



Wentworth

SHIRE COUNCIL

Operational Plan Quarterly Progress Report September 2025

About this report

This progress report is for the three-month period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 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	Create a supportive Environment for business to invest and grow	1.1.1	Utilise the Economic Development Strategy to advocate for approaches that create economic diversification and provide broader employment opportunities.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Preliminary work on a potential investment prospectus has commenced, aimed at highlighting key opportunities within the region, to attract sustainable investment and drive local job growth. This was identified as an action in the Economic Development Strategy.	

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		1.1.2	Support educational and employment opportunities that retain young people and local talent, attract new workers and provide opportunities for the unemployed.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
1.2	Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination.	1.2.1	Visitor Information Centre Services.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Visitor Information Centre	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		1.2.2	Work in partnership to expand the branding, promotion, attraction and opportunities in support of the growth of the visitor economy.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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		1.2.3	Support the activities of Murray Regional Tourism, Destination NSW Riverina-Murray, and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council partnered with Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc to promote the "Why not Winter in Wentworth Campaign" .	
		1.2.4	Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra - Bruce Munro Art Installation	Specific Action Progressing	General Manager	Works have commenced onsite. Art Installation has been booked for shipping from the UK and will be in Wentworth in mid December. Studio installation team have been booked for February 2026. The project is on track to meet the targeted opening in early April.	

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1.3	High quality connectivity across the region.	1.3.1	Advocate for high standard physical and digital connectivity.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council has provided in principle support for Mildura Rural City Council's Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy including their advocacy priority titled Monak Bridge and to commence advocacy in support of a Heavy Vehicle Bypass.	

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	We foster a sense of community belonging and diversity.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. During the quarter Council facilitated a services expo, designed to connect the community with a wide range of service provider, support organisations and emergency services operating across the Shire.	

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		2.1.2	Actively engage with and include the perspectives and knowledge of the local indigenous community	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. The General Manager meets with numerous indigenous groups on a regular basis and has signed a letter of support for a grant application being prepared by the Dareton Aboriginal Land Council.	
		2.1.3	Support the delivery and development of events that contribute to economic prosperity, liveability and social cohesion.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Visitor Information Centre	This is ongoing annual action of Council. Council has provided support for the following events - Sunraysia Safari Rally - Country Music Festival - Wentworth Show	

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		2.1.4	Support cultural, recreational and community interaction opportunities through the Financial Assistance Program	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. This quarter Council approved \$29,863.60 of financial assistance.	
		2.1.5	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Action Plan	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. In July Council actively promoted the 2025 Outback Disability Expo that was held in Broken Hill.	
2.2	The community has access to services and initiatives that contribute to well being across all stages of life	2.2.1	Provide libraries that support social interaction and encourage lifelong learning.	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Library Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Total visitation numbers for the quarter - Midway 1,896 - Dareton 288 - Wentworth - 4,502 Key events/highlights include School holiday programs and Book Week.	

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		2.2.2	Develop and maintain effective relationships to advocate for the needs of the community.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.2.3	Support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.2.4	Our buildings and spaces are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all community members	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Buronga Riverfront toilet block has been completed including full accessible toilet and access ramps.	
2.3	To have a safe community	2.3.1	Regulatory Services are provided to support the health, safety and well being of the community.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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		2.3.2	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.3.3	Facilitate the Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure a co-ordinated approach by all agencies having responsibilities and functions in emergencies	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. During the quarter the General Manager participated in Regional & Local Emergency Management Committee Meetings.	

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		2.3.4	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council received confirmation from Transport for NSW that 6 road safety project for this year have been approved. Road Safety Officer provides Council with a quarterly update on activities undertaken for that quarter.	
		2.3.5	Being a Child Safe organisation.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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		2.3.6	Dareton CCTV.	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Technology Services	Work has commenced with the contractor to identify potential locations for the Cameras. Draft plans have been provided to the Dareton Community Action Team for feedback.	
2.4	To have a strong sense of place.	2.4.1	Community pride is encouraged through the beautification and maintenance of our towns	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Parks & Gardens	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		2.4.2	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Ski Reserve Rehabilitation project	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project has commenced and is on schedule to be completed on time.	

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		2.4.3	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Open Spaces Development	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Project has commenced and is on track to be completed by the end of December.	
		2.4.4	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Riverfront Toilet Block	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This is a carry forward project from 24/25 and since been completed.	
		2.4.5	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Buronga Pump Track Stage 2	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This is a carried forward project from 24/25 and since been completed.	
		2.4.6	Undertake specific public spaces capital works projects - Greater Darling Junction Viewing Platform	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	This is a carry forward project from 24/25 and is track to be completed by the end of December.	

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	An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place.	3.1.1	Manage development through a transparent and efficient assessment process.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council has appointed a Sydney Consulting firm to help manage the assessment process while it undertakes recruitment for additional planning staff.	
		3.1.2	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	Annual Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. The review and update to the Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan is progressing and will go on Public Exhibition in December.	

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3.2	Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands.	3.2.1	Land Tenure Program	Annual Action Progressing	Property & Land Tenure Officer	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.2.2	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges & Footpaths	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.2.3	Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.2.4	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	Program of works is progressing as scheduled.	
		3.2.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Loop Road	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	This is a carried forward project from 24/25 and has since been completed.	

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		3.2.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Milpara Road	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	Final design and required approvals have commenced.	
		3.2.7	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Flood Recovery Activities - Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	Specific Action Progressing	Team Leader Roads	Works have commenced on Old Broken Hill Road and finalisation of works on Anabranck Mail Road. These are the last two projects on the approved schedule of works.	
		3.2.8	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Darling Street Footpaths	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	This is a carried forward project from 24/25 and since been completed.	

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		3.2.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Rowing Club Extension	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	This is a carried forward project from 24/25. Tender for appointment of the contractor to go to the October Council for endorsement.	
		3.2.10	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Showgrounds Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project was carried forward from 24/25 and has since been completed.	
		3.2.11	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Pooncarie Reserve Kitchen Upgrade	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	This project was carried forward from 24/25 and has since been completed.	

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		3.2.12	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Dareton Main Street	Specific Action Completed	Manager Works	This project was carried forward from 24/25 and since been completed.	
		3.2.13	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Wentworth Depot Upgrade	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	This project has been carried forward from 24/25. The majority of the works has been completed, just waiting on the installation of the new electric gates.	
		3.2.14	Prioritise and implement recommendations of Asset Management Plans - Buronga to Gol Gol Shared Ways	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	This project has been carried forward from 24/25 and is on track to be completed by the end of December.	

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3.3	Minimise the impact on the natural environment	3.3.1	Effectively manage weeds to protect our biodiversity and natural environment.	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Works	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.3.2	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.3.3	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association	Annual Action Progressing	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 Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.3.5	Wentworth Flood Study	Specific Action Progressing	Strategic Development Officer	Project is progressing as scheduled. Community consultation to commence in December.	

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3.4	Use and manage our resources wisely.	3.4.1	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure	Annual Action Progressing	Team Leader Water & Waste Water	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	
		3.4.2	Provide and promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives.	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Waste	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Works on the enhanced resource recovery facilities at the Buronga Landfill are progressing as part of the expansion project. Negotiations has commenced on the implementation of Council's new waste collection contracts.	

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		3.4.3	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Waste	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. During the quarter Council completed the installation of 3 EV Chargers in Wentworth & Buronga.	
		3.4.4	Buronga Landfill Expansion	Specific Action Progressing	Director Roads & Engineering	Project is on track to be completed by mid November.	
		3.4.5	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Stage 1 of Pooncarie WTP on track to be completed by the end of December	
		3.4.6	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Gol Gol East Raw Water Pump Station	Not Due To Start	Manager Engineering Services		

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		3.4.7	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Wilson Sewer Pump Station	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Contractors have been engaged. Works to commence after Christmas.	
		3.4.8	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Buronga Sewer Pump Station #9	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Final designs and approvals have commenced.	
		3.4.9	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Sewer Main Refurbishments	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Stage 1 works have been completed. Currently working with the contractor to identify the next stage of works.	

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		3.4.10	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Buronga Waste Water Treatment Plant	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	Works identified for 25/26 have been completed.	
		3.4.11	Prioritise and implement recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Wentworth Waste Water Treatment Plant	Specific Action Completed	Manager Engineering Services	2025/2026 Works have been completed.	
		3.4.12	Water Leakage & District Metering Program	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been carried forward from 2024/2025 and is scheduled for completion by the end of October.	

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		3.4.13	Wentworth Raw Water Pump Station	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	This project has been carried forward from 24/25. Draft plans have been submitted to the funding body for review and feedback before being finalised.	
		3.4.14	Dareton Raw Water Pump Station	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	see 3.4.13	
		3.4.15	Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	see 3.4.13	
		3.4.16	Wentworth Water Treatment Plant	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	see 3.4.13	

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3.5	Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire.	3.5.1	Infrastructure is planned for the long term and without imposing an unfair burden on future generations.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Roads & Engineering	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. During the quarter Council participated in Sturt Highway Taskforce and the Far West Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan forum.	
		3.5.2	Encourage positive social and environmental contributions from developers.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Council continues to have positive discussions with West Wind in relations to the proposed Community Benefits fund associated with their Wind Farm development.	

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		3.5.3	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Rose Street Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Planning and designs for Stage 2 has commenced.	
		3.5.4	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - 3 Sisters Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Construction works have commenced.	
		3.5.5	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Crane Drive Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Planning and design works have commenced.	
		3.5.6	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan: - Melaleuca/Hendy Road Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works have commenced.	
		3.5.7	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Punt Road Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Works	The project has been carried forward from 24/25.	

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		3.5.8	Progress actions from the Buronga/Gol Gol Structure Plan - Dawn Avenue Stormwater	Specific Action Progressing	Manager Engineering Services	Works have commenced.	

Strategic Direction : Our Leadership

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

Objective Code	Objective	Action Code	Action Name	Status	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Traffic Lights
4.1	A well engaged and informed community.	4.1.1	Provide timely, accessible and accurate information to the community.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	Council continued to provide timely, accessible, and accurate information to the community through its digital channels, with a total of 330 posts published during the quarter. Content covered a range of topics including community events, project updates, service changes, and key Council information. Engagement levels remain strong, reflecting the community's ongoing interest in staying informed about local matters.	

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		4.1.2	Engage and consult with the whole community to capture and consider all viewpoints.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. During the quarter Council sought feedback from the Community in relation to Road Safety issues and the new toilet block at the Buronga Riverfront. Council is currently in the process of implementing Social Pinpoint "Have Your Say" online engagement platform. This tool enhances Council's ability to engage with the community by providing a more accessible and interactive space for feedback on projects, strategies and initiatives. The platform will support more transparent and inclusive consultation processes, helping to ensure community views are effectively captured and considered in Council decision-making.	

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4.2	We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations.	4.2.1	Ensure that elected members are adequately resourced to enable effective representation.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. A countback election was held on 12 August to replace Cr Elstone who passed away on 1 July. Brain Beaumont was successful in the election and officially took office on 18 August.	
		4.2.2	Build and maintain active partnerships and advocate effectively on behalf of the community.	Annual Action Progressing	General Manager	This is an ongoing annual action of Council.	

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4.3	Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership.	4.3.1	Council practices and processes are undertaken in an efficient manner that meets legislative requirements.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Waste Management and Procurement/Purchasing Internal Audits have been scheduled for this year. Asset Management Service Review currently underway and Libraries Service Review to commence in November.	
4.4	Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community.	4.4.1	Council's finances are managed to ensure ongoing service delivery levels and appropriate asset management can be maintained.	Annual Action Progressing	Director Corporate Services	This is an ongoing annual action of Council. Audit of Annual Financial Statements is currently underway. New QBRS reporting format commences in first quarter 25/26.	

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		4.4.2	Retain, engage and develop staff.	Annual Action Progressing	Manager Human Services	HR & WHS activities for the quarter - NSW ICAC training - 2 workshops (building a culture of integrity - 19 staff & Corruption prevention - 14 staff) - Hazardous Manual Tasks (HMT) - 2 workshops conducted - 5 HR & WHS inductions - Training conducted with people leaders regarding new employee assessment forms - Active superannuation workshop - StateCover annual on-site visit	