

Agenda

For the Scheduled Council Meeting Council Chambers, Municipal Offices 62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta 6pm 25 February 2025

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Rural City of Wangaratta Live Stream

Clause 24 of the Governance Rules provides the following:

"This public meeting is being recorded to improve access to the meeting for our community. The recording will be published and will be retained by Council in accordance with Council's legal obligations. As a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded."

1. Acknowledgement to Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands, on which the Rural City of Wangaratta communities reside. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and celebrate and respect their continuing cultures. We are committed to walking beside all traditional owners as we move toward reconciliation.

2. Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly ask thee to bless and guide this council in its deliberations so that we may truly preserve the welfare of the people whom we serve. Amen

- 3. Present
- 4. Absent
- 5. Acceptance of Apologies & Granting of Leave of Absence

Order of Business

6. Citizen Ceremony

7. Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation:

That Council read and confirm the Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of 10 December 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

8. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 a councillor who has a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by Council's Governance Rules and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter and any action in relation to the matter.

Clause 28.1 of Council's Governance Rules requires a councillor to indicate that they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating:

(a) the item for which they have a conflict of interest; and

(b) whether their conflict of interest is general or material; and

(c) the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Immediately prior to the consideration of the item in which they have a conflict of interest, a councillor must indicate to the meeting the existence of the conflict of interest and leave the meeting.

A councillor who discloses a conflict of interest and leaves a Council meeting must not communicate with any participants in the meeting while the decision is being made.

9. Reception of Petitions

10. Hearing of Deputations

Presentation Of Reports

11. Councillor Reports

Nil

Officers' Reports

12. Executive Services

Nil

13. **Corporate and Leisure**

13.1 Council Plan Actions and Indicators Quarter 2 (October - December 2024)

| Scheduled Council Meeting |
|--------------------------------|
| 25 February 2025 |
| Operational |
| Governance & Reporting Advisor |
| Director Corporate and Leisure |
| |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

> This report presents the 2024-25 Quarter 2 (October - December 2024) update for the Council Plan Strategic Indicators and Actions.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Notes the Quarter 2 (2024-25) results for the Council Plan 2021-2025 Strategic Indicators and Actions as contained in the attached reports.

Background

Council Plan Actions

185 Council Plan Actions are to be completed during the 2024-25 financial year (Attachment 1). As this is the final year of the current Council Plan 2021-25, more emphasis will be placed on those items not reported as Completed or On Track.

As at the end of Quarter 2: 15 actions were recorded as complete; 165 actions as on track; and 4 actions as on hold, pending, off track or cancelled (see table below).

The items reported as on hold, pending or off track include the below (please refer to specific commentary in Attachment 2):

| Action | Update |
|---|--|
| | |
| 1.3.1.2 Advocate for the community by | Council was advocating for membership on the |
| participating on the Regional Mental Health | Regional Mental Health and Wellbeing Boards |
| and Wellbeing Boards | but these Boards are managed by the State |
| | Government and no longer exist. |

| 2.2.4.4 Finalise the Municipal Early Years Plan. | The Municipal Early Years Plan is in development with the new completion date | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| | December 2025. | | |
| 5.1.3.4 Develop a Traffic Management Plan to improve vehicle traffic flow throughout the central business district, including both short- term and long-term solutions. | A full review of previous work undertaken is to be completed. There are limited options with poor ROI. Council is proposing a town bypass as a long-term solution. | | |
| 5.4.1.1 Expand the provision of street lighting throughout key pedestrian and cyclist routes. | An audit is currently being undertaken for our current street lighting infrastructure. This will help build a 5-year renewal program and also help identify locations with little to no lighting to be addressed. | | |

Strategic Indicators

There are also 12 Strategic Indicators that can be reported on a quarterly basis. As at the end of Quarter 2, 8 were reported as meeting or exceeding the year-to-date target (within 5%) (**Attachment 3**). Pleasingly, the number of indicators meeting/exceeding the year-to-date target has increased significantly from previous years (8 currently compared with 5 and 6 in 2023/24).

The 4 Strategic Indicators not within 5% of the quarterly target were:

5.0.7 Active library borrowers within the municipality (YTD 5.96% - Target 14%) (note that this is no longer an official Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) measure) - *This is a cumulative figure and won't be final until June 2025. Expect to get close to the target by the end of the financial year.*

6.0.1 Annual number of building permits issued for new dwellings (YTD 36 – Target 75) *Commentary received*

- This is subject to wider building activity and available staff resources.

6.0.3 Planning applications made within required timeframes (Actual YTD 64.33% - Target 82%)

- This is subject to the efficiency of both Council and the applicant. The number has improved from quarter 1 and further improvement expected in quarter 3.

6.0.4 Planning application processing days (Actual YTD 72.67 – Target 55)

- This is subject to the efficiency of both Council and the applicant. Improving on this remains a focus. Some improvement seen compared to quarter 1.

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific Council policies or strategies that relate to this report.

Financial/Economic Implications

There are no financial or economic implications identified for the subject of this report. Funding to deliver the actions in the Council Plan has been allocated via council's Annual Budget.

Legal/Statutory

The obligation to report on progress of delivery of the actions and priorities set out in the Council Plan actions is prescribed by the *Local Government Act 2020.*

Social and Diversity

The intended social benefits from delivering these actions are outlined in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

There are no equity impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The intended environmental/sustainability benefits from delivering these actions are also outlined in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan by providing an update on the organisation's progress in implemnting its actions.

Risk Management

Council risks a reputational failure by failing to adequately monitor and deliver its key objectives. By the regular reporting of its Strategic Indicators and Actions, Council can ensure the appropriate level of monitoring and transparency occurs to mitigate this risk.

Risk Management Framework

| Risks | Likelihood | Consequence | Rating | Mitigation Action |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------|---|
| Failure to proactively monitor Council's progress against it's Council Plan | 2 – Unlikely | Moderate | 5 – Medium | Schedule a standing bi- annual Council Meeting report. |

Consultation/Communication

Council Plan actions are being progressively implemented by the appropriate officers across the organisation. The status of Council Plan actions and strategic indicators are reported to the executive management team and Audit & Risk Committee on a quarterly basis alongside other regular updates.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

There are no options for consideration.

Conclusion

The attached reports provide the community with an appropriate level of transparency on the progress of council's delivery against the actions and commitments set out in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Attachments

- Completed and On Track Council Plan Actions 2024-25 Quarter 2 1 Concelled Council Plan Actions 2024-25 Quarter 2 1 Concelled Council Plan Actions 2024-25 Quarter 2 1 Concelled Council Plan Actions 2024-25 Quarter 2 1 Concerned at the second statement of the second 1
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13.2 2024/2025 Quarter 2 Forecast Review

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Strategic |
| Author: | Management Reporting Coordinator |
| Approver: | Director Corporate and Leisure |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to provide an update of Council's financial performance and anticipated full year financial position based on developments over Quarter Two of this financial year.

Recommendation:

That Council approves the 2024/2025 Quarter 2 Forecast Review, including:

- 1. The increase in the projected full year accounting surplus from \$13.41m to \$14.80m.
- 2. The increase in capital works expenditure by \$450k to \$31.93m.
- 3. The Environmental Upgrade Agreement quarterly statement.

Background

Council has completed its second quarter financial reporting process to manage and monitor its financial performance against the 2024/25 Budget.

Council's 2024/25 Quarter 2 Forecast Report indicates increases to the forecast full year Accounting Surplus of \$1.39m and a decrease to the Adjusted Underlying Operating Result by \$142k. This is primarily driven by accounting recognition of unearned revenue relating to Capital Projects and the reducion of user fees at the Bowser Landfill.

Implications

Financial/Economic Implications Quarter 2 Forecast Review:

The Chief Executive Officer is of the opinion that a revised budget is not required, pursuant to Secion 97(3) of the Local Government Act 2020.

Accounting surplus - Favourable Increase:

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Council's forecasted Accounting Surplus increased by \$1.39m largely due to accounting recognition of unearned revenue adjustments relating to capital grants. These funds have been largely received however the timing of it's recognition is tied to the completion of works delivery.

Council's capital works expenditure has increased from \$31.48m to \$31.93m, a net increase of \$450k. The increase can be largely attributed to expansion of the Flood Mitigation Strategy & Design program by \$367k.

| Rural City of Wangaratta | FY24/25 Adopted Budget | | FY24/25 Projected Full Year Forecast as at | Projected Full Yeat to Adopted Budget |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | 41000 | September | Decemeber | Variance |
| 30th December 2024 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Income | 96,267 | 95,900 | 97,195 | 1,295 |
| Expenses | 82,369 | 82,487 | 82,390 | 97 |
| Accounting Surplus/Deficit | 13,898 | 13,413 | 14,805 | 1,392 |
| Add/(Less) Non-Operating | 10,940 | 13,143 | 14,677 | (1,534) |
| Adjusted Underlying Result | 2,958 | 270 | 128 | (142) |
| Capital Works Expenditure | 29,931 | 31,483 | 31,933 | (450) |
| Net Fav/(Unfav) Q2 Variance | | | | (592) |

The favourable increase in the accounting surplus is primarily due to positive movements in Capital Grants, Reimbursements, Employee Benefits, and Other Expenses. However, these gains are partially offset by unfavourable variances in Statutory Fees and Fines, as well as User Fees.

Statutory Fees and Fines, net decrease \$81k:

 Planning Permit revenue has decreased by \$100k because of fewer applications being submitted, driven by economic factors beyond the Council's control, such as the rising cost of living and higher development expenses.

User Fees, net decrease \$383k:

 Bowser landfill has seen reduced waste acceptance of \$300k due to cheaper alternatives at neighbouring councils, due to them benefiting from economies of scale and avoiding EPA levies, particularly in Albury. This reduction in waste intake will extend Bowser's lifespan by 7-8 years, delaying costly capital works. Capital Grants, net increase \$1.49m:

- Increase due to recognition of unearned income from 24/25, Wangaratta Flood Mitigation Strategy and Design, \$677k.
- Increase due to recognition of unearned income from 24/25, Newman Street Drainage Upgrade, \$213k.
- Increase due to recognition of unearned income from 24/25, Safe System Pedestrian Program, \$93k.
- New grant funding relating to Federal Blackspot Program, \$245k. This favourable variance is largely due to previously unexpected funding.

Reimbursements, net increase \$124k

• Rebate on Container Deposit Scheme from Cleanaway.

Employee Benefits, net decrease \$176k:

 Although there are some unfavourable trends in Employee Benefits totalling \$324k, a favourable impact of \$500K from unspent salaries due to vacancies has been recognised. A comprehensive review of the residual salaries forecast will take place in Q3 and it is anticipated further savings will be recognised.

Other Expenses, net decrease \$132k

• Related to the removal of a bad debts budget.

Refer to the Income Statement in the 2024/25 Quarter 2 Finance Report (Attachment 1) for full detail of the changes to Council's 2024/25 projected position.

Depreciation

Please note that the Year-to-Date and forecast depreciation figures are currently under review for Q3 to ensure accuracy.

Capital Works

Council's capital works expenditure has increased from \$31.48m to \$31.93m, a net increase of \$450k. The increase can be largely attributed to expansion of the Flood Mitigation Strategy & Design program by \$367k.

Year-to-date delivery of the Capital Works Program is \$6.3m, with a further \$11.1m of commitments in place. A full review of delivery status of 24/25 Capital Works is currently underway with the Capital Works to be deferred to 25/26 to be presented as part of Council's Quarter 3 forecast.

Balance Sheet

Council's working capital is in a strong position at 324% due to a high cash position from grant funding received in advance.

The second rates instalment was due in November and rates receivables continue to progress well with outstanding rates for the year of \$21.8m as of 31 December 2024.

Environmental Upgrade Agreements – Quarterly Statement

Environmental Upgrade Agreements provide funding for sustainability or climate adaptation building upgrades. Under these loans, a lender provides finance to the property owner for the upgrade and repayment of the loan is administered through Council rates.

Section 181G of the Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council prepares a quarterly statement in respect of Environmental Upgrade Agreements.

There are two active Environmental Upgrade Agreements in operation with a total value of \$57,048.33. Charges due this year total \$4,263.48 with quarterly instalments of \$1,065.87 payable.

Legal/Statutory

In accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), Council must prepare a budget for each financial year. Additionally, section 101 of the Act requires Council to apply principles of sound Financial Management. Section 97 of the Act requires the Chief Executive Officer, at least every three months, to prepare a statement comparing the budgeted financial performance with the actual performance to date and present this report to Council.

Section 181G of the Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council prepares a quarterly statement in respect of Environmental Upgrade Agreements.

Social

Social benefits of the delivery of Council services and projects are outlined in the 2024/25 Budget and in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Council budgets for and delivers several projects that support its Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Refer to the Council Plan 2021-25 for further details.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

1. Strengthening our Leadership

Undertake regular and transparent reporting against Council's Adopted Budget.

Risk Management

Risk Management Framework

| Risks | Likelihood | Consequence | Rating | Mitigation Action |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|--|
| Poor performance against budget | М | M | М | Regular monitoring and reporting of the budget position |

Consultation/Communication

Consultation has been undertaken with Council Managers and the Corporate Management Team. Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred, and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

1. That Council endorses the Quarter 2 Forecast Review report - recommended.

- 2. That Council advises of any changes to the Adopted Budget and proposes an alternative recommendation for changes to the 2024/25 Budget.
- 3. That Council endorses the Environmental Upgrade Agreement quarterly statement.

Conclusion

This report compares actual performance with Council's 2024/25 adopted Q1 Forecast, adopted by Council on 10 December 2024. Council's Quarter 2 Forecast Review continues to be based on the best estimates of the Organisation as to its financial outlook.

Attachments

1 2024/25 Q2 Finance Report 🗓 🛣

14. **Community and Infrastructure**

14.1 Rural City of Wangaratta Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-27

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Strategic |
| Author: | Waste Management Coordinator |
| Approver: | Director Community and Infrastructure |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report presents the Rural City of Wangaratta Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-27 (The Strategy) for adoption.

The Strategy has been developed in response to the rapidly changing waste management environment, and the legislative and policy framework changes. The Strategy will set the direction for the development and delivery of waste management and resource recovery services by the Rural City of Wangaratta up to 2027.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopts the Rural City of Wangaratta Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-27.

Background

The Strategy has been developed in response to the rapidly changing waste management environment, and the legislative and policy framework changes that have been implemented in to support best practice in the face of these changes.

The Waste and Resource Recovery sector in Victoria is one of the most regulated and legislated in Australia. Council is subject to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 2017, the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, the Recycling Victoria Policy (2020) in addition to the Planning and Environment Act (1987) and the Local Government Act (2020). From the Federal Government, Council is required to consider the National Waste Policy (2018) and the subsequent National Waste Policy Action Plans (2019&2020).

With recent changes to State and Federal government policies increasing the focus in the circular economy, increasing resources recovery for highest value use as close to the waste generation locations as possible. This "once in a generation" industry wide shift in approach to waste

management provided the opportunity to review infrastructure and service delivery models in order to ensure compliance and best service for the community.

The Rural City of Wangaratta (Council) is responsible for delivering waste and recycling services the residential and public places it manages. Commercial services are also offered to those businesses that are best serviced by a regular kerbside collection. Additionally, Council also own and operate the Bower Landfill, the Wangaratta Organics Facility and publicly accessible transfer stations across the municipality. The Strategy can only consider those parts of the waste and resource recovery management cycle that it has direct influence over.

The Strategy is only looking to 2027. It is anticipated that this will bring it into alignment with future State Government requirements for the development of updated Local Government Strategies and Plans once the State Level Documents have been completed. Most of the actions from the current strategy have been completed, and with significant changes in the industry over the past couple of years a new direction was required.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Strategy will update the current Waste Management Strategy 2018-23. The Strategy will provide more appropriate actions and guidance on delivery of infrastructure and services considering changes to the industry.

Financial/Economic Implications

There are no financial or economic implications identified for the subject of this report. Actions resulting from the Strategy will be costed through the long term finacial plan, ongoing operations or costed into service delivery charges. These will be presented to Council through the life of he Strategy.

Legal/Statutory

The Strategy has been developed in response to the Environmental Protection Act 2017, the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, the Recycling Victoria Policy (2020) in addition to the Planning and Environment Act (1987) and the Local Government Act (2020).

Social and Diversity

The Strategy works alongside the Waste Services Policy, which also considers how services are provided to allow equitable access and delivery of services.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

EIA's will be undertaken for any major operational changes or infrastructure project upgrades.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The Strategy works to fulfil the requirements of the previously mentioned legislation, and supporting regulations, that all provide frameworks to improve environmental and sustainability outcomes. Improving resource recovery reduces the requirement for raw materials extraction, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and decreases the need for landfilling.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 - 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

3. Valuing our Environment

- 3.2 Reduce waste and enhance resource recovery
- 3.2.1.1 Develop the new Waste Strategy in consultation with the community.
- 3.2.1.2 Ensure service delivery is in accordance with the Recycle Victoria Policy
- 3.2.1.3 Ensure services and facilities are operated in compliance with the updated Environmental Protection Act.
- 3.2.1.4 Explore feasibility of commercial options to divert materials from waste and recycling streams.
- 3.2.1.5 Introduce a third glass-only bin into the community. Provide educational resources to households to ensure a successful uptake.

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

This report supports the 2033 Community Vision through the following objectives:

Environment – Reduce Waste and Enhance Resource Recovery

- M1 Service our community by managing our waste and recycling streams
- M2 Strengthen positive behaviours throughout the community to minimise the negative impact of waste
- M3 Reduce waste and waste generation from Council Operations
- M4 Establish our community as leaders in the organics waste processing and associated resource recovery

Risk Management

Under the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, Councils as providers of waste and recycling or resource recovery services will have certain positive obligations including:

To provide certain services including a municipal residual waste service, recycling service including for glass, food and garden organicsTo comply with pre-sorting and separating of waste or recycling material (the detail of what requirements will apply will be specified in regulations yet to be made)

Council, as providers of a waste, recycling or resource recovery services:

Have a duty to give Recycling Victoria prescribed information, Any agreement entered into in connection with the provision of their services must incorporate the service standard that applies, As providers of essential waste, recycling or resource recovery services, a requirement to

minimise the risk of serious failure disruption or hindrance of services so far as reasonably practicable, Duties to keep records and information about the service provided, so far as reasonably practicable, andDuties to comply with service standards. Notably, failure to comply with any of the above obligations will be an offence, punishable by civil and criminal penalties of up to \$454,350 for Council.

However, the Act provides "checks and balances" in the form of review mechanisms applying to the numerous powers which Recycling Victoria will be able to exercise. For example, use of the exemption powers and the issuance of information gathering notices, improvement notices and prohibition notices will be reviewable at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.<u>Risk</u> <u>Management Framework</u>

| Risks | Likelihood | Consequence | Rating | Mitigation Action |
|---|--------------|--------------|------------|--|
| Non compliance with legilsation and regulations | 2 – Unlikely | 3 - Moderate | 5 - Medium | Ensuring internal processes are followed, appropriate training undertaken and Staff have oversight of new regulations are they are created. |

Consultation/Communication

This Strategy has been developed following an extensive community consultation. Between February and April 2023 Council received more than 270 responses from members of the community. This engagement primarily took the form of a survey and investigated the community's use and value of Rural City of Wangaratta waste and resource recovery facilities and services, and what the community would like to see from future works in this space.

Following Council endorsement of the draft strategy it was placed on public exhibition between November & December 2023, receiving only a limited response Council Officers proceeded to further engage directly with representatives of the following community groups, organisations and internal RCoW departments:

- Wangaratta Urban Landcare Group.
- Sustainability Steering Group.
- Greta Landcare Group.
- Boomerang Bags
- Gateway Health
- Waste Department

In considering the further feedback received several minor changes to what was previously presented to Council in September 2023 were made including:

- Reference to existing 'Council Plan 2021 2025' objectives relating to waste mitigation & resource recovery.
- Reference to existing Council 'Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2021 2026' objectives relating to waste related emission reduction.
- Further detail of Victoria's circular economy goals.
- An additional action to review the existing Council branding and slogan ('recycle right') in relation to waste mitigation & resource recovery.
- Summary Findings of the 2023 Community Waste Survey.

| Level of public participation | Promises to the public/stakeholders | Tools/Techniques |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Inform | An extensive comms campaign was undertaken during the the consulation perriod. | Websites, social media and newspapers. |
| Consult | Between February and April 2023 Council received more than 270 responses from members of the community | Survey |
| Involve | Stakeholder groups were directly consulted/engaged | One on one meetingswith stakeholders |
| Collaborate | Feedback was integrated into final draft documents and then placed on exihibition | |
| Empower | The final Strategy will be considered by Council in February 2025. | Council meeitng to consider adoption of the strategy. |

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

Option 1: Recommended

Adopts the Rural City of Wangaratta Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-27

Option 2: Not Recommended

Council could decide not to adopt a Waste Management Strategy and complete further community engagement.

Conclusion

The Strategy has been updated to reflect sector best practice and the provisions of the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021. The Draft Policy is ready to be adopted by Council.

Attachments

1 RCOW Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-2027 🛓 🛣

14.2 Community Asset Committee Nominations

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Strategic |
| Author: | Community & Recreation Coordinator |
| Approver: | Director Community and Infrastructure |

This report is presented to Council to endorse the nominations of volunteers to committees of management (COM) under the Community Asset Committee Instrument of Delegation. These are additional community members who have requested spots on their local committees of management, and Council officers are in support:

- 1. Whitfield Recreation Reserve
- 2. Old Murmungee Hall
- 3. Bowmans Murmungee
- 4. Edi Upper
- 5. Everton Hall & Recreation Reserve
- 6. Oxley Shire Hall
- 7. Myrrhee Hall
- 8. Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall
- 9. Eldorado Town Hall

The nominations are for a period of three years. A list of nominated members is attached.

Recommendation:

That Council endorses and discloses the nominations in the attached report to the following Community Asset Committees

- 1. Whitfield Recreation Reserve
- 2. Old Murmungee Hall
- 3. Bowmans Murmungee
- 4. Edi Upper
- 5. Everton Hall & Recreation Reserve
- 6. Oxley Shire Hall
- 7. Myrrhee Hall
- 8. Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall
- 9. Eldorado Town Hall

Background

All appointments to Community Asset Committees are made in line with Council's policy governing appointments to Council Committees.

The Instrument of Sub-Delegation details in section 3.1(8) that all appointments to the committees will be made by Council in accordance with the Council policy governing appointments to Council Committees.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Community Asset Committee Instrument of Delegation and the Appointment to Council Committees Policy apply to these nominations.

Financial/Economic Implications

There are no financial or economic implications identified for the subject of this report.

Legal/Statutory

The requirement for nominations is made in accordance with the Local Government Act

Social and Diversity

The Community Asset Committees provide an important service to their communities, providing a gathering place and social centre for their rural communities. A strong and vibrant committee will benefit the community, and close links between the committee and Council will create greater awareness of needs in that community.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

There are no equity impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

COM's are responsible for the management of any environmental issues relating to the land upon which their facilities are situated.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

1. Strengthening our Leadership

1.3.2.1 Continue to support the delivery of the Rural Placemaking Plans in partnership with our rural communities.

2. Nurturing our Wellbeing

2.3.2.1 With support and training, ensure that our community groups and committees have strong governance and are inclusive and viable.

2.3.3 Increase opportunities for people to connect to their community and each other.

2.3.4.1 Provide quality and accessible community facilities based on community needs.

3. Expanding our Economy

4.4.2 Enhance the activity in our rural townships

Risk Management

Risk Management Framework

| Risks | Likelihood | Consequence | Rating | Mitigation Action |
|--|--------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Governance risk associated with the sub- delegation of powers from the CEO to Community Asset Committees | 3 - Possible | 3 - Moderate | 6 - Medium | The appointment of members by a formal resolution of Council reduces governance risk by ensuring that all members appointed to a committee are covered by Council's public liability insurance. |

Consultation/Communication

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

- That Council endorses the nominations to the following Community Asset Committees
- That Council does not endorse the nominations to the Community Asset Committees.

Conclusion

Council officers have reviewed the nominations received for endorsement to the relevant Community Asset Committees which will delegate the control, management and maintenance of its council owned community assets and uphold Councils requirements under the Local Government Act.

Attachments

1 Community Asset Committee Nominations - Confidential

15. Sustainability and Culture

15.1 Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83 - Consideration of Submissions and Next Steps in the Amendment Process

Meeting Type: Date of Meeting: Category: Author: Approver: Scheduled Council Meeting 25 February 2025 Strategic Strategy Planner Director Sustainability and Culture

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

The Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy 2021 (Rural Component) addresses provision of housing at the Low Density scale (minimum lot size 2000 square metres) and Rural Living scale (typically ranging from 2 ha - 8 ha minimum lot size) and is applicable to all areas of the municipality with the exception of recommendations relating to urban Wangaratta.

This strategy is split into two components: (1) the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural Component), adopted by Council in December 2021, which this report focuses on, and (2) the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy, Wangaratta Component Additional Investigations Report (which was adopted by Council in September 2024).

The Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural Component), provides the strategic justification for, and underpins Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83. Amendment C83 proposes changes to local policy, zoning and overlays, and makes appropriate corresponding administrative changes to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme to implement the recommendations of the rural components of the Strategy. Local policy changes are appliable across the municipality, while zone and overlay changes focus on areas in Glenrowan, Milawa and Oxley.

Amendment C83 was conditionally authorised by the Minister for Planning (under delegation) on 23 April 2024 to proceed to exhibition. The amendment proceeded to exhibition between 22 August - 30 September 2024. During this period 16 submissions were received, with most in support of the amendment, some requesting changes to the amendment and 2 with outstanding objections to the amendment.

This report is presented to Council to consider the submissions received and matters raised in response to the public exhibition process. This report also informs and advises Council about the content of submissions, key issues raised and how issues are addressed. It further seeks Councils agreement to:

- Make changes to the exhibited amendment to respond to submissions (as detailed in this report).

- Refer Amendment C83 and all submissions to a Planning Panel for independent review as the next step in the amendment process in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987.*
- Seek Councils agreement to allow Officers to continue to work with submitters to respond to and resolve any outstanding matters in the lead up to the Planning Panel Hearing.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. Considers all submissions to Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83 Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy 2021 (Rural Component) and makes changes to the exhibited amendment as detailed and recommended in this report and its attachments, pursuant to Sections 22 and 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act, 1987*
- 2. Refers Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83 and its submissions to a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act, 1987*
- 3. Formally requests the appointment of a Panel in accordance with Section 23 (1)(b) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- 4. Continues to work with submitters with unresolved submissions to attempt to reach a solution that can be presented to a Panel
- 5. Notify submitters of Council's decision

Background

The Wangaratta Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy 2021 was undertaken to understand and respond to the need for low density and rural residential zoned land in the municipality as part of an overall response to provision of housing and responding to population growth.

The Strategy was adopted in part by Council, in December 2021. The part adopted related to recommendations to all areas of the municipality except for urban Wangaratta, (where Council resolved to undertake additional investigations). The additional investigations were undertaken and are the subject of a separate report adopted by Council in September 2024.

The Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy, 2021 (Rural Component) provides the basis for changes to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme under Amendment C83. **Attachment 1** provides the explanatory report which gives more detailed information about Amendment C83.

What Amendment C83 Proposes

The amendment proposes to:

 Amend local Settlement Policy (at Clause 11.01-1L-01,02 and 03) to avoid future subdivision in the Northern Foothills of Glenrowan (this also requires the deletion of the Development Plan Overlay Map from this precinct) and change the direction of future subdivision and development to the east of the existing townships of Oxley and Milawa to better address bushfire risks (noting currently the growth front is directed north in Oxley and west in Milawa).

- Amend local subdivision design policy in Low Density Residential and Rural Living Zones (at Clause 15.01-3L) to ensure subdivision design responds to amenity, safety (particularly in the context of bushfire risk), diversity and sustainability principles.
- Amends Schedules 1 and 2 to Clause 32.03 Low Density Residential Zone to set out minimum subdivision size that responds to preferred built form outcomes.
- Introduce Schedules 8 and 9 to Clause 43.02 Design and Development Overlay to articulate sustainability, character, safety (particularly bushfire design) and infrastructure requirements that make a positive contribution to the built environment in areas impacted by rezoning in Oxley and Milawa.
- Rezones land in Precinct E (b) of the Milawa Township Development Plan from Farming Zone to Low Density Residential Zone (with an indicative lot capacity of 50 lots in the short term).
- Rezones land in Precinct H of the Oxley Township Development Plan from Farming Zone to Rural Living Zone Schedule 2 to reflect the scale of development and remove the administrative burden of planning permits for activities that align with rural residential living. (This will not result in additional subdivision).
- Rezones land in Precinct F (b) of the Oxley Township Development Plan from Farming Zone to Low Density Residential Zone (with an indicative capacity of 78 lots in the short to medium term)
- Makes other administrative changes to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme (at Clauses 72.03, 72.08 and 74.02). planning maps and overlay maps to facilitate these changes.

Public Exhibition of Amendment C83

Amendment C83 was publicly exhibited formally between 22 August – 30 September 2024. Public notification of the amendment included:

- Direct notification to prescribed Ministers, government departments and statutory authorities.
- Direct notification to approximately 4000 property owners and occupiers impacted by the proposed changes.
- Display of Amendment exhibition material and mapping at Council Offices
- Display of Amendment exhibition material and mapping online.
- Public notices published in the Wangaratta Chronicle on 16 August 2024 and in the Victorian Government Gazette on 22 August 2024

Submissions to Amendment C83

To date, Council have received 16 submissions in response to the exhibition of the amendment. Of these submissions:

- 8 were received from authorities and 8 were received from landowners and community members.
- 10 support the amendment/had no objection to the amendment,
- 2 objected to the amendment or part of the amendment,
- 4 partly supporting and partly objecting to the amendment,
- 8 requested changes to the exhibited document.

Attachment 2 provides a summary of the submissions received and responses to those.

Key Issues

An analysis of the submissions, along with a response and outcome is contained in **Attachment 2**. The key issues raised in submissions can be summarised as:

- Environmental Impacts particularly relating to vegetation, ground and surface water, potentially contaminated land, land fill gas separation distances and industrial land use separation distances.
- *Environmental Risks* particularly flooding and impacts on additional development and Bushfire risk its noted that both outstanding submissions are dealing with issues relating to bushfire risk and mitigation measures.
- Infrastructure and Servicing requirements particularly reticulated water and sewer; and road safety and connectivity.

Submissions in support of the amendment generally:

- Supported the change in direction of the development fronts in Oxley and Milawa to minimise risk posed by bushfire
- Support development in townships as they are serviced locations
- Indicated that development will assist in alleviating pressure posed by the 'housing crisis'

Submissions objecting to the amendment raised very specific issues relating to:

- Future development: specifically, the ongoing ability of individual landowners to develop property into the future, based on being able to mitigate bushfire risk.
- Avoiding battle axe lots: specifically, a submission raised concern about the impacts of a strategy relating to avoiding battle-axe handles as a means of access when creating new lots.

Requested changes to the exhibited documents generally:

 Proposed strategies to be elaborated on and make points clearer on specific areas of interest from authorities.

- Make requests that are at odds with technical information underpinning the amendment.
- Requests to make changes to the amendment documents that are outside the scope of the amendment, for example:
 - Property rating.
 - o Making changes to planning policy not impacted by the amendment.

It is noted whilst these requested changes raise important and valid considerations, they are not always addressed by making changes to exhibited amendment documents.

Attachment 2 explains how requests for changes to the Amendment are proposed to be addressed and responded to and explains how exhibited documents will be updated, if considered appropriate. Key changes proposed include:

- Update Explanatory Report to reflect (potential) contaminated land investigations
- Changes to Clause 11.01-1L-03 Oxley Township
- Changes to Clause 15.01-3L
- Changes to DDO8 (Design and Development Overlay 8)
- Changes to DDO9 (Design and Development Overlay 9)

Further information about proposed changes can be found in Attachment 2.

Pre-Set Panel Hearing Dates

Pre-set Panel Hearing dates were approved and exhibited as part of the Amendment. A delay in considering this report (in part attributed to Council elections) resulted in Council being unable to meet the exhibited pre-set Panel Hearing dates. The revised and confirmed Pre-Set Panel Hearing dates are as follows:

- Directions Hearing: Week beginning Monday, 25 March 2025
- Panel Hearing: Week beginning Monday, 29 April 2025

Next Steps in the Amendment Process

The diagram below shows the steps in the planning scheme amendment process.



The first 2 steps have been completed for Amendment C83. This report deals with step 3 and provides Council with the opportunity to consider submissions received and recommends proceeding to a panel as the next step. Should this occur, following the completion of the Panel a further report detailing the Panel's recommendations will be presented to Council for decision.

Implications

Policy Considerations

Other relevant Council policies considered in the development of this amendment include consideration of key actions from the:

- **Domestic Wastewater Management Plan**: in managing impacts of wastewater in unsewered areas
- **Environmental Sustainability Strategy**: in planning for growth and particularly subdivision design that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, protects the natural environment and makes efficient use of existing resources.
- Roadside Conservation Management Plan: Noting an earlier version of the Strategy underpins the Vegetation Protection Overlay Schedule 2 – Vegetation of Conservation Significance which applies to an area of Oxley under consideration for low density residential development and includes relevant management strategies that protect significant flora and fauna must be considered and adhered to.
- Walking and Cycling Strategy: which identifies recreational and off-road cycling and walking networks to improve non-vehicular transport opportunities for shorter trips in Oxley and Milawa.

Financial/Economic Implications

Financial – Costs associated with the amendment including statutory fees and Panel costs (administrative fees and required technical expert witness/es) are covered by Councils operational budget.

Economic – The addition of residential housing could be considered to benefit viability of the townships like Milawa and Oxley and small businesses operating in them.

Legal/Statutory

Amendment C83 abides by the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and other relevant legal/statutory processes.

Social, Diversity and Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

In relation to the requirements of the *Gender Equity Act 2020* Planning Scheme Amendments are putting existing changes (i.e. changes proposed by a strategy already adopted by Council) into legislation are not considered to be a policy program or service. Therefore, an Equity Impact Assessment has not been undertaken.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Sustainability impacts have been considered throughout the development of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy and policy implemented into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme has an obligation to consider and attempt to minimise risk to the natural environment.

Specific areas that have been considered and addressed include flooding by avoiding development in areas impacted by flood activity and bushfire, by planning for settlements that avoid locating new development in areas assessed as high risk at the landscape scale in settlement planning.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

1. Valuing our Environment

3.4.2 Look after our rivers and waterways:

3.4.4.2 Work in partnership with our community to preserve and improve our waterways. 3.4.2.3 Work to ensure that access and use of our waterway's balances water preservation and health

3.4.2.4 Promote the significance and importance of our rivers and creeks to build community pride, care and protection

2. Growing with Integrity

6.1.1 Faciliate attractive long-term residential growth opportunities
 6.1.1.2 Identify opportunities for residential land supply to accommodate future population growth

6.1.2 Ensure a range of housing options to meet the needs of the community including affordable housing

6.1.2 1 Ensure sufficient land supply is available to accommodate a range of housing options 6.1.2.2 Encourage a variety of lot sizes in new residential estates.

6.1.2.5 Facilitate a sustainable balance between growth and development, and the protection of existing agricultural land.

6.3.1 Ensure decision making upholds a balance between environmental sustainability, the need for development and the acknowledges the risks to the landscape.6.1.3.2 Ensure future settlements are designed and located to consider the risks of climate change including fire, flood and other natural hazards.

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

This report supports the 2033 Community Vision through the following objectives:

Building Environmentally Sustainable Communities: L2 Facilitate design and development that creates sustainable communities.

Growth in the right areas: AA1 Facilitate attractive long-term residential growth opportunities AA2 Ensure a range of housing options to meet the needs of the community including affordable housing.

Communities that are safe and protected: Ensure decision making upholds a balance between environmental sustainability, the need for development and acknowledges the risk to landscape.

Risk Management

Consultation/Communication

| Level of public participation | Promises to the public/stakeholders | Tools/Techniques |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Inform | To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives and or solutions | Public exhibition as required by the Planning and Environment Act. |
| Consult | To obtain public feedback on analysis alternatives and or decisions. | Public exhibition as required by the Planning and Environment Act. |
| Involve | To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered | Post exhibition engagement with submitters to work through issues raised in submissions and find solutions that address the matters (where possible) |

Consultation has occurred in the development of the Low Density and Rural Living Strategy which underpins the policy and strategy that are proposed for inclusion in the Wangaratta Planning Scheme. Consultation has occurred in accordance with the requirements of the public exhibition process of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

Option 1: Recommended Option

That Council consider all submissions and refer the Amendment and submissions to a Planning Panel for independent review.

This option ensures the statutory process is followed and provides the best opportunity to proceed with the amendment whilst ensuring that community and landowner concerns are appropriately considered.

Option 2: Not recommended

Make all changes requested by submitters and submit the amendment for approval.

This is not recommended as some submissions are requesting changes that are in direct opposition to the recommendations of the underpinning technical assessments.

Option 3: Not recommended Abandon the amendment.

This is not recommended as it will not fulfill Council's previous decision to implement the recommendations of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural Component). Further it would reduce diversity for future housing stock and not represent value in the way Councils resources are used. Abandoning the amendment effectively ends the process.

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Conclusion

Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83 proposes to implement the recommendations of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural Component). Considering the submissions to the amendment and the recommendation to refer the amendment to the Panel will allow for an independent body to review the effectiveness of planning tools used to implementing the Strategy's recommendations into the planning scheme. It is a further opportunity for submitters to talk about the concerns raised in submissions to ensure all matters have been understood and appropriately addressed, whilst following statutory obligations of the amendment process. Should Council agree, a Panel will be held, and a report will be provided by the Panel Chair, making recommendations about the best way to resolve outstanding matters raised in submissions. It's noted a further report to Council will outline any recommendations from a Panel process, prior to making any final decision about the adoption of the amendment in its final form.

Attachments

- 1 Attachment 1 Explanatory Report 🗓 🔛
- 2 Attachment 2 Submission Summary 🗓 🛣

15.2 Draft Events & Attractions Strategy

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Strategic |
| Author: | Event Attraction Coordinator |
| Approver: | Director Sustainability and Culture |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

The draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 (refer **Attachment 1**) is ready for public exhibition.

The Events and Attractions Strategy sets out the Rural City of Wangaratta's future intentions in the support, curation and delivery of events within the municipality. Aligning with the vision of the community, and the Council Plan, this Strategy provides direction on decision making, event opportunities, goals and aspirations for the delivery of Council events, attraction of marquee events and the support of community events.

Key priorities were identified from consultation conducted. These priorities have been developed into the strategic objectives outlined below and in the Strategy.

The five strategic objectives are:

1 – Collaboration

Develop partnerships that support the delivery of events within the Municipality.

2 – Attraction & Marketing

Increase the tourism and economic benefit to the community through marquee event delivery and support, via council funded or commercially operated events.

3 – Resource Management

Reduce environmental impacts, improve sustainability and increase community accessibility at events held within the Municipality.

4 – Alignment

Formalise event funding criteria and post event evaluation to ensure investment aligns with the council plan.

5 – Review & Assess

Review the current council event program and event attraction program to ensure community satisfaction, and assess council supported events in line with community and council priorities.

Actions are identified within the draft Strategy to achieve these objectives.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 for a 30-day public exhibition period, to share the plan with the community and stakeholder groups.
- 2. Reviews and adopts the Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 at a future meeting, taking into consideration any submissions made.
- 3. If no submissions are received requiring changes to the Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029, adopts the report without further resolution.

Background

In 2018 Council adopted the 2018-2023 Events & Attractions Strategy which set out the future direction in support, curation, and delivery of events within the municipality. The Strategy outlined some key challenges and shortcomings to be addressed throughout the implementation plan such as –

- required consolidation of event funding;
- development of policies, procedures and application forms pertaining to events and their delivery;
- collate venue maps of public spaces and fact sheets that support event organisers;
- increased resourcing in the events team to support community and commercial organisations to work with Council;
- develop signage to be used at Council supported events;
- support community events with knowledge, reduced rates and identifying funding opportunities;
- formalise the old rodeo grounds as the preferred events precinct for major events; and
- support the attraction and delivery of major events to boost the economy and tourism.

The events landscape has changed, and it is timely that the Strategy is reconsidered to meet the needs of the community where they are today and looking into the future.

It is evident that there is a strong desire from our community to ensure that we are a welcoming, accessible and inclusive community with a culturally diverse event calendar. This is something that Council will be focusing on in the revised Strategy to build a community that is strong and connected.

Implications

Policy Considerations

This Strategy is directly linked to the Council Plan and has further connections to -

- Recreation Strategy 2024-2033
- Economic Development & Tourism Strategy 2024-2029
- Waste Management Strategy 2018-2023
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2021-2026
- Community Access & Inclusion Plan 2019-2022

Financial/Economic Implications

While there are no direct financial implications to this report, the Strategy does recommend and prioritise actions for Council to deliver. These costs will need to be reflected in project bids, through grants and operational budgets as identified within the Strategy.

Legal/Statutory

There are no legal/statutory implications identified for the subject of this report.

Social and Diversity

The social, well-being and emotional benefits of events present in various ways including an increased appeal of liveability and a connectedness that can see a ripple effect through our community.

The Connection needs analysis commissioned by the Grit & Resilience Program says that "Connected communities are engaged, safer and are more likely to have higher rates of volunteerism than those with less connection. Social connection provides meaning, purpose, support and a sense of belonging. With connection, we are better able to regulate stress".

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

Objective 3 within the draft strategy has deliverables in relation to community accessibility at events to ensure everyone is welcome, and event planning to increase diversity and cultural inclusion at Council delivered events.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Council are committed to developing waste wise event guidelines as part of the draft strategy which will be applicable to Council events, and events taking place on Council land and will address waste, recycling and noise minimisation.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

2 Nurturing our Wellbeing

2.1.1.2 Deliver arts, culture and exhibition programs that recognise, support and address issues of mental health and social inequities.

2.3.1.1 Deliver annual events and initiatives that focus on celebrating diversity, connection, belonging for everyone within our community.

Include the delivery of drug, smoke and alcohol-free events into the annual events calendar.

3 Valuing our Environment

3.2.3.1 Reduce waste, paper and water usage in Council facilities and events through education.

5 Enhancing our Lifestyle

5.2.1.1 Increase the representation of our cultural story and history throughout our community and recognise its impact on our sense of place.

5.2.1.2 Deliver projects in partnership with our indigenous and cultural groups to celebrate the diversity and history of our region.

5.2.2.2 Organise the Wangaratta Australia Day ceremony and support rural community to deliver Australia Day events.

5.2.2.3 Continue to promote recognise and celebrate NAIDOC week within our community.

5.2.2.4 Partner with local community groups to increase the support and inclusion of our population that were born overseas.

5.5.1.1 Deliver a diverse and engaging annual program of events that caters to the needs of the community.

5.6.1.1 Deliver a diverse annual calendar of accessible community events throughout the municipality that provide opportunities for community members to connect.

5.6.1.2 Plan for and develop infrastructure in key strategic spaces that can facilitate the delivery of community-based events.

5.6.2.1 Support groups and clubs to deliver events to their members and the broader community.

5.7.1.1 Ensure planning for new and redeveloped community facilities incorporates universal design principles

Risk Management

| Risks | Likelihood | Consequence | Rating | Mitigation Action |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------|---|
| The community may not feel that their personal feedback has been heard in the draft strategy | 3 - Possible | Minor | 5 - Medium | Council will adopt best practise techniques when the public exhibition period starts to clearly communicate and educate people about the draft strategy and how they can provide feedback. In addition key user groups and members of industry will be directly engaged to review and provide feedback. |
| Community may feel that their organisation or community group are underrepresented. | 3 - Possible | Minor | 5 - Medium | Council will adopt best practise techniques when the public exhibition period starts to clearly communicate and educate people about the draft strategy and how |

Risk Management Framework

| | | | | they can provide feedback. In addition key user groups and members of industry will be directly engaged to review and provide feedback. |
|---|----------|----------|---------|---|
| Sever adverse weather or public safety may impact on our ability to deliver on the strategy. | 1 - Rare | Moderate | 4 - Low | Thorough event planning inlcuding scenarios for adverse weather and public safety. |

Consultation/Communication

To date the following community engagement activities have occurred throughout 2023* to inform the development of the draft Plan (*the development of the plan was stalled due to staff secondment):

- Communuity session at the Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre
- Community session at the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Informative session with Councillors
- Workshop held with Youth Council
- Workshop held with Corporate Management Team at Council
- Workshop held with the Waste Management & Sutainability Teams
- Workshop held with Horticulture Team
- Electonic survey was open for 46 days to the public

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

- 1. That Council endorses the draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 for public exhibition for 30 days (Recommended).
- 2. That Council does not endorse the draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 for public exhibition.

Conclusion

The draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 is ready for public exhibition and community feedback.

Attachments

1 Events & Attractions Strategy - DRAFT 🕂 🛣

15.3 CBD Car Parking Payment System

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|--|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Operational |
| Author: | Manager - Economic Development, Environment & Compliance |
| Approver: | Director Sustainability and Culture |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

The current car parking payment machines in the Wangaratta CBD are at the end of their life. Maintaining a workable payment system in the CBD is important as it continues a 'user pays' system and contributes to the provision and maintenance of car parking in the CBD. This report is presented to Council to consider options for the replacement of the car parking payment system within the Wangaratta CBD.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorses the replacement the 72 current car parking payment machines in the Wangaratta CBD by reducing the number of new parking meters to 16 and maintaining the EasyPark App as a payment method throughout the CBD (Option 1 described within this report).

Background

Having sufficient, good quality and accessible car parking in the Wangaratta CBD contributes to an attractive CBD to the benefit of both visitor and businesses. Council has a paid parking system in place in the Wangaratta CBD to help cover the cost of providing and maintaining car parking in the CBD. Paid parking has been in place in the Wangaratta CBD for many years.

The current car parking payment system in use in Wangaratta's CBD includes:

- 72 car parking payment machines located throughout the Wangaratta CBD area. These machines take cash only.
- EasyPark App for payment via phones or similar devices.

The current payment machines were installed in 2015 and have reached the end of their life. They run off the 3G network which is no longer being supported. Whilst the machines are still able to accept coin payments, alerts when faults occur are not transmitted resulting in Council officers having to undertake additional checks to ensure machines are still operating correctly. The current machines are breaking down regularly. A review of the usage of the current machines show that 20 of them have recorded minimal usage.

The EasyPark App was introduced more recently as a payment option for car parking in relevant areas in Wangaratta's CBD. Since the App's introduction its usage has doubled and in the 2023/24 financial year 43% of parking payments received were via the App. The App allows users to pay only for time used and can be used throughout the CBD parking area including the privately operated parking area of the Co-Store.

A review of the CBD car parking payment system has been completed. It included consideration of types of machines, locations, running costs, revenue and opportunities to reduce the number of physical machines within the CBD. Options for the replacement of the payment system considered as part of this work and their key implications for Council and our community are shown in the table below:

| Options | | Initial implications | Ongoing implications |
|---|--|---|---|
| | Reducing the number of parking meters to 16 and | Lower initial cost compared to Option 2 | Maintains a 'user pays' system. |
| Option 1: | maintaining the EasyPark App as a payment method throughout the CBD (see Attachment 1). | as fewer machines would need to be purchased and installed. Other initial cost would include Parts of our community do not support paid parking | Maintains the income from parking payments to contribute to providing and maintain car parking in the CBD, including cost associated with the Co- Store parking contract. |
| | | in the CBD. | Ongoing maintenance of machines. |
| | | | Maintains the benefits of encouraging turn-over of vehicles. |
| | | | Negative community perceptions relating to paid car parking. |
| | Reducing the number of machines to 52 and | Higher initial cost compared to Option 1 | Maintains a 'user pays' system. |
| maintaining the EasyPark App as a payment method throughout the CBD (see Attachment 2). Option 2: | as more machines would need to be purchased and installed.Other initial cost would include Parts of our community do not support paid parking | Maintains the income from parking payments to contribute to providing and maintain car parking in the CBD, including cost associated with the Co- Store parking contract. | |
| | | in the CBD. | Ongoing maintenance of machines. |
| | | | Maintains the benefits of encouraging turn-over of vehicles. |

| | | | Negative community perceptions relating to paid car parking. |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| Option 3: | Only accepting payment via the EasyPark App and not having the option of paying via physical machines. | Low initial cost. Only requires rParts of our community do not support paid parking in the CBD. Some users may need assistance with using the App. Consideration will need to be given to situations where users cannot access the App. | Maintains a 'user pays' system. Maintains the income from parking payments to contribute to providing and maintain car parking in the CBD, including cost associated with the Co- Store parking contract. Maintains the benefits of encouraging turn-over of vehicles. No ongoing maintenance of machines. Negative community perceptions relating to paid car parking. |
| Option 4: | Not having paid on street parking in the CBD | Low initial cost. Only requires r | Council will need to absorb more of the cost associated with providing and maintaining car parking in the CBD, including cost associated with the Co- Store parking contract. Reduced turn-over of vehicles which may lead to fewer vacant parking spaces being available at times. |

(Note: New machines proposed in Options 1 and 2 will be able to take both cash and card payments.)

A long-term financial analysis of these options is included in the **Attachment 3** (confidential attachment). This financial analysis included consideration of: upfront cost of new machines, cost of removing existing meters, signage / marking changes, staff cost, software costs, materials, contractual commitments (including the Co-Store contract) and income from parking. The net financial result of each option over a period of 8 years (the expected useful life span of new parking machines) for each option is shown in the table below:

| Option 1: | -\$282,000 |
|-----------|------------|
| Option 2: | -\$620,000 |
| Option 3: | +\$221,000 |
| Option 4: | -\$1.56M |

Officers have considered this financial analysis, accessibility, technology, digital inclusion, financial sustainability and how Council can support our community with the use of a new system, and recommend Option 1 as the preferred new parking payment system in Wangaratta's CBD because:

- It offers users a range of payment options (cash, card and App) and is therefore more inclusive compared to some other options with limited payment methods;
- The reduced number of machines requires a relatively low initial outlay compared to Option 2;
- It will maintain parking income which contributes to providing sufficient and well-maintained parking within the CBD;
- It will contribute to Council's longer term financial sustainability by limiting the negative net financial result expected over the next 10 years.
- It retains a 'user pays' system and the benefits of encouraging turn-over of vehicles.

Implementing Option 1 will significantly change the parking payment system in the CBD compared to the current system, including:

- A reduction the number of payment machines available.
- Changing the locations of payment machines will be available in.
- Offering more payment options.
- Limiting the availability of machines to some areas in the CBD (see **Attachment 1**) which makes the EasyPark App the only practical payment option in some areas due to the distance to payment machines.

As part of the transition to using the new payment system it is proposed that Council officers will be made available for a period to introduce users to the new systems and assist them with navigating the payment options available.

Council officers have initiated a tender process for the supply, install of new parking machines and removal of the old machines. This process has been undertaken in preparation for implementing Council's decision about the future of parking machines within the Wangaratta CBD (the subject of this report).

Implications

Policy Considerations

Wangaratta Car Parking Plan.

Financial/Economic Implications

The FY24/25 budget has an allocation of \$314,000 for the replacement CBD carparking payment system which includes removal and disposal of old parking meters, bay marking and signage updates.

Legal/Statutory

There are no legal/statutory implications identified for the subject of this report.

Social and Diversity

Provisions for all payment types for car parking within the CBD area will offer a consistent and reliable approach for all members of the public.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

There are no equity impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Council officers will need to ensure that proper disposal of old parking machines needs to be undertaken.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

1. Strengthening our Leadership

1.2 An efficient and effective council

1.2.1 Ensure Councils financial sustainability through transparent and accountable financial management

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision NA

Other strategic links

Wangaratta Car Parking Plan

Risk Management

Risk Management Framework

| Risks | Consequence | Mitigation Action |
|--|--|--|
| Community opposition to paid carparking in the CBD | Negative community feedback | Clear communication and assistance with new system |
| Not upgrading payment machines result in loss of revenue from faulty machines | Loss of revenue – budget impacts Reduced ability to provide and maintain car parking in the CBD | Complete upgrade of payment machines |
| Removal of payment systems | Loss of Income – long term financial impacts Reduced ability to provide and maintain car parking in the CBD | Maintain CBD car parking payment |

Consultation/Communication

This report relates to the replacement of the existing car parking payment system in Wangaratta's CBD and no specific community consultation has been undertaken. This report is informed by user reports about broken / jammed machines and concern about not being able to pay for parking in these situations.

Options for Consideration

Option 1 (Recommended)

Endorse procurement and installation of 16 upgraded car parking payment machines to be strategically placed in high use parking areas in the CBD, updating of signage and bay markings and the removal of existing car parking payment machines.

Option 2 (Not Recommended)

Endorse procurement and installation 52 upgraded car parking payment machines, updating of signage and bay markings and the removal of old car parking payment machines.

Option 3 (Not Recommended)

Endorse replacing the current parking payment system with Easy Park App payment only. Removal of all car parking payment machines throughout CBD and update all parking signage throughout CBD.

Option 4 (Not Recommended)

Removal of car parking payments from CBD area. Time restrictions will remain in place.

Conclusion

The current car parking payment machines in use in the Wangaratta CBD have reached the end of their life. A review of the CBD car parking payment system has been completed to inform a way forward for car parking payments, including consideration of options for replacement of machines.

It is recommended that Council endorses implementing Option 1 described above which will replace the 72 current car parking payment machines with 16 new machines. These new machines will be used in combination with the EasyPark App to provide full range of payment options available.

Council's procurement process will be followed to purchase and install the endorsed replacement payment system.

Retaining paid car parking in the CBD will help ensure Council is able to provide and maintain car parking in the CBD at current standards and continues a 'user pays' approach.

Attachments

- 1 Potential location of 16 replacement payment machines 🗓 🔛
- 2 Potential location of 52 replacement payment machines <u>1</u>
- 3 Long Term Financial Analysis Confidential

15.4 Report for noting: Procurement Exemption for Development Contributions Plan Projects

| Scheduled Council Meeting |
|-------------------------------------|
| 25 February 2025 |
| Strategic |
| Director Sustainability and Culture |
| Director Sustainability and Culture |
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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to notify Council that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has approved an exemption from the public tender requirements of Council's Procurement Policy for the upgrade of a second section of Christensen Lane by the developers of adjacent land in lieu of required contributions (known as Works-in-Kind) under a Development Contributions Plan (DCP).

The upgrade of Christensen Lane is identified as an infrastructure project approved for delivery within the Wangaratta North-West Growth Area DCP. Council's Procurement Policy (see **Attachment 1**) requires a report to be presented to Council for noting when an exemption of this nature is approved.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. Notes the procurement exemption approved by the CEO to facilitate the upgrade of a section of Christensen Lane under the North-West Growth Area Development Contributions Plan and as required by Council's Procurement Policy.
- 2. Notes a specific exemption for similar future Development Contributions Plan projects to be delivered as Works-in-Kind will be considered for inclusion in Council's Procurement Policy when it is next reviewed.

Background

Council has two approved DCPs for the North-West and South Growth Areas. These DCPs identify infrastructure projects required to service the growth areas and for which development contributions must be paid by landowners in these areas.

In some cases, the DCP projects are delivered by developers as Works-in-Kind in exchange for the associated credits identified for the project in the DCP.

DCP projects delivered as Works-in-Kind do not trigger the requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020* to comply with Council's Procurement Policy. However, there are instances where the final form of DCP projects is not entirely consistent with the DCP but remain closely

connected to the DCP project and arise naturally from the scope of the DCP project, such as variations due to detail design or construction standards. Council has received legal advice that in these instances Council <u>may</u> still not be required to comply with its Procurement Policy depending on the specifics of each project. It is Council's practice to consider appropriate exemptions under the Procurement Policy when these circumstances arise to remove any uncertainty about compliance with the policy and the Local Government Act.

Council's Procurement Policy identifies circumstances that are exempt from public tendering and other competitive processes. Council's CEO has the authority to consider and decide requests for such exemptions. The category of exemption available for DCP projects under the circumstances described above is 'Exceptional Circumstances' as the other available categories do not apply. The policy requires a report to be presented to Council for noting when an exemption is approved under the 'Exceptional Circumstances' category.

In March 2024 the CEO approved an exemption under the Procurement Policy for an initial section of Christensen Lane, and this was subsequently reported to Council for noting as required under the Procurement Policy. More recently a further proposal was received for Works-in-Kind to upgrade a second part of Christensen Lane in lieu of required contributions under the DCP and the CEO has approved an appropriate exemption under the Procurement Policy to facilitate this proposal.

Similar circumstances are likely to occur again as part of the development of Wangaratta's Growth Areas and officers will consider adding a specific category of exemption to the Procurement Policy when the policy is next reviewed to help facilitate the intended infrastructure outcomes of the DCPs.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The following Council policies or strategies that relate to this report:

- Wangaratta North-West Growth Area Development Contributions Plan
- Procurement Policy

Financial/Economic Implications

No Council payments are involved as the relevant project will be delivered as Works-in-Kind in lieu of required contributions under the DCP.

DCPs identify Works-in-Kind as a preferred mechanism to deliver most projects identified in the DCPs. Appropriate exemptions under the Procurement Policy help to facilitate delivery of these previously considered and approved projects using this preferred mechanism and in a timely manner i.e. when the projects are required to support approved development.

Legal/Statutory

- Planning and Environment Act 1987 as it relates to Development Contributions.
- Local Government Act 2020 as it relates to procurement.
- Wangaratta Planning Scheme.

Social and Diversity

DCP infrastructure projects support residential development in approved Growth Areas to help meet the housing needs of our community.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

1. Growing with Integrity

- Facilitate attractive long-term residential growth opportunities.
- Ensure a range of housing options to meet the needs of the community, including affordable housing.
- Sustainable infrastructure that supports new growth.
- Provide an efficient and effective permit system.

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

- This report supports the 2033 Community Vision through the following objectives:
 - The right growth in the right areas

Other strategic links

This report supports the implementation of the North-West Growth Area Structure Plan and Development Contributions Plan.

Risk Management

Risks were considered prior to approving the procurement exemption including:

- undertaking analysis of proposed works and rates to ensure they represented value for money and are consistent with the intended outcomes of the DCP; and
- requiring the proposed works to be in accordance with an approved detail design and specifications.

Conclusion

Council's CEO has approved an exemption from the public tender requirements of Council's Procurement Policy to facilitate the upgrade of a second section of Christensen Lane by the developers of adjacent land in lieu of required contributions under a DCP. The policy requires a report to be presented to Council for noting when such an exemption is approved by the CEO.

Attachments

1 Council's Procurement Policy 🗓 🔛

15.5 Planning Permit Application 24/083 - 31 Ford Street, Wangaratta (Creative Precinct)

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Strategic |
| Author: | Planning Coordinator |
| Approver: | Director Sustainability and Culture |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to make a determination on whether to grant a planning permit or refuse to grant a planning permit for an application for the buildings and works (including partial demolition) for the extension of an existing place of assembly, function centre and art gallery (Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Gallery), a reduction of car parking requirements and variation to a sewer easement at 31 Ford Street Wangaratta.

The subject site is located within the Commercial 1 Zone, and is affected by the Heritage Overlay (HO13), Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 1, and the Parking Overlay – Schedule 1 of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme. A copy of the proposed development plans is included at **Attachment 1**.

A total of 8 submissions were received to the application (7 objections and 1 letter of support). The grounds of objection largely relate to the reduction of car parking requirements, but also include concerns regarding long term planning for the site and surrounds, emergency services access, location of Visitor Services, and amenity issues.

A detailed officer's assessment of the application is located at **Attachment 2**.

Based on the attached officer's assessment it is recommended that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued, as the proposal is considered to represent an orderly planning outcome that is considerate the context of the site and surrounds.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit, subject to the conditions outlined in **Attachment 2**.

Background

This report is being presented to Council to make a determination on Planning Application PlnApp24/083 as the application received more than four objections. A total of seven (7) objections,

and one (1) letter of support were received. The grounds of objection, and Council's response to those concerns, are discussed in further detail in the officer's assessment at **Attachment 2**.

The key issues discussed later in this report and as part of the officer's assessment report include:

- Traffic and car parking supply.
- Urban design and heritage.
- Enhancement of the creative precinct.

A detailed description of the site and surrounds, and the proposal, are included in the officer's assessment at **Attachment 2**.

Assessment under the Planning and Environment Act 1987

A detailed assessment of the application against the relevant policies and provisions of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme (the Scheme) and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) is included at **Attachment 2**. The following table shows the policies and provisions that have been considered.

| Section | Clause | Provision |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Planning policy | 02.03-5 | Built form and heritage |
| Framework and | O2.03-7 | Economic development |
| Municipal | 11.03-1L-02 | Wangaratta Central Activities |
| Planning | | Area |
| Strategy | 15.01-1S | Urban design |
| | 15.01-2S | Building design |
| | 15.01-4S | Healthy neighbourhoods |
| | 15.01-5S | Neighbourhood character |
| | 15.01-5L | Neighbourhood character |
| | 17.04-1S | Facilitating tourism |
| | 17.04-1R | Tourism – Hume |
| | 17.04-1L | Faciliting tourism |
| | 18.02-4S | Roads |
| Zone | 34.01 | Commercial 1 Zone |
| Overlays | 43.01 | Heritage Overlay (HO13) |
| | 43.02 | Design and Development |
| | | Overlay – Schedule 1 |
| | 45.09 | Parking Overlay – Schedule 1 |
| Provision | 52.02 | Easements, restrictions and |
| | | reserves |
| | 52.06 | Car parking |
| | 52.34 | Bicycle facilities |
| Decision | 65.01 | Decision Guidelines – Approval |
| Guidelines | | of an Application or Plan |

Planning Policy Framework, Zoning, Overlays, and Particular and General Provisions

Implications

Policy Considerations

Council's local planning policies (given effect by the Wangaratta Planning Scheme) are of relevance to this report. These policies are considered and addressed within this report and in the Assessment Report at **Attachment 2.**

Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications to Council arising from this report although there may be potential costs should this matter proceed to the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

Legal/Statutory

All procedures associated with the lodgement and assessment of this application have been carried out in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Cultural Heritage

The subject site is not located within an area of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity.

Social

The application is for the provision of social infrastructure being part of the 'creative precinct' of the Wangaratta township.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

There are no equity impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Environmental and sustainability matters have been considered in this report.

Referrals/Public Notice

The application was referred to Council's Technical Services Unit (parking, access and drainage) and North East Water (sewerage considerations) who did not object to the issue of a permit subject to conditions.

Notice of the application was given to adjoining and surrounding landowners and occupiers, a notice was placed on site and in the Wangaratta Chronicle. To date, 7 objections and 1 letter of support have been received.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

This report supports the 2021-2025 Council Plan through the following objectives and actions:

4.4. Vibrant and engaging places

4.4.1.3 – Implement the Wangaratta Central Activity Area Urban Design Framework.

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

This report supports the 2033 Community Vision through the following objectives:

- BB1 Ensure new development is facilitated and does not conflict with existing land uses.
- BB2 Provide an efficient and effective permit system.

Risk Management

It is not considered that there are any relevant risks to Council beyond those associated with standard statutory process (such as any decision being appealed at VCAT).

Risk Management Framework

| Risks | Likelihood | Consequence | Rating | Mitigation Action |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|---|
| Appeal of decision at VCAT | Possible | Minor | Low | Appropriate representation of Council at VCAT. |

Options for Consideration

- 1. Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for Application PlnApp24/083 subject to conditions (recommended); OR
- 2. Council issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for Planning Application PlnApp24/083.

Conclusion

Planning application PlnApp24/083 is considered to represent an orderly planning outcome and is generally in accordance with the relevant policies and provisions of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme. The proposal has provided a well considered design outcome that is respectful of the heritage fabric and existing performing arts and convention centre structure on the subject site. The design will be largely obscured by the existing development on the land whilst also ensuring that the heritage elements that contribute to the significance of the site remain as primary features. The reduction of car parking requirements is considered to be appropriate in this instance as the availability of parking within 400m of the subject site is able to support the parking demand for the site.

Therefore, the proposal is considered to be appropriate and should be supported.

Attachments

- 1 Proposed plans 🗕 🔛
- 2 Officer's Assessment Report 🗓 🛣

15.6 Tourism Events Funding Grant Funding - Correction

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|--|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Category: | Strategic |
| Author: | Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator |
| Approver: | Director Sustainability and Culture |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

Each year Council's Tourism Events Funding Program provides financial assistance to event organisers for the promotion and development of their festivals and events.

At the 10 December 2024 Council Meeting, Council resolved to award funding to five events as part of the Tourism Events Funding Program – Grant Stream for the 2025 calender year. One of the five successful events was the Wangaratta Cruise Night, however the recommendation included in the Council report incorrectly listed the organisation applying for funding for this event as the 'Wangaratta Early Holden Car Club Inc'. The correct organisation for this event is the Wangaratta Rod and Custom Club Inc., as referenced in the attachment to the December Council report.

This report seeks to amend the December 2024 Council resolution to correct this error and ensure the funding for the Wangaratta Cruise Night event is awarded to the Wangaratta Rod and Custom Club Inc.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- Notes the resolution made on 10 December 2024 in respect of Agenda Item 15.2 incorrectly identified the Wangaratta Early Holden Car Club Inc as the successful recipient of funding under the Tourism Events Funding Program for the Wangaratta Cruise Night event instead of the Wangaratta Rod and Custom Club Inc.
- 2. Amends the resolution made on 10 December 2024 in respect of Agenda Item 15.2 to replace reference to the 'Wangaratta Early Holden Car Club Inc' with 'Wangaratta Rod and Custom Club Inc'.

Options for Consideration

There are nil options available for consideration.

Conclusion

Council is requested to correct an error within a previous resolution to award funding under the Tourism Events Funding Program – Grant Stream for 2025 to the correct organisation to support the Wangaratta Cruise Night event.

Attachments

Nil.

16. Special Committee Reports

Nil

17. Advisory Committee Reports

Nil

Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings 18.

Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings 18.1

| Meeting Type: | Scheduled Council Meeting |
|------------------|---|
| Date of Meeting: | 25 February 2025 |
| Author: | Councillor and Executive Services Support Officer |

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings and committee reports are reported to Council for information (please refer attachments.)

| Date | Meeting details | Refer |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 17 September 2024 | Audit and Risk Committee | Attachment |
| 5 August 2024 | Arts and Culture Committee | Attachment |
| 2 December 2024 | Arts and Culture Committee | Attachment |

Recommendation:

That Council notes the minutes of these Advisory Committees.

Attachments

- 17 September 2024 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes 🗓 🛣 1
- 5 August 2024 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 🖞 🕍 2
- 2 December 2024 Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes I 3

19. Notices of Motion

Nil

- 20. Urgent Business
- 21. Public Question Time
- 22. Confidential Business
- 23. Closure of Meeting Attachments

| Strategic Pillar | Item Name | | Status | Comment |
|---------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|--|
| 1. Strengthening Our Leadership | 1.1.1.2 Survey community on the quality of communication on major projects | • | On Track | The FY25 Community Satisfaction Survey continued with its qu Annual results to be shared in Q4. |
| | 1.1.1.5 Ensure access to council decision making by holding a minimum of four council meetings in rural communities. | • | On Track | The 2025 Rural Council Meeting locations were determined at Meeting. Approved locations include: March - Murmungee April - Moyhu September - Glenrowan |
| | 1.2.1.2 Regular and transparent reporting against council's adopted Annual Budget. | • | On Track | October - Tarrawingee Reporting of financials continues to be occur on a regular basi Q2 results are due to be reported at the February Council mee |
| | 1.2.2.1 Deliver Council's Information and Communications Technology Strategy. | | On Track | The ICT Strategy includes: One Council Program 83% complete ICT Asset Renewal Program 50% complete Information Management Program 65% complete Event Management Program - WPACC 70% complete WPACC AV Upgrade Program 100% complete Business Systems Major Upgrade 60% complete Rostering Management System 100% complete |
| | 1.2.2.2 Develop and deliver an Information Management Strategy. | | On Track | Preparing for data transfer for remaining WIM data to Encompa |
| | 1.2.3.1 Review the Strategic Risk Register Quarterly. | • | On Track | Quarterly review conducted |
| | 1.2.3.3 Implement a Risk Assurance program. | | On Track | Work continues on risk assurance |
| | 1.3.1.1 Advocate for the region by participating in the Hume Regional Partnerships initiative. 1.4.1.1 Keep informed of emerging trends and issues that may impact our community, our region and our Council. | • | On Track On Track | The CEO continues to participate in the Hume Regional Partne The CEO actively engages with key stakeholders on issues imp more broadly including: Municipal Association of Victoria, Ove Partnership, Rural Cities Victoria, LGPro and Indi Round Table. |
| | 1.4.1.3 Develop an Advocacy Strategy to ensure Council can maximise opportunities for funding and program support. | • | On Track | Advocacy Priorities identified and documented to guide advoca |
| | 1.4.1.4 Provide leadership to the community on Environmental Sustainability. | • | On Track | Team continues to work with Local Landcare and Sustainability Adaptation Plan for Council assets and programs out for comm |
| | 1.4.2.2 Identify external funding for programs to improve the quality of life for our community. | • | On Track | Continue to identify and share grant opportunities with the cor grant applications for projects that enhance health and wellbe members. |
| | 1.4.2.3 Staff to participate in the Alpine Community Leaders and/or other appropriate leadership development programs. | • | On Track | Two staff members successfully completed the 2024 Alpine Va Program, whilst another two were successfully nominated and 2025 program. Council supported nominated for the LGP Emerging and Execu nominee selected. Additionally, Council has engaged an extern to 13 Council leaders (aspiring and current) to obtain a Diplom which is due to be completed in 2026. |

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| 2. Nurturing our Wellbeing | 2.1.1.2 Deliver Arts, Culture and Exhibitions focusing mental health | | On Track | Benefits for positive mental health outcomes continue to be de |
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| 2. Nurtuning our Wettbeing | | | | programming artist practice and topics explored throughout the |
| | | | | highlights and examples are, 'Wild Country' exhibition in Galler |
| | | | | aspects of nature and place, combined with reflective activities |
| | | | | station areas for children and adults. |
| | 2.1.1.3 Support community driven mental health and wellbeing projects through | • | On Track | The Grit and Resilience Program team will participate in the par |
| | Community Grants | | | grants in 2025. |
| | 2.1.1.4 Participate in the innovative community consortia as part of Royal | • | On Track | The innovative community consortia is now named "social inclu |
| | Commission into mental health system. | | | within the Wangaratta Local Government Area (LGA) it is known |
| | | | | Program. This program is an ongoing funded program that supp |
| | | | | social inclusion. |
| | 2.1.2.2 Continue to support the Wangaratta Headspace satellite site. | • | On Track | |
| | 2.1.2.4 Support school-based programs that promote resilience and general mental | • | On Track | The Council has a youth services team that work closely with th |
| | wellbeing. | | | programs, including the Grit and Resilience Program promote s |
| | | | | the community with headspace Wangaratta. |
| | 2.2.1.1 Delivery of the Community Access and Inclusion Plan | • | On Track | Currently on hold. A draft of the Inclusive Wangaratta Plan will |
| | | | | in early 2025. |
| | 2.2.1.2 Ensure projects engage people, including people of all abilities in the design | • | On Track | Leveraging Equity Impact Assessments to promote deliberative |
| | process | | | including priority communities. The Community Engagement Pl |
| | | | | explore strategies to engage a broader range of community me |
| | 2.2.1.4 Review accessibility of current Council buildings. | • | On Track | Compliance to Disability Discrimination Act has been assessed |
| | | | | major issues noted. Officers will continue to review. |
| | 2.2.2.1 Implement the Wareena Park Masterplan | • | On Track | The oval regeneration project is progressing ahead of schedule |
| | | | | constraints in the masterplan, alternative pathways need to be |
| | | | | life. |
| | 2.2.2.2 Facilitate the delivery of the Age Friendly Communities Project. | • | On Track | While this project is complete, we continue to explore options i |
| | | | | themes and learnings into future planning. |
| | 2.2.2.4 Develop, endorse and implement an Age Friendly Strategy. | • | On Track | This action is linked to the Inclusive Wangaratta Plan, which is |
| | | | | plan is scheduled to be presented to the new Council in early 2 |
| | 2.2.2.5 Provide quality Aged and Community Care Services to our community | • | On Track | Service provision is on-going, with strategic work underway as t |
| | | | | reforms. |
| | 2.2.3.1 Develop our Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Strategy. | | On Track | We have engaged a contractor to work with a young group of pe |
| | | _ | | Youth Strategy 2025 |
| | 2.2.4.1 Advocate for community access to services to support mental, physical and | • | On Track | These items doesn't just sit within one area with significant wor |
| | sexual health and wellbeing. | | | Youth Sexual health programs, Grit and Resilience program, Su |
| | | | | program, Play your way etc. |
| | 2.2.4.3 Support children and parents after their involvement in Maternal Child | • | On Track | Ongoing task; strong partnership with NERPSA in place. |
| | Health services and before Kindergarten. | | | |
| | 2.3.1.1 Deliver events that focus on celebrating diversity, connection and belonging | - | On Track | Delivering free or low-cost community events that encourage c |
| | for everyone within our community. | | | belonging is a privilege for the events team. This quarter has with |
| | | | | Festival in October and significant planning and delivery for a fr |
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| a free music and activities event |
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| 2.3.1.3 Support awareness campaigns to highlight the benefits of a diverse and equitable community. | • | On Track | A draft Inclusive Wangaratta Plan was developed in consultation with community members with lived experience of a range of factors impacting on access and inclusion. At the September 2024 Council meeting, it was resolved to cease further work on the development of this plan until the newly elected Council has an opportunity to consider how it wishes to proceed. |
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| 2.3.1.4 Deliver Cultural Sensitivity Training to all RCoW Staff and Councillors. | • | On Track | Plans are in place for creating and delivering cultural sensitivity training in the first half of 2025. |
| 2.3.1.5 Support LGBTQIA+ programs and services, such as the Rainbow Ball. | • | On Track | We provided some funding so that the Rainbow Ball could go ahead as part of the Drag'd Out Festival in Beechworth in November. We will continue to work with other Councils and organisations such as LINE Wangaratta on Pride events. |
| 2.3.2.1 Ensure community groups and committees have strong governance and are inclusive and viable. | • | On Track | Various community groups and committees are actively using the governance planning toolkit and templates to compile annual reports and identify areas where support can be provided. Collaboration with Whitfield has successfully reinstated the Recreation Reserve Committee of Management. |
| 2.3.2.3 Work with community groups to access State and Federal funding opportunities. | • | On Track | Continuing our support for clubs and groups in their funding applications, including Wangaratta Rovers application to develop changeroom facilities to increase and support female participation with the club and supporting Milawa Halls application for funding of their Carols by Candlelight event. |
| 2.3.3.2 Support access to community activities, sports and events through projects that address the barriers to participation | • | On Track | Continuing to support all abilities sporting clubs, including line marking Bindall Avenue to allow the All Abilities Soccer Club to train and play at that ground. |
| 2.3.3.3 Increase visibility of opportunities to connect community leaders and groups across the municipality. | • | On Track | The Community Directory launched on the council website late 2024 to showcase the existing groups, clubs and opportunities for connection across the municipality. |
| 2.3.4.1 Work to increase co-location opportunities and access to existing community facilities. | • | On Track | Council has recently supported the Lions Club in the co-use of their new space at the Wangaratta Showgrounds, working with the Lions Club on an EOI for community groups to use the space. |
| 2.3.4.3 Ensure building renewal projects delivered to a high standard. | • | On Track | The annual building renewal program is underway and being delivered to a high standard. |
| 2.3.4.4 Takes bold decisions to decommission buildings that are no longer safe or functional, where a viable alternative is available. | • | On Track | Officers continue to review building usage and make decisions as required. |
| 2.4.1.1 Enhance the services at the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre | • | On Track | Compared to this time last year WSAC has more structured program opportunities such as additional group fitness and learn to swim classes. We've also built our capacity (qualified teachers) to assist with additional school bookings. We continue to place a focus on the customer's experience. One measure that we're moving the dial in this area is the fact that we're currently receiving significantly fewer customer complaints than in the past. As we strengthen our workforce, an intentional focus on permanent appointments where it makes sense to do so, rather than reliance on casuals, has ensured more consistency (customer rapport) and predictability (expectations of behaviour, role responsibility) which is contributing to an enhanced service offering. |

| 2.4.1.3 Provide opportunities for community to participate in physical activity. | • | On Track | |
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| | | | Council continued to provide accessible, affordable and inclus participate in physical activity. WSAC offered discounted mem |
| 2.4.1.4 Partner with Gateway Health to implement the InFANT program to assist parents and families with healthy eating and active play from the start of their baby's life. | • | Complete | |
| 2.4.1.5 Support the implementation of the RESPOND project | • | On Track | Ongoing participation in backbone project governance meeting underway for a February celebration event. This event will high community, and set the stage for identifying next steps. |
| 2.4.1.6 Support and deliver programs that increase the choice for active transpor | • | On Track | Students created artwork that has been transformed into stick and signs along fences at Wangaratta West Primary School to p Oxley Primary School, student artwork was completed and is so local park and within the school grounds early 2025. |
| 2.4.2.2 Plan for the future recreation needs in Wangaratta's North and South grov areas. | th ● | On Track | Council continues to plan for future recreation needs in Wanga areas by engaging user groups, supporting their growth, and en adaptable, and aligned with community needs. |
| 2.4.2.3 Seek funding opportunities to support the Walking and Cycling Strategy. | • | On Track | Grant funding was secured to complete a Wheeled Activity Stra were engaged to lead the process. This strategy document is o |
| 2.4.2.4 Continued maintenance of all our pathways and walking tracks across the municipality. | • | On Track | The footpaths renewal program is currently underway and bein renewal requirements and community priority. |
| 2.4.2.6 Ensure infrastructure projects consider the accessibility, comfort, ease an convenience for walking and cycling. | d | On Track | Infrastructure projects will consider all transport means - inclu cycling, using the Safe Systems Solutions approach to determi |
| 2.4.3.1 Seek opportunities to increase drinking water access in public places throughout the municipality. | • | On Track | Council continues to support this action by integrating water for projects wherever feasible and listen to community feedback f |
| 2.4.3.2 Implement healthy choices guidelines at all Council facilities and internal events. | • | On Track | Investigating Healthy Choice Guidelines at WSAC. |
| 2.4.3.3 Support and promote local produce providers supplying local markets and businesses. | • | On Track | Discovery Wangaratta Program - features wineries, local produ and promotions through Shop Local Campaigns |
| 2.4.4.1 Develop and support educational resources that promote growing food at home and/ or within the community gardens. | • | On Track | Assisted Gateway Health in mapping the locations of food-grove early childhood centers, and community settings. The findings which will be shared with the community. |
| 2.4.4.2 Support the equitable distribution of excess local produce throughout the community. | • | On Track | As part of the Community Food For All Network supporting com produce to Open Door Neighbourhood House and their food pa |

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| pantry. |

| 2.4.4.3 Facilitation the Community Food For All community group and support the implementation of the North East Local Food Strategy. | • | On Track | Community Food For All group meeting regularly, exploring opportunities to expand membership. A member from the Community Food For All group sits on the project group for the North East Local Food Strategy to ensure our region is represented. |
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| 2.4.4.4 Advocate at the State and National level to increase access to healthy food . | • | On Track | Advocacy is undertaken where possible to state and federal government agencies. |
| 2.4.5.2 Strengthen regulations of alcohol supply and reform of liquor licensing through the Wangaratta Liquor Accord. | • | On Track | Council facilitates the Wangaratta Liquor Accord, providing the platform for feedback to Liquo Control Victoria (LCV) on these matters. |
| 2.4.5.4 Apply smoke-free policies to all new outdoor initiatives | | On Track | This is discussed and checked as part of an inspection process |
| 2.4.6.2 Advocate to other levels of Government for best practice gambling | | On Track | Advocacy is undertaken where possible to state and federal government agencies. |
| regulation and policy reform | | On Hack | |
| 2.4.6.3 Partner with others to inform the community about the health risks of | • | On Track | Council's Gambling Policy incorporates this action which is yet to be delivered. |
| gambling. | | | |
| 2.5.1.2 Support education and training for front line staff to recognise and respond | • | On Track | VicPol have initiated a local Safety Committee, in which the provision of CCTV cameras will be |
| to the needs of victim survivors. | - | | considered. |
| 2.5.2.1 Continue programs such as the 16 Days of Activism, International Women's | | On Track | Collaborated with Centre Against Violence and Zonta to hold community vigil at King George |
| Day, and other programs focused on the reduction of gendered and family violence. | | | Gardens during 16 Days of Activism. |
| 2.5.2.2 Work with organisations such as Women's Health Goulburn North East and | • | On Track | Council continues to develop and nurture our working relationships with local organisations to |
| the Centre Against Violence. | | | ensure the best possible outcomes for our community. |
| 2.5.3.1 Work with all levels of community to promote gender equity and respect and | • | On Track | Cross-functional teams within the council collaborate to ensuring coordinated action to |
| its relationship to family violence. | | | promote gender equity, respect and address family violence within all levels of the community |
| 2.5.3.2 Work on placemaking projects to improve the safety and use, and to reduce anti-social behaviour, especially parks and playgrounds. | • | On Track | Council officers attended the inaugural meeting of Wangaratta Police's Local Safety Committee and continue to advance placemaking strategies aimed at enhancing safety, promoting positive use and reducing anti-social behavior in parks and playgrounds. |
| 2.5.3.3 Investigate the provision of CCTV cameras into key areas such as the Wangaratta CBD and major parks. | • | On Track | VicPol have initiated a local Safety Committee, in which the provision of CCTV cameras will be considered. |
| 2.5.3.4 Explore funding opportunities to increase the provision of lighting in public places. | • | On Track | Audit is complete for our current street lighting infrastructure. Currently working on a 5-year program including some quick wins. |
| 2.5.3.5 Ensure that passive surveillance is embedded into new developments of reserves and public spaces. | • | On Track | We are continually enhancing our design and development processes to prioritise and ensure community safety in our reserves and public spaces. |
| 2.5.3.6 Support the delivery of the Respectful Relationships program in all schools across the municipality. | • | On Track | Youth team liaises with the Respectful Relationships staff member who delivers the program t schools in the Wangaratta LGA on an ongoing basis. |
| 2.6.1.1 Seek funding to establish and maintain the flood protection system including the urban levee system. | • | On Track | Currently in Year 3 of the levee improvement program Wilson Road, Parfitt Road complete wit Merriwa Park design finalised and to be re-tendered. |
| | • | On Track | Ongoing task; new staff coming on-board to assist in on-call capacity. |
| 2.6.1.6 Delivery of programs to support the resilience and recovery of business and the community in the face of adverse events such as bushfire, pandemic and drought. | • | Complete | Safer Together grant funding enabled us to successfully deliver Community Engagement Sessions for Emergency Planning across the LGA, empowering communities to develop localised emergency plans and maps factoring in adverse events. We continue to explore additional funding opportunities that support emergency preparedness initiatives. |
| 2.6.2.2 Be proactive to reduce the risk of preventable outbreaks such as gastroenteritis. | • | On Track | Education to prevent outbreaks is part of an inspection process |

| | 2.6.2.5 Administer the National Immunisation Program for all children under 18 | On Track | Immunisation sessions now run out of Wangaratta Children's Services Centre and at local high |
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| | years of age | | schools |
| 3. Valuing Our Environment | 3.1.1.1 Support and assist community groups to undertake conservation projects.* | On Track | Environment team continues to work with Landcare and NECMA on biodiversity projects - |
| | | | Letters of Support for Grant programs for local Landcare groups to undertake weeding and |
| | | | planting projects |
| | 3.1.1.2 Collaborate with the community to adopt sustainable building and living | On Track | Smart Savings Workshops in partnership with Bpangerang House, Sustainability Victoria and |
| | practices | | Electrify Wangaratta |
| | 3.1.1.3 Support the community to understand the importance of natural areas and | On Track | Roadside Conservation Signs installed on high and very high areas - mailouts to local residents |
| | biodiversity | | |
| | 3.1.2.1 Enhance urban vegetation corridors for environmental, recreational, and | On Track | Environment and Sustainability team continues plantings across bush reserves, riparian |
| | aesthetic benefit to the community.* | | corridors & rail trail. 14,000 native plants planted by team. |
| | 3.1.2.2 Support developers to implement Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) 🔵 | On Track | This year we focused more on replacing the ground and mid storey vegetation that is missing in |
| | principles | | many established reserves |
| | 3.1.2.3 Identify and promote opportunities to use ESD in residential, industrial and | On Track | As per above - smart savings workshop |
| | commercial developments. | | |
| | 3.1.2.4 Target investment of industries that contribute to the circular or zero- | On Track | Webinar held by Sustainability Victoria on Circular economy aiming toward net zero emissions |
| | emissions economy.* | | |
| | 3.1.2.5 Ensure the Community Grant Program supports environmentally | On Track | Community grant guidelines require applicants to consider whether their project supports good |
| | sustainable projects. | | environmental outcomes and if the project is environmentally sustainable. |
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| | 3.1.2.6 Investigate opportunities to establish native vegetation offsets within the | Complete | Completed |
| | Rural City of Wangaratta | | |
| | 3.1.3.1 Review and implementation of Council's Roadside Conservation | Complete | Completed |
| | Management Plan. | | |
| | 3.1.3.2 Protect and increase native vegetation corridors in our natural reserves and | On Track | Ongoing - Tree planting dates- Supported planting in South Wangaratta with Merriwa industries |
| | waterways. | | (EPA Grant) - approximately 5,000 native trees, shrubs and grasses planted |
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| | 3.1.3.3 Create environments that protect from harmful UV radiation levels and | Complete | |
| | minimise urban heat island effects. | Comptoto | |
| | 3.1.3.4 Incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into strategies and practices | On Track | Continue to work with Traditional Owners on Projects - Taungurung and Bpangerang |
| | concerning the management of the natural environment. | on nuok | |
| | 3.1.3.5 Develop and adopt a Tree Canopy Policy to address climate adaption. | Complete | |
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| | 3.2.1.1 Develop the new Waste Strategy in consultation with the community. | Complete | |
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| | 3.2.1.2 Ensure service delivery is in accordance with the Recycle Victoria Policy. | On Track | Council have endorsed the Council officer recommendation to commence kerbside glass |
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| | 0.0.1.0 Ensure convices and facilities are ensysted in compliance with | On Trool/ | collection on the 1 July 2025 |
| | 3.2.1.3 Ensure services and facilities are operated in compliance with | On Track | EPA have undertaken inspections of both Bowser and the Organics Processing Facility, both |
| | Environmental Protection Act. | | operating to license requirements, 53V Environmental Audit scheduled for November 2024 |
| | | On Track | |
| | 3.2.1.4 Explore feasibility of commercial options to divert materials from waste and | On Track | Increased acceptance of polystyrene at Transfer Stations and further development of |
| | recycling streams. | | Acceptance and Processing Contracts at the Wangaratta Organics Processing Facility. |
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| | 3.2.1.5 Introduce a third glass-only bin into the community. | On Track | Council have endorsed the Council officer recommendation to commence kerbside glass |
| | | | collection on the 1 July 2025 |

| 3.2.2.1 Reduce the amount of contamination placed in recycling and organics bins. | • | On Track | Council is running a number of education campaigns targeting the organics bins, this incudes advertising at local bus stops, media campaign will run between July and November 20204. |
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| 3.2.2.2 Increase the waste diversion from landfill through the increased use of recycling and organics bins | • | On Track | |
| 3.2.3.1 Reduce waste, paper and water usage in Council facilities and events | | On Track | Council is working with the events team to facilitate the first z_i |
| through education. | | On Hack | event in November 2024 |
| 3.2.3.2 Investigate the use of recycled or reclaimed products in Council's road, | | On Track | Council continues to utilize the crushed concrete from Bowse |
| pathway and capital works projects. | | on nuok | within Bowser, Transfer Station & Organics Processing Facility |
| 3.3.1.1 Explore opportunities to be leaders in adapting to the impacts of climate | | On Track | Climate Adaptation Plan being developed. Environmental Sus |
| change. | | | implemented. |
| 3.3.1.2 Promote local climate adaptation programs and opportunities through various media platforms and workshops. | • | On Track | Climate Adaptation Plan - Sustainability Workshops have bee |
| 3.3.1.4 Support and facilitate the increased use of renewable energy throughout the | • | On Track | Smart Savings Workshops in partnership with Pangerang Hous |
| community. | | | Electrify Wangaratta |
| 3.3.2.1 Develop a carbon reduction action plan for corporate operations to achieve emission targets, and consider the lifetime emissions of all project developments. | • | Complete | |
| 3.3.2.3 Explore opportunities to reduce water usage in Council facilities. | • | On Track | Water conservation project being undertaken at Barr reserve. reviewed to gain true reflective costs. |
| 3.4.1.1 Lobby all levels of government for water security to protect and provide for the future of agriculture, industry and sustainability of our community and ecosystem. | • | On Track | Ongoing - North East Water are the lead agency |
| 3.4.1.2 Incorporate sustainable stormwater management considerations into Council plans and infrastructure designs. | • | On Track | |
| 3.4.2.1 Improve water quality and riparian habitat connectivity with increased invasive species control and habitat restoration. | • | On Track | Continued invasive species control along rivers and creeks res Waterwatch Program - Mullinmur wetland Water Watch data a catfish translocation. |
| 3.4.2.3 Ensure that access and use of our waterways balances water preservation and health. | • | On Track | Provide training and support to Waterwatch volunteers monito waterways to build on community ownership of waterway hea Wangaratta Landcare & Sustainability on the Three Mile Creek weed control projects to protect the Ovens River riparian zone |
| 3.4.2.4 Promote importance of our rivers and creeks to build community pride, care | • | On Track | Social Media - Best places to swim along our rivers. Continue |
| and protection. | | | weed and manage waterways |
| 4.1.1.1 Promote the diverse tourism offering within the region, including cycle | | On Track | Discover Wangaratta Series and Shop Hop Program - Promotio |
| tourism, food and wine, and eco and nature-based tourism. | | | Valley, Whorouly and Wangaratta this quarter |
| 4.1.1.3 Deliver innovative and flexible visitor servicing options | • | On Track | Ongoing: Visitor Services Satellite Sites - draws visitors into lo conversations visitor services and prompting value-add purch |
| 4.1.2.1 Develop collateral and marketing campaigns that promote the municipality as THE place to visit. | • | Complete | New Official Visitor Guide completed - Digital and Print |
| 4.2.1.1 Ensure we have sufficient industrial and commercial land to attract new businesses | • | Complete | |

ing a reduction in contamination in s, social media and radio, this t zero waste Council community ser for remediation of hauls roads lity ustainability Strategy being een undertaken ouse, Sustainability Victoria and e. Water bill allocation being reserves to maintain access. a analysis provided for native itoring water quality in local ealth. Continue to work with ek and Kaluna Park projects and in ne ie to work with Landcare groups to otions of individual areas King local stores prompting chasing from local store

| 4.2.1.2 Actively facilitate the attraction of new industries and businesses. | • | On Track | Update of Invest Wangaratta website. Officer work with prospe agents to promote opportunities and assist with pre-planning |
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| 4.2.1.3 Plan for the infrastructure to support the growth of key economic sectors | • | On Track | Work with planning and strategic planning and outside agencie NBN, Telstra to ensure essential infrastructure and services is Advocate for funding to support these infrastructure upgrades |
| 4.2.2.1 Support business to innovate, value add, adapt and grow to changing needs across key sectors | • | On Track | Delivery of fortnightly Industry e-newsletter to all businesses, other valuable resources to aid their capabilities, information workshops related to individual industries |
| 4.2.2.2 Deliver programs and training that support our local business capacity and capability. | • | On Track | Small Business Development Program: workshops on marketi financial management, business planning, social media, and o |
| 4.2.2.3 Support the Board of the Wangaratta Livestock Exchange to further develop its services and to strengthen its long-term financial sustainability. | • | On Track | |
| 4.2.3.2 Deliver programs and training to support small and medium enterprises | • | On Track | Small Business Development Program : workshops on market financial management, business planning, social media, and o |
| 4.2.4.1 Support initiatives that promote innovation and entrepreneurial ideas. | • | On Track | Continue to support Start Up Shake Up and Tourism North Eas New products |
| 4.2.5.1 Advocate with water regulators to ensure adequate water resources | • | On Track | Ongoing - North East Water lead agency |
| 4.2.6.1 Understand the economic impacts for businesses and community following an adverse event. | • | Complete | |
| 4.2.6.2 Advocate for government assistance to support recovery from adverse events. | • | Complete | |
| 4.3.1.1 Advocate for the provision of tertiary education opportunities that are in line with industry needs. | • | Complete | |
| 4.3.1.2 Support education providers to better understand the educational needs of our community, and develop a collaborative strategy to address these gaps. | • | On Track | Council officers work with local education providers, and regio advocate for programs and courses relevant to our regions ind needs. Connections with local industry to Local Schools, GoTa (CUC) - Ovens Murray, Going Rural Health, Gateway Health, N Learning Education Network) NESAY (North East Support & Ac |
| 4.3.1.3 Work with education providers to ensure our young people are equipped with relevant employability readiness skills. | • | On Track | Council Officers working with the new Wang Tech College (STE programs and have representation on the project steering con |
| 4.3.2.2 Support GOTAFE, North East TRACKS Local Learning and Employment Network and other education providers to address the skills and education needs within the region. | • | On Track | Council officers work with local education providers, and regional advocate for programs and courses relevant to our regions ind needs. Participate on new Wang Tech School (STEM) project. On advertise workshops and programs being run by GoTafe, North Learning Education Network), NESAY (North East Support & Ac Murray and participates in student/workforce days - hands on |
| 4.4.1.2 Continue to deliver urban revitalisation projects within the CBD. | • | On Track | Pedestrian crossing upgrade design being finalised and delive |
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spective business and local estate ng meetings

ncies such as North East Water, s is planed for into the future. les at State and Federal levels.

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gional training organisations to industry needs and future workforce t. Council continues to support and orth East Tracks LLEN (Local Action for Youth) and CUC Ovens on trade, working for council.

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| | 4.4.1.3 Implement the Wangaratta Central Activity Area Urban Design Framework. | • | Complete | |
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| | 4.4.2.1 Support the region's Local Tourism Associations | • | On Track | Council officers continue to work with Local Tourism Association initiatives - Delivery of the Local Tourism Associations grant prosustainability of the local associations. |
| | 4.4.2.2 Continue to develop and deliver rural town infrastructure plans. | | On Track | Works to be completed in Peechelba |
| | 4.4.2.3 Continue to explore opportunities for rural economic development. | • | On Track | Council officers liaise with Agriculture Victoria, Invest Victoria, Development Victoria discussing opportunities for expansion of markets or new opportunities with new businesses. |
| 5. Enhancing our Lifestyle | 5.1.1.1 Advocate for train services and facilities to accommodate current and future passengers | • | On Track | Advocacy is undertaken where possible to state and federal go |
| | 5.1.1.2 Identify and address public and community transport gaps throughout the North East | • | On Track | |
| | 5.1.1.3 Facilitate public transport routes, such as buses, within the city and rural areas | • | On Track | Council continues to work with the bus operators to maintain a facilities are adequate. |
| | 5.1.2.1 Promote the availability of car share providers, and access to affordable and passive transport options within the community | • | On Track | Officers continue to explore opportunities with current local se and other providers such as Uber. |
| | 5.1.3.1 Review freight strategy to position our city as a major commercial and industrial centre | | On Track | Council work closely with National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to routes are up to date and best fit for the area. Officers have rec for a new town bypass and planning are looking at the required |
| | 5.1.3.2 Identify funding for improvement of regional and local road network to boost the region's economy including the Benalla-Whitfield Road | • | On Track | Council continues to seek road (and bridge) funding opportunit |
| | 5.1.3.3 Advocate for the upgrade of the Wangaratta-Whitfield Road. | • | On Track | Continuing to advocate on behalf of the community. RRV have minister for funding. |
| | 5.2.1.1 Increase the representation of our cultural story and history throughout our community and recognise its impact on our sense of place | • | On Track | Commitment to Increase the representation of our cultural sto community continues, the main focus of this commitment at p with the Wangaratta Historical Society Committee by strengthe Marianne Gibson Quilt story into the future as part of the Creat Further commitments to public art projects and historical inter being developed such as the Railway Station Redevelopment in Track Corporation. |
| | 5.2.1.2 Deliver projects with our indigenous and cultural groups to celebrate the diversity and history of our region | • | On Track | Arts Culture, Events and Youth team members continue to sup local traditional owners through grant submissions, committee significant events in 2024. |
| | 5.2.1.3 Develop a program that acknowledges the traditional names of local places, people, and landmarks | • | On Track | This work forms part of Council's continued commitment to the Plan. The program has also partnered with the Community Rec review on the naming of landmarks, streets and places so that understanding of gender equality, (women) and First Nations ic has been made to the State Government Gender Equity depart delivered in the 2024 and 2025 year. A public art grant opportu unsuccessful. |
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iations on media and marketing program to assist membership and ria, Global Victoria and Regional on of our businesses into new l government agencies. in and make sure current bus l service providers, bus companies to ensure the heavy vehicle freight recently also completed a proposal red amendments. unities where possible. ave present the project to the story and history throughout our at present is through the partnership gthening the opportunities for the eative Precinct Project. terpretation opportunities are also nt in partnership with Australian Rail support Dirrawarra Network and ttee meetings and planning for the RCOW Reconciliation Action Recreation team to continue a nat we can get a better is identities. A survey submission partment with further actions to be rtunity for women was explored but

| 5.2.1.4 Promote the recognition of our rich textile history and manufacturing heritage. | • | On Track | Recognition of the textile manufacturing history is prioritised a art gallery program. A highlight in 2024 being through the accla 2024, co-curated by textile and installation artist Susie Losch, works by 22 textile artists from across the country. The summe 'Counterparts' in November 2024 features two of Australia's le practitioners, Hannah Gartside and Brit Salt. Applications are open and preparations are underway for the L |
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| 5.2.1.5 Develop a Reconciliation Action Plan in partnership with our indigenous community | • | On Track | Contemporary Textile Award. A Reconciliation Action Plan working group has been establish Management team in Q3. A consultant to advise on a First Nat framework has been secured and will begin engagement with |
| 5.2.2.2 Organise the Wangaratta Australia Day ceremony and support rural communities to deliver local Australia Day events. | • | On Track | The Events team continue to support and design and deliver a Australia Day across the Rural City. A review of the Australia D been internally considered and applications for the categories event. Promotion of the opportunity to celebrate these awards nominations were received and assessed in time for announce Community celebrations are also an important part of this even popular with many of those small communities. |
| 5.2.2.3 Continue to promote, recognise and celebrate NAIDOC week within our community | • | On Track | The celebration of the 2024 NAIDOC week occurred through v Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA), Aboriginal Cultural He Environment and Sustainability team. Internal educational key speakers were engaged are also plan commitment to the Reconciliation Action Plan, the official NA and made available to the whole community through custome Plans to assist, support and deliver are being considered in QS |
| 5.3.1.1 Support the use of technology for service provision for people of all abilities, including those living in small towns and isolated rural areas and multicultural communities | • | On Track | Advocacy is undertaken where possible with the individual progovernment |
| 5.3.1.2 Advocate for free wi-fi throughout the CBD and rural tourism townships. | • | On Track | Council officers continue to speak with NBN and Telstra on op |
| 5.3.1.3 Advocate for equitable access to the internet and mobile phone services | • | Complete | |
| 5.4.1.2 Improve and grow our pathway network throughout residential areas | • | On Track | Council will ensure footpath networks are designed appropria seek to improve pathway networks where there is a priority or |
| 5.4.1.3 Deliver pedestrian and cyclist improvements as outlined in the Walking and Cycling Strategy | • | On Track | Continued to progress pedestrian and cyclist improvements in Cycling Strategy, with a focus on enhancing connectivity, safe region. |

| and programmed annually into the claimed Petite Miniature Textiles h, the exhibition showcased 30 ner feature exhibition launched, leading contemporary | |
|---|--|
| e launch of the 2025 Wangaratta | |
| shed within the Senior | |
| ations community engagement | |
| h community in February 2025. | |
| a number of celebratory events for | |
| Day policy and procedures has | |
| es has been launched for the 2025 | |
| ds have been delivered and | |
| cement in January 2025. Rural | |
| vent delivery and continue to be | |
| various partnorships with Victorian | |
| various partnerships with Victorian | |
| leritage Education & the RCOW | |
| anned for staff learning and | |
| AIDOC week posters were printed | |
| ner service and external venues. | |
| Q3 for the 2025 NAIDOC week. | |
| roviders and state federal | |
| apportunition | |
| opportunities | |
| | |
| iately in new developments and will or need. | |

s in line with the Walking and afety and accessibility across the

| • | On Track | RCOW public art policy for potential donation. |
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| | | This quarter the gallery program featured compelling work by d themes from cultural attrition, sustainable textile practice, Al, and colonialism to the experience of rural and regional Austral focused on the story and identify of the Ovens River to the loca participation. A highlight this quarter was the feature exhibitior internationally acclaimed with a strong local following. |
| • | On Track | Stage 2 of the Creative Precinct Detailed Design project has be were to become a reality, a community exhibition space would Advocacy continues through the Gallery 2 application program of interest and booked until 2025. This opportunity allows com apply and propose to exhibit in a competitive community enviro Other support is offered to the community via the Bainz Gallery Library. |
| • | On Track | Major events delivered throughout the 2024/25 year and part of made up of New Years Eve, Summer in the Parks, the Outdoor events like the Project 365, Reg Fest and many more that bring to the city. A highlight of the events season for this quarter was the manage (July), Seniors Festival and partnership delivery of the WSAC back Game (August). |
| n • | On Track | The WPACC first youth trainee program is proving to be a succe program at WPACC in partnership with the Arts Centre Melbou experience and obtain their Cert IV in Live Production. This pro Ongoing engagement of young people and families is program program, a highlight of the Q2 period is the support provided to schools and local dance schools for end of year concerts. |
| | n • | • On Track |

nder Knox has been completed and

e Oxley and Milawa communities chool engagement and information lay 20 October at Sam Miranda

Rail (ARTC) have continued in the gthe artwork development with the

v diverse artists across a myriad of sl, feminism and women's histories ralia. Wild Country in Gallery 2 cal community, inviting audience ion of local artist Fran O'Neil,

been completed. If this project uld be available to the community. am, regularly calling for expressions ommunity groups and projects to *v*ironment.

ery space at the Wangaratta

rt of the annual program will be or Ball and unique supported ng revenue and economic impact

agement of the Outdoor Expo basketball Court Opening & NBL

ccess providing a 12-month ourne and gain valuable industry rogram is ongoing.

mmed through the WPACC annual to local primary and secondary

| 5.5.3.1 Investigate a unique, creative and cultural precinct in the centre of the city, that will deliver exciting and engaging programs for all residents and visitors. | • | On Track | The Submission to the Federal Government Growing Region focus is now on the Regional Precincts Partnerships Program is now enhanced by the completion of the detailed design ar Support from Regional Development Australia (HUME Region Victoria) has been a crucial step of progress in Q2, 2024. |
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| 5.5.4.1 Provide alternative events that engage young people in the library community | • | On Track | |
| 5.6.1.1 Deliver a diverse annual calendar of accessible community events throughout the municipality that provide opportunities for community members to connect | • | On Track | Ongoing (please see action 5.5.2.1) |
| 5.6.1.2 Plan for infrastructure in key strategic spaces that can facilitate the delivery of community-based events | • | On Track | Advocacy is undertaken where possible to state and federal |
| 5.6.1.3 Recognise and celebrate local volunteers through National Volunteer Week. | • | On Track | Recognised between 19-25 May 2025. |
| 5.6.2.1 Support groups and clubs to deliver events to their members and the broader community | • | On Track | The events team support multiple community groups and se overseeing risk assessment plans, event applications, and p and advice. These skills ensure that they get access to event planning kn |
| 5.6.2.2 Attract a range of conferences to the municipality. | • | On Track | they have every chance of success.The Events and WPACC teams have been working on attractiWangaratta for the benefit of Tourism and Economic Dollar.the Square-Dancing Association to visit for their annual Contteam at WPACC the N Scale National Train Conference wasConference in late October.This area and partnership between the Events and WPACC teof demand in our city for external organisations to secure a mneeds. |
| 5.7.1.2 Develop a Masterplan to improve the waterways and community infrastructure at Merriwa Park including the junction of the Ovens and Kings | • | On Track | |
| 5.7.2.1 Develop and maintain playgrounds throughout the municipality to ensure access to play for our children and families | • | On Track | Planning to review PlaySpace Strategy in early 2025. |

on Grant Fund was unsuccessful, the ram (RPPP) Federal Grant Fund, which n and submitted planning application. gion via Regional Development

ral government agencies.

services with their event planning, d providing many aspects of support

knowledge and support to ensure

acting a number of conventions to ar. Conversations are taking place for conference. Working with the function ras secured in and the Manoro Car

teams continue to see a growth area a regional venue for their conference

| 1. Strengthening Our Leadership | 1.3.1.2 Advocate for the community by participating on the Regional Mental Health | • | Cancelled | Council was advocating for membership on the Regional Ment |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|---|
| | and Wellbeing Boards. | | | but these Boards are auspiced by the State Government and c |
| 2. Nurturing our Wellbeing | 2.2.4.4 Finalise the Municipal Early Years Plan. | • | Off Track | The Municipal Early Years Plan is in development with the new |
| 5. Enhancing our Lifestyle | 5.1.3.4 Develop a Traffic Management Plan to improve vehicle traffic flow | • | Off Track | A full review of previous work undertaken is to be completed. T |
| | throughout the central business district, including both short-term and long-term | | | poor ROI. Council is proposing a town bypass as a long-term se |
| | solutions. | | | |
| | 5.4.1.1 Expand the provision of street lighting throughout key pedestrian and cyclist | • | Off Track | An audit is currently being undertaken for our current street lig |
| | routes | | | help build a 5 year renewal program and also help identify loca |
| | | | | be addressed. |

ental Health and Wellbeing Boards d ceased to exists

ew completion date December d. There are limited options with n solution.

lighting infrastructure. This will ocations with little to no lighting to

| Category | Item Name | | Actual | Target | Variance | 1 | Actual | Target | Variance | Comment |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|-------------|---|----------|----------|-------------|--|
| Category | item name | • | YTD | YTD | YTD | | Curr Otr | • | Curr Otr | Comment |
| | | | TID | TID | TID | | CurrQtr | Curr Qtr | CurrQtr | |
| 1. Strengthening | 1.0.1 Survey - Informing the Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Our Leadership | 1.0.2 Survey - Consult and Engage | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.0.3 Survey - Customer Service | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.0.4 Survey - Decision Making in Interest of Community | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.0.5 Survey - Lobbying on behalf of Community | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.0.6 Decisions made at Closed Council Meetings | • | 0.33% | 4% | 92% | • | 0.33% | 4% | 92 % | There was one confidential decision made at the October 2024 Council Meeting |
| | 1.0.7 Maintain Liquidity Ratio | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1.0.8 Days to Close CRMS | • | 4.17 | 14 | 70 % | • | 4.33 | 14 | 69% | For October 2024, on average requests were completed in 5 days within target. |
| 2. Nurturing our | 2.0.1 Survey - perfornamce of recreation facilities | | | | | | | | | |
| Wellbeing | 2.0.2 increase in WSAC Visitation | | 3.9% | 2% | 95% | | 9.6% | 2% | 380% | Total attendance for the WSAC as at the end of December was |
| Treasening | | | 0.075 | 2,00 | | | 0.078 | 270 | | 207,532 – up 9.6% on prior year. Increases have been recorded across all key business drivers and service areas including memberships numbers (up 23%), Learn-to-swim enrolments (up 15%), Group Fitness attendance up 6.2% and Rec Swim attendance up 2%. |
| | 2.0.3 Domestic Animals Registration | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2.0.4 Food Safety Assessments | • | 75% | 50% | 50% | | 26% | 25% | 4% | On target to complete all food safety assessments |
| | 2.0.5 Childhood Immunisation | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Valuing Our Environment | 3.0.1 Survey - Performance on Environmental Sustainability | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3.0.2 Number of native plants planted annually | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3.0.3 Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill | • | 63.5% | 65% | -2% | • | 64.67% | 65% | -1% | |
| | 3.0.4 Percentage of waste going to landfill | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3.0.5 Tonnes of compost produced from organic waste per year | | | | | | | | | |
| | 3.0.6 Minimum of 50% of Council used electricity sourced from renewable sources by 2025 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Expanding our Economy | 4.0.1 Increase in the number of overnight stays on pre- | | | | | | | | | |
| Leonomy | 4.0.2 Increase on 20/21 Visit Wangaratta website visits | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.0.3 Increase in Rail trail usage | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.0.4 Wangaratta Livestock Exchange full year financial position | | | | ł | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | 4.0.5 Survey - Performance on business, community development and tourism | | | | ł | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5. Enhancing our | 5.0.1 Survey - Council performance on the condition of | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Lifestyle | sealed roads | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5.0.2 Survey - Council performance on the condition of unsealed roads | | | | | | | | | |

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| | 5.0.3 Reduction in customer requests for pathways per | | | | | | | | | |
| | year | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5.0.4 Sealed local roads maintained to condition | | | | | | | | | |
| | standards | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5.0.5 Number of attendees at the Wangaratta Art Gallery | • | 18783 | 15996 | 17% | • | 9564 | 7998 | 20 % | Strong visitation to contemporary textile exhibition 'Counterparts' |
| | in 2021/2022 | | | | | | | | | in Gallery 1 over the holiday period. Gallery 2 people counter |
| | | | | | | | | | | broken - Observations show strong attendance. |
| | 5.0.6 Tickets sold through the Wangaratta Performing | • | 12610 | 9252 | 36% | • | 7163 | 4626 | 55% | 5 performances held including last Steinway on Stage with |
| | Arts and Convention Centre | | | | | | | | | Wangaratta Arts Council & rescheduled Marica Hines show. |
| | 5.0.7 Active library borrowers within the municipality | | 5.96% | 14% | -57% | | 7.09% | 14% | -49% | This is a cumulative figure and won't be final until June 2025. |
| | | | | | | | | | | Expect to get close to the target by the end of the financial year. |
| | 5.0.8 Survey - Council performance on community and | | | | | _ | | | | |
| | cultural activities | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5.0.9 Survey - Council performance on appearance of | | | | | | | | | |
| | public open spaces | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Growing with | 6.0.1 Annual number of building permits issued for new | • | 36 | 75 | -52% | • | 15 | 37.5 | -60% | This is subject to wider building activity and available staff |
| Integrity | dwellings | | | | | | | | | resources. |
| | 6.0.2 Annual number of new residential lots released | • | 125 | 75 | 67% | | 96 | 37.5 | 156% | Council has approved over 1000 lots but the release of these lots is |
| | | | | | | | | | | dependant on developers. |
| | 6.0.3 Planning applications made within required time- | • | 64.33% | 82% | -22% | • | 68.33% | 82% | -17% | This is subject to the efficiency of both Council and the applicant. |
| | frames | | | | | | | | | The number has improved from quarter 1 and further improvement |
| | | | | | | | | | | expected in quarter 3. |
| | 6.0.4 Planning Application processing days | • | 72.67 | 55 | -32% | • | 69 | 55 | -25% | This is subject to the efficiency of both Council and the applicant. |
| | | | | | | | | | | Improving on this remains a focus. Some improvement seen |
| | | | | | | | | | | compared to quarter 1. |
| | 6.0.5 Survey - Planning & Buildiing permit satisfaction | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6.0.6 Population Growth | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6.0.7 Gross Regional Product | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6.0.8 Invest Wangaratta, Live Wangaratta Website | | | | | | | | | |

| Rural City of Wangaratta | FY24/25 Adopted Budget | FY24/25 Q1 Adopted Budget | FY24/25 Q2 Full Year Forecast | Projected Full Year to Q1 Adopted Budget Variance | 24/25 YTD Actual | 24/25 YTD Budget | YTD Variance Fav/(Unfav) | YTD Variance | Ref |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Income Statement as at 31st December 2024 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| Income | | | | | | | | | |
| Rates and charges | 42,061,000 | 42,036,047 | 42,054,653 | 18,606 | 41,899,019 | 41,759,582 | 139,437 | 0% | |
| Statutory fees and fines | 1,429,000 | 1,432,243 | 1,351,211 | (81,032) | 419,824 | 462,139 | (42,315) | (9%) | 1 |
| User fees | 13,330,000 | 13,633,774 | 13,249,997 | (383,777) | 5,575,795 | 6,081,384 | (505,589) | (8%) | 2 |
| Contributions - cash | 2,227,000 | 2,232,200 | 2,235,330 | 3,130 | 48,398 | 113,178 | (64,780) | (57%) | |
| Contributions - non-monetary | 1,050,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,082,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 22,400 | 9,600 | 43% | |
| Grants - Operating | 24,914,000 | 20,423,163 | 20,438,394 | 15,230 | 13,896,278 | 12,581,959 | 1,314,319 | 10% | |
| Grants - Capital | 9,217,416 | 11,834,909 | 13,333,739 | 1,498,830 | 4,566,477 | 2,523,318 | 2,043,159 | 81% | 3 |
| Reimbursements | 97,000 | 1,436,318 | 1,560,558 | 124,240 | 732,276 | 429,825 | 302,451 | 70% | 4 |
| Other revenue | 1,330,000 | 1,279,081 | 1,347,026 | 67,945 | 766,194 | 676,150 | 90,044 | 13% | 5 |
| Net gain/(loss) on sale/disposal of PPE&I | 612,000 | 542,221 | 542,221 | - | (75,976) | (79,255) | 3,279 | 4% | |
| Total Income | 96,267,416 | 95,899,956 | 97,195,128 | 1,295,173 | 67,860,285 | 64,570,679 | 3,289,606 | 5% | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee benefits | 34,308,000 | 34,611,164 | 34,434,993 | 176,171 | 16,423,029 | 17,482,755 | 1,059,726 | 6% | 6 |
| Materials and services | 30,249,000 | 30,069,189 | 30,016,597 | 52,592 | 15,514,128 | 15,429,543 | (84,585) | (1%) | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 16,766,000 | 16,766,000 | 16,766,000 | 0 | 11,975,061 | 9,576,066 | (2,398,995) | (25%) | |
| Finance costs | 569,000 | 567,540 | 567,540 | - | 258,351 | 327,915 | 69,564 | 21% | |
| Other expenses | 477,000 | 473,109 | 605,239 | (132,130) | 259,060 | 178,862 | (80,197) | (45%) | 7 |
| Total Expenses | 82,369,000 | 82,487,002 | 82,390,368 | 96,634 | 44,429,629 | 42,995,141 | (1,434,488) | (3%) | |
| Surplus / (deficit) for the year | 13,898,416 | 13,412,954 | 14,804,760 | 1,391,806 | 23,430,656 | 21,575,538 | 1,855,118 | 9% | |
| Adjusted Underlying Operating Position | | | | | | | | | |
| Grants - Capital (non-recurrent) | 7,663,371 | 9,861,265 | 11,360,095 | (1,498,830) | 4,566,477 | 4,773,369 | (206,892) | (4%) | |
| Contributions - non-monetary | 1,050,000 | 1,050,000 | 1,082,000 | (32,000) | 32,000 | 22,400 | 9,600 | 43% | |
| Contributions - Cash | 2,227,000 | 2,232,200 | 2,235,330 | (3,130) | 48,398 | 113,178 | (64,780) | (57%) | |
| Total Adjustments | 10,940,371 | 13,143,465 | 14,677,425 | (1,533,960) | 4,646,875 | 4,908,947 | (262,072) | -5% | |
| Adjusted Underlying Operating Surplus/(deficit) for the year | 2,958,045 | 269,489 | 127,335 | (142,154) | 18,783,781 | 16,666,591 | 2,117,190 | 13% | |

Statutory fees and fines (\$81K) unfavourable movement due to:
 Planning Permit revenue has decreased by (\$100k) as a result of fewer applications being submitted, driven by economic factors beyond the Council's control, such as the rising cost of living and higher development expenses.

2. User Fees (\$383k) unfavourable movement due to: - Bowser landfill (\$300k) has seen reduced waste acceptance due to cheaper alternatives at neighboring councils, benefiting from economies of scale and avoiding EPA levies, particularly in Albury. This reduction in waste intake will extend Bowser's lifespan by 7-8 years, delaying costly capital works. Deeca lease (\$47K) assuming 3 months vacancy

3. Grants - Capital \$1.5m favourable movement due to new or additional funding for the following projects:

01888 Wangaratta Flood Mitigation Strategy \$667k 02047 Newman Street Drainage \$213k

- 03135 Safe System Pedestrian Program \$93k - 03134 Federal Black Spot \$246k

vhile these improve the cash position of Council the accounting treatment of these grants a review is undertaken to ascertain the amount recognised in 2024/25.

. Reimbursements \$124k favourable movement due to: Rebate on Container Deposit Scheme from Cleanaway.

5. Other Revenue \$68k favourable movement due to: reallocation of a reimbursements from workers compensation from Employee Benefits line.

6. Employee Benefits \$176k favourable movement due to:

Although there are some unfavourable trends in Employee Benefits totalling \$324k, a favourable impact of \$500K from additional vacancies has been recognised. A omprehensive review will take place as part of the Q3 reforecast.

7. Other expenses \$132k favourable due to: - Amount relates to bad debts which was not originally recognised in the budget. This amount can be removed in July budgeting which will reveal the \$100k movement.. Used at current time to align EB with approved budget

| Rural City of Wangaratta | 30 June 2023 | 30 June 2024 | 30 September 2024 B | 31 December 2024 C | Variance Fav/(Unfav) C - B | Variance Fav/(Unfav) | Ref |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | |
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 39,232,472 | 13,602,412 | 26,532,876 | 30,336,494 | 3,803,618 | 14% | 1 |
| Rate receivables | 1,502,471 | 1,991,246 | 34,522,716 | 21,834,415 | (12,688,300) | (37%) | 2 |
| Other receivables - current | 3,655,691 | 3,009,855 | 6,573,794 | 6,566,358 | (7,437) | (0%) | |
| Financial assets - current | 0 | 10,000,000 | 0 | - | 0 | 0% | |
| Inventories | 1,793 | 1,629 | 5,836 | (656) | (6,492) | (111%) | |
| Assets held for sale | 646,810 | 623,590 | 623,590 | 623,590 | 0 | 0% | |
| Other assets - current | 1,253,383 | 865,787 | 187,381 | (125,492) | (312,873) | (167%) | |
| Investments in associates | - | - | - | - | 0 | 0% | |
| Total Current assets | 46,292,619 | 30,094,519 | 68,446,193 | 59,234,708 | (9,211,484) | (13%) | |
| Non-current assets | | | | | | | |
| Receivables non-current | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | |
| Financial assets non-current | 277,243 | 324,447 | 324,447 | 324,447 | 0 | 0% | |
| Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure | 763,356,940 | 791,462,824 | 788,191,572 | 786,420,904 | (1,770,668) | (0%) | 3 |
| Book collection | 810,131 | 954,935 | 1,034,849 | 942,067 | (92,782) | (9%) | |
| Intangible Assets - Landfill | 2,662,367 | 1,513,978 | 1,513,978 | 1,513,978 | 0 | 0% | |
| Right of Use Assets | 244,382 | 100,149 | 63,795 | 26,509 | (37,286) | (58%) | |
| Total Non-current assets | 767,351,063 | 794,356,333 | 791,128,641 | 789,227,905 | (1,900,736) | (0%) | |
| Total Assets | 813,643,682 | 824,450,852 | 859,574,834 | 848,462,613 | (11,112,221) | (1%) | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Payables - current | 12,099,202 | 4,328,505 | 2,453,538 | 3,589,884 | (1,136,346) | (46%) | 4 |
| Trust funds and deposits | 2,783,380 | 4,059,629 | 6,545,207 | 6,151,663 | 393,543 | 6% | 5 |
| Provisions - current | 6,411,466 | 6,557,646 | 7,062,543 | 7,145,704 | (83,160) | (1%) | 5 |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings - current | 2,628,232 | 2,678,193 | 2,013,500 | 1,345,734 | 667,766 | 33% | |
| Lease liabilities - current | 151,313 | 111,778 | 70,593 | 70.593 | 0 | 0% | |
| Total Current liabilities | 24,073,593 | 17,735,752 | 18,145,381 | 18,303,578 | 158,197 | 1% | |
| Non-current liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Provisions non-current | 16,171,858 | 15,692,777 | 15,142,777 | 15,142,777 | 0 | 0% | |
| Interest bearing loans and borrowings - non-current | 25,066,288 | 22,388,094 | 22,388,094 | 22,388.094 | 0 | 0% | |
| Lease liabilities - non-current | 111,778 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0% | |
| Total Non-current liabilities | 41,349,924 | 38,080,871 | 37,530,871 | 37,530,871 | 0 | 0% | |
| Total liabilities | 65,423,517 | 55,816,623 | 55,676,253 | 55,834,450 | 158,197 | 0% | |
| Net assets | 748,220,165 | 768,634,229 | 803,898,581 | 792,628,163 | (11,270,418) | (1%) | |
| Equity | | | | | | | |
| Accumulated surplus | 171,870,387 | 184,562,055 | 184,562,055 | 187,954,911 | 3,392,857 | 2% | |
| Other reserves | 30,561,801 | 40,168,049 | 40,168,049 | 40,168,049 | 3,352,037 | 0% | |
| Asset revaluation reserve | 523,492,674 | 540,513,499 | 541,076,237 | 541,074,007 | (2,231) | (0%) | |
| Accumulated surplus - current year | 22,295,304 | 3,390,626 | 38,092,240 | 23,431,196 | (14,661,044) | (38%) | |
| | | | | | | | |

Notes
1. Cash and Cash Equivalents
Cash and Cash Equivalents have increased in December. This balance will fluctuate month to month based on general operations of the business including when payments
including the second secon

2. Rate Receivables The balance reflects outstanding rates for the financial year and will reduce progressively over the course of financial year, as instalments fall due and payments are made by ratepayers.

Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure
 Property, plant and equipment and infrastructure will increase/decrease in the current period due to increases in WIP and additions and depreciation.

4. Payables - current

Payables current balance is reflective of supplier invoices received but not yet paid. This account will fluctuate during the year as invoices are received and paid as part of Council operations. Invoices are generally paid when they are due, not when received.

5. Trust Funds and Deposits Trust Funds and Deposits fluctuate monthly based on deposits received and returned relating to capital projects during the year.

| Rural City of Wangaratta | FY24/25 Adopted Budget | FY24/25 Q1 Adopted Budget | FY24/25 Q2 Full Year Forecast | Projected Full Year to Q1 Adopted Budget Variance | Commitments | FY24/25 YTD Actual | FY24/25 YTD Budget | YTD Variance | YTD Variance F |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Statement of Capital Works 31st December 2024 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % |
| Property | | | | | | | | | |
| Land Improvements | - | 58,160 | 47,186 | 10,974 | 24,400 | 46,456 | 58,160 | 11,704 | 20% |
| Total Land | | 58,160 | 47,186 | 10,974 | 24,400 | 46,456 | 58,160 | 11,704 | 20% |
| Buildings | 3,840,796 | 3,884,888 | 3,782,994 | 101,894 | 549,309 | 247,356 | 1,563,510 | 1,316,155 | 84% |
| Total buildings | 3,840,796 | 3,884,888 | 3,782,994 | 101,894 | 549,309 | 247,356 | 1,563,510 | 1,316,155 | 84% |
| Total Property | 3,840,796 | 3,943,048 | 3,830,180 | 112,868 | 573,709 | 293,812 | 1,621,670 | 1,327,859 | 82% |
| Plant and equipment | | | | | | | | | |
| Plant and equipment | 6,706,269 | 6,602,420 | 6,602,420 | - | 3,658,412 | 51,223 | 1,732,228 | 1,681,005 | 97% |
| Furniture and fittings | 120,700 | 120,700 | 196,038 | (75,338) | - | 101,690 | 74,232 | (27,458) | (37%) |
| Computers and telecommunications | 167,084 | 140,683 | 140,683 | 1 1 1 | 27,366 | 45,850 | 110,476 | 64,626 | 58% |
| Artworks | 8,000 | 8,000 | 21,614 | (13,614) | - | 11,364 | - | (11,364) | - |
| Book collection | 204,503 | 204,366 | 204,366 | 1 1 1 | 6,066 | 177,505 | 181,757 | 4,253 | 2% |
| Total Plant and equipment | 7,206,555 | 7,076,168 | 7,165,120 | (88,952) | 3,691,844 | 387,631 | 2,098,694 | 1,711,062 | 82% |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | | |
| Waste management | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | - | 14,000 | - | 13,333 | 13,333 | 100% |
| Sealed roads and substructure | 4,635,148 | 4,527,637 | 4,545,173 | (17,536) | 2,151,113 | 1,547,392 | 1,819,472 | 272,080 | 15% |
| Gravel Roads and substructure | 2,028,788 | 1,884,597 | 1,884,597 | 1 1 1 | 294,291 | 859,783 | 941,032 | 81,249 | 9% |
| Bridges | 1,833,044 | 1,780,901 | 1,791,206 | (10,305) | 446,744 | 435,076 | 819,058 | 383,982 | 47% |
| Drainage | 4,162,502 | 4,533,269 | 4,899,629 | (366,360) | 1,942,204 | 894,594 | 1,800,475 | 905,880 | 50% |
| Footpaths | 1,103,599 | 1,919,294 | 1,969,074 | (49,780) | 112,408 | 262,283 | 730,703 | 468,420 | 64% |
| Off Street Car Parks | 31,548 | 30,986 | 31,096 | (110) | - | 31,096 | 31,060 | (37) | - |
| Parks, Open Spaces and Streetscapes | 1,786,643 | 1,811,715 | 1,811,921 | (206) | 1,032,391 | 320,076 | 626,305 | 306,228 | 49% |
| Recreation, Leisure and Community Facil | 1,633,330 | 2,292,641 | 2,322,369 | (29,728) | 151,031 | 527,997 | 1,252,430 | 724,433 | 58% |
| Aerodromes | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 1 1 1 | · · · | · · · | | · · · | - |
| Other Infrastructure | 1,548,897 | 1,563,196 | 1,562,838 | 359 | 665,621 | 730,103 | 626,088 | (104,015) | (17%) |
| Total Infrastructure | 18,883,498 | 20,464,236 | 20,937,902 | (473,666) | 6,809,804 | 5,608,401 | 8,659,954 | 3,051,553 | 35% |
| Total capital works expenditure | 29,930,849 | 31,483,452 | 31,933,202 | (449,750) | 11,075,357 | 6,289,844 | 12,380,318 | 6,090,474 | 49% |
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| Represented by: | | | | | | | | | |
| Renewal expenditure | 17,339,961 | 17,099,952 | 17,394,429 | (294,477) | 7,642,857 | 2,979,443 | 6,627,693 | 3,648,250 | 55% |
| Upgrade expenditure | 5,276,704 | 6,881,415 | 7,116,634 | | 416,441 | 1,415,199 | 2,861,231 | 1,446,032 | 51% |
| New Assets expenditure | 7,314,185 | 7,502,086 | 7,422,139 | 79,947 | 3,016,059 | 1,415,199 | 2,801,231 | 996,193 | 34% |
| Total capital works expenditure | 29.930.849 | 31.483.452 | 31.933.202 | (449.750) | 11.075.357 | 6.289.844 | 12.380.318 | 6.090.474 | 49% |

Notes: Council's capital works expenditure has increased from \$31.48m to \$31.93m, a net increase of \$450k. The increase can be attributed to the expansion of Flood Mitigation, \$367k. Year-to-date delivery of the Capital Works Program is \$6.3m, with a further \$11.1m of commitments in place. A full review of delivery status of 24/25 Capital Works is currently underway with the Capital Works to be deferred to 25/26 to be presented as part of Council's Quarter 3 forecast.



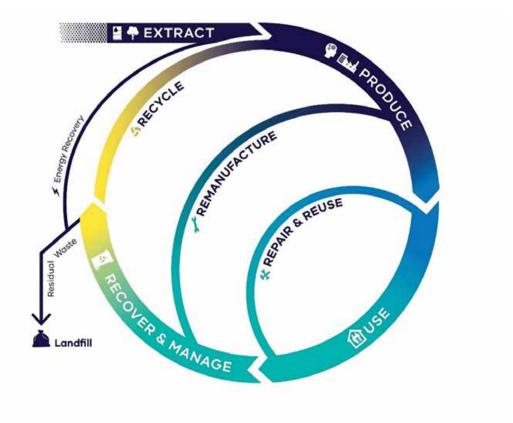
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effective waste management, resource recovery, and the circular economy, not only amongst councils, but throughout the wider industry."



A Circular Economy for Victoria



Introduction

This Waste and Resource Recover Strategy has been developed in response to the rapidly changing waste management environment, and the legislative and policy framework changes that have been implemented in to support best practice in the face of these changes. This Strategy will set the direction for the development and delivery of waste management and resource recovery services by the Rural City of Wangaratta up to 2027.

The Waste and Resource Recovery sector in Victoria is one of the most regulated and legislated in Australia. Council is subject to considering the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 2017, the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, the Recycling Victoria Policy (2020) in addition to the Planning and Environment Act (1987) and the Local Government Act (2020). From the Federal Government, Council is required to consider the National Waste Policy (2018) and the subsequent National Waste Policy Action Plans (2019 & 2020).

With recent changes to State and Federal government policies increasing the focus in the circular economy, increasing resource recovery for highest value use, as close to the waste generation locations as possible. This "once in a generation" industry wide shift in approach to waste management provided the opportunity to review infrastructure and service delivery models in order to ensure compliance and best service for the community. The Rural City of Wangaratta (Council) is responsible for delivering waste and recycling services the residential and public places it manages. Commercial services are also offered to those businesses that are best serviced by a regular kerbside collection. Additionally, Council also own and operate the Bower Landfill, the Wangaratta Organics Facility and publicly accessible transfer stations across the municipality. This Strategy can only consider those parts of the waste and resource recovery management cycle that it has direct influence over.

This Strategy is only looking to 2027. It is anticipated that this will bring it into alignment with future State Government requirements for the development of updated Local Government Strategies and Plans once the State Level Documents have been completed. Whilst the current 2018 Strategy is not due to expire until the end of 2023, most of the major actions have been completed, and with significant changes in the industry over the past couple of years, the development of the new Strategy has been brought forward.

Regional Characteristics

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Regional Characteristics

The Rural City of Wangaratta RCoW is located in north-eastern Victoria, about 235 kilometres north-east of the Melbourne CBD. The census usual resident population of the Rural City of Wangaratta in 2021 was 29,808, living in 13,677 dwellings with an average household size of 2.30.

Overall, 17.5% of the population were aged between 0 and 15, and 24.1% were aged 65 years and over, compared with 17.6% and 22.3% for Regional Victoria. From 2016 -2021, RCoW population increased by 1,475 people (5.2%) This represents an average annual population change of 1.02% per year over the period.

Rural City of Wangaratta Fast Facts

Current Population 29,808 Area consists of 13,677 dwellings Average Household 2.3 people

Canberra Albury Wangaratta VICTORIA Melbourne 0-15 years 65+years 17.5% 24.1% From 2016-2021 +5.2% +1,475 people

Council Plan

RCoW Council Plan 2021- 2025 sets strategic indicators for waste and resource recovery.



Table 1 Council Plan Priorities

| RCoW Council Plan Priority | Reference |
|---|---------------------|
| Develop the new Waste Strategy in 2023/2024. | Action Plan 3.2.1.1 |
| Work with the community to reduce the amount of contamination placed in recycling and organics bins. | Action Plan 3.2.2.1 |
| Increase the waste diversion from landfill through the increased use of recycling and organics bins throughout the community. | Action Plan 3.2.2.2 |
| Reduce waste, paper and water usage in Council facilities and events through education. | Action Plan 3.2.3.1 |
| Divert organic waste from landfill to produce compost. | Action Plan 3.2.3.1 |

Community Engagement

Community Engagement

This Strategy has been developed following an extensive community consultation. Between February and April 2023 Council received more than 270 responses from members of the community. This engagement primarily took the form of a survey and investigated the community's use and value of Rural City of Wangaratta waste and resource recovery facilities and services, and what the community would like to see from future works in this space.

Table 1 Findings of Community Waste Survey

| Activity | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Service Delivery | Better options for rural residents.Better service for people in high density accommodation. |
| Organics Service | Better service for rural areas- either kerbside collection or resources to assist people to compost at home. Desire for access to compost by the community |
| Recycling – including glass recycling | Strong desire for a solution to the problem of soft plastics Information and transparency about how items are recycled. Tip shop Support for glass recycling |
| Waste | Community and council working to reduce waste. Advocacy to governments to reduce packaging and improve recycling. |
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The community feedback indicates a strong desire for Council to "close the loop" and work towards a circular economy model. They envision an effective system where the entire municipality (council, businesses, and community) collectively act to minimize landfill and maximize resource recovery.

Key to this, as voiced by the community, is a systematic approach to managing waste and recycling. They recognize that education plays a pivotal role in providing accurate information as well as supporting the community to take practical action to improve waste and recycling outcomes.

Circular Economy Act

Recycle Victoria

Following the collapse of the recycling and resource recovery industry in early 2019 The State Government released the Recycling Victoria Policy in February 2020. This far-reaching Policy was designed to change

the landscape of waste and resource recovery industry in Victoria. One of the first, and largest, action was the establishment of a new Act and a new Authority to support its implementation. The subsequent Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act was adopted by Government in late 2021. Recycling Victoria, the new Authority, came into being 1 July 2022. The former Regional Waste Management Groups ceased to exist upon the creation of the new Authority.

The new Act places a new set of requirements for reporting, data management, standards of service delivery through kerbside reform and outlines penalties for non-compliance for Councils and other waste and

resource recovery service delivery organisations. Recycling Victoria are now the Authority responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act, as well as delivering new programs, such as the Container Deposit Scheme, regulating the waste to energy sector and implementing the State-wide infrastructure plan.

Under section 60 of the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 (the Circular Economy Act), Councils and Alpine Resorts have an obligation to provide all households with a kerbside FOGO service (by 2030) and kerbside separate glass service (by 2027). Household waste and recycling services provided will be regulated by the Head of Recycling Victoria (RV) via a service standard and accompanying regulations made under the Circular Economy Act. The service standard (currently beingfinalised) requires all households to be provide with a kerbside FOGO service and kerbside separate glass service, except in regional or rural areas where it is not practicable, for example where existing drop-off services are already provided because of large geographical distances. In these circumstances, councils may provide similar drop-off services for FOGO and glass streams.

The reform aims to achieve the following targets on a state-wide level. Divert 80 per cent of waste from landfill by 2030, and an interim target of 72 per cent by 2025. Cut total waste generation by 15 per cent per capita by 2030. Halve the volume of organic material going to landfill between 2020 and 2030, with an interim target

of 20 per cent reduction by 2025. Ensure every Victorian household has access to food and garden organic waste recycling services

or local composting by 2030.

Recycling Victoria is developing the Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan (VRIP), to be released in 2024. It will provide long-term strategic infrastructure planning to guide and inform decision-making in relation to waste, recycling and resource recovery infrastructure over the next 30 years.

Council hold responsibility to ensure that waste is managed in such a way as to ensure that resources are recovered to the highest order possible in accordance with circular economy principles. All future projects and programs the generate or manage potential waste items or materials need to consider how a circular economy lens can be applied to achieve the best outcome for resource recovery. Projects that invest in the acquiring of goods or materials also need to consider how they can purchase items that reuse recovered items.

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Risks

Under the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, Councils as providers of waste and recycling or resource recovery services will have certain positive obligations including:

- To provide certain services including a municipal residual waste service, recycling service including for glass, food and garden organics
- To comply with pre-sorting and separating of waste or recycling material (the detail of what requirements will apply will be specified in regulations yet to be made)
- Council, as providers of a waste, recycling or resource recovery services:
- · Have a duty to give Recycling Victoria prescribed information,
- Any agreement entered into in connection with the provision of their services must incorporate the service standard that applies,
- As providers of essential waste, recycling or resource recovery services, a requirement to minimise the risk of serious failure disruption or hindrance of services so far as reasonably practicable,
- Duties to keep records and information about the service provided, so far as reasonably practicable, and
- · Duties to comply with service standards.

Notably, failure to comply with any of the above obligations will be an offence, punishable by civil and criminal penalties of up to \$454,350 for Council.

However, the Act provides "checks and balances" in the form of review mechanisms applying to the numerous powers which Recycling Victoria will be able to exercise. For example, use of the exemption powers and the issuance of information gathering notices, improvement notices and prohibition notices will be reviewable at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.



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Victorian Regional Circular Economy Plan – Hume Region

Victorian Regional Circular Economy Plan – Hume Region

To support the transition to a more circular economy the State Government developed regional plans informed by the local stakeholders. The Hume regional circular economy plan sets out the region's aspirations for a sustainable and thriving circular economy. Hume's four circular economy aspirations to 2030 are detailed below.

- Product stewardship is paramount and all those involved in the product life cycle manufacturers, retailers, users, and disposers share responsibility for reducing the environmental impacts of products.
- Best practice circular economy approaches are adopted where all levels of government, industry, education institutions, researchers and community work together to progress the circular economy in Hume.
- Hume's consumers are active participants in the circular economy and all sectors of the community make decisions to
 avoid waste generation, encourage reuse and recycling of products to reduce their environmental impact.
- Our local circular economy is sustainable, self-sufficient and resilient to market changes and we collaborate to create and take up local circular economy opportunities.



Service Delivery

Current Services

Council currently offer a comprehensive suite of waste and resource recovery service to the community of Wangaratta and surrounding districts. Services offered by Council include:

- Kerbside collection of waste, recycling and full organics to all urban properties, with kerbside waste and recycling offered to most rural areas.
- · Four transfer stations, including three in rural communities.
- · Management and clearing of all public place bins throughout the municipality.
- · Removal and management of reported dumped rubbish.
- Supply and management of bins for community and other special events.
- An EPA licenced Landfill open to municipal wastes, waste removal contractors and residential asbestos.
- · The only Council owned and operated, EPA licenced, organics processing facility on Victoria.

Services will continue to be delivered in accordance with community expectations and State Government requirements. The Victorian Government are currently working on the first ever set of consistent service standard for waste and resource recovery services across the State. Council is expecting these to be delivered by the end of 2023. Once these standards have been incorporated into Regulations that will be managed by Recycling Victoria, Council will confirm the kerbside glass services that will be delivered across the municipality. Council intends on being a leader in the delivery of new services. It is planned that these services will come into effect mid-2024.

Potential expansion of the kerbside organics services will also be addressed in the service standards. Changes to this service stream are not expected to come into effect until 2030.

Council will continue to engage with the community to ensure that services delivered reflect the community's needs, especially in areas of urban growth. Services will be delivered in accordance with the Waste Services Policy, which is reviewed and adopted annually. Charges are set to reflect cost recovery of delivering services. External collaborative tendering will continue to be used to test markets and ensure best value for the community.

Service Delivery

Recycling Victoria Service Standards

Recycling Victoria is currently developing Service Standards for waste and resource recovery services across Victoria. Household waste and recycling services will be regulated via mandatory service standards and accompanying regulations established under the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021. The first service standard, which is expected be delivered in late 2023, will detail how councils must provide waste and recycling services to households, including compliance with standard lists. The service standard will support councils consistent service across the state.

Container Deposit Scheme

The Victorian Government has announced that the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) will come into effect from 1 November 2023. Council will work with the Network Operators to ensure the role out of the return and collection points best service the community. These sites will most likely be in high traffic, publicly accessible locations, at densities set by the Scheme Coordinator.

Public Place Bins

Offer a more response public place litter prevention and recycling service. In addition to reducing litter, they assist in improving the amenity of public spaces, and support the small public gathering and events. These bins are not designed to support waste management of private businesses. Should businesses require bins to be placed on public land to support their operations, Council will consider how addition kerbside bins may be used to meet these needs. The placement of public bins will continue to be reviewed in accordance with community use of an area as part of the Waste Services Strategy.



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Waste Reduction

In accordance with the Council Plan 2021 – 2025, Council has set a target to divert more than 80% of kerbside collections from landfill by 2025. The following have been identified as the main activities that can be undertaken in the life of this Strategy to help achieve this target. A comprehensive waste bin audit should be undertaken to assist in identifying further opportunities in our community from 2026.



Increasing Recycling – Separating Glass

It has been shown the increasing the amount of waste materials being recycled, and resources recovered, is of high importance to the community. Council will progress with increasing the quality and quantity of potential waste being recovered by supporting the separation of glass from the co-mingled (yellow lidded) recycling bin. As outlined above, Council is currently awaiting final clarification from the State Government on the requirements for this service. Once this information has been released, Council will commit to the rollout of the separate glass service for the community. Further information will be made public once it becomes available.

Waste Reduction

Supporting Local Recycling Processing and Circular Economy Opportunities

To assist in providing the community a reliable and resilient service, Council will support local options for waste and resource recovery service where possible. Engaging and supporting local options will help to reduce travel require and increase resilience in the industry. These actions will reduce the likelihood of the industry business and systems collapses that have occurred of the past five years.

Council will also actively engage with the upcoming Recycling Victoria Infrastructure Plan development to promote the network and manufacturing opportunities available in the Region.

Soft Plastics

With the collapse of the domestic soft plastics program "RedCycle" the community have expressed a strong desire to establish an alternative, local, solution. Council will commit to pursuing opportunities for local recycling, seeking State and Federal Government support were available, and partnering with regional businesses for technological and market-based solutions.

Education

To support the actions outlined throughout this Strategy, an Education Plan will be developed. This plan will support the community in the use of the new services, improving diversion from landfill through optimal use of existing services and support broader waste and resource recovery information sharing.

Green House Gas Emissions

Council aims to demonstrate leadership by working towards the State's target of transitioning to a climate resilient community and economy with net zero emissions by 2050 as per Victoria's Climate Change Act 2017.

Council acknowledges the significant challenges posed to our municipality by the impacts of climate change and recognises the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions stemming from its operational activities.

Council recognises the emerging opportunities for local production and innovation within Victoria's future circular economy which hold promise for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. These prospects are further highlighted in Councils Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2021-26, which outlines various initiatives and objectives aimed at advancing our environmental sustainability agenda.

Current landfilling activities undertaken by Council comprise an estimated 49.21% of Councils emissions profile. A large component of this is attributed to the methane gas generated by decomposition of organics material within active landfill cells, this gas has a warming potential 30 times greater than carbon dioxide. Significant emission reduction has been achieved to date by Council commissioning the Wangaratta Organics Processing Facility (2018) reducing waste-to-landfill by approximately 30% in the last 4 years.

Further expansion of the kerbside collection service through-out the municipality, targeted education programs, and further investigation of the current emission generation profile of the Bowser Landfill will help achieve these objectives.

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Infrastructure

Bowser Landfill

With the focus of waste reduction, and best use of resources within Council to deliver these services, a review of the future operations of the landfill will be undertaken. The construction of the most recent Landfill Cell (Cell 6) has just been completed and is anticipated to provide approximately 7 years of filling capacity. Increasing costs of construction, management, monitoring, compliance reporting, and rehabilitation have placed increased pressure on the viability of operating smaller scale landfill.

The Bowser Landfill was originally designed to accommodate one further waste Cell, to be built in two stages. Constructing this further filling space would also require a reconfiguration of the supporting infrastructure across the site. Infrastructure such as the weighbridge and staff amenities would need to be relocated and Coleman Road would need to be sealed to provide access. With the completion of Cell 6, now is the perfect time to review the business plan for operations and management the facility into the future.

Transfer Stations

Transfer stations are becoming an ever more important part of the resource recovery network as the need increases for more efficient collection of materials to support a circular economy. With the review of the future of Bowser Landfill, there is the potential to make better use of the facility with consolidated materials recovery infrastructure for both residents and businesses in our community.

The new site will demonstrate best practice for a facility of its size, recovering materials to support a local circular economy, and provide ease of use for visitors.

From this Strategy, a concept plan for a new transfer station and materials recovery facility will be designed and drafted ready for construction.

Organics Processing

The Rural City of Wangaratta are currently the only municipality in the State to own and operate a licenced Food Organics and Garden Organics Facility. As part of the Council Plan 2021 – 2025, Council have set the target in increasing compost produced at the facility by 10% each year. Within a year of operations, that facility was already receiving the maximum volume of input. Output from the facility has been limited as Council continuously improve the technology on site to improve the quality of the compost produced. As the last of this equipment is installed, Council will need to pursue appropriate markets to ensure best value use of the compost produced.

Council recently obtained a licence expansion to 12,000 TPA, In accordance with the State Government plan to reduce organics going to landfill, and the requirements for additional processing capacity to meet this requirement. Given the operation capacity of the site, Council is now in a position to be a regional leader and set a model that could be replicated by other Councils across the State. Council establishing further capacity in this facility will ensure financial and operational viability into the future. Council will explore the feasibility to expand the site to process up to 24,000t per year. As the waste and resource recovery industry moves to reduce reliance on landfill, further investment in resources recovery facilities and technology will ensure Council is resilient to potential market risks into the future.

Closed Landfill Management

Council holds an ongoing responsibility to ensure effective management of closed landfill in accordance with the EP Act. Development of a rehabilitation plan based on strategic analysis of the risks posed by closed landfills to ensure that sites are being actively managed to comply with new EP Act will be undertaken following a preliminary assessment of the known sites.





Future Steps

Regional plans due to be developed by Recycling Victoria by 2027, with supporting Council plans to be developed following thereafter. The actions outlined in this plan are to be undertaken in the lead up to the development of these plans and will assist in Council meeting its requirements under relevant Acts and Plans. At the completion of this Strategy, Council will be well placed to be actively involved in the development of the new Infrastructure Plans and ensure that the Wangaratta Region is optimally serviced by resource recovery opportunities.

Establishment of a Community Reference Group will be required to support the development of the next strategy following the development of the state-wide infrastructure plan by Recycle Victoria. This group will have the opportunity to build off the established waste management infrastructure and investigate region hub processing of wastes such as solar panels, e-waste, glass, etc.

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Action Plan

| Action | Details | Timeframe | Deliverable | Next Steps |
|---|---|-----------|---|---|
| Education Plan | Council officers will develop an education plan that will outline the aims, objectives and priorities for waste and resource recovery education from Council. The Plan will highlight the key projects, messages, and modes of delivery Council waste and resource recovery education will involve. The Plan will be adaptable to new programs and priorities as they arise. | 2024 | The Waste and Resource Recovery Education Plan will be an internal working document that guides the educational work of the Waste and Resource Recovery Team. | Once the Plan has been delivered, Council staff will deliver the actions and update as required. A full review will be required with the development of the next Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy. |
| Transfer Station Master Plan | To prepare for the upgrade of the transfer station, a concept level design will be developed by Council. The Plan will be based on best practice for resource recovery and safety access for the community. | 2025 | A set of concept plans that can be used to develop detailed design drawings and potential grant funding programs. | Using the concept plans, a feasibility and business plan will be presented to Council for approval to progress with a new facility. Council will ensure that the facility is included in future State level infrastructure planning. |
| Glass Bin and Expanded Organics Kerbside Plan | Council will commence a kerbside glass bin collection in urban areas. Organics services will be expanded on urban fringes to bring these services into alignment with the rest of the urban areas. | 2025 | Delivery of new bins and kerbside collection in accordance with service specifications adopted by Council. | |

Action Plan

| Action | Details | Timeframe | Deliverable | Next Steps |
|---|--|-----------|---|--|
| Waste Bins Audit | Undertake audits of kerbside waste bins to inform future projects and service delivery. | 2025 | Audit data and report that can be used to inform future planning activities | |
| Organics Facility Expansion 25k Development | Completing the capital works required at the Organics Processing Facility to provide the capacity to compost 25k TPA of organic materials. In conjunction with the capital works at the facility, Council will also work with the EPA to obtain an expanded licence. | 2026 | The organics processing facility capable of composing 25k TPA in accordance with EPA requirements. | Upon completion of these works, Council will undertake a business development to secure appropriate feedstocks to process through the facility. |
| Closed Landfill Management Plan | Council will develop a plan for managing the risks associated with closed landfills managed by Council. | 2025 | The Plan will outline activities required to identify and manage the risks associated with each closed landfill managed by Council. | Ongoing management will be required for many of the closed landfill sites. The Plan should be enacted and updated annually. |
| Bowser Landfill Revised Rehabilitation Plan | A revised landfill rehabilitation plan will be required. This plan will take into account changes that have occurred at the site since the initial permitting process and ensure that works are being completed in accordance with EPA Best Practice requirements. | 2027 | The revised rehabilitation plan will provide a detailed design document that can be used to project manage the final stages of the landfill in the lead up to, and following, the closure of the facility in the coming years. | Council will need to work with the EPA to ensure that the document is fit for purpose and that the actions are completed in a timely manner. Works proposed will need to be included in Councils budgeting process and capital planning. |

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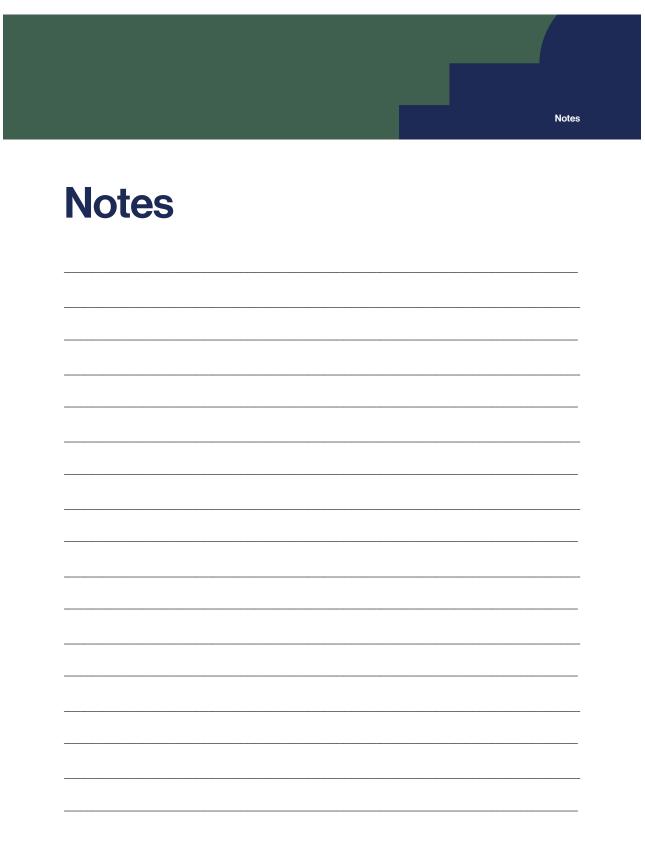
| Action | Details | Timeframe | Deliverable | Next Steps |
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| State-wide and Regional Infrastructure Planning | Council will engage with the State and Regional infrastructure planning processes over the next three years. This will ensure that the needs of the Rural City of Wangaratta are addressed in this planning process and supported by all levels of government. | 2025 - 2027 | Through contributing to this plan, future projects and services required by the Community will be more effectively planned for in State led funding and contract programs. | This strategy will be reviewed and updated following the development of these plans. The updated strategy will incorporate the projects and initiatives identified, ensuring that Council are integrating with broader, best practice, waste and resource recovery programs. |
| Update the RCoW resource recovery branding and slogan | Develop a refreshed slogan and conceptual logo to update the existing "Recycle Right" branding that incorporates themes aligned with the circular economy. | 2025 - 2027 | Develop a new conceptual branding and slogan. | Develop a new conceptual branding and slogan. |

Action Plan



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Planning and Environment Act 1987

Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83wang Explanatory Report

Overview

The amendment proposes to implement the recommendations of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (The Strategy) into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme. Changes to the Scheme include specific local policy for Low Density and Rural living development and updates to the principle settlement plans for Glenrowan, Milawa and Oxley. The amendment also rezones land to Low Density Residential in the townships of Milawa and Oxley and Rural Living Zone in Oxley, and applies Design and Development Overlay Schedules to control the way this land is developed. An existing Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 7 is proposed to be partially removed from the township of Glenrowan, in line with the recommendations of the Strategy.

Where you may inspect this amendment

The Amendment can be inspected free of charge at

- Rural City of Wangaratta website at <u>www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au</u>
- During office hours at the following places:
 - Wangaratta Government Centre, Corner of Ford and Ovens Streets, Wangaratta
- Department of Transport and Planning website at <u>www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection</u>.or by contacting the office on 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions about the amendment must be received by Monday, 30 September, 2024.

A submission must be sent to either:

Email: strategicplanning@wangaratta.vic.gov.au

Or;

Mail: Attn: Strategic Planning - C83

Rural City of Wangaratta PO Box 238, Wangaratta VIC 3676

Panel hearing dates

In accordance with clause 4(2) of Ministerial Direction No.15 the following panel hearing dates have been set for this amendment:

- Directions hearing: Week beginning 3 February, 2025
- Panel hearing: Week beginning 3 March, 2025

Details of the amendment

Who is the planning authority?

This amendment has been prepared by the Rural City of Wangaratta who is the planning authority for this amendment.

Land affected by the amendment

The amendment applies to all land zoned Low Density Residential and Rural Living Zones across the Municipality. Additionally, the amendment principally applies to the townships of Glenrowan, Milawa, Oxley, through immediate actions.

A mapping reference table is attached at Attachment 1 to this Explanatory Report.

What the amendment does

The amendment seeks to implement the key recommendations relating to rural towns and townships within Councils partially adopted Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy Dec 2021 (The Strategy).

Council adopted all parts of the Strategy with the exception of those sections that relate to the town of Wangaratta. In relation to Wangaratta, Council requested that additional investigations be undertaken into alternative locations for Low Density and Rural Residential around urban Wangaratta. These investigations have been undertaken and a draft report has been placed on community consultation and is running as a separate project to the adopted Strategy, effectively splitting the into those applying to the rural towns and the unresolved component of urban Wangaratta.

This amendment seeks to implement the rural towns component along with new policy settings and guidance for Low Density and Rural Living style development.

Overall, the strategy has analysed the future need for low density and rural living zoned land across the municipality for the next thirty years.

The Amendment seeks to implement changes to local policy, rezonings, schedules to

zones, deletion of overlays and the introduction of two Design and Development Overlays to guide future subdivisions in these townships.

The Amendment also introduces long term strategic direction for Moyhu, Springhurst, Tarrawingee, Milawa, Oxley and Glenrowan.

Specifically, the amendment proposes the following changes to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme:

Zoning Maps

Amends the following Planning Scheme Maps detailed in the table below to apply the following zone changes:

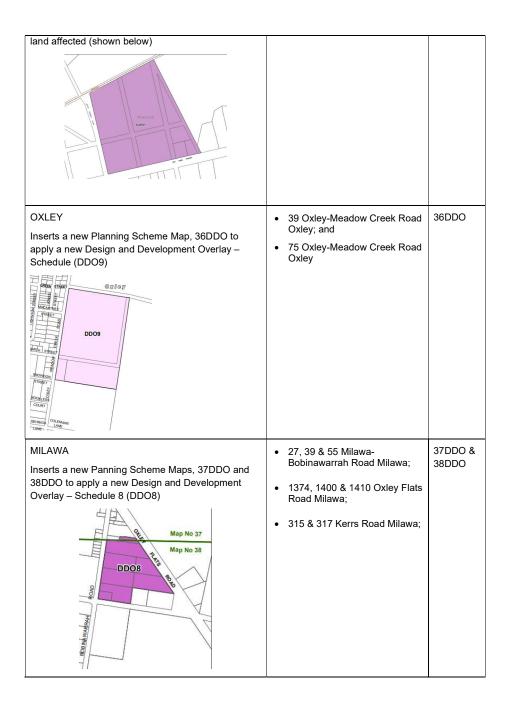
| Land to be Rezoned | | |
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| Actions Proposed by Location | Address of Affected Land | Map Ref: |
| OXLEY Amends Planning Scheme Map 35 to Rezone Farming Zone – Schedule 1 (FZ1) to the Rural Living Zone – Schedule 2 (RLZ2) | 9, 10, 32, 39, 40 Oxley-Greta West Road, Oxley; 1109, 1115, 1129, 1161, 1163 & 1069 Wangaratta-Whitfield Road, Oxley. 962, 974 & 988 Snow Road, Oxley. | 35 |
| Amends Planning Scheme Map 36 to Rezone Farming Zone – Schedule 1 (FZ1) to the Low Density Residential Zone Schedule 2 (LDRZ2) | • 75 Oxley-Meadow Creek Road, Oxley | 36 |

| Amends Planning Scheme Map 36 to Rezone Farming Zone – Schedule 1 (FZ1) to the Low Density Residential Zone Schedule 1 and 2 (LDRZ1 and LDRZ2) | • 39 Oxley-Meadow Creek Road, Oxley | 36 |
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| MILAWA Amends Planning Scheme Maps 37 and 38 to Rezone Farming Zone – Schedule 1 (FZ1) to Low Desnity Residential Zone Schedule 1 (LDRZ1) Map No 37 HDRZ1 Map No 38 | 27, 39 & 55 Milawa-Bobinawarrah Road Milawa; 1374, 1400 & 1410 Oxley Flats Road Milawa; 315 & 317 Kerrs Road Milawa; | 37 and 38 |

Overlay Maps

Amends and inserts the following Planning Scheme Maps detailed in the table below to apply the following overlay changes:

| Land Subject to application of Overlays | | | |
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| Actions Proposed by Location | Address of Affected Land | Map Ref: | |
| GLENROWAN Amends Planning Map 32DPO, Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 7 (DPO7) to remove form the | Farming Zoned section of 246 Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan. | 32DPO | |



Planning Scheme Ordinance

- Insert a new Clause 15.01-3L-02 (Subdivision design in Low Density Residential and Rural Living Zones) to provide guidance for subdivision on land subject to the Low Density Residential Zone and the Rural Living Zone across the municipality.
- Amend Clause 11.01-1L-01 (Glenrowan Township) to update the most recent Glenrowan Township Development Plan to remove reference to a future investigation area from Precinct H(b).
- Amend Clause 11.01-1L-02 (Milawa Township), including the amending of the former Precinct E (Milawa Triangle) to become E(a) to reflect the existing Mixed Use component of this precinct and E(b) to reflect the proposed rezoning of part of the former precinct from Farming Zone to Low Density Residential Schedule 1. Precinct H is also amended to become the designated long term growth area for the Town and reference to Precinct G as a future investigation area is removed.
- Amend Clause 11.01-1L-03 (Oxley Township), including the amending of Precinct F to create Precinct F(a) Farming Zone – North Snow Road and F(b) Low Density – South of the Snow Road to coincide with its rezoning to Low Density Residential. Precinct H is also amended to reflect its proposed rezoning to Rural Living – Schedule 2 and removal of reference to future investigations for Precinct I.
- Amends Schedule 2 to Clause 32.03 Low Density Residential Zone to add minimum lot sizes for subdivision in Oxley East.
- Insert a new Schedule 8 Clause 43.02 Design and Development Overlay to the Milawa triangle (Precinct E(b)) to guide subdivision of the area to ensure appropriate levels of connectivity and support the creation of liveable communities that respect the existing neighbourhood character of the township.
- Insert a new Schedule 9 Clause 43.02 Design and Development Overlay to direct growth to the east of Oxley (Precinct F(b)), where lot sizes increase along the western side of the overlay's coverage.
- Amends the Schedule to Clause 72.03 to reflect the new planning scheme maps 36DDO, 37DDO and 38DDO.
- Amends the Schedule to Clause 72.08 by introducing a new background document 'Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural City of Wangaratta 2021)' and corresponding clause references.
- Amends Clause 74.02, introducing a new item in further strategic work, indicating further work to be undertaken on the Wangaratta recommendations of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural City of Wangaratta 2021).

Strategic assessment of the amendment

Why is the amendment required?

The Strategy has been completed to investigate and provide guidance on both the future supply of rural living and low density residential zoned land and the development of the existing supply of this land.

The planning period adopted for the Strategy is 30 years to ensure the consistent delivery of land and overcome the unique challenges of land supply and delivery within regional Victoria, in particular around the supply of Low Density and Rural Living.

This longer planning period was selected to ensure that Council can meet its obligations under State planning policy to ensure that a minimum of 15 years supply of zoned residential land is available and to reflect the unique challenges for regional Councils.

These challenges include:

- that strategies of this nature are generally undertaken relatively infrequently,
- land ownership is generally fragmented and development intentions are varied,
- demand for different housing types can change quickly and therefore a longer period enables a strategic approach to identifying suitable housing supply and a clear action plan that can be progressively implemented.

This amendment seeks to further the adopted components of the Strategy through creating opportunities within the rural settlements of the Municipality, including the commuter lifestyle towns of Milawa and Oxley and the King Valley.

The amendment achieves this through the delivery of the short term recommendations of the Strategy and set the strategic directions for the medium and long term actions to best support a consistent supply of living opportunities.

The amendment also updates existing plans for the township of Glenrowan including the deletion of reference to future investigations for Rural Living as this is no longer supported outcome, based on updated information from the Strategy.

The strategy also seeks to ensure that development of any remaining broadacre LDRZ and RLZ across the Municipality is guided by local policy to ensure that subdivision creates communities that are attractive, safe, accessible, diverse and sustainable.

How does the amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?

The amendment proposes to implement the objectives of planning in Victoria outlined in Section 4 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, by providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land.

The proposed amendment will update local policy, rezone land, delete redundant overlays and introduce selected overlay controls to clearly articulate the vision of the Strategy, and support the policy framework to balance the interests of present and future Victorians.

How does the amendment address any environmental, social and economic effects?

Environmental effects:

The amendment has fully considered environmental factors in areas of future development and directs future settlement growth to areas of low bushfire risk and generally free of riverine flooding.

Specific controls applying to the rezonings at Oxley and Milawa seek to ensure that development is designed in a manner that supports the retention of significant vegetation.

Development controls are also designed to ensure that subdivisions are designed to respond to environmental factors and promote the establishment of layouts that support optimal passive solar orientation for future dwellings.

Social effects:

The amendment is expected to have positive social benefits for the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The amendment will bring to fruition the short term actions identified in the strategy which has previously gone through a rigorous community consultation process to provide rezoned land and directive policy to guide how several small townships within the municipality will grow. The key policy objectives and strategies in the amendment aim to ensure appropriate growth is undertaken for Oxley, Milawa in a direction that reduces risks from the broader landscape in terms of flooding and bushfire.

The Strategy will become a background document at Clause 72.08 which will provide long term guidance for low density and rural living development in the municipality's townships.

Economic effects:

The amendment aims to direct future low density and rural living development in towns that are experiencing notable growth in the region. Rural residential housing forms an important sector of the housing market in the municipality, particular in what the strategy identifies as commuter lifestyle townships, which includes Milawa and Oxley.

The amendment seeks to ensure that there is enough low density and rural living zoned land to house a growing population in proximity to the municipalities centre for employment, being Wangaratta.

Does the amendment address relevant bushfire risk?

The consideration of bushfire risk underpinned the development of the Strategy and provided the effective starting point for the Strategy. A 'Strategic Bushfire Assessment' was undertaken that included a robust methodology inline with the requirements of Clause 13.02-1S and bushfire planning principles.

In general the following three step process was followed to identify and direct future settlement to low risk locations:

Step 1: A landscape scale bushfire (municipal and township wide) assessment (up to 15kms wide). High risk areas not suitable for rezoning identified.

Step 2: A localised bushfire assessment (up to 1 km from each low and moderate risk towns). Bushfire risk aspects are key to identifying lower risk growth directions.

Step 3: Development of a suite of design principles and bushfire protection measures for any area selected for future rezoning / redevelopment.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) were actively consulted during the development of the Strategy, and their submission to the Draft Strategy provided overall support with some further matters for Council to consider.

These matters have been addressed through the development of a suite of planning tools to accompany any rezoning proposed by this amendment along with local planning policy to guide the further development of land zoned Low Density or Rural Living. This ensures that bushfire considerations are clear, known upfront an able to be included in any future development outcomes.

The following is a summary of the major directions and actions with regards to zoning and overlay changes that are a direct result of the bushfire risk assessment.

The Strategy considered at a Municipal level firstly town that at a landscape level where considered low risk locations and actively sought to direct development to these towns.

Glenrowan:

The previously identified 'future investigation area' (246 Old Hume Highway) referenced at Clause 11.01-1L-01 (Glenrowan Township) is proposed to have both the reference to this land being a further investigation area removed and the accompanying Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 7 deleted from the land. This land will remain zoned Farming.

This is on the basis of the Municipal wide bushfire assessment that sought to direct growth to the low risk townships within the Municipality. Under this assessment Glenrowan was rated as a high risk township and therefore following the principles of the Strategy directing further growth this this settlement was not supported. Given Glenrowan's high risk rating, further rezoning of land was not considered appropriate as there was alternative locations (towns) that where considered more suitable to accommodate population increased and support the protection of human life.

Milawa:

The Strategy directs future development of Milawa to an area known as the 'Milawa Triangle' in the short term and in the longer term an Easterly direction towards the Milawa Recreation Reserve.

Both of these locations have been assessed as being able to achieve a low risk status and the Easterly aspect of the town has a lower level of risk than the previously recommended given the 11.01-1L-02 (Milawa Township).

The amendment specifically proposes the rezoning of the Milawa Triangle with an accompanying Design and Development Overlay to integrate guidance for the future subdivision of this area, including specific bushfire design measures.

Previous reference at Clause 11.01-1L-02 to a 'future investigation area' to the west of the town bordered by Church Lane is proposed to be removed based on the recommendations of the Strategy in particular bushfire related risks as the easterly aspect of the township has been assessed as providing the lowest risk area for future development.

Oxley:

The Strategy directs future development in the township of Oxley to the east of the town, specifically land bounded by the Oxley-Meadow Creek Road and south of the Snow Road.

This area has been assessed as being able to achieve a low risk environment and the easterly aspect is considered to be the safest alternative option within the township, in particular when compared to the two previously recommended areas for investigation (North and South West) under Clause 11.01-03 (Oxley Township).

During the development of the Strategy, the proposed direction for any growth in Oxley changed following a submission from the County Fire Authority, which asked Council to reconsider its position to not direct development to the East of the town, citing that this area provided the lowest risk for the township. Following further investigations and consultation with the Country Fire Authority, the development direction for Oxley was altered to the presently proposed Easterly direction. This change went through a further period of community consultation prior to Councils adoption of the Strategy.

Rezoning of land to the West of the town from Farming Zone to Rural Living 2 zone is not considered to increase the level of bushfire risk to the town. The change in zone is intended to reflect the existing pattern of subdivision and rural lifestyle use of the land within this area, further to this the use of the Schedule 2 ensures that further subdivision designed to increase population due to the minimum lot size of 8 ha under the schedule.

Does the amendment comply with the requirements of any other Minister's Direction applicable to the amendment?

In the preparation of this amendment the following Ministerial Directions have been considered:

Ministerial Direction 11 – The Form and Content of a Planning Scheme

The amendment is consistent with the requirements by operating in plain English and using the relevant parts of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme to communicate the outcomes of recent strategic studies.

The requirements of Direction 11 have been followed in the course of preparing the amendment and are embodied within this report. There has been a strategic assessment of the reasoning for the amendment and the social, environmental and economic effects of the amendment that provide the context and justification for the

incorporation of the short term actions of the strategy into the amendment.

In addition to the Ministerial Directions, Planning Practice Note 46 Strategic Assessment Guidelines, is key in guiding the preparation of this amendment.

The planning practice notes provide guidance about the way planning tools work, and in what circumstance to apply them. Guidance has been also been sought from Planning Practice and Advisory Notes relating to writing policy, applying particular specialist planning controls and planning processes.

Planning practice note 30 (Potentially Contamination land)

This practice note has been considered in the preparation of the amendment, which in the case of rezoning of land in Oxley seeks to rezone land that is currently and historically used for agricultural purposes, including historic diary infrastructure. Council is not aware of any stock dipping sites that would therefore make the former and current use considered to be a 'high risk activity' under this practice note.

Planning Practice Note 37 (Rural Residential Development)

The Strategy was adopted prior to the latest release of this practice note, however it is considered that the Strategy and the changes proposed within this amendment are supported by the intent and advice within this Note.

The Strategy includes a housing analysis, including the current levels of low density and rural living zoned land to support the market into the future. Based on this analysis the Strategy seeks to support the provision of low Density and Rural Living in four key markets, including projected supply levels required over a 30 year period. This amendment seeks to implement the key recommendations with regards to the commuter townships of Oxley and Milawa. In the case of Milawa and Oxley the proposed rezoning of land is directed to both within and adjoin the existing settlement patterns of these towns. This has the advantage of allowing connection into the existing reticulated service networks of the towns and also further support the existing community facilities through an increase in population. Directing rural residential development to existing settlements is consistent with the practice note and actively avoids the creation of isolated rural residential or lifestyle estates within key agricultural land and the potential land use conflicts as well as environmental concerns associated with this type of land use.

The proposed planning tools associated with the areas to be rezoned ensure that future subdivision actively designs to integrates bushfire protection mechanisms, landscape presentation and amenity design considerations, the protection and celebration of significant trees and also the separation of residential uses from adjoining farming operations through permitter roads as required.

Planning Practice Note 42 (Applying the Rural Zones)

This Practice note was key in the consideration of rezoning, primarily in the application

of the Rural Living Zone Schedule 2 in Oxley. The rezoning recognizes the existing rural residential nature of the land whilst restricting further subdivision.

How does the amendment support or implement the Planning Policy Framework and any adopted State policy?

Clause 11 - Settlement

The strategies of Clause 11 aim to direct residential growth to be within existing settlement boundaries and away from natural hazards.

The amendment supports the objectives and strategies of Clause 11.01-1S (Settlement) and Clause 11.01-1R (Settlement – Hume) by updating the existing township development plans to reflect the recommendations of the Strategy including the alter growth boundaries for future residential growth. The amendment updates Clause 11.01-1L-01 (Glenrowan), Clause 11.01-1I-02 (Milawa) and Clause 11.01-1L-03 (Oxley) by incorporating the recommendations of the strategy into the township plans and making changes to precincts identified for short term and long term residential rezonings.

The changes identified in the township development plans will allow for the natural population growth of the identified townships that is directed away from threat of flood and fire.

Clause 13 Environmental risks and amenity

The amendment supports the objectives and policy settings of Clause 13.02-1S (Bushfire – Settlement Planning) which applies to both land within a designated Bushfire Prone Area of Bushfire Management Overlay. The amendment prioritises the protection of human life over all other considerations and the areas of Milawa and Oxley identified for rezoning have been selected as they are considered to be low risk from a bushfire and flood perspective.

The amendment proposes local policy and two schedules to the Design and Development Overlay that aim to further reduce the risks from the environment from new development through the inclusion of objectives and strategies that relate to subdivision design and layout.

Clause 14 Natural resource management

The key elements identified under this clause relevant to the amendment is acknowledging the importance of high quality agricultural land and how it should be protected.

One of the core principles of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy was to direct either new LDRZ and RLZ land use to existing settlements where there are considerable advantages of being able to connect into an existing community as well as physical infrastructure. This approach is consistent with 14.01-1S by 'directing housing growth into existing settlements' and in taking this approach Council is actively 'avoiding dwellings being located on small isolated lots within core farming areas', which is also a core policy position within the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.

Integrated decision making requires the balancing of policy settings and objectives, in the case of the Rural City, land that is of a lower agricultural versatility is generally associated with a higher level of bushfire risk and therefore not considered safe to direct high levels of settlement and population growth towards. Areas of lower bushfire risk are often found on the valley floors and flood plains

In considering any change, agricultural values along with other planning policy settings where weighed up, however the planning scheme at Clause 71.02-3 sets a clear hierarchy of policy settings when undertaking integrated decision making in bushfire prone areas, which includes:

Planning and responsible authorities should endeavour to integrate the range of planning policies relevant to the issues to be determined and balance conflicting objectives in favour of net community benefit and sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations. <u>However, in bushfire affected areas, planning and responsible authorities must prioritise the protection of human life over all other policy considerations.</u>

On this basis and the projected need for Low Density living within commuting distance of Wangaratta the Strategy and this amendment support the short term rezoning of land within Milawa and Oxley.

In the context of Milawa land proposed for rezoning is generally not classified as agricultural land and the existing pattern of subdivision and land use is reflective of rural lifestyle living and not productive agricultural enterprises.

Land to the East of Oxley is currently used for agriculture, including grazing activities. Existing infrastructure on the land indicates a history of diary farming on the land. It was considered in the case of Oxley that heading East with conditions that support and address other planning considerations (urban design, township character and agricultural interfaces) was the most appropriate response to address the risks of bushfire and above all prioritised the protection of human life for community members.

To ensure productive agricultural land is not unnecessarily or unreasonably removed from the market, the following assessment has been made to balance the need for low density and rural land supply with the very minor reduction of FZ land located close to infrastructure and services. With regards to the agricultural value of this land (East of Oxley) it is noted that land to the East is of 'high versatility', however land to the north, west and south of the town, agricultural land has been rated as being of 'very high versatility' under 'an assessment of the versatility of Agricultural Land in the Rural City of Wangaratta (DNRE – April 2000), this document is a background document within the scheme, referenced specifically at Clause 14.01-1L and underpins many of the policy settings within the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.

Inversely, it is considered that the small areas identified for rezonings can open up land for rural residential growth that will lessen pressure on accommodation uses in rural zones, specifically small lots within the Farming Zone, which occurs, particularly when lower density land is not available in serviced areas.

Further, Proposed planning tools seeks to recognise environmental assets including large and significant trees and require that they be incorporated and celebrated in future subdivision designs to ensure their on-going contribution to the biodiversity of the area.

Clause 15 – Built environment and heritage

The amendment supports the objectives and strategies of 15.01-3S by introducing Clause 15.01-3L-02 (Subdivision design in low density residential and rural living zones). This new clause introduces design standards and considerations that will apply to all current and future land in the municipality that is zoned for Low Density Residential and Rural Living. The new clause provides further guidance on vegetation, road networks, bushfire and servicing when considering an application for subdivision.

This new clause is designed on the basis of the recommendations of the Strategy (Sec 6.3) and its supporting documents including the strategic bushfire and infrastructure reports.

Clause 16 Residential development

The amendment alters the township development plans for Glenrowan, Milawa and Oxley to ensure future residential growth is directed to appropriate areas. The future growth is directed towards low risk areas that adjoin existing residential townships therefore are considered the next logical locations for residential development.

The amendment supports the objective and strategies of Clause 16.01-3S where rural residential growth is directed away from high quality agricultural land, minimising development pressure on productive agricultural land and is directed to areas that are close to existing settlement that is serviced with the required infrastructure, to provide considered sustainable growth and address supply across a 30 year horizon.

How does the amendment support or implement the Municipal Planning Strategy?

The amendment seeks to amend the strategic directions for the townships of Milawa, Oxley and Glenrowan in line with the directions and recommendations of the Strategy.

Clause 02.03-1 identifies the demand for additional low density residential and rural living options across the Municipality and the Strategy has investigated these options and directed future growth to the Townships of Milawa and Oxley through policy changes and rezonings.

Does the amendment make proper use of the Victoria Planning Provisions?

The amendment has selected and developed appropriate planning tools to translate the vision of the strategy into the scheme, including the updating of existing local policies relating to the townships.

The introduction of new Local policy is proposed to guide subdivision generally within

the Low Density and Rural Living Zones and specific design directions have been developed for the Milawa Triangle and Oxley East rezonings though the implementation of proposed Design and Development Overlays that reflect requirements outlined in Section 6.3 of the Strategy and supporting reports (Bushfire & Infrastructure and general design principles).

How does the amendment address the views of any relevant agency?

The preparation of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Rural City of Wangaratta 2019) included wide consultation with numerous agencies. Comments received were reviewed and incorporated into the final strategy and its recommendations. All agencies will have the opportunity for further comment on the amendment during the exhibition period.

Does the amendment address relevant requirements of the Transport Integration Act 2010?

The purpose of the *Transport Integration Act 2010* is to create a new framework for the provision of an integrated and sustainable transport system in Victoria. The vision statement recognises the aspirations of Victorians for an integrated and sustainable transport system that contributes to an inclusive, prosperous and environmentally responsible state.

The objectives of the *Transport Integration Act 2010* relate to social and economic inclusion, economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, integration of transport and land use, efficiency, coordination and reliability, safety, and health and wellbeing. This amendment is consistent with these objectives by providing a movement network promoting health, wellbeing and opportunity for passive recreation. Given the township outcomes intended by this amendment, the impact of any future development regarding traffic on the surrounding road network will be minimal.

Resource and administrative costs

What impact will the new planning provisions have on the resource and administrative costs of the responsible authority?

The amendment will result in the introduction of clear planning policy that provides strategic directions to ensure there are sufficient residential living opportunities. The relevant planning provisions clearly articulate Council's expectations and provide clear guidance to the community.

The amendment is not expected to provide unreasonable resource implications on Council. The use of revised zoning controls, overlays, supportive local policy and strategic direction within the strategy will provide clear direction to applicants in the preparation of planning applications to meet Council's expectations.

| Location | Land /Area Affected | Mapping Reference | Address | Proposed Zone changes | Proposed Overlay changes | Proposed deletion changes |
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| Glenrowan | Farming Zone section of 246 Old Hume Highway | Wangaratta C083wang 002d- dopMap32 Exhibition | 246 Old Hume Highway | Remove DPO7 | | D-DP07 |
| Oxley | Oxley triangle and land adjoining north side of Factory Creek | Wangaratta C083wang 003znMaps 35_36_37_38 Exhibition Wangaratta C083wang 001ddoMaps 36_37_38 Exhibition | 9, 10, 32, 39, 40 Oxley- Greta West Road, Oxley; 1109, 1115, 1129, 1161, 1163 & 1069 Wangaratta- Whitfield Road Oxley. 962, 974 & 988 Snow Road, Oxley. | Rezone from FZ1 to RLZ2 | Apply DDO9 | |
| Oxley | Oxley – east of existing township | Wangaratta C083wang 003znMaps 35_36_37_38 Exhibition Wangaratta C083wang 001ddoMaps 36_37_38 Exhibition | 75 Oxley- Meadow Creek Road Oxley | Rezone FZ1 to LDRZ2 | Apply DDO9 | |
| Oxley | Oxley – east of existing township | Wangaratta C083wang 003znMaps 35_36_37_38 Exhibition Wangaratta C083wang 001ddoMaps 36_37_38 Exhibition | 39 Oxley- Meadow Creek Road Oxley | Rezone FZ1 to LDRZ 1 and 2 | Apply DDO9 | |

Attachment 1 – Mapping reference table

| Location | Land /Area Affected | Mapping Reference | Address | Proposed Zone changes | Proposed Overlay changes | Proposed deletion changes |
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| Milawa | Milawa Triangle | Wangaratta C083wang 003znMaps 35_36_37_38 Exhibition | 27, 39 & 55 Milawa- Bobinawarrah Road Milawa; | Rezone FZ1 to LDRZ1 | Apply DDO8 | |
| | | Wangaratta C083wang 001ddoMaps 36_37_38 Exhibition | 1374, 1400 & 1410 Oxley Flats Road Milawa; 315 & 317 Kerrs Road Milawa; | | | |

Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C83: Low Density and Rural Living Strategy

Submitters Summary Table

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| itter 1: | Submission's position on the amendment: | Thank NECMA for their submission and notes the advice the authority has provided. | Change proposed: |
| IA 1 East | - Part support. | Discussion: | Additional strategy proposed at |
| ment | | | Clause 11.01-1L-03 Oxley |
| gement prity) | - Request changes to the amendment. | Oxley: C83 proposes to rezone properties in Precinct H of the Oxley Township Development Plan (which | Township: |
| • / | Submission summary: | is identified in Clause 11.01-1L-03 Oxley Township) from Farming Zone to Rural Living Zone 2 to reflect the existing scale of use and development. | Proposed change is considered to address submitters concerns to the |
| | - <u>Key Concern:</u> | | exhibited amendment documents |
| | Rezoning in Precinct H of the Oxley Township Development Plan from <u>Farming Zoned to Rural</u> Living Zone 2 as it reduces current restrictions on some forms of development. (specifically | Lots in Precinct H don't meet the minimum lot size for the farming zone are not used for farming activities. Generally existing lots represent development of a Rural Living scale, density and | without materially changing the scope of the amendment. |
| | relating to accommodation uses like community care accommodation). | activity, with all sites within this precinct having some existing development present. | |
| | | | Action: |
| | Allowing 'accommodation uses' increase risk of flood activity to impact community safety and cause property damage. | All properties in Precinct H of the Oxley Township Development Plan are subject to the Flood Overlay or Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (with the exception of two properties which are | Keep submitter informed of the progress of the amendment |
| | | already developed). | |
| | - Specific example: | | |
| | Community care accommodation' not requiring a permit under the Rural Living Zone, (currently, | All the accommodation uses referred to in this submission would trigger a planning permit under | |
| | in the Farming Zone this specific use requires a permit). | FO and LSIO and be captured for consideration by Planning Officers and NECMA as the referral authority under this permit trigger. | |
| | Cites other forms of accommodation which have raised concern from a flood risk perspective. | | |
| | These are: | The change in zone from Farming Zone to Rural Living Zone in precinct H of the Oxley Township | |
| | - Accommodation other than bed and breakfast | Development Plan will not result in the creation of any additional residential lots due to size of the | |
| | - Camping and caravan park | existing lots. The existing lot sizes and residential uses are more reflective of the scale of Rural | |
| | - Dwelling | Living Zone Schedule 2. | |
| | - Group accommodation - Host farm | Oxley Township Development Plan: | |
| | - Residential hotel | Precinct H is located to the west of the precinct shown in pale green shading. | |
| | - Rural worker accommodation | | |
| | - Small second dwelling | | |
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| | Submission notes that a planning permit would be triggered for such uses in areas subject to the | | |
| | Flood Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay | Mont re | |
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| | - Supports the local policy changes at Clause 11.01-1L-03 Oxley Township Development Plan, that | | |
| | avoid future subdivision. | | |
| | - Does not cite any concerns with the other changes proposed as part of this amendment. | Conversion of the second secon | |
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| | - Whilst not specifically requested in the submission, post consultation discussions resulted in | | |
| | requesting changes that assist in minimising risks associated with flood risk in Precinct H of the | B Mathur Contract and Strands and S | |
| | Oxley Township Development Plan. | B BORONET | |
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| | | Precinct H of the Oxley Township Development Plan and the extent of the Flood Ove blue) and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (pale blue): |
| | | PUZ2 PUZ2 PUZ2 PUZ2 PUZ2 PUZ2 PUZ2 |
| | | Post Exhibition Discussion Meeting: |
| | | - RCOW Officers held a post exhibition meeting with NECMA representative |
| | | Post Exhibition Discussions: |
| | | Council officers met with NECMA to discuss key concerns. As suggested in the submis concerns are around uses that would potentially expose larger numbers of people and impacts of flooding. |
| | | Such uses are not permitted under the current zone – Farming Zone but can be consid land is rezoned to Rural Living Zone. |
| | | Post Exhibition Changes: |
| | | - To address concerns a number of proposed changes were discussed and included the |
| | | Proposed change to exhibited documents supported: |
| | | Addition of a strategy at Clause 11.01.1L-03 Oxley Township – Precinct H 'Avoid residential buildings and group accommodation' |
| | | The additional policy gives weighting to the consideration of flood risk in decision maki processes. Officers support avoiding specific types of accommodation i.e. residential b and group accommodation as suggested by NECMA provides policy supports around development risk associated with flooding for uses that can be considered as the resul proposed zone change. |
| | | Proposed changes to exhibited documents that are not supported: |
| | | Addition of a Strategy at Clause 12.03-1L River corridors, waterways lakes and wetlan 'Avoid residential buildings and group accommodation development on land that is floor |
| | | Addition of a Strategy at Clause 13.03-1L Floodplain Management 'Avoid residential buildings and group accommodation development on land that is flood |
| | | - Adding 10 Oxley Greta West Road to the FO or LSIO (as appropriate) |
| | | - Addition of application requirements and decision guidelines to Schedule 44.03 Floody |

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| | | Addition of application requirements and decision guidelines to Schedule to 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay Addition of application requirements and decision guidelines to Schedule to 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay | |
| | | These changes can't be supported as part of this amendment for the following reasons: - They are considered to be material changes to the amendment. | |
| | | Have insufficient strategic justification provided as part of this amendment (It's not suggesting these changes can't be justified, however, in the case of this amendment these measures are not included the existing strategic justification). | |
| | | - Any re-exhibition to provide additional strategic justification would require significant resourcing. | |
| | | Outcome: | |
| | | The proposed post exhibition change i.e. the addition of a strategy at Clause 11.01.1L-03 Oxley Township – Precinct H 'Avoid residential buildings and group accommodation' was discussed with the authority and satisfies the concerns raised in the submission. | |
| | | - If the proposed change is adopted this submission is considered to be resolved. | |
| Submitter 4: | Submission's position on the amendment: | Thank Vic Track for their the submission and notes the advice that the amendment is not considered to | Change Proposed: |
| Vic Track | - No Objection to the amendment | impact Vic Tracks operation. | No changes required. |
| | Submission summary: | Discussion: | Action: Keep the submitter informed of |
| | - Notes the amendment implements recommendations of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy. | - No changes required as there is support for the amendment in its current form. | proposed post exhibition change and progress of the amendment |
| | Vic Track have reviewed in the context of the railway corridor that runs through the Glenrowan Township. | Outcome: - As there are no objections or requested changes, this submission is considered to be in support | |
| | Advised Council that the amendment will not impact the existing rail networks or future railway operations. | of the exhibited amendment. | |
| Submitter 7: Goulburn | Submission position of the amendment: | Thank Goulburn Murray Water for their submission and note the advice the authority has provided. | Change Proposed: No changes required. |
| Murray Water | - In support of amendment | Discussion: | Action |
| GMW) | Submission Summary: | Note support for the amendment, particularly as it the outcome has incorporated feedback from the authority during the drafting process. | Action: Keep the submitter informed of proposed post exhibition change |
| | GMW key area of interest is surface water and ground water quality, use and disposal. Further the amendment doesn't detrimentally impact on GMW infrastructure or quality of surface and ground water | Notes as part of a land use planning/development permit, where land is identified in the special water supply catchment, GMW are a referral authority and its noted best practice is to engage with the authority early (eg before a permit is required) or during the inception stages of major | and progress of the amendmen |
| | Submission notes: GMW have been consulted with as part of the amendment and development of the Low Density and Rural Living Strategy. | developments to address any potential impacts on ground water quality use and disposal. Council officers flag and advocate for this measure at pre-application meetings. | |
| | - A large part of the municipality is located within a special water catchment. | - No further changes to amendment documents are recommended. | |
| | - Advises that specific considerations need to taken into account when identifying areas for | Outcome: | |

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| Submitter | - Due to the extensive geographical area of the strategy (i.e. municipal wide) its difficult to consider | | Recommendation |
| | all the land, but as an alternative suggests Council and developers should consult at the early | | |
| | stages of development as an achievable action. | | |
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| | - Notes the following points have been included in the Wangaratta Planning Scheme: | | |
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| | Facilitate of delivery of reticulated water and sewerage to a number of townships is | | |
| | identified as further strategic works. | | |
| | • Requirement for all lots to be connected to reticulated sewerage and water if available. | | |
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| | Minimum lot size requirements (1ha) where the land is not connected to reticulated severage | | |
| | sewerage. | | |
| | Requirements for subdivision design and layout to protect and enhance riparian | | |
| | vegetation (waterway health), and wetlands biodiversity and landscape features to | | |
| | improve amenity. Consideration of the use of alternative water sources (public or private), including water tanks, stormwater re-use and localised water systems. | | |
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| | Support subdivision layouts and open space design that incorporates all services. | | |
| | - For the purpose of this amendment, the submissions notes the majority of feedback provided by | | |
| | GMW has been used to inform the content of the amendment. | | |
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| | Notes that water supplied by GMW (inclusive of groundwater bores) is not suitable for human consumption. | | |
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| Submitter 9: | Submission position of the amendment: | Thank North East Water for their submission and note the advice the authority has provided. | Change Proposed: |
| North East | | | Include an additional strategy at |
| Water (NEW) | - No objection to the amendment | Discussion: | 15.01-3L |
| | - North East Water is the authority for reticulated water and sewer in the municipality | Officers have noted the support for the amendment and considered the requested changes. | Include an additional subdivision |
| | | - Onicers have noted the support for the amendment and considered the requested changes. | requirement in DDO8: |
| | - Requests changes to the amendment | - Oxley Township Development Plan Precinct F (b) South of Snow Road and Milawa Township | |
| | | Plan Precinct E (b) Low Density (ie. proposed areas for future subdivision): | Include an additional subdivision |
| | Submission Summary: | Officers note: there is no reticulated water service in Milawa however it could be supplied subject to | requirement in DDO9: |
| | - In support of the amendment, request changes | Inferension reliculated water service in milawa nowever it could be supplied subject to high demand | Proposed changes are considere |
| | | • there is capacity to service Precinct E (b) subject to costs for new customers in locations | to address submitters concerns to |
| | - The submission provides extensive details about reticulated services to areas that are subject to | proposed for rezoning (Milawa). | the exhibited amendment |
| | change as a result of the amendment, specifically: | Whilst reticulated services for water and wastewater are not currently in place this submission indicates they can be provided in future when the demand grows. | documents, without materially changing the scope of the |
| | North East Water is working on the 'Small Towns Servicing Options' report for | submission indicates they can be provided in future when the demand grows. | amendment. |
| | Wangaratta which will inform future servicing capabilities in Milawa and Oxley (and | This information will not result in changes to the amendment, however, flags that the areas can | |
| | informs this submission). | be serviced with sewer and water in the future and need to be considered at the future | Action |
| | Proposed Oxley Precinct F (b) South of Snow Road – is within the water and sewer | development occurs, with the exception of Oxley Precinct H. | Action: Keep submitter informed of progr |
| | service area, however not currently supplied. There is capacity in the existing sewerage | - Milawa Township Development Plan Precinct H: | of the amendment. |
| | system future development in Oxley. | Its noted that there are currently no reticulated services to this precinct. It is not proposed to | |
| | | rezone this precinct as part of this amendment. The future growth of this area is anticipated to be | |
| | Proposed Precinct H of the Oxley Township Development Plan (described by this submission as Oxley West) is outside the declared water and sewer district. This is not | long term, and responsive to bushfire risk. These changes are communicated via a proposed change to Clause 11.01.01-02. Milawa Township. Future directions contained in the Schedule to | |
| | intended to change in the future. | Clause 74.02 Further Strategic Work advocate for reticulated water services and the production | |
| | | of a structure plan as required for the future development of the Township. These actions will | |
| | Proposed Precinct H of Milawa Township Development Plan is not supplied with | address water and sewer prior to future development occurring. | |
| | reticulated water however reticulated servicing is being investigated (and could be | Orden Tennekis Denslamment Plan - Densiset H | |
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| | implemented subject to high demand). | Oxley Township Development Plan – Precinct H: Noticeable impacts are not expected. Development has occurred in the absence of these | |

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| Submitter | Submission Details Proposed Precinct E (a) of Milawa Township Development Plan can be serviced with sewer but will likely attract a New Customer Contributions charge. Currently there is no reticulated water in Milawa, however if there is have been options developed for this service subject to demand. Would like to be informed of the preparation of any structure plan for Milawa and for it to include a sewer servicing strategy Milawa There are no reticulated water services available in Milawa currently, for the future development of Precinct is E (b). Requests an additional strategy at 15.01-3L; to require sewer servicing strategy to be provided to NEW for all new subdivision of 3 or more in LDRZ1, LDRZ2. Requests an additional subdivision requirements for DDO8 and DDO9 | Officer Review are managed using on site techniques. (ie. Water tanks and onsite waste water manage sewerage) which is not uncommon in areas on the outskirts of townships. The proposed in the Rural Living Zones being prohibitive of further subdivision and residen development having already occurred on lots in this area in most cases. - Requested Changes: Requested change to Clause 15.01-31. Subdivision Design in Low Density and Rural L Zones; Requested and to clause 15.01-32. Subdivision Design in Low Density and Rural L Zones; Requests an additional strategy: Requested change to Clause 15.01-31. Subdivision Design in Low Density and Rural L Zones; Requests an additional strategy: Requested change to Clause 15.01-31. Subdivision Design in Low Density and Rural L Zones; Requested change to Clause 15.01-32. For the purpose of referral for consideration by the authority. Given the services are no available (but anticipated to be in the future) an individual merit based approach with in the authority should and will be included to avoid uncertainty around wastewater impace short term. Requested change to DDO8 Milawa Triangle Low Density: Requested change to DDO8 Milawa Triangle Low Density: Requested s for water supply and objectives for wastewater management, the p subdivision requirement is supported and can be included at 3.0 Subdivision under the headi Infrastructure, Access and Connectivity. Whilst Clause 66.07 Integrated water manage provides standards for water supply and objectives for wastewater manageprovides standards for |
| | | The additional strategy at Clause 15.01-3L and subdivision requirements proposed for in DDO8 and DDO9 are supported changes to the amendment. These are not conside material changes to the exhibited amendment. Subject to additional changes this submission matters raised are considered to be reserved. |
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| Submitter | Submission Details Submission Summary and Requested Changes: This submission relates to the transport aspects of the amendment. Requests change to 11.01-1L-03 Oxley Township – Low Density Development Strategies – Precinct F(b) – South of Snow Road to include the following strategies: Avoid direct access to Snow Road for new development or similar Provide a safe pedestrian crossing on Snow Road between the Precinct and the pedestrian and cycle link on the northern side of Snow Road. | Officer Review - Requests consideration of additional policy at Clause at 11.01-1L-03 Oxley Township and provide better certainty around the outcome of avoiding direct vehicle access on - The exhibited change proposed by C83 to Clause 11.01-1L-03 states the following st Require an internal perimeter road around the development of the precinct to support from bushfire and provide an amenity buffer to adjoining farmland and major road inte It's further noted policy at Clause 43.02 Schedule 9 (which applies to the area of Oxle 5 F (b) proposed for rezoning states: Avoid the creation of vehicular access to the Snow Road and direct estate access to Meadow Creek Road. It is acknowledged that Snow Road (Zoned Transport Zone 2) is a tourist route and it poor traffic management outcome which is not keeping in with the character of the tox allow direct vehicle access for a new subdivision. The addition of a strategy that states to avoid direct access to Snow Road for new de very similar to the requirement Avoid the creation of vehicular access to the Snow Roa included in the proposed Design and Development Overlay and considered to be a d therefor this addition is not supported. - Requests consideration of additional policy at Clause at 11.01-11-03 Oxley Township a safe pedestrian crossing on Snow Road between the Precinct and the pedestrian a on the northern side of Snow Road. The Murry to Mountain rail trail, traverses along the Snow Road, starting from the inte the Wangarata-Whitfield Road, heading east along the south side of the road. It cont the south side to the road until in intersect with Ely Street, Oxley there it continues al Northern side of Snow Road, heading east until it hits the Township of Milawa. |
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| Submitter 12: | Submission position of the amendment: | Thank DECCA for their submission and support for the amendment |

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| and Climate Action | Submission Summary: | - Note support for the amendment. |
| | | - No further changes are recommended. |
| | The submission is focused on the retention and protective of native vegetation and avoiding negative impacts on biodiversity. | Outcome: |
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| | The submission notes that the location of the proposed rezonings do not contain any significant biodiversity or threatened species and the proposed DDO schedules contain objectives and language within the objectives that ensure vegetation is protected from impacts of future development. | Submission does not object to the amendment and does not request change. |
| | - The removal of the DPO7 in Glenrowan does not impact recorded threatened species or broader biodiversity values in the area. | |
| | Retention and protection of vegetation is encouraged by Built Environment and particularly in Subdivision design (Clause 15.01-3L of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme) | |
| Submitter 14 | Submission position of amendment: | Thank EPA for their submission and note the advice provided. |
| PA Vic: | | |
| | - Partial support for the amendment | Discussion: |
| | - Requests changes made or further assessment undertaken before amendment proceeds. | Its unclear as to why the EPA were not involved in the development of the Low Densi Residential Strategy (Rural Component). However, the EPA were advised, prior (end the amendment that the exhibition would occur mid-August). The EPA advised they were advised they were |
| | Submission Summary: | position to review the strategy at that time and would review the amendment once for exhibited. |
| | Provides commentary on the development of the Low Density and Rural Living Strategy (Rural component), the document underpinning changes proposed to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme, specifically noting absence of opportunity to provide views to the strategy. | <u>Ministerial Direction 1:</u> The request/recommendation to amend explanatory report to <u>specifically state</u> if land potentially contaminated or not. The issue of potential contamination is discussed in t |
| | - Advises that the amendment has been reviewed taking into account the potential risks of harm to human health, the environment and amenity from pollution and wastes, identifying the key risks for amendment are: | explanatory report. It discusses the activities that have potential for contamination and there are no know high risk activities. It's appropriate to update explanatory report to a Council believes the <u>land is not potentially contaminated</u> in accordance with the record |
| | Potentially Contaminated Land (Ministerial Direction 1) | Landfill gas and Landfill Buffer Guidelines (EPA Publication 1950, August 2024): It's noted these guidelines came in operation after the commencement of the exhibition |
| | Landfill Gas | The guidelines nether-the-less are addressed as per the recommendation from the E In relation to landfill buffers, the recommendation from this submission sates it should |
| | Separation distances Interface land uses | determined if the former Oxley landfill site (Faithful street, Oxley) is within 500m of pro- development i.e. the area of Oxley subject to rezoning for LDRZ development. (Its no guidelines recommend a 500 m buffer for land fill gas in the instance of a Type 2 land |
| | | - a landfill accepting municipal (putrescible waste. This has been applied in this insta |
| | Requested Changes: Rather than requesting specific changes to the amendment the EPA recommends: | development occurs outside this buffer no further assessment is required. |
| | Rather than requesting specific changes to the amendment the EPA recommends. | It is determined that proposed rezoning site in Oxley, South of the Snow Road) is app |
| | Further consideration updates to the Explanatory Report to clarify that proposed rezoning ins not considered contaminated or potentially contaminated in accordance with Ministerial Direction 1. | 470 metres from the former Oxley landfill site at its closest point. A landscape presen of 20 metres from the Snow road interface is proposed as part of DDO9 Oxley Low D Residential. This means the closest point to the former Oxley landfill is 490 metres. |
| | Recommends that the retired landfill impacts should be considered in any rezoning proposal in the context of the Landfill Buffer Guideline (introduced in August, 2024), noting that there is no statutory trigger for an 'upfront' assessment at planning scheme amendment stage. | To address the remainder of the 10 metres of the landfill buffer, the Snow Road Land Presentation Buffer provided for in proposed DDO9 Oxley Township can be increased metres), this will ensure no developable area will be located within the 500 metre form |
| | Recommends that Separation Distances (introduced in August 2024) be considered and addressed in the context of production of dairy products in proximity to the proposed Milawa rezoning site and production of wine in proximity of the proposed Oxley west rezoning site. | buffer. This would require an update to the DDO9 at 3.0 subdivision requirements; Sr and adjoining farmland interfaces for the northern boundary and an update to the maj within the map. |
| | | This proposed change will ensure landscape gas impacts are appropriately dealt with and address the recommendation. |
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| sity and Rural d of July) to | Change Proposed: Update the explanatory report to specifically state that Council believes the land affected by the amendment is not potentially contaminated. |
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| Submitter | | Its noted that this guideline came into operation after the commencement of the exhibition process. Nether-the-less, the buffer requirements highlighted by the EAP in this context are dairy production (in proximity to the proposed rezoning site in Milawa) and wine production (in proximity of the proposed rezoning site in Oxley West are addressed. | Recommendation |
| | | Dairy Production in Milawa. The separation distance guideline requirement for production of dairy products for a dairy producing more 200 t/per year is 100 metres. There is a property that runs dairy operations in Kerrs Road Milawa, however this is located outside this buffer requirement. The Milawa Cheese factory bounds the norther boundary of the Milawa rezoning site, however it produces less than 200 tonnes a year so a boundary is not required. | |
| | | Wine Production in Oxley. The separation distance guideline requirement for the production of wine in excess of 5,000 litres/ per day is 500 metres. San Miranda's wine processing facility falls within this buffer requirement, however its considered that this would be a retrospective application of the buffer requirements. Whilst the Oxley West site is proposed for rezoning it will not result in any additional lots. Land in this area is already developed at a Rural Living Scale and this has been an existing land use situation prior to the introduction of this guideline. It is understood it's not the intent of this guideline to be applied retrospectively, therefore no change required. | |
| | | <u>Farming Zone Interface:</u> The EPA makes commentary about adverse amenity impacts, at residential/rural interfaces and notes the requirements of Clause 13.07.1S Land Use Compatibility and further that proposed DDO9 addresses interface issues and the EPA notes any risks from road traffic pollution would be low. Given this no further action is required. | |
| | | Proposed changes to the exhibited documents to be supported: | |
| | | Update the exhibited explanatory report to state land is not considered to be potentially contaminated | |
| | | Update the Snow Road interface buffer to increase to 30 metres to ensure development doesn't occur within a 500 metre buffer of the former Oxley landfill site. | |
| | | - Matters raised in this submission are considered to be addressed. | |
| Submitter 16: Country Fire | Submission position of amendment: - Support for the Amendment | Thank the CFA for their submission and note the advice the authority has provided. | Change Proposed: Addition of strategy at Clause 15.07 |
| Authority | <u>Submission summary:</u> - Notes the CFA were involved with the development of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy (Strategy). | <u>Discussion:</u> Officers have reviewed policy in the context of relevant and updated bushfire guidelines, specifically <i>Design Guidelines Settlement Planning at the Bushfire Interface.</i> Of particular relevance are the following: | 3L Addition of subdivision requirement at DDO8 and DDO9 |
| | - Notes the Strategy directs growth to townships with lower risk bushfire settings and uses policy to further reduce (bushfire) risk and improve resilience. | Perimeter Roads – the use of perimeter roads and locating development in a location away from the front of bushfire risks have been used in accordance with the recommendations of this document, shown in Clause 15.03 at subdivision design which proposes, <i>development of a</i> | Proposed changes are considered to address submitters concerns to the exhibited amendment |
| | - Advises that there have been changes to bushfire policy since the adoption of the Strategy. | perimeter road is to separate land uses such as accommodation from bushfire hazards, and shown in landscape presentation strip in Oxley Precinct F (b). Its further anticipated this strip | documents, without materially changing the scope of the |
| | Recommends a review of bushfire policy to ensure the policy is addressing the most up to date guidelines, specifically <i>Design Guidelines Settlement Planning at the Bushfire Interface,</i> with a focus on: | would be maintained to reflect urban standards and ensure roadside vegetation doesn't result in increased bushfire risk. | amendment. |
| | Assessment of existing roads used as buffers between bushfire hazards and future development and for the requirements for the provision of perimeter roads as a buffer to bushfire hazard and the requirements for perimeter | The request for change to ensure minimum exposure to exposure to radiant heat benchmarks can be accommodated as this is a change to policy guidance, which has been recently updated. At Clause 15.01-3L Subdivision Design in Low Density and Rural Living Zones an additional | Action: Keep the submitter informed of progress of the amendment. |
| | Requested Change: | strategy is proposed under the Bushfire Design Response heading: | |
| | To achieve site-based exposure policy, reference should be made to setbacks to ensure minimum exposure of radiant heat benchmarks, rather than a construction standard. | - Require informed and appropriate setbacks from bushfire hazard interfaces | |

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| | | The provision of defendable space and vegetation management controls if applicable all dwellings can achieve a BAL 12.5 rating in accordance with AS.3959-2018, can be |
| | | The provision of defendable space and vegetation management controls if applicable f all dwellings can achieve a setback that appropriately accounts for the type of vegetati slope under the vegetation. |
| | | These changes are supported as they are not material changes to the amendment, the relevant updates in bushfire planning outcomes that are more site specific rather than generic construction standard. These changes specifically address requested changes requirements of the Design Guidelines for the Settlement Planning at the Bushfire Inte document developed by the Department of Transport and Planning and the Country Fi Authority. This change ensures the Wangaratta Planning Scheme remains current and |
| | | Post Exhibition Changes and Outcomes: |
| | | Proposed changes to the exhibited documents to be supported: |
| | | - At Clause 15.01-3L support additional strategy: |
| | | Require informed and appropriate setbacks from bushfire hazard interfaces |
| | | - At DDO8 and DDO9 support amended subdivision requirement: |
| | | The provision of defendable space and vegetation management controls if applicable all dwellings can achieve a setback that appropriately accounts for the type of vegetati slope under the vegetation. |
| | | Changes requested in this submission are considered to be addressed. |
| Community Submissions | | |
| Submitter 2: | Submissions position on the amendment: - Support amendment as exhibited. | Thank the submitter for providing this submission and note the support for the amendment prior post exhibition change. |
| | | Discussion and Outcome: |
| | Submission summary: Supports the strategic intent and directions of precinct Fand G of the Milawa Township | There are no changes proposed Clause 11.01-1L-02 resulting from post exhibition considerations. |
| | Development Plan (i.e. limiting growth and non-agricultural uses, specifically at Clause 11.01-1L- 02). | Therefore, no changes required as there is support for the amendment in its current for |
| | The direction of future residential growth in an easterly direction is considered to be logical infill towards the Milawa Recreation Reserve. | |
| | If there are post exhibition changes that result in policy changes to precinct F and G of the Milawa Township Development Pan, the submission objects to this part of the amendment. | |
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| Submitter | Submission Details - The submitter has planned for a future site-specific subdivision, based on the assumption it's located in the centre of the Eldorado township. Requested Change: - The submission requests a change to the amendment, to allow for consideration of battle axe lots with large 'handles' to prevent un-necessary restriction on larger lots. | Officer Review This change is supported by the Strategic Bushfire Assessment, completed by Nexus P part of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy identifies a number of actions to risks against bushfire. Avoiding the creation of battle axe lots was one of these actions. report recommended that mitigation action be implemented by policy changes. Its noted report was adopted by Council. Further, the Strategic Bushfire Assessment identifies Eldorado as a highest risk townsh landscape scale bushfire assessment and subdivision in Eldorado should be avoided. It further advises avoiding battle-axe lots, particularly where access is long and narrow design principle and bushfire protection method to guide development (where developm supported) Changing the amendment in the way requested by this submitter is not considered to st bushfire protection, nor considered to the best way to mitigate risk posed by bushfire sp in highest risk areas or generally where bushfire risk exists in Townships and Rural Tow as it limits access to properties. therefore cannot be supported by Council in this case. No changes to exhibited documents are recommended. Post Exhibition Discussions with Submitter: Officers invited the submitter to further discuss issues raised in this submission. A follow up phone conversation occurred with the submitter where Councils officers expression on battle axe lots has originated from and the context of why the requested is not supported. |
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| | | This submission remains outstanding and its recommended the matter be referred to a Panel for further review. |
| Submitter 5: | Submissions position on the amendment: | Thank the submitter for providing this submission and make note of the support for the amendme |
| | - Support amendment as exhibited. | Discussion and Outcome: |
| | Submission summary: - The submitter is directly impacted by proposed changes to zoning in Milawa (identified as Precinct E(b) of the updated Milawa Township Development Plan. - Supports the future development of this area because of the availability of amenities in Milawa, proximity to Wangaratta and the need for additional housing in the climate of a national housing shortage. | Notes the LDRZ and RLZ Strategy respond to need for housing at a specific scale, whic contributes to part of a solution to the national housing crisis. Its good practice to centre development around existing services, like those identified in Milawa. No changes required as there is support for the amendment in its current form. |
| Submitter 6: | Submission position on the amendment: | Thank the submitter for their submission, make note of support and part objection to the amendr |
| | - Partly support amendment as exhibited. | Discussion: |
| | - Partly object to the amendment as exhibited. | Bushfire Safety Considerations: |
| | Submission Summary: - Notes the walking path along the King River is located on public land. - Notes development front appropriately confirm with fire safety considerations. | This submission supports the change of direction of the development from precinct I to F(b) for the purposes of mitigating bushfire risk. The development front in Oxley identified as proposed precinct F(b) of the Oxley Town supported by state and local policy underpinned by the Strategic Bushfire Assessment, completed by Nexus Planning as part of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategic |

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| | Concerned attuit impacts from walking track along King River, (shared path within public land), especially given impacts from development on fire risk, riparian risks, sanlaary risks and potential occurrence deritus as the location is unique. This concern is also attributed to the owner interest in respectfully maintaining the reserve based on an existing leasing arrangement and contributed to the reason land owner purchased land in Oxley. Concerned about possible road connectivity (described as an indicative road across the submitters property in this submission) Requests that all land holders are treated in the same way irrespective of zoning. | Precinct D of Oxley Township Development Plan - King River interface matters: As part of Amendment C83 there has been <u>no change</u> to: The location of the walking path identified on public land along the King River interface Indicative connectivity identified as possible road connection in Precinct D – Low Dens Adjacent to the King River of the Oxley Township Development Plan. <u>Existing Precinct D (lefit) and proposed Precinct D (right) illustrating no change to walk along King River interface.</u> Existing Precinct D: Proposed Precinct D: Wangaratta Planning Scheme in 2017 by Planning Scheme Amendment C67. Amendment C47 was the subject of a Panel, and the oxling paratia Scheme in 2017 by Planning Scheme Amendment C67. Amendment C47 was the subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subjected approxed. Wangaratta C75 – Wangaratta Planning Scheme Review, approved in 2018 Wangaratta C75 – Wangaratta Planning Scheme Review, approved in 2018 Wangaratta C75 – Wangaratta Planning Scheme Review, approved in 2018 Wangaratta C75 – PPF translation approved in 2022. It's noted a change to the way To Development Plans took (ie a changed graphic), occurred during this amendment. The change of the location of the ordinance doesn't change the intent of the strategy or objectives. Officers agree the King River frontage and public land is unique and supports biodiver Concerns raised about |

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| | | Suggestion that developer of a proposed solar farm should provide a walking path from the Township to the Oxley Recreation Reserve is a sensible idea, however beyond the scope of this amendment. Its noted that Councils Walking and Cycling Strategy. 2020-2030 suggest a shared path alignment between Oxley township and Oxley Rec Reserve, however it is a low priority when balanced against other projects within that strategy. This suggestion can be pursued via the Meadow Creek Solar Farm planning permit application which is a sperate process to this amendment. | |
| | | - Concerns raised about the impacts of an indicative road network across the submitters property are beyond the scope of what is being considered by this amendment. Nether-the-less its noted that this connectivity is only considered if the land in precinct D is subdivided, and the graphic in the Oxley Township Development Plan illustrates east west connectivity rather that an absolute outcome. A final alignment if required would be determined as appropriate at during a planning permit process for subdivision. Therefore, no change is recommended. | |
| | | - Its further noted that the above issues were addressed in Planning Scheme Amendment C67. | |
| | | Post Exhibition Discussions with Submitter: | |
| | | Council officers met with Submitter 6 during the exhibition process and again during the post exhibition period to better understand concerns and negotiate any changes that could potentially alleviate any concerns with the exhibited amendment. | |
| | | Discussions concluded that whilst there are a range of matters the submitter has concerns with they are beyond the scope of this amendment, officers are happy to continue working with the submitter separately on other matters. | |
| | | Outcome: | |
| | | - No further changes are recommended. | |
| Submitter 8: | Submission position of the amendment - In full support of amendment | Thank the submitter for their submission, make note of support. | Change Proposed: No changes recommended. |
| | Submission Summary: | Discussion and Outcome: - The response supports the recommendations of the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy. | Action: Keep the submitter informed of |
| | Supports the amendment: | The changes proposed by this amendment addresses land supply and provides for additional housing. | progress of the amendment. |
| | In line with the need for low density housing as concluded by the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy. | The changes proposed by this amendment will ensure that the township area along the Milawa- Bobinawarrah Road are zoned appropriately for sustainable Townships growth. | |
| | - There is no land supply remaining in Milawa in accordance with the Milawa Township Development Plan. | - No changes required as there is support for the amendment in its current form. | |
| | - The proposed rezoning in Milawa ensures all land within the Township boundary along Milawa- Bobinawarrah Road is appropriately zoned for residential development. Its exclusion makes it an anomaly, within the township). | | |
| Submitter 10: | Submission position of the amendment | Thank the consultant on behalf of the landowner for their submission and associated reports in support of retaining Precinct H (b) of the Glenrowan Township Development Plan for future residential development | Change Proposed: No changes recommended. |
| | - <u>Objects</u> to the amendment in part, in particular to the removal of DPO7 from 246 Old Hume Highway Glenrowan and the subsequent changes to Precinct H(b) of the Glenrowan Township Development Plan which changes its status from investigation area of land in Glenrowan (246 Old Hume Highway). | (at Rural Living Scale). Discussion: - The Glenrowan Township Development Plan, 2016 was supported by Council and its | Requested change not supported. Action: Refer matter to a Planning Panel for |
| | - Request change to the amendment to allow for the future development of 246 Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan by: | recommendations implemented into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme by C66 parts 1 and 2 which was finalised in 2017. Key parts of this amendment relating to this submission were: | further consideration. Keep submitter informed of progress of the amendment. |
| | Updating the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy to support the rezoning of the site | | e. a.s amonamont. |

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| Rezone the site to Rural Living Zone Schedule 1 Retain the Development Plan Overlay 7 on the site Retain the existing Clause 11.01.1L-01 (Glenrowan) | Including a local policy at Clause 11.01.01-1L Glenrowan Township which iden design outcomes for subdivision within Precinct H (a) and protects agricultural Precinct H(b) until the site is considered for rezoning. |
| Submission Summary: The site was identified as being strategically located to provide for rural residential development by the Glenrowan Township Development Plan (2019) and the Glenrowan Bushfire Assessment (2014). Council supported the long-term rezoning of the site as a buffer between the township and the rural areas where bushfire risk is greatest. Development Plan Overlay 7 was applied to the site to manage future development of the land. Specific elements of subdivision design have been sized and constructed in the first phase of developing Precinct H, (these include roads and reticulated water supply) based on the assumption that they will service Precinct H in its entirety. A full assessment against criteria strategic planning policy and development assessment has been undertaken for the site and concludes that this site is appropriate for future development. The submitter has undertaken a site specific bushfire assessment that concludes that subdivisio can be undertaken safely. Requests that changes are made to the amendment to facilitate the original vision of developing this site and can reduce bushfire risk for existing residents within that location. | <text><image/><image/><text><text><text></text></text></text></text> |

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| | | Within this settlement context the Strategic Bushfire Assessment for Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy the methodology identities places of low risk and directs growth to those locations. Specifically relating to Glenrowan, the report advises: | |
| | | - Bushfire hazards surround the township on all sides | |
| | | - Substantial parts of the township and its surrounds are identified as BMO. | |
| | | That whilst there is a Neighbourhood Safer Place (located in the south east of the township) there is no location where the protection of human life can be reasonably assured from the impacts of bushfire | |
| | | - The bushfire report demonstrates that bushfire is considered, the changes to local policy in Glenrowan demonstrates Council is directing development to low risk locations (given there are multiple other locations in low and medium risk categories, there is no reason to provide opportunity for new development in Glenrowan going forward on this basis). | |
| | | Requested rezoning: The request to rezone 246 Old Hume Highway is beyond the scope of what was proposed by the amendment and is considered a material change to the amendment. | |
| | | - The classification Glenrowan as a high risk settlement recommends its should not be considered for further expansion and development, therefore the request to keep the current controls which allow the development of Precinct H b cannot be supported at this time. | |
| | | Post Exhibition Discussions with Submitter: | |
| | | A discussion with the landowner and one of their consultants occurred and a request to formally consider and adopt the bushfire report contained within their submission was made. It was advised given that rezoning precinct H b was not included as part of this request any rezoning would be subject to a separate amendment request (a discussion that rezoning precinct Hb did not form part of the amendment, | |
| | | - Post exhibition discussions have requested: | |
| | | Council consider and formally adopt the Bushfire Risk Assessment for 246 Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan. | |
| | | Particularly noting that Precinct H a of the Glenrowan Township Development Plan is fully completed. Precinct H b is now required based on market demand. | |
| | | The failure to complete Precinct Hb will result in in the overall vision for development being incomplete (eg roads that were anticipated as through roads would become dead end) | |
| | | Completing the development of Precinct Hb would better improve fire protection of 2 existing dwellings located within this precinct. | |
| | | As part of the consideration of this submission the Bushfire Risk Assessment, 246 Old Hume Highway Wangaratta (Risk Assessment Report, has been considered by Council (by planning staff only – not peer reviewed by a bushfire expert). In considering in the context of planning policy, the Risk Assessment Report agrees with the assessment of Glenrowan being a high-risk location compared to other settlements in the municipality as identified by the Strategic Bushfire Assessment for Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy. | |
| | | - The Risk Assessment Report further notes that a site assessment wasn't completed as a result of the high risk categorisation – the Risk Assessment Report provides this next level of assessment for 246 Old Hume Highway. | |
| | | Key points of note from this assessment include: | |
| | | There is advantage to 'shielding' existing development within the Glenrowan Township and providing resilience at the interface (by developing precinct Hb). | |

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| | | Stopping development in high risk areascreates tension and leaves the area undeve the same risk level as it was when previously addressed. |
| | | Developing the area with additional restrictions and scrutiny can create an acceptable adjacent areas. |
| | | The report is not disputing previous assessments made however stating at a more loc that 246 Old Hume Highway can be developed. Whilst there is acknowledged that at a level, with specific conditions risk from bushfire could be reduced at 246 Old Hume Highway can be developed. |
| | | However, pursuing development in this location does not comply with Clause 13.02 of Wangaratta Planning Scheme by directing development to a low risk locations, and is the recommendations of the Strategic Bushfire Planning Assessment for the Low Den Rural Living Strategy, which list a number of factors that impact safety of residents in a event. Whilst there is merit in competing the vision for the development in Precinct H a the purpose of completing road links and protecting existing residents, the developme site is still subject to risk which makes it inconsistent with settlement planning principl there are locations with much lower bushfire risk ratings. |
| | | For these reasons the requested changes cannot be accommodated. |
| | | Outcome: - Requested changes are not supported as: |
| | | Changes are inconsistent with Councils most recent adopted bushfire strategy (Strate Assessment for the Low Density and Rural Residential Strategy, March 2020, Nexus it applies to the Glenrowan Township) |
| | | Do not follow the intent of Clause 13.02 Bushfire Planning when assessing bushfire had identification and assessment for settlement planning, specifically in the context of lan conditions (which apply to landscape conditions within 20km and up to 75km of the site |
| | | - This submission remains outstanding and it's recommended the matter be referred to Panel for further review. |
| Submitter 13: | Submission position of the amendment | Thank the Submitter for their submission. |
| | - Supports the amendment in part | Discussion: |
| | - Objects to specific aspects of the amendment | Amendment C83 does not propose to acquire private land. |
| | Submission Summary: | As part of Amendment C83 there has been <u>no change</u> to: |
| | - Objects to acquisition of private land. | - The location of the walking path identified on public land along the King River interface |
| | Objects to path along the King River between the Snow Road and Lang Place. | Indicative connectivity identified as possible road connection in Precinct D – Low Dens Adjacent to the King River of the Oxley Township Development Plan. |
| | Advises: | Existing Precinct D (left) and proposed Precinct D (right) illustrating no change to walk |
| | Land owner has invested significant time and resources caring for flora and fauna in the crown land reserve area leased and adjoining her private property. | along King River interface. |
| | - Submitter has experienced 'unwelcome attention from undesirable visitors' trespassing on her property and believes a pathway along the King River will cause this to increase. | |
| | - Advises the pathway along the King River was not an action the Oxley community wanted. | |
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| | | These actions are contained in the Oxley Township Development Plan which was imp into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme in 2017 by Planning Scheme Amendment C67 Amendment C67 was the subject of a Panel, and the exhibited amendment was subjec changes that explicitly clarified any future walking path is on public land (not private la |
| | | Its acknowledged that that land owner has invested time and resources in caring for fi fauna and the beneficial outcomes are appreciated. |
| | | Crown land adjoining rivers and streams does not exclude public access, Any matters trespassers should be referred directly to police. |
| | | Extensive consultation with the community occurred in the development of the Oxley Development Plan and the resulting final document was implemented as the result of Planning Scheme Amendment. |
| | | Outcome: - Matters raised are beyond the scope of the amendment |
| | | - No further changes are recommended |
| Submitter 15: | Submission position of amendment: | The issues raised in this submission are considered to be addressed Thank submitter for their submission |
| | - In support of amendment | Discussion: |
| | Submission Summary: - Support for the amendment however submission raises concerns around rezoning of Precinct F of Oxley Township Development Plan rezoning regarding: | The amendment rezones land in precinct F of the Oxley Township, rezoning does not automatically mean any existing land use will change. Existing uses can continue, and subdivision and development will be assessed on individual merit as part of a planning application. |
| | Right to farm Rate increases, | Rates will likely change (increase) due to the change in value of the land increasing. impact that is considered beyond the scope of the amendment. |
| | Windfall gains tax Access to remaining farm land should the development go ahead. | Windfall gains tax concerns are triggered by planning, however sit outside the scope planning scheme amendment. There are circumstances triggered by rezoning the cau windfall gains tax event, however all matters relating to windfall gains tax should be d the state revenue office for accurate information specific to individual circumstance. |
| | | It would be an unacceptable outcome to eliminate access to an existing property as p rezoning. Property access can be addressed through new roads networks within esta final alignment and road network will be assessed during a planning permit applicatio the planning scheme and any new provisions implemented by this amendment. |
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Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Rural City of Wangaratta acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands, on which our communities reside. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and celebrate and respect their continuing cultures. We are committed to walking beside all traditional owners as we move toward reconciliation.

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Executive Summary

This Events and Attractions Strategy sets out the Rural City of Wangaratta's future intentions in the support, design and delivery of events within the municipality. Aligning with the vision of the community, and the Council plan, this strategy provides direction on decision making, event opportunities, goals and aspirations for the delivery of Council events, attraction of marquee events and the support of community events.

There are various challenges and opportunities that are addressed throughout this strategy that are specific to event delivery within Wangaratta. We aim to be aware of the challenges, be creative in addressing them and capitalise on the opportunities that our City presents.

Listening to the community to develop a diverse events program that benefits the social, cultural and economic wellbeing is a key priority. By curating a program of free and low cost events that aligns with the direction of Council and the strengths of the region, we can ensure that the economic benefit and return on investment is elevated to new heights and Wangaratta is known as an idealistic events destination.

Enhancing community connection and resilience is a by-product of this strategy however one that is an essential element that we hope to grow throughout the delivery of this strategy.

Council intends for this strategy to be a guide, yet aspirational in scope to ensure that opportunities presented are able to be realised. We want our community to be inspired by what they see, do and feel when they are at events. We want to generate positive conversation about Wangaratta and people to be amazed by the city we live in. This strategy has defined five objectives that will be the anchors of the work in the coming years. Those objectives are:

1-COLLABORATION

Develop partnerships that support the delivery of events within the Municipality.

2-ATTRACTION & MARKETING

Increase the tourism and economic benefit to the community through marquee event delivery and support, via council funded or commercially operated events.

3-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Reduce environmental impacts, improve sustainability and increase community accessibility at events held within the Municipality.

4-ALIGNMENT

Formalise event funding criteria and post event evaluation to ensure investment aligns with the council plan.

5-REVIEW & ASSESS

Review the current council event program and event attraction program to ensure community satisfaction, and assess council supported events in line with community and council priorities.

Event Strategy Vision

Wangaratta will be an established and welcoming events destination, stimulating economic activity, encouraging new residents, and delivering memorable experiences to everyone.

Event Strategy Mission

Enable a vibrant events program that fosters strong community spirit, celebrates diversity and contributes to the cultural, social and economic well-being of the community and visitors to the region.

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Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029

Introduction

This strategy is tasked with adapting to a different community and events delivery landscape than has been previously experienced by Wangaratta and indeed the nation. We know that the way people engage with events has changed in light of the years of covid that have been endured and this strategy will address the landscape that events now operate.

Council has liaised with the community and user groups in regard to what you want to see and a set of deliverable actions define this strategy for Council. We asked, What people wanted to see in our community, What are our best assets, What are areas that we should focus on and How can we be more sustainable, to name a few. The feedback has been critical in driving the decisions around how events look in the future and we thank the community for their feedback.

Council has also incorporated professional industry expertise and regional data to inform our approach, while also aligning with a number of existing Council strategies.

This strategy has aligned with the below documents and will continue to address community needs as these strategies and plans are updated over the life of this document.

- Council Plan
- Recreation Strategy & Playspace Strategy
- Economic Development & Tourism Strategy
- Waste Management Strategy
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- Community Access & Inclusion Plan



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Waste Management Considerations

- Reduce waste and maximise resource recovery from Council's offices and operations, including services provided to local communities.
- To be recognised as a leader in municipal waste management and inspire the business sector to move towards a circular economy for waste management to boost innovation and resource recovery.
- · Foster sustainable consumption and waste management practices among the community.
- To ensure maximum participation and support for waste minimisation, Council will participate in public awareness and education programs for both the community and business, particularly with regard to the need to avoid or reduce packaging.

Environmental & Sustainability Considerations

- Ensure sustainability criteria are strengthened for the community grants program and to support relevant applicants through the process.
- Integrate environmental considerations & climate change risk in the Council plan and council strategies during their review.
- Develop and implement a single use plastic policy for Council's operations & events, that includes an educational workshop
 and bin audit.
- Reduce waste, paper and water usage through education & changing processes.
- Work in partnership with the community & local groups to increase awareness of resource consumption and improve waste avoidance.
- Develop 'Waste Wise' event guidelines that include waste minimisation guidelines for all event applications



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Community Access & Inclusion Considerations

- Increase inclusivity of Council events, activities and festivals to enable more people with disability to participate.
- Continue to be an organisation that advocates for equal and fair treatment of people of all abilities.
- Increase accessibility of high-use public facilities in the Rural City of Wangaratta.
- Continue to improve and maintain Council's public spaces to ensure areas are accessible and support physical activity
 for the whole community



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Current Council Plan Considerations

- 2.1.2 Deliver arts, culture and exhibition programs that recognise, support and address issues of mental health and social inequities.
- 2.3.1. Deliver annual events and initiatives that focus on celebrating diversity, connection, belonging for everyone within our community.
- 2.4.5.1 Include the delivery of drug, smoke and alcohol-free events into the annual events calendar.
- 3.2.3.1 Reduce waste, paper and water usage in Council facilities and events through education.
- 5.2.1.1 Increase the representation of our cultural story and history throughout our community and recognise its impact on our sense of place.
- 5.2.1.2. Deliver projects in partnership with our indigenous and cultural groups to celebrate the diversity and history of our region.
- 5.2.2.2 Organise the Wangaratta Australia Day ceremony and support rural community to deliver Australia Day events.
- 5.2.2.3 Continue to promote recognise and celebrate NAIDOC week within our community.
- 5.2.2.4 Partner with local community groups to increase the support and inclusion of our population that were born overseas.
- 5.5.1. Deliver a diverse and engaging annual program of events that caters to the needs of the community.
- 5.6.1. Deliver a diverse annual calendar of accessible community events throughout the municipality that provide opportunities for community members to connect.
- 5.6.1.2 Plan for and develop infrastructure in key strategic spaces that can facilitate the delivery of community-based events.
- 5.6.2.1 Support groups and clubs to deliver events to their members and the broader community.
- 5.7.1. Ensure planning for new and redeveloped community facilities incorporates universal design principles



Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029

Definitions

In the development of this strategy, the definition of an event was considered. The primary focus of the Rural City of Wangaratta is on the approval and curation of events on public land, however, events held on private property is also included within this plan to ensure that some significant, privately funded tourism events are captured and supported.

This plan specifically excluded normal day to day activities, sporting matches, exhibitions and presentations at the Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre, Wangaratta Art Gallery, and Wangaratta Library and at individual sporting clubs, commercial businesses and tourism attractions.

In defining an event for the purposes of event approval policy and procedures, the following definition has been applied:

An event is any organised activity, where an open area, facility, venue, road or temporary structure is to be used by more people than are usually found in that location.

For the purposes of funding decisions and permit approvals and delegations, the following categories of events should be applied.

Marguee Events

Events with attendances in excess of 3,000 people. Marquee events should drive overnight stays within the Rural City of Wangaratta and will require significant event planning and approval processes.

Major Events

Events with attendances in excess of 500 people. Major events will require event approval on public land involving a number of permits dependent on the event complexity

Minor Events

Events with attendances between 100 and 500 people (depending on the event complexity). These events will require approval, but should be relatively simple to review with a focus on public safety and infrastructure impact

Public Gatherings

Gatherings of community organisations, friends or families for the purpose of celebration, protest or organised activity of up to 100 people. Public gatherings will require a booking approval to ensure there is no conflict within an event venue.



Council's Event Roles & Responsibilities

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The curation, funding and approval of events within the Rural City of Wangaratta is an all of Council responsibility. All directorates have a level of responsibility in the delivery of events on Council land, with some areas also responsible for the approval of events and activities on private land.

The Arts, Culture and Events team within the Sustainability & Culture Directorate undertake a lead, coordinating role in the delivery and approval of events. This team provides strategic and operational advice to other departments as required and acts as advocates for external event providers staging events on public land.

Responsibilities for each directorate as they currently stand are as follows:

The Office of the Chief Executive Officer

Responsible for:

- Coordination of function VIP guest lists, invitations
 and communication
- Civic protocols
- Councillor liaison and attendance at events

Sustainability & Culture

Responsible for:

- Delivery of the Rural City of Wangaratta's events program
- Development and application of event policies and procedures
- Attracting and bidding for marquee events
- Event promotion through the
 Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre
- Delivery of youth events through the FREEZA program
- Venue Management of the Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre, Wangaratta Art Gallery, Wangaratta Library and Wangaratta Showgrounds
- Places of Public Entertainment and Temporary
 Structure approvals
- Food trader and commercial activity approvals
- Permit approval under Local Laws
- · Grants funding program for tourism and sporting events
- Business event attraction
- Tourism promotion and development
- Advertising and Media Management
- Social Media Campaigns

Corporate & Leisure

Responsible for:

- Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre booking and management
- Financial management, invoicing and supplier payments
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Risk Assessment Approvals
- Governance advice
- Permit approvals through Customer Service

Community & Infrastructure

Responsible for:

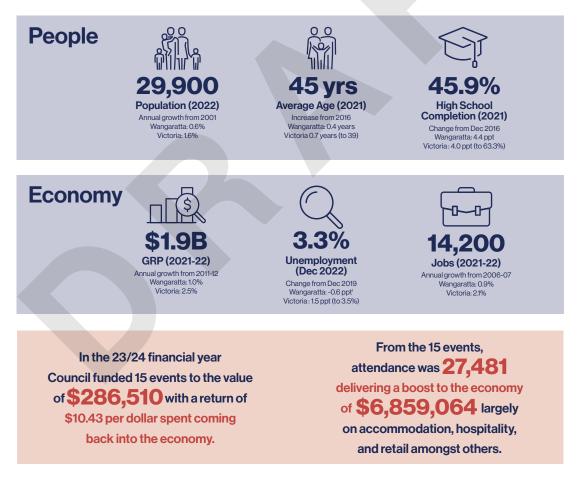
- Traffic Management Planning
- Building and services maintenance
- Waste Management
- Venue preparation including horticulture services
- Road closures on local roads
- · Event support through plant, equipment and labour
- Venue inspections
- Venue design and development
- · Booking and Management of community event resources
- Booking of sporting venues and spaces
- Management of Community Halls and Recreation Reserves
- Coordination of aged care activities
- Delivery of Early Childhood events and activities
- Sponsorship grants program
- Community grants funding

The Events Landscape

With a population of around 30,000 residents, Wangaratta is located in picturesque North East of Victoria and is home to some of the world's best wineries, off-road biking and entertainment.

The Wangaratta local government area has a median age of 45 and census data estimates that there are 64% of the population with children, a median weekly household income of \$1,367 and 5% speak a language other than English at home (>.6% since 2016). The diversity of the community is increasing and our community is made up of many amazing people who are eager to be entertained and build a genuine connection.

With the economic challenges facing households, alongside the expectations of our community, the aim is to pivot our event planning to make the most of Councils budget allocation and commercial opportunities as they arise.



Rural City of Wangaratta Funding

Events deliver community engagement and connectivity that can't be measured in numerical data. The social, wellbeing and emotional benefits of events present in various ways including an increased appeal of liveability and a connectedness that disperses through our community.

Events can be used to educate people about challenging topics, support a larger message and introduce our community to enriching experiences that they may otherwise overlook.

The promotion of diversity can instil a sense of community pride and identity that can encourage acceptance and understanding of situations and difficulties that others face.

The Connection needs analysis commissioned by the Council's Grit & Resilience Program says that "Connected communities are engaged, safer and are more likely to have higher rates of volunteerism than those with less connection. Social connection provides meaning, purpose, support and a sense of belonging. With connection, we are better able to regulate stress".

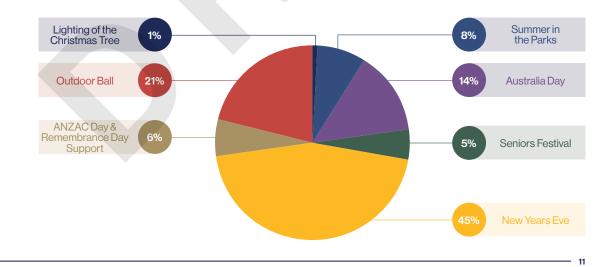
The Rural City of Wangaratta recognise the combined economic and social benefits of events to the community and are committed to providing funding in a way that brings experiences to delight residents, and offers a way for everyone to be involved, no matter their circumstances. It is critical when assessing the benefits of events for the community that we don't discount the impact that events can have on the business sector and community amenity. Council makes site recommendations that are in the best interests of the event and the community when considering site access, parking, overcrowding and temporary event precincts that are erected.

Council has been working hard to make New Years Eve the largest community and regionally significant event and is making major headway, attracting thousands of people annually.

- 2021-3,800 attendees
- 2022-6,200 attendees
- 2023 8.500 attendees
- 2024 10,100 attendees

Council cannot deliver all events in the community, and we work with larger event organisers to incentivise and bring them to town for the economic benefit of the wider community. Having the Event Attraction budget is an outcome of the 2019-2023 Events & Attractions Strategy which identified this to progress events locally.

The below table shows the breakdown of Council event funding and how it was allocated throughout the 23/24 financial year.



Event Attraction Funding breakdown 23/24

| Entertainment Fees RegFest - County Music event and Rodeo New Years Event entertainment contribution, 2024 event & 2025 deposit Project 365 event support | 64% |
|--|-----|
| Sporting Fees Winter Junior Baseball Championships Esports as part of Geekcon at Wangaratta Library Great Victorian Bike Ride event contribution NBL Basketball event contribution | 25% |
| Community Event Support Fees Operational: Waste for supported events, room hire, signage Venue hire for N Scale National Train Convention | 11% |



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Event Delivery Structure

| Council Programmed Events | Collaborative Events | Community Events |
|--|---|--|
| RSL support of ANZAC Day & Rememberance Day New Years Eve Australia Day Awards Outdoor Ball Lighting of the Christmas tree | AFL games T20 International Cricket Reg Fest - Country Music event & Rodeo Project 365 Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues Seniors Festival* Summer in the Parks* | Wangaratta Farmers Market La Dolce Vita Festival Trails, Tasting & Tales King Valley Challenge Wangaratta Fun Run PLUS many, many others! |
| Managed and run solely by Council with some community involvement. <i>Budgeted for annually.</i> | Usually a collaboration between Council and an external organisation. Funded from Event Attraction budget. *Events budgeted for annually. | Planned & executed by community organisations with varying levels of Council support. <i>Not funded by Council's events budget</i> . |

This table outlines some of the events that are managed or supported from the Council Events team. Various other Council departments are responsible for delivering events according to their specific needs and area of expertise e.g. Youth, Sustainability, Environment and Economic Development.

Council's support of community events is by way of knowledge sharing and up-skilling groups in order for them to deliver the best event possible. This support is often human resource support rather than monetary and equates to around 60% of the work delivered by the events team.



Opportunities & Challenges

| Opportunities | Challenges |
|---|--|
| Rich Indigenous culture and history Well established community groups willing to collaborate with Council High quality Parks/Gardens and green spaces | Limited large indoor venues for events during periods of adverse weather Limited post event assessment criteria Contested Indigenous Land makes first nations work complex |
| First class Performing Arts & Convention Centre and Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre | Volunteer burnout with limited new committee members |
| High interest in local community events Opportunity to further develop commercial relationships to support marquee event attraction Increase sustainability expectations for events on council land The Wangaratta Creative Precinct development project that will create new opportunities for events | Dated infrastructure and facilities at major sports grounds Increase in sport participation (multi-gender) putting pressure on the quantity of grounds and unsuitable and dated facilities Neighbouring Councils developing high quality venues, attracting marquee events |
| to take place Consider iconic locations for events to take place | Cost of infrastructure and event delivery is increasing Flood inundation and aging tree risk (Apex Park & Merriwa Park) Limited services and infrastructure at the Events Precinct (Rodeo Ground) |
| | Marquee event attendance limited in line with accommodation limitations (2,400 beds) Lack of Tourist attractions in urban Wangaratta to attract tourism |

Opportunities & Challenges

Major Challenges

- a. Infrastructure is falling behind other Regional Councils which is making it increasingly difficult to attract marquee events of regional significance. This was evident in the awarding of the Ovens and Murray Football & Netball Grand Final to Lavington Sports Ground for the 23, 24, 25 years rather than the Wangaratta Showgrounds.
- b. AFLW have advised that the facilities required to attract this sport Wangaratta must be specific to participants of AFLW (individual showers etc.). Currently there are minimal venues that can accommodate this.
- c. The Events Precinct (Rodeo Grounds) is without essential services such as irrigation, multi-access water, and lighting for public safety at events and for relief centre use. Accessing funding for these works will be essential to how the space can be used and recover from marquee events in future.
- d. Limited accommodation capacity when using marquee events to attract overnight stays. With a current hard limit of 2,400 on guest beds this may limit the appeal for event organisers and tourists alike.
- e. Wangaratta community is generally conservative in their interests and tend not to engage in events that are too far out of their cultural and creative preferences.



How This Strategy Was Developed

In 2018 Council adopted the 2018-2023 Events & Attractions Strategy which set out the future direction in support, curation, and delivery of events within the municipality. The strategy outlined some key challenges and shortcomings to be addressed throughout the implementation plan such as;

- Required consolidation of event funding
- · Development of policies, procedures and application forms pertaining to events and their delivery
- · Collate venue maps of public spaces and fact sheets that support event organisers
- · Increased resourcing in the events team to support community and commercial organisations to work with Council
- Develop signage to be used at Council supported events
- · Support community events with knowledge, reduced rates and identifying funding opportunities
- Formalise the old rodeo grounds as the preferred events precinct for major events
- Support the attraction and delivery of major events to boost the economy and tourism

From the actions identified in the strategy some were unable to be completed due to Covid and changes in feasibility which changed their application. Of the actions that were completed, there was effective framework set up for events with the documents, policies and procedures in place to support event delivery.

The events landscape has changed, and it is timely that the strategy is reconsidered to meet the needs of the community where they are today and looking into the future.

In 2023 engagement commenced to gather community data to inform this strategy. Methods for engagement included face to face sessions open to the community, consultation sessions with interested user groups, feedback from Councillors and Council staff from various departments and an electronic survey was open for 46 days to the community and staff.



How This Strategy Was Developed

From the data, Council and the community unanimously agree that events bring many benefits to our community, such as;

Community Connection & Inclusion:

Events help build a sense of belonging and community by bringing people together. This can be especially important for those who might be experiencing challenging situations.

Celebration & Pride:

Celebrating local culture, achievements, or milestones through events fosters pride in the community and creates a shared experience that enhances local identity.

Economic Impact:

Local events can drive economic growth by encouraging people to spend money in the community, supporting local businesses, and creating employment opportunities.

Social Interaction:

Events offer a platform for people to meet others with similar interests, engage in social activities, and strengthen community bonds.

Tourism & Local Growth:

Well-organized events can attract tourists, increasing visibility and tourism opportunities for the area, and sometimes even prompting people to move or invest in the community.

Health & Wellbeing:

Participation in community events can positively impact mental health by reducing isolation, promoting physical activity, and providing opportunities for social engagement.

Educational & Cultural Enrichment:

Events can offer opportunities for learning and cultural enrichment, enhancing the community's knowledge and appreciation of diverse topics and skills. Specifically, there were several standout priorities identified by the community, and a desire to participate in more events **more frequently.** Top five community priorities include,

- Rock Music, Pop Music, Acoustic Music, Country Music There's strong interest in live music across various genres.
- 2. Food & Wine Events including festivals and affordable produce markets.
- 3. **Cultural Experiences –** Including a diverse range of events like LGBTQIA+ specific events, family-friendly events, environmental seminars, and multicultural events including First Nations celebrations.
- Markets Affordable, frequent markets (like weekly farmers markets) are a high priority.
- 5. **Public Art Installations –** Residents are also interested in public art installations to beautify the town and create engagement.



Noticeably sport did not appear as a top priority from the data collected however when considering the top five community assets, sport and recreation assets featured highly with the top five being,

- 1. **Sports and Events Precinct –** This is a major focus for hosting large-scale music and sporting events.
- 2. Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre (WSAC) This centre is seen as key for attracting national-level competitions and community engagement.
- 3. Merriwa Park and King George Gardens Both spaces are highlighted as key venues for community events, including possible activation through cultural festivals and live performances.
- 4. Rodeo Grounds (Events Precinct) Identified for future event ideas, including Monster trucks, Supercross, and a candidate for infrastructure upgrades (power, water, lighting).
- 5. Norm Minns Oval and North Wangaratta Oval Important venues for sporting events, both recognized as valuable assets for future event planning.

Respondents also believe that Wangaratta has a level of cultural and social vibrancy that portrays a progressive, happy and resilient city. This belief is established by a thriving layer of arts and culture, combined with natural beauty, cultural events and its centrality to the wine and food regions that continue to define Wangaratta's identity.

Sport continues to play a large role in community engagement and participation, appealing to a broad demographic, fostering local pride as well as providing an important channel for local talent to be recognised.

It is evident that there is a strong desire from the community to ensure that we are a welcoming, accessible, and inclusive community with a culturally diverse event calendar. This is something that Council will be focusing on in the revised strategy to build a community that is strong and connected to ensure that we can withstand challenging situations together.



How This Strategy Was Developed

Based on the consultation conducted, the strategic objectives for Council in the coming five years are:

1-COLLABORATION

Develop partnerships that support the delivery of events within the Municipality.

2-ATTRACTION & MARKETING

Increase the tourism and economic benefit to the community through marquee event delivery and support, via council funded or commercially operated events.

3-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Reduce environmental impacts, improve sustainability and increase community accessibility at events held within the Municipality.

4-ALIGNMENT

Formalise event funding criteria and post event evaluation to ensure investment aligns with the council plan.

5-REVIEW & ASSESS

Review the current council event program and event attraction program to ensure community satisfaction, and assess council supported events in line with community and council priorities. These objectives will feature throughout the remainder of the document alongside actions to address the objectives are further detailed.

In addition to the community consultation carried out, the below organisations and strategic documents have also been referenced throughout the development of this strategy.

- Creative State 2025 (document)
- REVIVE Australian Government Cultural Policy (document)
- Council's Grit & Resilience Program
- Alpine Shire
- Warrnambool City Council
- City of Melbourne
- City of Ballarat
- City of Greater Bendigo
- City of Freemantle
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Shire of Campaspe
- Government of South Australia
- Tourism North East
- The University of Melbourne



Strategic Objectives

The strategic objectives have been translated into a detailed list of tasks and actions, ensuring the successful delivery of the community's wants and needs. These actionable steps will bring us closer to realising our vision of becoming a vibrant and welcoming events destination.

Strategic Objective 1 – COLLABORATION

Develop partnerships that support the delivery of events within the Municipality.

Our community is made up individuals and community groups that bring knowledge and diversity to the events scene within our municipality. Council places a high value on this and can see the importance in empowering people and groups to design and deliver events to the community. Of particular community interest are those that celebrate our past, present and future.

Council will be a proactive enabler of such events and ensure that the community is skilled to do so in addition to providing support as needed. It is important that events of this nature can build and grow into an event to be rivalled.

| Action |
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| 1.1 Develop a database of event contacts that Council can communicate with when funding opportunities arise (tourism grants, sponsorship grants). |
| 1.2 Monitor state and federal grant activity to keep abreast of upcoming opportunities. |
| 1.3 Develop a library of event concepts and design funding ready event plans to make the most |
| of grants as they arise. |
| 1.4 Support training of community organisations/committees in event delivery best practise (RCOW web presence, social media, event planning). |
| 1.5 Support local event organisers to design events for the community in line with community interests. |
| 1.6 Develop a digital compendium of event management documents for internal and external use. Store on RCOW website for customer access. |
| 1.7 Investigate ways to activate public spaces within the CBD. |
| 1.8 Identify training opportunities and support for Rural Hall Committees in relation to event planning and best practice. |
| 1.9 Build on relationships with key event and tourism organisations such as but not limited to, Tourism North East, Visit Victoria and Sporting Schools Victoria. Engage with these organisations a minimum of twice yearly or as needed, to develop opportunities and enhance benefit for our municipality. |
| 1.10 Continue to utilise local artists where possible to foster growth and support professional development. |
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Strategic Objective 2 – ATTRACTION & MARKETING

Increase the tourism and economic benefit to the community through marquee event delivery, via Council or commercially operated events

Develop collateral to support Wangaratta being known as a premier event destination to support and encourage commercial relationships to bring events to Wangaratta. Ensure easy to follow processes and procedures are in place to make working with Wangaratta straightforward and a positive experience.

| Task | Action |
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| Commercial partnerships | Develop an external facing prospectus and video clip to promote Wangaratta to attract large events and high-profile sport. Work with Sports Marketing Australia and other regional/national touring organisations to build on commercial partner relationships. Actively seek and bid for two additional sporting or live performance marquee events each year through the Event Attraction budget. |
| Event support & collateral | Summarise key regional information, marketing and promotional opportunities, local supplier database, helpful links and significant local contacts in a toolkit to provide to event organisers. Annually update the RCOW website with the above information. Utilise CBD track banners and "Welcome to Wangaratta" entrance signs for large scale Council events in Wangaratta. Continue to add to the RCOW stock image library with current event images and video footage. |
| WSAC activation | 2.7 Working with the WSAC team and local users, build partnerships with State and National sporting bodies to promote activation of the new multipurpose stadium. 2.8 Working with the WSAC team advocate for State and Regional aquatic events to take place at WSAC. |

Strategic Objective 3 – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Reduce environmental impacts, improve sustainability and increase community accessibility at events held within the Municipality.

Council will endeavour to become more accessible to all people and employ sustainability practices to reduce the environmental impacts of events. Council will align with the goals of the Waste Management Strategy and the expectations of waste processing within the municipality.

Continue to manage human resourcing according to best practise to ensure high engagement of the staff and volunteers when delivering fantastic events for our community.

| Task | Action |
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| Sustainability | Develop waste wise event guidelines for events taking place on Council land including waste, recycling, sustainability and noise minimisation expectations. Make the waste wise event guidelines accessible on Council's website and share with event organisers via the event approval correspondence. Eliminate the purchase and distribution of single use plastics for Council delivered events. Introduce clear signage for bins to identify where rubbish should be disposed. |
| Accessibility | 3.5 Review the accessibility strategy and ensure alignment across Council and externally delivered events. 3.6 Ensure an equity impact assessment is completed and action taken for events delivered by Council. 3.7 When coordinating large scale or diverse events, consult with key professionals to inform decision making. (e.g., Security, Police, specialist staff/organisations). 3.8 Increase inclusion of culturally diverse elements in the event programming where suitable to do so. |
| Community Groups | 3.9 Engage community groups to support major events where there are appropriate roles/tasks. |
| Staffing | 3.10 Engage interdepartmental Council staff in an ad hoc manner to support peak periods of event delivery. |
| Benchmarking | 3.11 Conduct benchmarking of other regional Council event teams to gauge event management procedures and align with best practice. |

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Strategic Objective 4 – ALIGNMENT

Formalise event funding criteria and post event evaluation to ensure investment aligns with the Council Plan.

Having a clear understanding of the community expectations and the return from events, we will be able to drive conversations, attract and select events that are in line with Council's goals. In addition to this, updating the assessment tools and documentation is critical to accurate data collection.

Providing clarity in this space will make working with Council much easier and proficient for external organisations

| Task | Action |
|------------------------------|--|
| Funding alignment | 4.1 Implement funding criteria to assess financial event support requests.4.2 Create contract or MOU documents that are user friendly and easily accessible online. |
| Formalise funding agreements | 4.3 Develop a funding MOU with clear event expectations, a summary of data required for acquittal and the roles and responsibilities for each party. 4.4 Coordinate council's logos and signage to be present in pre-event marketing and throughout event delivery. |
| Event Policy | 4.5 Review and update councils event policy as needed. |



Strategic Objective 5 – REVIEW & ASSESS

Review the current council event program and event attraction program to ensure community satisfaction, and assess council supported events in line with community and council priorities.

Implement measurement tools to encourage regular data collection from the community, event organisers and event attendees to inform goals and priorities of Council. This will also help to identify when a shift is required in event programming and planning.

Deliver a detailed venue assessment to identify opportunities and challenges in regard to our desired event direction and to inform future priorities for funding opportunities.

| Task | Action |
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| Annual survey | 5.1 Conduct an annual events survey to assess the events program delivered and identify areas for growth. |
| | 5.2 Increase community satisfaction over the lifetime of this strategy. |
| Review event data | 5.3 Develop a post event survey to assess visitation, overnight stays, employment and economic benefit of RCOW and commercial supported events. |
| | 5.4 Assess the post event return on investment of council funded events. |
| | 5.5 Provide Council with a post event season summary to evaluate satisfaction and alignment with the Council plan. |
| Economic benefit | 5.6 Attract or curate events that encourage overnight stays and patronage to local businesses. |
| | 5.7 Consider event 'add-ons' that can encourage visitors to stay longer in the region and a dual marketing approach. |
| | 5.8 Continue to increase economic benefit to the community. |
| Assess event | 5.9 Assess major council facilities and venues for works required to host major events of interest |
| facilities and | including club rooms, data and electrical services. |
| venues | 5.10 Consider works identified as part of the facilities assessment as part of Council's Long Term Financial Plan and annual Budget processes. |

Decision Making Criteria

Decision Making Criteria

Event opportunities will be assessed based on the below comprehensive criteria to ensure their alignment with the goals and values of the Wangaratta community and the deliverables of this strategy.

1. Community Outcomes

The event will provide a positive outcomes to the community of Wangaratta, being either social, economic, wellbeing, tourism, or profiling.

2. Resourcing

Best practice will be used when managing staff, volunteers or community groups at the event.

3. Feasibility

Are the resources (budget, staff, venue) available to successfully execute the event?

4. Partnership Opportunities

Can the event be enhanced through partnerships with local organisations, businesses, or sponsors?

5. Accessibility

Are there plans to incorporate environmentally friendly processes, to eliminate and reduce waste at events?

6. Environmental

Are there plans to incorporate environmentally friendly practices and minimise waste?

7. Safety and Risk Management

Are there adequate safety measures in place to ensure the wellbeing of all participants?

8. Marketing and Promotion Potential

Is there a clear strategy for effectively promoting the event to maximize attendance and engagement? How will marketing of the event also incorporate the RCoW brand?

9. Evaluation and Feedback Mechanisms

How will success be measured, and is there a plan for gathering feedback from participants?



Implementation Plan

The table below outlines how the actions contained in this strategy will be implemented and by who. Shaded boxes indicate the intended delivery year.

| Strategic Objec | tive 1 | - COLLABORATION | Responsibility | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|--------------------------|--------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Funding opportunities | 1.1 | Develop a database of event contacts that Council can communicate with when funding opportunities arise (tourism grants, sponsorship grants). | Event Support Officer | | | | | |
| | 1.2 | Monitor state and federal grant activity to keep abreast of upcoming opportunities. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 1.3 | Develop a library of event concepts and design funding ready event plans to make the most of grants as they arise. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| Increase capability | 1.4 | Support training of community organisations/committees in event delivery best practise (RCOW web presence, social media, event planning). | Events Team | | | | | |
| | 1.5 | Support local event organisers to design events for the community in line with community interests. | Events Team | | | | | |
| | 1.6 | Develop a digital compendium of useful event management documents for internal and external use. Locate on RCOW website. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 1.7 | Investigate ways to activate public spaces within the CBD. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| Rural Hall Committees | 1.8 | Identify training opportunities and support for Rural Hall Committees in relation to event planning and best practice. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| Relationships | 1.9 | Build on relationships with key event and tourism organisations such as, Tourism North East, Visit Victoria and Sporting Schools Victoria. Engage with these organisations a minimum of twice yearly or as needed, to develop opportunities and enhance benefit for our municipality. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| | 1.10 | Continue to utilise local artists where possible to foster growth and support professional development. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |

Implementation Plan

| Strategic Object | tive 2 | - ATTRACTION MARKETING | Responsibility | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Commercial partnerships | 2.1 | Develop an external facing prospectus and video clip to promote Wangaratta to attract large events and high-profile sport. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| | 2.2 | Work with Sports Marketing Australia and other regional/national touring organisations to build on commercial partner relationships. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| | 2.3 | Actively seek and bid for two additional sporting or live performance marquee events each year through the Event Attraction budget. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| Event support & collateral | 2.4 | Summarise key regional information, marketing and promotional opportunities, local supplier database, helpful links and significant local contacts in a toolkit to provide to event organisers. Annually update the RCOW website with the above information. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 2.5 | Utilise CBD track banners and "Welcome to Wangaratta" entrance signs for large scale Council events in Wangaratta. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 2.6 | Continue to add to the stock image library with current event images and video footage. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| WSAC activation | 2.7 | Working with the WSAC team and local users, build partnerships with State and National basketball and netball organisers to promote activation of the new multipurpose stadium. | Event Attraction Coordinator WSAC Venue Manager | | | | | |
| | 2.8 | Working with the WSAC team advocate for State and Regional aquatic events to take place at WSAC. | Event Attraction Coordinator WSAC Venue Manager | | | | | |

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| Strategic Object | ctive 3 | - ATTRACTION MARKETING | Responsibility | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|---------------------|---------|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sustainability | 3.1 | Develop waste wise event guidelines for events taking place on Council land including waste, recycling, sustainability and noise minimisation expectations. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader Waste Management Coordinator | | | | | |
| | 3.2 | Make the waste wise event guidelines accessible on Council's website and share with event organisers via the event approval correspondence. | Marketing & Communications Lead | | | | | |
| | 3.3 | Eliminate the purchase and distribution of single use plastics for Council delivered events. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 3.4 | Introduce clear signage for bins to identify where rubbish should be disposed. | Events Support Officer | | | | | |
| | 3.5 | Review the accessibility strategy and ensure alignment across Council and externally delivered events. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 3.6 | Ensure an equity impact assessment is completed for events delivered by Council. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Support Officer | | | | | |
| | 3.7 | When coordinating large scale or diverse events, consult with key professionals to inform decision making. (e.g., Security, Police, specialist staff/organisations). | Events Support Officer | | | | | |
| | 3.8 | Ensure that culturally diverse elements or events are included in the event programming where possible. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| Community Groups | 3.9 | Engage community groups to support major events where there are appropriate roles/tasks. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| Staffing | 3.10 | Engage interdepartmental council staff in an ad hoc manner to support peak periods of event delivery. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| Benchmarking | 3.11 | Conduct benchmarking of other regional Council event teams to gauge event management procedures and align with best practice. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |

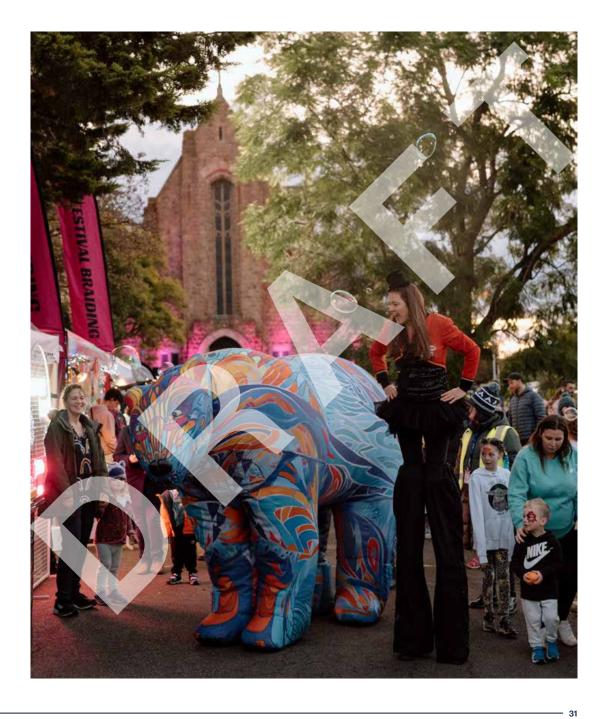
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| Strategic Objective 4 – ALIGNMENT | | Responsibility | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|--|------|------|------|------|--|
| Funding alignment | 4.1 | Implement funding criteria to assess event support requests. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| | 4.2 | Create contract or MOU documents that are user friendly and easily accessible online. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| Formalise funding agreements | 4.3 | Develop a funding MOU for those accessing event funding with clear event expectations, a summary of data required for acquittal and the roles and responsibilities for each party. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| | 4.4 | Coordinate Council's logos and signage to be present in pre-event marketing and throughout event delivery. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| Event Policy | 4.5 | Review and update Council's event policy as needed. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |



| Strategic Obje | ctive 5 – REVIEW & ASSESS | Responsibility | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|--|---|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Annual survey | 5.1 Conduct an annual events survey to assess the events program delivered and identify areas for growth. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 5.2 Increase community satisfaction over the lifetime of this strategy. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| Review event data | 5.3 Develop a post event survey to assess visitation, overnight stays, employment and economic benefit of RCOW and commercial supported events. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 5.4 Assess the post event return on investment of council funded events. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 5.5 Provide Council with a post event season summary to evaluate satisfaction and alignment with the Council plan. | Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| Economic benefit | 5.6 Attract events that encourage overnight stays and patronage to local businesses. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader | | | | | |
| | 5.7 Consider event 'add-ons' that can encourage visitors to stay longer in the region and a dual marketing approach. | Event Attraction Coordinator Events Team Leader Events Support Officer | | | | | |
| | 5.8 Continue to increase economic benefit to the community. | Event Attraction Coordinator | | | | | |
| Assess event facilities and venues | 5.9 Assess major council facilities and venues for works required to host major events of interest including club rooms, data and electrical services. | Event Attraction Coordinator Manager – Infrastructure, Planning & Delivery | | | | | |
| | 5.10 Consider works identified as part of the facilities assessment as part of Council's Long Term Financial Plan and annual Budget processes. | Event Attraction Coordinator Manager – Infrastructure, Planning & Delivery | | | | | |









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1. Procurement Policy

This Procurement Policy is made under Section 108 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (**the Act**). The Act requires the Rural City of Wangaratta (**Council**) to:

- adopt a Procurement Policy;
- review the Procurement Policy once during each 4-year term of Council; and
- nominate a threshold value for public tenders or expressions of interests.

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- provide guidance to Council to allow consistency and good governance over procurement activities;
- provide guidance on ethical behaviour in Council procurement activities;
- ensure the application of best practice in procurement activities;
- increase the probability of obtaining value for money when purchasing goods, services or works; and
- demonstrate accountability and transparency to rate payers through open and fair competition.

1.2 Scope

This Policy applies to all Council procurement activities for the purchase of goods, services or works. It is binding upon Councillors, and upon Council staff undertaking procurement on behalf of Council.

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2. Governance and Ethics

2.1 Governance

Council shall establish a procurement management responsibility structure and delegations ensuring accountability, traceability and auditability of all procurement decisions made by Council.

Council's procurement structure should:

- ensure flexibility to purchase in a timely manner the diverse range of material, goods, services and works required by Council;
- ensure that prospective contractors and suppliers are afforded an equal opportunity to tender/quote;
- encourage competition; and
- incorporate strategies for managing risks associated with all procurements and be applied consistently.

2.2 Standards

Council's procurement activities shall be carried out to the professional standards required by best practice and in compliance with:

- The Act,
- Council's policies,
- Council's Codes of Conduct,
- Local Government Procurement Best Practice Guidelines
- Other relevant legislative requirements such as but not limited to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), *Goods Act 1958* and *Environment Protection Act 2017* and *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*, as well as the *Child Safe Standards*.

2.3 Responsible Financial Management

The principles of responsible financial management shall be applied to all procurement activities.

Council funds must be used efficiently and effectively to procure goods, services and works and every attempt must be made to contain the costs of the procurement process without compromising any of the procurement principles set out in this Policy.

The availability of existing funds within an approved budget, or source of funds, shall be established prior to the commencement of any procurement action for the supply of goods, services or works.

Council staff must not authorise the expenditure of funds in excess of their financial delegations.

2.4 Ethics Requirement

Council's procurement activities shall be performed with integrity and in a manner able to withstand the closest possible scrutiny.

2.5 Conduct of Councillors and Council Staff

Councillors and Council staff shall at all times conduct themselves in ways that are, and seen to be, ethical and of the highest integrity, and *will:*

- treat potential and existing suppliers with equality and fairness;
- present the highest standards of professionalism and probity;
- provide all suppliers and tenderers with the same information and equal opportunity;
- deal with suppliers in an honest and impartial manner that does not allow conflicts of interest to arise;
- not seek or receive personal gain;
- maintain confidentiality of Commercial in Confidence information, such as contract prices and other sensitive information, unless compelled by law to disclose it; and
- be able to account for all decisions and provide feedback on them.

2.6 Conflict of Interest

Councillors and Council staff shall at all times avoid situations in which private interests conflict, or might reasonably be thought to conflict, or have the potential to conflict, with their Council duties.

Councillors, and Council staff involved in the procurement process (especially when preparing tender documentation, including writing tender specifications, tender opening, and tender evaluation panels), must:

- Avoid conflicts, whether actual, potential, or perceived, arising between their official duties and their private interests. Private interests include the financial and other interests of Councillors and Council staff, plus their relatives and close associates.
- **Declare** that there is no conflict of interest. Where future conflicts, or relevant private interests arise, Council staff must make their manager and the chairperson of the relevant tender evaluation panel or board aware and allow them to decide whether the staff member should continue to be involved in the specific procurement activity.
- Observe prevailing Council policy and guidelines on how to prevent or deal with conflict of
 interest situations, and not utilise any procurement-related information for personal gain or
 any other improper purpose.

2.7 Probity – Open and fair competition

All prospective contractors and suppliers must be afforded an equal opportunity to tender or quote. Impartiality must be maintained throughout the procurement process so that it can withstand public scrutiny.

Confidentiality of information provided by existing and prospective suppliers must be maintained at all times, unless disclosure is compelled by law (e.g. a subpoena). This is particularly so in respect of commercially sensitive material such as, but not limited to prices, discounts, rebates, profit, manufacturing, and product information.

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2.8 Gifts and Hospitality

A Councillor and members of Council staff must not, for themselves or others, seek, request, or solicit gifts. All gift offers, whether accepted or not, must be declared. Bribes and inducements must be reported to the Independent Board-based Anti-corruption Commission.

2.9 Disclosure of Information

Commercial in-confidence information received by the Council must not be disclosed unless disclosure is compelled by law. It is to be stored in a Council's information management secure business system.

Councillors and Council staff are obliged to protect information, by refusing to release or discuss the following unless compelled by law to do so:

- information disclosed by organisations in tenders, quotation or during tender negotiations;
- all information that is Commercial in Confidence information; and
- pre-contract information including but not limited to information provided in quotes and tenders or subsequently provided in pre-contract negotiations.

Discussion with potential suppliers during tender evaluations must not go beyond the extent necessary to resolve doubt on what is being offered by that supplier.

2.10 Child Safe Standards

Council is committed to ensuring the safety of children and young people by creating and maintaining a child safe organisation.

For procurement activities that involve contact with children across any Council-owned or run facility, then, having regard to the nature of the services, a Working With Children Check will be required from the prospective service provider, and the procurement specification will require demonstrated arrangements in place to meet Child Safe Standards and compliance to Council's Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

3. Procurement Methods, Thresholds and Requirements

3.1 Procurement Methods

Council maintains consistency in the approach to procurement across the whole organisation through coherent frameworks, policies and procedures. The benefits of the purchase are weighted to achieve the optimum result for the Council and local community. Council is not required to accept the lowest cost. Instead, Council must consider issues of quality, social impact, value for money, risk and the accessibility of the service and other factors relevant to both the overall objectives of the individual procurement.

All procurement activities must be conducted in accordance with this Policy and all other relevant Council policies and procedures.

All procurement activities are to provide for an audit trail for monitoring and reporting purposes.

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All Council staff must be able to account for all procurement decisions made over the lifecycle of the procurement by Council and provide feedback on them.

Council's methods for purchasing goods, services and works shall be by any of the following methods:

- petty cash;
- corporate credit card;
- purchase order, following a quotation process from suppliers for goods or services that represents value for money under directed quotation thresholds; or
- under contract following a quotation or tender process.

Permitted exemptions as detailed in 3.4 Exemptions from Tendering or other arrangements

3.2 Contract Threshold Value

The Act requires Council to nominate a contract value above which the Council must invite a tender or seek an expression of interest. Council's nominated public tender threshold value is **\$250,000**.

For procurement activities under \$250,000, the procurement methodology and thresholds in Appendix A will apply.

All monetary values stated in this policy exclude GST except if stated otherwise.

3.3 Tenders

Procurements with an estimated expenditure of \$250,000 or more must be undertaken by tender unless a valid exemption is in place as per Section 3.4 Exemptions from Public Tendering.

The tender thresholds shall apply to aggregated supplier expenditure for a period of no less than two financial years.

Should Council consider that the characteristics of the market would lead to a better result for Council, public tenders may be called where the estimated expenditure is less than \$250,000.

3.4 Exemptions from Public Tendering and Other Competitive Processes

The following circumstances identified are exempt from a public tender, proposal, quote or expression of interest process.

| | Exemption Name | Explanation |
|---|----------------|---|
| 1 Contract made because of Emergency | | Where it is determined that the procurement must be entered into because of an emergency, being an emergency due to the actual or imminent occurrence of an event that endangers or threatens to endanger the safety or health of any person, |
| | | or |
| | | that destroys or damages, or threatens to destroy or damage, any property, |

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| | | that endangers or threatens to endanger the environment or an element of the environment. |
| 2 | Collaborative engagement | Contracts and arrangements established by another government entity, local authority or group purchasing scheme. Eg Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) or National Procurement network members (e.g. Local Buy), Procurement Australia (PA) etc. |
| | | This includes contracts covering Federal, State or Local Government Purchasing. |
| | | Contract extensions granted for the purpose of aligning expiry dates for collaborative engagements. |
| 3 | Novated Contracts | Where the initial contract was entered into in compliance with the Act and due diligence has been undertaken upon the new party. |
| 4 | Information technology -software renewals | Allows for Council to renew software licences for existing programs. |
| 5 | Extensions of contracts while at market | Allows for short term contract extensions up to six months if a tender process has begun to replace an existing agreement. E.g. Extensions may be required when negotiations are taking longer than anticipated. |
| 6 | Contract Variations | Where a variation occurs, the delegation is not defined by the value of the variation, but by the value of the whole contract. The CEO or a staff member with a sub-delegation from the CEO may vary a contract to the limit of their delegation. |
| 7 | Professional Services unsuitable | Legal Services |
| | for tendering | Insurance |
| 8 | Sole or Select Sourcing | Council may engage with one supplier or a restricted group of suppliers where it is consistent with this Procurement Policy and |
| | | i) It is in the public interest |
| | | ii) There is one (sole source) available supplier; |
| | | or |
| | | iii) Council is a party to a joint agreement where it jointly owns the intellectual property with a third-party provider; |
| | | or |

| | | iv) A Public Tender has closed without receiving submissions and engaging a select party will deliver a value for money outcome. |
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| 9 | Exceptional Circumstances | The CEO may approve an exemption from the Public Tender requirement if exceptional circumstances exist. Where such an exemption has been approved, a report will be subsequently presented by the CEO to Council for noting. |

3.4.1 Non-conformance with Council's Procurement Guidelines under Public Threshold Limit

Council staff are required to obtain approval for non-conformance to Council's Procurement Guidelines in advance of any quote or tender being approved. These non-conformances will be registered to enable continual review and ensure Council's policy and procedures remain fit for purpose.

3.5 Publishing and advertising of Public Tenders

All public tenders will be published via Council's eTendering Portal and will be advertised in a local newspaper. Information regarding current tenders will also be placed on Council's website.

3.6 Role of Specifications

Specifications used in quotations, tenders and contracts are to support and contribute to the Council's Value for Money objectives through being written in a manner that:

- clearly defines Council's requirements;
- encourages the use of standard products;
- · ensures impartiality and objectivity;
- encourages sustainable options; and
- eliminates unnecessarily stringent requirements

3.7 Evaluation Process

A tender evaluation panel will be established to evaluate each tender submission against the tender's selection criteria. Tender evaluation panels can include external personnel in order to ensure the best outcome for a procurement activity and must comprise of at least 3 people.

A detailed Tender Evaluation Plan shall be developed and approved. Among other things, this involves the establishment of detailed evaluation criteria and the application of a pre-approved and robust weighted scoring system. The Tender Evaluation Plan should be completed and signed off prior to the tender being issued.

3.8 Evaluation Criteria

The following evaluation criteria will be applied in determining whether a proposed contract provides value for money:

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- Mandatory Compliance criteria;
- Tendered price;
- Capacity of the Tenderer;
- Capability of the Tenderer; and
- Achievement against Sustainable Procurement Objectives

3.9 Contract Terms

All contractual relationships must be documented in writing based on standard terms and conditions. Where this is not possible, approval must be obtained from the appropriate member of Council staff listed in the Council Delegations.

To protect the best interests of Council, terms and conditions must be settled in advance of any commitment being made with a supplier. Any exceptions to doing this expose Council to risk and thus must be authorised by the appropriate member of Council staff listed in the Council Delegations.

3.10 Collaborative Procurement

Under Section 108 of the Act, Council will seek to collaborate with other councils and public bodies in its procurements to take advantage of economies of scale.

Under Section 109 of the Act the CEO must ensure that any Council Report that recommends entering a procurement arrangement sets out information relating to opportunities for collaborative procurement, including:

- the nature of those opportunities, if any, and the councils or public bodies with which they are available; and
- why Council did, or did not, pursue the identified opportunities for collaboration with that procurement process.

Council staff must consider any opportunities for collaborative procurement in relation to a procurement process undertaken by Council.

When collaborating with other councils and public bodies, Council will do so in accordance with the following:

- Prospective contracts with a value of \$500,000 or greater for supply of goods, services or works will be shared with councils in the Hume Region for collaboration consideration. The list of prospective contracts will be shared annually in advance of the next budget year;
- Prospective contracts with a value of less than \$500,000 can be referred to the councils in the Hume Region for collaboration consideration where operational efficiencies are anticipated to be achieved;
- A Heads of Agreement will be established should a collaborative procurement opportunity exist with two or more Hume Region councils. The Heads of Agreement will give authority for the Lead Council to act as Procuring Agent for participating councils. Each of the participating councils will be able to enter into a contract with the preferred service

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provider identified though the collaborative procurement process. Alternatively, a Joinder Agreement will allow one or more of the Hume Region councils to join an existing contract – this may be beneficial where there are different contract periods or decision making and authorisation processes of councils in the Hume Region; and

- Each participating council must be involved in:
 - the initial decision to undertake the procurement (unless subsequently joining an existing contract under a Joinder Agreement);
 - preparation of, and agreement to, the specifications;
 - ensuring probity in relation to the procurement (see Section 2.7); and
 - deciding which tender or tenders to accept or reject.

4 Delegations

Delegations define the limitations within which Council staff are permitted to work. Delegation of procurement authority allows specified Council staff to approve certain purchases, quotation, tender and contractual processes without prior referral to a meeting of Council. This enables Council to conduct procurement activities in an efficient and timely manner while maintaining transparency and integrity.

4.1 Council Staff

Council must maintain a documented scheme of procurement delegations, identifying the Council staff authorised to make such procurement commitments in respect of goods, services and works on behalf of Council and their respective delegations contained in Financial Delegations policies

- Acceptance of tenders
- Acceptance of quotes
- Contract term extensions
- Contract variations (non-financial)
- Contract variations (financial)
- Appointment to register of pre-qualified suppliers

4.2 Delegations Reserved for the Council

Commitments and processes which exceed the CEO's delegation and which must be approved by Council resolution are:

- tender recommendations and Contract approval for expenditure over \$500,000 in value; and
- variations and contract term extensions above \$500,000 in value where authority hasn't been given to the CEO to act.

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5 Internal control and risk management

5.1 Internal Controls

Council will install and maintain a framework of internal controls over procurement processes that will ensure:

- more than one person is involved in and responsible for a transaction end to end;
- transparency in the procurement process;
- a clearly documented audit trail exists for procurement activities;
- appropriate authorisations are obtained and documented; and
- systems are in place for appropriate monitoring and performance measurement.

5.2 Risk Management

Risk management is to be appropriately applied at all stages of procurement activities which will be properly planned and carried out in a manner that will protect and enhance Council's capability to prevent, withstand and recover from interruption to the supply of goods, services and works.

Council will minimise its risk exposure by measures such as:

- standardising contracts to include current, relevant clauses;
- requiring security where appropriate;
- referring specifications to relevant experts;
- requiring contractual agreement before allowing the commencement of work;
- use of or reference to relevant Australian Standards (or equivalent); and
- effectively managing the contract, including monitoring and enforcing performance.

5.3 Contract Management

The purpose of contract management is to ensure that Council, and, where applicable, its clients, receive the goods, services or works provided to the required standards of quality and quantity as intended by the contract, through:

- establishing a system for monitoring and achieving the responsibilities and obligations of both parties under the contract;
- providing a means for the early recognition of issues and performance problems and the identification of solutions; and
- adhering to Council's Risk Management Framework and relevant Occupational Health and Safety Contractor Compliance Procedures.

All Council contracts are to include contract management requirements. Furthermore, contracts are to be proactively managed by the member of Council staff responsible for the delivery of the contracted goods, services or works to ensure Council receives Value for Money.

5.4 Performance Measures and Continuous Improvement

Appropriate performance measures are to be established and reporting systems will be used to monitor performance and compliance with procurement policies, procedures and controls

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The performance measurements developed will be used to:

- highlight trend and exceptions where necessary to enhance performance;
- improve the internal efficiency of the procurement process and where relevant the performance of suppliers; and
- facilitate programs to drive improvement in procurement to eliminate waste and inefficiencies across key spend categories.

5.5 Dispute Resolution

All Council contracts must incorporate dispute management and alternative dispute resolution provisions to minimise or avoid protracted disputes and litigation.

6. Sustainable Procurement Objectives

Council's procurement activities will be undertaken having regard to the below Sustainable Procurement objectives. The ability to meet or exceed the standards detailed in the table below must be considered in the preparation of specifications and the evaluation of tenders where the contract threshold value is \$250,000 or more (see Section 3.2).

| Objectives | Standards to be applied in pursuit of objectives |
|------------------------------|---|
| Economic prosperity | examining the options for collaborative procurements |
| | using aggregated contracts where appropriate |
| | encouraging effective use of open and fair competition |
| | developing, implementing and managing procurement strategies that support the co-ordination and streamlining of activities throughout the lifecycle |
| | working with suppliers to create relationships that are professional and productive and are appropriate to the value and importance of the goods, services and works being acquired |
| Environmental sustainability | ensuring all procurement contracts and tenders contain sustainability specifications as appropriate to the product or service being procured |
| | encouraging waste reduction and resource recovery, including recycling activities |
| | incorporating energy and resource efficiency in the built environment |
| | identifying, monitoring, and minimising emissions and exploring opportunities to reduce energy consumption |
| | considering the environmental performance of all suppliers and contractors, and encouraging them to conduct their operations in an environmentally sensitive manner |
| | considering the basic life cycle analysis of products to minimise the adverse effects on the environment resulting directly or indirectly from products |

Council can choose to apply these standards for all other procurement activities.

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| | selecting products/services that have minimal effect on the depletion of natural resources and biodiversity |
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| Enhancing social value | building and maintaining a strong community by exploring ways to generate local employment and further strengthening the local economy |
| | purchasing ethical and fair-trade goods to support equitable, local, national, and international trade |
| | working with local suppliers to ensure they are positioned to participate in tender processes |
| | investment in skill development, through training and/or apprenticeships |

7. Build and Maintain Supply Relationships

Council recognises that, to achieve Value for Money, a strategic assessment of the appropriate 'channel to market' should be undertaken – whether to go to market on its own, participate in regional or sector aggregated projects or Panels, access State Government Panel agreements or other means. Council will consider supply arrangements that deliver the value for money outcomes in terms of time, expertise, cost, value and outcome.

7.1 Developing and Managing Suppliers

Developing and managing suppliers is essential to achieving a competitive market capable of delivering Council's goods, services and works requirements.

Council needs to interact with the market and its suppliers to understand their views and what enables and encourages diverse parts of the market to bid for work with Council. Council aims to develop relationships with suppliers that creates mutually advantageous, flexible, and long-term relations based on the quality of performance and financial savings.

Council may establish Panel arrangements where rates contracts for goods, services or works are appointed to facilitate aggregated spends under contract. Subsequently quotes to appoint from the Panel on job-by-job basis promotes competition and value for money.

7.2 Supply Market Development

A wide range of suppliers should be encouraged to compete for Council work. The types of organisations offering business diversity include:

- Local businesses
- Green suppliers
- Small to medium sized enterprises (SME's)
- Social enterprises
- First Nation's business
- Voluntary and community organisations

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8. Breaches

Breaches of this Policy may lead to disciplinary action in accordance with Council's Enterprise Agreement.

| Term | Definition |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Act | Local Government Act 2020 |
| CEO | Means the Chief Executive Officer of Council. |
| Commercial in Confidence | Information that, if released, may prejudice the business dealings of a party (e.g. prices, discounts, rebates, profits, methodologies, and process information). |
| Contract Management | The process that ensures both parties to a contract fully meet their respective obligations as efficiently and effectively as possible, in order to deliver the business and operational objectives required from the contract and, in particular, to provide value for money. |
| Council Staff | Includes full-time and part-time Council staff, and temporary employees, contractors and consultants while engaged by Council. |
| Environmentally Sustainable | Activities that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. |
| Expression of Interest (EOI) | An invitation for persons to submit an EOI for the provision of the Goods and/or Services and/or Works generally set out in the overview of requirements contained in the document. This Invitation is not an offer or a contract |
| Green Suppliers | Suppliers who can demonstrate they supply low environmental impact products or services, and have sustainable methods of production / service |
| Local supplier | Business located within a 100km radius of Wangaratta Rural City Council |
| MAV | Municipal Association of Victoria |
| OH&S | Occupational Health & Safety |

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| Panel | A panel arrangement is a tool for the procurement of goods, services or works regularly acquired by entities. In a panel arrangement, a number of suppliers are selected, each of which is able to supply identified goods, services or works. | | | | |
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| Probity | Within Local Government, the word "probity" is often used in a general sense to mean "good process." A Procurement process that conforms to the expected standards of probity is one in which clear procedures that are consistent with Council's policies and legislation are established, understood and followed from the outset. These procedures need to consider the legitimate interests of suppliers and ensure that all potential suppliers are treated equitably. | | | | |
| Procurement | Procurement is the whole process of acquisition of external goods, services and works. | | | | |
| Relatives or Close | Family members (children, siblings, parents, cousins) | | | | |
| Associates include | Business partners | | | | |
| | Close friends | | | | |
| Select Party | Council directly enagages with a supplier/s to quote for the supply of goods, services or works. | | | | |
| Social Procurement | Social Procurement uses procurement processes and purchasing power to generate positive social outcomes in addition to the delivery of efficient goods, services and works. | | | | |
| Tender Process | The process of inviting parties to submit a tender using a public advertisement, followed by evaluation of submissions and selection of a successful tenderer. | | | | |
| Value for Money | Value for money in procurement is about selecting the supply of goods, services and works considering both cost and non- cost factors including: | | | | |
| | contribution to the advancement of Council's priorities; | | | | |
| | fitness for purpose; quality; service; support; and | | | | |
| | cost-related factors, including whole-of-life costs and transaction costs associated with acquiring, using, holding, and maintaining along with end-of-life costs associated with goods, services or works | | | | |

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10. References

10.1 Legislation

- Local Government Act 2020
- Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)
- Australian Standards
- Child Wellbeing & Safety Act 2005

10.2 Internal Policies & Documents

- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Councillor Gift Policy
- Contract Management Manual
- Fraud and Corruption Control Policy
- Gift, Benefits, and Hospitality Policy
- Instrument of Sub-Delegation
- Information Records Management Policy
- OH&S Purchasing Risk Assessment Procedure
- Procurement Guidelines and Procedures
- Risk Management Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

10.3 External Reference Material

- Procurement Best Practice Guidelines
- MAV Model Procurement Policy

11. Review

In accordance with the Act, Council must review and approve the Procurement Policy, at least once in each Council term. Any change or update which materially impacts and/or alters this Policy must be approved by Council.

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Appendix A

Council will invite tenders, proposals, quotes and expressions of interest for goods, services and works in accordance with the thresholds listed below:

| Procurement threshold | Procurement methodology |
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| \$0 - \$1,000 | One verbal quote |
| \$1,000.01 - \$10,000 | Obtain at least one written quote |
| \$10,000.01 - \$50,000 | At least three written quotes to be invited from suppliers who are considered able to meet requirements or one quote from Panel |
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| > \$250,000 | Public tender process using Council's eTendering Portal and advertising publicly as per Procurement Policy. |
| > \$500,000 | Collaborative procurement opportunities explored |

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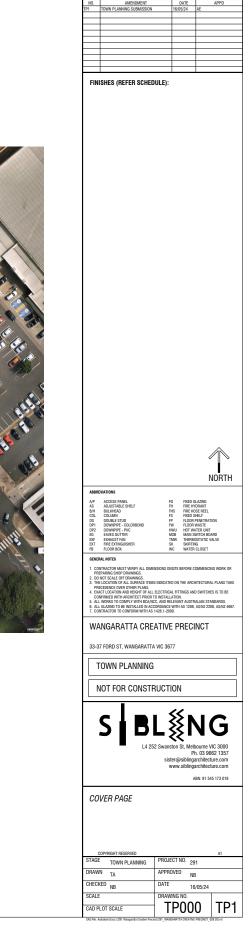
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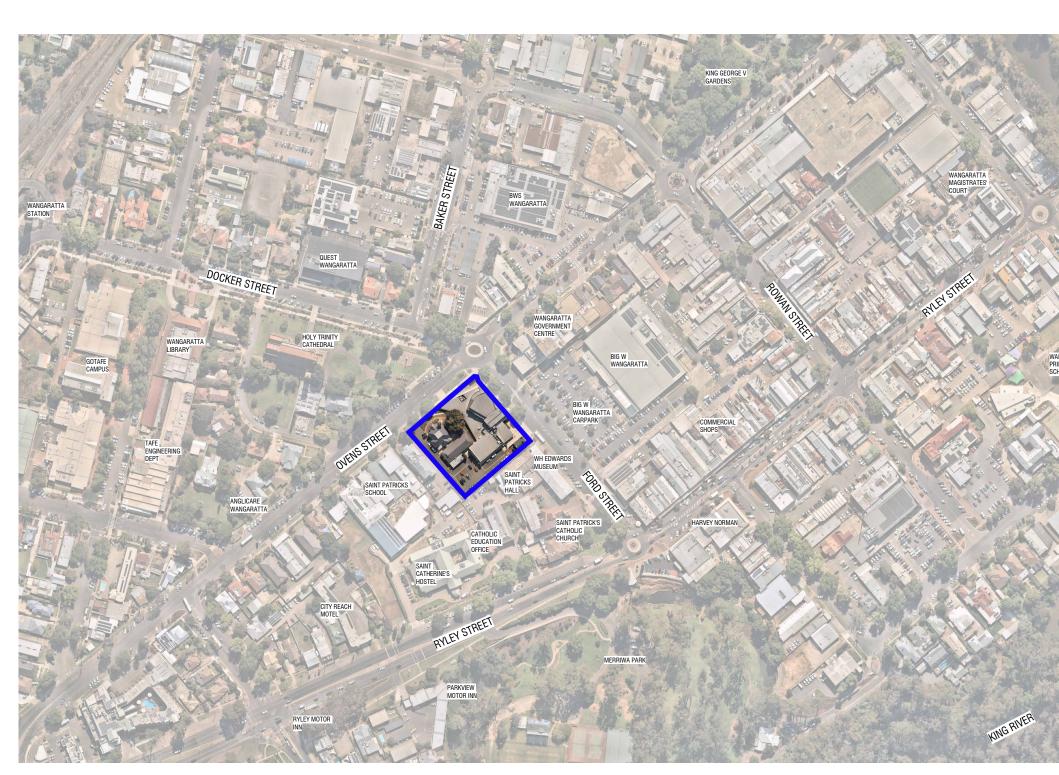
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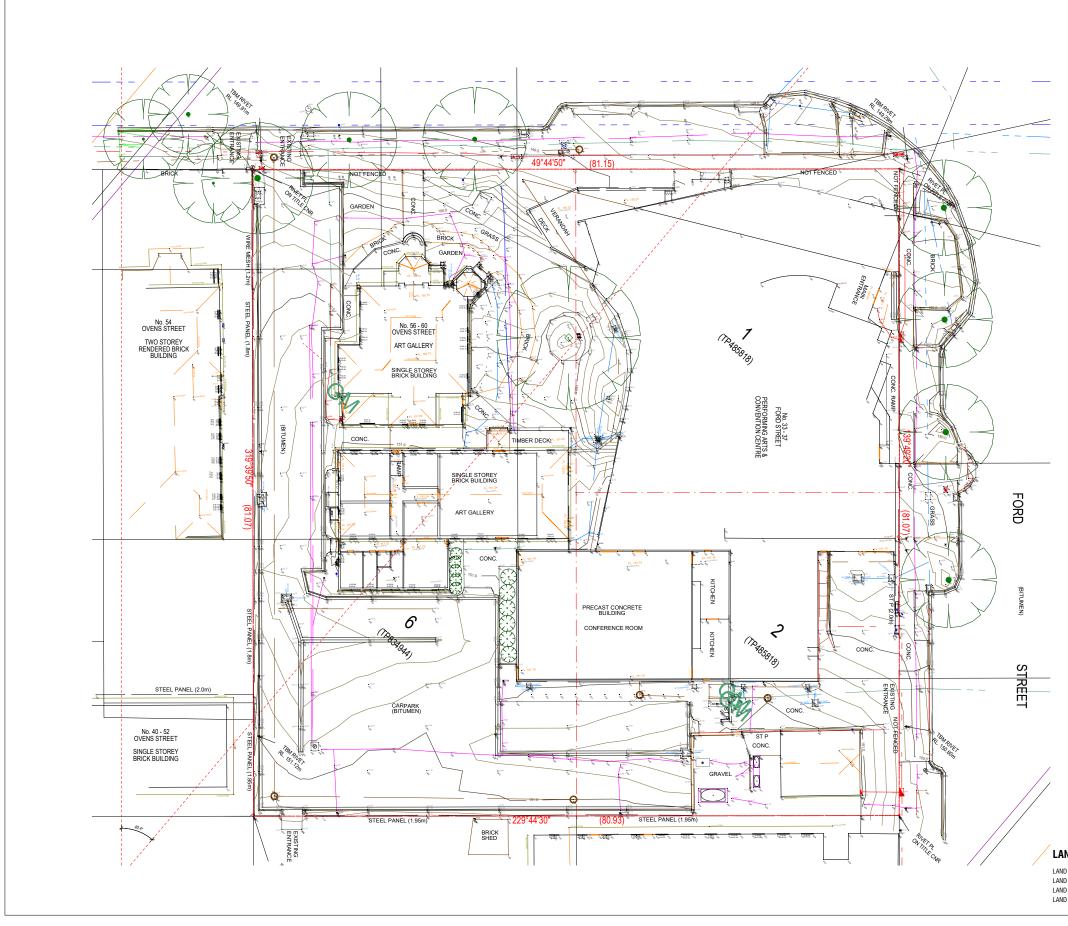


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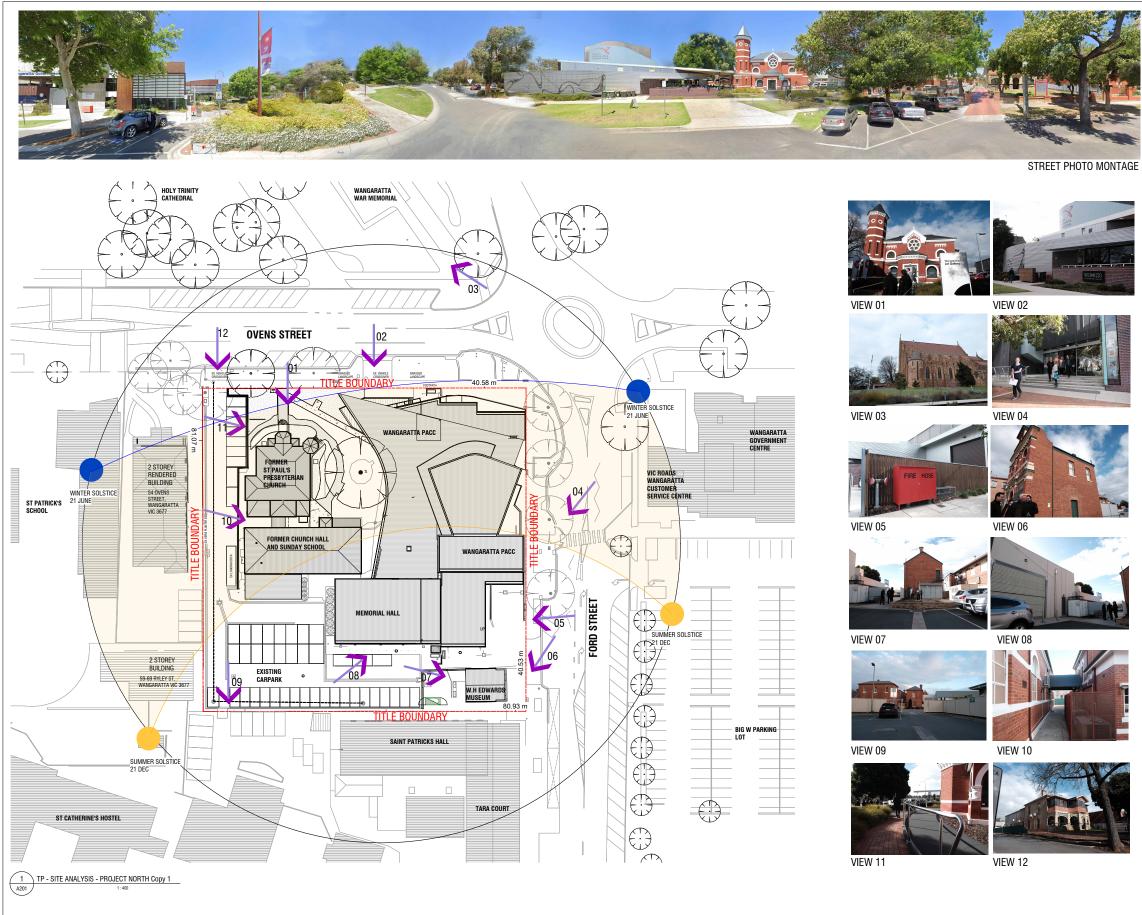


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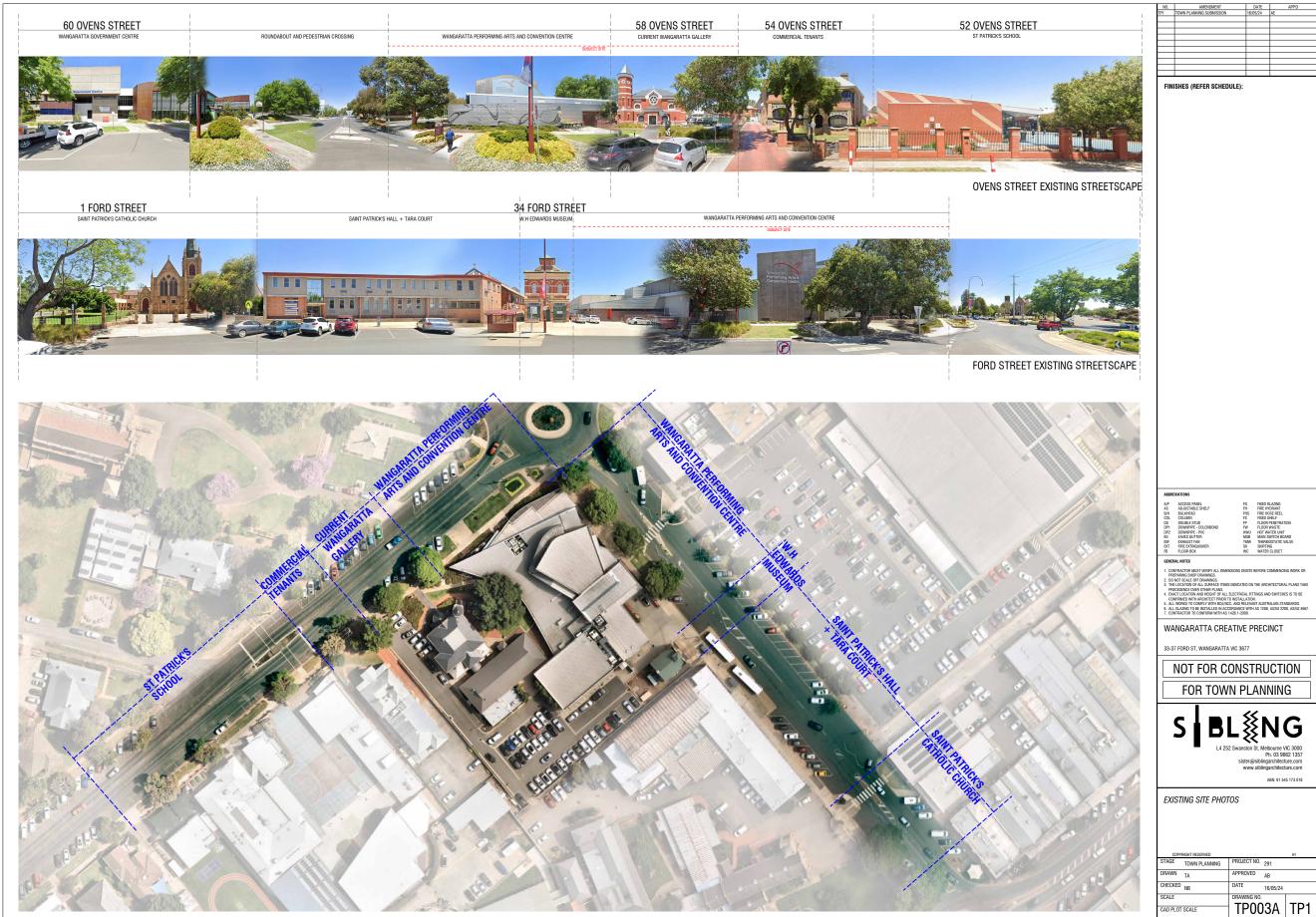
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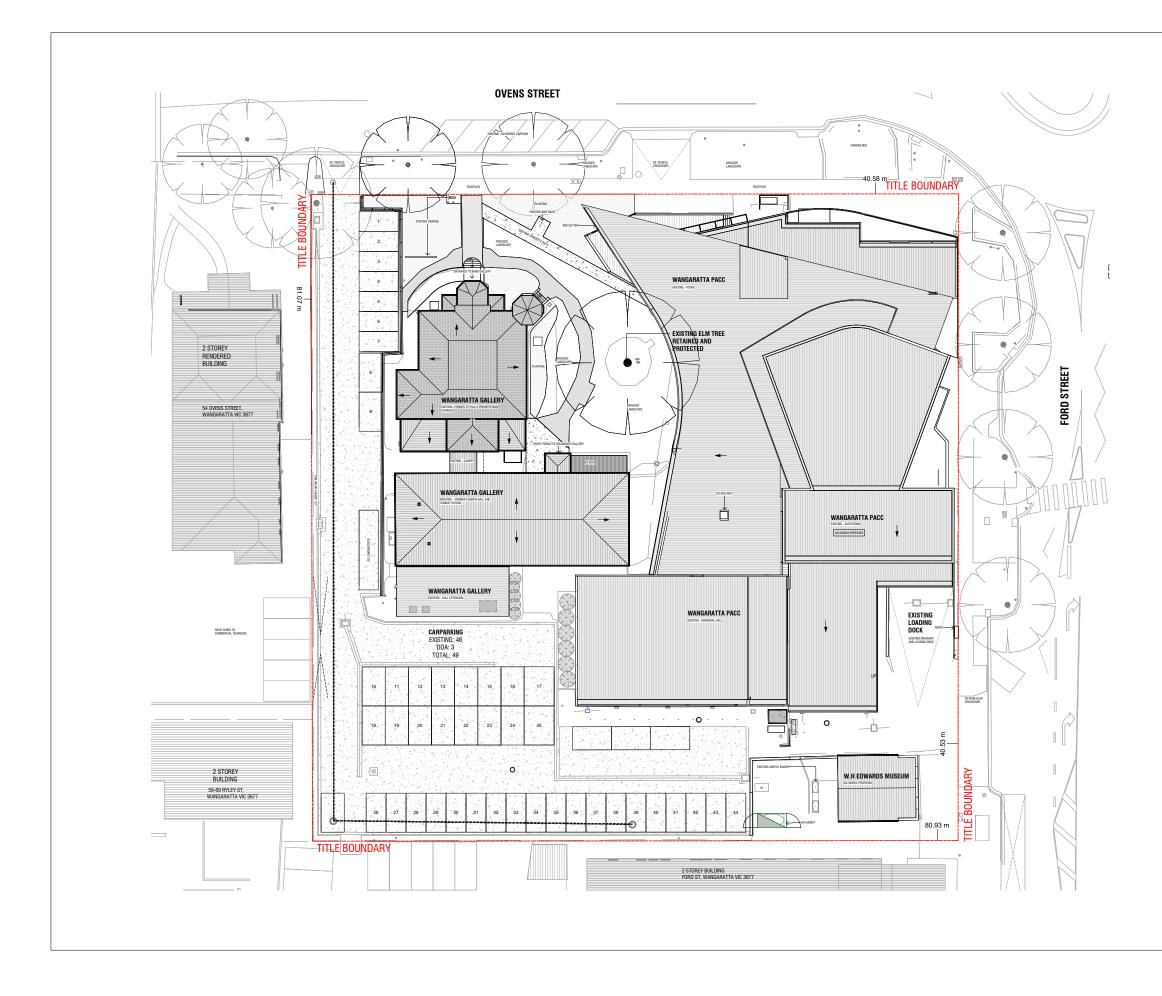
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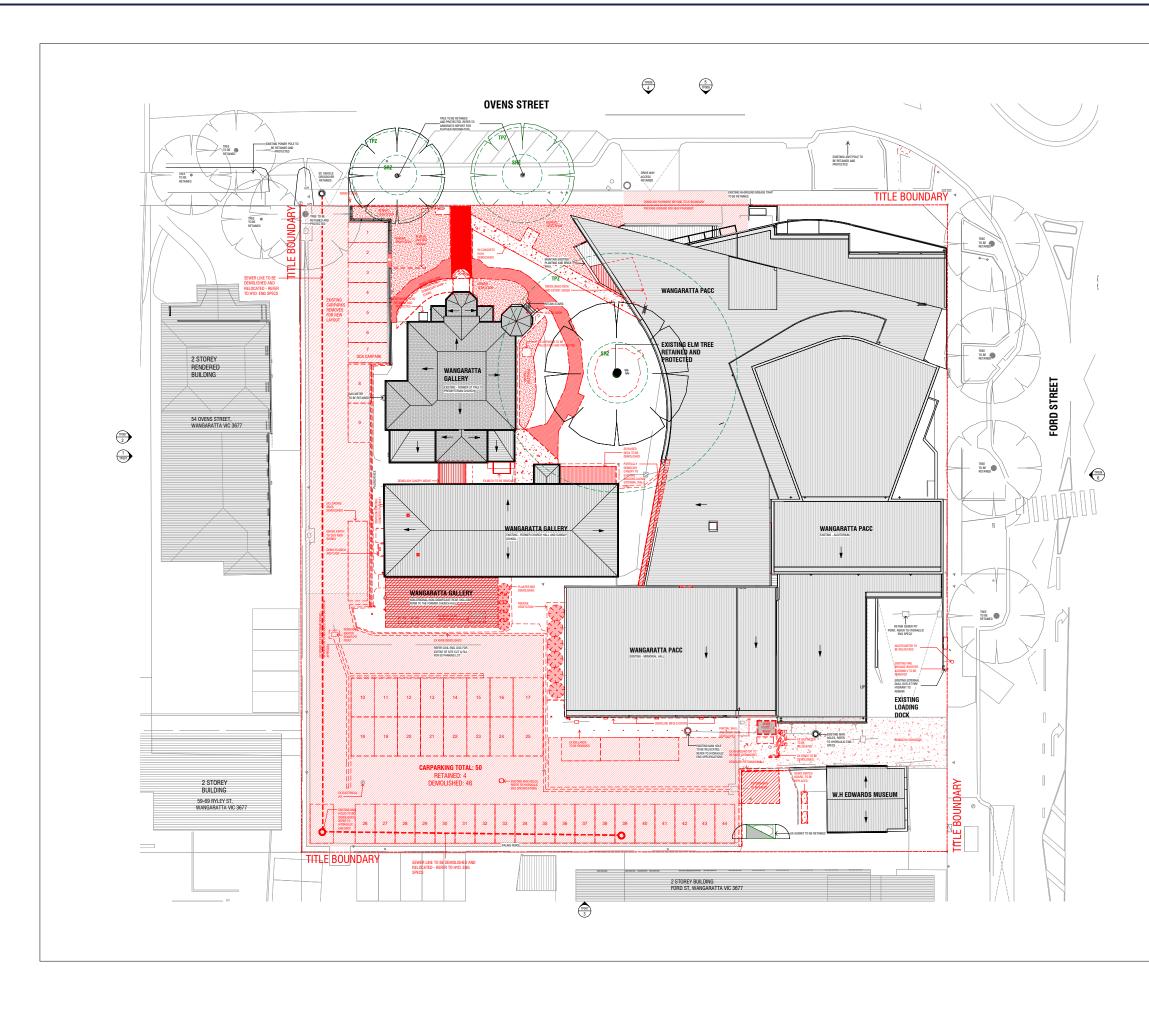
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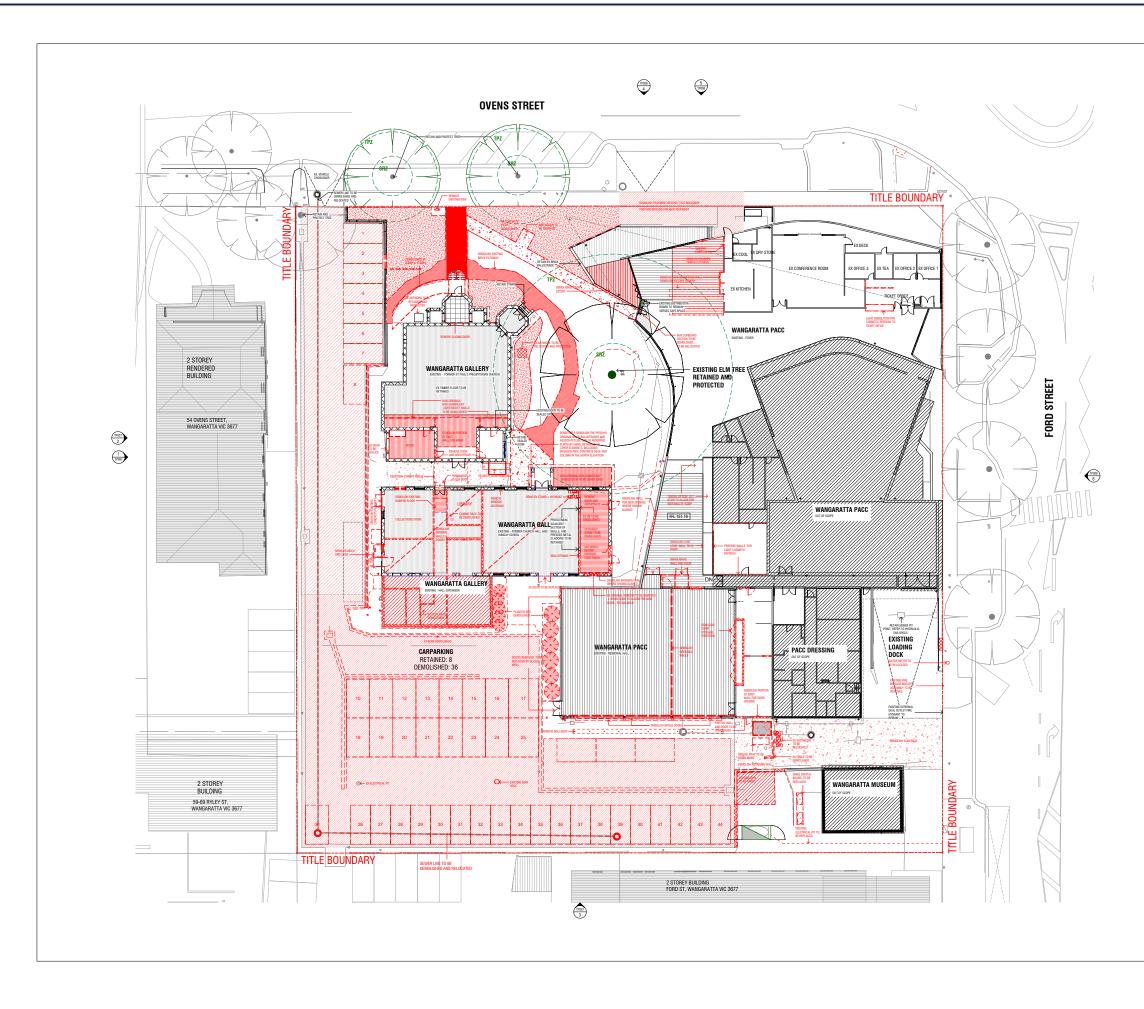
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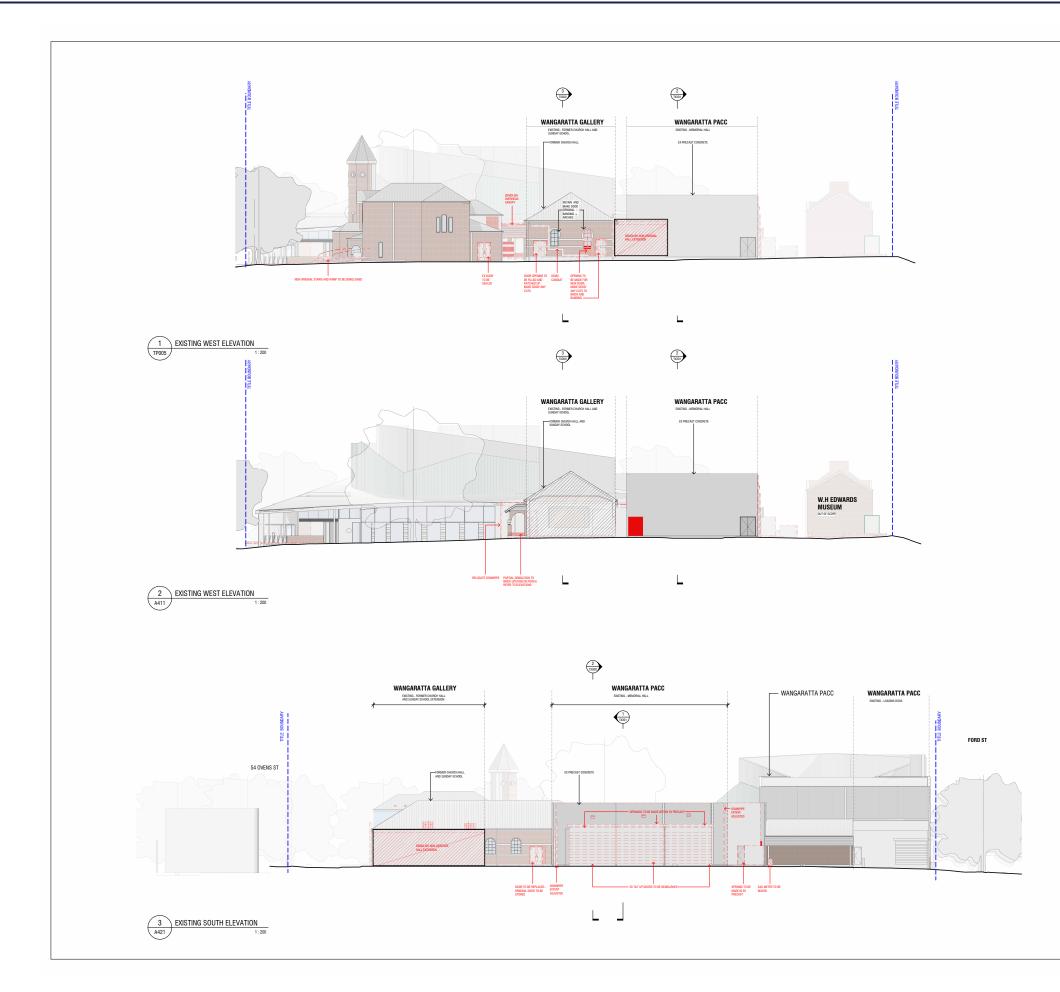
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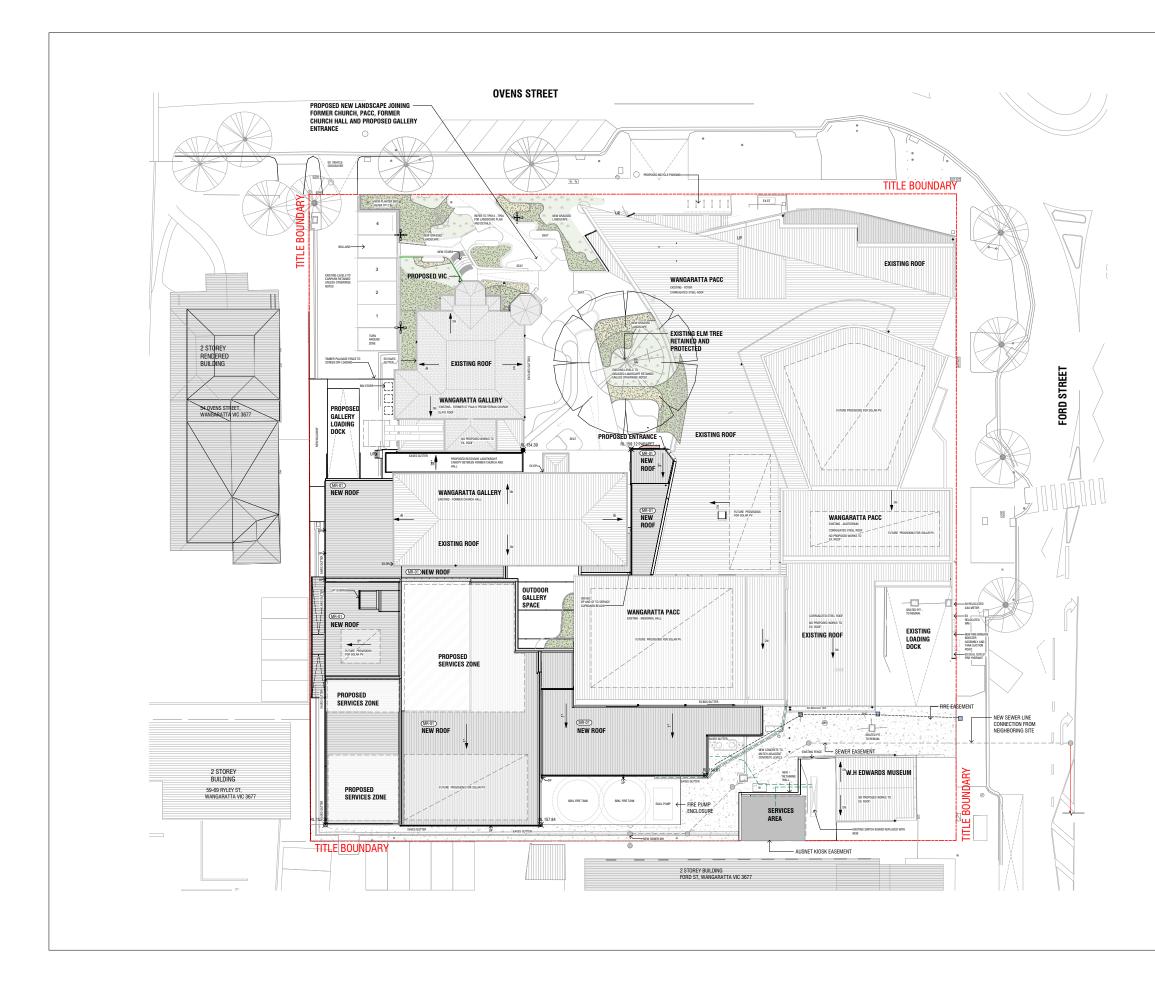
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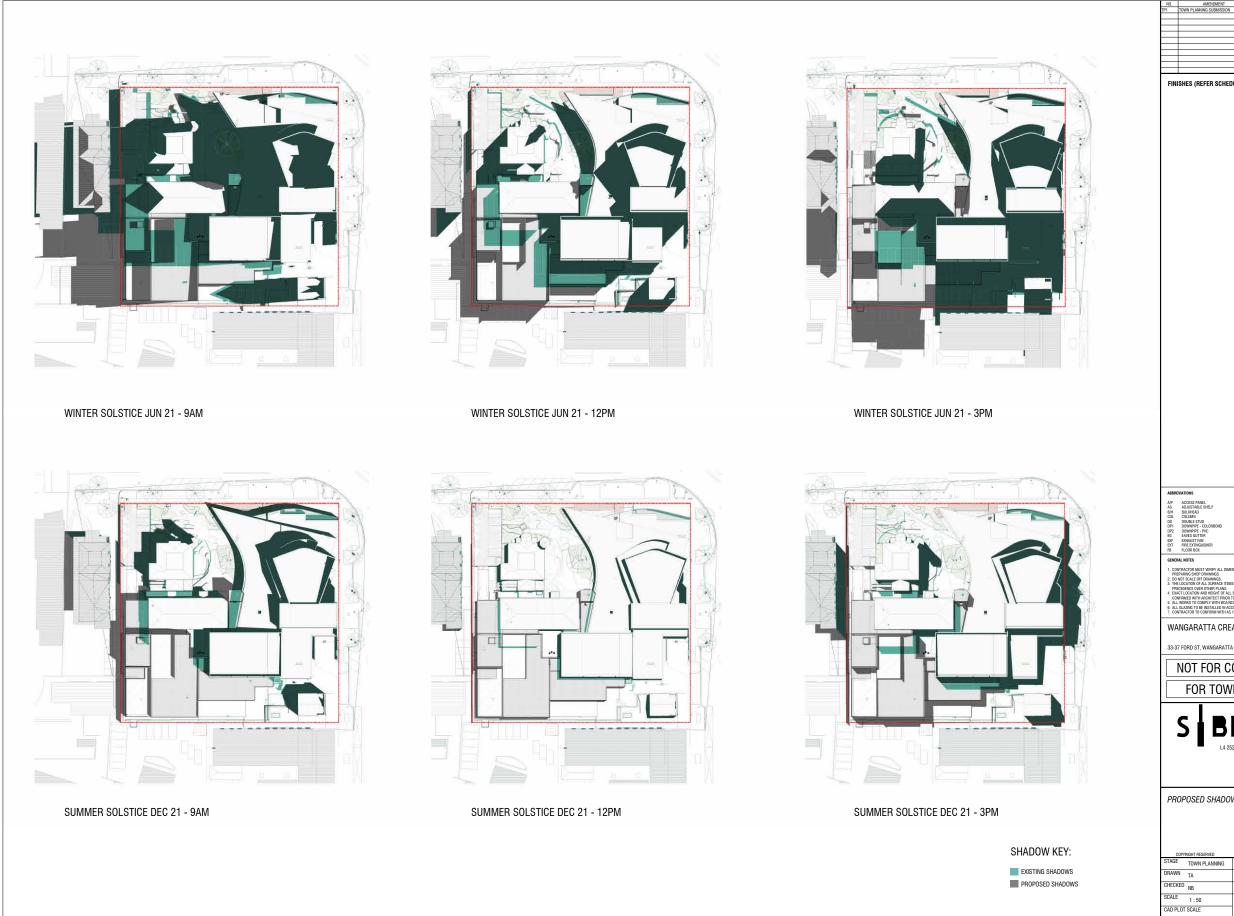
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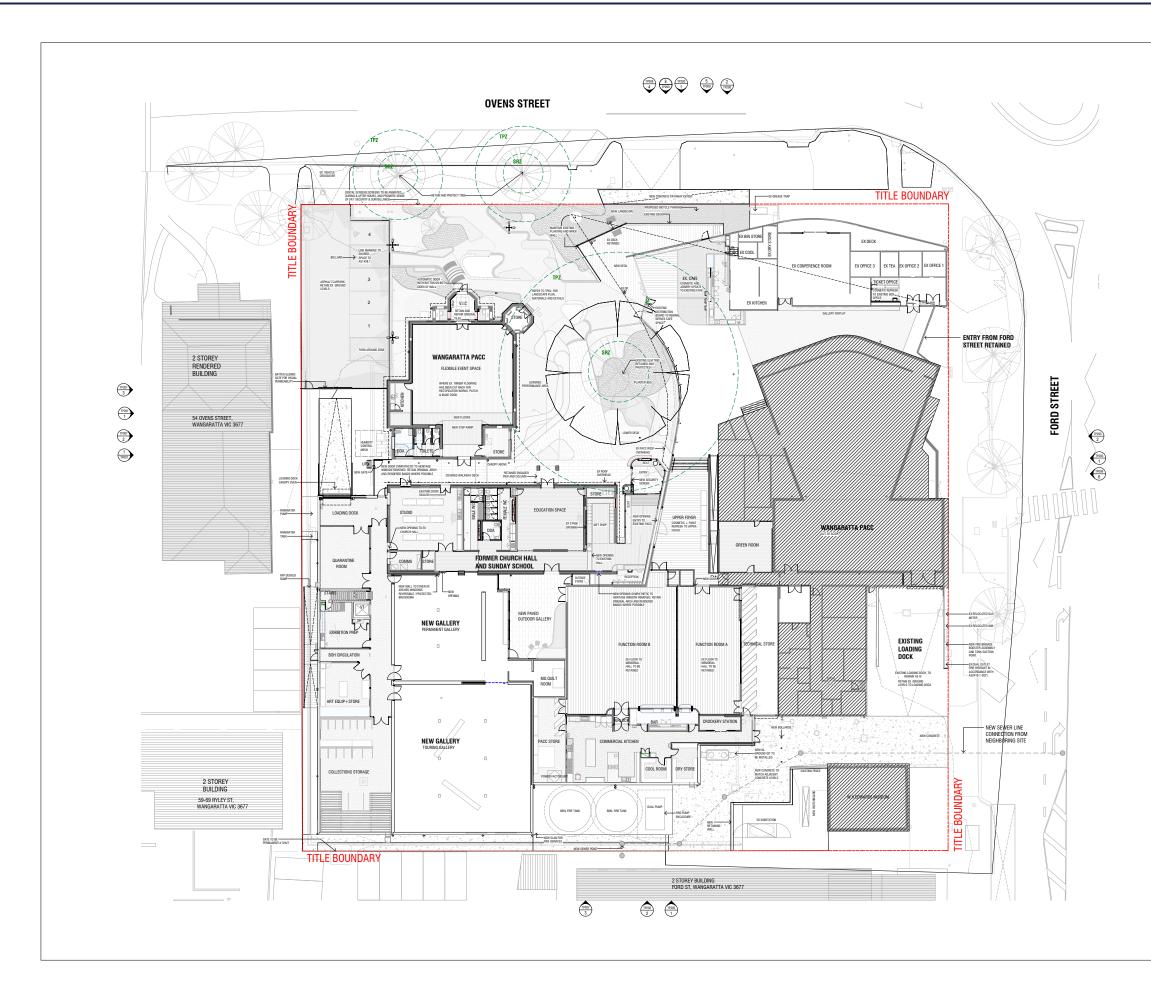
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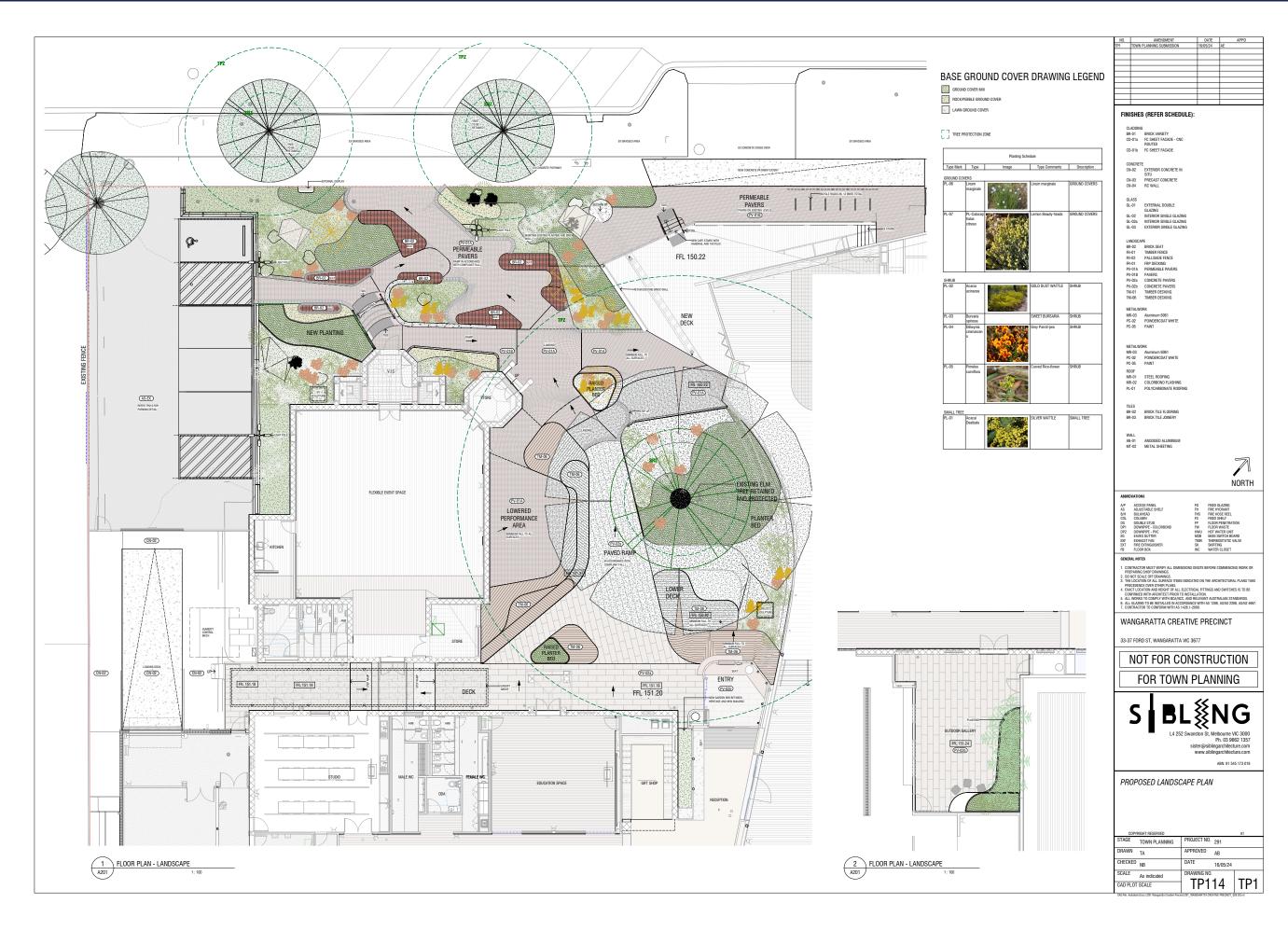


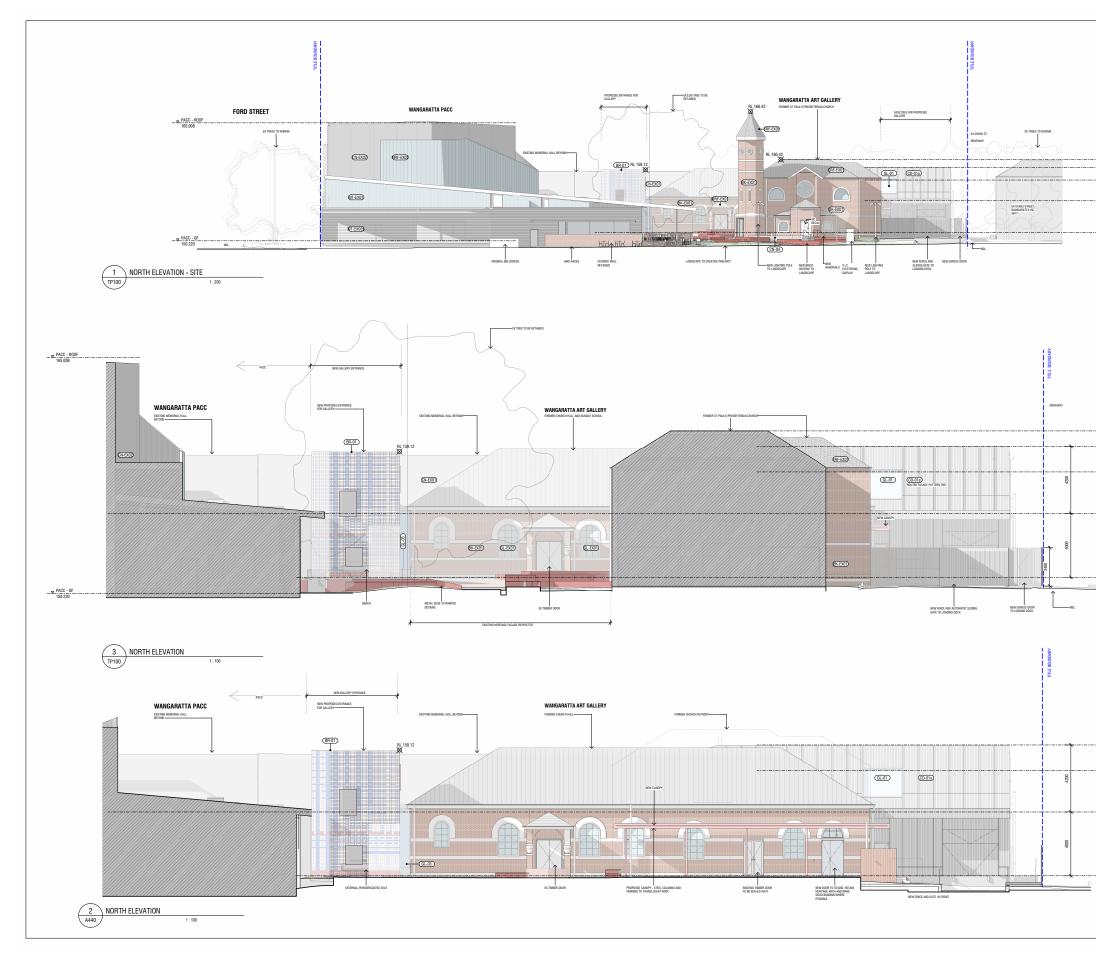
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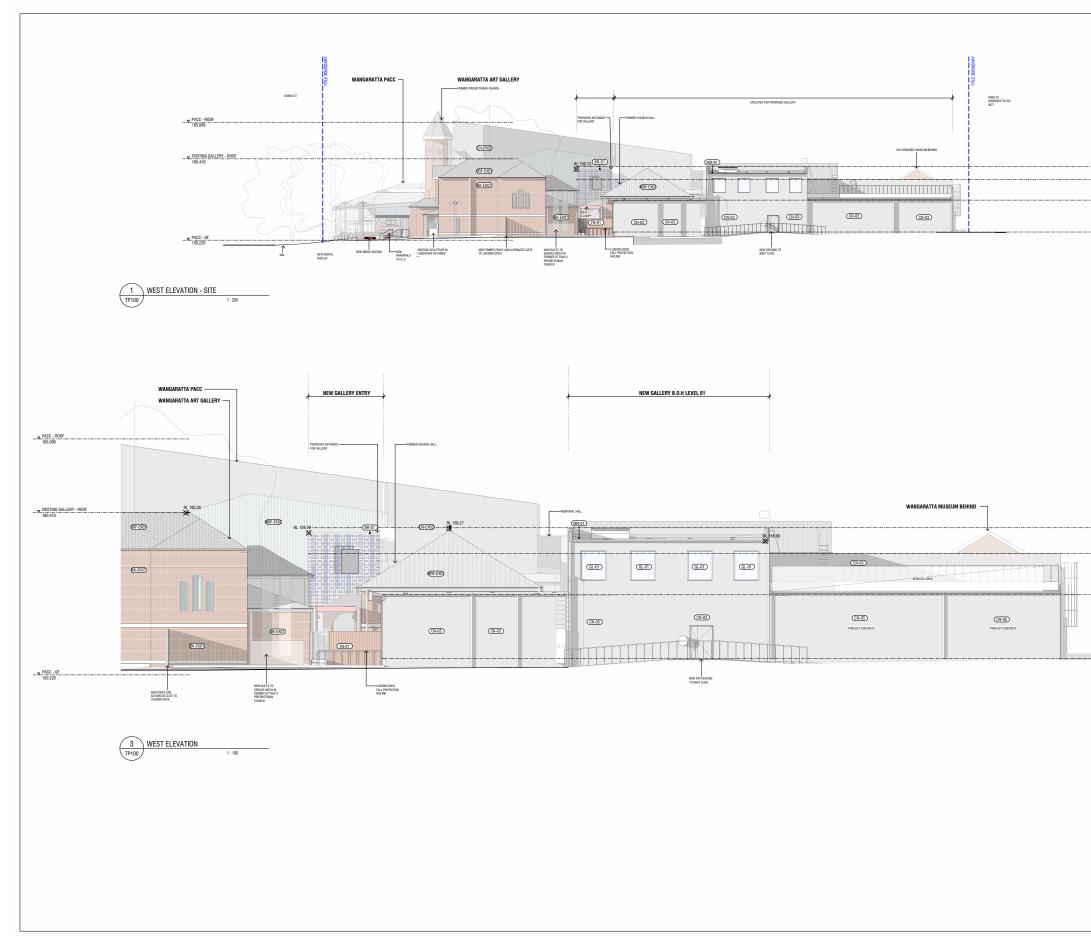


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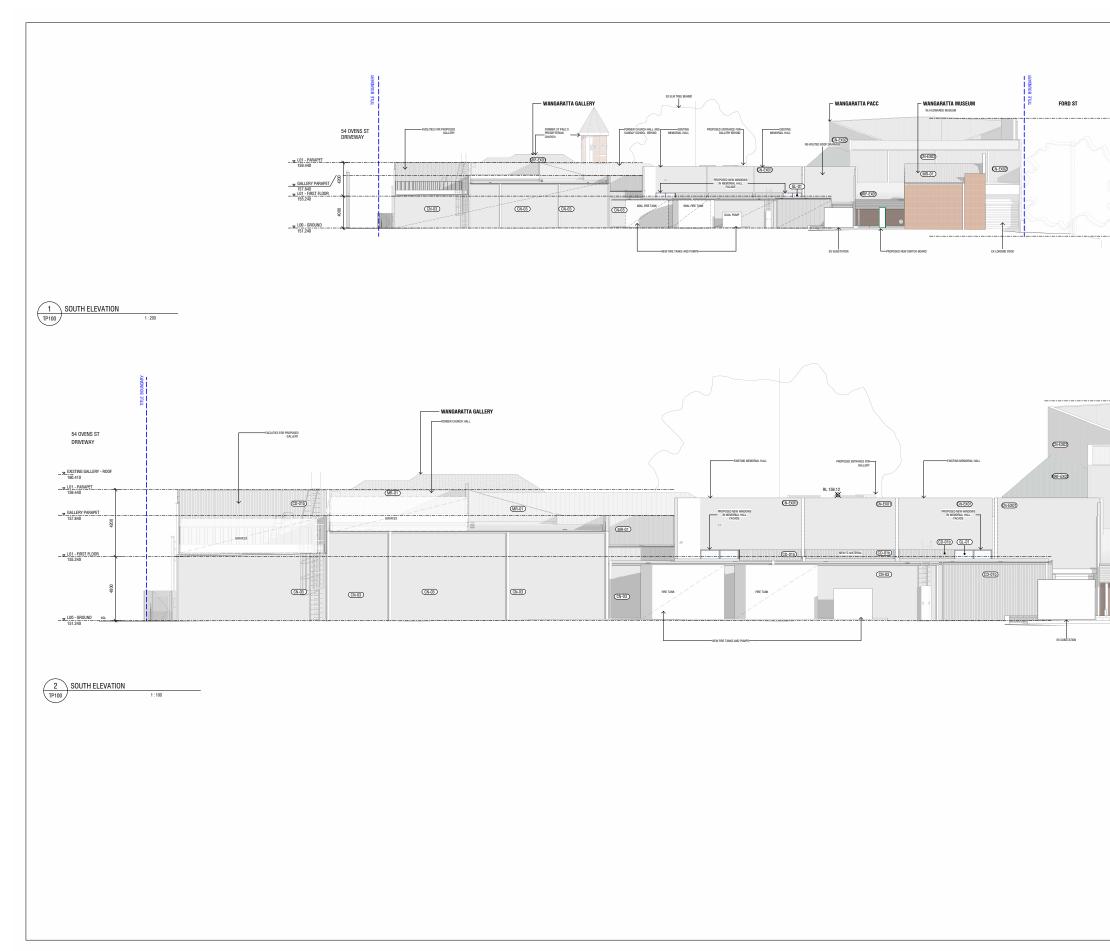


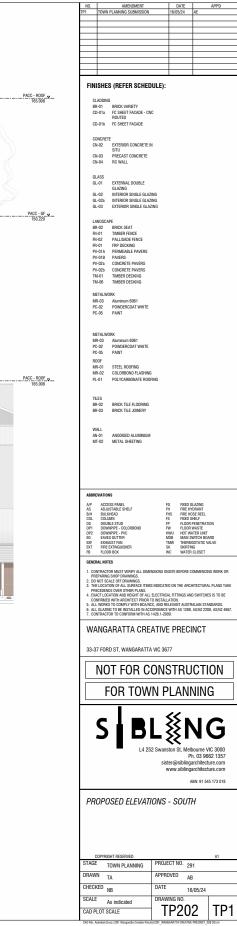


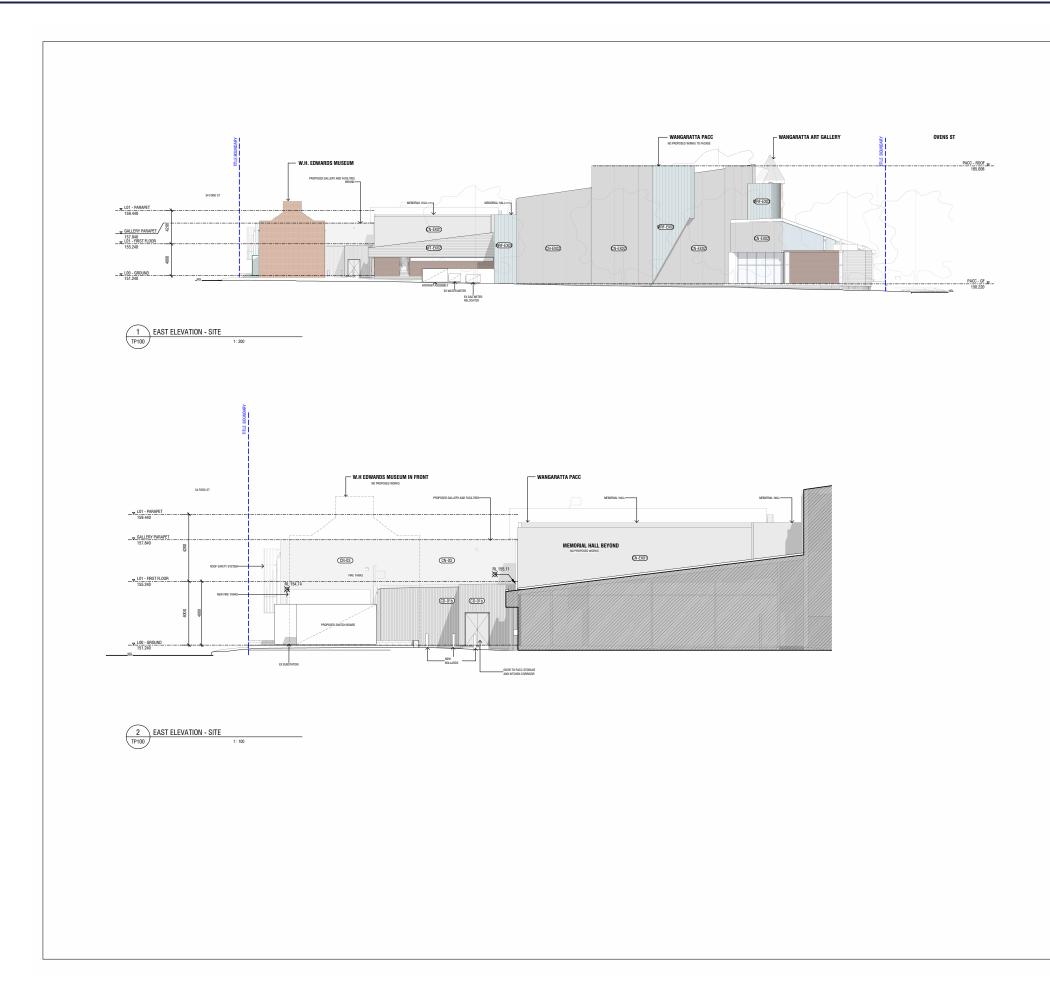
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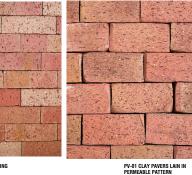


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1.1.1.1 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PInApp24/083 – Buildings and works (including partial demolition) for the extension of an existing place of assembly, function centre and art gallery (Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Gallery), a reduction of car parking requirements and variation to a sewer easement AT 13-31 Ford Street WANGARATTA VIC 3677,

Background

| Applicant: | Rural City of Wangaratta |
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| | Crown Allotment 1 Section 23 Parish of Wangaratta Vol 377 Fol 296 |
| Subject | Crown Allotment 2 Section 23 Parish of Wangaratta Vol 377 |
| Land: | Fol 296 |
| | Crown Allotment 6 Section 23 Parish of Wangaratta Vol |
| | 2825 Fol 826 |
| | 31 Ford Street WANGARATTA VIC 3677 |
| Zone/s: | Commercial 1 Zone |
| | Heritage Overlay (HO13) |
| Overlay/s: | Parking Overlay – Schedule 1 |
| | Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 1 |

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the buildings and works (including partial demolition) for the extension of an existing place of assembly, function centre and art gallery (Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Gallery), a reduction of car parking requirements and variation to a sewer easement at 13-31 Ford Street Wangaratta.

Site & Context

The subject site consists of three title allotments which form a square parcel of land on the corner of Ford Street and Ovens Street. The site is multi-purpose, with the former St Paul's Presbyterian Church and Hall now being used as an art gallery, the north-eastern side of the site (being the site of the former town hall) being redeveloped in 2009 for the construction of the current performing arts centre, and the former fire station (constructed in 1895) now being used by the Wangaratta Historical Society. A large Dutch Elm tree is located between the gallery and the main PACC building, with a number of street trees to Ovens and Ford Streets encircling the site.

The site currently contains a car park to the rear of the gallery and PACC which has capacity for 50 car parking spaces. The car park is accessible via a crossover to Ovens Street, which also serves as the delivery access to the gallery. A crossover to Ford Street is designated for loading and unloading

associated with the PACC and does not provide vehicle access to the car parking area. Pedestrians are able to move through the site from Ovens Street and Ford Street.

The subject site is located on the edge of the central commercial area for Wangaratta. Fine grain commercial and retain premises are located to the east of Ford Street, with some more bulky good retailers and offices as well (Big W and the Government Centre). To the south and north-west of the subject site are places of worship, which are heritage protected. West of the subject site is St Patrick's Primary School along Ovens Street, and further north-west is the GOTafe. Built form within the immediate area consists of a mix of eras and styles due to the evolution of the streetscapes along Ovens and Ford Streets, with smaller, zero setback retail and open, largely landscaped religious centres providing a mixed character. There are also quite tall structures within the vicinity, including the towers and spires of the places of worship, and the government centre.

The subject site benefits from excellent pedestrian connectivity, with the site being walkable from the main town centre (where there is all day parking availability) and the Wangaratta Railway Station. There is also a bus stop located adjacent to the historical society building on Ford Street. On-street parking within the surrounding area is predominantly restricted to one or two hour parking, although there is all day parking available along Ovens Street and towards the GOTafe. The "Big W car park" (Council owned) provides 2-hour parking and is located on the opposite side of Ford Street from the subject site, and is accessible via a designated pedestrian crossing. The site is also within walking distance of the Co-Store multi-storey parking lot which provides for all day parking.

Proposal

The application seeks to demolish the existing car park and some of the later rear additions to the gallery and PACC structures. The buildings with heritage significance are proposed to be retained. The proposed demolition includes:

- Removal of the rear car parking (46 spaces to be removed).
- Removal of the exterior decking to the former church hall (not original).
- Removal of the rear hall extension/lean-to building adjacent to the carpark (not original).
- Partial demolition of the canopy along the internal façade of the PACC building.
- Removal of decking adjacent to Ovens Street.
- Removal of internal landscaping (except the Elm Tree, which is proposed to be retained).
- Removal of the switchboard and retaining wall to the rear of the historical society building (not original).
- Internal building alterations include:
 - Demolition of the stage within the former church hall.
 - Demolition of internal walls to the rear portion of the former church and western side of the church hall.

The proposed buildings and works include:

- New entrance to the PACC on the western side of the building (to include a reception area and gift shop).
- New external decking and accessible ramp adjacent to Ovens Street.
- Extension to the former church hall to include:
 - A canopy between the former church and hall.
 - Extension to the gallery.
 - o Amenities.
 - New gallery spaces, storage and quarantine area.
 - Gallery library and offices (first floor).
 - Outdoor gallery space.
 - Memorial hall and PACC facilities area including a commercial kitchen, bar and storage.
- Internal alterations to the existing church building include the relocation of the Visitor Information Centre within the previous entrance vestibule.
- A new loading bay is proposed to the west of the gallery (using the existing Ovens Street access), with four car parking spaces to be provided.

The proposed extension is proposed to adopt a modern aesthetic similar to the PACC building.

New landscaping is proposed within the central courtyard area around the Elm tree. This landscaping is proposed to provide greater visibility and direction for visitors to the site in relation to the proposed extension and relocation of services.

Planning Permit Trigger

- Clause 34.01-4 (C1Z): Buildings and works to construct a building or construct or carry out works.
- Clause 43.02 (DDO1): Buildings and works to construct a building or construct or carry out works.
- Clause 43.01-1 (HO13): Demolition of a building, buildings and works to construct a building or construct or carry out works, and externally alter a building.
- Clause 45.09-3 (PO1) and Clause 52.06-3 (Car parking): Reduction of car parking requirements.
- Clause 52.02 (Easements, restrictions and reserves): Variation of an easement.

Relevant Planning Provisions

The following provisions of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme are relevant to this proposal:

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| | The natural and built heritage of the municipality has scientific, aesthetic, architectural, cultural, historical and social significance. Heritage places include buildings, sites, trees and aboriginal cultural sites. |
| | Council seeks to: |
| Clause 02.03-5 (Built form and heritage) | Encourage built form that is proportionate in scale and respects places of identified heritage value. Support building design and materials that maintain the visual amenity of each township. Protect the visual amenity of localities and transport corridors by avoiding visual disorder and clutter. |
| Clause 02.03-7 (Economic development) | Tourism Tourism is a significant economic strength of the municipality, with wineries, gourmet food, access to the snow fields, the Ned Kelly region and major tourist routes providing a significant tourism destination. The Wangaratta CAA is also of tourism significance, particularly the Ford Street arts and cultural precinct and the Ovens River / Faithfull Street precinct. Council seeks to promote economic development by: |
| | Exploring opportunities to grow tourism destinations and support services in Wangaratta, townships and rural areas. |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| Clause 11.03-1L-02 (Wangaratta Central Activities Area) | To achieve the economic performance of the Wangaratta Central Activities Area (CAA) through provision of retail, office, recreation, educational and other opportunities. Precinct 5 – Wangaratta Creative Precinct (Formerly Ford Street) Support the development of Precinct 5 as the arts and cultural hub, centred around the Performing Arts Centre and Art Gallery. Heritage strategies: Support development that is proportionate in scale and respectful of existing heritage values. Support the reuse of heritage buildings in the CAA where it will assist in the conservation of the heritage place. |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| Clause 15.01-1S (Urban design) | To creative urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity. Strategies include: Ensure development contributes to community and cultural life by improving the quality of living and working environments, facilitating accessibility and providing for inclusiveness. Ensure that development provides landscaping that supports the amenity, attractiveness and safety of the public realm. Ensure that development, including signs, minimises detrimental impacts on amenity, on the natural and built environment and on the safety and efficiency of roads. Promote good urban design along and abutting transport |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| | spaces and supports cooling and greening of urban areas. |
| Clause 15.01-4S (Healthy neighbourhoods) | To achieve neighbourhoods that foster healthy and active living and community wellbeing. Strategies include: Design neighbourhoods that foster community interaction and make it easy for people of all ages and abilities to live healthy lifestyles and engage in regular physical activity by providing: Connected, safe, pleasant and attractive walking and cycling networks that enable and promote walking and cycling as a part of daily life. Streets with direct, safe and convenient access to destinations. Conveniently located public spaces for active recreation and leisure. Accessibly located public transport stops. Amenities and protection to support physical activity in all weather conditions. |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| Clause 15.01-5S (Neighbourhood character) | To recognise, support and protect neighbourhood character, cultural identity, and sense of place. Strategies include: Ensure development responds to its context and reinforces a sense of place and the valued features and characteristics of the local environment and place by respecting the: Pattern of local urban structure and subdivision. Underlying natural landscape character and significant vegetation. Neighbourhood character values and built form that reflect community identity. |
| Clause 15.01-5L (Neighbourhood character) | Protect areas of heritage value, neighbourhood character and court or cul-de-sac locations from development that will undermine the character or amenity of these areas. |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| Clause 17.04-1S (Facilitating tourism) | To encourage tourism development to maximise the economic, social and cultural benefits of developing the state as a competitive domestic and international tourist destination. Strategies include: Encourage the development of a range of well-designed and sited tourist facilities, including integrated resorts, accommodation, host farm, bed and breakfast and retail opportunities. Seek to ensure that tourism facilities have access to suitable transport. Promote tourism facilities that preserve, are compatible with and build on the assets and qualities of surrounding activities and attractions. Create innovative tourism experiences. Encourage investment that meets demand and supports growth in tourism. |
| Clause 17.04-1R (Tourism – Hume) | Support large commercial tourism uses in urban locations or rural areas of lower agricultural value and away from areas identified as strategic agricultural land. |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: |
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| Clause 17.04-1L (Facilitating tourism) | Strategies include: Facilitate development of a wide range of well-located and well- designed tourist accommodation catering for large numbers of visitors. Promote and develop tourism attractions and opportunities based on local economic, geographic and community strengths. |

| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: | |
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| Policy: | Objective/Strategy: To facilitate an efficient and safe road network that integrates all movement networks and makes best use of existing infrastructure. Strategies include: • Facilitate the use of public transport, cycling and walking. • Plan an adequate supply of car parking that is design and located to: • Protect the role and function of nearby roads. • Enable the efficient movement and delivery of | |
| Clause 18.02-4S (Roads) | Enable the efficient | |
| | users. Create a safe environment, particularly at night. Allocate land for car parking considering: The existing and potential modes of access including public transport. | |
| | The demand for off-street car parking. Road capacity. The potential for demand-management to improve car parking. | |

<u>Zone</u>

Clause 34.01 – Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z)

The purpose of the C1Z is as follows:

• To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

- To create vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses.
- To provide for residential uses at densities complementary to the role and scale of the commercial centre.

The decision guidelines of Clause 34.01-8 relevant to this application are as follows:

- The purpose of this zone.
- The movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal, emergency services and public transport.
- The provision of car parking.
- The streetscape, including the conservation of buildings, the design of verandahs, access from the street front, protecting active frontages to pedestrian areas, the treatment of the fronts and backs of buildings and their appurtenances, illumination of buildings or their immediate spaces and the landscaping of land adjoining a road.
- The storage of rubbish and materials for recycling.
- Defining the responsibility for the maintenance of buildings, landscaping and paved areas.

Overlays

Clause 43.01 – Heritage Overlay (HO13)

The purpose of the Heritage Overlay is as follows:

- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To conserve and enhance heritage places of natural or cultural significance.
- To conserve and enhance those elements which contribute to the significance of heritage places.
- To ensure that development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places.
- To conserve specified heritage places by allowing a use that would otherwise be prohibited if this will demonstrably assist with the conservation of the significance of the heritage place.

The HO13 relates to the *Vicinity of St Patrick's Church (Precinct) Ford, Ovens and Ryley Streets, Wangaratta.* There are three structures identified in the *Rural City of Wangaratta Heritage Study (*May, 2004) within the subject site, being:

- The Former St Paul's Presbyterian Church and Elm Trees, 56-60 Ovens Street Wangaratta.
- The Former Church Hall, rear of Former St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 56-60 Ovens Street Wangaratta.
- W.H. (Billy) Edwards Building (Former Fire Station, now the Wangaratta Historical Society building), 29 Ford Street Wangaratta.

There is a Victorian Heritage Registration item on the subject site, although this relates to the Marianne Gibson Quilt, which is housed on the site although is not subject to this application.

The decision guidelines of Clause 43.01-8 relevant to this application are as follows:

- The significance of the heritage place and whether the proposal will adversely affect the natural or cultural significance of the place.
- Whether the location, bulk, form or appearance of the proposed building will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place.
- Whether the location, bulk, form and appearance of the proposed building is in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings and the heritage place.
- Whether the demolition, removal or external alteration will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place.
- Whether the proposed works will adversely affect the significance, character or appearance of the heritage place.

Clause 43.02 – Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 1 (DDO1)

The design objectives of the DDO1 are as follows:

- To ensure that the design and construction of buildings and open space contributes positively to the surrounding area and is of appropriate scale and standard, with an emphasis on solar access and environmental sustainability.
- To ensure development capitalises on views across the Ovens River, King River, parks and other key open space areas.
- To accommodate a diverse range of uses, including retail, food and beverage, residential and office employment that contributes to activity and vitality.
- To ensure integration with the public domain through the creation of active streets, river frontages and links with key walking and cycling networks, and open space areas including public squares. This includes providing pedestrian links throughout the area to improve access and walkability.
- To ensure development and land uses appropriately respond to bushfire hazards from the Ovens River corridor, Kaluna Park and Merriwa Park interfaces.

The decision guidelines of the DDO1 relevant to this application are as follows:

- Whether the development delivers high standard urban design, including but not limited to building siting, scale, massing, articulation and materials.
- Whether the proposal achieves best practice passive design and energy conservation principles, including the use of renewable energy sources within the built environment.

- Whether the layout and appearance of areas set aside for vehicular access, loading and unloading and the location of any proposed car parking is practicable, safe and supports a pedestrian priority design outcome.
- Whether the proposal provides adequate weather protection and active frontage.
- Whether the design of the streetscape interface makes a positive contribution to an active, pedestrian oriented street environment and/or public realm.
- Whether the proposal responds to the surrounding context, is proportional in scale and recognises existing heritage and neighbourhood character.

Clause 45.09 – Parking Overlay – Schedule 1 (PO1)

The purpose of the PO1 is as follows:

- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To facilitate an appropriate provision of car parking spaces in an area.
- To identify areas and uses where local car parking rates apply.
- To identify areas where financial contributions are to be made for the provision of shared car parking.

The decision guidelines of this overlay are set out at Clause 52.06-10.

Particular Provisions

Clause 52.02 – Easements, restrictions and reserves

The purpose of this provision is as follows:

• To enable the removal and variation of an easement or restrictions to enable a use or development that complies with the planning scheme after the interests of affected people are considered.

In addition to the decision guidelines at Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider the interests of affected people.

Clause 52.06 – Car parking

The purpose of this provision is as follows:

- To ensure that car parking is provided in accordance with the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality.
- To support sustainable transport alternatives to the motor car.

- To promote the efficient use of car parking spaces through the consolidation of car parking facilities.
- To ensure that car parking does not adversely affect the amenity of the locality.
- To ensure that the design and location of car parking is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.

Pursuant to the Parking Overlay – Schedule 1, 3 car parking spaces to each 100sqm of gross floor area must be provided to a place of assembly, education centre or food and drink premises (café, etc). Based on the existing floor area and proposed extension (see Section 3.1 of the Traffic Impact Assessment for a break down of existing plus proposed floor areas and provision of spaces), a total of 83 car parking spaces are requested to be reduced (87 car parking spaces required with only 4 car parking spaces proposed to be provided and accessible from Ovens Street). It is noted that the extension itself requires an additional 37 car parking spaces, so the reduction is based on those additional spaces plus the loss of 46 existing car parking spaces on site.

The proposed car parking and access layout proposed is consistent with the design standards set out at Clause 52.06-9 of the Scheme. The loading and unloading arrangements from Ovens Street have been considered by Council's Technical Services Unit.

The decision guidelines of Clause 52.06-10 relevant to this application are as follows:

- The role and function of nearby roads and the ease and safety with which vehicles gain access to the site.
- The ease and safety with which vehicles access and circulate within the parking area.
- The provision for pedestrian movement within and around the parking area.
- The provision of parking facilities for cyclists and disabled people.
- The protection and enhancement of the streetscape.
- The provisions of landscaping for screening and shade.

Clause 52.34 – Bicycle facilities

The purpose of this provision is as follows:

- To encourage cycling as a mode of transport.
- To provide secure, accessible and convenient bicycle parking spaces and associated shower and change facilities.

Pursuant to Table 1 to Clause 52.34-5, 1 bicycle space must be provided to each 1500sqm of net floor area for employees, and 2 spaces plus 1 space to each 1500sqm of net floor area for visitors. A total of 9 bicycle parking spaces are required for the proposal, with 12 bicycle parking spaces proposed to be provided adjacent to Ovens Street.

Clause 65.01 – Approval of an application or plan

The following decision guidelines of this provision are relevant to this application:

- The purpose of the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The impact the use or development will have on the current and future development and operation of the transport system.

External Referral/s

| Authority | Response |
|------------------|--|
| North East Water | No objection to the variation of the sewer |
| | easement subject to conditions. |

Internal Departmental Advice

| Department | Response |
|---------------|---|
| Tech Services | No objection to the issue of a permit, subject to |
| | conditions relating to drainage and access. |

Advertising

The application was advertised to adjoining land owners, a site notice was placed on the subject land and an advertisement was placed in the Wangaratta Chronicle. 7 objections and 1 letter of support were received.

The issues raised in the representations are summarised below and comments made.

| Issue | Comment | |
|--|--|--|
| Ability for emergency | The proposal must be compliant with the | |
| services to access the | relevant regulations under the Australian | |
| subject site. | Building Code for these arrangements. | |
| Parking availability for visitors to the site. | The proposal seeks to rely on the publicly available parking within the surrounding street network and designated parking lots (adjacent to Big W and the Co-Store multi-storey car park). The traffic impact assessment supplied with the application indicated that there are 292 car parking spaces vacant at any one time during peak parking times (an approximately 72% occupancy rate) within the vicinity of the site. Therefore, given that the application seeks a reduction of 83 car parking spaces, the surrounding parking network is considered to have capacity to cater for this. It is noted that this assessment has considered peak hours for the use of | |

| Issue | Comment |
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| | parking within the township, whereas the majority of PACC events with larger numbers tend to occur outside of normal business hours. |
| Concerns that use of on- street parking will impact surrounding street networks and businesses along Docker Street. | Given the timing restrictions for the majority of parking along Ford and Docker Streets, it is not considered that the proposed car parking reduction will largely impact on those spaces given the availability of car parking closer to the subject site with the same timing allocations, and the provision of long term parking elsewhere. Further, activities along Docker Street (such as the railway station and the hotel) have designated on-site parking provision for their patrons, so the use of timed on-street parking should not have any detrimental impact on those sites. |
| Amenity concerns for adjacent properties, including noise impacts. | It is considered that the proposal wouldn't result in any detrimental amenity issues for adjacent properties. Any plant equipment, such as air conditioning units, would be required to be acoustically treated and comply with the relevant EPA guidelines. Further, the loading bay from Ovens Street is not considered to represent any detrimental amenity issues given it is already used for those purposes, and the frequency with which it is used for gallery deliveries is fairly low compared to deliveries to other commercial premises. |
| The proposal does not provide for laneway access between Ovens Street and Ryley Street. | Whilst pedestrians are currently able to walk between Ovens Street and Ford Street (informally), there are currently no designated footpaths from Ovens Street to the rear of the site. The use of the car park to the rear of the gallery is vehicle dominated. It is noted that there has been a gap installed in the boundary fencing into the St Patrick's site to the south, which was not undertaken by Council and has never been formalised. This issue is being dealt with outside of this planning permit application and will not form part of this assessment. |
| Removal of access to Ford Street will constrain the site. | The existing loading bay access from Ford Street is not proposed to be removed. It is noted that there is currently no vehicle access from Ford Street to the rear of the site. Given the proposal seeks to remove the car park, |

| Issue | Comment |
|---|--|
| | there would be no need for pedestrian access |
| Parking availability conflicting with school pick up and drop off times. | to that area from Ford Street. The traffic impact assessment states that there would be 292 car parking spaces available within the vicinity of the site. Given that the proposal only seeks a reduction of 83 car parking spaces, it is considered unlikely that there would be a lack of spaces available for school pick up/drop off. |
| Pedestrian safety in association with the Ovens Street truck loading. | Given the existing nature of this accessway for truck access to the gallery loading bay, it is not considered appropriate for this application to seek to restrict that operation. Further, the application has been considered by Council's Technical Services Unit who considered the access arrangements for the proposal to be appropriate. |

Planning Assessment

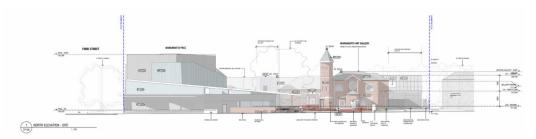
Local planning policy considerations

Local planning policy seeks to promote and enhance the creative precinct area to support tourism and social infrastructure objectives for Wangaratta. Policy seeks to ensure that new development achieves a high level of urban design that positively contributes to the streetscape. This is discussed in further detail below.

The proposal is considered to be consistent with Clause 11.03-1L-02 (Wangaratta Central Activities Area) as it seeks to enhance and promote recreational, educational and cultural opportunities for the central activities area and creative precinct. The proposal will assist in the improved operation of, and provision of additional educational and other services associated with the gallery and performing arts centre. Therefore, the proposal is considered be a positive addition to the arts and cultural hub.

Built form, heritage and neighbourhood character considerations

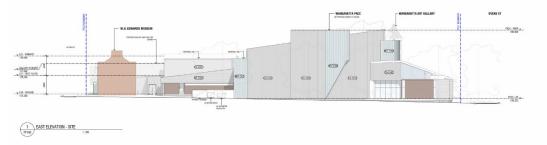
The proposal seeks to construct a rear extension to the 'creative precinct' being the gallery and PACC buildings. The built form would largely be located to the rear of the gallery and former church hall, over the current car park. The proposal has considered the heritage value and existing fabric through contributions to the character of the site and surrounds. The gallery and hall are proposed to be retained (except for some later additions which do not contribute to the heritage significance of the site), with the proposed development seeking to respect the visual elements which make the site easily identifiable (the church spire and Elm tree). Alterations are proposed to the existing PACC structure which will ensure better integration with the proposed extension and courtyard, but also provide



for better accessibility outcomes with a new decking area to the café on Ovens Street.

Streetscape elevation view from Ovens Street.

The development will be visible from Ford Street between the former fire station and the loading bay for the PACC, although the extent of visibility is not considered to alter the streetscape character. The extension will be setback behind the former fire station and the built form will be lower than the existing PACC theatre.



Streetscape elevation view from Ford Street.

The proposed development is considered to be a respectful design outcome that will enhance the function of the subject site. The modern appearance of the proposed extension will ensure a high level of juxtaposition between the heritage fabric and later development, which assists in telling the story of the evolution of the site and prevent inappropriate heritage replication. The proposed external materials will be consistent with the external materials of the 2009 PACC structure, which is also useful for blending in with existing development on the land. Further, the proposed landscaping of the courtyard area will further improve how the site is utilised, particularly with the retention of the Elm tree for visual amenity and shading outcomes.

Traffic and parking considerations

The application seeks a reduction of 83 car parking spaces for both the proposed increase in floor area and the removal of the car park to the rear of the site. The current car park has a timing restriction of 3 hours and is typically not used to its full capacity. The assessing officer has visited the car park a number of times during different days and times to confirm this. The application was accompanied by a traffic impact assessment which identified an availability of

292 car parking spaces within 400m of the subject site during expected peak hours that could be used by patrons. Given that the proposal would result in a shortfall of 83 car parking spaces, there would be sufficient capacity in the street network and designated car parks to support the subject site.

Further to this, state and local planning policy permits the reduction of car parking where there is sufficient access to alternative transport modes. The site is immediately adjacent to a bus stop, there will be capacity for 12 bicycle parking spaces, and the site is easily accessible to pedestrians from the Wangaratta Railway Station and from parking provided elsewhere within the town centre.

Therefore, given the context of the site and surrounds, the proposed reduction of car parking spaces is generally considered to be acceptable and supported by the Planning Scheme.

Conclusion

The proposal is considered to represent an orderly planning outcome and is sited appropriately to take advantage of good transport options and proximity to the central commercial area of Wangaratta. The proposal provides a good design response to the different built forms found within the site and streetscape and seeks to minimise any potential impacts from the built form through siting, maximum height, setback and external materials. The proposed reduction of car parking requirements is not considered to pose any risk to traffic management within the immediate area, with ample alternative transport modes available to the site. Therefore, the proposal is considered to represent an appropriate outcome and supports local policy for the enhancement of the creative precinct within Wangaratta.

Recommendation:

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the buildings and works (including partial demolition) for the extension of an existing place of assembly, function centre and art gallery (Wangaratta Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Gallery), a reduction of car parking requirements and variation to a sewer easement at 13-31 Ford Street Wangaratta, subject to the below conditions.

Communication:

That the applicant, supporter and objectors be advised of Council's decision.

Proposed conditions:

<u>General</u>

1. At all times what the permit allows must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of any document approved under this permit to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

- 2. The layout of the development and extent of demolition must not be altered from the layout on the approved and endorsed plans without the written consent of the responsible authority.
- 3. The development must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:
 - a. transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land
 - b. appearance of any building, works or materials
 - c. emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil
 - d. presence of vermin
 - e. or in any other way

to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

4. At all times noise emanating from the land must comply with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 (as amended from time to time) as measured in accordance with the Noise Protocol to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Noise Protocol means the Noise limit and assessment protocol for the control of noise from commercial, industrial and trade premises and entertainment venues, published by the Environment Protection Authority on its website, as in force from time to time.

- 5. All security alarms or similar devices installed on the land must be of a silent type in accordance with any current standard published by Standards Australia International Limited and be connected to a security service to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 6. No external sound amplification equipment, loudspeakers or public address system are to be used for the purpose of announcement, broadcast, playing of music or similar purpose.
- 7. All external plant and equipment must be acoustically treated or placed in soundproof housing to reduce noise to a level to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 8. All works to the existing heritage buildings (former St Paul's Presbyterian Church and Church Hall) identified for retention must be undertaken in a manner that does not damage or alter the external appearance of the buildings, unless otherwise shown on the endorsed plans, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 9. All external materials, finishes and paint colours are to be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

- 10. No plant, equipment, services or architectural features other than those shown on the approved plans are permitted above the roof level of the building(s).
- 11. Before the development is occupied, all new or extended walls on or facing the boundaries of adjoining properties must be cleaned and finished to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 12. All piping and ducting (excluding down pipes, guttering and rainwater heads) must be concealed from public view to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 13. External lighting must be designed, baffled and located so as to prevent any adverse effect on adjoining land to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 14. Car spaces, access lanes and driveways must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 15. No fewer than 4 car parking spaces must be provided on the land to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 16. No fewer than 9 bicycle parking spaces (or bicycle parking with a capacity to park 9 bicycles) must be provided on the land to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 17. All waste and recyclables must be stored in an area set aside for this purpose. This area must be screened from public view to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 18. Any road(s), footpath(s) or other infrastructure adjacent to the land damaged as a result of the construction works (including but not limited to trenching and excavation for utility service connections, movements or vehicles and the likes), must be reinstated to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and at the cost of the permit holder.

Landscaping and tree protection

- 19. Before the development or demolition starts, a tree protection fence must be erected around the Elm tree identified for retention at a suitable radius to define a 'Tree Protection Zone'. The tree protection fencing and Tree Protection Zone must be established and maintained in accordance with the following requirements to the satisfaction of the responsible authority:
 - a. The tree protection fence must be constructed of a suitable material that it cannot be pushed or climbed over by machinery or pedestrians
 - b. The tree protection fence must remain in place until the development is completed.

- 20. During the course of construction, the Tree Protection Zone must not be used for:
 - a. vehicular or pedestrian access
 - b. trenching or soil excavation
 - c. storage or dumping of materials, tools, equipment or waste.
- 21. Before the use of the extension commences, all landscaping works as shown on the endorsed plan must be carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. When the landscaping works have been completed, written confirmation must be provided to the satisfaction of the responsible authority that landscaping on the land has been undertaken in accordance with the endorsed landscaping plans.
- 22. At all times the landscaping shown on the approved landscape plan must be maintained (including the replacement of any dead, diseased or damaged plants or landscaped areas) to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 23. Any weed infestations resulting from soil disturbance and/or the importation of sand, gravel and other material must be controlled during the construction period to ensure that there is no weed spread outside of the subject site to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 24. Before the use of the extension commences, all noxious weeds on the land must be eradicated to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Technical Services requirements

General

- 25. Plans and specifications must be prepared at the permit holder's expense by a suitably qualified and/or registered engineer and approved by the Responsible Authority before construction begins. The Authority will only approve plans and specifications complying with the current edition of the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association's Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) and drawn in AutoCAD or equivalent.
- 26. The permit holder must complete full construction of all new access ways, parking areas, drainage, and related infrastructure. All works must conform to plans and specifications approved by the Responsible Authority.

Drainage

- 27. Before construction begins, drainage and on-site detention plans and computations, prepared according to IDM procedures and criteria, must be submitted to the Responsible Authority for approval.
- 28. Prior to the commencement of the use of the extension, the permit holder must satisfy the Responsible Authority that:

- a. A legal point of discharge has been established within the boundary of the subject property and connected to the external drainage network according to IDM standards without reducing the flow capacity or structural integrity of the external network.
- b. All stormwater runoff originating from or transferred through the subject property in a 18% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) rainfall event will either be retained on the property or be collected and conveyed by underground pipes to a legal point of discharge. In a 1% AEP rainfall event all stormwater runoff will be collected and conveyed to a satisfactory destination, without adversely affecting any person, infrastructure, or natural features in or beyond the property.
- c. All reasonable measures have been taken to prevent solid or liquid contaminants from entering the external drainage network.

Parking and access

- 29. Prior to the commencement of use the permit holder must satisfy the Responsible Authority that:
 - a. All loading and unloading will take place within the property.
 - All parking areas and access routes available for public use have been sealed, drained and line-marked to Australian Standard 2890 and IDM standards.
 - c. Any internal footpaths and pedestrian crossings connected directly to Council footpaths have been designed and constructed to IDM standards.
 - d. When vehicles must reverse within the subject property, measures have been taken to identify hazardous areas and protect people and infrastructure from reversing vehicles.
 - e. All internal parking areas and access routes available for public use have appropriate lighting complying with IDM standards and Australian Standard 1158.

Construction

- 30. Before construction begins, a Site Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority, and effective measures consistent with the Plan must be taken to:
 - a. Secure occupational health and safety; and
 - b. Locate any existing underground services; and
 - c. Implement effective traffic management and environmental controls; and
 - d. Establish and maintain safe construction vehicle access to the site; and
 - e. Maintain vehicle and machinery hygiene; and
 - f. Avoid the spread of soil-borne pathogens and weeds; and
 - g. Minimise erosion, sedimentation, and contamination; and
 - h. Reduce the impact of noise, dust, and other emissions; and

- i. Prevent mud, dirt, sand, soil, clay, or stones from entering the drainage system; and
- j. Avoid having such materials deposited on public land by construction vehicles; and
- k. Establish and maintain all recommended Tree Protection Zones.
- 31. No excavated or construction materials may be placed or stored outside the site area or on adjoining road reserves or nature strips.
- 32. No tree may be removed, aside from trees clearly designated for removal in the approved plans, except with the prior written agreement of the Responsible Authority.
- 33. Prior to the commencement of the use, all areas, Council assets and underground services disturbed in the course of works must be restored to their original condition, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The site management plan must include photos/videos and other supporting evidence of the state of Council assets at the time of lodgement of the plan.

Variation to easement

34. The plan of variation to the easement must be submitted for certification under the *Subdivision Act 1988* and referred to any relevant authorities in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.

Permit expiry

- 35. This permit as it relates to development (buildings and works) will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
 - a. The variation to the easement is not certified within 5 years of the issued date of this permit.
 - b. The development is not started within 5 years of the issued date of this permit.
 - c. The development is not completed within 10 years of the issued date of this permit.

In accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, an application may be submitted to the responsible authority for an extension of the periods referred to in this condition.

Permit notes:

Technical Services

- Before undertaking any works that cross onto Council land or roads, the permit holder must obtain a Consent to Work within a Road Reserve permit.
- Before undertaking any works that cross onto other public land or roads, the permit holder may need to obtain approval from the relevant authority.

North East Water

• The applicant is required to enter into a Build Over Easement (BOE) agreement with North East Water for any proposed structures or works over or near a North East Water easement or asset in accordance with North East Water requirements. A BOE application is required for both the decommissioned sewer infrastructure and any new easement that will be created.

The applicant is encouraged to contact North East Water's Property Information Team on 1300 361 622 or email to property.info@nerwa.vic.gov.au for the requirements to prepare and submit a Build Over Easement Application (BOE) for the new sewer main and any inactive assets that will apply to the decommissioned sewer main.



Rural City of **Wangaratta**

Minutes

For the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Council Chambers Municipal Offices 62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta **17 September 2024**

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1. Welcome

The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we meet. We paid our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and to Elders from other communities who may have been at the meeting.

2. Present/Absent/Apologies

Committee Members

Mr Vito Giudice (chairperson) (virtual) Mr Wilson Tang (virtual) Mr Matt Fagence (virtual) Ms Jane Watson (virtual)

<u>Councillors</u> Cr. Dean Rees

<u>Auditors</u> Dannielle Mackenzie – External Audit (virtual)

Staff Members

Tom Coelli-Donaghy – Acting Director Corporate & Leisure Andrew Lovett – Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist Andrew Scoffern – Governance and Reporting Advisor Jess Greening – Manager Finance Yvonne Cypser – Financial Controller Zoe Giglio – Executive Assistant Corporate and Leisure (virtual)

Apologies:

Cr. Jack Herry Brad Ead - Internal Audit Sarah Brindley – Director Corporate and Leisure Brendan McGrath – Chief Executive Officer

3. Confirmation of Minutes

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee read and confirmed the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee of 6 August 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings was moved by Independent Member Matt Fagence and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Action Items

Action Item 1: For the December 2024 meeting and onwards, in the action tracker include a column for progress ensuring all commentary and progress can be easily noted.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

In accordance with sections 53 and 131 of the Local Government Act 2020 a member who has a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by the Council's Governance Rules and comply with the procedures specified in the Governance Rules.

No conflicts were disclosed.

5. Reports

5.1 Financial Statements and Performance Statement for Year Ended 30 June 2024

Management presented the Draft Financial Statements, Performance Statement and Governance and Management Checklist for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 for endorsement by the Audit and Risk Management Committee and recommended that Council approve in principle the statements prior to submission to the Victorian Auditor-General.

Subject to any suggested changes by VAGO, a motion that the Audit and Risk Committee endorse in principle the DRAFT Financial Statements, Performance Statement and Governance and Management Checklist for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and recommended Council approve in principle the statements prior to submission to the Victorian Auditor-General was moved by Independent Member Jane Watson and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

- The Finance Manager provided the following overview on the Financial Statement for the financial year ended 30 June 2024:
 - Accounting surplus of \$3.39 million had decreased from prior year of \$22.30 million.
 - Capital expenditure of \$26.47 million in 2023-2024 versus \$30.99 million from 2022/23
 - Total council income was \$96.70 million in 2023-2024 versus \$98.35 million from the prior year.
 - Noted there was an error with the rates charges should read 2.9% increase for the financial year 2024/2025 as previously worded in 2023/2024 financial year.
 - o Operating grants decreased by \$9.78 million in 2023/2024 from the previous year.
 - Capital grants decreased by \$2.9 million 2023/2024 from the previous year.
 - o Income increased due to reduction in land fill rehabilitation.
 - Total expenditure increased by \$17.25 million in 2023/2024 attributed to the increase in employee costs following the completion of the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and oncosts associated with Workcover premiums.
 - Materials increased by \$1.6 million in 2023/2024 compared to the previous year.
 - o Other expenses variations related to changes in future modelling for the landfill provision.
 - In the Balance Sheet, assets had decreased by \$16.2 million in 2023 because of grant funding was received earlier than expected and was paid in the 2022/23 financial year.
- The Finance Manager advised that councillors will be notified of the breach of the Reserve Accounting Policy due to less cash than restricted statutory and discretionary reserves. Councillors will be briefed at the upcoming Unscheduled September Council meeting.
- Cr. Dean Rees enquired the payment received of \$65,000 in lieu of rates from the solar farm, was it treated as rateable income? The Finance Manager responded the payment received was in lieu of rates and based on the solar outputs of the farm.
- Independent Jane Watson asked whether the decrease in cash reserves result from receiving the grant in the previous financial year. The Finance Manager responded that

the 2024 financial assistance grants from the federal grant were received well in advance in the 2022/2023 financial year and that council did not receive any additional cash in 2023/2024.

- Independent Member Jane Watson raised a concern and risk that given the breach of Reserves and Accounting Policy how might councillors receive this information prior to the upcoming scheduled council meeting.
- Chair Vito Guidice asked external auditor Danielle MacKenzie if this was consistent across the sector. Dannielle confirmed this was consistent across other councils.
- The Finance Manager advised in relation to rate receivables of \$500,000 there was an increase on rate payables due to financial hardship that reflects the cost of living.
- Non-current assets had a \$27 million dollar increase in 2023/2024.
- Major asset classes that were revalued totalled \$17 million.
- · Both the aerodrome and artworks both had unadjusted differences.
- The Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist advised that Council would be submitting the financial statements and performance statements before the end of the week to VAGO to conclude the process.
- Independent Member Jane Watson asked about assets that didn't meet the criteria for capitalisation, did this highlight any processes for improvement within the assets team? The Finance Manager responded, there were no issues in the process, but in the initial set up of projects. Officers had been meeting with the assets team to expediate capitalising assets in the future.
- Independent Member Jane Watson commented on the landfill adjustment indexing at \$10
 million. The Finance Manager advised that Council's waste team had undertaken significant
 work to consolidate costs for rehabilitation when compared to quotes and developed position
 papers to both State and Federal Government to satisfy council's audit action items.
- Independent Member Jane Watson asked was that more of a review of how waste was being operated to adjustments or was it additional costs? The Finance Manager responded no additional costs were spent when the review was undertaken.
- External Auditor Dannielle MacKenzie commented she was comfortable on the indexing \$10 million and expected movement in the calculation based on last year. Following the recommendation on the review of the calculation released auditors are comfortable with the calculation for 2024/2025 against this time last year.
- External Auditor Dannielle MacKenzie addressed the following management letter points:
 - o In the closing report, revaluation on property equipment was found in two categories.
 - Found assets had the value of \$3.3 million in the current year; despite being categorised differently. It was found that some assets may have existed previously however, depending on how the valuer's subjective value process.

- Artworks The current Reserve Accounting Policy does not provide a position for artworks on loan or on long-term loan to Council or if they should be recorded as assets and included in the artwork register.
- Following minor audit discrepancies, work was undertaken with management on refining developer contributions totalling \$378,000.
- Additional assets totalling \$1.6 million were listed as found assets even though categorised differently. \$731,000 in found assets were for artworks considered on loan to council, but it was unclear who controlled those assets.
- Infringement debtors there was an unadjusted audit difference in the management letter listing and the trial balance. There were some differences in the general ledgers and in some of the personnel journal entries and it was unclear if infringements should be written off.

Governance Checklist

- The Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist advised through the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) reporting process Council officers had extracted the data and sent to the auditors who had reviewed the LGPRF figures and audited service performance indicators. It was noted that the indicator for utilisation of aquatics listed in the management letter for 2022/2023 on the accuracy of capturing visitation had been successfully addressed with a more robust software system implemented accurately counting visitors to the centre and closes off the action in the management letter.
- Independent Member Wilson Tang asked in relation to the scoring of 82 for the condition of roads against the actuals what is the gap here. Are there any safety gaps? The Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist responded that in consultation with the Field Services Team, they noted that the calculation was incorrect and there had been little change in the last year. Relevant data had been updated and will be sent to Crowe to finalise.
- Independent Member Wilson Tang queried how does the Statutory Planning service standard of 67 against the actual compare to previous years? The Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist responded, staff resourcing and the complexity of planning matters, were the main factors behind the service standard.
- Cr. Dean Rees took the opportunity to provide his personal view on planning matters. Planning matters within the Rural City of Wangaratta take too much time to process and believe that the staff do not want to make decisions. He noted previous e-mails had been sent and discussions held with management where he suggested operational efficiencies could be made.

Action Items

• Action Item 2: For areas where the budget is lower than previous years, suggested to include commentary in the Performance Statement for those items to provide clear reasoning as to why it is lower.

- Action Item 3: In the Governance and Management Checklist include additional commentary to include when the policies are due for further review.
- Action Item 4: List the reappointment of the internal auditor in the Governance and Management Checklist.

6. Other Business

On behalf of the Audit and Risk Committee, the Chairperson thanked outgoing Mayor Councillor Dean Rees and Cr. Jack Herry for their services to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Outgoing Mayor Councillor Dean Rees thanked the Audit and Risk Committee and council officers for all their advice and their work in ensuring that council maintains its governance practises.

Action Items

• Action Item 5: The Closing Management Letter Report to be distributed to Audit and Risk Committee members once finalised.

7. Next Meeting

Thursday 05, December 2024

8. Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3:41pm.



Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting

5:30pm Monday 5 August 2024

Synergy Youth Hub – 29 Flanagan Street Yurrunga, Wangaratta

Attendees

Cr Dave Fuller

Margaret Pullen, Bev Lipscombe, Rachel Vallender, Tim Dickinson, Marc Bongers,

Council Officers

Simone Nolan, Manager Arts Culture and Events Rachel Harrop, Youth and Inclusion Team Leader

Chair – Cr Dave Fuller

- Apologies
 - Cr Irene Grant Stephen Swart, Director Sustainability and Culture Fran O'Neil Paddy Milne Marg Brickhill Pam Procter

Moved Marg P seconded Rach V

- Conflict of Interest Declarations none to report
- Acknowledgment to Country

Aunty Bev Lipscombe

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| Agenda Item | Time |
|---|-----------------|
| Previous Minutes - Cr Fuller | 5:30pm – 5:45pm |
| Review of previous minutes (from meeting held 5/06/24) Business arising / actions from previous minutes (June 2024) | |
| Accept previous minutes. Moved Marc B / Seconded Rach V Note – Correction noted for previous minutes – Fran O'Neil was in attendance, not an apology | |

Synergy Youth Hub (Rach Harrop)

• Overview and venue tour

Staff and Committee members discussed barriers for young people to attend the Hub., learnings from the set up and how staffing resources are being managed. (minimum of two staff are required during Hub open hours)

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ACE General Update – Simone Nolan:

Wangaratta Creative Precinct

- Project update
- Media plan
- Planning Permit

No discussion, update only.

- Prosecco Road Project
 - Bubbles in the landscape Alexander Knox
- M2M Tourism North East
- Inland Rail Partnership Project Wangaratta Station EOI opportunity
 - More info www.greenshootconsulting.com
- New financial year Projects
 - Wangaratta Wayfinding Project (extension of Bullawah Cultural Trail signage into CBD area)
 - WPACC Cafe lease agreement renewal
 - WPACC Theatre equipment upgrade
 - Wangaratta Library Customer enhancement Project

General- Simone Nolan

- Presentation of ACE Business Unit Report
- Highlights from Report

5:45pm – 6:15pm

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Arts Culture & Events / Desk Top review or Action Plan Simone Nolan

6:15pm - 7:00pm

- Previous Discussion of ACE Strategy
- Desk top review and delivery suggested (in house)
- Overview of current guiding strategies and documents to
 - be guided by Simone Nolan (Manager ACE)

Committee members were asked to review the actions and feedback to officers if this was a way of updating and reporting to the committee with meaningful data and content.

Key Documents to be considered in this work are:

- RCOW Council Plan
- Sustainability and Culture Directorate Business Unit Plan
- Arts Culture & Events Business Unit Plan
- Creative Precinct Masterplan
- Attractions and Events Strategy
- Youth Services Strategy

ACTION to send all of the links Strategy links –

SN to action

Council Fuller outlined caretaker mode for Council and what this involves, what council business can and cannot occur.

The new Ward structure was explored and the voting and election timeline

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General Business – Cr Fuller

Cr Fuller

- Bullinginyah Dreaming on the Murray River, Cobram Barooga was mentioned and recommended for all to visit.
- Can we do a similar on Bpangerang with the Bullawah Trail?
- Committee to reflect and respond
- Black Box Theatre series was reflected on.
- Gallery 2 venue was a great facility noting that the small theatre, black box theatre theme came at a small cost with big impact and how can it be done again.

Marg Pullen

• Community NTH wang community group has submitted a seating pod grant application to assist with the interpretation experience and visitation in the area (hoping for the outcome)

Marc Bongers

• Friends Gallery – Fundraiser at the gallery and the Fran O'Neil artist talk, in conjunction with new wine supplier, all welcome to attend.

Rachel Vallender

- M2M Oxley to Milawa public art excitement
- WANG festival of Jazz mention and reminded committee to support the events. Individual venues committed to contributing the festival.

Aunty Bev Liscombe

 North East Health is developing their Innovate RAP, the details of the timeline and potential community assistance was discussed.

Tim Dickenson

Across the Arts Festival, GANEAA's preparation and grant applications

Paddy Milne

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7.20pm – 7.30pm

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Wangaratta Historical Society and the exhibition preparation for the Bainz Gallery. Open weekend planned for Wang Jazz Festival long weekend.

- Next Meeting Wednesday 2 October 2024 - 5.30-7.30pm (Library) Monday 2 December 2024 - 5.30-7.30pm (WPACC)
- Meeting Closure 7.30pm



Minutes

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting

5:30pm Monday 2 December 2024

WPACC Conference Room

Attendees

Cr Dave Fuller / Mayor Cr Grant

Pam Procter, Margaret Pullen, Bev Lipscombe, Rachel Vallender, Tim Dickinson, Marc Bongers,

Council Officers

Stephen Swart, Director Sustainability and Culture Simone Nolan, Manager Arts Culture and Events Tanya Camplin, Rachel Harrop

Chair – Cr Dave Fuller

- Apologies
 - Paddy Milne Marg Brickhill Fran O'Neil
- Conflict of Interest Declarations
- Acknowledgment to Country

| Agenda Item | Time |
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| Previous Minutes - Cr Fuller | 6.00pm – 6:15pm |
| Review of previous minutes (from meeting held August 5, 2024.) | |

Accept previous minutes.

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Overview and thank you to Arts & Culture Advisory Committee:

- Cr Fuller / Stephen Swart, contribution to the volunteer hours of the advisory committee were acknowledged.
- Committee members were invited to share refreshments and catering as the presentation on the new council plan consultation was to take place.

Council Plan and 2025 and beyond – Simone Nolan:

6:15pm – 7:15pm

(Bulk of the committee meeting was exploring & workshopping the current actions connected to Arts Culture and Events)

Slide presentation on Strategic Pillars

Questions:

- Is the theme still relevant? Why / Why not?
- What key initiatives would you like to see delivered over the next four years?
- What key initiatives would you like considered for Arts Culture and Events Areas (including Youth Services)
- How can you help bring the community along?

All committee members were forwarded the slide pack from the evenings presentation and asked to consider the above questions in preparation of more detailed consultation in early 2025.

Next Steps

Time period and consultation options were outlined to the committee for a new Council Plan.

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General Business – Cr Fuller

- General Questions / Matters:
 - Marc Bongers raised the question about the changes with the Digital Hub closure at Wangaratta Library. Wangaratta Camera Club have current access to the space and concerns were raised about the future of this arrangement.
 - Council Officers will arrange for the camera club to be contacted to discuss further. (SS & SN to action)
- Next Meeting February 3, 2025
- Meeting Closure 7.30pm

7.15pm – 7.30pm