



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:

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

Strategic Direction: Our Economy

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving Region.

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
1.1	Promote the Shire as an ideal location for investment and the establishment of innovative, sustainable and diversified industries.	1.1.1	Advocate for local businesses on issues which further business and career opportunities for all	Annual Action 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.	

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		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 Gol Gol 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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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1.3	High quality connectivity across the region.	1.3.1	Advocate for the ongoing provision of quality transport and freight links	Annual Action 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	

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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.	

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		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.

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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.	

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		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	

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			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.	

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		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.	

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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.	

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		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.	

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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.	

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		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.	

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		2.3.7	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues	Annual Action 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.	

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		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.	

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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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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 - Pooncarie 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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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 - Wamberra Road	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	Contractor to undertake the work was approved at the March Council Meeting. The action was completed this quarter.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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3.4	Use and manage our resources wisely.	3.4.1	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure	Annual Action 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.	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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	

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		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 Plan 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.	

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		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	

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3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.5.1	Advocate to the Federal and State governments for adequate funding for the delivery of key projects and the provision of essential infrastructure for the region.	Annual Action 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).	

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		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.	

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		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.	

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		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 Councillors to undertake their civic responsibilities	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		4.2.2	Support Councillors to undertake ongoing professional development	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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4.3	An effective and efficient organisation.	4.3.1	Engage the community on a regular basis to ensure that Council is providing services that deliver value for money and are relevant in meeting the changing needs of the community.	Annual Action 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.	

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		4.3.3	Ensure the organisation is well led and managed through the implementation of Good Governance, Risk Management and Compliance Frameworks	Annual Action 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	Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future.	4.4.1	Support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group	Annual Action Completed	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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		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	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	
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						required as part of Community Strategic Planning Process.	
		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	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	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 -Coomealla High School careers expo -Random drug and alcohol testing (20 employees) in	
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						line with Council's policy.	
		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	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.	