



Proposed Ward Boundary Realignment

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1. Background

Murray river Council (Council) consists of three Wards (Greater Murray, Greater Wakool Moama,), with each ward electing three councillors. The current electors (number of people eligible to vote) of each Ward are as per Table 1.

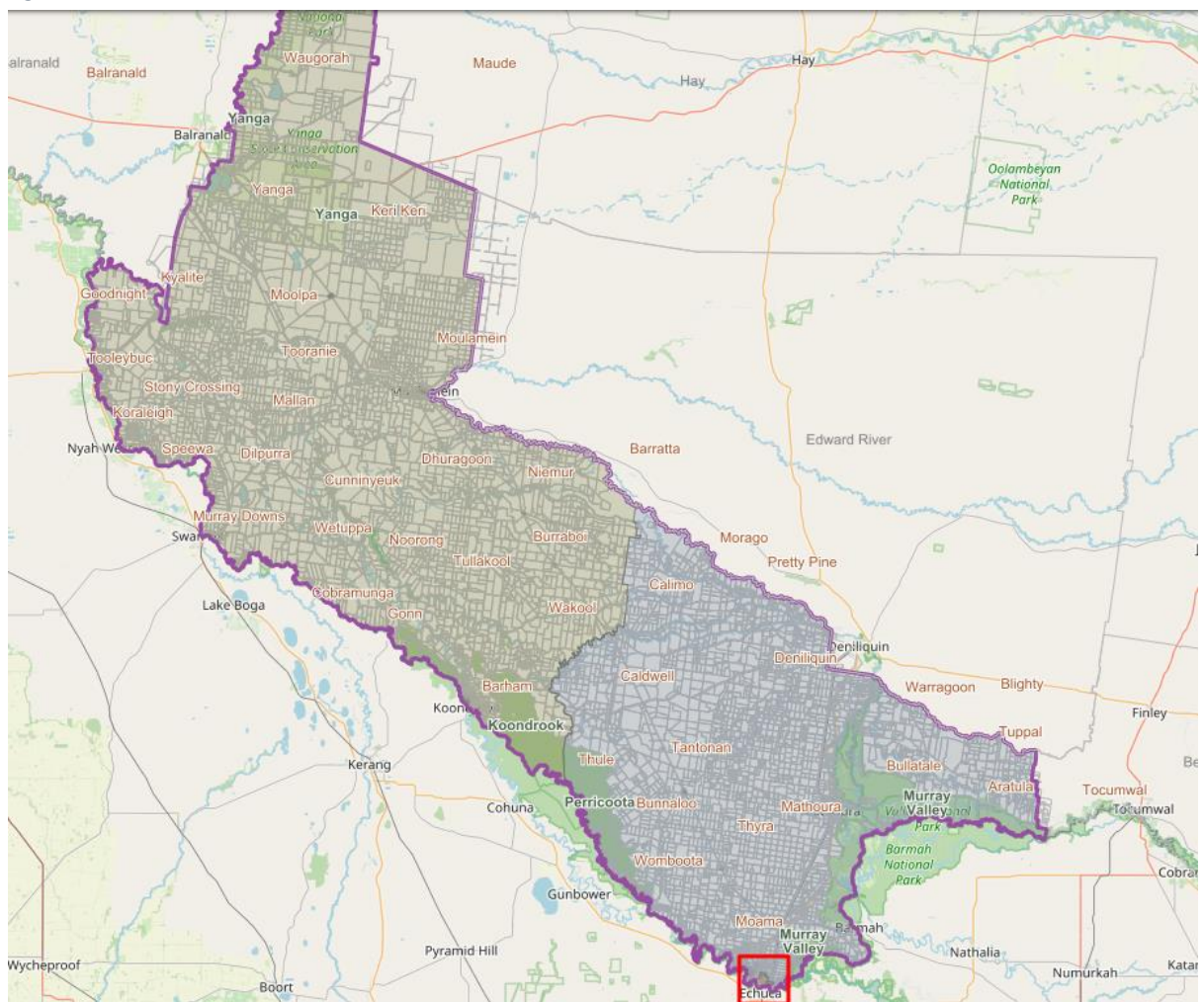
As can be seen from the said table, the balance of the electors in each Ward is misaligned, with Greater Murray above the average of around 3,000 per Ward and the other two being below the average. The primary reason is that the population growth has primarily occurred in the western area of the town of Moama (on either side of Perricoota Road, immediately west of the Cobb Highway.

This area falls into the Greater Murray Ward. The current Ward Boundaries are as per Figure 1. The Moama Ward, which is not very visible due to its size, is within the area marked with a red box.

Table 1: Current Electors by Ward

Ward	Electors
Greater Murray	3,651
Greater Wakool	2,753
Moama	2,764
TOTAL	9,168

Figure 1: Current Ward Boundaries



2. Proposed Realignment

The most granular population statistics available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is at a level defined as Statistical Area 1 (SA1). SA1s within each of the existing Wards and their respective populations (as at end May 2023) are given in Table 2.

Based on the populations within the SA1s, and the geographical location of the SA1s (each Ward must be a contiguous area), the proposed realignment is to make the following SA1 movements. The objective is to move approximately 300 electors from Greater Murray to Moama and another 300 from Greater Murray to Greater Wakool.

- Move SA 1-0903-1183-16 consisting of 257 electors, from Greater Murray to Greater Wakool.
- Move SA 1-0903-1184-01 consisting of 388 electors, from Greater Murray to Moama.

The proposed moves will result in a redistributed number of electors for each revised Ward as detailed in Table 3.

Table 3: Revised Ward Constitution

Ward	Electors	*Dev.
Greater Murray	3,006	0
Greater Wakool	3,010	+4
Moama	3,152	+146
TOTAL	9,168	

* Deviation from minimum.

The revised boundaries are depicted in Figure 2, with the Moama Ward boundaries detailed in Figure 3.

It should be noted that even after the realignment, the growth areas will still be in the Greater Murray Ward. That ward being slightly under the average will mean a somewhat longer period before Council requires the next realignment.

Table 2: Ward Electors by SA1

Sub Area Name	SA1	Electors
Greater Murray	1-0903-1183-02	406
Greater Murray	1-0903-1183-03	160
Greater Murray	1-0903-1183-14	136
Greater Murray	1-0903-1183-16	257
Greater Murray	1-0903-1183-23	394
Greater Murray	1-0903-1183-26	11
Greater Murray	1-0903-1184-01	388
Greater Murray	1-0903-1184-03	403
Greater Murray	1-0903-1184-13	450
Greater Murray	1-0903-1184-16	706
Greater Murray	1-0903-1184-18	190
Greater Murray	1-0903-1184-19	150
Greater Murray Total		3,651
Greater Wakool	1-0902-1179-05	123
Greater Wakool	1-0902-1179-07	46
Greater Wakool	1-0902-1179-11	98
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-06	233
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-07	112
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-08	225
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-09	172
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-10	157
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-12	274
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-13	278
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-21	88
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-25	305
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-27	387
Greater Wakool	1-0903-1183-28	255
Greater Wakool Total		2,753
Moama	1-0903-1184-02	162
Moama	1-0903-1184-04	293
Moama	1-0903-1184-05	67
Moama	1-0903-1184-06	121
Moama	1-0903-1184-07	338
Moama	1-0903-1184-08	252
Moama	1-0903-1184-09	291
Moama	1-0903-1184-10	362
Moama	1-0903-1184-11	356
Moama	1-0903-1184-14	234
Moama	1-0903-1184-15	288
Moama Total		2,764
GRAND TOTAL		9,168

Figure 2: Proposed Revised Ward Boundaries

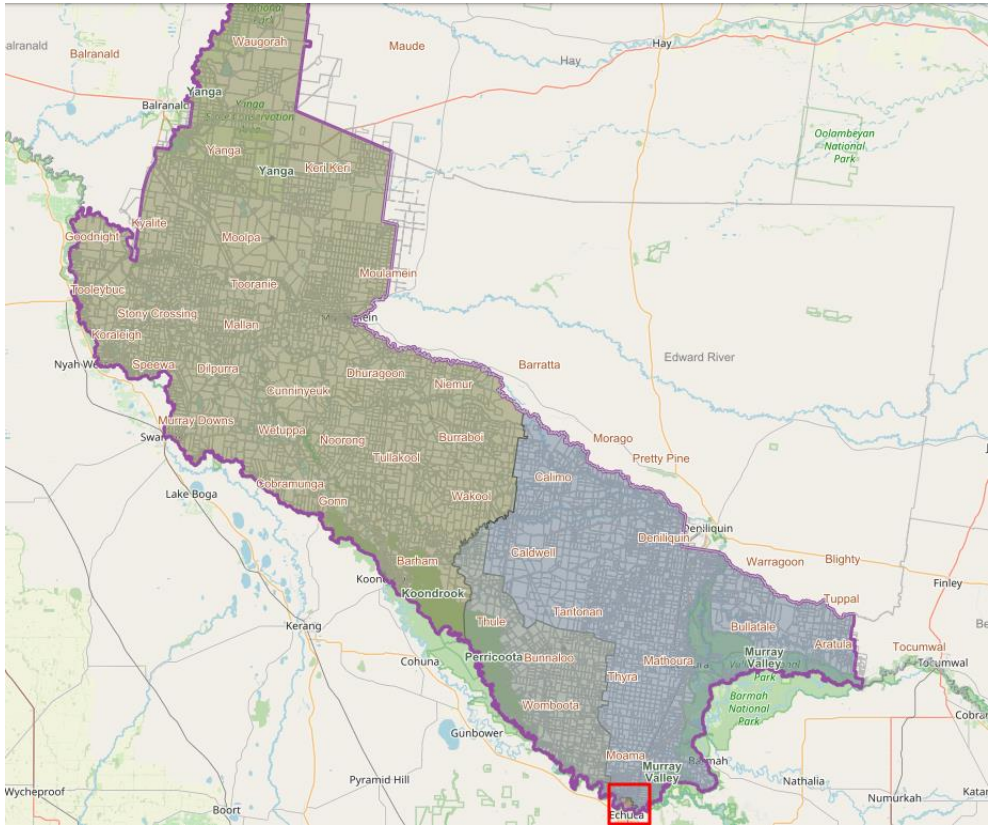


Figure 3: Proposed Revised Moama Ward Boundaries

