \$148,450

Repairs to the wentworth sporting complex bowling green as approved by an appointed loss adjuster. Corresponding income increase.

Wentworth Rowing Club Building Upgrade

-\$250,000

\$326,504

Changes to original bugdet based on revised plans, budgets reallocated, towards playground repairs on various Wentworth playgrounds effected by floods. Funded though OLG flood recovery grants. No change to income.

New Assets - Roads, Bridges & Footpaths

George Gordon Oval Carpark -\$70,000

Portion of project underspend to be allocated to Buronga Wetlands Sharedways upgrade. Funded by Resources for Regions R8. Approved by Council at the June meeting

Buronga Wetlands Sharedways \$70,000

Corresponding adjustment in budget, approved by Council

Get NSW Active - Gol Gol Footpaths -\$85,650

Reduction of budget due to project savings upon completion of Pine road. Wood Street and Gol Gol North Shared Paths. Funded by Get NSW Active

Renewals - Land & Buildings

Wentworth Civic Centre Upgrade \$647,207

Funding awarded through Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Phase 4 \$300,000 for the installation of rooftop solar requiring a \$90,000 council contribution and \$257,207 for the construction of footpaths at the front of the Civic Centre Building (fully funded)

Renewals - Roads, Bridges & Footpaths

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund - Capital Expenditure

Capital component of this year's allocation towards the RERRF funding,

Fully Funded by Transport for NSW, (previously budgeted as operational)

Renewals - Other Structures h

Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station Upgrade \$282,666

Increased funding offered by Boating Now Fund to complete the project, as approved by Council at the July meeting

Playground Repairs at Various Locations Across Wentworth \$250,000

OLG flood recovery funding for playground repairs at Wentworth, Junction Park and Fotherby Park, Fully Funded by OLG flood Recovery grants.

Variations Other Than QBRS

INCOME

Rates & Other untied funding

Insurance Income \$148,450

Income from bowling green insurance claim of \$146,450 and \$2,000 excess

from Council funds

Council Contribution to Solar Installation \$90,000

Council contribution toward Solar installation on the Civic Centre building

		On the Country Country Country	
	m	Capital Grants & Contributions Get Active NSW	-\$85,650
		Reduction in income from project underspend	-\$65,050
		Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4	\$557,207
		Income for Solar upgrade & Civic centre paths	φυστ,201
		Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	\$326,504
		Capital portion of RERRF income for 2024 financial year (internal variation	φ320,304
		from operating grants)	
		Boating Now Fund	\$282,666
		Additional income for completion of the Wentworth EDS	Ψ202,000
		, taditional moonie for completion of the Workmorth 220	
ı			
		Variations by QBRS	
		EXPENDITURE	
	b	New Assets - Land & Building	
		Landfill Cell Expansion Upgrade	\$150,000
		Funds required to finalise designs for landfill expansion, Internally funded	
		Greater Murray Darling Junction Viewing Platform	-\$350,000
		Reduction due to rescheduling project to 2025 financial year, project	
		requires completion of shared path on junction island to be completed	
		prior to commencement. Corresponding grant income adjustment. Project not	
		required to be completed until 30 June 2025.	
	С	New Assets - Other Structures	
		Pink Lake Stormwater Design	-\$950,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, approximately \$300,000	, ,
		expected to be spent in this financial year. Funded by New Loans	
		Crane Drive Stormwater	-\$300,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, approximately \$50,000	. ,
		expected to be spent in this financial year. Funded by New Loans	
		Rose Street Stormwater Upgrade	-\$200,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, approximately \$300,000	
		expected to be spent in this financial year. Funded by New Loans	
		3 Sisters Drainage	-\$150,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, approximately \$100,000	
		expected to be spent in this financial year. Funded by internal funds	
	٦.	Now Accets Books Bridges & Ecotostha	
	d	New Assets - Roads, Bridges & Footpaths Buronga Pump Track Stage 2	-\$400,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, no expenditure expected	-\$400,000
		in this financial year. Funded by Resources for Regions Round 9. Project not	
		required to be completed until 30 June 2025.	
		required to be completed until 30 dune 2023.	
	f	Renewals - Land & Building	
		Wentworth Astronomy Park	-\$500,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, approximately \$100,000	
		to be spent in 2024 financial year, funded by Crown Reserves Improvement Fund	
		Project not required to be completed until 30 June 2026	
		Open Space Upgrades	-\$600,000
		Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, no expenditure expected	
		in this financial year. Funded by Resources for Regions Round 9	
		Project not required to be completed until 30 June 2025.	

	_			_	
a	Renewals -	· Roads.	Bridges	&	Footpaths

Log Bridge Road Sealing

-\$300,000

Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, no expenditure expected in this financial year. Discussions around revising the scope are being had due to change of location of the FOSO project and potential implications of this.

Hendy Road Retaining Wall

-\$100,000

Project delayed indefinitely due to prioritising stormwater rectification in the area prior to project being commenced. Internally Funded, reduction in funds to go towards Darling Street Rectification.

Darling Street Rectification

\$100,000

Funds required to address stormwater and kerbing issues along Darling Street.

Wentworth Shire Footpath Upgrades

-\$400,000

Reduction due to re-budgeting to 2025 financial year, approximately \$50,000 to be expended this financial year. Project encompasses footpath upgrades in Darling St Wentworth and Buronga to Gol Gol sharedway. Funded by Resources for Regions Round 9. Project not due to be completed until 30 June 2025

h	Renewals - Other Structures	
	Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station Upgrade	\$150,000
	Additional funds required for project shortfall and variations to pontoon and the	
	installation of a payment system. Funded by Council	
	Alcheringa Tennis Courts Upgrade	\$15,000
	Additional funds required by Council Contribution. Funded by Council	
	Coomealla Cemetery Shed Upgrades	\$25,000
	New project internally funded to connect power to the Coomealla cemetery shed.	
j	Water Fund	

Budget required to improve operation of Floc Tank to generate more conistent water quality, Funded from Water fund reserves.

\$50,000

Sewer Fund

Kingfisher Road Sewer Pump Station

Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Floc Tank Upgrade

-\$250,000

Project postponed indefinitely due to installation of pressure systems at residences Project funded from Sewer fund reserves.

Wentworth Primary School Oval Sewer Repairs

-\$25,000

Savings resulting from underspend in project, funded from Sewer fund reserves **Beverley Street Sewer Main Repairs**

-\$60,000

Savings resulting from underspend in project, funded from Sewer fund reserves

Variations by QBRS

INCOME

Rates & Other Untied Funding

General Rates & Other Funding Required

\$190,000

Recoup of \$150,000 from 3 Sisters drainage, expenditure of \$150,000 for Landfill Cell Expansion, \$150,000 for Wentworth EDS Upgrade, \$15,000 for Acheringa tennis courts and \$25,000 for Coomealla Cemetery Shed Upgrades

Capital Grants & Contributions m

Resources for Regions Round 9

-\$1,750,000

Re-budget of projects (as listed above) to 2025 financial year

-\$500,000

Re-budget of project (as listed above) to 2025 financial year

-\$300,000

Fixing Local Roads Round 3

Crown Reserves Improvement Fund

Re-budget of project (as listed above) to 2025 financial year

n <u>External Restrictions/Reserves</u>

Water Reserves \$50,000

Funding required from external reserve for Gol Gol WTP Floc Tank Upgrade **Sewer Reserves**

-\$335,000

Recoup of funds from Kingfisher Road Project \$250,000, Wentworth Primary School Project \$25,000 and Beverley Street Project \$60,000.

p New Loans

T-Corp Stormwater Upgrade Loan #2

-\$1,450,000

Re-budget of projects (as listed above) to 2025 financial year

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Cash & investments budget review statement Reconciliation status

The YTD cash & investment figure reconciles to the ac	tual balances held as follows:	\$ 000's
Cash at bank (as per bank statements) Investments on hand		1,760 44,189
less: unpresented cheques add: undeposited funds	(Timing Difference) (Timing Difference)	7
Reconciled cash at bank & investments		45,957
Balance as per QBRS review statement:		45,949
Difference:		8
Recommended changes to revised budget		
Budget variations being recommended include the follo	owing material items:	
Notes Details		

Quarterly Budget Review Statemen for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/2:

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

Wentworth Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023

	50.0 % 1. Operating I	8.6 % 10.6 % 9.4 % 0.0 % 2.4 % 10.6 % 2022/23 2023/24 (O)2023/24 (P)	2. Own source operating revenue 140.0 % 120.0 % 100.0 % 80.0 % 65.0 % 150.0 %	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 2023/24 (O) (P)	6.00 4.76 5.00 3.79 2.82	2.00 1.00 - 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 (P)
Actuals prior periods 22/23 21/22	10.6 % 8.6 %	revenue.	42.4 % 50.1 %	as operating	2.82 4.76	or the
Original budget 23/24	9.4 %	thin operating	58.4 %	sources such	1.50	e short term f
Current projection Amounts Indicator 23/24 23/24	tors (OLG): $\frac{236}{15605} 1.5 \%$	g operating expenditure within operating revenue.	14806 23855 62.1 %	liance on external funding sources such as operating	13312 3368	to satisfy obligations in the short term for the
(\$,000\$)	NSW local government industry key performance indicators (OLG): 1. Operating performance Operating revenue (excl. capital) - operating expenses Operating revenue (excl. capital grants & contributions) 156	This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operatin Benchmark: > 0	2. Own source operating revenue Operating revenue (excl. ALL grants & contributions) Total Operating revenue (incl. capital grants & cont)	This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on grants & contributions. Benchmark: > 60%	3. Unrestricted current ratio Current assets less all external restrictions Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy unrestricted activities of Council. Benchmark: > 1.5

2022/23 2023/24 (O)2023/24 (P)

2021/22

2020/21

Quarterly Budget Review Statemen

or the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/2:

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

Wentworth Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023

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

NSW local government industry key performance indicators (OLG):

12.36 11.62 and lease rest, principal 2.00 the availability of operating cash to service debt including inte 13.26 perating result before interest & dep. exp (EBITDA) icipal repayments + borrowing interest costs

4. Debt service cover ratio

% 0.09 80.0% 0.00 12.8 % 12.3 % 10.0% 35.2 % 12353 rges, interest & extra charges outstanding

assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of ates, annual & extra charges outstanding annual & extra charges collectible covery efforts tes,

17.56 45597 urrent year's cash & cash equivalents (incl.term deposits) financing activities cash flow payments

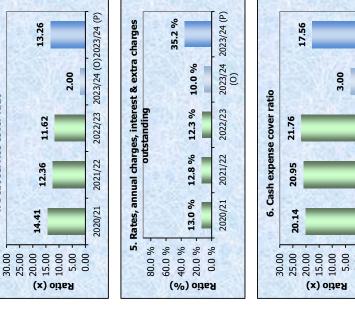
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is liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses thout additional cash inflow.



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100.0 % 100.0 %

nance ratio

0.0 %

2023/24 (P)

2023/24 (0)

2022/23

2023/24 2023/24 (P) (O)

2022/23

308.9 %

100.0 %

174.7 %

ture renewals ratio

2023/24 (P)

2023/24 (0)

2022/23

11.2 %

11.2 % 11.2 % backlog ratio

Quarterly Budget Review Statemen for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/2:

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

Wentworth Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023

(\$,000\$)	Current projection Amounts Indicator 23/24 23/24	Original budget 23/24	Actuals prior periods 22/23 21/22	
NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):	ce Indicators (OLG):			
7. Building and infrastructure renewals ratio Asset renewals (building, infrastructure & other structures) Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	$\frac{13077}{4233} 308.9 \%$	100.0 %	174.7 % 162.1 %	7. Building and infrastructi 400.0 % - 300.0 % - 203.9 % 162.1 % 1
To assess the rate at which these assets are being rene Benchmark: > 100%	s are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating	which they are	e depreciating.	100.0 % - 2020/21 2021/22
8. Infrastructure backlog ratio Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory condition Total value of infrastructure, building, other structures & depreciable land improvement assets	50003 446395 11.2 %	11.2 %	11.2 % 10.5 %	8. Infrastructure bi 10.0 % - 5.3 % 5.3 % 5.3 %
This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure Benchmark: < 2	he total value of a Council	's infrastructu	.e.	8 0.0 % 2020/21 2021/22 2
9. Asset maintenance ratio Actual asset maintenance Required asset maintenance	% 0.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 % 100.0 %	140.0 % 120.0 % 100.0 % 100.0 % 60.0 %
Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the Infrastructure Backlog growing.	. A ratio above 1.0 indicat	es Council is	investing	Action (40.0%)

Quarterly Budget Review Statemen for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/2:

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

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023

(\$,000\$)	Current projection Amounts Indicator 23/24 23/24	Original budget 23/24	Actuals prior periods 22/23 21/22	
NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):	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 671336 7.4 %	7.5 %	7.4 % 7.0 %	10. Cost to bring assets to agreed service leve 8.0 % 7.4 % 7.5 % 8.0 % 3.4 % 3.4 % 3.4 % 3.0 % 1.0 %
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	ling renewal works comp	ared to the to	ital value of	2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 20 (O)
11. Capital expenditure ratio Annual capital expenditure	17522	i		7.0 7.0 6.0 - 5.4
Annual depreciation	4.7	4.0	2.6 2.1	(x) 4.0 - 2.5 2.1 2.6
To assess the extent to which a Council is expanding its as assets and the replacement and renewal of existing assets Benchmark: > 1	asset base thru capital expenditure on both new sts.	enditure on b	oth new	2.0 - 0.0 2021/22 20

2023/24 2023/24 (P) (O)

reed service level

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Contracts budget review statement

Wentworth Shire Council

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 Part A - Contracts listing - contracts entered into during

Part A - Contracts listing - contracts entered into during the quarter	ntered into during the quarter						
			Contract	Start	Duration Budgeted	3udgeted	Notes
Contractor	Contract detail & purpose		value	date	of contract	(X/X	
O'CONNORS FARM MACHINERY	Supply of one CASE IH 60B cab tractor	s	64,900.00	21/12/2023	Until Delivery	>	Active
O'CONNORS FARM MACHINERY	Supply of three CASE IH 60B tractors	છ	130,900.00	21/12/2023	Until Delivery	>	Active
RIVERINA STABILISERS	Stabilisation works for Keenans Drive and Highways heavy patching	છ	182,251.94	20/12/2023	6 Months	>	Active
WALL CONSTRUCTIONS	Wentworth Caravan Park - Export of fill material and import of suitable fill material	છ	201,080.00	18/12/2023 Variation	18/12/2023 Variation to Original Contract	>	Active
KW EARTHMOVING	Hire of Plant and Equipment to reinstate Old Broken Hill and Roo Roo Road	s	182,628.50	13/12/2023	3 Months	z	Completed
MALLEE EATHMOVING & EXCAVATIONS	Supply and delivery of road base material for Roads to Recovery Program works	છ	93,830.00	5/12/2023	6 Months	>	Active
EWAG PTY LTD	Scraper hire for various heavy grade projects under RLRRP	છ	136,620.00	5/12/2023	6 Months	>	Active
ADVENTURE PLUS	Supply and installation of new playground at Fotherby Park Wentworth	છ	75,372.00	22/11/2023	6 Months	>	Active
CPM BUILDING CONTRACTORS	Construction of new toilet facilities in Tapio Park Dareton	છ	237,971.80	16/11/2023	4 Months	>	Active
OASIS UNMATCHED	George Gordon Oval netball court refurbishment	છ	422,521.00	16/11/2023	20 Weeks	>	Active
BOTT EARTHMOVING	Hire of water tanker for use on Ivanhoe Road	s	136,000.00	14/11/2023	8 Weeks	>	Active
WATERS EXCAVATIONS	Urgent repairs to Beverly Street sewer main	69	344,997.80	10/11/2023	6 Weeks	z	Completed
OZ LINEMARKING PTY LTD	Linemarking at various locations across Wentworth Shire	s	53,362.93	31/10/2023	6 Months	>	Active
HARDS HOMES PTY LTD	Supply and placement of relocatable building for Female Jockey Changerooms	49	110,000.00	10/10/2023	6 Months	>	Active
METROPOLITAN MACHINERY PTY LTD	Supply of two Front Deck Mowers	&	165,001.10	10/10/2023	Until Delivery	>	Completed
BIGFOOT CIVIL PTY LTD	Wentworth Primary School Oval dewatering setup and additional excavation	s	82,295.65	9/10/2023	6 Weeks	>	Completed

Notes:

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

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/10/23 to 31/12/23

Consultancy & legal expenses budget review statement

Consultancy & legal expenses overview

Expense	YTD expenditure (actual dollars)	Bugeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	615,536	Υ
Legal Fees	159,079	Y

Definition of a consultant:

Comments

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 concultant from other contractors.

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

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Wentworth	ţ.			Con	Contract Register 2023-24					
GIPAA		GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA	GIPAA
Contract Class	Contractor Name and Business Address	Contract Partners	Commencement Date	Contract Duration C	Contract Description (Contract Amount (including GST)	Method of Contract Procurment	F Criteria of Contract	Provision for Re- Re- Negotiation or Operational or Variation of Maintenance Contract Service	Provision for Operational or Maintenance Service
Class 1	p	9	4/04/2022 4 Months		Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment – Stage 1 Court Yard	148.00	Public Tender	Program Capability & Experience Capability & Experience Why, risk management and quality Environment & Community Local Benefit		Q.
Class 1	LP&J Wilkie Pty Ltd PO Box 564 Irymple Vic 3498	No	5/07/2022 6	Months	Extension to Wentworth Rowing Club	\$ 308,330.00	308,330.00 Public Tender	Price Program Capability & Experience WHS, risk management and quality Local Benefit	ON	ON
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	s offered ormance assurance & nagement vith conditions	ON.	O _Z

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Class 1	Ę		1/01/2023		Supply of Bulk Automotive Fuel Tender	Based on approved schedule of rates per location	<u>_</u>	times, ce and experience and Capability tion and Quality nce		9
Class 1	Regional Power Services Pty Ltd 2468 Silver City Highway Curlwaa NSW 2648	92	8/02/2023	12 Months + Vessible 12 Month Nextension	12 Months + Wentworth Shire Council Bridge Lifts and vossible 12 Month Maintenance – 12 month period extension	\$410.00 per lift	Public Tender	• Tenderer has the capacity including financial capacity windling financial capacity with risk management and quality systems in place • Tender Lump Sum • Program Methodology • Capability and Experience • H&S, Risk Management and Quality • Local Benefit	O _N	Yes
Class 1	Tonkin Pty Ltd Level 2 66 Rundle Street KENT TOWN SA 5067	No.	14/03/2023	12 Months	Buronga Landfill Expansion Design	\$ 308,330.00	308,330.00 Public Tender	Porce Demonstrated Experience Capacity & Capability Local Content Conforming Tender	ON	No
Class 1		No.	30/06/2023		Supply & Construct Amenities Blocks (Shire Wide)	\$ 907,715.05		P	ON ON	O _N
Class 1	True Drive Pty Ltd – It trading as RDG Electrical S3 7th Street Mildura Vic 3500	O _N	5/06/2023	4 Months C	Gol Gol Raw Water Pump Station Upgrade	\$ 724,465.40	724,465.40 Public Tender	capability & Capacity & npliance ry & ility	ON.	ON.

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Class 1			16/08/2023	12 Months	Wentworth Flood Study	\$ 1	555.00	7	umb Sum		No
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Class 1		No	11/07/2023	4 Months	Construction of Shared Paths Gol Gol &	\$	17,462.80 P	817,462.80 Public Tender	Sum	No	No
	Ltd PO Box 431			<u> </u>	Construction of Buronga Wetlands to Riverfront Shared Path				Delivery Time Previous performance		
	Gol Gol NSW 2738								• Experience of tenderer and		
									Compliance with		
									Conditions of Tender and		
									Quality Assurance		
									Methodology		
Class 1		No	24/07/2023	6 Months	Replacement of Multiple Vehicles	\$ 3	11,114.76 P	311,114.76 Public Tender		No	No
	709-711 15th Street								Fit for Purpose		
	Mildura Vic 3500								Previous delivery		
									Local serviceability		
									tandardisation		
Class 1	/ Ltd	No	3/08/2023	5 Months	Junction Island Demolition and Installation	\$	78,831.00 P	278,831.00 Public Tender		- ON	No
	Suite 17/ 19-23 Bridge Street Pymble NSW 2073								- Capability and Experience - WHS, Risk made Systems and Quality Control Systems - Environment & Community - Local Benefit		
Class 1	BRANDI PROIECTS, N S/209 ROBINSON ROAD EAST GEEBUNG QLD 4034	_ν	11/09/2023	Until 30 June 2024	Until 30 June 2024 Interpretive Space Construction at Wentworth Civic Centre	\$ 1,7	84,794.40 P	1,784,794.40 Public Tender	Price Program Capability & Experience WHS, risk management and quality Environment & Community Local Benefit	ON.	O _V

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Class 1	× 8		12/08/2022		Replacement of Plant 504 Specialised Road	. ↔	500.00	ř		No	No
	COACH SERVIC, PO				Maintenance Truck				• Fit for Purpose		
	BOX 1700CP								 Previous delivery 		
	MILDURA VIC 3501								performance		
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Class 1	Waters Excavations	MH Engineering Pty	4/08/2023	6 Months	Wentworth Effluent Disposal Station Renewal	\$	1,226,526.57	Public Tender		No	No
		Ltd.							Methodology		
	10019								Previous performance		
	Mildura Vic 3502								 Experience of tenderer 		
									 Compliance with 		
									Conditions of tender		
									Benefit		
Class 1		No	30/06/2023	an	Management and Operations of Dareton &	٠	1,560,669.00 Public Tender			Yes	Yes
	20 Longstaff Road				Wentworth Swimming Pool				 Pool Program Offered 		
	BAYSWATER VIC 3153			further 5 Years					 Capability & Experience 		
									 OH&S, Risk Management & 		
									Quality Systems		
									 Environment & Community 		
									Local Benefit		
Class 1	Oasis Unmatched Pty No	No	26/10/2023	ost	George Gordon Oval Netball Court	\$	422,521.00 F	422,521.00 Public Tender	Sum	No	No
	Ltd			Acceptance	Refurbishment				 Methodology 		
	PO Box 3458								Previous performance		
	MILDURA VIC 3502								 Experience of tenderer 		
									 Compliance with 		
									Conditions of tender		
									 Local Benefit 		
Class 1		No	27/11/2022	Until 30 June 2024 F	Until 30 June 2024 Reconstruction of Wentworth Civic Centre	\$ 10	10,664,227.00	Public Tender		No	No
	Contractors Pty Ltd								Program		
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Class 1	SNC	No	18/12/2023	6 Months	Supply and Delivery of IH 608 Tractor	\$ 130,900.00	Public Tender	irpose delivery ice viceability		ON.
Class 1	JJ O'CONNOR & SONS PTY LTD, 393 BENETOOK AVE MILDURA VIC 3500	ON.	18/12/2023	6 Months	Supply and Delivery of IH 608 CAB Tractor	\$ 64,900.00	er	uo	No	o _N
Class 1	ing rs Pty Ltd n Ave ic 3500	ON	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	ON	20/12/2023	Purchase Order Suration	Stabilisation of Fir Keenans Drive Coomella - SH14&SH22 Heavy Patching - Seg 15 ordered works	\$ 182,251.94		Price Demonstrated Experience Capacity & Capability Local Content	No	No
Class 1		ON	10/11/2023	Until Completion	Until Completion Urgent Sewer Main Repairs	\$ 344,997.80	344,997.80 Request for Quotation	Emergency Works Exemption No	No	No
Class 1	11	ON	11/03/2020	hs	Project Management of Civic Centre Redevelopment	5.25% of Total Project Cost (Ex GST)	er	r Lump Sum ry Time & lology ical Skills	No	ON.
Class 1	Meridian Urban 93 I White Street Wavell Heights QLD 4012	ON.	21/09/2023	9 Weeks	Regional drought resiliance plan	\$ 161,590.00	161,590.00 Request for Quotation	Price Demonstrated Experience Capacity & Capability Local Content	No N	O.

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Class 2	Peter & Maureen Atkinson PO Box 187 WENTWORTH NSW 2648		ing Signing		Purchase of 152 Log Bridge Road	000:00	ation			No.
Class 2	Murray House Aged Care 31-37 Murray Street Wentworth NSW 2648	No	Pending Signing	12 Months	Sale of Library and Council Chambers	\$ 577,500.00 Direct Negoti	ation	N/A	No	NO
Class 2	BERRY BOWLING SYSTEMS, BERRY BOWLING SYSTEMS, MITCHAM VIC 3132	ON.	5/09/2023	Duration Duration	Install new Sand filled synthetic paying surface to the wentworth complex - Awarded by Insurance loss adjuster	\$ 163,295.00 Direct	Direct Negotiation	Direct Negotiation	Ŷ.	2
Class 2	PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY, LEVEL 3, BLOCK E, 84 CROWN STREET WOOLONGON NSW 2500	ON	10/06/2021	Until Completion	Until Completion Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	\$ 500,870.30 Direct Negoti	ation	Statutory Body Exemption	No	ON

9.6 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: RPT/24/68

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 complied on a quarterly basis.

During the 2nd the Quarter the following has occurred:

6 New Specific Actions were added.

- Crane Drive Stormwater (action 3.5.12)
- Boree Spring Hill RFS Station (action 2.3.10)
- George Gordon Oval Lights Upgrade (action 3.2.28)
- Keenans Drive/Old Wentworth Road (action 3.2.29)
- Water Leakage & District Metering Program (action 3.4.9)
- Beverly Street Sewer Main Repair (action 3.4.10)
- 9 Specific Actions were completed.
 - Get Active NSW Wood Street/Gol Gol North Sharedway (action 2.2.9)
 - Para RFS Station (action 2.3.9)
 - Pooncarie Menindee Road (action 3.2.5)
 - Wentworth Sporting Complex Bowling Green (action 3.2.20)
 - Carramar Drive Sporting Complex Cricket Nets (action 3.2.23)
 - Pooncarie Aerodrome Lighting (action 3.2.24)
 - Darling Street Sewer Main Repair (action 3.4.7)
 - Beverly Street Sewer Main Repair (action 3.4.10)
 - Malaleuca Street Sewer Manhole upgrade (action 3.4.8)
- 5 Specific Actions have been deferred.
 - Buronga Pump Track Stage 2 (action 2.5.6)
 - Open Spaces Development (action 2.5.7)

- Greater Junction Darling Platform (action 2.5.8)
- Fixing Local Roads Log Bridge Road (action 3.2.4)
- Regional & Local Road Repair Program (action 3.2.8)

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	
Specific Action Progressing	Specific Action underway and is progressing as planned	
Stalled	There is an issue that has delayed progress with this action	
Not due to start	Action not scheduled to start until later in the year	

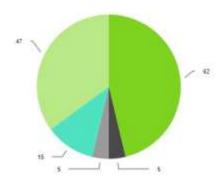
Deferred	Action will not happen this year	

The Wentworth Shire Council's Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report (refer attachment 1) the progress for the period July to December 2023 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		
Specific Action Completed	6	9		
Annual Action Progressing	48	62		
Specific Action Progressing	58	47		
Stalled	1	0		
Not due to Start	14	7		
Deferred	1	5		

Actions added during the quarter: 6

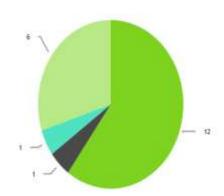
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Strategic Direction

Our Economy



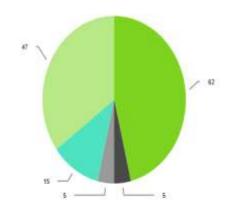


Our Community





Our Environment

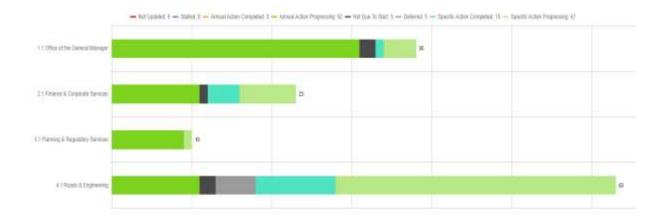




Our Leadership



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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 134 Operational Plan actions for the period July 2023-December 2023.

Attachments

1. Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report - December 2023.



Operational Plan Quarterly Progress Report December 2023



About this report

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 This progress report is for the six-month period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 404(5) of the Local respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery program. Progress reports must be provided at least every 6 months.

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Deferred	Action will not happen this year	



Strategic Direction: Our Economy

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region.

Objective Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
Ξ.	Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries.	1.1.1	Advocate for local businesses on issues which further business and career opportunities for all	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	The new Minister for Regional & Western NSW visited the region in December. Visit has been coordinated by local Department contact. Councillors staff and Councillors attended the Cross-Border Future Industry Workforce Forum at the Euston Club in December.	
		1.1.2	Ensure that land is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of development that is supported by strategic and affordable infrastructure.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	The Rural Land Study has progressed as far as it can until the Flood Plain Management Study has been completed. This is an ongoing annual action.	

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Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.1.3	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	The update of the Development Control Plan is nearing completion of the draft stage. It will then be placed on community consultation. Planning has commenced regarding updating the Buronga Gol Strategic Plan.	
		1.1.4	Drought Resilience Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Draft plan has been submitted to the Department of Regional NSW for peer review by the CSIRO. An additional round of the community consultation and engagement is being planned for early February.	
	Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination.	1.2.1	Provide Visitor Information Centre Services	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Visitor Information Centre	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		1.2.2	PS Ruby	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See action 1.2.9	

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Wentworth	Traffic Lights		
We	Comments	The Murray Regional Tourism CEO briefed Councillors in November. Council resolved to renew the MOU with MRT for a further three years.	All western underground infrastructure has been installed. Works on road, pads and Retaining Wall are to commence in January. Eastern side works still to be completed. Western end suitable for accommodation by March and Eastern side to be completed June.
	Responsible Officer Position	Manager Tourism & Promotion	Manager Engineering Services
	Status	Annual Action Progressing	Specific Action Progressing
	Action Name	Continue to engage with and support the activities of Murray Regional Tourism, Destination NSW Riverina-Murray, Mildura Regional Development and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Civil Works
	Action Code	1.2.3	1.2.4
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Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.2.5	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment - Ablution Block Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Amenities blocks are completed and ready for delivery. Scheduled to be delivered onsite in February.	
		1.2.6	Deliver a program of Community Events	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	In the period October to December 2023 Council has helped support, facilitate and or organise the following events: - Gol Gol Twilight Markets - Wentworth Races - Wentworth Twilight Christmas Markets - Dareton Christmas Markets - Col Gol Christmas Carols with a Twist - Wentworth Christmas Parkets - Dareton Christmas Markets - Gol Gol Christmas Markets - Gol Gol Christmas	
		1.2.7	Early Settlers Museum Business Case	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy		

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Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	SHIRE COUNCIL 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.	
		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.	



Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
£:	High quality connectivity across the region.	1.3.1	Advocate for the ongoing provision of quality transport and freight links	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	During this quarter the Mayor and General Manager met with staff from the NSW Roads Ministers Office.	
		1.3.2	Advocate for improved regionwide internet and mobile connectivity	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See action 1.1.1	

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- Attachment 1	Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report - Decemb
Council libraries continue to run regular programs such as Toddler Story Time, Social Sewing, Book Clubs, Baby Bounce, Pre- School visits and Outreach services and attendance at events such as the street markets and Christmas carols with a twist. The	specific activities/events were held during the quarter: -Bluey Party - NBN Scan awareness presentation - Kids Christmas Movie presentation - Kids Messtival Overall there have been 2,583 visitations to Councils libraries during the quarter. Library Team Leader is currently working with Services NSW to facilitate a number of
Team Leader Library Services	
Annual Action Progressing	
Undertake a program of activities and services that facilitate learning opportunities at Council's library services	
1.4.1	
Encourage lifelong learning opportunities.	

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Objective	Objective	Action	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer	Comments	SHIRE COUNCIL Troffic
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						sessions/workshops for the community.	
		1.4.2	Advocate for the development and provision of local education, training and lifelong learning opportunities	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		1.4.3	Advocate for improved school services across the Wentworth Shire	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	
7.	Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities.	1.5.1	Promote Wentworth Council as an employer of choice including offering apprenticeships and traineeships	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Resources	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		1.5.2	Encourage businesses to employ people of all abilities and different backgrounds	Not Due To Start	Manager Human Resources		

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Strategic Direction: Our Community

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live.

Objective Code	Objective Objective	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.1	Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life.	2.1.1	Acknowledge and celebrate Seniors Week and International Day of People with Disabilities	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Tourism & Promotion	Council actively promoted and acknowledged International Day of People with Disabilities in December.	
		2.1.2	Support the community to develop a range of community activities that focus on diversity, access, inclusion and capacity building.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council helped support a community group to run the Gol Gol Markets.	

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Wentworth	Traffic Lights	
Went	Comments 1	Council held a citizenship ceremony in August and has another one planned for Australia Day. Council has been actively promoting the various Australia functions across the Shire including the annual Australia Day awards. Council shares community information on its various communication platforms in a variety of different languages.
	Responsible Officer Position	Director Finance & Policy
	Status	Annual Action Progressing
	Action Action Name Code	Identify opportunities to promote and celebrate Wentworth Shire as a welcome and inclusive community.
	Action Code	2.1.3

Traffic Lights	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
Comments	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 mediting with the
Responsible Officer Position	General Manager
Status	Annual Action Progressing
Action Name	Actively engage with and include the perspectives and knowledge of the local indigenous community
Action Code	2.1.4
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Wentworth	Traffic Lights		
Wer	Comments	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 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.
	Responsible Officer Position	General Manager	General Manager
	Status	Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action Progressing
	Action Name	Continue to collaborate with Government Agencies and other organisations to support the provision of health services across the Region	Advocate for the provision of social servces that meet the needs of all our community including familes, children, youth, people with disability and the aged
	Action Code	2.2.2	2.2.3
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Objective 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		
		2.2.8	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Wood Street Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		
		2.2.9	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Wood Street and Gol Gol North Road Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		

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qo	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.2.10	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Silver City Highway Dareton Sharedway	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Contractor has been engaged. Works to commence in January. On track for completion in April as per the funding guidelines.	
To have	To have a safe community	2.3.1	Provide Public Health Function	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	A casual Environmental Health Officer has been engaged to undertake food and public health premises inspections.	
		2.3.2	Companion Animals & Buronga Pound Operations	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	There were 23 cats and 26 dogs admitted to the Buronga Pound for the period October to December. Of those 47 were either returned to their owners or rehomed.	

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		2.3.3	Provide Building Compliance Function	Annual Action Progressing	Director Health & Planning	The building surveyor completed 105 inspections for the December Quarter. Inspections included Ruiding Infrastructure	
		2.3.4	In partnership with the RFS undertake hazard reduction works	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works	Swimming Pools and Plumbing. This is an ongoing annual action.	
		2.3.5	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action.	
		2.3.6	Facilitate the Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure a coordinated approach by all agencies having responsibilities and functions in emergencies	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	The Committee meets quarterly as required,	

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



Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.3.9	RFS Para Fire Station	Specific Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy		
		2.3.10	RFS Boree Spring Hill Station	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Contractor has been engaged. Construction work to commence in January.	
2.4	A well informed, supported 2.4.1 and engaged community	2.4.1	Consistently communicate the role of Council to the community	Annual Action Progressing	Media & Communications Officer	Council's Media & Communications Officer produces and promotes the quarterly Council Connects news update.	



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Director Finance & Policy	Communicate Annual Action Director funding Progressing opportunities available for the community
Team Leader Parks & Garden	Maintain and Annual Action Team update the Progressing Gards amenity of the Shire to meet community expectations for clean and well-presented public spaces and townships

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

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		2.5.9	Undertake specific public open spaces capital works projects - James King Park Riverfront	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Design works have been completed. Final community consultation scheduled for January 7th. Construction to commence after Easter.	
		2.5.10	Flood Recovery - Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works have commenced to repair/rebuild the damaged Ski Reserve Toilet Block and playgrounds at Fotherby Park and Wentworth Riverfront. Junction Park Playground has been completed.	
		2.5.11	O'Donnell Toilet Block Repair	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works		

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Strategic Direction: Our Environment

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

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Comments	This is an ongoing annual action.	See action 1.1.3	This is an ongoing annual action.	This is an ongoing
Responsible Officer Position	Strategic Development Officer	Strategic Development Officer	Property & Land Tenure Officer	Team Leader Roads
Status	Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action
Action Action Name Code	Deliver timely services for the assessment of Development Applications and planning proposals.	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Land Tenure Program	Maintain transport
Action Code	3.1.1	3.1.2	3.2.1	3.2.2
Objective	Ensure our planning decisions 3.1.1 and controls ensure the community benefits from development.		munity assets tructure are	well maintained.
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Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	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.	
		3.2.4	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Fixing Local Roads - Log Bridge Road	Deferred	Team Leader Roads	This project has been deferred and will be completed later in the year in line with works to be completed for the Light State project.	
		3.2.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie-Menindee Road	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads		



Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	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	6 of the 9 projects have been approved by Transport for NSW with 4 of those projects being completed.	
		3.2.7	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program - Arumpo Road	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Final feature survey and design has been completed. Construction works to commence in April.	

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

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

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

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

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

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



Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.24	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Aerodrome	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Civil Projects		
		3.2.25	Pooncarie Race Tower Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services		
		3.2.26	Wood Street Kerb & Channel	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works		
		3.2.27	Wentworth Bowling Club Green Replacement	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Contractor has been appointed with works scheduled to commence in February.	

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Comments	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	Design has been completed and required procurement as taken place. Works to commence in March.
Responsible Officer Position	Manager Engineering Services	Team Leader Roads
Status	Specific Action Progressing	Specific Action Progressing
Action Name	George Gordon Oval Lighting Upgrade	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Fixing Local Roads Round 4 - Keenans Drive/Old Wentworth Road.
Action Code	3.2.28	3.2.29
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3.3.4 Advoacte for the sustainable management of the Darling-Barka River and the Menindee Lakes

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Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.3.5	Promote environmental activities for community participation.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Council promoted the Yabby Trap Round Up initiative run by the NSW Department of Fisheries.	
		3.3.6	Flood Plain Management Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	Consultant has commenced data collection and analysis in order to inform flood modelling. This is expected to take 12 months in line with the schedule of works agreed to with the the funding body.	
3.4	Use and manage our resources wisely.	3.4.1	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Water & Waste Water	This is an ongoing action of Council.	

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

Objective Code	Objective Objective Code	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.4	Identify strategic partnerships in order to introduce cost-effective recycling and green waste collections services - Progress Buronga Landfill Expansion	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final designs are with EPA and Department for comment as required by the condition of the consent approval. Tender for the construction of the works planned to commence in March. Request to vary the Licence for the landfill in line with the approve DA has been submitted to the EPA.	
		3.4.5	Undertake a review of energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	Specific Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	Currently reviewing the criteria of the Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 1 to identify potential projects for funding.	

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

Objective Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.5.1	Advocate to the Federal and State governments for adequate funding for the delivery of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure for the region.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	During this quarter the Mayor and the General Manager advocated to the NSW Water Minister, NSW Roads Minister and the NSW Housing Minister in relation to funding of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure.	
		3.5.2	Plan for appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs	Annual Action Progressing	Director Roads & Engineering	Currently considering applications to the Safe & Secure Water Fund for some water infrastructure design works. Work has commenced on formulating a Community Planning Framework.	

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Objective Objective	IIVe	Action Code	Action Action Name Code	STGTUS	kesponsible Officer Position	Comments	Iramic 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.	
		3.5.4	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Pink Lake Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Tender documents are being finalised with the tender process to commence in February.	

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

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



Strategic Direction: Our Leadership

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

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Comments	Community engagement and consultation was undertaken during the quarter in relation to the following: - Interpretive Centre Project at the Wentworth Civic Centre,
Responsible Officer Position	General Manager Community engagement and consultation was undertaken during the quarter in relation to the following: - Interpretive Centre Project at the Wentworth Civic Centre,
Status	Annual Action Progressing
Action Name	Undertake community engagement activities and provide opportunities for participation in decision making where appropriate, in-
Action Code	4.1.1
Objective	Consistently engage and consult the whole community to ensure feedback is captured and considered as part of decision making and advocating processes.
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Comments	Currently undertaking an options assessment for the ongoing operations of the Buronga Landfill.	This is an ongoing annual action. The IT department are currently reviewing the IT Strategic Plan.
Responsible Officer	Director Finance & Policy	General Manager
Status	Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action Progressing
Action Action Name	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.	Staff are supported to deliver high quality services to the community
Action	1.3.1	4.3.2
Objective	An effective and efficient organisation.	
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		6.3.3	Ensure the organisation is well led and managed through the implementation of Good Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Frameworks	Annual Action Progressing	Director Finance & Policy	New Data Breach Policy was adopted by Council at the November Council Meeting. The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee met twice during the Quarter. The Annual Report was completed on time. The Internal Audit Function commenced the IT Internal Controls Audit with the outcome to be reported in	

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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 Finance & Policy	Our Modern Slavery Statement was finalised and published in our Annual Report in accordance with section 428(4) of the Local Government Act, outlining the steps taken to address the risk of modern slavery in our procurement activities. Commenced review of Guidelines published in December 2023 by the NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner as to the reasonable steps to manage modern slavery risks in our next annual reporting	
4.4	Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future.	4.4.1	Continue to support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	See actions 2.2.2 & 2.2.3	

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9.7 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/24/73

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 \$2,817.00 and the total value of requests granted in full is \$46,864.42

The total value of requests received for the 1 November 2023 – 29 January 2024 funding application period totals \$4,816.00, which if granted in full would leave a balance in the financial assistance program of \$32,528.58.

Financial Assistance Program starting balance 2023/24	\$200,000.00
Annual fees & charges annual exemptions granted	\$112,974.00
Granted under delegated authority to 30 October 2023	\$ 1,553.00
Value of approved requests August 2023 Council Meeting	\$ 33,374.80
Value of approved requests November 2023 Council Meeting	\$ 13,489.62
Granted under delegated authority 1 November 2023 – 29 January 2024	\$ 1,264.00
Available balance as at 30/1/2024	\$ 37,344.58
Request applications received 1 November 2023 – 29 January 2024	\$ 4,816.00
Remaining balance if all approved	\$ 32,528.58

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.

Detailed Report

<u>Purpose</u>

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 two (2) requests for assistance received from community organisations. The total value of the requests under consideration is \$4,816.00.

A review of the applications has determined that one of the applications meets the program guidelines.

Additional information

Councils Financial Assistance Program is open to Community Groups and organisations based within our Shire. Applications will be accepted from not for profit community groups or organisations operating or providing services within the Wentworth Local Government Area, for activities that provide a direct benefit to residents of the Wentworth Local Government Area.

Mildura Horse Complex Inc is located at 66 Racecourse Road Nichols Point, Victoria and is part of the Sunraysia Equestrian Centre, the home of three Club members including North West Victoria Adult Riding Club Inc and Mildura-Alcheringa Pony Club Inc. Due to recent floods the Centre has not been able to be used.

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 \$4,816.00 or
- (b) Consider partially funding the applications
- (c) Consider granting requests based within our Shire

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

If the requested total of \$4,816.00 is approved this would leave a balance of \$32,528.58 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 \$4,816.00.

Matters under consideration

At the 15 November 2023 Council Meeting, following the approval of the most recent round of Financial Assistance requests, Councillor Beaumont requested a report on the Community Organisations receiving indirect Financial Assistance from Council.

An indirect amount of \$254,425.20 has been provided by Council between 1 July 2023 – 29 January 2024.

Attachments

- 1. Financial Assistance Applications List February 2024
- Financial Assistance Program Request Applications (Under Separate Cover)
 February 2024
- 3. Community Organisations receiving indirect Financial Assistance 1 July 2023 29 January 2024 (Under separate cover) ⇒

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS - FEBRUARY 2024

Organisation/Recipient	Type of Request	Request Value \$	\$ Amounts granted in 2022/23	Details of Request
Wentworth District Rowing Club Inc	Grant	\$3,700.00	\$ -	applying on behalf of all local Community Groups to fund approx 20 x food safety supervisor courses at a cost of \$185 each
Mildura Horse Complex Inc	Fee Waiver	\$ 1,116.00	\$-	2 x day hire of Wentworth Showgrounds for dressage & show jumping competition

9.8 WENTWORTH CIVIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT BUDGET

File Number: RPT/24/94

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region Strategy: 1.1 Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and

the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified

industries

Summary

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 October 2022 Council considered a report in relation to the acceptance of tenders for the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment project and the adoption of the approved project budget.

As part of the project budget review process, it has come to the attention of the Project Control Group that there was a discrepancy between the project parameters that GSD and CPM were working within and the budget figure that Council was using to monitor the progress of the project.

A review of the Council report of 26 October 2022 identified that the conclusion of the report recommended that Council approve a budget with an upper limit for \$650,000 inclusive of GST for the nominated provisional items within the GSD summary document however, this was inadvertently left out of the final Council resolution.

To resolve the issue a resolution from Council is required to account for the \$650,000 of provisional items that was left out of the original Council resolution. This will ensure proper alignment between the intended budget and the project parameters.

Recommendation

That Council amend the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Budget by \$650,000 GST inclusive to account for the nominated provisional items.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to resolve an administrative error with the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Tender Resolution.

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 October 2022 Council considered a report in relation to the acceptance of tenders for the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment project and the adoption of the approved project budget.

In the report to Council (see attached) the conclusion was as follows:

"The evaluation has shown that CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd are capable of delivering the project.

The tender evaluation panel for the PT2122/18 have evaluated the submitted tender. It is recommended that Council proceed with awarding CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd, the construction of the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre for \$10,664,227.20 GST inclusive and approve a budget with an upper limit for \$650,000 inclusive of GST for the nominated provisional items within the GSD summary document."

Matters under consideration

As part of the project budget review process, it has come to the attention of the Project Control Group (General Manager, Director Finance & Policy and GSD representative) that there was a discrepancy between the project parameters that GSD and CPM were working within and the budget figure that Council was using to monitor the progress of the project.

A review of the report of 26 October 2022 identified that the recommendation that Council approved a budget with an upper limit for \$650,000 inclusive of GST for the nominated provisional items within the GSD summary document was inadvertently omitted from the final Council resolution.

The adopted resolution from the meeting in relation to the awarding of the contract to CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd is as follows:

That Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Section 178(1)(a) accepts the tender from CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd to carry out the construction of the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre for Contract PT2122/18, in the amount of \$10,664,227.20 GST inclusive, and authorises the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the Council Seal.

To ensure transparency, accuracy and to maintain financial accountability during the management of the project it is crucial that this administration error be rectified. To resolve the issue a resolution from Council is required to account for the \$650,000 of provisional items that was omitted from the original Council resolution. This will ensure proper alignment between the intended budget and the project parameters.

Conclusion

The Project Control Group and CPM Building Contractors Pty Ltd have been working within a project parameter that included the following upper limit \$11,314,227.20 for the construction component of the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Project. In order to correct the discrepancy between this figure and the resolution of the 26 October 2022 Council meeting it is recommended that Council approve the upper limit of \$650,000 for the nominated provision items that was omitted from the original Council resolution.

Attachments

- PT2122/18 Wentworth Shire Civic Centre Redevelopment Ordinary Council 26 October 2022 (Under Separate Cover)
- Minutes Ordinary Council 26 October 2022 Confidential (Under Separate Cover)

9.9 LIFTING OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE - WENTWORTH DISTRICT ROWING CLUB ANNUAL EASTER REGATTA

File Number: RPT/24/95

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: 1.2 Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and

tourism destination

Summary

Council has received a request from the Wentworth District Rowing Club to lift the alcohol-free zone for the Rowing Club and immediate lawn area for one event.

The Wentworth District Rowing Club has sought approval for the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in past years for community events.

There have been no incidents or problems in past events that would warrant Council refusing the temporary lifting of the alcohol-free zone as requested.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) In accordance with Section 645 of the Local Government Act 1993, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth Rowing Club and Lawns as shown on the map attached to this report for the periods 29 March 2024 from 5pm to 10pm, 30 March 2024 from 12pm to 10pm and 31 March 2024 from 12pm to 8pm.
- b) Advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and Councils website
- c) Advises the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the suspension of the operation of the alcohol-free zone at the Wentworth Rowing Club, Boat Ramp & Foreshore area for the following event:

· Wentworth District Rowing Club Annual Easter Regatta.

The Wentworth District Rowing Club Annual Easter Regatta event is expected to attract a number of visitors to Wentworth. The people attending are expected to be a responsible crowd, given the nature of the event.

Background

Council may, at the request of any person or body or of its own motion, suspend the operation of an alcohol-free zone by publishing notice of suspension in a newspaper circulating in the area that includes the zone concerned. During the periods indicated in the notice as the period of suspension, the zone does not operate as an alcohol-free zone.

The area identified in the attached map, being the area known as the Wentworth Rowing Club Lawns, is the area, for which the alcohol-free zone is requested to be lifted on 29 March 2024 from 5pm to 10pm, 30 March 2024 from 12pm to 10pm and 31 March 2024 from 12 pm to 8pm.

Council may suspend the operation of an alcohol free zone for a specified period by resolution and advertising the fact in a locally circulating newspaper.

Matters under consideration

Consideration needs to be made as to whether the lifting of the alcohol free zone for a specific event is warranted, or whether it poses an unacceptable risk of unruly or unsociable behaviour due to the over consumption of alcohol in the location.

Options

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

a) Grant the requests for lifting of the alcohol free zone

or

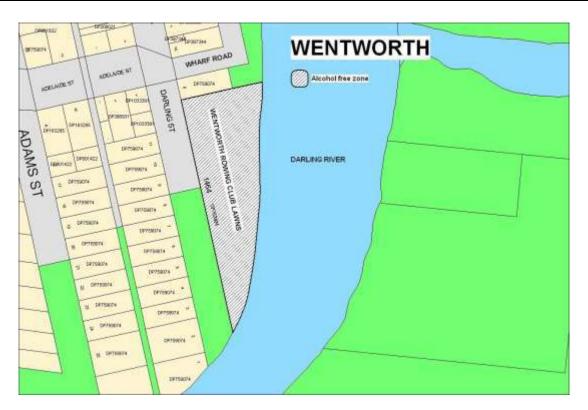
b) Refuse the requests to lift the alcohol free zone.

Conclusion

The proposed lifting of the alcohol free zone will be a low risk matter for Council, with some positive community benefits within the Wentworth Shire.

Attachments

1. Map of Alcohol Free Zone - Wentworth Rowing Club and Lawns



9.10 PROJECT & WORKS UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2024

File Number: RPT/24/75

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 January 2024 and the planned activities for February 2024.

Recommendation

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

Detailed Report

Refer below for updates of the works completed in January 2024, and the planned activities for February 2024.

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Project and V	Vorks Update for January 2024
	Grid Removal
	 10 grids were removed from the Renmark and Nulla roads following the installation of fencing on both sides of the road being completed by relevant land holders.
	Heavy Grading
Roads	 Funded by the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program, heavy grading was completed on the Popio Road
	Arumpo Road
	 Design ongoing Tenders for the Hire of Water Trucks, Hire of Land Plane/Earth Scoops and supply of Road Base material have been advertised.
	Gol Gol East Raw Water System Upgrade
	Practical Completion issued.
	 <u>District Bulk Metering</u> 5 bulk flow meters in production
	Installation planning underway
Projects	 Junction Island Bridge Bridge and walkways correctly leveled and adjusted. "Mainland side" installation of walkway complete including grating.

Junction Island Footpath

Planning of construction logistics underway

Wentworth Jockey Changerooms

 Certified plans received from Building Surveyor and changerooms under construction.

Wentworth and Pooncarie Camp Kitchens

- GSD Architects engaged to progress design plans for the Wentworth Camp Kitchen.
- Concept plan prepared for Pooncarie Camp Kitchen and initial quotes sought to determine whether feasible.

Pink Lake

- Technical specification and detailed design complete.
- Land tenure issues progressing, estimated tender period April / May.

Wentworth Effluent Disposal System (EDS)

- Installation of new river fenders
- Completion of groundworks for sewer pump station and associated pits.

Willow Bend Caravan Park

- 80% of sewer installation on eastern half.
- Retaining wall and river frontage shaped
- Roadworks and concrete pads commenced on western half.
- Retaining wall materials ordered

Amenities Blocks

• Fit out completed – ready for delivery.

Rose Street Stormwater - Stage 1

Technical specification and detailed design complete.

Buronga Toilet Block

- Scope being reviewed including permanent power supply rather than solar.
- Civil works tender document in preparation.

Pooncarie Toilet Block

 Scope being reviewed including potential for composting toilets and greywater reuse on oval.

James King Park Retaining Wall and Footpath

- Community consultation undertaken on-site.
- Designs updated to reflect community consultation requirements.

Dareton Toilet Block

- Building works continuing
- Sewer connection out to tender

Projects

Wentworth Rowing Club Building

 Minor repair works completed on existing building including ceiling, painting and toilet upgrade.

Dareton to Namatjira Sharedway

Contract awarded and site visit undertaken by contractor.

George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball Court Upgrade

Concrete placed for netball courts.

Buronga Shared Path

Shared path from Chaffey Bridge to overpass bridge complete.

Wentworth Beverly Street Sewer Repair

- Camera survey confirmed sewer pipe levels are correct.
- Works complete, nature strip reinstatement to be undertaken following summer period.

Projects and Works scheduled for February 2024 Arumpo Road Design continuing. The applications for four new gravel pits submitted, awaiting approval. Maintenance Grading Works are scheduled to be completed on the Arumpo, Top Hut and Roads Polia Roads Pooncarie Road Repairs During the construction of the 26.5km project, there was damage to sections of the road to the south of the township caused by material cartage. This has been temporarily patched pending the appointment of stabilisation contractor engaged to carry out specific repair works. **District Bulk Metering** Bulk meters delivered. Installation of straight replacement flow meters. Planning to enable installation of complex flow meter locations including limiting supply interruptions. Junction Island Bridge "Island" side installation of walkway to be completed including grating.

Junction Island Footpath

Commence procurement of equipment and materials

Wentworth Effluent Disposal System (EDS)

- Installation of gangway.
- Installation sewer pump station switchboard.

Projects

Willow Bend Caravan Park

- Sewer works to be completed to eastern half of the project.
- All other services to commence in the eastern half of park.

- Western end caravan pads to be completed.
- Western end road and kerbing to be completed.
- Retaining wall construction to commence.

Amenities Blocks

West end amenities building to be delivered to Caravan Park.

Rose Street Stormwater - Stage 1

Tender to be advertised.

Buronga Toilet Block

- Civil works package to be advertised.
- Assessment review undertaken on electrical supply (power mains vs solar).

Pooncarie Toilet Block

• Prepare tender documentation.

Pink Lake

 Tender documentation to be prepared, awaiting resolution of land tenure issues prior to advertising.

Dareton to Namatjira Sharedway

- Commence construction of sharedway.
- Tender for solar lighting to be released.

Dareton Toilet Block

- Building works to be complete
- Sewer installation underway.
- On track to be completed in readiness for the Coomealla / Dareton Centenary Celebrations on 25 April.

James King Retaining Wall and Footpath

- Tender document to be prepared and advertised.
- REF and cultural heritage assessment to be completed.

George Gordon Sporting Complex Netball Court Upgrade

- Netball courts line marking and surface to be completed.
- Area around netball courts to be upgraded.
- On track to be completed in readiness for the commencement of netball season.

Buronga Shared Path

- Riverfront section to Bridge to be completed.
- Work on retaining walls to commence.

Flood Recovery Works

Projects

	 <u>Junction Park</u> Request for Quotes closes 2nd February for switchboards repair and lamp post light head replacement.
Flood Recovery	 Wentworth Wharf & Riverfront Council undertaking Megger Testing of the existing underground electrical wiring.
	New RFQ due for submission approximately 2 weeks.

Attachments

- 2. Wentworth EDS Pump Station and Poontoon U
- 3. George Gordon Oval Netball Courts and Buronga Shared Path $\underline{\mathbb{J}}$

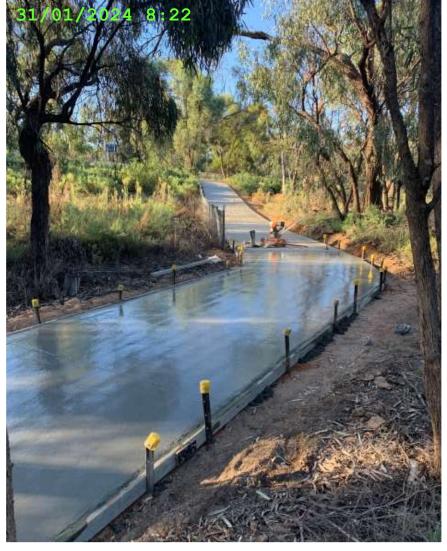












10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

20 March 2024