



Rural City of
Wangaratta

Agenda

For the Scheduled Council Meeting
Council Chambers, Municipal Offices
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta
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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 27 May 2025 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

Officers' Reports

12. Executive Services

Nil

13. Corporate and Leisure

13.1 Budget 2025 - 2026 - Community Submissions

Meeting Type:	Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 June 2025
Category:	Strategic
Author:	Management Reporting Coordinator
Approver:	Director Corporate and Leisure

The following Council officers and contractors have disclosed a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration:

The following relevant private interests relate to consideration of the community budget submission from the Wangaratta Rovers Football & Netball Club (WRFNC). These officers and councillors have excused themselves from all prior internal discussions and decisions on this submission:

Officers:

- **Brendan McGrath – Chief Executive Officer** has reported a general conflict of interest as they are a volunteer team manager and have a game day role for the WRFNC. A family member also plays for the club.

Councillors:

- **Mayor Irene Grant** has reported a material conflict of interest as a family member is on the Board of the WRFNC.
- **Councillor Dave Fuller** has reported a general conflict of interest as a family member plays for the WRFNC.
- **Councillor Allison Winters** has reported a general conflict of interest as a family member is a volunteer coach and another family member plays for the WRFNC.

The following relevant private interest relates to consideration of the Park Pride Project community budget submission. The Councillor has excused themselves from all prior discussions and decisions on this submission.

- **Councillor Allison Winters** has reported a general conflict of interest as a family member made the budget submission.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council for decision on budget allocations in relation to two of the 2025/26 Community Budget submissions. It is being presented separately to the 2025/26 Budget report due to the above conflict of interests having been reported in relation to these items.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Considers community submissions made to the 2025/26 Budget (Confidential Attachment 1) and Officer Recommendations (Attachment 2) regarding the 'WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out' and the 'Park Pride Project for the Rangeview Reserve'; and,**

2. **Authorises provision of \$150,000 in the 2025/26 Budget towards the WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out, to be paid subject to the completion of a signed Funding Agreement between Council and the Wangaratta Rovers Football and Netball Club who are managing delivery of this project;**
3. **Authorises council to allocate funding from within the 2025/26 operating budget, once approved, to deliver seating and enhancements at Rangeview Avenue Reserve in response to the 'Park Pride' submission.**

Background

Community consultation for the 2025/26 Budget attracted 54 community budget submissions, all of which have been reviewed and considered by Officers and Councillors.

Due to the conflicts of interest reported above, the two following submissions are being brought to council to consider directly before the 2025/26 Budget report. This will enable all Councillors to participate in the 2025/26 Budget item.

The two community submissions are:

1. WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out: Request for \$150,000 funding contribution to the Wangaratta Rovers Football and Netball Club (WRFNC) to assist in the construction of female friendly changerooms at the WJ Findlay reserve.
2. Pride Park Project for Rangeview Reserve: To improve seating and amenity to support community use of the reserve.

Project 1: WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out

The WRFNC is a thriving community football and netball club, with five teams of women's football, six teams of netball and junior development teams. The club has advised of their success in securing \$1.34m Federal grant funding through the Play our Way program to provide new female changeroom facilities to support female sport.

The request to council is to contribute a further \$150,000 to this project, intended primarily for the fit out of the changerooms.

This is an exceptional level of funding attraction received by a community group, and represents an excellent return from council's perspective – at a ratio of nearly 9:1 – towards improving a community asset.

The initiative is aligned to several council objectives, including the Parklands Masterplan (*'Theme 4: Refurbishment of the Rovers Clubhouse to provide female friendly change facilities'*) and the Recreation Strategy 2024-33 (*'Ref. Q61: Develop female friendly change facilities at WJ Findlay Oval', anticipated cost to council \$500,000*).

The Officer Recommendation is to allocate the requested \$150,000 in the 2025/26 budget, to be paid subject to an agreed Funding Agreement between council and the WRNFC to formalise the purpose, allocation and reporting requirements for the use of funds.

Project 2: Park Pride Project for the Rangeview Reserve

This submission has been made by a community member, requesting installation of seating, additional bins and potential future tree planting at the Rangeview Reserve. This is intended to provide a more amenable area for community members to sit and enjoy, and to support community mental health and wellbeing as a result.

The Officer Recommendation is for council to deliver seating and enhancement works at the Rangeview Reserve from within the 2025/26 operating budget (once approved).

Implications**Policy Considerations**

Council's Community Engagement Policy has been followed in engaging the community in development of the 2025/26 Budget.

Financial/Economic Implications

Allocation of \$150,000 for the WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out (this is currently included in the following 2025/26 Budget report). The Pride Park Project doesn't require an increase to budget outside of business as usual funding.

Legal/Statutory

Division 2 of the Local Government Act 2020 sets out Conflict of Interest requirements under which Councillors must operate. Whilst an exemption exists in the Act if 'the interest only arises because a family member of the relevant person is a member but not an office-holder of a not-for-profit organisation', it is deemed prudent for Councillors and Officers to declare their connections to the WRFNC submission and excuse themselves from the decision given the substantial funding allocation being considered in this report.

Social and Diversity

The WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out supports the growing number of women in sport and ensures appropriate facilities are available to enable their participation.

The Park Pride Project is intended to support community mental health and wellbeing in a relatively disadvantaged area of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

An Equity Impact Assessment hasn't been undertaken at this stage as this is a WRNFC project, not directly managed by council. An EIA will be undertaken in future if deemed necessary to do so.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Environmental and sustainability impacts will be considered and appropriately assessed through the permit application process for the WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out (e.g. impact on trees).

Strategic Links**Council Plan 2021 – 2025**

In addition to the strategic links referenced above, this report also supports delivery of the 2021-2025 Council Plan through several objectives and actions including:

1. Strengthening our Leadership

1.1 An engaged and connected community

1.1.2 Commit to the delivery of thorough and inclusive community engagement practices.

2. Nurturing our Wellbeing**2.2 Accesible and equitable services, spaces and facilities**

2.2.4 Support all our community members to be healthy and well, especially our most vulnerable.

2.3 Increased sense of inclusivity and connectedness

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

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

5. Enhancing our Lifestyle**5.7 Beautiful and accessible parks, gardens and open spaces**

5.7.1 We maintain our parks and gardens, reserves, and open spaces to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our people, and the protection of our spaces.

Consultation/Communication

Community feedback and its ability to inform development of the the Budget has substantially increased this year as a result of the early and proactive community engagement process.

The community consultation process ran from December 2024 to January 2025 and resulted in 54 budget submissions, all of which have been carefully reviewed and considered, (see the other submissions in the following 2025-26 Budget report). These two projects are being considered separately due to the stated conflicts of interest.

Subject to the decision above and adoption of the Budget, Council will write to the submitters advising of Council's decision.

Options for Consideration

Options include:

1. That Councillors authorise the Officer Recommendations made above following thorough consideration of the community budget submissions (recommended); or,
2. That Councillors determine alternate outcomes to the Officer Recommendations for the two community budget submissions, and determine that these be adjusted in the subsequent 2025/26 Budget decision; or,
3. That Councillors do not authorise the above Officer Recommendations and determine that these projects be removed from the subsequent 2025/26 budget decision.

Conclusion

The 'WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Change Room Fit Out' and the 'Park Pride' community submissions to the 2025/26 Budget have been carefully considered by council officers. This agenda item seeks council authorisation to allocate funds in the 2025/26 Budget to support these initiatives.

Attachments

- 1 2025 - 2026 Budget Submissions - WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Change Room Fit Out Project & Park Pride Project - Confidential
- 2 Officer Recommendations on two Community Budget Submissions 2025-26 [↓](#) 

13.2 Budget 2025 - 2026

Meeting Type:	Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 June 2025
Category:	Strategic
Author:	Finance Manager
Approver:	Director Corporate and Leisure

The below conflicts of interest have been disclosed regarding the following matters included in the 2025-26 Budget. These officers and councillors have excused themselves from all prior internal discussions on these matters, and the matters have been decided separately through the previous report so that they may participate in this item:

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Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to consider adopting the attached 2025/26 Budget (Attachment 1) which has been prepared in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. This report notes the submissions received (Confidential Attachment 2) and Council Officer recommendations (Attachment 3).

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Considers the community submissions made regarding the 2025/26 Budget community engagement process (Attachment 2).**
2. **Considers and endorses the Officer Recommendations (Attachment 3) for each community submission, including to:**

- a. Include the following funds in the 2025/26 Budget:
 - i. Boorhaman Recreation Reserve Shade Sail \$35,000
 - ii. Merriwa Park gardening and maintenance \$17,000
 - iii. Wangaratta Jazz & Blues 2025 Jazz Awards \$10,000
 - iv. Steinway on Stage Concerts with Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance Inc \$6,000
 - b. Instruct Council Officers to deliver the Officer Recommendations for the following community submissions within the 2025/26 operating budget:
 - i. Club Signage at entrance to Merriwa Park
 - ii. Renovate drain at western end of Merriwa Park carpark.
3. Adopts the 2025/26 Budget (Attachment 1) attached to this report for the purposes of Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020;
4. Declares the Rates and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year as summarised in this report and contained in the attached 2025/26 Budget;
5. Authorises officers to provide formal responses to each submitter of the decision and reasons for that decision in response to their submission, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy;
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice of the adoption of the 2025/26 Budget;
7. Authorises the refinancing of \$7.05 million of maturing borrowings during 2025/26.

Background

The Local Government Act 2020 provides that Council must:

- Prepare a budget for each financial year and the subsequent three financial years by June 30 – Section 94(1)
- Ensure the budget contains financial statements, a description of services and initiatives, the total amount that Council intends to raise by rates and charges, prescribed indicators of service performance and a statement as to how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives specified in the Council Plan required by the regulations – Section 94(2).
- Ensure the budget is developed in accordance with the financial management principles and its community engagement policy – Section 96(1).

The 2025/26 Budget (Attachment 1) supports delivery of the Community Vision 2033 and Council Plan 2021-2025. (Note: Preparation of the next Community Vision 2045 and Council Plan 2025-2029, due by October 2025, is currently in progress and any additional funding required for implementation of the Council Plan 2025-29 will be allocated in the future, once known).

Highlights

The 2025/26 Budget highlights an accounting surplus of \$13.46m and:

- Total income of \$99.70m
- Total operating expenditure of \$86.24m
- An underlying operating deficit of \$2.50m
- A capital works program of \$23.63m including \$6.85m of carryover works from 2024/25
- A rate rise of 3.00%, which is equal to the rate cap set under the Fair Go Rates System
- Refinancing of maturing borrowings of \$7.05m.

As a result of receiving and considering community submissions (Attachment 2, and the report prior to this item) it is proposed that Council includes an additional \$218k of council contribution towards community projects in the 2025/26 Budget.

Operating Budget

The 2025/26 Budget projects an underlying operating deficit of \$2.50m, with a slight increase to the underlying operating deficit forecast in years 2 to 4 of the budget. Local Government Authorities are experiencing growing financial pressures. A financial sustainability program is currently being undertaken to identify options and realise efficiencies to deliver these results and improve the long-term financial outlook of Council.

Alongside funding the continued delivery of council's core services, the Operating Budget includes initiatives such as: Collection of Asset Data, ongoing delivery of the Financial Sustainability Program, and continued ICT Strategy implementation and Change Management Support.

The wellbeing of every member of our community remains important to Council, with initiatives in the budget to support this including completing further delivery of the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre Masterplan, Support for the delivery of Female Friendly Changerooms at WJ Findlay Oval, and delivery of the Community Grants Program.

The Budget also provides funding for continued delivery of strategies and masterplans such as the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, Reconciliation Action Plan, and Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.

Rates

Under the Fair Go Rates System the Minister for Local Government set a rate cap of 3.00%. The 25/26 Budget has applied a rate cap of the same.

This budget has been developed in alignment with the newly adopted Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–2029, which establishes the strategic framework and guiding principles for how Council calculates and distributes rates to property owners, and other revenue streams.

Property valuations applicable to the 2025/26 financial year have been finalised by the Valuer General being the sole valuation authority. Section 4.1.1 of the 2025/26 Budget reflects revaluation data as at 1 January 2025, including total capital improved value (CIV) by class of land, revised rate to be applied per dollar value of CIV and the total estimated amount to be raised for each class of land.

Following the adoption of the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-29, the structure of differential rates for the 2025-26 year compared to the 2024-25 year has been updated as follows:

- Changed the definitions of Rural Residential, Rural 1 and Rural 2 differential rates to Rural <20 Ha (Hectares) and Rural >20 Ha.
- Combined Commercial and Industrial land into one category.
- Combined the three Vacant Land types (excluding General Vacant Land which has been vacant for three or more years) into one category called Vacant Land <3yrs.
- Removed the Mixed Use land category.

Changes have also been made to the level of differential rates for the 2025-26 year compared to the 2024-25 year, as follows:

- The Rural <20Ha and Rural >20Ha differential rates set at 80% and 60% of the General Rate respectively (formerly Rural Residential 100%, Rural 1 70% and Rural 2 65%).
- Increased the Commercial/Industrial differential rates from 138% to 145% of the General Rate.
- Reduced the General Vacant Land rate for land vacant more than three years by 20% to 240% to comply with the Local Government Act 1989 (highest differential rate must be no more than four times the lowest differential rate).

4.1.1(f) The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land, compared with the previous financial year.

Type or class of land	2024/25	2025/26	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
General	4,279,143	4,329,605	50,462	1.18%
Commercial/Industrial	988,049	998,421	10,372	1.05%
Mixed Use	3,578	-	(3,578)	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	135,341	133,638	(1,703)	-1.26%
Vacant > 3 Years	7,375	6,321	(1,054)	-14.29%
Rural Residential	1,878,367	-	(1,878,367)	-100.00%
Rural 1	875,712	-	(875,712)	-100.00%
Rural 2	3,305,397	-	(3,305,397)	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	2,361,059	2,361,059	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	3,731,850	3,731,850	100.00%
Total value of land*	11,472,962	11,560,894	87,932	0.77%

*Valuations as at 1 January 2025 will be used for the 2025/26 rating year

4.1.1(b) The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2024/25	2025/26	Change
	cents/\$CIV	cents/\$CIV	
General	0.003051271	0.003289615	7.81%
Commercial/Industrial	0.004210754	0.004769941	13.28%
Mixed Use	0.003631013	-	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	0.006102542	0.006579229	7.81%
Vacant > 3 Years	0.007933305	0.007895075	-0.48%
Rural Residential	0.003051271	-	-100.00%
Rural 1	0.002135890	-	-100.00%
Rural 2	0.001983326	-	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	0.002631692	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	0.001973769	100.00%

The 2024-25 Rural Rates have been replaced in the 2025/26 year with Rural <20Ha and Rural >20Ha.

4.1.1(c) The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates, compared with the previous financial year.

Type or class of land	2024/25	2025/26	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
General	13,057	14,243	1,186	9.08%
Commercial/Industrial	4,160	4,762	602	14.47%
Mixed Use	13	-	(13)	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	826	879	53	6.42%
Vacant > 3 Years	59	50	(9)	-15.25%
Rural Residential	5,731	-	(5,731)	-100.00%
Rural 1	1,870	-	(1,870)	-100.00%
Rural 2	6,556	-	(6,556)	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	6,214	6,214	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	7,366	7,366	100.00%
Total amount to be raised by general rates*	32,272	33,514	1,242	3.85%

The 2024-25 Rural Rates have been replaced in the 2025-26 year with Rural <20Ha and Rural >20Ha.

Valuation data highlights the final average CIV increase across the municipality of 0.77%. The calculation of rates for individual rate payers is determined via the updated property valuations and the application of rate differentials according to the type or class of land. Property owners will see an increase or decrease to their Council rates depending on (i) their individual property value movement relative to others, along with (ii) any change to their differential category and the associated differential rate.

Waste Service Charges

In 2024/25 Council commenced a waste charges review, supporting cost-reflective pricing and taking into consideration the Local Government Minister's 2024 Best Practice Guidelines and new contract pricing. Despite increases to the State Government Waste Levy, and based on this review, Council is recommending not to apply its usual inflationary increase to waste charges as a benefit to ratepayers in 2025/26.

There are structural changes underway to waste service delivery models. This includes Council's introduction of a separate glass collection service in May 2026 under Section 60 of the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021, to selected townships and low-density residential areas. The cost of introducing this service is proposed to be absorbed in 2025/26, made possible by limited collections (four per household per year) and reduced processing costs for separated glass.

Waste services will continue to evolve as an important means to keep reducing environmental harm. Consequently, this will further influence Council's ongoing cost of delivery including service charges and landfill rehabilitation in future years. Council will need to continue to regularly review these charges.

The following table shows the rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under Section 162 of the Act, compared with the prior year:

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2024/25	Per Rateable Property 2025/26	Change	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>Urban</i>				
Kerbside collection - 140L	226	226	-	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240L	400	400	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 140L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 240L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 360L	229	229	-	0.00%
Glass recycling charge - 240L	-	-	-	0.00%
Organic waste charge	208	208	-	0.00%
<i>Rural</i>				
Kerbside collection - 140L	226	226	-	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240L	400	400	-	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240L Weekly collection	810	810	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 140L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 240L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 360L	229	229	-	0.00%
Glass recycling charge - 240L	-	-	-	0.00%
Organic waste charge	207	207	-	0.00%

User Fees and Charges

User fees and charges have been reviewed by each operating unit to ensure they continue to represent the determined fee structure and account for increases to CPI, benchmarking and full-cost recovery where applicable. Individual user fees and charges have increased generally by 3%, reflective of inflation. Total user fees are \$14.72m, an increase of \$2.66m on the 2024/25 Projected Full Year Forecast.

This increase also demonstrates projected underlying growth in certain services, such as the continued growth of the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatics Centre based on ongoing increases in memberships, expansion of Learn to Swim program enrolments, and the opening of the upgraded Stadium.

Proposed updated Fees and Charges can be viewed in section 6 of the Draft Budget.

Statutory fees and fines that are determined by prescribed fee or penalty units have been updated following publishing of the 2025/26 unit rates by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Capital Works Budget

The proposed capital works budget of \$23.63m is made up of \$16.78m of new works for 2025/26 and \$6.85m of works carried over from the 2024/25 capital works program.

The new program will be funded by \$13.40m of grant funding and \$10.23m of Council cash from operations, reserves, and investments.

The \$16.78m of new works for 2025/26 includes:

- Bridge Renewals, including \$700k for Ivones Lane Bridge Renewal (\$3.46m) (\$2.76m grant funding)
- Safer Local Streets & Roads Program (\$2.00m)

- Gravel Re-Sheeting Program (\$1.85m)
- Plant Replacement (\$1.54m)
- WSAC Power Efficiency Implementation (\$1.29m) (1:1 grant funding)
- Building Renewals (\$900k)
- Annual Reseal Program (\$850k)
- Swan Street renewal – roadworks (\$630k)
- Swan Street drainage renewal (\$410k)
- Annual Road Reconstruction (\$400k)
- Levee Pump Renewal Program (\$400k)
- Workshop Pit Upgrade (\$377k)
- Horticulture - New Workshop and Storage Shed (\$220k)
- Contribution to Library Book Collection (\$201k)
- Township Infrastructure improvements (\$200k)
- Footpath renewal program (\$150k)
- Rural Drainage Renewal (\$150k)
- Detailed Design of Wangaratta Waste Transfer Station (\$150k)
- WJ Findlay Female Friendly Changeroom Fit out (\$150k)
- IT Asset Renewal (\$148k)
- Urban Drainage Renewal (\$125k)
- Swan Street - WSUD guidelines development and delivery of GP (\$125k)
- Rovers Netball & Tennis Court Re-Sealing (\$120k)

A full listing of capital works projects can be viewed in Note 4.5 of the attached 2025/26 Budget.

Delivery of some projects within the 2024/25 capital works program has been delayed as a result of staffing changes and contract delivery timings. As such, \$6.85m of projects have been identified as being required to carry forward into the 2025/26 financial year. These projects are identified in Note 4.5.3 of the attached Budget, and these include the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre Changerooms & Amenities and Netball Courts (\$2.63m), Plant Replacement (\$1.47m), Flood Mitigation Structures (\$1.40m), Safe Pedestrian Program (\$897k), Rural Road Detailed Design and Constructs (\$200k) and Design & Construction of Rowan Street Overpass Shared Path (\$200k).

Borrowings

The Budget recommends refinancing of up to \$7.05 million of a maturing 10-year interest-only loan. While Council continues to review its capital works programme as part of its 10 Year Financial Plan, if these funds are allocated to any renewal projects, this would not be consistent with Council's Borrowing Policy. However, it is recommended that a policy exemption be made for the purposes of prudent cashflow management.

Other Budget Influences

In preparing the Budget, internal and external influences, such as the impact of ongoing inflation on service delivery, have been taken into consideration.

Budgetary pressures extending into future years and impacting operating and capital expenditures include: inflation and rising costs of goods, materials, and labour; State and Federal grant availability (e.g., Financial Assistance Grants, Roads to Recovery) which may also fluctuate with broader economic policy; and ageing infrastructure which requires increased maintenance, upgrade or renewal.

The release of the best practice guidelines published previously by the Minister for Local Government means that Council has undertaken a thorough review of Waste Service Charges against these guidelines and has resulted in recommending no increase to Waste Charges for the 2025/26 year.

There is undoubtedly considerable pressure given by the rate cap, especially in an environment where cost inflation of materials and services Council procures has far exceeded the rate cap over many consecutive years.

Similarly, Council recognises that our community also continues to face cost of living pressures, and so the Budget has been reviewed thoroughly to identify savings opportunities to seek to offset the above pressures for the year ahead.

Financial Performance Indicators

Section 5 of the attached Budget documents Council's current and projected forecast across several prescribed indicators. These indicators are useful for analysing Council's financial position and will be further supported by the Financial Policy Statements to be adopted in Council's Ten-Year Financial Plan by October this year.

Noteworthy results include strong working capital (greater than 100%), and indebtedness within Financial Policy Statement guidelines (less than 60%) over the budgeted and projected years. Council's underlying deficit is projected to persist across all years, with the operating position falling below the target benchmarks set in the Long-Term Financial Plan. Council's overall operating position set in this budget is -3%. The Financial Sustainability Program is actively working to improve this trajectory.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Annual Budget resources the Council Plan to enable the services and outcomes in the Council Plan to be delivered. Council's Community Engagement Policy has been followed in engaging the community in development of the 2025/26 Budget.

Financial/Economic Implications

	2024/25 Projected Full Year Forecast ('000s)	2025/26 Budget ('000s)	Variance ('000s)	Comments
Revenue/Income	\$92,872	\$99,702	\$6,830	Overall user fees increase reflects increases to fees and charges and growth in usage of services. Rates increased as per 3.00% rate increase. Capital Grants increase reflective of Capital Projects carried over from 2024/25.
Expense	\$81,387	\$86,240	(\$4,843)	Increase in employee costs in line with annual EBA increments.

				An increase in depreciation expense \$4m following a review of depreciation postings based on last year's revaluation and a correction in depreciation processing.
Net Result (Accounting Surplus)	\$11,485	\$13,462	\$1,987	

Reconciliation from Accounting Surplus to Adjusted Underlying Result:

	2024/25 Projected Full Year Forecast (‘000s)	2025/26 Budget (‘000s)	Variance (‘000s)	Comments
Grants – Capital (Non-Recurrent)	(\$7,040)	(\$10,918)	\$5,489	Capital Grants increase inline with Capital Projects carried over from 2024/25
Contributions	(\$6,597)	(\$5,042)	(\$1,555)	Decrease in future contributions of developer assets based on anticipated development activity
Adjusted Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,152)	(\$2,498)	(\$346)	

Legal/Statutory

The 2024/25 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 No.17*.

Social and Diversity

The 2025/26 Budget provides resources for the implementation of various strategies, plans, works and the delivery of services required to achieve the objectives of the Council Plan including an active and engaged community.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

There are no equity impacts identified for the subject of this report. EIAs will be undertaken for the individual initiatives funded within the budget where applicable.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Environmental and sustainability impacts have been considered when developing the 2025/26 Budget, including funding the implementation of the Environmental Strategy Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan.

Strategic Links

The 2025/26 Budget describes the resources required to deliver the strategic objectives of the final year of the Council Plan 2021-2025. See section 2 of the Budget for services and major initiatives to be delivered under each strategic objective.

Risk Management

A well-planned budget will reduce the risk that Council will not be able to provide the services expected and required by the community.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Budget not adopted within statutory timeframes	Low	High	Medium	Ensure Budget timetable for adoption is adhered to.
Budget adopted without consideration of long-term financial implications	Low	High	Medium	Ensure continual review of Council's Long-Term Financial Plan as part of budget setting process.
Budget adopted without consideration of ratepayer input	Low	High	Medium	Community consultation undertaken.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Community	Council invited community Budget Submissions and undertook a Revenue & Spending Survey. These were advertised to the community on social media, Mayoral Radio Interview, and Chronicle Advert.
Consult	Community	Council received 54 budget submissions and Revenue & Spending Survey responses from 138 participants. 9 submitters with shortlisted submissions were invited to a meeting with Councillors to have their submissions heard, will all submitters taking up this opportunity.
Involve	Councillors	All Budget Submissions and a report on the Survey responses were provided to Councillors for consideration.

Community feedback and its ability to inform development of the the Budget has substantially increased this year as a result of the early and proactive community engagement process.

Over the course of several months, the Corporate Management Team and senior staff then collaborated on the development of the Budget. Councillors were regularly briefed, with discussions taking place from November 2024 through to May 2025.

Community consultation resulted in 54 submissions in total (from December 2024 to January 2025), including 2 submissions being considered in the previous report item. All submissions have been reviewed and considered by Officers and Councillors:

- 5 have dedicated funding allocations recommended within the Budget
- 3 are recommended to be delivered through existing operating budgets, without requiring additional budget allocations
- 15 are recommended to be referred to other Council funding sources (e.g., Community Grants/Sponsorship programs),
- 12 are recommended to receive other types of Council support or action, and
- 19 are recommended to not receive funding due to considerations such as feasibility or affordability constraints.

A summary of written submissions to be considered through this report, including budget recommendations, is attached to this report (Attachment 3). The full list of submissions (Confidential Attachment 2) is attached for Councillor reference.

Subject to the adoption of the Budget, Council will:

- Publish the adopted 2025/26 Budget,
- Write to all submitters advising of Council's decision to adopt the 2025/26 Budget, providing reasons for decisions taken regarding their submissions.

Following extensive community consultation and review, Officers believe the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

The adoption of Council's Annual Budget is a mandatory requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council must prepare a Budget for the 2025/26 financial year to comply with the Act. Options are:

1. Adopt the 2025/26 Budget in the current state (refer to Attachment 1) - recommended; or,
2. Adopt the 2025/26 Budget including modifications to the Officer Recommendations for the submissions received; or
3. Adopt the 2025/26 Budget incorporating any further adjustments at the request of Councillors

Conclusion

Following a community engagement process and consideration of all budget submissions, Council's 2025/26 Budget is now ready for adoption by Council.

Attachments

- 1 2025-2026 Budget [↓](#) 
- 2 Community Budget Submissions 2025-2026 - Confidential
- 3 Officer Recommendations on Community Budget Submissions 2025-26 [↓](#) 

14. Community and Infrastructure

Nil

15. Sustainability and Culture

15.1 Events & Attractions Strategy

Meeting Type:	Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 June 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

This report is presented to Council to adopt the Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029. The draft Strategy was exhibited for community feedback. Details about the feedback received during the exhibition period and how it has been considered are included in **Attachment 1 and 2**. No changes are recommended to the Strategy (see **Attachment 3**) in response to the submissions received.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Considers the feedback received during the exhibition period for the draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029.
2. Adopts the Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029.

Background

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.

Following the February 2025 Council meeting, the draft Strategy was open for public exhibition from 26 February until 28 March 2025. There were 45 downloads of the Strategy and 9 people provided feedback (refer to **Attachment 1**). Close to 78% of submitters agreed with the recommendations in the Strategy. Key themes from the feedback include:

- Not supporting certain types of events / comments about current events
- Cost of events
- Developing / using specific spaces and precincts for events
- Resources to support community groups

- Targeting certain types of events
- Delivering events for the wider community
- Environmental impacts of events

No changes to the Strategy are recommended in response to the submissions received and **Attachment 2** provides a summary of the submissions received, how they have been considered and the actions to be taken in response (outside of the Strategy).

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.

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 is 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. This has been supported through community feedback.

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

	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Council's Events & Attractions Strategy does not align with current community aspirations and practice	3 - Possible	Minor	5 - Medium	Council has placed the draft Strategy on public exhibition for community feedback. Adopt the updated Strategy.
Lack of resources to implement the updated strategy	3 - Possible	Moderate	6 - Medium	Resources for the delivery of the Strategy will be considered as part of regular budget process.

Consultation/Communication

In 2023 engagement commenced to gather community data to inform this Strategy. Engagement included:

- Community 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 & Sustainability Teams
- Workshop held with Horticulture Team
- Electronic survey was open for 46 days to the public

Following the February 2025 Council meeting, the draft Strategy was open for public exhibition from 26 February until 28 March 2025. Nine people left feedback on the Strategy with a summary of the engagement outlined in this report and attachments. Overall, the sentiment of the Strategy feedback was encouraging and there were some items that Council is already working on which is reassuring.

Options for Consideration

1. That Council adopts the draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 (**recommended**).
2. That Council does not adopt the draft Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029 and further changes are considered (**not recommended**).

Conclusion

Submissions regarding the draft Events & Attractions Strategy have been considered and no changes made to the Strategy in response. The Events & Attractions Strategy is ready for Council adoption.

Attachments

- 1 Events & Attractions Strategy Survey Data [↓](#) 
- 2 Events & Attractions Strategy Summary Report [↓](#) 
- 3 Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-29 [↓](#) 

15.2 Local Law No 1 - Community Amenity 2025

Meeting Type:	Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 June 2025
Category:	Strategic
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

This report is presented to Council to adopt the Rural City of Wangaratta Local Law No.1 – Community Amenity and associated Waste Management Policy 2025.

The Local Law (see **Attachment 1**) has been reviewed and updated in response to feedback received during the public exhibition period, as detailed in **Attachment 2**.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Having:
 - 1.1. completed the statutory process under Division 3 of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2020 for the making of the proposed Local Law No.1 - Community Amenity 2025 (proposed Local Law);
 - 1.2. obtained a certificate from a suitably qualified lawyer stating that, in their opinion, each of the proposed Local Law is consistent with the local law requirements set out in section 72 of the Local Government Act 2020, attached to this Report as Attachment 4; and
 - 1.3. undertaken community engagement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy in respect of the proposed Local Law, and having considered all submissions that were received,

resolves to make the Local Law No1 - Community Amenity 2025 in the form attached to this Report as Attachment 1, to commence on 25th June 2025; and
2. Resolves to adopt the Waste Management Policy 2025 in the form attached to this Report as Attachment 3 as incorporated into the Community Amenity Local Law 2025; and
3. Authorises Council's Chief Executive Officer to publish in the Victorian Government Gazette and on Council's website the notice required by s 74(4) of the Local Government Act 2020 in respect of the Local Law No.1 - Community Amenity 2025.

Background

Council's current Local Law No.1 came into operation in 2018 and is due for review. A comprehensive review was undertaken by relevant council units to ensure the local law reflects up to date circumstances and legislation.

At the March 2025 Council meeting, Council endorsed the draft updated local law for public exhibition. Compared to the 2018 local law, the draft local law endorsed for public exhibition contained the following key changes:

- Reorganised the structure, enabling provisions to be easily located and understood in accordance with current best practise.
- Updated and simplified the language and definitions.
- Altered provisions due to changes to other legislation since the current local law was adopted.
- Removed provisions that are no longer required and/or covered by other legislation or processes.
- Used more consistent language, extent and penalties with similar local laws at other Victorian Councils.
- Strengthened provisions relating to waste management (Waste Management Policy – see **Attachment 3**), firewood collection and animal management (e.g. added number of animals that can be kept at small properties/apartments/townhouses/flats/units).

The draft local law was exhibited for feedback from 28 March to 30 April 2025 and four submissions were received (see **Attachment 2**). In response to these submissions the following changes are proposed to the draft local law:

- Add Clause 31.2.3 to exclude the following from the requirement to get a permit: 'a fire in a chimney, potbelly stove, or a small open fire in a suitable container used for heating, cooking, cultural or social purposes, which is not offensive and to the extent reasonably possible, any nuisance to neighbouring properties'.
- Amend Clause 37.3.4 to allow for caravans/similar facilities to be stored within 3 meters of the front of the land instead of 6 meters.

As required under the *Local Government Act 2020* the proposed local law 2025 has been reviewed and approved by a suitably qualified person and a certificate has been obtained stating that the local law is consistent with the relevant requirements (see **Attachment 4**).

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific Council policies or strategies that relate to this report. The Local Law assists in the consistent delivery of Council requirements for the safety and wellbeing of all residents.

Financial/Economic Implications

New or revised penalties while necessary for improved governance are unlikely to involve a large number of infringements.

Legal/Statutory

Local Government Act 2020, once adopted by Council a notice relating to the Local Law must be published in the Victorian Government Gazette and Council's website. A legal review of the draft local law has been completed.

Social and Diversity

A local law must not be inconsistent the any Act (including the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006).

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

An Equity Impact Assessment has been undertaken and will inform community engagement.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The environmental impacts considered in this draft local law are in relation to permits and requirements around fire and firewood collection, invasive pest, and grazing.

Strategic Links**Council Plan 2021 – 2025**

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

1. Strengthening our Leadership

1.4.1.1 Keep informed of emerging trends and issues that may impact our community, our region and our Council.

2. Nurturing our Wellbeing

2.6.2 Ensure our community understands and meets the requirements of safety legislation and compliance

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

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

K2: Ensure our community understands and meets the requirements of safety legislation and compliance

Other strategic links

Local Government Act 2020 – Part 3, Division 3 Local Laws.

Risk ManagementRisk Management Framework

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
The local law is not revised and remains outdated	Low	Medium	Medium	Exhibit the draft local law for community feedback and implementing the revised local law, in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> .

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Draft Local Law 2025 and Waste Management Policy 2025 exhibited.	Council's website and digital media, local newspaper.
Consult	Draft Local Law 2025 and Waste Management Policy 2025 exhibited for feedback.	Exhibition from 28 March to 30 April 2025. Community notified and informed in the newspaper, Council's Website, Connect Wangaratta and social media inviting submissions.
Involve	All submissions will be considered	Submissions considered and appropriate changes made to the local law prior to adoption.

Officers believe that appropriate community consultation has occurred for the draft Rural City of Wangaratta Local Laws No1 – Community Amenity and Waste Management Policy 2025 and the matter is now ready for Council consideration and adoption.

Options for Consideration

3.1.1.1.1.1. That Council adopts the Rural City of Wangaratta Local Law No 1 – Community Amenity and associated Waste Management Policy 2025 with recommended changes (Recommended).





3.1.1.1.1.2. That Council does not adopt the Rural City of Wangaratta Local Law No 1 – Community Amenity and associated Waste Management Policy 2025 (Not Recommended).

Conclusion

The Rural City of Wangaratta Local Law No 1 – Community Amenity and associated Waste Management Policy 2025 have been exhibited for community feedback. Submissions received have been considered and relevant changes made to the local law.

Officers consider that the local law and associated Waste Management Policy are ready for adoption.

Attachments

- 1 Local Law No 1 - Community Amenity 2025 [↓](#) 
- 2 Submissions and responses [↓](#) 
- 3 Waste Management Policy 2025 [↓](#) 
- 4 Solicitor's Certificate – Section 74(1) Local Government Act 2020 [↓](#) 

15.3 Community Engagement Policy

Meeting Type:	Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 June 2025
Category:	Strategic
Author:	Community Engagement Advisor
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 adopt the updated Community Engagement Policy 2025 (refer **Attachment 1**).

The Community Engagement Policy 2025 sets out the Council's intentions for the support and delivery of community engagement and reflects the commitment to the principles of engagement as set out in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The draft updated Policy was endorsed for exhibition at the March 2025 Council Meeting. It was exhibited from 27 March 2025 until 5 May 2025. One submission was received in response and has been considered (refer to **Attachment 2**). No changes have been made to the draft Policy in response.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Considers the submission received during the exhibition period for the draft Community Engagement Policy 2025.
2. Adopts the draft Community Engagement Policy 2025.

Background

Council's existing Community Engagement Policy was developed and adopted in 2020 after changes to the *Local Government Act in 2020* (the Act). These changes included a requirement for deliberative engagement and set out principles that should be applied to community engagement.

Since the adoption of the existing Policy, Council has progressed its understanding of community engagement, deliberative engagement, and how these can be implemented in line with the Act. The updated Policy has evolved to provide a framework for meaningful and consistent engagement that both meets Council's requirements under the Act, and also helps build Council's relationship with the community.

The draft Community Engagement Policy 2025 focuses on the principles of engagement outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council's legislated requirements, and how those are delivered

by Council. This includes a clear scope, roles and responsibilities, and definitions. This brings the Policy in line with other policy documents, and sets Council's commitment to consistent, meaningful, and inclusive community engagement.

The draft Policy was endorsed for exhibition at the 25 March 2025 Council Meeting. It was exhibited from 27 March 2025 until 5 May 2025. During that time one submission was received refer to **Attachment 2)** largely agreeing with the draft policy and requesting the policy specifically include a section about strategic land use planning. It would not be appropriate to specifically add a section about strategic land use planning to the policy as the policy would be applied to all relevant projects, including strategic land use planning projects. The feedback will also be considered as part of future strategic land use planning projects. The delivery of engagement processes and activities is also guided by Council's internal community engagement guide and toolkit.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The current Community Engagement Policy is due for review. It has further links to other Council areas through project management and engagement delivery.

Financial/Economic Implications

While there are no direct financial implications to this report, the Policy implementation will be the responsibility of each individual project. These costs will need to be reflected in project plans bids, through grants and operational budgets.

Legal/Statutory

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires Councils to have a Community Engagement Policy that considers a number of principles. These have been incorporated into the Policy. Additionally, there are legal requirements around community engagement in other Acts and legislation, including planning legislation that supercede this policy.

Social and Diversity

Ensuring accessible, diverse and meaningful engagement with the people who are impacted by the decision is the cornerstone of the principles outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

The Act states that engagement must be accessible, include those who are impacted, and make reasonable efforts to ensure those who are involved are engaged meaningfully. These principles are the foundation of this policy.

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. **Strengthening our Leadership**

- i. Commit to the delivery of thorough and inclusive community engagement practices

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

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

A1 Provide open and transparent communication to the community to build trust, respect and understanding

A2 Commit to the delivery of thorough and responsible community engagement practices

D2 Engage in meaningful dialogue with the community and demonstrate how community participation is being used to inform decisions

Risk Management

Risk Management Framework

	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Implementation of new policy by staff	3 - Possible	Minor	5 - Medium	Council is developing a toolkit to support the Policy and training will be rolled out to staff.
Community fatigue with consultation may impact engagement levels	3 - Possible	Moderate	6 - Medium	Council will adopt a variety of tools and methods in order to reach audiences and get meaningful feedback.

Consultation/Communication

The community had an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Community Engagement Policy 2025 from 28 March to 5 May 2025.

To aid the development of the draft Community Engagement Policy 2025, extensive consultation with internal stakeholders was conducted to understand how engagement is currently delivered and how it can be improved.

Data from the previous three Community Satisfaction Surveys has also been considered, and community preferences for engagement and communication will be incorporated into tools provided to Council Officers.

Options for Consideration

That Council

1. Adopts the draft Community Engagement Policy 2025 (recommended).
2. Does not adopt the draft Community Engagement Policy 2025 and asks for revisions.

Conclusion

Council's draft updated Community Engagement Policy 2025 was exhibited for public feedback from 28 March to 5 May 2025. On submission was received and considered, no changes are recommended in response to the submission.

The Community Engagement Policy 2025 is ready for Council adoption.

Attachments

- 1 Community Engagement Policy 2025 [↓](#) 
- 2 Community Engagement Policy - Community Feedback [↓](#) 

15.4 Planning Application No. 24/095 - Corner Murphy & Reid Streets, Wangaratta - Electronic Promotion Signage

Meeting Type:	Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	24 June 2025
Category:	Strategic
Author:	Planner
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 determine a planning permit application for buildings and works for the display of an electronic promotion sign on the corner of Murphy and Reid Streets, Wangaratta.

The recommendation is to Issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Permit on the grounds that the proposal is inconsistent with relevant policies and decision guidelines of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme. Having undertaken an assessment of the application, officers are of the view that the application is not suitable for support (refer to **Attachment 1** for detailed assessment).

Recommendation:

That Council issues a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Permit in accordance with Section 61 (1) (c) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and include the grounds of refusal as set out in **Attachment 2**.

Background

Having undertaken an assessment of the application officers have concluded that the proposal should be refused. The key issues informing officers recommendation include:

- Urban design and streetscape
- Heritage
- Road safety

Additional details of the site and surrounds, the proposal, relevant policy and assessment are included in the officer's report at **Attachment 1**.

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 1**. The following table shows the policies and provisions that have been considered.

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

Section	Clause	Provision
Planning policy Framework and Municipal Planning Strategy	02.03-5 11.03-1L-02 15.01-1S 15.01-2S 15.01-1L-01 15.01-5S 15.03-1S 15.03-1L	Built form and heritage Wangaratta Central Activities Area Urban design Building design Signs Neighbourhood character Heritage conservation Heritage places and precincts
Zone	34.01 36.04	Commercial 1 Zone Transport Zone
Overlays	43.01 43.02 45.09	Heritage Overlay (HO5) Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 1 Parking Overlay – Schedule 1
Provision	52.05	Signs
Decision Guidelines	65.01	Decision Guidelines – Approval of an Application or Plan

Implications

Policy Considerations

- Local Planning Policy (Wangaratta Planning Scheme)
- Wangaratta Central Activity Area Urban Design Framework, August 2019

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 and Diversity

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

Equity Impact Assessment (EIA)

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

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Environmental/ sustainability impacts have been considered in this report.

Strategic Links

Council Plan 2021 – 2025

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

6.2.2.2 - Provide an efficient and effective permit system that facilitates appropriate growth.

Rural City of Wangaratta 2033 Community Vision

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

S1 - Establish Wangaratta's CBD as a regional business, commercial service and retail centre.

BB1 - Ensure new development is facilitated and does not conflict with existing land uses.

BB2 - Provide an efficient and effective permit system

Other strategic links

This report supports the objectives and outcomes sought by the Wangaratta Central Activity Area Urban Design Framework

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.

Consultation/Communication

Public consultation was undertaken in accordance with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

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

Options for Consideration

1. Council issues a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for Planning Application PInApp24/095; OR
2. Council Grant a Planning Permit for Planning Application PInApp24/095 subject to conditions.

Conclusion

Planning permit application PInApp24/095 is considered to be significantly inconsistent with relevant state and local planning policies. The applications failures to appropriately respond to policy are not limited to those of subjective consideration, the proposal is also contrary to numerous specific, clearly articulated and unambiguous polices. Councils own local planning policies in conjunction with the Wangaratta Central Activity Area Urban Design Framework establish a clear vision and expectations for the development of the Wangaratta Central Activities Area. The proposal is largely inconsistent with this vision. Similarly, the proposal is at odds with heritage values and character of the locality, a large electronic promotion sign being irreconcilable with surrounding heritage buildings.

The proposal is considered to represent a poor planning outcome that fails to address the site and surrounds nor respond to applicable policy.

Attachments

- 1 Officers Report [!\[\]\(750841ae7100dc832cb0a4b3af4492f3_img.jpg\)](#) 
- 2 Grounds for Refusal [!\[\]\(9931ff4a747d4e6edc8cfe9a6d936949_img.jpg\)](#) 

16. Special Committee Reports

Nil

17. Advisory Committee Reports

Nil

18. Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings

18.1 Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings

Meeting Type: Scheduled Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 24 June 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
18 March 2025	Audit and Risk Committee	Attachment

Recommendation:

That Council notes the minutes of these Advisory Committees.

Attachments

- 1 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - 18 March 2025 [↓](#) 

19. Notices of Motion

Nil

20. Urgent Business

21. Public Question Time

22. Confidential Business

Nil

23. Closure of Meeting
Attachments

2025/26 COMMUNITY BUDGET SUBMISSIONS - OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitter	Nature of Submission	Budget Requested	In Budget	Officer Recommendation
1	WJ Findlay Oval Female Friendly Changeroom Fit Out	\$150,000	\$150,000	Include \$150k in budget A council contribution of \$150k to the Federal Play our Way funding program to support the construction of new change facilities at WJ Findlay Oval, designed to promote female participation in sport. The Wangaratta Rovers Football and Netball Club has successfully secured significant grant funding for this project. The inclusion of funding is subject to an agreed Funding Agreement, which will outline the purpose, allocation and reporting requirements for the use of funds.
2	Park Pride Project for Rangeview Reserve	\$5,000		No change to budget - deliver within existing budget Recommend to council to deliver seating and enhancements at Rangeview Avenue entrance within existing budget, to improve community amenity of this reserve.



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Budget

2025-26



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Mayor and CEO's Introduction

Each year, Council prepares a budget that reflects our commitment to the Council Plan and Community Vision, ensuring the delivery of essential services, infrastructure, and facilities that support community wellbeing and economic growth.

The 2025-26 Budget is the first from our newly elected Council. The 2025–26 Budget has been developed in line with the newly adopted Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–2029, which outlines how Council calculates and distributes rates and other revenue sources. The Council Plan 2025–29 and updated 10-Year Financial Plan are in development and are expected by October 2025. This budget aligns with the 2021–2025 Council Plan.

This budget responds to restrictive economic conditions and increasing financial pressures. Council faces long-term challenges in maintaining and meeting the service and infrastructure needs of the municipality and is mindful of the cost-of-living pressures faced by residents, property owners and businesses. Rising costs require careful financial management, and this budget reflects a responsible approach to cash flow and debt.

A 3% rate increase has been applied, in line with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System. This increase is necessary to offset inflationary pressures on goods and services required to deliver community programs and projects. Fees and charges will also rise by an average of 3%, with benchmarking undertaken where possible to ensure fairness and consistency with other councils and businesses.

The review of waste service charges, takes into consideration the Minister's 2024 best practice guidelines. Despite increases to the State Government Waste Levy, Council has chosen not to apply an inflationary increase to waste charges as a benefit to ratepayers in 2025/26. There are structural changes underway to waste service delivery models, including Council's introduction of a separate glass collection service under the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021. The evolution of waste services will continue to reduce environmental harm, consequently this will influence Council's ongoing cost of delivery including service charges and landfill rehabilitation. Council will need to regularly review these charges.

The Rural City of Wangaratta anticipates an accounting surplus of \$13.46 million and an adjusted underlying operating deficit of \$2.50 million in 2025/26.

The 2025–26 Capital Works Program totals \$23.63 million, of which \$6.85m is carried over from 2024-25. This represents a moderate approach following investment in some landmark community infrastructure projects in recent years.

Key projects include:

- \$3.46 million in bridge renewal works (\$2.76 million grant funded)
- \$1.85 million for gravel re-sheeting
- \$1.54 million for plant replacement
- \$1.29 million for WSAC power efficiency upgrades (1:1 grant funded)
- \$1.04 million for Swan Street road and drainage renewal

This year, Council updated its budget engagement process to align with changes to the Local Government Act 2020, removing the requirement for a draft budget. This allowed for earlier community consultation and the ability to include more meaningful community funding support. Engagement reached a record high, with a threefold increase in feedback. Some community submissions were incorporated without needing to increase the overall budget through scope adjustments of existing service delivery. Submitters were also referred to other funding streams such as the Community Grants Program and shortlisted submitters were also invited to present their funding request to Council.

Projects submitted by community members and user groups include funding contributions of:

- \$150,000 for WJ Findlay Female Friendly Changeroom fit out
- \$35,000 for a shade sail at Boorhaman Recreation Reserve
- \$17,000 for Merriwa Park gardening and maintenance
- \$10,000 for the Wang Jazz & Blues 2025 Jazz Awards
- \$6,000 for Steinway on Stage

This budget represents a balanced approach - addressing community needs and supporting growth, while Council continues to focus on strengthening its long-term financial sustainability to create the best possible future for our community to thrive.



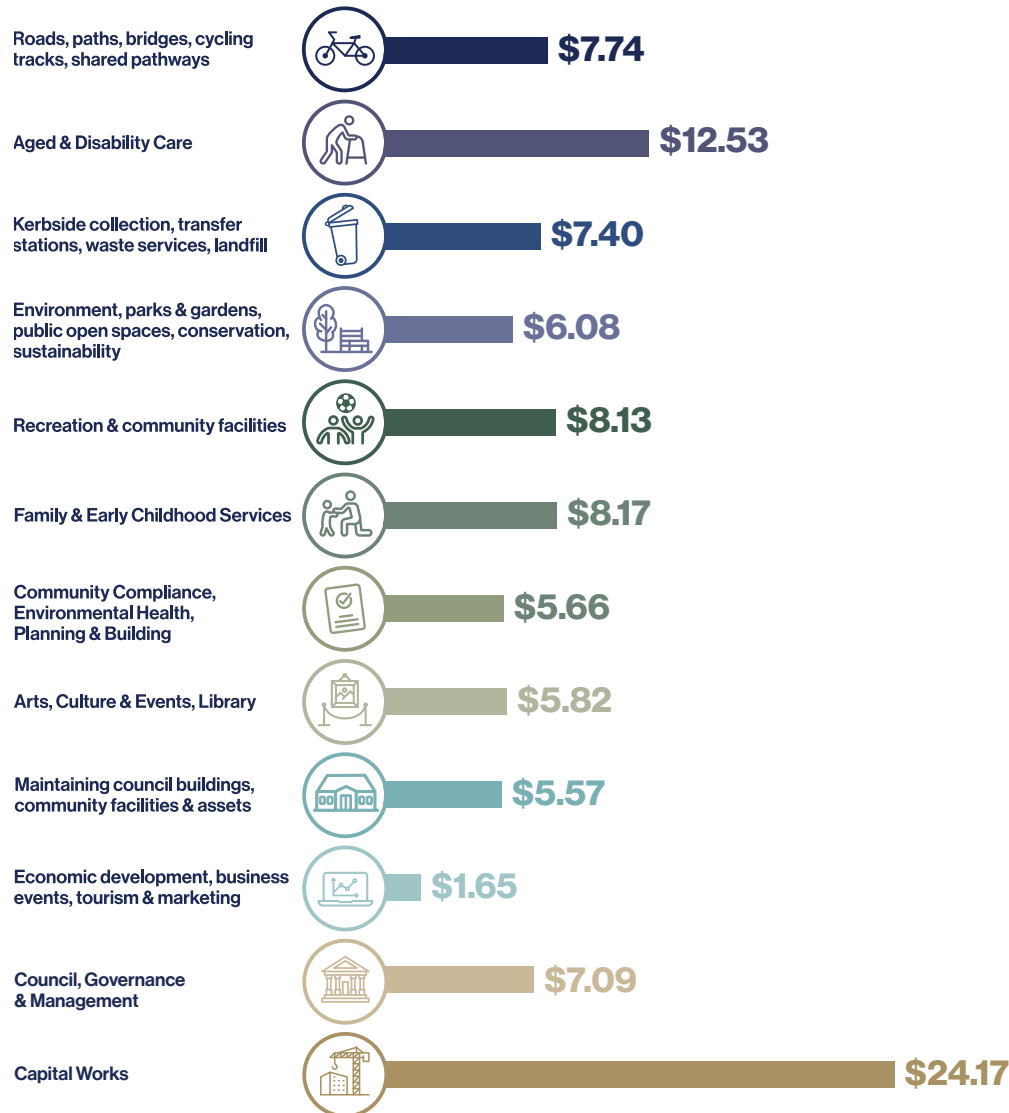
Cr Irene Grant
Mayor



Brendan McGrath
Chief Executive Officer

Spending Snapshot 2025-26

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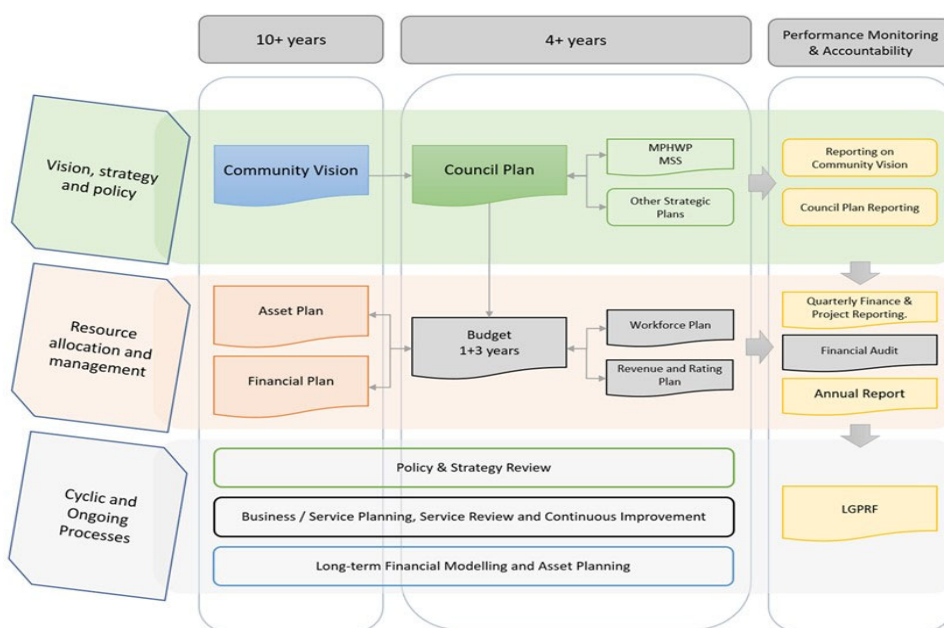


The Spending Snapshot 2025-26 is a reflection of Council expenditure and does not include any income, when calculating overall spending.

1. Link to the Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework

This section describes how the Budget links to the achievement of the Community Vision and Council Plan within an overall integrated strategic planning and reporting framework. This framework guides the Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term (Community Vision and Financial Plan), medium term (Council Plan, Workforce Plan, and Revenue and Rating Plan) and short term (Budget) and then holding itself accountable (Annual Report).

1.1 Legislative Planning and accountability framework



Source: Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

The timing of each component of the integrated strategic planning and reporting framework is critical to the successful achievement of the planned outcomes.

1.1.2 Key planning considerations

Service level planning

Although councils have a legal obligation to provide some services—such as animal management, local roads, food safety and statutory planning—most council services are not legally mandated, including some services closely associated with councils, such as libraries, building permits and sporting facilities. Further, over time, the needs and expectations of communities can change. Therefore councils need to have robust processes for service planning and review to ensure all services continue to provide value for money and are in line with community expectations. In doing so, councils should engage with communities to determine how to prioritise resources and balance service provision against other responsibilities such as asset maintenance and capital works.

Community consultation needs to be in line with a council's adopted Community Engagement Policy and Public Transparency Policy.

1.2 Our purpose

Our Vision

"We are an inclusive, courageous and compassionate community, who have built our future on a respectful balance between the urban and the rural. We are known for our natural beauty, access to opportunities and innovation, our resilience, and our community strength. We have a mature and healthy landscape that supports our wellbeing and forms a strong part of our identity. We are the place where everyone has the ability to engage, to prosper, to be supported, and to grow."

Our values

So that we can achieve extraordinary outcomes for our community we focus on the following values and behaviours as Councillors:

Leadership - We will show diligence and good governance when making decisions. We will accept responsibility for the consequences of those decisions.

Engagement - We will actively and openly consult with you. We strive to achieve effective governance and the best outcome for the community.

Respect - We will value the contribution and individuality of others. We aim to achieve an honest and healthy working relationship with all our citizens.

Progression - We aim to continually improve our performance. We strive for the highest standards and outcomes for our municipality.

1.3 Strategic objectives

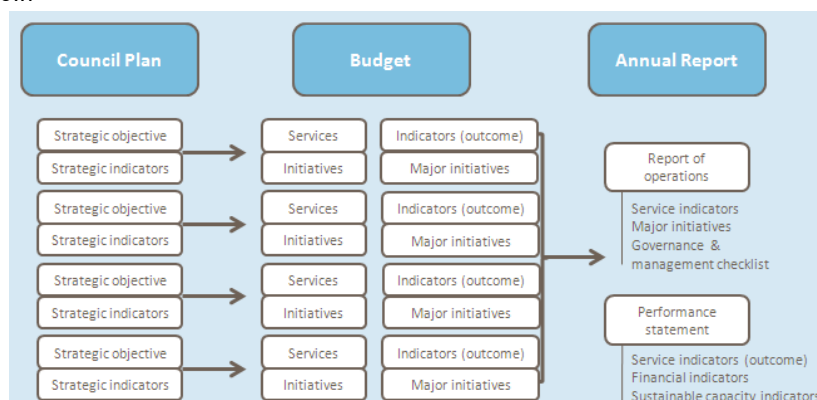
This budget will fund Council's delivery of actions to contribute to the achievement of the six strategic objectives in this final year of the Council Plan 2021-25. The following table sets out the five strategic goals as described in the Council Plan.

Strategic Objective	Description
Strengthening our Leadership	<p>We are a responsible and compassionate community, committed to working together to build a future based on our collective needs and priorities. We use our local experiences and wisdom to drive strategic decision making, support our leaders and make sure the things that are important to us happen.</p> <p>We value transparent and meaningful communication – we discuss the difficult and uncomfortable, whilst also celebrating our good.</p> <p>We prioritise building strong relationships with each other, and with the organisations and groups that will help us ensure we have access to the resources and services we need. As a community we recognise that we are stronger, and more sustainable when we work together.</p>
Nurturing our Wellbeing	<p>Our people are our biggest asset, and everyone, at every age is an important and valued member of our community. We are committed to strengthening and creating opportunities for connection, creativity, and inclusion. We will open the door for everyone to local sporting, community and cultural initiatives that strengthen our collective sense of self and improve our wellbeing.</p> <p>The mental and physical health of everyone underpins how we build our communities, how we make decisions, and how we plan for our future. We protect ourselves and each other to ensure our homes and our connections allow us to become our best. We will work together to solve our own challenges, to support those in need, and to make our community safe.</p>
Valuing our Environment	<p>Our natural environment is part of our identity, our appeal, and our livelihood. Protecting and enhancing our natural assets are a critical part of what we value as a community, and we recognise that we need to work hard and courageously for our future. We know that ongoing education and strong environmental leadership are key to ensuring our positive impact.</p> <p>We have a collective responsibility to play a role in conservation, protection, and remediation of our environment. We prioritise minimising waste, champion renewable energy, actively respond to the impacts of climate change, and will enable the preservation of our surroundings. We will make decisions and take action to ensure the health and sustainability of our waterways, wildlife, vegetation, and landscapes. We know that what we do now, will ensure the strength of our environment for generations to come.</p>
Expanding the Economy	<p>We are a growing region with an expanding sense of opportunity, and we will capitalise on those possibilities for the benefit of all. Strategic economic development, revitalising key locations, establishing new industry partnerships and renewing our commitment to education and employment for young people are just the starting points. These initiatives, and others like them, will create new opportunities for local employment, create new social enterprises and facilitate a culture of innovation that will bring new people and businesses to the region.</p> <p>We value an economy that blends the rural with the urban. Our point of difference is how well we have done this. Our CBD is vibrant, interesting, and active and our rural communities are all uniquely prosperous and protected. We have a strong and sustainable future.</p>

Strategic Objective	Description
Enhancing our Lifestyle	For us, creating a liveable community means having the right balance. We love the feeling of being a country town, but highly value our ability to access services, events and opportunities that enhance our quality of life and bring us closer together. Together we are activating public spaces, increasing access to green spaces, and delivering a range of safe and welcoming amenities – like walking and cycling routes, that promote healthy living and enjoyment of the natural world. Reliable public transport is key to keeping our growing population mobile, so we are focused on improving the commuter experience. We will continue to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture that shapes our community and celebrate our diverse community through a range of cultural experiences.
Growing with Integrity	We know that our community is attractive and appealing to many people. We are accessible, affordable, inclusive, safe, and engaging and we have made it our priority to ensure we offer this to our new community members. Our planning puts people, families and community at the forefront of decision making and you can see that in the way our neighbourhoods, services and facilities have grown. We have welcomed new people, and they have become valued and integral members of our community.

2. Services and service performance indicators

This section provides a description of the services and initiatives to be funded in the Budget for the 2025-26 year and how these will contribute to achieving the strategic objectives outlined in the Council Plan. It also describes several initiatives and service performance outcome indicators for key areas of Council's operations. Council is required by legislation to identify major initiatives, initiatives and service performance outcome indicators in the Budget and report against them in their Annual Report to support transparency and accountability. The relationship between these accountability requirements in the Council Plan, the Budget and the Annual Report is shown below.



Source: Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions

2.1 Strengthening our Leadership

Services

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Chief Executive and Support Staff	This area of governance includes the Chief Executive Officer and associated support.	<i>Inc</i>	-	-	4
		<i>Exp</i>	487	596	542
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(487)	(596)	(538)
Corporate Services Management & Governance	Provides strategic advice, governance, and oversees our financial sustainability.	<i>Inc</i>	14	18	10
		<i>Exp</i>	829	1,025	1,246
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(815)	(1,007)	(1,236)
Council	This service includes the Mayor and Councillors, support personnel and associated costs.	<i>Inc</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Exp</i>	1,164	1,315	1,477
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(1,164)	(1,315)	(1,477)
Customer Service & Information Management	Provides services to the community to facilitate the processing of enquiries, payments and bookings. Information Management delivers records management enabling us to deliver services in a smart, productive and efficient way.	<i>Inc</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Exp</i>	736	748	853
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(736)	(748)	(853)
Finance	Provides financial services to both internal and external customers including the management of Council's finances, payment of suppliers, raising and collection of rates and charges and valuation of properties throughout the municipality.	<i>Inc</i>	3,262	2,246	1,830
		<i>Exp</i>	- 1,955	1,834	74
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	5,217	412	1,756

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
			Actual	Forecast	Budget
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
IT Systems	Provides, supports and maintains reliable and cost effective information and computing systems, facilities and infrastructure	<i>Inc</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Exp</i>	3,119	3,315	4,339
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(3,119)	(3,315)	(4,339)
Media and Communications	Provides information to the community on Council activities and achievements through a variety of media.	<i>Inc</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Exp</i>	624	1,071	784
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(624)	(1,071)	(784)
People & Governance	Designs and implements relevant frameworks to deliver people & culture, payroll, occupational health & safety, risk and governance services. Provides strategic and governance support to the organisation for business planning and reporting and strategic risk management.	<i>Inc</i>	340	90	100
		<i>Exp</i>	2,470	3,269	2,783
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(2,129)	(3,179)	(2,683)

Major Initiatives

- 1) Delivery of the ICT Strategy
- 2) Ongoing delivery of the Financial Sustainability Program
- 3) Negotiation of a new RCoW Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
- 4) Change Management Support

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
		Actual	Forecast	Budget
Governance	Transparency Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public	5.04%	3.38%	3.25%
Governance	Consultation and engagement Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement	53	49	55
Governance	Attendance Councillor attendance at council meetings	90.11%	98.90%	97.00%
Governance	Service cost Cost of elected representation	\$49,092.86	\$51,017.23	\$53,381.00
Governance	Satisfaction Satisfaction with council decisions	53	50	54
Governance	Timeliness Average number of days to close a customer request	4.25	5.2	5

* refer to table in section 2.7 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators

2.2 Nurturing our Wellbeing

Services

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Aged & Community Care	Provides a range of services for the aged and disabled including home delivered meals, personal care, transport, dementia care and home maintenance and packaged care.	<i>Inc</i>	8,823	7,824	9,863
		<i>Exp</i>	8,742	8,360	9,635
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	82	(537)	228
Cemetery	Operation of public cemetery facilities in Wangaratta.	<i>Inc</i>	379	280	386
		<i>Exp</i>	333	404	316
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	46	(124)	70
Community Compliance	Provides staff at school crossings, animal management services and provides education, regulation and enforcement of Local Laws including parking and other compliance activities and manages the Aerodrome.	<i>Inc</i>	1,081	919	1,245
		<i>Exp</i>	1,840	1,921	1,940
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(759)	(1,002)	(695)
Community Wellbeing	Provides strategic community planning.	<i>Inc</i>	421	260	220
		<i>Exp</i>	385	511	363
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	36	(251)	(143)
Environmental Health	Protects the community's health and well-being by coordinating food safety support and immunisation programs, septic tanks and Tobacco Act activities. The service also works to rectify any public health concerns.	<i>Inc</i>	206	220	225
		<i>Exp</i>	414	432	500
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(208)	(212)	(275)
Family & Early Childhood Services	Provides family oriented support services including pre- schools, maternal and child health, child care and family day care.	<i>Inc</i>	4,060	4,422	4,884
		<i>Exp</i>	3,715	4,106	4,863
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	345	316	20
Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre	Provides sports, group fitness and aquatics facilities, programs and events for all the community.	<i>Inc</i>	2,709	3,128	3,625
		<i>Exp</i>	3,956	4,413	4,940
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(1,247)	(1,285)	(1,316)

Major Initiatives

- 1) Reconciliation Action Plan
- 2) Delivery of community grants program
- 3) Delivery of key Domestic Animal Management initiatives
- 4) Boorhaman Rec Reserve Shade Sail
- 5) WSAC Masterplan Implementation
- 6) Support delivery of WJ Findlay Female Friendly Changeroom

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Budget
Community Compliance	Timeliness Time taken to action animal management requests	1.5	2	2
Community Compliance	Service standard Animals reclaimed (percentage of collected registrable animals under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 reclaimed)	58.15%	65.00%	65.00%
Community Compliance	Service standard Animals rehomed (percentage of collected registrable animals under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 that are not reclaimed but rehomed)	76.84%	80.00%	80.00%
Community Compliance	Service Cost Cost of animal management service per population	\$10.05	\$12.95	\$12.95
Community Compliance	Health and Safety Animal management prosecutions (percentage of animal management prosecutions which are successful)	NIL	100.00%	NIL
Environmental Health	Health and Safety Food safety assessments (percentage of registered class 1 food premises and class 2 food premises that receive an annual food safety assessment)	101.61%	100.00%	100.00%
Environmental Health	Timeliness Time taken to action food complaints (average number of days it takes for Council to action food complaints received from members of the public about the safety or handling of food for sale)	1.83	1.5	1.5
Environmental Health	Service Cost Cost of food safety service (direct cost of the food safety service per food premises registered by Council, or for which Council has received notification, during the financial year)	\$327	\$435	\$502
Environmental Health	Health and Safety Critical and major non-critical compliance outcome notifications (percentage of critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications that are followed up by Council)	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Family and Early Childhood Services	Service standard Infant enrolments in the MCH service (percentage of infants enrolled in the MCH service)	103.25%	99.50%	99.50%
Family and Early Childhood Services	Service cost Cost of the MCH service (cost of the MCH service per hour of service delivered)	\$84.61	\$91.68	\$90.00
Family and Early Childhood Services	Participation Participation in the MCH service (percentage of children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	79.64%	99.00%	80.00%
Family and Early Childhood Services	Participation Participation in 4-week key age and stage visit (percentage of infants enrolled in the MCH service who receive the 4-week key age and stage visit)	98.37%	95.00%	95.00%
Family and Early Childhood Services	Participation Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children	90.48%	85.00%	85.00%
Aquatic Facilities	Utilisation Utilisation of aquatic facilities	12.44	12.55	14.2
Aquatic Facilities	Service standard Number of health inspections of aquatic facilities	1.00	1.00	1.00
Aquatic Facilities	Service cost Direct cost of aquatic facilities	\$2.78	\$2.88	\$2.54

* refer to table in section 2.7 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators

2.3 Valuing our Environment

Services

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Emergency Management & Response	Designs and implements the emergency management plans for Council and coordinates activities and provides support during emergency events.	<i>Inc</i>	296	763	60
		<i>Exp</i>	956	630	151
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	1,958	133	(91)
Environmental Services	Develops environmental policy, coordinates and implements environmental projects to improve Council's environmental performance. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions within Council operations and the community are a key priority for Council.	<i>Inc</i>	96	67	68
		<i>Exp</i>	835	1,111	887
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(739)	(1,043)	(819)
Waste	Provides kerbside collections of garbage, recyclables and organics. Operates Bowser landfill and organics processing plant.	<i>Inc</i>	2,191	1,860	2,363
		<i>Exp</i>	5,954	5,457	5,655
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(3,763)	(3,597)	(3,292)

Major Initiatives

- 1) Implementation of Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
- 2) Delivery of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Actions
- 3) Delivery of Recycling Victoria initiatives
- 4) Delivery of Roadside Weed and Pest Control Program
- 5) Energy Efficiency Projects

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Budget
Waste Collection	Waste diversion Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (percentage of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill)	61.72%	65.00%	65.00%
Waste Collection	Service standard Kerbside collection bins missed (number of kerbside collection bins missed per 10 000 scheduled kerbside collection bin lifts)	8.17	5.50	8.17
Waste Collection	Service cost - garbage Cost of kerbside garbage collection service (direct cost of the kerbside garbage bin collection service per kerbside garbage collection bin)	\$139.47	\$146.44	\$153.76
Waste Collection	Service cost - recyclables Cost of kerbside recycling bin collection service (direct cost of the kerbside recycling bin collection service per kerbside recycling collection bin)	\$100.23	\$105.24	\$110.50
Environmental Services	Performance on environmental sustainability Community satisfaction (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on environmental sustainability)	64	60	65

* refer to table in section 2.7 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators

2.4 Expanding our Economy

Services

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Economic Development & Tourism	Assists the organisation to facilitate an environment that is conducive to a sustainable and growing local business sector and provides opportunities for local residents to improve their skill levels and access employment. Provides support to tourism operators.	<i>Inc</i>	103	936	516
		<i>Exp</i>	1,396	1,311	1,260
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(1,293)	(375)	(744)

Major Initiatives

- 1) Collaboration with Key Industry sectors to attract and retain workforce
- 2) Attract new industries and businesses

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Forecast	2024/25 Budget
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Please note that there are no LGPRF service performance indicators specified against this strategic objective.

2.5 Enhancing our Lifestyle

Services

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Attractions & Events	Provides events for the municipality and cultural development.	<i>Inc</i>	33	22	100
		<i>Exp</i>	620	782	750
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(588)	(760)	(649)
Library Services	Provides a public library with customer focused service that caters for the cultural and educational needs of residents and provides a focal point for the community where they can meet, relax and enjoy the facilities and services offered.	<i>Inc</i>	303	329	295
		<i>Exp</i>	968	1,000	908
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(665)	(671)	(613)
Wangaratta Gallery	Provides a varied program of arts and cultural events and activities. It also plans and develops arts and cultural facilities and infrastructure and develops policies and strategies to facilitate art practice.	<i>Inc</i>	88	105	110
		<i>Exp</i>	510	566	515
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(422)	(461)	(405)
Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre	Provides theatre services including technical staging advice and performance operations, facilities for presentations and exhibitions of works by local artists, function and catering services and a café.	<i>Inc</i>	807	852	880
		<i>Exp</i>	1,408	1,372	1,250
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(601)	(520)	(371)

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Youth Services	Provides youth development programs and supports youth health wellbeing.	<i>Inc</i>	603	353	107
		<i>Exp</i>	581	408	242
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	22	(55)	(135)
Community & Recreation	Prepares policies and strategies relating to open space and recreation throughout the municipality. It also supports community projects and programs.	<i>Inc</i>	658	572	-
		<i>Exp</i>	876	912	354
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(218)	(339)	(354)
Field Services	Provides road and bridge maintenance, street and footpath cleaning, drainage, walking/ cycling path, sports ground and parks and garden maintenance. It also provides street cleaning, leaf collection, weed removal, and street litter bins throughout the municipality.	<i>Inc</i>	586	446	425
		<i>Exp</i>	8,953	9,297	9,989
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(8,367)	(8,851)	(9,564)

Major Initiatives

- 1) Attraction and Delivery of Events
- 2) Upgrade of Wangaratta Netball Courts
- 3) Delivery of the annual gravel resheeting program
- 4) Street tree infill and renewal program
- 5) Improve and grow pathway network
- 6) Delivery of road reseal program
- 7) Delivery of plant replacement program
- 8) Delivery of Kerb and Channel Renewal Works

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Budget
Library Services	Library Membership Number of active library members /population	24.50%	25.00%	25.50%
Library Services	Resource Standard Recently purchased library collection	43.25%	55.00% (Library standards have changed)	56.00%
Library Services	Participation Number of collection loan items	9.73%	10.00%	10.00%
Library Services	Service Cost Cost of library service per population	\$33.08	\$34.06	\$35.10
Library Services	Library visits Library visits per population	3.33	3.20	3.30
Cultural Development	Performance on community and cultural activities Community satisfaction (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community and cultural activities)	67	66	67
Roads	Satisfaction of use Road users are satisfied with the sealed local road network	115.37	120	120
Roads	Condition Sealed local roads are maintained at the adopted condition standard	82.23%	82.89%	83.00%
Roads	Service cost – reconstruction Cost of sealed local road reconstruction	\$143.99	\$140.00	\$215.00
Roads	Service cost – resealing Cost of sealed local road resealing	\$5.95	\$5.90	\$6.00
Roads	Satisfaction – sealed local roads Sealed local road network is maintained and renewed to ensure that it is safe and efficient	43	42	55

* refer to table in section 2.7 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators

2.6 Growing with Integrity

Services

Service area	Description of services provided		2023/24 Actual \$'000	2024/25 Forecast \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000
Infrastructure Management	Provides strategic direction to the Infrastructure Services directorate	<i>Inc</i>	-	-	-
		<i>Exp</i>	765	890	971
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(765)	(890)	(971)
Infrastructure Planning & Delivery	Prepares long term management programs for Council's assets in an integrated and prioritised manner in order to optimise their strategic value and service potential. Undertakes the design, tendering, contract management and supervision of Council's capital works program.	<i>Inc</i>	163	289	316
		<i>Exp</i>	3,791	4,566	4,704
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	(3,629)	(4,277)	(4,388)
Planning & Building	The Planning service (including statutory planning) processes all planning applications, provides advice and makes decisions about development proposals which require a planning permit. The Building service provides statutory building services to the community.	<i>Inc</i>	1,767	579	2,134
		<i>Exp</i>	1,539	1,708	1,934
		<i>Surplus/(deficit)</i>	228	(1,130)	200

Major Initiatives

- 1) Replace Ivone's Lane Bridge
- 2) Continued implementation of Council's Asset Data, Condition and Renewal Policy
- 3) Development of Residential Growth Strategy
- 4) Township Infrastructure Improvements

Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	2023/24 Actual	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Budget
Statutory Planning	Timeliness Time taken to decide planning applications	66 days	58 days	60 days
Statutory Planning	Service standard Planning applications decided within required time frames	67.07%	68.00%	70.00%
Statutory Planning	Service cost Cost of statutory planning service	\$2,853	\$2,124	\$2,250
Statutory Planning	Decision making Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT	67%	100%	100%

* refer to table in section 2.7 for information on the calculation of Service Performance Outcome Indicators

2.7 Service Performance Outcome Indicators

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Governance	Transparency (Council decisions made at a meeting of Council, or at a meeting of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors, in an open and transparent manner)	Council decisions made at meetings closed to the public (percentage of Council resolutions made at a meeting of Council, or at a meeting of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors, closed to the public under section 66(1) of the Act)	Number of Council resolutions made at meetings of Council, or at meetings of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors, closed to the public / Number of Council resolutions made at meetings of Council or at meetings of a delegated committee consisting only of Councillors x 10
Governance	Consultation and engagement (satisfaction with community consultation and engagement)	Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community consultation and engagement
Governance	Attendance (Councillors represent the views of their constituents and allow decisions to take place by attending meetings)	Councillor attendance at Council meetings (percentage of attendance at Council meetings by Councillors)	The sum of the number of Councillors who attended each Council meeting / (Number of Council meetings) x (Number of Councillors elected at the last Council general election) x 100
Governance	Service cost (cost of elected representation)	Cost of elected representation (direct cost of delivering Council's governance service per Councillor)	Direct cost of the governance service / Number of Councillors elected at the last Council general election
Governance	Satisfaction with council decisions	Satisfaction with Council decisions (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed in making decisions in the best interests of the community)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the performance of Council in making decisions in the best interests of the community
Community Compliance	Timeliness (Councils act in response to animal management related requests in a timely manner)	Time taken to action animal requests (average number of days it takes for Council to action animal management related requests)	Number of days between receipt and first response action for all animal management related requests / Number of animal management related requests

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Community Compliance	Service standard - animals reclaimed (Councils register all animals in the municipal district in accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994)	Animals reclaimed (percentage of collected registrable animals under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 reclaimed)	Percentage of collected registrable animals under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i> [Number of animals reclaimed / Number of animals collected] x 100
Community Compliance	Service standard - animals rehomed (Councils register all animals in the municipal district in accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994)	Animals rehomed (percentage of collected registrable animals under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 that are not reclaimed but rehomed)	Number of unclaimed collected animals rehomed / Number of unclaimed collected animals collected x 100
Community Compliance	Service cost (animal management service is delivered in a cost-efficient manner)	Cost of animal management service per population (direct cost of the animal management service / population)	Direct cost of the animal management service / Population
Community Compliance	Health and safety (animal management service protects the health and safety of animals, humans and the environment)	Animal management prosecutions (percentage of animal management prosecutions which are successful)	Number of successful animal management prosecutions / Total number of animal management prosecutions x 100
Environmental Health	Health and Safety (food safety service is provided in accordance with legislative requirements)	Food safety assessments (percentage of registered class 1 food premises and class 2 food premises that receive an annual food safety assessment)	Number of registered class 1 food premises and class 2 food premises that receive an annual food safety assessment in accordance with the Food Act 1984 / Number of registered class 1 food premises and class 2 food premises that require an annual food safety assessment in accordance with the Food Act 1984 x 100
Environmental Health	Timeliness (Councils take action in response to food complaints in a timely manner)	Time taken to action food complaints (average number of days it takes for Council to action food complaints received from members of the public about the safety or handling of food for sale)	Number of days between receipt and first response action for all food complaints / Number of food complaints
Environmental Health	Service cost (food safety service is delivered in a cost-efficient manner)	Cost of food safety service (direct cost of the food safety service per food premises registered by Council, or for which Council has received notification, during the financial year)	Direct cost of the food safety service / Number of food premises registered or notified in accordance with the Food Act 1984
Environmental Health	Health and safety (food safety service protects public health by preventing the sale of unsafe food)	Critical and major non-critical compliance outcome notifications (percentage of critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications that are followed up by Council)	Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about food premises x 100
Family and Early Childhood Services	Service standard (MCH service is provided in accordance with agreed standards)	Infant enrolments in the MCH service (percentage of infants enrolled in the MCH service)	Number of infants enrolled in the MCH service / Number of birth notifications received x 100

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Family and Early Childhood Services	Service cost (MCH service is delivered in a cost-efficient manner)	Cost of the MCH service (cost of the MCH service per hour of service delivered)	Cost of the MCH service / Hours worked by MCH nurses
Family and Early Childhood Services	Satisfaction (clients satisfied with the MCH service)	Participation in 4-week key age and stage visit (percentage of infants enrolled in the MCH service who receive the 4-week key age and stage visit)	Number of 4-week key age and stage visits / Number of birth notifications received x 100
Family and Early Childhood Services	Participation - children (Councils promote healthy outcomes for children and their families)	Participation in the MCH service (percentage of children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	Number of children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the financial year) / Number of children enrolled in the MCH service x 100
Family and Early Childhood Services	Participation - Aboriginal children (Councils promote healthy outcomes for children and their families)	Participation in the MCH service by Aboriginal children (percentage of Aboriginal children enrolled who participate in the MCH service)	Number of Aboriginal children who attend the MCH service at least once (in the financial year) / Number of Aboriginal children enrolled in the MCH service x 100
Aquatic Facilities	Utilisation	Utilisation of aquatic facilities [Number of visits to aquatic facilities per population]	[Number of visits to aquatic facilities / Population]
Aquatic Facilities	Service Standard	Number of health inspections of aquatic facilities	[Number of authorised officers inspections of Council aquatic facilities / Number of Council aquatic facilities]
Aquatic Facilities	Service cost	Direct cost of aquatic facilities	[Direct cost of aquatic facilities less income received / Number of visits to aquatic facilities]
Waste Collection	Waste diversion (amount of waste diverted from landfill is maximised)	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill (percentage of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins that is diverted from landfill)	Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins] x 100
Waste Collection	Service standard (kerbside collection bins are collected as planned)	Kerbside collection bins missed (number of kerbside collection bins missed per 10 000 scheduled kerbside collection bin lifts)	Number of kerbside garbage and recycling collection bins missed / Number of scheduled kerbside garbage and recycling collection bin lifts x 10000

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Waste	Service cost - garbage	Cost of kerbside garbage collection service (direct cost of the kerbside garbage bin collection service per kerbside garbage collection bin)	Direct cost of the kerbside garbage bin collection service / Number of kerbside garbage collection bins
Waste	Service cost - recyclables	Cost of kerbside recycling bin collection service (direct cost of the kerbside recycling bin collection service per kerbside recycling collection bin)	Direct cost of the kerbside recycling bin collection service / Number of kerbside recycling collection bins
Environmental Services	Performance on environmental sustainability	Community satisfaction (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on environmental sustainability)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on environmental sustainability
Library Services	Library membership	Number of active library members	Number of library members / population x 100
Library Services	Resource Standard	Recently purchased library collection	Number of library collection items purchased in the last 5 years / Number of library collection items x 100
Library Services	Participation	Number of collection loan items	Number of collection loan items / Population
Library Services	Service cost	Delivery of the library service is delivered in a cost effective way	Direct cost of the library service / Population
Library Services	Library visits	Library visits per population	Number of library visits / Population
Cultural Development	Performance on community and cultural activities	Community satisfaction (community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community and cultural activities)	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on community and cultural activities
Roads	Satisfaction of use	Road users are satisfied with the sealed local road network	Number of sealed local road requests / Kilometres of sealed local roads x 100
Roads	Condition	Sealed local roads are maintained at the adopted condition standard	Number of kilometres of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kilometres of sealed local roads x 100
Roads	Service cost - reconstruction	Cost of sealed local road reconstruction	Direct cost of sealed local road reconstruction / Square metres of sealed local roads reconstructed
Roads	Service cost - resealing	Cost of sealed local road resealing	Direct cost of sealed local road resealing / Square metres of sealed local roads resealed
Roads	Satisfaction - sealed local roads	Sealed local road network is maintained and renewed to ensure that it is safe and efficient	Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with how Council has performed on the condition of sealed local roads

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Statutory Services	Timeliness	Time taken to decide planning applications	The median number of days between receipt of a planning application and a decision on the application
Statutory Services	Service standard	Planning applications decided within required time	Number of planning application decisions made within the relevant required time / Number of planning application decisions made x 100
Statutory Services	Service cost	Cost of statutory planning service	Direct cost of the statutory planning service / Number of planning applications received
Statutory Services	Decision making	Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT	Number of VCAT decisions that did not set aside Council's decision in relation to a planning application / Number of VCAT decisions in relation to planning applications x 100

2.8 Reconciliation with budgeted operating result

	Net Cost (Revenue)	Expenditure	Revenue
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Strengthening our Leadership	10,154	12,098	1,945
Nurturing our Wellbeing	2,109	22,557	20,448
Valuing our Environment	4,202	6,692	2,491
Expanding the Economy	744	1,260	516
Enhancing our Lifestyle	12,091	14,007	1,917
Growing with Integrity	5,158	7,609	2,450
Total	34,458	64,224	29,765
Expenses added in:			
Depreciation and amortisation	21,347		
Finance costs	505		
Others	258		
Deficit before funding sources	56,568		
Funding sources added in:			
Rates and charges revenue	(43,341)		
Grants from capital projects	(13,405)		
Major grants	(9,785)		
Non-monetary contributions	(3,500)		
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year	13,462		
Less			
Capital grants - non-recurring	(10,918)		
Capital contributions - monetary	(1,542)		
Capital contributions - non-monetary	(3,500)		
Underlying surplus/(deficit) for the year	(2,498)		

3. Financial Statements

This section presents information in regard to the Financial Statements and Statement of Human Resources. The budget information for the year 2025/26 has been supplemented with projections to 2028/29.

This section includes the following financial statements prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

- Comprehensive Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Statement of Capital Works
- Statement of Human Resources

Comprehensive Income Statement

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

		Forecast Actual	Budget	Projections		
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	NOTES	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income / Revenue						
Rates and charges	4.1.1	41,979	43,341	44,840	46,178	47,557
Statutory fees and fines	4.1.2	1,153	1,383	1,411	1,439	1,468
User fees	4.1.3	12,053	14,718	15,159	15,614	16,082
Grants - operating	4.1.4	18,773	19,785	19,722	20,116	20,489
Grants - capital	4.1.4	9,014	13,405	6,879	7,113	7,256
Contributions - monetary	4.1.5	99	1,542	-	-	-
Contributions - non-monetary	4.1.5	6,498	3,500	4,080	4,162	4,245
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		465	371	-	-	-
Fair value adjustments for investment property		-	-	-	-	-
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures		-	-	-	-	-
Other income	4.1.6	2,837	1,658	1,157	1,146	1,145
Total income / revenue		92,872	99,702	93,248	95,769	98,241
Expenses						
Employee costs	4.1.7	32,837	35,237	36,294	37,383	38,504
Materials and services	4.1.8	29,768	28,534	29,945	30,516	31,827
Depreciation	4.1.9	16,860	21,062	20,915	21,383	21,860
Amortisation - intangible assets	4.1.10	224	242	148	148	148
Depreciation - right of use assets	4.1.11	121	43	203	178	160
Allowance for impairment losses		-	-	-	-	-
Borrowing costs	4.1.12	567	505	520	444	367
Finance Costs - leases		7	4	43	34	24
Other expenses	4.1.13	1,003	613	629	645	661
Total expenses		81,387	86,240	88,697	90,730	93,551
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		11,485	13,462	4,552	5,038	4,690
Other comprehensive income						
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods						
Net asset revaluation gain /(loss)		-	-	-	-	-
Share of other comprehensive income of associates and joint ventures		-	-	-	-	-
Items that may be reclassified to surplus or deficit in future periods						
		-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive result		11,485	13,462	4,552	5,038	4,690

Balance Sheet

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

		Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Projections		
	NOTES			2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000
Assets						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		18,450	23,791	22,500	21,763	20,660
Trade and other receivables		3,127	3,157	3,190	3,219	3,249
Other financial assets		4,102	3,984	3,869	3,758	3,650
Inventories		2	2	2	2	2
Prepayments		742	742	742	742	742
Non-current assets classified as held for sale		277	0	0	0	0
Contract assets						
Other assets		620	620	620	620	620
Total current assets	4.2.1	27,320	32,297	30,924	30,105	28,925
Non-current assets						
Trade and other receivables		324	324	324	324	324
Property, infrastructure, plant & equipment		804,349	810,420	813,173	815,932	818,696
Right-of-use assets	4.2.4	104	61	498	320	160
Intangible assets		1,290	1,048	900	753	605
Total non-current assets	4.2.1	806,067	811,853	814,895	817,328	819,785
Total assets		833,387	844,150	845,819	847,433	848,709
Liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Trade and other payables		4,428	4,385	4,155	4,233	4,373
Trust funds and deposits		3,938	3,820	3,705	3,594	3,486
Contract and other liabilities		164	164	164	164	164
Provisions		6,432	6,566	6,684	6,805	9,414
Interest-bearing liabilities	4.2.3	9,784	3,345	3,424	3,507	3,590
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	42	42	181	160	160
Total current liabilities	4.2.2	24,789	18,322	18,313	18,464	21,188
Non-current liabilities						
Provisions		15,819	15,922	16,013	16,106	13,718
Interest-bearing liabilities	4.2.3	12,599	16,306	12,882	9,374	5,784
Lease liabilities	4.2.4	63	21	480	320	160
Total non-current liabilities	4.2.2	28,482	32,249	29,374	25,800	19,662
Total liabilities		53,270	50,571	47,688	44,264	40,850
Net assets		780,117	793,579	798,131	803,169	807,859
Equity						
Accumulated surplus		199,439	212,901	217,336	222,162	226,542
Reserves		580,678	580,678	580,795	581,007	581,317
Total equity		780,117	793,579	798,131	803,169	807,859

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

		Total	Accumulated Surplus	Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves
	NOTES	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2024/25 Forecast Actual					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		768,632	187,954	540,512	40,166
Impact of adoption of new accounting standards		-	-	-	-
Adjusted opening balance		768,632	187,954	540,512	40,166
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		11,485	11,485	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	-	-	-
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		780,117	199,439	540,512	40,166
2025/26 Budget					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		780,117	199,439	540,512	40,166
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		13,462	13,462	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves	4.3.1	-	-	-	-
Transfers from other reserves	4.3.1	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year	4.3.2	793,579	212,901	540,512	40,166
2026/27					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		793,579	212,901	540,512	40,166
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		4,552	4,552	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(117)	-	117
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		798,131	217,336	540,512	40,283
2027/28					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		798,131	217,336	540,512	40,283
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		5,038	5,038	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(212)	-	212
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		803,169	222,162	540,512	40,495
2028/29					
Balance at beginning of the financial year		803,169	222,162	540,512	40,495
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		4,690	4,690	-	-
Net asset revaluation gain/(loss)		-	-	-	-
Transfers to other reserves		-	(310)	-	310
Transfers from other reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at end of the financial year		807,859	226,542	540,512	40,805

Statement of Cash Flows

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

	Notes	Forecast Actual	Budget	Projections		
		2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000
		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities						
Rates and charges		43,357	43,311	44,807	46,149	47,527
Statutory fees and fines		1,153	1,383	1,411	1,439	1,468
User fees		12,053	14,718	15,159	15,614	16,082
Grants - operating		18,773	19,785	19,722	20,116	20,489
Grants - capital		6,831	13,405	6,879	7,113	7,256
Contributions - monetary		99	1,542	-	-	-
Interest received		1,300	1,000	486	461	447
Dividends received		-	-	-	-	-
Trust funds and deposits taken		-	-	-	-	-
Other receipts		1,537	658	671	684	698
Net GST refund / payment		-	-	-	-	-
Employee costs		(32,837)	(35,001)	(36,085)	(37,168)	(38,283)
Materials and services		(28,436)	(29,310)	(30,918)	(31,194)	(32,456)
Short-term, low value and variable lease payments		-	-	-	-	-
Trust funds and deposits repaid		-	-	-	-	-
Other payments		(128)	(50)	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	4.4.1	23,703	31,441	22,132	23,216	23,227
Cash flows from investing activities						
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		(22,409)	(23,633)	(19,588)	(19,980)	(20,379)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment		1,054	698	-	-	-
Net (increase)/decrease in other financial assets		5,898	118	115	111	108
Payments for investments		-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities	4.4.2	(15,458)	(22,817)	(19,473)	(19,869)	(20,272)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Finance costs		(567)	(505)	(520)	(444)	(367)
Proceeds from borrowings		-	7,052	-	-	-
Repayment of borrowings		(2,682)	(9,784)	(3,345)	(3,424)	(3,507)
Interest paid - lease liability		(7)	(4)	(43)	(34)	(24)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(132)	(42)	(42)	(181)	(160)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	4.4.3	(3,388)	(3,283)	(3,950)	(4,083)	(4,058)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		4,857	5,341	(1,291)	(736)	(1,103)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		13,593	18,450	23,791	22,500	21,763
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		18,450	23,791	22,500	21,763	20,660

Statement of Capital Works

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

	NOTES	Forecast Actual	Budget	Projections		
		2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000
Property						
Land		-	-	-	-	-
Land improvements		30	186	913	931	950
Total land		30	186	913	931	950
Buildings		1,551	2,878	1,893	1,931	1,970
Heritage buildings		-	-	-	-	-
Building improvements		-	-	-	-	-
Leasehold improvements		-	-	-	-	-
Total buildings		1,551	2,878	1,893	1,931	1,970
Total property		1,581	3,064	2,806	2,862	2,919
Plant and equipment						
Heritage plant and equipment		-	-	-	-	-
Plant, machinery and equipment		3,657	4,977	1,191	1,215	1,239
Fixtures, fittings and furniture		165	14	12	12	13
Computers and telecommunications		220	148	188	191	195
Art collection		22	9	-	-	-
Library books		204	208	311	317	324
Total plant and equipment		4,269	5,355	1,702	1,736	1,771
Infrastructure						
Roads		6,384	5,930	8,403	8,571	8,742
Bridges		1,791	3,460	1,361	1,388	1,416
Footpaths and cycleways		823	506	1,184	1,208	1,232
Drainage		3,063	3,137	1,569	1,600	1,632
Recreational, leisure and community facilities		634	1,661	1,167	1,190	1,214
Waste management		-	270	221	226	230
Parks, open space and streetscapes		1,920	50	929	948	967
Aerodromes		80	-	161	164	168
Off street car parks		42	-	84	85	87
Other infrastructure		1,822	200	1	1	1
Total infrastructure		16,560	15,214	15,080	15,381	15,689
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	22,409	23,633	19,588	19,980	20,379
Represented by:						
New asset expenditure		6,157	4,865	979	999	1,019
Asset renewal expenditure		13,661	14,355	13,712	13,986	14,266
Asset expansion expenditure		-	-	-	-	-
Asset upgrade expenditure		2,591	4,412	4,897	4,995	5,095
Total capital works expenditure	4.5.1	22,409	23,633	19,588	19,980	20,379
Funding sources represented by:						
Grants		9,014	13,405	6,879	7,113	7,256
Contributions		-	-	-	-	-
Council cash		13,395	10,228	12,709	12,867	13,124
Borrowings		-	-	-	-	-
Total capital works funding	4.5.1	22,409	23,633	19,588	19,980	20,379

Statement of Human Resources

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

	Forecast Actual	Budget	Projections		
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Staff expenditure					
Employee costs - operating	32,837	35,237	36,294	37,383	38,504
Employee costs - capital	430	1,005	1,035	1,066	1,098
Total staff expenditure	33,267	36,242	37,329	38,449	39,603
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Staff numbers					
Total staff numbers	316.04	351.58	351.58	351.58	351.58

A summary of human resources expenditure categorised according to the organisational structure of Council is included below:

Department	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Comprises			
		Permanent			
		Full Time	Part time	Casual	Temporary
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Executive Services	376	318	58	-	-
Corporate & Leisure	6,552	5,055	1,497	1,461	-
Community & Infrastructure	19,494	13,180	6,314	183	-
Sustainability & Culture	6,864	4,796	2,068	307	-
Total permanent staff expenditure	33,286	23,349	9,937	1,951	-
Casuals, temporary and other expenditure	1,951				
Capitalised labour costs	1,005				
Total expenditure	36,242				

A summary of the number of full time equivalent (FTE) Council staff in relation to the above expenditure is included below:

Department	Budget 2025/26	Comprises			
		Permanent			
		Full Time	Part time	Casual	Temporary
Executive Services	3.76	2.00	1.76	-	-
Corporate & Leisure	68.06	47.56	20.50	12.09	-
Community & Infrastructure	197.11	145.36	51.75	1.21	-
Sustainability & Culture	57.62	44.31	13.31	2.73	-
Total permanent staff expenditure	326.55	239.23	87.32	16.03	-
Casuals, temporary and other expenditure	16.03				
Capitalised labour costs	9.00				
Total staff	351.58				

Summary of Planned Human Resources Expenditure

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	2027/28 \$'000	2028/29 \$'000
Executive				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	0	0	0	0
Men	318	328	337	347
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time				
Women	58	60	62	63
Men	0	0	0	0
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Casual and temporary				
Women	0	0	0	0
Men	0	0	0	0
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Total Executive	376	387	399	411
Corporate and Leisure				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	2,756	2,839	2,924	3,012
Men	2,299	2,368	2,439	2,512
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time				
Women	1,430	1,473	1,517	1,563
Men	67	69	71	73
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Casual and temporary				
Women	1,247	1,284	1,323	1,363
Men	214	220	227	234
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Total Corporate & Leisure	8,013	8,253	8,501	8,756
Community and Infrastructure				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	4,252	4,380	4,511	4,646
Men	8,928	9,196	9,472	9,756
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time				
Women	6,074	6,256	6,444	6,637
Men	240	247	255	262
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Casual and temporary				
Women	183	188	194	200
Men	0	0	0	0
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Total Community and Infrastructure	19,677	20,267	20,875	21,502
Sustainability & Culture				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	3,583	3,690	3,801	3,915
Men	1,213	1,249	1,287	1,325
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Permanent - Part time				
Women	1,946	2,004	2,065	2,126
Men	122	126	129	133
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Casual and temporary				
Women	83	85	88	91
Men	224	231	238	245
Persons of self-described gender	0	0	0	0
Total Sustainability & Culture	7,171	7,386	7,608	7,836
Capitalised labour costs	1,005	1,035	1,066	1,098
Total staff expenditure	36,242	37,329	38,449	39,603

Summary of Planned Human Resources Expenditure

For the four years ending 30 June 2029

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Executive				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Men	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent - Part time				
Women	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76
Men	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Casual and temporary				
Women	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Men	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Executive	3.76	3.76	3.76	3.76
Corporate and Leisure				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	24.56	24.56	24.56	24.56
Men	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent - Part time				
Women	17.04	17.04	17.04	17.04
Men	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.46
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Casual and temporary				
Women	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60
Men	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Corporate & Leisure	80.15	80.15	80.15	80.15
Community and Infrastructure				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	47.36	47.36	47.36	47.36
Men	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent - Part time				
Women	47.38	47.38	47.38	47.38
Men	4.37	4.37	4.37	4.37
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Casual and temporary				
Women	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84
Men	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Community and Infrastructure	198.32	198.32	198.32	198.32
Sustainability & Culture				
Permanent - Full time				
Women	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
Men	12.31	12.31	12.31	12.31
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent - Part time				
Women	12.16	12.16	12.16	12.16
Men	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Casual and temporary				
Women	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Men	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Persons of self-described gender	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Sustainability & Culture	60.35	60.35	60.35	60.35
Capitalised Labour	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Total staff numbers	351.58	351.58	351.58	351.58

4. Notes to the financial statements

This section presents detailed information on material components of the financial statements. Council needs to assess which components are material, considering the dollar amounts and nature of these components.

4.1 Comprehensive Income Statement

4.1.1 Rates and charges

Rates and charges are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in Council's budget.

As per the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council is required to have a Revenue and Rating Plan which is a four year plan for how Council will generate income to deliver the Council Plan, program and services and capital works commitments over a four-year period.

In developing the Budget, rates and charges were identified as an important source of revenue. Planning for future rate increases has therefore been an important component of the financial planning process. The Fair Go Rates System (FGRS) sets out the maximum amount councils may increase rates in a year. For 2025/26 the FGRS cap has been set at 3.00%. The cap applies to both general rates and municipal charges and is calculated on the basis of council's average rates and charges.

The level of required rates and charges has been considered in this context, with reference to Council's other sources of income and the planned expenditure on services and works to be undertaken for the community.

To achieve these objectives while maintaining service levels and a strong capital expenditure program, the average general rate will increase by 3.00% in line with the rate cap.

Following the adoption of the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025/29, the structure of differential rates for the 2025/26 year compared to the 2024/25 year has been updated as follows:

- Changed the definitions of Rural Residential, Rural 1 and Rural 2 differential rates to Rural <20Ha (Hectare) and Rural >20Ha (Hectare).
- Combined Commercial and Industrial land into one category.
- Combined the three Vacant Land types (excluding General Vacant Land which has been vacant for three or more years) into one category called Vacant Land <3yrs.
- Removed the Mixed Use land category.

Changes have also been made to the level of differential rates for the 2025/26 year compared to the 2024/25 year, as follows:

- Set the Rural <20Ha and Rural >20Ha differential rates at 80% and 60% of the General Rate respectively (formerly Rural Residential 100%, Rural 1 70% and Rural 2 65%).
- Increased the Commercial/Industrial differential rates from 138% to 145% of the General Rate.
- Reduced the General Vacant Land rate for land vacant more than three years by 20% to 240% to comply with the Local Government Act 1989 (highest differential rate must be no more than four times the lowest differential rate)

A model of the average rate for each category and/or type of land between the level of differential rates levied in the 2024-25 year to be levied in the 2025-26 year, based on the level of valuation as at 1 January 2024, is available in the Revenue and Rating Plan – Appendix A.

This will raise total rates and charges for 2025/26 to \$43,341 .

4.1.1(a) The reconciliation of the total rates and charges to the Comprehensive Income Statement is as follows:

	2024/25 Forecast Actual \$'000	2025/26 Budget \$'000	Change \$'000	%
General rates*	32,272	33,514	1,242	3.85%
Municipal charge*	-	-	-	0.00%
Service rates and charges	9,282	9,334	52	0.56%
Special rates and charges	-	-	-	0.00%
Supplementary rates and rate adjustments	113	142	29	25.66%
Cultural and Recreational Land	32	35	3	9.38%
Interest on rates and charges	100	100	-	0.00%
Revenue in lieu of rates	180	216	36	20.00%
Total rates and charges	41,979	43,341	1,362	3.24%

*These items are subject to the rate cap established under the FGRS

The increase in general rates is 3.85% for 2025/26. This is due to the impact of supplementary valuations in addition to the rate cap.

4.1.1(b) The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2024/25 cents/\$CIV	2025/26 cents/\$CIV	Change
General	0.003051271	0.003289615	7.81%
Commercial/Industrial	0.004210754	0.004769941	13.28%
Mixed Use	0.003631013	-	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	0.006102542	0.006579229	7.81%
Vacant > 3 Years	0.007933305	0.007895075	-0.48%
Rural Residential	0.003051271	-	-100.00%
Rural 1	0.002135890	-	-100.00%
Rural 2	0.001983326	-	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	0.002631692	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	0.001973769	100.00%

The 2024-25 Rural Rates have been replaced in the 2025-26 year with Rural <20Ha and Rural >20Ha.

4.1.1(c) The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates, compared with the previous financial year.

Type or class of land	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	Change \$'000	%
General	13,057	14,243	1,186	9.08%
Commercial/Industrial	4,160	4,762	602	14.47%
Mixed Use	13	-	(13)	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	826	879	53	6.42%
Vacant > 3 Years	59	50	(9)	-15.25%
Rural Residential	5,731	-	(5,731)	-100.00%
Rural 1	1,870	-	(1,870)	-100.00%
Rural 2	6,556	-	(6,556)	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	6,214	6,214	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	7,366	7,366	100.00%
Total amount to be raised by general rates*	32,272	33,514	1,242	3.85%

* Total amount to be raised in the 2024/25 base year above excludes \$268,510 of annualised Supplementary Rates income raised during 2025/26. When annualised Supplementary Rates for 2025/26 are included in the base (per the legislated State Government rate cap formula), the total % change for 2025/26 is 3.00%.

The 2024-25 Rural Rates have been replaced in the 2025-26 year with Rural <20Ha and Rural >20Ha.

4.1.1(d) The number of assessments in relation to each type or class of land, and the total number of assessments, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	2024/25	2025/26	Change	
	Number	Number	Number	%
General	9,126	9,198	72	0.79%
Commercial/Industrial	1,115	1,128	13	1.17%
Mixed Use	6	-	(6)	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	364	359	(5)	-1.37%
Vacant > 3 Years	26	23	(3)	-11.54%
Rural Residential	2,904	-	(2,904)	-100.00%
Rural 1	979	-	(979)	-100.00%
Rural 2	1,984	-	(1,984)	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	3,454	3,454	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	2,456	2,456	100.00%
Total number of assessments	16,504	16,618	114	0.69%

4.1.1(e) The basis of valuation to be used is the Capital Improved Value.

4.1.1(f) The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land, compared with the previous financial year.

Type or class of land	2024/25	2025/26	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
General	4,279,143	4,329,605	50,462	1.18%
Commercial/Industrial	988,049	998,421	10,372	1.05%
Mixed Use	3,578	-	(3,578)	-100.00%
Vacant < 3 Years	135,341	133,638	(1,703)	-1.26%
Vacant > 3 Years	7,375	6,321	(1,054)	-14.29%
Rural Residential	1,878,367	-	(1,878,367)	-100.00%
Rural 1	875,712	-	(875,712)	-100.00%
Rural 2	3,305,397	-	(3,305,397)	-100.00%
Rural <20ha	-	2,361,059	2,361,059	100.00%
Rural >20ha	-	3,731,850	3,731,850	100.00%
Total value of land*	11,472,962	11,560,894	87,932	0.77%

*Valuations as at 1 January 2025 will be used for the 2025/26 rating year

4.1.1(i) The rate or unit amount to be levied for each type of service rate or charge under Section 162 of the Act compared with the previous financial year

Type of Charge	Per Rateable Property 2024/25	Per Rateable Property 2025/26	Change	
	\$	\$	\$	%
<i>Urban</i>				
Kerbside collection - 140L	226	226	-	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240L	400	400	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 140L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 240L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 360L	229	229	-	0.00%
Glass recycling charge - 240L	-	-	-	0.00%
Organic waste charge	208	208	-	0.00%
<i>Rural</i>				
Kerbside collection - 140L	226	226	-	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240L	400	400	-	0.00%
Kerbside collection - 240L Weekly collection	810	810	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 140L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 240L	174	174	-	0.00%
Recycling charge - 360L	229	229	-	0.00%
Glass recycling charge - 240L	-	-	-	0.00%
Organic waste charge	207	207	-	0.00%

4.1.1(j) The estimated total amount to be raised by each type of service rate or charge, and the estimated total amount to be raised by service rates and charges, compared with the previous financial year.

Type of Charge	2024/25	2025/26	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Kerbside collection	4,476	4,492	16	0.36%
Recycling and Glass charge	2,719	2,737	18	0.66%
Organic waste charge	2,087	2,105	18	0.86%
Total	9,282	9,334	52	0.56%

4.1.1(k) The estimated total amount to be raised by all rates and charges compared with the previous financial year.

	2024/25	2025/26	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
General rates*	32,272	33,514	1,242	3.85%
Kerbside, recycling and organic collection	9,282	9,334	52	0.56%
Supplementary Rates	113	142	29	25.66%
Total Rates and charges	41,667	42,990	1,323	3.18%

* General rates excludes rates from Cultural and Recreational Land and interest on rates and charges.

4.1.1(l) Fair Go Rates System Compliance

Council is required to comply with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System (FGRS). The table below details the budget assumptions consistent with the requirements of the Fair Go Rates System.

	2024/25	2025/26
	\$'000	\$'000
Total Rates	\$ 32,272	\$ 33,514
Number of rateable properties	16,504	16,618
Base Average Rate	\$ 1,903.15	\$ 1,958.16
Maximum Rate Increase (set by the State Government)	2.75%	3.00%
Capped Average Rate	\$ 1,958.16	\$ 2,016.71
Maximum General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 32,317	\$ 33,514
Budgeted General Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 32,272	\$ 33,514
Budgeted Supplementary Rates	\$ 113	\$ 142
Budgeted Total Rates and Municipal Charges Revenue	\$ 32,385	\$ 33,656

4.1.1(m) Any significant changes that may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and charges. There are no known significant changes which may affect the estimated amounts to be raised by rates and charges 2025/26. However, the total amount to be raised by rates and charges may be affected by:

- The making of supplementary valuations (2025/26: estimated \$142,000 and 2024/25: \$113,000)
- The variation of returned levels of value (e.g. valuation appeals)
- Changes of use of land such that rateable land becomes non-rateable land and vice versa
- Changes of use of land such that residential land becomes business land and vice versa.

In May 2025 Council supported applying a rates concession to proposed social housing dwellings to be constructed at 2-64 Greta Road, Wangaratta as part of a larger development on the site and this rates concession is likely to apply in future years. This budget also allows for the continuation of the Pensioner Concession on the recycling charge in all years.

4.1.1(n) Differential rates

The rate and amount of rates payable in relation to land in each category of differential are set out above.

Each differential rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described below) by the relevant percentages (refer 4.1.1(b)).

Council considers that each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of council functions. Details of the objectives of each differential rate, the types of classes of land, which are subject to each differential rate and the uses of each differential rate, are set out below.

Type and Description**General**

The General Rate applies to any land, which is not Commercial/Industrial Land; Rural Land <20Ha; Rural Land >20Ha; Vacant Land <3yrs or Vacant Land >3yrs.

General rate – 100%: The objective of this general rate is to ensure that all rateable land makes an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, including (but not limited to) the:

- Construction and maintenance of infrastructure assets
- Development and provision of health, recreation and community services
- Provision of general support services.

Vacant Land <3 Years

Vacant Land is any land, which is not General Land; Commercial/Industrial Land; Rural Land <20Ha; Rural Land >20Ha; or Vacant Land > 3yrs and on which no dwelling has been erected and has not been vacant for three or more years at 1 July.

Rating differential – 200%: The objective of the Vacant Land < 3 Years differential rate is to encourage development of this class of property.

Rural Land <20ha

Rural Land <20Ha is any land, which is not General Land; Commercial/Industrial Land; Rural Land >20Ha; Vacant Land <3yrs; or Vacant Land >3yrs and which is:

- a. "Farm land" within the meaning of the Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960; and
- b. Is a component of a single farm enterprise (as defined in Section 9A(5) of the Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012); and
- c. Is less than 20 hectares.

Rating differential – 80%: The objective of the Rural Land differential rate is to recognise the reduced infrastructure investment and provision of services to this class of property.

Rural Land >20ha

Rural Land >20ha is any land, which is not General Land; Commercial/Industrial Land; Rural Land <20ha; Vacant Land < 3yrs; or Vacant Land > 3yrs which is:

- a. "Farm land" within the meaning of the Section 2(1) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960; and
- b. Is a component of a single farm enterprise (as defined in Section 9A(5) of the Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012); and
- c. Is equal to or greater than 20 hectares.

Rating differential – 60%: The objective of the Rural Land differential rate is to recognise the reduced infrastructure investment and provision of services to this class of property. This differential rate also recognises the land stewardship and amenity that large rural holdings provide to the rural landscape.

Commercial/Industrial

Commercial/Industrial Land is any land which is not General Land; Rural Land <20ha; Rural Land >20ha; Vacant land < 3yrs or Vacant land > 3yrs and which is primarily used for:

- a. Sale of goods or services.
- b. Other commercial purposes.
- c. Industrial purposes.

and is not the owner's principal place of residence and is allocated an Australia Valuation Property Classification Code that correlates with the Commercial or Industrial classification of the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund.

Rating differential – 145%: The objective of the Commercial rate is to recognise the benefits derived by this class of property including higher infrastructure investment and general support services.

Vacant Land >3 Years

Vacant Land >3yrs is any land, which is not General Land; Commercial/Industrial Land; Rural Land <20Ha; Rural Land >20Ha; or Vacant Land <3 yrs and on which no dwelling has been erected and:

- * Has been vacant for three or more years at 1 July; and
- * Has not changed ownership for three or more years at 1 July.

Rating differential – 240%: The objective of the Vacant Land >3 Years differential rate is to encourage development of medium to long-term unimproved residential property.

4.1.2 Statutory fees and fines

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Infringements and costs	393	588	195	49.65%
Town planning fees	355	388	32	9.03%
Land information certificates	31	33	2	7.21%
Permits and Registrations	374	375	1	0.21%
Total statutory fees and fines	1,153	1,383	230	19.95%

Statutory fees relate mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations, Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 registrations, planning and building fees and parking fines. Statutory fees are set in accordance with legislative requirements.

A detailed listing of statutory fees is included in Section 6.

4.1.3 User fees

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Aged & Community Care	1,225	765	(459)	-37.52%
Leisure centre and recreation	3,128	3,625	496	15.87%
Child care/children's programs	3,171	3,424	253	7.97%
Parking	226	365	139	61.52%
Building services	149	279	130	87.32%
Waste management services	1,518	1,744	226	14.88%
Rental and outgoings	122	120	(2)	-1.75%
Performing Arts	735	764	29	3.95%
Cemetery	280	386	106	37.79%
Other fees and charges	1,499	3,247	1,748	116.58%
Total user fees	12,053	14,718	2,665	22.11%

User Fees relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of Council's services. These include the use of leisure, entertainment and other community facilities and the provision of community services such as family day care and home help services. The setting of user fees is guided by the principles outlined in the Revenue and Rating Plan.

User fees are projected to increase by 22.11% or \$2.67m in 2025/26.

Leisure centre and recreation fees have increased based on increased utilisation assumptions and increase in service offerings for 2025/26.

Child care and children's programs have increased based on increased occupancy rates in 2025/26.

Waste management services has increased based on increased throughput of the Organics Processing Plant.

A detailed listing of fees and charges is included in Section 6.

4.1.4 Grants

Grants are required by the Act and the Regulations to be disclosed in Council's annual budget.

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change \$'000 %	
Grants were recorded in respect of the following:				
Summary of grants				
Commonwealth funded grants	18,953	19,629	676	4%
State funded grants	8,588	10,784	2,196	26%
Total grants received	27,541	30,413	2,872	10%
(a) Operating Grants				
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Financial Assistance Grants	9,337	9,785	448	5%
Aged & Community Care - Packaged Care	5,999	7,288	1,289	21%
Recurrent - State Government				
Economic Development	92	-	(92)	-100%
Governance	-	30	30	100%
Environmental health	5	5	-	0%
Libraries	254	254	-	0%
Family & Early Childhood Services	515	551	36	7%
Performing Arts & Events	335	335	-	0%
Maternal and child health	639	617	(22)	-4%
Projects & Recreation	213	-	(213)	-100%
Youth Services	104	90	(14)	-14%
Home and Community Care	211	265	55	26%
Regional Assessment Service	52	-	(52)	-100%
Total recurrent grants	17,757	19,221	1,464	8%
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Projects and recreation	17	69	53	318%
Non-recurrent - State Government				
Home and Community Care	10	123	113	1110%
Emergency Management	-	60	130	-185%
Environment	25	-	(25)	-100%
Family & Early Childhood Services	49	-	(49)	-100%
Gallery	63	63	-	0%
Libraries	28	-	(28)	-100%
Projects & Recreation	648	232	(416)	-64%
Youth Services	247	17	(230)	-93%
Total non-recurrent grants	1,016	564	(452)	-44%
Total operating grants	18,773	19,785	1,012	5%
(b) Capital Grants				
Recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Roads	1,974	2,486	513	26%
Recurrent - State Government				
Total recurrent grants	1,974	2,486	513	26%

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change \$'000 %	
Non-recurrent - Commonwealth Government				
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	87	-	(87)	-100%
Footpaths	23	-	(23)	-100%
Other Infrastructure	1,518	-	(1,518)	-100%
Non-recurrent - State Government				
Bridges	495	2,760	2,265	458%
Buildings	294	1,381	1,086	369%
Drainage	2,229	1,400	(829)	-37%
Footpaths	477	1,173	696	146%
Library books	8	8	0	2%
Plant and Equipment	-	647	647	100%
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	25	1,500	1,475	5900%
Parks, open space and streetscapes	640	50	(590)	-92%
Roads	1,246	2,000	754	61%
Total non-recurrent grants	7,040	10,918	3,878	55%
Total capital grants	9,014	13,405	4,391	49%
Total grants	27,787	33,190	5,402	19%

Operating grants and contributions include all monies received from State and Federal sources for the purposes of funding the delivery of Council's services to ratepayers. Operating grants are expected to increase in 2025/26.

Capital grants include all monies received from State and Federal Governments for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Capital grants fluctuate year on year depending on the funding programs announced by the State and Federal Governments.

Some non-recurrent grants listed are subject to successful grant application processes and delivery of associated programs is contingent upon receipt of those grants.

4.1.5 Contributions

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change \$'000 %	
Monetary	99	1,542	1,443	1460.44%
Non-monetary	6,498	3,500	(2,998)	-46.13%
Total contributions	6,596	5,042	(1,554)	-23.56%

Monetary contributions relate to monies received from Developer Contributions and community sources for the purposes of funding the capital works program. Non-monetary contributions relate to assets that arise out of new subdivisions within the municipality and are vested with Council.

The level of monetary contributions expected for 2025/26 is \$1.54m which is an increase of \$1.44m or 1460.44% compared to 2024/25, largely due to non-recurrent developer contributions expected to be received in 2025/26. The capitalisation of non-monetary subdivisions and developments is predicted to decrease by \$3.00m or 46.13% compared to 2024/25.

4.1.6 Other income

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Interest	1,300	1,000	(300)	-23.08%
Dividends	17	14	(3)	-19.09%
Other Income	1,520	644	(876)	-57.64%
Total other income	2,837	1,658	(1,180)	-41.57%

Other income relates to a range of items such as private works, cost recoups and other miscellaneous items. It also includes interest on investments and reimbursements for emergency response and restoration costs.

Income from Natural disaster reimbursements is projected to decrease in 2025/26 by \$833k and interest on investments is projected to decrease by \$300k or 21.43% due to reduced cash available for investment and conservative assumptions regarding future interest rates.

4.1.7 Employee costs

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Wages and salaries	28,502	30,332	1,831	6.42%
Workcover	972	1,110	138	14.18%
Superannuation	3,298	3,724	426	12.92%
Fringe benefits tax	65	70	5	8.08%
Other	-	-	-	0.00%
Total employee costs	32,837	35,237	2,400	7.31%

Employee costs include all labour related expenditure such as wages and salaries and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation, Workcover, etc. Employee costs are forecast to increase by 7.31% or \$2.40m compared to 2024/25 forecast. Salary and Wages have been budgeted in accordance with Council's 2023 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre's 2024 Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and include provision for the Superannuation Guarantee increase as at 1 July 2025. A significant increase is expected in Workcover costs due to rise in insurance premiums.

4.1.8 Materials and services

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Plant and motor vehicle charges	2	4	3	166.67%
Advertising and promotion	453	307	(147)	-32.34%
Staff development	471	497	26	5.50%
Information technology	1,884	1,949	65	3.45%
Utilities	2,313	2,265	(48)	-2.08%
Insurance	932	972	40	4.26%
Aged and Disability Services	4,429	5,169	740	16.71%
Waste Management	1,857	1,765	(92)	-4.94%
Waste levies	640	650	10	1.56%
Maintenance and civic presentation	1,440	1,302	(138)	-9.57%
Events	253	198	(55)	-21.62%
Consultants	1,175	708	(467)	-39.71%
Operational supplies and services	11,517	10,917	(600)	-5.21%
Contract payments and other materials	2,402	1,831	(571)	-23.76%
Total materials and services	29,768	28,534	(1,234)	-4.14%

Materials and services include the purchase of consumables, payments to contractors for the provision of services and utility costs. It is forecast to decrease by 4.14% compared to 2024/25 forecast.

4.1.9 Depreciation

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Property	1,349	1,685	336	24.92%
Plant & equipment	2,698	3,370	672	24.92%
Infrastructure	12,814	16,007	3,194	24.92%
Total depreciation	16,860	21,062	4,202	24.92%

Depreciation is an accounting measure which attempts to allocate the value of an asset over its useful life for Council's property, plant and equipment including infrastructure assets such as roads and drains. Council has conducted a review of its depreciation postings and processing based on last year's revaluation and identified a correction required subsequent to the adoption of the 2024/25 forecast resulting in an increase of \$4.20m to the 2025/26 budget.

4.1.10 Amortisation - Intangible assets

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Intangible assets	224	242	18	8.04%
Total amortisation - intangible assets	224	242	18	8.04%

Amortisation is an accounting measure which attempts to allocate the value of the Bowser Landfill Airspace over the useful life of the intangible asset.

4.1.11 Depreciation - Right of use assets

	Forecast Actual 2023/24 \$'000	Budget 2024/25 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Right of use assets	121	43	(79)	-64.78%
Total depreciation - right of use assets	121	43	(79)	-64.78%

4.1.12 Borrowings costs

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Interest expense	574	509	(65)	-11.31%
Total borrowing costs	574	509	(65)	-11.31%

4.1.13 Other expenses

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
Auditors' remuneration - VAGO - audit of the financial statements, performance statement and grant acquittals	59	66	8	12.82%
Auditors' remuneration - Internal	48	57	9	18.64%
Councillors' allowances	324	338	15	4.49%
Write off of assets works in progress	412	-	(412)	-100.00%
Other Expenses	161	152	(9)	-5.28%
Total other expenses	1,003	613	(389)	-38.81%

Other expenses represent payments to Councillors for allowances, payments for audit services and rate rebates.

4.2 Balance Sheet

4.2.1 Assets

Cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets include cash and investments such as cash held in the bank and in petty cash and the value of investments in deposits or other highly liquid investments with short term maturities of three months or less. These balances are projected to increase between 2024/25 and 2025/26 as funds are used for the delivery of Council's operations and capital works program.

Trade and other receivables are monies owed to Council by ratepayers and others. Short term debtors are not expected to change significantly in the budget.

Other financial assets includes accrued income which is representative of revenues earned but yet to be received, these items are due to be received in the next 12 months.

Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment is the largest component of Council's worth and represents the value of all the land, buildings, roads, vehicles, equipment, etc which has been built up by Council over many years. The movement in these balances are mostly attributable to the net result of the capital works program, depreciation of assets and disposals through sale of property, plant and equipment.

4.2.2 Liabilities

Total current liabilities are expected to decrease in 2025/26 compared to 2024/25 primarily due to the refinancing of interest bearing liabilities reclassifying to non-current from current in 2025/26.

Current liabilities represent obligations that Council must pay within the next twelve months. Unearned income reflects funds received by Council in advance of performing the associated obligation, for example grant funding for capital works.

Provisions include accrued long service leave, annual leave and rostered days off owing to employees, and for landfill rehabilitation.

Non-current interest-bearing loans and borrowings are forecast to increase, reflecting refinancing of borrowings of \$7.05m. No further new borrowings are budgeted for in the 2025/26 financial year.

4.2.3 Borrowings

The table below shows information on borrowings specifically required by the Regulations.

	Forecast Actual 2024/25 \$'000	Budget 2025/26 \$'000
Amount borrowed as at 30 June of the prior year	25,066	22,384
Amount proposed to be borrowed	-	7,052
Amount projected to be redeemed	(2,682)	(9,784)
Amount of borrowings as at 30 June	22,384	19,651
Amount (of opening balance) to be refinanced	-	7,051

4.2.4 Leases by category

As a result of the introduction of *AASB 16 Leases*, right-of-use assets and lease liabilities have been recognised as outlined in the table below.

	Forecast Actual 2024/25	Budget 2025/26
	\$	\$
Right-of-use assets		
Property	-	-
Vehicles	104	61
Other, etc.	-	-
Total right-of-use assets	104	61
Lease liabilities		
Current lease Liabilities		
Land and buildings	-	-
Plant and equipment	42	42
Other, etc.	-	-
Total current lease liabilities	42	42
Non-current lease liabilities		
Land and buildings	-	-
Plant and equipment	63	21
Other, etc.	-	-
Total non-current lease liabilities	63	21
Total lease liabilities	105	63

Where the interest rate applicable to a lease is not expressed in the lease agreement, Council applies the average incremental borrowing rate in the calculation of lease liabilities.

4.3 Statement of changes in Equity

4.3.1 Reserves

Other reserves are budgeted to remain at \$581m in 2025/26.

4.3.2 Equity

Total equity is budgeted to increase by \$13.46m from 2025/26.

Total equity always equals net assets and is made up of the following components:

1. Asset revaluation reserve which represents the difference between the previously recorded value of assets and their current valuations.
2. Other reserves that are funds that Council wishes to separately identify as being set aside to meet a specific purpose in the future and to which there is no existing liability. These amounts are transferred from the surplus of the Council to be separately disclosed.

4.4 Statement of Cash Flows

This section analyses the expected cash flows from the operating, investing and financing activities of Council for the 2025/26 year. Budgeting cash flows for Council is a key factor in setting the level of rates and providing a guide to the level of capital expenditure that can be sustained with or without using existing cash reserves.

The analysis is based on three main categories of cash flows:

4.4.1 Net cash flows provided by/used in operating activities

Operating activities - Refers to the cash generated or used in the normal service delivery functions of Council. Cash remaining after paying for the provision of services to the community may be available for investment in capital works, or repayment of debt.

Council's operating cash flows are projected to increase in 2025/2026 compared to 2024/2025 mainly due to the carry forward of Grants associated with Capital Projects.

4.4.2 Net cash flows provided by/used in investing activities

Investing activities - Refers to cash generated or used in the enhancement or creation of infrastructure and other assets. These activities also include the acquisition and sale of other assets such as vehicles, property and equipment.

Council's investment activities relate primarily to the capital works program which is expected to be \$23.63m in 2025/26. Council plans to sell property, infrastructure, plant and equipment during 2025/26 with proceeds of \$698k.

4.4.3 Net cash flows provided by/used in financing activities

Financing activities - Refers to cash generated or used in the financing of Council functions and includes borrowings from financial institutions and advancing of repayable loans to other organisations. These activities also include repayment of the principal component of loan repayments for the year.

No new borrowings are planned for 2025/26, however there is a refinancing of a 10 year loan of \$7.05m. Borrowings are forecast to be required in the later forecast years to fund Council's capital works program. These borrowings are within the parameters of Council's financial policy statements in relation to indebtedness.

4.5 Capital works program

This section presents a listing of the capital works projects that will be undertaken for the 2025/26 year, classified by expenditure type and funding source. Works are also disclosed as current budget or carried forward from prior year.

4.5.1 Summary

	Forecast Actual	Budget	Change	%
Property	1,581	3,064	1,483	93.82%
Plant and equipment	4,269	5,355	1,086	25.44%
Infrastructure	16,560	15,214	(1,346)	-8.13%
Total	22,409	23,633	1,223	5.46%

	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib.	Council cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property	3,064	1,641	995	427	-	1,381	-	1,683	-
Plant and equipment	5,355	136	3,775	1,444	-	655	-	4,700	-
Infrastructure	15,214	3,087	9,586	2,541	-	11,369	-	3,845	-
Total	23,633	4,865	14,355	4,412	-	13,405	-	10,228	-

4.5.2 Total 2025/26 Capital Works Budget

Capital Works Area	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib.	Council cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
PROPERTY									
Land Improvements									
AfterHours Drop off - Domestic Animal area	41	41						41	
Swan Street Kerb renewal	95		95					95	
New Depot Entry and Electric Gate and Comms	50			50				50	
Buildings									
Horticulture - New Workshop and Storage Shed	220	220						220	
Workshop Pit Upgrade	377			377				377	
Buildings Renewal	900		900					900	
Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre Change Rooms & Amenities	1,381	1,381				1,381		-	
TOTAL PROPERTY	3,064	1,641	995	427	-	1,381	-	1,683	-

Capital Works Area	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib.	Council cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT									
Plant, Machinery and Equipment									
Sandbag Filling Machine	50	50						50	
Cricket Pitch Cover - Roller	70	70						70	
Levee Pump Renewal Program	400		400					400	
WSAC Power efficiency implementation	1,294			1,294		647		647	
Plant Replacement	3,013		3,013					3,013	
WJ Findlay Female Friendly Changeroom Fitout	150			150				150	
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture									
ACE Venue- Asset Renewal Plan	14		14					14	
Computers and Telecommunications									
IT Asset Renewal	148		148					148	
Heritage Plant and Equipment									
Art Collection									
Gallery acquisitions	9	9						9	
Library Books									
Premier's Reading Challenge	8	8				8		-	
Contribution to Library Book Collection	201		201					201	
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	5,355	136	3,775	1,444	-	655	-	4,700	-

Capital Works Area	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib.	Council cash	Borrowings
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
INFRASTRUCTURE									
Roads									
Rural Road Detailed Design and Constructs	200	200						200	
Swan Street renewal - Roadworks	630		630					630	
Annual Reseal Program	850		850					850	
Annual Road Reconstruction	400	400						400	
Safer Local Streets & Roads Program Funding - SLSRP	2,000	2,000				2,000		-	
LRCI Gravel Resheeting Program	1,850		1,850					1,850	
Roads to Recovery Funding	-					2,486	-	2,486	
Bridges									
Bridge Renewal	3,460		3,460			2,760		700	
Footpaths and Cycleways									
Swan Street - new footpath	80	80						80	
Design & Construction of Rowan Street Overpass Shared Path	276		276			276		-	
Footpath renewal program	150		150					150	
Drainage									
Drainage Design	30	30						30	
Swan Street - WSUD guidelines development and delivery of GP	125	125						125	
Urban Drainage Renewal	125		125					125	
Rural Drainage Renewal	150		150					150	
Swan Street drainage renewal	410		410					410	
Safe System Pedestrian Program	897			897		897		-	
Wangaratta Flood Mitigation Strategy and Design - Areas Prot	1,400		1,400			1,400		-	

Capital Works Area	Project Cost \$'000	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New \$'000	Renewal \$'000	Upgrade \$'000	Expansion \$'000	Grants \$'000	Contrib. \$'000	Council cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000
Recreational, Leisure & Community Facilities									
WSAC Pool Hoist & Accessibility Initiative	25	25						25	
Wangaratta Creative Precinct Stage One - Priority treatments	37	37						37	
Rovers Netball Court Re-Sealing	120		120					120	
WSAC Gym Equipment	61			61				61	
Boorhaman Rec Reserve Shade Sail	35		35					35	
Wangaratta Netball Courts - Design	1,383			1,383		1,500	-	117	
Waste Management								-	
New groundwater bores - Bowser Landfill	40	40						40	
Detailed Design of Wangaratta Waste Transfer Station	150	150						150	
Renewal of Damaged MOR System Compost Covers	80		80					80	
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes									
Annual Street Lighting Program	50		50			50		-	
Other Infrastructure									
Township Infrastructure improvements	200			200				200	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	15,214	3,087	9,586	2,541	-	11,369	-	3,845	-
TOTAL 2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS	23,633	4,865	14,355	4,412	-	13,405	-	10,228	-

4.5.3 Works carried forward from the 2024/25 year

The projects below are also included in the tables above, but shown separately as well for transparency of carried over project spend.

Capital Works Area	Project Cost	Asset expenditure types				Summary of Funding Sources			
		New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Grants	Contrib.	Council cash	Borrowings
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
PROPERTY									
Buildings									
Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre Change Rooms & Amenities	1,253	1,253				1,253		-	
TOTAL PROPERTY	1,253	1,253	-	-	-	1,253	-	-	-
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT									
Plant, Machinery and Equipment									
Plant Replacement	1,474		1,474					1,474	
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	1,474	-	1,474	-	-	-	-	1,474	-
INFRASTRUCTURE									
Roads									
Rural Road Detailed Design and Constructs	200	200				200		-	
Footpaths and Cycleways									
Safe System Pedestrian Program	897			897		897		0	
Design & Construction of Rowan Street Overpass Shared Path	200		200					200	
Drainage									
Wangaratta Flood Mitigation Strategy and Design - Areas Prot	1,400		1,400					1,400	
Recreational, Leisure & Community Facilities									
Wangaratta Netball Courts - Design	1,383			1,383		1,383		-	
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	4,080	200	1,600	2,280	-	2,480	-	1,600	-
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD CAPITAL WORKS 2024/25	6,807	1,453	3,074	2,280	-	3,733	-	3,074	-

Summary of Planned Capital Works Expenditure

For the years ended 30 June 2026, 2027, 2028 & 2029

	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Total	Grants	Contrib.	Council Cash	Borrowings
2026	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land improvements	186	41	95	50	0	186	0	0	186	0
Total land	186	41	95	50	0	186	0	0	186	0
Buildings	2,878	1,601	900	377	0	2,878	1,381	0	1,497	0
Heritage Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total buildings	2,878	1,601	900	377	0	2,878	1,381	0	1,497	0
	3,064	1,641	995	427	0	3,064	1,381	0	1,683	0
Plant and equipment										
Heritage plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant, machinery and equipment	4,977	120	3,413	1,444	0	4,977	647	0	4,330	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	14	0	14	0	0	14	0	0	14	0
Computers and telecommunications	148	0	148	0	0	148	0	0	148	0
Artwork	9	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	9	0
Library books	208	8	201	0	0	208	8	0	201	0
Total plant and equipment	5,355	136	3,775	1,444	0	5,355	655	0	4,700	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	5,930	2,600	3,330	0	0	5,930	4,486	0	1,444	0
Bridges	3,460	0	3,460	0	0	3,460	2,760	0	700	0
Footpaths and cycle ways	506	80	426	0	0	506	276	0	230	0
Drainage	3,137	155	2,085	897	0	3,137	2,297	0	840	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,661	62	155	1,444	0	1,661	1,500	0	161	0
Waste management	270	190	80	0	0	270	0	0	270	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	50	0	50	0	0	50	50	0	0	0
Aerodromes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Off street car parks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infrastructure	200	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	200	0
Total infrastructure	15,214	3,087	9,586	2,541	0	15,214	11,369	0	3,845	0
Total capital works expenditure	23,633	4,865	14,355	4,412	0	23,633	13,405	0	10,228	0

	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Total	Grants	Contrib.	Council Cash	Borrowings
2027	\$'000	50	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land improvements	913	212	701	0	0	913	183	0	730	0
Total land	913	212	701	0	0	913	183	0	730	0
Buildings	1,893	0	1,007	886	0	1,893	379	0	1,514	0
Heritage Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total buildings	1,893	0	1,007	886	0	1,893	379	0	1,514	0
Total property	2,806	212	1,707	886	0	2,806	561	0	2,245	0
Plant and equipment										
Heritage plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant, machinery and equipment	1,191	0	630	561	0	1,191	238	0	953	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	12	0	12	0	0	12	2	0	10	0
Computers and telecommunications	188	0	51	137	0	188	38	0	150	0
Artwork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library books	311	0	311	0	0	311	70	0	241	0
Total plant and equipment	1,702	0	1,005	698	0	1,702	349	0	1,354	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	8,403	512	6,161	1,729	0	8,403	4,634	0	3,769	0
Bridges	1,361	0	851	510	0	1,361	272	0	1,089	0
Footpaths and cycle ways	1,184	0	592	592	0	1,184	237	0	947	0
Drainage	1,569	255	1,102	212	0	1,569	314	0	1,255	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,167	0	1,020	147	0	1,167	233	0	934	0
Waste management	221	0	221	0	0	221	44	0	177	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	929	0	807	122	0	929	186	0	743	0
Aerodromes	161	0	161	0	0	161	32	0	129	0
Off street car parks	84	0	84	0	0	84	17	0	67	0
Other infrastructure	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total infrastructure	15,080	767	10,999	3,313	0	15,080	5,969	0	9,111	0
Total capital works expenditure	19,588	979	13,712	4,897	0	19,588	6,879	0	12,709	0

	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Total	Grants	Contrib.	Council Cash	Borrowings
2028	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land improvements	931	216	715	0	0	931	186	0	745	0
Total land	931	216	715	0	0	931	186	0	745	0
Buildings	1,931	0	1,027	904	0	1,931	386	0	1,545	0
Heritage Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total buildings	1,931	0	1,027	904	0	1,931	386	0	1,545	0
Total property	2,862	216	1,742	904	0	2,862	572	0	2,290	0
Plant and equipment										
Heritage plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant, machinery and equipment	1,215	0	643	572	0	1,215	243	0	972	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	12	0	12	0	0	12	2	0	10	0
Computers and telecommunications	191	0	52	139	0	191	38	0	153	0
Artwork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library books	317	0	317	0	0	317	72	0	246	0
Total plant and equipment	1,736	0	1,025	712	0	1,736	356	0	1,381	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	8,571	522	6,284	1,764	0	8,571	4,823	0	3,748	0
Bridges	1,388	0	868	520	0	1,388	278	0	1,110	0
Footpaths and cycle ways	1,208	0	604	604	0	1,208	242	0	966	0
Drainage	1,600	260	1,124	216	0	1,600	320	0	1,280	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,190	0	1,040	150	0	1,190	238	0	952	0
Waste management	226	0	226	0	0	226	45	0	181	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	948	0	823	125	0	948	190	0	758	0
Aerodromes	164	0	164	0	0	164	33	0	132	0
Off street car parks	85	0	85	0	0	85	17	0	68	0
Other infrastructure	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total infrastructure	15,381	783	11,219	3,379	0	15,381	6,185	0	9,196	0
Total capital works expenditure	19,980	999	13,986	4,995	0	19,980	7,113	0	12,867	0

	Asset Expenditure Types					Funding Sources				
	Total	New	Renewal	Upgrade	Expansion	Total	Grants	Contrib.	Council Cash	Borrowings
2029	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Property										
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land improvements	950	221	729	0	0	950	190	0	760	0
Total land	950	221	729	0	0	950	190	0	760	0
Buildings	1,970	0	1,047	922	0	1,970	394	0	1,576	0
Heritage Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total buildings	1,970	0	1,047	922	0	1,970	394	0	1,576	0
Total property	2,919	221	1,776	922	0	2,919	584	0	2,336	0
Plant and equipment										
Heritage plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant, machinery and equipment	1,239	0	656	584	0	1,239	248	0	992	0
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	13	0	13	0	0	13	3	0	10	0
Computers and telecommunications	195	0	53	142	0	195	39	0	156	0
Artwork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library books	324	0	324	0	0	324	73	0	251	0
Total plant and equipment	1,771	0	1,045	726	0	1,771	363	0	1,409	0
Infrastructure										
Roads	8,742	533	6,410	1,799	0	8,742	4,920	0	3,823	0
Bridges	1,416	0	885	531	0	1,416	283	0	1,133	0
Footpaths and cycle ways	1,232	0	616	616	0	1,232	246	0	986	0
Drainage	1,632	265	1,146	221	0	1,632	326	0	1,306	0
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	1,214	0	1,061	153	0	1,214	243	0	971	0
Waste management	230	0	230	0	0	230	46	0	184	0
Parks, open space and streetscapes	967	0	839	127	0	967	193	0	773	0
Aerodromes	168	0	168	0	0	168	34	0	134	0
Off street car parks	87	0	87	0	0	87	17	0	70	0
Other infrastructure	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Total infrastructure	15,689	798	11,444	3,447	0	15,689	6,309	0	9,380	0
Total capital works expenditure	20,379	1,019	14,266	5,095	0	20,379	7,256	0	13,124	0

5a. Targeted performance indicators

The following tables highlight Council's current and projected performance across a selection of targeted service and financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's intentions and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives. The targeted performance indicators below are the prescribed performance indicators contained in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020. Results against these indicators and targets will be reported in Council's Performance Statement included in the Annual Report.

Targeted performance indicators - Service

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2023/24	Forecast 2024/25	Target 2025/26	Target Projections			Trend
					2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	+/-	
Governance									
Consultation and engagement (Council decisions made and implemented with community input)	Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement Community satisfaction rating out of 100 with the consultation and engagement efforts of Council	1	53	49	55	55	55	55	-
Roads									
Condition (sealed local roads are maintained at the adopted condition standard)	Sealed local roads below the intervention level Number of kms of sealed local roads below the renewal intervention level set by Council / Kms of sealed local roads	2	82.2%	82.9%	83.0%	84%	85%	86%	+
Statutory planning									
Standard Service (planning application processing and decisions are in accordance with legislative requirements)	Planning applications decided within the relevant required time Number of planning application decisions made within the relevant required time / Number of planning application decisions made	3	67%	68%	70%	75%	75%	75%	o
Waste management									
Waste Diversion (amount of waste diverted from landfill is maximised)	Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins / Weight of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins	4	62%	65%	65%	65%	66%	66%	+

Targeted performance indicators - Financial

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual	Forecast	Target	Target Projections			Trend
			2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	+/-
Liquidity									
Working Capital (sufficient working capital is available to pay bills as and when they fall due)	Current assets compared to current liabilities Current assets / current liabilities	5	169.72%	110.21%	176.28%	168.86%	163.05%	136.52%	-
Obligations									
Asset renewal (assets are renewed as planned)	Asset renewal compared to depreciation Asset renewal and upgrade expense / Asset depreciation	6	105.00%	94.46%	87.92%	87.51%	87.44%	87.34%	-
Stability									
Rates concentration (revenue is generated from a range of sources)	Rates compared to adjusted underlying revenue Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue	7	45.90%	45.25%	44.15%	48.09%	48.22%	48.41%	+
Efficiency									
Expenditure level (resources are used efficiently in the delivery of services)	Expenses per property assessment Total expenses / no. of property assessments	8	\$5,832	\$4,931	\$5,190	\$5,304	\$5,379	\$5,486	+

5b. Financial performance indicators

The following table highlights Council's current and projected performance across a range of key financial performance indicators. These indicators provide a useful analysis of Council's financial position and performance and should be interpreted in the context of the organisation's objectives.

Indicator	Measure	Notes	Actual 2023/24	Forecast 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Projections			Trend
						2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	+/-
Operating position		0.002631692							
Adjusted underlying result (an adjusted underlying surplus is generated in the ordinary course of business)	Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	0.001973769	-5.92%	-2.72%	-2.98%	-4.05%	-3.57%	-4.05%	-
Liquidity									
Working Capital	Current assets / current liabilities		169.72%	110.21%	176.28%	168.86%	163.05%	136.52%	-
Unrestricted cash (sufficient cash that is free of restrictions is available to pay bills as and when they fall due)	Unrestricted cash compared to current liabilities Unrestricted cash / current liabilities	10	40.54%	74.43%	129.85%	122.86%	117.87%	97.51%	-
Obligations									
Loans and borrowings (level of interest bearing loans and borrowings is appropriate to the size and nature of Council's activities)	Loans and borrowings compared to rates Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue		62.00%	53.32%	45.34%	36.36%	27.90%	19.71%	-
Loans and borrowings (level of interest bearing loans and borrowings is appropriate to the size and nature of Council's activities)	Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates Interest and principal repayments on interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue		7.99%	7.74%	23.74%	8.62%	8.38%	8.15%	-
Indebtedness (level of long term liabilities is appropriate to the size and nature of a Council's activities)	Non-current liabilities compared to own-source revenue Non-current liabilities / own source revenue		54.02%	48.70%	52.46%	46.95%	40.08%	29.68%	-
Asset renewal	Asset renewal and upgrade expense / Asset depreciation	11	105.37%	94.46%	87.92%	87.51%	87.44%	87.34%	-
Stability									
Rates concentration	Rate revenue / adjusted underlying revenue		45.90%	45.25%	44.15%	48.09%	48.22%	48.41%	+

Rates effort (rating level is set based on the community's capacity to pay)	Rates compared to property values Rate revenue / CIV of rateable properties in the municipal district	12	0.36%	0.28%	0.29%	0.30%	0.31%	0.31%	+
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Indicator	Measure	Actual 2023/24	Forecast 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Projections 2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Trend +/-
Efficiency								
Expenditure level	Total expenses/ no. of property assessments	(\$5,832)	(\$4,931)	(\$5,190)	(\$5,304)	(\$5,379)	(\$5,486)	+
Revenue level	Residential rate revenue / no. of residential property assessments	13 \$1,955	\$ 1,761	\$2,227	\$2,277	\$2,320	\$2,356	+
Workforce turnover	No. of permanent staff resignations & terminations / average no. of permanent staff for the financial year	15.30%	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%	o
Sustainability Capacity								
Population	Total expenses/ Municipal population	\$3,110	\$2,788	\$2,955	\$3,039	\$3,109	\$3,205	+
Population	Value of infrastructure / Municipal population	\$24,307	\$27,558	\$27,766	\$27,861	\$27,955	\$28,050	+
Population	Municipal population / Kilometres of local roads	15.10	14.70	14.70	14.70	14.70	14.70	o
Own-source revenue	Own source revenue / Municipal population	\$2,350	\$2,004	\$2,106	\$2,144	\$2,206	\$2,270	+
Recurrent grants	Recurrent grants / Municipal population	\$435	\$680	\$748	\$777	\$796	\$812	+

- + Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

Notes to Indicators**1. Satisfaction with community consultation and engagement**

Local Government Victoria's annual community satisfaction survey compiles community feedback on councils in key performance areas. Council is currently consulting the community widely on development of the Community Vision 2045 and 2025-29 Council Plan, along with another of integrated planning deliverables, and expects this result to improve next year.

2. Sealed local roads below the intervention level

As per The Australian Road Research Board's (ARRB) Best Practice Guide for sealed roads 2020 and the Best Practice Guide for unsealed roads 2020 (ARRB best practice guides), council survey their road network every two to five years, depending on the type of road, to collect road condition data. This data provides councils with insight on what roads they should prioritise for maintenance. Sealed Local roads below the intervention level in 2025/26 are expected to be same or better (83%) as in 24/25.

3. Planning applications decided within the relevant required time

As per Planning and Environment Act 1987, council has a statutory requirement to decide upon planning permit applications within the required time. Council is targeting an increase in this area going forward.

4. Kerbside collection waste diverted from landfill

Weight of recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins as a percentage of the weight of total garbage, recyclables and green organics collected from kerbside bins. It is forecasted to increase from 62% to 66% by 2028/29.

5. Working Capital

The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. Council's working capital is considered medium risk according to the Victorian Auditor General Office.

6. Asset renewal

This percentage indicates the extent to which Council's spends on asset renewals against its depreciation charge (an indication of the decline in value of its existing capital assets). A percentage greater than 100 indicates Council is maintaining its existing assets, while a percentage less than 100 means Council's assets are deteriorating faster than they are being renewed and future capital expenditure will be required to renew assets. Council aims for an average of between 90% - 105% over ten years for this indicator. In future years it is expected that council will be significantly below this target.

7. Rates concentration

Reflects extent of reliance on rate revenues to fund all of Council's ongoing services. Trend indicates Council will have a continued increase in the reliance on rate revenue compared to all other revenue sources.

8. Expenditure level

Total expenses per property assessment. Assessment of whether resources are being used efficiently to deliver

9. Adjusted underlying result

An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives. Council's financial performance is considered medium to high risk according to the Victorian Auditor General Office. Council's adjusted underlying result is steady over the Strategic Resource Plan years and work relating to improving Council's financial sustainability is ongoing, which aims to improve this indicator over the life of the Long-Term Financial Plan.

10. Unrestricted Cash

Council's unrestricted cash fluctuates with the size of the capital works program and the timing of debt repayments and new borrowings.

11. Debt compared to rates

Current forecast indicates Council's reliance on debt against its annual rate revenue due to borrowing for key infrastructure projects. The projected trend reflects the pay back of this debt.

12. Rates effort

Rate revenue as a percentage of the capital improved value of rateable properties in the municipality. Assessment of whether councils set rates at an appropriate level. Lower proportion of rate revenue suggests a reduced rate burden on the community.

13. Revenue level

The average residential rate revenue per property assessment. Assessment of whether resources are being used efficiently to deliver services.

2025/26 Schedule of Fees and Charges

This appendix presents the fees and charges of a statutory/non-statutory nature which will be charged in respect to various goods and services during the financial year 2025/26.

Fees and charges are based on information available at the time of publishing and may vary during the financial year subject to any changes in Council's policy or legislation. Fees set by statute are subject to change and may not be established at the time the budget is published and will be reflected on Council's website when available.

2025/2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges					2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
AGED & COMMUNITY CARE - Care Management and Package Management					
Home Care Package					
Care Co-Ordination Full Cost Recovery- per hour	C	Y	\$104.00	15%	\$120.00
Care Management Full Cost Recovery - per hour	C	Y	\$140.00	14%	\$160.00
AGED & COMMUNITY CARE - Community Meals					
Community Meal Program					
Cost per meal	C	N	\$14.00	43%	\$20.00
Package Management Fee - Percentage of Client Home Care Package	C	N	15.00%	0%	15.00%
Care Management Fee - Percentage of Client Home Care Package	C	N	20.00%	-50%	10.00%
AGED & COMMUNITY CARE - Home Care					
Domestic Assistance					
Low Rate per hour	C	N	\$9.40	38%	\$13.00
Medium Rate per hour	C	N	\$22.90	53%	\$35.00
High Rate per hour	C	N	\$64.30	24%	\$80.00
Social Support Individual					
Low Rate per hour	C	N	\$8.40	55%	\$13.00
Medium Rate per hour	C	N	\$14.14	147%	\$35.00
High Rate per hour	C	N	\$65.00	23%	\$80.00
Home & Garden Maintenance					
Low Rate per hour - plus cost of materials	C	N	\$17.00	47%	\$25.00
Medium Rate per hour - plus cost of materials	C	N	\$25.00	40%	\$35.00
High Rate per hour - plus cost of materials	C	N	\$64.50	24%	\$80.00
Home Modification					
Low Rate per hour - plus cost of materials	C	N	\$17.00	47%	\$25.00
Medium Rate per hour - plus cost of materials	C	N	\$25.00	40%	\$35.00
High Rate per hour - plus cost of materials	C	N	\$64.50	24%	\$80.00
Personal Care					
Low Rate per hour	C	N	\$6.80	91%	\$13.00
Medium Rate per hour	C	N	\$13.00	169%	\$35.00
High Rate per hour	C	N	\$64.30	24%	\$80.00
Respite					
Low Rate per hour	C	N	\$5.80	124%	\$13.00
Medium Rate per hour	C	N	\$12.00	192%	\$35.00
High Rate per hour	C	N	\$64.50	24%	\$80.00
Private Agency Service					
Community Meal Program					
Cost per meal - not subsidised	C	N	N/A	N/A	\$35.00
Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, Respite					
Mon to Fri 7am to 7pm Rate per half hour	C	Y	\$40.00	13%	\$45.00
Mon to Fri 7am to 7pm rate per hour	C	Y	\$70.70	13%	\$80.00
Home & Garden Maintenance					
Rate per hour for labour only - plus cost of materials	C	Y	\$82.70	N/A	Discontinued
Rate per hour for standard mower - plus cost of materials	C	Y	\$99.80	N/A	Discontinued
Rate per hour for ride on mower - plus cost of materials	C	Y	\$106.30	N/A	Discontinued
Home Risk Assessment					
Home Risk Assessment	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$95.00
Out of Hours - Personal Care, Respite					
Mon to Fri 7pm to 7am including Saturday - rate per half hour	C	Y	\$51.69	16%	\$60.00
Mon to Fri 7pm to 7am including Saturday - rate per hour	C	Y	\$98.70	11%	\$110.00
Public Holidays - Personal Care, Respite					
Rate per half hour	C	Y	\$69.10	16%	\$80.00
Rate per hour	C	Y	\$137.30	17%	\$160.00
Travel					
Rate per km in excess of 10 kms	C	Y	\$1.45	3%	\$1.50

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Internal Transactions from Packaged Care to Community Care					
INTERNAL Transactions from Package Care to Community Care					
Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, Respite					
Mon to Fri 7am to 7pm, per half hour	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$40.00
Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, Respite			NA	N/A	
Mon to Fri 7am to 7pm, per hour	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$70.70
Home & Garden Maintenance			NA	N/A	
Home & Garden Maintenance					
Rate per hour for labour only - plus cost of materials	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$82.70
Rate per hour for standard mower - plus cost of materials	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$99.80
Rate per hour for ride on mower - plus cost of materials	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$106.30
Out of Hours - Personal Care, Respite			NA	N/A	
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Mon to Fri 7pm to 7am including Saturday - rate per half hour	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$51.70
Mon to Fri 7pm to 7am including Saturday - rate per hour	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$98.70
Public Holidays - Personal Care, Respite			NA	N/A	
Public Holidays - Personal Care, Respite					
Rate per half hour	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$69.10
Rate per hour	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$137.30
Travel			NA	n/a	
Travel					
Rate per km in excess of 10 kms	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$1.45
Veteran's Home Care					
Domestic Assistance - rate per hour	C	N	\$5.00	0%	\$5.00
Home & Garden Maintenance - rate per hour	C	N	\$5.00	0%	\$5.00
Personal Care - Rate per hour to a maximum of \$10 per week	C	N	\$5.00	0%	\$5.00
Respite - no rate applicable	C	N/A	No Charge	N/A	No Charge
ANIMALS - Dog and Cat Registrations					
Dog and Cat Registration	C	N	\$50.00	0%	\$50.00
Entire Dog or Cat registration	C	N	\$150.00	0%	\$150.00
Dangerous dogs, menacing dogs, restricted breed dogs or guard dogs	C	N	\$450.00	0%	\$450.00
Domestic Animal Business registration - includes admin and full annual audit required by Animal Welfare Victoria (AgVic)	C	N	\$330.00	6%	\$350.00
NOTE: discount of 50% on animal registration fee - requires presentation of social security pensioner discount card	C	N	50% of relevant fee	N/A	50% of relevant fee
ANIMALS - Miscellaneous					
Cat cage hire	C	N	Free	N/A	Free
Cat cage - replacement due to damage, loss or stolen	C	N	\$220.00	5%	\$230.00
ANIMALS - Pound Fees					
Impounding Fee (per head):					
Livestock	C	Y	\$130.00	4%	\$135.00
Horses	C	Y	\$130.00	4%	\$135.00
Other					
NLIS Tagging fee for stock not tagged	C	Y	\$11.50	4%	\$12.00
Destruction Expenses reasonably incurred	C	Y	Pass on	N/A	Pass on
Disposal Fee	C	Y	\$24.50	2%	\$25.00
Transport Fee: Expenses reasonably incurred	C	Y	Pass on	N/A	Pass on
Veterinary Fee: Expenses reasonably incurred	C	Y	Pass on	N/A	Pass on
Sustenance Fee per head per day:					
Livestock	C	Y	\$17.00	6%	\$18.00
Horses	C	Y	\$17.00	6%	\$18.00
ANIMALS - Pound Fees - Release Fee					
Release fee for seized domestic animals: dogs	C	N	\$230.00	4%	\$240.00
Release fee for seized domestic animals: cats	C	N	\$115.00	4%	\$120.00

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BUILDING - Building Permit - Commercial					
Up to \$40,000	C	Y	\$2,036.75	3%	\$2,097.85
\$40,001 to \$100,000	C	Y	\$2,737.70	3%	\$2,819.85
\$100,001 to \$500,000 Fee = cost of work / 80 or minimum \$3000	C	Y	\$3,120.00	3%	\$3,213.60
\$500,001 +	C	Y	By Quote	N/A	By Quote
BUILDING - Building Permit - Domestic - Major works					
2-Unit development {(cost of work / 80) or min fee}	C	Y	\$2,402.25	3%	\$2,474.30
3 or more unit development {(cost of work / 80) or min fee}	C	Y	\$3,494.00	3%	\$3,598.80
Demolitions - (Commercial - Class 3 - 9) {(cost of work / 20) or min fee}	C	Y	\$1,560.00	3%	\$1,606.80
Demolitions - (Domestic single storey - Class 1 & 10 only)	C	Y	\$1,561.00	3%	\$1,607.85
Extensions/alterations (Major) - 4 inspections incl {(cost of work / 80) or min fee}. (eg applies to substantial extensions to a Class 1 or 2 buildings with additions greater than 25% of the existing floor area and/or alterations greater than 50% of the existing floor area)	C	Y	\$2,080.00	3%	\$2,142.40
New Dwellings (includes relocated dwellings) - 4 inspections incl {(cost of work / 80) or min fee}	C	Y	\$2,080.00	3%	\$2,142.40
BUILDING - Building Permit - Domestic - Minor works					
Swimming pools & Safety Barriers - 2 Inspections incl	C	Y	\$761.60	3%	\$784.45
Extensions/alterations (Minor - up to \$16,000 cost of works) - 4 inspections incl. (eg applies to extensions to a Class 1 or 2 buildings with additions under than 25% of the existing floor area and/or alterations under than 50% of the existing floor area).	C	Y	\$2,080.00	3%	\$2,142.40
Carports, Fences, Verandas, Patios, Mast and Minor Alterations & Assitions or Masts - 2-3 inspections incl - <\$1600 (Note: Minor alterations may include internal structural alterations to a Class 1, 2 or 10 buildings or additions to a Class 10 building)	C	Y	\$2,080.00	3%	\$2,142.40
Demolitions - (Domestic low rise - Class 10 only)	C	Y	\$1,560.00	3%	\$1,606.80
Garages, Carports, Verandas, Patios, Pergolas, Sheds etc. - 4 inspections incl - \$16,001 or greater {(cost of work / 80) or min fee}. (Note: Minor alterations may include substantial internal structural alterations to a Class 1, 2 or 10 building or additions to a Class 10 building)	C	Y	\$1,560.00	3%	\$1,606.80
Restump, Re-blocking, Under Pinning, etc.. - 2 inspections incl	C	Y	\$1,560.00	3%	\$1,606.80
BUILDING - Building Permit Levy					
Building Permit Levy - 0.00128% of contract amount (Levy only applies where cost of contract amount is more than \$10,000) – set by State Govt. Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations	S	N	.128 cents per \$1	N/A	.128 cents per \$1
BUILDING - Inspections					
Private - Additional Inspections, non-mandatory inspections, contract inspections (within 25 km radius of Owens St office)	C	Y	\$312.00	3%	\$321.35
Consultancy fee - Building Reports, Pool Safety Reports, Subdivision reports (Reg 503), Essential Safety Measures Reports, etc.. Per hour. (Note: Fee quote to be provided based on estimated of scope of works by Building Coordinator or MBS)	C	Y	\$312.00	3%	\$321.35

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BUILDING - Other					
Archive retrieval - file available electronically	C	N	\$99.70	3%	\$102.70
Advertising to adjoining landowners	C	N	\$137.80	3%	\$141.95
Archive file retrieval - Paper copies (Building search fee + scanned copies of required documents. No printing)	C	Y	\$322.90	3%	\$332.60
Title retrieval fee	C	N	\$94.10	3%	\$96.90
Lodgement fees where cost of building work is more than \$10,000 (In accordance with Reg 45). Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations.	S	N	\$134.40	N/A	\$138.30
Staged Building Permit	C	Y	\$229.60	3%	\$236.50
Amendments to Approved Plan & Building Permit	C	Y	\$269.10	3%	\$277.15
Extension of time to Building Permit	C	Y	\$229.60	3%	\$236.50
Request for Information in accordance with Reg 51(1), (2) & (3) (each) – Max. fee set in accordance with Reg 52. Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations	S	N	\$52.10	N/A	\$53.60
Legal Point of Discharge (Reg. 133) – Max. fee set in accordance with Reg 36(4). Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations	S	N	\$159.55	N/A	\$238.20
Liquor licencing reports	C	Y	\$1,260.00	3%	\$1,297.80
Owner Builder Report - (Minor work)s under section 137B	C	Y	\$571.20	3%	\$588.35
Owner Builder Report - Dwellings (Major works) under section 137B	C	Y	\$1,371.95	3%	\$1,413.10
BUILDING - Report & Consent					
Report and Consent – Part 5, 6 & 10, Reg 132(1) and Reg 134(2) - (each) - Max. fee set in accordance with Reg 36(2). Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations.	S	N	\$320.25	N/A	\$329.60
Report and Consent – Part 5 - (each) - Max fee set in accordance with Reg 36(2A). Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations.	S	N	\$320.25	N/A	\$461.40
Report and Consent – Reg 116 protection of public. Max fee set in accordance with Reg 36(3). Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations.	S	N	\$324.95	N/A	\$334.50
Report and Consent – Demolition under section 29A - Max fee set in accordance with Reg 312(1). Fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations.	S	N	\$93.90	N/A	\$96.70
BUILDING - Security deposits & bonds					
Demolition/removal of Dwellings Security Deposit (Held in Trust) - (Reg 323(1))	S	N	The lesser of equivalent to the cost of works; or \$102 per m2 of floor area	N/A	The lesser of equivalent to the cost of works; or \$100 per m2 of floor area
Demolish/ relocate/re-erected buildings Security Deposit (Held in Trust) - In accordance with Reg 323(2) the amount held in trust must not exceed the lesser of; the estimated cost of carrying out the work authorised by the building permit; or \$5,000. In accordance with section 22 of the Act, the amount is to the discretionary (per building surveyor or building coordinators authority) Amount is subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations - (Reg 323(2))	S	N	The lesser of equivalent to the cost of works; or \$5,000	N/A	The lesser of equivalent to the cost of works; or \$10,000

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BUILDING - Swimming Pools & Spas - Administration fees					
Registration of swimming pool or spa (Reg. 147P(2) - fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations)	S	Y	\$35.10	N/A	\$36.10
Information search fee for registration of swimming pool or spa (Reg.147P(2) - fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations)	S	Y	\$52.10	N/A	\$53.60
Lodgement of CBC for swimming pool or spa (Reg.147X(2)- fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations)	S	Y	\$22.55	N/A	\$23.20
Lodgement of CBNC for swimming pool or spa (Reg.147ZJ(2) - fee subject to change in line with amendments to the regulations)	S	Y	\$424.60	N/A	\$437.10
Inspection of swimming pool or spa barrier for compliance certification following registration	C	Y	\$312.00	3%	\$321.35
Re-inspection of swimming pool or spa barrier following non-compliance (per inspection)	C	Y	\$312.00	3%	\$321.35
BUILDING - Temporary approvals & POPE					
Temporary Siting approvals x3 Structures	C	Y	\$495.00	3%	\$509.85
Temporary Siting approvals more than 3 Structures	C	Y	\$626.00	3%	\$644.80
Place of Public Entertainment (Pope) approvals - Attendance of greater than 5,000 persons and more than 5 Prescribed structures	C	Y	\$1,943.00	3%	\$2,001.30
Place of Public Entertainment (Pope) approvals - Attendance up to 5000 persons and 5 Prescribed Structure	C	Y	\$1,713.45	3%	\$1,764.85
Place of Public Entertainment (Pope) approvals- Attendance up to 1000 persons and 1 Prescribed Structure	C	Y	\$1,258.75	3%	\$1,296.50
CARAVAN PARKS					
Up to 25 Sites (per 3 year renewal fee as per Schedule 2 of the Residential Tenancy Act & fee unit set by Monetry Unit Act)	S	N	\$277.60	N/A	\$285.80
25-50 sites (per 3 year renewal fee as per Schedule 2 of the Residential Tenancy Act & fee unit set by Monetry Unit Act)	S	N	\$555.20	N/A	\$571.50
50 - 100 sites (per 3 year renewal fee as per Schedule 2 of the Residential Tenancy Act & fee unit set by Monetry Unit Act)	S	N	\$1,110.45	N/A	\$1,143.10
Notice of transfer of ownership	S	N	N/A	N/A	N/A

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CEMETERY					
Grave and cremated sites					
Right of Interment bodily remains At Need - Child - First interment - Under 2 years	S	N	\$249.60	N/A	\$257.00
Right of Interment bodily remains At Need - Children's lawn - First interment	S	N	\$550.00	N/A	\$566.00
Right of Interment bodily remains At Need - Adult - First interment - General and Lawn	S	Y	\$1,515.00	N/A	\$1,558.00
Right of Interment bodily remains At Need - Adult - First interment - Vaults (1.5 blocks)	S	Y	\$2,575.00	N/A	\$2,648.00
Right of Interment cremated remains At Need - Single - Perpetual tenure - Niche Wall	S	Y	\$1,095.00	N/A	\$1,023.00
Right of Interment cremated remains At Need - Double - Perpetual tenure - Rose Bush	S	Y	\$1,530.00	N/A	\$1,431.00
Right of Interment cremated remains At Need - Multiple - Perpetual tenure - Shrub or Bush	S	Y	\$1,825.00	N/A	\$1,706.00
Administration - Miscellaneous					
Administration fees miscellaneous - Interment out of standard hours (per half hour)	S	Y	\$90.00	N/A	\$93.00
Administration fees miscellaneous - Hire of facilities and equipment - Lowering device	S	Y	\$32.00	N/A	\$32.00
Administration fees miscellaneous - Search of cemetery records	S	Y	\$29.00	N/A	\$29.00
Administration fees miscellaneous - Hire of facilities and equipment - Canopy/ Chairs	S	Y	\$48.00	N/A	\$48.00
Administration fees miscellaneous - Interment out of hours (Weekends and Public Holidays)	S	Y	\$1,150.00	N/A	\$1,183.00
Administration fees miscellaneous - Hire of facilities and equipment - Extra usage	S	Y	\$40.00	N/A	\$40.00
Administration fees miscellaneous - Hire of facilities and equipment - Plaque cleaning	S	Y	\$280.00	N/A	\$288.00
Interment Services					
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Adult - all interments	S	Y	\$1,595.00	N/A	\$1,640.00
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Child over 2 years	S	Y	\$915.20	N/A	\$941.00
Interment Services Interment of bodily remains - Child under 2 years	S	Y	\$490.00	N/A	\$504.00
Interment Services - Oversized grave	S	Y	\$115.00	N/A	\$118.00
Interment Services - Grave capping - Vault sealing	S	Y	\$1,695.00	N/A	\$1,743.00
Interment Services of bodily remains - Each additional 0.3m	S	Y	\$124.80	N/A	\$129.00
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Scattering of cremated ashes	S	Y	\$220.00	N/A	\$226.00
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Interment in grave	S	Y	\$475.00	N/A	\$488.00
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Interment in memorial - Rose Bush	S	Y	\$475.00	N/A	\$488.00
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Interment in memorial - Shrub or Tree	S	Y	\$475.00	N/A	\$488.00
Interment Services Interment of cremated remains - Interment in memorial - Niche Wall	S	Y	\$475.00	N/A	\$488.00
Interment Services Reopening grave - with cover	S	Y	\$270.40	N/A	\$278.00
Interment Services Exhumation - also for lift and reposition	S	Y	\$2,360.00	N/A	\$2,427.00
Memorials					
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base with existing foundation - Single grave - General	S	N	\$270.40	N/A	\$278.00
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base with existing foundation - Single grave - Lawn (excluding flower container)	S	N	\$210.00	N/A	\$216.00
Memorial permit fees Renovation - Additional inscription	S	N	\$95.00	N/A	\$98.00
Memorial permit fees Installation - New headstone and base with existing foundation - Single grave - Childrens Lawn (excluding flower container)	S	N	\$88.40	N/A	\$88.00
Memorial permit fees Installation - Affixing bronze externally supplied plaque and or granite panel or other base by Cemetery - Affixing or installation or placement fee	S	Y	\$155.00	N/A	\$159.00
Memorialisation - all sizes and styles	S	N	POA	N/A	Cost Plus 60%
Memorialization - Rock/ boulder - Granite blocks	S	N	POA	N/A	Cost Plus 60%

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES - Hire of meeting room					
Security Fobs (1st free, subsequent fobs non refundable)	C	N	\$20.00	3%	\$20.60
Hire of Meeting Room per hour:					
- all other users	C	Y	\$35.50	3%	\$36.60
- by not-for-profit community groups	C	Y	\$22.50	3%	\$23.20
- no charge for current tenants	C	N	No charge	N/A	No charge
CHILDREN'S SERVICES - Family Day Care					
Administration Levy per hour	C	N	\$2.90	3%	\$3.00
Educator Levy per week	C	N	\$24.30	3%	\$25.00
CHILDREN'S SERVICES - Late pickup of child					
To be applied to families that pickup children late resulting in a need to pay staff additional time - per instance	C	N	\$33.00	3%	\$34.00
CHILDREN'S SERVICES - Long Day Care Centre					
Sessional Fees					
Casual Fees					
Daily	C	N	\$141.00	1%	\$142.90
Permanent Fees					
Daily	C	N	\$135.00	4%	\$140.00
CORPORATE SERVICES - Freedom of Information					
Application fee may be waived or reduced if it would cause the applicant hardship.					
Proposed fees to be updated with update in FOI regulations and/or Monetary Units Act changes.					
Fees units under the Monetary Units Act 2004 are updated by Gazette each year					
Freedom of Information application - 2 fee units	S	N	\$32.70	N/A	\$33.60
Photocopying - per A4 page	S	N	\$0.25	N/A	\$0.20
Search fee - per hour or part thereof	S	N	\$24.86	N/A	\$25.20
Supervision (inspection, listening or viewing of documents) - per 15 minutes	S	N	\$6.24	N/A	\$6.30
CORPORATE SERVICES - Property Database Information					
Land Information Certificate (LIC) Prescribed fee by legislation	S	N	\$29.72	N/A	\$30.60
Urgent certificate (issued within 24 hours) – additional charge to LIC	C	Y	\$87.00	3%	\$89.60
Provision of historical rates data/file retrieval (Post 1999)	C	Y	\$27.50	3%	\$28.35
Provision of historical rates data/file retrieval (Pre 2000)	C	Y	\$136.00	3%	\$140.10
Dishonoured Payment Administration Fee (Direct Debit)	C	Y	\$19.00	3%	\$19.55
Fencing Notice Fee	C	Y	\$19.00	3%	\$19.55
Adverse Possession search fee	C	Y	\$406.00	3%	\$418.20
CORPORATE SERVICES - Property Management (Annual Rental Fee)					
Community Group - Category 1	C	Y	\$130.00	4%	\$135.00
Community Group - Category 2	C	Y	\$325.00	4%	\$337.00
EVENTS					
Minor Events					
A Minor event will have some of the following characteristics: ATTENDANCE (less than 200 people), AMPLIFICATION (Amplified music, announcements), MINOR INFRASTRUCTURE (Total space of temporary structures does not exceed 50m2). Example: Moonlight Movies					
Minor Events - 3M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$13.00	4%	\$13.50
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$25.00	4%	\$26.00
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$38.50	3%	\$39.50
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$44.00	3%	\$45.50
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$57.00	4%	\$59.00
Electricity	C	Y	\$14.00	4%	\$14.50
Minor Events - 6M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$18.50	3%	\$19.00
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$38.00	3%	\$39.00
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$63.50	3%	\$65.50
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$75.50	3%	\$78.00
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$100.50	3%	\$103.50
Electricity	C	Y	\$14.00	4%	\$14.50

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Medium Events					
<i>A Medium event will have some of the following characteristics: ATTENDANCE (less than 1000 people), FOOD - (Serving, Selling, External Vendors), AMPLIFICATION (Amplified music, announcements), MINOR INFRASTRUCTURE (Total space of temporary structures does not exceed 100m2), LIQUOR (Where liquor is consumed as part of the event), IMPACT TO TRAFFIC/ROADS (Where an event is held on or near a road that requires road closures or traffic management). Example: Outdoor Ball</i>					
Medium Events - 3M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$18.50	3%	\$19.00
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$32.00	3%	\$33.00
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$50.00	3%	\$51.50
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$57.00	4%	\$59.00
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$75.50	3%	\$78.00
Electricity	C	Y	\$20.00	3%	\$20.50
Medium Events - 6M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$32.00	3%	\$33.00
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$50.00	3%	\$51.50
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$85.90	3%	\$88.50
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$100.50	3%	\$103.50
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$119.00	3%	\$122.50
Electricity	C	Y	\$20.00	3%	\$20.50
Major Events					
<i>A Major event will have some of the following characteristics: ATTENDANCE (less than 5000 people), FOOD - (Serving, Selling, External Vendors), AMPLIFICATION (Amplified music, announcements), INFRASTRUCTURE (Total space of temporary structures may or may not exceed 100m2), IMPACT TO TRAFFIC/ROADS (Where an event is held on or near a road that requires road closures or traffic management) LIQUOR (Where liquor is consumed as part of the event). Example: Down By The River</i>					
Major Events - 3M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$32.00	3%	\$33.00
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$50.00	3%	\$51.50
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$75.50	3%	\$78.00
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$114.00	3%	\$117.50
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$139.00	3%	\$143.00
Electricity	C	Y	\$27.00	4%	\$28.00
Major Events - 6M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$50.00	3%	\$51.50
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$75.50	3%	\$78.00
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$114.00	3%	\$117.50
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$176.00	3%	\$181.50
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$201.00	3%	\$207.00
Electricity	C	Y	\$27.00	4%	\$28.00

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Marquee Events					
A Marquee event will have some of the following characteristics: ATTENDANCE (more than 5000 people), FOOD - (Serving, Selling, External Vendors), AMPLIFICATION (Amplified music, announcements), INFRASTRUCTURE (Total space of temporary structures may or may not exceed 100m2), IMPACT TO TRAFFIC/ROADS (Where an event is held on or near a road that requires road closures or traffic management), HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES (Air displays, Motorcycle stunts) LIQUOR (Where liquor is consumed by more than 50% of attendees for more than 5 hours), AMUSEMENTS Multiple mechanical amusement rides, FIREWORKS (Indoor and/or outdoor pyrotechnics display). Example: NAB Challenge Game					
Marquee Events - 3M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$75.50	3%	\$78.00
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$114.00	3%	\$117.50
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$176.00	3%	\$181.50
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$289.50	3%	\$299.00
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$327.00	3%	\$337.00
Electricity	C	Y	\$27.00	4%	\$28.00
Marquee Events - 6M X 3M					
Volunteer - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$114.00	3%	\$117.50
Community - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$176.00	3%	\$181.50
Small Business - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$289.50	3%	\$298.00
Commercial - Food, Produce, Beverages, General	C	Y	\$503.00	3%	\$518.00
Commercial - Alcohol	C	Y	\$541.00	3%	\$557.00
Electricity	C	Y	\$27.00	4%	\$28.00
Soundshell - Merriwa Park					
Per hour (minimum 3 hours)	C	Y	\$76.00	4%	\$79.00
Power usage (evening functions requiring lights, per hour) Including GST	C	Y	\$38.00	3%	\$39.00
FIREWOOD COLLECTION					
Firewood Collection (2 cubic meters) with a permit					
1 unit	C	Y	\$25.00	4%	\$26.00
Concession card holder 1 unit	C	Y	\$16.50	3%	\$17.00
HEALTH - Aquatic Pools					
Registration of Category 1 Aquatic Facility under Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (1 pool/spa/interactive water feature)	C	N	\$352.75	3%	\$363.25
Registration of each additional pool/spa interactive water feature within same Category 1 Aquatic Facility	C	N	\$100.75	3%	\$103.75
Renewal of Category 1 Aquatic Facility under Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (equates to 90% of annual registration fee)	C	N	\$317.50	3%	\$327.00
Transfer fee of Category 1 Aquatic Facility under Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (equates to 90% of annual registration fee)	C	N	\$317.50	3%	\$327.00

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HEALTH - Registered Premises					
Food premises					
Class 1 registration fee (fixed)	C	N	\$671.90	3%	\$692.05
Class 1 renewal fee (fixed) (equates to 90% of annual registration fee)	C	N	\$604.70	3%	\$622.85
Class 2 registration fee (fixed or mobile)	C	N	\$560.00	3%	\$576.80
Class 2 renewal fee (fixed or mobile) (equates to 90% of annual registration fee)	C	N	\$504.00	3%	\$519.10
Class 2 registration / renewal fee (temporary)	C	N	50% of registration fee (Class 2 fixed or mobile)	N/A	50% of registration fee (Class 2 fixed or mobile)
Class 3 registration fee (fixed or mobile)	C	N	\$280.00	3%	\$288.40
Class 3 renewal fee (fixed or mobile) (equates to 90% of annual registration fee)	C	N	\$252.00	3%	\$259.55
Class 3 registration / renewal fee (temporary)	C	N	50% of registration fee (Class 3 fixed or mobile)	N/A	50% of registration fee (Class 3 fixed or mobile)
Class 3a registration fee (fixed)	C	N	\$280.00	3%	\$288.40
Class 3a renewal fee (fixed) (equates to 90% of registration fee)	C	N	\$252.00	3%	\$259.55
New premises assessment (not applicable for temporary)	C	N	\$220.70 plus registration fee	N/A	\$220.70 plus registration fee
Additional inspections	C	N	\$224.00	3%	\$230.70
Pro-Rata registration - new applications after 1 July (only applicable until September 30 for Food)	C	N	Based on 50% registration fee	N/A	Based on 50% registration fee
Other premises					
Registration - Beauty Therapy, Colonic Irrigation, Hairdressing, Tattooing, activities involving skin penetration, or any other business that poses a risk to public health - Registration	C	N	\$263.20	3%	\$271.10
Renewal - Beauty Therapy, Colonic Irrigation, Hairdressing, Tattooing, activities involving skin penetration, or any other business that poses a risk to public health	C	N	\$207.20	3%	\$213.40
Hairdresser/Make-up Artist/Spray Tanning (one off registration fee)	C	N	\$263.20	3%	\$271.10
Prescribed Accommodation	C	N	\$408.70	3%	\$420.95
Renewal Prescribed Accommodation	C	N	N/A	N/A	\$336.75
All classes - charge for late payment	C	N	50% of original fee	N/A	50% of original fee
Sporting, Community and Charitable Groups (reduced fee) (fixed, mobile or temporary)	C	N	\$62.65	3%	\$64.55
Transfer of Premises	C	N	50% of annual registration fee	N/A	50% of annual registration fee

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HEALTH - Septic Tank Permits					
Application for a permit for minor alteration to an on-site wastewater management system (septic system). Fee includes includes assessment, inspections and permit.	S	N	\$608.30	N/A	\$626.20
Application for a permit to install a septic system includes assessment, inspections and permits to install and use the system.	S	N	\$798.20	N/A	\$821.70
Additional assessment and/or inspections.	S	N	\$101.25	N/A	\$101.25
Application to transfer of an onsite wastewater management system (septic) permit.	S	N	\$162.15	N/A	\$166.90
Application to amend an onsite wastewater management system (septic) permit	S	N	\$169.50	N/A	\$174.50
Application to renew an onsite wastewater management system (septic) permit	S	N	\$135.70	N/A	\$139.70
Application for a report and consent assessment	C	N	\$109.80	3%	\$113.10
Copy of septic permit	C	N	\$109.80	3%	\$113.10
Septic plan search fee (includes copy of plan)	C	N	\$109.80	3%	\$113.10
HEALTH - Vaccinations					
Flu Vaccine	C	Y	\$27.50	0%	\$27.50
Flu Vaccine (delivery of free vaccines)	C	Y	\$11.00	3%	\$11.35
Boostrix	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$75.00
KIOSK HIRE (Corner of Murphy & Reid Streets, Wangaratta)					
Casual Users					
Kiosk Hire - per day, Commercial	C	Y	\$55.00	3%	\$56.70
Kiosk Hire - per day, Community	C	N/A	No charge	N/A	No charge
LIBRARY - General charges					
Replacement cost for lost or damaged items - if no purchase price listed					
Adult book - fiction	C	Y	\$32.00	0%	\$32.00
Adult book - large print	C	Y	\$55.00	0%	\$55.00
Adult book - non fiction	C	Y	\$33.00	0%	\$33.00
Teen book- fiction	C	Y	\$20.00	0%	\$20.00
Junior book - fiction	C	Y	\$15.00	0%	\$15.00
Junior book - non fiction	C	Y	\$24.00	0%	\$24.00
Light romance	C	Y	\$2.00	0%	\$2.00
Magazine	C	Y	\$11.00	0%	\$11.00
Book on disc - adult	C	Y	\$109.00	1%	\$110.00
Book on disc - junior	C	Y	\$60.00	0%	\$60.00
Single disc	C	Y	entire replacement cost of set	N/A	entire replacement cost of set
DVD - adult	C	Y	\$25.00	0%	\$25.00
DVD - junior	C	Y	\$19.00	0%	\$19.00
DVD TV - adult	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$40.00
MP3 - adult	C	Y	\$108.00	4%	\$112.00
MP3 - junior	C	Y	\$67.00	0%	\$67.00
Non collection of reserved items					
Non collection of reserved items - charged per item	C	Y	\$2.00	0%	\$2.00
Library cards					
replacement of lost or damaged card	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Photocopying / Printing					
A4 B&W (per side)	C	Y	\$0.20	0%	\$0.20
A4 Colour (per side)	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
A3 B&W (per side)	C	Y	\$0.40	0%	\$0.40
A3 Colour (per side)	C	Y	\$2.00	0%	\$2.00
Printout from microfilm printer	C	Y	\$0.20	0%	\$0.20

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Inter-library loans					
requests for items obtained via Inter-library loan and any associated postage costs, including photocopies	C	Y	as charged by supplier	N/A	as charged by supplier
Interlibrary Loan strap/barcode	C	Y	\$4.20	0%	\$4.20
Minor damage					
damaged barcode or minor damage to item	C	Y	\$3.50	0%	\$3.50
Replacement of audio-visual cover					
DVD case	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Talking book case	C	Y	\$15.50	3%	\$16.00
Research fee					
Per half hour	C	Y	\$30.00	7%	\$32.00
Telephone calls					
Local calls only	C	Y	\$0.50	0%	\$0.50
Programs and activities					
Charges may be applied on cost recovery basis	C	Y	cost recovery basis	N/A	cost recovery basis
Disc cleaning					
Per disc	C	Y	\$4.50	3%	\$4.65
Miscellaneous					
Earphones	C	Y	\$1.00	50%	\$1.50
USB	C	Y	\$8.00	6%	\$8.50
LIBRARY - Hiring of facilities					
Community Room					
Volunteer - hourly rate (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$15.50	0%	\$15.50
Volunteer - full day fee	C	Y	\$93.00	0%	\$93.00
Community - hourly fee (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$21.00	0%	\$21.00
Community - full day fee	C	Y	\$126.00	0%	\$126.00
Business - hourly rate (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$42.50	0%	\$42.50
Business - full day rate	C	Y	\$255.00	0%	\$255.00
Seminar Room					
Volunteer - hourly rate (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$13.50	0%	\$13.50
Volunteer - full day rate	C	Y	\$81.00	0%	\$81.00
Community - hourly fee (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$16.00	0%	\$16.00
Community - full day fee	C	Y	\$96.00	0%	\$96.00
Business - hourly rate (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$32.00	0%	\$32.00
Business - full day rate	C	Y	\$192.00	0%	\$192.00
Small Meeting Room					
Volunteer - hourly rate (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$10.50	0%	\$10.50
Volunteer - full day rate	C	Y	\$63.00	0%	\$63.00
Community - hourly fee (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$13.00	0%	\$13.00
Community - full day rate	C	Y	\$78.00	0%	\$78.00
Business - hourly rate (minimum of one hour)	C	Y	\$26.00	0%	\$26.00
Business - full day rate	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$156.00
Bainz Gallery					
Exhibitions with artwork or material for sale	C	Y	\$112.00	7%	\$120.00

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LOCAL LAWS - Droving of Livestock					
Permit application fee (non-refundable) including field inspections and administration	C	N	\$220.00	3%	\$226.00
Bond (cash or bank cheque)	C	N	\$1,800.00	3%	\$1,854.00
LOCAL LAWS - Footpath Permits					
Consumption of Alcohol	C	N	\$55.00	9%	\$60.00
The impoundment release fee of A- frames, goods and table and chairs etc.	C	N	\$90.00	2%	\$92.00
Application fee for permit to use footpath (outdoor eating or display of goods or free standing advertising signs) - charge based on work to issue, audit and inspect footpath activity and associated administration	C	Y	\$110.00	3%	\$113.00
Renewal fee reduced by 30% of full fee for using footpath for outdoor eating or display of goods or free standing advertising signs) - charge based on work to issue, audit and inspect footpath activity and associated administration. Full application fee payable if not paid by due date	C	Y	\$77.00	4%	\$80.00
Application fee for a permit to Exercise / Personal Training in public parks - Seasonal user	C	Y	\$340.00	3%	\$350.00
LOCAL LAWS - Footpath security deposit and footpath inspections					
Footpath Inspection Fee	C	Y	\$200.00	3%	\$205.00
Footpath Security Deposit - placed in Trust Account	C	N	\$700.00	3%	\$720.00
Tapping into Council drains	C	N	\$202.50	4%	\$210.00
LOCAL LAWS - Itinerant Trading Permits					
Application Fee	C	Y	\$45.00	4%	\$47.00
Day Event	C	Y	\$83.00	2%	\$85.00
Seasonal Permit	C	Y	\$350.00	3%	\$360.00
Yearly Permit	C	Y	\$580.00	3%	\$600.00
Yearly (weekends only)	C	Y	\$468.00	0%	\$470.00
LOCAL LAWS - Obstructions on Council Roads (including banners)					
Commercial banners per permit	C	N	\$23.00	9%	\$25.00
Community banners	C	N/A	No Charge	N/A	No charge
LOCAL LAWS - Parking infringements, impounded vehicles and shopping trolleys					
Impounded vehicles - Holding Fee per day	C	Y	\$36.00	6%	\$38.00
Impounded Vehicles - plus towing fee reasonably incurred	C	Y	\$250.00	4%	\$260.00
Release impounded goods fee - vehicle	C	Y	\$122.00	2%	\$125.00
Release impounded goods fee - goods	C	Y	\$61.00	3%	\$63.00
Parking Fees per hour	C	Y	\$1.10	9%	\$1.20
Parking Infringement Notices - determined by VicRoads Infringement	C	Y	\$92.00	3%	\$95.00
Penalty Units - maximum of 0.5 penalty units					
LOCAL LAWS - Parking Permits					
Per month	C	Y	\$65.00	3%	\$67.00
Under Cover					
Per month	C	Y	\$110.00	3%	\$113.00
LOCAL LAWS - Parking Vouchers					
CBD Timed Parking Voucher - Per Month	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$15.00
CBD Timed Parking Voucher - Per Year	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$100.00
LOCAL LAWS - Permits					
Permit application fee for Grazing of Livestock - (non refundable) fee includes administration, site inspection and monitoring	C	N	\$215.00	3%	\$221.00
Keeping excess number of animals	C	Y	\$86.00	2%	\$88.00
LOCAL LAWS - Recreational Vehicles (residential area)					
Recreational Vehicles (residential area - per permit per year)	C	N	\$83.50	3%	\$86.00
LOCAL LAWS - Rubbish Hoppers and Clothing Recycling bins					
Community/charitable (clothing)	C	N	\$220.00	3%	\$226.00
Other (skip bin)	C	N	\$95.00	3%	\$98.00
LOCAL LAWS - Street Appeals, Buskers and Street Stalls					
Commercial activities per day	C	N	\$18.00	6%	\$19.00
Community activities	C	N/A	No charge	N/A	No charge
Open air burning - Residential and commercial area	C	N	\$84.00	2%	\$86.00
LOCAL LAWS - Vehicle crossings and temporary vehicle crossings					
New or Altered Crossing	C	N	\$325.00	3%	\$335.00
Storage of machinery and second hand goods (residential and commercial area).	C	N	\$325.00	3%	\$335.00
Temporary Crossing	C	N	\$185.00	3%	\$190.00

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MURRAY TO MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL - Permits, Licences & Leases					
Annual or specified period:					
Community Events - With or without trail closure	C	Y	No Charge plus outgoings	N/A	No Charge plus outgoings
Authorised Crossings:					
Farm access – vehicle (no trucks) and stock movement only	C	N/A	No Charge	N/A	No Charge
Community Events					
1 or more days - With or without closure of trail	C	Y	No charge, except for outgoings i.e. cost of advertising	N/A	No charge, except for outgoings i.e. cost of advertising
Community Events					
Commercial operator - With or without trail closure	C	Y	\$73.00	3%	\$75.00
Licence (with DSE approval) 3 Year Renewable					
Conservation or Re-vegetation	C	N/A	No Charge	N/A	No Charge
Licence (with DSE approval) 3 Year Renewable					
Grazing					
	C	Y	\$125.00 application fee (80% refundable if application not successful). \$41 per hectare/per year plus any outgoings with a minimum charge per licence of \$69.00	N/A	\$125.00 application fee (80% refundable if application not successful). \$41 per hectare/per year plus any outgoings with a minimum charge per licence of \$69.00
Licence (with DSE approval) 3 Year Renewable					
Hay or crash grazing	C	N	No Charge	N/A	No Charge
Licence (with DSE approval) 3 Year Renewable					
Lease (with DSE approval) 21 year - On application	C	Y	POA	N/A	POA
Licence (with DSE approval) 3 Year Renewable					
Yard / Storage (urban)	C	Y	\$73.00	3%	\$75.00
Commercial operator - With or without trail closure	C	Y	\$73.00	3%	\$75.00
Residential Access – existing (former authorised railway crossing)	C	N	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Residential Access – no previous authorisation	C	Y	\$135.00	4%	\$140.00
With gates not conforming	C	Y	\$135.00	4%	\$140.00
NED KELLY DISCOVERY HUB					
Hire Fee - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - viewing platform	C	Y	\$75.00	7%	\$80.00
Hire Fee - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - viewing platform - hosting with food or beverages	C	Y	\$300.00	3%	\$310.00
Hire Fee - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - excess cleaning fees	C	Y	\$600.00	3%	\$620.00
Bond - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - hire	C	Y	\$600.00	3%	\$620.00
Entry - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - Per Adult	C	Y	\$5.00	0%	\$5.00
Entry - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - Per Senior/Pension	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Entry - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - Group Bookings (10 or More)	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Entry - Ned Kelly Discovery Hub - School Groups	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$20.00
PARKS AND GARDENS					
Bond (A)	C	N	\$1,075.00	3%	\$1,107.30
Commercial Promotions usage:	C	Y	\$290.00	3%	\$298.70
Facility and Open Space Keys (Bond C)	C	N	\$27.00	3%	\$27.80
Mitchell Avenue Amenities (Bond B)	C	N	\$55.00	3%	\$56.70
There is no fee charged for holding a function within Council's parks and gardens	C	N	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Bowmans / Murrumbidgee Hall					
Bond	C	N	\$800.00	3%	\$824.00
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$280.00	3%	\$288.40
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$114.00	3%	\$117.40
Cleaning per hour	C	Y	\$52.00	3%	\$53.55

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PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Carboor Soldiers Memorial Hall					
Bond	C	N	\$530.00	3%	\$545.90
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$208.00	3%	\$214.25
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$104.00	3%	\$107.10
Caravans (per night)	C	Y	\$41.00	3%	\$42.25
Hire of Grounds	C	Y	\$52.00	3%	\$53.55
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Edi Upper Hall					
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$169.00	4%	\$175.00
Kitchen Facilities/ Kitchen Hire	C	Y	\$73.00	3%	\$75.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$28.30	-12%	\$25.00
Chairs	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
Bench seats	C	Y	\$2.80	257%	\$10.00
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$5.50	82%	\$10.00
Tennis court hire with lights (per hour)	C	Y	\$11.40	-12%	\$10.00
Community sign hire	C	Y	\$11.40	-12%	\$10.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Eldorado Memorial Hall					
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$104.00	0%	\$104.00
Hall Hire Community Rate - Per Hour	C	Y	\$21.00	0%	\$21.00
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$104.00	0%	\$104.00
Kitchen Facilities/ Kitchen Hire	C	Y	\$46.80	0%	\$46.80
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$46.80	0%	\$46.80
Chairs	C	Y	\$5.45	N/A	NO CHARGE
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Everton Hall and Sporting Complex					
Bond	C	N	\$300.00	-67%	\$100.00
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$156.00	12%	\$175.00
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$78.00	12%	\$87.50
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$312.00	12%	\$350.00
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$156.00	12%	\$175.00
Kitchen Facilities/ Kitchen Hire	C	Y	\$78.00	-1%	\$77.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$78.00	-1%	\$77.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) - community/local	C	Y	\$39.00	0%	\$39.00
Chairs	C	Y	\$0.70	0%	\$0.70
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$7.25	-3%	\$7.00
Urn	C	Y	\$10.40	-4%	\$10.00
BBQ Trailer	C	Y	\$26.00	-23%	\$20.00
Tennis court hire with lights (per hour)	C	Y	\$5.20	-4%	\$5.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Ground & Light Charges					
Casual Users - Light Charges					
Hourly charge - Winter season	C	Y	\$17.25	3%	\$17.75
Seasonal Users - Light charges					
Seasonal Agreements - Winter Senior Sport	C	Y	\$1,200.00	3%	\$1,236.00
Seasonal Agreements - Winter Junior Sport	C	Y	\$400.00	3%	\$412.00
Casual Users					
Full Day (maximum 8 hours)	C	Y	\$121.00	3%	\$124.65
Half Day (or part thereof, maximum 4 hours)	C	Y	\$66.00	3%	\$68.00
Seasonal Users					
Seasonal Agreements - Winter & Summer (% of Previous Seasonal Fee)	C	Y	4.00%	0%	5.00%

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PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - HP Barr Community Centre					
Casual Users - Commercial					
Hourly Rate (applies up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$52.50	3%	\$54.10
Commercial daily rate	C	Y	\$350.00	3%	\$360.50
Casual Users - Community					
Hourly Rate (applies up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$31.50	3%	\$32.45
Per day or night	C	Y	\$200.00	3%	\$206.00
Security deposit	C	Y	\$635.00	3%	\$654.05
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - HP Barr Multipurpose Centre (WJ Findlay Oval)					
Venue Hire Fee					
Casual User - Community (hourly rate, up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$31.50	3%	\$32.45
Casual User - Community (up to 8 hours)	C	Y	\$200.00	3%	\$206.00
Casual User - Commercial Rate (hourly rate)	C	Y	\$52.50	3%	\$54.10
Commercial daily rate	C	Y	\$300.00	3%	\$309.00
Per hour after midnight	C	Y	\$56.00	3%	\$57.70
Venue Bond					
Security Deposit *	C	N	\$635.00	3%	\$654.05
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Milawa Public Hall & Park					
Booking Fee (non refundable)	C	N	\$26.00	-4%	\$25.00
Bond	C	N	\$520.00	-4%	\$500.00
Lost key fee	C	Y	\$104.00	-4%	\$100.00
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$416.00	-4%	\$400.00
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$104.00	-4%	\$100.00
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$728.00	-4%	\$700.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$52.00	-4%	\$50.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) - community/local	C	Y	\$31.00	-3%	\$30.00
Chairs	C	Y	\$2.05	N/A	NO CHARGE
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$10.40	N/A	NO CHARGE
Cleaning per hour	C	Y	\$62.00	-3%	\$60.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall					
Bond	C	N	\$185.00	3%	\$190.55
Lost key fee	C	Y	\$20.75	-4%	\$20.00
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$124.80	4%	\$130.00
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$124.80	4%	\$130.00
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$156.00	-17%	\$130.00
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$62.40	108%	\$130.00
Kitchen Facilities/ Kitchen Hire	C	Y	\$31.20	-4%	\$30.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$31.20	12%	\$35.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) - community/local	C	Y	\$26.00	3%	\$26.80
Chairs	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
Bench seats	C	Y	\$5.20	-4%	\$5.00
Cleaning per hour	C	Y	\$31.20	-4%	\$30.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Myrree Soldiers Memorial Hall					
Hire of Hall					
Bond	C	N	\$114.40	-13%	\$100.00
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$167.20	-10%	\$150.00
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$36.40	202%	\$110.00
Chairs	C	Y	\$3.30	-9%	\$3.00
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$10.90	-8%	\$10.00

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PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Old Murrumbidgee Hall					
Bond	C	N	\$415.00	1%	\$420.00
Lost key fee	C	Y	\$31.20	3%	\$32.15
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$171.60	2%	\$175.00
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$57.20	5%	\$60.00
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$171.60	2%	\$175.00
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$104.00	6%	\$110.00
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$10.40	-4%	\$10.00
Hire of Grounds	C	Y	\$41.60	-4%	\$40.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Oxley Hall					
Bond	C	N	\$520.00	-4%	\$500.00
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$416.00	-40%	\$250.00
Hall Hire community rate	C	Y	\$31.20	-4%	\$30.00
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$884.00	13%	\$1,000.00
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$124.80	20%	\$150.00
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$31.20	3%	\$32.15
Chairs	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$5.20	-4%	\$5.00
Urn	C	Y	\$10.40	-4%	\$10.00
Cleaning per hour	C	Y	\$52.00	-33%	\$35.00
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Rodeo Grounds (Events Precinct)					
Casual Users - Commercial					
Full day	C	Y	\$295.00	3%	\$303.85
Hourly Rate (applies up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$45.00	3%	\$46.35
Casual Users - Community					
Full day	C	Y	\$147.00	3%	\$151.40
Hourly Rate (applies up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$25.00	3%	\$25.75
Venue Bond					
Security Deposit *	C	N	\$590.00	3%	\$607.70
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Wangaratta Showgrounds					
Commercial Events					
Fee	C	Y	\$495.00	3%	\$509.85
Community Events					
Fee	C	Y	\$320.00	3%	\$329.60
Lions Club of Wangaratta					
Ground Use - per year	C	Y			
Storeroom/Clubroom/ use of space for Swap Meet per year	C	Y	TBA	N/A	TBA
Ovens and Murray Football/Netball League Inc.					
Hosting of Grand final	C	Y	\$1,585.00	3%	\$1,632.55
Hosting of Finals Match	C	Y	\$650.00	3%	\$669.50
Wangaratta & District Cricket Association					
Electricity – annual usage fee	C	Y	100%	0%	100%
Use of ground and buildings (incl. grandstand) - per year	C	Y	\$1,575.00	3%	\$1,622.30
Wangaratta A & I Society					
Electricity - percentage of special meter reading	C	Y	100%	0%	100%
Use of ground and buildings (incl. grandstand)	C	Y	\$3,780.00	3%	\$3,893.40
Wangaratta Bridge Club					
Ground use - Club Rooms per year	C	Y	\$635.00	3%	\$654.05
Wangaratta Football and Netball Club Inc.					
Use of grounds and buildings (incl. grandstand, gate takings, membership and oval fence advertising) per season	C	Y	\$11,970.00	3%	\$12,329.10

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Wangaratta Junior Football League					
Use of grounds - per year	C	Y	\$1,270.00	3%	\$1,308.10
Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Inc.					
Electricity - As per meter reading	C	Y	100%	0%	100%
Use of grounds and building - per year	C	Y	\$1,270.00	3%	\$1,308.10
Wangaratta Players					
Use of Clubrooms (per year)	C	Y	\$945.00	3%	\$973.35
Wangaratta Sports Club					
Electricity - percentage of special meter reading	C	Y	100%	0%	100%
Use of ground and buildings (incl. grandstand) - per year	C	Y	\$635.00	3%	\$654.05
Wangaratta Table Tennis Association					
Electricity - As per meter reading	C	Y	100%	0%	100%
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Wangaratta Sports Development Centre					
Change Room 1, 2 or 3					
Commercial Per day	C	Y	\$241.00	3%	\$248.25
Commercial Per hour	C	Y	\$91.00	3%	\$93.75
Commercial Per hour thereafter	C	Y	\$25.00	3%	\$25.75
Community Per day	C	Y	\$121.00	3%	\$124.65
Community Per hour	C	Y	\$26.00	3%	\$26.80
Community Per hour thereafter	C	Y	\$11.50	3%	\$11.85
Community Room Monday - Friday					
Commercial Per day	C	Y	\$182.00	3%	\$187.45
Commercial Per hour	C	Y	\$61.50	3%	\$63.35
Commercial Per hour thereafter	C	Y	\$18.50	3%	\$19.05
Community Per day	C	Y	\$90.00	3%	\$92.70
Community Per hour	C	Y	\$29.50	3%	\$30.40
Community Per hour thereafter	C	Y	\$11.00	3%	\$11.35
Upper Deck Function Area					
Commercial Per day	C	Y	\$738.00	3%	\$760.15
Commercial Per hour	C	Y	\$246.00	3%	\$253.40
Commercial Per hour thereafter	C	Y	\$124.00	3%	\$127.70
Community Per day	C	Y	\$372.00	3%	\$383.15
Community Per hour	C	Y	\$126.00	3%	\$129.80
Community Per hour thereafter	C	Y	\$61.50	3%	\$63.35
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Wareena Hall (located in Swan Street)					
Casual Users - Commercial					
Hourly Rate (applies up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$52.50	3%	\$54.10
Daily Rate	C	Y	\$300.00	3%	\$309.00
Casual Users - Community					
Hourly Rate (applies up to 3 hours)	C	Y	\$31.00	3%	\$31.95
Per day or night	C	Y	\$200.00	3%	\$206.00
Venue Bond					
Security Deposit	C	N	\$500.00	3%	\$515.00

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Whitfield Recreation Reserve (King Valley Community Centre)					
Bond	C	N	\$416.00	3%	\$428.50
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$312.00	3%	\$321.35
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$624.00	3%	\$642.70
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$104.00	3%	\$107.10
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$78.00	3%	\$80.35
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) - community/local	C	Y	\$31.20	3%	\$32.15
Chairs	C	Y	\$1.00	5%	\$1.05
Equipment tables	C	Y	\$5.20	3%	\$5.35
Crockery	C	Y	\$52.00	3%	\$53.55
Cleaning per hour	C	Y	\$41.60	3%	\$42.85
Hire of grounds	C	Y	\$11.40	3%	\$11.75
Pizza Oven	C	Y	\$52.00	3%	\$53.55
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Whorouly Hall					
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$68.60	3%	\$70.65
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$34.30	3%	\$35.35
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) - community/local	C	Y	\$11.40	3%	\$11.75
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - Whorouly Memorial Park Reserve					
Hire of Hall functions: Full day (8am to 12 midnight) or Evening (6pm to 12 midnight) includes insurance	C	Y	\$312.00	3%	\$321.35
Major Events (i.e. weddings)	C	Y	\$407.65	3%	\$419.90
Hall hire – half day/evening 4hrs	C	Y	\$218.40	3%	\$224.95
Kitchen Facilities/ Kitchen Hire	C	Y	\$114.40	3%	\$117.85
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) business	C	Y	\$36.40	3%	\$37.50
Small Meeting Room - (Supper Room) - community/local	C	Y	\$34.30	3%	\$35.35
Bar Area	C	Y	\$114.40	3%	\$117.85
Caravans	C	Y	\$15.60	3%	\$16.05
Whorouly Cricket Club - Ground Fee & Function Room Fee (1 function)	C	Y	\$1,245.60	3%	\$1,282.95
Whorouly Football/Netball Club - Ground Fee & Function Room Fee (5 functions)	C	Y	\$6,129.65	3%	\$6,313.55
Whorouly Tennis Club -Court Fee & Function Room Fee (1 function)	C	Y	\$513.55	3%	\$528.95

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
PARKS, SPORT & RECREATION - WJ Findlay Oval					
Ovens & King Football League					
Ground use Competition Matches	C	Y	\$640.00	3%	\$659.20
Ground use Grand Final	C	Y	\$1,280.00	3%	\$1,318.40
Wangaratta Rovers Football & Netball Club Inc.					
Use of grounds and buildings (incl. grandstand, gate takings, membership and oval fence advertising) per season	C	Y	\$11,970.00	3%	\$12,329.10
PLANNING - Application to amend Planning Scheme					
Stage 1					
a) Considering a request to amend a planning scheme; and	S	N	\$3,364.00	N/A	\$3,464.90
b) Exhibition and notice of the amendment; and					
c) Considering any submissions which do not seek a change to the amendment; and					
d) If applicable, abandoning the amendment.					
Stage 2					
a) Considering submissions which seek a change to an amendment, and where necessary, referring the submissions to a panel:					
i) Up to 10 submissions	S	N	\$16,672.90	N/A	\$17,173.10
ii) 11 to 20 submissions	S	N	\$33,313.20	N/A	\$34,312.60
iii) More than 20 submissions	S	N	\$44,531.90	N/A	\$45,867.85
b) Providing assistance to a panel ; and	S	N	Determined on a case by case basis by Planning Panel Victoria	N/A	Determined on a case by case basis by Planning Panel Victoria
c) Making a submission to the panel; and					
d) Considering the panel's report; and					
e) After considering submissions and the report, if applicable, abandoning the amendment.					
Stage 3					
a) Adopting the amendment or a part of an amendment; and	S	N	\$530.70	N/A	\$546.60
b) Submitting the amendment for approval by the Minister; and					
c) giving the notice of the approval of the amendment.					
Stage 4					
a) Consideration by the Minister of a request to approve an amendment; and	S	N	\$530.70	N/A	\$546.60
b) Giving notice of approval of an amendment.					
Private PS Amendments					
Advertising fee (for private PS amendments)	C	N	\$181.40	3%	\$186.85
Panel Fees - Application for Planning Scheme amendment					
Full cost of Panel to be paid by applicant if matter is to go to a Panel Hearing	S	N	Actual panel Cost	N/A	Actual panel Cost
Combined Planning Scheme Amendment and Planning Permit application					
The fee for an application for a planning permit combined with a request for amendment of a planning scheme, made in accordance with section 96A, is the sum of the amounts shown for the relevant Stage above (request to amend the scheme) plus the full amount of the higher planning permit fees, plus 50% of the lower of the fees which would have applied if separate applications had been made.	S	N	Per Above (request to amend the scheme) plus the full amount of the higher planning permit fees, plus 50% of the lower of the fees which would have applied if separate applications had been made.	N/A	Per Above (request to amend the scheme) plus the full amount of the higher planning permit fees, plus 50% of the lower of the fees which would have applied if separate applications had been made.

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PLANNING - Other Fees					
Application for a certificate of compliance under section 97N	S	N	\$359.25	N/A	\$370.05
Copy of planning permit including plans	C	Y	\$118.77	3%	\$122.35
Investigating past permits and/or written planning advice	C	Y	\$179.24	3%	\$184.60
Written planning advice (confirmation of permit requirements)	C	Y	\$179.24	3%	\$184.60
Pre-application meetings including written advice (50% of the fee removed from the application fee if the advice indicates a permit is needed and an application is lodged)	C	N	\$208.00	3%	\$214.25
Preparing a Section 173 agreement	C	Y	Market Cost	N/A	Market Cost
Advertising fee per sign	C	Y	\$45.00	33%	\$60.00
Advertisement in newspaper circulating generally in district	C	Y	\$154.60	3%	\$159.25
Advertising fee for each letter required (previous year was flat fee and not charged per letter)	C	Y	\$3.50	3%	\$3.60
Amending or ending a Section 173 Agreement	S	N	\$726.70	N/A	\$748.00
Extension of time of planning permits	C	Y	\$252.00	19%	\$300.00
If a permit for a development is required only due to the application of an Heritage Overlay and the cost of works is less than \$30,000	C	N	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Secondary Consent to endorsed plans	C	Y	\$311.43	12%	\$350.00
Timber harvesting plans - Inspection fee (per inspection)	C	Y	\$118.77	3%	\$122.35
PLANNING - Planning Permit Applications					
Change or allow a new use of the land	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
Amendment to change what the permit allows, or change any or all conditions	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
Single Dwelling					
To develop land, or to use and develop land for a single dwelling per lot, or to undertake development ancillary to the use of the land for a single dwelling per lot if the estimated cost of the development is:					
Up to \$10,000	S	N	\$220.45	N/A	\$226.90
> \$10,000 ≤ \$100,000	S	N	\$694.00	N/A	\$714.40
> \$100,000 ≤ \$500,000	S	N	\$1,420.70	N/A	\$1,462.50
> \$500,000 ≤ \$1,000,000	S	N	\$1,535.00	N/A	\$1,580.10
> \$1,000,000 ≤ \$2,000,000	S	N	\$1,649.35	N/A	\$1,697.80
Vic SMART					
A permit that is the subject of a Vic Smart application if the estimated cost of the development is:					
Up to \$10,000	S	N	\$220.45	N/A	\$226.90
More than \$10,000	S	N	\$473.55	N/A	\$487.50
Vic Smart application to subdivide or consolidate land	S	N	\$220.45	N/A	\$226.90
All other development					
To develop land if the estimated cost of the development is:					
Up to \$100,000	S	N	\$1,265.55	N/A	\$1,302.80
> \$100,000 ≤ \$1,000,000	S	N	\$1,706.50	N/A	\$1,756.60
> \$1,000,000 ≤ \$5,000,000	S	N	\$3,764.05	N/A	\$3,874.70
> \$5,000,000 ≤ \$15,000,000	S	N	\$9,593.85	N/A	\$9,875.90
> \$15,000,000 ≤ \$50,000,000	S	N	\$28,297.70	N/A	\$29,123.30
> \$50,000,000	S	N	\$63,589.00	N/A	\$65,485.10

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Subdivision					
To subdivide an existing building	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
To subdivide land into two lots	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
To effect a realignment of a common boundary between lots or to consolidate two or more lots	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
To subdivide land	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
To remove a restriction (within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988) over land if the land has been used or developed for more than two years before the date of the applications in a manner which would have been lawful under the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> but for the existence of the restriction	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
To create, vary or remove a restriction within the meaning of the Subdivision Act 1988; or To create or remove a right of way	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
To create, vary or remove an easement other than a right of way; or To vary or remove a condition in the nature of an easement other than a right of way in a Crown grant	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
A permit not otherwise provided for in the Regulations	S	N	\$1,453.35	N/A	\$1,496.10
Subdivision Certification and Engineering					
Certification of a plan of subdivision	S	N	\$192.70	N/A	\$198.40
Alteration of plan	S	N	\$122.45	N/A	\$126.10
Amendment of certified plan	S	N	\$155.10	N/A	\$159.70
Engineering costs based on the estimated cost of construction works:					
Checking of engineering plans	S	N	0.75%	N/A	0.75%
Engineering plan prepared by Council	S	N	3.50%	N/A	3.50%
Supervision of works	S	N	2.50%	N/A	2.50%
Satisfaction Matters					
The fee for determining a matter where a planning scheme specifies that the matter must be done to the satisfaction of a responsible authority or a referral authority	S	N	\$359.25	N/A	\$369.80
Combined Permit Application					
If the application for a planning permit is for any combination of the classes of application outlined previously, the fee for the planning permit is the sum arrived at by adding the higher of the fees plus 50% of the lower of the fees which would have applied if separate applications had been made	S	N	Higher use/development fee plus 50% of the lower use/development fee	N/A	Higher use/development fee plus 50% of the lower use/development fee
Permit Applications for More Than One Class					
(1) An application for more than one class of permit (2) An application to amend a permit in more than one class	S	N	The sum of: The highest of the fees which would have applied if separate applications were made; and 50% of each of the other fees which would have applied if separate applications were made.	N/A	The sum of: The highest of the fees which would have applied if separate applications were made; and 50% of each of the other fees which would have applied if separate applications were made.

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Amending an Application After Notice Has Been Given					
(1) Section 57A - Request to amend an application for permit after notice has been given; or (2) Section 57A – Request to amend an application for an amendment to a permit after notice has been given	S	N	40% of the application fee for that class of permit or amendment to permit; and Where the class of application is changing to a new class of higher application fee, the difference between the fee for the application to be amended and the fee for the new class.	N/A	40% of the application fee for that class of permit or amendment to permit; and Where the class of application is changing to a new class of higher application fee, the difference between the fee for the application to be amended and the fee for the new class.
REGIONAL CERTIFYING BODY					
Fee for certification per application	C	Y	\$570.00	3%	\$587.10
Small Development Engineering Fee	C	N	\$783.84	3%	\$807.40
TREE VALUATION					
Cost for the removal of a tree 0-2 years that does not comply with the 'general guidelines for removal'					
Removal (no grinding), disposal, purchase replacement (45L) and maintenance of replacement until established	C	Y	\$300.00	3%	\$309.00
Cost for the removal of a tree 3-5 years that does not comply with the 'general guidelines for removal'					
Removal (no grinding), disposal, purchase replacement (100L) and maintenance of replacement until established	C	Y	\$505.00	3%	\$520.10
Cost for the removal of a tree 5-8 years that does not comply with the 'general guidelines for removal'					
Removal (no grinding), disposal, purchase replacement (200L) and maintenance of replacement until established	C	Y	\$800.00	3%	\$824.00
WANGARATTA AERODROME					
Aircraft Parking:					
No charge for first 3 days	C	N	NO CHARGE	N/A	NO CHARGE
Daily fee after 3 days	C	Y	\$10.50	5%	\$11.00
Aircraft Parking - Monthly fee	C	Y	\$187.00	2%	\$190.00
Aircraft Parking - Annual fee	C	Y	\$1,500.00	3%	\$1,550.00
Terminal hire per day	C	Y	\$200.00	5%	\$210.00
Bond	C	Y	\$200.00	5%	\$210.00
Terminal - set up / pack per day	C	Y	\$100.00	0%	\$100.00
Runway Hire - Closure	C	Y	\$200.00	25%	\$250.00
After hours closure	C	Y	\$200.00	25%	\$250.00
Terminal cleaning (as required)	C	Y	\$500.00	3%	\$515.00
Aerodrome Staff Attendance (ARO) - per hour	C	Y	\$50.00	10%	\$55.00
Runway hire	C	Y	\$200.00	25%	\$250.00
WANGARATTA ART GALLERY - COMMERCIAL					
Entry Fee (Gallery 1 & 2)					
Entry Fee	C	Y	Donation	N/A	Donation
Venue hire ~ Gallery 1					
Per hour rate (subject to gallery suitability)	C	Y	\$234.70	3%	\$241.75
Venue hire ~ Gallery 2					
Workshop Hall (per hour, min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$48.25	3%	\$49.70
Per day (8 hours)	C	Y	\$235.25	3%	\$242.30
Per week - individual	C	Y	\$470.50	3%	\$484.60
Per week - group	C	Y	\$586.50	3%	\$604.10
Two week exhibition fee - individual	C	Y	\$962.00	3%	\$990.85
Two week exhibition fee - group	C	Y	\$1,055.50	3%	\$1,087.15
WANGARATTA ART GALLERY - COMMUNITY RATES					
Entry Fee (Gallery 1 & 2)					
Entry Fee	C	Y	Donation	N/A	Donation
Venue hire ~ Gallery 1					
Per hour rate (subject to gallery suitability)	C	Y	\$117.80	3%	\$121.35
Venue hire ~ Gallery 2					
Workshop Hall (per hour, min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$24.10	3%	\$24.80
Per day (8 hours)	C	Y	\$117.80	3%	\$121.35
Per week - individual	C	Y	\$235.20	3%	\$242.25
Per week - group	C	Y	\$294.00	3%	\$302.80
Two week exhibition fee - individual	C	Y	\$470.50	3%	\$484.60
Two week exhibition fee - group	C	Y	\$527.80	3%	\$543.65

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
WANGARATTA ART GALLERY - Event Staffing					
Events requiring staffing will be charged an hourly rate to cover salaries per hr - minimum 3 hours - Mon - Fri	C	Y	\$61.75	3%	\$63.60
Mon-Fri: Overtime Level 1 - per hour (when a staff member is required for more than 8 hours and less than 10 hours continuously. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$26.20 additional per hour	3%	applicable hourly rate + \$27 additional per hour
Events requiring staffing will be charged an hourly rate to cover salaries per hr - minimum 3 hours - Sat & Sun	C	Y	\$72.80	3%	\$75.00
Sat-&Sun: Overtime Level 1 - per hour (when a staff member is required for more than 8 hours and less than 10 hours continuously. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$26.20 additional per hour	3%	applicable hourly rate + \$27 additional per hour
Events requiring staffing will be charged an hourly rate to cover salaries per hr - minimum 3 hours - Public Holidays	C	Y	\$121.20	3%	\$124.85
Public Holidays: Overtime Level 1 - per hour (when a staff member is required for more than 8 hours and less than 10 hours continuously. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment.)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$26.20 additional per hour	3%	applicable hourly rate + \$27 additional per hour
WANGARATTA GOVERNMENT CENTRE - Council Chambers hire					
Monday – Friday					
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$545.00	3%	\$561.35
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$68.00	3%	\$70.05
1/2 day hire (4 hour block)	C	Y	\$260.00	3%	\$267.80
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTRE - Hiring of facilities - COMMERCIAL					
Box Office / Ticketing Costs					
Per ticket - with dollar value	C	Y	\$4.40	2%	\$4.50
Per tickets - complimentary tickets	C	Y	\$1.20	67%	\$2.00
Specialised ticket sales (preparation of seating plans, priority ticketing etc.)	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
Additional charge					
Merchant Fee (Card Processing Fee)	C	Y	1.85%	0%	1.85%
Merchandise commission	C	Y	10.00%	0%	10.00%
Box office operation fee (when ticket sales are less than 100 paid tickets.					
Final charges will be based on the minimum fee listed OR actual attendance ~ whichever is greater	C	Y	\$145.00	3%	\$150.00
Setup fee for offsite events	C	Y	\$250.00	3%	\$257.50
Minor changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Medium changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$85.00	4%	\$88.00
Major changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$170.00	3%	\$175.00
Cancellation of booking after "on sale"	C	Y	\$170.00	3%	\$175.00
AND (when cancelled) applicable inside ticket charge for every ticket sold	C	Y	\$4.40 / \$1.20	2% / 67%	\$4.50 / \$2.00
AND (when cancelled) MERCHANT FEE (Card Processing Fee)	C	Y	1.85%	0%	1.85%
Performance Deposit - Commercial Hirer	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$1,000.00
Fees charged to ticket purchaser					
Mail fee	C	Y	\$11.00	9%	\$12.00
Exchange fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Ticket re-print fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Transaction fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Alpine MDF Theatre - Performance / Function					
Monday – Friday					
4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,280.00	3%	\$1,320.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$320.00	3%	\$330.00
Monday - Friday ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,172.00	2%	\$1,200.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$293.00	2%	\$300.00

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Saturday & Sunday					
4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,540.00	3%	\$1,580.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$385.00	3%	\$395.00
Saturday - Sunday – Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,424.00	3%	\$1,460.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$356.00	3%	\$365.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$2,080.00	3%	\$2,140.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$520.00	3%	\$535.00
Public Holidays – Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,932.00	3%	\$1,992.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$483.00	3%	\$498.00
Memorial Hall A - Function (smaller section)					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$360.00	-18%	\$295.00
Correction for actual costs					
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$720.00	-18%	\$590.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$540.00	N/A	Discontinued
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$120.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$90.00	-18%	\$73.75
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm OR 1.00pm - 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$424.00	-17%	\$350.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$848.00	-17%	\$700.00
Night rate	C	Y	\$636.00	N/A	Discontinued
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$160.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$106.00	-17%	\$87.50
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$580.00	3%	\$600.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,160.00	3%	\$1,200.00
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$160.00
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$200.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$870.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$145.00	3%	\$150.00
Memorial Hall B (Larger section)					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$576.00	1%	\$580.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,152.00	1%	\$1,160.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$864.00	1%	\$870.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$144.00	1%	\$145.00

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$624.00	0%	\$625.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,248.00	0%	\$1,250.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$936.00	0%	\$940.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$156.00	0%	\$156.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$816.00	0%	\$820.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,632.00	0%	\$1,640.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$1,224.00	0%	\$1,225.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$204.00	0%	\$205.00
Memorial Hall - A & B					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$720.00	0%	\$720.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,440.00	0%	\$1,440.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$1,080.00	0%	\$1,080.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$180.00	0%	\$180.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$864.00	0%	\$864.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,728.00	0%	\$1,728.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$1,296.00	0%	\$1,296.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$216.00	0%	\$216.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,080.00	0%	\$1,080.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$2,160.00	0%	\$2,160.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$1,620.00	0%	\$1,620.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$270.00	0%	\$270.00
Conference Room					
Monday – Friday					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time).	C	Y	\$248.00	0%	\$248.00
Adjusted to cover actual costs.					
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$496.00	0%	\$496.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$372.00	0%	\$372.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$62.00	0%	\$62.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$280.00	0%	\$280.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$560.00	0%	\$560.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$420.00	0%	\$420.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$70.00	0%	\$70.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$360.00	0%	\$360.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$720.00	0%	\$720.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$540.00	0%	\$540.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$90.00	0%	\$90.00
Foyer					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$320.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$600.00

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Ford Street Courtyard					
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Theatre and Conference Set Up					
Tier 1 - Standard Hire / No Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tier 2 - Minor Set Up / Small Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$366.00 + staffing 2 x 3hrs
Tier 3 - Major Set Up / Large Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$732.00 + staffing 2 x 6hrs
Specialist Theatre Lighting	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Specialist Theatre Audio	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Specialist Theatre AV	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Band set up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$185.00
Tier 1 - Standard Hire / No Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0.00
Tier 2 - Minor / Small Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$35.00
Tier 3 - Major / Large Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Meeting Room Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$61.00
Function Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Meeting Room Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Function / Banquet Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$275.00
Theatre Style Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$244.00
Function / Banquet Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$360.00
Expo / Trade Show Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$290.00
Other Facilities					
Kitchen - per day (includes cool room)	C	Y	\$460.00	4%	\$480.00
Abnormal cleaning (per hour) - minimum three hours	C	Y	\$70.00	14%	\$80.00
Grand Piano (per session, including tuning <i>top performance standard</i>)	C	Y	\$450.00	3%	\$465.00
Grand Piano (untuned)	C	Y	\$100.00	20%	\$120.00
Opening of orchestra pit	C	Y	\$465.00	3%	\$480.00
Installation of apron	C	Y	\$465.00	3%	\$480.00
Relocation of control position to bio box	C	Y	\$350.00	3%	\$360.00
Installation of Stage Projection Cinema Screen	C	Y	\$230.00	2%	\$235.00
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTRE - Hiring of facilities - COMMUNITY					
Box Office / Ticketing Costs					
Per ticket - with dollar value	C	Y	\$3.10	10%	\$3.40
Per tickets - complimentary tickets	C	Y	\$1.20	4%	\$1.25
Specialised ticket sales (preparation of seating plans, priority ticketing etc...) - Additional charge	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
Merchant Fee (Card Processing Fee)	C	Y	1.85%	0%	1.85%
Merchandise commission	C	Y	10.00%	0%	10.00%
Box office operation fee (when ticket sales are less than 100 paid tickets. Final charges will be based on the minimum fee listed OR actual attendance ~ whichever is greater)	C	Y	\$145.00	3%	\$149.50
Setup fee for offsite events	C	Y	\$250.00	3%	\$257.50
Minor changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Medium changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$85.00	4%	\$88.00
Major changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$170.00	3%	\$175.00
Cancellation of booking after "on sale"	C	Y	\$170.00	3%	\$175.00
And (when cancelled) applicable inside ticket charge for every ticket sold	C	Y	\$3.10 / \$1.20	10% / 4%	\$3.40 / \$1.25
And (when cancelled) Merchant Fee (Card Processing Fee)	C	Y	1.85%	0%	1.85%
Performance Deposit - Community Hirer	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$500.00

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Fees charged to ticket purchaser					
Mail fee	C	Y	\$11.00	9%	\$12.00
Exchange fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Ticket re-print fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Transaction fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Alpine MDF Theatre - Performance / Function					
Monday – Friday					
4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$940.00	3%	\$968.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$235.00	3%	\$242.00
Monday - Friday ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - MINIMUM (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$880.00	3%	\$904.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$220.00	3%	\$226.00
Saturday & Sunday					
4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,120.00	3%	\$1,152.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$280.00	3%	\$288.00
Saturday - Sunday ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,048.00	3%	\$1,080.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$262.00	3%	\$270.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,600.00	3%	\$1,648.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$400.00	3%	\$412.00
Public Holidays ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,500.00	3%	\$1,544.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$375.00	3%	\$386.00
Memorial Hall A - Function (smaller section)					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$252.00	-17%	\$210.00
Correction for actual costs.					
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$504.00	-17%	\$420.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$378.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$63.00	-17%	\$52.50
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$90.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm OR 1.00pm - 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$296.00	-16%	\$250.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$592.00	-16%	\$500.00
Night rate	C	Y	\$444.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$74.00	-16%	\$62.50
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$120.00

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Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$404.00	3%	\$416.10
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$808.00	3%	\$832.25
Night Rate	C	Y	\$606.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$101.00	3%	\$104.05
Memorial Hall B (Larger section)					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$404.00	0%	\$404.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$808.00	0%	\$808.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$606.00	0%	\$606.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$101.00	0%	\$101.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$440.00	0%	\$440.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$880.00	0%	\$880.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$660.00	0%	\$660.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$110.00	0%	\$110.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$568.00	0%	\$568.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,136.00	0%	\$1,136.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$852.00	0%	\$852.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$142.00	0%	\$142.00
Memorial Hall - A & B					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$504.00	0%	\$504.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,008.00	0%	\$1,008.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$756.00	0%	\$756.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$126.00	0%	\$126.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$604.00	0%	\$604.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,208.00	0%	\$1,208.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$906.00	0%	\$906.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$151.00	0%	\$151.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$756.00	3%	\$778.70
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,512.00	3%	\$1,557.35
Night Rate	C	Y	\$1,134.00	3%	\$1,168.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$189.00	3%	\$194.65
Conference Room					
Monday – Friday					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time). Adjusted to cover actual costs	C	Y	\$172.00	0%	\$172.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$344.00	0%	\$344.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$258.00	0%	\$258.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$43.00	0%	\$43.00

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Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$196.00	0%	\$196.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$392.00	0%	\$392.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$294.00	0%	\$294.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$49.00	0%	\$49.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$252.00	0%	\$252.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$504.00	0%	\$504.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$378.00	0%	\$378.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$63.00	0%	\$63.00
Foyer					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$195.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$350.00
Theatre and Conference Set Up					
Tier 1 - Standard Hire / No Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tier 2 - Minor Set Up / Small Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$366.00 + staffing 2 x 3hrs
Tier 3 - Major Set Up / Large Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$732.00 + staffing 2 x 6hrs
Specialist Theatre Lighting	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Specialist Theatre Audio	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Specialist Theatre AV	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Band set up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$185.00
Tier 1 - Standard Hire / No Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0.00
Tier 2 - Minor / Small Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$35.00
Tier 3 - Major / Large Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Meeting Room Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$61.00
Function Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Meeting Room Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Function / Banquet Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$275.00
Theatre Style Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$244.00
Function / Banquet Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$360.00
Expo / Trade Show Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$290.00
Other Facilities					
Kitchen - per day (includes cool room)	C	Y	\$325.00	3%	\$335.00
Abnormal cleaning (per hour) - minimum three hours	C	Y	\$70.00	14%	\$80.00
Grand Piano (per session, including tuning <i>topperformance standard</i>)	C	Y	\$450.00	3%	\$465.00
Grand Piano (untuned)	C	Y	\$100.00	20%	\$120.00
Opening of orchestra pit	C	Y	\$465.00	3%	\$480.00
Installation of apron	C	Y	\$465.00	3%	\$480.00
Relocation of control position to bio box	C	Y	\$350.00	3%	\$360.00
Installation of Stage Projection Cinema Screen	C	Y	\$230.00	2%	\$235.00

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WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTRE - Hiring of facilities - VOLUNTEER					
Box Office / Ticketing Costs					
Per ticket - with dollar value	C	Y	\$2.20	2%	\$2.25
Per tickets - complimentary tickets	C	Y	\$1.20	4%	\$1.25
Specialised ticket sales (preparation of seating plans, priority ticketing etc.)	C	Y	\$1.00	0%	\$1.00
- Additional charge					
Merchant Fee (Card Processing Fee)	C	Y	1.85%	0%	1.85%
Merchandise commission	C	Y	10.00%	0%	10.00%
Box office operation fee (when ticket sales are less than 100 paid tickets. Final charges will be based on the minimum fee listed OR actual attendance ~ whichever is greater)	C	Y	\$145.00	3%	\$150.00
Setup fee for offsite events	C	Y	\$250.00	3%	\$257.50
Minor changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
Medium changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$85.00	4%	\$88.00
Major changes to ticketing details after "on sale"	C	Y	\$170.00	3%	\$175.00
Cancellation of booking after "on sale"	C	Y	\$170.00	3%	\$175.00
And (when cancelled) applicable inside ticket charge for every ticket sold	C	Y	\$2.20 / \$1.20	2% / 4%	\$2.25 / \$1.25
And (when cancelled) MERCHANT FEE (Card Processing Fee)	C	Y	1.85%	0.00%	1.85%
Fees charged to ticket purchaser					
Mail fee	C	Y	\$11.00	9%	\$12.00
Exchange fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Ticket re-print fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Transaction fee	C	Y	\$3.00	0%	\$3.00
Alpine MDF Theatre - Performance / Function					
Monday – Friday					
4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$780.00	3%	\$800.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$195.00	3%	\$200.00
Monday - Friday ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$720.00	3%	\$740.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$180.00	3%	\$185.00
Saturday & Sunday					
4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$928.00	3%	\$956.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$232.00	3%	\$239.00
Saturday - Sunday ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$860.00	3%	\$884.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$215.00	3%	\$221.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,300.00	3%	\$1,340.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$325.00	3%	\$335.00
Public Holidays ~ Rehearsal or nonperformance day					
Rehearsal 4 hour hire - Minimum (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$1,240.00	3%	\$1,280.00
Rehearsal additional hours - charged in blocks of ONE hour (includes 1 x technical staff member)	C	Y	\$310.00	3%	\$320.00

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Memorial Hall A - Function (smaller section)					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$180.00	-17%	\$150.00
Correction for actual costs.					
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$360.00	-17%	\$300.00
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$60.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$270.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$45.00	-17%	\$37.50
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm OR 1.00pm - 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$212.00	-13%	\$185.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$424.00	-13%	\$370.00
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$90.00
Night rate	C	Y	\$318.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$53.00	-13%	\$46.25
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$288.00	4%	\$300.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$576.00	4%	\$600.00
Night Rate - Hourly Rate - 3 Hour Minimum	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$120.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$432.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$72.00	74%	\$125.00
Memorial Hall B (Larger section)					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$288.00	0%	\$288.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$576.00	0%	\$576.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$432.00	0%	\$432.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$72.00	0%	\$72.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$312.00	0%	\$312.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$624.00	0%	\$624.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$468.00	0%	\$468.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$78.00	0%	\$78.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$408.00	0%	\$408.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$816.00	0%	\$816.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$612.00	0%	\$612.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$102.00	0%	\$102.00
Memorial Hall - A & B					
Monday - Friday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$360.00	0%	\$360.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$720.00	0%	\$720.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$540.00	0%	\$540.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$90.00	0%	\$90.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$432.00	0%	\$432.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$864.00	0%	\$864.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$648.00	0%	\$648.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$108.00	0%	\$108.00

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Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$540.00	0%	\$540.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$1,080.00	0%	\$1,080.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$810.00	0%	\$810.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$135.00	0%	\$135.00
Conference Room					
Monday – Friday					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time). Adjusted to cover actual costs.	C	Y	\$124.00	0%	\$124.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$248.00	0%	\$248.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$186.00	0%	\$186.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$31.00	0%	\$31.00
Saturday - Sunday					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$140.00	0%	\$140.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$280.00	0%	\$280.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$210.00	0%	\$210.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$35.00	0%	\$35.00
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Half day hire (8.30am – 12.30pm – includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$180.00	0%	\$180.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm - includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	\$360.00	0%	\$360.00
Night Rate	C	Y	\$270.00	0%	\$270.00
Additional hours – charged in blocks of ONE hour	C	Y	\$45.00	0%	\$45.00
Foyer					
Half day hire (08:30am - 12:30pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$125.00
Full day hire (between 8.30am – 5.00pm ~ includes access & vacate time)	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$240.00
Theatre and Conference Set Up					
Tier 1 - Standard Hire / No Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tier 2 - Minor Set Up / Small Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$366.00 + staffing 2 x 3hrs
Tier 3 - Major Set Up / Large Pre-Rig	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$732.00 + staffing 2 x 6hrs
Specialist Theatre Lighting	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Specialist Theatre Audio	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Specialist Theatre AV	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$165.00 + staffing & equipment hire
Band set up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$185.00
Tier 1 - Standard Hire / No Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0.00
Tier 2 - Minor / Small Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$35.00
Tier 3 - Major / Large Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Meeting Room Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$61.00
Function Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Meeting Room Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$122.00
Function / Banquet Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$275.00
Theatre Style Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$244.00
Function / Banquet Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$360.00
Expo / Trade Show Set Up	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$290.00

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Other Facilities					
Kitchen - per day (includes cool room)	C	Y	\$230.00	4%	\$240.00
Abnormal cleaning (per hour) - minimum three hours	C	Y	\$70.00	14%	\$80.00
Grand Piano (per session, including tuning to performance standard)	C	Y	\$450.00	3%	\$465.00
Grand Piano (un tuned)	C	Y	\$100.00	20%	\$120.00
Opening of orchestra pit	C	Y	\$465.00	3%	\$480.00
Installation of apron	C	Y	\$465.00	3%	\$480.00
Relocation of control position to bio box	C	Y	\$350.00	3%	\$360.00
Installation of Stage Projection Cinema Screen	C	Y	\$230.00	2%	\$235.00
Other Facilities - Equipment & Production					
Equipment Hire - Blinder Bars DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$32.00	0%	\$32.00
Equipment Hire - Blinder Bars WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$64.00	100%	\$128.00
Equipment Hire - Hazer x 1 (Set of 2) DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$52.00	4%	\$54.00
Equipment Hire - Hazer x 1 (Set of 2) WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$208.00	4%	\$216.00
Equipment Hire - Inhouse Follow Spot x 1 DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$125.00	4%	\$130.00
Equipment Hire - Inhouse Follow Spot x 1 WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$500.00	4%	\$520.00
Equipment Hire - LED Ground Row/Floor LX x 4 - DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$240.00	2%	\$245.00
Equipment Hire - LED Ground Row/Floor LX x 4 - WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$480.00	2%	\$490.00
Equipment Hire - LED Can Package - DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$110.00	5%	\$115.00
Equipment Hire - LED Can Package - WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$260.00	4%	\$270.00
Equipment Hire - 2 x Moving Head Profile - DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$160.00	3%	\$165.00
Equipment Hire - Moving Head Profile x 2 - WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$320.00	3%	\$330.00
Equipment Hire - Moving Head Profile x 4 - DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$250.00	4%	\$260.00
Equipment Hire - Moving Head Profile x 4 - WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$500.00	4%	\$520.00
Equipment Hire - Mirror Ball DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$32.00	0%	\$32.00
Equipment Hire - Mirror Ball WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$64.00	100%	\$128.00
Equipment Hire - other external hires as required by performance and conference clients			AS PER SUPPLIER	N/A	AS PER SUPPLIER
Equipment Hire - Smoke Machine x 1 DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$55.00	2%	\$56.00
Equipment Hire - Smoke Machine x 1 WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$210.00	7%	\$224.00
Equipment Hire - Short-Throw Projector - DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$55.00	2%	\$56.00
Equipment Hire - Short-Throw Projector - WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$160.00	3%	\$164.00
Equipment Hire - Strobe x 1 DAILY RATE	C	Y	\$52.00	4%	\$54.00
Equipment Hire - Strobe x 1 WEEKLY RATE	C	Y	\$208.00	4%	\$216.00
Equipment Hire - AV Switcher & Control	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$50.00
Equipment Hire - Major 240v power extension, distro or 3 phase electricity	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$68.00
Equipment Hire - 3 to 6 on stage panel microphones	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$45.00
Equipment Hire - Dedicated internet / network connection	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$24.00
Equipment Hire - Wireless Headset / Lapel	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$30.00
Equipment Hire - WPACC Laptop x 1 DAILY RATE	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$25.00
Equipment Hire - Woodtop Bar & Fridge x 1 DAILY RATE	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$50.00
Event Production - Functions and Events - Full Standard WPACC					
Equipment, Specialist Lighting & Audio Programming, Additional Technical Set Up >6 Hours. Excludes Technician/Operator hours during event (charged at staffing rates)	C	Y	\$550.00	3%	\$566.00
Event Live-Stream/Video Conferencing/Hybrid AV. Beyond Standard AV (Includes additional Laptops, AV Switcher, Webcams, Tripod, Monitors, Microphones). Excludes Technician/Operator hours during event (charged at staffing rates)	C	Y	\$160.00	3%	\$165.00

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WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTRE - Secretarial services					
Photocopying / Printing					
A4 colour	C	Y	\$2.55	4%	\$2.65
A4 B&W	C	Y	\$0.80	0%	\$0.80
A3 colour	C	Y	\$4.80	3%	\$4.95
A3 B&W	C	Y	\$1.25	4%	\$1.30
Flipchart					
Flipchart paper - additional pads	C	Y	AS PER SUPPLIER	N/A	AS PER SUPPLIER
Laminating					
A4	C	Y	\$2.70	4%	\$2.80
A3	C	Y	\$4.90	3%	\$5.05
Performance Marketing					
Performance Marketing - Dedicated EDM	C	Y	\$257.00	3%	\$265.00
Performance Marketing - 'Like Audience' EDM	C	Y	\$154.00	N/A	Discontinued
Performance Marketing - Website Homepage & Landing Slide for 1 month	C	Y	\$257.00	3%	\$265.00
Performance Marketing - other social media, print, radio, TV marketing and promotions as required by Hirer	C	Y	AS PER SUPPLIER	N/A	AS PER SUPPLIER
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTRE - Staffing					
Staff Rates (min 3 hours)					
Monday – Friday					
Technical Staff per hour (min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$61.00	3%	\$63.00
FOH Supervisor per hour (min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$61.00	3%	\$63.00
Ushers / Front of House Staff (per hour, minimum of 3 hours)	C	Y	\$50.50	3%	\$52.00
Overtime Level 1 - per hour (when a staff member is required for more than 8 hours and less than 10 hours continuously. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$25.00 additional per hour	0%	applicable hourly rate + \$25.00 additional per hour
Overtime Level 2 - per hour (when a staff member is required continuously for 10 hours or more. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment.)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$49.00 additional per hour	2%	applicable hourly rate + \$50.00 additional per hour
Saturday - Sunday					
Technical Staff per hour (min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$72.00	3%	\$74.00
FOH Supervisor per hour (min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$72.00	3%	\$74.00
Ushers / Front of House Staff (per hour, minimum of 3 hours)	C	Y	\$61.00	3%	\$63.00
Overtime Level 1 - per hour (when a staff member is required for more than 8 hours and less than 10 hours continuously. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$25.00 additional per hour	0%	applicable hourly rate + \$25.00 additional per hour
Overtime Level 2 - per hour (when a staff member is required continuously for 10 hours or more. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$49.00 additional per hour	2%	applicable hourly rate + \$50.00 additional per hour
Public Holidays (CLOSED Christmas Day & Good Friday)					
Technical Staff per hour (min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$120.00	3%	\$124.00
FOH Supervisor per hour (min 3 hours)	C	Y	\$120.00	3%	\$124.00
Ushers / Front of House Staff (per hour, minimum of 3 hours)	C	Y	\$99.50	3%	\$102.00
Overtime Level 1 - per hour (when a staff member is required for more than 8 hours and less than 10 hours continuously. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$25.00 additional per hour	0%	applicable hourly rate + \$25.00 additional per hour
Overtime Level 2 - per hour (when a staff member is required continuously for 10 hours or more. Time is charged to the nearest 15 minute increment)	C	Y	applicable hourly rate + \$49.00 additional per hour	2%	applicable hourly rate + \$50.00 additional per hour

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WANGARATTA SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE					
Pool Entry					
Pool Entry - Adult	C	Y	\$8.50	4%	\$8.80
Pool Entry - 10 visit - Adult	C	Y	\$76.50	4%	\$79.20
Pool Entry - Child (Under 16) / Concession	C	Y	\$6.00	3%	\$6.20
Pool Entry - 10 visit - Child (Under 16) / Concession	C	Y	\$54.00	4%	\$56.00
Pool Entry - Family	C	Y	\$20.50	2%	\$21.00
Pool Entry - 10 visit - Family	C	Y	\$184.50	3%	\$190.00
Pool Entry - Family - Concession	C	Y	\$14.50	3%	\$15.00
Pool Entry - 10 visit - Family - Concession	C	Y	\$130.00	3%	\$134.00
Summer Season Pass - Family	C	Y	\$184.50	3%	\$190.00
Summer Season Pass - Family - Concession	C	Y	\$130.00	3%	\$134.00
Pool Carnival Spectator Entry	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$5.00
Learn to Swim					
<i>To Jan 2026:</i>					
Learn to Swim Membership (30 min) – fortnightly debit	C	Y	\$28.50	11%	\$31.50
Learn to Swim Membership (30 min) – fortnightly debit - Concession	C	Y	\$19.95	5%	\$21.00
<i>From Feb 2026 - Same price per class, now charged fortnightly over 11 rather than 12 months, with free holiday pool access in January:</i>					
Learn to Swim Membership (30 min) – fortnightly debit	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$34.15
Learn to Swim Membership (30 min) – fortnightly debit - Concession	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$24.00
Squad Learn to Swim lessons (45min) - fortnightly debit	C	Y	\$42.75	3%	\$44.00
Learn to Swim Class (per class – invoiced or funded payment)	C	Y	\$18.53	4%	\$19.20
LTS holiday intensive program rate (30mins x 5 days)	C	Y	\$93.00	2%	\$95.00
Learn to Swim - private lesson - one child - 30 mins	C	Y	\$55.50	3%	\$57.20
Learn to Swim - private lesson - two children - 30 mins (price per child)	C	Y	\$27.75	3%	\$28.60
Group Fitness					
Group Fitness Class	C	Y	\$19.00	3%	\$19.50
Group Fitness Class - 10 visits	C	Y	\$171.00	3%	\$176.00
Group Fitness Class - Concession	C	Y	\$13.50	4%	\$14.00
Group Fitness Class - Concession - 10 visits	C	Y	\$121.50	3%	\$125.50
Group Fitness Instructor private booking - per hr	C	Y	\$150.00	3%	\$154.50
Gym Session					
Casual	C	Y	\$22.00	2%	\$22.50
Casual - 10 visit	C	Y	\$198.00	3%	\$204.00
Casual Concession	C	Y	\$15.40	4%	\$16.00
Casual Concession - 10 visit	C	Y	\$138.60	3%	\$143.00
7 day Max Access (Full Centre) Pass	C	Y	\$44.00	3%	\$45.50
Gym Assessment	C	Y	\$68.00	3%	\$70.00
Student / Client private consult (no instructor required) - per gym visit, per person	C	Y	\$8.50	4%	\$8.80
Body Composition Scan	C	Y	\$42.00	2%	\$43.00
Personal Training					
Personal training - 5 visit x 30 min sessions pack (member only)	C	Y	\$211.50	3%	\$218.00
Personal Training - 5 visit x 30 min sessions pack (non-member only)	C	Y	\$234.00	3%	\$241.00
30 mins - member - per session - 1 on 1	C	Y	\$47.00	3%	\$48.50
30 mins - member - per session - 2 on 1	C	Y	\$62.50	4%	\$65.00
30 mins - non-member - per session - 1 on 1	C	Y	\$52.00	3%	\$53.60
30 mins - non-member - per session - 2 on 1	C	Y	\$72.00	3%	\$74.50

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Hire Rates					
25m Lane Hire (Indoor) - per hour	C	Y	\$37.00	3%	\$38.00
50m Lane Hire (Outdoor) - per hour	C	Y	\$37.00	3%	\$38.00
Program Pool - full pool per hour	C	Y	\$74.00	3%	\$76.00
Program Pool - half pool per hour	C	Y	\$37.00	3%	\$38.00
Warm Water Pool - half pool per hour	C	Y	\$46.00	2%	\$47.00
Warm Water Pool - whole pool per hour	C	Y	\$92.00	3%	\$95.00
Pool carnival up to 4 hours	C	Y	\$600.00	3%	\$620.00
Pool carnival 4 hours or more	C	Y	\$1,200.00	3%	\$1,240.00
Inflatable Hire with 3 x Lifeguards (Per Hour)	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$175.00
Studio Room Hire - per hour	C	Y	\$70.00	3%	\$72.00
Meeting Room #1 - per hour	C	Y	\$30.00	3%	\$31.00
Allied Health professional private consult room booking - per hr	C	Y	\$25.00	3%	\$25.80
Allied Health professional private consult room booking - half day (4hr)	C	Y	\$80.00	3%	\$82.00
Allied health professional private consult room booking - full day	C	Y	\$150.00	3%	\$155.00
Duty Manager - per hour	C	Y	\$52.50	3%	\$54.10
Lifeguard - per hour	C	Y	\$52.50	3%	\$54.10
Swim Instructor - per hour	C	Y	\$52.50	3%	\$54.10
Memberships - Fortnightly					
Joining Fee: Full Access Membership	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$90.00
Joining Fee: Gym or Group Fitness with Pool Membership	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$60.00
Joining Fee: Pool Membership	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
Membership - Pool	C	Y	\$21.00	3%	\$21.60
Membership - Gym or Group Fitness with Pool	C	Y	\$42.00	3%	\$43.30
Membership - Full Centre Access	C	Y	\$52.00	3%	\$53.60
Membership - Full Centre - Off Peak (8am-3pm)	C	Y	\$32.00	3%	\$33.00
Membership - Pool - Concession	C	Y	\$14.50	3%	\$15.00
Membership - Gym or Group Fitness with Pool - Concession	C	Y	\$29.40	3%	\$30.30
Membership - Full Centre Access - Concession	C	Y	\$36.40	4%	\$38.00
Membership - Pool - Family	C	Y	\$42.00	3%	\$43.30
Membership - Pool - Family - Concession	C	Y	\$29.40	4%	\$30.50
Full Centre Corporate membership rate (5+ employees)	C	Y	\$36.50	4%	\$38.00
Teen Gym membership (13 -17 yrs)	C	Y	\$25.00	3%	\$25.80
Squash / Racquetball (per hour)					
Squash court hire per court	C	Y	\$16.00	2%	\$16.40
Casual Squash Court use - per person, per entry - non-exclusive use	C	Y	\$4.00	N/A	Discontinued
Squash court hire exclusive use of all 6 courts	C	Y	\$80.00	3%	\$82.00
<i>Subject to booking arrangements equivalent to prior year's total hours:</i>					
WS&RC Squash Court Seasonal Hire (8 - 11 wks, 1 hour per week) Junior 4 Courts	N/A	N/A	\$500.00	3%	\$515.00
WS&RC Squash Court Seasonal Hire (14 wk, 2 hours per week) Senior 6 Courts	N/A	N/A	\$2,000.00	3%	\$2,060.00
Schools					
Casual stadium & squash court use - per person, per entry - non-exclusive use	C	Y	\$4.00	3%	\$4.10
Group Fitness Instructor fee, per class per hour	C	Y	\$125.00	3%	\$129.00
Supervised Gym Session, per hour	C	Y	\$125.00	3%	\$129.00
Swimming lessons (ratio 1:7 - 1:10) per child	C	Y	\$9.00	3%	\$9.30
School - recreation swim, per student	C	Y	\$4.75	3%	\$4.90

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Stadium					
Casual stadium use - per person, per entry - non-exclusive personal use	C	Y	\$4.00	3%	\$4.10
Casual stadium program entry - per person, per entry	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$10.00
Stadium Court 2-3 hire/Training/Casual Use - per court, per hour - exclusive use inc. volleyball, pickleball, badminton, netball.	C	Y	\$37.50	3%	\$38.60
Stadium Courts 4-5 hire/Training/Casual Use - per court, per hour - exclusive use, inc volleyball, pickleball, badminton, netball.	C	Y	\$43.00	3%	\$44.40
Long court, per hour - exclusive use	C	Y	\$46.00	3%	\$47.40
Stadium Show Court hire, per hour - incl grand stand	C	Y	\$96.00	0%	\$96.00
Stadium Show Court hire, per hour - Community User Group Rate	C	Y	N/A	N/A	\$50.00
Stadium Show Court Event hire - up to 4hr	C	Y	\$600.00	N/A	Discontinued
Stadium Show Court Event hire - more than 4hr, up to 8 hrs	C	Y	\$1,200.00	N/A	Discontinued
Additional court cleaning	C	Y	N/A	N/A	At Cost
Gymnastics - Intermediate - 45 mins	C	Y	\$13.50	3%	\$13.90
Gymnastics - Senior - 45 mins	C	Y	\$13.50	3%	\$13.90
Gymnastics - Senior - 60 mins	C	Y	\$16.50	3%	\$17.00
Kinder Gymnastics	C	Y	\$8.50	4%	\$8.80
Wangaratta Basketball Incorporated (WBI):					
<i>Subject to booking arrangements equivalent to prior year's total hours:</i>					
WBI Stadium Seasonal Court Hire (12 - 16 wks, 10 hours per week), Show Court 1	C	Y	\$4,000.00	3%	\$4,120.00
WBI Stadium Seasonal Court Hire (12 - 16 wks, 10 hours per week), Court 2 or 3	C	Y	\$3,000.00	3%	\$3,090.00
WBI Stadium Seasonal Court Hire (12 - 16 wks, 10 hours per week), Long Court (Courts 2 & 3)	C	Y	NA	N/A	\$3,846.00
WBI Stadium Seasonal Court Hire (12 - 16 wks, 10 hours per week), Court 4 or 5	C	Y	\$3,500.00	3%	\$3,605.00
Miscellaneous					
Shower	C	Y	\$4.00	3%	\$4.10
Fob or Membership Card Purchase or Replacement			\$30.00	0%	\$30.00

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
WASTE MANAGEMENT - Bowser Landfill					
Commercial cartage contractors					
General Waste for commercial contractors	C	Y	\$349.00	2%	\$354.70
Recyclable Materials (concrete / raw wood / trunks / branches)	C	Y	\$84.78	18%	\$100.00
Processed wood and timber disposal	C	Y	\$195.49	3%	\$201.00
Green Waste (grass/small pruning's)	C	Y	\$84.78	16%	\$98.00
Metal	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Low Level Contaminated Soil	C	Y	\$412.00	3%	\$425.00
Asbestos	C	Y	\$304.00	3%	\$314.00
Uncontaminated Fill material	C	N	\$113.69	3%	\$117.00
Fee for non-conforming waste, i.e. tyres, mattress, e-waste, liquid and oils and illegal asbestos	C	Y	\$197.00	3%	\$202.90
WASTE MANAGEMENT - Disposal fees					
Waste Administration Fee (Landfill and Transfer Station)	C	Y	\$40.00	3%	\$41.20
General Waste					
General Waste minimum (garbage bag / up to 30L)	C	Y	\$4.50	4%	\$4.70
General Waste wheelie bin	C	Y	\$14.00	3%	\$14.40
1/4m3 General Waste (0.25m3)	C	Y	\$24.00	3%	\$24.60
1/2m3 General Waste (0.5m3)	C	Y	\$47.00	5%	\$49.20
3/4m3 General Waste (0.75m3)	C	Y	\$71.00	4%	\$73.80
General Waste - per cubic metre	C	Y	\$94.00	5%	\$98.40
Recyclable Materials					
1/4m3 Timber (minimum) (0.25m3)	C	Y	\$12.50	4%	\$13.00
1/2 m3 Timber (0.5m3)	C	Y	\$25.00	4%	\$26.00
Timber - per cubic metre	C	Y	\$50.00	4%	\$52.00
1/4m3 Concrete & Rubble (minimum) (0.25m3)	C	Y	\$12.50	4%	\$13.00
1/2 m3 Concrete & Rubble (0.5m3)	C	Y	\$25.00	4%	\$26.00
Concrete - (per cubic metre) up to a maximum of 2 cubic metres	C	Y	\$42.00	24%	\$52.00
Car/motorcycle tyres (P)	C	Y	\$7.00	14%	\$8.00
Truck Tyres Small - Light weight / small / 4WD	C	Y	\$15.50	3%	\$16.00
Truck Tyres Large (LT) - includes forklift & bobcat tyres up to 0.5m high.	C	Y	\$19.50	8%	\$21.00
Forklift Tyres up to 1m high	C	y	\$45.00	4%	\$47.00
Tractor Tyres up to 1m high	C	y	\$113.46	3%	\$117.00
Tractor Tyres up to 2m high	C	y	\$176.00	3%	\$182.00
Earthmoving Tyres Small up to 1m high	C	y	\$150.00	3%	\$155.00
Earthmoving Tyres Medium up to 1.5m high	C	y	\$259.00	3%	\$267.00
Earthmoving Tyres Large up to 2m high	C	y	\$504.92	3%	\$521.00
Cot Mattress All Sizes	C	y	\$12.50	4%	\$13.00
Single Mattress	C	Y	\$36.50	4%	\$38.00
Double/queen/king Mattress	C	Y	\$40.00	5%	\$42.00
Other					
Furniture items - Small & medium single items (chairs, tables) - each	C	Y	\$9.50	5%	\$10.00
Furniture items - Large & multiple items (lounge suites, dining suites, cupboards, wardrobes) Equivalent to a 2 seater settee	C	Y	\$36.50	4%	\$38.00
Recyclable Materials					
Metal - scrap metals, white goods (except fridges)	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Fridges, Freezers & Air Conditioners	C	Y	\$22.00	5%	\$23.00
Glass, aluminum cans, PET plastic, HDPE plastic, paper, cardboard, polystyrene	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Green waste - Minimum fee (≤0.25 per cubic metre)	C	Y	\$4.50	4%	\$4.70
1/2m3 Green waste (0.5m3)	C	Y	\$9.50	-1%	\$9.40
Green waste - per cubic metre	C	Y	\$19.00	-1%	\$18.80
All E-waste per individual item	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Household Batteries	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Car Batteries	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Fluorescent Globes	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Paint Tins	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Polystyrene (resident)	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Polystyrene (commercial)	C	Y	\$11.00	-55%	\$5.00
Gas Bottles (up to 10kg)	C	Y	\$16.00	-50%	\$8.00
Motor Oil (accepted at Markwood & Wangaratta)	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Plastic Oil Containers < 20 litres	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Plastic Oil Containers > 20 litres	C	Y	\$5.00	10%	\$5.50
Metal Oil Containers	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE
Drum Muster Approved Chemical Drums	C	N/A	FREE	N/A	FREE

Description of Fees and Charges	Statutory (S) or Council (C)	GST Y/N	2024/25 Fee Inc. GST	Change %	2025/26 Fee Inc. GST
Garbage					
Public place event bins (Garbage)	C	Y	\$14.00	4%	\$14.50
Public place event bins (Organics)	C	Y	\$14.00	4%	\$14.50
Public place event bins (Recycling)	C	Y	\$14.00	4%	\$14.50
Public place event bins (outside ordinary hours) per hr	C	Y	\$240.00	4%	\$250.00
Weekly garbage (Kerbside) collection for Rural Commercial premises only	C	Y	\$825.00	3%	\$850.00
Kitchen Caddie	C	Y	\$17.00	3%	\$17.50
WORKS WITHIN A ROAD RESERVE					
Arterial Road					
Minor Works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$261.28	N/A	\$268.96
Works other than minor works - Conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$705.46	N/A	\$726.19
Minor Works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$155.14	N/A	\$159.70
Works other than minor works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$493.17	N/A	\$507.66
Municipal road or non-arterial State road where maximum speed limit at any time is more than 50 kph					
Minor Works - Conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$151.87	N/A	\$156.33
Works other than minor works - Conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$703.82	N/A	\$724.51
Minor Works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$97.98	N/A	\$100.68
Works other than minor works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$383.76	N/A	\$395.04
Municipal road or non-arterial State road where maximum speed limit at any time is less than 50 kph					
Minor Works - Conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$151.87	N/A	\$156.33
Works other than minor works - Conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$383.76	N/A	\$395.04
Minor Works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$97.98	N/A	\$100.86
Works other than minor works - Not conducted on any part of the roadway, shoulder or pathway	S	N	\$97.98	N/A	\$100.86
Driveways					
Installed on a 50km/h or less road	C	N	\$391.92	3%	\$403.70
Installed on a 60km/h-100km/h road	C	N	\$710.36	3%	\$731.65
Road Opening, Landscaping and Asset Protection					
Works 10sqm or less	C	N	\$97.98	3%	\$100.90
Works greater than 10sqm	C	N	\$155.14	3%	\$159.80
Asset protection permit	C	N	\$97.98	3%	\$100.90
Barricading around buildings					
Works 10sqm or less	C	N	\$97.98	3%	\$100.90
Works greater than 10sqm	C	N	\$155.14	3%	\$159.80



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2025/26 COMMUNITY BUDGET SUBMISSIONS - OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitter	Nature of Submission	Budget Requested	In Budget	Officer Recommendation
1	Boorhaman Recreation Reserve Shade Sail	\$35,000	\$35,000	Include \$35k in budget Funds to be allocated for the installation of a shade sail over the Boorhaman Recreation Reserve children's playground.
2	Merriwa Park gardening and maintenance	\$17,000	\$17,000	Include \$17k in budget Funds to be added to council's Field Services maintenance budget to increase the maintenance work in Merriwa Park.
3	Wang Jazz & Blues 2025 Jazz Awards	\$10,000	\$10,000	Include \$10k in budget A council contribution of \$10k to the Wangaratta Jazz & Blues 2025 Jazz Awards, recommending that the WPACC be used as the venue for the awards.
4	Steinway on Stage Concerts	\$6,000	\$6,000	Include \$6k in budget Council's WPACC budget to have a \$6k one-off allocation to manage the delivery of two Steinway on Stage concerts in 2025/26, in partnership with Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance Inc interest group. This will cover performer payments, fees, piano tuning and some other administration costs. WPACC to retain income from ticket sales.
5	Club signage at entrance to Merriwa Park	\$1,000		No change to budget - deliver within existing budget Recommend council to erect signage at entrance to Merriwa Park to advise of facilities, and to deliver through the existing operating budget.
6	Renovate drain at western end of Merriwa Park carpark	Unknown		No change to budget - delivered within existing budget Recommended works have been scoped and will be completed within the operating budget in new financial year.
7	Driving Range/Warm Up Bays - Boorhaman Golf Club Submission 1	\$15,600		No change to budget. Project considered more suitable for alternative funding source such as Community Grants Program.
8	Driving Range/Warm Up Bays - Boorhaman Golf Club Submission 2	\$15,600		No change to budget. Project considered more suitable for alternative funding source such as Community Grants Program.
9	Training lights at Cathedral College to support hockey club usage	\$150,000		No change to budget. No budget allocation has been made as the facility does not fall under Council ownership or responsibility.
10	Murray to Mountains Rail Trail - Improvement to quality of the surface	Unknown		No change to budget. Renewal works are determined in accordance with our Road Management Plan and informed by asset condition data.
11	Upgrade Wangaratta Pony Club Dressage Arenas	\$50,996		No change to budget. This project is identified as a medium priority in the Recreation Strategy. At this stage, the project is not supported, as other initiatives for the Pony Club have been identified as higher priority.

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12	Information Kiosk at Apex Park	Unknown		No change to budget. The Visitor Services Strategy has been implemented with kiosks at the Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre and the Ned Kelly Discovery Hub in Glenrowan. There are currently no plans to establish additional kiosks in Wangaratta.
13	Look for a Book (initiative to encourage child reading)	\$5,000		No change to budget. A similar program already exists at the Library, and Council staff are willing to support it by extending the timeframe and assisting with promotion.
14	Gourmet Cycle Trail Extension (Extend cycle trail from Milawa to Markwood)	\$900,000		No change to budget. The Walking and Cycling Strategy prioritises larger projects that benefit more users, so this project is not considered a funding priority at this time.
15	Boys Career Breakfast	\$3,000		No change to budget. With some further understanding of the initiative proposed it may be possible for council to support this opportunity in other ways.
16	Celebrating traditions & cultures in our community	\$7,000		No change to budget. Recommend exploring alternative funding opportunities such as Community Grants or the Tourism & Events Program. Alternatively state government multi-cultural grants may be accessible and council letters of support can be provided if needed.
17	Project 365 Bringing Light to the Dark	\$105,000		No change to budget. Recommend exploring alternative funding opportunities such as Community Grants or the Tourism & Events Program.
18	Celebrating 50 Years of VICSES in Wangaratta	\$5,000		No change to budget. We deeply value the SES and its dedicated volunteers. However, funding assistance in this instance is recommended to be directed to the State Government.
19	Bike/Walking Trail linking Whitfield to Cheshunt	\$10,000,000		No change to budget. Council endorses this idea, aligning with several strategic initiatives. Implementation depends on securing substantial grant funding, as the required investment exceeds council's budget capacity.
20	Top Teams Trophy Event (Oxley Recreation Reserve Oval Upgrade)	\$56,000		No change to budget. This project requests \$6k for event sponsorship and \$50k for oval upgrade. As this isn't a council reserve, recommend the event component be directed towards the Council Sponsorship program.
21	Sports Centre upgrade - Wangaratta High School Sports Centre	\$10,000 - \$15,000		No change to budget. Council is operating under its own financial pressures to maintain community infrastructure. As a Department of Education facility, the Department really needs to provide funding for maintenance of government education assets.
22	Wangaratta Mural Trail by Ronan Holdsworth Gallery	\$4,500		No change to budget. Recommend exploring alternative funding opportunities such as the Community Grants Program.

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23	Connecting Community Project	\$39,000		No change to budget. This project seeks \$39k/year to run a program to connect community members who are isolated, disengaged or disconnected. Due to the recurring nature of the proposal, recommend to refer to Council's Sponsorship Program.
24	Purpose built Hockey Facility for Wangaratta Hockey Club	\$10,000,000		No change to budget. Council acknowledges this as a high priority in the recreation strategy, however is severely constrained as the location or funds aren't currently available for this extent of investment.
25	Lights at Wareena Park Bowls Club to support bowling and hockey	\$20,000		No change to budget. Accommodating hockey growth and the lighting are a high priority in the Recreation Strategy. This is also a possible location for several other clubs. Recommendation is for council to defer this request pending an assessment to determine future use.
26	Ivones Lane Bridge	N/A		No change to budget. Council complete renewal works on all assets based on condition data. Ivones Lane Bridge is now due for renewal and so is included in the bridge renewal budget.
27	Recurring Sponsorship - Open Door Neighbourhood House	\$10,000		No change to budget. \$10k requested for the next three years to continue the provision of several community services. Recommend refer to the council sponsorship program, noting that Open Door has previously received sponsorship funding.
28	CCTV cameras for the CBD	\$50,000		No change to budget. This initiative is not supported at this stage. Council is prioritising Mitchell Avenue due to known issues identified in discussions with local Police Services.
29	Water Infrastructure for Boorhaman Golf Course Fairways	\$50,000		No change to budget. Project considered more suitable for alternative funding source such as the Community Grants Program.
30	Boggy Creek Footbridge, Moyhu	\$200,000		No change to budget. Council continue to undertake footpath work in line with our Walking & Cycling Strategy.
31	Redevelopment of North Wangaratta Football & Netball Club Facilities	\$39,000 per year		No change to budget. This would be a valuable project, however, there are other locations requiring higher priority outstanding work and significant works have already been completed at these grounds over the past few years. Council will continue to work with NWFNC on future maintenance and renewal planning
32	Strengthening of embankments within Merriwa Park	\$17,000		No change to budget. Recommendation is to allocate funds to Merriwa Park improvements in submission #3 above ('Merriwa Park gardening and maintenance' submission)

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33	Moyhu Bowls Club Green Replacement	\$150,000		No change to budget. This project is supported. Council has recently auspice a grant to upgrade the surface and await the outcome.
34	Parents Space within the CBD	\$1,000,000		No change to budget. This project is not high enough priority for council to allocate funding under current financial constraints given other facilities do exist.
35	Maintenance operation facility - Moyhu Recreation Reserve	\$36,035		No change to budget. Project considered more suitable for alternative funding source such as the Community Grants Program.
36	Wangaratta Netball Court Refurbishment	Unknown		No change to budget. Council is grateful for the significant grant funding received to undertake upgrades. The grant funding however doesn't cover the full scope of desired works. Council Officers have thoroughly reviewed project scope to maximise what can be achieved within the available budget and obtain approval from the funding body.
37	Connecting Footpaths in and around Moyhu	\$200,000		No change to budget. Council continue to undertake footpath work in line with our Walking & Cycling Strategy.
38	New public toilets for Whorouly Recreation Reserve	Unknown		No change to budget. A community plan was developed for Whorouly, and the hardcourt upgrades (netball courts) were chosen for prioritisation. Council is mindful of the significant investment in the netball courts and notes public toilets weren't included in the plan. Equity in funding distribution across townships remains an important consideration.
39	Wangaratta Symphony Orchestra - free Orchestral themed Christmas Concert 1	\$3,000		No change to budget. Recommend exploring alternative funding opportunities such as the Community Grant and Tourism & Events Programs, noting the support already provided through WPACC discounted hire fees.
40	Wangaratta Symphony Orchestra - free Orchestral themed Christmas Concert 2	\$3,000		No change to budget. Recommend exploring alternative funding opportunities such as the Community Grant and Tourism & Events Programs, noting the support already provided through WPACC discounted hire fees.
41	Footbridge - Moyhu Walking Track over Boggy Creek	\$25,000		No change to budget. Council continue to undertake footpath work in line with our Walking & Cycling Strategy.
42	Moyhu Tennis Club - Court Upgrade	unknown		No change to budget. No design work has been completed for this work. Council officers will continue to work to develop a strategic plan that shows growth and future direction to support future funding applications.
43	Moyhu Tennis Club Facility Upgrade	\$1,200,000		No change to budget. No design work has been completed for this work. Council officers will continue to work to develop a strategic plan that shows growth and future direction to support future funding applications.

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44	Wangaratta Sports Carnival Sponsorship	\$4,000		No change to budget. \$4k requested annually to sponsor the Women's Wangaratta Gift. Refer to council's Sponsorship Program and/or the Tourism & Events Program, noting RCOW has provided sponsorship in the past.
45	Wangaratta Symphony Orchestra - free Orchestral themed Christmas Concert 3	\$3,000		No change to budget. Recommend exploring alternative funding opportunities such as the Community Grant and Tourism & Events Programs, noting the support already provided through WPACC discounted hire fees.
46	Shade Cover For Stage in King George Gardens	Unknown		No change to budget. Recommend that Council Officers look into the feasibility of this project.
47	Moyhu Tennis Club Tennis Court Upgrade	\$1,200,000		No change to budget. No design work has been completed for this work. Council officers will continue to work to develop a strategic plan that shows growth and future direction to support future funding applications.
48	Glenrowan Moyhu Infrastructure Upgrade	Unknown		No change to budget. Council has developed an infrastructure upgrade plan for Moyhu looking at infrastructure upgrades required over the next 5-10 years. Road widening is not proposed although planned drainage upgrades and path works are included.
49	Wangaratta Sports Carnival Sponsorship	\$5,000		No change to budget. \$5k requested annually for council to continue to sponsor the Women's Wangaratta Gift. Refer to council's Sponsorship Program and/or the Tourism & Events Program, noting RCOW has provided sponsorship in the past.
50	Courts upgrade	\$1,200,000		No change to budget. No design work has been completed for this work. Council officers will continue to work to develop a strategic plan that shows growth and future direction to support future funding applications.
51	Moyhu Tennis Club Facility Upgrade (4 courts)	\$1,200,000		No change to budget. No design work has been completed for this work. Council officers will continue to work to develop a strategic plan that shows growth and future direction to support future funding applications.
52	Budget Submission - Wangaratta Bowls and Sports Club	\$172,800		No change to budget. These projects are not aligned with the Parklands Master Plan. The club is advised to develop a strategic plan to assist council assess future growth and requirements.

Community Consultation Submissions - verbatim responses Events & Attractions Strategy 2025-2029		
	Which themes or actions are of particular interest to you and why?	Do you have any general comments about the strategy?
1	I think the Jazz festival should be back to the original form . It brought lots of people into Wangaratta and money also and every day locals were more involved as to now locals are not involved and also "Carols by candlelight" should be held in Merrewa park .	
2	As XXXX of Jazz and Blues Music Festival and Live entertainment items interest me. Accommodation and infrastructure to host bigger scale events. What assets can we purchase to lower year on year costs for hosting events? Can we work with other operators to purchase these assets? Festival open to discussing this. IE we don't want to buy expensive gear and keep it in storage all year. How can we encourage a shared asset pool? Strategies on how to lengthen stays. IE How do we fill up venues after events or run events that don't pinch patronage from venues who work hard to establish themselves. Changing the town culture to encourage people to pay for entertainment to increase cash pool for events and make it all more sustainable. Less reliance on government grants	Good work. You're events are increasing in attendance each time and there are better attitudes in town around them. Town looks great and people are impressed when they come. continue to build relationships with private enterprise. There are people out there with money who will contribute to the right things, but they want to be listened to. Always happy to chat if you want to.
3	I have attended the New Year's Eve event for many years. As a family, we have also enjoyed the 365 concert. The movies in the park. I think the movies would be better held in Spring or Autumn. Darker quicker to watch movies with the family.	I think there should be more family events. The winter festival was also good. Being able to get ice skating or other activities for families to participate in.
4	Entertainment - Generating interest of larger events to the region. We have a perfect live music venue (Merriwa Park) that has been disbanded and requires urgent attention. With minimal effort this venue could be the perfect place to host stage shows for up to 2000-2500 people. No mention of Carols by Candlelight in this strategy. Sporting Events - I will keep pushing the barrow for the Baseball / Softball precinct. The only precinct in regional Victoria where you are able to host 4 games of baseball / 8 games of softball at one location. This is unheard of. Yet the club receives little to no funding or support from the Council. The Club are required to host a state level tournament that will bring in excess of 2000 people this year as Baseball Victoria have changed from offering us U18's to U13's in 2025 due to the amount of diamonds we have in the one location. Our belief is that Council pay a fee to someone for this tournament, but don't put in the same amount of funding to the club to support the event. A volunteer base prepare all grounds and runs the weekend event. If the same funding was placed into these grounds and the infrastructure was maintained by council, the facility may be more appealing to Baseball Victoria for this and many more BV ran competitions. In turn, no fee to them would be required as they would have no better option to host these types of events. Are the local football ovals and infrastructure maintained by Council? Marketing - Always a tough one to get right. We have such a large population surrounding our municipality that we need to tap into. People will travel for something that sparks their interest. Obscure events that target minority groups usually have the biggest followings. Given the right opportunities these niche groups travel and support each other in droves. I don't have any in mind sorry, but they are out there.	I think it is great overall. The council do a fantastic job on generating and hosting/partnering with some great events. I do try and support as many as I possibly can. The frequency is usually spot on and they are all very well attended. Always happy to try and lend a hand or offer assistance if asked.
5	Development of the Arts Precinct. A new Fit for Purpose building to house the extensive and culturally important art collection will i feel (and know from other Regional Gallery developments eg: Bendigo Albury)improve the well being of our community and attract visitors to scheduled programming also contributing to economic gain. It will really be the heart of Wangaratta. I understand that we will start to fall behind Arts programming and therefore funding as the aging buildings do not meet travelling exhibition standards.	The strategy looks very robust and exciting for a growing rural city. Accommodation and transport issues - buses to venues for smaller towns - could encourage visitors to stay out of town when capacity in town accommodation has been reached. Also a parking area on the outskirts of town with transport to reduce traffic congestion in town streets and at venues. I question the support of the Rodeo with rate payers money - animal welfare being my reason. Is there majority support from residents or is this a financial decision?
6	Connection-based and local-produce/creations based events. I feel these attract people of all ages, rather than just toddlers and old people. Events at the moment aren't really catered to the average 17-40 year old.	The events need to be less costly, or no cost.
7	There were two key points that grabbed my attention. First is 'collaboration' and the second is 'cultural' awareness. You see I'm a trained facilitator with a Masters in Social Work. Adding to my qualifications and experience as a chaplain for SU Australia where I was able to upskill my professionalism through cross-cultural training. Saying that I'm now a trained facilitator who is able to facilitate a program called "CHAT" which means Cultural Hearing Asking Telling. You see I've been waiting and observing for an opportunity in my local community to discover an appropriate time and place where this program has the potential to strengthen friendships and community connections.	Although I'm a community minded person who seems to gravitate and favour the "going against the grain" this strategy seems ambitious and at the same time achievable within the timeframe given. I look forward to participating more intentionally in the coming months and years.
8	* Reducing single plastic use take-away containers at events to ZERO would be something I can support * I don't support council providing any ongoing funding to "RegFest" which is just another RODEO All rodeos involve an unacceptable risk of injury to animals along with a potential for coercive treatment of animals.	Small community events generated by the community are just as important as large revenue raising events.
9	Suggest moving away from individual awards on Australia Day, rather increase marketing of Wangaratta as an exceptional place to live year round.	



Connect Wangaratta - Community Engagement Report (Tier 2 & 3)

EVENTS & ATTRACTIONS STRATEGY – ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

In 2023 engagement commenced to gather community data to inform this Strategy. Engagement included:

- Community 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 & Sustainability Teams
- Workshop held with Horticulture Team
- Electronic survey was open for 46 days to the public

Following this period of consultation, key priorities were identified. These priorities have been developed into the five strategic objectives outlined below and in the Strategy.

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.

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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 five objectives.

Following the February 2025 Council meeting, the draft Strategy was open for public exhibition for 30 days from 26 February 2025 until 28 March 2025. Nine people left feedback on the Strategy with a summary of the engagement outlined below.

What we heard



There was a high percentage of people visiting the site and downloading the Strategy for review. Overall, the sentiment of the Strategy feedback was encouraging and there were some items that Council is already working on which is reassuring.

Some comments that have been received are:

“Connection-based and local-produce/creation-based events. I feel these attract people of all ages, rather than just toddlers and old people. Events at the moment aren’t really catered to the average 17-40 year old”.

“We have a perfect live music venue (Merriwa Park) that has been disbanded and requires urgent attention. With minimal effort this venue could be the perfect place to host stage shows for up to 2000-2500 people.”

“Changing the town culture to encourage people to pay for entertainment to increase cash pool for events and make it all more sustainable.”

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“I don’t support council providing any ongoing funding to “RegFest” which is just another RODEO. All rodeos involve an unacceptable risk of injury to animals along with a potential for coercive treatment of animals.”

“A new Fit for purpose building to house the extensive and culturally important art collection will I feel (and know from other Regional Gallery developments eg: Bendigo Albury) improve the wellbeing of our community and attract visitors to scheduled programming also contributing to economic gain.”

What we are doing

Below is a summary of what has been submitted to the survey feedback, the action required and delivery timeline.

Feedback Item	Action	When	Strategy change
Reduce support of Rodeos	Advise the concerned residents of the legislation that informs how these events are conducted and how the animals are cared for.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Free or low cost events	Provide information on the Council delivered events that are free to the community.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Development of the Arts Precinct and custom built gallery	Provide an update on the Creative Precinct project.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Returning Jazz Festival to previous format	Provide contact details for the Wangaratta Festival of Jazz Board to seek further information.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Holding Carols by Candlelight in Merriwa Park	Inform the customer that the Lions Club are returning to Merriwa Park for 2025.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Encouraging use of Merriwa Park	Provide information from the Merriwa Park feasibility study and an update on the ways that we intend to use the park.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Purchasing of assets and	Council has explored the feasibility of this in the past	Council to provide feedback	Not recommended.

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equipment to be used by community groups to reduce hire fees	and determined that this was not viable. Community groups may like to explore this further.	as part of the Strategy response.	
Increasing overnight stays of visitors	Noted. No response necessary.		Not recommended.
Encouraging locals to pay for entertainment	Councils position is to deliver free or low cost events where possible that they are accessible to everyone. Community groups will need to explore this.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Commending New Years Eve event and Project 365	Noted. No response necessary.		Not recommended.
Increase in promotion and use of Targoora Park	Build relationships with Baseball Victoria and continue to work with Sports Marketing Australia to attract events.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Consider targeting niche event markets	Noted. No response necessary.		Not recommended.
Events to cater for 17-40 year olds	Noted. Consider this as part of the event planning for the future.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Reducing single use plastics	Reference the strategy actions that address this.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.
Moving away from individual Australia Day awards to ongoing promotion of Wangaratta	Provide information on the reason for the awards, the significance of the awards and the promotion of Wangaratta through the Economic Development team.	Council to provide feedback as part of the Strategy response.	Not recommended.



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Events & Attractions Strategy

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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.

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.

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

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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 wellbeing of the community and visitors to the region.

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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-19 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.



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This strategy has aligned with the following documents. Actions connected to the Events & Attractions Strategy are listed below.

- Community Access & Inclusion Plan
- Council Plan
- Economic Development & Tourism Strategy
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- Recreation Strategy (reference document, no actions)
- Playspace Strategy (reference document, no actions)
- Waste Management Strategy

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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- 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.
- 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.
- 5.5.1.1 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



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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

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.



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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.

Marquee 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.



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Council's Event Roles & Responsibilities

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 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

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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 Council's budget allocation and commercial opportunities as they arise.

People



29,900

Population (2022)

Annual growth from 2001
Wangaratta: 0.6%
Victoria: 1.6%



45 yrs

Average Age (2021)

Increase from 2016
Wangaratta: 0.4 years
Victoria 0.7 years (to 39)



45.9%

High School Completion (2021)

Change from Dec 2016
Wangaratta: 4.4 ppt
Victoria: 4.0 ppt (to 63.3%)

Economy



\$1.9B

GRP (2021-22)

Annual growth from 2011-12
Wangaratta: 1.0%
Victoria: 2.5%



3.3%

Unemployment (Dec 2022)

Change from Dec 2019
Wangaratta: -0.6 ppt
Victoria: 1.5 ppt (to 3.5%)



14,200

Jobs (2021-22)

Annual growth from 2006-07
Wangaratta: 0.9%
Victoria: 2.1%

In the 23/24 financial year Council funded 15 events
at a cost of **\$287,610**, which attracted **26,401 people**,
delivering an approximate boost to the economy of **\$7.8m***

(*largely on accommodation, hospitality, and retail. Data from REMPLAN 2025)

Rural City of Wangaratta Funding

Events deliver community engagement and connectivity that can't be measured in numerical data. The social, well-being 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 will prioritise providing free and low cost events. Funding will be allocated in a way that brings experiences to delight residents, and offers a way for everyone to be involved, no matter their circumstances.

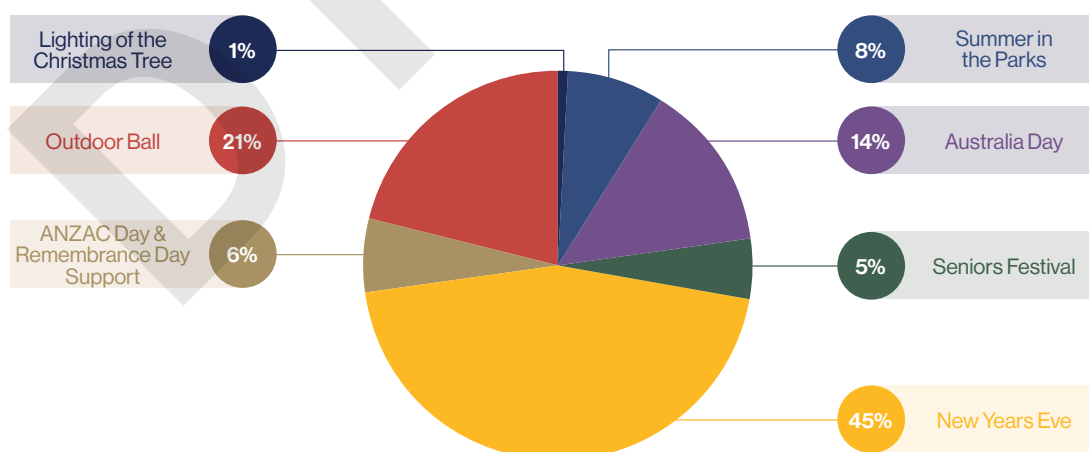
It is critical when assessing the benefits of events for the community that we don't discount the impact that events can have on the business sector and community amenity. Council makes site recommendations that are in the best interests of the event and the community when considering site access, parking, 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.

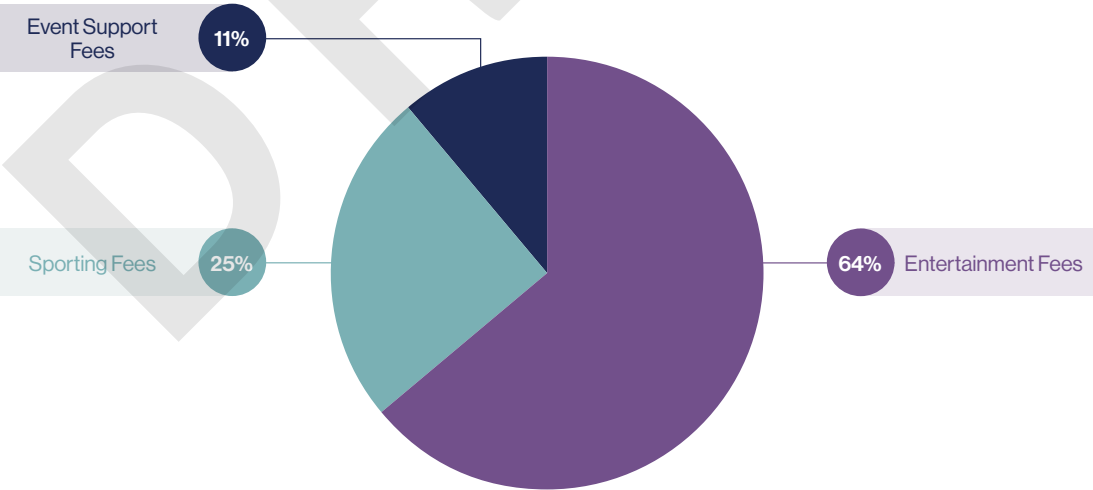
The below table shows the breakdown of Council event funding and how it was allocated throughout the 23/24 financial year.



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Event Attraction Funding breakdown 23/24

Entertainment Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none">RegFest - County Music event and RodeoNew Years Event entertainment contribution, 2024 event & 2025 depositProject 365 event support	64%
Sporting Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none">Winter Junior Baseball ChampionshipsEsports as part of Geekcon at Wangaratta LibraryGreat Victorian Bike Ride event contributionNBL Basketball event contribution	25%
Community Event Support Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none">Operational: Waste for supported events, room hire, signageVenue hire for N Scale National Train Convention	11%



Event Delivery Structure

Council Programmed Events	Collaborative Events	Community Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSL support of ANZAC Day & Remembrance Day New Years Eve Australia Day Awards Outdoor Ball Lighting of the Christmas tree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Professional league partnerships eg.. AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Football Reg Fest - Country Music event & Rodeo Project 365 Wangaratta Festival of Jazz & Blues Seniors Festival* Summer in the Parks* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wangaratta Farmers Market La Dolce Vita Festival Trails, Tasting & Tales King Valley Challenge Wangaratta Fun Run PLUS many, many others!
<p>Managed and run solely by Council with some community involvement. Usually free or low cost.</p> <p><i>Budgeted for annually.</i></p>	<p>Usually a collaboration between Council and an external organisation.</p> <p><i>Funded from Event Attraction budget. *Events budgeted for annually.</i></p>	<p>Planned & executed by community organisations with varying levels of Council support.</p> <p><i>Not funded by Council's events budget.</i></p>

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.

63.0%

Daytrip Visitors 2022-23

9.4%

Interstate Visitors 2022-23

27.6%

Intrastate Visitors 2022-23



2.5 Nights

Length of Stay 2022-23

\$191 / Night

Daytrip Visitor Spend 2022-23

\$248 / Night

Domestic Overnight Visitor Spend
2022-23

Opportunities & Challenges

Opportunities	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rich Indigenous culture and history• Well established community groups willing to collaborate with Council• High quality parks/gardens and green spaces• First class Performing Arts & Convention Centre and Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre• 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 to take place• Consider iconic locations for events to take place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited large indoor venues for events during periods of adverse weather• Limited post event assessment criteria• Contested Indigenous Land makes first nations work complex• Volunteer burnout with limited new committee members• 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• 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.



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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-19 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,

1. **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.
4. **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.



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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 Fremantle
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Shire of Campaspe
- Government of South Australia
- Tourism North East
- The University of Melbourne



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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 of 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.

Task	Action
Funding opportunities	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.
Increase capability	1.4 Support training of community organisations/committees in event delivery best practice (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.
Rural Hall Committees	1.8 Identify training opportunities and support for Rural Hall Committees in relation to event planning and best practice.
Relationships	1.9 Build on relationships with key sporting, event and tourism organisations such as but not limited to AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Tourism North East, Visit Victoria and School Sports 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
Commercial partnerships	<p>2.1 Develop an external facing prospectus and video clip to promote Wangaratta to attract large events and high-profile sport.</p> <p>2.2 Work with Sports Marketing Australia and other regional/national touring organisations to build on commercial partner relationships.</p> <p>2.3 Actively seek and bid for two additional sporting or live performance marquee events each year through the Event Attraction budget.</p>
Event support & collateral	<p>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.</p> <p>2.5 Utilise CBD track banners and “Welcome to Wangaratta” entrance signs for large scale Council events in Wangaratta.</p> <p>2.6 Continue to add to the RCOW stock image library with current event images and video footage.</p>
WSAC activation	<p>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.</p> <p>2.8 Working with the WSAC team advocate for State and Regional aquatic events to take place at WSAC.</p>

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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
Sustainability	3.1 Develop waste wise event guidelines for events taking place on Council land including waste, recycling, sustainability and noise minimisation expectations. 3.2 Make the waste wise event guidelines accessible on Council's website and share with event organisers via the event approval correspondence. 3.3 Eliminate the purchase and distribution of single use plastics for Council delivered events. 3.4 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.

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.



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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
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 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. 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

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 well-being 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?



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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 Objective 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 sporting, event and tourism organisations such as but not limited to AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Tourism North East, Visit Victoria and School Sports 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						

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Strategic Objective 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 Objective 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					
Accessibility	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					



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Strategic Objective 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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PART A – INTRODUCTORY**TITLE**

This is the Rural City of Wangaratta Local Law No. 1 – Community Amenity Local Law and is referred to below as “this Local Law”.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS LOCAL LAW

The purpose of this Local Law is to:

- 1.1 revoke Local Law No. 1 of 2018 – Community Amenity made by Council;
- 1.2 provide for and assure equitable, orderly and enjoyable use by people of community facilities, including roads;
- 1.3 protect Council Property and other community assets from loss or unnecessary or avoidable damage;
- 1.4 support provision by Council of a safe, clean and healthy environment in areas under its control and management; and
- 1.5 provide generally for the peace, order and good government of the Municipal District.

2. ENABLING POWER AND COMMENCEMENT

This Local Law is made under section 71 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) and comes into operation on the day that it is made by Council.

3. DATE THIS LOCAL LAW CEASES OPERATION

Unless this Local Law is revoked sooner, its operation will cease on the day that is ten (10) years after it is made.

4. SCOPE AND STATUS OF THIS LOCAL LAW

- 4.1 This Local Law operates throughout the Municipal District.
- 4.2 Upon this Local Law coming into operation, Local Law No. 1 of 2018 – Community Amenity made by Council is revoked.

5. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Waste Management Policy is incorporated into this Local Law.

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6. DEFINITIONS

In this Local Law, unless inconsistent with the context, the following definitions apply:

Act means the *Local Government Act 2020*;

Advertising Sign means any placard, board, sign, card, teardrop flag, partition or banner, whether electronic or mechanical, portable or affixed or attached to any land or building, that contains an advertisement;

Animal means all vertebrate and invertebrate species and other mammals, birds, fish and shellfish, but does not include a human being;

Applicant means a person who applies for a Permit under this Local Law;

Appropriate Fee means the fee determined by Council from time to time in respect of a particular matter in accordance with this Local Law;

Approved Bin has the meaning given by the Waste Management Policy;

Approved Toilet System means an existing toilet facility connected to a sewerage or a temporary effluent system that does not cause odours or detriment to the amenity of the area in which the toilet facility is located and is kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times;

Asset means any Council-owned infrastructure asset and other property vested in, or under the control of, Council.

Asset Protection Permit means a Permit issued by Council under Clause 48 of this Local Law;

Asset Protection Permit Bond means a sum of money, the amount of which has been determined by Council or an Authorised Officer after taking account of:

- a. the nature of the Building Works;
- b. likely costs that would be incurred for repairs to Council Infrastructure Assets if damage does occur to them, during or as a result of the Building Works;
- c. requirements which are commonly applied in comparable situations; and
- d. any relevant Commonwealth or State government legislation or policy directives;

Assistance Dog has the same meaning as in the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*;

Authorised Officer means a person appointed by Council to be an Authorised Officer under section 224 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;

Barbeque means any structure or device erected outdoors, whether fixed, portable or mobile, which has as its primary purpose the cooking of food for human or animal consumption;

Bicycle Path has the same meaning as in the *Road Safety Road Rules 2009*;

Bird means a warm-blooded egg-laying vertebrate animal distinguished by the possession of feathers, wings, a beak, and typically by being able to fly.

Building Waste Container means a waste container of a size and shape that is appropriate for the deposit of waste generated during Building Works which has solid walls and a lid that can be closed securely at all times;

Building Works means any works, whether or not a building permit is required under the *Building Act 1993* or equivalent legislation, and includes any work with respect to construction, demolition, renovation, alteration or removal of any building or structure;

Bulk Rubbish Container means a bin, skip or other container used for the deposit of waste (including trade waste, building waste and other bulk waste) but excludes a Garbage Bin used in connection with the Collection Service;

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Charity Donation Bin means a receptacle used for the donation of clothing or household goods of a type which the organisation owning the bin indicates can be deposited there;

Chief Executive Officer means the person appointed to, or acting in, the position of Chief Executive Officer of Council;

Clause means a clause of this Local Law;

Collection Service has the meaning given by the Waste Management Policy;

Commercial Area means any part of the Municipal District which is zoned 'Commercial', including land which is zoned 'Mixed Use', 'Commercial 1' and 'Commercial 2', under the Municipal Planning Scheme;

Council means the Rural City of Wangaratta;

Council Infrastructure Asset means any physical asset owned by, vested in or under the care, control or management of Council, including but not limited to any

Road, drain, tree, vegetation, pavement, kerb, street furniture, sign, pole, light, batter or retaining wall;

Council Land means any land, including a road reserve, owned by, vested in or under the care, control or management of Council, other than a Road;

Council Property includes any Road, Council Land, Council Infrastructure Asset and building or other structure, fixture, fitting, equipment or furnishing or other such asset, which is owned by or under the control or care or management of Council;

Designated Camping Area means an area designated by Council from time to time to be an area set aside for camping;

Droving of Livestock means the driving of Livestock from one location to another within or through the Municipal District for the purpose of:

- a. changing their grazing area;
- b. sale; or
- c. relocation after sale;

across Council Land or Roads but does not include Movement of Livestock;

Floating Vessel means any kayak, canoe, boat, yacht, raft, tyre tube or any other object that can carry a person on or in water;

Floodlighting means any lighting designed for the purpose of providing exterior floodlighting for recreation, entertainment, sporting, security, car parking, advertising or display purposes and providing lighting output greater than 4,000 lumens;

Grazing of Livestock means the use of a Road within part of the Municipal District, as determined by Council from time to time, for the purpose of grazing livestock but does not include Droving of Livestock or Movement of Livestock;

Hard Waste has the meaning given by the Waste Management Policy;

Heavy Vehicle has the same meaning as in the *Heavy Vehicle National Law (Victoria)*;

Home Delivery means the delivery of goods or services to an Owner or Occupier of land, where the delivery takes place and is completed on that land;

Incinerator means a structure, device or contraption (not enclosed in a building), which is:

- a. used or intended, adapted or designed to be used or capable of being used for the purpose of burning any matter, material or substance;
- b. not licensed or otherwise subject to control under the provisions of any Act; and
- c. not a Barbeque;

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Industrial Area means any part of the Municipal District which is zoned 'Industrial', including land which is 'Industrial 1' under the Municipal Planning Scheme;

Itinerant Trading means selling, or offering for sale, goods or services from a temporary location or from place to place or from a vehicle or other form of transport;

Licensed Premises means any hotel, tavern, bottle shop, bar, nightclub or other premises from which Liquor is sold;

Liquor has the same meaning as in the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*;

Litter Device means an apparatus designed for the purpose of removing animal faeces, and includes a paper or plastic bag;

Livestock has the same meaning as in the *Impounding of Livestock Act 1994*;

Motor Home means any vehicle designed for temporary accommodation purposes, including campervans;

Movement of Livestock means individual or regular movements of Livestock:

- a. as part of normal farm management operations of a single farming enterprise;
- b. from one property to another within the Municipal District; and
- c. at a rate not less than one kilometre per hour in the direction of movement between the properties,

where:

- a. the properties concerned are occupied by a single farming enterprise; and
- b. the movement is completed on the same day that it commenced;

Municipal Building means any building owned, occupied or under the control of Council;

Municipal District means the area proclaimed under the Act to be under the local government of Council;

Municipal Planning Scheme means the Wangaratta Planning Scheme;

Municipal Reserve means any Council Land dedicated or used for environmental, cultural, recreational or entertainment purposes;

Notice to Comply is a notice prepared in accordance with Clause 87 of this Local Law;

Occupier means the person or persons in charge, or having the management or control, of or legally entitled to occupy any land (including premises) and includes, in relation to land which has a lot entitlement or lot liability in respect of common property, the Owners Corporation created on the registration of a Plan of Subdivision affecting that land;

Owner, in relation to any land (including a Site or premises) means the person who is registered on the certificate of title as the owner of the land or the person who is or is entitled to exercise any rights of ownership of the land;

Penalty Unit has the meaning ascribed to it by section 110 of the *Sentencing Act 1991*;

Permit means a permit issued under and in accordance with this Local Law;

Permit Holder means a person or persons in whose name or names a Permit has been issued;

Poultry means any chicken, duck, fowl, and other domestic fowl or similar sized bird but does not include a Rooster;

Property Address means the road name and street number allocated to a property within the Municipal District and may include, where there are multiple tenements within a property or multiple properties at one street number, the use of lot or unit numbers;

Public Place has the same meaning as in section 3 of the *Summary Offences Act 1966*;

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Premises means the whole or part of any land, a lot on a plan of subdivision and a building or building under construction;

Racing Pigeon means a pigeon that is kept by a person who is a registered, current member of a recognised National or State Homing or Racing Pigeon Association;

Rail Trail means the multi-use recreational pathway developed on a former railway easement and set aside for recreational use and those areas of Council owned or managed land that links those areas of former railway reserve, forming a continuous sealed bike path from Wangaratta to Everton;

Rail Trail Reserve means the Crown land reserved for Public Purposes (Rail Trail) in the various Parishes in the Municipal Districts of Council and the Alpine and Indigo Shires as follows:

- a. Bright and Porepunkah as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./98-52;
- b. Barwidgee and Porepunkah as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./97- 191;
- c. Barwidgee as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./97-190;
- d. Myrtleford as shown red on the three plans marked LEGL./96-461;
- e. Myrtleford and Murrungee as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-41;
- f. Murrungee as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-40;
- g. Everton and Murrungee as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-39;
- h. Everton and Murrungee as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-42;
- i. Beechworth as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-43;
- j. Tarrawingee and Everton as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-38;
- k. Carraragarmungee as shown red on the plan marked LEGL./99-37;
- l. Carraragarmungee (Bowser)– additions to Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail 2007421 as shown red on Map C,

lodged in the Land Registry;

Recreational Vehicle includes any mini bike, trail bike, quad bike, motor bike, motor car, motor scooter, go kart and any other vehicle propelled by a motor which is used for recreational purposes and not registered under the *Road Safety Act 1986* but does not include a motorised wheelchair or other aid used by persons with disabilities or motorised vehicles used for farming purposes;

Residential Area means any part of the Municipal District which is zoned 'Residential', including land which is zoned 'General Residential', 'Neighbourhood Residential', 'Residential Growth', 'Low Density Residential', and 'Township' and for this local law also includes 'Rural Living' under the Municipal Planning Scheme;

Retailer means a person who sells goods by retail and provides Shopping Trolleys to their customers;

Road has the same meaning as in the *Local Government Act 1989*;

Schedule means a Schedule to this Local Law;

Sediment Fencing/Barriers means a filter fence, sausage or other similar control measure, that prevents sediment, slurry, silt, soil and other materials being transported off Site by water;

Separated Footpath has the same meaning as in the *Road Safety Road Rules 2009*;

Service Authority means any public authority or corporation other than Council, whether a government department, a government agency, a statutory body or a private sector corporation, responsible for providing infrastructure or utility facilities or services to the community;

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Shared Pathway means an area open to the public (except a separated footpath) that is designated for, or has as one of its main uses, use by both the riders of bicycles and pedestrians, and includes a length of path for use by both bicycle riders and pedestrians beginning at a shared path sign or shared path road marking and ending at the nearest of the following:

- a. an end shared path sign or end shared path road marking;
- b. a no bicycles sign or no bicycles road marking;
- c. a bicycle path sign or bicycles path road marking;
- d. a Road (except a road related area);
- e. the end of the path;

Shopping Trolley means a vehicle used primarily for the carriage of goods by customers of a Retailer;

Site means the land where Building Works are occurring and includes any land to which Building Works relate;

Site Fencing means a fence around the entire perimeter of a Site at the commencement and for the duration of the Building Works:

- a. at a height of not less than eighteen hundred (1800) millimetres;
- b. capable of preventing litter from being transported from a building Site by wind;
- c. capable of preventing unauthorised persons accessing the Site; and
- d. having not more than one access opening fitted with gates, which is located to correspond with the vehicle crossing for the Site;

Site Identification means a sign that is at least six hundred (600) millimetres in height and four hundred (400) millimetres in length, is erected at the entrance to the Site and is clearly visible from the road, and includes on the sign the:

- a. lot number, as described on the Certificate of Title relevant to the land;
- b. name of the Owner, developer or builder responsible for the Site;
- c. relevant building surveyor's contact name and phone number; and
- d. twenty-four (24) hour contact telephone number or numbers for the Owner, developer or builder responsible for the Site;

Stormwater System means the system that provides for the conveyance of stormwater runoff including kerb and channel, open channels, underground pipe systems and natural waterways;

Trade Waste means any refuse, rubbish, slops or other waste matter arising from or generated by any trade, industry or commercial undertaking;

Vehicle has the meaning as in section 3 of the *Road Safety Act 1986*;

VicRoads means the Roads Corporation; and

Waste Management Policy means the Waste Management Policy 2025 adopted by Council at the time of making this Local Law, as amended or replaced by Council from time to time, which is incorporated by reference into this Local Law.

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PART B – MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**7. ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

- 7.1 Council may from time to time determine:
- 7.1.1 the hours when any Municipal Building will be open to the public; and
 - 7.1.2 conditions of, or limitations on, use of Municipal Buildings that apply to any Municipal Building or class of Municipal Buildings specified.
- 7.2 A person must not, without a Permit:
- 7.2.1 enter or remain in a Municipal Building during hours in which the Municipal Building is not open to the public;
 - 7.2.2 organise any function or event in a Municipal Building;
 - 7.2.3 hawk, sell, offer for sale or hire out or supply or promote any goods, articles or services in a Municipal Building;
 - 7.2.4 enter or remain in any part of a Municipal Building not set aside for public use;
 - 7.2.5 enter a Municipal Building other than through an entrance provided for the purpose of public entry;
 - 7.2.6 bring any Animal, other than an Assistance Dog, into, or allow any Animal under their control to remain in, a Municipal Building;
 - 7.2.7 bring any Vehicle or Recreational Vehicle into a Municipal Building, except for:
 - 7.2.7.1 a pram or pusher being used by a parent to transport a child;
 - 7.2.7.2 wheelchair being used by a person with a disability; or
 - 7.2.7.3 a motorised mobility aid used by people with limited mobility;
 - 7.2.8 bring into or deliver to a Municipal Building any Liquor;
 - 7.2.9 bring into a Municipal Building any substance, liquid or powder which may:
 - 7.2.9.1 be dangerous, injurious or offensive to health;
 - 7.2.9.2 have the potential to foul, pollute or soil any part of the Municipal Building; or
 - 7.2.9.3 cause discomfort to any persons; or
 - 7.2.10 ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or in-line or roller skates, or similar device.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**8. PROHIBITION ON ENTRY TO A MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

- 8.1 An Authorised Officer may direct a person to leave a Municipal Building if the person is behaving in a manner that is threatening or harassing, or which interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the Municipal Building by others.
- 8.2 A person to whom a direction is issued under Clause 8.1 must:
- 8.2.1 immediately leave the Municipal Building while; and
 - 8.2.2 not re-enter the Municipal Building within twenty four (24) hours of the direction being issued under Clause 8.1, or for such longer period as may be notified by an Authorised Officer in writing.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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9. CONDUCT IN A MUNICIPAL BUILDING

A person in a Municipal Building must not:

- 9.1 deposit any litter except in receptacles provided for that purpose; or
- 9.2 obstruct, hinder or interfere with any person employed by, or acting on behalf of, Council at the Municipal Building in the performance of their duties.

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PART C – COUNCIL LAND**10. ACCESS TO COUNCIL LAND**

- 10.1 Council may from time to time determine:
- 10.1.1 conditions of, or limitations on, use that apply to any Council Land or a class of Council Land;
 - 10.1.2 times during which certain Council Land will be open to the public;
 - 10.1.3 fees payable for entry onto certain Council Land; and
 - 10.1.4 close certain Council Land or any part of it to the public for any purpose, including for maintenance.
- 10.2 A person must not, without a Permit:
- 10.2.1 act in a manner that is contrary to any Council Sign on the Council Land;
 - 10.2.2 enter or remain on Council Land during hours in which the Municipal Reserve is not open to the public;
 - 10.2.3 enter or remain on Council Land without paying any applicable fee for entry;
 - 10.2.4 organise any function or sports event on Council Land;
 - 10.2.5 being a person other than a player, official or competitor at any organised sports event, or an Authorised Officer, enter or remain within or upon the playing arena of Council Land during the progress of such event;
 - 10.2.6 hawk, sell, offer for sale or hire out or supply or promote any goods (including a vehicle), articles or services on any Council Land;
 - 10.2.7 conduct any business, including personal training, on any Council Land;
 - 10.2.8 enter or remain in any part of Council Land not set aside for public use;
 - 10.2.9 drive, ride or park any Vehicle or Recreational Vehicle on Council Land, except on a designated access Road or in a designated parking area within the Council Land, except for:
 - 10.2.9.1 a pram or pusher being used to transport a child;
 - 10.2.9.2 a wheelchair being used by a person with a disability; or
 - 10.2.9.3 a motorised mobility aid used by people with limited mobility;
 - 10.2.9.4 a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or in-line or roller skates;
 - 10.2.10 use or permit to be used any powered and/or remote control model aeroplane, drone, powered water craft, powered car or similar thing on any Council Land;
 - 10.2.11 swim in, wade through, enter for recreation purposes, or use any Floating Vessel upon, any lake, pond or excavation containing water located on or in any Council Land;
 - 10.2.12 install or permit to be installed a gateway or other means of access between any Council Land and private property;
 - 10.2.13 use on any Council Land any amplifier, musical instrument or sound broadcasting equipment in a manner that interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the Council Land by others;
 - 10.2.14 install, erect or place on or in any Council Land any item, equipment or thing which may damage the Council Land or interfere with the use or enjoyment of the Council Land or any part thereof by any other person; or
 - 10.2.15 bring onto any Council Land any substance, liquid or powder which may:

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- 10.2.15.1 be dangerous or injurious to health;
- 10.2.15.2 have the potential to foul, pollute or soil any part of the Council Land; or
- 10.2.15.3 cause discomfort to any persons.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**11. PROHIBITED CONDUCT ON COUNCIL LAND**

A person on any Council Land must not:

- 11.1 engage in, play or practice golf, archery or any like activity that is likely to interfere with public safety;
- 11.2 ride or lead a horse, except in areas designated and signposted for horse riding or leading;
- 11.3 interfere with any structure, notice, building or part thereof, fence, seat, tree or plant;
- 11.4 use any lifesaving or firefighting device unless during an emergency;
- 11.5 walk on flower beds or borders, damage native vegetation, dig or disturb the ground, climb steep banks or cliff faces, or enter any prohibited areas delineated as such by Council from time to time;
- 11.6 behave in a disorderly manner;
- 11.7 remain at any time when directed to leave by an Authorised Officer, notwithstanding that a fee or charge for admission may have been paid;
- 11.8 obstruct, hinder or interfere with the duties of any person employed by Council in the performance of their duties;
- 11.9 light a fire or allow any fire to remain alight except in a barbeque provided by Council
- 11.10 leave unextinguished or unattended a fire which they have lit or maintained; or
- 11.11 dump rubbish, green waste and/or grass clippings.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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PART D – USE OF COUNCIL LAND AND ROADS**12. COLLECTION OF FIREWOOD**

- 12.1 A person must not collect any wood, for the purpose of fuelling a fire or for any other purpose, from any Council Land or Road.
- 12.2 A person must not, without a Permit, collect firewood from Council firewood depots.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**13. DROVING OF LIVESTOCK**

A person must not, without a Permit, undertake Droving of Livestock on Council Land or a Road.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**14. GRAZING OF LIVESTOCK**

A person must not, without a Permit, undertake Grazing of Livestock on Council Land or a Road.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**15. STREET ACTIVITIES**

- 15.1 A person must not, without a Permit, on any Council Land or Road:
- 15.1.1 display or permit to be displayed any goods;
 - 15.1.2 place or allow to be placed an Advertising Sign;
 - 15.1.3 place or allow to be placed any table, chair, barrier, stall or other street trading item.
- 15.2 A person must not, without a Permit, undertake Itinerant Trading:
- 15.2.1 on any Road, Council Land or Public Place;
 - 15.2.2 from land adjacent to any Road, Council Land or Public Place;
 - 15.2.3 within three hundred (300) metres of a permanent business that is selling the same or a similar product, except as an approved trader being part of a stall, festival or other event approved by Council;
 - 15.2.4 within five hundred (500) metres of a festival or other event approved by Council;
 - 15.2.5 in a way that obstructs or restricts pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
 - 15.2.6 in a way that obstructs or interferes with entry to or exit from any buildings or land;
 - 15.2.7 in a way that obstructs or restricts the use of any footpath or Road;
 - 15.2.8 in an area other than the area specified by Council in their Permit; or
 - 15.2.9 in an area designated by Council as belonging to another Itinerant Trader under their Permit.

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- 15.3 Nothing in this Clause 15 applies to;
- 15.3.1 Home Delivery of:
- 15.3.1.1 magazines or newspapers;
- 15.3.1.2 goods purchased at another location; or
- 15.3.1.3 goods where the delivery has been requested by the Occupier; or
- 15.3.2 the sale of fundraising products by persons duly authorised by a cultural, recreational, educational, welfare or charity-based facility or organisation which is established within the Municipal District.
- 15.4 A person must not, without a Permit, busk on any Road, Council Land or Public Place with the object, or apparent object, of collecting money, except in an area designated by Council from time to time.
- 15.5 A person must not, without a Permit, solicit or collect on any Road or on any Council Land or from house to house any gifts of money or subscriptions for any purpose other than fundraising for an educational or registered charitable organisation or a cultural or recreational facility or organisation established within the Municipal District.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**16. ITEMS ON COUNCIL LAND**

- 16.1 A person must not, without a Permit or otherwise in accordance with this Local Law, place or keep or allow to be kept any thing, item, structure or goods of any kind on or over a Road or Council Land.
- 16.2 An Owner of any land must ensure that no gate, door or other means of access from that land to a Road or Council Land opens outwards onto a Road or Council Land.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**17. ADVERTISING AND ADVERTISING SIGNS**

- 17.1 A person must not, without a Permit, write, deface, place or affix any letter, figure, device, poster, sign or advertisement on any building, fence or other property under the control of or vested in Council.
- 17.2 A person must not, without a Permit, erect or place an Advertising Sign on a Road or Council Land or any Council Property or cause or authorise another person to do so.
- 17.3 A person must not, without a Permit, erect or place any structure, banner or the like, on or across any Council Land or any Road.
- 17.4 Nothing in this Clause 17 applies to an activity or act that is authorised under a Municipal Planning Scheme or State or Commonwealth legislation.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**18. SHOPPING TROLLEYS**

- 18.1 A person must not leave a Shopping Trolley on a Road or in a Public Place except in an area designated for the leaving of shopping trolleys.
- 18.2 A retailer who provides shopping trolleys for the use of customers must not leave a

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shopping trolley on a on a Road or in a Public Place except in an area designated for the leaving of shopping trolleys.

- 18.3 A retailer who provides shopping trolleys intended for the use of customers must ensure that their name and trading name are clearly marked on the shopping trolley.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

19. CHARITY DONATION BINS

A person must not, without a Permit, place, or allow to be placed, a Charity Donation Bin on a Road or Council Land or in any Public Place.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

20. STREET PARTIES, FESTIVALS AND PROCESSIONS

A person must not, without a Permit, conduct, organise or otherwise hold a function in the nature of a street party, street festival or procession on a Road.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

21. FLOODLIGHTING

Where Floodlighting is installed on land which may spill light onto adjoining property, it must be installed so that:

- 21.1 it is shielded with devices to prevent glare causing a nuisance outside the boundary of the site on which the Floodlighting is installed; and
- 21.2 the level of illumination emitted by the Floodlighting does not exceed 8 lux when measured at a height of one point three (1.3) metres and a distance of one point five (1.5) metres from the boundary of the property on which the Floodlighting is installed, whether the illumination is the result of direct, reflected or other incidental light.

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PART E – VEHICLES**22. USE OF VEHICLES ON COUNCIL LAND**

A person must not, without a Permit, use a Vehicle or Recreational Vehicle on any Council Land unless the land has been designated and signposted for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

23. USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PRIVATE LAND

A person must not, without a Permit, use a Recreational Vehicle on any land in a Residential Area.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

24. REPAIR AND DISPLAY FOR SALE OF VEHICLES

24.1 A person must not, without a Permit on any Road or Council Land:

24.1.1 paint, service, dismantle or make any major repairs to any Vehicle; or;

24.1.2 display any Vehicle for sale,

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24.2 Clause 24.1 does not apply to any minor repairs carried out to a Vehicle which has broken down and which are reasonably necessary to allow the Vehicle to be removed under its own propulsion.

25. VEHICLES ON ROADS AND COUNCIL LAND

25.1 A person must not allow any Vehicle not currently registered with or having a permit from VicRoads or any other relevant authority to be left standing on any Road or Council Land.

25.2 A person must not, without a Permit, allow any trailer, caravan, boat or other Vehicle unable to move on its own accord to be left standing on any Road or Council Land, other than a Designated Camping Area or in accordance with applicable parking restrictions, for longer than forty-eight (48) hours.

25.3 A person must not abandon, leave or allow to be left on a Road or Council Land any Vehicle, including a trailer, caravan or Recreational Vehicle, that is in a state of disrepair that prevents it from being able to move under normal means, whether registered or not.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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PART F – CONDUCT GENERALLY**26. DAMAGING, DEFACING OR INTERFERING WITH COUNCIL PROPERTY**

- 26.1 Subject to Clause 26.2, a person must not alter, destroy, damage, write on, affix anything to, remove, or interfere with any Council Property.
- 26.2 A person must not, without a Permit:
- 26.2.1 plant, remove or interfere with any trees or plants (dead or alive) on or in any Council Land or Road;
 - 26.2.2 alter, destroy, damage or interfere with a watercourse, ditch, creek, swale, gutter, drain, tunnel, bridge, levee, culvert or fence which belongs to or is under the control of Council;
 - 26.2.3 alter, destroy, damage, interfere with or remove any thing belonging to Council in, on or from any Council Land or Road;
 - 26.2.4 alter, destroy, damage, tamper or interfere with any parking meter or ticket machine; or
 - 26.2.5 take, destroy or damage any lair or nest or take any fauna or its lair or nest or take any skeletal remains on or in any Council Land or Road.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**27. VEHICLE CROSSINGS**

- 27.1 A person must not, without a Permit, install, construct, alter, or reconstruct a vehicle crossing, whether permanent or temporary.
- 27.2 Each point of Vehicle access from any land to a Road must have a vehicle crossing constructed and maintained to the standard approved by Council from time to time.
- 27.3 A person must not, without a Permit, allow any Vehicle to enter or leave any land except by way of a vehicle crossing constructed in accordance with this Clause 27.
- 27.4 Where a vehicle crossing is no longer required, the Owner must remove the vehicle crossing and reinstate the Road to its original condition, to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**28. CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR OR POSSESSION IN UNSEALED CONTAINER AND BEHAVIOUR NEAR LICENSED PREMISES**

- 28.1 A person must not, without a Permit, in any place or area designated by Council from time to time:
- 28.1.1 consume or ingest any Liquor; or
 - 28.1.2 have in their possession a bottle, can, wine cask or other receptacle, which contains Liquor and has been opened.
- 28.2 Clause 28.1 does not apply:
- 28.2.1 to a person in licensed premises or authorised premises under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*; or
 - 28.2.2 where the consumption of Liquor is taking place at an organised function conducted with a Permit or as part of a picnic with family and/or friends within a Municipal Reserve between sunrise and sunset, or such other hours as are

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determined by Council from time to time, provided that no nuisance is being caused in connection with the consumption of the Liquor.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**29. BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE AND ROLLER SKATES**

- 29.1 Council may from time to time designate areas of Council Land other than a road reserve in which the riding of a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, in-line or roller skates or similar device is prohibited.
- 29.2 Areas designated by Council under Clause 29.1 will have Council Signs displayed advising of the prohibition.
- 29.3 A person must not ride a bicycle, scooter, a skateboard, or in-line or roller skates or similar device in an area designated by Council under Clause 29.1.

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- 29.4 This Clause 29 does not apply to a person with a disability or infirmity who is using a motorised mobility aid for its intended purpose.

30. PROPERTY ADDRESS AND NUMBERS

- 30.1 Council may allocate a Property Address to each property in the Municipal District and, from time to time, may make changes to Property Addresses.
- 30.2 For each property that has been allocated a Property Address under Clause 30.1, the Owner must mark the property with the street number allocated, which number must be of sufficient size, in such a position, made of such material and kept in such state of repair as to be clearly readable from the Road, which the property fronts, under all normal lighting conditions.
- 30.3 An Owner or Occupier must not use an address other than a Property Address for any property in the Municipal District.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**31. INCINERATORS AND BURNING**

- 31.1 A person must not, without a Permit, light, allow to be lit, or allow to remain alight any fire in the open air or in an Incinerator in a Residential Area, Commercial Area or Industrial Area.
- 31.2 This Clause 31 does apply to a fire that is:
 - 31.2.1 authorised or directed to be lit under the provisions of any Act or Regulations or the Municipal Planning Scheme;
 - 31.2.2 in a Barbeque, pizza oven or other properly constructed appliance while it is being used for the exclusive purpose of cooking food;
 - 31.2.3 a fire in a chimney, potbelly stove, or a small open fire in a suitable container used for heating, cooking, cultural or social purposes, which is not offensive and to the extent reasonably possible, any nuisance to neighbouring properties.
 - 31.2.4 lit by a Service Authority carrying out training or fire hazard reduction activities; or
 - 31.2.5 lit for the purpose of the person enjoying their culture or practicing their religion, provided that the fire is at all times appropriately located and managed so as to reduce, to the extent reasonably possible, any nuisance to

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neighbouring properties.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**32. BURNING OF MATERIALS**

- 32.1 A person must not, without a Permit, burn any of the following materials in the Municipal District:
- 32.1.1 plastic;
 - 32.1.2 waste petroleum oil or any waste containing petroleum oil;
 - 32.1.3 paints or empty paint containers;
 - 32.1.4 pressurised cans;
 - 32.1.5 textile fabrics;
 - 32.1.6 rubber;
 - 32.1.7 food waste; or
 - 32.1.8 any other noxious or offensive material.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**33. CONDITION OF LAND**

- 33.1 An Owner or Occupier of land must not keep that land or allow that land to be kept in a manner which causes the land to become:
- 33.1.1 unsightly;
 - 33.1.2 dangerous; or
 - 33.1.3 detrimental to the general amenity of the area in which it is located.
- 33.2 Without limiting the generality of Clause 33.1, land may be unsightly or detrimental to the general amenity of the area in which it is located by the presence of:
- 33.2.1 unconstrained rubbish;
 - 33.2.2 grass or undergrowth that exceeds 100mm in height;
 - 33.2.3 machinery, Vehicle parts, scrap metal or other refuse being stored on the land;
 - 33.2.4 noxious weeds or other invasive plants or vermin; or
 - 33.2.5 offensive odours discernible beyond the land.
- 33.3 An Authorised Officer may direct an Owner to secure the Owner's land to prevent unauthorised entry.
- 33.4 An Owner of land to whom a direction is given under Clause 33.2 must comply with that direction.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**34. STORAGE OF DANGEROUS OR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ON LAND**

An Owner or Occupier of any land must not, without a Permit, cause or allow their land to be used for storage of any dangerous or hazardous substances in a manner or in quantities which is or are dangerous or is or are likely to cause danger to life or property.

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PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**35. STORAGE, VEHICLES AND MACHINERY**

- 35.1 A person must not, without a Permit, use any land within a Residential Area or a Commercial Area for the storage of Vehicles or machinery or for the dismantling or breaking up of Vehicles or machinery.
- 35.2 A person must not, without a Permit, use land which is used or intended to be used primarily for residential purposes for the repair or servicing of any Vehicle other than a Vehicle registered or normally housed at the address of that land.
- 35.3 Nothing in Clauses 35.1 or 35.2 applies to a person who is using land in a manner permitted under the Municipal Planning Scheme.
- 35.4 Nothing in Clause 35.1 and 35.2 applies to a person who, for recreational purposes, repairs, services, assembles, dismantles or stores old or second hand Vehicles or machinery provided that such activity is not conducted:
- 35.4.1 for financial gain or reward;
 - 35.4.2 on more than two (2) Vehicles at any one time such that there are no more than two (2) Vehicles that are not registered with VicRoads on the land at any one time; or
 - 35.4.3 in a manner which is unsightly or detrimental to the general amenity of the area.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**36. SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES**

A person, must not, without a Permit, place or keep or allow to be kept a shipping container or other like temporary structure on any land which is used or intended to be used primarily for residential purposes for any period longer than twenty eight (28) days.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**37. CAMPING**

- 37.1 A person must not, without a Permit, camp on Council Land or a Road in a tent, caravan, motor home or any other temporary or makeshift structure other than in a Designated Camping Area.
- 37.2 A person must not, without a Permit, occupy or cause to be occupied a tent, caravan, motor home, annex or similar structure on any land other than a Designated Camping Area
- 37.3 Clause 37.2 does not apply to the storage of a caravan or similar facility on any private property other than a Designated Camping Area, provided that:
- 37.3.1 there is a dwelling on the land;
 - 37.3.2 the caravan, motor home or tent is not set up for ready use as overnight accommodation;
 - 37.3.3 no annex is attached to the caravan or motor home; and
 - 37.3.4 the caravan, motor home or tent is not within 3 metres of the front of the land and is not obstructing line of sight.
- 37.4 Clause 37.2 does not apply to the reasonable use of a caravan, motor home or tent on private property, other than in a Designated Camping Area, provided that:
- 37.4.1 there is a dwelling on the land;
 - 37.4.2 the occupation does not exceed twenty-eight (28) days;

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- 37.4.3 no rent, licence fee or charge is paid by any person in respect of the occupation;
- 37.4.4 the toilet, bathing and laundry facilities provided in the dwelling are made available without charge to the occupant/s of the caravan, motor home or tent;
- 37.4.5 waste water from the caravan, motor home or tent is discharged to an approved waste water system and does not cause a nuisance or an offensive condition; and
- 37.4.6 the caravan, motor home or tent is not located:
 - 37.4.6.1 within six (6) metres of the front of the property;
 - 37.4.6.2 within one point two (1.2) metres of any other boundary of the land;
 - 37.4.6.3 more than twenty (20) metres from the dwelling; and
 - 37.4.6.4 within thirty (30) metres of a watercourse.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**38. TREES AND VEGETATION**

An Owner or Occupier of land must not allow any tree or part of a tree or any plant or part of a plant or other vegetation to grow on that land, so that it:

- 38.1 overhangs onto or over any footpath, naturestrip or Road abutting that land at a height of less than two point five (2.5) metres from the level of the adjacent footpath, nature strip or Road;
- 38.2 obstructs or impairs the vision of the driver of a Vehicle travelling along a Road adjacent to or near the land or approaching the intersection adjacent to or near the land;
- 38.3 otherwise interferes with the safe and convenient use of any footpath, naturestrip or Road adjacent to or near the land; or
- 38.4 causes damage to or interference with any:
 - 38.4.1 fixture or other structure in a Road, or on Council Land; or
 - 38.4.2 drain vested in or under the control of Council.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**39. WASP NESTS AND BEES**

Upon becoming aware of the existence of a:

- 39.1 a European wasp nest; or
- 39.2 bee hive that is not suitably constructed and maintained, in accordance with any current relevant Code of Practice;

on land, the Owner or Occupier of the land must immediately take steps to cause the nest or hives to be destroyed.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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PART G – ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**40. APPLICATION OF THIS PART**

40.1 This Part does not apply to:

- 40.1.1 an Animal Shelter owned or contracted by Council;
- 40.1.2 a registered Animal Hospital or Veterinary Surgeon Practice;
- 40.1.3 any Animal keeping permitted by the Municipal Planning Scheme; or
- 40.1.4 any Animal in respect of which a Permit has been issued by another public authority.

41. LIMITS ON NUMBER OF ANIMALS KEPT

41.1 A person must not, without a Permit, on any land in a Residential Area or a Commercial Area:

- 41.1.1 keep or allow to be kept any more of each species or group of Animals than is stated in Table 1 in this Clause 41; or
- 41.1.2 keep or allow to be kept any more than three (3) different species or groups of Animals listed in Table 1 in this Clause 41, at any time.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**TABLE 1**

Type of Animal or Bird	On land Less than 399m ² In Townhouse, Apartments, Flats, Units	On Land 400-999m ²	On Land 1000-3999m ²	On Land 4000m ² and Over (excludes Farm Zone)
Dogs	2	2	2	2
Cats	2	2	2	2
Poultry (except Roosters)	Prohibited	3	10	10
Roosters	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	0
Caged Birds (excluding Racing Pigeons)	3	5	10	20
Rabbits	1	2	4	4
Guinea Pigs, Ferrets and Hamsters	2	5	5	5
Reptiles	2	5	5	5
Racing Pigeons	Prohibited	20	20	100
Horse, Donkey, Alpacas or Similar	Prohibited	Prohibited	0	1 per 4,000m ²
Cattle	Prohibited	Prohibited	0	1 per 4,000m ²
Sheep & Goats	Prohibited	Prohibited	2	2 per 4,000m ²
Pigs	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	1 per 4,000m ²
Other Agricultural Animals	Prohibited	Prohibited	2	2 per 4,000m ²

*where (0) is nominated animal allowed but permit required.

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42. RACING PIGEONS

- 42.1 A person must not keep or allow to be kept any Racing Pigeons on any land in a Residential Area or a Commercial Area unless the Racing Pigeons are housed in a properly constructed pigeon loft or similar structure which is:
- 42.1.1 of a height not exceeding two (2) metres;
 - 42.1.2 at least one point five (1.5) metres from the boundary of any adjoining premises; and
 - 42.1.3 at least ten (10) metres distance from any dwelling whether on the same or on adjoining premises.
- 42.2 A person must not, on any land in a Residential Area or a Commercial Area, construct or use or cause or suffer or permit to be constructed or used any pigeon loft unless it has adequate roofing, drainage and a floor paved with impervious material to the satisfaction of an authorised officer and is constructed in such a way as to be rat proof.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

43. REMOVAL OF ANIMAL FAECES

- 43.1 A person in charge of an Animal must:
- 43.1.1 remove any of that Animal's faeces that is deposited on any Road or Council Land; and
 - 43.1.2 dispose of the Animal's faeces in a manner which does not cause any nuisance or health hazard to any person or detriment to the environment.
- 43.2 A person in charge of an Animal on any Road or Council Land must carry a Litter Device suitable to clean up any faeces left by any Animal under their care or control and must produce such device upon being requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

44. ANIMAL HOUSING

- 44.1 The owner of an Animal and the Owner or Occupier of the land on which the Animal is housed must ensure that:
- 44.1.1 the animal housing is kept in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer;
 - 44.1.2 the size of the enclosure or other form of housing is adequate to house the number of animals;
 - 44.1.3 the animal housing meets the welfare needs of the Animal;
 - 44.1.4 the animal housing is maintained in good repair so as to not cause nuisance to neighbouring premises;
 - 44.1.5 the animal housing is constructed to prevent wastewater from entering into the stormwater system or discharging to adjoining premises; and
 - 44.1.6 the land surrounding the animal housing is kept clear of materials which may harbour vermin.

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45. PROVISION OF EFFECTIVE FENCING TO CONTAIN ANIMALS

The owner of an Animal and/or Livestock and the Owner of the land upon which that Animal is kept must ensure that the land is adequately fenced so as to prevent any and all Animals and/or Livestock being kept on the land from escaping from that land and straying onto any Council Land or Road or otherwise being at large.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

46. POWER TO IMPOUND ADDITIONAL ANIMALS

Where a Magistrate has found a person to be in breach of Clause 41 and a Permit for additional Animals has not been granted, Council may enter the land on which the Animals are being kept and seize and dispose of any Animals being kept on land in breach of Clause 41 for the purpose of sale, re-homing or destruction.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

47. WANDERING ANIMALS

- 47.1 The owner and person in charge of an animal must not allow that animal to wander from the property it is normally kept.
- 47.2 The owner and person in charge of an animal must ensure that the land in which the animal is normally kept is adequately fenced to prevent the animal from wandering at large.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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PART H – BUILDING SITE MANAGEMENT**48. PROTECTION OF COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS DURING BUILDING WORKS**

- 48.1 The Owner of land must, at least seven (7) days before commencing or causing or allowing Building Works to commence on the land:
- 48.1.1 obtain an Asset Protection Permit; and
 - 48.1.2 advise Council in writing of any existing damage to Council Infrastructure Assets adjacent to the Site.
- 48.2 An Asset Protection Permit may be subject to such conditions as Council or an Authorised Officer determines, including conditions:
- 48.2.1 requiring the payment of an Asset Protection Permit Bond;
 - 48.2.2 requiring that certain works be done on or around the Site to protect Council Infrastructure Assets, the health and safety of the public, the environment and the amenity of the area or to be in accordance with the relevant legislative framework;
 - 48.2.3 requiring that any or all Council Infrastructure Assets damaged in connection with the Building Works be repaired, replaced or re-instated within a specified time and to the satisfaction of Council or an Authorised Officer; and
 - 48.2.4 requiring a temporary vehicle crossing to be installed to Council's or an Authorised Officer's specification before commencement of any Building Works or delivery of any equipment or materials to the Site.
- 48.3 If Council does not receive advice in writing as required under Clause 48.1.2, it will be presumed that there was no prior damage to any Council Infrastructure Assets prior to the commencement of the Building Works.
- 48.4 The Owner of land on which Building Works are being or have been carried out must repair to the satisfaction of Council or an Authorised Officer any damaged Council Infrastructure Assets adjacent to the land where the Building Works are taking or have taken place.
- 48.5 Upon completion of the Building Works, the amount of the Asset Protection Permit Bond:
- 48.5.1 may be retained by Council to offset the costs of carrying out any works in accordance with the Act and this Local Law;
 - 48.5.2 may be refunded to the person who lodged it, upon Council's or an Authorised Officer's satisfaction that no damage has been caused, or that any damage caused has been repaired by, or on behalf of, that person to Council's or an Authorised Officer's satisfaction; and
 - 48.5.3 must be supplemented by a further payment equal to the difference between the cost of carrying out any works in accordance with the Act and this Local Law and the amount of the Asset Protection Permit Bond, if Council or an Authorised Officer is satisfied that the amount of the Asset Protection Permit Bond is insufficient to meet such cost and it makes a demand for such payment in writing.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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49. CONTAINMENT OF BUILDING SITES

The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that:

- 49.1 the Building Works being carried out on the Site are contained entirely within the Site;
- 49.2 all materials used in the Building Works are contained entirely within the Site;
- 49.3 the Site is provided with Site Fencing; and
- 49.4 gates or access points in the Site Fencing do not open out onto a Road or Council Land.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

50. ENTRY TO BUILDING SITES

Subject to any conditions of an Asset Protection Permit, the Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that:

- 50.1 there is only one point of entry to the Site;
- 50.2 the point of entry to the Site is by way of a vehicle crossing, whether temporary or permanent;
- 50.3 any temporary or permanent vehicle crossing is constructed to the reasonable satisfaction of an Authorised Officer; and
- 50.4 no person enters or exits the Site other than by way of the specified vehicle crossing.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

51. BUILDING SITE IDENTIFICATION

- 51.1 The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that the Site is provided with clearly legible and clean Site Identification.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

52. APPROVED TOILET SYSTEMS

- 52.1 The Owner or Occupier of any land on which Building Works are to occur must ensure that an Approved Toilet System is installed on the land prior to any Building Works commencing and is thereafter maintained for the duration of the Building Works to the satisfaction of the Authorised Officer.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

53. BUILDING SITE WASTE

- 53.1 The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that waste produced as a result of Building Works on the Site is:
 - 53.1.1 stored in a Building Waste Container;
 - 53.1.2 contained entirely within the Site;
 - 53.1.3 stored in a manner that does not attract the depositing of waste from sources other than the Site;
 - 53.1.4 stored in a manner that does not cause detriment to the visual amenity of the area in which the Site is located; and

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- 53.1.5 disposed of regularly, and, where that waste is in the form of stormwater, to a legal point of discharge, in accordance with Clause 56.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**54. PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC HAZARDS, AND SAFETY**

- 54.1 The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that Building Works on the Site do not interfere with the free and safe use by others of any Road or Council Land.
- 54.2 Without limiting the generality of Clause 54.1, the Owner or Occupier of a Site must adopt reasonable measures to:
- 54.2.1 minimise the amount of mud, dirt, sand, soil and stones deposited on the adjoining Roads or washed into the stormwater system;
- 54.2.2 prevent building clean-up, wash-down or other wastes being discharged offsite or allowed to enter the stormwater system;
- 54.2.3 prevent public access to any excavation works on or immediately adjacent to a Road; and
- 54.2.4 where pedestrians are diverted from a footpath, provide:
- 54.2.4.1 adequate signage advising of that diversion; and/or
- 54.2.4.2 an alternative route on a stable surface, protected from vehicular traffic.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**55. SOIL STOCKPILES**

- 55.1 The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that soil that is stripped from the Site is stockpiled on the Site for re-use or is transported to a legal place of disposal.
- 55.2 Where soil is stockpiled on the Site, it must, unless otherwise advised by an Authorised Officer, be protected by Sediment Fencing/Barriers to ensure the retention of silt, sand and waterborne particles within the stockpile.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**56. DRAINS**

- 56.1 The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that Building Works on the Site do not cause detriment to any Stormwater System or Asset.
- 56.2 For the purposes of Clause 56.1 detriment to a Stormwater System or Asset occurs if:
- 56.2.1 material, equipment, litter, waste, mud, silt, sand or another product emanating from Building Works enters or interferes with the Stormwater System or Asset; or
- 56.2.2 there is any alteration to or interference with a Stormwater System or Asset for which a Permit has not been issued.
- 56.3 The Owner or Occupier of a Site must ensure that the Site is provided with Sediment/Fencing Barriers that ensure the retention of silt and soil on site, and the retention of other water borne particles and pollutants for later transportation to a legal place of disposal.

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PART I – WASTE MANAGEMENT**57. COLLECTION SERVICES**

- 57.1 The Occupier of all land to which Council provides a Collection Service must comply with the Waste Management Policy.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

- 57.2 A person must not remove or interfere with an Approved Bin or its contents when the Approved Bin is left on a Road, or at any other collection point, without written authority from an Authorised Officer.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

- 57.3 Clause 57.2 does not apply to:
- 57.3.1 a person authorised by Council to remove an Approved Bin, or an employee of such person in the course of their employment;
 - 57.3.2 the person placing the Approved Bin out for collection; or
 - 57.3.3 an Authorised Officer in the course of their employment.

58. SUSPENSION OF COLLECTION SERVICE

- 58.1 If an Occupier of land to which a Collection Service or other waste service is provided:
- 58.1.1 has persistently contravened; or is persistently contravening,
 - 58.1.2 any provision of this 'Part I Waste Management' and/or the Waste Management Policy, Council may suspend the provision of any Collection Service to the land.
- 58.2 Any suspension under Clause 58.1 will:
- 58.2.1 be effected by written notice given, either personally or by post, to each Occupier of the land; and
 - 58.2.2 be for such period, and subject to such conditions, as are specified in the notice.
- 58.3 If Collection Services to any land are suspended under Clause 58.1, the Owner and the Occupier of the land must provide for waste generated from the premises to be disposed of:
- 58.3.1 in the manner required by the Waste Management Policy; or
 - 58.3.2 if exempted from compliance with the Waste Management Policy, in the manner required by the conditions, if any, attached to that exemption.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**59. BULK RUBBISH CONTAINERS**

- 59.1 A person must not, without a Permit, place, cause or allow to be placed a Bulk Rubbish Container on a Road or Council Land.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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60. USE OF DRAINS AND LEGAL POINTS OF DISCHARGE

- 60.1 A person must not, without a Permit:
- 60.1.1 connect to;
 - 60.1.2 alter;
 - 60.1.3 interfere with;
 - 60.1.4 excavate;
 - 60.1.5 damage;
 - 60.1.6 destroy; or
 - 60.1.7 obstruct the function of, any drain under the control of Council unless Council has certified a plan of subdivision which necessitates that activity or otherwise permitted that activity under another Act.
- 60.2 The Owner of land must ensure that all drainage servicing their land is maintained in sound working order and does not cause damage or nuisance to any other property, including Council Property.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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PART J – MURRAY TO THE MOUNTAINS RAIL TRAIL**61. APPLICATION**

- 61.1 This Part applies to land and activities within the Rail Trail Reserve.
- 61.2 This Part does not apply to:
- 61.2.1 an Authorised Officer or an employee of Council when acting in the course of their duties; or
 - 61.2.2 a person acting in accordance with a lease, license, tenancy or permit granted or issued under an Act that is not subject to this Part, to the extent that the activities authorised by that lease, license, tenancy or permit are inconsistent with this Local Law.
- 61.3 Parts K and L of this Local Law apply to land and activities within the Rail Trail Reserve.

62. POWERS OF COUNCIL OVER THE RAIL TRAIL

- 62.1 Council may determine that a specified area or areas in the Rail Trail Reserve be set aside and permitted to be used for one or more of the following uses:
- 62.1.1 protection or management of Flora, Fauna, geological or geomorphological features or cultural values;
 - 62.1.2 re-establishment or planting of Vegetation;
 - 62.1.3 amenities or facilities for public use;
 - 62.1.4 camping;
 - 62.1.5 the playing of games or sport;
 - 62.1.6 the lighting or maintaining of fires;
 - 62.1.7 the riding, driving or leading of a horse or a mule or a donkey or a camel or the drawing of a Vehicle by any of those animals;
 - 62.1.8 the parking of any Vehicle or Vehicles of a particular class or classes;
 - 62.1.9 the passage of any Vehicle or Vehicles of a particular class or classes;
 - 62.1.10 a Bicycle Path;
 - 62.1.11 a Footway;
 - 62.1.12 a Separated Footpath;
 - 62.1.13 a Shared Pathway;
 - 62.1.14 the conducting of a community event;
 - 62.1.15 a commercial venture;
 - 62.1.16 for the Droving and/or Grazing of Livestock (Exceptional circumstances only);
 - 62.1.17 to cut and bale grass for hay; and
 - 62.1.18 to conduct fuel reduction burns.
- 62.2 A determination under Clause 62.1 must specify the times or periods during which the areas set aside may be used, the use for which the area has, or areas have, been set aside and any conditions of use.
- 62.3 If Council has determined that an area be set aside under Clause 62.1, it must cause a notice to be displayed in a conspicuous place in such a manner that the notice is reasonably likely to be seen by the persons about to enter the areas, indicating:
- 62.3.1 the area(s) so set aside;
 - 62.3.2 the use for which the area has, or the areas have, been set aside; and

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- 62.3.3 the conditions on, and times or periods during, which the use is permitted.
- 62.4 Council may determine that a specified area or areas in the Rail Trail Reserve be set aside as an area where access or entry is prohibited or restricted for:
- 62.4.1 a person who is in possession of Liquor;
- 62.4.2 a person who is in possession of any glass;
- 62.4.3 reasons of public safety;
- 62.4.4 the protection of Flora, Fauna, geological or geomorphological features or cultural values;
- 62.4.5 a person who is control of an animal including horses, camels, donkeys and other animals; and
- 62.4.6 the Droving of Livestock.
- 62.5 A determination under Clause 62.4 must specify:
- 62.5.1 the times or periods during which entry or access is prohibited or restricted to an area or the conditions of entry to that area; and
- 62.5.2 the reasons why entry or access is prohibited or restricted.
- 62.6 If Council has determined that an area be set aside under Clause 62.4, it must cause a notice to be displayed in a conspicuous place in such a manner that the notice is reasonably likely to be seen by the persons about to enter the areas, indicating:
- 62.6.1 the areas so set aside;
- 62.6.2 any conditions of entry to the areas; and
- 62.6.3 the times or periods during which entry or access is prohibited or restricted.
- 62.7 Council may from time to time fix fees payable for entry to any part of the Rail Trail or the use of any facilities within the Rail Trail.
- 62.8 If Council has determined that fees are payable under Clause 62.7, it must cause notice of those fees to be displayed in a conspicuous place in such a manner that the notice is reasonably likely to be seen by the persons about to enter the areas.
- 62.9 A person must not:
- 62.9.1 enter any part of the Rail Trail; or
- 62.9.2 use any facilities within the Rail Trail,
- without paying any applicable fees, or otherwise in contravention of any conditions, fixed by Council.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**63. VEHICLES**

- 63.1 A person must not, without a Permit:
- 63.1.1 use, control or drive a Vehicle; or
- 63.1.2 park or leave a Vehicle standing, unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

- 63.2 Clause 63.1 does not apply to:
- 63.2.1 a bicycle, unicycle, tricycle or scooter;
- 63.2.2 a battery powered bicycle or scooter with a power source of less than two hundred (200)

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- 63.2.3 a wheelchair being used by a person with a disability;
- 63.2.4 a motorised mobility aid used by people with limited mobility, provided that no damage to the Rail Trail will result from the use of the mobility aid and the maximum speed travelled by the mobility aid does not exceed twenty (20) km/per hour; or
- 63.2.5 any motorised Vehicle used in any part of the Rail Trail Reserve signed as a Shared Zone, provided that the maximum speed travelled by that Vehicle does not exceed twenty (20) km/per hour and all traffic signals are obeyed.

64. AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS AND AIRBORNE CRAFT

A person must not, without a Permit, launch, fly, land, control or operate any model aircraft, model helicopter, drone, aircraft, helicopter, glider, hang glider or similar flying machine, kite, hot air balloon or parachute.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**65. CAMPING**

A person must not, without a Permit, camp unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**66. FIRE**

- 66.1 A person must not, without a Permit, light or maintain a fire unless :
 - 66.1.1 in a place provided by Council for that purpose; or
 - 66.1.2 in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.
- 66.2 A person must not leave unextinguished or unattended a fire which that person has lit or maintained.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**67. ERECTING OR USING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

A person must not, without a Permit:

- 67.1 erect or place any building or structure, including a fence; or
- 67.2 enter, occupy or use the whole or any part of any building or structure except a building or structure set aside by Council for that purpose and in accordance with any applicable conditions.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**68. GAMES OR SPORTS**

A person must not, without a Permit, engage in any game or sport unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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69. ORGANISED FUNCTION, FETE OR PUBLIC MEETING

A person must not, without a Permit, participate in an organised function, concert, festival, tour, fete or public meeting or similar event unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

70. PUBLIC ADDRESS

A person must not, without a Permit, preach or deliver an address or use any amplifier, public address system, loud hailer or similar device.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

71. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

A person must not, without a Permit:

- 71.1 sell or offer any article for sale;
- 71.2 supply any Vehicle for hire or carry any passengers for fee or reward;
- 71.3 conduct any school or provide any form of instruction for gain;
- 71.4 display or advertise for sale, trade or hire any article, device, service or thing;
- 71.5 solicit or collect money or orders for goods, services or other purposes;
- 71.6 take part in or advertise any entertainment for gain;
- 71.7 give out, distribute, erect, leave, set up or display any handbill, placard, notice, pamphlet, book, paper, advertising matter or any like thing;
- 71.8 offer for hire any article, device or thing;
- 71.9 conduct a tour for gain or for commercial purposes; or
- 71.10 cultivate and/or plant any crops,

unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

72. MACHINERY AND POWER TOOLS

A person must not, without a Permit, operate any portable or stationary generator, air- compressor, chainsaw, oxy-acetylene or electrical cutting or welding apparatus or other machinery in the Rail Trail Area.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

73. BICYCLE PATHS AND FOOTPATHS

A person must not, without a Permit, enter or use a Bicycle Path, Footpath, Separated Footpath or Shared Pathway unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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74. HORSES

A person must not, without a Permit, ride, drive or lead a horse, mule, donkey or camel, whether in a vehicle or not, within the Rail Trail Reserve unless in an area set aside by Council for that purpose.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

75. LIVESTOCK

A person must not, without a Permit:

- 75.1 undertake Droving of Livestock or Grazing of Livestock; or
- 75.2 erect any temporary or permanent fencing with respect to such activities.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

76. HAY MAKING

A person must not, without a Permit, cut and bale hay.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

77. FIRE MINIMISATION

A person must not, without a Permit, undertake fuel reduction burning.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

78. NATURAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ASSETS

78.1 A person must not without permission or permit:

- 78.1.1 take, cut, damage, displace, deface or interfere with any timber, tree, shrub, plant, wildflower or other vegetation;
- 78.1.2 enter any area which is set aside by Council for the:
 - 78.1.2.1 re-establishment or planting of trees, shrubs, grass or other vegetation; or
 - 78.1.2.2 protection of flora or fauna, geological or geomorphological features or cultural values;
- 78.1.3 plant or knowingly introduce any seed, tree, shrub, fern or other vegetation or any part of any tree, shrub or other vegetation;
- 78.1.4 take, destroy or damage any lair or nest or take any fauna or its lair or nest or take any skeletal remains;
- 78.1.5 move or interfere with any sign, notice-board, equipment, seat, table, gate, post, fence, bridge, facility, building or structure;
- 78.1.6 take any stone including any soil, sand or gravel or bricks from bridge or drainage structures; or
- 78.1.7 disturb the soil for activities such as cropping.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

78.2 Clause 78.1 does not apply to a person acting in accordance with a lease, license, permit or

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other authority under the *Extractive Industries Development Act 1995*, the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* or the *Petroleum Act 1998*.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**79. GATES**

A person must leave any gate open except where the gate is already open, or otherwise in accordance with any directions displayed by Council.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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PART K – LOCAL LAW PERMITS**80. PERMITS**

- 80.1 Council or an Authorised Officer may issue a permit under this Local Law with or without conditions, or may refuse to issue the same.
- 80.2 Council or an Authorised Officer may from time to time determine:
 - 80.2.1 the manner and form in which applications for permits under this Local Law should be made;
 - 80.2.2 the manner in which any Permit under this Local Law should be issued; and
 - 80.2.3 the fee for any application for a Permit.
- 80.3 Council or an Authorised Officer may waive, reduce or alter any fee for a Permit.
- 80.4 Council or an Authorised Officer may require a person making an application for a Permit to give public notice of the application in a manner specified from time to time by Council or the Authorised Officer.
- 80.5 Council or an Authorised Officer may require an applicant for a Permit to provide additional information before the application is determined.
- 80.6 A person who provides any false or misleading information in connection with an application for a Permit is guilty of an Offence.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS**81. ISSUING OR REFUSING PERMITS**

- 81.1 In considering an application for a Permit, Council or an Authorised Officer may take into account any:
 - 81.1.1 Council policy or guideline relevant to the subject matter of the application for the Permit;
 - 81.1.1.1 submission that may have been received where the application for the Permit has been notified to the public;
 - 81.1.1.2 comment on the application for the Permit that may have been made by any Service Authority, community organisation or other person; and
 - 81.1.1.3 other relevant matter.
- 81.2 Council or an Authorised Officer may decide:
 - 81.2.1 to issue a Permit;
 - 81.2.2 to issue a Permit subject to conditions; or
 - 81.2.3 to refuse to issue a Permit.

82. BREACH OF PERMIT CONDITIONS

A person who fails to comply with a Permit or any condition of a Permit is guilty of an Offence.

PENALTY: MAXIMUM TWENTY (20) PENALTY UNITS

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83. CANCELLATION AND AMENDMENT OF PERMITS

- 83.1 Council or an Authorised Officer may cancel or amend a Permit if there has been a:
- 83.1.1 material misstatement or concealment of facts in relation to the application for the Permit;
 - 83.1.2 material change in circumstances that has occurred since the Permit was issued; or
 - 83.1.3 failure to comply with any condition or conditions subject to which the Permit was issued.
- 83.2 Council or the Authorised Officer must notify the Permit Holder of the Permit of the intention to amend or cancel the Permit and give the Permit Holder an opportunity to make a written submission before the Permit is amended or cancelled.
- 83.3 Despite Clause 83.2, where Council or an Authorised Officer determines that the activity authorised by the Permit will adversely affect the environment, the amenity of the area, or the health or safety of any person or property, the Permit may be suspended immediately pending consideration of any written submissions, and the Permit Holder must immediately cease all activities or things that would otherwise be allowed by the Permit.

84. CORRECTION OF PERMITS

- 84.1 Council may correct any Permit in relation to:
- 84.1.1 a clerical mistake or other error arising unintentionally or an omission; or
 - 84.1.2 an evident material miscalculation of figures or an evident material mistake in the description of any person, thing or property referred to in the Permit.
- 84.2 Council must give notice of any correction of a Permit to the Permit Holder.

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PART L – OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS**85. INCORPORATION OF POLICIES**

85.1 The following Policies are incorporated into this Local Law:

85.1.1 Local Law Policy LLP11 Droving of Livestock;

85.1.2 Local Law Policy LLP12 Grazing of Livestock; and

85.1.3 Local Law Policy LLP23 Using Footpaths.

86. EXEMPTIONS

86.1 No Permit is required under this Local Law where a person undertakes an activity or does any act or thing pursuant to and in accordance with a lease, licence or some other form of written consent given by Council or an Authorised Officer.

86.2 Council or an Authorised Officer may exempt a person or a class of persons from the application of, or need to comply with, this Local Law or any part of it, either generally or in a particular instance.

86.3 Any exemption:

86.3.1 must be in writing; and

86.3.2 may be subject to conditions.

87. NOTICES TO COMPLY

87.1 Council or an Authorised Officer may, by serving a Notice to Comply, direct any Owner, Occupier or other person to remedy any thing which constitutes a breach of this Local Law.

87.2 A Notice to Comply issued under this Local Law must:

87.2.1 specify the thing in breach of the Local Law;

87.2.2 specify the thing to be done or the work to be carried out to remedy the thing in breach of the Local Law; and

87.2.3 state the time and date by which the thing must be remedied.

87.3 The time required by a Notice to Comply served under this Local Law must be reasonable in the circumstances, and what will be reasonable will vary depending on the matters to be remedied, but should take into account, if applicable:

87.3.1 the amount of work involved;

87.3.2 the degree of difficulty;

87.3.3 the availability of necessary materials or other necessary items;

87.3.4 climatic conditions;

87.3.5 the degree of risk or potential risk; and

87.3.6 any other relevant matter.

87.4 Any person who fails to remedy a thing in accordance with a Notice to Comply within the time specified is guilty of an offence.

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87.5 Nothing in this Local Law:

87.5.1 obliges Council or an Authorised Officer to serve a Notice to Comply; or

87.5.2 precludes Council or an Authorised Officer from both serving a Notice to Comply and also serving an Infringement Notice or prosecuting for an offence.

88. POWER OF AN AUTHORISED OFFICER TO ACT IN URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES

88.1 If:

88.1.1 a person has breached any provision of this Local Law in respect of which a Notice to Comply may be issued;

88.1.2 the breach threatens a person's or an animal's life or health, any property or the natural environment;

88.1.3 the circumstances are sufficiently urgent and the time necessary to serve and ensure compliance with a Notice to Comply may exacerbate that threat; and the Authorised Officer has taken reasonable steps to obtain the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, an Authorised Officer may take such action as they consider necessary to abate or minimise the danger without serving a Notice to Comply if notice is given of:

88.1.4 the reasons for taking the action; and

88.1.5 the action taken,

to the person in breach of the provision of this Local Law in respect of which the action was taken as soon as practicable afterwards.

88.2 The action taken by an Authorised Officer under this Clause 88 must not extend beyond what is necessary to cause the immediate abatement of or minimise the risk or danger involved.

88.3 Any costs incurred by Council to remove, remedy or rectify a situation under this Clause 88 may be recovered by Council from the person responsible.

89. IMPOUNDING

89.1 An Authorised Officer may seize and impound any thing which has been or is being used or possessed in contravention of this Local Law.

89.2 Where any thing has been impounded under this Clause 89, Council or an Authorised Officer must, if it is practicable to do so, serve written notice of the impounding personally, by pre-paid mail or by email on the person who appears to be the Owner of the impounded thing.

89.3 An impounded thing must be surrendered to:

89.3.1 its Owner; or

89.3.2 a person acting on behalf of its Owner who provides evidence to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer of their authority from the Owner,

89.4 if:

89.4.1 evidence to the satisfaction of the Authorised Officer is provided of the Owner's right to the thing; and

89.4.2 any fee, determined by Council or an Authorised Officer from time to time, is paid.

89.5 If an impounded item is not retrieved within fourteen (14) days of the notice of

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impounding being served or, if no notice of impounding was served, of the act of impounding, Council or an Authorised Officer may:

- 89.5.1 sell;
- 89.5.2 give away; or
- 89.5.3 destroy,

the impounded thing.

- 89.6 Proceeds of any sale of an impounded thing, less any costs incurred by Council in impounding and selling the thing and complying with the requirements of this Local Law, are to be held by Council pending any claim by the Owner. If the Owner at any time provides reasonable proof of entitlement to the net proceeds of the sale of an impounded item, within six (6) months of the sale, payment of such must be made to that person.
- 89.7 If no valid claim is made with the six (6) months period under Clause 89.6, any surplus proceeds of the sale may be used for municipal purposes.

90. OFFENCES

- 90.1 A person who contravenes or fails to comply with:
 - 90.1.1 any provision of a Local Law;
 - 90.1.2 any condition contained in a Permit issued under a Local Law; or
 - 90.1.3 a Notice to Comply issued under Clause 87,
 - is guilty of an Offence and is liable to the penalty stated under the provision that is contravened.
- 90.2 Where a person is found guilty of an offence under this Local Law they will be liable to:
 - 90.2.1 a further penalty of one (1) Penalty Unit for each day during which the contravention continues; and
 - 90.2.2 upon being found guilty of a second or subsequent offence, a penalty that is double the penalty stated under the provision that is contravened or twenty (20) Penalty Units, whichever is the lesser.

91. INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

- 91.1 An Authorised Officer may issue an Infringement Notice for an Offence, as an alternative to prosecution.
- 91.2 The penalties fixed for Infringement Notices:
 - 91.2.1 are set out in Schedule 1; or
 - 91.2.2 where no penalty for an Infringement Notice is stated in Schedule 1, the penalty is two (2) Penalty Units.

92. PENALTIES UNDER THIS LOCAL LAW GENERALLY

- 92.1 If no penalty is fixed for an offence against this Local Law, the maximum penalty is twenty (20) Penalty Units.

93. REQUIREMENT TO ACT FAIRLY AND REASONABLY

- 93.1 In exercising any power under this Local Law, Council and an Authorised Officer must act fairly and reasonably and in proportion to the nature and extent of the breach of this Local Law.

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94. DELEGATION

94.1 Pursuant to Section 78 of the Act, Council:

- 94.1.1 delegates to the Chief Executive Officer all of its powers under this Local Law;
and
- 94.1.2 authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate those powers to the holder
of an office or position as a member of Council staff.

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SCHEDULE 1**PENALTIES PRESCRIBED UNDER CLAUSE 75 OF THIS LOCAL LAW, FOR
INFRINGEMENT NOTICE PURPOSES**

RELEVANT CLAUSE		Penalty for a natural person	Penalty for a company or incorporated body is identical to the penalty for a natural person unless indicated otherwise
7	Access to Municipal Buildings	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
8	Prohibition on entry to a Municipal Building	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
9	Conduct in a Municipal Building	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
10	Access to Council Land	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
11	Prohibited conduct on Council Land	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
12	Collection of Firewood	Two (2) Penalty Units	
13	Droving of Livestock	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
14	Grazing of Livestock	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
15	Street Activities	One (1) Penalty Unit	--
16	Items on Council Land	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
17	Advertising and Advertising Signs	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
18	Shopping trolleys	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
19	Charity Donation Bins	Two (2) Penalty Units	--

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RELEVANT CLAUSE	Penalty for a natural person	Penalty for a company or incorporated body is identical to the penalty for a natural person unless indicated otherwise
20 Street parties, festivals and processions	One (1) Penalty Unit	--
21 Floodlighting	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
22 Use of Vehicles on Council Land	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
23 Use of Recreational Vehicles on private land	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
24 Repair and Display for sale of Vehicles	Two (2) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
25 Vehicles on roads and Council Land	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
26 Damaging, defacing or interfering with Council Property	Four (4) Penalty Units	--
27 Vehicle crossings	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
28 Consumption of Liquor or possession in unsealed container and behaviour near Licensed Premises	Three (3) Penalty Units	--
29 Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, in-line and roller skates	One (1) Penalty Unit	--
30 Property address and numbers	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
31 Incinerators and burning	Five (5) Penalty Units	--
32 Burning of materials	Five (5) Penalty Units	

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RELEVANT CLAUSE		Penalty for a natural person	Penalty for a company or incorporated body is identical to the penalty for a natural person unless indicated otherwise
33	Condition of land	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
34	Storage of dangerous or hazardous substances on land	Five (5) Penalty Units	--
35	Storage, vehicles and machinery	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
36	Shipping containers and temporary structures	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
37	Camping	One (1) Penalty Unit	--
38	Trees and vegetation	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
39	Wasp nests and bees	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
41	Limits on number of animals kept	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
42	Racing Pigeons	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
43	Removal of animal faeces	One (1) Penalty Unit	--
44	Animal housing	Two (2) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
45	Provision of effective fencing to contain animals	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
46	Power to Impound Additional Animals	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
47	Wandering Animals	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
48	Protection of Council Infrastructure Assets During Building Works	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
49	Containment of building sites	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units

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RELEVANT CLAUSE		Penalty for a natural person	Penalty for a company or incorporated body is identical to the penalty for a natural person unless indicated otherwise
50	Entry to building sites	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
51	Building site identification	One (1) Penalty Unit	Five (5) Penalty Units
52	Approved toilet systems	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
53	Building site waste	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
54	Pedestrian and traffic hazards, and safety	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
55	Soil stockpiles	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
56	Drains	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
57	Collection Services	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
58	Suspension of Collection Services	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
59	Bulk Rubbish Containers	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
60	Use of drains and legal points of discharge	Ten (10) Penalty Units	--
62.9	Use of Rail Trail Reserve without paying fees or in contravention of conditions	Twenty (20) Penalty Units	
63	Vehicles on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
64	Aircraft, helicopters and airborne craft on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
65	Camping on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
66	Fire in the Rail Trail Reserve	Five (5) Penalty Units	--
67	Erecting or using buildings and structures on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
68	Games or sports on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--

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RELEVANT CLAUSE		Penalty for a natural person	Penalty for a company or incorporated body is identical to the penalty for a natural person unless indicated otherwise
69	Organised functions on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
70	Public address systems on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
71	Commercial activities on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units
72	Machinery and power tools on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
73	Bicycle Paths and footpaths on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
74	Horses on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
75	Livestock on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
76	Hay making on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
77	Fire minimisation on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
78	Natural, cultural and other assets on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
79	Gates on the Rail Trail Reserve	Two (2) Penalty Units	--
80.6	False representation to Council	Two (2) Penalty Units	Five (5) Penalty Units
82	Breach of Permit conditions	Five (5) Penalty Units	--
87.4	Non-compliance with Notice to Comply	Five (5) Penalty Units	Ten (10) Penalty Units

Draft Local Law No. 1 - Submissions

Submission	Feedback	Response
1.	As an owner of a rental property, I feel I should not be responsible for an animal escaping. Yes, an obligation to supply fencing as we cannot refuse tenants with animals but surely the responsibility should be on the animal owners to be responsible for wandering animals.	Clause 45 requires adequate fencing and is used in conjunction with Clause 47 which specifically relates to wandering animals and puts the responsibility to prevent animals from wandering from a property on the "owner and person in charge of an animal".
2.	There are specific laws regarding flood light and odours. I feel that noise should be included as a nuisance as well.	Noise is covered by separate legislation – the Environment Protection Act 2017.
3.	(31) INCINERATORS AND BURNING. This section is outdated and should be updated to reflect the common use of fire pits that are readily available and sold.	Based on a review of the local laws of surrounding councils we propose to amend the local law to include: 31.2.3 <i>a fire in a chimney, potbelly stove, or a small open fire in a suitable container used for heating, cooking, cultural or social purposes, which is not offensive and to the extent reasonably possible, any nuisance to neighbouring properties.</i>
4.	37.3.4 Request to change distance from front boundry from 6m to 3m - in recognition of land size and access to backyards	Propose to change Clause 37.3.4 to allow for caravans/similar facilities to be stored within <u>3 meters</u> of the front of the land instead of 6 meters.



RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY 2025

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the obligations of Council and users of Council's waste services in connection with the collection and disposal of waste.

This Policy is incorporated into Council's Community Amenity Local Law 2025.

2. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all residents and ratepayers in Council's municipal district.

3. OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this Policy are to:

- 3.1 ensure the efficient and responsible delivery by Council of its waste collection services;
- 3.2 ensure the lawful and responsible use of Council's waste collection services by residents and ratepayers;
- 3.3 implement and maintain environmentally responsible processes for the collection and disposal of waste in Council's municipal district; and
- 3.4 assist Council in meeting its obligations under the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* and the National Waste Policy.

4. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this Policy which are defined in the Local Law have the same meaning as in the Local Law.

In addition, unless the contrary intention appears, the following terms are defined for the purposes of this Policy:

"approved bin" means a waste collection bin approved by Council for use as part of a waste collection service as specified in Schedule 2.

"collection service" means any or all of the kerbside domestic waste, household organics and recyclables collection services provided by Council.

"domestic waste" means all waste or rubbish produced or accumulated in or on any land but excludes:

- (a) hot or burning materials;
- (b) nightsoil, sewerage, and animal excreta unless it is wrapped in a manner which prevents its escape;
- (c) slops or liquid wastes;



- (d) waste generated from building work;
- (e) waste generated from the restoration, repair or servicing of motor vehicles;
- (f) waste from a vacuum cleaner, hair, moist refuse or similar waste, unless it is wrapped or contained in a manner which prevents its escape;
- (g) ash, unless it is:
 - (i) cold;
 - (ii) dampened; and
 - (iii) wrapped or contained in a manner which prevents its escape;
- (h) trade waste;
- (i) recyclables;
- (j) oil, paints, solvents and similar substances;
- (k) any broken glass, lancet or other sharp object, unless:
 - (i) it is wrapped in impermeable material; or
 - (ii) contained entirely within an impermeable receptacle from which it cannot escape;
- (l) disposable nappies, unless they have been cleaned of faeces and wrapped in impermeable material;
- (m) any waste that cannot be contained in an approved waste receptacle due to its size, shape, nature or volume;
- (n) medical or veterinary waste;
- (o) building materials, including, without limitation, bricks, concrete, timber and metal objects;
- (p) furniture and like objects;
- (q) motor vehicle parts;
- (r) household organics;
- (s) any object which may damage the collection mechanism or a vehicle used for the collection of refuse; and
- (t) any other substance declared by Council or an authorised officer not to constitute "domestic waste" for the purposes of this Local Law from time to time, the details of which appear on Council's website

"domestic waste bin" means an approved bin provided by Council for the purposes of disposing of domestic waste.

"e-waste" means electronic waste in the form of electrical or electronic equipment, devices or things (or materials or parts of such equipment, devices or things), the operation of which is dependent on, or designed for the generation, transfer or measurement of, an electric current or electromagnetic field. (EPA). This means any device that has a plug, battery or power cord that is no longer working or wanted.

"household organics" means:

- (a) garden clippings, being:
 - (i) grass clippings;
 - (ii) flowers, leaves, weeds;
 - (iii) plants, small shrubs;
 - (iv) small branches, sticks (no longer than 40cm, or 10cm in diameter); and
 - (v) straw, hay;
- (b) food scraps, being:
 - (i) fruit, vegetables;
 - (ii) meat, seafood, bones (raw and cooked);
 - (iii) baked goods, bread, pastries;
 - (iv) eggshells, dairy, cheese;



- (v) rice, pasta, cooked leftovers;
- (vi) mouldy, out-of-date food;
- (vii) takeaway, fried foods;
- (viii) cereals, nuts, grains;
- (ix) chocolate, lollies; and
- (x) coffee grounds, tea leaves, tea bags (without the label, and excluding fabric/silk tea bags); and
- (c) other organic material, being:
 - (i) compostable liners with the certified compostable logo;
 - (ii) paper towel, tissues, serviettes;
 - (iii) shredded paper;
 - (iv) paper (smaller than postcard size);
 - (v) cardboard bread tags, popsicle sticks;
 - (vi) human hair, animal hair, animal feathers;
 - (vii) newspaper (1 or 2 sheets only, used to line the caddy);
 - (viii) cardboard (single sheet only, used to line the bottom of the bin, excludes staples and sticky tape); and
 - (ix) Pizza boxes.

"household organics bin" means an approved bin provided by Council for the purposes of disposing of household organics.

"Local Law" means the Community Amenity Local Law 2025.

"recyclables" means any empty glass bottles or jars (clear, brown or green), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), high density polyethylene (HDPE), hard plastics (coded or uncoded), aluminium cans and foil, steel cans, clean paper and cardboard, liquid paper board and any other material which Council has resolved to be recyclables for the purposes of this Policy (the details of which appear on Council's website).

"recyclables bin" means an approved bin provided by Council for the purposes of disposing of recyclables.

"recycling and waste centre" means any facility owned and/or operated by Council for the purposes of receiving waste and materials

"specified e-waste" means e-waste that consists of rechargeable batteries, cathode ray tube monitors and televisions, flat panel monitors and televisions, information technology and telecommunications

"service area" means the defined service area and routes in Schedule 1.

"trade waste" means any waste, refuse, slops or other matter arising from or generated by any trade, industry or commercial undertaking.

"waste" means any waste generated on premises, including domestic waste, household organics, recyclables and commercial paper and cardboard.

"waste deposit site" means a landfill and a transfer station operated by Council and includes Bowser Landfill, Wangaratta Organic Processing Facility, and transfer stations located in Wangaratta, Markwood, Moyhu and Eldorado.

5. COUNCIL COLLECTION SERVICES

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 Council provides or makes available to the service area within its municipal district a regular domestic waste collection service, a regular household organics collection service and a regular recyclables collection service.



5.1.2 These collection services are provided in accordance with the table set out in Schedule 2.

5.1.3 This Part 5 of the Policy sets out the expectations and obligations of those persons accessing these collection services.

5.2 Placement of approved bins for collection

The occupier of land to which a collection service is provided by Council must comply with the following requirements.

5.2.1 An approved bin must be placed out for collection:

- (a) on the nature strip adjacent the land within 1 metre of the kerb or, if there is no nature strip adjacent the land, within 1 metre of the kerb;
- (b) at least 1 metre away from any tree, poles, posts, parked cars and other fixed objects;
- (c) with a clearance of at least 3 metres above the lid;
- (d) with a clearance of at least 500 millimetres on each side;
- (e) with the hinges of the lid facing the land;
- (f) with the lid closed; and
- (g) before 6am on the day scheduled for collection.

5.2.2 An approved bin must not be placed out for collection:

- (a) where the weight of the approved bin exceeds 70 kilograms;
- (b) in a manner that obstructs the free use of the road (including road reserve, footpath and nature strip) by motor vehicles or pedestrians.

5.2.3 An approved bin must be placed out for collection from, and returned to, the land to which it has been provided by Council:

- (a) in respect of domestic collections services, one day before and after a collection day, unless permitted to do so by an authorised officer; or
- (b) in respect of commercial and industrial services, 12 hours before or after a collection day, unless permitted to do so by an authorised officer.

5.2.4 The occupier of a rural property:

- (a) which is located outside the service area; and
- (b) to which approved bins have been provided,

must comply with this clause 5.2, except that their approved bins may be placed for collection at the nearest cross road that is within the service area.

5.3 Maintenance of approved bins

5.3.1 The occupier of land to which Council has allocated approved bins must keep the approved bins:

- (a) as clean as is reasonably practicable;
- (b) free from vermin; and
- (c) in good working order.

5.3.2 The occupier of land to which Council has allocated approved bins must, as soon as becoming aware of any loss of or damage to one or more of those approved bins, notify Council of that damage.

5.3.3 If the loss of or damage to an approved bin has been caused by the neglect or deliberate act of the occupier of the land, they may be required to pay:

- (a) a fee determined by Council or an authorised officer from time to time for the replacement of the approved waste receptacle; or
- (b) such part of the fee as Council or an authorised officer considers appropriate.

**5.4 Deposit of waste**

5.4.1 A person must only deposit:

- (a) domestic waste in a domestic waste bin;
- (b) recyclables in a recyclables bin; and
- (c) household organics in a household organics bin.

5.4.2 Without limiting the generality of clause 5.4.1, a person must not deposit in any approved bin:

- (a) hazardous waste or chemicals;
- (b) volatile, explosive or flammable substances;
- (c) dust, fine particle waste, polystyrene beads or similar unless securely wrapped;
- (d) oil, paint, solvents or any other material or item which may damage the bin;
- (e) wire of any description;
- (f) e-waste;
- (g) hot or burning ashes;
- (h) a gas bottle or any container of pressurised gas;
- (i) building or renovation waste;
- (j) soil, bricks or rubble;
- (k) medical waste, veterinary waste or syringes; or
- (l) tyres.

5.5 Domestic waste

The occupier of land to which a domestic waste collection service is provided must:

- 5.5.1 deposit all domestic waste generated on the land which is to be collected by Council into the domestic waste bin allocated to that land by Council;
- 5.5.2 not place out for collection by Council any domestic waste other than in a domestic waste bin; and
- 5.5.3 place their domestic waste bin out for collection in accordance with the requirements of clause 5.1.

5.6 Household organics

5.6.1 The occupier of land to which a household organics collection service is provided must:

- (a) deposit all household organics generated on the land which is to be collected by Council into the household organics bin allocated to that land by Council;
- (b) not place out for collection by Council any household organics other than in a household organics bin;
- (c) place their household organics bin out for collection in accordance with the requirements of clause 5.1; and
- (d) only deposit household organics which are either loose or contained within newspaper or bin liners approved by Council.

5.6.2 Council will provide to all properties receiving a household organics collection service:

- (a) to residential properties annually:
 - (i) one kitchen caddy; and
 - (ii) one roll of compostable liners; and



- (b) to commercial properties:
 - (i) one roll of either 80L or 240L compostable bin liners.
- 5.6.3 Council will make available at the Wangaratta Government Centre:
 - (a) replacement kitchen caddy for a fee; and
 - (b) rolls of compostable liners for free.

5.7 Recyclables

The occupier of land to which a recyclables collection service is provided must:

- 5.7.1 deposit all recyclables generated on the land which is to be collected by Council into the recyclables bin allocated to that land by Council;
- 5.7.2 not place out for collection by Council any recyclables other than in a recyclables bin;
- 5.7.3 place their recyclables bin out for collection in accordance with the requirements of clause 5.1; and
- 5.7.4 only deposit loose recyclables.

6. OFFENCES

- 6.1 **Failure to comply with this policy is an offence against clause 57.1 of the Local Law.**
- 6.2 Illegal dumping of waste and littering may also constitute an offence against the *Environment Protection Act 2017*.

7. REPLACEMENT WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

7.1 Requirements for replacement waste collection services

Where a collection service to any land is suspended under clause 57.1 of the Local Law, the replacement waste collection service must:

- 7.1.1 provide for the separate collection and disposal of domestic waste, household organics and recyclables;
- 7.1.2 provide for the collection from the land of:
 - (a) domestic waste at least once every 2 weeks;
 - (b) household organics at least once every week; and
 - (c) recyclables at least once every 2 weeks; and
- 7.1.3 require bins to be placed out for collection in accordance with clause 5.2 of this Policy.

7.2 Disposal of waste collected by way of a replacement waste collection service

Waste collected by way of a replacement waste collection service must be disposed of in a way that:

- 7.2.1 does not allow contamination of household organics and recyclables; and
- 7.2.2 ensures that the waste is disposed of at one or more of the waste deposit sites, provided that it is disposed at a waste deposit site suitable for disposal of the particular waste.



8. Exemptions and Exceptions**8.1 Uninhabitable residences:**

Premises may be eligible for a waste exemption if evidence can be provided that the premises are uninhabitable

8.2 Emergency waste exemption:

Residents may be eligible for a waste exemption if affected by a natural or local disaster. Depending on the severity of the situation, a \$5 dollar hard waste voucher will be provided, or alternatively fees may be waived, at the discretion of the Director Infrastructure Services.

8.3 Rural and Urban Medical Waste Residents:

may be eligible for a waste exemption for medical waste. The option of an additional bin will be provided at no charge, upon receipt of a medical certificate or other documentation deemed appropriate by the Waste Management Coordinator

8.4 Multi-Level Units and Large Unit Buildings:

Owners' Corporation Owners' Corporations of more than 8 units can negotiate the overall number and composition of bins and will be charged accordingly, however a kitchen caddy and liners will need to be provided for each residence at the cost to the Owners Corporation. The number of rolls of compostable liners provided for free will be reflective of the number of bins charged. Negotiation of bins will need to occur prior to 1 July of the new financial year to be itemised on annual rates notices. Owners' Corporation representatives will be required to provide evidence of their eligibility under this section and also to complete a form to substantiate their request for a change in services. If approved, the total amount of the service charges will be invoiced directly to the Owners' Corporation representative. Unpaid amounts will result in an immediate termination of these special arrangements and reversion to standard bin services

8.5 Refund of rates for services not received:

In the occurrence of paid waste rates without a collection ever occurring, the owner of the property may seek reimbursement. Reimbursement at the error of Council will be up to a maximum of 5 years, if proven there was no waste collection in place

8.6 Alternative collection arrangements for Business or Commercial Operators:

Persons or corporations may be eligible for a waste charge exemption where an alternative collection service is utilised. Exemptions will be considered, if written evidence of an alternative service is provided and is satisfactory to Council's requirements, and a waste audit is undertaken at the property by a Council officer. Satisfactory evidence would include a copy of the contract for the provision of future waste collection services or a copy of three month's statements showing a regular collection service is in place. Any information supplied will remain confidential. This evidence will be required annually upon receipt of a rate notice including waste charges.

8.7 Unoccupied commercial properties

If a commercial property has been unoccupied for a minimum of 12 months, an exemption from waste charges may be granted. It is the responsibility of the landlord to apply for the exemption. The exemption will be applied going forward from the date approval is granted. No retrospective refunds will be given for the period that the commercial property has not been occupied. All exemptions are reassessed before the end of the financial year biannually. At any point, if the property becomes occupied again the landlord must notify Council and arrange waste services..



9. Council's Four Strike Contamination

Contamination occurs when people place the wrong item in the wrong bin. To ensure the long-term viability and effectiveness of the garbage, organic and recycling kerbside systems, Council has introduced a four strike contamination procedure. This procedure will use both education and enforcement to reduce the rate of contamination in Council bins.

If a garbage, organics or recycling bin containing contamination is presented 4 times within a 4 year period, on the fourth occasion, the bin will be removed and the charges will remain on the property's rates notice

If Council becomes aware of a situation that is causing ongoing contamination issues

i.e. dementia or disability, bins will be taken away and more appropriate bins will be issued to the resident.

9.1 Contamination Notice Steps

9.1.1 First offence

- (a) The garbage, organics or recycling bin will not be collected and will receive either a contamination sticker or letter which also contains education material. The bin will be recollected upon request, if the contaminants are removed.

9.1.2 Second offence

- (a) The garbage, organics or recycling bin will not be collected and will receive either a contamination sticker or letter which also contains education material. The resident will also receive a follow up letter in the mail notifying them of their second offence and outlining the contamination policy steps. The bin will be recollected upon request, if contaminants are removed.

9.1.3 Third offence

- (a) The garbage, organics or recycling bin will not be collected and will receive either a contamination sticker or letter which also contains education material. The resident will also receive a follow up letter in the mail notifying them of their third offence and outlining the contamination policy steps. The bin will be recollected upon request, if contaminants are removed.

9.1.4 Fourth offence

- (a) The garbage, organics or recycling bin will be removed and the waste charge will remain. A letter will be sent to the resident advising them, that in order to reinstate their garbage, organics or recycling bin they are required to provide a letter to Council stating that they will use the bin correctly and only place accepted materials in their bin.

10. Request for Route Extension

If the owner of a rural property wishes to receive a waste and recycling collection service and is not on an established collection service route, the owner of the property may arrange to place their bins at the nearest cross road that is on a collection route. The standard waste collection charges will apply.

The defined service area can be extended as required by the Director - Infrastructure Services after considering matters such as:

- a. Viability
- b. access and safety of movement for the waste collection truck and other road users
- c. whether the additional route is on Council's Register of Public Roads
- d. whether the additional distance exceeds two kilometres, including any additional distance to safely turn around, if required.

Access using private roads to provide waste collection can be approved where a specific access agreement has been negotiated with Council, and agreed in writing. Register of Public Roads, letters



will be sent to residents notifying them of the proposed change. If residents are consenting with the proposed change, then waste rates will apply to the residential properties along that road. This is based on 80% of residents consenting to the extension.

11. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed at Yearly intervals

12. ACCESS

This policy is available on Council's website.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on this Policy, please contact council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au



Schedule 1	Service Area
	Rural City of Wangaratta



Schedule 2 Approved Bins

Services	Residential Urban Wangaratta	Residential Rural	Glenrowan, Hamilton Park, Oxley and Milawa (Townships)	Commercial Businesses Urban	Commercial Businesses Rural
Standard Bin Service	140Lt garbage bin (fortnightly collection) 240Lt organics bin (weekly collection) 240Lt recycling bin (fortnightly collection)	240Lt garbage bin (fortnightly collection) 240Lt recycling bin (fortnightly collection)	140Lt garbage bin (fortnightly collection) 240Lt organics bin (weekly collection) 240Lt recycling bin (fortnightly collection)	140Lt garbage bin (fortnightly collection) 240Lt organics bin (weekly collection) 240Lt recycling bin (fortnightly collection)	240Lt garbage bin (fortnightly collection) 240Lt recycling bin (fortnightly collection)
Optional service	240Lt garbage bin (higher cost) 140Lt organics bin (same cost as 240Lt) 140Lt or 360Lt recycling bin (same cost as 240Lt)	140Lt garbage bin (same cost) 140Lt or 360Lt recycling bin (same cost)	240Lt garbage bin (higher cost) 140Lt organics bin (same cost as 240Lt) 140Lt or 360Lt recycling bin (same cost as 240Lt)	240Lt garbage bin (higher cost) 140Lt organics bin (same cost as 240Lt) 140Lt or 360Lt recycling bin (same cost as 240Lt) A weekly or daily garbage or organics services are available at additional costs.	140Lt garbage bin (same cost) 140Lt recycling bin (same cost) A weekly garbage collection may be available at an additional cost.
Additional bins can be obtained outside the standard service at additional costs	Extra 140Lt or 240Lt garbage Extra 140Lt or 240Lt organics Extra 140Lt, 240Lt or 360Lt recycling	Extra 140Lt or 240Lt garbage Extra 140Lt or 240Lt organics Extra 140Lt, 240Lt or 360Lt recycling	240Lt garbage bin (higher cost) 140Lt organics bin (same cost as 240Lt) 140Lt or 360Lt recycling bin (same cost as 240Lt)	Extra 140Lt or 240Lt garbage Extra 140Lt or 240Lt organics Extra 140Lt, 240Lt or 360Lt recycling	Extra 140Lt or 240Lt garbage Extra 140Lt or 240Lt organics* Extra 140Lt, 240Lt or 360Lt recycling *Where an existing service is being provided
Medical certificate	Upgrade from a 140Lt to a 240Lt garbage. If a 240Lt exists then an additional 140Lt will be provided.	If a 240Lt exists then an additional 140Lt will be provided.	Upgrade from a 140Lt to a 240Lt garbage bin. If a 240Lt exists then an additional 140Lt will be provided.	N/A	N/A



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Solicitor's Certificate – Section 74(1) *Local Government Act 2020*
Rural City of Wangaratta
Community Amenity Local Law 2025

The Rural City of Wangaratta (**Council**) is proposing to make the Community Amenity Local Law 2025 (**proposed Local Law**).

I have been asked to provide a certificate under s 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (**Act**) in respect of the proposed Local Law.

In accordance with s 74(1) of the Act, I have assessed the proposed Local Law for consistency with the local law requirements, as outlined in the following table.

Local Law Requirement	Consistent
A local law must not be inconsistent with any Act (including the <i>Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006</i>) or regulations.	<p>Yes.</p> <p>As at the date of this certificate, the proposed Local Law does not overlap or conflict with, or duplicate, existing legislation. The proposed Local Law is therefore not inconsistent with any Act or regulations, nor, with respect to the <i>Sex Work Decriminalisation Act 2022</i>, does it undermine the objectives of that Act.</p> <p>The proposed Local Law has been reviewed for compatibility with the <i>Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006</i> (Charter). The proposed Local Law engages a number of rights, including the rights to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • freedom of movement (see cls 7.1, 7.2.1, 7.2.4, 7.2.5, 8.2.2, 10.1, 10.2.2, 10.2.3, 10.2.5, 10.2.8, 11.5, 15.2, 15.5, 37.1, 62.9, 65, 67.2, 73 and 78.1.2); • freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief (see cls 7.2.2, 10.2.4, 10.2.13, 11.9, 15.4, 15.5, 17.1, 17.3, 20, 37.2, 62.9, 65, 66, 67.1, 69, 70 and 71.7); • freedom of expression (see cls 7.2.2, 10.2.13, 10.2.14, 15.1.2, 15.4, 15.5, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 20, 26.1, 37.2, 62.9, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71.6 and 71.7); • peaceful assembly (see cls 7.2.2, 10.2.4, 10.2.13, 15.1.3, 15.4, 15.5, 20, 37.1, 37.2, 62.9, 65, 67.2, 68, 69, 70, 71.6 and 71.9); • enjoy cultural rights (see cls 7.2.2, 7.2.9, 10.2.4, 11.9, 15.4, 15.5, 17.1, 17.3, 20, 37.1, 37.2, 62.9, 65, 66, 67.2, 69 and 70); and • not be deprived of their property (see cls 10.2.12, 16.2, 27.4, 33.1, 34, 87, 88 and 89). <p>Each of these matters has been assessed and it has been determined that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • most activities which engage the Charter can be conducted with a permit issued by Council; and • each limit, if any, is proportionate and can be demonstrably justified taking into account the matters set out in s 7 of the Charter. <p>The proposed Local Law, having been reviewed for compatibility with the Charter, is therefore considered to be compatible with the Charter.</p>

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Local Law Requirement	Consistent
A local law must not duplicate or be inconsistent with a planning scheme that is in force in the municipal district.	Yes. The proposed Local Law is drafted so as not to operate where it concerns matters which are otherwise addressed under the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.
A local law for or with respect to the issuing of film permits must not be inconsistent with the film friendly principles.	Not applicable. The proposed Local Law does not regulate filming.
A local law must not exceed the power to make local laws conferred by this Act or any other authorising Act.	Yes. I consider the activities sought to be regulated by the proposed Local Law to be matters for or with respect to which Council has a function or power under the Act and other Acts. The proposed Local Law is therefore consistent with, and does not exceed, the scope of Council's powers to make Local Laws under the Act.
A local law must be consistent with the objectives of this Act or any other authorising Act.	Yes. I consider the activities sought to be regulated by the proposed Local Law to be matters of municipal concern and matters that have been reasonably understood to be within the province of municipal government because they affect the safety, amenity, welfare and good government of the municipal district and its inhabitants and are consistent with the overarching governance principles set out in s 9 of the Act. The proposed Local Law furthers the objects of accountable, transparent, collaborative and efficient operations of Council in a manner that engages with the municipal community and its needs.
A local law must be expressed as clearly and unambiguously as is reasonably possible.	Yes. The proposed Local Law is as clear and unambiguous as is reasonably possible. The purpose of each of its provisions and the means adopted to implement the purpose is discernible from the provision itself. This Certificate has not sought to interrogate Council as to whether the purpose of each of the proposed Local Law provisions as drafted, and the manner in which the proposed Local Law seeks to implement those purposes, is as Council had intended them to be when drafting the proposed Local Law. This Certificate assumes that Council is aware of the purpose behind each provision and has familiarised itself with, and accepts the manner in which, that purpose is implemented by the Local Law.



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Local Law Requirement	Consistent
<p>Unless there is clear and express power to do so under this Act or any other authorising Act, a local law must not—</p> <p>(i) seek to have a retrospective effect; or</p> <p>(ii) impose any tax, fee, fine, imprisonment or other penalty; or</p> <p>(iii) authorise the sub-delegation of powers delegated under the local law.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The proposed Local Law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not seek to have retrospective effect; makes provision for the imposition of penalties in respect of offences that are created, which penalties are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consistent with s 79 of the Act; similar in nature when compared to like councils; and sufficient to act as a deterrent for most offences while also reflecting the seriousness of those offences; makes provision for the setting and imposition of fees in a manner that is consistent with s 77 of the Act; and consistent with s 78(d) of the Act, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sub-delegate powers delegated to that position under cl 94 of the proposed Local Law.
<p>A local law must comply with any details prescribed in the regulations relating to the preparation and content of local laws.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>No regulations relating to the preparation and content of local laws have, at the time of preparing this certification, been made.</p>

This Certificate is only valid as at the date below. I cannot predict what may occur in future with respect to:

- amendments to the proposed Local Law that Council may make;
- other legislation that may be made or amended which brings the proposed Local Law into conflict or which overlaps with the proposed Local Law (including future regulations);
- a decision of a Superior Court which fundamentally changes the accepted principles or precedent regarding the inconsistency of laws;
- amendments to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme which bring the proposed Local Law into conflict or which overlap with the proposed Local Law; or
- the manner in which Council administers or makes decisions with respect to the granting of permits or exemptions under the proposed Local Law which may bring the proposed Local Law into conflict with other legislation.

I, Kate Emily Oliver, Partner at Maddocks, certify that I:

- am an Australian lawyer who has been admitted to the legal profession for at least 5 years;
- am not a Councillor of Council;
- have reviewed the proposed Local Law against the local law requirements; and
- am of the opinion that the proposed Local Law is consistent with the local law requirements set out in s 72 of the Act.

Signed by Kate Oliver
in Victoria on 4 June 2025

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Rural City of
Wangaratta

Community Engagement Policy

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1. Statement and Purpose

Engagement is an intentional process with the specific purpose of working across organisations, stakeholders, and communities to shape the decisions or actions of members of the community, stakeholders, or organisation in relation to a problem, opportunity, or outcome.

Community Engagement is about involving people in the decisions that impact their lives. Successful engagement fosters integrity and builds trust in Council, resulting in more inclusive and representative outcomes.

This Policy outlines Council's commitment to the community on the principles and values that guide our community engagement. It will be supported internally by a Community Engagement Guide and Toolkit and suite of tools available for engagement with the public including Council's website.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of strategic community engagement activities which input into policy and planning decisions as directed by Council, recommended by staff, or legislated by the Victorian Local Government Act 2020 (the Act).

Complying with the Policy is the shared responsibility of all employees, Councillors, contractors and external consultants acting on behalf of Council.

It does not apply to consultation activities prescribed in other legislation, such as those related to planning permit applications and planning scheme amendments, governed by the Planning and Environment Act 1987. It does not apply to other council processes such as service requests or complaints.

3. Definitions

Community	People who live, work, visit or utilise services and amenities in the Rural City of Wangaratta local government area. It can also refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community of place (based on geographic location e.g. the Moyhu Community) community of interest (based on common interests and activities, can be organised like a sports club or service group, or informal like cyclists or gardeners) community of identity (based on an individual's shared perspective e.g. Aboriginal heritage, language speakers, particular age groups, or a religious community)
Community engagement	An interactive process providing a range of opportunities for community to inform decision making, foster relationships and encourage capacity development.
Consultative engagement	A term used to describe engagements at the level of 'inform' or 'consult' on the IAP2 Spectrum of Engagement, with the related promise of keeping the community informed or seeking feedback on strategies, projects, policies and plans.
Deliberative engagement	Deliberative engagement practices are designed to create informed conversations among participants to build a deeper understanding of the complexities, trade-offs, compromises and alternatives when seeking to address complex issues. Participants are provided with a breadth of inputs, information and enough time and opportunity to engage and discuss in a welcoming and respectful environment, then provide recommendations and feedback which is reviewed and considered by Council.
IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation	The International Association for Public Participation's Spectrum which helps define the public's role in any participation process. The IAP2 Spectrum consists of five engagement levels – Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate, Empower.
Stakeholders	Sections of the community involved in engagement because of impact, interest or responsibility to deliver on an outcome. Can also refer to external organisations, and other levels of government involved in a decision. Always includes internal decision makers and implementers of decision outcomes.
The Act	Refers to the <i>Victorian Local Government Act (2020)</i>

4. Policy

The Rural City of Wangaratta commits to lead, promote and advocate for meaningful community engagement. This commitment recognises that Council works in partnership with our community, and that the community understands what is important to them, how they want to live, and how they want their neighbourhoods and towns to develop.

Wangaratta’s engagement principles underpin how we design and deliver community engagement, across all stages of engagement in accordance with the Act and Victorian Auditor General Office’s (VAGO) Better Practice Guide: Public Participation in Government Decision-making. The Act establishes five community engagement principles applicable to Council. This Policy reflects these principles.

Our community promise sits alongside these principles. Especially our commitment that we will take the time to talk to you, to listen to you and to help you, and we will always keep you informed of the things you need to know.

TABLE 1: PRINCIPLES AND ACTIONS

Principle	Rural City of Wangaratta’s Commitment
1. A community engagement process must have a clearly defined objective and scope .	We will support engagement with a plan that is clear about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the scope and objectives of engagement opportunities.the contribution participants will be asked to make, and the responsibilities associated with this.what the community can influence, and how they can participate, including what might be non-negotiable
2. Participants in community engagement must have access to objective, relevant and timely information to inform their participation.	We will <ul style="list-style-type: none">provide appropriate time and resources to ensure that those affected can participate in a meaningful way.provide access to all relevant information about a project in a manner that participants can understand, so that their contributions may be fully informed.

<p>3. Participants in community engagement must be representative of the persons and groups affected by the matter that is the subject of the community engagement.</p>	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete stakeholder assessments for engagement projects, to ensure potential impacts of a project on community and stakeholder are identified, discussed and addressed • Make every reasonable effort to include community and stakeholders affected by a project. • Make reasonable adjustments where necessary to remove barriers to participation and ensure an inclusive approach. • Consider legislation that should shape the engagement approach, for example The Commission for Children and Young People's Child Safe Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children, in recognition that children have a right to be heard and have their concerns and ideas taken seriously, particularly on matters that affect them.
<p>4. Participants in community engagement are entitled to reasonable support to enable meaningful and informed engagement.</p>	<p>Communication tools will include information formats to support participation including language, graphics, and a range of accessible requirements.</p> <p>We will design engagement activities that are inclusive and accessible and make reasonable adjustments where necessary to remove barriers to participation. Methods will be delivered in a range of formats tailored to the issue</p>
<p>5. Participants in community engagement are informed of the ways in which the community engagement process will influence Council decision making.</p>	<p>We will inform participants of how their feedback will be used in the decision-making process.</p> <p>We will report back to the community in a timely and straightforward way how community feedback informed the decision-making process to demonstrate that results and outcomes are consistent with the commitment made at the beginning of the engagement.</p>

4.1 WHEN WE WILL ENGAGE

The Rural City of Wangaratta will engage the community in decision making processes when there is a legislated or statutory requirement. We will also engage when decisions and issues will have long-term impact on the community. Wherever possible, Council will plan for community engagement early in the project planning process, to ensure community feedback can genuinely inform project outcomes.

The Act requires deliberative engagement practices be applied to the development of the Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan and Asset Plan. The Rural City of Wangaratta commits to using deliberative engagement for other projects, based on their assessed impacts. Further information about Council's deliberative practices is included in the staff community engagement guide and toolkit.

Community engagement may not be possible or feasible prior to making a decision where Council is required to respond quickly to avoid an immediate threat to the health, safety or wellbeing of the community.

Community engagement is not the sole determinant in a decision-making process. There are many other stakeholders and factors that need to be taken into consideration. These include existing policies and strategies, other levels of government, legislation and budget. In making a decision, the council takes all factors into consideration.

TABLE 2: MINIMUM LEGISLATED ENGAGEMENT

Strategic document, plan or process	Minimum engagement required
Community Vision*	Deliberative Engagement
Council Plan*+	Deliberative Engagement
Financial Plan*	Deliberative Engagement
Asset Plan*^	Deliberative Engagement
Making of local laws*	Consultative Engagement
Council Budget*	Consultative Engagement
Governance Rules*	Consultative Engagement
Acquiring, purchasing, selling, exchanging or leasing land (where required)*	Consultative Engagement
Other Council plans, policies, planning permits, planning scheme amendments, strategies, major projects, local projects and service delivery decisions	The level of community engagement required will be assessed in accordance with procedures or in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.

Note: This table is not a definitive list of legislative requirements, but rather the key requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020*. Other Acts and Regulations may also specify community engagement or consultation requirements that are required to be considered circumstances, for example, but not limited, to the *Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

* This engagement approach is required by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

+ Engagement process must be led by the Mayor in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

^ Deliberative engagement for the Asset Plan will be effective 2025.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Mayor and Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt the Community Engagement Policy • Champion the principles of quality engagement through demonstrating leadership and modelling good practice • Stay informed of engagement activity & attend as appropriate • Consider community engagement feedback as part of the decision-making process • It is also a requirement of the Act that the role of the Mayor is to lead

	engagement with the municipal community on the development of the Council Plan (s18c)
Community Engagement Portfolio holder (Councillors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Council's strategic work through the community accountability provisions in the new local government act including the broad implementation of the community engagement policy and principles
CEO and Corporate Management team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for and model a culture of good practice engagement • Ensure adequate resourcing of engagement • Communicate cross organizationally about engagement and outcomes
Managers and Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure appropriate team members are trained and supported • Develop and provide information, • Promote the use of provided tools such as Connect Wangaratta • Report engagement findings and evaluation
Team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and deliver community engagement plans in a consistent way that gives effect to the Council Plan and this Policy. • To utilise provided tools, such as Connect Wangaratta • Evaluate engagement processes • Report engagement findings and evaluation
Communications and Marketing Team, including Community Engagement Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure policy is up to date, implemented and reviewed • Ensure Council officers undertaking engagement have a good understanding of the Policy and toolkit. • Ensure Connect Wangaratta is utilised, monitored and evaluated • Advise on engagement projects and opportunities
Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for quality community engagement and increased participation • Contribute ideas • Seek out ideas of other community members
External consultants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for quality community engagement and increased participation • Act in accordance with the CE Policy, utilising the tools provided by Council
Community stakeholders, groups and individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become informed about the role of Local Government • Participate in an active way by seeking out and requesting information • Contribute and share ideas • Advocate for quality community engagement • Be respectful of others' ideas and opinions

6. Community Consultation

Engagement on this policy will take place in accordance with the Act, and will include engagement of internal stakeholders, and the wider Rural City of Wangaratta Community. Community members will have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed policy prior to it being adopted by Council. *This section will be updated post community review to reflect any significant findings, feedback or changes.*

7. Human Rights

This policy has considered and complies with the Human Rights and Responsibilities contained in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

8. Equity Impact Assessment

This policy has considered and applied Council's Equity Impact Assessment Template and satisfies the provisions established in the *Gender Equality Act 2020* (Vic).

9. Monitoring and evaluation

A periodic review of this policy will be undertaken to ensure any changes required to strengthen or update the policy are made in a timely manner.

10. References and Related Policies

Legislation

- *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*
- *Equal Opportunity Act 2010*
- *Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)*
- *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*
- *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*
- *Planning and Environment Act 1987*

Internal policies and plans

- *Governance Rules*
- *Public Transparency Policy*
- *Community Engagement Toolkit*
- *Council Plan*

Other references

- *Public Participation and Community Engagement: Local Government Sector, 10 May 2017, Victorian Auditor General*
- *International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum*

11.Review

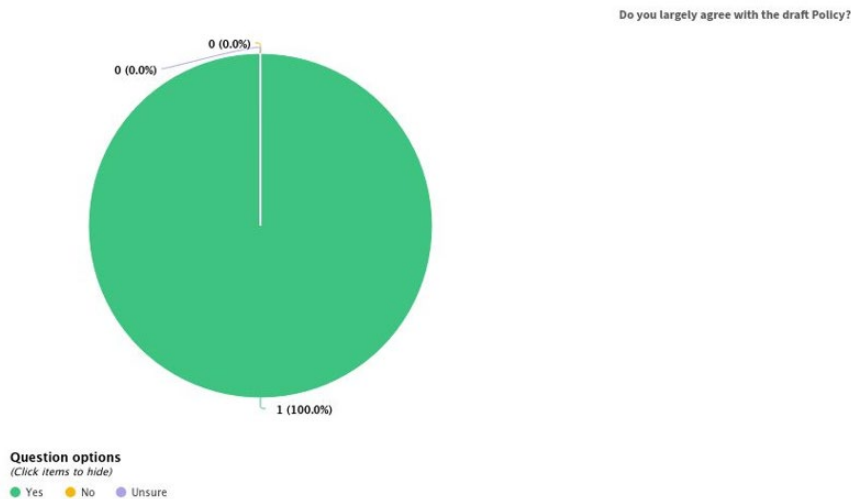
The policy may be amended by the Council at any time.

It must be reviewed by the Council, and amended if necessary, at least every five years, or on changes to legislation that impacts this Policy, such as the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)

Version History		
Version Number	Date of change	Reasons for change
1.0	25.10.2024	Initial Draft
1.1	11.11.2024	Incorporated feedback
1.2	03.03.2025	Adding Community Engagement Portfolio to Roles

Feedback on Draft Community Engagement Policy 2025

Do you largely agree with the draft Policy?



Do you have any other feedback on the Community Engagement Policy?

Include a section to address the Wangaratta Council's ongoing failures of the Strategic Planning department. The current process by the Strategic Planning department is to advertise and receive comments and then to not address any comments or feedback but continue to a Council meeting where it is too late for any community members to be involved and the Councillors are effectively voting on a subject with no real community engagement or consultation.



This report has been prepared to document the statutory planning processing and assessment pursuant to the *Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act)*.

WANGARATTA PLANNING SCHEME – OFFICERS REPORT

PlnApp24/095

Buildings and works for the display of an electronic promotion sign

**Murphy Street road reserve WANGARATTA VIC 3677
Reid Street road reserve WANGARATTA VIC 3677
(attached to 56 Murphy Street WANGARATTA)**

KEY DETAILS

Land owner	MP Lloyd & JF Lloyd
Applicant	James Course
Zone	Transport Zone 2 Commercial 1 Zone
Overlays	Design & Development Overlay - Schedule 1 Heritage Overlay – Schedule 5 Parking Overlay - Schedule 1
Property ID	No PID – Road Reserve (attached to 19306)
Site inspection	The site was visited numerous times throughout the assessment.

PROPOSAL AND SITE DETAILS

The Proposal

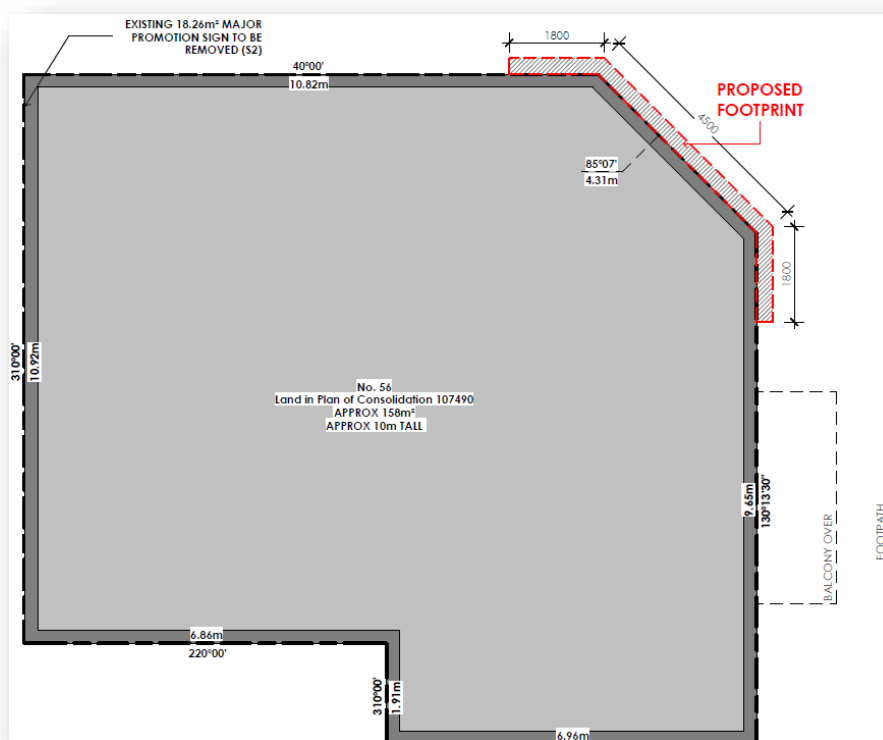
The application seeks approval for the construction and putting up for display of signage. The principal component of the proposed signage is an electronic promotion sign (capable of displaying variable advertising messages and images), the secondary component being an associated fixed message promotion sign displaying the advertisers business name and logo (“gawk”).

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The electronic promotion sign is a contiguous three-faced or three panel sign proposed to be attached to the external façade of an existing building at 56 Murphy Street Wangaratta. The three panels of the sign effectively wrap around or follow the splay of the building, the building in turn being built to the boundary of the adjoining road reserves of Murphy Street and Reid Street and the associated splay of those intersecting road reserves. The proposed signs and supporting structures are therefore located fully within the airspace of the Murphy Street and Reid Street road reserves.

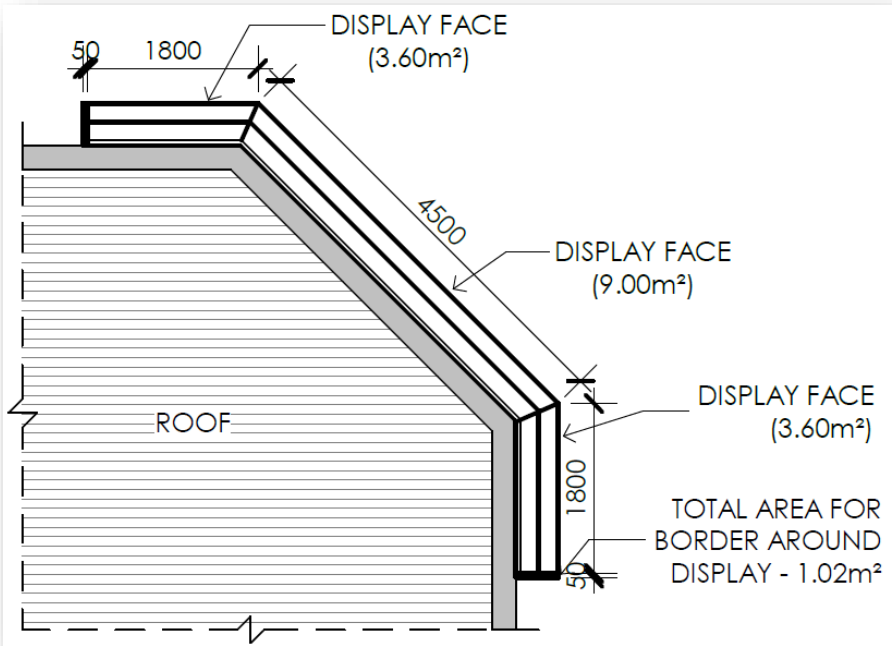
The two side panels directly fronting Murphy Street and Reid Street respectively both have a width of 1800mm and a height of 2000mm for a total display area of 3.6m² each. The central 'diagonal' (and main panel) has a width of 4500mm and a height of 2000mm resulting in a display area of 9m², a border around the periphery of the sign totalling 1m² resulting in a total display area of 17.2m². The sign is located along the top of the building, the top of the sign being level with the building parapet and the bottom of the sign being 7.9m above ground level.

The second sign (associated fixed message promotion sign) is proposed to sit adjacent the Murphy Street/western side of the electronic promotion sign. This promotion sign has dimensions of 1300mm x 550mm resulting in a total display area of 0.72m².

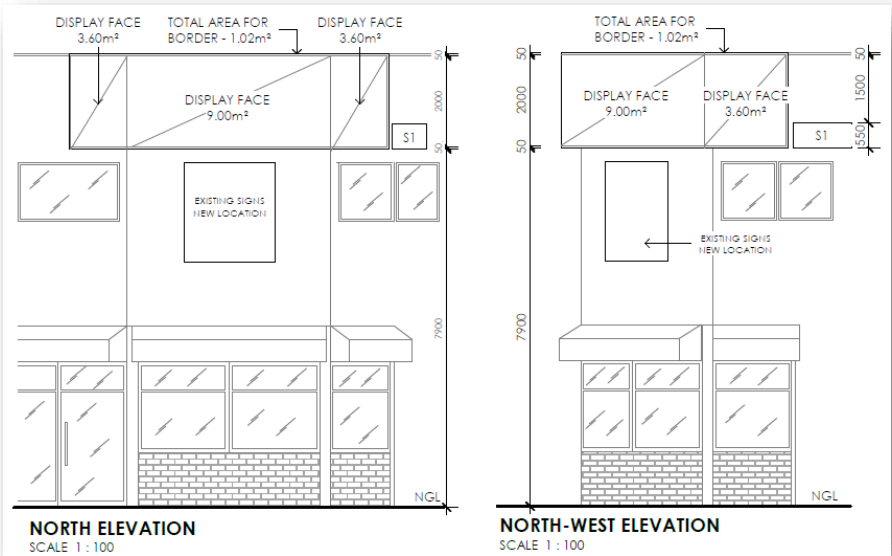


Site Plan (Gawk, Proj No. 24-035, Drw No. A02, 01/11/2024)

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Detailed Site/Floor Plan (Gawk, Proj No. 24-035, Drw No. A03, 01/11/2024)



Elevations (Gawk, Proj No. 24-035, Drw No. A03, 01/11/2024)

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Perspective view showing an indicative image of the proposed sign (Gawk, Proj No. 24-035, Drw No. A04, 01/11/2024)

As a consequence of the proposed signage, an existing internally illuminated (wall) sign is proposed to be repositioned lower on the northern wall below the proposed electronic promotion sign. An existing pole sign structure (devoid of signage content) located above the building parapet is also proposed to be removed. It is also submitted that the existing major promotion sign attached to the southwest fascia of 56 Murphy Street will be removed.

The Site

The proposed signage is located within the airspace of the respective intersecting road reserves of Murphy Street and Reid Street Wangaratta. However, the proposed signs are to be physically attached to the building at 56 Murphy Street which is located on the southern corner of the intersection of Murphy and Reid Streets. 56 Murphy Street comprises a single lot and is an irregular shaped site with 10.8m of frontage to Murphy Street (northwestern frontage), 4.5m of diagonally splayed frontage to the intersection of Murphy and Reid Street (northern frontage) and 9.6m frontage to Reid Street (northeastern frontage).

56 Murphy Street has been developed as a multi-story building built to the boundary on all sides. The buildings form at ground level comprises a mix of glazed windows and doors and sections of solid rendered wall. The buildings upper levels feature a number

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of windows (and associated awnings) and a balcony on the Reid Street frontage. The buildings primary frontages terminate at a horizontal parapet with an approximate height of 10m above ground/street level. Part of the building in the southwest corner rises an additional storey, though this section of the building is only generally visible when viewed from Murphy Street from the southwest.

56 Murphy Street is currently used for a food and drink premises at ground level (including an internal mezzanine dining area) whilst the upper level is used as accommodation.



Aerial Imagery of 56 Murphy Street (Feb 2025)

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56 Murphy Street viewed from north (Googe Streetview 2020)

Existing signage associated with the food and drink premises includes business identification signage located on awnings, a panel sign, three internally illuminated signs and a variety of fixed and removable branded signs both on the building and within the adjoining road reserve. Additionally, a major promotion sign is located on the buildings southwest wall and a legacy pole sign structure (devoid of signage content) is located atop the building on the splay between Murphy and Reid Streets.

Existing signage associated with 56 Murphy Street	Sign display area m ²	Total display area m ²
1 x Panel sign (painted wall sign)	10.1 m ²	10.1 m ²
1 x Internally illuminated sign (elevated lightbox sign)	6.7m ²	6.7m ²
2 x Internally illuminated sign (awning level lightbox sign)	3m ²	6m ²
2 x Business identification sign (awnings)	2.2m ²	4.4 m ²

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1 x Business identification sign (awnings)	1.2m ²	1.2m ²
1 x Major Promotion Sign (southwest frontage)	25.1m ²	25.1m ²
Total		53.5m ²

Existing (principal but not exhaustive) signage associated with 56 Murphy Street



**56 Murphy Street viewed from Murphy Street on approach from southwest
(Google Streetview 2023)**

Surrounds

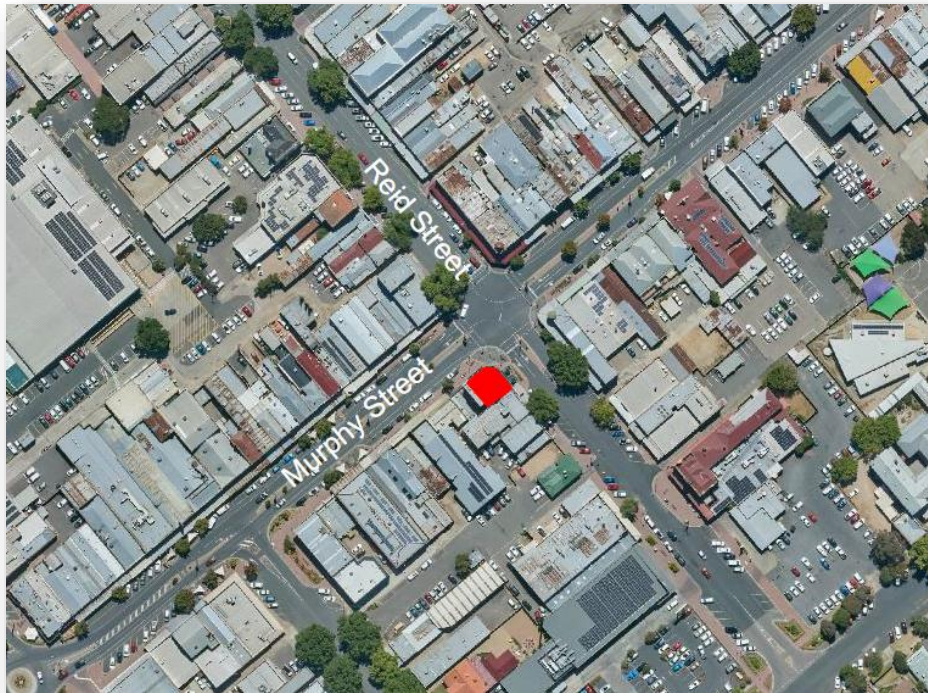
The intersection of Murphy and Reid Street is the principal intersection of the Wangaratta central business district and is located central to the cities commercial area. The intersection is signalised, the posted speed limit on both roads being 40kph.

Murphy Street is Wangaratta’s ‘main’ road and is fully developed and used for commercial and residential (upper stories) purposes extending approximately 220m in both directions. The road consists of a divided carriageway with a narrow central median strip, the median strip features juvenile street tree plantings. The road alignment in the vicinity of the sight is generally straight and of no appreciable slope. On street parking

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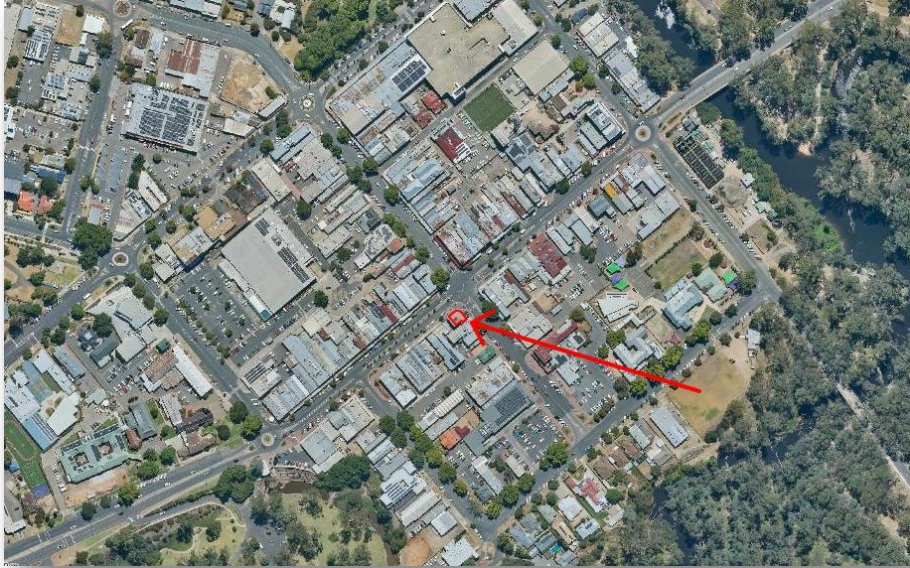
provision is provided on either side of the road in a mix of parallel and angle parking configurations. Development along Murphy Street consists predominately of single and two storey built form with shopfronts at ground level, the majority of premises also having awnings or verandahs that project over the footpath.

Reid Street is generally considered to be the Wangaratta CBD's second main road. Reid Street is fully developed and used for commercial purposes extending approximately 200m in both directions from the point where it intersects with Murphy Street. The road consists of an undivided carriageway with single lanes in either direction. Trees of varying sizes and ages are present on the roadsides particularly to the north of Murphy Street. The road alignment in the vicinity of the sight is generally straight with a gentle downwards gradient from south to north. On street parking provision is provided on either side of the road in a mix of parallel and angle parking configurations. Similar to Murphy Street, development along Reid Street also consists predominately of single and two storey buildings the majority having awnings or verandahs that project over the footpath.



Subject Site (Feb 2025 aerial imagery)

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Subject Site (Feb 2025 aerial imagery)

The style and vintage of buildings in the vicinity is eclectic, ranging from some of the cities oldest and most significant intact heritage buildings to postmodern designs through to simplistic functionary shopfronts. Reflecting the areas built form heritage, much of the surrounding area is subject to the Heritage Overlay.

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Extent of the Heritage Overlay (brown hatching) in the vicinity of the site



Significant heritage buildings in the vicinity of the site (green hatching individually significant contributory building, blue hatching precinct contributory building, Rural City of Wangaratta Heritage Overlay Incorporated Plan, 2016)

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PLANNING CONTROLS & TRIGGERS

Control	Clause(s)	Consideration
Transport Zone 2	Clause 36.04-6	Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. The sign category which applies is the category which applies to the adjoining zone nearest to the land (C1Z).
Commercial 1 Zone	Clause 34.01-9	Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 1.
Design & Development Overlay - Schedule 1	Clause 43.02-4	Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05.
Heritage Overlay – Schedule 5	Clause 43.01-1	A permit is required to construct or display a sign.
Signs	Clause 52.05-2	A permit is required to construct or put up for display a sign in Section 2

The land is also encumbered by the Parking Overlay - Schedule 1. The controls of this overlay do not trigger the need for a Planning Permit, nor are the objectives of this overlay considered relevant to the proposal.

Cultural sensitivity

Pursuant to the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018*, a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) is not required as the land is not a registered cultural heritage place or an area of cultural heritage sensitivity.

Restrictions on Title (Covenants, S173 agreements and easements)

No restrictions are lodged on title.

Special Water Supply Catchments

The land is not within a declared Special Water Supply Catchment listed in Schedule 5 of the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.

Agricultural versatility

The land is within an urban setting, agricultural versatility is not a relevant consideration in this application.

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Pursuant to Section 54(1) of the Act, additional information was sought by Council during the assessment of the application.

The information sought was:

17 July 2024 – Further information as to how the proposal responds to relevant policy guidance.

02 January 2025 – Department of Transport requested a Traffic Impact Assessment Report, Road Safety Audit and Lighting Impact Assessment Report.

The applicant submitted the required information.

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION

Date of change	What was amended (i.e. plans, hours of operation?)	How was the amendment made?
4 Dec 2024	Revised plans were submitted.	The applicant submitted the revised plan prior to public notice.

REFERRALS & PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Referrals

The application was referred to the following authorities:

Authority	Referral trigger(s)	Section and status	Response
Head, Transport for Victoria	52.05-3	Sec55 – Determining	Conditional consent

Internal advice (including verbal advice)

Unit	Response
Technical Services	Conditional consent
Heritage Consultant	Proposal not supported, an inappropriate development in a heritage area.

Public Notice

Public notice was carried out by Council in accordance with Section 52 of the Act. Notice was given in the form of letters to adjoining and adjacent owners and occupiers and a sign on site.

No objections were received.

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PLANNING CONSIDERATION

Municipal Planning Strategy & Planning Policy Framework

The following clauses of the MPS and PPF are relevant to the assessment of this application:

Clause 02.03-5 – Built form and heritage

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.

The township of Glenrowan captures the legend of Australia's most well-known bushranger, Ned Kelly. The Kelly Siege Site at Glenrowan is on the National Heritage Register. Eldorado has sites of national heritage significance from the gold rush era.

Council has committed to support climate adaptation and community values by embedding principles around energy, water, waste, transport, pollution, materials, local economy, land use and ecology, heritage, the built environment and community and facilities into the new residential areas and infill sites within the municipality.

Gateway approaches into the municipality's settlements are important for their contribution to character, amenity and economic potential.

While signs have an important function in urban and rural environments, their location, design and appearance can pose a number of challenges in these diverse environments.

Council seeks to:

- Encourage the restoration and reconstruction of heritage places in the Heritage Overlay.
- Encourage built form that is proportionate in scale and respects places of identified heritage value.
- Support climate adaptation and environmentally sustainable design and development in the municipality.
- Support the application of 'water sensitive urban design' principles and 'water reuse' as essential components of sustainable urban development.
- Protect gateway approaches into Wangaratta Regional City, townships and rural townships to maintain their contribution to character, sustainability, amenity, tourism and economic potential.
- 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.
- Support signs that make a positive contribution to the streetscape.

Clause 11.03-1L-02 - Wangaratta Central Activities Area

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This policy applies to all land identified in the Wangaratta Central Activities Area and has the general objective of enhancing the economic performance of the Wangaratta Central Activities Area (CAA) through provision of retail, office, recreation, educational and other opportunities.

Heritage objective of this policy is to protect and enhance the heritage value of the CAA.

Relevant strategies are identified as:

- *Support development that is proportionate in scale and respectful of existing heritage values.*
- Maintain the existing low-scale built form of retail and commercial premises.
- Support the reuse of heritage buildings in the CAA where it will assist in the conservation of the heritage place.

Relevant policy documents: *Wangaratta Urban Design Framework, August 2019*

Clause 15.01-1S – Urban Design

The objective of this clause seeks to create urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.

Strategies identified to aid in the achievement of this objective are;

- Require development to respond to its context in terms of character, cultural identity, natural features, surrounding landscape and climate.
- Ensure development contributes to community and cultural life by improving the quality of living and working environments, facilitating accessibility and providing for inclusiveness.
- Ensure the interface between the private and public realm protects and enhances personal safety.
- *Ensure development supports public realm amenity and safe access to walking and cycling environments and public transport.*
- Ensure that the design and location of publicly accessible private spaces, including car parking areas, forecourts and walkways, is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.
- 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 corridors.*

Clause 15.01-2S – Building Design

This clause has the stated objective to achieve building design outcomes that contribute positively to the local context and enhance the public realm and support environmentally sustainable development.

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Strategies identified include;

- Ensure a comprehensive site analysis forms the starting point of the design process and provides the basis for the consideration of height, scale, massing and energy performance of new development.
- Ensure development responds and contributes to the strategic and cultural context of its location.
- Minimise the detrimental impact of development on neighbouring properties, the public realm and the natural environment.
- Ensure the form, scale, and appearance of development enhances the function and amenity of the public realm.
- Improve the energy performance of buildings through siting and design measures that encourage:
 - Passive design responses that minimise the need for heating, cooling and lighting.
 - On-site renewable energy generation and storage technology.
 - Use of low embodied energy materials.
- Ensure the form, scale, and appearance of development enhances the function and amenity of the public realm.
- Ensure buildings and their interface with the public realm support personal safety, perceptions of safety and property security.
- Ensure development is designed to protect and enhance valued landmarks, views and vistas.
- Ensure development considers and responds to transport movement networks and provides safe access and egress for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- Encourage development to retain existing vegetation.
- Ensure development provides landscaping that responds to its site context, enhances the built form, creates safe and attractive spaces and supports cooling and greening of urban areas.

Clause 15.01-1L-01 - Signs

The objective of Clause 15.01-1L-01 is to protect the visual amenity of localities and transport corridors by avoiding visual disorder and clutter.

The strategies identified within this clause include:

General

- Support signage that is well proportioned, well located and responds to the urban form and character of the area.
- Encourage the appearance, size, illumination and other aspects of signs to complement the development on which they are displayed and the character of their surrounds.
- Limit signage in residential areas to protect residential amenity.

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Bunting signs

- Avoid use of bunting and flag signs (including for retail sales or business identification), except for the short term promotion of fairs, festivals or other special events for a maximum of three months, with the signs removed at the completion of the event.

Floodlit signs and internally illuminated signs

- Allow floodlit signs only in locations where they do not form a confusing background to normal regulatory traffic signs or signals.
- Avoid light spill and detrimental impacts to nearby residences and the public realm.

High wall signs

- Locate high wall signs flush with the wall of a building.
- Avoid high wall signs that project beyond the lines of a building.

Major promotion signs

- Discourage major promotion signs as they are contrary to the rural character of Wangaratta Regional City, townships and their surrounds due to their size and prominence.
- Discourage major promotion signs on the Great Alpine Road, being a designated tourist destination of national and international significance.
- Avoid major promotion signs at gateway approaches, adjoining local and regional tourist routes, or displayed on items of local and state heritage significance.
- Require major promotion signs to be fixed to a building, wholly within its boundaries and not project outside of the building footprint.

Promotion signs

- Use promotion signs only to promote activities on land on which the sign is displayed.
- Scale promotion signs so as not to dominate the site on which the sign is located.

Freestanding signs

- Support only one freestanding sign associated with a development (except where the size of the land is sufficient, or where the land has frontage to two or more streets).
- Avoid freestanding signs of a height that projects above the roofline of the adjacent buildings.

Animated and electronic signage

- Avoid animated and electronic signage.

Reflective signs

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- Avoid reflective signage except where there are no visual impacts or distractions to surrounding uses as a result of the sign.
- Avoid reflective signs in the Heritage Overlay.

Clause 15.01-5S – Neighbourhood Character

The objective of Clause 15.01-5S is to recognise, support and protect neighbourhood character, cultural identity, and sense of place. Relevant strategies are identified as;

- Support development that respects the existing neighbourhood character or contributes to a preferred neighbourhood character.
- Ensure the preferred neighbourhood character is consistent with medium and higher density housing outcomes in areas identified for increased housing.
- 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 15.03-1S – Heritage Conservation

This clause seeks to ensure the conservation of places of heritage significance.

The strategies identified at Clause 15.03-1 include;

- Identify, assess and document places of natural and cultural heritage significance as a basis for their inclusion in the planning scheme.
- Provide for the protection of natural heritage sites and man-made resources.
- Provide for the conservation and enhancement of those places that are of aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, cultural, scientific or social significance.
- Encourage appropriate development that respects places with identified heritage values.
- Retain those elements that contribute to the importance of the heritage place.
- Encourage the conservation and restoration of contributory elements of a heritage place.
- Ensure an appropriate setting and context for heritage places is maintained or enhanced.
- Support adaptive reuse of heritage buildings where their use has become redundant.
- Consider whether it is appropriate to require the restoration or reconstruction of a heritage building in a Heritage Overlay that has been unlawfully or unintentionally demolished in order to retain or interpret the cultural heritage significance of the building, streetscape or area.

Clause 15.03-1L – Heritage Places and Precincts

Strategies to promote heritage conservation identified at Clause 15.03-1L include;

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- Disregard the impact of buildings that are obviously atypical to the character of the streetscape when determining the appropriate mass and scale for new buildings or extensions or upper storey additions.
- Encourage the retention and conservation of previous alterations and additions when the original heritage place has been altered but alterations contribute to the significance of the heritage place.
- Encourage the accurate reconstruction of original streetscape elements such as verandas or fenestrations.
- Discourage the demolition of a significant or contributory building unless and only to the extent that the building is structurally unsound or cannot be feasibly reused.
- Design infill buildings to be compatible with, and recessive to, the significance of the heritage place and adjoining heritage places.
- Locate car parking areas and crossovers to the rear or to the side of a heritage place.
- Design subdivision to be in keeping with the historic subdivision character of the site, the significance of the heritage place and any adjacent heritage places.
- Design signs to be complementary to the historic character, appearance and significance of a heritage place.
- Support new or replacement front fences that are consistent with the architectural style of the building and interpret the prevailing character in the immediate environs, in particular the prevailing height, form, materials and degree of transparency.

Zone

Clause 34.01 – Commercial 1 Zone

The purposes of the Commercial 1 Zone are to create vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses and to provide for residential uses at densities complementary to the role and scale of the commercial centre.

Decision relevant guidelines identified for the zone at Clause 34.01-8 that consideration must be given to include;

General

- The interface with adjoining zones, especially the relationship with residential areas.

Use

- The effect that existing uses may have on the proposed use.
- The effect of traffic to be generated on roads.

Building and works

- The movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal, emergency services and public transport.
- 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.

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Clause 36.04 – Transport Zone

The purposes of the Transport Zone are to identify transport land uses and land required for transport services and facilities, to provide for the use and development of land that complements, or is consistent with, the transport system and to ensure the efficient and safe use of transport infrastructure and associated land.

The decision guidelines identified in the Transport Zone direct that consideration be given to;

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The effect of the proposal on the development, operation and safety of the transport system.
- Whether the development is appropriately located and designed, including in accordance with any relevant use, design or siting guidelines.

Overlay(s)**Clause 43.01 – Heritage Overlay**

The Heritage Overlay provides for the following objectives;

- 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 decision guidelines identified in the Heritage Overlay applicable to the proposal include;

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The significance of the heritage place and whether the proposal will adversely affect the natural or cultural significance of the place.
- Any applicable statement of significance (whether or not specified in the schedule to this overlay), heritage study and any applicable conservation policy.
- 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.
- Whether the proposed subdivision will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place.

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- Whether the proposed subdivision may result in development which will adversely affect the significance, character or appearance of the heritage place.
- Whether the proposed sign will adversely affect the significance, character or appearance of the heritage place.

Clause 43.02 – Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 1 - Wangaratta Central Activities Area)

The Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 1) seeks to provide guidance for built form development to achieve high quality design outcomes within the Wangaratta Central Activities Area. The design objectives identified to achieve these outcomes are include;

- 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.

Further specific guidance with respect to setbacks, building scale and massing, street relationship, energy efficiency and sustainability, car park design, footpath provision, landscaping, and signage is also detailed within the respective schedule (1).

Particular provisions

Clause 52.05 – Signs

The purpose of Clause 52.05 is;

- To regulate the development of land for signs and associated structures.
- To ensure signs are compatible with the amenity and visual appearance of an area, including the existing or desired future character.
- To ensure signs do not contribute to excessive visual clutter or visual disorder.
- To ensure that signs do not cause loss of amenity or adversely affect the natural or built environment or the safety, appearance or efficiency of a road.

In assessing an application for signage (other than application for a major promotion sign) consideration must be given to the following;

All signs

- The character of the area including;

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- The sensitivity of the area in terms of the natural environment, heritage values, waterways and open space, rural landscape or residential character.
- The compatibility of the proposed sign with the existing or desired future character of the area in which it is proposed to be located.
- The cumulative impact of signs on the character of an area or route, including the need to avoid visual disorder or clutter of signs.
- The consistency with any identifiable outdoor advertising theme in the area.
- Impacts on views and vistas:
 - The potential to obscure or compromise important views from the public realm.
 - The potential to dominate the skyline.
 - The potential to impact on the quality of significant public views.
 - The potential to impede views to existing signs.
- The relationship to the streetscape, setting or landscape:
 - The proportion, scale and form of the proposed sign relative to the streetscape, setting or landscape.
 - The position of the sign, including the extent to which it protrudes above existing buildings or landscape and natural elements.
 - The ability to screen unsightly built or other elements.
 - The ability to reduce the number of signs by rationalising or simplifying signs.
 - The ability to include landscaping to reduce the visual impact of parts of the sign structure.
- The relationship to the site and building:
 - The scale and form of the sign relative to the scale, proportion and any other significant characteristics of the host site and host building.
 - The extent to which the sign displays innovation relative to the host site and host building.
 - The extent to which the sign requires the removal of vegetation or includes new landscaping.
- The impact of structures associated with the sign:
 - The extent to which associated structures integrate with the sign.
 - The potential of associated structures to impact any important or significant features of the building, site, streetscape, setting or landscape, views and vistas or area.
- The impact of any illumination:
 - The impact of glare and illumination on the safety of pedestrians and vehicles.
 - The impact of illumination on the amenity of nearby residents and the amenity of the area.
 - The potential to control illumination temporally or in terms of intensity.
- The impact of any logo box associated with the sign:
 - The extent to which the logo box forms an integral part of the sign through its position, lighting and any structures used to attach the logo box to the sign.
 - The suitability of the size of the logo box in relation to its identification purpose and the size of the sign.
- The need for identification and the opportunities for adequate identification on the site or locality.
- The impact on road safety. A sign is a safety hazard if the sign:
 - Obstructs a driver's line of sight at an intersection, curve or point of egress from an adjacent property.

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- Obstructs a driver's view of a traffic control device, or is likely to create a confusing or dominating background that may reduce the clarity or effectiveness of a traffic control device.*
- Could dazzle or distract drivers due to its size, design or colouring, or it being illuminated, reflective, animated or flashing.*
- Is at a location where particular concentration is required, such as a high pedestrian volume intersection.*
- Is likely to be mistaken for a traffic control device, because it contains red, green or yellow lighting, or has red circles, octagons, crosses, triangles or arrows.
- Requires close study from a moving or stationary vehicle in a location where the vehicle would be unprotected from passing traffic.
- Invites drivers to turn where there is fast moving traffic or the sign is so close to the turning point that there is no time to signal and turn safely.
- Is within 100 metres of a rural railway crossing.
- Has insufficient clearance from vehicles on the carriageway.
- Could mislead drivers or be mistaken as an instruction to drivers.

General provisions

Clause 65.01 - Approval of an application or plan

This clause directs that consideration be given to matters including the MPS, PPF, the purpose and any relevant matter of the zone, any overlay or other provision. Matters affecting an areas orderly planning or effect upon amenity must also be considered as well as any environmental impacts that may arise from a proposal.

**emphasis added*

ASSESSMENT AGAINST PLANNING POLICY

Zones

The proposed sign is located within the road reserves of Murphy Street and Reid Street respectively. Murphy Street is within the Transport Zone 2 whist Reid Street is within the Commercial 1 Zone. Relevant purposes of the Transport Zone 2 are considered to include:

- *To provide for the use and development of land that complements, or is consistent with, the transport system or public land reservation.*
- *To ensure the efficient and safe use of transport infrastructure and land comprising the transport system.*

The proposal is considered inconsistent with these purposes. The stated purposes of the zone clearly seek to prioritise the safe, efficient and functional operation of the transport network. Advertising signage by its very nature, existence and purpose is solely intended to attract attention and viewership. Diverting the attention of drivers, pedestrians and other road users directly and adversely effects the safety, efficiency and

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functionality of the transport network. In the worst case distracted drivers and pedestrians are significantly more likely to be involved in an accident. Even in less dramatic instances distracted and inattentive drivers are slower to react and respond, the extrapolated and cumulative effect of this impacts on traffic flows and diminishes the efficiency of the road network.

Other than in specific instances as identified at Clause 36.04-6 (which are not applicable to the current application) sign controls and considerations of the Transport Zone 2 defer to that of the nearest adjoining Zone, in this instance being the Commercial 1 Zone.

The relevant purpose of the Commercial 1 Zone is considered to be:

- *To create vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses.*

A strict interpretation of this purpose identifies that it applies to land uses and activities. Signage is not a land use. A broader interpretation may be that advertising signage is relevant to this purpose as it contributes to the vibrancy of a commercial area. It is considered that whilst such a view may hold true for business identification signage, promotion signage that will likely predominately advertise businesses not in the Wangaratta CBD only serves to detract from the vibrancy and function of the CBD as it distracts from local business identification signage and encourages commerce outside of the CBD and region.

Local Policy Framework

Clause 15.01-1L-01 (Signs) is the Rural City of Wangaratta's local planning policy specifically addressing signs. The proposal is distinctly contrary to the relevant sections of this policy. Specifically, the policy states:

- *Use promotion signs only to promote activities on land on which the sign is displayed.*

The sign is a promotion sign wholly intended to advertise independent third parties with no association to the site.

- *Scale promotion signs so as not to dominate the site on which the sign is located.*

The sign has been intentionally designed, scaled and sited to visually dominate the site, the adjacent intersection and long range views of the site (so as to maximise visibility).

- *Avoid animated and electronic signage.*

This is self-explanatory. Policy unambiguously discourages electronic signage. Policy cannot of itself absolutely prohibit an outcome, however 'avoid' is the strongest permitted terminology allowed by the scheme to discourage or oppose an outcome.

- *Support signage that is well proportioned, well located and responds to the urban form and character of the area.*

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- *Encourage the appearance, size, illumination and other aspects of signs to complement the development* on which they are displayed and the character of their surrounds.

These policies direct that signage respond or contribute in a positive manner to the surrounding urban form and character. The proposed signage is self-serving and does little to complement the development upon which it would be displayed. It is considered that signage of the type being proposed is wholly out of keeping with the character of the area. The Wangaratta CBD is distinctly absent of electronic signage and the limited promotion signs are generally recessive and are not so overtly prominent that they dominate the visual landscape.

This is even more pronounced during nocturnal hours where the limited forms of illuminated signage are almost exclusively situated low on buildings and are of a significantly smaller size than what is proposed. This has the flow on effect of emphasising the high quality and visually interesting public realm lighting theme established throughout the CBD and riverside.

Furthermore, all three frontages opposite the site (to where the proposed sign displays) are heritage protected sites. 60 Murphy Street and 77-79 Murphy Street particularly are individually significant heritage building. Domineering, modern electronic signage is completely inconsistent and at odds with the aesthetics of these buildings and the surrounding sympathetic streetscapes.

Clause 15.01-1L-01 also contains extensive and strong policy explicitly discouraging major promotion signs including to *"discourage major promotion signs as they are contrary to the rural character of Wangaratta Regional City, townships and their surrounds..."*. A major promotion sign is a sign with a display area of 18m² or greater. The proposed sign has a display area of 17.9m² intentionally designed to avoid scrutiny against further adverse policy. The underlying intent of such policy though is still considered to have relevance in that large promotional signage is undesired in the Rural City of Wangaratta LGA as it contrary to the rural character of the area.

The policy content of Clause 15.01-1L-01 was first introduced into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme in 2018.

Clause 43.02 - Schedule 1 (Design and Development Overlay, Wangaratta Central Activities Area), adopted by Council in 2023, directs the preferred form and style of development in Wangaratta's Central Activities Area. It includes dedicated policy relating to signage, which includes that new signs on development must:

- *Be of a scale proportionate to the building.*

The proposed sign is disproportionate to the scale of the building, and markedly so when the buildings extensive existing signage is considered holistically.

- *Avoid exceeding the height of the building's street awning or verandah.*

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The proposed sign is located significantly above the buildings awnings.

- *Respect the surrounding heritage elements.*

The proposed sign is wholly inconsistent with and unsympathetic to surrounding heritage character.

Heritage

Heritage planning controls broadly seek to conserve and enhance heritage places and to ensure that development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places. The proposed sign is located within a Heritage Overlay and a number of significant heritage properties are immediately opposite the site. Modern electronic promotion signs are entirely at odds with heritage values and character.

Councils specialist Heritage advisor has opposed the application citing its inappropriateness. The proposed sign, whilst not attached to a building of heritage significance will still adversely impact upon the surrounds and detract from the visual amenity of the streetscape. The sign will also be highly visible in the backdrop and peripheral views of nearby significant heritage buildings. Luminance radiating from the sign may also have a detrimental effect on the appearance of nearby heritage buildings.

Urban Design and State Sign Policy

Broadly the main themes of relevance to the proposal espoused in state planning policy generally relate to urban design and safety.

What constitutes good urban design is to some extent subjective and also evolutionary. It is though accepted that consideration must be given to relevant policy guiding future development (such as the Wangaratta CAA Design and Development Overlay) and regard must also be had for the existing or preferred character of a locality. In this instance and for the reasons previously addressed the proposal is not considered to provide for a good urban design outcome nor even an acceptable one. The Wangaratta CBD streetscape is in large part a high quality one that exhibits clear characteristics of a small, vibrant yet distinctly rural city. A large electronic promotion sign located in an elevated and prominent position dominating the cities main intersection is inconsistent with both the existing character of the area and the preferred character.

Whilst the existing building at 56 Murphy Street is not specifically commendable for its architectural traits or contribution to the streetscape, this is not sufficient justification to further exacerbate or worsen the buildings contribution to the public realm.

Signage and related policy also seeks to discourage a proliferation of signs and avoid visual clutter. The existing building at 56 Murphy Street already has significant and extensive signage. The addition of more highly prominent signage will only further increase the visual clutter of the site.

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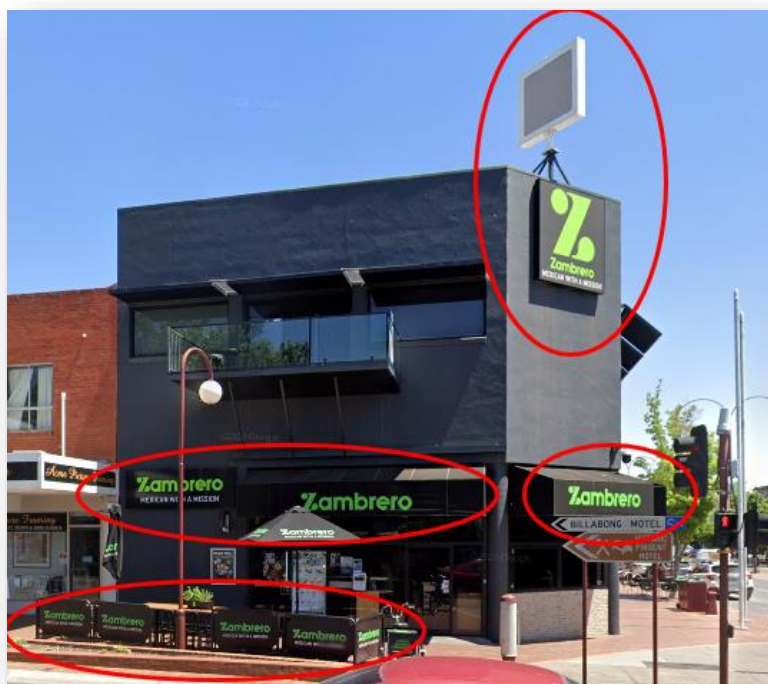


Examples of the sites already extensive signage



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The impacts of signage within a streetscape and particularly in an area of heritage character is not always obvious, apparent or readily appreciable, particularly to the casual observer or visitor. Rather, good built form character and what makes a streetscape 'pleasant' is often overlooked and only appreciated subconsciously. To this end, and whilst not a direct contextual equivalent, in the local area the Beechworth CBD provides an excellent example of a high quality, visually pleasing streetscape whereby signage controls have a pronounced, obvious and readily appreciable influence on the streetscape character. Beechworth has strict signage controls resulting in an absence of electronic signs, promotion signs, elevated or prominent signs and signs with bold or bright elements. Signage in Beechworth instead consists of modest scaled signage incorporating muted and subtle colours and limited illumination. Holistically this approach to signage has a conspicuous and positive influence on the streetscape and has not been detrimental to commerce or business.

The Wangaratta CBD too has many commendable streetscape elements. One such example that is readily appreciable is the public realm lighting employed throughout the CBD's streets, parks and gardens. A consistent theme of ambient lighting has been established through the use of 'soft' and 'warm' (low Lumen and low Kelvin) lighting. The proposed electronic promotion sign will be poorly juxtaposed in this streetscape context and significantly detract from what is generally a very high quality nocturnal streetscape.

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Taking pause to consciously consider the heritage values, urban design and streetscape of Wangaratta is warranted so as fully to appreciate the adverse impacts of the proposal.



Streetscape image of Wangaratta as shown in a recent media release promoting the towns desirability *"A vibrant city in Victoria's High Country, Wangaratta is packed with lush-green scenery, historic buildings and modern eateries"* (Realestate.com.au, May 21 2025)

The application included a Traffic Impact Assessment Report that was deemed by the Department of Transport to be sufficient, no objection has been made by the authority based on road safety. However, it remains inescapable that the purpose and design of the proposed sign (indeed any promotional sign) is intended to maximise its exposure, it is designed to be seen and attract the attention of drivers, pedestrians and road users. Attracting the attention of road users equates to distracting road users. Distracted and inattentive road users are more likely to cause or be involved in an accident. The intersection of Murphy and Reid Streets is one of, if not the busiest in Wangaratta. The intersection is signalised with turning lanes in all four directions, centralised right turn waiting lanes in both directions on Murphy Street and has pedestrian crossings on all sides. The intersection is frequented by heavy vehicles.

Land Manager Consent

As the sign is located in within road reserves (airspace) the consent of the relevant public land manager is required. Neither the consent nor objection of either public land

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manager has been forthcoming. The Department of Transport has afforded conditional consent to the proposal in their capacity as a referral authority but has been silent on the matter of land manager consent. Despite Clause 36.04-3 identifying that the consent of the Head, Transport for Victoria as being a mandatory application requirement, the absence of such consent is not in isolation considered sufficient to refuse the application.

Existing Sign

The application submits that the existing major promotion sign on the buildings southwestern façade will be removed. However, there is no clear or viable mechanism to ensure such an outcome. The existing major promotion sign has a valid permit and a permit condition on a subsequent permit cannot cancel or nullify that approval. Furthermore, the grounds for cancelling a permit are unlikely to extend so far as to be applicable to the proposal (there is no significant material change). The granting of a permit for the current application would therefore likely result in both the new electronic promotion sign being installed and the existing major promotion sign being retained.

OTHER MATTERS

Signage Content

Electronic signs that display variable and changing content are by their nature not subject to the same scrutiny and consideration that most other sign types are, in that the displayed content of the sign is not assessed or enforceable in any meaningful way. Whereas matters including the colour, lettering style and materials of a proposed sign are typically considered by the planning system, electronic advertising content cannot be feasibly assessed, controlled or enforced in the same manner.

Outside of the planning system, advertising in Australia is subject to two forms of governance or control. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is responsible for ensuring compliance with consumer law whilst other aspects of advertising regulation are self-governed, advertisers voluntarily adhering to a code of ethics established by Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA). AANA identifies the objective of the code of ethics as being *"to ensure that advertisements and other forms of marketing communications are legal, honest, truthful and have been prepared with respect for human dignity, an obligation to avoid harm to the consumer and society and a sense of fairness and responsibility to competitors"*

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION

The proposal is for a multi-faceted electronic promotion sign to be attached to an existing building at 56 Murphy Street Wangaratta. The proposed signage is a type that may be considered or is allowable by the Wangaratta Planning Scheme subject to a planning permit. As with any proposal that may be considered or is allowable, the merits of the proposal must be considered against the relevant policies and decision guidelines of the planning scheme.

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Assessment and consideration of the proposal against the relevant policies and decision guidelines of the planning scheme shows the proposed sign has negligible policy support. Moreover, the proposal is clearly contradictory to the vast majority of applicable policy, not only subjective policy but the proposal has been shown to be contrary to unambiguous and prescriptive policy guidance.

The application is ultimately considered to be inconsistent with the Wangaratta Planning Scheme and is not suitable for Council support. It is recommended that a notice of refusal to grant a permit be issued.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Permit in accordance with Section 61 (1) (c) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and include the grounds of refusal as set out in Appendix 1 below.

Appendix 1 – Grounds for refusal

1. The proposal is inconsistent with the strategies and objectives of Clause 15.01-1S (Urban Design) of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.
2. The proposal is inconsistent with the strategies and objectives of Clause 15.01-1L-01 (Signs) of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.
3. The application fails to address the mandatory application requirements of Clause 36.04-3 (Transport Zone).
4. The application fails to provide suitable evidence of public land manager consent.
5. The proposal is inconsistent with the objectives and decision guidelines of Clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay) of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.
6. The proposal is inconsistent with Clause 43.02 - Schedule 1 (Design and Development Overlay, Wangaratta Central Activities Area) of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.
7. The proposal is inconsistent with the decision guidelines of Clause 52.05 (Signs) of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.
8. The proposal would result in visual detriment, visual clutter, loss of visual amenity and is inconsistent with the character of the locality, both existing and preferred.
9. The proposal may distract and increase the risk of hazard to road users.
10. The proposal is inconsistent with the objectives and desired outcomes of the Wangaratta Urban Design Framework, August 2019.

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Appendix 2 – PinApp24/095 - Grounds for refusal

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Minutes

For the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
Council Chambers
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta **18 March 2025**

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1. Welcome

We acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which we met. We paid our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and to Elders from other communities who may have been present today.

2. Present/Absent/Apologies

Committee Members Present

Jane Watson (chairperson) – virtual
Wilson Tang
Matt Fagence – (virtual)
Vito Giudice – (virtual)

Councillors Present

Cr. Irene Grant
Cr. Harvey Benton
Cr. Allison Winters

Auditors

Brad Eade – Internal Audit
Danielle Mackenzie – External Audit

Staff Present

Brendan McGrath – Chief Executive Officer
Sarah Brindley – Director Corporate and Leisure
Andrew Lovett – Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist
Andrew Scoffern – Governance and Reporting Advisor
Zoe Giglio – Executive Assistant Corporate & Leisure

Apologies

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee confirmed the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of 5 December 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting was moved by Independent Member Jane Watson and Councillor Harvey Benton and CARRIED.

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.

Nil conflicts were disclosed.

5. Reports

5.1 Appointment of Chairperson

This report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee to appoint a new chairperson for a period of one or two years under the requirements of the Committee's Charter.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee appoint Independent Member Jane Watson as the chairperson of the Wangaratta Rural City Council Audit and Risk Committee for a period of 1 year was moved by Councillor Irene Grant and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

Council Management and chairperson Jane Watson extended their sincere gratitude to outgoing chairperson Vito Giudice for his dedication, commitment and leadership advice to the Audit and Risk Committee over the past two years.

5.2 Artificial Intelligence Risk Management

The Manager – Customer, Digital & Transformation Services presented an update to the Audit and Risk Committee on Artificial Intelligence Risk Management.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the attached Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy and Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen-AI) Policy was moved by Independent Member Matt Fagence and Councillor Harvey Benton and CARRIED.

Discussion

- The AI policy sets out principles and expectations and roles and responsibilities of staff, ICT management and certain use of system AI.
- Generative AI poses the highest risk with the potential for accidental exposure of commercial in confidence or customer information.
- A two pronged approach will be applied for roll out to the organisation. The first step involves information technology officers identifying 6 or 7 AI tools that will be recommended to the organisation for use. The second step incorporates training and an education piece to relevant roles to understand the responsibilities, considering the ethical treatment of information and the appropriate tool to use.
- There has been interest in an AI transcription policy, however there is potential for information misread and used as part of an FOI enquiry. Working through determining who and what scenario this service could be used in the future and implementing back end controls and providing awareness campaigns.

- *Independent Member Jane Watson “what is the appetite of staff using AI and is it keeping pace with organisation?”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded “it is mainly middle to upper management i.e. coordinators, managers and Directors currently using AI tools.
- *Independent Member Wilson Tang “within the policy is there a defined register with a list of AI tools that staff can use?”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded “officers are in the process of identifying what tools are being used, the volume in which they are being used and what they are connecting to. The tools will not be accessible to staff until due diligence has been undertaken to minimise risk. We expect this will be completed over the next 1-2 weeks”
- *Independent Member Wilson Tang “will there be a process to monitor compliance, privacy and confidentiality?”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded “yes.”
- *Independent Member Matthew Fagence “does the policy match the risk appetite of councillors and tie into their requirements for direction of Council.”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded “No consultation has occurred with councillors, only Management at this stage.” The Governance and Planning Specialist added an upcoming report would be provided to council management to follow up on the annual risk appetite to ensure its relevance and in addition, the report provided to councillors to ensure risk comfort. At this stage, the risk appetite doesn’t include a line on AI, but will certainly update as appropriate.

5.3 Complaints - Key Trends

This report provided an overview of customer complaints received by the Rural City of Wangaratta during the period April – June 2024. It analysed trends and identified recurring issues.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the Complaints - Key Trends within the enclosed presentation was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Matthew Fagence and CARRIED.

Discussion

- Council management provided highlights on Complaints key trends.
 - In the July – December 2024 period, the number of complaints had decreased to 94, down from 104 in the previous 6 months.
 - In the last six months the top complaint categories were Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre (WSAC) and Waste.
 - Compliments were received in Aged Care and Parks and Gardens.
 - Council’s response times to addressing complaints are well within the 14-day target.
- *Independent Member Wilson Tang “in August and November 2024 there were spikes in the number of complaints received. Were there any reasons as to why?”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded “not that I am aware of. We will investigate further and provide a response back to you. “
- *Independent Member Vito Giudice “is there a better way to demonstrate complaints? Is there any data on outcomes we can see or view on remediation on those areas?”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded, “we will investigate further.” Council management added there were operational challenges experienced in the previous twelve months with

WSAC due to staffing changes, pool opening hours and the learn to swim program in the, however, there had been a significant improvement in progress in these areas. Additional recruitment was undertaken earlier in the year to cope with the demands of the summer season which has contributed to a successful outcome. In terms of Waste, the complaints received often are related to underlying complaints such as a waste bin that has been missed on a collection day or a customer has not put a bin out.

- *Independent Member Vito Giudice “in the top ten categories with consistent themes and a high percentage, are we addressing the root cause.* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded that business areas are working through relevant categories. We can investigate and provide an update to the committee.
- *Independent Member Wilson Tang “in terms of staff complaints received, is it behavioural or cultural?”* Manager Customer and Digital Services responded it's the nature of communication or a lack of knowledge in some areas which is being worked on and scaled up.”

Actions

- For future Complaints reports include commentary around remediation to address root causes. Council management suggested through the chair if officers could investigate an easier way to incorporate into the existing report.
- Manager Customer and Digital Transformation Services to provide response on why the number of complaints spiked in August and November 2024.

5.4 Community Engagement Policy - Compliance Analysis

Council's Community Engagement Policy was adopted in 2020 (see **Attachment 1**) in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020. Review of the Policy began in 2024, with the draft Policy to be presented at Council Briefing in March 2025.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the Community Engagement Policy Compliance Analysis and the current work in community engagement was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

- Council officers provided an update on the Community Engagement Policy Compliance analysis that included the following.
 - A Community Engagement Policy was endorsed in 2020 to meet the requirements of the revised Local Government Act 2020 and subsequently a community engagement toolkit was developed in 2023 to further support the requirements in the act and best practice guidelines.
 - Since then, the understanding and obligations of engagement within Council have changed including the implementation of the online community engagement portal Connect Wangaratta. Interest in the Connect Wangaratta website continues to grow with more community members joining and becoming invested in local community projects, surveys, quizzes to have their say on Council's activities. This platform is improving council's trust and engagement with community, and by doing so, equally improving its transparency in guiding principal decision making for the community and mitigating risk.

- The Community Engagement toolkit has been refined and designed to provide a simplified set of instructions on the practical application and different types of engagement available to provide guidance to staff undertaking community engagement to align with the Local Government Act.
- The Policy will be presented at the March Scheduled Council meeting and will invite submissions from the community for feedback.
- *Independent Member Jane Waston “is this the first time Council will see the policy engagement?”* Council management responded “no. Councillors have been briefing on the policy and also receive a quarterly report update on marketing and communication activities that incorporate engagement feedback and statistics on various projects occurring at that point in time. The website enables a view of engagement from start to finish and to see two way feedback over the entire process.”

5.5 Child Safety Policy and Risk Management Compliance

This report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee to provide an update on the Child Safety risks and controls associated to Council operations and received relevant advice or further recommendations from the Committee.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the key risks and controls identified in the report; and provided guidance on proceeding with attention to the considerations raised was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

- Council officers provided an update to the Audit and Risk Committee on their work on Childsafe Safety Policy and Risk Management Compliance which highlighted the following:
 - Council is committed to maintaining a childsafe organisation.
 - There are 11 standards that the organisation must adhere to. Within those standards there are 51 sub standards as a minimum that must be met through the commission. We are also bound by legislation in the Child Wellbeing Safety Act 2005.
 - Officers presented an update on the current status of their project plan including:
 - Policies and procedures – which are all current and up to date.
 - Training – which had been completed including 70 officers with Youth Affairs Victoria, councillor induction sessions, Elmo module training and training scheduled in 2026 for school crossing supervisors.
 - Update on corporate risk - overall adequate controls are in place, noting there are a couple of areas that need further work. Examples of controls in place included recruitment of relevant roles and volunteers incorporating a working with children's check (WWCC), roles with interactions with young people in the government centre building or off site areas of Council and contractors demonstrating safe work practises.
 - Business unit risk assessments have completed group 1 of business units and currently underway in group 2.
 - An internal audit is scheduled for May a scoping meeting was held earlier last week.

Independent Member Wilson Tang “are their controls in place to monitor the WWCC when they expire?” Council officers responded “we are monitoring requirement of WWCC through the People and Culture team through recruitment and selection processes and other relevant roles

where WWCC are required. The Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre manage their own process for volunteers."

Independent Member Vito Giudice "have council followed the reportable conduct process?"

Training was rolled out to all relevant employees. There are five criteria we bound by and there are three days for Council management to lodge a reportable conduct incident. Our external sites including Wangaratta Children's Services Centre and WSAC have relevant steps in place. Council has had one reportable conduct incident in the last 12 months at the childcare facility. Investigations were undertaken and relevant processes undertaken. They are shared for information. The WSAC also proactive in this space given the recent training.

5.6 Road Asset Management Internal Reports - Findings and Progress Update

This report was presented to update the Audit and Risk Committee on the progress of the findings raised in the 2024 Road Asset Management Internal Audit Final Report (**Attachment 1**).

The report recommended twelve actions, all of which were accepted by Council management. These actions were due for completion in the first half of 2025.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the progress update on the actions that arose from the Road Asset Management Internal Audit Final Report including adjustment of timeframes for some items was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Matthew Fagence and CARRIED.

Discussion

- Council Management provided an update on the Road Asset Management Internal Audit Report Plan (RMP) and the associated audit actions:
 - Council is working on the draft update of the RMP which is expected to be presented to Council in July 2025 for adoption, noting some of the audit actions due for completion will require an extension. Following adoption, the Road Management Register (RMR) is on track to be completed.
 - Significant update has been required align RMP to the MAV around future reporting requirements.
 - Other audit items for rectification rely on software systems being implemented. As the systems are not yet in place to complete reporting required, there will be challenges in completing audit actions on time, noting we don't have any finalised timelines yet.
- *Independent Member Vito Giudice raised concern around accountability of items in that timelines had been extended; however, no set timeline had been applied for completion of items. He suggested that timelines be considered to set accountability.*
- Independent Member Matthew F "in items 5.8 there were no requests for extensions all items 30 June 2025, so are we potentially looking for extensions to some of these? Council management responded, "a submission for an extension will be presented for consideration at the next meeting taking into account the risk rating for those items."

Actions

- Council Management to review the dates on audit items that currently do not have a timeline in place. Come back to the Committee at the next meeting with proposed extension to timelines.

5.7 CEO, Strategic, Emerging and Industry Risks Report

The purpose of this report was to assist the Committee to monitor the risk exposure of Council, including the status of strategic and emerging risks, industry risks, major lawsuits and compliance investigations.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the report was moved by Independent Member Wilson Tang and Councillor Irene Grant and CARRIED.

Discussion

- Council Management provided an update to the committee on the challenges to address long term financial sustainability considering external pressures such as rate capping, environmental factors and inflation impacts. Council is actively working through possibilities for alternative solutions that could be applied to address these risks as well as the longer-term implications to the organisation.
- External Auditor Danielle Mackenzie added Councils are all facing similar challenges at present. VAGO report financial performance of local government areas is expected in May.
- *Independent Member Wilson Tang “in the strategic risk register Governance is listed as medium increasing. Why is it increasing – is it because of resources to reduce residual risks or is it something else?”* The Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist responded, “there are a growing range of obligations and growing span of control required to be met by the organisation, however, Governance is tracking quite well.”

5.8 Committee Action Items and Annual Work Plan

The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the Annual Work Plan and monitored outstanding Committee, internal and external audit action items. This report provided the audit action status update.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the exceptions to the Committee's Annual Work Plan; noted the completion and closure of audit actions 67, 123, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160 and 244; and noted the Off Track and At Risk actions and supporting commentary for actions 120, 123, 179, 220 and 244 was moved by Councillor Harvey Benton and Independent Member Matthew Fagence and CARRIED.

5.9 Internal Audit Program and Status Update

Council's internal auditor AFS sent through the updated internal audit program for the Committee's consideration) and the proposed scope for the Service Review – Children's Services (including Child Safety) internal audit.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the updated internal audit program and status update was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

- The Human Resources Audit meeting is currently underway and a meeting held earlier today.
- Initial meeting has been held on Children's services and elements around child safety.

5.10 VAGO Audit Strategy

The purpose of this report was to provide an update to the Audit and Risk Committee on the status of the VAGO Audit Strategy and VAGO Audit Actions.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the draft VAGO Audit Strategy and VAGO Audit Actions status was moved by Independent Member Matthew Fagence and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

- Planning meetings with Finance noting one new change due to the recent councillor elections and understanding disclosure within financial statements and key related party transactions.
 - There have been amendments to accounting standards AASB13 to include fair value of non-financial assets that will affect the local government sector. Audit service providers are working together on changes accounting standard and application to councils for consistency.
 - Full revaluations are required by council on land, roads, bridges, footpaths, cycleways, and drainage.
- *Independent Member Jane Watson "given the AAFC 13 and on-financial assets requiring to be revalued, is there confidence this work is on track given it is March and it can be a long time to work through?"* Manager Finance responded "internal valuations and preliminary work has commenced on some of the asset classes that will be provided to Crowe for review. Work has begun to procure an external land valuer, and we are optimistic to have this work completed well before the end of the year."

5.11 Quarterly Financial Statements and Aged Debtors Status

This report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee to provide an update of Council's Quarter 2 financial performance and projected full year financial position.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee received and noted the 2024/2025 Quarter 2 Forecast Review, including: the increase in the projected full year accounting surplus from \$13.41m to \$14.80m, the increase in capital works expenditure by \$450k to \$31.93m and the status of Aged Debtors as 28 February 2025 moved by Councillor Harvey Benton and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Discussion

Councillor Harvey Benton "why are aged debtors in outstanding receivables for the cemetery \$88,000?" Manager Finance responded "this was an oversight on council's behalf. Council management have a follow up meeting scheduled with the debtor tomorrow."

Councillor Irene Grant “was there an issue with communication between council and the debtor?” Manager Finance responded “The debtor made contact with Council in January, and they were aware of the changes. We did not contact them again prior to the invoice being sent out.”

5.12 CEO, Mayor and Councillor Expenses

Summary

This report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee and reviewed the most recent Councillor and Mayor expense reimbursements and CEO credit card expenses and the returns for the subsequent two financial years.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the report was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Matthew Fagence and CARRIED.

5.13 Council Plan Performance - Quarter 2 (October - December 2024)

This report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on the Quarter 2 Council Plan Strategic Indicators and Actions update for 2024/25.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the report was moved by Independent Member Matthew Fagence and Independent Member Vito Giudice and CARRIED.

5.14 Update on Annual Committee Performance Assessment - Results

This report was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee and considered the results of the Annual Committee Performance Assessment survey.

This assessment was conducted by a survey which was circulated to members of the Committee separately.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee noted the results of the Annual Performance Assessment; and determined any actions to put in place as a result of the feedback and recommendations made in the Annual Performance Assessment was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Wilson Tang and CARRIED.

Actions

Schedule an update on Council's Risk Profile at the May Audit and Risk Committee meeting following CMT meeting.

5.15 Biannual audit and risk report

Section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) (the Act) required that the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) prepared a Biannual Audit and Risk Report (the report) that described the activities of the Committee and included its findings and recommendations.

A motion that the Audit and Risk Committee endorsed the biannual audit and risk report for July – December 2024 was moved by Independent Member Vito Giudice and Independent Member Matthew Fagence and CARRIED.

6. Other Business

Council Management clarified the building revaluations will be added to the annual workplan and will be scheduled along with letter of management at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting in August.

A progress update on Financial Sustainability will be provided at the next Audit and Risk Committee meeting in May.

For awareness, minor challenges have been experienced with the debtor payment processing modules within our software system due to upgrades. Officers are currently working with business units across the organisation and working with the software provider to rectify.

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday 20, May 2025.

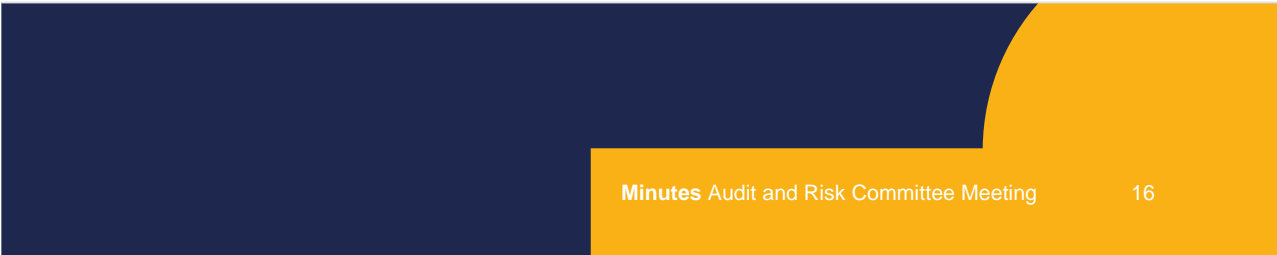
8. Closure of Meeting

5:00pm

Audit and Risk Committee Actions

Open Items

20240806-03	5.5 CEO, Strategic, Emerging and Industry Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Governance and Planning Advisor to review residual risks with risk appetite with Council management and develop a report for the next meeting. 	Andrew Lovett	Open	CMT session has been scheduled.
5 December 2024	5.4 CEO, Strategic, Emerging and Industry Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist to have a look at the Register and to discuss an approach with the chairperson of the Committee 	Andrew Lovett	Open	A meeting with the Governance and Reporting Advisor, Corporate Planning and Governance Specialist and the chairperson has been convened to discuss.
5 December 2024	5.4 CEO, Strategic Emerging and Industry Risks Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide the financial sustainability report to the Audit and Risk Committee 	Anthea Sloan	Open	The report will be presented once finalised, the aim is for May/August 2025.
18 March 2025	5.3 Complaints Key Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For future Complaints reports include commentary around remediation to address root causes. Council management suggested through the chair if officers could investigate an easier way to incorporate into the existing report. 	Juan Hernandez	Open	
18 March 2025	5.3 Complaints Key Trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manager Customer and Digital Transformation Services to provide response on why the number of complaints spiked in August and November 2024. 	Juan Hernandez	Open	
18 March 2025	5.6 Road Asset Management Internal Reports – Findings and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Management to review the dates on audit items that currently do not have 	Marcus Goonan	Open	



	Progress	a timeline in place. Come back to the Committee at the next meeting with proposed extension to timelines.			
18 March 2025	5.12 Update on Annual Committee Performance Assessment Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Schedule an update on Council's Risk Profile at the May Audit and Risk Committee meeting following CMT meeting.	Andrew Lovett	Open	

Charter – 2 consecutive Terms	
Vito Giudice	21 January 2021 (3-year term, final 3 year optioned renewed at January 2024 Scheduled Council)
Matt Fagence	28 June 2022 (3-year term)
Jane Watson	28 February 2023 (3-year term)
Wilson Tang	30 April 2024 (3-year term)