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Operational Plan

2024/2025

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COUNCIL
OFFICES



Midway Community Centre
3 Midway Drive, Buronga NSW 2739



Wentworth Visitor Centre (Main Administration Office)
61 Darling Street, Wentworth NSW 2648



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



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

Our Objectives



Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

ECONOMIC



Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

SOCIAL



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

ENVIRONMENTAL



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

CIVIC LEADERSHIP



Wentworth LGA

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The Annual Statement of Revenue forms part of the 2024/2025 Operational Plan and includes the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges. These documents have been prepared in accordance with Section 403(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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Our Values

HONESTY & INTEGRITY

ACCOUNTABILITY
& TRANSPARENCY

RESPECT

QUALITY & COMMITMENT

Overview

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

The Operational Plan 2024-2025 is year three of Council’s Delivery Program. It outlines the actions that Council will undertake in the financial year that contribute to achieving the commitments of Council’s Delivery Program and Community Strategic Plan.

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

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



Lock 10, Wentworth NSW

2024/2025 Council Snapshot

	137.05	Full-time equivalent staff		\$31 million	Operational budget
	\$71 million	Budget forecast		\$40 million	Capital budget
	96	Planned actions		5.20%	Rate increase



Achieving the vision for 2032

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

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

Community strategies



Namatjira Raw Water Storage



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Quadruple Bottom Line

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

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

ECONOMIC

SOCIAL

ENVIRONMENTAL

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Financial information

Budgeted Income Statement Summary	2024/2025 Budget
Income from Continuing Operations	
Rates & Annual Charges	\$10,938,379
User Charges & Fees	\$8,457,840
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$2,220,250
Other Revenues	\$1,069,444
Grants - Operating	\$11,968,600
Grants - Capital	\$15,492,909
Net Gains from the disposal of assets	\$100,000
Total Income	\$50,247,422

Expenses from Continuing Operations	
Employee Benefits	\$11,277,280
Borrowing Costs	\$1,401,229
Materials & Contracts	\$4,457,447
Depreciation & Amortization	\$9,307,829
Other Expenses	\$4,076,213
Total Expenses	\$30,519,997
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$16,527,179
Discontinued Operations	\$0
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$16,527,179

Funding Requirements	2024/2025 Budget
Expenditure	
Operating Expenditure	\$30,519,997
Capital Expenditure	\$39,936,874
Total Expenditure	\$70,456,871
less depreciation (incl. in expenditure)	\$9,307,829
2024/2025 Cash Requirements	\$61,149,042

Cash Requirements funded from:	
Operational Revenue	\$40,135,983
Borrowings	\$11,250,000
Retained Earnings	\$0
Council Restricted Reserves	\$9,763,059
2024/2025 Total Funding	\$61,149,042

Projected Balances (Council Cash Reserves)	
Projected opening cash balance 01/07/2024	\$45,000,000
Less projected Cash deficit	\$9,763,059
Projected cash balance at 30/06/2025	\$35,236,941
Represented as:	
- Cash on hand	\$5,236,941
- Short Term Investments	\$4,000,000
- Long Term Investments	\$26,000,000

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

Rates and Annual Charges

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

Borrowings

Borrowed funds enable the cost of acquiring assets to be spread over a longer period of time, thus easing the burden on current ratepayers. In the 2024/25 financial year there will be loan borrowings of \$12,000,000 to help fund capital requirements for the:

- Buronga Landfill Expansion (approval to loan funds via Council resolution March 2024. \$11,250,000 to be utilised in 2024/2025 & \$750,000 in 2025/2026)

Restricted Reserves

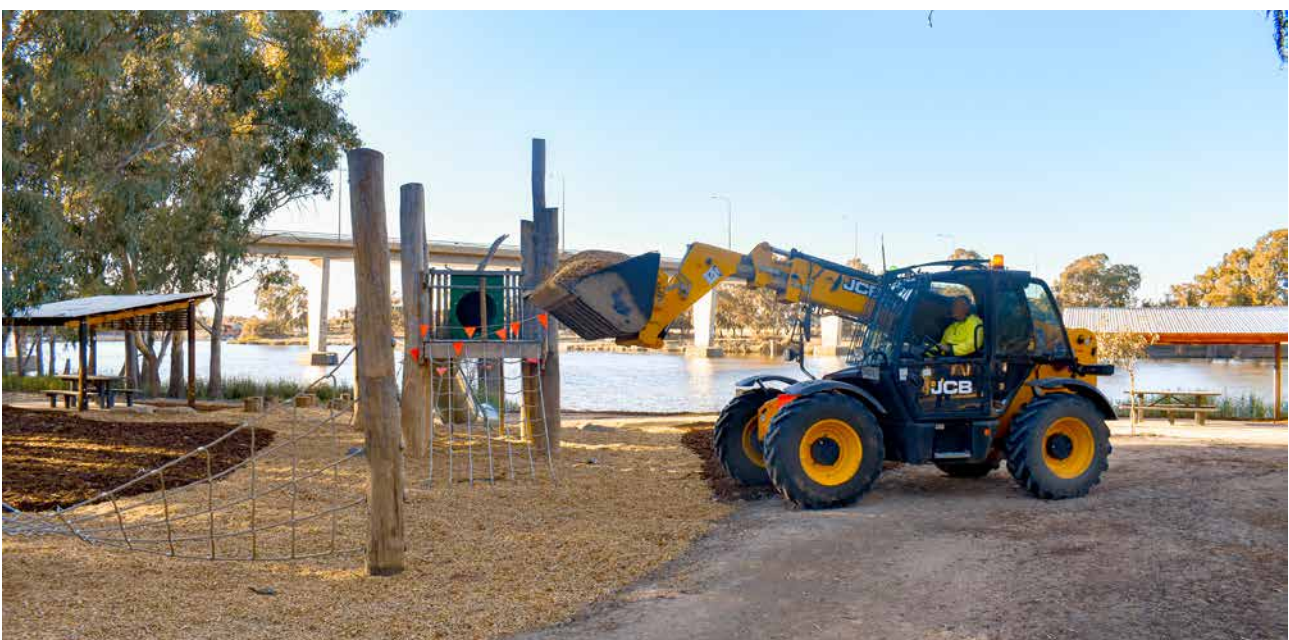
Council will utilise the following restricted reserves to fund capital expenditure during the 2024/2025 financial year:

Loan Reserve

\$950,000 from previously approved loan to fund stormwater infrastructure upgrades

Unexpected Grants Reserve

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



Contribution to CSP objectives

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

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

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




Strategy 1



ECONOMIC

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

Strategy 2



SOCIAL

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

Strategy 3



ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Strategy 4



CIVIC LEADERSHIP

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Capital Expenditure

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



Buronga Landfill Expansion

\$11,250,000



Plant Replacement

\$2,000,000



Roads Projects

\$7,125,813



Stormwater Upgrades

\$1,200,000



Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade - Arumpo Road

\$4,625,000



Sewer Upgrades

\$1,720,788



Resources for Regions

\$2,703,069



Water Upgrades

\$1,384,762



Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)

\$2,496,975

Specific Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for improved school services across the Wentworth Shire
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Operational Plan 2024/2025

Actions



STRATEGY 1

ECONOMIC

Our Economy

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region



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

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

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 1	\$1,740,328
Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 1	\$2,496,975

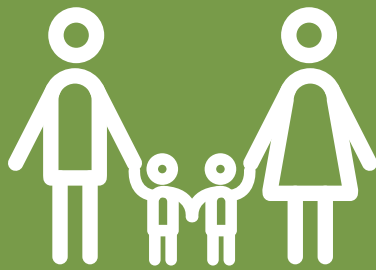
Measuring Progress

- Average development application approval time
- Wentworth Shire Staff profile
- Number of Library Programs Delivered





📍 Perry Sandhills, Wentworth NSW



STRATEGY 2

SOCIAL

Our Community

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live



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

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



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

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 2	\$4,032,507
Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 2	\$2,627,300

Measuring Progress

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



STRATEGY 3

ENVIRONMENTAL

Our Environment

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



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
3.1 – Ensure our planning decisions and controls enable the community to benefit from development		
Annual Actions	Deliver timely services for the assessment of Development Applications and planning proposals. Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Director Health & Planning
Specific Actions	N/A	
3.2 – Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained		
Annual Actions	Land Tenure Program. Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges and Footpaths. Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities.	Director Health & Planning Manager Works
Specific Actions	Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixing Local Roads – Log Bridge Road Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program – Arumpo Road Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund Darling Street Footpaths Loop Road Wamberra Road Alcheringa Drive Wentworth Rowing Club Wentworth Showgrounds Kitchen Upgrade Pooncarie Reserve Kitchen Upgrade Wentworth Depot Upgrade 	General Manager Manager Works
	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Gordon Oval Lighting Wentworth Riverfront Mooring Sites Buronga to Gol Gol Shared Ways 	Manager Engineering Services

3.3 – Minimise the impact on the natural environment.		
Annual Actions	Undertake actions identified in the Western Weeds Action Plan.	Manager Works
	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required.	Director Health & Planning
	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association.	General Manager
	Advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Baaka River and the Menindee Lakes.	
Specific Actions	Wentworth Shire Council Flood Study	Director Health & Planning
3.4 – Use and manage our resources wisely.		
Annual Actions	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure.	Manager Engineering Services
	Provide and Promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives	Manager Works
	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible.	Manager Tourism & Promotion
Specific Actions	Buronga Landfill Expansion	Director Roads & Engineering
	Review energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	Manager Engineering Services
	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fotherby Park SPS # 8• Dareton SPS # 2• Sewer Main Refurbishments• Buronga Waste Water Treatment Plant• Wentworth Waste Water Treatment Plant	



3.5 – Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Annual Actions	Advocate to the Federal and State governments for adequate funding for the delivery of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure for the Region.	General Manager
	Plan for appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs.	Director Roads & Engineering
Specific Actions	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Street Stormwater • 3 Sisters Stormwater • Crane Drive Stormwater 	Manager Engineering Services

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 3	\$16,657,032
Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 3	\$33,196,683

Measuring Progress

% of Capital works projects completed on time and on budget
Development Control Plan Reviewed and Updated accordingly
Number of land acquisitions completed.



STRATEGY 4

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Our Leadership

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



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

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

Total Council Operational Budget Committed to Strategy 4	\$8,090,130
Total Council Capital Budget Committed to Strategy 4	\$1,615,916

Measuring Progress

- Strong financial position maintained
- Financial reporting obligations met
- Number Service level reviews completed
- Quarterly Progress Reports completed on time
- Engagement activities undertaken as per Community Engagement Strategy
- Continue to provide support for Wentworth Interagency Group

Workforce requirements

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

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

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

The diagram on the following page depicts the Organisational Structure.



EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP REPORTING STRUCTURE

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



REPORTING STRUCTURE

As at 01 May 2024





Commenced journey with Council in November 2002.

KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER
Appointed to role in May 2019

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS SUPPORT

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

TOURISM & PROMOTION

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

Commenced journey with Council in November 2008.



SIMON RULE

DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in May 2014

CORPORATE SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICES

- Bendigo Bank Agency (Midway Service Centre)
- Bridge lift bookings
- Cemetery reservations & burials
- Customer enquiries
- Receipting (rates, water accounts, applications)
- Venue hire bookings

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

- Accounts payable/receivable
- Accounting services
- Payroll
- Procurement
- Rates

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Business continuity
- Cyber security
- End-user support
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Hardware/software/maintenance acquisition

RECORDS

- Record management

RISK & GOVERNANCE

- Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee
- Corporate Compliance
- Corporate Strategic Planning & Reporting
- Internal Audit
- Risk management

STORES

Commenced journey with Council in October 2017.



GEORGE KENENDE

ACTING DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in January 2024

HEALTH & PLANNING

BUILDING SURVEYING/ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Bonds and Permits
- Building Certification
- Food Safety – annual inspections & temporary permits
- Public Health/Skin Penetration/ Cooling Towers/UPSS

COMPANION ANIMALS

- Barking Dogs
- Nuisance/Aggressive Dogs
- Rehoming
- Shelter Management

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

- Development Determinations
- Planning Portal management & assistance
- Pre-lodgement advice

COMPLIANCE/REGULATORY SERVICES/LOCAL LAWS

- Alcohol Free Zones
- Development compliance
- Education & enforcement
- Noise
- Pollution & contaminated land

RESERVES & LAND TENURE

- Acquisition of land
- Crown land manager
- Native Title

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

- Heritage Protection & Advice
- Planning Proposals & LEP Amendments
- Strategic Planning Projects & Strategies

Commenced journey with Council in November 2016.



GEOFF GUNN

DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in August 2019

ROADS & ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING TEAM

- Assets
- Engineering services
- Infrastructure
- Technical Services
- Water & Waste Water

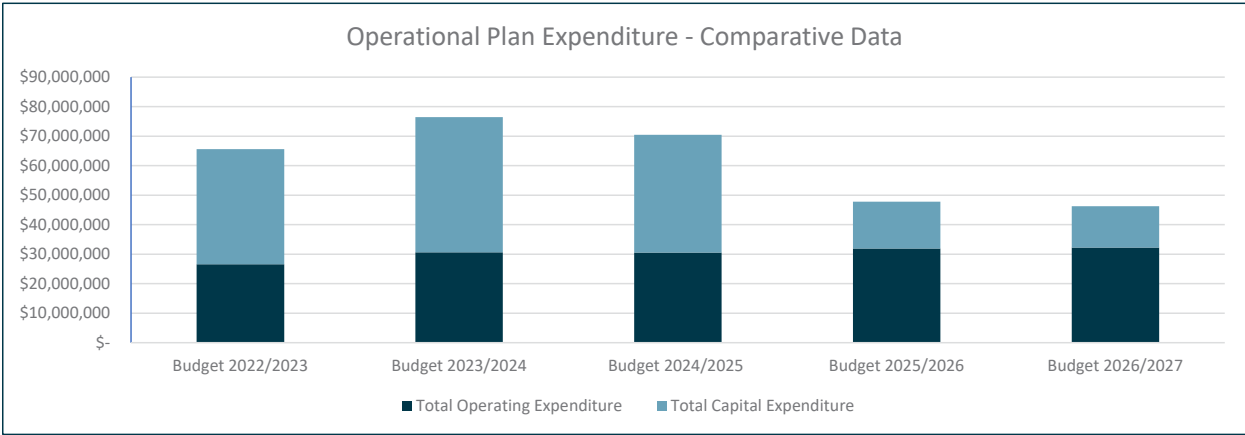
WORKS TEAM

- Aerodrome operations
- Building maintenance
- Civil Works
- Fleet/Workshop
- Landfill/Waste
- Operations
- Parks & Gardens
- Roads

Future year estimates

The following graph provides a comparison of previous budgeted amounts, compared with the budget for the upcoming financial year and the projected future budgets for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027.

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



	Budget 2022/2023	Budget 2023/2024	Budget 2024/2025	Budget 2025/2026	Budget 2026/2027
Total Operating Expenditure	\$ 26,616,364	\$ 30,654,577	\$ 30,519,997	\$ 31,951,260	\$ 32,233,548
Total Capital Expenditure	\$ 39,014,529	\$ 45,799,027	\$ 39,936,874	\$ 15,843,460	\$ 14,038,197

Further information

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

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

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



Operational Plan 2024/2025

Attachments

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New subdivision being built at Gol Gol

2. Annual Statement of Revenue

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

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

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Statement of Revenue Policy

Introduction

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

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

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

Rating

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The ad valorem amount of a rate

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

Base charges and minimum amounts of rates payable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table of years and rate increases and % of total revenue

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

Budget analysis

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

Operating Revenue

Council has forecasted to generate \$47,047,176 in revenue for 2024/2025.

Extract of Operating Statement				
Operating Revenue	2025	2026	2027	2028
Rates & Annual Charges	\$10,938,379	\$11,271,795	\$11,615,214	\$11,968,936
User Charges & Fees	\$8,412,720	\$10,799,350	\$11,117,037	\$11,444,254
Interest	\$2,220,250	\$2,286,858	\$2,335,463	\$2,426,127
Grants & Contributions (Op)	\$11,968,600	\$12,657,749	\$13,358,126	\$13,812,673
Grants & Contributions (Cap)	\$15,492,909	\$2,746,407	\$1,622,214	\$232,948
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,114,482	\$1,155,936	\$1,160,251	\$1,144,696
Net gain/loss Disposal of Assets	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$50,247,422	\$41,018,095	\$41,328,305	\$41,129,633

Rating and Annual Charges

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

Pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession card and own and occupy rateable property in Wentworth Shire receive a mandatory rebate on their rates and annual charges. The State Government funds 55% of the rebate. This is expected to cost Council \$76,000 in 2024/2025

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

Hardship and ability to pay rates

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

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

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

Applications for a special variance to general income

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

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

User Charges and Fees

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

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

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

Statutory fees such as development assessment fees, planning certificates etc charged by Council are subject to direction through regulation and other state government controls. Council does not set these fees and does not have the power to vary the fee set. The majority of statutory charges do not provide for annual increase in line with CPI or the cost of providing the service and therefore excluding development related income, no growth in these fees has been included in the 2024/2025 budget.

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

Interest on Investments

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

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

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

Grants and Contributions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Council has forecasted to receive \$27,461,509 in operating and capital grants in 2024/2025. Council will receive capital grants and contributions in 2024/2025 which will contribute to funding the following projects:

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

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

Other Revenue

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

Operating Expenditure

Council has forecasted \$30,519,997 in operating expenditure for 2024/2025.

Extract of Operating Statement				
Operating Expenses	2025	2026	2027	2028
Employee Costs	\$11,277,280	\$11,868,172	\$12,489,573	\$12,861,200
Materials & Contracts	\$4,457,447	\$5,396,523	\$4,998,097	\$4,976,784
Borrowings	\$1,401,229	\$1,350,426	\$1,305,183	\$1,230,614
Depreciaton & Amortisation	\$9,307,829	\$9,307,829	\$9,307,829	\$9,307,829
Other Operating Expenses	\$4,076,213	\$4,028,310	\$4,132,866	\$4,233,202
TOTAL	\$30,519,997	\$31,951,260	\$32,233,548	\$32,609,629

Employee Expenses

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

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

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

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

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

Organisational Structure

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

Borrowing Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

Borrowing costs on current and projected loans and financing arrangements will total \$1,401,229 in 2024/2025.

Materials and Contracts

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

Depreciation

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

Other Expenses

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

Expenditure Challenges

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

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

Capital Expenditure

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

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

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

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

Apart from funding constraints, Council has capacity constraints which determine the capital works program delivery timeframe. The constraints in project delivery include community consultation, state government approvals, design, procurement processes and availability of labour resources to project manage and implement the projects.

In addition to the renewal and expansion of Council's asset base delivered through the capital works program, Council undertakes a replacement (and, where appropriate) upgrade/ expansion program for its plant and equipment assets including motor vehicles, furniture, plant and IT hardware.

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

Capital Expenditure	2025	2026	2027	2028
Existing Infrastructure Renewals	\$12,182,908	\$12,671,731	\$11,832,305	\$11,095,323
Projects Carried forward from previous years	\$5,794,129	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Capital Expenditure	\$20,480,975	\$1,750,000	\$750,000	\$250,000
Capital loan repayments	\$1,478,862	\$1,421,729	\$1,455,892	\$1,493,916
TOTAL	\$39,936,874	\$15,843,460	\$14,038,197	\$12,839,239

The Major Projects and Capital Expenditure Program for 2024/25 will be \$39,936,874.

Capital works are funded from the following sources:

Loans/financing	\$11,250,000
Restricted Funds	\$9,763,059
Retained Earnings	\$0
Council Operations	\$6,531,405
Grants and contributions	\$12,392,410

Rate Levy 2024/2025

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

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

The Tourism Special Rate will remain at \$10 per Assessment.

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

- No special Rates are proposed for 2024/2025.

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

FARMLAND CATEGORY

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

Farmland

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

Farmland – Dry Land Grazing

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

Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

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

RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY

Wentworth

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

Buronga

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

Gol Gol

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

Gol Gol East

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

Pooncarie

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

Dareton

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

Rural Residential

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

BUSINESS CATEGORY

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

Business

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

Business, Wentworth

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

Business, Mourquong

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

Business, Trentham Cliffs

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

Business, Arumpo

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

Business, Pooncarie

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

WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

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

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

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

Water charges

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

Flats and Units

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

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

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

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

Pensioner Concessions

Water pensioner concessions

\$32,000

Sewerage Charges

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

DOMESTIC WASTE

Domestic Waste collection charges will increase by 5.00% per annum in order to keep up with the increased cost of collection.

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

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

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

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

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

Refer to attached document for the fees and charges schedule.

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

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

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

Council's broad policies on revenue are:

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

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

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

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

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

Examples of private works are:

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

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

Statement of proposed borrowings

The Wentworth Shire Council is proposing to utilise up to \$12,950,000 in 2024/2025 to help fund capital requirements for the redevelopment of the:

- Buronga Landfill Expansion - \$12,000,000 (as approved by Council at the March 2024 Council meeting. \$11,250,000 to used in 2024/2025 & \$750,000 in 2025/2026)
- Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades - \$950,000 (previously approved by Council)

This is a combination of \$12,000,000 of new loans and \$950,000 of previously drawn down funds.

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Planning and Development Applications

Development and Construction

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

The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.25% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$250,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at:
longservice.my.site.com/bci/s/levy-calculator



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

Subdivision Works	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Plan Checking Fee		
2 - 3 Lots	\$141.00	10%
4 - 20 Lots	\$421.00	10%
21 - 49 Lots	\$702.00	10%
50 Plus Lots	\$983.00	10%
Subdivision Construction Certificate	\$970.20 or 1.5% of total project cost whichever is greater	10%
Tapping Fee – to be determined on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%
Street Trees Contribution – per tree	\$100.00	
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%
Headworks Charges (Servicing Plans 1 & 2)		
Filtered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,759.00	0%
Filtered water fee (per Lot) – Trentham	\$5,000.00	0%
Unfiltered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,905.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot)	\$9,195.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot) – Trentham	\$5,000.00	0%
Stormwater Fee	\$0.94 per sqm of original area to be subdivided	0%

The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.25% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$250,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at:
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Sundry Building Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Certificate and progress reports on buildings under construction	\$197.00	10%
Minor amendments to Construction Certificates / Complying Development Certificates	\$197.00	0%
Amendment > 50% of plan – Construction / Complying Development Certificates	50% of fee for new application	0%
Re-inspection for a critical stage building inspection	\$116.00	10%
Subscriber fee for provision of ABS data – full year	\$251.00	0%
Private Certifier lodgement fee (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$40.00	0%
Submitting application for construction certificate, subdivision works certificate, occupation certificate, subdivision certificate, building information certificate or modification of development consent on the NSW planning portal. (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$45.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 where work involves no additional floor space (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$288.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works not exceeding 200m ² (cl 260 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$288.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works between 200m ² -2000m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$288 + \$0.50 per m ² over 200m ²	10%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works exceed 2000m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$1,000 + \$0.50 per m ² over 2000m ²	0%
Inspection Fee where more than one inspection is required prior to issuing a Building Information Certificate (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$115.00	0%
Building Information Certificate where a DA, CDC or CC was required for the erection of the building (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$288.00 + the maximum fee payable if the application was an application for Development Consent & Construction Certificate or Complying Development Certificate	0%
Infrastructure Protection Permit Fee (includes inspections)	\$232.00	0%
Infrastructure Bond (Refundable) – This bond applies to all construction works \$25,000 and above.	\$3,000.00	

Development and Construction

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

* of total development costs

Development Applications	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Schedule 4, Part 2, EP&A Regulation 2021		
Up to \$5,000	\$143.60	0%
From \$5,001 to \$50,000	\$220.41 plus \$3 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	0%
From \$50,001 to \$250,000	\$458.64 plus \$3.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000	0%
From \$250,001 to \$500,000	\$1,509.50 plus \$2.34 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0%
From \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2,272.00 plus \$1.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0%
From \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$3,404.17 plus \$1.44 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
More than \$10,000,001	\$20,666.56 plus \$1.19 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Development application for advertising signs where the lodgement fee based on the cost of work is more than the development application fee calculated as above	\$370.7 plus \$93.00 for each additional advertisement	0%
Development application for development not involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work, the subdivision of land or the demolition of a work or building	\$429.70	0%
Development application for development involving the erection of a dwelling house with an estimated development cost, including GST, of \$100,000 or less	\$592.22	0%
Additional fee for development application that is referred to design review panel for advice	\$3,905.11	0%

Fees for Application for Modification of Consent Schedule 4 Part 4 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Modification under section 4.55 (1)	\$92.40	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(1A) or & S4.56(1) minimal environmental impact	50% of original DA fee up to the maximum fee of \$839.34 - whichever is the lesser.	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was less than 1 fee unit	50% of original fee	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was 1 fee unit or more if the application did not involve erection of a building, carrying out of work or demolition of work or building	50% of original fee	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was 1 fee unit or more and the original development application involved the erection of a dwelling house with an estimated development cost of \$100,000 or less	\$247.13	0%
Additional fee where Council is required to give notice under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) of the Act.	\$866.07	
Additional fee for modification application that is referred to design review panel for advice	\$3,905.11	0%
Additional fee for modification application that is accompanied by statement of qualified designer	\$989.63	0%

Modification for S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact and the original application fee was 1 unit or more and application relates to an original development application.		
Up to \$5,000	\$71.25	0%
\$5,001 to \$250,000	\$110.21 plus \$1.50 per \$1,000 by which the estimate cost exceeds \$5,000	0%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	\$651.22 plus \$0.85 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$927.30 plus \$0.50 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0%
\$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$1,284.63 plus \$0.40 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
More than \$10,000,000	\$6,167.13 plus \$0.27 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Request for LEP Amendment	\$8,280.00	0%
Request for s8.2(1) (C) review of decision to reject an application - Schedule 4 Part 7 EP&A Reg 2021.		
Where the estimated cost of development is less than \$100,000	\$71.25	0%
Where the estimated cost of development is more than \$100,000 but is less than or equal to \$1,000,000	\$194.81	0%
Where the estimated cost of development is more than \$1,000,000	\$325.05	0%
Request for Review of Determination – Schedule 4 Part 7 EP&A Reg 2021		
Review of development application not involve the erection of building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building.	50% of the original lodgment fee	0%
Review of development application involving the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	\$247.13	0%

In the case of any other development application		
Estimated development costs up to \$5,000	\$71.25	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$5,001 - \$250,000	\$111.32, plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$250,001 - \$500,000	\$651.22, plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	
Estimated development costs of between \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$927.30, plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated costs exceeds \$500,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000	\$1,284.63, plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
Estimated development costs in excess of \$10,000,000	\$6,167.13, plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Where Council is required to give notice under S8.3 of the Act	Up to \$770.70	0%
Subdivisions Schedule 4 Part 2 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Development Application Lodgement without road opening	\$429.70 plus \$53 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Involving opening of a public road	\$864.96 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Strata Subdivision	\$429.70 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Subdivision Certificate Application Fee	\$260.4 plus \$5.25 per additional lot	10%
Section 10.7 Certificates	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) & (5) - Per Lot	\$173.64	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) - Per Lot	\$69.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 Urgent Fee	\$158.00	0%
Sewer Diagram	\$24.00	0%
Provision of document map or plan	\$70.00	0%
Certificate under Section 735A of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	\$95.00	10%

Designated Development Schedule 4 Part 3 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for a designated development.	\$1,197.80	0%
Designated Development Advertising Fee	\$2,889.88	0%
Integrated Development Schedule 4 Part 3 – item 3.1 EP&A Reg 2021	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for an integrated development (cl 253 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$182.57	0%
Giving notice for nominated integrated development, threatened species development or Class 1 aquaculture development.	\$1,438.25	0%
<i>Note: Applicants are required to pay an additional \$416.34 to each concurrence Authority.</i>		
Any Development Requiring Concurrence not assumed by Council	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Fee to Council as consent authority	\$182.57	0%
<i>Note: Applicants are required to pay an additional \$416.34 to each concurrence Authority.</i>		
Giving Notice of Prohibited Development	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Fee to give notice of Prohibited development	\$1,438.25	0%
Provision of Certified copy of Documents, maps or plans – Schedule 4 Part 9 – item 9.9	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Fee to give notice of Prohibited development	\$69.00	0%
Permissive Occupancy Licence Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Application Fee (new or transfer)	\$245.00	0%
Annual Rent Payable	\$252.00	0%

Regulatory Functions

Public Health Fees

Public Health Act 2010 & Public Health Regulations 2022 Fees - Schedule 5	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Skin Penetration Premises		
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$197.00	0%
Administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Notification of carrying out skin penetration procedure (new premises) <i>Note - no fee is required for a change of details</i>	\$105.00	0%
Accommodation Premises		
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$128.00	0%
Fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Cooling Water System/Cooling Towers		
Notification of installation of a cooling water system (cooling tower)	\$120.00	0%
Issue of improvement notice or prohibition order given to occupier of premises at which there is a regulated system	\$635.00	0%
Warm Water Systems		
Application for approval of a warm water system in a hospital	\$190.00	0%
Notification of installation of a warm water system	\$120.00	0%
Issue of improvement notice or prohibition order given to occupier of premises at which there is a regulated system	\$635.00	0%
Swimming Pool and/or Spa Pool		
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$128.00	0%
Administration fee (yearly)	\$207.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Notification of public swimming pool or public spa (new public pool or spa). <i>Note - no fee is required for a change of details</i>	\$105.00	0%
<i>Note: A minimum of 1 inspection conducted annually, depending on hazard rating. Some premises may have up to 4 scheduled inspection per year.</i>		
Issue of improvement notice or prohibition order given under the <i>Public Health Act 2010</i> or <i>Public Health Regulations 2022</i> to occupier of premises other than premises that have a regulated system.	\$295.00	0%
Reinspection of premises subject to a prohibition order given under the <i>Public Health Act 2010</i> or <i>Public Health Regulations 2022</i> - per hour.	\$255.00	0%
Application for approval to exhume remains	\$380.00	0%
Application for exemption for cremation documentation	\$105.00	0%
Notification of registration of mortuaries	\$105.00	0%

NSW Food Regulation 2015 - Regulation 11 & 15 Fees	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Food Shop Administration Charge (yearly)		
Up to 5 FTE food handling staff	\$221.00	10%
6 - 50 FTE food handling staff	\$310.00	10%
>50 FTE food handling staff	\$410.00	10%
Mobile Food Vendor Administration Charge (on non-public place)	\$183.00	10%
Food shop / mobile food vendor inspection fee per hour (Note - minimum fee 1/2 hour and fees to be charged calculated in 1/2 hr increments)	\$176.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice under the Food Act 2003 or Food Regulations 2015.	\$330.00	0%
Note: A minimum of 1 inspection conducted annually, depending on hazard rating. Some premises may have up to 4 scheduled inspections per year.		

Section 68 Local Government Act and Local Government Regulation Fees (Related to Public Health and Food Related Items)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Part F(7) - Use a standing vehicle (mobile food vehicle) or any article for the purpose of selling any article (including food) in a public place (Public place - includes a public road, public reserve, public park or the like)		
Approval to sell food at a single event / temporary event	\$72.00	0%
Approval to sell food at multiple events - annual approval	\$183.00	0%
Part F(10) - Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations		
Shared Accommodation Premises - inspection fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Hairdressers - Inspection fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Skin Penetration Premises - inspection fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%
Public Swimming Pool or Public Spa Pool - inspection fee per inspection	\$164.00	0%

Companion Animal Fees

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

Lifetime Registration Fees (as per Companion Animals Regulation 2021)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Dog		
Registration fee (by 12 weeks or when sold if earlier than 12 wk)	\$78	0%
Registration Combined fees (for not Desexing dog by 6 months)	\$262	0%
Registration fee (by eligible pensioner)	\$34	0%
Desexed (sold/transferred from pound/shelter or rehoming Organisation)	Free	0%
Registration fee (where desexing is not recommended from a vet)	\$78	0%
Registration fee (where desexing is not recommended from a vet - eligible pensioner)	\$34	0%
Registration (recognised breeder)	\$78	0%
Working Dog	Free	
Service of the State	Free	
Assistance Animal	Free	0%

Cat		
Registration fee (by 12 weeks or when sold if earlier than 12 wk)	\$68	0%
Registration fee (eligible pensioner)	\$34	0%
Desexed (sold/ transferred from pound/shelter or rehoming Organisation)	Free	0%
Registration fee (where desexing is not recommended from a vet)	\$68	0%
Registration fee (where desexing is not recommended from a vet - eligible pensioner)	\$34	0%
Registration fee (recognised breeder)	\$68	0%
Registration late fee	\$22	0%
Additional Fee (if the animal is not desexed by 6 months)	\$184	0%

Annual Permits	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Cats (not desexed by 4 months of age)	\$96.00	0%
Dangerous Dog	\$230.00	0%
Restricted dog	\$230.00	
Permit late fee	\$22.00	0%

Note 1: The lifetime registration fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the office of Local Government. The fees shown reflect amendments effective from 1 July 2024.

Note 2: The Annual Permit fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the Office of Local Government and are payable in addition to the one-off lifetime registration fee. The fees shown reflect amendments effective 1 July 2024.

A list of registration categories, current fees and the new fees for 2024/25 is provided on the Office of Local Government's (OLG) website:

www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/nsw-pet-registry/microchipping-and-registration

Waste Management Charges

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

Landfill Charges	Unit of measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Commercial Green Waste > 2m ³	Per tonne	\$150.00	10%
Commercial, Industrial, Construction & Demolition Waste > 2m ³	Per tonne	\$170.00	10%
Concrete - excluding concrete pipes	Per tonne	\$132.00	10%
Asbestos	Per tonne	\$248.00	10%
Problematic Waste	Per tonne	\$231.00	10%
Clean Fill	Per tonne	\$11.00	10%
Contaminated Fill	Per tonne	\$170.00	10%
Disposal of car bodies		NIL	0%
Car and Motorbike Tyres	Per tyre	\$11.00	10%
Small Truck Tyres	Per tyre	\$26.00	10%
Large Truck Tyres	Per tyre	\$48.00	10%
Super Single Tyres	Per tyre	\$48.00	10%
Tractor Tyres	Per tyre	\$194.00	10%
Large Earthmoving Tyres	Per tyre	\$236.00	10%
Waste Oil - petroleum oils only (Buronga & Wentworth only)		NIL	0%
Scrap Metal - clean fill		NIL	0%
Chemical Drums (clean and dry)		NIL	0%
Recycling (paper, cans, plastic bottles, glass)		NIL	0%
Cardboard, batteries, gas cylinders		NIL	0%
Mattress - Single	Per item	\$22.00	10%
Mattress - Double or bigger	Per item	\$42.00	10%
Unspecified Waste	Per tonne	\$231.00	10%
Weighbridge Certification Fee	Per vehicle	\$22.00	10%
Commercial Recycling (cardboard & Comingle)	Per cubic metre	\$16.00	10%
Contractor Discount – Application approval to be determined on a case by case basis on application to Council		Increased in line with the increase to the per tonne gate rate.	10%

Trade Waste Charges

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

Excess Mass Charges Substance price per kg	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Aluminium	\$6.00	10%
Ammonia (as N)	\$7.00	10%
Arsenic	\$122.00	10%
Barium	\$60.00	10%
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	\$122.00	10%
Boron	\$122.00	10%
Bromide	\$25.00	10%
Cadmium	\$561.00	10%
Chloride	\$6.00	10%
Chlorinated hydrocarbons	\$60.00	10%
Chlorinated phenolics	\$2,428.00	10%
Chlorine	\$7.00	10%
Chromium	\$40.00	10%
Cobalt	\$25.00	10%
Copper	\$25.00	10%
Cyanide	\$122.00	10%
Fluoride	\$9.00	10%
Formaldehyde	\$7.00	10%
Oil and Grease (Total O&G)	\$6.00	10%
Herbicides/defoliant	\$1,214.00	10%
Iron	\$7.00	10%
Lead	\$60.00	10%
Lithium	\$15.00	10%
Manganese	\$15.00	10%
Mercaptans	\$122.00	10%
Mercury	\$4,047.00	10%
Methylene blue active substances (MBAS)	\$122.00	10%
Molybdenum	\$122.00	10%
Nickel	\$40.00	10%
Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen - Ammonia) as N	\$29.00	10%

Organoarsenic compounds	\$1,214.00	10%
Pesticides general (excludes organochlorines and organophosphates)	\$1,214.00	10%
Petroleum hydrocarbons (non-flammable)	\$8.00	10%
Phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated)	\$16.00	10%
Phosphorous (Total PP)	\$7.00	10%
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons	\$25.00	10%
Selenium	\$86.00	10%
Silver	\$6.00	10%
Sulphate (SO4)	\$6.00	10%
Sulphide	\$7.00	10%
Sulphite	\$7.00	10%
Suspended Solids (SS)	\$6.00	10%
Thiosulphate	\$6.00	10%
Tin	\$15.00	10%
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	\$5.00	10%
Uranium	\$15.00	10%
Zinc	\$25.00	10%

Charges for Tankered Waste Fees ¹	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Chemical Toilet (per kL)	\$26.00	0%

Septic Tank Waste

Per load (up to 5kL) - <i>minimum charge</i>	\$34.00	0%
Per kL thereafter	\$7.00	0%

¹ Only applies to liquid trade waste dischargers with appropriately and/or maintained pre-treatment facilities.

Charges for use of Riverboat Pump-Out Stations (per each dump)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Disposal of effluent from riverboats	\$34.00	10%
Use of key to access pump out facility (refundable deposit)	\$30.00	0%

Finance and Customer Service Fees

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Formal Access Application Fee (as per the Act)		\$30.00	0%
Formal Access Processing Charges (1 st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter - as per the Act)		\$30.00	0%
Informal Request (1 st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter)		\$33.00	10%
Subpoenas			
Conduct money on initial lodgement of Subpoena to Produce (includes 1 st 2 hours of processing charge)	Each	\$120.00	10%
Provision of documents for a Subpoena Processing Charges (1 st 2 hours no additional charge, cost per each hour thereafter)		\$75.00	10%
Misc. Rates Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
603 Certificate		\$100.00	0%
603 Certificate Urgent Request		\$155.00	0%
Special Meter Reading - 603 Certificate		\$86.00	0%
Meter Check - Fault Report		\$146.00	0%
Copy of Rates Notice (per request)		\$10.00	0%
General Administration Fee		\$25.00	0%
Extraction from Valuation Book		\$26.00	0%
Rural Addressing - Provision of new address plate or replacement plate		\$54.00	10%
Account review administration fee		\$163.00	10%
Dishonour Fee (Bpay, Bill Pay & Direct Debit)		\$29.00	10%
Interest on overdue rates		10.50%	0%

Note: These fees are GST exempt if associated with the provision of regulatory information

Sundry Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Photocopying/laminating/scanning			
Photocopying	per A4	\$0.25	10%
	per A3	\$0.50	10%
Colour Photocopying	per A4	\$1.00	10%
	per A3	\$2.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour	per A2	\$8.00	10%
	per A1	\$12.00	10%
	per A0	\$16.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art	per A2	\$4.00	10%
	per A1	\$7.00	10%
	per A0	\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery	per A2	\$12.00	10%
	per A1	\$20.00	10%
	per A0	\$23.00	10%
Laminating	per A4	\$5.00	10%
	per A3	\$9.00	10%
Scanning - small black & white logos etc.		\$7.00	10%
Scanning - colour photos (standard size)		\$9.00	10%
Grants			
Grants – Preparation of funding applications on behalf of others	per hour	\$123.00	10%
Grants – Auspice of grant funds on behalf of others (this covers preparation of reports for funding body & audit certificate)		\$1,796 plus 1% of funding amount	10%
Licenses and Permits	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Tent Erection Fees - outside licensed Caravan Parks		\$137.00	0%
Tent Erection / Clearing		\$786.00	0%
Deposits - Tents for Circus, travelling shows and other commercial enterprises		\$600.00	0%
Valuer General's Insertion into Rates Notices	per hour	\$86.00	0%

Library Fees

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

Roads and Engineering Support

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

Weeds Inspections		
Inspections within the built-up horticultural areas (i.e. Wentworth to Monak)	\$212.00	10%
Inspections in rural areas (travel is calculated to and from the property)	\$212 plus \$55/hr after the first 2 hours + .85c per km	10%
Grid Replacement (refer to Fencing and Grid Policy) added 18/03/2020		
Co-contribution towards fencing when removal of a grid has been agreed to in writing.	Up to \$2,500 per km of fencing for a maximum amount of 5km per grid.	10%
<div>Notes:<div><div>1. On completion of the job, the deposit will be refunded, less the restoration charges and any additional costs which may be required to restore the trench.</div><div>2. The restoration charge covers sealing and relaying of concrete surfaces and the top surface for gravel and earth. Any additional works are an extra charge. If the costs are greater than the deposit, a charge will be made.</div></div></div>		

Hire of Plant Items

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

Notes:

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

Cemeteries

Lawn Section Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Coomealla	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Purchase of burial plot	\$1,167.00	0%
* 1 st interment	\$1,778.00	10%
* 2 nd interment	\$1,778.00	10%
* Basic Burial (includes purchase of burial plot, plus 1 st interment)	\$2,945.00	10%**
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$1,105.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
* Placement of ashes in a burial plot	\$492.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$310.00	10%

Monumental (Denominational) Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Cal Lal	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Purchase of burial plot	\$1,167.00	0%
* 1 st interment	\$1,976.00	10%
* 2 nd interment	\$2,165.00	10%
* Basic Burial (includes purchase of burial plot, plus 1 st interment)	\$3,143.00	10%**
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$1,105.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal/replacement of monument for excavation (works to be undertaken by a Monumental Mason)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
* Placement of ashes in plot	\$492.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$310.00	10%
Cal Lal Cemetery – all purchases and interments quoted on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%

Niche Wall - Coomealla Memorial Gardens	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Purchase Plot in Niche Wall - includes purchase of standard size black stone tile (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per plot)	\$728.00	0%
* Placement of ashes in Niche Wall & fixing of stone tile (per set of ashes).	\$536.00	10%
<i>NB Engraving of stone tile is not included. Must be a black tile – Halls Memorial to engrave.</i>		
* Re-open of existing Niche	\$492.00	10%
Location and consent to place Monument or Headstone	\$189.00	10%
Amendment to Headstone	\$49.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Ground Plots (placement of plaques or memorial items)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Purchase of a Ground Plot	\$538.00	0%
* Coomealla, Wentworth and Gol Gol – Basic Ashes Interment (includes ground ashes plot plus, placement of ashes)	\$1,030.00	10%**
* Placement of ashes in ground plots	\$492.00	10%
* Re-open of existing Ground Plot	\$492.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Ashes Columbarium	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
* Gol Gol and Wentworth (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per columbarium)	\$728.00	0%
* Placement of ashes in Columbarium (per set of ashes)	\$536.00	10%
<i>NB: engraving of stone tile is not included – contact Davis Monumental</i>		
* Re-open of existing ashes columbarium compartment	\$492.00	10%

* All internments are subject to an additional internment services levy as from 01 July 2024. This is to be charged on top of the charges (indicated by an asterisk), except for internment services for children under twelve (12) years old, stillborn and miscarriages and destitute people. For further information, scan the QR code.



\$156.00 per bodily burial

\$63.00 per ashes internment

** Includes GST component on interment.

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

Notice of Update to Annual Fees and Charges – Effective 6 December 2024

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) released GST Determination GSTD 2024/2 on 4 December 2024, addressing the goods and services tax (GST) treatment of burial rights in public cemeteries. As a result, Council has implemented the mandatory adjustments to fees and charges related to burial rights in public cemeteries, effective 6 December 2024. This determination confirms that the supply of a burial right (purchase of plot), by a public cemetery **is not subject to GST**.

Funeral directors and relevant stakeholders are advised to update invoicing and contractual arrangements within three months of the ATO's publication date to ensure compliance. If you are unsure how GSTD 2024/2 applies to your specific circumstances, you can request a private ruling.

Further information can be found at Applying for a private ruling:
<https://www.ato.gov.au/about-ato/ato-advice-and-guidance/ato-advice-products-rulings/private-rulings/applying-for-a-private-ruling>

Recreational Facilities

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

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

Hire Type - Building only with access to any amenities	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) 4 hours or less ¹	\$56.00	10%
Community (not for profit) more than 4 hours ¹	\$123.00	10%
Bond Community Group ²	\$100.00	0%
Per day fee for use of Anabranah Hall amenities in relation to camping on the Anabranah. Please note a bond of \$500 will apply. Does not include use of the Hall.	\$56.00	10%
Business or Private Function use - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$142.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$284.00	10%
Bond Business or Private Function	\$500.00	0%
Commercial Function per 24 hour period³ - Includes any event where there will be an entrance fee charged or any Trade Show, Fair, Field Day or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$284.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$469.00	10%
Bond Commercial Function (GST Free)	\$500.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Additional Charges (all hirings)		
Cleaning & Rubbish removal – NB: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%
Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service Organisations from within WSC		
Registered Schools (including pre-schools, kindergartens and School P&C if they are raising money for registered school) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cancellation or no show

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

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

Wentworth Showgrounds Hire

The following areas are available for hire:

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

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

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

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

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

Midway Community Centre

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

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

Midway Centre Hire Fees - Additional Notes

Midway Centre Stadium

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

Function Room

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

Function Room Kitchen

- Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 250 people

Meeting Rooms

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

Kitchenette (shared)

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

Offices

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

Not for profit discount

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

Regular User discount

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

Additional cleaning charge

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

Bookings and cancellations

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

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

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

Wentworth Civic Centre Function Room

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

Wentworth Visitor Centre Auditorium Hire Fees - Additional Notes

Auditorium

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

Auditorium Service Kitchen

- Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 150 people

Additional cleaning charge

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

Bookings and cancellations

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

- Unless otherwise agreed, an invoice will be raised and must be paid in full within 30 days. Any fee waiver or reduction granted by Council after payment of the invoice will be refunded to the hirer.
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Bond	Fully refundable

Water & Waste Water

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

Misc. Water and Sewer Charges	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Standpipe fee	\$3,571.00	0%
Flow control valve - for unfiltered water to subdivisions - East of Gol Gol creek and at Wentworth Aerodrome	\$70.00	0%
Cut in new sewer junction (supervision fee only - applicant to supply all fittings)	\$223.00	0%
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meter Charge is from the meter to inside of building/propertyMeter Charge includes inspection feeUnfiltered water includes “Y” strainer		

Appendix A - Bodies Granted Exemptions

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

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

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

Notes:

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

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

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

Public Roads

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

Other Activities

1. Operate a public car park.
2. Operate a manufactured home estate.
3. Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance.
4. Install or operate amusement devices.
5. Use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place.
6. Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations.

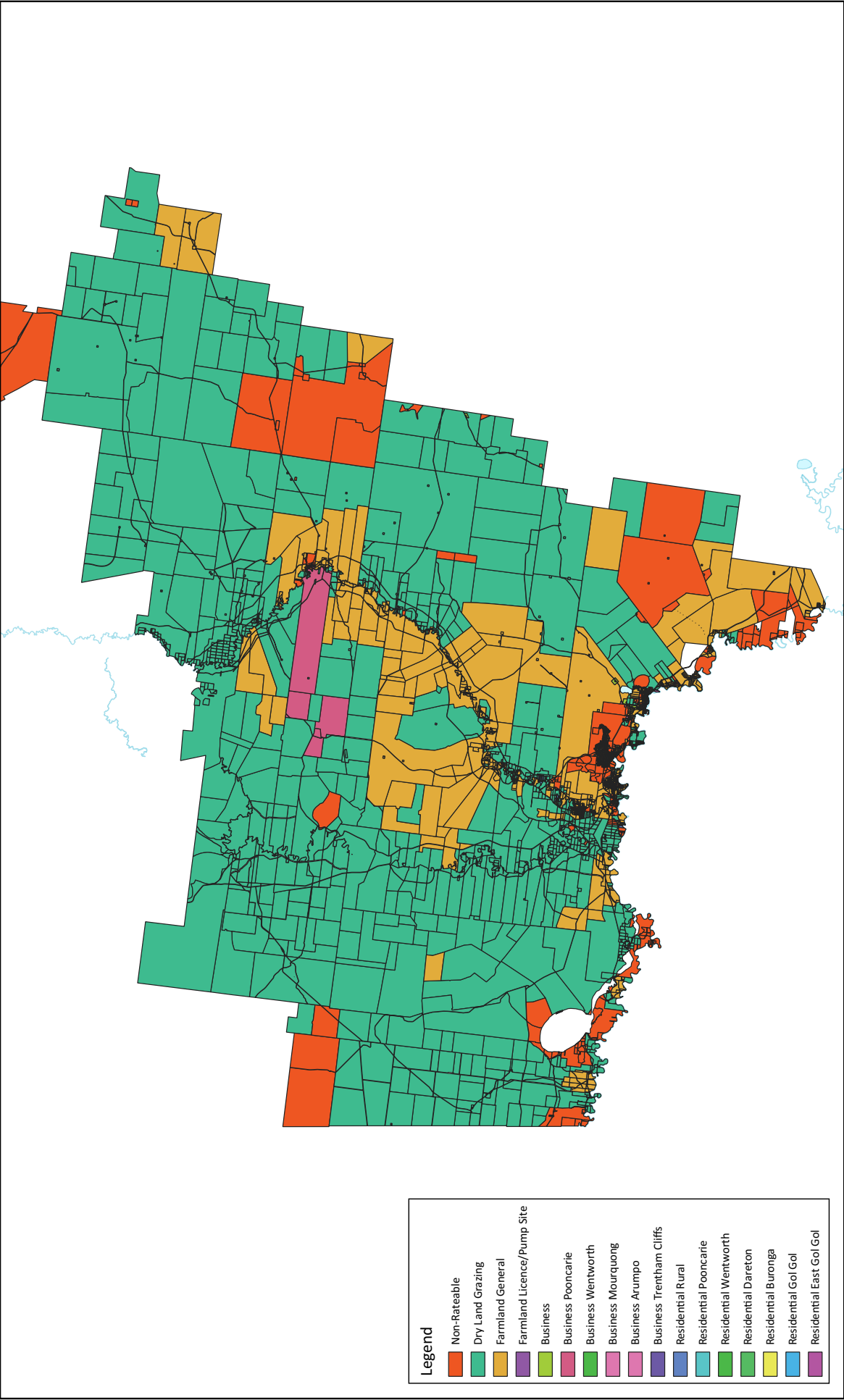
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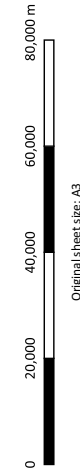
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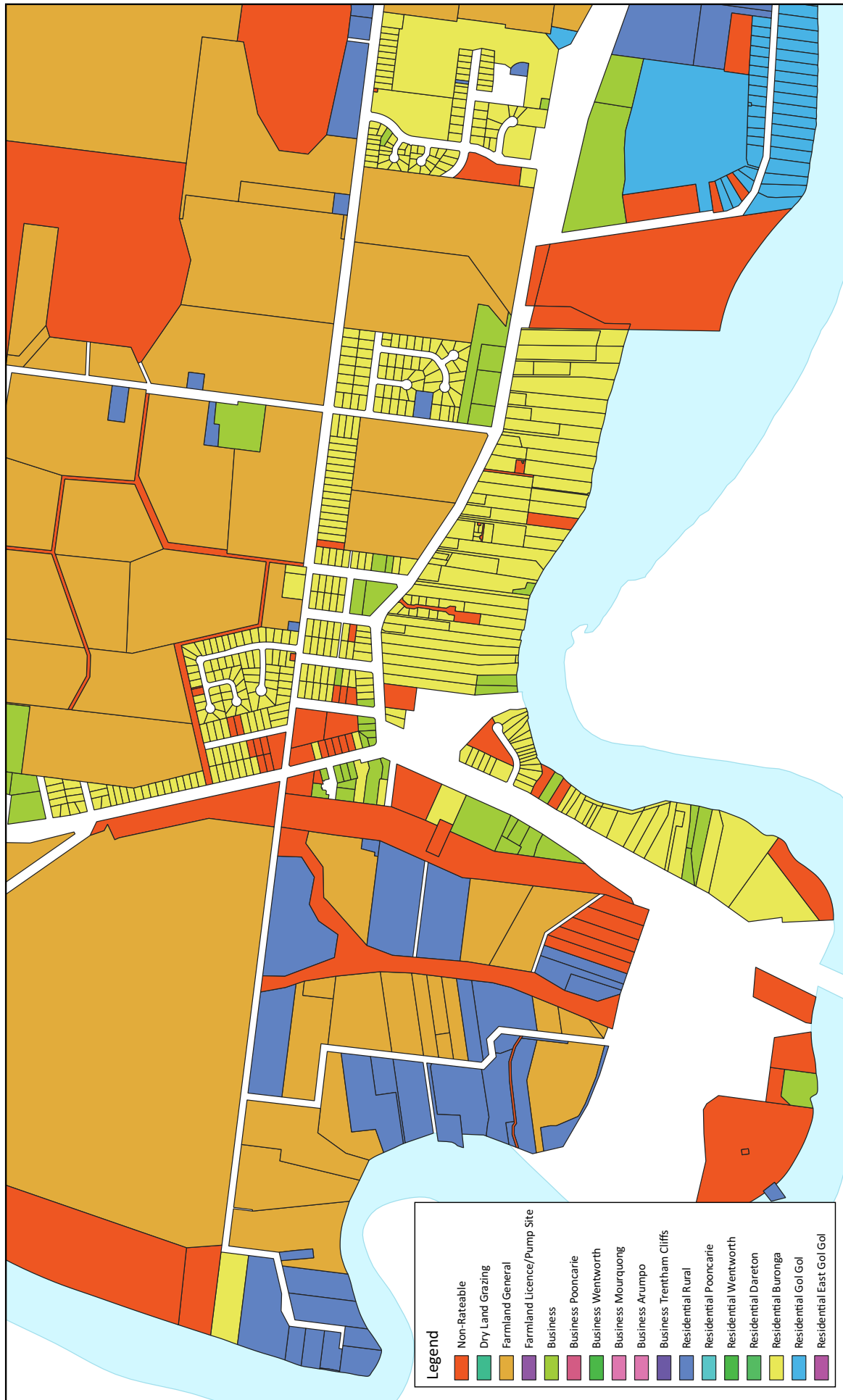
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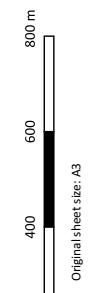




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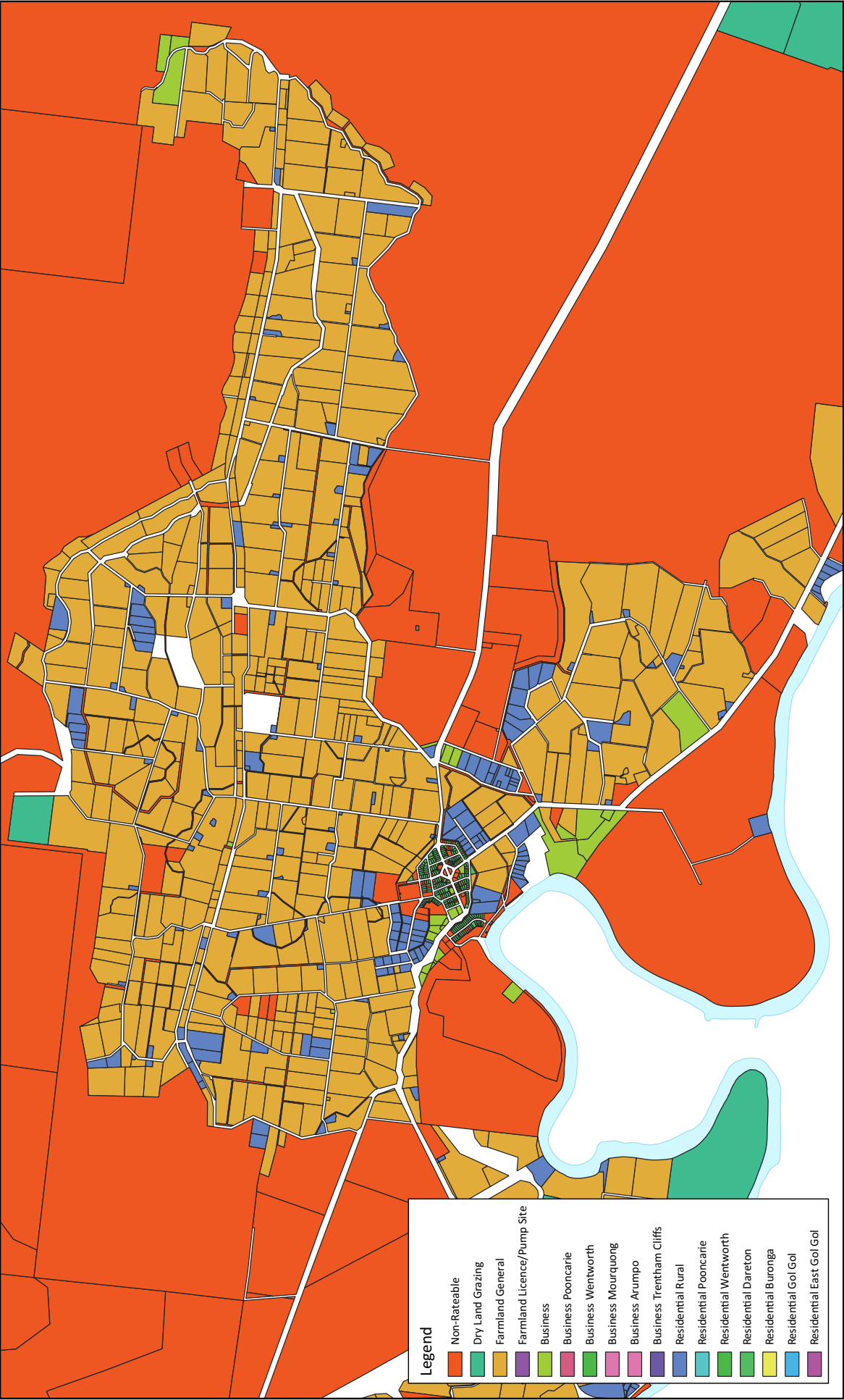
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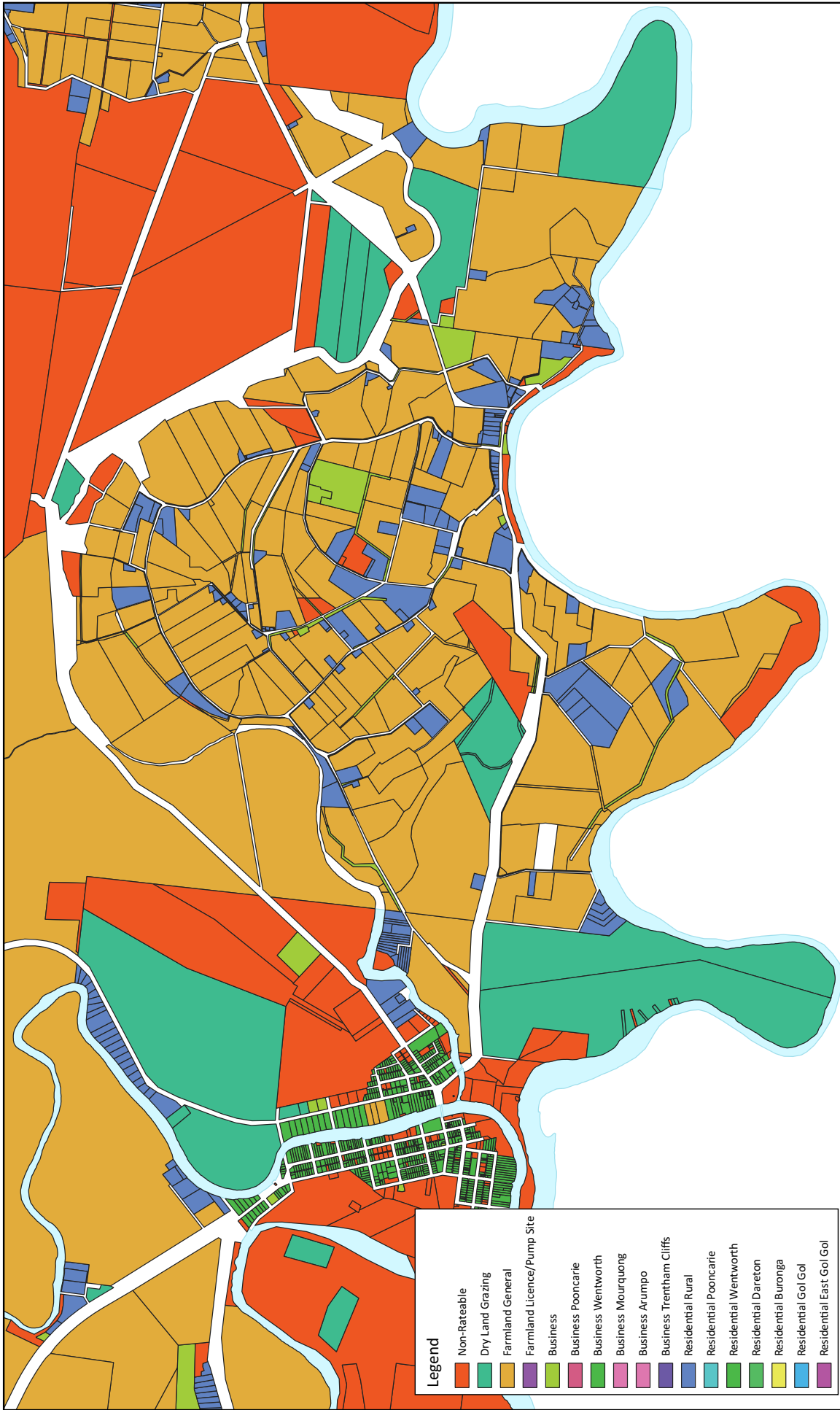
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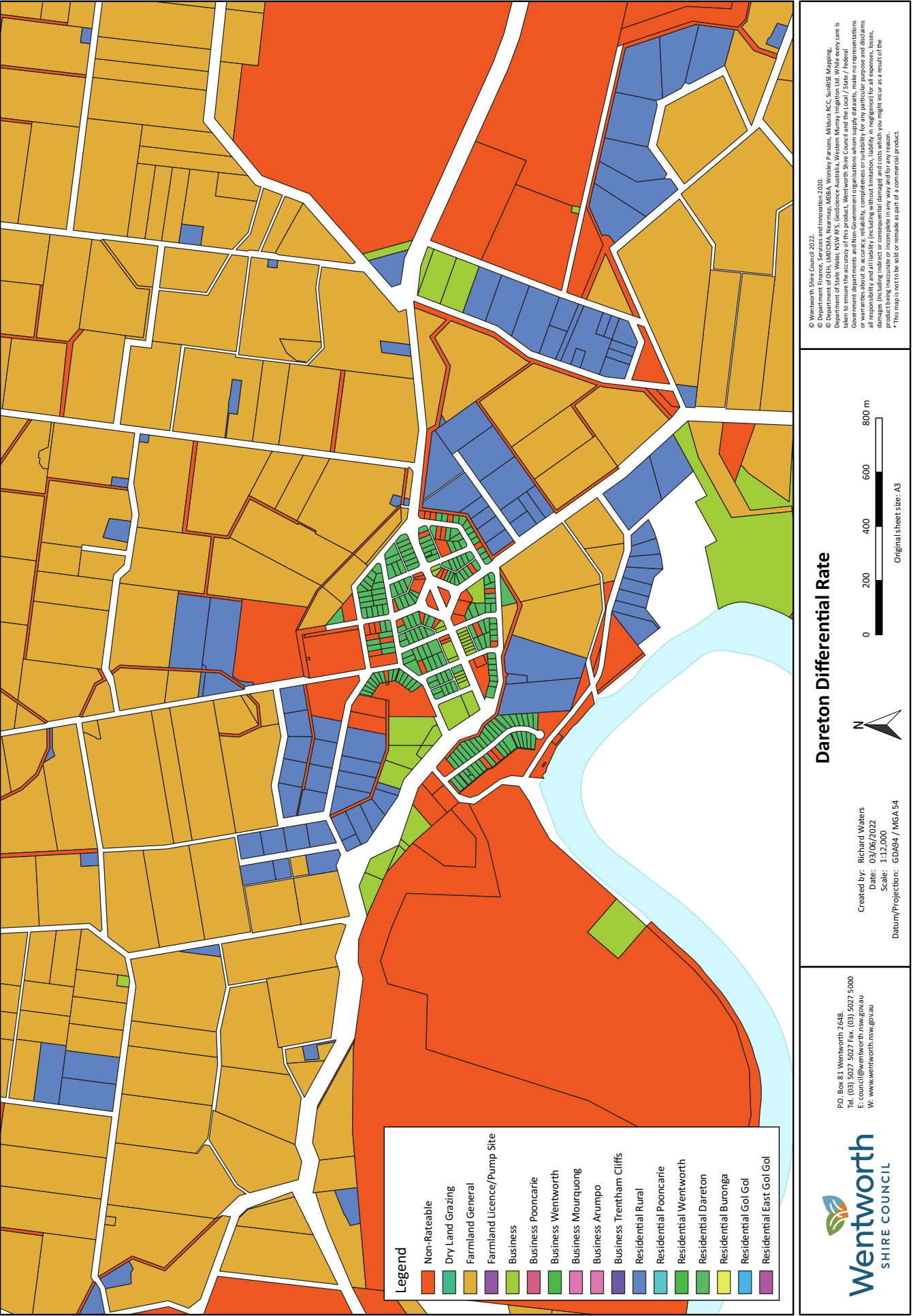
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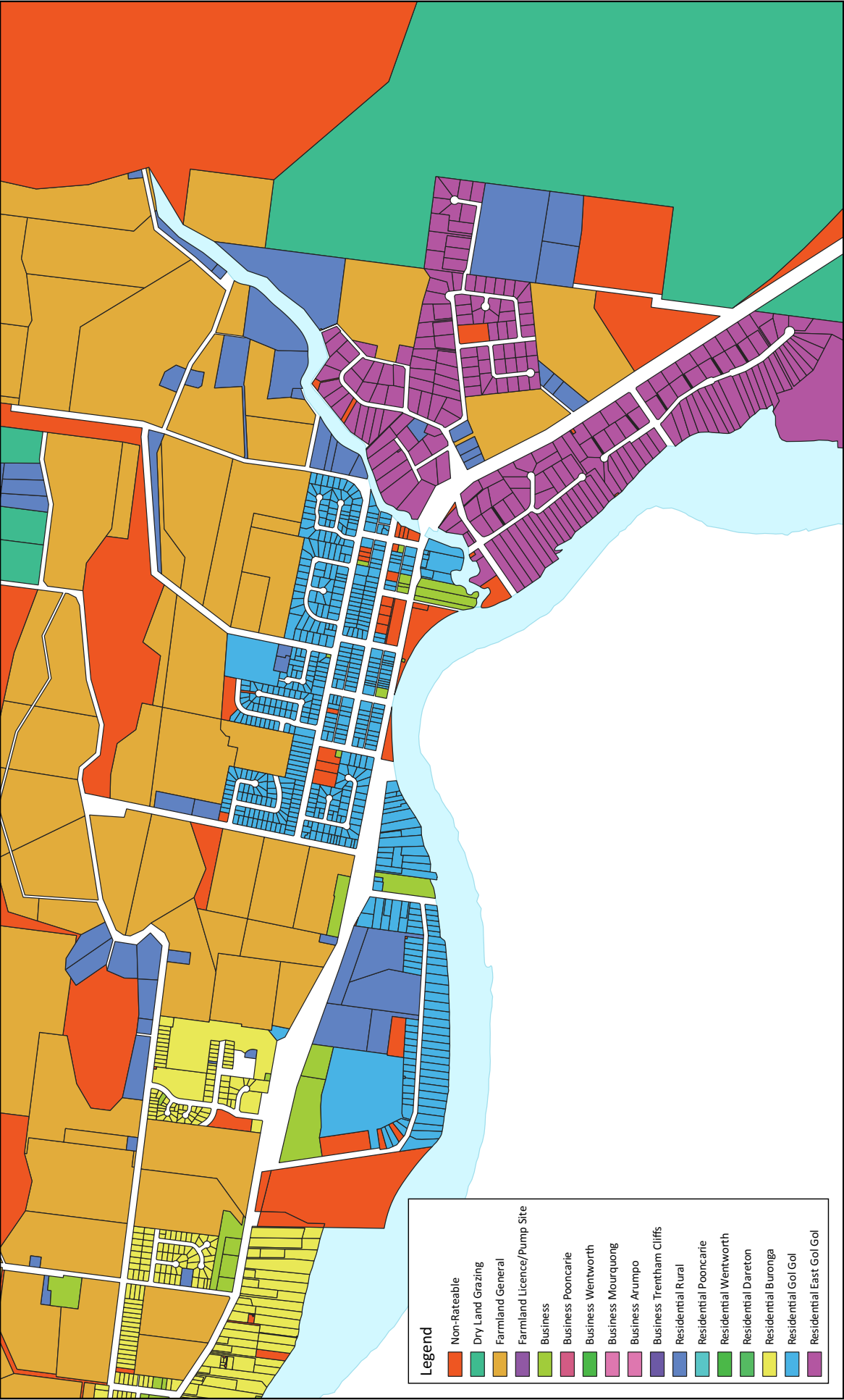
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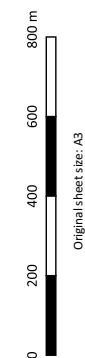
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