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KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

20 AUGUST 2025

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor requests that the General Manager makes announcements regarding the Live-Streaming of the meeting.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 16 July 2025 be confirmed as circulated.



ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

16 JULY 2025

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:03pm

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Peter Crisp (Acting Mayor)
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Jo Rodda
Councillor Jody Starick
Councillor Michael Weeding

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Scott Barnes (Manager Engineering Services)
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)
Ebony Carter (Business Support Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Resolution

That Council notes the apology and grants the Leave of Absence Request from Councillor Armstrong for this meeting.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

NIL

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 23 June 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 23 June 2025 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NIL

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/350

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

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

Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by Acting Mayor Crisp for the period of 24 June 2025 – 16 July 2025.

Recommendation

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

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Crisp, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.10pm

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Forum
Ryan Coffy spoke in favour of item 9.8

Council Resolution

That Council reconvenes into open session.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/347

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

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

Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

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

1. OLG Circulars
Circular 25-13 - 25-14 and GC154
2. Meetings
As listed.
3. Upcoming meetings or events
As listed.
4. Other items of note

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Council Resolution

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

File Number: RPT/25/353

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

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

Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

At the Council meeting held on 11 October 2024, Council determined its Internal Committee representation for all committees except the General Managers Performance Review Committee. The committee representation consists of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, a Council representative and a General Managers representative. The General Managers Performance review is due in August 2025 and as such the General Managers Performance Review committee needs to be selected.

Recommendation

That Council select a Council representative and the General Manager select a representative to be included on the General Manager's Performance Review Committee, alongside the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Council Resolution

That Council select a Council representative and the General Manager select a representative to be included on the General Manager's Performance Review Committee, alongside the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council selected Councillor Jody Starick who accepted the nomination.
The General Manager selected Councillor Susan Nichols who accepted the nomination.

9.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

File Number: RPT/25/335

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ebony Carter - Business Support Officer

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

Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

The Local Government New South Wales 2025 Annual Conference is being held from Sunday 23 November to Tuesday 25 November at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Conference Centre in Sydney. This forum is the main Local Government policy making forum for Local Government New South Wales. In previous years Council has been represented by the Mayor and the General Manager at the conference. Councillors should also consider any motions to be put forward at the Conference, which will be considered by Council at the Ordinary Meeting in August.

Recommendation

That Council nominate the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Local Government New South Wales 2025 Annual Conference from 23 November 2025 to 25 November 2025 and that the Mayor be Councils voting delegate.

Council Resolution

That Council nominate the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Local Government New South Wales 2025 Annual Conference from 23 November 2025 to 25 November 2025 and that the Mayor be Councils voting delegate.

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JUNE 2025

File Number: RPT/25/361

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

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

Strategy: 4.1 A well engaged and informed community

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of June 2025 were \$575,176.97. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 94.12%. For comparison purposes 94.84% of the levy had been collected at the end of June 2024. Council currently has \$44,079,637.37 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for June 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for June 2025.

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JUNE 2025

File Number: RPT/25/354

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Ned Lamond - Financial Services Coordinator

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

Strategy: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

As of 30 June 2025, Council had \$39 million invested in term deposits and \$5,079,637.37 in other cash investments. Council received \$277,791.70 from its investments for the month of June 2025.

In June 2025 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.05% and it currently has \$6,546,983.93 of internal restrictions and \$36,530,667.58 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE FOR WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL - GOV018 FOR ADOPTION

File Number:	RPT/25/370
Responsible Officer:	Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division:	Corporate Services
Reporting Officer:	Deborah Zorzi - Governance Officer
Objective:	4.0 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner
Strategy:	4.3 Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership

Summary

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* councils must adopt a code of meeting practice no later than 12 months after an ordinary election of Councillors. The adopted code must incorporate the mandatory provisions of the model code prescribed by the regulations and may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions and other provisions that supplement the model code.

Council's adopted code must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.

Council is required to consult with the community prior to adopting a code of meeting practice.

Councils and committees of councils of which all the members are Councillors must conduct their meetings in accordance with the code of meeting practice adopted by the council.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the *Code of Meeting Practice for Wentworth Shire Council*.

Council Resolution

That Council adopt the *Code of Meeting Practice for Wentworth Shire Council*.

Moved Cr. Rodda, Seconded Cr. Starick

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 DA2023/133 TWO (2) LOT BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT 214 FLETCHERS LAKE ROAD LOT 528 DP 756961 & PARRAWEENA ROAD LOT 2 DP 1279299 COOMEALLA

File Number: RPT/25/332

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

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

Strategy: 3.1 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place

Summary

A development application (DA2023/133) was received by Council on 28 November 2023 for a two (2) lot boundary realignment of 214 Fletchers Lake Road Lot 528 DP 756961 & Parraweena Road Lot 2 DP 1279299 Coomealla.

Under the RU4 Primary Production Small Lot zoning of the *Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011)*, the proposed development (boundary realignment) is permitted with consent if requirements under relevant clauses of the WLEP2011 are met. This application has been assessed against relevant criteria and is non-compliant with the objectives of clauses 4.1, 4.2, and 4.2D.

This non-compliance relates to the Minimum Lot Size (MLS) of the RU4 zone being 10ha and resulting lots created by the realignment being large enough for further subdivision (greater than the MLS). The creation of lots that are over the MLS with the potential for additional dwellings is not supported under the WLEP2011.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Determine DA2023/133 Two (2) Lot boundary realignment 214 Fletchers Lake Road Lot 528 DP 756961 & Parraweena Road Lot 2 DP 1279299 Coomealla, by way of refusal for the following reasons:
 - 1) The application does not satisfy the points for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
 - 2) The application is not consistent with clause 4.2D of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.
- b) Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Council Resolution

That Council:

- a) Determine DA2023/133 Two (2) Lot boundary realignment 214 Fletchers Lake Road Lot 528 DP 756961 & Parraweena Road Lot 2 DP 1279299 Coomealla, by way of refusal for the following reasons:
 - 1) The application does not satisfy the points for consideration under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
 - 2) The application is not consistent with clause 4.2D and clause 6B of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.

b) Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Moved Cr. Starick, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

For the Motion : **Clr.s Crisp, Evans, Nichols, Rodda, Starick and Weeding.**

Against the Motion: **Nil.**

9.9 ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/349

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Barnaby Bates - Council Community Officer Road Safety

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

Strategy: 2.2 The community has access to services and initiatives that contribute to well being across all stages of life

Summary

This report is to provide Council with an update of the Road Safety Officer's activities from April 2025 to June 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Road Safety Quarterly Report for April 2025 to June 2025.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the Road Safety Quarterly Report for April 2025 to June 2025.

Moved Cr. Weeding, Seconded Cr. Rodda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/348

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of June 2025 and the planned activities for July 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in June 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Council Resolution

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in June 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 Confidential Business – Adjournment Into Closed Session

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recommendation

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

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

12.1 Review of Midway Centre Regular Agreements. (RPT/25/364)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12.2 Panel Contract - Additional Suppliers. (RPT/25/313)

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

disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.3 PT2425/14 - Environmental Monitoring - Buronga Landfill. (RPT/25/355)

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

12.4 PT2425/13 C00045 - Wentworth Raw Water Renewal. (RPT/25/398)

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

12.5 Darling Street Concrete Footpath. (RPT/25/402)

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

12.6 Workforce Structure. (RPT/25/331)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Council Resolution

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

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Weeding

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 REVIEW OF MIDWAY CENTRE REGULAR AGREEMENTS

File Number: RPT/25/364

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Annette Fraser - Team Leader Customer Service

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live
Strategy: 2.1 Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

That Council resolved to approve the renewal of the Midway Regular User Agreements for a period of two years as defined in the relevant details provided for each user.

12.2 PANEL CONTRACT - ADDITIONAL SUPPLIERS

File Number: RPT/25/313

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jamie-Lee Kelly - Administration Officer

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

Strategy: 3.2 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

That Council approved the following supplier list to be included in the 23/24 Panel Contract for the next 18 months based on their reason for missing original application period.

1. Martin Earthworx Pty Ltd
2. JB Cleaning Solutions

12.3 PT2425/14 - ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING - BURONGA LANDFILL

File Number: RPT/25/355

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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

Strategy: 3.3 Minimise the impact on our natural environment

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

That Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1) (a) accepted the tender from Ventia Utility Services P/L and subsequently authorised the Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract documentation and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works as specified for PT2425/14 for \$172,353.00 GST exclusive.

12.4 PT2425/13 C00045 - WENTWORTH RAW WATER RENEWAL

File Number: RPT/25/398

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Scott Barnes - Manager Engineering Services

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

Strategy: 3.2 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

That Council in accordance with the provision of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Section 178(1)(a) accepted the tender from Keystone Civil Holdings Pty Ltd and subsequently authorised the Acting Mayor and General Manager to sign the contract document and affix the seal for the recommended contractor to carry out all works specified for PT2425/13 / C00045 for \$850,503.46 (GST inc.).

In addition to the above contract award, Council approved the transfer of \$820,000 (GST exc.) from the Water Infrastructure Fund to enable this work to successfully proceed.

12.5 DARLING STREET CONCRETE FOOTPATH

File Number: RPT/25/402

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Jarrod Roberts - Manager Works

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

Strategy: 3.2 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

That Council approved the additional works to Oliver Concreting Pty Ltd for the Darling Street Footpath Upgrade to the value of \$118,272.00 Ex GST.

12.6 WORKFORCE STRUCTURE

File Number: RPT/25/331

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

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

Strategy: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

That Council according to the Local Government Act 1993 Section 332 adopted a structure with 147.8 fulltime equivalent positions.

13 Conclusion of the meeting

The meeting closed at 6:32pm

NEXT MEETING

20 August 2025

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CHAIR

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT AUGUST 2025

File Number: RPT/25/419

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by Acting Mayor Crisp from 17 July 2025 – 28 July 2025 and Mayor Linklater for the period of 29 July 2025 – 20 August 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Mayoral report for August 2025.

Report

The following table lists the meetings attended by Acting Mayor Crisp from 17 July 2025 – 28 July 2025 and Mayor Linklater for the period of 29 July 2025 – 20 August 2025.

Date	Meeting	Location
4 Aug 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
4 Aug 2025	Southwestern NSW Virtual Drought Summit	Online
5 Aug 2025	Sturt Highway Taskforce Meeting	Online
5 Aug 2025	Planning meeting for Far West NSW Tourism Familiarisation Tour	Online
7 Aug 2025	NSW Joint Organisation Chairs Forum	Sydney
7-8 Aug 2025	Country Mayors Meeting	Sydney
11 Aug 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
11 Aug 2025	Opening of DR. Julie Zrna Centre – Exclusive preview for Donors	Mildura
12 Aug 2025	Official Opening of the Dr Julie Zrna Centre Morning Tea	Mildura
12 Aug 2025	MDA Region 4	Online
15 Aug 2025	RAMJO Board Meeting	Online
18 Aug 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
19 Aug 2025	Trail of Lights and FOSO Briefing	Mildura
20 Aug 2025	Pre-Meeting Briefing	Wentworth
20 Aug 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth

Attachments

Nil

7.2 RIVER REFLECTIONS CONFERENCE - MURRAY BRIDGE

File Number: RPT/25/468

Summary

Cr Weeding and Cr Evans attended the *River Reflections Conference* held at Murray Bridge 29 & 30 July 2025. Cr Weeding has provided Council with the attached report regarding the conference.

Recommendation

That the information contained in the report from Councillor Weeding be noted.

Attachments

1. River Reflections Conference - Murray Bridge [↓](#)

River Reflections Conference

Murray Bridge

At the July Council meeting, council elected to send Cr Evans and Cr Weeding to the river Reflections Conference in Murray Bridge held on the 29 & 30 July

The conference started off with a welcome to country by Uncle Clyde from the Ngarrinjeri who shared stories about Uncle Albert and said we need to use a mix of cultural knowledge and Western science to fix the problems in the Murray Darling Basin.

Rosalie Auright talked about

Floodplains tree / 650 GL target for environmental water for the Coorong and that we should use water wisely / How Renmark changed to pipe water / restoring the floodplains / Salinity and the effect of the population on the river / Carp in the river / poor quality of water in the Darling and the importance of water

Daryl Quinlivan

Shared objectives / uneven impact throughout the basin / river health for fish, birds and other aquatic wild life

Andrew McConille

Started with a video feed from Senator Murray Watt / policy to increase resilience / How first Nations cared for the river / PM Albanese to possibility increase drought assistance / Return 2000 GL of environmental water to flush 1000 ton of salt for the 2026 plan

Forest Renhart

Property right system, Water trading and incentives to return water to the environment/ Impact of the plan – Climate change / system has more value because of price / use it or lose it system is not ideal / Basin plan is political / Environment should share the pain

Matthew Coleman

Sustainable River Audit (SRA) is up to the 3rd version/ Basin is hotter and drier leading to increased pressure / Salinity has improved since the 1980 s / Flows are mainly good over 5 years / Water quality events are more frequent / Results are mixed on the wetlands flood plains – Birds up – fish down / Invasive species, carp / First Nations poorly recognised and not considered / population has increased by 2% in the basin and agriculture value has also increased / Good river flows but fish struggle

Megan Winter

13 years of the plan so far under State arrangement's / Floods / Fish events / less water in the pool / Evidence the plan is working – 5 Billion dollar irrigation plan is more efficient / Birds good – fish not so much / water recovery impact in dollars is higher

Water recovery = higher prices has not worked / Plan has not meet first nations expectations on native fish / Flood plain constraints / Northern Basin Water management

Alban Kartinyeri (First Nations)

Talked about Flow -MER (long term monitoring)

Murray Cod being an apex predator, take 5 years to mature and live for 50 Years. They need flowing water to spawn, weirs slow the flows and have been in decline since the 1960's

Day 2

Tim Goodes

Wants 20% of water for environmental flows / Have more efficient water flows after 5 Billion dollar investment / Have better environmental improvement where they can deliver water / continue to work with First Nations

What we can do better – enhanced patriation improving water management / Relax constraints eg more water to flood plains / Better policy and program designs / Higher level of prescriptive rules that need to be more flexible

Where to from here -2025 Share, test evidence and listen to community / Early 2026 – Release discussion paper / Late 2026 -Release final review

Q&A

Some targets have been met (not Fish) / Flow rates depend on areas / Social cost have mixed results / Water quality is a concern, Agriculture connected with black water, / Floods and drought associated with debris / Blue green algae, causes associated with climate change, nutrients and pesticides / Employment through drought / Water responds to markets which puts pressure on business / basin plan to talk about what happens in drought / Food supply chain equals social impacts / relax constraints, people are not compensated for flood risk

Hillary Jonhson - Snap shot of outcomes

Commonwealth water increased to 3000GL represents 7% of flow / fine tuning of how and when environmental water is delivered / first use of environmental water was in 2009 and still delivers pumped water into wetlands, these events are small in scale but have positive effects for birds ,fish and aquatic animals / Coordinated flows have a positive effects with Murry Cod in some parts of the river / 2017 – 18, 90% of flows were made with Commonwealth water / Golden Hwy , some perch travel 2000 km before 2 years of age / fish still struggle with poor

water quality / poor Murray Cod numbers in the Darling, re-snagging the river is funded by temporary water sales / Commonwealth is 100 % of water reaching the Coorong, this keeps salt out of the system / Proud of the process made but still not there yet

The thing I found most interesting was we sat next to a lady from Canberra (Commonwealth employee) on the first day who was working on the biological program to eradicate carp in the rivers. Good to see that this important program is still in the system and look forward to positive results when implemented

Cr Weeding

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT AUGUST 2025

File Number: RPT/25/420

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division:

Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

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

Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

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

1. OLG Circulars
Circulars 25-15 to 25-17
2. Meetings
As listed.
3. Upcoming meetings or events
As listed.
4. Other items of note

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Detailed Report

1. Circulars

24-15 Annual Reporting of Labour Statistics

What will this mean for Council?

- In their 2024/25 annual reports, councils must publish a statement of the total number of persons who performed paid work for them on Wednesday 4 December 2024 including, in separate statements, the total number of the following:
- the number of persons directly employed by the council:
 - on a permanent full-time basis
 - on a permanent part-time basis
 - on a casual basis
 - under a fixed-term contract

- the number of persons employed by the council who are "senior staff" for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993
- the number of persons engaged by the council, under a contract or other arrangement with the person's employer, that is wholly or principally for the labour of the person
- the number of persons supplied to the council, under a contract or other arrangement with the person's employer, as an apprentice or trainee.

25-16 End of Year Reporting Requirements

What will this mean for council?

2024-25 end of year reporting information is now available for Councils and Joint Organisations (JOs). This should be returned by:

- 29 August 2025 - Financial Assistance Grants general return
- 31 October 2025 – Financial Statements and FDR
- 28 November 2025 - The National Local Roads Return
- 30 November 2025 - Annual Report
- Councils and JOs should familiarise themselves with the reporting timeframes when submitting their 2024-25 financial statements, FDR, and Financial Assistance Grant returns.
- Councils can access and download the FDR 2024-25, Financial Assistance Grant returns, the 2024-25 Annual Report Checklist, and the 2025-26 Calendar of Compliance from the Office of Local Government (OLG) website.
- Councils and JOs can use the respective annual report checklists to ensure that the information required under the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, and other relevant legislation and guidelines, is included within their annual report and annual performance statement.
- Councils should use the Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2025-26 to assist in planning strategic and operational tasks throughout the year.

25-17 Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines

Key points

- Draft Guidelines were released for comment in March 2025 and feedback closed on 28 April. A consultation summary report has been released outlining the feedback received.
- The Guidelines highlight the importance of financial reporting and clarify that councillors have a primary role in determining the financial direction and health of a council.
- The Guidelines introduce standardised reporting templates and a mandate to report at fund level to ensure the governing body and community can easily view how each fund is operating on its own merit.
- Councils can add additional narrative, commentary and supplementary information however must use, and not adjust, the standardised QBRS reporting templates.

- The Guidelines also introduce a new requirement for councils to provide OLG with a full copy of QBRs documents and an electronic QBRs data return throughout the financial year.
- Councils are required to commence reporting the 1st quarter QBRs under the new Guidelines by no later than 30 November 2025.
- An electronic template will be provided to all councils to report their QBRs to OLG.

2. Meetings

Following is a list of meetings or events attended by the General Manager for the period of 17 July 2025 – 20 August 2025

Date	Meeting	Location
21 July 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
23 July 2025	Flood Risk Management Committee	Wentworth
28 July 2025	PSG Lightstate FOSO	Mildura
04 Aug 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
05 Aug 2025	Planning meeting for Far West NSW Tourism Familiarisation Tour	Online
7 Aug 2025	Joint Organisation Chairs Forum	Sydney
7 & 8 Aug 2025	Country Mayors Association – Crime, Law & Order	Sydney
11 Aug 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
13 Aug 2025	FOSO Industry information session	Wentworth
13 Aug 2025	Local Rescue Committee Meeting	Wentworth
13 Aug 2025	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	Wentworth
15 Aug 2025	Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation Meeting	Wentworth
15 Aug 2025	Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting	Wentworth
18 Aug 2025	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
19 Aug 2025	TOL & FOSO Briefing	Mildura
20 Aug 2025	Pre-Meeting Briefing	Wentworth
20 Aug 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth

3. Events

Following is a list of events, conferences, or committee meetings, including out of region meetings where the Shire has been requested to attend in an official capacity from 21 August 2025 – 17 September 2025.

Date	Meeting	Proposed Attendees	Location
21 Aug 2025	Wentworth Shire Interagency Group Meeting	Councillor Rodda	Midway

26 Aug 2025	Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting	General Manager	Online
27 Aug 2025	State Emergency Risk and Capability Assessment Workshop - Transport	General Manager	Online
28 Aug 2025	Staff Consultative/WHs Committee Meeting	General Manager	Wentworth
01 Sept 2025	Wentworth Regional Tourism INC	Councillor Rodda	Dareton
09 Sept 2025	Australian Inland Botanic Gardens Meeting	Councillor Rodda and Councillor Starick	Mildura
17 Sept 2025	Citizenship Ceremony	Councillors and General Manager	Wentworth

4. Other Items of Note

Attachments

1. Council Circular 24-15 Annual Reporting of Labour Statistics[↓](#)
2. Council Circular 25-16 End of Year Reporting Requirments[↓](#)
3. Council Circular 25-17 Quartlerly Budget Review Statement Guidelines[↓](#)

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Circular to Councils

Subject/title	Annual Reporting of Labour Statistics
Circular Details	25-15/ 17 July 2025 / A968418
Previous Circular	24-13 Annual Reporting of Labour Statistics
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Human Resources
Contact	Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to Implement

What's new or changing?

- **Wednesday, 4 December 2024** has been chosen as the "relevant day" for councils to report on their labour statistics in their annual reports under section 217 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation).

What will this mean for council?

- In their 2024/25 annual reports, councils must publish a statement of the total number of persons who performed paid work for them on **Wednesday, 4 December 2024** including, in separate statements, the total number of the following:
 - the number of persons directly employed by the council:
 - on a permanent full-time basis
 - on a permanent part-time basis
 - on a casual basis
 - under a fixed-term contract
 - the number of persons employed by the council who are "senior staff" for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993*
 - the number of persons engaged by the council, under a contract or other arrangement with the person's employer, that is wholly or principally for the labour of the person



- the number of persons supplied to the council, under a contract or other arrangement with the person's employer, as an apprentice or trainee.

Key points

- The “relevant day” for the purpose of reporting labour statistics under section 217 of the Regulation is required to be fixed, under delegation, by the Deputy Secretary, Office of Local Government after the end of each financial year. This date is to be a different day to the one fixed by the Deputy Secretary for the previous year.
- This information assists in the compilation of labour force data across the sector, including understanding the numbers of apprentices and trainees.
- The data will also assist in developing and evaluating programs to deliver on the Government’s election commitment of increasing the numbers of apprentices and trainees.

Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

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Deputy Secretary, Office of Local Government

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Circular to Councils

Subject/title	End of Year Reporting Requirements
Circular Details	Circular 25-16 / 31 July 2025 / A970834
Previous Circular	24-07
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
Contact	Council Performance Team – 02 4428 4142 – olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Councils and Joint Organisations to implement

What's new or changing?

- End of year reporting information for the 2024-25 financial year
- Updated Financial Data Return (FDR) for 2024-25 financial year
- Updated Annual Report checklist for 2024-25 financial year
- Calendar of Compliance for 2025-26 financial year
- Local Government Grants Commission annual returns

What will this mean for council?

- 2024-25 end of year reporting information is now available for Councils and Joint Organisations (JOs). This should be returned by:
 - 29 August 2025 - Financial Assistance Grants general return
 - 31 October 2025 – Financial Statements and FDR
 - 28 November 2025 - The National Local Roads Return
 - 30 November 2025 - Annual Report
- Councils and JOs should familiarise themselves with the reporting timeframes when submitting their 2024-25 financial statements, FDR, and Financial Assistance Grant returns.



- Councils can access and download the FDR 2024-25, Financial Assistance Grant returns, the 2024-25 Annual Report Checklist, and the 2025-26 Calendar of Compliance from the Office of Local Government (OLG) website.
- Councils and JOs can use the respective annual report checklists to ensure that the information required under the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, and other relevant legislation and guidelines, is included within their annual report and annual performance statement.
- Councils should use the Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2025-26 to assist in planning strategic and operational tasks throughout the year.

Key points

Financial Statements and FDR

- The financial statements and FDR are to be sent electronically to OLG by **31 October 2025**.
- Annexure 1 provides information to assist councils submit their 2024-25 financial statements and FDR.
- Annexure 2 provides information to assist JOs submit their 2024-25 financial statements and FDR.
- The FDR is available on the OLG Council Portal [here](#) and the Circular is available [here](#).

Annual Report

- Under the Act, councils must prepare an annual report and JOs an annual performance statement **within 5 months** from the end of the financial year (i.e. **by 30 November 2025**). An annual report checklist is available [here](#).
- Councils and JOs must upload a copy of the annual report to their website and provide a copy to the Minister for Local Government and such other persons and bodies as regulations require. Councils and JOs should notify the Minister by providing a URL link to OLG (olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).
- Councils should ensure they report performance against targets, outcomes, efficiency and cost effectiveness over time.
- JOs should ensure they report as to their progress in implementing strategies and plans for delivering strategic regional priorities.
- Councils are reminded of the importance of addressing the labour statistics requirements to ensure there is clear data on permanent full and part time, casual and fixed term contract employees (see Circular 25-15)



Financial Assistance Grants general return

- The Financial Assistance Grants general return is to be submitted by 29 August 2025.
The National Local Roads Return is due by 28 November 2025.

Calendar of Compliance

- The Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2025-26 includes key statutory and other reporting deadlines for councils.
- Councils' statutory and other reporting deadlines are not limited to those included in the Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements 2025-26.
- Councils are required to submit the permissible income working papers following the auditing process.
- Instructions on where to email the returns are included on the cover sheet of the respective returns.
- Councils are reminded that they must place their Operational Plan, Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges on council's website within 28 days of adoption, with the Community Strategic Plan, Resourcing Strategy and Delivery Program.

Where to go for further information

- The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (the Code) for 2024-25 is available on OLG's website [here](#).
- The 2024-25 annual report checklist is available [here](#).
- The 2024-25 Calendar of Compliance can be accessed at [here](#).
- The FDR, Financial Assistance Grant returns and Permissible Income Workpapers can be sourced from the Council Portal [here](#).

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Deputy Secretary, Office of Local Government



Annexure 1: Information to assist councils prepare 2024-25 Financial Statements

Submission of Financial Statements

- The general purpose financial reports, special purpose financial reports, special schedules, and the Auditor's Reports are to be formatted into a single PDF document, titled using the format: "Council name – Financial Statements – 2024-25".
- All Councils, County Councils and Joint Organisations must lodge their financial statements by **31 October 2025**.
- The financial statements should be emailed to finance@olg.nsw.gov.au.
- Statements received after this date will be considered as being submitted late and not in accordance with the Act.
- Should council require an extension to lodge their financial statements, these should be requested by the General Manager prior to 17 October 2025 and are to be forwarded to olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

The Code – Update 2024-25

- The Code must be used to prepare the annual financial statements in accordance with the Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulation).
- The Code and supporting materials are available on the OLG website [here](#)

Communications during the preparation of financial statements and audit process

- Finance professionals are encouraged to communicate with the Audit Service Providers / Audit Office representatives in relation to any matters that may arise.
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees may consider engaging committee members early to review the financial statements, key accounting estimates and accounting issues prior to audit.

FDR

- The 2024-25 FDR will be emailed under separate cover.
- This is to be submitted by **31 October 2025** to fdr@olg.nsw.gov.au in Excel format only.
- The FDR should be accurate and align with the audited financial statements. The FDR will be returned to council should there be any errors, discrepancies or worksheets not completed.
- The return can also be accessed via the Council Portal on the OLG website.
- Information/data from the FDR is published in the Time Series Data, Your Council website and for the monitoring of council's performance. Data is also used in the calculation of councils FA grants.

Asset valuations and fair value assessments

- Councils should ensure early commencement and completion of asset revaluations.



- Adequate documentation, including position papers need to be readily available for the auditors, if requested.
- The necessary documentation should be agreed to with the auditor prior to year-end.
- Restrictions on asset use, especially for community land and land under roads, should be considered when assessing valuation.
- NSW Valuer General's valuations may be used to represent the fair value of community land.
- Councils will then need to separately consider any improvements made to community land in the overall fair value assessment.

Council Borrowings

- Councils must advise the Deputy Secretary, Local Government of amounts borrowed within 7 days when loans are drawn, in accordance with section 230 of the Regulation. Notification can be emailed to finance@olg.nsw.gov.au.
- Councils are also reminded of the need to complete the capital expenditure review requirements, as per OLG Circular 10/34, prior to the commencement of projects greater than \$1 million or 10% of council ordinary rating revenue. Please contact OLG's Performance Team if you have any questions in relation to this review on (02) 4428 4100.



Annexure 2: Information to assist JOs prepare 2024-25 Financial Statements

Submission of Financial Statements

- The general purpose financial reports and the Auditor's Reports are to be formatted into a single PDF document, titled using the format: "JO name – Financial Statements – 2024-25".
- All JOs must lodge their financial statements by **31 October 2025**.
- The financial statements are to be sent to finance@olg.nsw.gov.au.
- Statements received after this date will be considered submitted late and not in accordance with the Act.
- Should the JO require an extension to lodge their financial statements, these are to be requested by the General Manager prior to 17 October 2025 and must be forwarded to olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

JOs Supplement to Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Supplement)

- The Supplement must be used to prepare the annual financial statements in accordance with the Act and the Regulation.
- The Supplement is available on the OLG's website at [here](#)

JO FDR

- The 2024-25 JO FDR will be emailed under separate cover.
- This is to be submitted by **31 October 2025** to jofdr@olg.nsw.gov.au in Excel format only.
- The JO FDR should be accurate and align with the audited financial statements. The FDR will be returned to the JO should there be any errors, discrepancies or worksheets not completed.
- The return can also be accessed via the Council Portal on the OLG website.

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Circular to Councils

Subject/title	Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines
Circular Details	Circular 25-17/ 07 August 2025 / A966349
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council finance staff
Contact	Sector Policy and Development / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

What's new or changing?

- To ensure councillors have effective oversight and are in control of the financial performance of their council, the Office of Local Government (OLG) has revised the Quarterly Budget Review Statement Guidelines for Local Government (the Guidelines).
- The Guidelines outline the purpose and value of effective financial reporting, highlight roles and responsibilities, and establish standardised Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) reporting templates.
- The Guidelines also introduce a QBRs overview and reporting of council income and expenditure based on fund.
- These changes will ensure that the governing body and communities are receiving clear, relevant and meaningful financial information.

What will this mean for council?

- The QBRs reporting requirements outlined in the Guidelines are mandatory, and all NSW councils are required to comply with the Guidelines. This includes use of standardised QBRs reporting templates to be presented to councillors, the community and to OLG.
- A 'How to read your Quarterly Financial Overview' guide has also been developed to assist users read and understand the figures presented in the QBRs. The one-page resource can be re-badged and used by councils.



- OLG expects that councils will commence reporting the 1st quarter QBRs under the new Guidelines by no later than 30 November 2025.
- OLG will provide councils with an electronic data template, aligned to the templates in the Guidelines well in advance of the 30 November 2025 reporting date.

Key points

- Draft Guidelines were released for comment in March 2025 and feedback closed on 28 April. A consultation summary report has been released outlining the feedback received.
- The Guidelines highlight the importance of financial reporting and clarify that councillors have a primary role in determining the financial direction and health of a council.
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- Councils are required to commence reporting the 1st quarter QBRs under the new Guidelines by no later than 30 November 2025.
- An electronic template will be provided to all councils to report their QBRs to OLG.

Where to go for further information

- The suite of QBRs documents are available on the [OLG website](#).

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Brett Whitworth
Deputy Secretary, Local Government

9.2 UNION PICNIC DAY

File Number: RPT/25/418

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Glen Norris - Manager Human Resources

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

Strategy: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

Union Picnic Day is an entitlement under the Local Government (State) Award for employees who are financial members of Union(s) only. Council is required to determine which day shall be regarded as the Union Picnic Day and the arrangements for the non-union members on the determined Union Picnic Day.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Approve Tuesday 4 November 2025 as the Award holiday known as Union Picnic Day for those employees who are financial members of the United Services Union
- b) Authorise the closure of Council Offices, Council Depots, Libraries, Landfills and Visitor Information Centre
- c) Require Non-union members to apply for 4 November 2025 from leave entitlements to enable the above arrangements

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the provisions under the Award to enable a resolution of Council to be made regarding the Union Picnic Day.

Background

Under section 22B of the Local Government (State) Award 2023:

- i. Union Picnic Day shall for the purposes of this Award be regarded as a holiday for employees who are financial members of the union(s). The Union Picnic Day shall be on such day as is agreed between the employer and the union(s).
- ii. The union(s) shall advise the employer of financial members as at the time of the Union Picnic Day. Such advice must be given at least two weeks prior to the Union Picnic Day.
- iii. Employees who are not financial members of the union(s) and who are required to work on Union Picnic Day, shall be paid ordinary pay for their normal working day.
- iv. Employees who are not financial members of the union(s) and who are not required to work on Union Picnic Day, may apply to the employer to take annual leave, long service leave, time off in lieu of overtime, leave without pay, such other leave as may be approved by the employer, or may be required by the employer to make up time.

Council is requested to make a determination about which day is granted as the Union Picnic Day. Historically, Melbourne Cup Day has been the nominated day to fall in line with the Victorian Public Holiday and the Wentworth Races.

The United Services Union have respectfully requested that Council abide by Clause 22B of the Local Government (State) Award 2023 and ask Council to require non-union members to apply for leave if they wish to have the Union Picnic Day off. This effectively leaves departments under resourced and accordingly the previous arrangements have been to close the offices, depot libraries, landfills and Visitor Information Centre with those non-members of a Union being requested to take leave on that day.

Matters under consideration

As required by the Award, the Union is to advise management of the staff who are entitled this day. This will equate to 52 staff having the day off in accordance with the award. Up until and including 2022, Council resolved to endorse the Union Picnic Day on Melbourne Cup Day and additionally grant a free good will day to all non-members. This was not accepted by the United Services Union due to the union members not having their entitlement respected. This inadvertently led to a good will Melbourne Cup Day Holiday being granted in accordance with the resolution of Council to all staff and an additional day granted separately to the Union Members.

Conclusion

Union members have traditionally nominated Melbourne Cup Day as the preferred day for Union Picnic Day. All non-members of a Union have previously been requested to take leave on that day due to Council being under resourced with 52 staff having the Union Picnic Day off. As such the office, depot, libraries, landfills and Visitor Information Centre have been closed on that day. This report provides the opportunity for Council to consider its position on this matter.

Attachments

Nil

9.3 AVAILABILITY OF THE WENTWORTH VISITOR CENTRE CONFERENCE ROOM

File Number: RPT/25/427

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Ebony Carter - Business Support Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region
 Strategy: 1.1 Create a supportive environment for business to grow

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. to make available the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities to host their annual charity dinner and auction event.

Recommendation

That Council considers making the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities available to Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc for their annual charity dinner and auction to be held on Friday 14 November 2025 and whether the nature of the request requires a fee to be paid for the hire of the facilities.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform council of a request from the Wentworth District Community Medical Centre for Council to make available the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities to host their annual charity dinner and auction.

Background

The Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. is a local not for profit charity established in 2019 with a vision for Wentworth to have a fit for purpose community owned medical center.

Having opened in 2024 with GP services provided by Silverline Health Care they have now commenced stage two of their project which will be to expand their footprint and include pathology, mental health and allied health services within their centre.

As part of their fundraising efforts the Wentworth District Community Medical Centre hosts an annual charity dinner and auction. The charity dinner and auction are to be held on Friday 14 November this year and a request has been made to council to make the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities available for this event.

Report Detail

Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc has provided a request to council to make available the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities to host their annual charity dinner and auction. The annual dinner and auction are hosted to raise funds to support their endeavors and have previously been used to support the building purchase, furnishings and medical equipment.

As a community group wishing to hire the upstairs Conference room facilities for a corporate function it would include a fee of \$750.00 per day or \$250.00 per hour plus a bond of \$350.00.

Conclusion

Council is in receipt of a request to make available the Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room facilities for Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc to host their annual charity dinner and auction.

Attached is the request from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc.

Attachments

1. Request use Visitor Centre Conference Room [↓](#)



Wentworth District
COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTRE

ABN 88 392 163 362

Ken Ross General Manager

14th July 2025

Mayor Daniel Linklater and Councilors

Wentworth Shire Council

61 Darling Street,

WENTWORTH NSW 2648

Dear Ken,

Subject: Request to Use WSC Civic Reception and Conference Centre

The Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC) is a local volunteer not for profit charity established in 2019 in response to the sudden departure of the two (2) medical clinics in Wentworth.

WDCMC's vision is that Wentworth will have a fit for purpose contemporary community owned medical centre that accommodates full time local doctors, pathology, dental and allied health clinicians providing locally accessible health and related services to our community.

Achieving our vision is pivotal to improving decades of poor health outcomes in our LGA (Source - NSW Health data).

In December 2022 WDCMC purchased a shell building for stage one (1) of our three (3) stage project. Throughout 2023 the building was refashioned and fitted-out into a medical clinic with two (2) consulting rooms, a treatment room, reception, patient and staff amenities.

In February 2024 we opened the community owned medical centre with GP services provided by Silverline Health Care. We have now commenced stage two (2) of our project which will expand our footprint and include Pathology, Mental Health and Allied Health Services.

Each year WDCMC hosts a charity dinner as part of its fundraising agenda. Each year we have raised funds to support the building purchase, furnishings and medical equipment. Our end of year charity dinner and auction is a significant event supporting our endeavours.

The 2025 Annual Dinner is proposed for the 14th November 2025. This letter is a request to the Wentworth Shire General Manager, Mayor and Councilors to make available the WSC Civic Reception and Conference Centre for our 2025 Annual Dinner. The WSC Civic Reception and Conference Centre is a striking venue that would provide the space, amenities and importantly the atmosphere to ensure a memorable and successful fundraising event.

Should this request be successful, it presents an ideal opportunity for WDCMC to partner with WSC showcasing this award winning venue to the broader community.

Facilitating this request will fit with many of the objectives within the WSC Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036, most significantly;

Strategy 1 Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

Objective 1 Create a supportive Environment for business to invest and grow

'In order to have a strong, sustainable economy it is important that existing core businesses and industries are enabled and encouraged to grow and prosper and that businesses are attracted to the region.'

Desired Outcome Economic Growth and Opportunity

'A key desired outcome is the development of a robust and diverse economy that supports local businesses, attracts investment, and creates employment opportunities.'

What Council Can Do – *'Support for major events.'*

Strategy 2 Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

'The community expect to live in a safe and healthy community that offers equitable access to health and specialist services and supports the needs of the aged, disabled and disadvantaged.'

'We all need to provide opportunities for people to contribute to their community to build our sense of place and connection.'

Objective 2 *'The community has access to services and initiatives that contribute to wellbeing across all stages of life.'*

Desired Outcome Health and Well-being

'A thriving community supports the physical and mental well-being of its residents.'

What Council Can Do *'Advocate for better health services.'*

Strategy 4 Wentworth Shire is supported by strong and ethical civic leadership with all activities conducted in an open, transparent and inclusive manner.

Desired Outcome Collaboration and partnerships - *Building strong relationships between government, businesses and community organisations enhances civic leadership.'*

What Council Can Do *'Support community groups and organisations.'*

'Support other organisations and groups to achieve outcomes by providing resources or bringing stakeholders together.'

This request is forwarded for Councilor consideration, WDCMC would welcome the opportunity to make a presentation to Councilors on this request.

Yours Sincerely


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Glenis Beaumont, President WDCMC

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Email. wentworthdcmc@gmail.com

President Glenis Beaumont 0427 056 678. Vice-President Kate Muldoon 0409 565 729

Secretary Michael Pullen 0488 046 647

9.4 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/433

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

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

Strategy: 4.1 A well engaged and informed community

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of July 2025 were \$1,112,195.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 9.57%. For comparison purposes 7.97% of the levy had been collected at the end of July 2024. Council currently has \$42,249,006.63 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Monthly Finance Report for July 2025.

Detailed Report**Purpose**

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

Reconciliation and Balance of Funds held as at 31 July 2025

The reconciliation has been carried out between the Cash Book of each fund and the Bank Pass Sheet as at 31 July 2025.

	Combined Bank Account	
Cash Balance as at 1 July 2025	\$	3,934,460.64
Add: Receipts for the Period Ending 31 July 2025 Rates, Debtors, Miscellaneous	\$	9,941,478.47
Less: Payments for the Period Ending 31 July 2025 Cash Book entries for this Month	\$	9,772,110.21
Cash Balance of Operating A/C as at 31 July 2025	\$	4,103,828.90
Trust Fund Balance	\$	1,145,176.73
Total Investments as at 31 July 2025	\$	37,000,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	42,249,005.63

Collection of Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges collections for the month of July 2025 were \$ 1,112,195.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 9.57%. A summary of the Rates and Charges situation as at 31 July 2025 is as follows:

Note: For comparison purposes 7.97% of the levy had been collected at the end of July 2024.

LEVIES	RATES & CHARGES	
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2024 - Rates / Water	799,031.20	
Rates and Charges Levied 21 July 2025	11,941,099.57	\$ 12,740,130.77
+ Additional Water Charges	638,878.21	
+ Supplementary Rates and Charges	2,101.00	
+ Additional Charges	6,189.17	
- Credit Adjustments	7,716.82	
- Abandonments	853.48	\$ 13,378,728.85
DEDUCTIONS		
- Payments	1,112,195.12	
- Less Refunds of Payments	0.00	\$ 1,112,195.12
		\$ 12,266,533.73
- Pensioner Subsidy		
Government Subsidy	92,706.09	
Council Subsidy	75,850.44	\$ 168,556.53
RATES/WATER CHARGES OUTSTANDING 31 JULY 2025		\$ 12,097,977.20

Rates/Water write offs and adjustments

The following rates or charges have been written off or adjusted under the delegated authority of the General Manager for the month of July 2025.

Account	Date	Amount	Comment
Rates			
1477	31/07/2025	815.10	Write off Interest - settlement payment from solicitor incorrectly allocated, Credit interest that accrued incorrectly.
491-2	28/07/2025	349.00	Credit incorrect Garbage Charge on a non-current rate assessment
508	28/07/2025	3205.00	Licence 198984 cancelled 30/8/2024 - Rate assessment has been cancelled
222-3201	28/07/2025	17.26	Write off interest - Rate notice was not received
1047-031	22/07/2025	14.69	Write off interest - Ownership details were incorrect
729	18/07/2025	6.26	Write off interest - Payment allocated incorrectly at settlement
Water			
1584-106	23/07/2025	256.68	Credit water usage - Incorrect meter reading entered
1072-9902	21/07/2025	1215.34	Credit water usage - Incorrect meter reading entered

Council Loans Report

Name	Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding	Due Date
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.47% Fixed	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 471,489.97	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,157,356.73	1/06/2033
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.29% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,069,627.96	12/05/2037
CFWC310604	T-Corp	Trentham Cliffs Sewer	1.82% Fixed	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 465,972.63	4/06/2031
CFWC310624	T-Corp	Burong/Gol Gol Stormwater	1.79% Fixed	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 776,818.34	24/06/2031
Loan 205	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	2.2% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,006,351.90	25/01/2027
Loan 206	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill #3	1.85% Fixed	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 443,502.72	25/09/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	1.933% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,078,305.81	31/03/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Civic Centre	1.933% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,406,564.40	31/03/2028
CFWC440209	T-Corp	Civic Centre	5.45% Fixed	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 3,885,579.01	9/02/2044
CFWC440523	T-Corp	Stormwater	5.73% Fixed	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,944,523.00	23/05/2044
CFWC440822	T-Corp	Buronga Landfill	5.48% Fixed	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 11,831,243.83	22/08/2044
TOTAL					\$ 25,537,336.30	

Overtime and Travelling

Month	July	Pay Periods	1 & 2			
Overtime from	21 June 2025 to 18 July 2025					
Overtime						
	Time and a Half Includes Time		Double Time		Total	2025/26 Accumulative Total
Department	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount		
Animal Services	8.75	505.52	5.50	448.23	\$ 953.75	\$ 953.75
Assets	2.00	160.44	0.50	53.48	\$ 213.92	\$ 213.92
Building Maintenance			1.00	95.80	\$ 95.80	\$ 95.80
Civil	3.00	168.77			\$ 168.77	\$ 168.77
Council Roads	256.00	13,016.55	47.00	3209.24	\$ 16,225.79	\$ 16,225.79
GM's Office	3.00	239.65	0.75	79.88	\$ 319.53	\$ 319.53
IT Support	6.00	495.12	8.00	892.48	\$ 1,387.60	\$ 1,387.60
Library	4.00	276.88			\$ 276.88	\$ 276.88
Parks & Gardens	8.00	391.62	9.00	587.43	\$ 979.05	\$ 979.05
RMS Roads	7.00	329.92	10.00	638.90	\$ 968.82	\$ 968.82
Tourism & Promotion	2.00	118.00	3.00	235.99	\$ 353.99	\$ 353.99
Water & Waste Water	64.00	3,589.66	60.50	4390.94	\$ 7,980.60	\$ 7,980.60
Workshop	9.50	615.01			\$ 615.01	\$ 615.01
Workshop/Mechanics	0.50	25.34			\$ 25.34	\$ 25.34
Total	373.75	19,932.48	145.25	10,632.37	\$ 30,564.85	\$ 30,564.85
Travel Allowance						
Department	Kms	Amount				
Total	0	\$ -				
Grand Total		\$ 30,564.85				

Overtime for the Water & Waste Water team for this period relates to after hours repair works to replace valves at the roundabout at Adams St Wentworth together with repairs to a water main break at the frontage to Dareton School.

Other after hours work during this period included weekend works for water treatment plant operations at Gol Gol, Wentworth and Pooncarie.

Conclusion

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

Attachments

Nil

9.5 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/442

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
Responsible Division: Corporate Services
Reporting Officer: Ned Lamond - Financial Services Coordinator

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

Strategy: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

As of 31 July 2025, Council had \$37 million invested in term deposits and \$5,249,005.63 in other cash investments. Council received \$217,205.76 from its investments for the month of July 2025.

In July 2025 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 4.05% and it currently has \$6,546,983.93 of internal restrictions and \$34,008,988.24 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the monthly investment report for July 2025.

Detailed Report

Purpose

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

Matters under consideration.

As of 31 July 2025, Council had \$42,249,005.63 invested with Eight (8) financial institutions and One (1) Treasury Corporation. This is a decrease of \$1,830,631.74 from the previous month.

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

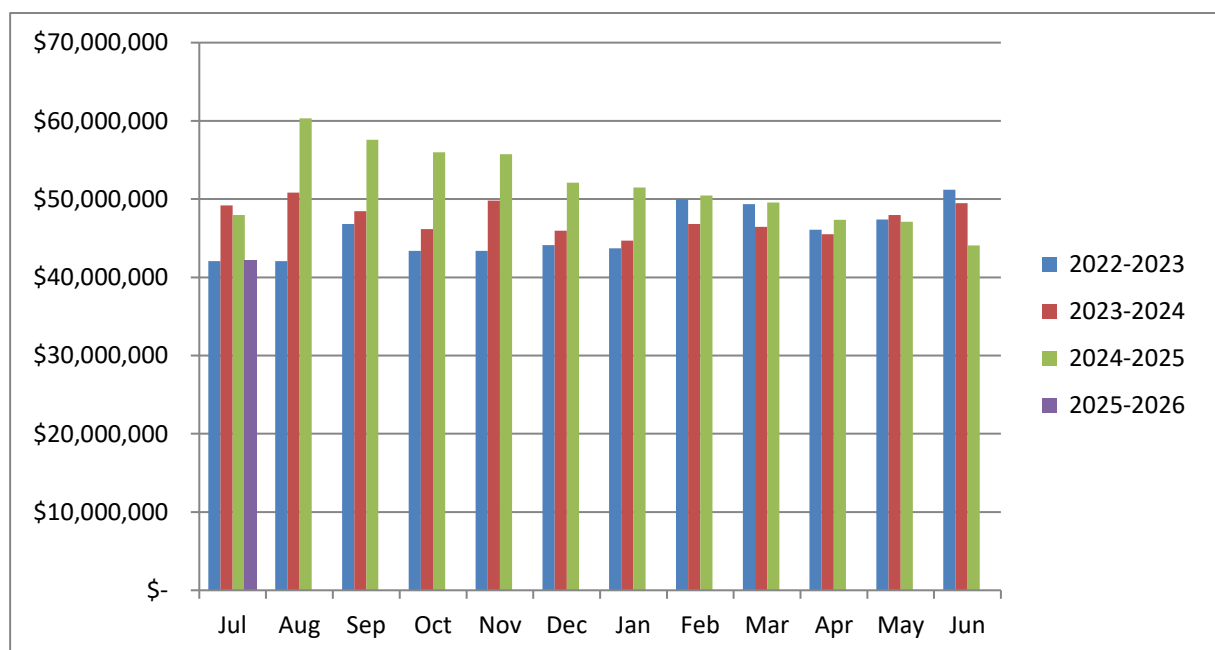
Interest Received from Cash Investments in July 2025

23 deposits matured or provided interest in July earning Council \$217,205.76 in interest. The budget for July was \$177,083. Year to date Council has received \$217,205.76 in interest based on cash accounting compared to the budget to July of \$177,083 Expired investments are now shown in the attached report along with a summary of accrued interest. The budget for the financial year was set at \$2,125,000.

Restrictions

Internal Restrictions		
- Employee Entitlements	\$2,300,921.00	
- Doubtful Debts	\$24,669.00	
- Future Development Reserve	\$576,217.20	
- Trust Account	\$1,145,176.73	
- Capital Projects	\$1,000,000	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500,000	\$6,546,983.93
External Restrictions		
- Water Fund	\$11,597,686.54	
- Sewer Fund	\$6,696,205.69	
- T-Corp Loan Balance	\$2,259,944.00	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$1,085,000.00	
- Landfill Expansion Loan	\$5,965,425.32	
- Unexpended Grants	\$5,609,896.84	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$208,296.22	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$586,533.63	\$34,008,998.24
Day to Day Liquidity		\$1,693,033.46
Total Funds Available		\$42,249,005.63

Total Funds Invested



Summary – Unexpended Grants as at 30 June 2025

Grant	Amount	Expiry
Supporting Volunteers Grant	\$16,266.89	31/7/25
Resources for Regions Round 9	\$351,306.14	31/12/25
OLG Flood Recovery Grants	\$578,329.49	30/6/25
Planning Cadet Grant	\$15,880.00	No set Date
RFS M & R Grant	\$0	30/6/25
Shade Sail & Fitness Grant	\$6,143.49	31/12/24
Crown Reserve Improvement Fund Astronomy	\$656,000.21	30/6/26
Roads to Recovery	\$43,518.39	30/6/26
Main Roads Block Grant	\$0	30/6/25
Regional Emergency Roads Repair Program	\$385,2198.13	31/10/27
Drought Resilience Funding	\$86,540.00	30/11/25
Total	\$5,606,142.74	

Conclusion

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

Attachments

1. Yeild Hub Report - July 2025 [↓](#)



Wentworth Shire Council

Holdings Report

As At 31st of July, 2025

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Portfolio Performance Dashboard as at 31/07/2025







Portfolio Cost
\$37,000,000




Portfolio Value
\$37,000,000



Unrealised Gain/Loss
\$0




Weighted Avg. Term
71.0 days




Weighted Avg. Yield
4.1789%



July 2025 Interest
\$217,727



FY26 Interest
\$217,727



Accrued Interest
\$554,986

Portfolio metrics current as of reporting date

Investment Distribution by Value

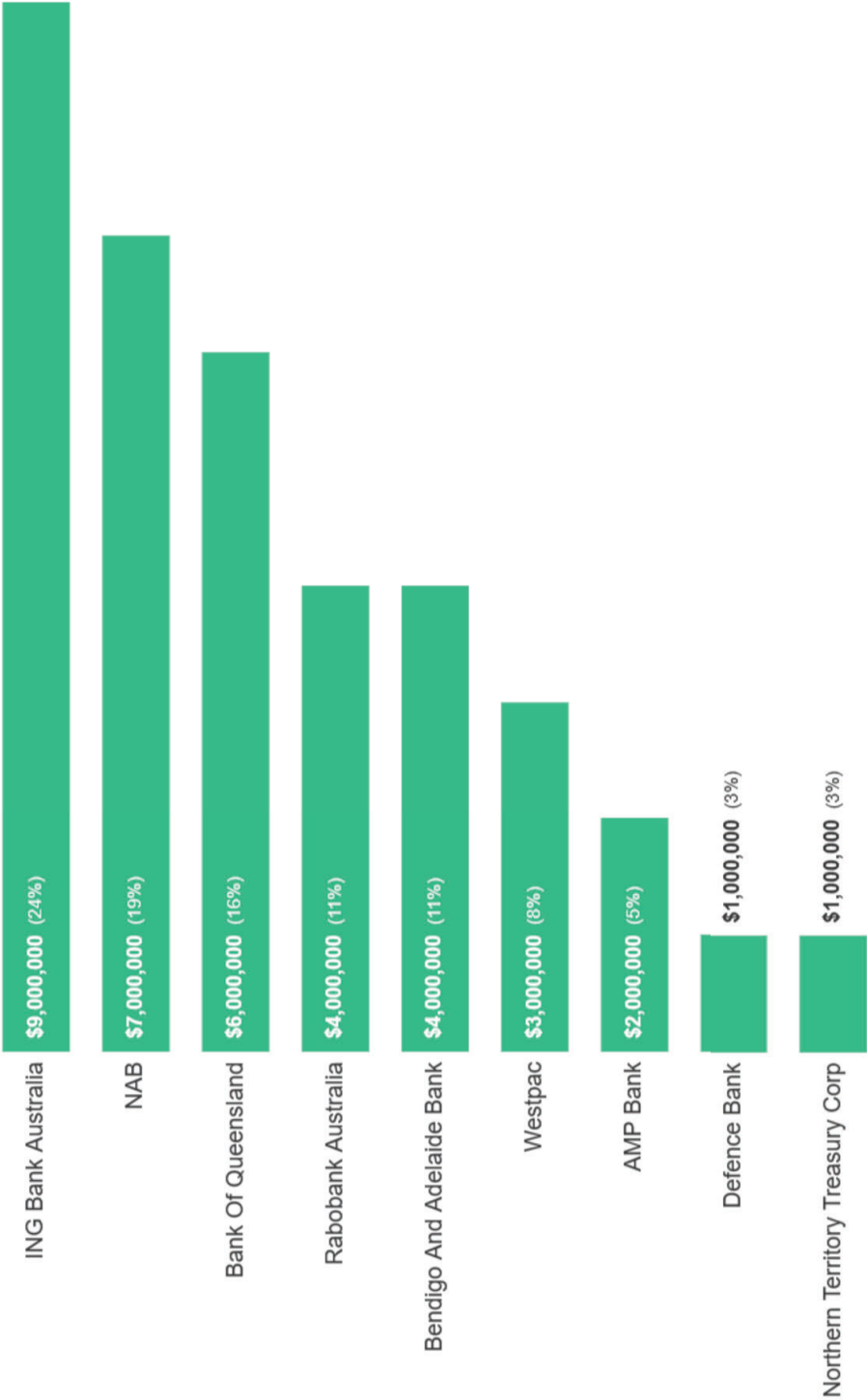


Investments as at 31/07/2025



This chart shows the distribution of investments by product type based on current portfolio value.
Values used: Term Deposits use Consideration value. NCDs use Consideration value. Bonds use Gross Value (market value including accrued interest at month end). Cash Accounts use Current Balance.

Investment Distribution by Counterparty



TERM DEPOSITS (37) | Total Consideration (excl. accrued): \$37,000,000

INVESTMENT	INSTITUTION	S&P EQUIV. RATING	CONSIDERATION	SETTLEMENT DATE	TERM (DAYS)	MATURITY DATE	YIELD	INTEREST FREQUENCY	INTEREST ACCRUED	TOTAL DEPOSIT INTEREST	NEXT PAYMENT DATE	COMMENTS
CN# 095273 Wentworth Shire Council	AMP Bank Ltd	A-2 / BBB+	\$1,000,000	30/07/2025	91	29/10/2025	4.2000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$230.14 Total: \$230.14	\$10,471.23	29/10/2025	
CN# 095190 Wentworth Shire Council	Westpac	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	31	28/08/2025	3.4100%	At maturity	Monthly: \$373.7 Total: \$373.7	\$2,896.16	28/08/2025	
CN# 095189 Wentworth Shire Council	Westpac	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	31	28/08/2025	3.4100%	At maturity	Monthly: \$373.7 Total: \$373.7	\$2,896.16	28/08/2025	
CN# 095171 Wentworth Shire Council	Rabobank Australia	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	30	27/08/2025	3.8000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$416.44 Total: \$416.44	\$3,123.29	27/08/2025	
CN# 095170 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	30	27/08/2025	3.7600%	At maturity	Monthly: \$412.05 Total: \$412.05	\$3,090.41	27/08/2025	
CN# 095169 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	30	27/08/2025	3.7600%	At maturity	Monthly: \$412.05 Total: \$412.05	\$3,090.41	27/08/2025	
CN# 095168 Wentworth Shire Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	60	26/09/2025	3.9000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$427.4 Total: \$427.4	\$6,410.96	26/09/2025	
CN# 095167 Wentworth Shire Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	28/07/2025	60	26/09/2025	3.9000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$427.4 Total: \$427.4	\$6,410.96	26/09/2025	
CN# 095156 Wentworth Shire Council	Rabobank Australia	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	25/07/2025	31	25/08/2025	3.8000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$728.77 Total: \$728.77	\$3,227.4	25/08/2025	
CN# 095155 Wentworth Shire Council	Rabobank Australia	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	25/07/2025	31	25/08/2025	3.8000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$728.77 Total: \$728.77	\$3,227.4	25/08/2025	
CN# 095134 Wentworth Shire Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	24/07/2025	32	25/08/2025	3.6500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$800 Total: \$800	\$3,200	25/08/2025	
CN# 094911 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	11/07/2025	31	11/08/2025	3.7500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,157.53 Total: \$2,157.53	\$3,184.93	11/08/2025	
CN# 094909 Wentworth Shire Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	11/07/2025	31	11/08/2025	3.6500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,100 Total: \$2,100	\$3,100	11/08/2025	
CN# 094908 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	11/07/2025	31	11/08/2025	3.9300%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,261.1 Total: \$2,261.1	\$3,337.81	11/08/2025	
CN# 094839 Wentworth Shire Council	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	08/07/2025	31	08/08/2025	3.7000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,432.88 Total: \$2,432.88	\$3,142.47	08/08/2025	

Term Deposits (continued)

INVESTMENT	INSTITUTION	S&P EQUIV. RATING	CONSIDERATION	SETTLEMENT DATE	TERM (DAYS)	MATURITY DATE	YIELD	INTEREST FREQUENCY	INTEREST ACCRUED	TOTAL DEPOSIT INTEREST	NEXT PAYMENT DATE	COMMENTS
CN# 094824 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	07/07/2025	31	07/08/2025	3.5500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,431.51 Total: \$2,431.51	\$3,015.07	07/08/2025	
CN# 094821 Wentworth Shire Council	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	07/07/2025	31	07/08/2025	3.7500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,568.49 Total: \$2,568.49	\$3,184.93	07/08/2025	
CN# 094820 Wentworth Shire Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	07/07/2025	31	07/08/2025	3.7000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,534.25 Total: \$2,534.25	\$3,142.47	07/08/2025	
CN# 094818 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	07/07/2025	31	07/08/2025	3.7400%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,561.64 Total: \$2,561.64	\$3,176.44	07/08/2025	
CN# 094797 Wentworth Shire Council	Rabobank Australia	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	04/07/2025	32	05/08/2025	3.8000%	At maturity	Monthly: \$2,915.07 Total: \$2,915.07	\$3,331.51	05/08/2025	
CN# 094755 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	03/07/2025	33	05/08/2025	3.7600%	---	Monthly: \$2,987.4 Total: \$2,987.4	\$3,399.45	05/08/2025	
CN# 092043 Wentworth Shire Council	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	27/03/2025	365	27/03/2026	4.4800%	At maturity	Monthly: \$3,804.93 Total: \$15,587.95	\$44,800	27/03/2026	
CN# 081123 Wentworth Shire Council	Defence Bank	A-2 / BBB+	\$1,000,000	07/01/2025	330	03/12/2025	4.9500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,204.11 Total: \$27,936.99	\$44,753.42	03/12/2025	
CN# 081122 Wentworth Shire Council	AMP Bank Ltd	A-2 / BBB+	\$1,000,000	07/01/2025	269	03/10/2025	5.0500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,288.04 Total: \$28,501.37	\$37,217.81	03/10/2025	
CN# 081121 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	07/01/2025	261	25/09/2025	4.8500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,119.18 Total: \$27,372.6	\$34,680.82	25/09/2025	
CN# 081120 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	07/01/2025	210	05/08/2025	4.8500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,119.18 Total: \$27,372.6	\$27,904.11	05/08/2025	
CN# 080628 Wentworth Shire Council	Westpac	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	27/11/2024	365	27/11/2025	5.0900%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,323.01 Total: \$34,444.66	\$50,900	27/11/2025	
CN# 080627 Wentworth Shire Council	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	20/11/2024	365	20/11/2025	5.0500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,288.04 Total: \$35,142.47	\$50,500	20/11/2025	
CN# 080427 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	21/11/2024	365	21/11/2025	5.1500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,373.97 Total: \$35,697.26	\$51,500	21/11/2025	
CN# 078971 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	03/09/2024	365	03/09/2025	4.9500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,204.11 Total: \$45,024.66	\$49,500	03/09/2025	

Term Deposits (continued)

INVESTMENT	INSTITUTION	S&P EQUIV. RATING	CONSIDERATION	SETTLEMENT DATE	TERM (DAYS)	MATURITY DATE	YIELD	INTEREST FREQUENCY	INTEREST ACCRUED	TOTAL DEPOSIT INTEREST	NEXT PAYMENT DATE	COMMENTS
CN# 078870 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	03/09/2024	365	03/09/2025	4.9500%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,204.11 Total: \$45,024.66	\$49,500	03/09/2025	
CN# 078871 Wentworth Shire Council	NAB	A-1+ / AA-	\$1,000,000	28/08/2024	365	28/08/2025	4.9700%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,221.1 Total: \$46,023.56	\$49,700	28/08/2025	
CN# 078851 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	27/08/2024	365	27/08/2025	4.9100%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,170.14 Total: \$45,602.47	\$49,100	27/08/2025	
CN# 078850 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	27/08/2024	365	27/08/2025	4.9100%	At maturity	Monthly: \$4,170.14 Total: \$45,602.47	\$49,100	27/08/2025	
CN# 069374 Wentworth Shire Council	ING Bank (Australia)	A-1 / A	\$1,000,000	04/01/2024	732	05/01/2026	5.1400%	Annually	Monthly: \$4,365.48 Total: \$28,150.14	\$103,081.64	05/01/2026	
CN# 068928 Wentworth Shire Council	Bank of Queensland.	A-2 / A-	\$1,000,000	04/12/2023	1095	03/12/2026	5.2500%	Annually	Monthly: \$4,458.9 Total: \$34,520.55	\$157,500	04/12/2025	
CN# 054172 Wentworth Shire Council	Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (Territory Bonds)	NR / AA-	\$1,000,000	16/09/2021	1916	15/12/2026	1.3500%	Quarterly	Monthly: \$1,146.58 Total: \$1,701.37	\$70,865.75	16/09/2025	

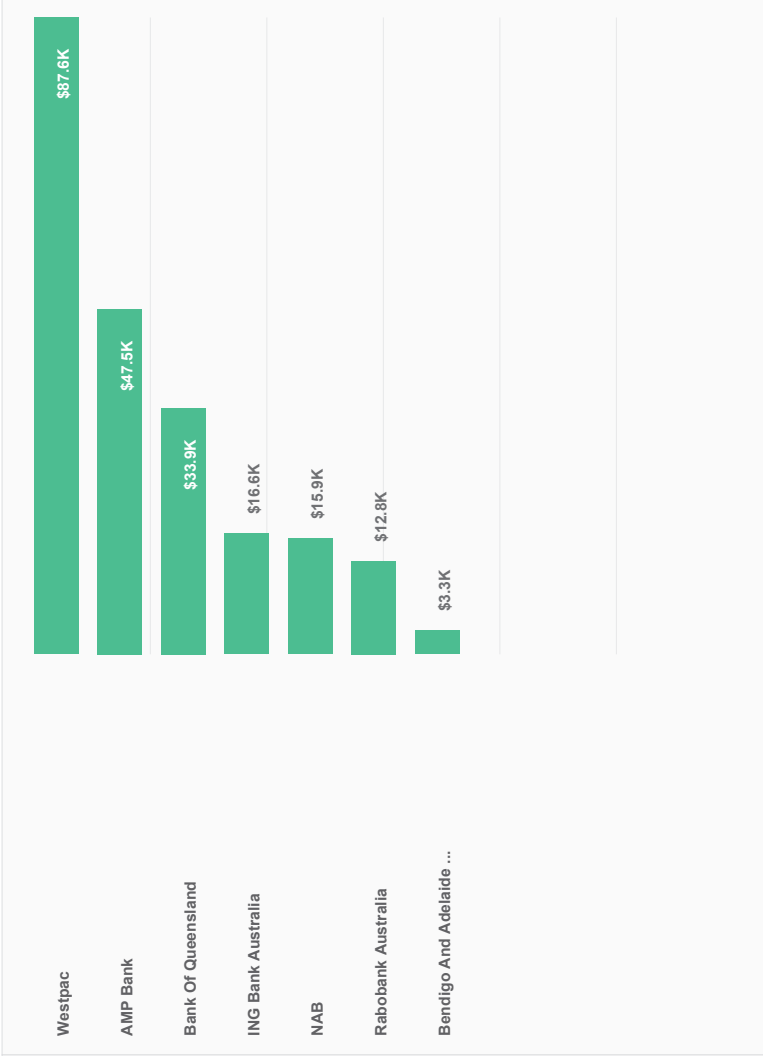
Transaction Activity (01/07/2025 to 31/07/2025)



TRANSACTION TOTALS



INTEREST PAYMENTS BY COUNTERPARTY



Transaction Summaries by Counterparty (01/07/2025 to 31/07/2025)



Investments	
Counterparty	Amount
ING Bank Australia	\$5,000,000
Bank Of Queensland	\$5,000,000
Rabobank Australia	\$4,000,000
Westpac	\$2,000,000
NAB	\$2,000,000
Bendigo And Adelaide...	\$2,000,000
AMP Bank	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$21,000,000

Maturities	
Counterparty	Amount
ING Bank Australia	\$5,000,000
Bank Of Queensland	\$4,000,000
Rabobank Australia	\$4,000,000
NAB	\$4,000,000
AMP Bank	\$3,000,000
Westpac	\$2,000,000
Bendigo And Adelaide...	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$23,000,000

Interest Payments	
Counterparty	Amount
Westpac	\$87,636.16
AMP Bank	\$47,479.45
Bank Of Queensland	\$33,923.29
ING Bank Australia	\$16,636.71
NAB	\$15,933.97
Rabobank Australia	\$12,847.95
Bendigo And Adelaide...	\$3,269.86
TOTAL	\$217,727.4

Transaction Summaries by Investment Type (01/07/2025 to 31/07/2025)



Investments	
Investment Type	Amount
Term Deposit	\$21,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$21,000,000.00

Maturities	
Investment Type	Amount
Term Deposit	\$23,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$23,000,000.00

Interest Payments	
Investment Type	Amount
Term Deposit	\$217,727.40
TOTAL	\$217,727.40

Portfolio Performance Summary As at 31/07/2025



Time Period	Term Deposits	Total Avg Yield	RBA Cash	1m BBSW	3m BBSW	AusBond Bank Bill	AusBond Annualised	vs RBA	vs 1m BBSW	vs 3m BBSW	vs AusBond
As At 31/7/2025	4.18%	4.18%	3.85%	3.68%	3.68%	10153.589	---	+0.33%	+0.50%	+0.50%	---
1m	4.34%	4.34%	3.85%	3.61%	3.60%	0.30%	3.54%	+0.49%	+0.73%	+0.74%	+0.79%
3m	4.80%	4.80%	4.10%	3.96%	3.87%	0.97%	3.83%	+0.70%	+0.84%	+0.93%	+0.97%
6m	4.99%	4.99%	4.35%	4.27%	4.25%	2.02%	4.07%	+0.64%	+0.72%	+0.74%	+0.92%
12m	5.08%	5.08%	4.35%	4.34%	4.49%	4.31%	4.31%	+0.73%	+0.74%	+0.59%	+0.77%

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERFORMANCE DATA:

- Portfolio Weighted Average Yield: Your yield is calculated by examining each investment and weighting its contribution based on its size relative to your total portfolio. Larger investments have greater influence on the overall portfolio yield.
- Benchmark Comparisons: The "vs" columns show how your portfolio yield compares to standard market references, helping you understand whether your investment strategy is delivering returns above or below alternatives. Green values indicate outperformance.
- Time Periods: Rows labeled "1m", "3m", "6m", and "12m" represent historical lookback periods from your report date, allowing you to track how your portfolio and market yields have changed over time and evaluate long-term performance.

Note: Historical performance data is provided for informational purposes only and does not guarantee future results.

9.6 JUNE QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

File Number: RPT/25/425

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
 Responsible Division: Corporate Services
 Reporting Officer: Ned Lamond - Financial Services Coordinator

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

Strategy: 4.4 Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community

Summary

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

In the June Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavourable operational variance of \$1,939 Million and a favorable capital variance of \$9,190 Million resulting in a total net variance of \$7,251 Million. Note all June figures are prepared prior to accruals posting and prepared on a cash basis for budget purposes only.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Note the 2024/2025 Fourth Quarter Budget Review
- b) Note the proposed revised 2024/2025 changes to operational & capital budgets.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council with information on the 2024/2025 Budget position, proposing amendments where required and providing an overview of Council's current year financial performance in relation to the adopted budget and key indicators.

This report is prepared in accordance with S407 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 203(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's 2024/2025 Operational Plan. This report complies with the format required by the Office of Local Government.

Report Detail

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

1. Consolidated Income Statement (containing operating income and expenses)
2. Consolidated Capital Budget
3. Cash and Investments Position and Reserve Balance
4. Loan & Borrowings Summary
5. Register of Material Contracts

6. Consultancy and Legal Expense Report

1. Consolidated Income Statement

Wentworth Shire Council

Income & expenses budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

Income & expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original budget 2024/25	Approved Changes					Revised budget 2024/25	Variations for this Jun Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs					
Income											
Rates and annual charges	10,938						10,938	45	a	10,983	10,983
User charges and fees	8,145						8,145		b	8,145	8,149
Other revenues	1,382						1,382	458	c	1,840	1,840
Grants and contributions - operating	11,969						11,969		d	11,969	8,178
Grants and contributions - capital	12,293	905	404	330			13,932	(2,417)	e	11,515	5,756
Interest and investment revenue	2,220						2,220		f	2,220	1,954
Net gain from disposal of assets	100						100		g	100	36
Total income from continuing operations	47,047	905	404	330	-	-	48,686	(1,914)		46,772	36,896
Expenses											
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,277						11,277		h	11,277	10,250
Borrowing costs	1,401						1,401		i	1,401	880
Materials and services	10,184		58	100			10,342		j	10,342	8,600
Depreciation and amortisation	9,308						9,308		k	9,308	9,308
Other expenses	961						961	25	l	986	986
Total expenses from continuing operations	33,131	-	58	100	-	-	33,289	25		33,314	30,024
Net operating result from continuing operation	13,916	905	346	230	-	-	15,397	(1,939)		13,458	6,872
Discontinued operations - surplus/(deficit)							-		m	-	
Net operating result from all operations	13,916	905	346	230	-	-	15,397	(1,939)		13,458	6,872
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	1,623	-	(58)	(100)	-	-	1,465	478		1,943	1,116

The net result of operations as of 30 June was a surplus of \$6,872 million before capital income. There sum of proposed operational variations to income and operational expenditure is an unfavourable variance of \$1,939,000.

Note: capital grant income in the operational income statement does not reflect grant amounts paid in advance and those held in external restrictions it only reflects cash amounts received to date this financial year. A reconciliation will be performed as of 30 June 2025 to recognise these amounts as income.

For the quarter to 30 June there was \$36,896 million of operational income. Some of the notable income for the 4th quarter is listed below.

- Buronga Landfill Tipping Fees - \$1,364,946
- State Highways Fees for Service - \$434,712
- Investment Interest - \$923,413
- General Assistance Grant \$4,402,230
- LRCIP grant round 4 - \$1,007,753
- Developer Contributions - \$523,311
- Town Planning fees - \$82,740
- Stronger Country Communities Grant round 5 - \$187,222
- Fixing Local roads round 3 - \$92,323

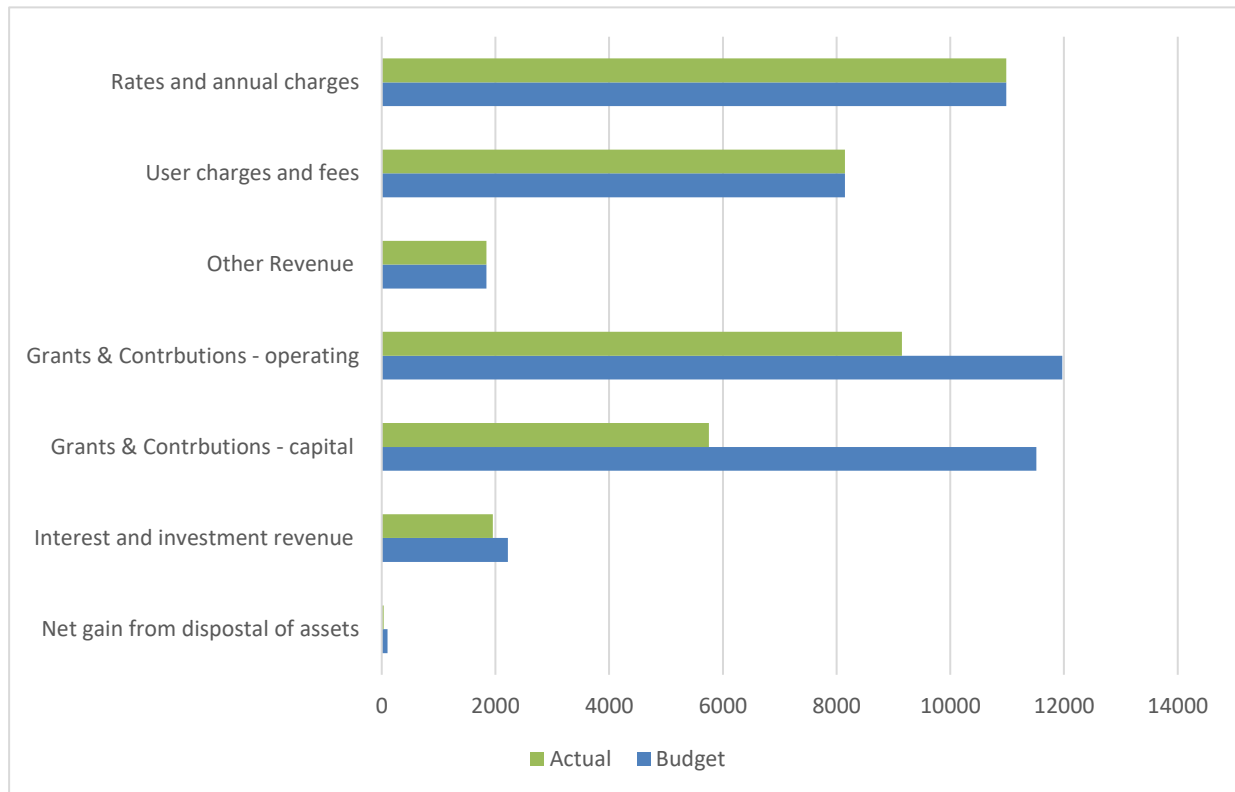
For the quarter to 30 June there was \$30,024 million of operational expenditure. Some of the notable expenditure for the 4th quarter is listed below.

- Water Fund Operating Expenses \$846,889
- Buronga Landfill Operating Expenses - \$353,757

- Local Roads Maintenance - \$764,816
- State Highways Maintenance \$823,032

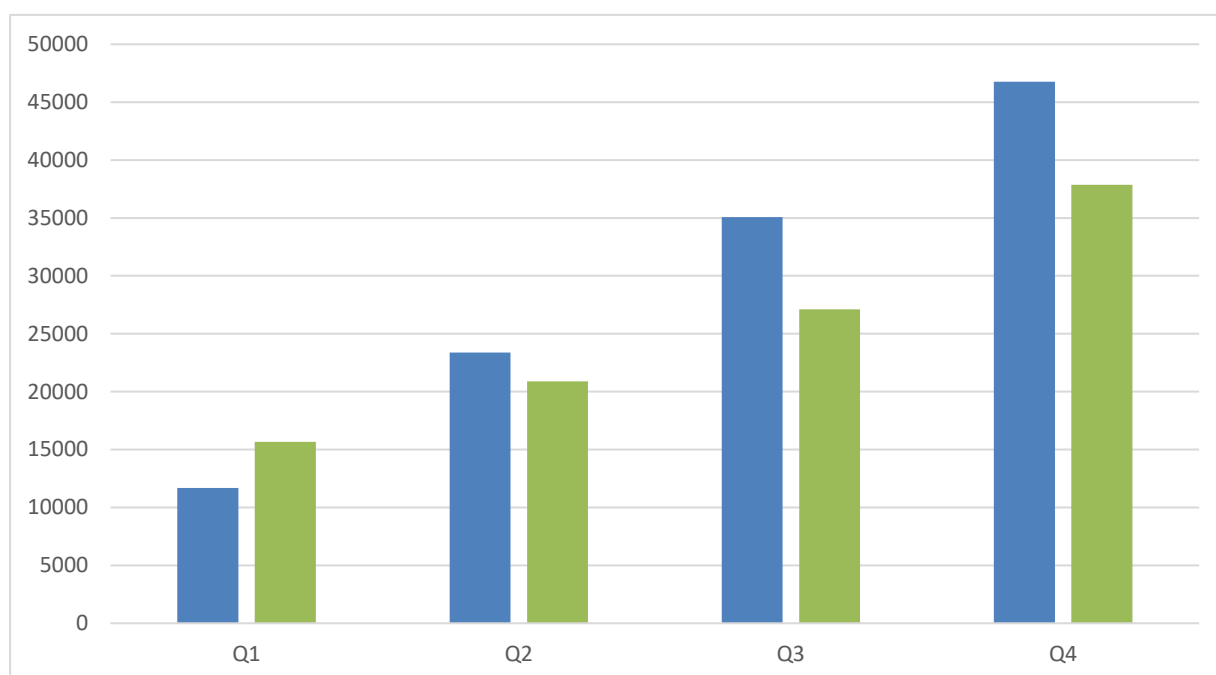
Income Recognised vs Budgeted Income – 30 June 2025

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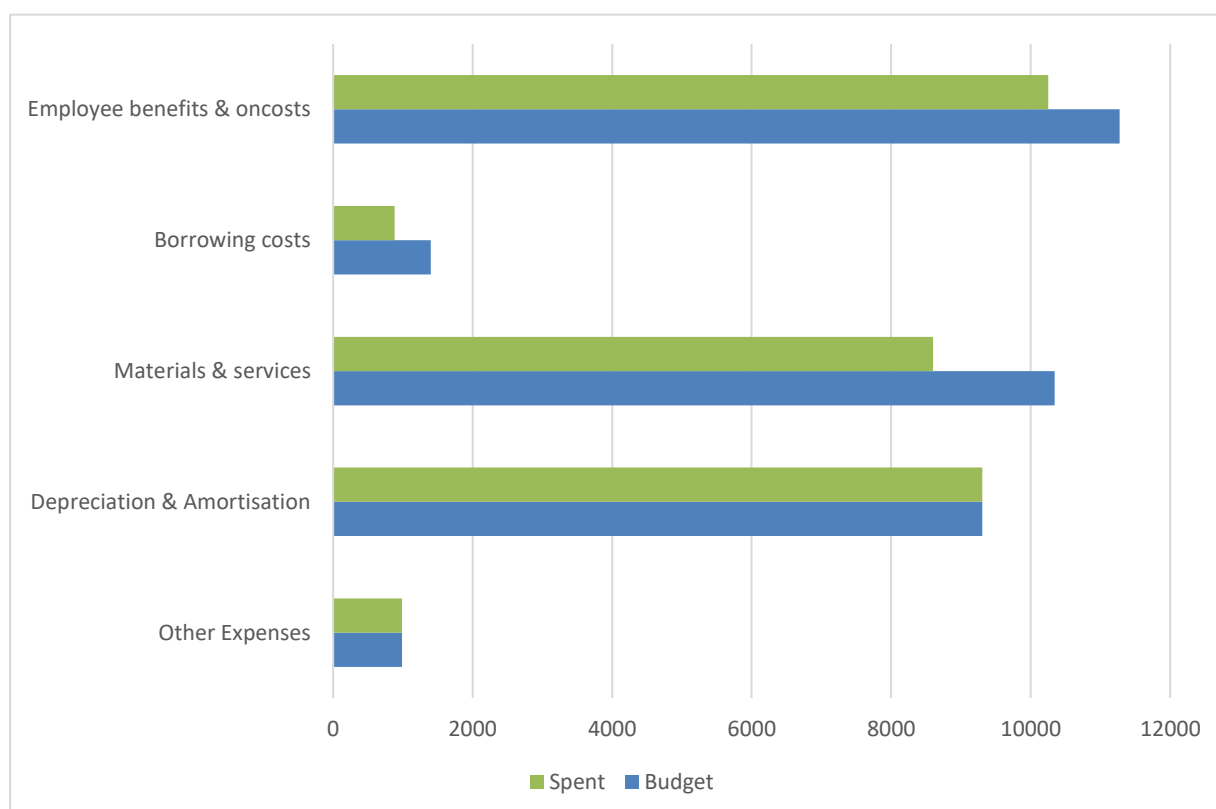
Consolidated Income Recognised vs Budgeted – 30 June 2025

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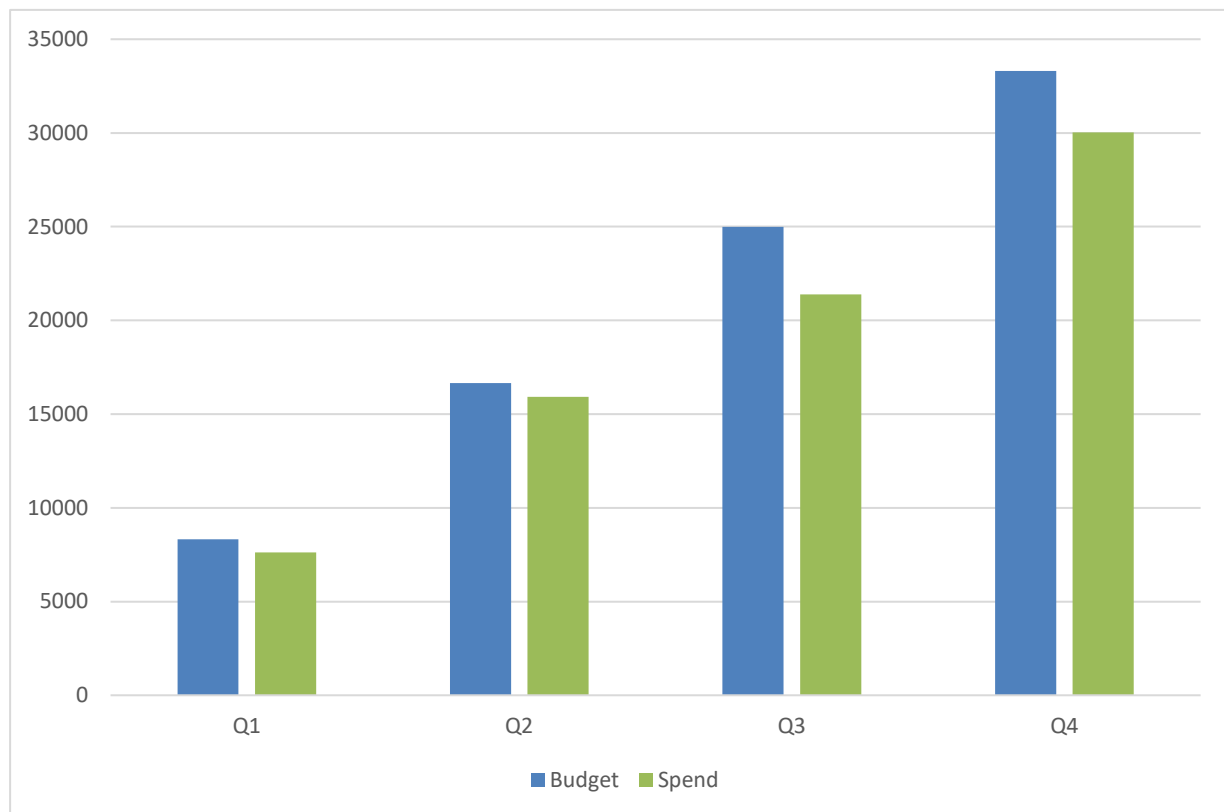
Expenditure to date vs Budgeted Expenditure – 30 June 2025

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Consolidated Expenditure vs Budgeted Expenditure – 30 June 2025

Units displayed in ('000)



2. Consolidated Capital Budget

Wentworth Shire Council							Quarterly Budget Review for the period 01/01/2025 to 30/06/2025				
Capital budget review statement											
Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025											
Capital budget - make a choice >>>											
(\$'000's)	Original budget 2024/25	Approved changes					Revised budget 2024/25	Variations for this Jun Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs	Mar QBRs					
Capital expenditure											
New assets											
Land & Buildings	350		104	1,350	40		1,844			1,844	2,077
Land Improvements	14,747			70			14,817	(5,377)	+	9,440	6,452
Other Structures	950						950	(333)	+	617	140
Plant & Equipment	189						189	(135)	+	54	76
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	-	180		25			205		+	205	256
Renewal assets (replacement)											
Land & Buildings	1,819		(58)	900			2,661	(854)	-	1,807	1,528
Land Improvements	765		100	745			1,610	(266)	+	1,344	1,121
Other Structures	1,044	130	50				1,224	(270)	+	954	529
Plant & Equipment	2,914						2,914		-	2,914	2,459
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	12,147	725		340	920		14,132	(804)	-	13,328	12,061
Loan repayments (principal)	1,479						1,479		-	1,479	1,176
Water	1,385	30	433				1,848	(505)	-	1,343	1,093
Sewer	1,652	30	760				2,442	(646)	+	1,796	854
Total capital expenditure	39,441	1,095	1,389	3,430	960	-	46,315	(9,190)		37,125	29,822
Capital funding											
Rates & other untied funding	6,036	60	146	2,640	190		9,072	(631)	+	8,441	9,143
Capital grants & contributions	12,392	1,035	404	790			14,621	(2,417)	+	12,204	5,756
Reserves:											
- External restrictions/reserves	9,763		839		770		11,372	(936)	+	10,436	8,914
- Internal restrictions/reserves									+		
New loans	11,250						11,250	(5,206)	-	6,044	6,009
Receipts from sale of assets											
- Plant & equipment									+		
- Land & buildings									-		
Total capital funding	39,441	1,095	1,389	3,430	960	-	46,315	(9,190)		37,125	29,822
Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)											
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-

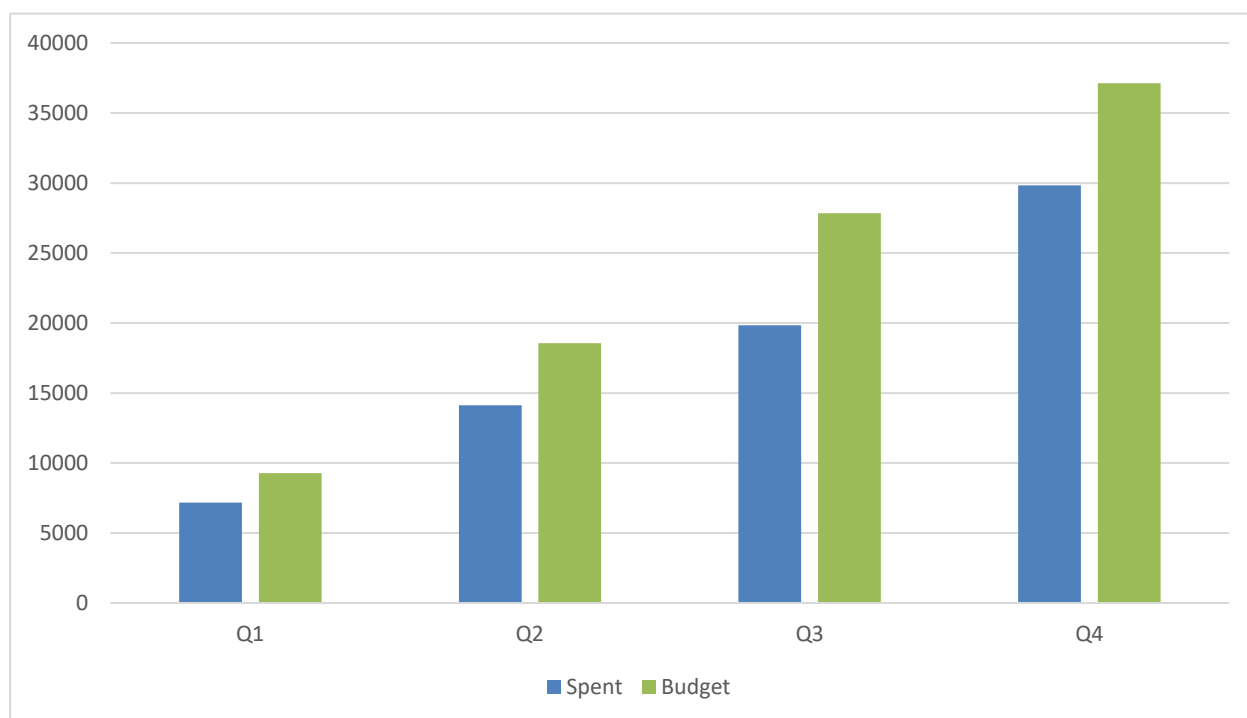
The net result of capital activities as of 30 June is total expenditure of \$29,822 Million. The sum of proposed capital variations if approved is a favorable variance of \$9,190 Million.

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

- Arumpo Road 24.5km Upgrade \$1,411,645
- Buronga Landfill Expansion \$2,754,006
- Plant Replacement - \$570,693
- Buronga pump track stage 2 - \$289,094
- LRCIP Roads project Round 4 – \$545,613
- Wentworth Darling St footpaths upgrade - \$145,578
- Land Acquisitions - \$590,805
- Regional Emergency Repair Fund - \$1,706,002

Consolidated Capital Works Expenditure vs Budgeted – 31 March 2025

Units displayed in ('000)



3. Cash and Investments Position and Reserve Balance

Reserve Balance at 30 June 2025

<i>Internal Restrictions</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Restriction</i>
- Employee Entitlements	\$2,300,921.00	
- Doubtful Debts	\$24,669.00	
- Future Development Reserve	\$576,217.20	
- Trust Account	\$1,145,176.73	
- Capital Projects	\$1,000,000.00	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$1,500,000.00	\$6,546,983.93
<i>External Restrictions</i>		

- Water Fund	\$11,401,930.39	
- Sewer Fund	\$6,564,857.91	
- T-Corp Loan Balance	\$2,259,944.00	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$1,085,000.00	
- Unexpended Grants	\$7,180,038.44	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$208,296.22	
- Landfill Loan Reserve	\$7,244,066.99	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$586,533.63	\$36,530,667.58
Day to Day Liquidity		\$1,001,985.86
Total Funds Available		\$44,079,637.37

Investments by Timeframe as of 30 June 2025

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

Term	Amount	% of Portfo	Strategy	Difference
Long Term 12mths+	\$ 2,000,000.00	4.54%	20.00%	15.46%
Short Term 1 - 12mths	\$ 37,000,000.00	83.94%	70.00%	-13.94%
At-Call 0 - 1mth	\$ 5,079,637.37	11.52%	10.00%	-1.52%
	\$ 44,079,637.37	100.00%		

4. Loan & Borrowings Summary

As requested at the August ARIC meeting an overview of the loans currently held by Council is attached below. Council currently has \$25,564,182.65 in drawn down repayment facilities. Council is currently meeting all repayment obligations and have not varied any existing facilities or entered negotiations for any further loan facilities at this time.

Name	Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding	Due Date
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.47% Fixed	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 483,954.16	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,157,356.73	1/06/2033
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.29% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,073,159.35	12/05/2037
CFWC310604	T-Corp	Trentham Cliffs Sewer	1.82% Fixed	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 465,983.83	4/06/2031
CFWC310624	T-Corp	Burong/Gol Gol Stormwater	1.79% Fixed	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 776,818.34	24/06/2031
Loan 205	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	2.2% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,006,351.90	25/01/2027
Loan 206	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill #3	1.85% Fixed	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 454,342.15	25/09/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Willowbend Caravan Park	1.933% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,078,305.81	31/03/2028
Loan 207	National Australia Bank	Civic Centre	1.933% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,406,564.40	31/03/2028
CFWC440209	T-Corp	Civic Centre	5.45% Fixed	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 3,885,579.01	9/02/2044
CFWC440523	T-Corp	Stormwater	5.73% Fixed	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,944,523.14	23/05/2044
CFWC440822	T-Corp	Buronga Landfill	5.48% Fixed	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 11,831,243.83	22/08/2044
				TOTAL	\$ 25,564,182.65	

5. Register of Material Contracts

Contracts over \$50k are disclosed in the report below. As of 30 June 2025, Council had not materially varied any of the contracts included in the register or ceased any of the agreements.

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

6. Consultancy and Legal Expense Report

Consultancies paid YTD – 30 June 2025

Consultant	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Totals	
Alexander & Symonds	\$ 825.00	\$ -	\$ 6,411.60	\$ -	\$ 7,236.60	Surveyors
Airport Surveys Pty Ltd	\$ 14,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,300.00	Aerodrome Surveys
Cadell Consulting Services	\$ -	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 5,742.00	\$ 38,700.00	\$ 52,142.00	Planning Consultant
Civil Test	\$ 4,298.80	\$ 2,607.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,905.80	Soil & Compaction Testing
Darren Fleming Pty Ltd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	Health & Wellbeing
Electrical Design Solutions Pty Ltd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 1,950.30	\$ 8,880.30	FOSO Electrical Upgrade design
Exact Survey Group	\$ 4,482.50	\$ -	\$ 35,638.90	\$ 47,219.00	\$ 87,340.40	Road Survey & Design
James Golsworthy Consulting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 825.00	\$ -	\$ 825.00	Landfill Consulting
GreenEdge Environmental	\$ 26,337.10	\$ 39,855.20	\$ 38,747.50	\$ 35,420.00	\$ 140,359.80	Environmental Impact Assessments
Global Airspace Solutions	\$ 27,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,400.00	\$ 47,380.00	WW Aerodrome Rnav approach
GSD Architects	\$ 44,462.00	\$ 64,979.75	\$ 88,000.00	\$ -	\$ 197,441.75	Project Management
Herron Todd White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,900.00	Pink Lake Surveying
Lands Advisory Services	\$ -	\$ 331.06	\$ -	\$ 489.14	\$ 820.20	Native Title Advice
Lyall & Associates	\$ 5,830.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 11,550.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 48,780.00	Flood Study
Mal Giddings - OH&S Consulting	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	OH&S Consulting
McMahon Consultancy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,928.20	\$ -	\$ 2,928.20	Workplace Investigations
Mildura Survey Solutions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	Surveyors
MH2 Engineering	\$ 6,242.50	\$ -	\$ 7,084.00	\$ -	\$ 13,326.50	Engineering & Architectural Services
Morrison Low Consultants	\$ -	\$ 1,097.25	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,097.25	Internal Reviews
Networked Urban Solutions	\$ 4,070.00	\$ 24,310.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 49,980.00	Grant Consultancy
New Paradigms	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	Managing Info in an emergency
Northern Land Solutions	\$ -	\$ 1,875.50	\$ 41,470.00	\$ 25,478.93	\$ 68,824.43	Water Surveying
Outerspace Landscape Architects	\$ -	\$ 1,980.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,180.00	Architectural Design
Public Works Advisory	\$ 129,283.55	\$ 26,158.11	\$ 30,973.43	\$ 40,349.85	\$ 226,764.94	Engineering & Project Management
RSD Audit	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 6,380.00	\$ 11,962.50	\$ 2,175.00	\$ 26,677.50	Internal Audit
Simon Leisure Consulting	\$ -	\$ 17,638.50	\$ 4,972.00	\$ -	\$ 22,610.50	Buronga Sporting Strategy
Specialist Airport Solutions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,025.00	\$ -	\$ 3,025.00	Airport Inspections
Sunraysia Engineering Consultants	\$ 9,856.00	\$ 4,257.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,113.00	Engineering & Project Management
Tonkin Consulting	\$ 46,337.50	\$ 122,019.63	\$ 151,619.92	\$ 224,650.67	\$ 544,627.72	Landfill Expansion & Various Designs
Waste & Management Services	\$ -	\$ 63,517.69	\$ 42,275.43	\$ 19,084.18	\$ 124,877.30	Landfill Consulting
	\$ 330,464.95	\$ 410,306.69	\$ 520,655.48	\$ 489,017.07	\$ 1,750,444.19	

Notes to Consultancies

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

Legal Expenses paid YTD – 30 June 2025

Legal Service	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	
Bartier Perry Pty Ltd	\$ 3,939.03	\$ 9,573.82	\$ 12,756.15	\$ -	\$ 26,269.00	Sundry Legal Services
Vanessa Field	\$ -	\$ 51,579.00	\$ 49,104.00	\$ 77,715.00	\$ 178,398.00	Native Title Advice
Kells the Lawyers	\$ -	\$ 3,606.01	\$ -	\$ 2,172.10	\$ 5,778.11	Property Easements
Maloney Anderson Legal	\$ 4,516.15	\$ -	\$ 359.79	\$ -	\$ 4,875.94	Property Easements
Marsdens Law Group	\$ 3,987.63	\$ 2,519.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,506.94	Legal Representation
NV Lawyers	\$ 702.24	\$ -	\$ 333.96	\$ -	\$ 1,036.20	Debt Collection
	\$ 13,145.05	\$ 67,278.14	\$ 62,553.90	\$ 79,887.10	\$ 222,864.19	

Notes to Legal Expenses

No major changes to note.

Conclusion

In the June Quarter the result of net variances if approved are an unfavourable operational variance of \$1,939 Million and a favorable capital variance of \$9,190 Million resulting in a total net variance of \$7,251 Million. Note all June figures are prepared prior to accruals posting and prepared on a cash basis for budget purposes only.

This report is prepared in accordance with S407 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Clause 203(1)* of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan. This report complies with the format required by the Office of Local Government.

Attachments

1. Quarterly Budget Review Statements - 30 June 2025 [↓](#)
2. Contracts Register +\$50k - 30 June 2025 [↓](#)

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25


Report by responsible accounting officer

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

30 June 2025

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Wentworth Shire Council for the quarter ended 30/06/25 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/25 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed:



date: 24/07/2025

Simon Rule
Responsible accounting officer

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

Wentworth Shire Council

Income & expenses budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

Income & expenses - Council Consolidated

	Original budget 2024/25	Approved Changes				Revised budget 2024/25	Variations for this Jun Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures	Variance Surplus (Deficit)	Notes
		Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs							
Income												
Rates and annual charges	10,938					10,938	45	a	10,983	10,983	45	
User charges and fees	8,145					8,145		b	8,145	8,149	4	
Other revenues	1,382					1,382	458	c	1,840	1,840	458	
Grants and contributions - operating	11,969					11,969		d	11,969	8,178	(3,791)	
Grants and contributions - capital	12,293	905	404	330		13,932	(2,417)	e	11,515	5,756	(8,176)	
Interest and investment revenue	2,220					2,220		f	2,220	1,954	(266)	
Net gain from disposal of assets	100					100		g	100	36	(64)	
Total income from continuing operations	47,047	905	404	330	-	48,686	(1,914)		46,772	36,896	(11,790)	
Expenses												
Employee benefits and on-costs	11,277					11,277		h	11,277	10,250	1,027	
Borrowing costs	1,401					1,401		i	1,401	880	521	
Materials and services	10,184		58	100		10,342		j	10,342	8,600	1,742	
Depreciation and amortisation	9,308					9,308		k	9,308	9,308	-	
Other expenses	961					961	25	l	986	986	(25)	
Total expenses from continuing operations	33,131	-	58	100	-	33,289	25		33,314	30,024	3,265	
Net operating result from continuing operations	13,916	905	346	230	-	15,397	(1,939)		13,458	6,872	(8,525)	
Discontinued operations - surplus/(deficit)						-		m	-		-	
Net operating result from all operations	13,916	905	346	230	-	15,397	(1,939)		13,458	6,872	(8,525)	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	1,623	-	(58)	(100)	-	1,465	478		1,943	1,116	(349)	

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) for the quarter ended 30/06/2025 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRs report

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

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

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
June Quarterly Budget Review - Operational Revenue		
e	<u>Grants & Contributions - Capital</u> <i>Capital Grants to be carried forward into 25/26 (see capital variation tab for details)</i>	-\$2,417,121
c	<u>Other Revenue</u> <i>Disaster Recovery Reimbursements</i>	\$ 458,000.00
a	<u>Rates and Annual Charges</u> <i>Additional rates revenue due to increase in properties</i>	\$ 45,000.00
June Quarterly Budget Review - Operational Expenditure		
l	<u>Other Expenditure</u> <i>Increase to financial assistance program</i>	\$25,000
Other than QBRS - Operational Expenditure		
j	<i>Materials and Services</i> <i>Internal Transfer From Capital budget</i>	\$20,000

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

Capital budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

Capital budget - Council Consolidated

Original budget 2024/25	Approved changes				Revised budget 2024/25	Variations for this Jun Qtr	Notes	Projected year end result	Actual YTD figures	Variance Surplus (Deficit)	Notes
	Carry forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs							
Capital expenditure											
New assets											
Land & Buildings	350	104	1,350	40	1,844	(5,377)	a	1,844	2,077	(233)	
Land Improvements	14,747		70		14,817	(333)	b	9,440	6,452		
Other Structures	950				950	(135)	c	617	140		
Plant & Equipment	189				189		d	54	76	113	
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	-	180	25		205		e	205	256	(51)	
Renewal assets (replacement)					-			-			
Land & Buildings	1,819	(58)	900		2,661	(854)	f	1,807	1,528	1,133	
Land Improvements	765	100	745		1,610	(266)	g	1,344	1,121		
Other Structures	1,044	130	50		1,224	(270)	h	954	529	695	
Plant & Equipment	2,914				2,914		i	2,914	2,459	455	
Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	12,147	725	340	920	14,132	(804)	j	13,328	12,061	2,071	
Loan repayments (principal)	1,479				1,479		k	1,479	1,176	303	
Water	1,385	30	433		1,848	(505)	l	1,343	1,093	755	
Sewer	1,652	30	760		2,442	(646)	m	1,796	854	1,588	
Total capital expenditure	39,441	1,095	3,430	960	46,315	(9,190)		37,125	29,822	6,829	
Capital funding											
Rates & other united funding	6,036	60	2,640	190	9,072	(631)	n	8,441	9,143	71	
Capital grants & contributions	12,392	1,035	404	790	14,621	(2,417)	o	12,204	5,756	(8,865)	
Reserves:											
- External restrictions/reserves	9,763	839	770		11,372	(936)	p	10,436	8,914	(2,458)	
- Internal restrictions/reserves					-	(5,206)	q	-	-	-	
New loans	11,250				11,250		r	6,044	6,009	(5,241)	
Receipts from sale of assets											
- Plant & equipment					-		s	-	-	-	
- Land & buildings					-		t	-	-	-	
Total capital funding	39,441	1,095	3,430	960	46,315	(9,190)		37,125	29,822	(16,493)	
Net capital funding - surplus/(deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	(9,664)	

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Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

Capital budget review statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
<u>Other Than By QBRS - Capital Expenditure</u>		
l	<u>Renewal Assets - Water</u> budget variation for water leakage project approved at Jun 25 Council Meeting	\$ (79,357.00)
f	<u>Renewal Asset - Land and Buildings</u> Internal transfer to operational expenditure	\$ 20,000.00
<u>Other Than QBRS - Capital Funding</u>		
n	<u>Rates & Other Untied Funding</u> internal transfer to operational expenditure	\$ (20,000.00)
p	<u>External restrictions</u> Sewer budget variation approved by council at jun 25 council meeting	\$ 79,375.00
<u>March Quarterly Budget Review - Capital Expenditure</u>		
b	<u>New Assets - Land Improvements</u> Civic centre EV charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Buronga Landfill Expansion (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Midway EV charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Buronga Toilet Block (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Caravan park EV charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$27,700) (\$5,206,590) (\$5,500) (\$135,638) (\$2,040)
g	<u>Renewal Assets - Land Improvements</u> Punt rd stormwater (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Melalauca st & Hendy rd stormwater (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Dareton main street upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$115,225) (\$45,625) (\$105,294)
c	<u>New Assets - Other Structures</u> Junction Viewing Platform (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$332,891)
h	<u>Renewal Assets - Other Structures</u> Deport Upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Buronga EDS (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$250,000) (\$19,700)
d	<u>New Assets - Paint and Equipment</u> Sewer jetter (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$135,000)
f	<u>Renewal Assets - Land and Buildings</u> Rowing club building extension (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Wentworth showgrounds kitchen upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) McCloud oval toilet block (carry fwd to 25/26 FY) Pooncarie kitchen upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$423,120) (\$164,574) (\$20,000) (\$246,025)
j	<u>Renewal Assets - Roads, Bridges & Footpaths</u> Darling St Footpath Upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	 (\$451,374)

	Buronga shared way (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$353,069)
m	<u>Sewer</u>	
	Sewer main refurbishment (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$500,000)
	Wentworth sewer pump station #4 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$24,720)
	Gol Gol sewer pumpstaion #11 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$33,320)
	Sewer generators (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$18,110)
	Gol Gol sewer pumpstaion #4 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$10,000)
	Gol Gol sewer pump station #11 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$10,000)
	Wentworth sewer pump station #2 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$49,415)
l	<u>Water</u>	
	Water leakage & district meter (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$142,234)
	Dareton raw water pump station upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$37,580)
	Gol Gol water treatment palnt upgrade 9carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$85,150)
	Wentworth water treatment plant upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$80,095)
	Wentworth raw water pipeline (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$15,830)
	Buronga/ Gol Gol water model (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$125,970)
	Water generators (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	(\$18,180)
March Quarterly Budget Review - Capital Funding		
n	<u>Rates & Other Untied Funding</u>	
	Civic Centre EV Charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$19,390
	Sewer Jetter (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$135,000
	Deport Upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$250,000
	Melaluca st & Hendy rd storm water (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$45,625
	Buronga EDS (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$19,700
	Midway EV Charger (carryf fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$3,850
	McCloud oval toilet block (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$20,000
	Buonga toilet block	\$135,638
	Caravan park EV charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$1,428
o	<u>Capital Grants & Contributions</u>	
	Civic Centre EV Charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$8,310.00
	Punt rd stormwater (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$115,225.00
	Midway EV Charger (carryf fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$1,650.00
	Rowing club building extension (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$423,120.00
	Junction Viewing Platform (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$332,891.00
	Wentworth showgrounds kitchen upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$164,574.00
	Dareton main street upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$105,294.00
	Pooncarie kitchen upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$246,025.00
	Darling St Footpath Upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$451,374.00
	Buronga shared way (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$353,069.00
	Carvan park EV charger (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$612.00
	Water leakage & district meter (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$62,859.00
	Dareton raw water pump station upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$28,185.00
	Gol Gol water treatment palnt upgrade 9carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$63,862.50
	Wentworth water treatment plant upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$60,071.25
p	<u>External resrtictions/reserves</u>	
	Water leakage & district meter (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$79,375.00
	Dareton raw water pump station upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$9,395.00
	Gol Gol water treatment palnt upgrade 9carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$21,287.50
	Wentworth water treatment plant upgrade (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$20,023.75
	Wentworth raw water pipeline (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$15,830.00
	Buronga/ Gol Gol water model (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$125,970.00

	Water generators (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$18,180.00
	Sewer main refurbishment (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$500,000.00
	Wentworth sewer pump station #4 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$24,720.00
	Gol Gol sewer pumpstaion #11 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$33,320.00
	Sewer generators (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$18,110.00
	Gol Gol sewer pumpstaion #4 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$10,000.00
	Gol Gol sewer pump station #11 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$10,000.00
	Wentworth sewer pump station #2 (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$49,415.00
r	<u>New Loans</u>	
	Buronga Landfill Expansion (carry fwd to 25/26 FY)	\$ 5,206,590.00

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

Cash & investments budget review statement

The YTD cash & investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

\$ 000's

Cash at bank (as per bank statements)		5,080
Investments on hand		39,000
less: unpresented cheques	(Timing Difference)	-
add: undeposited funds	(Timing Difference)	
less: identified deposits (not yet accounted in ledger)	(Require Actioning)	
add: identified outflows (not yet accounted in ledger)	(Require Actioning)	-
Reconciled cash at bank & investments		44,080
Balance as per QBRS review statement:		44,080
Difference:		-

Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details

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Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

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

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

(\$000's)	Current projection		Original budget	Actuals prior periods	
	Amounts	Indicator	24/25	24/25	23/24 22/23

NSW local government industry key performance indicators (OLG):

1. Operating performance

Operating revenue (excl. capital) - operating expenses	1116
Operating revenue (excl. capital grants & contributions)	31140

1.5 % 10.7 %

12.2 %

3.6 %

1116
31140

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

Benchmark is > 0.00%

2. Own source operating revenue

Operating revenue (excl. ALL grants & contributions)	22926
Total Operating revenue (incl. capital grants & cont)	36896

46.0 % 38.3 %

45.4 %

62.1 %

22926
36896

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

Benchmark is > 60.00%

3. Unrestricted current ratio

Current assets less all external restrictions	13612
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	8142

2.93 3.90

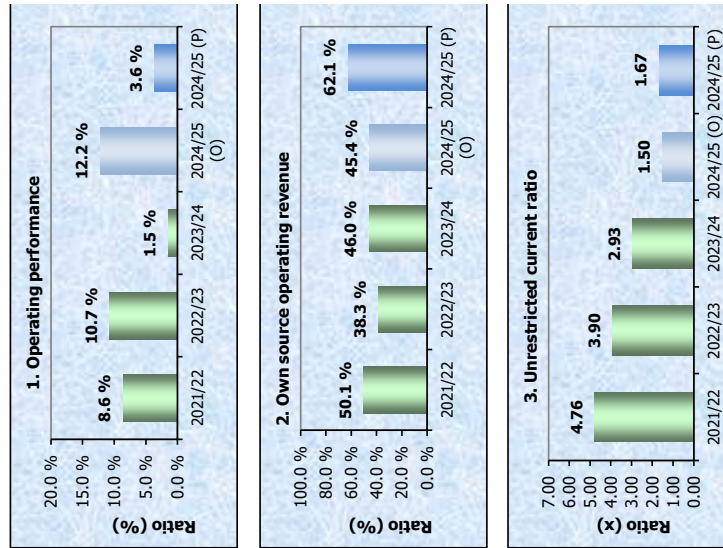
1.50

1.67

13612
8142

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

Benchmark is > 1.5x



Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Key performance indicators budget review statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

(\$000's)	Current projection		Original budget 24/25	Actuals prior periods	
	Amounts 24/25	Indicator 24/25		23/24	22/23

NSW local government industry key performance indicators (OLG):

4. Debt service cover ratio

Operating result before interest & dep. exp (EBITDA)
Principal repayments + borrowing interest costs

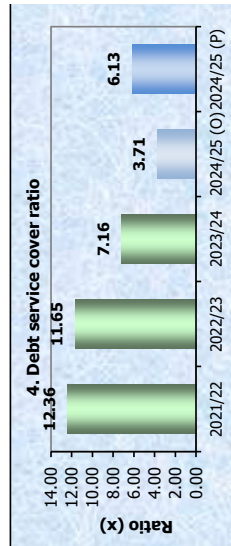
17060
2785

6.13

3.71

7.16

11.65



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

Benchmark is > 2x

5. Rates, annual charges, interest & extra charges outstanding

Rates, annual & extra charges outstanding
Rates, annual & extra charges collectible

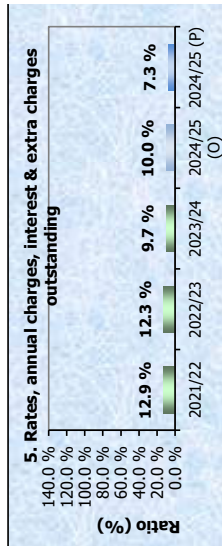
799
10983

7.3 %

10.0 %

9.7 %

12.3 %



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

Benchmark is < 10.00%

6. Cash expense cover ratio

Current year's cash & cash equivalents (incl. term deposits)
Operating & financing activities cash flow payments

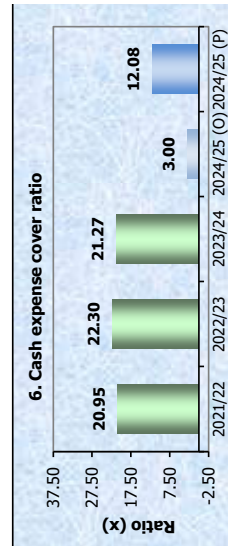
44080
3648.667

12.08

3.00

21.27

22.30



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

Benchmark is > 3 Months

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Key performance indicators budget review statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

(\$000's)	Current projection		Original budget	Actuals prior periods	
	Amounts	Indicator	24/25	24/25	23/24 22/23

NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

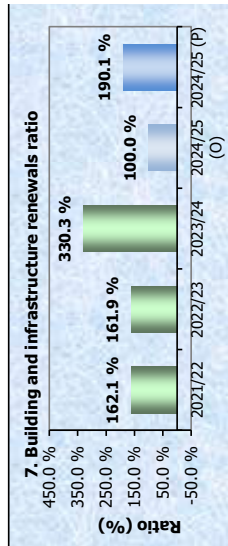
7. Building and infrastructure renewals ratio

Asset renewals (building, infrastructure & other structures)
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment

17698	190.1 %	100.0 %	330.3 %	161.9 %
9308				

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

Benchmark is > 100.00%



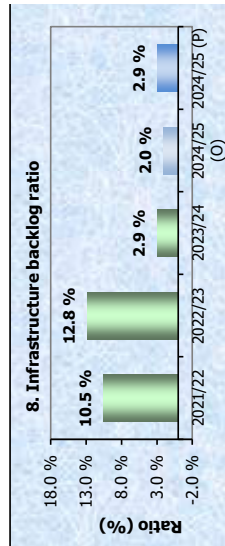
8. Infrastructure backlog ratio

Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory condition
Total value of infrastructure, building, other structures & depreciable land improvement assets

16429	2.9 %	2.0 %	2.9 %	12.8 %
564641				

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

Benchmark is < 2.00%



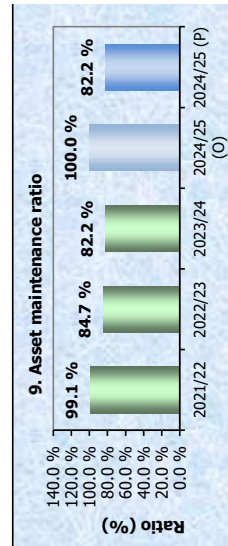
9. Asset maintenance ratio

Actual asset maintenance
Required asset maintenance

3213	82.2 %	100.0 %	82.2 %	84.7 %
3911				

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

Benchmark is > 100.00%



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Wentworth Shire Council

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

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

(\$000's)	Current projection		Original budget	Actuals	
	Amounts	Indicator		prior periods	
	24/25	24/25	24/25	23/24	22/23

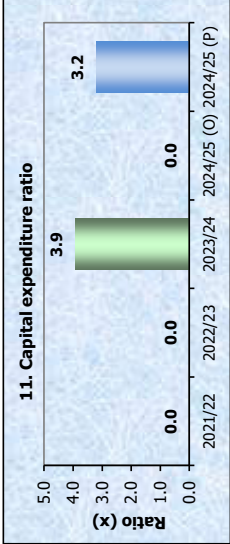
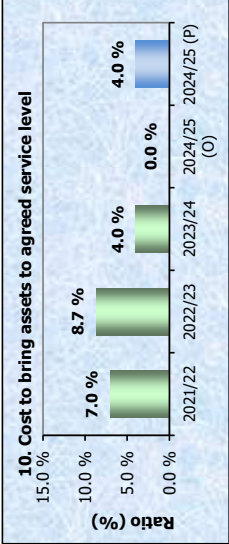
NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

10. Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by council					
Gross replacement cost	32556	4.0 %	0.0 %	4.0 %	8.7 %
	821954				

This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.

11. Capital expenditure ratio					
Annual capital expenditure	29822	3.2	0.0	3.9	0.0
Annual depreciation	9308				

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



Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

Wentworth Shire Council

Contracts budget review statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 30 June 2025

Part A - Contracts listing - contracts entered into during the quarter

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Notes:

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

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/04/25 to 30/06/25

Consultancy & legal expenses budget review statement

Consultancy & legal expenses overview

Expense	YTD expenditure (actual dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	1,750,444	Y
Legal Fees	222,864	Y

Definition of a consultant:

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

Comments

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

Details

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9.7 QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: RPT/25/440

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

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

Strategy: 4.2 We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations

Summary

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

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

During the 4th Quarter the following occurred:

- The following actions have been completed
 - All annual actions
 - 2.3.8-Implementation of the Child Safe Standards
 - 3.2.7-Arumpo Road Upgrade
 - 3.2.8-Regional Emergency Road Repair Program
 - 3.2.11-Loop Road
 - 3.2.12-Wamberra Road
 - 3.2.13-Alcheringa Drive
 - 3.5.7-Burong/Gol Gol Sporting Masterplan
 - 4.3.4-Monitor Compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations
- 23 specific actions remain outstanding and will be carried over into the new financial year for completion.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report

That Council notes the specific actions that will be carried forward into the new financial year for completion.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to detail Council's progress on implementing the 2024-2025 Operational Plan.

Background

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

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

Matters under consideration

Council's 2024-2025 Operational Plan commenced with 96 actions aligned with the four themes of:

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

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

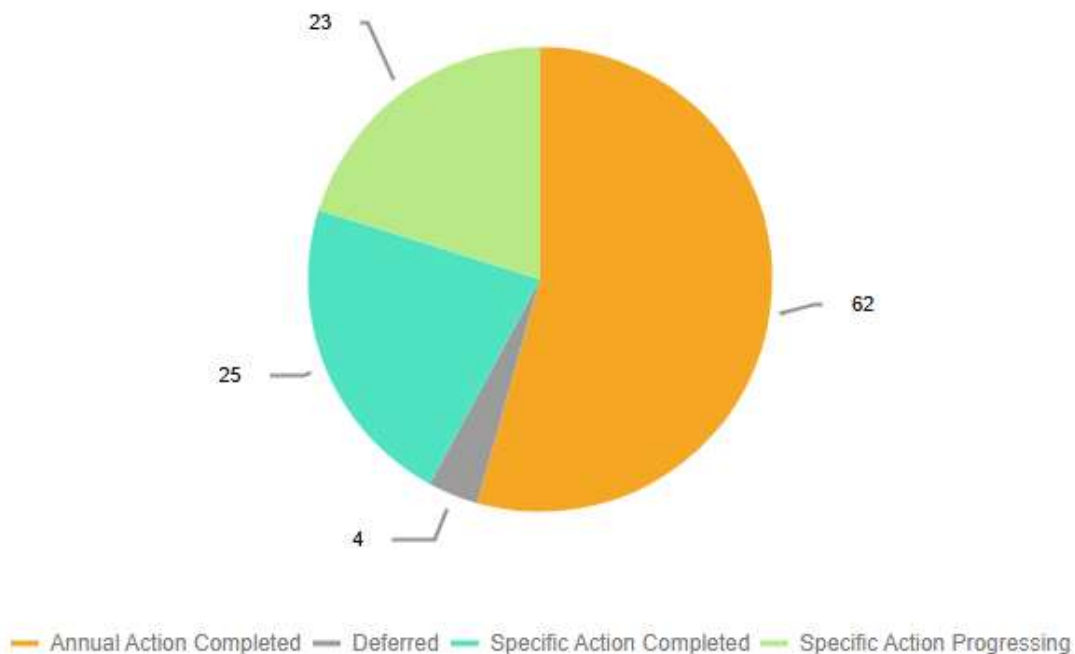
Status Option	Definition	Legend
Annual Action Completed	Annual Action completed for the year	
Specific Action Completed	Specific Action completed for the year	
Annual Action Progressing	Annual Action underway and is progressing as planned	
Specific Action Progressing	Specific Action underway and is progressing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

The Wentworth Shire Council's Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report (refer attachment 1) the progress for the period July 2024 to June 2025 is as follows:

Status Option	Action Status – 1 st Quarter	Action Status – 2 nd Quarter	Action Status – 3 rd Quarter	Action Status – 4 th Quarter
Annual Action Completed	0	0	0	62
Specific Action Completed	4	9	17	25
Annual Action Progressing	62	62	62	0
Specific Action Progressing	39	39	31	23
Stalled	0	0	0	0
Not due to Start	9	1	1	0
Deferred	0	3	3	4

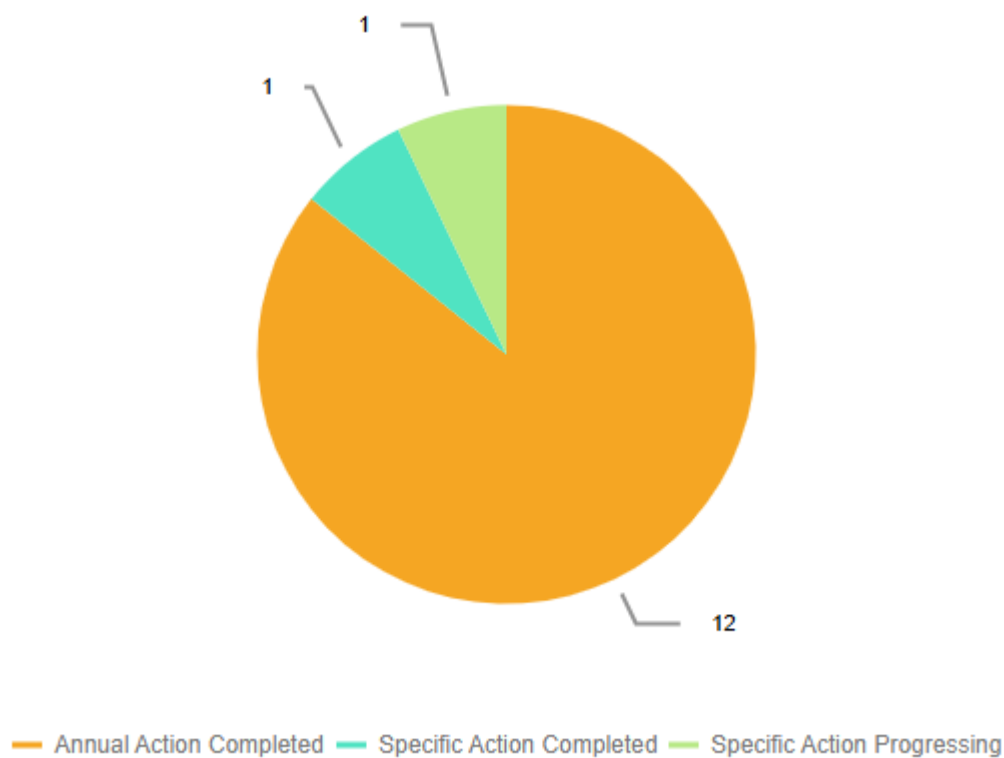
Actions added during the quarter: 0

All Actions

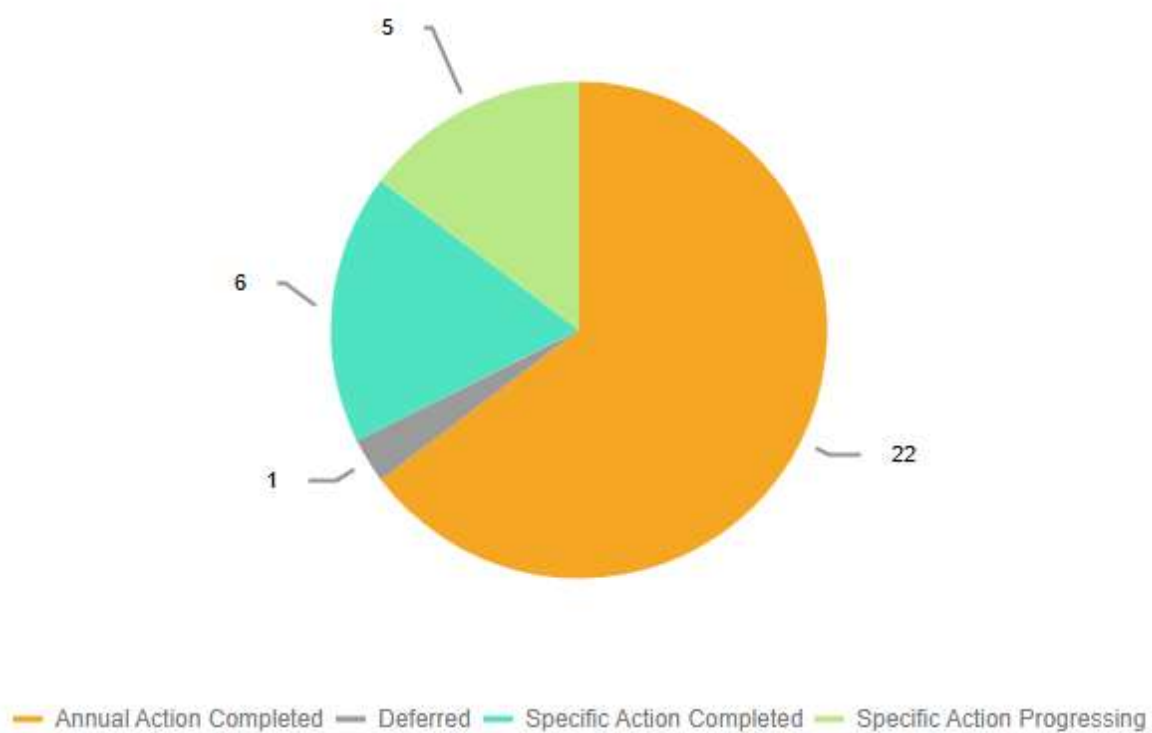


Strategic Direction

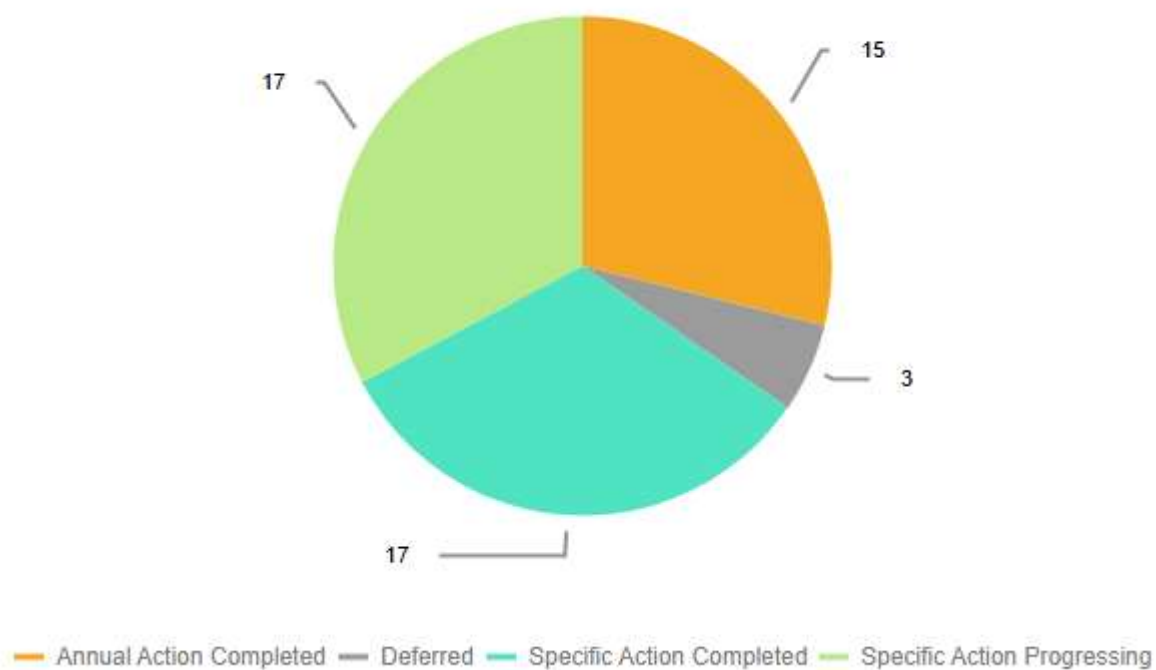
Our Economy



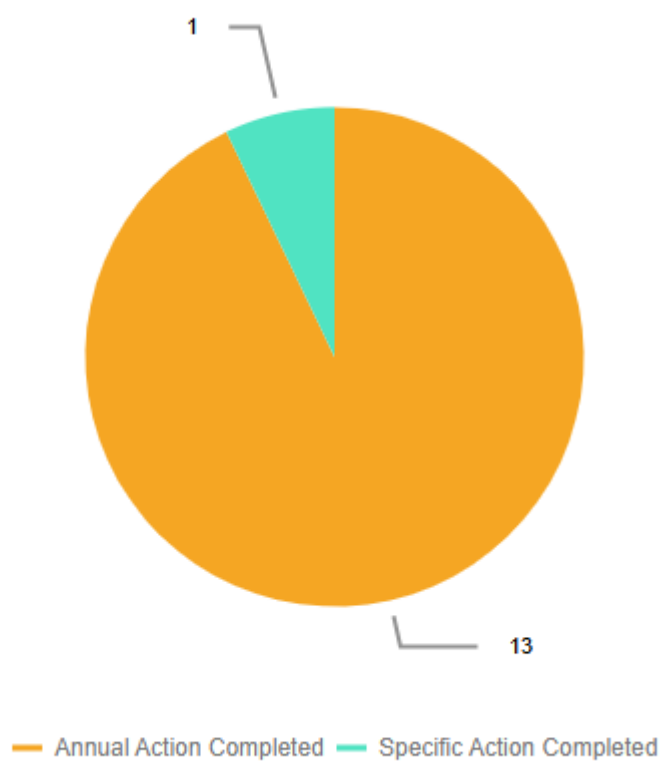
Our Community



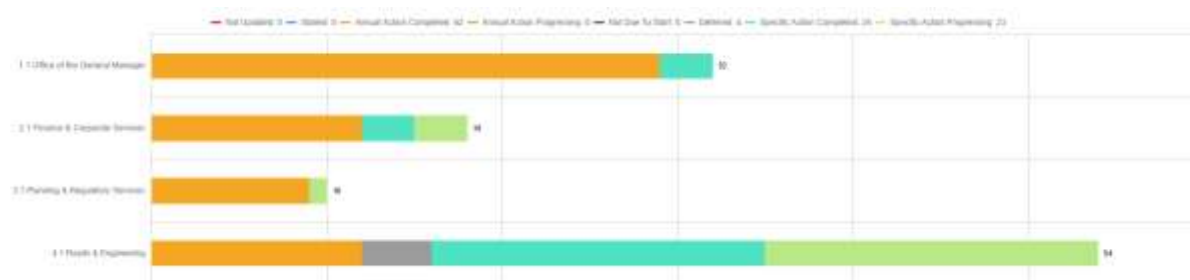
Our Environment



Our Leadership



Department



Quarterly Highlights

- The following actions have been completed
 - All annual actions have been completed
 - 2.3.8-Implementation of the Child Safe Standards
 - 3.2.7-Arumpo Road Upgrade
 - 3.2.8-Regional Emergency Road Repair Program
 - 3.2.11-Loop Road
 - 3.2.12-Wamberra Road
 - 3.2.13-Alcheringa Drive
 - 3.5.7-Burong/Gol Gol Sporting Masterplan
 - 4.3.4-Monitor compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The tabling of Council's Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report carries a range of legal, strategic and financial implications. Legally, the report demonstrates Council's compliance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework under the *Local Government Act 1993*, which requires regular reporting on the implementation of the Operational Plan.

Strategically, the report provides transparency on the progress of key actions, ensuring alignment with Council's Delivery Program. Financially, for those specific actions that were not completed during the reporting period, the associated financial implication will need to be carried forward into the new financial year. Further detail on these financial impacts is provided in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement, which outlines budget adjustments and carry-over commitments required to support the continued delivery of these actions.

Conclusion

The Quarterly Operational Plan Progress report details Council's overall progress against all 114 Operational Plan actions for the period July 2024 – June 2025.

Attachments

1. Quarterly Operational Plan Progress Report - June 2025 [📄](#)



Wentworth
SHIRE COUNCIL

**Operational Plan Quarterly
Progress Report
June 2025**



About this report



This progress report is for the three-month period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 404(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, (NSW) which states that the General Manager must ensure that regular progress reports are provided to the Council, reporting as to its progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery program. Progress reports must be provided at least every 6 months.

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

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Strategic Direction: Our Economy


Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region.


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
1.1	Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries.	1.1.1	Advocate for local businesses on issues which further business and career opportunities for all	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	Economic Development Strategy was endorsed by Council at the June Council meeting.	
		1.1.2	Ensure that land is suitably zoned, sized and located to facilitate a variety of development that is supported by strategic and affordable infrastructure.	Annual Action Completed	Acting Director Health & Planning	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	






Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.1.3	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Completed	Strategic Development Officer	Work has commenced on updating the Buronga Golf Structure Plan and will continue into 25-26 financial year.	
1.2	Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination.	1.2.1	Provide Visitor Information Centre Services	Annual Action Completed	Team Leader Visitor Information Centre	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. The new Visitor Information Centre and Interpretive Space was officially opened by the Minister for Local Government in March. Council was a finalist in the 2025 NSW Tiny Tourism Towns.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.2.2	PS Ruby	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	The General Manager tabled a report on the PS Ruby to the Heritage & History Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 July. The Committee recommended that Council apply to Heritage NSW to have the PS Ruby registered as a State Heritage Item and to investigate funding opportunities to support the future preservation of the PS Ruby.	
		1.2.3	Support the activities of Murray Regional Tourism, Destination NSW Riverina-Murray, and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.	Annual Action Completed	Manager Tourism & Promotion	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.2.4	Willowbend Caravan Park Redevelopment	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	The site was handed over to the new tenants in October with business commencing in November.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.2.5	Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra - Bruce Munro Art Installation	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	At the July Council Meeting, Council endorsed a business case for the creation of an events space to support the FOSO Art Installation. A grant application has been submitted to the Regional Economic Development & Community Infrastructure Program to assist with the funding of the project. A Development Application for the event space civil works has been approved. At the June Council meeting a Head Contractor was approved for the construction of the event space works.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
1.3	High quality connectivity across the region.	1.3.1	Advocate for the ongoing provision of quality transport and freight links	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		1.3.2	Advocate for improved region-wide internet and mobile connectivity	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
1.4	Encourage lifelong learning opportunities.	1.4.1	Undertake a program of activities and services that facilitate learning opportunities at Council's library services	Annual Action Completed	Team Leader Library Services	Visitation numbers for the quarter - Buronga - 1,589 - Dareton - 231 - Wentworth - 4,066 Key Activities for the quarter: 16 regular programs and activities. Specific programs and activities included Easter Eggstravaganza, National Simultaneous Storytime, STEM sessions with the Wentworth Primary School and Seniors Information Sessions.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		1.4.2	Advocate for community access to a wide range of learning spaces, resources and activities for education and employment pathways that support local growth.	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
1.5	Encourage and support initiatives that improve local employment opportunities.	1.5.1	Promote Wentworth Council as an employer of choice	Annual Action Completed	Manager Human Resources	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		1.5.2	Advocate for and promote initiatives that promote sustainable and resilient economic growth.	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Ongoing discussions with potential Renewable Energy and Critical Mineral projects.	

Strategic Direction: Our Community

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live.


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.1	Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life.	2.1.1	Acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that people from all backgrounds make to our community	Annual Action Completed	Manager Tourism & Promotion	This is an ongoing action of Council.	
		2.1.2	Support opportunities to promote and celebrate Wentworth Shire as a welcome and inclusive community focusing on diversity, access, inclusion and capacity building.	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. During the quarter Council actively promoted annual Youth Week activities and the Gol Gol Primary School Country Fair.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.1.3	Actively engage with and include the perspectives and knowledge of the local indigenous community	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	The local Indigenous community were actively consulted as part of the development of the interpretative space at the Wentworth Visitor Centre. The local Thuukalu Dancers performed an indigenous celebration as part of the Official opening of the Wentworth Visitor Centre.	




2.1.4	Support a broad program of Civic and Community events	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	Councils has supported the following events: - Sunraysia Safari Rally - Wentworth Show - Remembrance Day - Wentworth Twilight Markets - Gol Gol Christmas Carols with a Twist - Wentworth Cup Race Day - Pooncarie Cup Race Day - Wentworth Christmas Eve Street Party - Australia Day - Sport Aircraft Association of Australia AusFly 2025 - Market in the Park - Dareton - Official opening of the Wentworth Visitor Centre - Pooncarie Desert Dash	
	2.1.5	Support cultural, recreational and	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Council approved 








Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
			community interaction opportunities through the Financial Assistance Program			\$20,337.20 of financial assistance to the community for this quarter through the financial assistance program.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.1.6	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Action Plan	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Upgrade of the Dareton to Namitjira Sharedway has been completed and has worked with Essential Energy to install additional lighting on the Sharedway between Buronga and Gol Gol. Council has been successful in obtaining a grant to undertake further footpath works in Dareton. The Disability Inclusion Action Plan has been reviewed in conjunction with all of Council's Strategic Planning Documents.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.2	Work together to solve a range of social and health issues that may impact community wellbeing and vulnerable people.	2.2.1	Deliver a program of activities and services that facilitate opportunities for vulnerable members of the community at Council's library services.	Annual Action Completed	Team Leader Library Services	see 1.4.1	
		2.2.2	Collaborate with Government Agencies and other organisations to support the provision of health services across the Region	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.2.3	Advocate for the provision of social services that meet the needs of all our community including families, children, youth, people with disability and the aged	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.2.4	Our buildings and spaces are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all community members	Annual Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.2.5	Work with the community to implement recommendations of the Wentworth & Balranald Drought Resilience Plan	Specific Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	The Plan has been approved by both the Federal and NSW Governments. A project plan has been submitted outlining how both Councils would like to spend remaining fund associated with the project.	
		2.2.6	Implement recommendations of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan - Get Active NSW Projects - Silver City Highway Dareton Sharedway	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	Project was completed this quarter.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.3	To have a safe community	2.3.1	Provide Public Health Function	Annual Action Completed	Acting Director Health & Planning	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.3.2	Companion Animals & Buronga Pound Operations	Annual Action Completed	Acting Director Health & Planning	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.3.3	Provide Building Compliance Function	Annual Action Completed	Acting Director Health & Planning	Councils Building Surveyor carried out the following inspections for the period: Plumbing - 52 Building - 28 Swimming Pool - 4 Infrastructure - 51 Total - 135	
		2.3.4	In partnership with the RFS undertake hazard reduction works	Annual Action Completed	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.3.5	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	Local Area Command meet with Councillors in April to provide an update on key issues and what was happening in the community.	








Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.3.6	Facilitate the Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure a co-ordinated approach by all agencies having responsibilities and functions in emergencies	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	





Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.3.7	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues	Annual Action Completed	Manager Works	Two Child Car Seat workshops were held. Submitted the draft Road Safety Action Plan 2025-2026 to Transport for NSW. Delivered the Light Vehicles and Safe Towing workshop for road users towing trailers, horse floats, boats and caravans. Attended a number of Transport for NSW forums and meetings including the Heavy Vehicles and Freight Forum. Consulted with the Gol Gol Primary School in relation to a possible grant application under the NSW Get Active program.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.3.8	Implement strategies to embed NSW Child Safe Standards across the organisation.	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Training was provided to Parks and Gardens staff via a toolbox meeting in August. Procurement Manual has been updated to reference child safe obligations when procuring services from contractors engaged in Children's activities. Child Safe Council E-Learning from the Office of the Children's Guardian has been rolled out to Senior Staff.	
		2.3.9	RFS Boree Spring Hill Station	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This is a carryover action from the previous financial year and has since been completed.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
2.4	A well informed, supported and engaged community	2.4.1	Communicate the role of Council to the community	Annual Action Completed	Media & Communications Officer	Council posted 160 times on its digital platforms during the quarter to connect with community and enhance public awareness. These posts included a variety of content types, each tailored to address key topics and issues relevant to community.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.4.2	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	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. The Wentworth Visitor Centre won a 2025 NSW Local Government Excellence Award for Infrastructure projects over \$1,500,000 for a population under 10,000 and was nominated for the 2025 National Awards for Local Government receiving an honorable mention.	
		2.4.3	Communicate funding opportunities available for the community	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.4.4	Work with communities to establish town plans	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Currently researching and developing a framework and its links to the Community Strategic Planning Process and the Community Engagement Strategy.	
2.5	To have a strong sense of place.	2.5.1	Maintain and update the amenity of the Shire to meet community expectations for clean and well-presented public spaces and townships that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles	Annual Action Completed	Team Leader Parks & Garden	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.5.2	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Reserves Upgrades	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This is a carryover action from the previous financial year and has since been completed.	






Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.5.3	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Riverfront Toilet Block	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Services have been installed and connected. Sewer pump station to be installed in June. To be commissioned and operational by mid July.	
		2.5.4	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Poonaire Toilet Block	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been completed this quarter.	
		2.5.5	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Ski Reserve Rehabilitation project	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been rebudgeted to 2025-2026.	
		2.5.6	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Pump Track Stage 2	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final works to be completed by mid July.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.5.7	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Open Spaces Development	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Landscaping design has been updated to reflect community consultation. Currently finalising drainage design with a plan to have a contracted awarded by June with construction works to commence in the next financial year. Finalising renewal of Crowns Lands licence over the drainage basin.	
		2.5.8	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Greater Junction Viewing Platform	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Fisheries permit has been received. Contract was awarded at the June Council meeting, with a completion date by the end of August.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		2.5.9	Undertake specific public open spaces capital works projects - James King Park Riverfront	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This is a carryover action for the previous financial year and has since been completed.	




Strategic Direction: Our Environment




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



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
3.1	Ensure our planning decisions and controls ensure the community benefits from development.	3.1.1	Deliver timely services for the assessment of Development Applications and planning proposals.	Annual Action Completed	Strategic Development Officer	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.1.2	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Completed	Strategic Development Officer	See 1.1.3	
3.2	Ensure that community assets and public infrastructure are well maintained.	3.2.1	Land Tenure Program	Annual Action Completed	Property & Land Tenure Officer	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.2.2	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	Annual Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.2.3	Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities	Annual Action Completed	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.4	Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment	Specific Action Completed	General Manager	This is a carryover action from the previous financial year. Project has been completed with the building open for business on October 8th.	
		3.2.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Fixing Local Roads - Log Bridge Road	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	Project has been completed this quarter.	
		3.2.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Flood Recovery Activities - Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	The Roads team continue to work through the approved schedule of works.	






Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.7	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Remote Roads Pilot Upgrade Program - Arumpo Road Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	Final Seal to take place in early April with final line marking to be completed by Mid May. This action was completed this quarter.	
		3.2.8	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Regional Emergency Road Repair Program	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	Works have commenced on projects nominated for this financial year. This action has been completed for this financial year.	
		3.2.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pothole Repair Program	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Roads	This action has been completed this quarter.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.10	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Darling Street Footpaths	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	A report was going to the July Council meeting to extend the scope of works of the project to take advantage of the available funds.	
		3.2.11	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Loop Road	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Cultural Heritage requirements have been completed. Plans have been adjusted accordingly. Works to commence in June. This action has now been completed.	
		3.2.12	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wambera Road	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	Contractor to undertake the work was approved at the March Council Meeting. The action was completed this quarter.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.13	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Alcheringa Drive	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	Tender to appoint contractor to undertake the works was approved at the March Council meeting. The action has now been completed.	
		3.2.14	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Rowing Club Extension	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	Internal works on the existing building have been completed. Funding body have given a 12 month extension to the project.	
		3.2.15	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Showgrounds Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	Contract has been awarded, material have been ordered with construction on site to commence late April.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.16	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Reserve Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	Contract has been awarded, materials have been ordered with works to commence in early June following completion of events at the reserve in late May.	
		3.2.17	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Dareton Main Street	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	This is a carryover project from the previous financial year. Contract for the demolition of the Old Toilet Block in Kuhn square has awarded, works to commence after Easter. Remaining works to be completed in house.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.18	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Depot Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	New fuel pod has been installed. Remaining works to be completed in new financial year.	
		3.2.19	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - George Gordon Oval Lighting Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been completed this quarter	
		3.2.20	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Riverfront Mooring Sites	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been completed this quarter.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.2.21	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Buronga to Gol Gol Shared Ways	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Lighting has been installed. Procurement to commence in mid April with works to commence late May.	
		3.2.22	Dareton Men in a Shed Fire Services Upgrade (LRCIP)	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This is a carryover action for the previous financial year and has since been completed.	
3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.2.23	Finalise Civic Centre Project - Footpath Replacement (LRCIP)	Specific Action Completed	General Manager	This action is a carryover action from the previous financial year and has since been completed.	
3.3	Minimise the impact on the natural environment	3.3.1	Undertake actions identified in the Western Weeds Action Plan	Annual Action Completed	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.3.2	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required	Annual Action Completed	Acting Director Health & Planning	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.3.3	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.3.4	Advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Barka River and the Menindee Lakes	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.3.5	Wentworth Shire Council Flood Study	Specific Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	The Department of Planning approved additional funding to extend the scope of the study to include overland flooding. Variation to the contract with the consultant undertaking the study was approved at the December Council meeting.	





Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
3.4	Use and manage our resources wisely.	3.4.1	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure	Annual Action Completed	Team Leader Water & Waste Water	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. At the December Council meeting Council approved a tender to undertake 3 kms of sewer relining in Wentworth.	
		3.4.2	Provide and promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives.	Annual Action Completed	Manager Waste	At the March Council Meeting Council approved the introduction of a Food and Organics Collection and a Recycling Collection to commence 1 July 2026.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.3	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible	Annual Action Completed	Media & Communications Officer	Council granted Western Landcare \$5,000 from the Financial Assistance Program to support the following activities: - Catch a Carp Community Day - Clean Up Australia Day - National Tree Day 2025	
		3.4.4	Buronga Landfill Expansion	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Excavation of the New Cell has been completed. Phytocap layer on existing cell to be completed by Easter. Liner and drainage works to commence at the start of May. Site preparation for new buildings to commence mid April.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.5	Review energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources across Council facilities and assets.	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Council has been successful in receiving funding to install 3 EV Chargers at various locations across the Shire.	
		3.4.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Fotherby Park SPS # 8	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	This action has been deferred to 25/26 due to issues with a number of other sewer issues.	
		3.4.7	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Dareton SPS # 2	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project was completed this quarter.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.8	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Sewer Main Refurbishments	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Contractor has been commenced on site. This is a 3 year contract. Currently focusing on Wentworth for this financial year.	
		3.4.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Buronga Waste Water Treatment Plant	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	See 3.4.6	
		3.4.10	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Wentworth Waste Water Treatment Plant	Deferred	Manager Engineering Services	see 3.4.9	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.11	Water Leakage & District Metering Program	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Installation of bulk meters at the Buronga Booster Pump Station and the Wentworth Water Treatment Plant nearing completion. Council approved the contract for the installation of the last two meters at the June Council meeting. Works to be completed by the end of September.	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.4.12	Wentworth Raw Water Pump Station	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Options Assessment tender awarded at February Council meeting. Options Assessments have been received and are currently being reviewed. Any required changes will be made prior to the documents being submitted to the department	
		3.4.13	Dareton Raw Water Pump Station	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	See 3.4.12	
		3.4.14	Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	See 3.4.12	
		3.4.15	Wentworth Water Treatment Plant	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	See 3.4.12	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.5.1	Advocate to the Federal and State governments for adequate funding for the delivery of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure for the region.	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council is currently applying for funding to update key flood mitigation assets (Gol Gol Regulator and Levee Banks)	
		3.5.2	Plan for appropriate infrastructure and services that support current and future needs	Annual Action Completed	Director Roads & Engineering	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council has received funding from the Safe and Secure Water Fund to progress planning and designs for the upgrade of critical water infrastructure (see action 3.4.12).	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.5.3	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Rose Street Stormwater	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	Stage 1 works have been completed. Public Works undertaking Stage 2 investigations for consideration as a project in a future financial year.	
		3.5.4	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - 3 Sisters Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Survey work has been completed. Sourcing quotes to install irrigation at the Water Treatment Plant. In discussions with Public Works to review the current Murray River discharge set up.	



Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.5.5	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Crane Drive Stormwater	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	Public Works initial investigations complete. Formal designs works and consultation with Transport for NSW to be undertaken in 25/26 with the aim to start construction works if approved in 26/27. Works for this year are complete.	
		3.5.6	Wentworth Aerodrome Facilities Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Team Leader Civil Projects	This project was completed this quarter.	




Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		3.5.7	Undertake a review of current and future sporting needs within the Shire - Buronga/Gol Gol Sporting Master Plan	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Additional Community Consultation took place during January and February. A report on the outcome of the consultation was presented to Council at the March Council meeting. Final version of the Plan will be presented to a future Council meeting for endorsement. Masterplan was endorsed by Council at the May meeting. Council is currently exploring options for purchase of additional land to commence the project.	

Strategic Direction: Our Leadership

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

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
4.1	Consistently engage and consult the whole community to ensure feedback is captured and considered as part of decision making and advocating processes.	4.1.1	Support local decision making through transparent communication and inclusive community engagement	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
4.2	A strong, responsible and representative government.	4.2.1	Ensure that Council is accountable to the community, meets legislative requirements and supports the Councilors to undertake their civic responsibilities	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		4.2.2	Support Councilors to undertake ongoing professional development	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
4.3	An effective and efficient organisation.	4.3.1	Engage the community on a regular basis to ensure that Council is providing services that deliver value for money and are relevant in meeting the changing needs of the community.	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		4.3.2	Staff are supported to deliver high quality services to the community	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
4.4	Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future.	4.3.3	Ensure the organisation is well led and managed through the implementation of Good Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Frameworks	Annual Action Completed	Director Finance & Policy	During this quarter Council reviewed and/or implemented the following policies: - AI Policy (new) - Code of Conduct - Event Funding (new) - Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities	
		4.3.4	Monitor compliance with NSW Modern Slavery obligations	Specific Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	Council continues to implement various aspects into procurement and contract management practices.	
		4.4.1	Support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	


Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		4.4.2	Foster strong partnerships with all levels of government, peak bodies, agencies and the community	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
4.5	Adopt practices of prudent asset, financial and human resource management across Council to ensure long-term sustainability and efficiency.	4.5.1	Maintain a strong financial position that supports the delivery of services and strategies and ensures long term financial sustainability	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	



4.5.2	Provide accurate and timely financial reports, monthly, quarterly and annually	Annual Action Completed	Director Corporate Services	<p>Quarterly Budget Review Statement presented to Council and the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee in November, February & May. Draft 23/24 Annual Financial Statement were considered by the Committee in October with the audit completed and the statements lodged by the 31 October Statutory deadline. Audit Office of NSW has finalised its Annual Engagement Plan for the audit of the 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statements. The Long Term Financial Plan has been updated to reflect the 25/26 Budget and as</p>	

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		4.5.3	Be the best employer that we can be by attracting, developing and retaining skilled staff to ensure a capable and effective workforce	Annual Action Completed	Manager Human Resources	required as part of Community Strategic Planning Process. This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

	4.5.4	Implement actions outlined in the Workforce Management Plan	Annual Action Completed	Manager Human Resources	 <p>HR and WHS activities for the June Qtr: -23 WHS actions comprising 13 incidents, 4 near misses and 6 injury/illness -8 WHS investigations completed -7 WHS inductions conducted -Flu vaccination clinic held 29 April -Statecover seminar in 6/7 May (Statecover is Council's Workcover Insurer) -Staff First Aid training -Road staff Worker on Foot training -Coomella High School careers expo -Random drug and alcohol testing (20 employees) in</p>
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Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
		4.5.5	Implement sound asset management practices to ensure adequate provision is made for the maintenance and long-term replacement of Council's infrastructure assets	Annual Action Completed	Assets Co-ordinator	line with Council's policy. Service review of the asset management function commenced in November. Internal Audit commenced in March with the report to be presented to the Audit Committee in August. Asset Management Strategy has been updated and included in the revised resourcing strategy.	

9.8 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/25/445

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services
 Responsible Division: Corporate Services
 Reporting Officer: Annette Fraser - Team Leader Customer Service

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

Strategy: 4.1 A well engaged and informed community

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2025/26 financial year for consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$112,348.70 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemptions from the Application" process.

The total value of requests granted so far under delegated authority is \$1,306.00. The total value of requests for Round 1 of the 2025/2026 funding application period totals \$23,557.60, which if granted in full would leave a balance in the financial assistance program of \$62,787.70

Financial Assistance Program starting balance 2023/24	\$200,000.00
Annual fees & charges annual exemptions granted	\$112,348.70
Granted under delegated authority to July 2025	\$ 1,306.00
Available balance as at 1 August 2025	\$ 86,345.30
Round 1 Financial request applications received to 24/7/2025	\$ 23,557.60
Remaining balance if all approved	\$ 62,787.70

Recommendation

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

Detailed Report

Purpose

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

Background

Council's ability to make financial contribution and/or in-kind assistance are set out in Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. To assist Council in its compliance requirement, Council has adopted a Financial Assistance Policy (AF003) and has provided a funding allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2025/26 financial year.

Report Detail

In this current application period, there have been six (6) requests for assistance received from community organisations. The total value of the requests under consideration is \$23,557.60.

A review of the applications has determined that the applications meet the program guidelines.

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

During this application period the following three (3) requests totalling \$1,306.00 have been approved under delegated authority:

\$123.00 - Isolated Children's Parents Association – hire fee Wentworth Showgrounds Pavilion

\$884.00 - Dareton Kennel Club Inc – 10 x bins and 2024 / 2025 annual Wentworth Showgrounds license fee

\$299.00 – Vintage Machinery Society of Sunraysia – annual Wentworth Showgrounds license fee

Additional information

The August round of grants is the first round of the financial year and as such is usually the largest round from a monetary perspective.

First time applications received from Ruby's Cargo Co-Operative Limited, MASP and Pomona Public School P&C.

Conclusion

Council has received requests for financial assistance under this round of the program to the value of \$23,557.60. The sum of \$1,306.00 worth of fee waiver have been approved under delegated authority

Attachments

1. Financial Assistance Application List August 2025 [↓](#)
2. Financial Assistance Applications August 2025 (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS AUGUST 2025

Organisation/Recipient	Type of Request	Request Value \$	\$ Amounts granted in 2024/25	Details of Request
Ruby's Cargo Co-Operative Limited	Grant	\$ 1,707.60	\$0.00	Requesting money to cover public liability & volunteer insurance
Wentworth Bowling Club Inc	Grant	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	2 x Lawn Bowls Competitions 12 November 2025 & 11 March 2026
Pooncarie Racing Club Inc	Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Requesting financial support towards running a safe race meeting with quality horses, jockeys and trainers.
Dareton Youth & Community Centre	Grant	\$4,850.00	\$0.00	Requesting cooker & fridge for Community Centre Kitchen to provide youth of Dareton life skills
MASP - Mallee Accommodation & Support Program Ltd	Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	Seeking support from Council for its Assertive Outreach Program helping rough sleepers in the community
Pomona Public School P&C	Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	Pomona's First Ever Harvest Ball
		\$ 23,557.60		

9.9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT - JULY 2025

File Number: RPT/25/449

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

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth Shire is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural environment
 Strategy: 3.1 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place

Summary

For the month of July 2025, a total of fourteen (14) Development Applications were determined under delegated authority by the General Manager.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$4,024,103.77. This brings the year to date total to fourteen (14) Development Applications with an estimated development value of \$4,024,103.77.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report for the Delegated Authority Approvals for the month of July 2025.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a list of Development Applications as tabled in the attachment, determined under delegated authority by the General Manager for the month of July 2025.

Conclusion

The total value of determinations was \$4,024,103.77 for the month of July 2025. The average determination time was 66 days.

Attachments

1. Delegated Authority Report - July 2025 [1](#)


DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (EX GST)	DETERMINATION DATE	COMMUNITY VIEWS	ACTIVE DAYS
DA2023/133	JAMES GOLSWORTHY CONSULTING - James Golsworthy	214 Fletchers Lake Road Lot 528 DP756961 Coomealla	2 Lot Boundary Re-alignment	\$0	16/07/25	0 Submissions received	198
DA2025/011 PAN 504185	THE TRUSTEE FOR JAMES D HARWOOD TRUST - Kelsey Hewitt	11 Woodside Drive Lot 26 DP 1298329 Gol Gol	Retaining wall	\$21,998.00	21/07/25	0 Submissions received	119
DA2025/072 PAN 523978	JACKSON PLANNING - Matt Jackson	24 Tapio Avenue PT6 Section 11 32 Tapio Avenue PT4 Section 11 38 Tapio Avenue PT3 Section 11 DP 7583338 Dareton	Upgrade to existing awning and construction of rear verandah	\$200,749.77	1/07/25	0 Submissions received	80
DA2025/078 PAN 528763	JAMES GOLSWORTHY CONSULTING - James Golsworthy	134 Hendy Road Lot 54 DP 756946 Buronga	TWO (2) Lot Subdivision	\$0	21/07/25	0 Submissions received	85
DA2025/082 PAN 528776	JAMES GOLSWORTHY CONSULTING - James Golsworthy	136-138 Hendy Road Lot 74 DP 756946 Buronga	TWO (2) Lot Subdivision	\$0	21/07/25	0 Submissions received	82
S4-55/2025/015 (1A) PAN 527168	MH2 ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES PTY LTD - Yeshni Purchase	1 Endeavour Lane Lot 1 DP 1300121 Buronga	Modify DA2018/109 - 8 Commercial Buildings - Amend Approved Plans	\$0	1/07/25	0 Submissions received	52

DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025

S455/2025/017 (1A) PAN 529197	Tyson Charles Bath	17 Morrison Court Lot 20 DP 1274486 Gol Gol	Modify DA2022/009 Dwelling with garage storage shed and colorbond fence - Amend Approved Plans	\$0	1/07/25	0 Submissions received	46
DA2025/100 PAN 537288	THE TRUSTEE FOR JAMES D HARWOOD TRUST - Kelsey Hewitt	Wilga Road Lot 23 DP 1298247 Gol Gol	Dwelling with Garage - Storage shed with wet area & Swimming pool with safety barrier	\$1,154,056.00	23/07/25	0 Submissions received	50
DA2025/101 PAN 537366	ROY COSTA PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - Roy Costa	39 Gol Gol North Road Lot 83 DP 756946 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$120,000.00	16/07/25	0 Submissions received	42
DA2025/104 PAN 540858	IMH2 ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES - Mark Hooper	15 Modikerr Way Lot 16 DP 1103697 Gol Gol	Secondary Dwelling with attached Carport	\$169,950.00	16/07/25	0 Submissions received	39
DA2025/106 PAN-537114	GOWERS HOMES PTY LTD - Jason Gowers	12 Wurlong Drive Lot 2 DP 1294020 Gol Gol	Dwelling with Garage	\$784,900.00	21/07/25	0 Submissions received	42
DA2025/109 PAN 543191	GOWERS HOMES PTY LTD - Jason Gowers	36 Kari Drive Lot 1 DP 1285900 Gol Gol	Dwelling with Garage	\$582,850.00	21/07/25	0 Submissions received	32
DA2025/112 PAN 546354	JACKSON PLANNING - Matt Jackson	348 Reserve Road East Lot 710 DP 756961 Coomealla	Storage shed	\$79,600.00	21/07/25	0 Submissions received	28



DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025

DA2025/115 PAN 547445	JACKSON PLANNING - Matt Jackson	Wilga Road Lot 6 DP 1298247 Gol Gol	Dwelling with Garage and TWO (2) Storage Sheds - One (1) with wet area	\$910,000.00	31/07/25	0 Submissions received	28
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9.10 DA2024/134 EXTENSION TO EXISTING RURAL INDUSTRY 623 RIVER ROAD LOT 989 DP 756961 & 28 JINDALEE ROAD LOT 1 DP 1264484 COOMEALLA

File Number: RPT/25/455

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

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

Strategy: 3.1 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place

Summary

A development application (DA2024/134) was received by Council on 14 October 2024 for an extension to existing rural industry of 623 River Road Lot 989 DP 756961 & 28 Jindalee Road Lot 1 DP 1264484 Coomealla.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Determine DA2024/134 Extension to Existing Rural Industry 623 River Road Lot 989 DP 756961 & 28 Jindalee Road Lot 1 DP 1264484 Coomealla, by way of refusal for the following reasons:
 - a) Required concurrence provided as a refusal.
 - b) Council, as the consent authority cannot approve development without concurrence from the approval body under clause 4.47(4) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
2. Call a division in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information for Council to determine Development Application DA2024/134, having consideration to the detail provided both within this report and the attachments provided.

Background

A Development Application was lodged with Council on 14 October 2024 seeking consent for an extension to existing rural industry.

The subject site comprises of Lot 989 DP 756961 River Road and Lot 1 DP 1264484 Jindalee Road Coomealla.

Report Detail

The proposed intensification of use (altering the grape crushing plant to a with an annual limit of 30,000 tonnes; to a winery with an annual limit of 80,000 tonnes) triggered referral to the Environmental Protection Authority as integrated development, due to the development being identified as a scheduled activity (Agricultural processing) grape processing with a capacity to process exceeding 30,000 tonnes of grapes per year, and requiring an Environmental Protection Licence.

The response from the Environmental Protection Authority uploaded to the NSW planning portal on 26 May 2025, states that the development proposed would not be granted General Terms of approval (General Terms of Approval – Refused), therefore, the EPA will not issue an Environmental Protection Licence for the proposed development.

It should be noted that under clause 4.47(4) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 the consent authority (Council) cannot grant consent for a development that does not have concurrence from an approval body. “If the approval body informs the consent authority that it will not grant an approval that is required in order for the development to be lawfully carried out, the consent authority must refuse consent to the application”.

Based on the above information, Council are not able to support the approval of this application and must refuse the application.

Conclusion

Having consideration to the content of this report it is concluded that the appropriate course of action is to refuse to issue development approval for DA2024/134.

Attachments

1. DA2024/134 EPA - General Terms of Approval - Refusal (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)

9.11 PROJECT & WORKS REPORT AUGUST 2025

File Number: RPT/25/456

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Megan Jackson - Roads & Engineering Administration Officer

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

Strategy: 3.5 Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Summary

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the months of July 2025 and the planned activities for August 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the major works undertaken in July 2025 and the scheduled works for the following month.

Detailed Report

Refer below for updates of the works completed in July 2025, and the planned activities for August 2025.

Projects and Works Completed in July 2025 and Scheduled for August 2025.

Roads

Maintenance Grading

- Works have been recently completed on the Arumpo, High Darling, Nobb and Rufus River Roads
- Works are currently being undertaken on the Springwood Road and will continue to work in a clockwise direction
- Council have been requested by Balranald Shire Council to undertake the maintenance grading on two sections of road near the Mungo National Park. A draft works agreement is currently being documented for both parties to sign off before works can commence

Anabranh Mail Road and Wamberra Road Formation/Drainage Works

- The contractor has completed all works as per scope on both roads. Council is extremely happy with the quality of completed works which will greatly improve road safety and significantly reduce road closure times following heavy rain events
- This project is 100% funded to the total of \$637,980 by a combination of the TfNSW Roads to Recovery and Regional Emergency Road Repair Funds (RERRF)

Wamberra Road Resheeting Works

- Material for the full extent of the project has been placed on the road ready for spreading and mixing
- Recent rain has delayed the project but it is anticipated to be completed by the middle of August

<p>Roads <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p><u>TfNSW Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoulder grading and edge widening has recently been completed near Bottle Bend, Gol Gol Creek Bridge, Buronga Traveler's rest area, Buronga Hill Winery and Dareton township
<p>Parks and Gardens</p>	<p><u>Midway Entrance Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request for quotation will be sent out for a new concrete path to be installed from the upper level carpark to the Midway Centre property boundary towards the Midway Supermarket. No path will be installed in between Midway and the Supermarket until the adjacent land has been developed New low level planting will be installed closer to the highway, and new trees closer to the carpark away from the power lines on completion of the footpath
<p>Water and Sewer</p>	<p><u>Gol Gol Buronga Reticulation Modelling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Models for both filtered and raw water have been created Calibration of the models is currently underway First preliminary results likely end August / early September <p><u>Safe and Secure Water Program (4 activities) – Development</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. Wentworth Water Treatment Plant</u> <u>2. Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant</u> <u>3. Wentworth Raw Water Pump Station</u> <u>4. Dareton Raw Water Pump Station</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Options Reports have been prepared by the consultant WSC Water Team reviewing the Options Report New engagement underway to investigate interim additional flow and reduced delivery risk for Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant <p><u>Wentworth Raw Water Pipeline</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract awarded Site investigation for existing services completed end July Updated design expected in early August Design review and finalisation expected prior to September <p><u>Sewer Rehabilitation Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly 2900 m of sewer has been relined in Wentworth East, with near 150 junction points connected An additional 800 m of sewer has been cleaned and viewed, including 57 Access Chambers Sewer relining to re-commence from end August to complete the remaining 600 m of sewer relining as part of first year scope <p><u>District Bulk Metering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Buronga Booster Pump Station and Wentworth Water Treatment Plant Meters are now both available on the WSC SCADA system Excavation works commenced for flow meter pit installations at both Midway and Dareton tower locations Meter installation dates for Midway tower scheduled for late August, with Dareton tower scheduled for early September Successful contractor informed of being awarded the work Formal contract documents issued for signing

<p>Water and Sewer <i>(continued)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meter installation dates agreed with Contractor for mid August for Midway meter and late August for Dareton Meter <p><u>Wentworth Water Treatment Plant SCADA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSC Water Team has reviewed the draft report and associated costings • Scope to be further workshopped and refined to match budget considerations <p><u>Sewer Pump Station SCADA (GSPS4 and GSPS11)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Sewer Pump Stations are now visible on the WSC SCADA system to assist with future operations, alarming and reporting • Complete
<p>Projects</p>	<p><u>Darling Street Footpath Wentworth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor has completed all the works as requested in Tender Documents to a very high standard • All local business owners were very easy to work with to ensure the project finished on time and budget • New Corten steel bins have been ordered to replace the old bins as part of the upgrade • The two additional sections approved at the last Council Meeting are due to commence the middle of August and will further improve the business precinct <p><u>Dareton Main Street Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing kerbing and tree guards around the London Plane trees have been removed. New kerbing with limestone crusher dust infill have been reinstalled to provide a neater, cleaner finish <p><u>Buronga to Midway Shared way</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared way construction to be undertaken in two parts (materials delivery and installation) • Quotes for materials and installation are currently being sought
<p>Projects <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p><u>Midway to Gol Gol Footpath Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree trimming has been completed • Survey and design works are currently being undertaken, to greatly improve the horizontal alignment and reduce drainage run off from the highway over the footpath. The new design will provide a superior product for locals and visitors to use once completed • Contractor confirmed to complete the asphaltting works once the new design has been approved • Works are scheduled to be commence late September or early October <p><u>Pooncarie Camp Kitchen</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations prepared • Concrete slab poured • Steel fabrication commenced • Cool room and stainless steel benches / basins ordered • Project scheduled be completed prior to the Pooncarie Races 20th September

**Projects
(continued)**

Wentworth Camp Kitchen

- Foundations prepared
- Concrete slab poured
- Steel fabrication commenced and delivered to site
- Steelwork installed on site, cladding commenced
- Cool room and stainless steel benches / basins ordered
- 2 new Fridges ordered
- Project scheduled to be completed prior to the Wentworth Show starting on 30 August

Wentworth Rowing Club Upgrade

- Development approval and construction certificate being sought
- Renovations of current Rowing Club space awaiting approval to commence
- Quotes requested for the Rowing Club extension works

Buronga Riverfront Toilet Block

- Wet well, flow meter and valve chambers delivered to site
- Excavation for wet well installation
- Installation of wet well including concrete ballast to prevent floatation in a flood
- Installation of the flow meter and valve chambers
- Contractor has committed to a 15 August completion date

Pooncarie Toilet Block

- Laundry now has washer and dryer units working
- All works complete

Wentworth Depot Upgrades

- A new Diesel fuel pod has been installed and commissioned ready for operational use. A quotation to install new 40mm thick asphalt surrounding the fuel pod has been presented and currently under review
- The extension of the mechanics pit inside the workshop has commenced and will be completed by the middle of August. This upgrade will reduce servicing down time of Machinery and improve the mechanics workspace

Open Spaces – Dawn Ave Drainage Basin

- Review of drainage function including Pink Lake capacity by consulting Senior Stormwater Engineer
- Basin civil designs updated to ensure that operation levels work with the neighboring development and reviewed drainage function
- Expecting to commence procurement of various activities in August

Wentworth Kerb Upgrades

- Tender documentation to go to market in August

Junction Island Viewing Platform

- Viewing platform steel foundation has been ordered
- Various requests for information issued to assist remaining design elements
- Planning for on-site works commenced

	<p><u>Electric Vehicles (EV) Charging Stations (3 Locations)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All EV Charger pedestals installed • EV Chargers powered up and are all working • Final carpark line marking and signage required • <p><u>Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra Electrical Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design issued to Essential Energy for approval • Contractor engaged to undertake installation works • Materials including three power poles and a transformer ordered
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Attachments

1. Wamberra Road Sheet[📄](#)
2. Darling Street Footpath[📄](#)
3. Tapio Street Dareton Upgrade[📄](#)
4. Tapio Street Dareton Upgrade[📄](#)
5. Pooncarie Racecourse[📄](#)
6. Mechanics Pit Upgrade[📄](#)
7. Buronga Riverfront[📄](#)
8. EV Chargers[📄](#)
9. EV Chargers[📄](#)



















9.12 FUNDING REQUEST - SPIRIT OF CRICKET

File Number: RPT/25/470

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

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

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request for sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival to be held over two tournaments from 16 to 30 September 2025. The festival caters to Over 35 and Over 50's Masters Cricket players and will be held at various venues including Wentworth Shire Council venues, McLeod Oval and Carramar Oval. The festival will be broadcast by "Willow", North Americas leading cricket broadcaster. The broadcast will be 60+ hours live high-definition coverage, streamed across USA & Canada as well as Australia & New Zealand.

Recommendation

That Council consider the options available regarding sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider sponsorship for the Global Spirit of Cricket Festival to be held 16 to 30 September 2025.

Report Detail

The Global Spirit of Cricket Festival is to be held over two tournaments from 16 to 30 September 2025. The festival caters to Over 35 and Over 50's Masters Cricket players and will be held at various venues including Wentworth Shire Council venues, McLeod Oval and Carramar Oval. The festival will be broadcast by "Willow", North Americas leading cricket broadcaster. The broadcast will be 60+ hours live High Definition coverage, streamed across USA & Canada as well as Australia & New Zealand. It is expected that this cricket festival will attract approximately 500 people to the region with approximately 16 nights stay each. The festival is run along the same lines as the previous "Willowfest" cricket event which Council sponsored for several years prior to Covid. The same event has rebadged and become a bigger event. The live streaming provides an opportunity for Council to expand our tourism brand to a very large audience both overseas and in Australia.

Anthony Telfer, the organizer has provided the attached information which explains the broadcast package and what the festival can provide to enhance tourism to the region. The festival is also being sponsored by Mildura Rural City Council and some Mildura venues will also be used.

Conclusion

Options regarding sponsorship of this event are:

- a) Provide sponsorship to the Global Spirit of Cricket of \$7500 (plus GST)
- b) Not provide sponsorship
- c) Provide sponsorship of a different value

Attachments

1. Application for funding [↓](#)
2. Budget (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
3. Spirit of Cricket - Funding Promotional Material [↓](#)



ABN 96 283 886 815

Application Form (for event funding)



If you require assistance reading and understanding this document, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call Wentworth Shire Council on 03 5027 5027.

HOW TO LODGE THIS APPLICATION



Email to Council Events Team:
events@wentworth.nsw.gov.au



Post this form or lodge it at
Wentworth Shire Council offices

PART A Event Details

Name of Event: Global Spirit of Cricket Festivale

Event Details: O50's Masters Cricket played over 2 tournaments

How many people do you expect to attend your upcoming event? 500

Of the expected attendance, how many attendees do you expect will... visit from local areas? 20

visit from outside the region? 480

If you are expecting visitors to attend your event from outside the region, how many nights do you expect them to stay? 16

PART B Event Budget

You are required to summarise your income and expenditure and attach your own budget to this application form to provide financial detail about your event.

To validate the expenditure in your budget, you will need to attach quotations for the expenses you are seeking funding for, including Council in-kind support (i.e. extra bins, road closures etc).

The information provided will form part of your funding agreement and if successful, will be checked against the post event acquittal.

PART C Event Exposure

Summarise key marketing & promotion activities that are planned to attract visitors from outside the Shire.

The Spirit of Cricket Global is proud to announce a landmark media partnership with Willow North America's leading cricket broadcaster, for the 2025 Over 50's Spirit of Cricket Festival Mildura. This partnership unlocks powerful marketing potential, with targeted reach into one of the world's most valuable sporting audiences with 60+ hours of live high-definition coverage streamed and broadcast across the USA and Canada. This same live Stream will also be available throughout Australia & New Zealand. We are about to commence a social media advertising campaign into Adelaide, Melbourne & Sydney to attract visitors to come to Mildura & Wentworth to witness this event and stay for the 15 day cricket experience.

PART D Collaboration and Engagement***How does your event contribute to positive collaboration and engagement within the local community?***

i.e. how will the local community benefit, how will the local community actively be involved, opportunities for volunteers.

The Spirit of Cricket Festivale presents a unique opportunity to showcase and uplift the We and Gol Gol communities through inclusive, multi-dimensional engagement. Over 15 days event will host international Over 50s and Over 55s teams from Australia, USA, Canada, New Zealand, and a World XI, with 10 matches scheduled across the Wentworth region, injecting economic and social benefits into the community.

Local cricket clubs will benefit significantly—not only through financial injections from ground hires, catering, and facility use—but also through knowledge-sharing opportunities with our Ambassador Les Burdett, who brings over 40 years of world-class pitch curation experience from the Adelaide Oval. He will work directly with local curators, offering hands-on support and upskilling opportunities.

Community engagement extends beyond cricket. A Night Glow event in Gol Gol will offer a family-friendly celebration encouraging regional pride and unity. There is also high potential for tourism-driven economic activity during the event's five designated rest days, with visiting players and supporters already booking tours and local venues such as the Gol Gol Hotel—helping drive traffic to local businesses, eateries, and tourism operators.

We will actively involve the community through volunteering opportunities, including 16 team manager roles (one per team), and 2–3 local bus drivers to support team logistics. These roles provide meaningful engagement and connection between locals and international participants.

The Spirit of Cricket Festivale is more than a cricket tournament—it is a catalyst for lasting relationships, skill development, economic stimulus, and regional celebration that aligns closely with Wentworth Shire's community and tourism development goals.

How does your event positively contribute to the Wentworth Shire calendar of events?

i.e. identified gap in the events calendar, develop a certain area or venue, timing of the event

The Spirit of Cricket Festivale strategically fills a long-standing gap in the Wentworth Shire calendar by bringing international cricket back to the region for the first time since the pre-1980s era and the days of Willowfest. Scheduled from 16–30 September, the event falls neatly between the end of the football season and the beginning of the local cricket calendar—an otherwise underutilised period for major community and sporting events in the region.

This timing presents an ideal opportunity to re-energise the Shire's event landscape with a high-profile, internationally recognised competition, drawing teams from Australia, USA, Canada, New Zealand, and a World XI. With matches held across local venues including Gol Gol and Wentworth, the Festivale brings renewed focus and investment to these facilities, showcasing their capability to host international-standard cricket and laying the foundation for future use.

By anchoring the event during this seasonal lull, the Spirit of Cricket Festivale becomes a spring event for the Shire, complementing the existing calendar while expanding the region's profile as a destination for sports tourism. It also reconnects the community with the rich cricketing tradition that was once fostered through Willowfest, reigniting regional pride and engagement. This event aims to re-establish Wentworth as a pivotal hub for masters and community cricket, contributing positively to cultural vibrancy, sporting diversity, and economic recovery post-pandemic.

PART E Meaningful Experiences**How will attendees benefit from attending your event?**

i.e. what experiences will they have? What impact does this have on the local community?

Attendees of the Spirit of Cricket Festival will enjoy a rich and immersive experience that goes beyond the boundary rope. With international masters cricket matches scheduled in Wentworth and Gol Gol, spectators will witness high-calibre cricket featuring former Test and ODI players in a relaxed, community-driven setting. This rare opportunity to engage with cricketing legends in the regional town offers both sporting excitement and personal connection.

Beyond the matches, attendees will be encouraged to explore the region through tours coordinated with local guide Peter Kelly, and with active promotion through the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre, the event becomes a gateway to regional discovery. Visitors will be drawn to iconic attractions including the Mouth of the Murray and Darling Rivers, Mungo National Park, Wentworth Gaol, Murray River Salt, and Trentham Estate Winery—stimulating the local economy and increasing visitor spend across hospitality, retail, and tourism sectors.

The event creates a ripple effect of positive community impact: while visitors enjoy rich cultural and environmental experiences, local businesses benefit from increased patronage, and the community enjoys heightened visibility and engagement. The Spirit of Cricket Festival turns Wentworth into a vibrant meeting place for sport & tourism - deepening pride among residents while offering unforgettable memories to those who attend.

How will the event be accessibility friendly?

i.e. what measures will be put in place to ensure the event is inclusive?

The Spirit of Cricket Festival is committed to being an inclusive and accessible event for all members of the community. Matches will be held at multiple venues across the Sunraysia region, including Wentworth and Gol Gol, with a focus on ensuring accessibility for people of all abilities. Priority will be given to selecting venues that provide wheelchair access, accessible parking, and disability-friendly amenities such as toilets and shaded seating areas.

In addition, our live-streaming partnership with Willow TV ensures that those unable to attend in person—including people with mobility issues, elderly residents, and those living in remote areas—can still be part of the event from the comfort of their homes.

We also welcome and encourage volunteers from diverse backgrounds, and will provide appropriate support and guidance to ensure their experience is rewarding and inclusive. Event materials and signage will be clear, visible, and easy to understand, with staff and volunteers trained on how to assist attendees who may have specific accessibility needs.

By placing accessibility and inclusion at the heart of our planning, the Spirit of Cricket Festival aims to ensure that everyone in the Wentworth Shire community feels welcome and able to participate in this landmark event.

PART F Capacity and Capability

Please outline your experience as an event organiser and the size of the event committee.

Include details of previous event experience including the size of the events and any success stories.

The Spirit of Cricket Festival is led by Anthony Telfer, a highly experienced and respected event organiser with a proven track record spanning over two decades. Anthony served as President of Willowfest for 22 years, playing a pivotal role in developing it into one of Australia's most iconic community cricket festivals, attracting teams from across the country. Most recently, Anthony was the Tournament Director for the 2022 Over 50's National Championships in Adelaide, the largest O50's event ever held in Australia, featuring 42 teams over 550 cricketers across five days of competition, including three formal functions and many played on premier turf venues. Earlier this year, he also directed the International Tri-Series in Mackay, bringing together representative Over 50s sides from Australia & New Zealand. The Spirit of Cricket Festival is supported by a dedicated event committee of 8–10 individuals.

PART G Application Check List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Licence Application Form | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Supporting Documentation (event management plan, site plans/drawings, letters of support or other forms of supporting documentation). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Event Budget | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Expense Quotations | |

PART H Applicant Details

Title	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/>		
Applicants Name	Spirit of Cricket Global		
Postal Address	6 Elizabeth St		
Suburb/Locality	Torrensville	State	SA Postcode 5031
Phone	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	0419359618
Email	contact@spiritofcricket.com.au/telf@outlook.com.au		
Do you wish to receive all correspondences via email? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

PART I Acknowledgements

I, the undersigned, certify that I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of my organisation.

I have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions of this application for event funding.

I have completed all sections of the application and to the best of my knowledge all the information I have given is true and correct.

I agree that Wentworth Shire Council, for the purpose of assessing this application, may check any of my statements.

I understand that this is an application and may not necessarily result in event funding approval.

Name **Anthony Telfer**

Signature 

Date **05-08-2025**

If more signatures are required, please attach a separate document.

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9.13 INTEGRATED TANSPORT & LAND USE STRATEGY

File Number: RPT/25/471

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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

Strategy: 3.2 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

Summary

This report provides information as requested by Mayoral Minute at the May 2025 Council meeting regarding transport related matters to enable Council to review, plan, prioritise and advocate effectively for necessary infrastructure

Recommendation

That Council notes the contents of this report.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information as requested by Mayoral Minute at the May 2025 Council meeting regarding transport related matters to enable Council to review, plan, prioritise and advocate effectively for necessary infrastructure.

Background

At the May 2025 Council meeting a mayoral Minute was tabled requesting information regarding transport related matters and specifically details relating to following items.

1. Compile existing strategic transport documents
2. Examine the Mildura Rural City Council Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy where it is relevant to WSC, namely the bypass and bridge crossing at Monak, and reference appropriate course of advocacy
3. Examine the interaction between the council road network and state highways, particularly our residential growth areas, with the aim of identifying intersection and other upgrades that will effectively accommodate increased traffic flows into the future
4. Identify key infrastructure priorities by short/medium/long term
5. Identify potential location for overtaking lanes on the Sturt Highway and feed into the Sturt Highway Taskforce
6. Consider strategic long-term access to appropriate water and gravel resources that can assist rural road maintenance outcomes, particularly during periods of prolonged dry
7. Compile an action/reference table of requests made to TfNSW and the status of responses

1. Compilation of existing strategic transport related documents listed below.
2. Wentworth Shire Council note the Mildura Rural City Council Integrated Land Use Strategy with particular reference to shared objectives included in the Strategy, including a proposed second major river crossing and bypass road and provide advocacy in conjunction with the MRCC with both State and federal government departments together with NSW and Victorian road authorities in support of the proposal.
3. Council and Transport for NSW undertake an annual Joint Planning Assessment meeting and site visit of the region to identify future road upgrade proposals together with required safety related projects, including future residential planning and associated transport related requirements between the local and state road networks. Attached documents reference previous areas and specific locations for future project upgrade consideration.
4. Note that throughout the attached list of correspondence, specific joint planning documents and strategies priorities are individually referenced, however additional works are required by Council departments to establish a combined overall short/medium/long term priorities list.
5. Potential locations for proposed overtaking lanes on the Sturt Highway have been raised and inspected at the most recent Joint Planning Assessment meeting with TfNSW, Council Departments to further liaise with TfNSW regarding this matter to confirm agreed locations for inclusion to the Sturt Highway Taskforce.
6. Council's Engineering and Operations departments have an established 5 year forward works program for proposed rural road upgrades and maintenance based on current available project funding and upcoming funding applications. Included as part of this strategic planning, specific attention is given to water access and local area road material supply. Note that specific funding has currently been secured for the establishment of water bores at specific upcoming works locations and work continues on establishing new licensed gravel pit locations.
7. Further information regarding the combined action status to be provided at the Sept Council meeting.

Report Detail

1. 2018 - 2019 RMS JPA and Wentworth Shire Council Meeting Summary Notes - 20 March 2019
2. 2024 DRAFT CMRT Strategy
3. North-West Victoria Regional Passenger Transport Study – Strategic Merit Test – TONKIN
4. Response to feedback from Wentworth Shire Council on the Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy
5. Integrated_Transport_and_Land_Use_Strategy_ITLUS FINAL
6. Active_transport_strategy - Transport for NSW

7. Attachment to report RPT16260 - Title – Appendix A to D - Buronga to Monak Interface Study Investigations Report
8. Attachment to report RPT16260 - Title – Appendix E to F - Buronga to Monak Interface Study Investigations Report
9. Attachment to report RPT16260 - Title – Appendix G - Buronga to Monak Interface Study Investigations Report
10. Attachment to report RPT18872 - Title – CMR Strategy Briefing - Central Murray Regional Transport
11. Buronga to Monak Interface Study - Investigations Report compiled by TONKINS for WSC - REF no. 20155591FR01 - FINAL - April 2016
12. Central Murray Regional Transport Forum CMRTF Strategy with updated Freight Map
13. Central Murray Regional Transport Forum - copy attached of the CMRTF strategy without the yellow mark up
14. Central Murray Regional Transport Strategy - MRCC – comment
15. Central Murray Regional Transport Strategy 2018 - Council Roads & Road Safety Committee 19 September 2018
16. Central Murray Regional Transport Strategy 2018 - Ordinary Council 20 February 2019
17. CMRTF Central Murray Regional Transport Forum - Draft Minutes 5 December 2018 - reminder changes to the Strategy close on Wednesday 12 December
18. CMRTF Strategy Updated Priorities for Leah Johnston
19. Copy of Far West JO Transport_Prioritisation Matrix (002)
20. Department of Planning on behalf Department of Transport & Infrastructure e~pter - seek submission by 19 November 2010 - draft Murray Regional Strategy
21. E-mail form TfNSW with JPA Summary and RMCC meeting minute - 11 March 2021
22. Email FWJO Regional Transport Strategy - Request for Input feedback - Tonkin Consulting
23. Email to Leigh McPhee - Central Murray Regional Transport Strategy CMRTS endorsed by Council 19 December 2018
24. E-mail to Sharon Billinger TONKIN ENGINEERING with response to draft meeting minutes - FWJO Regional Transport Strategy
25. Formal Presentation of Buronga Gol Gol Interface Report to Lindsay Tanner M~h - Western Region for consideration in the Sturt Highway Corridor Strategy
26. FWJO - Far West Joint Organisation - Regional Transport Strategy adopted June 2023
27. FWJO Regional Transport Strategy - Additional Council Input - Discussion Notes
28. FWJO Regional Transport Strategy - Draft Meeting Notes - Tonkin Consulting - Far West Joint Organisation
29. Media Article MILDURA WEEKLY - 27 May 2016 - Shire report reveals long wish~urt Highway Upgrades - Corridor strategy addresses highways transport needs
30. Media Articles Sunraysia Daily ~ 28 November 2018 - Election results still ~y - Wentworth makers exhibition - New 9th Councillor - Mildura Pound rankin
31. Media Articles Sunraysia Daily ~ 30 November ~ Call for councillor expenses review - Home run for bbaseball competition - Transport strategy on hold
32. Murray river Crossing Project - Invitation to general manager for feedback on project closes this week

- 33. Ordinary Council Action Sheet 20 February 2019 - Central Murray Regional Transport Strategy 2018
- 34. RAMROC submitted report to Board Meeting 8 November 2017 - Transport for NSW Strategy Future Transport 2056 - further details accessed department website
- 35. RMCC JPA Meeting Minutes 2024-2025 FY
- 36. TfNSW - RMCC JPA site inspection meeting notes actions - 15 & 16 March 2023 Jarrod ROBERTS
- 37. TfNSW re Att Operations Manager - Paringi Road Intersection Upgrade & seeki~roperty owners 117A Paringi Road DP 756971 & 4891A Sturt Highway DP 756961
- 38. Tonkin Consulting engaged by Far West Joint Organisation FWJO to develop R~ 2050 - Documents available for Council review & comment until 5 March 2021

Conclusion

That Council notes the contents of this report.

Attachments

Nil

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

File Number: RPT/25/469

Councillor Starick has indicated her intention to move the following motion:

Motion

That Council staff add to the Council Meeting agenda a permanent item Status Report on Previous Resolutions and that the General Manager provide an update on actions completed in regards to the outstanding resolutions until the resolutions are closed.

Attachments

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recommendation

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

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

12.1 Buronga Landfill Expansion - Project Management. (RPT/25/444)

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

12.2 Water Account Reduction Request - P536/201. (RPT/25/421)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 BURONGA LANDFILL EXPANSION - PROJECT MANAGEMENT

File Number: RPT/25/444

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
 Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
 Reporting Officer: Samantha Wall - Projects Administration

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

Strategy: 3.2 Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

12.2 WATER ACCOUNT REDUCTION REQUEST - P536/201

File Number: RPT/25/421

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Corporate Services

Responsible Division: Corporate Services

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

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

Strategy: 4.3 Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (b) discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

17 September 2025