

Operational Plan

2026/2027



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OFFICES



Midway Community Centre
3 Midway Drive, Buronga NSW 2739



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



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

Our Objectives



Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

ECONOMIC



Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

SOCIAL



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

ENVIRONMENTAL



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

CIVIC LEADERSHIP



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Overview

What is the Operational Plan 2026-2027

Council’s Operational Plan is created each financial year as a sub-plan of Council’s four-year Delivery Program. The Operational Plan 2026-2027 is year two of Council’s Delivery Program.

It outlines the actions that Council will undertake in the financial year that contribute to achieving the commitments in Council’s Delivery Program and Community Strategic Plan.

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

The Plan is accompanied by Council’s 2026-2027 Annual Statement of Revenue and Schedule of Annual Fees and Charges which includes the proposed rates and annual charges.



Lock 10, Wentworth NSW

Our Council



149.80
Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff



\$36 million
Operational budget (2026/2027)



\$54 million
Budget forecast (2026/2027)



\$18 million
Capital budget (2026/2027)



49
Planned actions (2026/2027)



3.20%
Rate increase (2026/2027)



Achieving the vision for 2036

The consultation and engagement activities undertaken to inform the Wentworth Shire: Our Future in Focus - Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036 resulted in the formation of the following concise and ambitious vision for the region:

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

To ensure we, as a community, can work toward achieving this vision, four strategic objectives have been developed around the quadruple bottom line which aims to balance social, environmental, economic and governance aspects of strategic plans.

Underpinning each objective is a range of supporting strategies that outline high-level approaches to achieving the objectives and delivering the vision.

Quadruple Bottom Line

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

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



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ECONOMIC

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Financial information

Budgeted Income Statement Summary	2026/2027 Budget
Income from Continuing Operations	
Rates & Annual Charges	\$12,656,341
User Charges & Fees	\$12,600,050
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$2,479,046
Other Revenues	\$1,996,562
Grants - Operating	\$13,178,842
Grants - Capital	\$2,854,104
Net Gains from the disposal of assets	\$100,000
Total Income	\$45,904,497

Expenses from Continuing Operations	
Employee Benefits	\$11,937,380
Borrowing Costs	\$1,294,668
Materials & Contracts	\$11,210,352
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$11,000,000
Other Expenses	\$691,259
Total Expenses	\$36,133,659
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$9,770,838
Less Capital Grants and Contributions	\$2,854,104
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$6,916,734

Funding Requirements	2026/2027 Budget
Expenditure	
Operating Expenditure	\$36,133,659
Capital Expenditure	\$17,955,793
Total Expenditure	\$54,089,452
less depreciation (incl. in expenditure)	\$11,000,000
2026/2027 Cash Requirements	\$43,089,452

Cash Requirements funded from:	
Operational Revenue	\$41,749,972
Borrowings	\$0
Retained Earnings	\$0
Council Restricted Reserves	\$1,339,480
2026/2027 Total Funding	\$43,089,452

Projected Balances (Council Cash Reserves)	
Projected opening cash balance 01/07/2026	\$30,000,000
Plus projected Cash surplus	\$2,703,683
Projected cash balance at 30/06/2027	\$32,703,683
Represented as:	
- Cash on hand	\$2,703,683
- Short Term Investments	\$30,000,000
- Long Term Investments	\$0

To ensure long-term financial sustainability and responsible stewardship of public resources, Council must operate within its financial capacity and adopt a balanced annual budget that is aligned with its long-term financial position. The 2026-2027 budget has been developed to ensure that essential services can continue to be delivered to the community without placing undue pressure on financial reserves, now or in the future and is based on the following key assumptions:

Rates and Annual Charges

- The Ordinary Rate will be increased by the maximum 3.20% (as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART)).
- Waste water access charges will be increased by 3.70%.
- Raw and filtered water access charges will be increased by 3.70%.
- Domestic waste charges will be based on a new three bin collection system.
- Water consumption charges will be increased by 3.70%.
- Interest will be charged on overdue rates and annual charges as approved by the Minister for Local Government.

Borrowings

Borrowed funds enable the cost of acquiring assets to be spread over a longer period of time, thus easing the burden on current ratepayers.

In the 2026/27 financial year Council is proposing no new loan borrowings.

Restricted Reserves

Council will utilise the following restricted reserves to fund capital expenditure during the 2026/2027 financial year:

- **Unexpended Grants Reserve**
\$1,027,462 of prepaid grants to fund capital projects.
- **Buronga Landfill Reserve**
Council intends to transfer \$2,233,920 to this reserve to set aside cash to fund future works at the landfill.

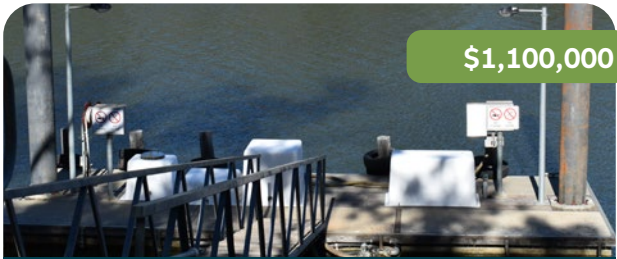
Capital Expenditure

The following major projects will be undertaken during 2026/2027:



\$550,000

Building Renewals



\$1,100,000

Dareton Effluent Disposal Station



\$3,295,000

Plant Replacement



\$6,095,147

Roads Projects

Including; Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund, Milpara Road, Cadell Street Footpath



\$1,792,029

Sewer Upgrades

Including; Sewer Main Refurbishment, Dareton Sewer Pump Station #5



\$750,000

Stormwater Upgrades



\$1,337,221

Water Upgrades

Including; Hendy Road/Alcheringa Oval Stormwater

Contribution to CSP objectives

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

The financial expenditure figures depicted in the following table provide an indication of how Council's expenditure in 2026/2027 is aligned to the Community Strategic Plan.

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



Objective 1


ECONOMIC

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region

Objective 2


SOCIAL

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live

Objective 3


ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Objective 4

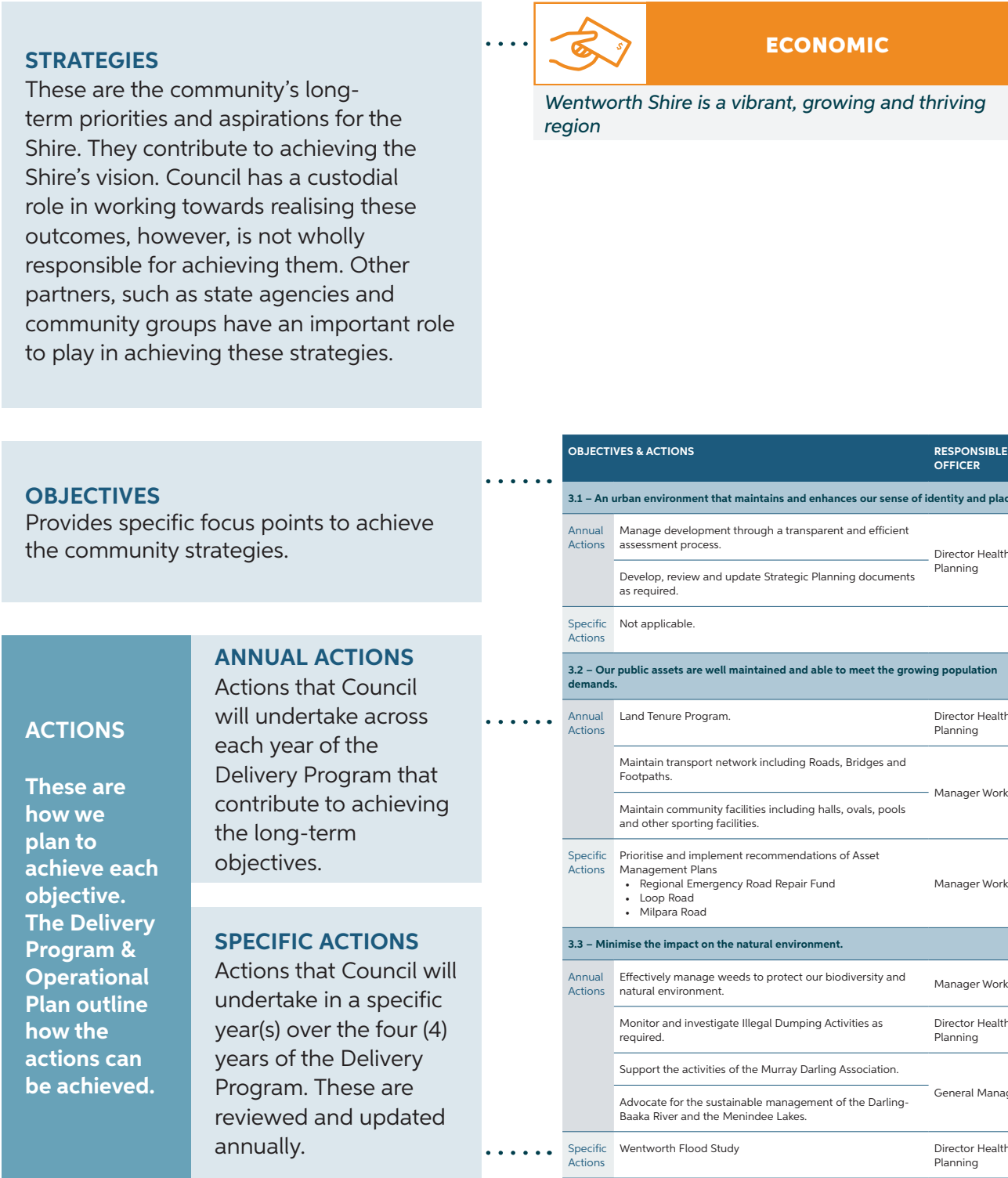

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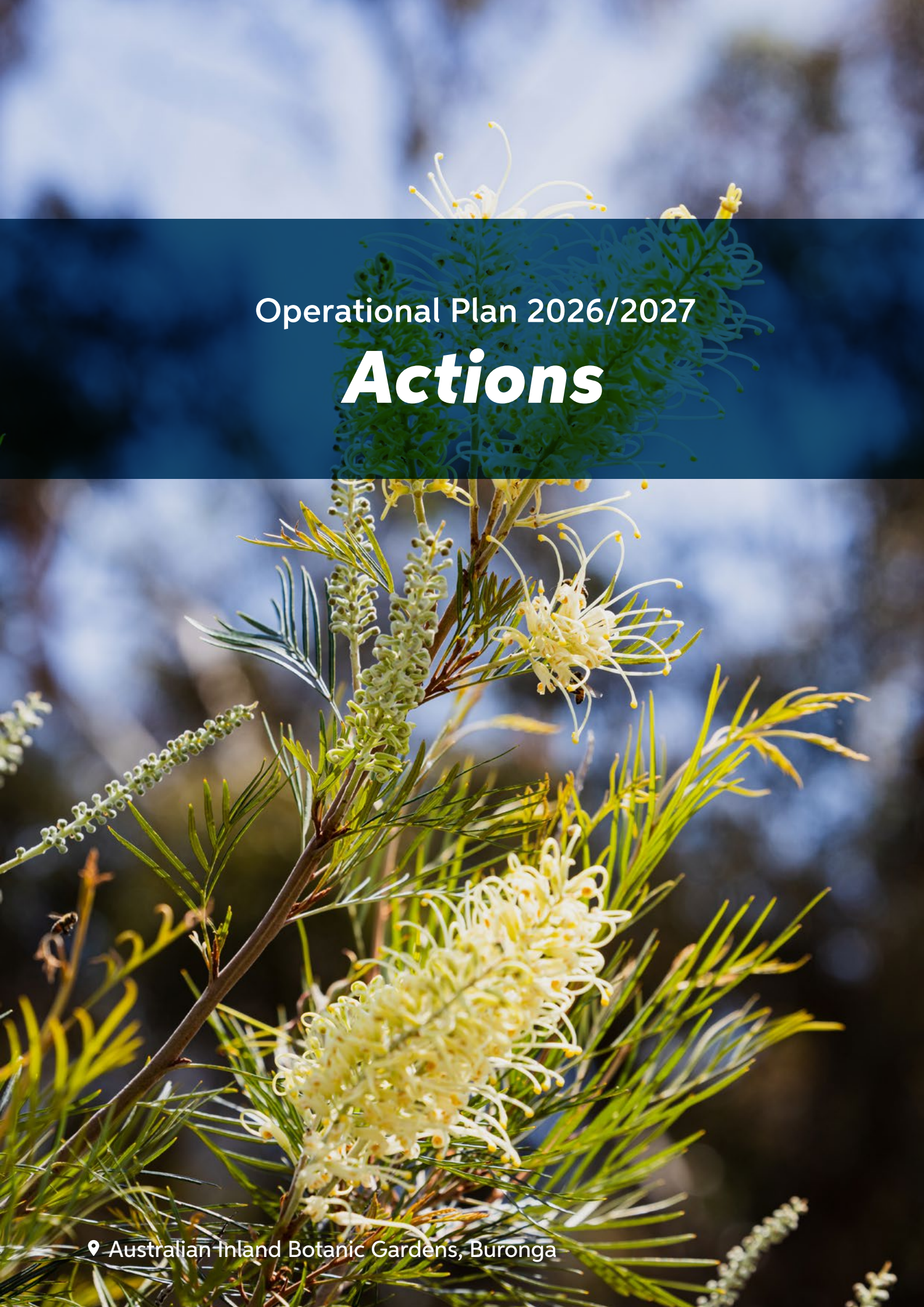
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How to read this plan

This diagram explains the key headings and terminology used in the following pages of this Plan.





Operational Plan 2026/2027

Actions



STRATEGY 1

OUR ECONOMY

Strategy 1

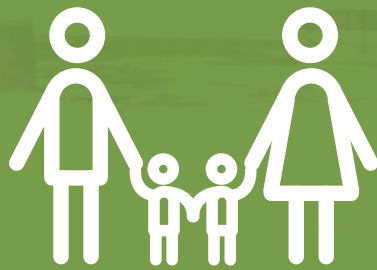
Our Economy

Wentworth Shire is a vibrant, growing and thriving region



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
1.1– Create a supportive Environment for business to invest and grow		
Annual Actions	Utilise the Economic Development Strategy to advocate for approaches that create economic diversification and provide broader employment opportunities.	General Manager
	Support educational and employment opportunities that retain young people and local talent, attract new workers and provide opportunities for the unemployed.	
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
1.2– Promote the Wentworth Region as a desirable visitor and tourism destination		
Annual Actions	Visitor Information Centre Services.	Team Leader VIC
	Work in partnership to expand the branding, promotion, attraction and opportunities in support of the growth of the visitor economy.	Manager Business & Corporate Services
	Support the activities of Murray Regional Tourism, Destination NSW Riverina-Murray, and Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc.	
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
1.3 – High quality connectivity across the region		
Annual Actions	Advocate for high standard physical and digital connectivity	General Manager
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
Total Council Operational Budget committed to Strategy 1		\$1,794,328.00
Total Council Capital Budget committed to Strategy 1		\$50,000.00

Measuring Progress	
1	Event sponsorship provided
2	Tourism & Economic Development Promotions



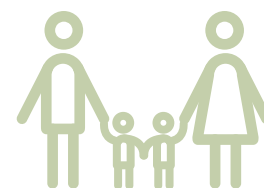
STRATEGY 2

OUR COMMUNITY

Strategy 2

Our Community

Wentworth Shire is a great place to live



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
2.1 – Continue to create opportunities for inclusion where all people feel welcome and participate in community life		
Annual Actions	We foster a sense of community belonging and diversity.	General Manager
	Actively engage with and include the perspectives and knowledge of the local indigenous community.	
	Support the delivery and development of events that contribute to economic prosperity, liveability and social cohesion	
	Support cultural, recreational and community interaction opportunities through the Financial Assistance Program	Director Corporate Services
Specific Actions	Implement actions outlined in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Director Corporate Services
2.2 – The community has access to services and initiatives that contribute to well being across all stages of life.		
Annual Actions	Provide libraries that support social interaction and encourage lifelong learning.	Team Leader Library Services
	Develop and maintain effective relationships to advocate for the needs of the community.	General Manager
	Support the work of the Wentworth Interagency Group.	
	Our buildings and spaces are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all community members.	Manager Engineering Services
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	

2.3 – To have a safe community		
Annual Actions	Regulatory Services are provided to support the health, safety and well being of the community.	
	Continue to engage with the Local Area Command on key community safety issues.	General Manager
	Facilitate the Local Emergency Management Committee to ensure a co-ordinated approach by all agencies having responsibilities and functions in emergencies.	
	In partnership with Transport for NSW continue to identify and resolve road and pedestrian safety issues.	Manager Works
	Being a Child Safe Organisation	Director Corporate Services
Specific Actions	Not applicable	
2.4 – To have a strong sense of place		
Annual Actions	Community pride is encouraged through the beautification and maintenance of our towns	Manager Works
Specific Actions	Not applicable	

Total Council Operational Budget committed to Strategy 2	\$4,909,178.00
Total Council Capital Budget committed to Strategy 2	\$90,500.00

Measuring Progress	
1	Number of road safety initiatives implemented
2	% of public health inspections completed within legislative timeframes
3	Number of building inspections completed.
4	Demographic profile of those attending library services
5	Number of library programs completed
6	Number of visitors to Council libraries
7	Annual Financial Assistance Program completed
8	Continue to provide support for Wentworth Interagency Group



STRATEGY 3

OUR ENVIRONMENT

Strategy 3

Our Environment

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



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
3.1 – An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place.		
Annual Actions	Manage development through a transparent and efficient assessment process.	General Manager
	Develop, review and update Strategic Planning documents as required.	
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
3.2 – Our public assets are well maintained and able to meet the growing population demands.		
Annual Actions	Land Tenure Program.	General Manager
	Maintain transport network including Roads, Bridges and Footpaths.	Manager Works
	Maintain community facilities including halls, ovals, pools and other sporting facilities.	
Specific Actions	Deliver programmed capital works: - Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund - Milpara Road - Cadell Street Footpath	Manager Works
	Dareton Effluent Disposal Station Upgrade	Manager Engineering Services
3.3 – Minimise the impact on the natural environment.		
Annual Actions	Effectively manage weeds to protect our biodiversity and natural environment.	Manager Works
	Monitor and investigate Illegal Dumping Activities as required.	
	Support the activities of the Murray Darling Association.	General Manager
	Advocate for the sustainable management of the Darling-Baaka and the Menindee Lakes.	
Specific Actions	Not applicable	

3.4 – Use and manage our resources wisely.

Annual Actions	Provide best practice water, waste water and stormwater management infrastructure.	Manager Engineering Services
	Provide and Promote resource recovery and recycling initiatives	Manager Works
	Encourage businesses and the community to be socially and environmentally responsible.	Manager Business & Corporate Services
Specific Actions	Deliver programmed capital works: - Sewer Main Refurbishment - Dareton SPS #5	Manager Engineering Services

3.5 – Infrastructure meets the needs of our growing Shire

Annual Actions	Infrastructure is planned for the long term and without imposing an unfair burden on future generations.	Director Roads & Engineering
	Encourage positive social and environmental contributions from developers.	General Manager
Specific Actions	Deliver programmed capital works: Hendy Road/Alcheringa Oval Stormwater	Manager Engineering Services

Total Council Operational Budget committed to Strategy 3	\$25,627,603.00
Total Council Capital Budget committed to Strategy 3	\$16,307,930.00

Measuring Progress

1	% of Capital works projects completed on time and on budget
2	Average development application approval time
3	Waste diverted from landfill



STRATEGY 4

OUR LEADERSHIP

Strategy 4

Our Leadership

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



OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS		RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
4.1 – A well engaged and informed community.		
Annual Actions	Provide timely, accessible and accurate information to the community.	General Manager
	Engage and consult with the whole community to capture and consider all viewpoints.	
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
4.2 – We value our civic leadership whose stewardship and decision making benefits present and future generations.		
Annual Actions	Ensure that elected members are adequately resourced to enable effective representation.	General Manager
	Build and maintain active partnerships and advocate effectively on behalf of the community.	
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
4.3 – Provide a governance framework that is transparent and builds trust in local leadership.		
Annual Actions	Council practices and processes are undertaken in an efficient manner that meets legislative requirements.	Director Corporate Services
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
4.4 – Manage public resources responsibly and efficiently for the benefit of the community		
Annual Actions	Council's finances are managed to ensure ongoing service delivery levels and appropriate asset management can be maintained.	Director Corporate Services
	Retain, engage and develop staff.	Manager Human Resources
Specific Actions	Not applicable.	
Total Council Operational Budget committed to Strategy 4		\$3,802,550.00
Total Council Capital Budget committed to Strategy 4		\$1,229,279.00

Measuring Progress	
1	Strong financial position maintained
2	Financial reporting obligations met
3	Number Service level reviews completed
4	Quarterly Progress Reports completed on time
5	Engagement activities undertaken as per Community Engagement Strategy

Workforce requirements

On 16 July 2025, Council increased the organisational structure by 12.75 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) to 149.80 FTE's.

The adopted structure consists of the General Manager and two (2) directors. Council staff other than the General Manager are employed under the NSW Local Government (State) Award.

For the 2026/2027 financial year, total employment costs are forecast to be \$11,937,380.

The diagram on the following page depicts the Organisational Structure.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP REPORTING STRUCTURE

Our Organisational Structure is designed to deliver on the Community's Strategic Objectives as outlined in the Community Strategic Plan 2026-2036.

Commenced journey with Council in November 2002.



KEN ROSS

GENERAL MANAGER

Appointed to role in May 2019

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS SUPPORT

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

BUILDING SURVEYING/ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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

COMPANION ANIMALS

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

COMPLIANCE/REGULATORY SERVICES/ LOCAL LAWS

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

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

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

RESERVES & LAND TENURE

- Acquisition of land
- Crown land manager
- Native Title

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Commenced journey with Council in November 2008.



SIMON RULE

DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in May 2014

CORPORATE SERVICES

CUSTOMER SERVICES

- Bridge lift bookings
- Cemetery reservations & burials
- Customer enquiries
- Receipting (rates, water accounts, applications)
- Venue hire bookings

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Economic & Community Development
- Events
- Library
- Marketing & Communications
- Tourism
- Visitor Information Centre

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

RECORDS

- Record management

RISK & GOVERNANCE

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

STORES

Commenced journey with Council in November 2016.



GEOFF GUNN

DIRECTOR

Appointed to role in August 2019

ROADS & ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING TEAM

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

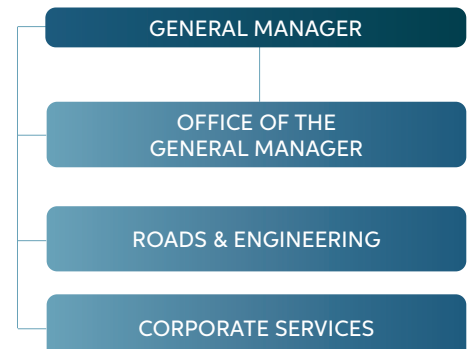
WORKS TEAM

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



REPORTING STRUCTURE

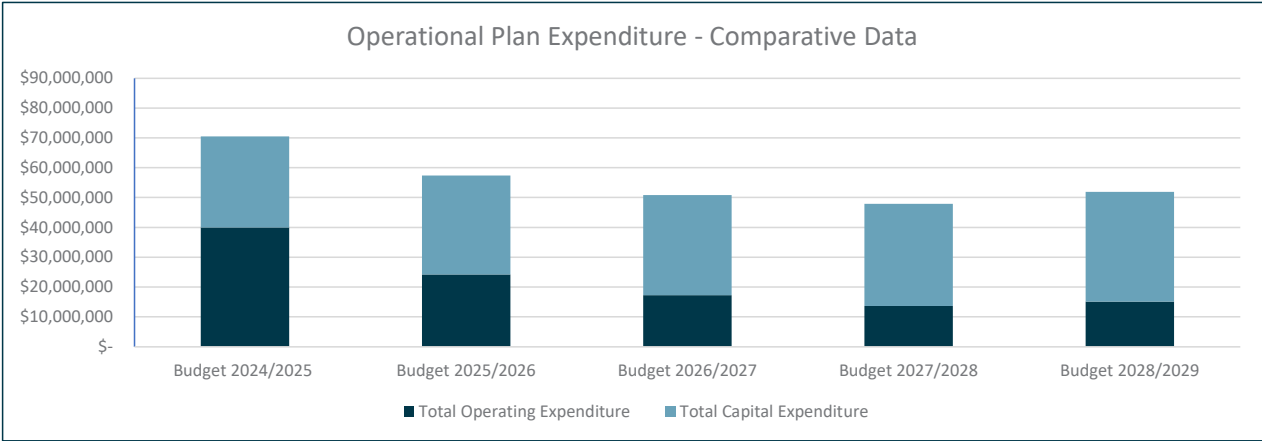
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Future year estimates

The following graph provides a comparison of previous budgeted amounts, compared with the budget for the upcoming financial year and the projected future budgets for 2027/2028 and 2028/2029.

Based on the current Delivery Program projects and forecasts from 2026/2027 onwards the level of capital expenditure reduces as the current four-year Delivery Program comes to an end.



	Budget 2024/2025	Budget 2025/2026	Budget 2026/2027	Budget 2027/2028	Budget 2028/2029
Total Capital Expenditure	\$ 39,936,874	\$ 24,190,133	\$ 17,302,869	\$ 13,703,702	\$ 15,108,971
Total Operating Expenditure	\$ 30,519,997	\$ 33,166,138	\$ 33,530,496	\$ 34,205,726	\$ 36,767,197

Further information

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

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

The Annual fees and charges document provides details of annual fees and charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.



Operational Plan 2026/2027

Attachments



2. Annual Statement of Revenue

The Annual Statement of Revenue forms part of the 2026/2027 Operational Plan and includes the 2026/2027 Fees and Charges.

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

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Statement of Revenue Policy

Introduction

The information contained in this Statement of Revenue is drawn directly from Council's Long Term Financial Plan. While the quality and range of services provided by Council continue to expand, income is declining in real terms. This challenge is being experienced across the local government sector; however, its scale and impact remain significant.

Despite these constraints, Council remains committed to delivering high-quality services that meet community expectations and are provided at a cost the community is willing to pay. Achieving this will require continued collaboration with the community to ensure services are aligned with local needs and priorities.

In developing the Long-Term Financial Plan, Council considered a range of economic and political factors that influence its financial position and, in turn, its capacity to sustain current service levels while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

Rating

Council rates are a form of taxation; they are not a fee-for-service. The *Valuation of Land Act 1916* (NSW) and the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) provide the legislative framework for valuing land and raising rates. All rateable land must be valued and rated. The *Valuation of Land Act 1916* (NSW) prescribes that the value of all properties be reassessed every 3 or 4 years to accommodate movements in land values. Council currently has its land revalued every 3 years. A revaluation establishes the value of a property relative to all other properties (ie: its market relativity).

Valuations in New South Wales are conducted by the NSW Valuer-General based on market movements and recent sales trends as required under the *Valuation of Land Act 1916* (NSW). When a local government area has been re-valued the property owner will be issued with a Notice of Valuation. Each Notice of Valuation contains both details of the property as they are recorded on the Valuer General's records and the land value at the common base date for all Valuer General valuations in the local government area.

The valuations are objective and impartial, and are based on the market for Land. The 'land value' represents the value that the 'fee simple' interest in the land, assumed to be vacant, would be if offered for sale. For 2026/2027, rates are based on property values as at 1 July 2024.

By virtue of section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), Council is required to make and levy an ordinary rate for each year on all rateable land in its area. This is a mandatory requirement.

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

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

The ad valorem amount of a rate

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

Base charges and minimum amounts of rates payable

The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) allows the use of both different minimums and/or different base charges for different land use/localities. This provides additional flexibility in determining the distribution of the rating burden. It potentially enables better accommodation of 'equity' considerations but at the expense of the criteria of "simplicity".

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

The higher the amount of a base charge or a minimum rate the lower will be the ad valorem rate for any given revenue target. As a result higher valued properties may incur a greater or lesser share of the total rate burden depending on the level of the base charge or minimum rate. Applying a base rate charge will result in a different distribution between low, medium and high valued properties relative to the application of a minimum rate. The *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) limits the amount of revenue that can be generated by a base charge or minimum rate. A base rate or minimum rate must not produce more than 50% of the total revenue derived for each category of property. Council has a base charge for each property category but currently does not levy a minimum charge.

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

Annual rate increases in NSW are capped or "rate pegged as determined by the Independent Pricing and Pricing Tribunal (IPART), is the maximum amount by which Council's total rate revenue can increase over the previous year without making application for a special rate variation.

Council's general rates income can grow when new properties are developed that require additional local government services. Property growth impacts on Council's financial performance by increasing rate revenue as a result of the increased number of rateable assessments. It is important to note however, that the increase in rate revenue resulting from property growth is generally not in direct proportion to the increase in the number of rateable assessments.

In October 2021, the Minister for Local Government announced that the State Government had accepted IPART's recommendation for the inclusion of a population factor into the rate peg. IPART has developed a methodology that enables council's to maintain per capita general income over time as their populations grow. Maintaining per capita general income will help councils to maintain existing service levels and provide the services their growing communities expect.

The approach developed by IPART amends the existing rate peg calculation to include a population factor in the rate peg that is calculated as the change in residential population, less any increase in general revenue from supplementary valuations.

In development of a population growth factor for the rate peg, IPART undertook research which indicated councils currently only recover approximately 60% of the cost of population growth through supplementary rate income.

The methodology will apply to all councils experiencing population growth, even at low levels, but not impact councils with stable or declining populations. The methodology allows for rating income to increase to provide councils with a greater ability to manage the cost of population growth.

In September 2025 IPART announced a base rate increase of 3.00% for all councils. Council received an additional 0.20% increase to factor in the Emergency Services Levy and the cost of running the 2024 Council elections. Council received no population factor adjustment for 2026-2027 resulting in a core rate peg increase of 3.20%. Council is proposing to increase rates by the full amount of the rate peg.

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

Table of years and rate increases and % of total revenue						
Rating Year	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027
Rate Pegging % Increase	2.00%	0.70%	3.70%	5.20%	4.50%	3.20%
Rateable Value	\$879,598,432	\$885,520,951	\$1,555,890,730	\$1,583,196,330	\$1,664,529,812	\$1,684,822,712
Total General Rate Income	\$5,673,409	\$5,724,454	\$6,039,427	\$6,428,258	\$6,989,702	\$7,285,198
Increase	\$212,774	\$51,045	\$314,973	\$388,831	\$561,444	\$295,496

Budget analysis

This section provides comments on the main operating expenditure revenues, and capital expenditure for 2026/2027.

Operating Revenue

Council has forecasted to generate \$45,904,497 in revenue for 2026/2027.

Extract of Operating Statement				
Operating Revenue	2027	2028	2029	2030
Rates & Annual Charges	\$12,656,341	\$13,255,409	\$13,784,139	\$14,333,924
User Charges & Fees	\$12,600,050	\$13,188,941	\$14,897,771	\$15,578,831
Interest	\$2,479,046	\$2,594,748	\$2,694,248	\$2,797,578
Grants & Contributions (Op)	\$13,178,842	\$13,705,523	\$14,134,385	\$14,675,024
Grants & Contributions (Cap)	\$2,854,104	\$559,494	\$617,988	\$539,292
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,996,562	\$2,499,712	\$1,678,655	\$1,485,261
Net gain/loss Disposal of Assets	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$45,904,497	\$46,025,246	\$47,949,760	\$49,553,976

Rating and Annual Charges

The total income that can be raised from levying rates on property is capped by the State Government via the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. The current rate structure for Wentworth Shire Council will be maintained; rate assessments will be based entirely upon property valuations (ad valorem) plus with base rates applying where appropriate.

The continuing constraint of rate pegging imposed by the State Government limits Council's ability to provide additional services or borrow additional funds and has focused considerable attention to the need for and efficiency of each service provided. Council expects to raise \$12,656,341 from rates and annual charges for 2026/2027. This includes a special variation for Tourism which was approved in 1998 for \$10 per assessment.

Pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession card and own and occupy rateable property in Wentworth Shire receive a mandatory rebate on their rates and annual charges. The State Government funds 55% of the rebate. This is expected to cost Council \$80,000 in 2026/2027.

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

Hardship and ability to pay rates

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

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

- A payment plan or agreement (s564 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)) so that rates and charges (whether overdue or not) are paid on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.
- Interest may be waived or reduced for a set period of time.
- A pensioner rebate (additional to the legislated rebate) may be given.
- Interest, rates or charges may be written off, waived, reduced, or deferred for eligible applicants (s564, s 577, 601 *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW))

Applications for a special variance to general income

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

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

User Charges and Fees

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

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

Council is mindful that reliance on fees and charges as a revenue-raising mechanism can impact the equitable access of residents to services and facilities. In addition, the Shire's relatively small population base limits the capacity to generate significant revenue from fees and charges.

Statutory fees such as development assessment fees, planning certificates etc charged by Council are subject to direction through regulation and other state government controls. Council does not set these fees and does not have the power to vary the fee set. The majority of statutory charges do not provide for annual increases in line with CPI or the cost of providing the service and therefore excluding development related income, no growth in these fees has been included in the 2026/2027 budget.

The Roads and Maritime Services contract (RMCC) is classed as a fee for service and accounts for approx. \$1.9 million of revenue annually. Council also operates the Buronga Landfill, it is expected that this operation will generate \$8.75 million in revenue. Overall Council expects to raise \$12,600,050 from user fees and charges for 2026/2027.

Interest on Investments

Council has an investment portfolio that varies in size from year to year however it is projected to be between \$30m and \$35m for the majority 2026/2027. These funds are a mixture of unspent grants, reserve funds and general revenue. All investments are placed in accordance with the Minister's Order and Councils adopted investment policy. Interest earnings form a significant part of Council's revenue each year and are subject to fluctuations in interest rates as they respond to economic conditions.

Approximately \$30,000,000 of Council's cash reserves are currently either internally or externally restricted, this means that they have been set aside to fund specific expenditure. This gives Council the ability to strategically invest these funds in order to gain maximum returns whilst minimising risk. The remaining funds make up Council's available working capital which is required to fund day to day operations. Council also receives interest on outstanding rates and annual charges.

Council expects to receive \$2,479,046 from investment activities in 2026/2027.

Grants and Contributions

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

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

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

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

Council collects monetary contributions from developers as a condition of consent on Development Applications to meet the demand for public amenities and public services created by new development. Authority to do this is provided by Sections 7.11 & 7.12 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) and Sections 305-307 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (NSW).

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

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

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

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

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

Council has forecasted to receive \$16,032,946 in operating and capital grants in 2026/2027.

Council will receive capital grants and contributions in 2026/2027 which will contribute to funding the following projects:

- Roads to Recovery Program
- Regional Roads Block Grant
- Regional Roads Emergency Repair Fund
- Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program
 - Milpara Road Upgrade.
- Road Safety Program
 - Cadell Street Footpath
- Australian Government Blackspot Program
 - High Darling Road
 - Old Wentworth Road
- Better Boating
 - Dareton EDS Upgrade

Other Revenue

Miscellaneous revenue is obtained from a variety of sources including insurance recoveries, property rentals, sale of assets etc. It is anticipated that other revenue will be maintained at current levels with an increase for CPI factored in. Council has budgeted to receive \$1,996,562 in 2026/2027.

Operating Expenditure

Council has forecasted \$36,133,659 in operating expenditure for 2026/2027.

Extract of Operating Statement				
Operating Expenses	2027	2028	2029	2030
Employee Costs	\$11,937,380	\$12,551,487	\$13,216,299	\$13,916,294
Materials & Contracts	\$11,210,352	\$11,267,611	\$10,712,204	\$10,623,682
Borrowings	\$1,294,668	\$1,201,134	\$1,109,904	\$1,043,265
Depreciaton & Amortisation	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
Other Operating Expenses	\$691,259	\$710,909	\$728,791	\$747,299
TOTAL	\$36,133,659	\$36,731,142	\$36,767,197	\$37,330,540

Employee Expenses

Employee expenses comprise approximately 30% of Council's operating costs with 149.80 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff. The salaries and wages budget calculation includes an assumption that staff will take four weeks annual leave. Throughout any year salary savings resulting from staff vacancies and efficiencies will occur naturally.

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

Council's policy is to fully fund the leave entitlements of staff in the Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve. In recent years the reserve has been used to assist in the funding of costs associated with the resignation/retirement of a number of long serving employees. Council has been fortunate in recent years that it has had enough surplus cash to fund 100% of this reserve.

It is projected that the reserve will maintain a balance of 100% through 2026/2027. However, if surplus funds were to decrease Council may choose to review this policy.

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

Organisational Structure

The 2026/2027 Operational Plan is based on the figure of 149.80 equivalent fulltime employees (EFT's). Councils total employee costs for 2026/2027 is expected to be \$11,937,380.

Borrowing Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

Borrowing costs on current and projected loans and financing arrangements will total \$1,294,668 in 2026/2027.

Materials and Services

Materials and Services represent the principal costs used to deliver services to the community and are forecast to increase by 5% in 2026/2027 in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index. Materials and contracts are subject to variations in the market and particularly to petroleum prices. Such fluctuations impact on the price of petroleum and petroleum-based products (such as asphalt) and makes forecasting difficult. Budgeted expenditure for 2026/2027 is \$11,210,352.

Depreciation

Depreciation reflects the fact that an asset's cost is proportionally expensed over the time during which it is used. Depreciation has been based on the estimated useful life of assets and will be reviewed every year. Council continues to thoroughly review its residual values and estimated useful lives. Budgeted depreciation for 2026/2027 is \$11,000,000.

Other Expenses

These expenses are those which are not part of the day to day operations of Council and generally relate to section 356 financial contributions and levies paid to other levels of government such as the Emergency Services Levy. Budgeted expenditure for 2026/2027 is \$691,259.

Expenditure Challenges

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

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

Capital Expenditure

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

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

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

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

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

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

The budget for 2026/2027 has been developed through a process of consultation and review with Council and staff. As required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, the Operational Plan and Budget are for a one year period. The Long Term Financial Plan details Council's financial forecast for a 10 year period and budget estimates for the next four years are provided in the Delivery Program.

Capital Expenditure	2027	2028	2029	2030
Existing Infrastructure Renewals	\$15,894,461	\$13,373,284	\$13,919,571	\$12,916,993
Projects Carried forward from previous years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Capital Expenditure	\$471,000	\$3,957,394	\$0	\$2,457,394
Capital loan repayments	\$1,590,332	\$1,545,738	\$1,403,120	\$1,421,660
TOTAL	\$17,955,793	\$18,876,417	\$15,322,691	\$16,796,047

The Major Projects and Capital Expenditure Program for 2026/2027 will be \$17,955,793.

Capital works are funded from the following sources:

Loans/financing	\$0
Restricted Funds	\$1,339,480
Retained Earnings	\$0
Council Operations	\$14,860,396
Grants and Contributions	\$1,755,917
TOTAL	\$17,955,793

Rate Levy 2026/2027

Council has received advice from the Minister for Local Government that the rate pegging limit for 2026/2027 is 3.20%. The maximum increase has been proposed.

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

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

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

- No new special rates are proposed for 2026/2027.

In accordance with Sections 534, 535 & 537 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council resolves to make and levy an ordinary rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for 2026/2027 financial year for every parcel of rateable land within the Wentworth Shire Council as follows:

Farmland Category

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

Farmland

An ordinary rate of 0.00229167 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 29.06% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,433,076.

Farmland - Dry Land Grazing

An ordinary rate of 0.00180339 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Dry Land Grazing in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$600.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 17.01% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$938,274.

Farmland - Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

An ordinary rate of 0.04285573 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline, in accordance with Section 515 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 37.66% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$18,921.

Residential Category

Residential - Buronga

An ordinary rate of 0.00336258 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Buronga, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.50% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$604,860.

Residential - Dareton

An ordinary rate of 0.00959530 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Dareton, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 40.94% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$96,443.

Residential - Gol Gol

An ordinary rate of 0.00365342 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.91% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$890,010.

Residential - Gol Gol East

An ordinary rate of 0.00337775 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol East, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.84% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$540,622.

Residential - Pooncarie

An ordinary rate of 0.01961801 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 43.33% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$25,204.

Residential - Rural Residential

An ordinary rate of 0.00269527 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Rural Residential, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 22.35% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$658,572.

Residential - Wentworth

An ordinary rate of 0.00427538 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 516 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$240.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 35.95% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$418,611.

Business Category

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

Business

An ordinary rate of 0.00424881 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 15.63% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$381,695.

Business - Arumpo

An ordinary rate of 0.07113887 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.23% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$119,774.

Business - Mourquong

An ordinary rate of 0.09794355 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.04% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$486,000.

Business - Pooncarie

An ordinary rate of 0.07907677 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.03% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$616,208.

Business - Trentham Cliffs

An ordinary rate of 0.00535371 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.46% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$13,870.

Business - Wentworth

An ordinary rate of 0.00956230 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the *Local Government Act 1993* be now made for the 2026/2027 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 33.86% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$43,058.

Water and Sewer Charges

It is necessary to increase Water & Waste Water by 3.20% per property for 2026/2027 to cover the cost of operational and capital expenditure required to provide this service to the ratepayers.

- Water Access Charges will increase by 3.20% per rateable property in 2026/2027
- Sewer Access Charges will increase by 3.20% per rateable property in 2026/2027
- Water Consumption Charges will increase by 3.20% per rateable property in 2026/2027

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

Water charges

Filtered Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$361.50	per annum
Water Cost - 0-300kl	\$1.49	per kl
Water Cost - over 300kl	\$3.35	per kl
Raw Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$199.00	per annum
Water Cost - 0-700kl	\$0.53	per kl
Water Cost - over 700kl	\$1.32	per kl
The above proposed charges are for a basic 20mm connection.		

Flats and Units

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

Access Charges are determined by the connection size as follows:					
Filtered Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Filtered Water Access Charge	Filtered Water Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2,870	\$361.50	300 kl	\$1,037,505.00
	25	33	\$565.00	500 kl	\$18,645.00
	32	8	\$925.00	750 kl	\$7,400.00
	40	21	\$1,446.00	1,000 kl	\$30,366.00
	50	19	\$2,259.00	1,750 kl	\$42,921.00
	80	2	\$5,784.00	4,000 kl	\$11,568.00
	100	1	\$9,038.00	6,250 kl	\$9,038.00
	150	2	\$20,334.00	14,000 kl	\$40,668.00
	200	0	\$36,154.00		\$0.00
					\$1,198,111.00
Raw Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Raw Water Access Charge	Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2,633	\$199.00	700 kl	\$523,967.00
	25	48	\$311.00	1,400 kl	414,928.00
	32	14	\$509.00	2,100 kl	\$7,126.00
	40	18	\$796.00	2,800 kl	\$14,328.00
	50	17	\$1,244.00	4,900 kl	\$21,148.00
	80	3	\$3,184.00	11,200 kl	\$9,552.00
	100	3	\$4,975.00	17,500 kl	\$14,925.00
	150	0	\$11,194.00	39,200 kl	\$0.00
	200	0	\$19,900.00		\$0.00
					\$605,974.00

Rural 1(c) Raw Water				
Size of Connection		Access Charge	First Step \$0.28	Second Step \$0.84
20mm	311	\$271.50	0-2,000kl	2,001+ kl
Rural Raw Water Only	23	\$271.50	0-2,000kl	2,001+ kl
				\$90,681.00
Industrial Water				
Filtered	Up to 4,000kl		\$1.25	per kl
	Next 4,000kl		\$2.06	per kl
	Next 4,000kl		\$1.95	per kl
	Over 12,000kl		\$1.84	per kl
Total Water Access Charges				\$1,894,766.00

Pensioner Concessions

Water pensioner concessions \$32,000.00

Sewerage Charges

Description	Assess	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Sewerage Connected	1,985	\$991.00	\$1,967,135.00	\$29,500.00
Sewerage Unconnected	308	\$570.00	\$175,560.00	
Sewerage 1st Pedestal	31	\$991.00	\$30,721.00	
Sewerage Pedestal WC	737	\$138.00	\$101,706.00	
Sewerage Urinal	65	\$68.50	\$4,453.00	
Sewerage Church WC	38	\$73.50	\$2,793.00	
Sewerage 2 Flats	9	\$1,486.50	\$13,379.00	
Sewerage 3 Flats	3	\$1,982.00	\$5,946.00	
Sewerage 4 Flats	4	\$2,477.50	\$9,910.00	
Sewerage 5 Flats	4	\$2,973.00	\$11,892.00	
Sewerage 6 Flats	3	\$3,468.50	\$10,406.00	
Sewerage 7 Flats	3	\$3,964.00	\$11,892.00	
Sewerage 9 Flats	0	\$4,955.00	\$0.00	
Sewerage 10 Flats	1	\$5,450.00	\$5,451.00	
Sewerage 12 Flats	1	\$6,441.50	\$6,442.00	
Sewerage 14 Flats	0	\$7,432.50	\$0.00	
			\$2,357,684.00	\$29,500.00

DOMESTIC WASTE

From 2026/2027, Council will introduce an enhanced domestic waste service incorporating a dedicated recycling collection and a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection. The introduction of these services aligns with State Government waste and resource recovery objectives and support improved environmental outcomes through increased diversion of waste from landfill.

The revised waste services reflects changes to service delivery arrangements and associated costs, including collection, processing, education and compliance requirements. Domestic Waste charges for 2026/2027 have been set to recover the full cost of providing these services in accordance with legislative requirements.

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

Garbage Charges				
Description	Access	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Domestic Waste Charge	3,181	\$370.25	\$1,177,765.00	\$32,000.00
Additional Kerbside Waste Bin:				
01/07/2026 - 30/09/2026	331	\$61.14	\$20,237.00	\$0.00
01/10/2026 - 30/06/2027	0	\$104.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$1,198,002.00	\$32,000.00

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

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

Section 612 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) prohibits Council from determining a fee until it has given public notice of its draft delivery and operational plans for the year in which the fee is to be made and has considered any submissions received. Council will adopt the 2026/2027 fees and charges schedule on 24 June 2026, after consideration of all written submissions by residents and ratepayers.

Refer to attached document for the fees and charges schedule.

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

Reference is made to Council's Pricing Policy in its Annual Fees and Charges 2026/2027. The Pricing Policy is related to the degree of cost recovery, having regard to the following factors:

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

Council's broad policies on revenue are:

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

The pricing policy referred to in the Annual Fees and Charges for 2026/2027 is based on a selection of one of the following choices:

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

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

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

Examples of private works are:

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

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

Statement of proposed borrowings

Council is proposing no borrowings for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.

3. Annual Fees & Charges

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



Planning and Development Applications

Development and Construction

Construction Certificates

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Class 1a Buildings (Dwellings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$555.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$680.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,357.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,163.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,584.00 plus \$2.27 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)		
Up to \$5,000	\$555.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$631.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$940.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,332.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$1,699.00 plus \$2.17 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Class 2 - 9 Buildings (Commercial, Industrial & Public Buildings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$680.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$1,357.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$2,163.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,696.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$3,295.00 plus \$2.42 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%

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Complying Development Certificates

Fee (Inc. GST) GST

Class 1a Buildings (Dwellings)

Up to \$5,000	\$555.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$680.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,357.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,163.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,584.00 plus \$2.27 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%

Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)

Up to \$5,000	\$555.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$631.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$940.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,332.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$1,699.00 plus \$2.17 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%

Class 2 - 9 Buildings (Commercial, Industrial & Public Buildings)

Up to \$5,000	\$680.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$1,357.00	0%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$2,163.00	0%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,715.00	0%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$3,295.00 plus \$2.42 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	0%

Contribution Plan (if applicable)

Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%

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



Civil Works

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Plan Checking Fee		
2 - 3 Lots	\$155.00	10%
4 - 20 Lots	\$464.00	10%
21 - 49 Lots	\$774.00	10%
50 Plus Lots	\$1,084.00	10%
Subdivision Construction Certificate	\$1,070.00 or 1.5% of total project cost whichever is greater	0%
Tapping Fee – to be determined on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%
Street Trees Contribution – per tree	\$140.00	0%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	0%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	0%
\$200,001 and above	1%	0%
Headworks Charges (Servicing Plans 1 & 2)		
Filtered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,939.00	0%
Filtered water fee (per Lot) – Trentham	\$5,000.00	0%
Unfiltered water fee (per Lot)	\$2,100.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot)	\$10,138.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot) – Trentham	\$5,000.00	0%
Stormwater Fee	\$0.98 per sqm of original area to be subdivided	0%

Sundry Building Fees

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Certificate and progress reports on buildings under construction	\$217.00	10%
Minor amendments to Construction Certificates / Complying Development Certificates	\$217.00	0%
Amendment > 50% of plan – Construction / Complying Development Certificates	50% of fee for new application	0%
Re-inspection for a critical stage building inspection	\$128.00	10%
Subscriber fee for provision of ABS data – full year	\$277.00	0%
Search and copy of records (per search)	\$111.00	0%
Private Certifier lodgement fee (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$42.00	0%
Submitting application for complying development certificate (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$43.00	0%
Submitting application for construction certificate, subdivision works certificate, occupation certificate, subdivision certificate, building information certificate or modification of development consent on the NSW planning portal. (EP&A Regulation 2021 Schedule 4)	\$47.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 where work involves no additional floor space (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$317.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works not exceeding 200m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$317.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works between 200m ² -2000m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$317.00 + \$0.50 per m ² over 200m ²	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 2-9 Buildings where works exceed 2000m ² (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$1,102.00 + \$0.50 per m ² over 2000m ²	0%
Inspection Fee where more than one inspection is required prior to issuing a Building Information Certificate (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$127.00	10%
Building Information Certificate where a DA, CDC or CC was required for the erection of the building (Fee determined under Part 10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>)	\$317.00 plus the maximum fee payable if the application was an application for Development Consent & Construction Certificate or Complying Development Certificate	0%
Infrastructure Protection Permit Fee (includes inspections)	\$256.00	0%
Infrastructure Bond (Refundable) – This bond applies to all construction works \$25,000 and above.	\$3,000.00	0%

Swimming Pool Fence Inspection Fee

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Audit inspection initiated by Council – 1 st Inspection	\$0.00	0%
Mandatory inspection for a swimming pool (cl 19 Swimming Pool Reg 2018)	\$150.00	0%
Follow up inspection when 1st inspection not compliant (cl 19 Swimming Pool Reg 2018)	\$100.00	10%

Local Government Act Approvals

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Application to install on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS) - Fee includes up to four inspections	\$579.00	0%
Application to alter on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS) - Fee includes up to four inspections	\$579.00	0%
Application to amend existing approval to install an on-site sewerage management system	\$274.00	0%
Install Grey Water System	\$332.00	0%
Amend Grey Water System	\$189.00	0%
Raw Water Sign	\$8.00	10%
Trade Waste Discharge Application Fee	\$818.00	10%
Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$818.00	0%
Amendment to Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$818.00	0%
Application for approval to connect to sewer	\$579.00	0%
Application to carry out minor changes/repairs to existing plumbing & drainage	\$347.00	0%
Application to alter existing sewer plan	\$579.00	0%
Re-inspection/additional inspection for a mandatory plumbing inspection stage	\$128.00	0%

Section 68 Installation of a Relocatable Home, Moveable Dwelling or Associated Structure

Up to \$5,000 of Building Value	\$70.00 + 0.5%	10%
\$5,001 - \$100,000 of Building Value	\$105.00 + 0.3%	10%
\$100,001 - \$250,000 of Building Value	\$505.00 + 0.2%	10%
>\$250,001 of Building Value	\$802.00 + 0.1%	10%
Stormwater Legal Point of Discharge	\$97.00	0%
Caravan Parks – Inspection fee + (per site) 5 year fee	\$348.00 + \$5.25 (per site)	0%
Caravan Park – Approval to operate – amendment of current approval	50% of a new application fee	0%
Caravan Parks noncompliance re-inspection fee (per hour)	\$234.00	0%
Section 68 Local Government Approvals not otherwise listed – Refer Appendix B	\$311.00	0%

Development Applications**Fee (Inc. GST) GST****Schedule 4 Part 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021**

Up to \$5,000	\$153.00	0%
From \$5,001 to \$50,000	\$235.00 plus \$3 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	
From \$50,001 to \$250,000	\$488.00 plus \$3.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000	0%
From \$250,001 to \$500,000	\$1,608.00 plus \$2.34 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0%
From \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2,420.00 plus \$1.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0%
From \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$3,625.00 plus \$1.44 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
More than \$10,000,001	\$22,009.00 plus \$1.19 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Development application for advertising signs where the lodgement fee based on the cost of work is more than the development application fee calculated as above	\$395.00 plus \$93.00 for each additional advertisement	0%
Development application for development not involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work, the subdivision of land or the demolition of a work or building	\$395.00	0%
Development application for development involving the erection of a dwelling house with an estimated development cost, including GST, of \$100,000 or less	\$631.00	0%
Additional fee for development application that is referred to design review panel for advice	\$4,159.00	0%
Additional fee for development application requiring consultation with the Development Coordination Authority per consultation requirement. <i>Fee payable to the Development Coordination Authority via the NSW Planning Portal at the time of lodgement.</i>	\$1,144.00	0%

Fees for Application for Modification of Consent

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
<i>Schedule 4 Part 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i>		
Modification under section 4.55 (1)	\$98.00	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(1A) or & S4.56(1) minimal environmental impact	50% of original DA fee up to the maximum fee of \$894.00 – whichever is the lesser.	
Modification application of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact, if the fee for the original application was: - less than 1 fee unit, or; 1 fee unit or more if the application did not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of work or demolition of work or building.	50% of original fee	0%
Modification of DA under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact if the fee for the original application was 1 fee unit or more and the original development application involved the erection of a dwelling house with an estimated development cost of \$100,000 or less	\$263.00	0%
Additional fee where Council is required to give notice under S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) of the Act.	\$922.00	
Additional fee for modification application that is referred to design review panel for advice	\$4,159.00	0%
Additional fee for modification application that is accompanied by statement of qualified designer	\$1,054.00	0%

Fees for Application for Modification of Consent

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Modification for S4.55(2) or S4.56(1) that does not involve minimal environmental impact and the original application fee was 1 unit or more and application relates to an original development application.		
Up to \$5,000	\$76.00	0%
\$5,001 to \$250,000	\$117.00 plus \$1.50 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$5,000.	0%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	\$694.00 plus \$0.85 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$250,000.	0%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$989.00 plus \$0.50 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$500,000.	0%
\$1,000,0001 to \$10,000,000	\$1,368.00 plus \$0.40 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000.	0%
More than \$10,000,000	\$6,568.00 plus \$0.27 per \$1,000 by which estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000.	0%
Additional fee for modification application under section 4.55(2) of the Act referred to the Development Coordination Authority. Fee payable to the Development Coordination Authority via the NSW Planning Portal at the time of lodgement.	\$571.00	0%
Request for LEP Amendment	\$9,129.00	0%
Request for s8.2(1) (C) review of decision to reject an application Schedule 4 Part 7 EP&A Reg 2021.		
Where the estimated cost of development is less than \$100,000	\$76.00	0%
Where the estimated cost of development is more than \$100,000 but is less than or equal to \$1,000,000	\$207.00	0%
Where the estimated cost of development is more than \$1,000,000	\$346.00	0%

Fees for Application for Review of Consent

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Request for Review of Determination - Schedule 4 Part 7 EP&A Reg 2021		
Review of development application not involve the erection of building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building.	50% of the original lodgment fee	0%
Review of development application involving the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	\$263.00	0%
In the case of any other development application		
Estimated development costs up to \$5,000	\$76.00	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$5,001 - \$250,000	\$119.00 plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$5,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$250,001 - \$500,000	\$694.00 plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$250,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$988.00 plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$500,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000	\$1,368.00 plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$1,000,000	0%
Estimated development costs in excess of \$10,000,000	\$6,568.00 plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$10,000,000	0%
Where Council is required to give notice under S8.3 of the Act	Up to \$859.00	0%

Subdivisions	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
<i>Schedule 4 Part 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i>		
Development Application Lodgement without road opening	\$458.00 plus \$53 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Involving opening of a public road	\$921.00 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Strata Subdivision	\$458.00 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Subdivision Certificate Application Fee	\$273.00 plus \$5.50 per lot	10%
<i>Section 10.7 Certificates</i>		
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) & (5) - Per Lot	\$185.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) - Per Lot	\$73.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 Urgent Fee	\$174.00	0%
Sewer Diagram	\$26.00	0%
Provision of document map or plan	\$78.00	0%
Certificate under Section 735A of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	\$105.00	10%
<i>Designated Development Schedule 4 Part 3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i>		
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for a designated development.	\$1,276.00	0%
Designated Development Advertising Fee	\$3,078.00	0%
<i>Integrated Development Schedule 4 Part 3 – item 3.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021</i>		
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for an integrated development (cl 253 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$194.00	0%
Giving notice for nominated integrated development, threatened species development or Class 1 aquaculture development.	\$1,532.00	0%
<i>Note: Applicants are required to pay an additional 9.65 fee units to the Development Coordination Authority.</i>		
<i>Any Development Requiring Concurrence not assumed by Council</i>		
Fee to Council as consent authority	\$194.00	0%
<i>Note: Applicants are required to pay an additional 9.65 fee units to the Development Coordination Authority.</i>		
<i>Giving Notice of Prohibited Development</i>		
Fee to give notice of Prohibited development	\$1,532.00	0%
<i>Provision of Certified copy of Documents, maps or plans – Schedule 4 Part 9 – item 9.9</i>		
Fee to give notice of Prohibited development	\$73.00	0%

Regulatory Functions

Public Health Program Inspection Fees

Section 68 Local Government Act and Local Government Regulation Fees

(Related to Public Health and Food Related Items)

Fee (Inc. GST) GST

Part F(7) - Use a standing vehicle (mobile food vehicle) or any article for the purpose of selling any article (including food) in a public place (Public place - includes a public road, public reserve, public park or the like)

Approval to sell food at a single event / temporary event	\$80.00	0%
Approval to sell food at multiple events - annual approval	\$202.00	0%

Part F(10) - Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations

Shared Accommodation Premises - inspection fee per inspection	\$181.00	0%
Hairdressers - Inspection fee per inspection	\$181.00	0%
Skin Penetration Premises - inspection fee per inspection	\$181.00	0%
Public Swimming Pool or Public Spa Pool - inspection fee per inspection	\$181.00	0%

NSW Food Regulation 2025

Fee (Inc. GST) GST

Food Shop Administration Charge (yearly)

Up to and including 5 FTE food handling staff	\$570.00	10%
6 - 50 FTE food handling staff	\$1,170.00	10%
>50 FTE food handling staff	\$5,115.00	10%
Mobile Food Vendor Administration Charge (on non-public place)	\$202.00	10%
Food shop / mobile food vendor inspection fee per hour (Note - minimum fee 1/2 hour and fees to be charged calculated in 1/2 hr increments)	\$194.00	0%
Mobile food van mutual recognition fee	\$180.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice under the Food Act 2003 (NSW) or NSW Food Regulations 2025.	\$370.00	0%

Note: A minimum of 1 inspection conducted annually, depending on hazard rating. Some premises may have up to 4 scheduled inspections per year.

Public Health Act 2010 & Public Health Regulations 2022 Fees - Schedule 5

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Skin Penetration Premises		
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$217.00	0%
Administration fee (yearly)	\$228.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$181.00	0%
Notification of carrying out skin penetration procedure (new premises) Note - no fee is required for a change of details	\$116.00	0%
Accommodation Premises		
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$141.00	0%
Fee per inspection	\$181.00	0%
Cooling Water System/Cooling Towers		
Notification of installation of a cooling water system (cooling tower)	\$132.00	0%
Issue of improvement notice or prohibition order given to occupier of premises at which there is a regulated system	\$700.00	0%
Warm Water Systems		
Application for approval of a warm water system in a hospital	\$210.00	10%
Notification of installation of a warm water system	\$132.00	0%
Issue of improvement notice or prohibition order given to occupier of premises at which there is a regulated system	\$700.00	0%
Swimming Pool and/or Spa Pool		
Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$141.00	0%
Administration fee (yearly)	\$228.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$116.00	0%
<i>Note: A minimum of 1 inspection conducted annually, depending on hazard rating. Some premises may have up to 4 scheduled inspection per year.</i>		
Other		
Issue of improvement notice or prohibition order given under the <i>Public Health Act 2010</i> or <i>Public Health Regulations 2022</i> to occupier of premises other than premises that have a regulated system.	\$326.00	0%
Re-inspection of premises subject to a prohibition order given under the <i>Public Health Act 2010</i> or <i>Public Health Regulations 2022</i> - per hour.	\$281.00	0%
Application for approval to exhume remains	\$419.00	0%
Application for exemption for cremation documentation	\$116.00	0%
Notification of registration of mortuaries	\$116.00	0%

Property Services	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Property Officer Time Charge out rate (minimum 1 hour)	Per Hour	\$191.00	10%
Property & Land Tenure Officer (minimum 1 hour)	Per Hour	\$263.00	10%
Application fee for land dealings over Crown/Council land etc (e.g. purchase of operational land, easements, covenants, caveats etc)	Per Application	\$3,045.00	10%
Application fee for landowners consent for DA etc - not for profit organisations	Per Application	\$135.00	10%
Application fee for lease assignment - commercial (not including legal fees)	Per Application	\$3,074.00	10%
Request for information and services - including property and approval searches, requiring a written response	Per Hour	\$263.00	10%
Application to formally close a public road	Per Application	\$3,074.00	10%
Preparation of Native Title Advice	Per Application	\$263.00	10%

Companion Animal Fees

Lifetime Registration Fees

(as per Companion Animals Regulation 2018)

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Dogs		
Registration <i>Registration fee for dogs at 12 weeks of age or when first transferred.</i>	\$84.00	0%
Registration (sold by pound/shelter) <i>Desexed dog sold by an eligible pound/shelter/rehoming organisation</i>	\$0.00	0%
Registration (eligible pensioner) <i>Animal owned by an eligible pensioner</i>	\$37.00	0%
Registration (recognised breeder) <i>Animal not desexed and kept by a recognised breeder for breeding purposes</i>	\$84.00	0%
Registration (desexing not recommended) <i>Registration fee for dogs at 12 weeks of age for animal with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed</i>	\$84.00	0%
Registration (desexing not recommended - eligible pensioner) <i>Animal owned by an eligible pensioner with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed</i>	\$37.00	0%
Working Dog <i>Satisfactory written evidence is required.</i>	\$0.00	0%
Service of the State <i>Dog in the service of the State, for example, a police dog</i>	\$0.00	0%
Assistance Animal <i>Animal under 6 months of age training to be an assistance animal, for example, a guide dog</i>	\$0.00	0%
Additional Fee <i>Additional fee is due if the dog is not desexed by 6 months.</i>	\$198.00	0%
Registration late fee <i>Applicable if a registration is not paid for by 28 days after the registration requirement.</i>	\$25.00	0%
Cats		
Registration Desexed or Not Desexed <i>Registration fee for cats at 12 weeks or when sold if earlier than 12 weeks</i>	\$74.00	0%
Registration Desexed (eligible pensioner) <i>Animal owned by an eligible pensioner</i>	\$37.00	0%
Registration (sold by pound/shelter) <i>Desexed cat sold by an eligible pound/shelter/rehoming organisation</i>	\$0.00	0%
Registration (desexing not recommended) <i>Registration fee for cats with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed</i>	\$74.00	0%
Registration (desexing not recommended - eligible pensioner) <i>Animal owned by an eligible pensioner with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed</i>	\$37.00	0%
Registration (recognised breeder) <i>Animal not desexed and kept by a recognised breeder for breeding purposes</i>	\$74.00	0%
Registration late fee <i>Applicable if a registration is not paid for by 28 days after the registration requirement.</i>	\$25.00	0%

Note: The lifetime registration fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the office of Local Government. The fees shown reflect amendments effective from 1 July 2026.

Annual Permits

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Undesexed Cat <i>Cat not desexed by four months of age</i>	\$104.00	0%
Dangerous dog <i>Dog declared to be dangerous</i>	\$247.00	0%
Restricted dog <i>Dog declared to be a restricted breed or restricted by birth</i>	\$247.00	0%

Note: The Annual Permit fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the Office of Local Government and are payable in addition to the one-off lifetime registration fee. The fees shown reflect amendments effective 1 July 2026.

A list of registration categories, current fees and the new fees for 2026/27 is provided on the Office of Local Government's (OLG) website:

www.olg.nsw.gov.au/pets/nsw-pet-registry/registration-and-permit-fees

Other Regulatory Function Charges

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Micro-chipping Service	\$75.00	10%
Surrender Fees	\$128.00	0%
Release Fee - Cats	\$128.00	0%
Release Fee - Dogs	\$128.00	0%
Release Fee - Livestock (per animal)	\$128.00	0%
Livestock Sustenance - per day	\$22.00	10%
Trap Hire - Refundable Deposit	\$30.00	0%
Impounded Vehicles	\$657.00	10%
Animal Services Officer - After hours attendance (in addition to any fines imposed)	\$353.00	10%

Waste Management Charges

Landfill Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
1 Bag of Rubbish		\$10.00	10%
1 Bag of Green Waste		\$3.00	10%
Station wagon / car boot		\$21.00	10%
240 ltr MGB		\$21.00	10%
Domestic (Home) Waste			
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility	Water Level	\$26.00	10%
	Heaped	\$48.00	10%
	Caged	\$71.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger	Water Level	\$53.00	10%
	Heaped	\$82.00	10%
	Caged	\$111.00	10%
Commercial/Industrial (Work) Waste			
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility	Water Level	\$42.00	10%
	Heaped	\$72.00	10%
	Caged	\$106.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger	Water Level	\$80.00	10%
	Heaped	\$123.00	10%
	Caged	\$168.00	10%
Green Waste (Domestic)			
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility	Water Level	\$8.00	10%
	Heaped	\$12.00	10%
	Caged	\$16.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger	Water Level	\$12.00	10%
	Heaped	\$16.00	10%
	Caged	\$20.00	10%
Green Waste (Commercial/Industrial)			
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility	Heaped	\$16.00	10%
	Caged	\$22.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger	Water Level	\$16.00	10%
	Heaped	\$22.00	10%
	Caged	\$28.00	10%
Commercial Green Waste > 2m ³	Per tonne	\$166.00	10%

Landfill Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Commercial, Industrial, Construction & Demolition Waste > 2m ³	Per tonne	\$210.00	10%
Concrete - excluding concrete pipes	Per tonne	\$146.00	10%
Asbestos	Per tonne	\$250.00	10%
Problematic Waste	Per tonne	\$400.00	10%
Clean Fill	Per tonne	\$13.00	10%
Clean fill containing hard waste	Per tonne	\$210.00	10%
Disposal of car bodies		NIL	0%
Car and Motorbike Tyres	Per tyre	\$13.00	10%
Small Truck Tyres	Per tyre	\$27.00	10%
Large Truck Tyres	Per tyre	\$50.00	10%
Super Single Tyres	Per tyre	\$53.00	10%
Tractor Tyres	Per tyre	\$214.00	10%
Large Earthmoving Tyres	Per tyre	\$300.00	10%
Waste Oil - petroleum oils only (Buronga & Wentworth only)		NIL	0%
Scrap Metal - clean fill		NIL	0%
Chemical Drums (clean and dry)		NIL	0%
Recycling (paper, cans, plastic bottles, glass)		NIL	0%
Cardboard, batteries, gas cylinders		NIL	0%
Mattress - Single	Per item	\$24.00	10%
Mattress - Double or bigger	Per item	\$46.00	10%
Unspecified Waste	Per tonne	\$255.00	10%
Weighbridge Certification Fee	Per vehicle	\$25.00	10%
Weighbridge Ticket Reprint	Per ticket	\$16.00	10%
Commercial Recycling (cardboard & Comingle)	Per cubic metre	\$18.00	10%
Contractor Discount – Application approval to be determined on a case by case basis on application to Council		Increased in line with the increase to the per tonne gate rate.	10%

Trade Waste Fees and Usage Charges

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Annual Trade Waste Fee		
Category 1 Discharger	\$160.00	10%
Category 2 Discharger	\$317.00	10%
Large Discharger	\$1,067.00	10%
Industrial Discharger	\$317.00	10%
Re-inspection Fee	\$149.00	10%
Trade Waste Usage Charges per kL		
Category 1 Discharge with appropriate equipment ¹	\$0.00	10%
Category 1 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$9.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge with appropriate equipment ¹	\$298.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$27.00	10%
Food Waste Disposal	\$50.00	10%
Non-compliance pH charge		
Value of coefficient K in equation 3 of Liquid Trade Waste Policy	\$8.00	10%
¹ Only applies to liquid trade waste dischargers with appropriately and/or maintained pre-treatment facilities.		

Charges for Tankered Waste Fees¹

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Chemical Toilet (per kL)	\$28.00	0%
Septic Tank Waste		
Per load (up to 5kL) - minimum charge	\$40.00	0%
Per kL thereafter	\$8.00	0%
¹ Only applies to liquid trade waste dischargers with appropriately and/or maintained pre-treatment facilities.		

Charges for use of Riverboat Pump-Out Stations (per each dump)

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Disposal of effluent from riverboats	\$38.00	10%
Use of key to access pump out facility (refundable deposit)	\$30.00	0%

Excess Mass Charges Substance price per kg	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Aluminium	\$8.00	10%
Ammonia (as N)	\$9.00	10%
Arsenic	\$134.00	10%
Barium	\$66.00	10%
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	\$134.00	10%
Boron	\$134.00	10%
Bromide	\$27.00	10%
Cadmium	\$618.00	10%
Chloride	\$8.00	10%
Chlorinated hydrocarbons	\$66.00	10%
Chlorinated phenolics	\$2,676.00	10%
Chlorine	\$9.00	10%
Chromium	\$44.00	10%
Cobalt	\$27.00	10%
Copper	\$27.00	10%
Cyanide	\$134.00	10%
Fluoride	\$12.00	10%
Formaldehyde	\$9.00	10%
Oil and Grease (Total O&G)	\$8.00	10%
Herbicides/defoliants	\$1,339.00	10%
Iron	\$9.00	10%
Lead	\$66.00	10%
Lithium	\$17.00	10%
Manganese	\$17.00	10%
Mercaptans	\$134.00	10%
Mercury	\$4,461.00	10%
Methylene blue active substances (MBAS)	\$134.00	10%
Molybdenum	\$134.00	10%
Nickel	\$44.00	10%
Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen - Ammonia) as N	\$32.00	10%

Excess Mass Charges Substance price per kg	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Organoarsenic compounds	\$1,339.00	10%
Pesticides general (excludes organochlorines and organophosphates)	\$1,339.00	10%
Petroleum hydrocarbons (non-flammable)	\$10.00	10%
Phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated)	\$20.00	10%
Phosphorous (Total PP)	\$9.00	10%
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons	\$27.00	10%
Selenium	\$95.00	10%
Silver	\$8.00	10%
Sulphate (SO4)	\$8.00	10%
Sulphide	\$9.00	10%
Sulphite	\$9.00	10%
Suspended Solids (SS)	\$8.00	10%
Thiosulphate	\$8.00	10%
Tin	\$17.00	10%
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	\$7.00	10%
Uranium	\$17.00	10%
Zinc	\$27.00	10%

Finance and Customer Service Fees

GIPA Requests

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Government Information Public Access Request (GIPA)			
Application Fee - as per the Act		\$30.00	0%
Processing Charges (1 st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter) - as per the Act		\$30.00	0%
Internal Review Application Fee - as per the Act		\$40.00	0%
Informal Request (1 st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter) - as per the Act		\$37.00	10%
Subpoenas			
Conduct money on initial lodgement of Subpoena to Produce (includes 1 st two hours of processing charge)		\$132.00	10%
Provision of documents for a Subpoena Processing Charges (1 st two hours no additional charge, cost per each hour thereafter)		\$83.00	10%

Licenses and Permits

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Tent Erection Fees - outside licensed Caravan Parks		\$151.00	0%
Tent Erection / Clearing		\$866.00	0%
Deposits - Tents for Circus, travelling shows and other commercial enterprises		\$600.00	0%
Valuer General's Insertion into Rates Notices	per hour	\$95.00	0%

Sundry Charges

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Photocopying/laminating/scanning			
Photocopying	per A4	\$0.25	10%
	per A3	\$0.50	10%
Colour Photocopying	per A4	\$1.00	10%
	per A3	\$2.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour	per A2	\$8.00	10%
	per A1	\$12.00	10%
	per A0	\$16.00	10%

Map Copy Charges - Line Art	per A2	\$4.00	10%
	per A1	\$7.00	10%
	per A0	\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery	per A2	\$12.00	10%
	per A1	\$20.00	10%
	per A0	\$23.00	10%
Laminating	per A4	\$5.00	10%
	per A3	\$9.00	10%
Scanning - small black & white logos etc.		\$7.00	10%
Scanning - colour photos (standard size)		\$9.00	10%
Grants			
Grants – Preparation of funding applications on behalf of others	per hour	\$129.00	10%
Grants – Auspice of grant funds on behalf of others (this covers preparation of reports for funding body & audit certificate)		\$1,959.00 plus 1% of funding amount	10%

Misc. Rates Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
603 Certificate		\$105.00	0%
603 Certificate Urgent Request - additional fee		\$171.00	0%
Special Meter Reading - 603 Certificate		\$95.00	0%
Meter Check - Fault Report		\$161.00	0%
Copy of Rates/Water Notice (per copy)		\$10.00	0%
General Administration Fee		\$25.00	0%
Extraction from Valuation Book		\$28.00	0%
Rural Addressing - Provision of new address plate or replacement plate		\$60.00	10%
Account review administration fee		\$180.00	10%
Dishonour Fee (Bpay, Bill Pay & Direct Debit)		\$32.00	10%
Interest on overdue rates		9.50%	0%

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

Library Fees

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

Roads and Engineering Support

Service	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Road Opening Permits		
Permit	\$207.00	0%
Refundable deposits¹		
Road opening fee	\$525.00	0%
For works in a constructed nature strip with concrete footpath	\$370.00	0%
For works in an unpaved constructed nature strip	\$210.00	0%
New works which may affect Council assets such as footpaths, sewer, drainage & water supply	\$1,420.00	0%
Traffic Management Plans		
Plan Preparation Fee	\$207.00	10%
Plan Assessment Fee	\$189.00	0%
Hire Fee per day - Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$40.00	10%
Refundable Deposit²		
Hire of Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$200.00	0%
Bins		
Bin Hire (per bin, per day - includes 1 emptying/cleaning)	\$29.00	10%
Each additional empty/clean (per bin)	\$29.00	10%
Replacement of Mobile Garbage Bin	Actual Cost	10%
Miscellaneous Services		
Hire of barbeque - per day	\$248.00	10%
Access permits - Heavy Vehicle National Law	\$128.00	10%
Weeds Inspections		
Inspections within the built-up horticultural areas (i.e. Wentworth to Monak)	\$234.00	10%
Inspections in rural areas (travel is calculated to and from the property)	\$234 plus \$55/hr after the first 2 hours + .85c per km	10%
Grid Replacement (refer to Fencing and Grid Policy) added 18/03/2020		
Co-contribution towards fencing when removal of a grid has been agreed to in writing.	Up to \$2,500 per km of fencing for a maximum amount of 5km per grid.	10%

Notes:

1. On completion of the job, the deposit will be refunded, less the restoration charges and any additional costs which may be required to restore the trench.
2. The restoration charge covers sealing and relaying of concrete surfaces and the top surface for gravel and earth. Any additional works are an extra charge. If the costs are greater than the deposit, a charge will be made.

Hire of Plant Items

Plant Item (refer notes) (Price per hour unless otherwise stated)	Plant Number (s)	Unit of measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
CAT 12M	533 & 534	per hour	\$437.00	10%
Tractors and Implements	34, 39 & 51	per hour	\$306.00	10%
CAT Backhoe	30	per hour	\$272.00	10%
CAT 910F FEL	31	per hour	\$272.00	10%
John Deere Tractor & Implements	41	per hour	\$349.00	10%
CAT D6 Dozer	36	per hour	\$437.00	10%
JCB Loadalls	44	per hour	\$315.00	10%
CAT 938F FEL	47	per hour	\$285.00	10%
Low Loader	75	per hour	\$437.00	10%
Bitelli MT Rollers	56 & 57	per hour	\$306.00	10%
CAT 613B scraper	55	per hour	\$349.00	10%
Bomag Vib Roller	58	per hour	\$272.00	10%
Mobile Street Sweeper	65	per hour	\$272.00	10%
Bobcat & Attachments	62	per hour	\$459.00	10%
CAT mini excavator	67	per hour	\$459.00	10%
Water Carts	513, 519 & 523	per hour	\$251.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	483 & 520	per hour	\$338.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	531 & 771	per hour	\$338.00	10%
Tip Truck	536	per hour	\$272.00	10%

Notes:

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

Cemeteries

Lawn Section

Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Coomealla	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Basic Burial (includes purchase of burial plot, plus 1 st interment)	\$3,246.00	0%
Purchase of burial plot	\$1,286.00	0%
1 st interment	\$1,960.00	0%
2 nd interment	\$1,960.00	0%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$1,218.00	0%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in a burial plot	\$543.00	0%
Affixing a plaque	\$342.00	10%

Monumental (Denominational)

Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Cal Lal	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Basic Burial (includes purchase of burial plot, plus 1 st interment)	\$3,465.00	0%
Purchase of burial plot	\$1,286.00	0%
1 st interment	\$2,179.00	0%
2 nd interment	\$2,387.00	0%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$1,218.00	0%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal/replacement of monument for excavation (works to be undertaken by a Monumental Mason)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in plot	\$543.00	0%
Affixing a plaque	\$342.00	10%
Cal Lal Cemetery – all purchases and interments quoted on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%

Niche Wall

Coomealla Memorial Gardens

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Purchase Plot in Niche Wall - includes purchase of standard size black stone tile (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per plot)	\$802.00	0%
Placement of ashes in Niche Wall & fixing of stone tile (per set of ashes). <i>NB Engraving of stone tile is not included. Must be a black tile – Halls Memorial to engrave.</i>	\$591.00	10%
Re-open of existing Niche	\$543.00	10%
Location and consent to place Monument or Headstone	\$208.00	10%
Amendment to Headstone	\$54.00	10%
Removal of Ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%

Ground Plots

(placement of plaques or memorial items)

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Coomealla, Wentworth and Gol Gol – Basic Ashes Interment (includes ground ashes plot plus, placement of ashes)	\$1,136.00	0%
Purchase of a Ground Plot	\$593.00	0%
Placement of ashes in ground plots	\$543.00	0%
Re-open of existing Ground Plot	\$543.00	0%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%

Ashes Columbarium

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Gol Gol and Wentworth (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per columbarium)	\$802.00	0%
Placement of ashes in Columbarium (per set of ashes) <i>NB: engraving of stone tile is not included – contact Sunraysia Memorials</i>	\$591.00	0%
Re-open of existing ashes columbarium compartment	\$543.00	0%

Plot Selection	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
On-site attendance by WSC Officer to assist in plot selection	\$107.00	10%
Cemetery Administration Fee	\$107.00	10%
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat and supply of plaque for engraving by purchaser. <i>NB There is the option to halve the cost by installing two memorial plaques on one seat.</i>	Actual Cost	10%

Additional Notes (all cemeteries and memorials)	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Additional fee – internments conducted on weekends and public holidays (only available between 9.00am and 1.00pm)	\$536.00	10%
Placement of black granite remembrance plaque – (150 x 150mm) – Sextons Hut Wentworth Cemetery (includes inscription & installation)	\$643.00	10%
<i>As from 01 July 2019 internments are charged at the applicable rate at the time of internment and are not able to be pre-paid. All pre-paid internments prior to this date will be honored.</i>		

All internments are subject to an additional internment services levy as from 01 July 2025. This is to be charged on top of the charges, except for internment services for children under twelve (12) years old, stillborn and miscarriages and destitute people.



For further information, scan the QR code or visit:
www.cemeteries.nsw.gov.au/industry-regulation/interment-services-levy

\$178.20 per bodily burial (inc. GST)	\$71.50 per ashes internment (inc. GST)	\$47.30 per cremation (inc. GST)
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Recreational Facilities

Casual Hire of Shire Owned Halls, Meeting Rooms and Sporting Pavilions/ Stadiums

(NB Midway Centre fees are listed separately)

Including; Anabranh Hall, Curlwaa Hall, Dareton Senior Citizens Room, Pomona Hall, Pooncarie Hall, Wentworth Memorial Room, Community Meeting Room, Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion, Wentworth Town Hall.

Hire Type - Building only with access to any amenities

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) 4 hours or less ¹	\$62.00	10%
Community (not for profit) more than 4 hours ¹	\$135.00	10%
Bond Community Group ²	\$100.00	0%
Per day fee for use of Anabranh Hall amenities in relation to camping on the Anabranh. <i>Please note a bond of \$500 will apply. Does not include use of the Hall.</i>	\$62.00	10%
Business or Private Function use - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/ trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$156.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$313.00	10%
Bond Business or Private Function	\$500.00	0%
Commercial Function per 24 hour period - Includes any event where there will be an entrance fee charged or any Trade Show, Fair, Field Day or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$313.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$517.00	10%
Bond Commercial Function (GST Free)	\$500.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%

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

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

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) Half Day Hire – hire cost is for each designated area per 0-4 hour period.	\$62.00	10%
Community (not for profit) Day Hire more than 4 hours – hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.	\$135.00	10%
Bond - Community Group.	\$100.00	0%
Multi-area discount	25%	10%
Business or Private Function per 24 hour period <i>NB - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.</i>		
4 hours or less – hire cost is for each designated area per 0-4 hour period	\$156.00	10%
Day Hire more than 4 hours – hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.	\$313.00	10%
Bond – Business or Private Hire.	\$500.00	0%
Bond - Small civil ceremonies, no items to be erected and no catering.	\$100.00	0%
Multi-area discount	25%	10%
Commercial Events, Circus or other performances <i>NB - Includes any event for which there will be an entrance fee or ticket sold, or any Trade Shows, Fairs, Field Days or other event at which goods will be sold.</i>		
4 hours or less – hire cost is for each designated area 0-4 hour period	\$260.00	10%
Day Hire more than 4 hours – hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period	\$517.00	10%
Bond Commercial Events, Circus or Other Performance	\$1,000.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Multi-area discount	25%	10%

Hire Type – Primitive Camping on any reserve (per 24 hour period)

NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Unpowered Site – per person x 2 people	\$30.00	10%
Extra Child	\$7.00	10%
Extra Adult	\$14.00	10%
Family	\$45.00	10%
Powered Site – per person x 2 people	\$44.00	10%
Extra Child	\$8.00	10%
Extra Adult	\$15.00	10%
Family	\$59.00	10%

Additional Notes

¹ Registered Schools (including Pre-Schools, Kindergartens and School P&C, providing they are raising money for a registered school) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council Reserves. Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.

² For Community/Private use, a charge will only apply in the following instances:

- If there are more than 50 people expected to attend.
- If the booking requires inflatable/amusement devices etc.
- If the booking requires the use of onsite power or the supply of bins.
- If the booking requires a road closure.

Additional Charges - All Hirings

Cleaning & Rubbish removal

NB: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.

Cancellation or no show

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

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

Wentworth Showgrounds Hire

The following areas are available for hire:

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

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

Hire Type

Casual Hire of Showgrounds

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Hire of Designated Areas and amenities. Hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.	Per area	\$207.00	10%
Bond		\$500.00	0%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) <i>Note: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.</i>		Actual Cost	10%

Camping (per 24 hour period)

NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Unpowered Site	Per site	\$30.00	10%
Extra Child	Per site	\$7.00	10%
Extra Adult	Per site	\$14.00	10%
Powered Site	Per site	\$44.00	10%
Extra Child	Per site	\$8.00	10%
Extra Site	Per site	\$15.00	10%

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Cancellation or no show

- Greater than 90 days prior to event
- Less than 90 days prior to event
- Less than 1 week prior or no show
- Bond

Full refund less deposit paid
50% refund
Full forfeiture
Fully refundable

Permissive Occupancy Licence Fees

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Application Administrative Fee (new or transfer)	\$284.00	10%
Annual Rent Payable	\$294.00	10%

Reserve Annual Use Fees and Charges

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Reserve Lease Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Lease) <i>Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.</i>		\$314.00	10%
Reserve Licence Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Licence) <i>Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.</i>		\$314.00	10%
Annual Licence to occupy the reserve		\$314.00	10%
Urgency fee - application made less than 7 days - non refundable		\$189.00	10%
Bond		\$500.00	0%

Photography & Film Production

Filming fee (non-commercial/not for profit organisation)	Per Licence	\$314.00	10%
Filming fee (commercial)	Per Licence	\$387.00	10%
Filming Application fee (non-refundable)	Per Licence	\$126.00	10%

Local Markets Stallholders and Food Vendors

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Stallholders – Public Liability Provided by Stallholder			
Single Site	Per Site	\$18.00	10%
Double Site	Per Site	\$23.00	10%
Stallholders – Public Liability Provided by Council			
Single Site	Per Site	\$23.00	10%
Double Site	Per Site	\$28.00	10%
Food Vendors			
Refundable Deposit	Per Event	\$100.00	0%

Sundry Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Event Management Fee - for groups without public liability insurance	Per hire	\$62.00	10%
Power - access and any use within 24 hour period from time of access	Per day per unit accessed	\$40.00	10%
Key Replacement - lost key or not returned	Per key	Actual Cost	10%
Event Advertising - relates to any road closure, fireworks display, or other event with the potential to cause disruption to traffic, noise or other public disturbance	Per event	\$313.00	10%
Hire of Pooncarie Depot Quarters	Per person, per night	\$95.00	10%

Swimming Pools	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Admission Charges			
Children		\$5.00	10%
Adults		\$6.00	10%
Non-swimming adults		\$5.00	10%
Swimming Carnivals			
Admission charges for swimming carnivals and out of session groups are by arrangement between Belgravia Leisure and group representatives			
Season Tickets			
Family		\$130.00	10%
Adults		\$87.00	10%
Children		\$65.00	10%

Aerodrome	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Airport Landing Charge (ALC)	Per tonne	\$20.00	10%
Aircraft Parking Charge (APC) – short term	Per day or part day	\$15.00	10%
Aircraft Parking Charge (APC) – long term	Per month	\$281.00	10%
Aircraft Parking Charge (APC) – Non Lease/Apron/Tie Down Areas	Per day or par day	\$6.00	10%
Training Aerodrome Circuits (TAC) – Day Rate	Per hour	\$46.00	10%
Training Aerodrome Circuits (TAC) – Night Rate	Per hour	\$69.00	10%
Airside Supervision Charge (ASC) – Business Hours	Per ARO	\$141.00	10%
Airside Supervision Charge (ASC) – After Hours	Per ARO	\$204.00	10%
Airside Environmental Charge (AEC) – Minimum Charge		\$270.00	10%
Aircraft Hanger Charge (AHC) – New	Per year	On application	10%
Call Out Fee (COF) – minimum 2 hour charge	Per hour	\$141.00	10%
Vehicle Parking Charge (VPC)	Per day or part day	\$3.00	10%

Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)

(FOSO)	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
General Admission			
Adult (aged 16+ years)	Per adult	\$35.00	10%
Child (aged 3-16 years)	Per child	\$15.00	10%
Infant (aged 0-3 years)	Per infant	\$0.00	10%
Concession Card Holder (Seniors Card, Carers Card, Student ID or Health Care Card)	Per card holder	\$22.00	10%
Companion Card Cardholder	Per card holder	\$0.00	10%
Family Discount (2 adults and 2 or more children)	Per family	\$85.00	10%
Group Booking (for groups 10-19 people)	Per group	15% discount	
Local Resident Admission			
Adult (aged 16+ years)	Per adult	\$25.00	10%
Child (aged 3-16 years)	Per child	\$12.50	10%
Infant (aged 0-3 years)	Per infant	\$0.00	10%
Concession Card Holder (Seniors Card, Carers Card, Student ID or Health Care Card)	Per card holder	\$17.50	10%
Companion Card Cardholder	Per card holder	\$0.00	10%
Local Family Discount (2 adults and 2 or more children)	Per family	\$60.00	10%
Group Booking (for groups 10-19 people)	Per group	15% discount	

Midway Community Centre

Midway Centre

Hire Fees

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Midway Function Centre & meeting rooms			
Stadium (includes stage area)	per hour	\$169.00	10%
Function Room and shared foyer	per hour	\$141.00	10%
Service kitchen (includes crockery, cutlery & glassware for 250 persons)	per use	\$212.00	10%
Meeting Room 1 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$56.00	10%
Meeting Room 2 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$56.00	10%
Foyer / Gallery Space (as a stand-alone space)	per hour	\$44.00	10%
Midway Serviced Offices			
Health Services Room with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$56.00	10%
Office 1 or 2 with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$44.00	10%
Service Centre Facilities			
<i>NB these facilities are only available during centre opening hours</i>			
Service Centre Officer 1 or 2	per hour	\$56.00	10%
Craft Room	per hour	\$56.00	10%
Bond and cleaning charges	On room hire	25%	
Bond - groups of 30 people or more	no discount	\$750.00	0%
Bond - Not for Profit Groups/groups of less than 30 people	no discount	\$200.00	0%
One-off Cleaning Charge (if required). Minimum charge \$200.00 deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	per clean	Min. \$200.00	10%

Midway Centre**Hire Packages & discounts**

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Daily Rate			
Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$5,277.00	10%
Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$3,928.00	10%
Stadium	24 hours	\$2,027.00	10%
Function Room, Service kitchen and shared foyer/gallery space	24 hours	\$1,899.00	10%
Multi-day Discount			
Hire package for 2 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2027 to be held before 30 June 2028.	discount applied to daily rate	15%	10%
Hire package for 3 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2027 to be held before 30 June 2028.	discount applied to daily rate	20%	10%
Not for Profit Groups (refer definitions)			
Not for Profit Community Groups based in Wentworth Shire Council <i>NB cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts.</i>		75%	10%
All other Not for Profit Groups <i>NB cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts.</i>		50%	10%
Regular User Discount (12 month user agreement as negotiated by Council)	from standard hourly rate	75%	10%

Equipment & labour hire

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Teleconference equipment	Each use	\$49.00	10%
Video Conferencing in Meeting Room 1 & 2. Data Projector & Audio System with wireless microphone in Function Room	Each use	\$27.00	10%
Urn (20 litre capacity)	Each Use	\$17.00	10%
Labour hire (assistance with set up and pull down) – if required	per person/per hour	\$44.00	10%
Event facilitation and coordination (if required)	per hour	\$212.00	10%
On-site IT support (if required)	per hour	\$212.00	10%

Midway Centre Hire Fees - Additional Notes

Midway Centre Stadium

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

Function Room

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

Function Room Kitchen

- Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 250 people

Meeting Rooms

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

Kitchenette (shared)

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

Offices

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

Multi-day not for profit discount

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

Regular User discount

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

Additional cleaning charge

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

Bookings and cancellations

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

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

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

Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room

	Unit of Measure	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Private/Government – Per hour	Per use	\$525.00	10%
Private/Government – Per day	Per use	\$1,575.00	10%
Private/Government – Bond		\$750.00	0%
Community – Per hour	Per use	\$263.00	10%
Community – Per day	Per use	\$788.00	10%
Community – Bond		\$350.00	0%
One-off Cleaning Charge (if required). Minimum charge \$200.00 deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.			

Hire Packages & discounts

For events booked before 30 June 2027 to be held before 30 June 2028.

	Unit of Measure	Discount	GST
Multi-day discount – Hire package for 5 full consecutive days	Per use	25%	10%

Wentworth Visitor Centre Conference Room Hire Fees - Additional Notes

Conference Room

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

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

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

Auditorium Service Kitchen

- Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 150 people

Additional cleaning charge

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

Bookings and cancellations

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

Water & Waste Water

Filtered and unfiltered water supply	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Tapping Fees		
20mm	\$585.00	0%
25mm	\$731.00	0%
32mm	\$935.00	0%
40mm	\$1,124.00	0%
50mm	\$1,405.00	0%
80mm	\$2,247.00	0%
100mm	\$2,808.00	0%
150mm	\$4,213.00	0%
Meter Charges - Filtered		
20mm	\$391.00	0%
25mm	\$487.00	0%
32mm	\$624.00	0%
40mm	\$748.00	0%
50mm	\$935.00	0%
80mm	\$1,497.00	0%
100mm	\$1,871.00	0%
150mm	\$2,806.00	0%
Meter Charges - Unfiltered		
20mm	\$417.00	0%
25mm	\$522.00	0%
32mm	\$667.00	0%
40mm	\$800.00	0%
50mm	\$1,000.00	0%
80mm	\$1,600.00	0%
100mm	\$2,000.00	0%
150mm	\$3,001.00	0%

Misc. Water and Sewer Charges

	Fee (Inc. GST)	GST
Standpipe fee	\$3,938.00	0%
Flow control valve - for unfiltered water to subdivisions - East of Gol Gol creek and at Wentworth Aerodrome	\$78.00	0%
Cut in new sewer junction (supervision fee only - applicant to supply all fittings)	\$246.00	0%

Notes:

- *Meter Charge is from the meter to inside of building/property*
- *Meter Charge includes inspection fee*
- *Unfiltered water includes "Y" strainer*

Appendix A - Bodies Granted Exemptions

The following list represents the known value of pre-approved Financial Assistance that have been granted to Organisations for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Organisation	Purpose	Qty	\$ Waived
Australian Inland Botanic Gardens	Contribution to operational costs	1	\$56,637.00
Buronga Gol Gol Senior Citizens Club	Contribution towards photocopying done at the Buronga Library	1	\$205.00
Buronga Gol Gol Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Midway Meeting Rooms, Kitchen and Foyer @ 3 hours per week	N/A	\$15,860.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms (bond waived)	N/A	\$12,934.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$702.00	1	\$737.00
Dareton Community Action Team	Waiver of Annual Licence Fee for meetings at Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms	1	\$314.00
Dareton Community Creative Centre Inc.	Waiver of hire costs for the use of the Dareton Activity Centre	1	\$5,131.00
Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club	Use of James King Park for annual Easter fundraising activities	1	\$492.00
Gol Gol Primary School	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual country fair	10	\$590.00
Koori Kids	Donation	1	\$250.00
Murray House Aged Care	Subsidy against annual water rates	1	\$5,000.00
New South Western Standard Bulletin	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/A	\$9,806.00
Rotary Wentworth Op Shop	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/A	\$13,890.00
St John's Anglican Ladies Guild	2 Annual Hire Fees for War Memorial Rooms	2	\$124.00
Wentworth Combined Churches	Wentworth Town Hall Hire – Community Carols	1	\$135.00

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Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of Wentworth Wharf Lawns (bond waived) for annual ANZAC day lunch	1	\$135.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual ANZAC day lunch	4	\$116.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary	Annual licence fee for meetings held in Memorial Rooms	1	\$314.00
Wentworth Regional Community Project Association.	Hire of Rubbish Bins for Christmas Eve Street Party	8	\$232.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Wentworth Memorial Rooms (bond waived) 12 uses @ \$117 per day and 24 uses @ \$53 (1/2 day)	N/A	\$3,108.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$1,124	1	\$1,180.00
Wentworth Shire Interagency Group	Hire of Room at Midway	10	\$278.00
Total amount of funds granted from Donations, Contributions and Grants Program			\$127,468.00

Notes:

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

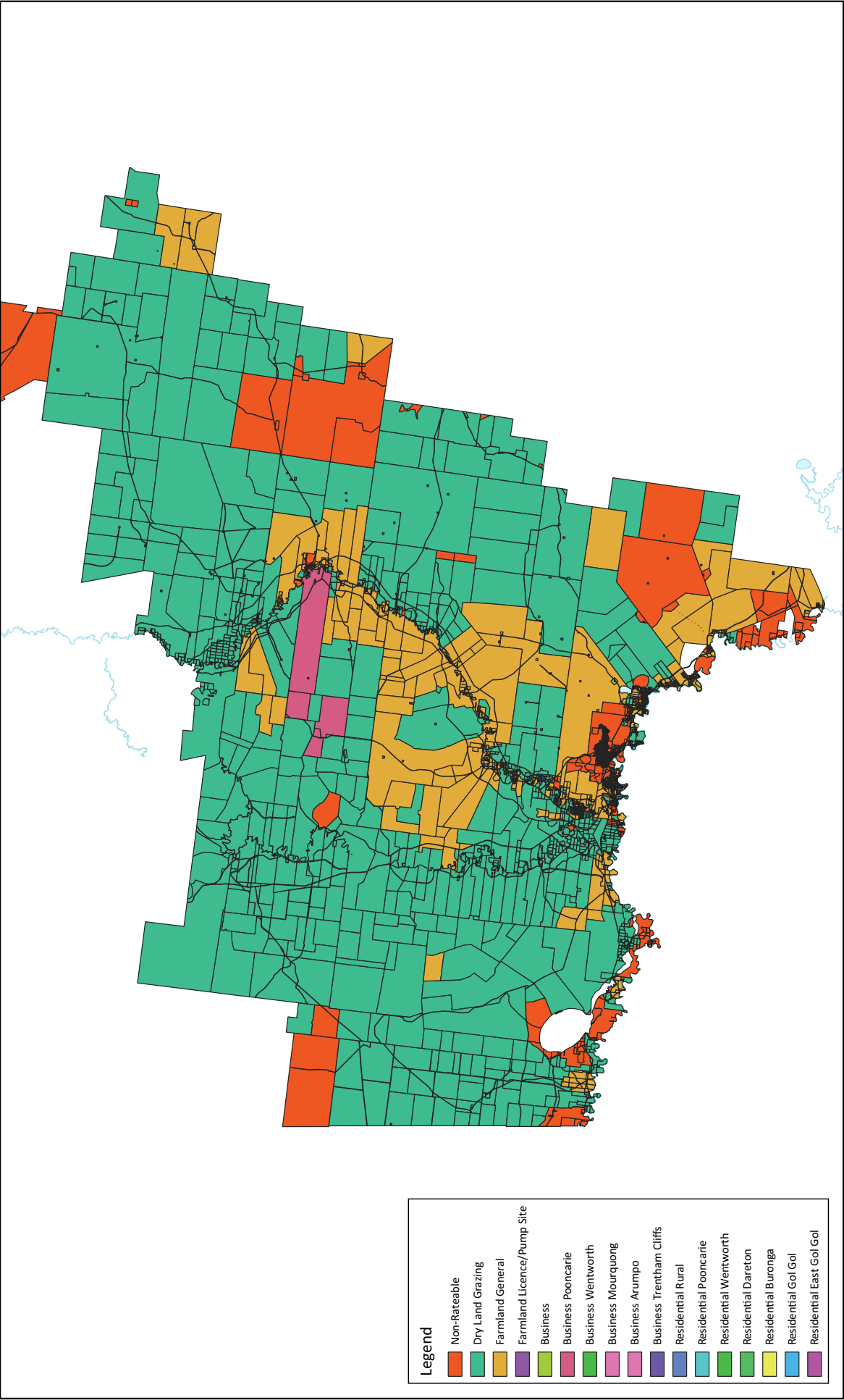
(2) Public Schools operating within the Wentworth Shire end of year presentation day, up to a maximum of \$300.00 per school

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

Public Roads	
1.	Swing or hoist goods across or over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle projecting over the footway.
2.	Expose or allow to be exposed (whether for sale or otherwise) any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the road or outside a shop window or doorway abutting the road, or hang an article beneath an awning over the road.
Other Activities	
1.	Operate a public car park.
2.	Operate a manufactured home estate.
3.	Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance.
4.	Install or operate amusement devices.
5.	Use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place.
6.	Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations.

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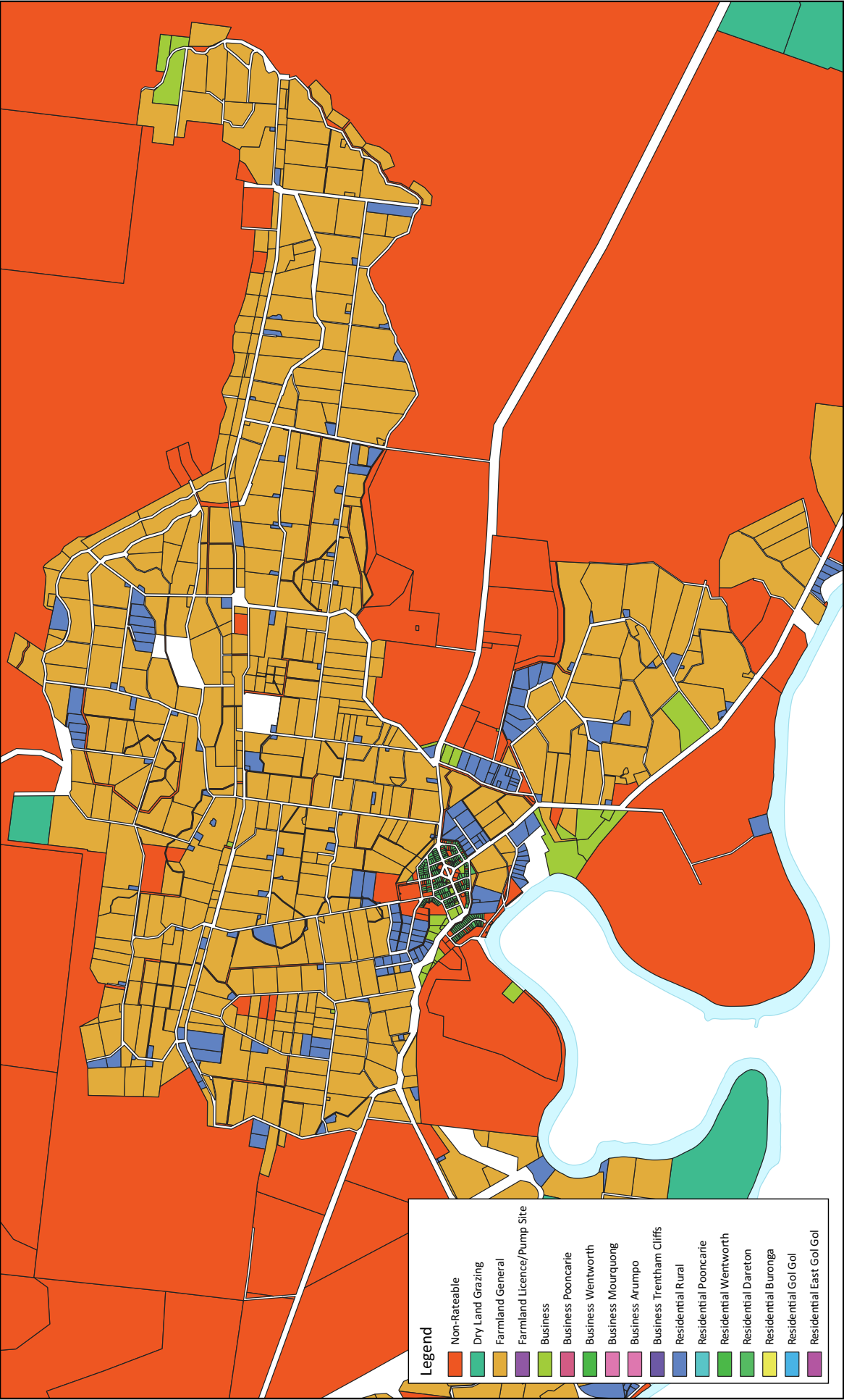
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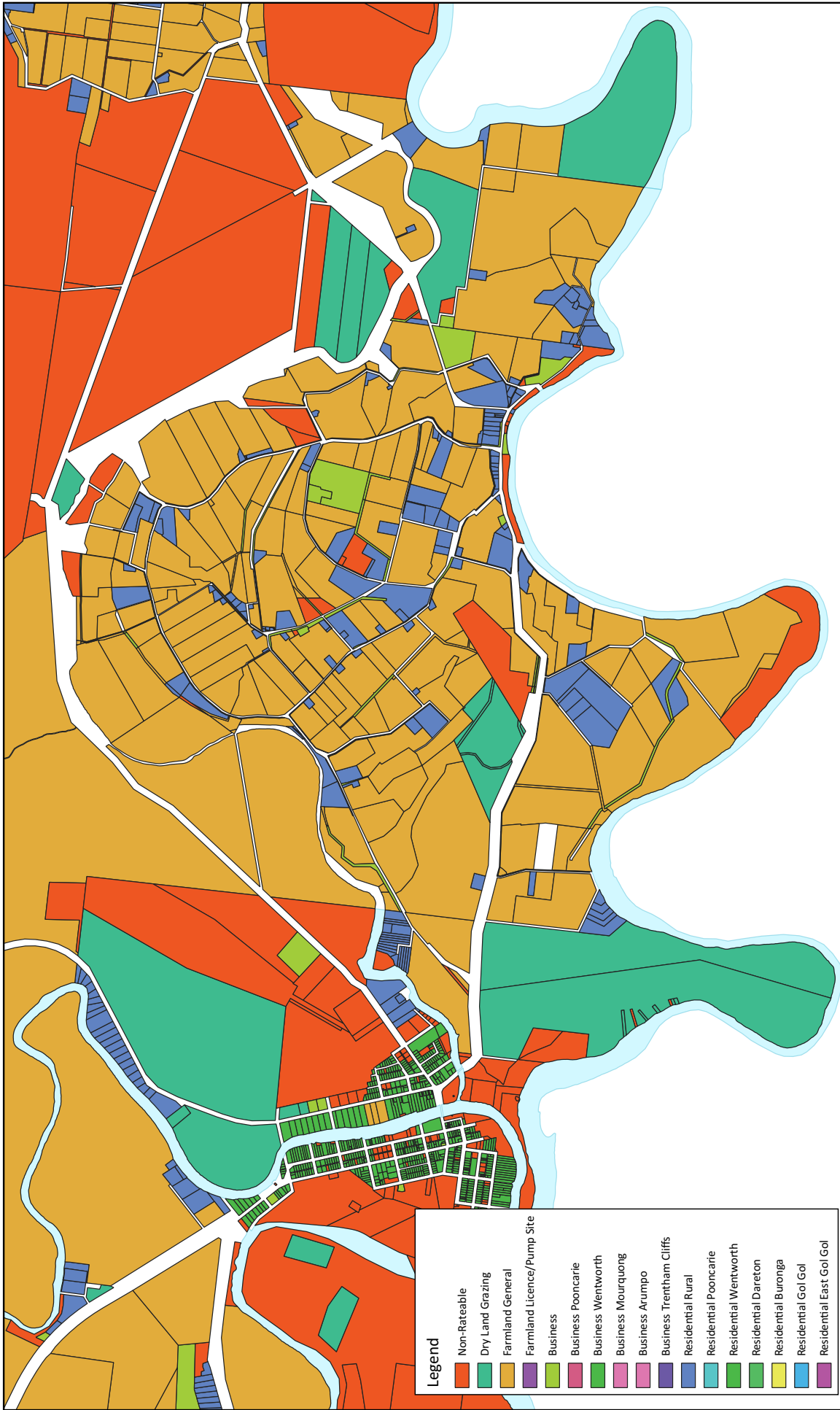
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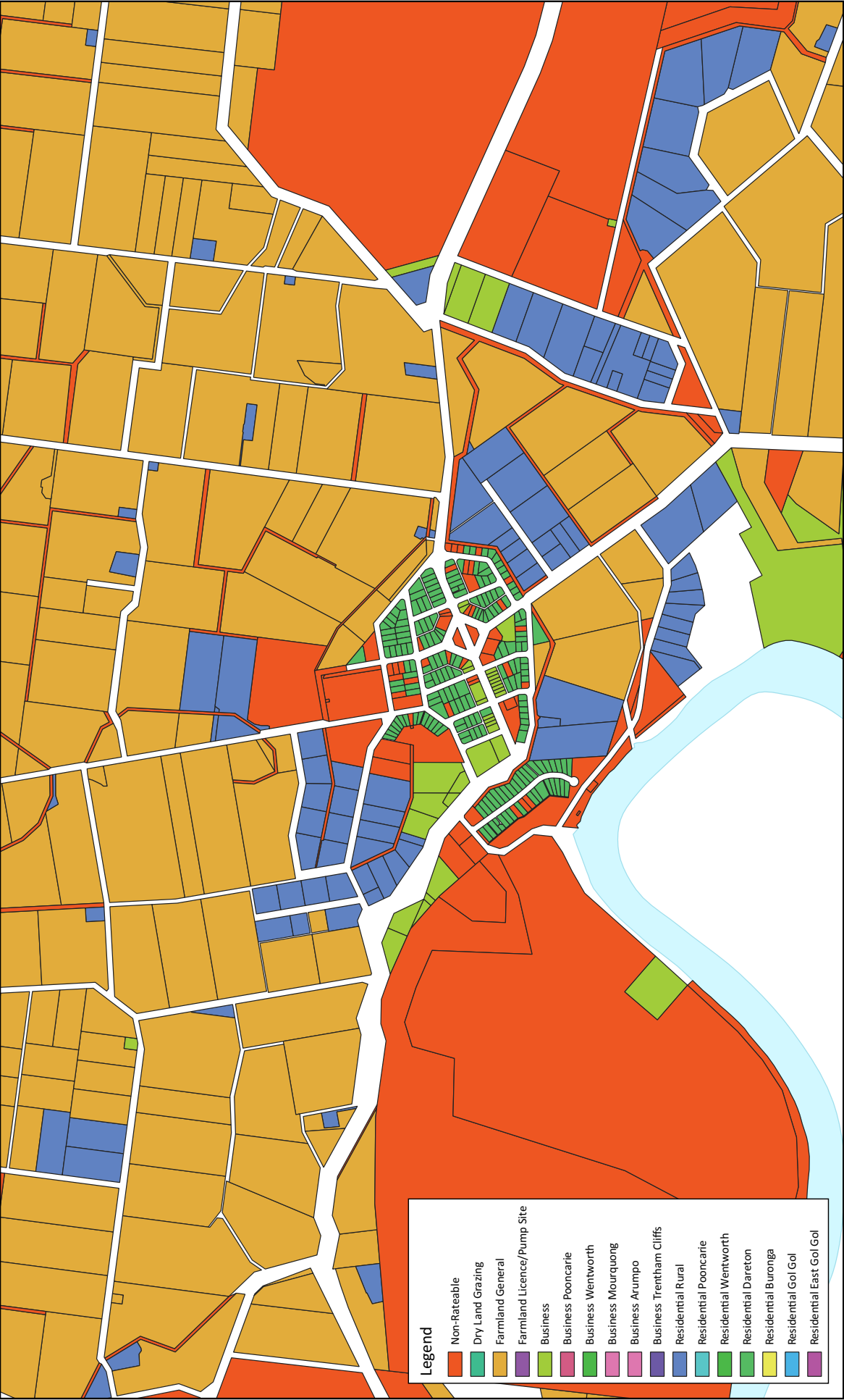
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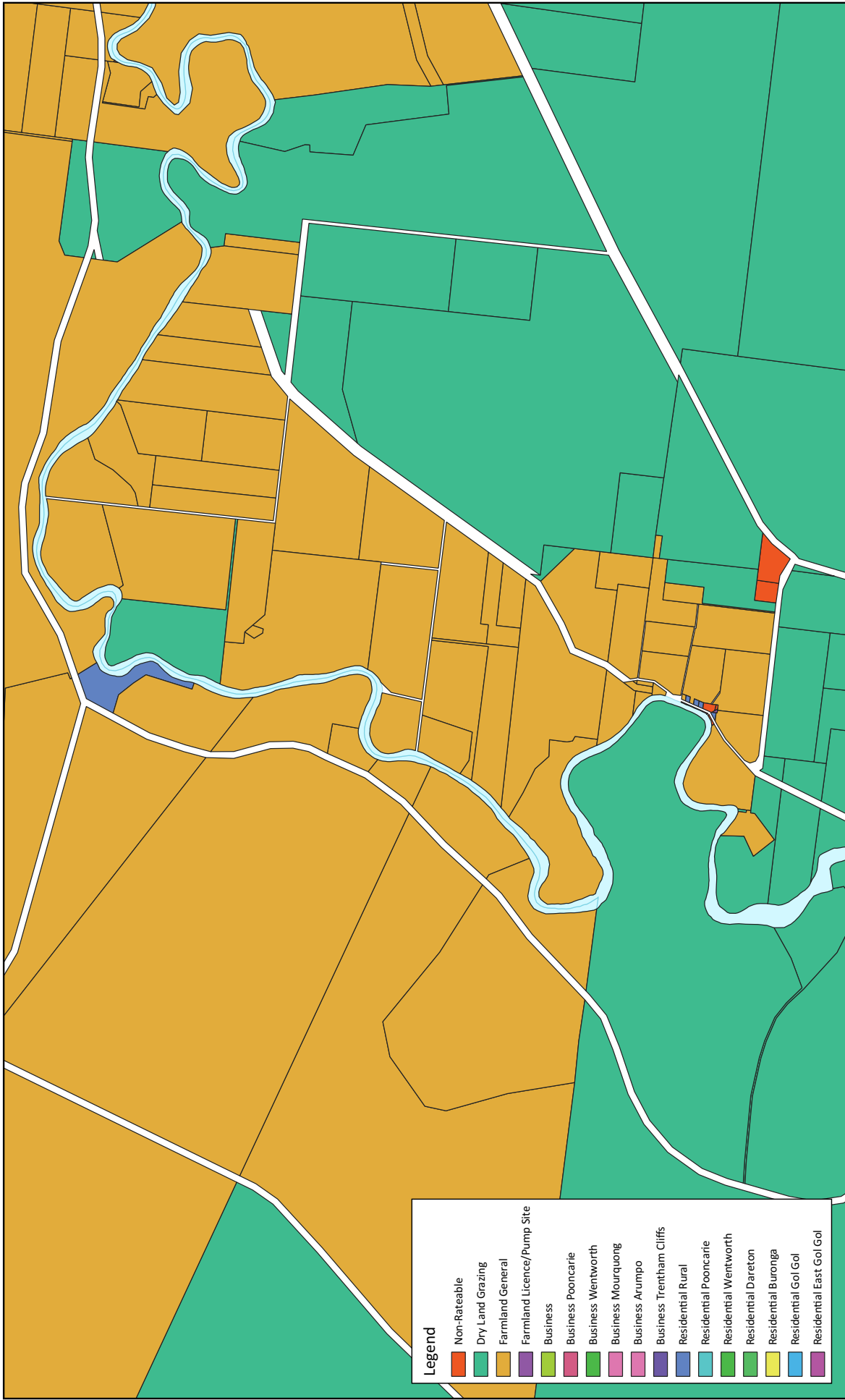
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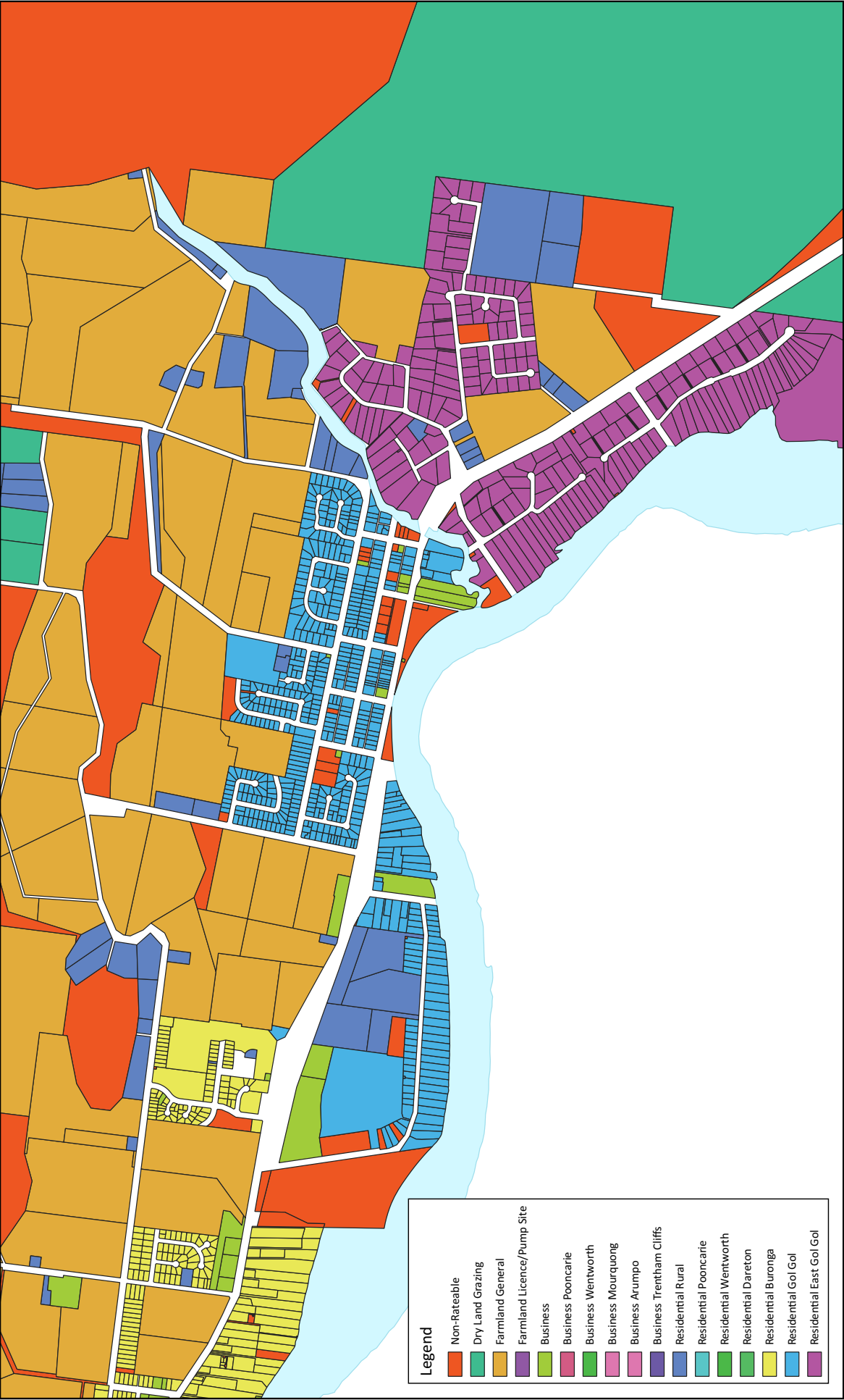
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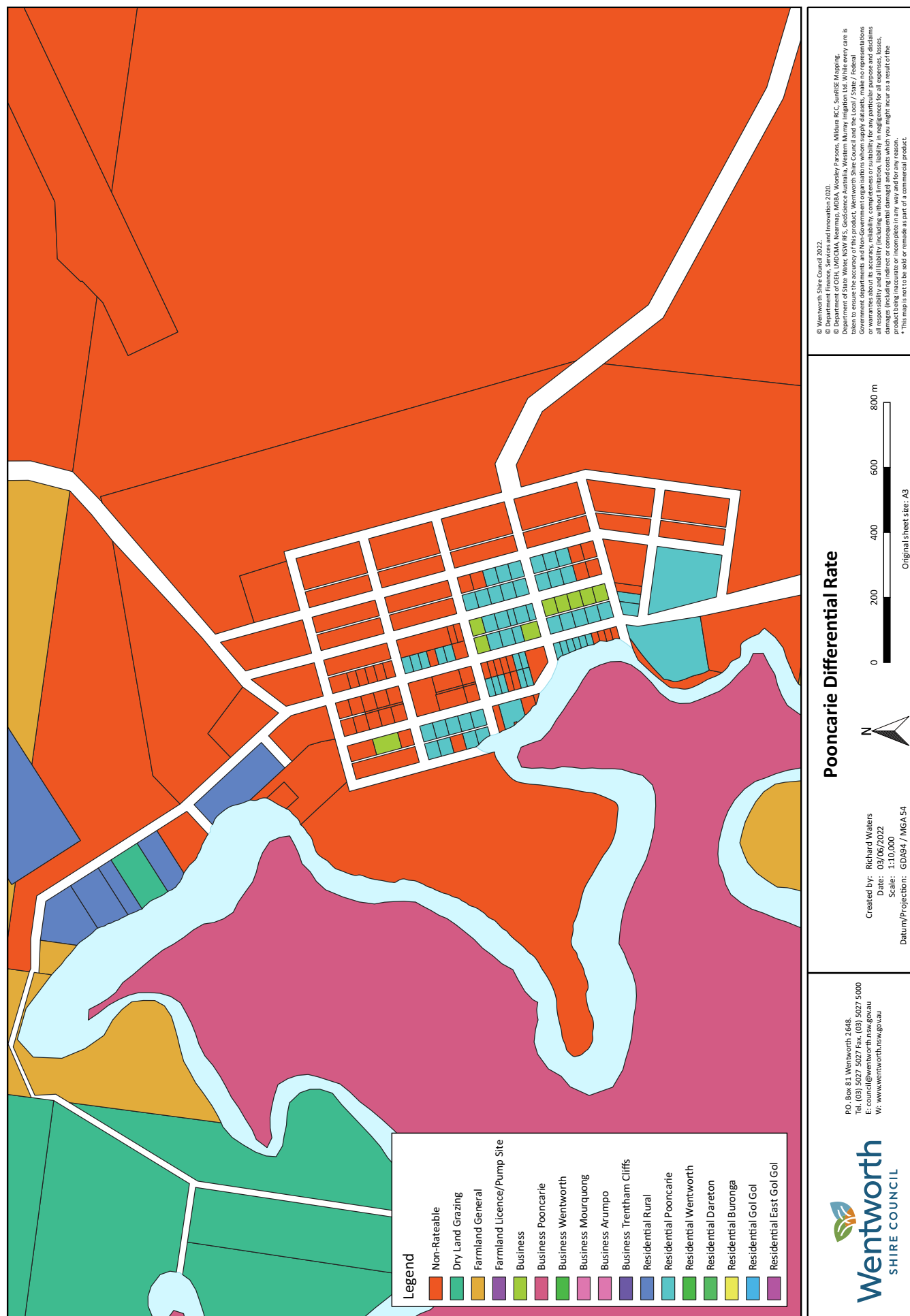
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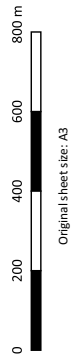




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