



**murray river
council**

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Monday, 23 June 2025

**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council
will be held on:**

Date: Monday, 23 June 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

**Location: Council Chambers
Moama Administration Office
52 Perricoota Road, Moama**

**Stacy Williams
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING MEETING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we stand today,
I acknowledge Elders past and present, the pioneers whose toil inspires us still;
And those who gave their lives, that we many now,
On this proud past, a vibrant future build.

3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting:

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27 MAY 2025

File Number: -

Author: Sheryl Mudaliar, Executive Services Coordinator

Authoriser: Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 27 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DISCUSSION

Murray River Council held its Ordinary Meeting on 27 May 2025 at the Council Chambers (Lower Level), Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama. A copy of the draft minutes is attached for ratification by the Council at this meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 May 2025 [↓](#) 

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**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA
ROAD, MOAMA
ON TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr John Harvie (Mayor), Cr Neil Gorey (Deputy Mayor), Cr Joy Allan, Cr Kylie Berryman, Cr Gen Campbell, Cr Dennis Gleeson, Cr Gary Pappin

IN ATTENDANCE: Stacy Williams (Chief Executive Officer), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Sarah Ryan (Director Economic Development & Community Services), Daniel Hughes (Interim Director Infrastructure), Gary Arnold (Interim Director Planning & Environment), Sheryl Mudaliar (Executive Services Coordinator)

1 OPENING MEETING

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**3.1 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE****RESOLUTION 170525**

MOVED: CR GEN CAMPBELL

SECONDED: CR JOY ALLAN

THAT THE APOLOGY TENDERED ON BEHALF OF CR WISE AND HURN BE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED; AND THAT LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING BE GRANTED.

CARRIED**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING COUNCIL HELD ON 22 APRIL 2025 AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2025****RESOLUTION 180525**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 22 April 2025 and the Extraordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 13 May 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes**27 May 2025****5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Cr Gorey declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in item 7 Mayoral Minute.

Cr Berryman declared a less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest in item 11.3 Sale of Lot 3 DP 813704 - Mathoura Line Road, Moama.

5.1 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**RESOLUTION 190525**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That Council approve the presented Disclosure of Interest as listed above.

CARRIED**6 DEPUTATIONS**

At 1.04 pm, Cr Neil Gorey left the meeting.

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE****RESOLUTION 200525**

Moved: Cr John Harvie

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That Council

1. Appoint Mrs Helma Gorey as an official Murray River Council representative to assist the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the provision of evidence to support councils' submission to the inquiry.
2. A copy of councils' resolution be provided to the inquiry chairperson.

CARRIED

At 1:07 pm, Cr Neil Gorey returned to the meeting.

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

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9.1.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS**RESOLUTION 210525**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman
Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

CARRIED**9.1.2 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 220525**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Monthly Operational Report as of April 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED**9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.2.1 FRAUD & CORRUPTION POLICY V#3 - FINAL ADOPTION****RESOLUTION 230525**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That

1. The Fraud & Corruption Policy V#3 is adopted and placed in the Policy Register; and
2. Any previous versions of this Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED**9.2.2 PROCUREMENT POLICY V#3 - FINAL ADOPTION****RESOLUTION 240525**

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin
Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That

1. The Procurement Policy V#3 is adopted and placed in the Policy Register; and
2. Any previous versions of this Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED

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9.2.3 DATA BREACH POLICY V#1 - FINAL ADOPTION**RESOLUTION 250525**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Data Breach Policy V#1 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register.

CARRIED**9.2.4 COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY V#4 - FINAL ADOPTION****RESOLUTION 260525**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That

1. The Community Financial Assistance Policy V#4 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register; and
2. Any previous versions of this Policy are rescinded.

CARRIED**9.2.5 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH MAY 2025.****RESOLUTION 270525**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the DRAFT Minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Meeting held on the 5th May 2025. be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED**9.2.6 BORROWING POLICY V#2****RESOLUTION 280525**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Borrowing Policy V#2 be adopted and placed on public display.

CARRIED

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9.2.7 FINANCIAL REPORT - UNAUDITED FY 24/25 PERIOD ENDING 30 APRIL 2025**RESOLUTION 290525**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell
Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period to 30 April 2025 (FY2024/25), noting that reporting of monthly financial statements is not a regulatory requirement but nonetheless is being provided in furtherance of financial transparency and in keeping with financial reporting best practice.

CARRIED**9.2.8 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****RESOLUTION 300525**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson
Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council resolve to adopt the budget variations as detailed within the report and any subsequent changes made to those votes, in Council's estimates of income and expenditure for 2024/2025 financial year, which includes changes to the 2024/2025 Capital Listing as updated per Attachment 3 and the following Reserve movements:

- a. to fund Capital activities:
 - i. \$1,421,750 to General reserve
 - ii. \$1,235,360 to Water reserve
 - iii. \$622,949 to Sewer reserve
 - iv. \$954,268 to Waste reserve; and
- b. from Operational activities:
 - i. \$540,876 to the General reserve
 - ii. \$65,111 to the Water reserve
 - iii. \$110,000 from the Sewer reserve
 - iv. \$57,093 to the Waste reserve.

CARRIED**9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

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9.5.1 MOULAMEIN SOUTH RECREATION RESERVE - SIGNED DELEGATION DOCUMENT**RESOLUTION 310525**

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council endorse the delegation document signed by the Moulamein South Recreation Reserve Committee, confirming delegation of authority from Council to the Committee to undertake responsibilities on Council's behalf in relation to the management of the Reserve.

CARRIED**9.5.2 EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES - WAKOOL MEMORIAL HALL S355 COMMITTEE****RESOLUTION 320525**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council

1. Revoke existing member Alana Lester of the Wakool Memorial Hall Committee of Management and
 - (a) Pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 193 appoint new committee member nominated at the Extra Ordinary Meeting April 2025

CARRIED**9.5.3 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AT APRIL 2025****RESOLUTION 330525**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That Council receive and note the April Section 355 Committee Report

CARRIED

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9.5.4 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM, ROUND 2 FY25 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**RESOLUTION 340525**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

That Council fund the following projects under Round 2 of the FY25 Community Grants Program:

Org/Group	Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	Amount recommended
Goodnight Recreation Reserve and Hall Committee	Goodnight Hall Centenary Event	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000
Girls on the Rise	Garden Bed + Cooking Project: "Grow & Nourish for Families in Need"	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,178
Echuca Moama Men's Shed Inc.	Ford Ute repair and roadworthy.	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800
Murray Haven Homes	Modern Hair Salon	\$ 2,844	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,422
Murray Human Services t/as We Are Vivid	Oaks Day Luncheon	\$ 3,000	\$ 21,750	\$ 1,500
Moulamein Men's Shed & Rice Museum Inc.	Acquisition of a Defibrillator for the Men's Shed.	\$ 1,795	\$ 1,795	\$ 1,795
Mathoura Preschool Inc	Edible/Vege Garden re-vamp	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,554	\$ 2,000
Barrook Field & Game	Fire Fighting Cart	\$ 1,985	\$ 2,685	\$ 1,985
Moulamein Arts & Craft Council	Coffee machine, automatic & state of the art - Jura Z10	\$ 2,856	\$ 3,856	\$ 2,856
Barham High School P&C	BHS Chess Club	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,900	\$ 3,000
Mathoura Events Committee	Portable speakers and UHF microphones	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,764
Caldwell Hall Management Committee	Upgrade of Microphones, TV Accessories and Antenna Facilities	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700
Moama Anglican Grammar	Brewing Bright Futures	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,350	\$ 3,000
		\$ 33,744	\$ 73,354	\$ 30,000

CARRIED

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9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 350525

Moved: Cr Joy Allan

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

9.7.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

RESOLUTION 360525

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 April 2025 through to 30 April 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

CARRIED

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 370525

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at 1.38pm

CARRIED

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

11.1 Recommendation for the sale of Lot 1 DP 1313227 (formerly Part 21 Morago Street, Moulamein) as per previous resolution of Council 1812224

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

11.2 Moama WTP Land Purchase

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

11.3 Recommendation for the sale of Lot 3 DP 813704 - Mathoura Line Road, Moama.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

RESOLUTION 380525

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 2:21pm.

CARRIED

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council brings forward the resolutions from Closed Council into Open Council and these be read aloud.

11.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SALE OF LOT 1 DP 1313227 (FORMERLY PART 21 MORAGO STREET, MOULAMEIN) AS PER PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL 1812224**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to:

A undertake the sale of the land currently identified as Lot 1 DP 1313227 and the residential building situated on that land (the Property), through an open market approach of Competitive Direct Sale, such sale to be at a price determined during councils deliberation and identified in the original report.

B authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to undertake the necessary activities, including the appointment of a suitable independent real estate agent to undertake the sale and entering into & signing of the required contractual and other documents as necessary to give effect to the sale.

C authorise the application of the common seal of council on documentation related to the sale of the property.

In Favour: Crs Neil Gorey, Joy Allan, Kylie Berryman and Gen Campbell

Against: Crs John Harvie, Dennis Gleeson and Gary Pappin

CARRIED 4/3

11.2 MOAMA WTP LAND PURCHASE**RESOLUTION 350525**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council resolve to:

i. Approve a total budget for the acquisition of 74 Boundary Road Moama in the amount identified in the original report.

ii. Pay the Moama LALC invoice for soil investigation cost amounting as identified in the original report.

That subject to a report being received providing advice that human bone fragments have been removed from 74 Boundary Road Moama and no further potential encumbrances on the land being identified, Council resolve to;

iii. authorise the CEO to:

a) negotiate the purchase of the land at 74 Boundary Road (identified as Lot 2 DP 875080) for a maximum price as agreed to by council or where the negotiation process fails to result in a purchase settlement, complete a compulsory acquisition process in accordance with the Local Government Act and Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act;

b) lease/rent out the dwelling at market value through a real estate agent pending development of the land;

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- c) sign any contract and other documents as required to facilitate settlement or completion of registration of the transfer of land; and
- d) and classify the land as operational upon Murray River Council becoming the registered proprietor.
- e) authorise the application of the common seal of council on documentation related to the sale of the property.

CARRIED**11.3 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SALE OF LOT 3 DP 813704 - MATHOURA LINE ROAD, MOAMA.****RESOLUTION 360525****Moved: Cr Gen Campbell****Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson**

Recommendation

That Council resolve, in accordance with the Murray River Council Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy POL-602 V#1 (the 'Policy'), to authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to:

- a. negotiate a sale of the land identified as Lot 3 DP 813704 ('Land') as required via the third-party selling agent, noting that the minimum selling price must equal the lower of the two market valuations obtained (considering equivalent GST treatment in each case); and
- b. undertake the necessary activities, including the entering into and signing of the contract and any other documents as required, to effect a sale and transfer of the Land.
- c. authorise the application of the common seal of council on documentation related to the sale of the property.

CARRIED

At 2:23 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson left the meeting.

At 2:26 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson returned to the meeting

12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:27PM.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Monday 23 June 2025, commencing at 1:00 PM, in Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 27 MAY 2025, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 23 JUNE 2025.


.....
MAYOR

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Statement of Ethical Obligations - Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage Conflicts of Interest. It is recommended that Councillors now disclose any conflicts of interest in matters under consideration by the Council at this meeting.

6 DEPUTATIONS

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - TO ENGAGE EXTERNAL AGENCY FOR CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEWS**

File Number: -

Author: John Harvie, Mayor

Authoriser: Stephen Fernando

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Proceed to engage LGMS to assist in the facilitation of the Chief Executive Officers Performance Review in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the proposal dated 30 May 2025 and
2. Appoint the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and three councillors to the CEO Annual Performance Review Committee.
3. Approve suitable training for members of the CEO Annual Performance Review Committee.

PURPOSE

Following the recent appointment of a new CEO, it's important that we put in place a well-structured, fair, and compliant process to support their performance and professional development.

Given the legislative requirements under clause 23A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the guidelines from the Office of Local Government "Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers" I would like Council to consider engaging Local Government Management Solutions (LGMS) to assist Council with the CEO's annual performance review and KPI setting.

REASONING

There are four main advantages to using LGMS for this work:

1. Compliance and Sector Knowledge

LGMS has been supporting NSW councils for over 30 years and is well-versed in the legal and procedural obligations relating to General Manager performance management. Their understanding of the legislation and Office of Local Government guidelines ensures we meet our statutory responsibilities.

2. Impartiality and Good Governance

Bringing in an external facilitator helps maintain an objective and transparent process. It supports good governance by reducing any perceptions of bias and ensures the process is managed professionally and independently.

3. Strategic and Tailored Support

LGMS provides a framework that aligns the CEO's KPIs with Council's strategic goals. Their approach includes structured feedback, performance documentation, and a detailed review report – tools that will help Council monitor outcomes and support the CEO's growth.

4. Coincidence

Local Government Management Solutions have been engaged by Edward River Council to provide the same services in relation to its recent appointment of Jack Bond as ERC CEO.

We will be able to save on travel costs if LGMS attend Councils Office at the same time as they attend ERC in Deniliquin. They are happy to do so.

CONCLUSION

Given we're at the beginning of a new leadership term, this is an ideal opportunity to establish a solid performance framework that will support both the CEO and Council in achieving shared goals.

We should also appoint councillors to the five person 'CEO Annual Performance Review Committee' and arrange suitable training for all members.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **LGMS Performance Review Facilitation Proposal** [↓](#) 



Performance Review Facilitation Proposal

General Manager
Murray River Council



**ONE VOICE
FOR COUNCILS**



30 May 2025

Cr. John Harvie
Mayor
Murray River Council

by email: mrowden@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Cr Harvie,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal to assist Murray River Council and the General Manager by facilitating the performance review process for the General Manager.

For over 30 years, Local Government Management Solutions (LGMS) has supported Councils across NSW in meeting the requirements outlined in clause 23A of the NSW Local Government Act (1993) and the Director General's guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers. The annual performance review of a General Manager is not only a statutory requirement under the standard General Manager Contract (2022) but also a vital component of maintaining accountability and fostering effective leadership within local government.

LGMS is a leader in positive performance review facilitation for senior local government staff. We recognise that the relationship between the Council—particularly the Mayor—and the General Manager is crucial to the effective administration of the organisation and the delivery of quality services to the community. Each year, our services are utilised by approximately 40 Councils to ensure compliance with their performance management obligations and to strengthen working relationships between Councils, General Managers, and senior staff.

Our performance review facilitation service is designed to ensure a professionally managed, objective, and accountable process. This includes providing constructive feedback to the General Manager and delivering a comprehensive report for Council. LGMS also offers workshops for Councillors, focusing on the General Manager performance review process.

Please find enclosed our proposal to facilitate the Performance Reviews for the General Manager at Murray River Council. This proposal outlines our comprehensive approach, which includes the facilitation of performance review, the provision of a tailored performance review template, and the development of performance plans for the General Manager. Should Council choose LGMS for this project, Mr. Christian Morris will act as the performance review facilitator.

We are enthusiastic about the opportunity to collaborate with Murray River Council and support your efforts in fostering a productive and effective working relationship with the General Manager.

Kind regards,

David Reynolds
Chief Executive
Local Government NSW

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IN ADVOCACY, INDUSTRIAL/LEGAL SERVICES AND
SUPPORT TO OUR MEMBERS, MAKING LGMS THE
OBVIOUS CHOICE OVER COMMERCIAL COMPETITORS.**

Chief Executive
Local Government NSW





About Local Government NSW

Local Government NSW is an independent organisation that exists to serve the interests of our members, who are New South Wales general and special purpose councils.

LGNSW supports and advocates on behalf of our members to help strengthen and protect an effective and sustainable system of local government across NSW.

LGNSW DOES THIS BY:

- Representing the views of local government to both the state and federal governments
- Providing policy advice, management support and grants application assistance to members
- Empowering members to deliver quality services to meet the needs of their local community
- Providing effective, responsive and accountable leadership on policy issues
- Enhancing community awareness and perception of local government
- Providing legal, industrial advice and workplace services to members
- Delivery of industry leading training and event programs

Reach out to us to learn about how LGNSW helps member councils deliver improved services and better outcomes to their communities



About



Management Solutions

LGMS was established in 1993 to provide a range of recruitment and performance review services for councils. Our highly experienced team are local government specialists with a strong track record of delivering results for councils.

Our services includes delivering a range of human resource solutions on a fee-for-service basis such as:

- Executive and specialist recruitment;
- Senior executive performance reviews;
- Organisational and structural reviews;
- Staff engagement and leadership surveys;
- Comparative NSW council data on remuneration, HR metrics and finance;
- Position description development, fully aligned with the Local Government Capability Framework.

LGMS understands the local government sector and the challenges it faces. Our team:

- Works holistically, supporting our clients through to the conclusion of the project;
- Are local government specialists working exclusively for local government organisations;
- Has consistently been the market share leaders for executive recruitment in NSW;
- Has a strong and well-established network of potential applicants;

- Provides expert advice in the best interest of our members, which includes consideration of legislative and regulatory compliance issues that they may face;
- Draws on an extensive partner and stakeholder network, including LGNSW's Workforce and Legal and Learning and Development teams;
- Enjoys a successful track record of longevity of past appointments, with a high percentage completing the five-year term of their contracts.

LGMS works closely with councils' Mayors, Councillors, GM and other executive staff each and every day, guaranteeing a comprehensive awareness of the current pressures councils face and how this translates into decision-making on the ground.

High respect for the LGMS brand is reflected in our superior market share and success recruiting GMs and senior staff in NSW.

By utilising LGMS for your recruitment needs, you can be assured that your investment will be returned to the local government sector, benefiting the local government sector across NSW.



Our team working for you

For more information about our services or to enquire about other consulting needs, please contact

David Reynolds | Chief Executive



David Reynolds has worked in local government since 2006, after starting his career in the private sector as a lawyer specialising in employment and industrial law. He is also a qualified company director.

Before taking up the role as Chief Executive of LGNSW, David was the Group Manager of Shire Strategy at Murray River Council – a fast growing council in north-western Sydney. In this role he led the council's strategic programs across land use planning, property, infrastructure and transport planning, recreation planning, asset management and special projects of a capital nature.

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David also served Camden Council as its Customer and Corporate Director and he spent 8½ years at Blacktown Council, where he was responsible for the workforce and corporate development function at what was then the largest council in NSW.

David has broad and deep experience across the many functions of the local government sector. In addition to local council experience, he has participated in several industry groups at the State level, including several award winning parties, discussions on contributions reform, and he was closely involved in the delivery of the Western Sydney City Deal.

Adam Dansie | Director, Workforce and Legal



Adam is the Director Workforce & Legal at Local Government NSW. Admitted as a Solicitor in 2004, with university degrees in Economics and Law, he has over 27 years' experience working in the fields of industrial relations, employment law and human resource management. His employment experience includes working for a State peak council of employers (the Australian Industry Group, which included working on secondment at BlueScope Steel Pty Ltd),

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a State peak council of employees (the Labor Council of NSW, now called UnionsNSW), an industrial relations tribunal (the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales), and a State public sector employer (Sydney South West Area Health Service). He plays a lead role in negotiating industrial awards and agreements, representing LGNSW and its members before industrial courts and tribunals, and contributing to the development and implementation of LGNSW policy.

Christian Morris | Manager, Management Solutions



Christian started with Local Government Management Solutions in October 2007 and is a seasoned professional with a diverse background in recruitment, performance, project, and change management. With over 17 years of experience at LGNSW, Christian has established himself as the leading authority in executive-level recruitment and performance management within Local Government in NSW.

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During his tenure, Christian has successfully facilitated over 200 recruitments for General Managers, CEOs, and directors, demonstrating his expertise in identifying top talent and matching them with the right roles. His confidential understanding of high-performing individuals within the local government sector is unparalleled.

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Our offering

Our competitive edge



Local government specialists with over 30 years' continuous service and experience in the local government sector with a track record of delivering.



Work exclusively for local government – extensive network, well versed in legislative and regulatory compliance issues, reforms/developments/future directions in local government in NSW and nationally.



Value for money – as an industry association, we do not aim to make a profit from our services, but to recover costs and reinvest in our member services. We offer set fees for the duration of each project.



Extensive partner and stakeholder network including LGNSW's Workforce and Legal and Learning and Development teams.



Knowledge of General Manager remuneration – We can provide accurate and current data through our annual NSW local government remuneration surveys, which have the highest council participation rate in Australia.



Confidence in delivering the right outcome – LGMS provides a one-year guarantee on senior staff placements.





Our Performance Review Facilitation Service



Ensuring Effective Performance Management

- Comprehensive briefing with Council's Performance Review Panel



Key Benefits of Our Process

- Defines Council's expectations clearly and precisely.
- Ensures reviews are unbiased and based on measurable outcomes.
- Uses metrics to maintain fairness and objectivity.
- Focuses on achieving both operational and strategic goals.
- Provides structured feedback to support continuous improvement.
- Identifies performance gaps and implements strategies for development.



Performance Review Documents

- General Manager : Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) aligned with Council's strategic management plans.
- Document Parts:
 - Part One: Managerial Objectives
 - Part Two: Specific Project Objectives
 - Part Three: Leadership Behaviours
 - Part Four: Professional Development



Our Service Includes

- Annual reviews and optional 6-month monitoring sessions
- Comprehensive review documents for General Manager
- Key performance indicators (KPIs) and alignment with Council's strategic objectives

Travel and Accommodation: Any travel or accommodation expenses will be charged separately.

Fees are negotiable depending on additional positions requiring reviews.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW

Pricing Structure and Terms

Core Services

Approximate Cost (Ex GST)

Preparing a detailed report for Council on the outcome of the General Manager's performance review	\$6,000 + GST
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Liaising with the Mayor, elected members, and General Manager to determine performance agreement outcomes and measures	Included in the Annual Fee
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Developing the General Manager's performance plan (strategic and operational outcomes and measures)	Included in the Annual Fee
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Providing performance plan templates for the General Manager	Included in the Annual Fee
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Providing feedback to the General Manager at the conclusion of the performance review	Included in the Annual Fee
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Preparing a detailed report for Council on the outcome of the General Manager's performance review	Included in the Annual Fee
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Optional Services

Approximate additional Cost

Assisting the General Manager and Senior Staff to develop individual performance plans (includes template and development of objectives)	\$1,500 + GST per direct
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Conducting a Councillor workshop on Council's performance management of senior staff (One-off fee; includes 1-day site visit and development of objectives/measures)	\$1,000 + GST
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Drafting a report for the General Manager on the outcome of each Senior Staff performance review	Included in the Annual Fee
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Optional mid-term review for General Manager	Included in the Annual Fee
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Travel and Accommodation: Any travel or accommodation expenses will be charged separately.

Fees are negotiable depending on additional positions requiring reviews.



G MANAGEMENT
SOLUTIONS

Our recent track record

Recent performance review assignments



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General Manager

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GM – Bathurst Regional
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Georges River Council
General Manager

Elise Borg
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Cumberland Council
General Manager

Peter Fitzgerald
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Ku-ring-gai Council
General Manager

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North Sydney Council
General Manager

Cr Zoe Baker
Mayor – North Sydney Council
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Additional Management Solutions Services



REMOTE SKILLED CONTRACTORS

LGMS have several highly qualified technical and professional contractors ready to provide interim services to our members at times when internal resources or suitable skills are lacking. These experts work predominately from Sydney or other large regional centers where the skills are readily available. Skill sets include engineers, planners, governance, internal audit and risk, community engagement, grant writing, business analytics and human resources.

LGMS have successfully placed contractors with our members who have hit the ground running due to their experience in the sector.



Executive level recruitment services

Finding and placing the right executive staff is vital for an organisation's success. LGNSW's Management Solutions team offers tailored executive recruitment services for member councils, adhering to best practices and the Local Government Act 1993. Services include developing recruitment strategies, managing applications, facilitating interviews, conducting reference and background checks, and drafting employment contracts. Councils can opt for a full-service "bundled" package or select specific services like shortlisting, reference checks, and workplace behavioural assessments.

With a proven methodology and focus on equal employment opportunity and merit principles, LGNSW ensures councils find the best candidates for senior management and specialist.



ORGANISATION AND BUSINESS REVIEWS

Organisational and structural reviews provide independent insight into the organisational strengths, weaknesses and staff perceptions.

With extensive understanding of the sector, our consultants work closely with the elected body, General Manager and staff to identify where improvements or changes need to be made.



WORKPLACE ANALYTICS

LGMS offers a suite of analytics that help our members evaluate and improve different aspects of their performance including financial sustainability, organisational effectiveness, HR efficiencies, employer value proposition, etc.

Subscribing councils get free access to our cutting-edge digital analytics platform, Fathom, as well as comprehensive reports that include historical data and benchmark information on more than 500 KPIs spread across four products:

- LGNSW Remuneration
- LGNSW General Manager Remuneration
- LGNSW HR Metrics
- LGNSW Finance



Next Steps

Validity & acceptance of this proposal

This proposal is valid until 30 June 2025. To accept this proposal please contact:

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8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.1.1 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING DELEGATE****File Number:** -**Author:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Cr. Gen Campbell be authorised as the Murray River Council voting delegate at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly for 2025.

BACKGROUND

As resolved at the Murray River Council January 2025 ordinary meeting Crs. Campbell, Berryman and Pappin are attending the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (NGA) in June 2025. Murray River Council requires an authorised voting delegate to participate in the debate on the NGA Motions and to act as a delegate in the voting process.

DISCUSSION

As part of the ALGA National General Assembly a range of motions will be debated and voted on by Councils in attendance. Murray River Council is required to authorise a delegate to act as its representative and debate and vote on motions as put to the meeting. Crs. Berryman, Pappin and Campbell are attending the National General Assembly in Canberra from 23 June - 27 June 2025. The report seeks to appoint Cr. Campbell as Murray River Council authorised voting delegate for the 2025 National General Assembly.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

NIL

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ANALYSIS

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- Treatment options to mitigate the risk?

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CONCLUSION

That Cr. Gen Campbell be authorised to act as the Murray River Council voting delegate at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly for 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.1.2 SUPPORT FOR DENILQUIN HOSPITAL**File Number:** -**Author:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorises the CEO to write a letter to Edward River Council in support their efforts to advocate for funding a new Denilquin Hospital.

BACKGROUND

The provision of accessible, safe and quality healthcare is critical for the Murray River Council community and the wider region. Many Murray River Council residents access their health care from services based in surrounding Council areas. Edward River Council has recently released a position statement in relation to their advocacy for funding for a new Denilquin hospital.

Given several of our communities would benefit from this investment a letter of support from our Council may assist in Edward River Council's efforts to secure funding.

DISCUSSION

The Denilquin Hospital services a large catchment which includes parts of the Murray River Council communities. Investment in a new hospital at Denilquin is vital to the ensure equity of access to healthcare in rural and regional communities including ours.

Whilst Murray River Council has a growing need for healthcare and future needs for increased service provision in our growing cross border communities, investment in the Denilquin Hospital is a vital piece in the overall health system which supports our communities.

A letter of support from MRC to Edward River Council can support a collective call to action to fund the new Denilquin hospital.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ANALYSIS

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- Treatment options to mitigate the risk?

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CONCLUSION

A letter of support be provided to Edward River Council in support of funding for the new Deniliquin Hospital.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.1.3 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS

File Number: -

Author: Sheryl Mudaliar, Executive Services Coordinator

Authoriser: Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

BACKGROUND

All resolutions of Council in Open and Closed council, including completed actions within the previous 6 weeks, are attached to this report.

Resolutions of the Council that require action/s after each Council Meeting are automatically generated in Infocouncil to the relevant Council officer for their action and comment.

DISCUSSION

The **Resolution Tracker Open Report** and the **Resolution Tracker Closed Action Report** contain 'active' resolutions respectively from open and closed meetings of the Council held since November 2018 that require action by Council's officers. The **Resolution Tracker Completed Actions Report** shows all actions that have been completed in the previous 6 weeks.

Resolutions that are reported by Council's officers as complete will drop off the 'active' list.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.6 - Provide clear, concise and consistent information that is easily accessible to our customers - Improve externally provided information and communication.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Council's officers do not action the resolutions of the Council.

- **How can it happen?**

Resolutions from Council Meetings not being recorded in a systematic fashion.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Actions, because of the resolutions of the Council, not being completed in a timely manner or at all.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Low.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Use of the report and minute system, InfoCouncil, which automatically forwards actions (as a result of the resolutions of the Council) from Council Meetings to the relevant Council officer (report writer) after the completion of the minutes of a Council Meeting. A report can then be generated on the status of incomplete/outstanding actions.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Due diligence undertaken by Council's officers (administration and report writers).

CONCLUSION

The Resolution Tracker and Action Reports are presented to Councillors for information in this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Completed Actions 1 April to 16 June**  
2. **Open Actions Report as at 16 June (under separate cover)** 

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Action Sheets Report		

Item	Recommendation	Comments	Tasked to:	% Complete	Due Date	Progress:
9.5.1	RESOLUTION 130425 Moved: Cr Bianca Hurn Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise That Council receive and note the March Section 355 Committee Report CARRIED	Type here	Buckley, Karen	Type here	6/05/2025	10 Jun 2025 Completed by Buckley, Karen (action officer) on 10 June 2025 at 12:20:16 PM - no further action required.
9.5.2	RESOLUTION 140425 Moved: Cr Gen Campbell Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman That Council, having observed the public notice period in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, resolve to reimburse the Preschool for its operational maintenance costs for the year 2024, in the amount of \$14,925.05 including GST. This decision is made in good faith and does not alter or cancel any other terms of the lease or contribution agreement between the parties. CARRIED	Type here	Hayward, Beck	Type here	6/05/2025	
9.2.4	RESOLUTION 110425 Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey That the DRAFT Concessions for Concealed Water Leaks Policy V#1 be adopted and placed on public display. CARRIED	Type here	Gordon, Sandra	Type here	6/05/2025	23 Apr 2025 Completed by Gordon, Sandra (action officer) on 23 April 2025 at 1:51:02 PM - Placed on public display
9.3.1	RESOLUTION 120425	Type here	Sherman,	Type here	6/05/2025	

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	<p>Moved: Cr Geoff Wise Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the information contained in this report regarding the Meninya Street Precinct Project; and 2. Adopt Option 1 to prioritise parking provided at the Echuca Street Intersection. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>		Matthew			
9.6.1	<p>RESOLUTION 150425 Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson Seconded: Cr Joy Allan That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	Type here	Donald, Jan	Type here	6/05/2025	<p>23 Apr 2025 Completed by Donald, Jan (action officer) on 23 April 2025 at 12:19:46 PM - No further action required.</p>
10.2	<p>RESOLUTION 180425 Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rescind Resolution 291122, Council business papers in printed version should only include the open council papers, confidential papers will be provided electronically only; <p>And</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Endorse the following recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Endorse the provision of Council business papers and confidential business papers in printed version to Councillors upon request, to 	Type here	Mudaliar, Sheryl	Type here	6/05/2025	<p>23 Apr 2025 Action reassigned to Mudaliar, Sheryl by Ryan, Sarah - For SM to action</p>

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	<p>support their ability to effectively discharge their duties; and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirm Councillors' obligations under the Code of Conduct and relevant legislation regarding the appropriate handling and protection of confidential information.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>					
10.3	<p>RESOLUTION 190425 Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge and support the community-led petition, signed by over 300 residents, calling for the NSW Government to fund the development of a new police station in Mathoura. 2. Promote the petition through Council's communication channels, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Publishing information and a link to the petition on Council's website and social media platforms; o Displaying promotional materials at Council customer service centres, libraries, and community facilities across the Murray River Council area; o Including details in Council's upcoming community newsletters 	Type here	Mudaliar, Sheryl	Type here	6/05/2025	<p>28 Apr 2025 SR - media release and link to petition on Council's website complete., Reassign for advocacy.</p> <p>28 Apr 2025 Action reassigned to Mudaliar, Sheryl by Ryan, Sarah - SR - for Sheryl to draft letters of advocacy on behalf of Mayor</p>

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	<p>Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Conference on 1-3 May 2025 (rescheduled to 4 – 6 September 2025). Consideration be given to attending the conference. Council be represented at the ALGWA by Cr Campbell, Cr Allan and Cr Berryman with Council to organise the registrations. <p>CARRIED</p>					for your action and follow up with Councillors.
9.1.3	<p>RESOLUTION 050425 Moved: Cr Geoff Wise Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse continued membership of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) for the 2025/2026 financial year: Agree to the revised membership contribution in accordance with the RAMJO funding model of \$1.60 per capita for the first 10,000 residents and \$0.60 per capital thereafter, which a minimum annual contribution of \$30,000; Note the value of the RAMJO membership in supporting regional advocacy, collaboration, project delivery, and strategic planning across key areas including energy transition, infrastructure funding, waste management and regional development. <p>CARRIED</p>	Type here	Ryan, Sarah	Type here	6/05/2025	<p>28 Apr 2025</p> <p>Completed by Ryan, Sarah (action officer) on 28 April 2025 at 11:51:38 AM - SR - RAMJO notified. No further action required.</p>

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5	RESOLUTION 020425 Moved: Cr Geoff Wise Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson That Council approve the presented Disclosure of Interest as listed above. CARRIED	Type here	Administrator , Infocouncil	Type here	6/05/2025	
9.1.1	RESOLUTION 030425 Moved: Cr Neil Gorey Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) included the Resolution Tracker Reports. CARRIED	Type here	Carne, Bernie	Type here	6/05/2025	
9.1.4	RESOLUTION 060425 Moved: Cr Gen Campbell Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson That Council: 1. Notes the Murray Darling Association National Conference and AGM from 29 September to 2 October 2025 in Griffith NSW. 2. Seeking interest from Councillors in attending the conference. 3. Consider motions for submission to the AGM on 1 October 2025 (due date not yet confirmed). CARRIED	Type here	Mudaliar, Sheryl	Type here	6/05/2025	23 Apr 2025 Action reassigned to Mudaliar, Sheryl by Donald, Jan - Hi Sheryl - for your action and follow up with Councillors.

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9.2.2	RESOLUTION 090425 Moved: Cr Neil Gorey Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson That Murray River Council (Council) resolve, in keeping with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, to appoint Ms. Leanne Mulcahy as the third independent member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). CARRIED	Type here	Gordon, Sandra	Type here	6/05/2025	23 Apr 2025 Completed by Gordon, Sandra (action officer) on 23 April 2025 at 1:50:36 PM - Noted
9.2.3	RESOLUTION 100425 Moved: Cr Gen Campbell Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period to 31 March 2025 (FY2024/25), noting that reporting of monthly financial statements is not a regulatory requirement but nonetheless is being provided in furtherance of financial transparency and in keeping with financial reporting best practice. CARRIED	Type here	Chalmers, Nikki	Type here	6/05/2025	28 Apr 2025 Completed by Chalmers, Nikki (action officer) on 28 April 2025 at 1:16:23 PM - Information report only
9.1.5	RESOLUTION 070425 Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey That the Monthly Operational Report as of 31 March 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council. CARRIED	Type here	Dean, Courtney	Type here	6/05/2025	23 Apr 2025 Completed by Dean, Courtney (action officer) on 23 April 2025 at 12:05:59 PM - No action required
9.2.1	RESOLUTION 080425 Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman	Type here	Ward, Rebecca	Type here	6/05/2025	

Division: Committee: Officer:	Date From: 1/04/2025 Date To: 16/06/2025 Printed: 16 June 2025 12:40 PM
Action Sheets Report	

	Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to endorse the road names Alexander Street, Britannia Street, Canally Street, Industry Lane, Ranger Lane, and Success Street, within the Discovery Parks Moama West (Lot 2 DP 577744), at 80 Merool Road, MOAMA NSW 2731. CARRIED					
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% Complete	
	Not Started
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	50% to 74%
	75% to 99%
	Complete
	Not Applicable

Risk Rating		
	High	Immediate – 6 months
	Medium	6 – 12 months
	Low	ASAP
	Opportunity	ASAP

Positions			
ELT	Executive Leadership Team	MA	Manager Assets
CEO	CEO	MP	Manager Procurement Contracts and Leases
DCS	Director Corporate Services	MF	Manager Finance
DOMP	Director Operations & Major Projects	MR	Manager Risk
DPWRS	Director Planning, Waste & Compliance Services	MP	Manager People
DC&ED	Director Community & Economic Development	MOD	Manager Organisational Development

9.1.4 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT**File Number:** -**Author:** Courtney Dean, Coordinator Communications**Authoriser:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Monthly Operational Report as of May 2024 be received and the information noted by the Council.

The details listed below are items of note/interest from several Business Unit reports in the May Monthly Operational Report. **To expand on any details listed here, or to read each report in full, please refer to the Monthly Operational Report document attached to this report.**

Economic Development and Tourism

- Launched a targeted marketing campaign resulting in 10 new registrations for the Directory, with ongoing promotion planned through July.
- Engaged with three community-based event organisers to explore grant opportunities.
- Supported the Barham Show Committee with funding and planning assistance.
- Distributed two newsletters: one for the community featuring grant opportunities and updates, and another for businesses highlighting success stories and grants.
- Initiated plans for a New Year's Eve fireworks event and promoted the upcoming Moama Motorama event extensively.
- Collaborated with event organisers to secure approvals for various community events.
- Facilitated workshops and networking sessions, including a Skilled Migration Pathways Workshop and events promoting local tourism.
- Progressed several tourism projects, including interpretive signage and community-driven initiatives like the Deep Creek Marina entrance revitalisation.
- Attended industry conferences and workshops to explore investment opportunities and enhance regional development strategies.
- Preparations for major events such as the World Bowls event in Barham and partnerships with local stakeholders underscore ongoing efforts to boost tourism and economic growth across the region.
- Council was successful in attracting \$319,448 in grant funding during May.

Commercial, Plant and Property

- At the May Council Meeting, Council resolved to sell the MRC land parcel on Mathoura Line Road, Moama, subject to obtaining a price at or above the valuations received. An offer has

been received that meets these requirements and a contract of sale has been presented to the potential buyers. A decision is expected by mid-June.

- The Old Moama Preschool settled on May 14, 2025.
- The house and land parcel at 21 Carne Street, Moulamein was scheduled to settle mid-May. Unfortunately, the buyers withdrew their offer prior to settlement. At the May Council Meeting, Council resolved to sell this MRC land and buildings parcel through an open market approach of direct sale. A real estate agent will be appointed in June to commence the process.

Finance

- The 2025-26 Budget is completed. Report is to be presented to Council meeting on the 23 June 2025 for adoption.
- The 2024-25 Interim audit has been completed by our external auditors, and final report was presented to ARIC committee meeting on the 5 May 2025.

Information Management

- FY2026 brings the Customer Requests Management project in Technology One. This is in scoping phase and will be updated next financial year when scope is made.
- We have implemented several security hardening changes this month and scheduled a few for June too as they go through Change Management. Multifactor authentication is now enforced on the VPN and will soon also prompt users in the office daily for reauthentication, which is the guidelines Cyber NSW ask us to follow. We completed the works to our WiFi, securing the public networks, and segregating staff/corporate/guest networks.
- Barham Transfer Station has been rolled out with internet access.
- We are going out to market for the roles in the upcoming Customer Requests Management project for Technology One.
- MRC completed the 2025A upgrade with minimal issues, this is also the first time MRC staff completed testing for the upgrade, marking a large achievement in MRC's TechnologyOne maturity, that we can conduct these ourselves now and in the future.
- Planning for the next 4 years in ICT and Digital Strategy done, a team day has been done running through the team with the next 4-year plan.
- Georgia Lowe will be joining the team on July 1st, instead of reporting to Director Corporate Services, preparation under way for this.
- A lot of budget/ EOFY wrap up is taking place, trying to get multiple small projects completed before EOFY, as well as getting quotes/scopes made for all the items to kick off in FY26.

Strategic Assets

- Draft Asset Management Strategy complete. Following the public display period, it is now presented for final adoption.
- Draft Asset Management Plans complete with Asset custodians review underway, final formatting required with planned delivery to Council July - September 2025.
- Final revaluation of Buildings, Land and Waste assets complete, awaiting signoff from audit.

- Mapping of buried assets now loaded into Before You Dig (BYD) platform for auto-generation of external service requests, with 335 referrals provided in the Month of May.

Community Services

- During May 2025 the Community Services team delivered the following supports: Social Support – 1360 hours / Meals – 299 / Home Maintenance – 35 hours / Home Modifications – \$1110.00 / Transport – 1287 One-Way trips
- Community services have updated the signage on all cars to help promote our services with a contact phone number for the Transport Coordinator.
- Moulamein Youth Group hosted a Welfare Evening in Moulamein on Friday 2nd May. Over 20 children attended this evening along with parents and interested community members. Guest speakers were Jem, a local Welfare and Wellbeing Nurse, and 2 Police Officers: Tania from Swan Hill and Matt from Moulamein. Jem spoke to the children and addressed the issues with using vapes and drinking alcohol and the police spoke to them about Cyber Safety. This was a very informative evening, delivered in a relaxed setting where the children asked a lot of questions and had confident interaction with local law enforcement. Everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner and drinks which was supplied free of charge.

Development Services

- In 2022, Council launched a 'Builder's Forum' which is aimed at sharing industry information amongst developers and builders to assist in ensuring smoother transition of development applications from the planning portal to the assessment officer. In 2025 a new forum dubbed the Development and Strategic Planning Group will be launched. The group will consist of 10 members including MRC Staff, industry professionals and community members. Members must apply to MRC for a seat in the group.

Waste and Compliance

- Food safety inspections were conducted across Moama, Mathoura, Barham, and Moulamein, ensuring food businesses comply with hygiene and safety regulations. While most establishments met the required standards, one assessment identified critical non-conformances. The business is currently not trading, and efforts are underway to support them in achieving compliance through guidance and corrective measures.
- There have been over 140 animals through the Moama and Barham pounds to date.
- A new security system has been installed at the Barham Transfer Station following a string of break-ins since Christmas 2024.
- Compliance and Enforcement Policy is currently with Director for information and comment.
- The Return and Earn facility is starting to attract some volume with over 1.4M containers processed through the facility and the largest volume to date was 29,000 in a day thus far.
- Staff have received compliments towards the end of May around the Moama landfill site and its tidiness.
- Annual Permit letters for Dangerous and Restricted Breed dogs to be sent early June.
- Environmental Health Coordinator participated in the regional food group meeting, engaging with environmental health practitioners from across the Murray region to discuss food safety trends, emerging challenges, and best practices. The meeting provided an opportunity to

collaborate on improving food handling protocols and sustainability measures in local businesses.

- Environmental Health Coordinator successfully completed food authority training, enhancing knowledge of current food safety regulations, inspection standards, and enforcement policies. This training ensures the ability to effectively assess compliance, educate food businesses, and implement best practices across the region.

Buildings and Facilities

- Noorong Hall: Reconstruction of west wall has been completed as a result of extensive termite damage. Termite infestation and associated source has been treated to prevent further damage. The entire Hall (internal and external surfaces) has also been repainted.
- Moama Main Admin Office: Works progressing well to deliver new ground floor staff kitchenette, Council Chambers storage / IT room, and multipurpose amenities comprising of staff showers, safe space for returning Mums and baby change facilities.

Local Connections (Section 355)

- Currently the number of Council volunteers is 224. Data from the ABS 2021 census shows that across MRC LGA, 18.2 % of residents reported participating in some form of voluntary work for an organisation, compared to 13% for all of NSW.
- The Community Recovery Officer Program has concluded.

Works

- Stage 1 reconstruction works on Kyalite Road continue to progress well, with the second kilometre nearing completion thanks to the commitment of Barham staff working remotely.
- Reseal works are also close to completion, despite some minor delays caused by wet weather.
- Centre Road upgrades are advancing steadily and remain divided into five stages due to the complexity of the surrounding area.
- The Cobb Highway and Centre Road intersection upgrade, delivered in partnership with TfNSW, was completed ahead of schedule in May, minimising disruption to the community.
- Routine maintenance and operational activities continued across the network, with over 3,200 defects addressed so far this financial year, including 311 for the month.
- Council has completed 153 out of 160 damages under the flood recovery program.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Monthly Operational Report - May 2025 (under separate cover)** 

9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.2.1 FINANCIAL REPORT - UNAUDITED FY 24/25 PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2025

File Number: -

Author: Nikki Chalmers, Financial Controller

Authoriser: Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period to 31 May 2025 (FY2024/25), noting that reporting of monthly financial statements is not a regulatory requirement but nonetheless is being provided in furtherance of financial transparency and in keeping with financial reporting best practice.

DISCUSSION

This report provides the unaudited estimated financial performance and position of Murray River Council for the relevant period in the current financial year against the budget for the corresponding period.

This report is not a requirement under the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) nor the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation). However, it is provided to as an additional report to complement the existing financial reporting such as the quarterly budget reviews and the investments report.

The Monthly Financial Report (in community reporting format) appears as Attachment 1.

The Monthly Financial Statements (in formal reporting format) appears as Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Report - May 2025 [!\[\]\(6b2ce2ef0aa0acafe24dd5ed94556dce_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(2277423912c64094fa85b84c0d40e3dd_img.jpg\)](#)
2. Financial Statements (Unaudited) for period to 31 May 2025 [!\[\]\(5bc49c96dfa1ced4c39d784409323e1d_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(ce2fe5b35c667dbf7a8f4151164dea90_img.jpg\)](#)

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BACKGROUND

This report provides the unaudited financial performance and position of Murray River Council for the period as at 31 May 2025 against the corresponding Budget for the full financial year.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Details what was charged to our ratepayers and customers compared to what was spent in delivering our services.

For the period under review, Council's operating deficit stood at \$(9.4)M after charging depreciation (What We Set-aside for Asset Renewals) of \$18.9M.

Net earnings are \$(5.5)M when Capital Revenue is added to the operating deficit.

Table 1: Income & Expenditure Statement:

	2023/24 Audited \$'000s	2024/25 Budget \$'000s	2024/25 YTD Actual \$'000s	% of Budget Achieved
What We Levied Our Ratepayers	21,554	25,163	23,092	92%
What We Invoiced our Customers	12,940	12,598	10,899	87%
What We Rcvd. as Grants & Subsidies	20,155	22,509	11,174	50%
What We Rcvd. as Interest from Investment	3,026	3,093	3,008	97%
Our Other Revenue	1,965	1,706	1,894	111%
Our Total Recurrent Earnings	59,640	65,069	50,066	77%
What We Spent on Our Staff	21,181	22,940	20,368	89%
What We Spent on Our Suppliers	21,493	28,714	20,184	70%
Our Total Direct Spend	42,674	51,654	40,553	79%
What We Paid Our Bankers	348	34	44	129%
What We Set-aside for Asset Renewals	20,884	20,344	18,920	93%
Our Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,265)	(6,963)	(9,450)	136%
Our Capital Revenue	54,202	10,426	4,552	44%
Our Capital Expenses	9,203	(201)	615	-
Our Capital Surplus/(Deficit)	44,999	10,628	3,937	37%
Our Net Earnings	40,733	3,664	(5,513)	-150%

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Income & Expenditure

- With the Financial Assistance Grant (being the primary source of operational grant revenue) received in late June, the actual v budget is below target for our Grants & Subsidies.
- "What We Invoiced our Customers" is slightly less than expected based on the annual budget amount. Majority of the revenue within this category is invoiced monthly, however Water Notices are issued every 4 months. The last Water Notices were issued in February and are next expected to be issued in June.
- Majority of the other revenue items have tracked on target or above.
- Expenses paid to our Suppliers are slightly lower than expected. At the end of May, the YTD % is sitting at 70% and is expected to be 92%. There is expected to be an increase in these operational costs over the remainder of the current financial year based on current project estimated completion timeframes.
- Our employee expenses (What we paid our Employees) is expected to be at 92%, however this is slightly lower at the end of May, currently sitting at 89%.

Details of Revenue and Expenses, compared to the budget are graphically depicted in the two charts below.



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COMMUNITY WEALTH

Details the value of resources Council has, to service our community. Net Community wealth at the end of the period stood at \$1.154B.

Table 2 : Statement of Financial Position

	2023/24 Audited \$'000s	2024/25 Budget \$'000s	2024/25 YTD Actual \$'000s
What We Own	1,102,004	1,121,231	1,110,978
Inventory We Hold	3,600	1,862	3,620
What We are Owed	14,995	11,238	9,933
What We Have in Bank	59,611	63,412	55,757
Our Total Assests	1,180,210	1,197,744	1,180,288
What We Owe Our Suppliers	10,168	13,752	4,566
What We Owe Our Lenders	5,753	2,554	6,460
Other Liabilities	14,648	15,089	14,835
Our Total Liabilities	30,569	31,395	25,861
Our Community Wealth	1,149,641	1,166,349	1,154,427

- What We Own relates to our capitalised assets, as is detailed below under 'Capital Delivery' we are behind on our Capital Program, however it is expected the later end of the financial year will see an increase in works (due to work program schedules). Therefore, we expect to see this gap narrow over the coming months.
- The increase of approx. \$3.9M between Budget and Actual for What We Owe our Lenders predominately relates to Contract Liabilities not being budgeted for. Contract Liabilities relates to Grant revenue received yet not able to be recognised as revenue until corresponding works to which the Grant revenue relates is completed.
- Cash balances (what we have in the bank) are slightly lower than budgeted, which is expected due to the timing of the final rates instalment due 31 May 2025. Majority of the rates instalment income was received, however there is a small portion expected to be received in early June. Based on prior years, we expected to receive a significant portion of the Financial Assistance Grant in late June 2025 and this will bump the cash balances up for the end of the financial year. The cash balances remain at satisfactory levels, noting that a sizeable portion of the investments are restricted for specific purposes. (see investments report).

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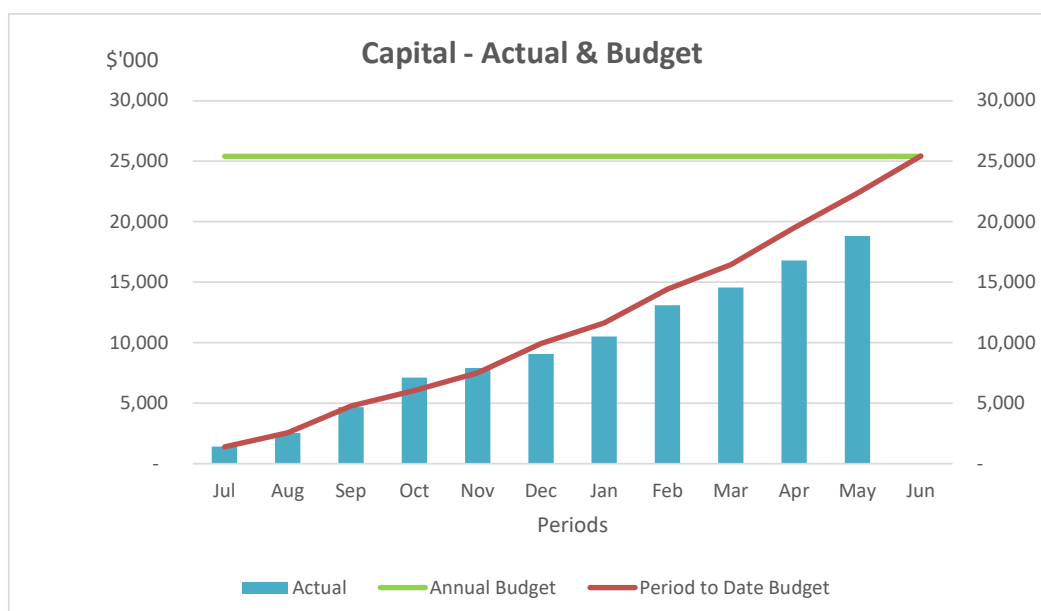


CAPITAL DELIVERY

Council's approved budgeted capital allocation is \$25.41M for 2024/25 after approval of the 3rd quarterly budget review. As at 31 May 2025, Council has spent approx. \$18.96M on its capital program, which is 75% of the annual capital budget excluding commitments for 2024/25, including commitments 90% of the annual capital budget has been expended & committed.

Based on the estimated timing of projects in the capital program, as at 31 May 2025 Council was estimated to have delivered \$22.31M of the capital budget, with current year to date actual expenditure of \$18.96M Council has delivered 85% of its capital budget program.

The below graph summaries monthly spending (Actual) over our estimated expenditure (Annual Budget & Period to Date Budget)



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LIQUID ASSETS & RESERVES

Shown below are the movements in liquid asset balances and investments for the period ending 31 May 2025.

Table 3: Movement of Liquid Assets

DETAILS	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025
Cash Book Balance B/Fwd	\$1,802,702	\$1,022,531	\$1,638,993
Add income for month	\$7,206,552	\$3,411,358	\$7,395,014
Deduct expenditure for month	\$6,986,724	\$5,794,896	\$12,593,659
CASH AVAILABLE	\$2,022,531	(\$1,361,007)	(\$3,559,652)
Redeem/(Purchase) Investments	(\$1,000,000)	\$3,000,000	\$4,500,000
CASH BOOK BALANCE	\$1,022,531	\$1,638,993	\$940,348
Add on-call account	\$1,041,285	\$743,884	\$7,495,045
Add investments - Deposits	\$52,500,000	\$50,500,000	\$46,000,000
Add investments - Shares	\$2,010	\$2,010	\$2,010
CASH POSITION	\$54,565,826	\$52,884,888	\$54,437,403
As per Bank Statements	\$2,063,816	\$2,382,878	\$8,435,393

The breakdown of the reserves by restriction and fund are as below:

Table 4: Breakdown of Reserves

Total of Cash & Restricted Assets (Reserves) by Fund

Fund	General	Water	Sewer	Waste	Total
March 2025	\$27,355,618	\$ 7,217,214	\$ 15,064,335	\$ 4,928,658	\$54,565,825
April 2025	\$26,611,465	\$ 6,961,790	\$ 15,255,193	\$ 4,056,440	\$52,884,888
May 2025	\$26,533,988	\$ 6,765,119	\$ 15,621,370	\$ 5,516,929	\$54,437,406

Breakdown of Cash & Restricted Assets (Reserves) by Fund

Funds	General	Water	Sewer	Waste	Total
Unrestricted	\$715,987	-	-	\$17,188	\$733,175
Internally Restricted	\$9,294,505	\$3,037,672	\$11,879,090	\$3,153,900	\$27,365,167
Externally Restrictied	\$16,523,496	\$3,727,447	\$3,742,280	\$2,345,841	\$26,339,064
Total	\$26,533,988	\$6,765,119	\$15,621,370	\$5,516,929	\$54,437,406

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Additional details of internally restricted and externally restricted reserves are provided in the following tables.

Table 5: Details of Internally Restricted Reserves

Internal Restricted Assets	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Waste Fund	Total
Buildings	\$237,040	-	-	-	\$237,040
Bushfire Services	\$45,278	-	-	-	\$45,278
Caravan Parks	\$242,473	-	-	-	\$242,473
Carryover Works	\$376,174	-	-	-	\$376,174
Cemeteries	\$80,676	-	-	-	\$80,676
Community Services	\$290,218	-	-	-	\$290,218
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$1,610,871	-	-	-	\$1,610,871
Heritage Buildings	\$18,495	-	-	-	\$18,495
Infrastructure Works	\$1,067,972	\$3,037,672	\$11,879,090	\$3,153,900	\$19,138,634
Landfill Rehabilitation	-	-	-	\$2,055,349	\$2,055,349
Office Equipment/ IT	\$178,727	-	-	-	\$178,727
Parks & Recreation	\$180,577	-	-	-	\$180,577
Plant Fund	\$4,350,921	-	-	-	\$4,350,921
Public Halls	\$91,554	-	-	-	\$91,554
Quarries	\$368,866	-	-	-	\$368,866
Risk Management	\$12,500	-	-	-	\$12,500
S355 Committees	\$26,748	-	-	-	\$26,748
Software	\$14,270	-	-	-	\$14,270
Stormwater	\$101,145	-	-	-	\$101,145
	\$9,294,505	\$3,037,672	\$11,879,090	\$5,209,249	\$29,420,516

Table 6: Details of Externally Restricted Reserves

External Reserves	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Waste Fund	Total
Unspent Grants	\$11,820,408	\$31,039	\$19,047	\$90,356	\$11,960,850
Section 64/94	\$4,407,849	\$3,392,697	\$3,723,233	\$200,136	\$11,723,915
Community Services Ext	\$96,314	-	-	-	\$96,314
Land Management	\$134,638	-	-	-	\$134,638
Water Purchase	-	\$303,711	-	-	\$303,711
Other	\$64,287	-	-	-	\$64,287
	\$16,523,496	\$3,727,447	\$3,742,280	\$290,492	\$24,283,715

The Council's Bank Overdraft limit is \$400,000 which remains unutilised.

Certification

I hereby certify that the balances of the various funds of Council have been reconciled with the bank statements and investment register as at the end of the reporting period.

Julie Moller
Chief Financial Officer and
Responsible Accounting Officer

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INVESTMENTS

As required by Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (the Regulation) and Section 625 of the Act, a summary of Council's surplus funds invested, together with an analysis thereof are detailed below.

Certification

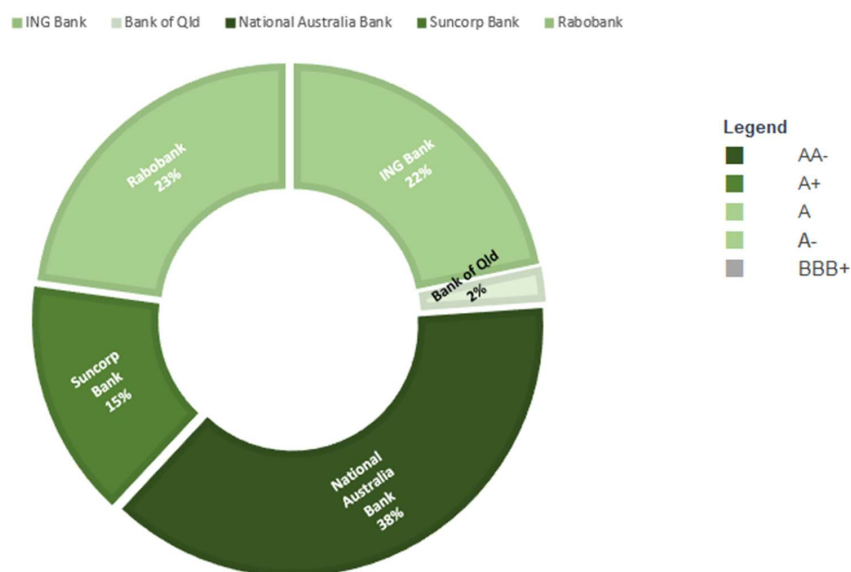
As per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 – Reg212(1)(b), all investments have been made in accordance with the Act, applicable Regulations, and council's investment policy.

Julie Moller
Chief Financial Officer and
Responsible Accounting Officer

Council's investments are spread across several Australian Deposit Taking Institutions (ADIs) as detailed below.

Table 7: Investments by Deposit Taking Institution

Bank / ADI	Amount	%
ING Bank	\$ 10,000,000	21.74%
Bank of Qld	\$ 1,000,000	2.17%
National Australia Bank	\$ 17,500,000	38.04%
Suncorp Bank	\$ 7,000,000	15.22%
Rabobank	\$ 10,500,000	22.83%
	\$ 46,000,000	100.00%



The investment ratings of the investments and the returns thereon are detailed below.

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Table 8: Analysis of Risk Ratings and Returns

Interest Rates	AA-	A+	A	A-	Total
from 4.26% to 4.50%	-	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$1,000,000
from 4.51% to 4.75%	-	\$1,000,000	\$5,750,000	\$1,000,000	\$7,750,000
from 4.76% to 5.00%	\$8,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$7,000,000	-	\$19,000,000
from 5.01% to 5.25%	\$6,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000	-	\$11,000,000
from 5.26% to 5.50%	\$3,500,000	-	\$3,750,000	-	\$7,250,000
	\$17,500,000	\$7,000,000	\$20,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$46,000,000



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The maturity profile of the investments are as follows.

Table 9: Maturity Profile

Maturity Dates	AA-	A+	A	A-	BBB	Total
June 2025	\$3,000,000	\$3,750,000	-	-	-	\$6,750,000
July 2025	\$3,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$6,500,000
August 2025	\$4,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$4,000,000
September 2025	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	-	-	-	\$5,000,000
October 2025	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	\$4,000,000
November 2025	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	-	-	-	\$3,000,000
December 2025	\$1,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$3,750,000
January 2026	-	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	-	-	\$3,000,000
February 2026	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	-	-	-	\$4,000,000
March 2026	-	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$5,000,000
April 2026	-	-	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$1,000,000
May 2026	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
	\$17,500,000	\$20,500,000	\$7,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$46,000,000

The portfolio is well invested in reasonable interest rates, and the maturity profile varies according to planned cash flow of the Council. The objective is to optimize the cash flow needs and maximize the return on investments while ensuring compliance with the Local Government regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

The current position is to only invest in ADI's that are rated AA- or better as per S&P's long term credit ratings, even though the Investment Policy permits some investments in ADIs with lower ratings.

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Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2025

from period 01 July to 31 May 2025

CY Budget	\$'000	Notes	CY Actual YTD	PY Actual Audited
Income from continuing operations				
25,163	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	23,092	21,554
12,598	User charges and fees	B2-2	10,899	12,940
1,113	Other revenue	B2-3	1,277	1,363
22,509	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	11,174	20,155
10,426	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	4,552	54,202
3,093	Interest and investment income	B2-5	3,008	3,026
592	Other income	B2-6	617	602
75,495	Total income from continuing operations		54,619	113,843
Expenses from continuing operations				
22,940	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	20,368	21,181
27,559	Materials and services	B3-2	19,474	20,393
34	Borrowing costs	B3-3	44	348
		B3-4		
20,344	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets		18,920	20,884
1,155	Other expenses	B3-5	710	1,100
(201)	Net losses from the disposal of assets	B4-1	615	9,203
71,831	Total expenses from continuing operations		60,132	73,109
3,664	Operating result from continuing operations		(5,513)	40,733
3,664	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		(5,513)	40,733
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes				
(6,762)			(10,065)	(13,469)

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Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 30 June 2025

from period 01 July to 31 May 2025



CY Budget	\$'000	Notes	CY Actual YTD	PY Actual Audited
ASSETS				
Current assets				
12,497	Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	10,572	14,862
49,372	Investments	C1-2	44,446	43,205
11,238	Receivables	C1-4	9,933	14,995
497	Inventories	C1-5	517	497
1,365	Current assets classified as held for sale	C1-7	3,103	3,103
1,544	Other	C1-11	739	1,544
76,512	Total current assets		69,311	78,206
Non-current assets				
2	Investments	C1-2	2	2
26	Receivables	C1-4	26	26
	Inventories	C1-5		
1,109,105	Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-8	1,098,860	1,089,886
12,098	Intangible Assets	C1-10	12,089	12,089
	Investments accounted for using the equity method	D2-2		
1,121,231	Total non-current assets		1,110,978	1,102,004
1,197,744	Total assets		1,180,288	1,180,210
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
13,752	Payables	C3-1	4,566	10,168
944	Contract liabilities	C3-2	4,438	3,697
180	Lease liabilities	C2-1	279	180
	Borrowings	C3-3	271	267
4,249	Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	4,709	4,249
	Provisions	C3-5		
19,125	Total current liabilities		14,263	18,560
Non-current liabilities				
8	Lease liabilities	C2-1	254	188
1,422	Borrowings	C3-3	1,218	1,422
372	Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	99	372
10,469	Provisions	C3-5	10,027	10,027
12,270	Total non-current liabilities		11,598	12,009
31,395	Total liabilities		25,861	30,569
1,166,349	Net assets		1,154,427	1,149,641

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for the year ended 30 June 2025

from period 01 July to 31 May 2025



CY Budget	\$'000	Notes	CY Actual YTD	PY Actual Audited
	EQUITY			
3,664	Current years surplus		(5,513)	40,733
786,468	Accumulated surplus		786,468	745,735
376,216	IPPE revaluation reserve		373,472	363,173
1,166,349	Council equity interest		1,154,427	1,149,641
1,166,349	Total equity		1,154,427	1,149,641

9.2.2 2025-2026 ANNUAL FEES FOR MAYOR & COUNCILLORS

File Number: -

Author: Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

Authoriser: Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve,

1. to pay,

- a). an Annual Fee of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety dollars (\$18,890) to each Councillor including the Mayor; and
- b). an Additional Fee, over and above the Annual Fee, of Forty Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty dollars (\$40,530) to the Mayor.

for the 2025-26 financial year (commencing July 2025), in keeping with the determination made by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal of New South Wales, and

2. to pay the Annual Fees as determined in cause 1. above in 12 equal monthly instalments, in arrears, commencing the end of July 2025, and
3. to pay superannuation on the Annual Fees, in keeping with Superannuation legislation applicable at the time of payment, to a superannuation account nominated by each Councillor and the Mayor.

BACKGROUND

Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) require Councils to fix and pay an Annual Fee based on the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's (LGRT) determination (Annual Fees) each financial year.

Council needs to establish the Annual Fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors for 2025-26 (Financial Year).

DISCUSSION

The LGRT has handed down, its 2025-26 Annual Determination dated 17 April 2022 on the Annual Fees payable to Councillors and Mayors, as appearing in Attachment 1 to this report, which contains the following:

- The Executive Summary on Page 3, identifies the increase in Fees for the Financial Year as Three percent (3%).
- Determination No. 1 on Page 31 categorises Council (as per s239 of the Act) as one of 16 Large Rural Councils. This categorisation has not changed from that of the previous year.
- Table 4 of Determination No. 2 on Page 34 lists the Annual Fees (as per s241 of the Act) to be paid to Non-Metropolitan Councillors and Mayors, which are reproduced below.

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	21,120	36,690
Major Strategic Area	21,120	36,690
Regional Strategic Area	21,120	34,820
Regional Centre	15,830	27,860
Regional Rural	10,530	23,220
Rural Large	10,530	18,890
Rural	10,530	13,930

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	44,840	114,300
Major Strategic Area	44,840	114,300
Regional Strategic Area	44,840	101,470
Regional Centre	32,940	68,800
Regional Rural	22,420	50,680
Rural Large	16,820	40,530
Rural	11,210	30,390

Based on the LGRT determination the Annual Fees that can be paid to Councillors and the Mayor of Council, effective 1 July 2025 would be as follows:

Category	Councillor/Member		Mayor/Chairperson*	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Rural Large	\$10,530	\$18,890	\$16,820	\$40,530

**This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).*

A Council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the LGRT. If a Council does not fix a fee, the Council must pay the minimum fee determined by the LGRT.

In addition to the abovementioned Annual Fees, all Councillors (including the Mayor) will be paid superannuation contributions on the Annual Fees.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.6 - Provide clear, concise and consistent information that is easily accessible to our customers - Improve externally provided information and communication.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Fees for the Mayor and Councillors will be budgeted for in Council's 2025-26 budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy (POL103).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

Superannuation Legislation (Multiple Acts)

RISK ANALYSIS

- What can happen?**

Given this is a statutory requirement, there is very little risk involved, unless Council makes no payment to Councillors or makes payment below the minimum or above the maximum amounts specified by LGRT.

- How can it happen?**

Council makes no payments to Councillors or makes payments outside of the thresholds specified by LGRT.

- What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Council would be non-compliant with legislation.

- What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Low.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate. Council resolutions are tracked to ensure they are duly actioned.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

No further treatment options required.

CONCLUSION

Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require Councils to fix and pay an Annual Fee based on the LGRT determination each Financial Year. The current determination takes effect from 1 July 2025.

Council will need to resolve the fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors for the Financial Year, within the minimum and maximum amounts determined by the LGRT.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Annual Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for the Financial Year 2025-26** [!\[\]\(3168ddc4389f6b417dd71f084513be9c_img.jpg\)](#) 

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**Local Government
Remuneration Tribunal**

Annual Determination

Report and determination
under sections 239 and 241 of the
Local Government Act 1993

17 April 2025



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Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on its determination of categories of councils and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors, councillors, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils.

Categories

Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. A review of categories was last carried out by the Tribunal in 2023.

The Tribunal will next consider the model, the criteria for each group, and the allocation of councils in the 2026 review.

The criteria for each category is published in Appendix 1 of the Determination and remains unchanged from 2023.

It should be noted that **the Tribunal determined that one Council - Mid Coast Council – would be re-categorised from a Regional Centre to Regional Strategic Area from 1 July 2025** as a result of meeting the criteria at Appendix 1.

Fees

The Tribunal has determined a **3% per annum** increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category from **1 July 2025**.

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Section 1 – Introduction

Background

1. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. The Tribunal last undertook a comprehensive review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories in 2023.
2. The Tribunal will next conduct a full review of the categories and the allocation of councils as required by the LG Act in the 2026 Annual Review.
3. Section 241 of the LG Act provides that the Tribunal determine the minimum and maximum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils for each of the categories determined under s.239.
4. The Tribunal can also determine that a council be re-categorised into a different category, existing or new, with a higher range of fees.
5. The Tribunal's Annual Determination takes effect from 1 July each year.

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Section 2 – 2024 Determination

2024 Annual Determination

6. In 2024, the Tribunal received 19 written submissions, which included two requests for re-categorisation.
7. The Tribunal found that the current allocation of the councils remained appropriate, with the exceptions outlined below.
8. The Tribunal closely reviewed population and data relating to council operations in the 2024 Annual Determination process to ensure categorisation of councils was consistent with the criteria.
9. For reasons explained at paragraphs 35-39 of the Local Government Annual Determination 2024, Hilltops Council and Muswellbrook Shire Council were reclassified as Regional Rural Councils.
10. The Tribunal determined that fees would increase by 3.75% for the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category from 1 July 2024.

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Section 3 – 2025 Review

2025 Annual Review process

11. The Tribunal's 2025 Annual Review commenced in October 2024, when it wrote to all councils inviting submissions regarding fees. The Tribunal noted that it is only required to review the categories every three years and will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each category and the allocation of councils in the 2026 Annual Review.
12. The invitation noted that it is expected that submissions are endorsed by respective councils.
13. The Tribunal also wrote to the President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) inviting a submission.
14. The Tribunal received 16 written submissions from individual councils and one submission from LGNSW.
15. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks all parties for their submissions.

Submissions Received – Requests for Re-categorisation

16. Seven of the 16 council submissions received requested re-categorisation or changes to current category criteria.
17. LGNSW also advocated for changes to factors affecting categorisation of councils.
18. Berrigan, City of Parramatta, Gilgandra Shire, Lake Macquarie City, City of Ryde, City of Sydney and Blacktown put forward cases for re-

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categorisation, or changes to category criteria, and the creation of new categories, for the Tribunal's consideration.

Requests for Re-classification

19. **Berrigan Shire Council** requested re-categorisation from Rural to Rural Large, despite acknowledging that they do not meet all the benchmarks in the criteria for this category.
20. The criteria for Rural Large is outlined at Appendix 1 of the 2024 Annual Determination, page 38 which states:

“Councils categorised as Rural Large will have a residential population greater than 10,000, and a councillor to resident ratio of at least 1 to 1200.

Other features may include:

- *one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre*
- *a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils*
- *local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.”*

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21. Council's submission states they are currently at 86% of the population target threshold and 90% of the representation ratio but are meeting other criteria benchmarks.
22. Given that Council does not currently satisfy the population and ratio thresholds specified for Rural Large, the Tribunal is not persuaded to include Berrigan Shire Council in Rural Large at this time.
23. **City of Parramatta Council** requested that it be re-categorised to the highest category of general purpose councils, Principal CBD, in order to recognise its size, rate of growth, economic and global influence, operational budget, and strategic and geographical importance.
24. Council put forward a similar case for re-categorisation as part of the 2024 annual determination process, which was unsuccessful. In addition to the reasons put forth in paragraph 20 of the 2024 annual determination, the Council has included the following reasons for its re-categorisation request:
 - A local economy that has more than 30% of Australia's top 500 companies with offices in Parramatta, and estimated public and private investments in the next 5 years of \$20 billion
 - It is estimated by 2050 that Parramatta will be a city with a population of more than 500,000 people
 - The expected accessibility of the City, being a 'gateway to Sydney' with more people expected to live west of Parramatta than to its

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east by 2050, and being accessible by 2.3 million people within 45 minutes

- Key infrastructure in Parramatta, including but not limited to the Parramatta PHIVE, Commbank Stadium, the new Parramatta Light Rail, the Westmead Institute for Medical Research, Sydney Olympic Park and construction of Powerhouse Parramatta
- Expansion of education and innovation precincts, with Parramatta's education and training sector being valued at \$1.6 billion, and
- Significant operating and capital works budget of \$607 million, including multiple town centres, and sports and cultural hubs.

25. The Council also argues that a re-classification would reflect the additional skills and abilities that representing a growth council requires.

26. The City of Parramatta notes that the number of electors that each councillor represents is higher than the City of Sydney's. The submission states that the elected councillors represent more than 125,000 enrolled electors, compared to City of Sydney's elected councillors representing 45,891 enrolled electors.

27. Parramatta was classified as a Major CBD, following the 2017 Annual Determination. The Tribunal had found that Parramatta Council was significantly different from other large metropolitan councils on the basis of its secondary CBD status, as recognised by the State Government, at paragraph 21 of the 2017 annual determination. As a result, the

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description of Major CBD has remained specific to the City of Parramatta. Similarly, the Principal CBD criteria remained specific to the City of Sydney, since its inception in 2017.

28. Given the specific nature of both Major CBD and Principal CBD categories, the City of Parramatta's request for re-categorisation will require a change in the categories' criteria. As stated above, the Tribunal is not considering the criteria applicable to each category in the 2025 Annual Review process. The Tribunal will next consider the categories and criteria as part of the 2026 Annual Review process.
29. **Gilgandra Shire Council's** submission requests that it be re-categorised from Rural to Rural Large. Gilgandra Shire Council's case to be included in Rural Large category is based on two main points. The first point being Council offers a diverse range of services, and secondly these services result in higher levels of accountability and responsibilities for councillors.
30. Council submits it offers a diverse range of services over and above traditional local government services, which includes being the primary service provider for the community in the aged care and disability services. These include:
- Age care and disabilities services
 - Meals on wheels and community transport
 - Home care package delivery
 - Operation of a villa retirement village
 - Indigenous specific residential age care facility

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- Residential aged care nursing home
 - Supported employment service for adults with intellectual disabilities
 - Special disability accommodation properties for adults with intellectual disabilities
 - Supported Living Services through the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and
 - Day activities centre to support clients with unique challenges.
31. The submission notes these services not only entail a higher level of accountability and responsibility from Council (due to changes in the regulatory environment) but also generate larger revenue and employment opportunities that is comparable to a Rural Large category.
32. Council further submits that when assessing categories to place councils in, the Tribunal should also give due consideration to other factors than those outlined in the s.240 of the LG Act, such as services provided; financial responsibility; scale of operation; and number of employees.
33. While the Tribunal notes Council's request, it does not satisfy the population and ratio thresholds specified for the category of Rural Large. Further, the changes to criteria suggested would require a change in categories, which is not being considered this year. For these reasons, the Tribunal is not persuaded to include Gilgandra Shire Council in Rural Large at this time.

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34. Similar to last year, **Lake Macquarie City Council** requested that it be re-categorised from Regional Strategic Area to Major Strategic Area. Council also advocated for the population threshold of Regional Strategic Area be adjusted from its current threshold of 300,000 down to 200,000.
35. Council argues that its population, scale and output of council operations is significantly greater than other councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area, and more aligns with the Central Coast, as the council classified as a 'Major Strategic Area'.
36. Lake Macquarie City Council's request for re-categorisation is based on the following:
- Lake Macquarie being the second largest non-metropolitan council by population in NSW, with a larger population than Newcastle and Wollongong, which are classified as Major Regional Cities.
 - A population density that is 'significantly larger' than other Regional Strategic Areas and supported by 5 precincts in the Lake Macquarie LGA that have been identified for inclusion in the NSW Government Transport Oriented Development Program, which aims to encourage housing development near transport hubs, and are argued to lead to population growth near the hubs; and
 - A Gross Regional Product that is comparable to those of Major Strategic Areas and Major Regional City, rather than other Regional Strategic Areas.

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37. Council provided population data to support its case for the population threshold of Regional Strategic Area to be adjusted from its current threshold of 300,000 down to 200,000. The data was also provided as justification for its claim of a 'significant disparity within the Regional Strategic Area category' between Lake Macquarie and other councils:
- Lake Macquarie: 219,249 residents, 24,769 non-residents
 - Shoalhaven: 108,895 residents, 4,632 non-residents
 - Tweed: 98,967 residents, 7,755 non-residents
 - Maitland: 95,958 residents, 15,305 non-residents
38. As stated in paragraph 28 of the 2024 Annual Determination, all categories were determined by extensive evidence examined and considered by the Tribunal. It was determined that the population threshold for the Major Strategic Area was appropriate. As a result, the Tribunal is currently not persuaded to modify the criteria for the Major Strategic Area.
39. **City of Ryde Council** provided a submission requesting it be re-classified from its existing category of Metropolitan Large to Metropolitan Major. Council's case to be re-classified includes:
- The LGA having an area of 40.651 km², 16 suburbs, 3 wards, a population of 135,000 residents and over 54,000 rateable properties within its boundaries
 - A local economy that consists of 92,000 local jobs, 14,300 businesses and a gross regional product of \$19.2 billion

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- An innovation district within its west ward that has a long history of investment from all tiers of government, ultimately contributing \$13.6 billion annually to the NSW economy
 - Future growth opportunities linked to the Governments Transport Oriented Development Accelerated Precincts, which Macquarie Park is identified as, that will bring increased housing, amenities and job retention, and
 - Plans to build 2 new schools, 11,600 new homes, the redevelopment of Ryde Hospital and bringing together a range of organisations to create a fully integrated academic health sciences centre at Macquarie University Hospital.
40. As stated in Council's own submission, currently it does not satisfy the population threshold criteria required for Metropolitan Major. Accordingly, the Tribunal is not persuaded at this time to include City of Ryde in the category of Metropolitan Major.
41. The Tribunal also notes **Wollondilly Council's** submission confirming its adopted position to remain classified as a Regional Centre.
42. The Tribunal acknowledges each of the Council's requests for re-categorisation. Whilst the Tribunal has not been persuaded at this time to grant these requests, any council that provides a submission in the 2026 annual review, which includes a request for re-categorisation, will of course be considered.

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Requests for New Classifications

43. The **City of Sydney** Council requested the Tribunal change the classification name from Principal CBD to the previously used term “Principal City”.
44. The category “Principal City” was last used in the 2016 Determination. It was changed to Principal CBD in 2017 as a result of a review of categories. This review was undertaken in the context of Local Government reform, and council amalgamations, reducing the number of councils from 152 to 128.
45. Council’s submission outlines the history of boundary changes, including its expansion of the City of Sydney as a consideration in reverting to the 2016 category name.
46. Sydney City Council contends that reverting to the category term “Principal City” recognises that the council’s significance and contribution extends beyond the Sydney CBD.
47. The Tribunal notes the City of Sydney’s request would constitute modification to the category of “Principal CBD”. As stated above, the category “Principal CBD” is specific to City of Sydney and the Tribunal is not considering changes to the criteria applicable to each category in the 2025 Annual Review.
48. **Blacktown Council** requested re-categorisation from its current category of Metropolitan Major to a newly created category of “Metropolitan Major – High Growth”.

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49. Council's case to be re-categorised to a newly created category is based on the following:
- Council asserts that it is the largest and one of the fastest growing local government areas in NSW, and
 - It undertakes several transformational projects, including projects funded from NSW Government and Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants.
50. Further, Council submits that the category of Metropolitan Major fails to account for the transformational nature of projects undertaken by Council, including the economic and strategic impacts for NSW, and impact on its local government area (LGA), which results in attracting new residents and people to the LGA.
51. The Tribunal notes that a new category, Metropolitan Major, was introduced in 2023, to address generally the issues raised in the current submission.
52. As explained in the Tribunal's letter inviting submissions, the Tribunal is required to review the categories at least once every three years. The Tribunal will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each category and the allocation of councils in the 2026 Annual Review process.
53. As such, the Tribunal is not persuaded at this time to create a new category.

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54. **LGNSW** submitted that the Tribunal should, as part of its determination for the categorisation of councils, consider the demographic and economic shifts impacting the complexity of council operations, and the communities that councils serve.
55. The LGNSW submission provides examples of recent demographic shifts the Tribunal should consider, as factors affecting categorisation of councils, including:
- The NSW Government's Transport Oriented Development Program, where the resulting accelerated growth drastically increases demands on the strategic and infrastructure planning functions of councils affected
 - The Renewable Energy Zones, which drive tens of billions of dollars of investment in rural and regional LGAs, and creates additional impacts in said councils, including population growth and growing infrastructure for transport and utilities, or
 - The Renewable Energy Planning Framework, which includes benefit sharing guidelines for councils to ensure their communities share the benefits of the project and require additional responsibility and management from affected councils.
56. Section 240 of the LG Act notes that the Tribunal is to determine categories for councils and mayoral offices according to prescribed matters. One such matter is the 'nature and extent of the development of areas', which could reasonably be accepted to include the items listed by LGNSW.

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57. However, this matter would also require a change to the categories' criteria, in order to identify areas of high development. As stated above, the Tribunal is not considering any modifications to the categories as part of the 2025 Annual Review process. However, the Tribunal will consider proposed modifications to categories as part of the 2026 Annual Review process.

Reclassification due to population thresholds

58. As was the case last year, the Tribunal reviewed applicable data as part of this review, to determine if any councils have met relevant benchmarks, therefore requiring a move in category.
59. The Tribunal identified that **Mid-Coast Council** met the population benchmark to be considered a Regional Strategic Area. As a result, Mid-Coast Council will be classified as a Regional Strategic Area in the 2025 Annual Determination.
60. The Tribunal will continue to monitor and review applicable data to ensure categorisation of councils remain consistent with the current criteria.

Submissions Received – Remuneration Structure

61. The current state of the remuneration structure continues to be a key issue of concern raised in submissions. A significant number of submissions received provide commentary on the structure, including examples of how it could be improved. These are addressed in the points below.

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Fees for Deputy Mayors

62. The issue of fees for deputy mayors was once again raised.
63. Three submissions asserted that the position of deputy mayor should attract its own distinct independent fee, beyond the fee provided for in s.249(5) of the LG Act.
64. The Tribunal dealt with this issue in its 2024 Annual Determination at paragraph 53-55. It was noted that the Tribunal lacked the powers to implement changes to the fee structure that would include a distinct independent fee for the position of deputy mayor.
65. There has been no change to the legislation to permit such a change. Therefore, the Tribunal is currently unable to introduce a remuneration structure that would include a distinct independent fee for the position of deputy mayor.

Changes to the role of Mayors and Councillors

66. It was suggested that the current remuneration structure is not fit for purpose as it no longer recognises the roles and responsibilities required of councillors and mayors.
67. Multiple submissions, including the LGNSW's submission, highlighted how the role of the councillor and mayor have changed over the past 9 years. Submissions identified a variety of factors that have impacted the roles of councillors and mayors, including the impact of NSW Government

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priorities and investments, and amendments to the LG Act (e.g. via the *Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Bill 2016*).

68. It has been suggested that these changes have impacted the volume, nature and workload of the role, whilst remuneration has not been increased accordingly.
69. The recent submissions to the Tribunal, along with its own observations, highlight that the role of mayor in civic leadership, advocacy and representation has become more complex and demanding – an issue that must be addressed.
70. Community expectations are increasing on the mayor from both the council and the community to be seen and immediately present during times of natural disasters, major events or crisis.
71. Additionally, the disparity in the council categorisation between the annual fees for councillors and the mayor needs to be more consistent, so as not to be seen to be devaluing the role of mayor in some circumstances.
72. The Tribunal is not suggesting a fundamental review of the role of mayors and notes that people that enter local government representation do so from a sense of civic service, rather than remuneration.
73. However, the Tribunal has a statutory function, and not unlike the governing body of a council, mayors and councillors, its role, responsibility and functions are clear. The same can be said in relation to the clear functions of the general manager of a council.

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74. As previously stated, many of the matters raised in both council and LGNSW submissions are beyond the remit of the Tribunal, and to a degree, were addressed in the 2023 determination.

Regional and Rural mayors and councillors

75. Several submissions, including LGNSW, also raised concerns regarding the inadequacy of the remuneration structure, for rural and regional councils.
76. Specifically, that the remuneration provided to regional and rural councillors does not reflect the significant stressors that regional and rural councils in NSW face and that consideration should be given to the additional demands placed on mayors and councillors in rural and regional councils.
77. One submission suggested that fees for rural councils should be commensurate with fees for regional and metropolitan councils – arguing that mayors and councillors, regardless of their location, are required to possess a wide range of skills and knowledge.

Fees set by councils

78. Submissions received by the Tribunal regarding the current state of the remuneration framework raised concerns about councils setting their own fees, asserting that it could potentially be seen as a conflict of interest.

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79. It was suggested that a possible solution would be for the Tribunal to determine a fixed annual fee for mayors and councillors.
80. Whilst the Tribunal acknowledges and understands the concern raised, as explained in the 2024 Annual Determination at paragraph 68-69, such a change to the framework, to determine a fixed annual fee for mayors and councillors, would require legislative change.
81. As there has been no changes to the legislative scheme, it is not within the Tribunal's remit to determine a fixed annual fee for mayor and councillors' remuneration.

Request for a Review of the Remuneration Structure

82. For the reasons outlined above, several submissions suggested the Tribunal undertake a comprehensive review of the framework.
83. One submission went so far as to request the Tribunal recommend to the Minister for Local Government that a comprehensive review of the framework and LG Act be undertaken. Others suggested the Tribunal actively seek a referral from the Minister to undertake such a review.
84. The LG Act does not specify that the Tribunal is able to carry out a comprehensive review of the framework. As such, it is not within the Tribunal's remit to undertake such a review, unless such a function is conferred or imposed on it by the Minister, as per s.238(2) of the LG Act.
85. Should such a function be conferred on the Tribunal, it will of course carry out its functions and undertake a review.

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Section 4 – 2025 Fees

Submissions – 2025 Fees

86. LGNSW's submission to the Tribunal advocated for an increase in the minimum and maximum fees payable to mayors and councillors of at least 4%, to:

- Assist in reversing the fee erosion which occurred under the previous NSW Public Sector Wages Policy
- Mitigate economic pressures and the rising cost of living
- Ensure councillors and mayors receive fair and reasonable remuneration for the work they perform, and
- Address historic undervaluation of the work performed by elected representative in local government in NSW.

87. Economic data provided to the Tribunal by LGNSW to support their claim for an increase of at least 4% included:

- An annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 3.8% for the 12 months to June 2024
- The Fair Work Commission (FWC) awarding a 3.75% increase to the minimum pay for modern awards, and increasing the national minimum wage to \$915.90, as well as the FWC's comments regarding the growing cost of living and deterioration of disposable income, and
- The rate peg for the 2025-26 financial year being between 3.6%-5.1%.

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88. LGNSW also noted that the annual wage review, state wage case, award increases and the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal all had a clear theme on the increasing financial pressures on councils and its officers, which warrant increases in revenue and wages.
89. During its meeting with the Tribunal and assessors, LGNSW asserted that the current fees paid to mayors and councillors do not reflect their responsibilities. Nor do the current level of fees contribute to attracting a diverse range of candidates to stand for local government elections.
90. LGNSW also raised the issue of superannuation. It was contended that the payment of superannuation be mandated. Current arrangements require that a council pass a resolution at an open meeting to make such payments.
91. Four submissions received from individual councils directly addressed the issue of quantum increase to the minimum and maximum fees. These submissions sought an increase ranging from 3% to 10%.
92. The City of Sydney Council notes in its submission that it was not seeking an increase in fees payable for the Lord Mayor of Sydney.
93. The Tribunal is empowered under the s.241 of the LG Act to set minimum and maximum fees payable. It is then up to council to fix payment of annual fees for the mayor as outlined in s.249 of the LG Act.
94. It was suggested that the current fees, particularly in rural and remote communities, do not recognise or value the role of mayor and councillor,

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with fees set at a level that is commensurate to unqualified or inexperienced personnel.

95. The Tribunal was provided with a number of examples to demonstrate the financial impact, by way of lost wages, under the current fee rates.
96. Furthermore, 4 submissions compared the remuneration for NSW mayors and councillors with mayors and councillors in Victoria and Queensland as well as state Members of Parliament. The figures were provided to the Tribunal to demonstrate that the remuneration for NSW mayors and councillors is lower than all comparison examples provided.
97. It was also asserted that the low level of fees set for mayors and councillors devalues the importance and responsibility of the roles, diminishing the work undertaken on behalf of the community and is a significant barrier as to why people do not run for council.

“If councillors were paid a full-time wage I would have run again. Nothing surer.”

98. Another submission suggested that fees need to reflect the part-time or full-time nature of the work carried out by mayors and councillors. The setting of fees at such a rate would appropriately recognise and value this important work, whilst also mitigating any financial loss incurred by those members of the community elected to carry out these critical functions.
99. Nine submissions supported an increase, whilst not making a direct comment on the quantum. Other submissions advocated for remuneration to be set at a level that:

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- Is in line with responsibilities and challenges councillors' face
- Reflects the public profile and exposure of the role
- Reflects the growing complexity of the role
- Reduces the gap between minimum and maximum fees for each category
- Accounts for the rising cost of living challenges
- Reflects the commitment, accountability, workload, skills and knowledge required to perform the role of councillor and mayor regardless of location
- Establishes and maintains parity with mayors and councillors in other States and Territories
- Is 'determined outside of council so as councillors are not determining their own payments', and
- Overcomes economic barriers that prevent diverse members of the community from participating as a mayor or councillor.

Fee Increase

100. The Tribunal considered a range of factors in determining the amount to increase minimum and maximum fees payable to councillors and mayors. This included a wide range of economic data such as:

- Consumer Price Index for the 12 months to December each year
- Wage Price Index for the 12 months to December each year

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- Full-time average weekly ordinary time earnings for the 12 months to November each year
- NSW Public Sector Salaries increases
- Local Government State Award increases
- IPART Rate Peg Base Cost Change
- Public Service Senior Executive remuneration determinations, by the Statutory and Other Offices Remuneration Tribunal, and
- State Members of Parliament Basic Salary remuneration determinations by the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal.

101. On this occasion the Tribunal has determined that a **3%** increase will apply to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to existing categories.

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Conclusion

102. The Tribunal's determination has been made with the assistance of the Assessors, Ms Kylie Yates and Mr Brett Whitworth.
103. Determination 1 sets out the allocation of councils into each of the categories as per s.239 of the LG Act.
104. Determination 2 sets out the minimum and maximum fees paid to councillors and mayors and chairpersons of county councils as per s.241 of the LG Act.
105. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks the Remuneration Tribunal secretariat for its excellent research and support to facilitate the successful completion the 2025 Annual Determination.



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Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 17 April 2025

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Section 5 – Determinations

Determination No. 1 – Allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act effective 1 July 2025

General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

Principal CBD (1)

- Sydney

Major CBD (1)

- Parramatta

Metropolitan Major (2)

- Blacktown
- Canterbury-Bankstown

Metropolitan Large (10)

- Bayside
- Cumberland
- Fairfield
- Inner West
- Liverpool
- Northern Beaches
- Penrith
- Ryde
- Sutherland

- The Hills

Metropolitan Medium (8)

- Campbelltown
- Camden
- Georges River
- Hornsby
- Ku-ring-gai
- North Sydney
- Randwick
- Willoughby

Metropolitan Small (8)

- Burwood
- Canada Bay
- Hunters Hill
- Lane Cove
- Mosman
- Strathfield
- Waverley
- Woollahra

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General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Major Regional City (2)

- Newcastle
- Wollongong

Major Strategic Area (1)

- Central Coast

Regional Centre (22)

- Albury
- Armidale
- Ballina
- Bathurst
- Blue Mountains
- Byron
- Cessnock
- Clarence Valley
- Coffs Harbour
- Dubbo
- Eurobodella

Regional Strategic Area(5)

- Lake Macquarie
- Maitland
- Mid-Coast
- Shoalhaven
- Tweed
- Hawkesbury
- Lismore
- Orange
- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Port Stephens
- Queanbeyan-Palerang
- Shellharbour
- Tamworth
- Wagga Wagga
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly

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Regional Rural (14)

- Bega
- Broken Hill
- Goulburn Mulwaree
- Griffith
- Hilltops
- Kempsey
- Kiama
- Lithgow
- Mid-Western
- Muswellbrook
- Nambucca
- Richmond Valleys
- Singleton
- Snowy Monaro

Rural Large (16)

- Bellingen
- Cabonne
- Cootamundra-Gundagai
- Cowra
- Federation
- Greater Hume
- Gunnedah
- Inverell
- Leeton
- Moree Plains
- Murray River
- Narrabri
- Parkes
- Snowy Valleys
- Upper Hunter
- Yass

Rural (38)

- Balranald
- Berrigan
- Bland
- Blayney
- Bogan
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Carrathool
- Central Darling
- Cobar
- Coolamon
- Coonamble
- Dungog
- Edward River

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- Forbes
- Gilgandra
- Glen Innes Severn
- Gwydir
- Hay
- Junee
- Kyogle
- Lachlan
- Liverpool Plains
- Lockhart
- Murrumbidgee
- Narrandera
- Narromine
- Oberon
- Temora
- Tenterfield
- Upper Lachlan
- Uralla
- Walcha
- Walgett
- Warren
- Warrumbungle
- Weddin
- Wentworth

County Councils

Water (4)

- Central Tablelands
- Goldenfields Water
- Riverina Water
- Rous

Other (6)

- Castlereagh-Macquarie
- Central Murray
- Hawkesbury River
- New England Tablelands
- Upper Hunter
- Upper Macquarie

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Determination No. 2 - Fees for Councillors and Mayors as per section 241 of the LG Act effective from 1 July 2025

The annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members, and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2024 as per section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are determined as follows:

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	31,640	46,420
Major CBD	21,120	39,100
Metropolitan Major	21,120	36,970
Metropolitan Large	21,120	34,820
Metropolitan Medium	15,830	29,550
Metropolitan Small	10,530	23,220

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	193,650	254,810
Major CBD	44,840	126,320
Metropolitan Major	44,840	114,300
Metropolitan Large	44,840	101,470

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Metropolitan Medium	33,630	78,480
Metropolitan Small	22,420	50,650

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	21,120	36,690
Major Strategic Area	21,120	36,690
Regional Strategic Area	21,120	34,820
Regional Centre	15,830	27,860
Regional Rural	10,530	23,220
Rural Large	10,530	18,890
Rural	10,530	13,930

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	44,840	114,300
Major Strategic Area	44,840	114,300
Regional Strategic Area	44,840	101,470
Regional Centre	32,940	68,800
Regional Rural	22,420	50,680
Rural Large	16,820	40,530
Rural	11,210	30,390

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County Councils**Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2025**

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	2,090	11,620
Other	2,090	6,930

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2025

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	4,490	19,080
Other	4,490	12,670

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).



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Dated: 17 April 2025

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories

Principal CBD

The Council of the City of Sydney (the City of Sydney) is the principal central business district (CBD) in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The City of Sydney is home to Sydney's primary commercial office district with the largest concentration of businesses and retailers in Sydney. The City of Sydney's sphere of economic influence is the greatest of any local government area in Australia.

The CBD is also host to some of the city's most significant transport infrastructure including Central Station, Circular Quay and International Overseas Passenger Terminal. Sydney is recognised globally with its iconic harbour setting and the City of Sydney is host to the city's historical, cultural and ceremonial precincts. The City of Sydney attracts significant visitor numbers and is home to 60 per cent of metropolitan Sydney's hotels.

The role of Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney has significant prominence reflecting the CBD's importance as home to the country's major business centres and public facilities of state and national importance. The Lord Mayor's responsibilities in developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders, including other councils, state and federal governments, community and business groups, and the media are considered greater than other mayoral roles in NSW.

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Major CBD

The Council of the City of Parramatta (City of Parramatta) is the economic capital of Greater Western Sydney and the geographic and demographic centre of Greater Sydney. Parramatta is the second largest economy in NSW (after Sydney CBD) and the sixth largest in Australia.

As a secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney the Parramatta local government area is a major provider of business and government services with a significant number of organisations relocating their head offices to Parramatta. Public administration and safety have been a growth sector for Parramatta as the State Government has promoted a policy of moving government agencies westward to support economic development beyond the Sydney CBD.

The City of Parramatta provides a broad range of regional services across the Sydney Metropolitan area with a significant transport hub and hospital and educational facilities. The City of Parramatta is home to the Westmead Health and Medical Research precinct which represents the largest concentration of hospital and health services in Australia, servicing Western Sydney and providing other specialised services for the rest of NSW.

The City of Parramatta is also home to a significant number of cultural and sporting facilities (including Sydney Olympic Park) which draw significant domestic and international visitors to the region.

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Metropolitan Major

Councils categorised Metropolitan Major will typically have a minimum residential population of 400,000.

Councils may also be categorised Metropolitan Major if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 400,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$300M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Major will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

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Metropolitan Large

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will typically have a minimum residential population of 200,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Large if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 200,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$200M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

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Metropolitan Medium

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum residential population of 100,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Medium if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

The sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Large councils.

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Metropolitan Small

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Small will typically have a residential population less than 100,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other metropolitan councils include:

- total operating revenue less than \$150M per annum.

While these councils may include some of the facilities and characteristics of both Metropolitan Large and Metropolitan Medium councils the overall sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Medium councils.

Major Regional City

Newcastle City Council and Wollongong City Councils are categorised as Major Regional City. These councils:

- are metropolitan in nature with major residential, commercial and industrial areas
- typically host government departments, major tertiary education and health facilities and incorporate high density commercial and residential development

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- provide a full range of higher order services and activities along with arts, culture, recreation, sporting and entertainment facilities to service the wider community and broader region
- have significant transport and freight infrastructure servicing international markets, the capital city and regional areas
- have significant natural and man-made assets to support diverse economic activity, trade and future investment
- typically contain ventures which have a broader State and national focus which impact upon the operations of the council.

Major Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Major Strategic Area will have a minimum population of 300,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum

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- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Central Coast Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Major Strategic Area. Its population, predicted population growth, and scale of the Council's operations warrant that it be differentiated from other non-metropolitan councils. Central Coast Council is also a significant contributor to the regional economy associated with proximity to and connections with Sydney and the Hunter Region.

Regional Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area are differentiated from councils in the Regional Centre category on the basis of their significant population and will typically have a residential population above 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum

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- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Lake Macquarie Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Regional Strategic Area. Its population and overall scale of council operations will be greater than Regional Centre councils.

Regional Centre

Councils categorised as Regional Centre will typically have a minimum residential population of 40,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- a large city or town providing a significant proportion of the region's housing and employment
- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- the highest rates of population growth in regional NSW

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- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Councils in the category of Regional Centre are often considered the geographic centre of the region providing services to their immediate and wider catchment communities.

Regional Rural

Councils categorised as Regional Rural will typically have a minimum residential population of 20,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- a large urban population existing alongside a traditional farming sector, and are surrounded by smaller towns and villages
- health services, tertiary education services and regional airports which service a regional community
- a broad range of industries including agricultural, educational, health, professional, government and retail services
- large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and events.

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Councils in the category of Regional Rural provide a degree of regional servicing below that of a Regional Centre.

Rural Large

Councils categorised as Rural Large will have a residential population greater than 10,000, and a councillor to resident ratio of at least 1 to 1200.

Other features may include:

- one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre
- a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils
- local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.

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Rural

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a residential population less than 10,000.

County Councils - Water

County councils that provide water and/or sewerage functions with a joint approach in planning and installing large water reticulation and sewerage systems.

County Councils - Other

County councils that administer, control and eradicate declared noxious weeds as a specified Local Control Authority under the Biosecurity Act 2015.

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9.2.3 BUDGET 2025-26: OPERATIONAL PLAN AND 2025-26 TO 2034-35 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**File Number:** -**Author:** Hannah Ensink, Management Accountant**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to:

1. in accordance with Sections 404 and 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council adopt the Murray River Council 2025-2026 Operational Plan, including the 2025-2026 to 2034-2035 Long Term Financial Plan, and
2. in accordance with Part 9, Division 5, Section 211(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, Council approve expenditure and capital works as detailed in the Murray River Council 2025-2026 Operational Plan, including the 2025-2026 to 2034-2035 Long Term Financial Plan, and
3. adopt the following Reserve movements:
 - a. from reserves to fund the following Capital activities:
 - i. \$5,886,992 from the General reserve
 - ii. \$3,055,812 from the Sewer reserve
 - iii. \$2,456,080 from the Water reserve
 - iv. \$3,029,930 from the Waste reserve
 - b. to reserves for the following Operational activities:
 - i. \$3,130,916 from the General reserve
 - ii. \$3,567,348 to the Sewer reserve
 - iii. \$3,555,592 to the Water reserve
 - iv. \$3,093,892 to the Waste reserve

BACKGROUND

As part of the IP&R Framework, Council is required to draft and present its 2025-2026 Operational Plan, including the 2025-2026 to 2034-2035 Long Term Financial Plan.

At the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 13 May 2025, Council resolved to place the following 2025-2026 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) draft documents on public exhibition in accordance with section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, for a period of 28 days, covering the period 14 May 2025 to 11 June 2025. The documents put on public exhibition included:

- 2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget
- 2025-26 to 2034-35 Long Term Financial Plan

Exhibition of the IP&R documents was undertaken via the 'Your Say' portal and a link was also placed on Council's own website to the portal access. Advertisements were placed in various papers during the exhibition period outlining how submissions could be made to Council the IP&R documents as well as being featured in Council media releases.

DISCUSSION

Council has received the following public submissions during the advertising period:

	Email	YourSay Page
Community	1	None
Councillors	None	None
Staff	None	None

The email received was on projects planned for, for the Murray Downs area, and made the following suggestions:

- That Council use contractors instead of internal staff for work in the Murray Downs area (reasons provided)
- That Council consider establishing a depot at Murray Downs at a future date

Given the different matters raised in the email, several staff have been assigned to make their input into formulating a response. No changes to the budget has been made as a result of the said email.

There were no changes to the financial positions for the draft IP&R documents presented to the Extraordinary Meeting on 13 May 2025 and the proposed final IP&R documents presented to Council for adoption.

The 2025-25 Operational Plan & Budget and the 2025-26 to 2034-35 Long Term Financial Plan appear as Attachments 1 & 2 respectively.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.5 - Continue to be a trusted and ethical leader that leads by example - Leadership that is trusted, capable and collaborative.

5.1.2 - Council acts in a financially responsible manner to ensure delivery of safe and sustainable services to the community

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

There were no changes to the Budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993 (s) 402 - 406

Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

RISK ANALYSIS

• What can happen?

The risks associated with this document includes Financial; Reputation; and Non-compliance with legislative requirements.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

	Unmitigated Risk	Residual Risk
Likelihood	Possible	Unlikely
Consequence	Moderate	Minor
Risk Rating	Medium	Low

• How can it happen?

Inadequate planning and budgeting.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Refer above.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Refer above.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Preparation of a fit for purpose Operational Plan & Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan. Also, tracking various financial ratios to ensure they meet local government benchmarks and improve long-term financial sustainability.

CONCLUSION

These documents set clear direction for the Council moving forward. The 2026-30 Delivery Program, as adopted by Council at an extraordinary meeting on 29th April 2025, has been reviewed to prepare the 2025-26 Operational Plan and 2025-26 to 2034-35 Long Term Financial Plan aligned with the current goals and strategies of Council. The Operational Plan & Budget communicates to the community and other stakeholders how Council will achieve the Delivery Program goals/strategies and the Long-Term Financial Plan provides the community with an understanding of how Council will operate financially over the next ten years.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment 1. 2025 - 2026 Operational Plan and Budget (under separate cover)** 
2. **Attachment 2. 2025-26 to 2034-35 Long Term Financial Plan (under separate cover)** 

9.2.4 ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

File Number: -

Author: Brodie Goodsell, Manager Strategic Assets

Authoriser: Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to adopt the Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy, as attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

Council at its extraordinary meeting held on 13th May 2025 resolved to provisionally adopt the Murray River Council Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Policy in draft and that same be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to allow for public comment/submissions.

DISCUSSION

The Murray River Council Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy were advertised on the MRC Yoursay page with submissions being received by Council up until 11th June 2025. No submissions or comments were received.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

There will be ongoing budgetary implications, however all costs associated with the implementation of the AMS has been factored into the LTFP.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
 1. Council does not adopt the AMS
 2. There is inadequate funds to implement the AMS
- **How can it happen?**
 1. Council does not adopt the AMS
 2. Council's financial position deteriorates due to external influences.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
 1. Council will be non-compliant with regulations
 2. Maintaining service levels to ratepayers and residents will be compromised

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

1. Unlikely
2. Possible

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

No further treatment options required.

CONCLUSION

Adoption of the MRC Asset Management Strategy and Asset management Policy will enable the delivery of the IP&R Framework Resourcing Strategy and provide Council with a broad framework to improve asset management and deliver the level of service the community requires in the most cost effective manner.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **MRC Asset Management Policy 2025**  
2. **MRC Asset Management Strategy 2025 (under separate cover)** 

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ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

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ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Asset Management Policy (the 'Policy') is to set guidelines for implementing consistent asset management processes throughout Murray River Council (the 'Council').

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Policy are to ensure adequate provision is made for the long-term replacement of major assets by:

- Ensuring that services and infrastructure are provided in a financially sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to customers and the environment;
- Safeguarding infrastructure assets including physical assets and employees by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets;
- Creating an environment where all employees take an integral part in overall management of infrastructure assets by creating and sustaining an asset management awareness throughout Council by training and development;
- Meeting any legislative and regulatory requirements for asset management;
- Ensuring resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated; and
- Demonstrating transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practice.

3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all Council departments, officers, employees and contractors.

4. LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

5. POLICY STATEMENT

5.1 BACKGROUND

Asset management practices impact directly on the core business of Council and appropriate asset management is required to achieve Council's strategic service delivery objectives.

Adopting asset management principles will assist in achieving Council's Strategic Long-Term Plan and Long-Term Financial objectives.

Sustainable service delivery ensures that services are delivered in a socially, economically and environmentally responsible manner in such a way that does not compromise the ability of future generations to make their own choices.

Sound asset management practices enable sustainable service delivery by integrating customer values, priorities and an informed understanding of the trade-offs between risks, costs and service performance.



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5.2 PRINCIPLES

Council's sustainable service delivery needs will be met by ensuring adequate provision is made for the long-term planning, financing, operation, maintenance, renewal, upgrade, and disposal of capital assets by:

- › Ensuring that Council's capital assets are provided in a manner that respects financial, cultural, economic and environmental sustainability;
- › Meeting all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements;
- › Demonstrating transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrable best-practices; and
- › Implementing sound asset management plans and strategies and providing sufficient financial resources to accomplish them by:
 - Asset Management Plans will be completed for all major asset/service areas.
 - Expenditure projections from Asset Management Plans will be incorporated into Council's Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).
 - Regular and systematic reviews will be applied to all asset plans to ensure that assets are managed, valued, and depreciated in accordance with appropriate best practice.
 - Regular inspection will be used as part of the asset management process to ensure agreed service levels are maintained and to identify asset renewal priorities.
 - Asset renewals required to meet agreed service levels and identified in adopted asset management plans, and when applicable long term financial plans, will form the basis of annual budget estimates with the service and risk consequences of variations in defined asset renewals and budget resources documented.
 - Future life cycle costs will be reported and considered in all decisions relating to new services and assets and upgrading of existing services and assets.
 - Future service levels with associated delivery costs will be determined in consultation with the community.
 - Ensuring necessary capacity and other operational capabilities are provided and asset management responsibilities are effectively allocated.
 - Creating a corporate culture where all employees play a part in overall care for Council's assets by providing necessary awareness, training and professional development.
 - Providing those who Council serve with services and levels of service for which they are willing and able to pay.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibility
Councillors	Councillors are responsible for adopting this Policy, allocating resources, and providing high level oversight of the delivery of Council's <u>Asset Management Strategy and Plans</u> . The Council is also responsible for ensuring that Council resources are appropriately allocated to ensure sustainable service delivery.
CEO	The CEO has overall responsibility for developing an asset management strategy, plans and procedures and reporting on the status and effectiveness of asset management within Council.



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7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Strategic Assets to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as needed, whichever comes first.

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

External:

- › Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Limited – Asset Management Templates - 2018.
- › Office of Local Government (OLG) - Integrated Planning and Reporting guidelines for NSW (IPR)

Internal:

- › MRC Document - Asset Management Plans
- › MRC Document - Asset Management Strategy
- › MRC Document - Community Strategic Plan
- › MRC Document - Long Term Financial Plan

Definitions:

Term	Definition
Councillor	a person elected or appointed to civic office and includes a Mayor
LTFP	Council's Long Term Financial Plan

9. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Version No.	Details	Date	Resolution No.	CM9 Reference
1	Initial Issue	11 Dec 2018 to Dec 2022	561218	VF/17/102858
2	Policy reviewed and updated	Dec 2022 to DRAFT		VF/17/102858
3	Policy reviewed and updated	DRAFT	TBA	VF/17/102858

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time
This Policy is scheduled for review in April 2029

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9.2.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - FEASABILITY STUDY SALEYARDS

File Number: -

I, Councillor Gary Pappin give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 June 2025, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That Council fund and undertake a feasibility assessment to develop an assess options for a stock and saleyards at Murray Downs for the purpose of providing certainty to rural constituents in Murray River Council and surrounds

RATIONALE

The following are reasons for Council to consider this Notice of Motion.

- If Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange was to close there will be a high cost to local users to cart stock to other facilities.
- This may provide a prime opportunity for expansion of the Murray Downs area
- It is important the keep a facility open in the region.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

OFFICER COMMENT

Any feasibility study commissioned will require an allocation of Council funding. This study is not part of the 2025-26 Draft Budget and is not currently funded.

It is estimated that the feasibility study will cost Murray River Council \$30,000 - \$50,000

Swan Hill Rural City Council have recently released a Strategic Review of the Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange. The Swan Hill report outlines the current operational challenges of the Swan Hill Regional Livestock exchange including market decline and an analysis of the service levels required to reduce Council's subsidy and create a viable service offering.

The recently published Strategic Review shows that the Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange has made a 4-year total loss of \$837,244, an amount which has been subsidised by the Swan Hill Rural City ratepayers. The strategic review indicates that the Swan Hill venue would require throughput of 100,000 cattle or 500,000 sheep to ensure it break even viable position.

Any feasibility study for the development of a saleyards at Murray Downs is likely to draw on the same market as the current Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange and examine similar challenges.

Given the trend nation-wide in the decline of sales at livestock exchanges and the move for growers to sell online it could be assumed that it is unlikely that a new facility at Murray Downs would attract the numbers to produce a break even and viable service.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.2.6 BUDGET 2025-26: GENERAL RATES, UTILITY CHARGES & SCHEDULE OF FEES

File Number: -

Author: Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

Authoriser: Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

A. That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to adopt the General Rates, Utility Charges and related matters provisionally adopted by **Council** at its Extraordinary Meeting held on 13 May 2025 (EM), and thereafter placed on public display for comment for 28 days without having received any submissions, without any changes, in keeping with the relevant provisions of the **Act**, as follows:

1. categorisation of land and delegation of authority to determine such categorisation to the Chief Executive Officer, for purpose of levying Ordinary Rates, as per resolutions 1 and 2 of agenda item 5.2.1 of the **EM**, and
2. making and levying of Ordinary Rates on rateable properties using a two-tier structure of a Base Amount and an Ad Velorem rate, with the values for the two tiers to be as detailed in resolution 3 of agenda item 5.2.1 of the **EM**, and
3. treating lots in a strata plan as allowed for in s495A of the **Act** as detailed in resolution 4 of agenda item 5.2.1 of the **EM**, and
4. making and levying Stormwater Management Services Charges as per the resolution of agenda item 5.2.2 of the **EM**, and
5. making & levying Filtered Water Service Charges, consisting of Filter Water Access Charges and Filtered Water Consumption Charges, as per resolution 1 (including subsections a. & b.) of agenda item 5.2.3 of the **EM**, and
6. making & levying Raw Water Service Charges, consisting of Raw Water Access Charges and Raw Water Consumption Charges, as per resolution 2 (including subsections a. & b.) of agenda item 5.2.3 of the **EM**, and
7. making & levying Sewer Service Charges, consisting of Sewer Access Charges and Sewer Discharge Charges, as per resolution 1 (including subsections a. & b.) of agenda item 5.2.4 of the **EM**, and
8. delegating to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to provide a discount on the Sewer Discharge Charge, for Business properties that do not have a raw water connection, as per resolution 1c. of agenda item 5.2.4 of the **EM**, and
9. making & levying Trade Waste Charges, consisting of Annual Trade Waste Charges and Trade Waste Discharge Charges, as per resolution 2 (including subsections a. & b.) of agenda item 5.2.4 of the **EM**, and
10. making & levying Waste Charges as per resolution 1 of agenda item 5.2.5 of the **EM**, and
11. making & levying an Annual Landfill Rehabilitation Charge as resolution 2 of agenda item 5.2.5 of the **EM**, and
12. levying Ordinary Rates & Utility Charges, extending concessions to Pensioners, and affording relief to ratepayers facing Hardship, as per resolutions 1, 2, and 3 respectively of agenda item 2.5.7 of the **EM**, and
13. charging interest on overdue Rates & Charges, at the maximum permissible rate of 10.5% per annum, as per resolution 4 of agenda item 2.5.6 of the **EM**.

and

That **Council** resolve to adopt the Schedule of Fees provisionally adopted at the **EM**, and thereafter placed on public display for comment for 28 days without having received any submissions, subject to the variations as detailed in the report, with the revised Schedule of Fees being appended to this report as Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND

Section 202 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulation) requires councils to maintain a system of budgetary controls. A key element of a budget is the revenue that Murray River Council (Council) expects to raise through its Rates, Charges and Fees.

DISCUSSION

Ordinary Rates & Utility Charges

The Ordinary Rates and Utility Charges proposed for the financial year 2023-24 and the manner in which such Rates & Charges are to be administered, was presented to Council for provisional adoption, at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 14 May 2024 (EM) through agenda items 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, and 5.2.7. Thereafter the proposed Rates and Utility Charges were placed on public display for 28 days. No submissions were received from the public in relation to the proposed Rates, Utility Charges or the Schedule of Fees.

The proposed Ordinary Rates & Utility Charges for the financial year 2025-26 are now being presented for final adoption.

Schedule of Fees

The schedule of Fees to be charged for specific goods and services to be supplied by **Council** was also presented for provisional adoption, at the said **EM** through agenda item 5.2.6. Thereafter the proposed Schedule of Fees was placed on public display for 28 days. No submissions were received from the public in relation to the proposed Schedule of Fees. However, some changes have been made to the Schedule of Fees provisionally adopted by **Council** at the **EM**. The changes and the reasons therefor are summarised below.

Category	No.	Reason	Comment
Sewer	2	Split of a Fee into 2 categories	
Community Halls	8	Additions for hire for shorter periods (e.g. ½ day, 2 hours etc.)	
Development & Building Services	40	Statutory Charges	Annual adjustments
	5		Deleted

The Revised Schedule of Fees is appended to this report as Attachment 1.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The final adoption of these resolutions will provide the necessary authority to levy Rates & Charges on the relevant property owners.

Rates, Charges and Fees together constitute around half of total **Council** revenue and is an important element to enable **Council** to continue to deliver its services to the community.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Revenue Policy 2025-26 (POL-214)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

1. Failure to duly adopt Rates, Charges & Fees will have serious financial implications and compromise the ability of Council to deliver its services to the community.
2. Increases in Rates, Charges & Fees could generate negative feedback and compromise the reputation of Council. Not raising adequate revenue, on the other hand, could compromise the medium to long term financial sustainability of Council.

- **How can it happen?**

1. Failure to abide by the legislative and regulatory requirements.
2. Not adequately communicating the drivers and the basis of setting rates.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

1. Significant financial loss to Council.
2. Compromised reputation and unhappy ratepayers.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

1. Unlikely due to mitigation actions taken.
2. Possible to Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Preparation of a fit for purpose operating plan and budget. Possible checks to ensure legislative compliance has been carried out.

CONCLUSION

It is in the financial and operational interest of **Council** and the wider community to adopt the resolution(s) as proposed (to be incorporated into the 2025-26 Revenue Policy) in this report which will enable **Council** to continue to deliver its services in a financially sustainable manner.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Schedule of Fees 2025-26 (Revised)** [!\[\]\(39e79a92faddb6446b52e85f72c85198_img.jpg\)](#) 



SCHEDULE OF FEES

Financial Year 2025 - 2026

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

Murray River Council

ADMINISTRATION

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION

Subdivision Works: Engineering Charges	2% of Cost		
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GENERAL

Dishonoured Cheque Administration Fee	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$27.00
Reprinting of Rates/Water Notices, Debtors Account	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
Fee is for hardcopy re-print of requested information. For rates and water notices, these can be accessed at no cost by signing up to eNotices. Please contact Council's Finance department for more information on signing up to eNotices.			
Certificate as to the Classification of Land (Sec 54 of LG Act 1993)	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$37.50
Section 603 Certificate (7 business days)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Section 603 Certificate (2 business days)	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Section 603 certificate - refund if cancelled by applicant	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
If Council is required to refund an overpayment of a payment.			

SALES & SERVICES

Internet Browsing	No charge		
Binding: up to 50 pages/book	\$4.95	\$0.50	\$5.45
Binding: 50 -100 pages/book	\$9.91	\$0.99	\$10.90
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA): Access Application Fee	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
In accordance with Section 41 (1)(c) of the GIPA Act, an application fee applies to all access applications & includes 1 hour of processing by Council			
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) : Access Application (Review)	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA): Processing Charge (per hour)	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
In accordance with Section 64 (1) of the GIPA Act, Council may charge a processing fee per hour of time spent on the application. The application fee counts as payment towards any processing charge payable by the applicant. In the case of an application that is estimated to take over 10 hours an advance deposit of 50% of the estimated cost may be required.			

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SALES & SERVICES [continued]

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA): Personal Information Processing charge (per hour after 20 hours)	\$30 per hour after 20 hours		
	Min. Fee: \$30.00		
In accordance with Section 67 of the GIPA Act, if Council receives an access application for personal information about the applicant, Council cannot impose any processing charge for the first 20 hours of processing time. However after that a per hour charge will be levied.			
Laminating: A4 and A3	\$2.64	\$0.26	\$2.90
Laminating: A2 and over (available only at Mathoura Office, Conargo St, Mathoura)	\$13.14	\$1.31	\$14.45
Maps: Plan Print Map - Large (A1 & A0)	\$29.77	\$2.98	\$32.75
Plan Print Map - Small (A4 & A3)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Document Scanning: per 5 minutes	\$6.36	\$0.64	\$7.00
Print/Copy: Black & White A4 Single sided (per Page)	\$0.36	\$0.04	\$0.40
Print/Copy: Black & White A4 Double sided (per page)	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45
Print/Copy: Colour A4 Single sided (per Page)	\$1.09	\$0.11	\$1.20
Print/Copy: Colour A4 Double sided (per page)	\$1.23	\$0.12	\$1.35
Print/Copy: Black & White A3 Single sided (per page)	\$0.45	\$0.05	\$0.50
Print/Copy: Black & White A3 Double sided (per page)	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65
Print/Copy: Colour A3 Single sided (per page)	\$2.00	\$0.20	\$2.20
Print/Copy: Colour A3 Double sided (per page)	\$2.23	\$0.22	\$2.45
Council Business Papers: e-copy (available on Council's website)	No Charge		
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au			

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY

Administration Fee	\$211.00	\$0.00	\$211.00
Fire Safety Non-Compliance: Follow-up Fee	\$492.45	\$0.00	\$492.45
Annual Fire Safety Statement Registration	\$29.09	\$2.91	\$32.00

ANIMALS

NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) set the registration fees on an annual basis in July/August. The fees and charges will be updated when this information is made available.

Common (Mathoura) – Agistment fee per head per month	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Animal Impounding & Release - Veterinary Care	As Charged by Veterinary Clinic		
Animal Impounding & Release: First release (per animal)	\$92.00	\$0.00	\$92.00
Animal Impounding & Release: Second release (per animal)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Animal Impounding & Release: Third release (per animal)	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
Surrender of Dog	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$147.00
Vet check &/or Euthanasia plus Collection fee			
Surrender of Cat	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Vet check &/or Euthanasia plus Collection fee			
Pound and Sustenance - if impounded by other Council	As per Fees Charged on release by other LGA		
Sustenance of Impounded Animal (Cats/Dogs) (per animal per day)	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
Late fee - additional fee if a permit is not paid for by 28 days after the permit requirement takes effect	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
This additional fee is applicable for all registrations and permits if not paid for by 28 days after the registration requirement of 6 months of age.			
Dog Annual Permit Fee - Dogs of a restricted breed (or declared to be dangerous) - in addition to lifetime pet registration fee	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
Dog Registration Fee: Purchased from eligible pound or shelter	No Charge		
Dog Registration Fee: Not Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)	\$262.00	\$0.00	\$262.00
Dog Registration Fee: Not desexed (with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed)	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00

Name	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Fee (incl. GST)
ANIMALS [continued]			
Dog Registration Fee: Not desexed (owned by registered breeder who is a member of the Royal NSW Canine Council or a Recognised Breeder Body under Clause 3(1) of Companion Animals Regulation 2008)	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00
Dog Registration Fee: Desexed (by relevant age)	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00
Registration fee for a dog desexed by six months of age.			
Dog Registration Fee: Desexed (by relevant age) owned by a pensioner	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Dog Registration Fee: Not desexed (owned by an eligible pensioner with written notification from a vet that the dog should not be desexed)	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Microchip Implanted by Murray River Council (Dog/Cat) - before impounded dog will be released	\$68.18	\$6.82	\$75.00
Dog Registrations Fee Exemption (proof required): A person who trains or keeps a dog, for use as a guide or assistant for a person who is blind or partially blind, or who is deaf or partially deaf			No Charge
Microchipping & registration required			
Dog Registration Fee Exemption (proof required): Trained assistance dogs owned by a person who is blind, partly blind, deaf or partly deaf			No Charge
Dog Registration Exemption (proof required): A person who uses a dog for working rural properties or for driving stock			No Charge
Microchipping or registration NOT required			
Dog Registration Exemption (proof required): Greyhounds registered under the Greyhound Racing Authority Act 1985			No Charge
Cat Permit Late fee - additional fee if a permit is not paid for by 28 days after the permit requirement takes effect	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
This additional fee is applicable for all registrations and permits not paid for by 28 days after the registration requirement of 6 months of age.			
Cat Annual Permit - cats not desexed by 4 months of age (in addition to lifetime pet registration fee)	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$96.00
Cat Registration Fee: Not Desexed	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Not desexed (with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed)	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Desexed	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Not desexed (owned by an eligible pensioner with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed)	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Cat Registration Fee: Cat (owned by an eligible pensioner)	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Cat Registration Fee: Non-desexed (owned by a registered breeder who is a member of the NSW Cat Fanciers Assn, Waratah State Cat Alliance or a recognised Breeder Body approved under Clause 3 (1) of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008)	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Desexed (purchased from eligible pound or shelter)			No charge

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

IMPOUNDED ARTICLES

Impounding of Signs: First Offence (per sign)	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$77.00
Impounding of Signs: Release (per sign)	\$137.00	\$0.00	\$137.00
Impounding of Signs: 2nd & Subsequent Offences (per sign)	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Ranger Attend Wandering Stock: First Occurrence	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Ranger Attend Wandering Stock: 2nd & Subsequent Offences	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$218.00
Impounding Farm Animals (Bovine/Equine/Ovine/Swine)(per animal – up to 4 animals)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Plus \$10 per Animal after 4 Animals			
Stock Impounding Notification Fee	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Stock Impounding Advertising Fee	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$218.00
Conveyancing Farm Animals (Bovine/Equine, Ovine, Swine) - 5+ animals		Cartage Fee plus 15%	
Sustenance Farm Animals (Bovine, Equine, Ovine, Swine) (per animal per day)		Cost plus 15%	
Release of Impounded Large Animals (Bovine/Equine) (per animal)	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Release of Impounded Small Animals (Sheep / Goat / Pig) (per animal)	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
Impounding of Abandoned Vehicle	\$191.00	\$0.00	\$191.00
Impounding of Abandoned Vehicle: Towing	Tow charge plus \$100.00 handling fee		
Release of Impounded Vehicle	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

HEALTH

FOOD PREMISES INSPECTIONS

Food Premises Inspections/Re-inspections: High Risk	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$218.00
Food Premises Inspections/Re-Inspections: Medium Risk	\$191.00	\$0.00	\$191.00
Based on risk class and time spent			
Food Premises Inspections/Re-Inspections: Low Risk	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Based on risk class and time spent			
Application Fee: Mobile Food Vendors	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Food Premises Inspections/Re-Inspections: Mobile Food Vendors	\$192.00	\$0.00	\$192.00
Food Premises Inspections: Statutory Improvement Notice (Section 66AA (1) Food Act)	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Annual Administration charge - 5 or fewer FTE food handlers	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$390.00
Annual Administration charge - more than 5 but no more than 50 FTE food handlers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Annual Administration charge - more than 50 FTE food handlers	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Compliance Re-Inspection: Regulated Premises (Public Health Act) eg. Skin Penetration Premises	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Compliance Inspection: Public Swimming Pools, Spas, Water and Splash Parks (Public Health Act)	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Public Health Premises Notification: New business (Public Health Act)	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Swimming Pool Inspections: Exemption Application (Clause 12 Sec 22 Swimming Pools Act)	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Compliance Inspection: High Risk	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Compliance Inspection: Low Risk	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Swimming Pool Inspection: Certificate of Compliance - First Inspection (Sec 18A Swimming Pools Act)	\$136.36	\$13.64	\$150.00
Swimming Pool Inspection: Certificate of Compliance - Subsequent Inspection (Swimming Pools Act)	\$90.91	\$9.09	\$100.00
Annual Administration fee: Cooling Towers	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS

Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Inspections (UPSS Regulation)	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$273.00
Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) - Follow Up Inspection (UPSS Regulation)	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$273.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

ENVIRONMENT

WEEDS & PEST CONTROL

Utility & Spray Equipment Hire: Wet (No chemicals) (per hour)	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$231.00
Roadside Shoulder spray: Operator, Truck and Spray Equipment, No Chemical (per hour)) - No Chemical	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$231.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

LANDFILL GATE CHARGES

General Waste - Commercial (per tonne) Minimum charge \$30.00)	\$204.55	\$20.45	\$225.00
General Waste - Domestic (per tonne) Minimum charge \$10.00)	\$168.18	\$16.82	\$185.00
General Waste (per cubic metre) - at all sites other without a weighbridge	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
General Waste: 120/140 litre (per unit)	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00
Contaminated Soil: with Clearance Certificate (per tonne) (Moama Landfill site only)	\$213.64	\$21.36	\$235.00
Cover Material: Not Suitable for Clean Cover (per tonne)	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$33.00
Cover Material: Suitable for Clean Cover (per tonne)			No charge
Green Waste (per tonne) Moama Landfill site only - Minimum charge \$5.00	\$59.09	\$5.91	\$65.00
Green Waste (per cubic metre) at sites without a weighbridge	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00
Regulated Waste: Asbestos (per tonne) Minimum charge \$150.00) - Moama Landfill site only	\$418.18	\$41.82	\$460.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Concrete (per tonne) - Moama Landfill site only	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Waste - Clean Bricks (per tonne) - Moama Landfill Site only	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Concrete and Bricks (per cubic metre) - Barham and Moulamein only	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Solar panels (per unit)	\$4.55	\$0.45	\$5.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Mattresses (per unit)	\$30.91	\$3.09	\$34.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Fridges / Air Conditioners (per unit)	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Recyclables: Scrap Metal			No charge
Recyclables: Automotive Batteries (domestic quantities only)			No charge
Recyclables: Automotive Oil (domestic quantities only)			No Charge
E-Waste: Computers, Monitors and Peripherals			No charge
Community Recycling Centre (CRC) Material (domestic recyclables)			No charge
Recyclables: Domestic (Comingled)			No Charge
Recyclables: Domestic (Cardboard)			No Charge
Miscellaneous Waste: Car/Motorbike Tyre (per tyre)	\$10.91	\$1.09	\$12.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Small Truck Tyre (per tyre)	\$18.18	\$1.82	\$20.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Truck Tyre (per tyre)	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Super Single Tyre (per tyre)	\$74.55	\$7.45	\$82.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

LANDFILL GATE CHARGES [continued]

Miscellaneous Waste: Small Tractor Tyre (up to 1.0m diameter) (per tyre)	\$136.36	\$13.64	\$150.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Large Tractor Tyre (1.0 -1.5m diameter) (per tyre)	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Earthmoving Tyre (per tyre)	\$363.64	\$36.36	\$400.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Car tyre on rim (per wheel)	\$22.73	\$2.27	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Contaminated tyres (per tonne) Minimum charge \$390	\$354.55	\$35.45	\$390.00
Miscellaneous Waste - Gas Bottles (9kg or less) (Non CRC collection site)	\$4.55	\$0.45	\$5.00
Miscellaneous Waste - Soft Furnishings (couches, lounge suites etc)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Sale: Crushed Concrete/Brick (per tonne)	\$42.73	\$4.27	\$47.00
Sale: Crushed Concrete/Brick (per cubic metre)	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Sale: Mulch (per cubic metre)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bio Waste: Small animals (sheep, goats, pigs etc) (Moama Landfill only)	\$23.64	\$2.36	\$26.00
Bio Waste: Large animals (cattle, horses etc includes machine hire (Moama Landfill only)	\$185.45	\$18.55	\$204.00
Per hour			
Bin Replacement: Waste Bin – 140L (red lid)	\$111.00	\$0.00	\$111.00
Bin Replacement: Recycle Bin – 240L (yellow lid)	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Bin Replacement: Green Waste Bin – 240L (green lid)	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY CARE

Home Maintenance/Modifications (per hour + materials at cost)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
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SOCIAL RESPITE (SAM)

Social Respite Support (Groups): Full Day Support Contribution (per person)	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00
Social Respite Support: Half Day Support Contribution (per person)	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Social Respite Support (Group): Transport (per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Social Respite Support (Individual)(per hour) - after first hour	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Social Respite Support (Individual): Transport (per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

In cases of financial hardship Service Users can request assistance. Please ask the Community Services Co-Ordinator for more information.

Individual Transport: Within Wakool township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Albury	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Barham	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Bendigo	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Cohuna	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Deniliquin	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Echuca	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Kerang	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Shepparton	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Swan Hill	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Within Barham township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Albury	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Bendigo	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Cohuna	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Deniliquin	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Echuca	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Kerang	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport - Barham to Melbourne	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Shepparton	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Swan Hill	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Within Moulamein township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Albury	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Balranald	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Barham	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Bendigo	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Cohuna	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Deniliquin	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

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Individual Transport: Moulamein to Echuca	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Kerang	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Shepparton	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Swan Hill	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Within Tooleybuc township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Balranald	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Bendigo	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Mildura	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Nyah West	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Swan Hill	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Albury	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Bendigo or Shepparton	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Deniliquin	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport - Moama to Melbourne	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Rochester or Kyabram	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual transport: Within Moama township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Albury	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Bendigo or Shepparton	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Deniliquin	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport - Mathoura to Melbourne	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Moama	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Rochester or Kyabram	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Within Mathoura township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Albury (adult per person)	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Albury (minor (under 18) per person)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Bendigo (adult per person)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Bendigo (minor (under 18) per person)	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$11.00
Group Transport: Moama to Deniliquin (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Moama to Deniliquin (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50

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Group Transport: Mathoura to Deniliquin (adult per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Group Transport: Mathoura to Deniliquin (minor (under 18) per person)	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00
Group Transport: Mathoura to Moama (adult per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Group Transport: Mathoura to Moama (minor (under 18) per person)	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Rochester or Kyabram (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Rochester or Kyabram (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50
Group Transport: Moulamein to Swan Hill (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Moulamein to Swan Hill (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50
Group Transport: Barham to Swan Hill (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Barham to Swan Hill (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50
Group Transport: Barham/Wakool to Deniliquin (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Group Transport: Barham/Wakool to Deniliquin (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50

Delivered Meals

Frozen Meal Delivery: Main (per meal)	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$9.00
Frozen Meal Delivery: Soup (per meal)	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$5.50
Frozen Meal Delivery - Dessert (per meal)	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50

COMMUNITY CARE

Mathoura Retirement Village: Low Rental Unit Fee (paid fortnightly)	25% of Income		
Mathoura Retirement Village: Standard Unit Ingoing Fee (one off)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Mathoura Retirement Village: Standard Unit Maintenance Fee (per quarter)	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Moama Lions Community Village: Standard Unit (per month)	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$260.00
Moama Lions Community Village: Low Rental Unit (paid fortnightly)	25% of Total Income		
NSW Department of Housing requirements			
Moama Lions Community Village: Low Rental Unit Lawn Maintenance Fee (per fortnight)	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00

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DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION

TOWN PLANNING

Planning Proposal - Scoping Report - Basic and Standard	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Planning Proposal - Scoping Report - Complex and Principal	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Domestic Waste	\$393.00	\$0.00	\$393.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Community Facilities (per equivalent tenement)	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Stormwater	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Open Space (per equivalent tenement)	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Car Parking (per equivalent tenement)	\$874.00	\$0.00	\$874.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Roads (per equivalent tenement)	\$2,358.00	\$0.00	\$2,358.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Barham Service Area	Public Open Space \$654.50, Community Services \$410.50, Roads \$290.00, Stormwater \$427.50. Total \$1,782.50		
Section 7.11 Contributions: Koraleigh and Murray Downs Service Areas	Public Open Space \$303.00, Community Services \$416.50, Roads \$297.00, Stormwater as required. Total \$1,016.50 plus stormwater as required.		
Section 7.11 Contributions: Moulamein Service Area	Public Open Space \$625.50, Community Services \$395.00, Roads \$278.00, Stormwater as required. Total \$1,298.50 plus stormwater as required.		
Section 7.11 Contributions: Tooleybuc and Wakool Service Areas	Public Open Space \$610.00, Community Services \$385.00, Roads \$270.00, Stormwater as required. Total is \$1,265.00 plus stormwater as required.		
Section 7.12 Contributions: Cost >\$200,000	1% of DA Development Cost		
Section 7.12 Contributions - \$100,000 to \$200,000	0.5% of DA Development Cost		
Planning Certificate (s10.7(2))	\$70.60	\$0.00	\$70.60
Under Sec 290 (3) EP&AR			
Planning Certificate (s10.7(2)&(5))	\$177.65	\$0.00	\$177.65
Under Sec 290 (3) EP&AR			
Planning Certificate (s10.7) - Urgent Service (3 working days)	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00

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LG Act & EP&A Act Combined Certificate	\$153.00	\$0.00	\$153.00
Determining Flood Height (Finished Floor Level)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Public Notice for Development Applications	\$1,471.55	\$0.00	\$1,471.55
Development for which an Environmental Planning Instrument or Development Control Plan (DCP) Requires Notice to be Given	\$1,471.55	\$0.00	\$1,471.55
Giving of Notice for Designated Development	\$2,956.85	\$0.00	\$2,956.85
Maximum Fee - In accordance with EP&AR			
Amusement/Entertainment Device Approvals: Application Fees (devices at designated site)			At cost
Amusement/Entertainment Device Approvals: Application Fee for Temporary Structures (includes inspection of structure - Sec 68 D3)	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Amusement/Entertainment Device Approvals: Inspection & License/Insurance check (per device)			At cost
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Up to \$5,000	\$72.90	\$0.00	\$72.90
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Base Fee	\$113.90	\$0.00	\$113.90
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part of the estimated cost)	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$1.50
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Base Fee	\$666.30	\$0.00	\$666.30
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$250,000 of the estimated cost))	\$0.85	\$0.00	\$0.85
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$948.80	\$0.00	\$948.80
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$500,000 of the estimated cost)	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,314.40	\$0.00	\$1,314.40
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$1,000,000 of the estimated cost)	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): More than \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$6,310.00	\$0.00	\$6,310.00
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: More than \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$10,000,000 of the estimated cost)	\$0.27	\$0.00	\$0.27

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TOWN PLANNING [continued]

Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Not Involving Erection of Building, Carrying Out of Work or Demolition	50% of Original Fee	
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Dwelling-House < \$100,000	\$252.85	\$252.85
Under Division 8.2 EP&AA (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&AR)		
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Additional Fee if Notice of Application Required to be Given under s8.3 of EP&A Act	\$825.75	\$825.75
Application to Modify a Consent for Local Development: Minor Error, Misdescription or Miscalculation (s4.55(1))	\$94.55	\$94.55
Maximum \$89 In accordance with Section 8.3 of EP&AA (Schedule 4, Part 4 EP&AR)		
Application to Modify a Consent for Local Development: Involving Minimal Environmental Impact and the Development to which the Consent as Modified Relates Substantially to the same Development as the Development for which the consent was Originally Granted (s4.55(1A) or s4.56(1))	\$858.80 or 50% of Original DA Fee, whichever is the lesser	
Application for Modification, which is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Fee for the Original Application < \$100 (no notice required)	50% of the Original Fee	
Application for Modification, which is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Fee for the Original Application <\$100 (additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) of the Act)	\$886.00	\$886.00
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Not Involving Erection of Building, Carrying Out of Work or Demolition (no notice required)	50% of Original Fee	
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Not involving Erection of Building, Carry Out of Work or Demolition (additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) of the Act in accordance with EP&A Reg)	\$886.00	\$886.00
Application for Modification which is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Erection of a Dwelling-house <= \$100,000 (no notice required)	\$252.85	\$252.85
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Erection of a Dwelling -house \$100,000 or less (additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) of the Act in accordance with EP&A Reg)	\$886.00	\$886.00
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Up to \$5,000	\$72.90	\$72.90
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Base Fee	\$112.75	\$112.75
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$5,000)	\$1.50	\$1.50
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Base Fee	\$666.30	\$666.30
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$250,000)	\$0.85	\$0.85
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$948.80	\$948.80

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Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$500,000)	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,314.40	\$0.00	\$1,314.40
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000)	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: More than \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$6,310.05	\$0.00	\$6,310.05
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: More than \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000)	\$0.27	\$0.00	\$0.27
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Additional Fee for Referral to Design Review Panel (Schedule 4 Part 4 EP&A Reg)	\$3,995.60	\$0.00	\$3,995.60
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Additional Fee for Modification Application that is Accompanied by Statement of Qualified Designer	\$1,012.60	\$0.00	\$1,012.60
Section 64 Contributions: Filtered Water - Moama and Mathoura	\$3,986.00	\$0.00	\$3,986.00
Section 64 Contributions: Raw Water - All Areas	\$437.00	\$0.00	\$437.00
Section 64 Contributions: Filtered Water - Barham, Koraleigh, Moulamein, Tooleybuc, Wakool & Murray Downs	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Section 64 Contributions: Sewer - Moama and Mathoura	\$1,856.50	\$0.00	\$1,856.50
Section 64 Contributions: Barham	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$5,460.00
Section 64 Contributions: Moulamein, Tooleybuc, Wakool and Murray Downs	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Sewerage not applicable for Koraleigh			

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Additional Processing Fee for Applications Requiring Concurrence Under Schedule 4, Part 3, Section 3.2 EP&AR 2021	\$186.80	\$0.00	\$186.80
Additional Processing Fee for Applications that are Integrated Development Schedule 4, Part 3, Section 3.1 EP&AR 2021	\$186.80	\$0.00	\$186.80
Concurrence (for Concurrence Authority) (Schedule 4, Part 3, Item 3.2 EP&AR 2021)	\$426.00	\$0.00	\$426.00
Approval Body (Integrated development) (Schedule 4, Part 3, Item 3.1 EP&A Reg)	\$426.00	\$0.00	\$426.00

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION [continued]

Assessment for Dwelling Houses under s4.2A LEP	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Application for the Removal or Pruning of Trees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Under Chapter 2 of the Biodiversity Conservation SEPP 2021			
Designated Development (Additional Fee)	\$1,225.55	\$0.00	\$1,225.55
Maximum under Schedule 4, Part 3, Item 3.3 EP&AR 2021, in addition to Other Fees Payable			
Regionally Significant Development - Additional Fee	\$1,225.55	\$0.00	\$1,225.55
Management Statements & Development Contracts: Standard Development Under the Community Land Development Act 2021	\$2,075.00	\$0.00	\$2,075.00
Management Statements & Development Contracts: Complex and Detailed Development under the Community Land Development Act 2021	\$3,495.00	\$0.00	\$3,495.00
Management Statements & Development Contracts: Strata Development Contract / Strata Management Statement under the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015	\$1,884.00	\$0.00	\$1,884.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Initial Assessment	\$4,914.00	\$0.00	\$4,914.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Advertising and Notification fee	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Preparation of LEP	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Mapping	\$2,730.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Requires DCP Amendment	\$3,276.00	\$0.00	\$3,276.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Initial Assessment	\$4,914.00	\$0.00	\$4,914.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Advertising and notification fee	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Preparation of LEP	\$2,184.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Mapping	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Requires DCP Amendment	\$6,552.00	\$0.00	\$6,552.00
Administrative Cost of Preparing and Giving Clean Up Notice (PEO Act s94)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00
Administrative Cost of Preparing and Issuing Prevention Notice (PEO Act s100)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00
Administrative Cost of Preparing and Giving Noise Control Notice (PEO Act s267A)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00

SALES & SERVICES

Swimming Pool Resuscitation Chart	\$25.00	\$2.50	\$27.50
Murray or Wakool Development Control Plan (DCP)	\$32.75	\$0.00	\$32.75
Each Chapter			

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SALES & SERVICES [continued]

Murray or Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Document (excl. Maps)	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
Murray or Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Document w/Maps	\$99.00	\$0.00	\$99.00
Murray or Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Murray River Council Development Strategy	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00

SUBDIVISION

Subdivision Certificate Application: Minimum Fee	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$273.00
Subdivision Certificate Application: Additional Fee (per lot)	\$54.60	\$0.00	\$54.60
Subdivision Certificate Pre-Application Assessment	\$1,092.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.00
Subdivision Development Application - Involving Creating a Public Road: Minimum Fee	\$885.00	\$0.00	\$885.00
Subdivision Development Application - Involving Creating a Public Road: Additional Fee (per each additional lot as per EP&A Regs)	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Subdivision Development Application: Not Involving Creating a Public Road: Minimum Fee	\$439.65	\$0.00	\$439.65
Subdivision Development Application: Not Involving Creating a Public Road: Additional Fee (per additional lot as per EP&A Regs)	\$53.00	\$0.00	\$53.00
Subdivision Development Application: Strata Sub-division: Minimum Fee	\$439.65	\$0.00	\$439.65
Subdivision Development Application: Strata Sub-division: Additional Fee (per additional lot as per EP&A Regs)	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value up to \$100,000 - Base Fee	\$155.00	\$15.50	\$170.50
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value up to \$100,000 - Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$100,001 - \$250,000 Base Fee	\$658.64	\$65.86	\$724.50
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$100,001 - \$250,000 Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.32	\$0.03	\$0.35
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$250,001 - \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,102.50	\$110.25	\$1,212.75
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$250,001 - \$1,000,000 - Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.22	\$0.02	\$0.24
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value over \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$1,650.00
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value over \$1,000,000 - Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.15	\$0.02	\$0.17

CEMETERIES

For the purpose of this Schedule "interment" includes the sinking of the grave, placement of coffin or ashes therein, backfilling the grave, removal of debris.
In 2021/2022 Council aligned the cemetery fees across the council area.

Interment Levy - Burial	\$156.00	\$15.60	\$171.60
Interment Levy - Ash Interment	\$63.00	\$6.30	\$69.30

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

CEMETERIES [continued]

Perpetual Interment Right Fee (payable on first interment and reservation only)	\$520.00	\$52.00	\$572.00
Order for Interment	\$158.00	\$0.00	\$158.00
Lawn Cemetery - First Interment	\$1,566.36	\$156.64	\$1,723.00
Monument - First Interment	\$1,566.36	\$156.64	\$1,723.00
Cremated Remains Interment - First Interment	\$55.45	\$5.55	\$61.00
Reservation - All Interments	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Transfer Interment Right	\$127.00	\$0.00	\$127.00
Lawn Cemetery - Second Interment	\$1,326.36	\$132.64	\$1,459.00
Monument - 2nd Interment	\$1,326.36	\$132.64	\$1,459.00
Tombstone/Slab - Second Interment	\$603.64	\$60.36	\$664.00
Cremated Remains Interment - Second Interment - into existing site	\$118.86	\$11.89	\$130.75
Cremated Remains Scattering	\$69.09	\$6.91	\$76.00
Single Plaque - 6 lines	\$530.00	\$53.00	\$583.00
Dual Conversion Plaque - First Interment	\$663.64	\$66.36	\$730.00
Detachable Plate - Second Interment	\$271.82	\$27.18	\$299.00
Desk for Rose Garden Plaques - Moama	\$186.36	\$18.64	\$205.00
Permission to Perform Monumental Work	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Memorial Plaque		Price on Application	
Memorial Bench Seat		Price on Application	
War Grave Administration Fee	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Lawn Cemetery Burial - Weekend or Public Holiday Surcharge	\$1,207.27	\$120.73	\$1,328.00
Cremated Remains - Weekend or Public Holidays Surcharge (per hour)	\$131.82	\$13.18	\$145.00
Lawn Cemetery Burial - Midweek After Hours Interment Surcharge (per hour)	\$440.91	\$44.09	\$485.00
Exhumation		Price on Application	
Private Burial Site - Administration		Price on Application	
Private Burial Site - Interment		Price on Application	

Name	Year 25/26		
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)

WATER SERVICES

SALES & SERVICES

Water Meter Supply: 20mm (smart meter) - Filtered	\$327.60	\$0.00	\$327.60
Other Sizes by Quotation			
Water Meters Supply: 20mm (smart meter) - Raw	\$327.50	\$0.00	\$327.50
Water Meter Supply: Sizes other than 20mm			Price on Application
Water Meter Read: On Site (at customer request)	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Back Flow Prevention Device Inspection	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Standpipe Supply: Filtered Water (per kilolitre)	\$3.25	\$0.00	\$3.25
Standpipe Supply: Raw Water (per kilolitre)	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Damage to Council Assets			Actual Cost + 10%
Fire Service usage fee (for use other than firefighting) - assumed read for usage			At current standpipe rate

CONNECTION & DISCONNECTION

Water Service/Meter Upgrade: New Developments			Owners Cost
Water Service/Main Extension			Owners Cost
Water Connection: Single - 20mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00
Water Connection: Single - 25mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$983.00	\$0.00	\$983.00
Water Connection: Single - 32mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$1,911.00	\$0.00	\$1,911.00
Water Connection: Single - 40mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$2,730.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
Water Connection: Single - 50mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Water Connection: Single - 80mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)			Price on application
Water Connection: Single - 100mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)			Price on application
Water Connection: Dual - 20mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$1,092.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.00
Water Connection: Dual - 25mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Water Connection: Dual - 32mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$3,822.00	\$0.00	\$3,822.00
Water Connection: Dual - 40mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$4,095.00	\$0.00	\$4,095.00
Water Connection: Dual - 50mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$6,552.00	\$0.00	\$6,552.00

Name	Year 25/26		
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)

CONNECTION & DISCONNECTION [continued]

Water Connection: Dual - 80mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)			Price on application
Water Connection: Dual - 100mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)			Price on application
Water Connection: Complex Connections			Price on Application
Water Service Disconnection	\$436.75	\$0.00	\$436.75
Water Service Reconnection	\$437.00	\$0.00	\$437.00
Wakool Fee for Rural Scheme - Town	\$2,985.00	\$0.00	\$2,985.00
Wakool Fee for Rural Scheme - Farm	\$11,139.50	\$0.00	\$11,139.50
North Barham Pipeline	\$4,083.65	\$0.00	\$4,083.65

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SEWER SERVICES

LIQUID TRADE WASTE

PLEASE REFER TO COUNCIL'S LIQUID TRADE WASTE POLICY 2017 (POL301.V5)

Trade Waste Application Fee: Category 1	\$163.75	\$0.00	\$163.75
Trade Waste Application Fee: Category 2	\$245.75	\$0.00	\$245.75
Trade Waste Application Fee: Category 3	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
Trade Waste Re-inspection Fee	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
Septic Tank Waste Disposal Charge: Effluent/Sludge (per kilolitre)	\$43.50	\$0.00	\$43.50
On-Site Wastewater Management System: Approval Fee (Industrial/Commercial only)	\$819.00	\$0.00	\$819.00
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: BOD (per kilogram)	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Suspended Solids (per kilogram)	\$1.42	\$0.00	\$1.42
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Oil and Grease (per kilogram)	\$2.02	\$0.00	\$2.02
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (per kilogram)	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$0.25
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Ammonia Nitrogen (per kilogram)	\$3.25	\$0.00	\$3.25
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Phosphorus (per kilogram)	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Dissolved Solids (per kilogram)	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$0.11
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: pH	\$0.65	\$0.00	\$0.65
Charge (\$/KL) = 0.43 x (actual pH-approved pH) x 2 (actual pH-approved pH)			
Waste ID - Account disconnect/reconnect/service call out	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$88.00
Waste ID - New tag	\$40.00	\$4.00	\$44.00

GENERAL

Sewer Diagram Copy	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Private Sanitary Drainage Plan	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sewerage Compliance Inspection	\$174.75	\$0.00	\$174.75

PUMP OUT STATION

Sewer Pump Out: Annual Charge - Private Vessels	\$218.50	\$0.00	\$218.50
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Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

PUMP OUT STATION [continued]

Sewer Pump Out: Discharge Charge - Commercial Vessels (per kilolitre)	\$21.75	\$0.00	\$21.75
Sewer Pump Out: Key Charge (per key)	\$69.55	\$6.95	\$76.50
Sewer Pump Out - Account disconnect/reconnect/service call out	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00

CONNECTION & DISCONNECTION

Sewer Connection Fee: Barham, Moulamein, Wakool, Tooleybuc, Murray Downs, Mathoura & Moama	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
Sewer Connection Fee: Tooleybuc (contribution to CEDS development only)	\$2,457.00	\$0.00	\$2,457.00
Sewer Connection Fee: Murray Downs – Low Pressure Sewerage	\$2,457.00	\$0.00	\$2,457.00
On-site Wastewater Management System: Connection Fee (includes 1 inspection)	\$382.25	\$0.00	\$382.25
Sewer Connection: Alteration	\$218.50	\$0.00	\$218.50
Sewer Connection: Alteration to On-Site WWMS	\$218.50	\$0.00	\$218.50
Sewer Connection: Connect to Common Effluent Drainage Systems	\$327.50	\$0.00	\$327.50

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY HALLS

Hire of Equipment, where applicable, by negotiation with facility Management Committee.

Barham

Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$63.64	\$6.36	\$70.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per hour)	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Client Room			No Charge
Barham Community Centre: Meeting Room Hire - School of Arts, Ground Floor (up to 3 hours)	\$12.73	\$1.27	\$14.00
Barham Community Centre: Main Hall Hire - hall only (per day or part)	\$149.09	\$14.91	\$164.00
Barham Community Centre: Main Hall Hire - Hall+PA system+lighting+change rooms (per day or part)	\$244.55	\$24.45	\$269.00
Barham Community Centre: Main Hall Casual Hirers (subject to conditions)			Price on Application
Barham Community Centre: Reception Room & Kitchen Hire - incl. Kitchen Equipment & Utensils (per day or part)	\$183.64	\$18.36	\$202.00
Barham Community Centre: Hall, Reception Room & Kitchen Hire - incl. Kitchen Equipment & Utensils (per day or part)	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Barham Community Centre: Reception Room Hire - for Meetings only, no Kitchen Facilities (per day or part)	\$70.00	\$7.00	\$77.00
Barham Community Centre: Cleaning & Damage Deposit (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$268.00	\$0.00	\$268.00
Barham Community Centre: Reception Room Power Charge - Heating and/or Cooling (per hour through coin operated meter system)	\$8.18	\$0.82	\$9.00
Barham Community Centre: Booking Deposit (refundable only if cancellations are more than 30 days from the booking date)	\$59.09	\$5.91	\$65.00

Goodnight

Goodnight Public Hall: Hall Hire (per day or part)	\$49.55	\$4.95	\$54.50
Goodnight Public Hall: Hall Hire (per day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Goodnight Public Hall: Hall Hire for Meetings (up to 3 hours)	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Goodnight Public Hall - Hire of Supper Room	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00

Koraleigh

Koraleigh Hall: Main Hall Hire (per half day)	\$29.77	\$2.98	\$32.75
Koraleigh Hall: Main Hall Hire (per day)	\$49.55	\$4.95	\$54.50

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

Koraleigh [continued]

Koraleigh Hall: Supper Room Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$12.27	\$1.23	\$13.50
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Mathoura

Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St, Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St, Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$61.82	\$6.18	\$68.00
Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St, Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per hour)	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura -21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Weekend/Public Holiday Hire (per day)	\$129.09	\$12.91	\$142.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Weekday Hire (per day)	\$74.55	\$7.45	\$82.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura) - 1/2 day hire (Weekdays)	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura) - 1/2 day hire (Weekends)	\$75.00	\$7.50	\$82.50
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura) - Hourly Hire (per hour on weekdays)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Hire Bond (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$698.90	\$0.00	\$698.90
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Key Deposit (refundable on return of key)	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Set up/Cleaning Fee	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00
Additional to Function Charge if use of Hall is required outside the abovementioned times			
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Not-for-Profit - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per hour)	\$25.77	\$2.58	\$28.35
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Not-for-Profit - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per day)	\$76.36	\$7.64	\$84.00
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Commercial - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per hour)	\$50.91	\$5.09	\$56.00
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Commercial - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per day)	\$200.91	\$20.09	\$221.00

Moama

Moama Seniors Community Centre: Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$14.55	\$1.45	\$16.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$25.45	\$2.55	\$28.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$58.18	\$5.82	\$64.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Community Groups	\$6.36	\$0.64	\$7.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Client Room	No Charge		

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

Moulamein

Moulamein Business Centre: Office Space Hire - no use of equipment (per day)	\$86.36	\$8.64	\$95.00
Moulamein Business Centre: Individual Client Room			No Charge

Noorong

Noorong Community Centre: Hire (per half day)	\$73.64	\$7.36	\$81.00
Noorong Community Centre: Hire (per day)	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00
Noorong Community Centre: Hire for Recreational Activities (up to 3 hours)	\$13.18	\$1.32	\$14.50

Tooleybuc

Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$31.36	\$3.14	\$34.50
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$61.82	\$6.18	\$68.00
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per hour)	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Individual Client Room			No Charge

Wakool

Wakool Memorial Hall: Hall & Kitchen Hire (per day or part)	\$158.18	\$15.82	\$174.00
Wakool Memorial Hall: Kitchen Hire Only (per day or part)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Wakool Memorial Hall: Kitchen Space Hire as a Meeting Room (up to 3 hours)	\$12.27	\$1.23	\$13.50
Wakool Memorial Hall: Hall Hire Only (per day or part)	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00
Wakool Memorial Hall: Gas Heating (per hour)	\$16.82	\$1.68	\$18.50

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Public Swimming Pools: Adult Entry	\$5.91	\$0.59	\$6.50
Public Swimming Pools: Child Entry	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00
Public Swimming Pools: Season Family (maximum of 2 adults & 2 children)	\$105.45	\$10.55	\$116.00
Public Swimming Pools: Season Single	\$67.27	\$6.73	\$74.00

LIBRARIES

Lost/Damaged Library Items - Item Replacement	Replacement Value		
Lost/Damaged Library Items - Processing fee	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
Internet Browsing	No Charge		

OPEN SPACES

Council Open Spaces - Beaches, Parks etc. (up to 3 hours)	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Kerrabee Sound Shell: Commercial Hire (per day or part)	\$286.36	\$28.64	\$315.00

GENERAL

Issue/Re-issue Electronic Access Key - all relevant facilities	\$30.45	\$3.05	\$33.50
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SPORTS FACILITIES

Hire of equipment, where applicable, by negotiation with facility Management Committee

Moama Sporting Complex: Facility Bond (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Moama Sporting Complex: Facility Hire (per day)	\$347.45	\$34.75	\$382.20
Moama Sporting Complex: Facility Hire (per hour)	\$44.55	\$4.45	\$49.00
All Recreation Reserves: Bond (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Mathoura Football Netball Club (per annum)	\$3,390.91	\$339.09	\$3,730.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Mathoura Tennis Club (per annum)	\$522.73	\$52.27	\$575.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Ground and Pavillion Hire (per day or part)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Ground and Pavilion Hire (Half Day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SPORTS FACILITIES [continued]

Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Key Deposit (refundable on return of key)	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Events	Price on Application		
Includes Bond			
Moama Recreation Reserve: Echuca-Moama Cycling Club (per annum)	\$2,386.36	\$238.64	\$2,625.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Echuca-Moama Little Athletics (per annum)	\$3,336.36	\$333.64	\$3,670.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Anglican Grammar School (per annum)	\$13,650.00	\$1,365.00	\$15,015.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Cricket Club (per annum)	\$7,254.55	\$725.45	\$7,980.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Football Netball Club (per annum)	\$11,550.00	\$1,155.00	\$12,705.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama-Echuca Border Raiders Soccer Club (per annum)	\$6,228.18	\$622.82	\$6,851.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama-Echuca Touch Association (per annum)	\$2,386.36	\$238.64	\$2,625.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Junior Football Club (per annum)	\$3,581.82	\$358.18	\$3,940.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Stadium (Oval & Pavillion) Hire (full day)	\$381.82	\$38.18	\$420.00
Payable 2 Weeks Prior to Use, 50% Deposit Required on Booking			
Moama Recreation Reserve: Stadium (Oval & Pavillion) Hire (half day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Payable 2 Weeks Prior to Use, 50% Deposit Required on Booking			
Moama Recreation Reserve: Events	Price on Application		
Moama Recreation Reserve: General School Utilisation	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Jack Eddy & Brick Alley (Oval & Pavilion) hire (Full day)	\$318.18	\$31.82	\$350.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Jack Eddy & Brick Alley (Oval & Pavilion) hire (Half day - up to 4 hours)	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Echuca Community Botanic Gardens Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$336.36	\$33.64	\$370.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion - No Use of Grounds (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion - No Use of Grounds (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Small Meeting Room Hire (per hour)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Kyalite Recreation Reserve: Hall Hire (per day or part)	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Kyalite Recreation Reserve: Hall Hire (per day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Kyalite Recreation Reserve: Supper Room Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$7.73	\$0.77	\$8.50
Barham Recreation Reserve: Cricket Club	\$795.45	\$79.55	\$875.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Polo Club	\$795.45	\$79.55	\$875.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SPORTS FACILITIES [continued]

Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve - Hall Hire (Per Day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Complex Hire Football & Netball Clubs - excl. Cleaning (per day)	\$2,700.00	\$270.00	\$2,970.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Tennis club	\$581.82	\$58.18	\$640.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Gym	\$631.82	\$63.18	\$695.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Complex Hire Moulamein Working Sheep Dog Club - excl. Cleaning (per day)	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Pavillion Hire (per day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Pavillion Hire (per half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Cleaning Charge	\$37.27	\$3.73	\$41.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Key Deposit (refundable on return of key)	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Moulamein Lakes Boat Ramp: Annual Fee	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Moulamein Lakes Boat Ramp: Casual Hire: (per day)	\$22.73	\$2.27	\$25.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Hire for Shows		11% of Gate Takings	
Barham Recreation Reserve: Koondrook Barham Football Netball Club (per annum)	\$3,390.91	\$339.09	\$3,730.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Rent of Caretaker's Cottage (per week)	\$190.91	\$19.09	\$210.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Hire of Faulkner Pavilion - Commercial - excl. sound and lighting (per hour)	\$22.73	\$2.27	\$25.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion Hire (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion Hire (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Small Meeting Room Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Grounds & Pavilion Hire (full day)	\$318.18	\$31.82	\$350.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Grounds & Pavilion Hire (half day)	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve & Hall: Hall Hire - Football Club (per annum)	\$3,390.91	\$339.09	\$3,730.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve: Cricket Club	\$795.45	\$79.55	\$875.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve & Hall Hire (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve & Hall Hire (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Koraleigh Recreation Reserve - Pavilion Hire (Per Day)	\$47.73	\$4.77	\$52.50
Mallan Recreation Reserve: Hall Hire (half day)	\$40.00	\$4.00	\$44.00
Moulamein Centenary Reserve: Race Club and Polo Club (per annum)	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Moulamein Centennial Reserve - Hire of Multi-purpose Shelter (Per Day)	\$227.27	\$22.73	\$250.00
Mallan Recreation Reserve: Tennis Courts (per day or part)	\$29.77	\$2.98	\$32.75

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SPORTS FACILITIES [continued]

Wakool Recreation Reserve Hire (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Wakool Recreation Reserve Hire (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Wakool Recreation Reserve: Main Pavilion Hire (per half day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION

Long Service Levy	0.25% of Value of ALL Building work \$250,000 or more
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BUILDING

Assessment of CDC eligibility - Class 1A and 1B	\$545.45	\$54.55	\$600.00
Assessment of CDC eligibility - Class 2 - 9	\$545.45	\$54.55	\$600.00
Assessment of CDC eligibility - Class 10A and 10B	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Complying Development Certificate - 1A and 1B	\$1,818.18	\$181.82	\$2,000.00
Complying Development Certificate - 2 - 9	\$2,727.27	\$272.73	\$3,000.00
Complying Development Certificate - 10A and 10B	\$1,090.91	\$109.09	\$1,200.00
Complying Development Certificate - Minor Change	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00
Complying Development Certificate - Major Change (Maximum Fee: \$1000)	50% of original CDC fee or \$1,000 whichever is the lesser		
Complying Development Certificate - Demolition of Building	\$454.55	\$45.45	\$500.00
Construction Certificate: Assessment of Performance Solution, BCA Classes 1 and 10	\$1,568.19	\$156.82	\$1,725.00
Construction Certificate: Assessment of Performance Solution, BCA Classes 2 through 9	\$2,354.55	\$235.45	\$2,590.00
Construction Certificate: Value Up to \$100,000: Base Fee	\$184.55	\$18.45	\$203.00
Construction Certificate: Value Up to \$100,000: Variable Fee (per \$100)	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65
Construction Certificate: Value \$100,001 to \$250,000: Base Fee	\$721.82	\$72.18	\$794.00
Construction Certificate: Value \$100,001 to \$250,000: Variable Fee (per \$100)	\$0.33	\$0.03	\$0.36
Construction Certificate: Value \$250,001 to \$1,000,000: Base Fee	\$1,155.45	\$115.55	\$1,271.00
Construction Certificate: Value \$250,001 to \$1,000,000: Variable Fee (per \$100)	\$0.22	\$0.02	\$0.24
Construction Certificate: Value Over \$1,000,000	Price on Application		
Construction Certificate: Order to be issued on behalf of Private Certifier	\$477.27	\$47.73	\$525.00
Construction Certificate: Order to be issued on behalf of Private Certifier Follow-up Action (per hour)	\$239.09	\$23.91	\$263.00
Construction Certificate: Appointment of Council as replacement Principle Certifier (excluding inspections)	\$328.18	\$32.82	\$361.00
Miscellaneous building/plumbing inspection and report	\$442.73	\$44.27	\$487.00
Construction Certificate: Miscellaneous on-site meetings with Building Surveyors, rural location	\$385.91	\$38.59	\$424.50
Construction Certificate: Miscellaneous on-site meetings with Building Surveyors, non-rural location	\$262.73	\$26.27	\$289.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

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Construction Certificate: Minor Change	\$263.64	\$26.36	\$290.00
Construction Certificate: Major Change (Maximum Fee: \$1500)	50% of Original Fee or \$1,500 whichever is the lesser		
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of Construction Certificate	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of Complying Development Certificates	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of Certificates of Compliance & Occupancy	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of a Subdivision Certificate	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Development Application (EP&A Reg) - Up to \$5,000	\$146.90	\$0.00	\$146.90
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$5,001 to \$50,000: Base Fee	\$225.50	\$0.00	\$225.50
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$5,001 to \$50,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$50,000)	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$50,001 to \$250,000: Base Fee	\$469.25	\$0.00	\$469.25
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$50,001 to \$250,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$50,000)	\$3.64	\$0.00	\$3.64
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$250,001 to \$500,000: Base Fee	\$1,544.50	\$0.00	\$1,544.50
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$250,001 to \$500,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$250,000)	\$2.34	\$0.00	\$2.34
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$500,001 to \$1,000,000: Base Fee	\$2,324.70	\$0.00	\$2,324.70
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$500,001 to \$1,000,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$500,000)	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$1.64
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000: Base Fee	\$3,483.05	\$0.00	\$3,483.05
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$1,000,000)	\$1.44	\$0.00	\$1.44
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - More than \$10,000,000: Base Fee	\$21,145.55	\$0.00	\$21,145.55
Development Application (EP&A Reg) More than \$10,000,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$10,000,000)	\$1.19	\$0.00	\$1.19
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - Erection of a Dwelling with an Estimated Construction Cost of \$100,000 or less	\$605.95	\$0.00	\$605.95
Maximum under Schedule 4, Part 2, Items 2.1 - 2.3 EP&AR 2021			
Development Application (EP&A Reg) for the purposes of 1 or more advertisements -: Base Fee	\$379.30	\$0.00	\$379.30
Development Application (EP&A Reg) Advertising: Additional Fee per additional advertisement	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$93.00
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - Development Not Involving the Erection of a Building, the Carrying Out of Work, the Subdivision of Land or the Demolition of a Building or Work (Schedule 4, Part 2, Item 2.7)	\$379.30	\$0.00	\$379.30
Additional Planning Application Fees - Exhibition Administration Fees (as applicable)	\$65.50	\$0.00	\$65.50

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION [continued]

Additional Planning Application Fees - Record Retrieval Fees (applicable for records prior to 2016)	\$76.50	\$0.00	\$76.50
Additional Planning Application Fees - Additional Development Fee for use of Existing Development Erected without Required Consent	\$579.00	\$0.00	\$579.00
Lodgement of amended plans during DA assessment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Pre-Lodgement Meetings - First Meeting (up to 1 hour - no advice issued)			No Charge

SECTION 68 APPROVAL

On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Alteration to Existing Approval to Operate Existing OSSM	\$185.63	\$0.00	\$185.63
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Application for Approval to Operate Existing OSSM	\$185.63	\$0.00	\$185.63
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Registration of Existing Approved OSSM	\$96.25	\$0.00	\$96.25
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Compliance Certificate (Inspection)	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Application	\$484.00	\$0.00	\$484.00
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - On-site Water Treatment System – Inspection of Existing Systems	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - Up to \$5,000	\$157.30	\$0.00	\$157.30
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - \$5,001 to \$100,000: Base Fee	\$407.55	\$0.00	\$407.55
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) \$5,001 to \$100,000: Additional Fee (per \$100 above \$5,000)	\$0.62	\$0.00	\$0.62
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - \$100,001 to \$250,000: Base Fee	\$657.80	\$0.00	\$657.80
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) \$100,001 to \$250,000: Additional Fee (per \$100 above \$100,000)	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$0.33
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - More than \$250,001: Base Fee	\$1,101.10	\$0.00	\$1,101.10
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) More than \$250,001: Additional Fee (per \$100 above \$250,000)	\$0.20	\$0.00	\$0.20
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - Inspection Fees (each)	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - Other eg D2, De, D5, D6, E1, E2	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Initial Application Fee for Approval to Operate (per site)	\$18.15	\$0.00	\$18.15
Minimum Fee \$70			
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Fee for Approval to Operate	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Re-Inspection due to Non-compliance at Initial inspection relating to Approval to Operate (per site)	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
Minimum Fee \$70			

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

SECTION 68 APPROVAL [continued]

Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Renewal or Continuation of an Approval (per site)	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Application for Approval to Install a Manufactured Home, Removable Dwelling or Associated Structure	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
(S68 A1 Local Government Act 1993)			
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Certificate of Completion Final Inspection and Letter Allowing Occupation	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Inspections Relating to Section 68 A1 Approvals Additional Inspection Fee	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Additional Inspection Fee			
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Re-Inspection fee for Non-Compliance	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Issuing Replacement Approval (Name of New Proprietor)	\$262.50	\$0.00	\$262.50
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Caravan Park/Manufactured Home Estate	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Final Inspection per Unit/Dwelling			
Solid Fuel Heater: Application & Inspection on Completion w/Certificate	\$354.90	\$0.00	\$354.90
Plumbing and Drainage: Approval Permit (inc installation and operation of OSSM)	\$484.00	\$0.00	\$484.00
Includes Approval, One Inspection Fee and Compliance Certificate			
Plumbing and Drainage: Approval Permit (minor alterations and repairs)	\$139.75	\$0.00	\$139.75
Includes Approval, Inspections and Compliance Certificate Issue			
Plumbing and Drainage: Additional Inspection	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
For Inspections Relating to Approvals Under S68 LGA			
Construction Certificate: Objections to application of regulations and local policies (Section 82 LG Act 1993)	\$924.00	\$0.00	\$924.00

STRUCTURAL INSPECTION

Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Risk Assessment Certificate: Standard Bushfire Assessment	\$1,818.18	\$181.82	\$2,000.00
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BUILDING

Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: Outside Council Area - Base Fee	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: Outside Council Area PER HOUR	\$250.50	\$0.00	\$250.50
Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: within Council Area	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

BUILDING [continued]

Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: Bond/Bank Guarantee	\$8,190.00	\$0.00	\$8,190.00
Critical Stage Inspection Fees (each) including Occupation Certificate Inspection	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Critical Stage Inspection: Re-Inspection (each) including Occupation Certificate re-inspection	\$225.45	\$22.55	\$248.00
Occupation Certificate: Swimming Pool	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Final Inspection			
Occupation Certificate: Council Register Swimming Pool on Owners Behalf (s30B(2))	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00
Building Information Certificate: Copy of Building Certificate	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Under Clause 262 EP&AR 2000			
Building Information Certificate: Class 1 or Class 10 Building	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Each Dwelling Contained in the Building or any other Building on the Allotment, in accordance with EP&AR			
Inspection Fee	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Building Information Certificate - Class 1 or 10 (base amount + \$1.10 per m2 of floor area)	\$1.10	\$0.00	\$1.10
Building Information Certificate - Class 2-9	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Building Information Certificate - Class 2-9 (base amount + \$0.10 per m2 of floor area)	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.10
Building Information Certificate: All Other Classes - Application relating to part of Building or without Floor Area	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Building Information Certificate: All Other Classes - Additional Inspection Fee	\$141.96	\$0.00	\$141.96
Engage in a Trade or Business on Community Land Sec 68 D1: Application (e.g. footpath dining, display goods for sale, portable signage)	\$196.56	\$0.00	\$196.56
Includes One (1) Inspection Fee			
Engage in a Trade or Business on Community Land: Annual Review for Existing Approval	\$54.60	\$0.00	\$54.60

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

CULVERT CONSTRUCTION

Note: Additional Access will be Double the Rates Below. Additional Width At Cost

Culverts for Rural Property Access - First Access	Price on Application
Culverts for Urban Property Access (incl. Headwalls) - First Access	Price on Application

CROSSING - IRRIGATION

Irrigation Supply: Road Opening Permit	\$163.80	\$0.00	\$163.80
Irrigation Supply: Road Opening Application	\$148.91	\$14.89	\$163.80
Irrigation Supply: Road Opening Security Deposit (refundable on inspection & clearance by Council)	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$5,460.00

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Road Closure Permit: Administration Fee	\$620.55	\$0.00	\$620.55
Roads Act: Inspection Fee (per visit)	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Roads Act: Section 125 - Outdoor Dining Permit, Section 138 - Driveways & Crossover Permit, Section 139 - Road Opening Permit. Note: Road Opening Permit may also fall under Section 138.			
Roads Act: Permit Fee	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Roads Act: Section 125 - Outdoor Dining Permit, Section 138 - Driveways & Crossover Permit, Section 139 - Road Opening Permit. Note: Road Opening Permit may also fall under Section 138.			
Restoration of Footpath Opening	Cost plus 10%		
Seal or Asphalt or Concrete (Quote for other surfaces other than the abovementioned)			
Footpath Opening: Traffic Guidance Scheme	\$496.36	\$49.64	\$546.00

SALES & SERVICES

Rural Addressing Post: Supply only	\$268.05	\$26.80	\$294.85
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Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

PRIVATE WORKS

Aggregate (per cubic metre loaded)	\$188.64	\$18.86	\$207.50
Crushed Rock (per cubic metre loaded)	\$178.68	\$17.87	\$196.55
Concrete Sand (per cubic metre loaded)	\$103.64	\$10.36	\$114.00
Red Sand/Garden Loam – per cubic metre loaded	\$90.91	\$9.09	\$100.00
Sand Bags (per unit)	\$1.73	\$0.17	\$1.90
Sand / Gravel (Prior Stream Gravel) (per cubic metre)	\$15.91	\$1.59	\$17.50
Plant Hire: Grader Heavy (per hour)	\$234.55	\$23.45	\$258.00
Plant Hire: Grader & Laser (per hour)	\$248.18	\$24.82	\$273.00
Plant Hire: Crane-Chamberlain Proline (per hour)	\$252.95	\$25.30	\$278.25
Plant Hire: Roller - Large (per hour)	\$234.55	\$23.45	\$258.00
Plant Hire: Backhoe Loader (per hour)	\$264.55	\$26.45	\$291.00
Plant Hire: Excavator - Mini (per hour)	\$168.18	\$16.82	\$185.00
Plant Hire: Tractor (per hour)	\$209.09	\$20.91	\$230.00
Plant Hire: Attached Implements – Linkage only (per hour)	\$59.55	\$5.95	\$65.50
Plant Hire: Attached Implements – Linkage & PTO (per hour)	\$69.50	\$6.95	\$76.45
Plant Hire: Mowers: Tractor/Slasher (per hour)	\$286.36	\$28.64	\$315.00
Plant Hire: Low Loader & Truck – Travelling (per hour)	\$186 per hour Plus \$6.60 per km		
Plant Hire: Truck: 5 - 7 tonne (per hour)	\$153.68	\$15.37	\$169.05
Plant Hire: Confined Space Trailer - with 2 operators (per hour)	\$273.00	\$27.30	\$300.30
Plant Hire: Loader (per hour)	\$184.23	\$18.42	\$202.65
Plant Hire: Road Reclaimer (per day)	\$6,272.73	\$627.27	\$6,900.00
Plant Hire: Sewer Jetting Machine (2 operators) (per hour)	\$397.09	\$39.71	\$436.80
Plant Hire: Truck Haulage - Truck only (per hour)	\$187.27	\$18.73	\$206.00
Plant Hire: Truck Haulage - w/Trailer (per hour)	\$268.18	\$26.82	\$295.00
Plant Hire: Water Truck (per hour)	\$198.55	\$19.85	\$218.40
Plant Hire: Stand-down & Transportation (other than self-propelled)	Stand down or transportation rates (other than self propelled) will be 50% of the corresponding rates for each plant item.		

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

PRIVATE WORKS [continued]

Plant Hire: Miscellaneous Plant	Price on Application
Plant Hire: Additional Cost for after hours (per hour)	Additional 100% of Standard Rate
Plant Hire: Mowing of Allotments	Price on Application

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES

Please refer to Revenue Policy for General Rates and Annual Utility Charges

9.2.7 BUDGET 2025-26: REVENUE POLICY**File Number:** -**Author:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve, as prescribed in s223(f) of the **Act**, to adopt the Revenue Policy for 2025-26 appearing as Attachment 1 to this report.

BACKGROUND

Section 202 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulation) requires councils to maintain a system of budgetary controls. A key element of a budget is the revenue that Murray River Council (Council) expects to raise through its Rates, Charges and Fees.

DISCUSSION

The Revenue Policy for 2025-26, was presented to Council for provisional adoption, at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 14 May 2024 (EM) through agenda item 5.2.6. Thereafter the proposed Revenue Policy was placed on public display for 28 days. No submissions were received from the public in relation to the proposed Revenue Policy. The Revenue Policy incorporates the Schedule of Fees. The Schedule of Fees has been amended to incorporate several changes. These changes have been detailed in a separate report titled "Budget 2025-26: General Rates, Utility Charges & Schedule of Fees".

The proposed amended Revenue Policy for the financial year 2025-26 is now being presented for final adoption and appears as Attachment 1.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.5 - Continue to be a trusted and ethical leader that leads by example - Leadership that is trusted, capable and collaborative.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The final adoption of these resolutions will provide the necessary authority to levy Rates & Charges on the relevant property owners and charge the Fees identified in the Schedule of Fees for the respective goods & services.

Rates, Charges and Fees together constitute around half of total **Council** revenue and is an important element to enable **Council** to continue to deliver its services to the community.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Revenue Policy 2025-26 (POL-214)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993. (Act)

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. (Regulation)

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
 1. Failure to duly adopt Rates, Charges & Fees will have serious financial implications and compromise the ability of Council to deliver its services to the community.
 2. Increases in Rates, Charges & Fees could generate negative feedback and compromise the reputation of Council. Not raising adequate revenue, on the other hand, could compromise the medium to long term financial sustainability of Council.
- **How can it happen?**
 1. Failure to abide by the legislative and regulatory requirements.
 2. Not adequately communicating the drivers and the basis of setting rates.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
 1. Significant financial loss to Council.
 2. Compromised reputation and unhappy ratepayers.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
 1. Unlikely due to mitigation actions taken.
 2. Possible to Likely
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate.
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Preparation of a fit for purpose operating plan and budget. Possible checks to ensure legislative compliance has been carried out.

CONCLUSION

It is in the financial and operational interest of **Council** and the wider community to adopt the 2025-26 Revenue Policy as attached to this report which will enable **Council** to continue to deliver its services in a financially sustainable manner.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Revenue Policy 2025-26 (Revised)** [↓](#) 

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
COUNCIL POLICY

REVENUE POLICY

POL-214 V#25-26



**REVENUE POLICY****POL-214 V#25-26****1. INTRODUCTION**

The Revenue Policy (**Policy**) sets out Murray River Council's revenue collection activities for the 2025-26 financial year. This revenue funds Council's ongoing service activities as well as some elements in the capital works program.

All NSW Councils are required to deliver their operations based on the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework. The framework allows Councils to draw together their various plans, strategies, and reports, understand how they interact and get the maximum influence from their efforts by planning and taking a big-picture-view of the future.

The apex document in the IP&R is the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) which identified the key strategic objectives of Council for a given period (usually 5 years). The CSP is compiled with community consultation and input. The CSP must be based on the social justice principles of equity, access, participation, and rights.

Each year, Council will report to the community on the implementation of the Delivery Program and the Operational Plan and Budget. The Annual Report includes Council's Audited Report and other formal reporting as required by the Local Government Act 1993 (**Act**).

s223 of the **Act** identifies the "Role of the Governing Body (a council)". s223(f) specified the adoption of "rating & revenue policy" as one of the roles of the governing body. This **Policy** has been adopted by Council to fill the requirement of s223(f).

2. OBJECTIVES

The **Policy** sets out Murray River Council's (Council) revenue collection activities for the **Financial Year**, which fund **Council's** ongoing service activities as well as part of its capital works program.

This **Policy** has been prepared based on the following principles:

1. **Equity:** All community residents have access to basic services irrespective of their individual capacity to pay, while ensuring that the financial burden is spread across all ratepayer categories as fairly as possible.
2. **Efficiency:** Ensuring that resources available to Council are utilised in the most efficient way to deliver Council's services.
3. **Effectiveness:** Delivering service outcomes based on identified service levels.
4. **Cost Recovery:** Attempt at recovering the full cost of a service provided through the Charge or Fee applicable to the provision of that service. Typically, this principle is applied to Charges and identified Fees. Cost recovery, in some instances, where permitted, may include a normal profit margin. This principle is sometimes referred to as the "User Pays" principle.
5. **Harmonisation:** Progress towards a harmonised system of Charges across the different geographies with the Council area. This is an ongoing process which commenced after the last round of council amalgamations and will continue until all Charges are harmonised. All Rates & Fees are currently harmonised as is some of the Charges.

The **Policy** addresses:

Rates: both ordinary and special, usually based on the category and/or unimproved value of land,

Charges: for Stormwater, Water, Sewer & Waste Services, and

Fees: for a range of specific services provided by Council.

The **Policy** also addresses several administrative matters related to the levying and collection of **Rates** and **Charges**.

Revenue collected from **Rates**, **Charges** and **Fees** generally comprises the largest component of **Council's** revenue. For the **Financial Year**, revenue from such sources will account for approximately half of **Council's** total budgeted revenue.



REVENUE POLICY

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3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to **Rates, Charges, and Fees** made and levied by Council. It applies to all ratepayers and customers of Murray River Council (Council) who are subject to such **Rates, Charges & Fees**.

4. LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act No. 30 of 1993 (Act)
- Local Government (General) Regulation of 2021

Rates and Charges are made, levied and proceeds collected in keeping with Chapter 5 of the **Act**, more specifically Parts 2 through 7 (both inclusive) and Part 5 of the **Regulations**.

Fees are set in keeping with Chapter 5, Part 10 of the **Act**.

Concessions related to **Rates & Charges** are made in keeping with Chapter 5 Part 8 of the **Act** and Part 5 Division 4 of the **Regulations**.

5. POLICY STATEMENT**5.1. Principles**

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3. Effectiveness: Delivering service outcomes based on identified service levels.
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5.2. Rates

Rates are levied on all rateable properties and contribute to funding services identified within the General Fund.



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The amount of revenue that can be raised by **Council** through **Rates** is determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), through its rate pegging mechanism. For the **Financial Year**, **IPART** set the maximum allowable increase in **Rates** at 3.7% with an additional allowance of 0.4% for **MRC**, based on its population growth rate, resulting in a total maximum allowable increase of 4.1%.

For the **Financial Year**, **Council** proposes to raise **Rates** through Ordinary Rates as defined in s492 of the **Act**. **Council** does not intend to levy any Special Rates (as defined in s492 of the **Act**).

Ordinary Rates

In making **Rates**, **Council** adopts a categorisation of rateable properties in keeping with s493(1) of the **Act**. **Council** uses three of the four categories identified in that section (Farmland, Residential, and Business), with sub-categories for Residential & Business categories, in keeping with s493(2) of the **Act**.

As per s497(b) of the **Act**, **Council** will adopt a two-tiered structure consisting of a Base Amount plus an Ad Valorem Rate, applied on the unimproved value¹ of the land (as per s498(1) of the **Act**), to determine the **Rates** to be levied on a given rateable property.

The Base Amount and the Ad Valorem Rate applicable for the **Financial Year** for each category & sub-category appears in Table 1: Ordinary Rates below.

Table 1: Ordinary Rates

Category & Sub-category	Base Amount (per rateable property)	Ad Valorem Rate (per dollar of unimproved land value ¹)
Farmland	\$330	0.002325
Residential - Urban	\$330	0.003007
Residential - Non-urban	\$330	0.002888
Business - Urban	\$330	0.003082
Business - Non-urban	\$330	0.003221

The number of properties within each sub-category (as of December 2025) and the estimated rates yield for such sub-categories appear in Table 2: Ordinary Rates Yield.

Table 2: Ordinary Rates Yield

Category & Sub-Category	No. of Properties	Unimproved Value ¹ (\$)	Base Amount (\$)	Ad Valorem Amount (\$)	Total Rates Yield (\$)
Farmland	1,760	2,455,765,944	580,800	5,709,656	6,290,456
Residential - Urban	4,063	730,863,230	1,340,790	2,197,706	3,538,496
Residential - Non-urban	2,209	868,972,776	728,970	2,509,593	3,238,563
Business - Urban	377	111,102,140	124,410	342,417	466,827
Business - Non-urban	745	153,701,674	245,850	495,073	740,923
TOTAL	9,154	4,320,405,764	3,020,820	11,254,445	14,275,265

5.3. Charges

In addition to the **Rates**, **Council** also makes several **Charges** on rateable properties for several specific services that it delivers generally throughout the region. These **Charges** are intended to cover the costs of delivering the identified services.

¹ The unimproved value of properties is determined by the Valuer General (https://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au/land_values)



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Stormwater Charges

In keeping with s496A of the **Act** and s125A of the **Regulations**, Council will make and levy an annual charge for the provision of stormwater management services (**Stormwater Charges**). The charge will be made on all eligible properties that are eligible to be so charged in keeping with s125A of the **Regulations**.

The properties eligible to be levied the **Stormwater Charges** are identified in the Stormwater Service Area map available at the Council's website.

Income generated through the **Stormwater Charges** will be utilised on maintaining and renewing Council's stormwater drainage network.

The charge levied on each eligible property will be the amount specified in s125AA of the **Regulation**, as detailed below in Table 3: **Stormwater Charges**. The section references in column 1 are to the relevant section in the **Regulation**.

Table 3: Stormwater Charges

Property Type	Stormwater Charges
Residential - Non-Strata (s125AA(1)(a))	\$ 25.00 per rateable property
Residential - Strata (s125AA(1)(a))	\$ 12.50 per lot within the strata
Business - Non-Strata (s125AA(1)(c))	\$ 25.00 per 350 sq. m. of land or part thereof
Business - Strata (s125AA(1)(d))	Greater of \$5.00 per lot or proportionate strata allocation of Stormwater Charge calculated for the entire property

Filtered Water Charges

In keeping with s501 of the **Act**, Council will make and levy charges for the supply of Filtered Water services (Filtered Water Charges), which will be used towards the purchase of and payment for water allocations, and for the operation, maintenance, renewal, and expansion of Council's raw water extraction & filtered water treatment facilities and its filtered water storage, pumping & distribution network.

The structure of the **Filtered Water Charges** will consist of:

- **Annual Filtered Water Access Charge:** levied on each property serviced or serviceable through the potable water supply network, based on the size (diameter) of the potable water connection to that property.
- **Filtered Water Consumption Charge:** levied based on the quantity of water drawn through the water meter(s) installed on the potable water connection(s) supplying the property, as per s502 of the **Act**.

The Annual Filtered Water Access Charge for properties within the defined service areas, will be made in keeping with amounts identified in Table 4: Annual Filtered Water Access Charge. The identified charge will be made on each and every eligible assessment.

Table 4: Annual Filtered Water Access Charge

Connection Size/Type	Annual Charge (\$)	Connection Size/Type	Annual Charge (\$)
Vacant/Unconnected	485	50 mm	3,250
Fire Connections	530	63 mm	5,160
20 mm	510	75 mm	7,320
25 mm	800	80 mm	8,370
32 mm	1,190	100 mm	13,000
40 mm	2,100	150 mm	29,260

The Filtered Water Consumption Charge, for both Residential and Business properties with a metered filtered water connection, will be made in Two Tiers. The allocation for Tier 1 together with the charge rate

per kilolitre of potable water consumed for each tier will be as specified in Table 5: Filtered Water Consumption Charge

Table 5: Filtered Water Consumption Charge

Category	Tier Definition	Charge (\$ per kl)
Properties with Dual Supply	Tier 1 - up to 250 Kl per annum	1.48
	Tier 2 - above 250 Kl per annum	2.87
Properties with only a Filtered Water Supply	Tier 1 - up to 400 Kl per annum	1.48
	Tier 2 - above 400 Kl per annum	2.87

Kl means a Kilolitre or 1,000 Litres.

Raw Water Charges

In keeping with s501 of the **Act**, Council will make and levy a charge for the supply of Raw Water services (Raw Water Charges), which will be used towards the purchase of and payment for water allocations, and the operation, maintenance, renewal, and expansion of Council's raw water storage, pumping & distribution network.

The structure of the **Raw Water Charges** will consist of:

- **Annual Raw Water Access Charge:** Levied on each property serviced or serviceable through the raw water supply network, based on the size (diameter) of the raw water connection to that property.
- **Raw Water Consumption Charge:** Levied based on the quantity of water drawn through the water meter(s) installed on the raw water connection(s) supplying the property, as per s502 of the **Act**.

The Annual Raw Water Access Charge for properties within the defined service areas, will be made in keeping with amounts identified in Table 6: Annual Residential Raw Water Access Charge. The identified charge will be levied on each and every eligible assessment.

Table 6: Annual Residential Raw Water Access Charge

Connection Size/Type	Annual Charge (\$)	Connection Size/Type	Annual Charge (\$)
Vacant/Unconnected	155	50 mm	1,140
20 mm	185	75 mm	2,550
25 mm	280	80 mm	2,970
32 mm	470	100 mm	4,620
40 mm	730	150 mm	10,340

The Raw Water Consumption Charge, for both Residential and Business properties with a metered raw water connection, will be based on the water restrictions as identified in Water Notice.

Table 7: Raw Water Consumption Charge

Water Restriction Level	Charge (\$ per kl)
Periods when Permanent Water Conservation Measures Apply	1.16
Periods when Level 1 or Level 2 Water Restrictions Apply	1.90
Periods when Level 3 or Level 4 Water Restrictions Apply	2.40

Kl means a Kilolitre or 1,000 Litres.

Sewer Charges

In keeping with s501 of the Act, Council will make and levy a charge for the supply of sewerage services (Sewerage Charges), which will be used towards the operation, maintenance, renewal, and expansion of



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Council's sewerage collection, pumping & storage network, treatment facilities and effluent storage and discharge facilities.

The Sewer Charges for residential properties will consist of an annual access charge levied on properties serviced or serviceable through the sewer network.

Business properties will have the following Sewer Charges structure:

- Annual Sewer Access Charge: levied on each property serviced or serviceable through the sewer network based on the size of the Filtered Water connection to the property.
- Sewer Discharge Charge: levied based on the Filtered Water Consumption at the property adjusted by the Sewer Discharge Factor.

Table 8: Annual Sewer Access Charge details the Annual Sewer Access Charge for each property category.

Table 8: Annual Sewer Access Charge

Property Category	Annual Charge (\$)
Unconnected/Vacant	645
Residential	755
Business - 20 mm.	690
Business - 25 mm.	850
Business - 32 mm.	1,380
Business - 40 mm.	2,230
Business - 50 mm.	3,400
Business - 75 mm.	7,640
Business - 80 mm.	8,700
Business - 100 mm.	13,520

Properties that fall into specifically identified categories will have their own Annual Sewer Access Charge. Such Charges are detailed in Table 9: Annual Sewer Charge - Specified Property Types.

Table 9: Annual Sewer Charge - Specified Property Types

Property Type	Annual Charge (\$)
Council Owned Retirement Villages (per Unit)	380
Caravan Parks with no Water Supply Connection	8,220
Occupied House Boats	200
Septic Tank Pump-out	210
Occupied Passenger Vessels - 0-20 Persons	300
Occupied Passenger Vessels - 21-50 Persons	500
Occupied Passenger Vessels - 51-75 Persons	800
Occupied Passenger Vessels - 76-100 Persons	1,000
Occupied Passenger Vessels - over 100 Persons	1,500

In addition to the Sewer Access Charge, Business properties will also be levied a Sewer Discharge Charge, which will be based on the filtered water consumption at the property, adjusted by the **Sewer Discharge Factor**.

The Sewer Consumption Charge will be calculated as:

$$\text{Filtered Water Consumption} \times \text{Sewer Discharge Factor} \times \text{Sewer Discharge Rate}$$



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The Sewer Discharge Rate will be as per Table 10: Sewer Discharge Rate.

Table 10: Sewer Discharge Rate

Property Category	Charge (\$ per kl)
Business	0.85

kl means a Kilolitre or 1,000 Litres.

The Sewer Discharge Charge will not be applicable on Business properties that have been registered as a Trade Waste Discharger. For properties registered as a Trade Waste Discharge, the Trade Waste Discharge Charge will be applied instead of the Sewer Discharge Charge.

Trade Waste Charges

In keeping with s501 of the Act, Council will make and levy an additional charge for the supply of sewerage services to business properties that discharge Liquid Trade Waste into the sewer network (Trade Waste Charges), which will be used towards the operation, maintenance, renewal, and expansion of Council's sewerage collection network and treatment facilities.

The Trade Waste Charge will have the following Structure:

- Annual Trade Waste Charge: levied based on the Trade Waste Category as specified in the trade waste discharge approval.
- Trade Waste Discharge Charge: levied based on the Filtered Water Consumption at the property adjusted by the Trade Waste Discharge Factor.

The Annual Trade Waste Charge is detailed in Table 11: Annual Trade Waste Charge.

Table 11: Annual Trade Waste Charge

Trade Waste Category	Annual Charge (\$)
Category 1	130
Category 2	375
Category 3	1,400

The Trade Waste Discharge Charge will be calculated as:

$$\text{Filtered Water Consumption} \times \text{Trade Waste Discharge Factor} \times \text{Trade Waste Discharge Rate}$$

The Trade Waste Discharge Rate is detailed in Table 12: Trade Waste Discharge Rate.

Table 12: Trade Waste Discharge Rate

Trade Waste Category	Charge (\$ per kl)
Category 1	3.20
Category 2 - with approved pre-treatment	3.20
Category 2 - without approved pre-treatment	30.00
Category 3 - with approved pre-treatment	6.40
Category 3 - without approved pre-treatment	Not Permitted

kl means a Kilolitre or 1,000 Litres.

Waste Charges

In keeping with s496 of the Act, Council will make and levy an annual charge for the supply of waste services (Waste Charges), on each and every property serviced or serviceable with a kerbside collection service (Waste collections are typically carried out once a week, while Recyclables and Green Waste collections are collected fortnightly, on alternate weeks) which will be used for the recovery of costs



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related to the kerbside collection of waste, green waste, and recyclable materials and for the operation, maintenance, renewal, and expansion of Council's waste management facilities including landfills, transfer stations, and recyclable materials processing facilities.

The Waste Charges are detailed in Table 13: Annual Waste Charges.

Table 13: Annual Waste Charges

Service Type	Amount (\$)	Applicable to
Vacant (w/No Bins)	78	Properties serviced or able to be serviced (within service area), with one or more of the identified services.
General Waste 140 Litre (per bin)	281	
General Waste 240 Litre (per bin)	428	
Recyclables 240 Litre (per bin)	141	
Green Waste 240 Litre (per bin)	141	

In keeping with s496 of the Act, Council will also make and levy an annual Landfill Rehabilitation Charge, to be applied solely towards meeting the rehabilitation costs (both operational and capital) of landfills and for monitoring and remediating environmental impacts resulting from such landfills.

The Landfill Rehabilitation Charge for the **Financial Year**, to be levied on each and every property serviced with either a 140 litre or a 240 litre General Waste bin(s) will be as identified in Table 14: Landfill Rehabilitation Charge.

Table 14: Landfill Rehabilitation Charge

Charge	Amount (\$)
Landfill Rehabilitation Charge	78

Landfill Gate Fees

Waste materials self-hauled to a transfer station or a landfill site will incur **Fees**, depending on the type and quantity of the waste, levied at the gate to the transfer station or landfill. The Waste **Fees** for self-hauled waste is specified in the Schedule of Fees which appears as Attachment 1 to this **Policy**.

5.4. Fees

Council provides a range of services which are charged on a user pays, fee for service basis. Some of these services are statutory requirements and in most such instances the fees for such services are specified in the relevant act or regulation. Other services are provided on a commercial basis and may have a mark-up included in the specified fee.

While some such services are exempt from **GST**, Council is required to apply **GST** on the others. Where the GST is applicable on a given service, the fee for such service will include **GST**.

In keeping with Chapter 15, Part 10 of the Act, Council has adopted its Schedule of Fees for the **Financial Year**, which appears as Attachment 1 to this **Policy**.

5.5. Levying of Rates & Charges

Rates & Charges will be levied in keeping with Chapter 15, Parts 5 and 7 of the **Act**. The Rates Notice and The Water Notice will be issued in the following manner and frequencies:

- **Rates Notice**: comprising of Ordinary Rates, Stormwater Management Services Charges, Filtered Water Access Charge, Raw Water Access Charge, Sewer Access Charge, Trade Waste Charges, the Waste Management Levy and Waste Charges, in a single annual Rate Notice for the **Financial Year** be issued at the beginning of the **Financial Year**, with the option for ratepayers to pay the Rate Notice in whole or in four equal quarterly instalments, with each instalment being one fourth of the total Rate Notice.

- Water Notice: comprising of Filtered Water Consumption Charge, Raw Water Consumption Charge, Sewer Discharge Charge, and Trade Waste Discharge Charge in three Water Notices for the **Financial Year**.

Ratepayers receiving a Rates Notice will have the option of paying the full annual amount in one payment or making the payment in four quarterly instalments. The Due Date for the full payment as well as the Due Dates for each quarterly instalment will be specified in the Rates Notice.

Water Notices usually fall due for payment no less than 30 dates from the date of the Notice. The Due Date for payment of the Water Notice will be specified in the Water Notice.

5.6. Concessions

Pensioners, as defined by s134 of the **Regulation**, will be afforded the Pensioner Discount in accordance with Chapter 15, Part 8, Division 1 of the **Act**.

Ratepayers facing defined financial hardship will be entitled to seek relief in keeping with **Council's** Rates & Charges Hardship Policy.

5.7. Interest on Overdue Payments

The maximum interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges, as determined by s563(3) of the **Act** and gazetted by the NSW Government through Government Gazette No 119 of 28 March 2025, of 10.5% per annum, will be applied to all Rates and Charges that remain unpaid past their Due Date.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibility
Mayor & Councillors	Adopt a revenue policy as part of the budget process.
General Manager (Chief Executive Officer)	To lead staff (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this Policy and related procedures.
Directors, Managers and Supervisors	To communicate, implement and comply with this Policy and related procedures.
All Council Employees	To be aware of and ensure compliance with this Policy .
Council Committees	To be aware of the contents of this Policy as it relates to the activities of the committee.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This **Policy** is applicable for the **Financial Year** only. A revised revenue policy is to be adopted for the next financial year as part of the annual budget process.

8. NON-COMPLIANCE

Non-payment of **Rates** or **Charges** will result in Council initiating proceeding in keeping with Part 2 Divisions 4 and 5 of the **Act**, to recover unpaid **Rates & Charges**.

9. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Schedule of Fees and Charges



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Policies:

Liquid Trade Waste Policy (POL-303)

Rates & Charges Hardship Policy (POL-210)

Definitions:

Term	Definition
Act	Local Government Act No. 30 of 1993
Charges	Carries the meaning assigned to the word in the Act commencing at s491
Council Officer	An officer is defined as being one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An employee, or ▶ A contractor or subcontractor, or ▶ An employee of a contractor or subcontractor, or ▶ An employee of a labour hire company who has been assigned to work at Council, or ▶ An outworker, or ▶ An apprentice or trainee, or ▶ A student gaining work experience, or ▶ A volunteer
Council or MRC	Murray River Council
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
Dual Supply	Supply of both Filtered Water and Raw Water to a given property.
Fees	Revenue collected by Council in keeping with Chapter 15, Part 10 the Act .
Filtered Water	Water treated in keeping with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and as such is suitable for human consumption (potable).
Filtered Water Charges	Charges levied for the supply of Filtered Water .
Financial Year	2025-26 financial year.
GST	Goods & Services Tax
IP&R	Integrated Planning & Reporting framework
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW
kl	Kilolitre or One Thousand (1,000) Litres
L	Litre
Liquid Trade Waste	All liquid waste other than sewage of a domestic nature discharged into the sewer network.
NSW	The State of New South Wales within the Commonwealth of Australia.
mm	Millimetre

Term	Definition
OLG	Office of Local Government of NSW .
Policy	This Revenue Policy for the Financial Year .
Rates	Carries the meaning assigned to the word in the Act commencing at s491.
Raw Water	Water that is not subjected to any treatment or filtration and as such non-potable.
Raw Water Charges	Charges levied for the supply of Raw Water .
Regulation	Local Government (General) Regulation of 2021
Sewer Discharge Factor	As specified in Appendix G of the Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines issued by the Department of Planning & Environment of NSW. In the event that the said Guidelines is updated resulting in a change to the Sewer Discharge Factor table, the updated Sewer Discharge Factor table will be applicable.
sq.m.	Square Metre
Stormwater Charges	Annual charges levied for the supply of general Stormwater Management Services undertaken throughout the region.
Trade Waste Discharge Factor	As specified in Appendix G of the Liquid Trade Waste Guidelines issued by the Department of Planning & Environment of NSW.
Waste Charges	Charges levied for the supply of waste management services (including the management of legacy, non-operational landfill sites) and for the supply of kerbside waste collection services.

10. DOCUMENT CONTROL

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1	Provisional adoption (for public display)	13 May 2025		
2	Final adoption			

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

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ADMINISTRATION

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION

Subdivision Works: Engineering Charges	2% of Cost		
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GENERAL

Dishonoured Cheque Administration Fee	\$27.00	\$0.00	\$27.00
Reprinting of Rates/Water Notices, Debtors Account	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
Fee is for hardcopy re-print of requested information. For rates and water notices, these can be accessed at no cost by signing up to eNotices. Please contact Council's Finance department for more information on signing up to eNotices.			
Certificate as to the Classification of Land (Sec 54 of LG Act 1993)	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$37.50
Section 603 Certificate (7 business days)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Section 603 Certificate (2 business days)	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Section 603 certificate - refund if cancelled by applicant	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
If Council is required to refund an overpayment of a payment.			

SALES & SERVICES

Internet Browsing	No charge		
Binding: up to 50 pages/book	\$4.95	\$0.50	\$5.45
Binding: 50 -100 pages/book	\$9.91	\$0.99	\$10.90
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA): Access Application Fee	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
In accordance with Section 41 (1)(c) of the GIPA Act, an application fee applies to all access applications & includes 1 hour of processing by Council			
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) : Access Application (Review)	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA): Processing Charge (per hour)	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
In accordance with Section 64 (1) of the GIPA Act, Council may charge a processing fee per hour of time spent on the application. The application fee counts as payment towards any processing charge payable by the applicant. In the case of an application that is estimated to take over 10 hours an advance deposit of 50% of the estimated cost may be required.			

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SALES & SERVICES [continued]

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA): Personal Information Processing charge (per hour after 20 hours)	\$30 per hour after 20 hours		
	Min. Fee: \$30.00		
In accordance with Section 67 of the GIPA Act, if Council receives an access application for personal information about the applicant, Council cannot impose any processing charge for the first 20 hours of processing time. However after that a per hour charge will be levied.			
Laminating: A4 and A3	\$2.64	\$0.26	\$2.90
Laminating: A2 and over (available only at Mathoura Office, Conargo St, Mathoura)	\$13.14	\$1.31	\$14.45
Maps: Plan Print Map - Large (A1 & A0)	\$29.77	\$2.98	\$32.75
Plan Print Map - Small (A4 & A3)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Document Scanning: per 5 minutes	\$6.36	\$0.64	\$7.00
Print/Copy: Black & White A4 Single sided (per Page)	\$0.36	\$0.04	\$0.40
Print/Copy: Black & White A4 Double sided (per page)	\$0.41	\$0.04	\$0.45
Print/Copy: Colour A4 Single sided (per Page)	\$1.09	\$0.11	\$1.20
Print/Copy: Colour A4 Double sided (per page)	\$1.23	\$0.12	\$1.35
Print/Copy: Black & White A3 Single sided (per page)	\$0.45	\$0.05	\$0.50
Print/Copy: Black & White A3 Double sided (per page)	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65
Print/Copy: Colour A3 Single sided (per page)	\$2.00	\$0.20	\$2.20
Print/Copy: Colour A3 Double sided (per page)	\$2.23	\$0.22	\$2.45
Council Business Papers: e-copy (available on Council's website)	No Charge		
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au			

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY

Administration Fee	\$211.00	\$0.00	\$211.00
Fire Safety Non-Compliance: Follow-up Fee	\$492.45	\$0.00	\$492.45
Annual Fire Safety Statement Registration	\$29.09	\$2.91	\$32.00

ANIMALS

NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) set the registration fees on an annual basis in July/August. The fees and charges will be updated when this information is made available.

Common (Mathoura) – Agistment fee per head per month	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Animal Impounding & Release - Veterinary Care	As Charged by Veterinary Clinic		
Animal Impounding & Release: First release (per animal)	\$92.00	\$0.00	\$92.00
Animal Impounding & Release: Second release (per animal)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Animal Impounding & Release: Third release (per animal)	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
Surrender of Dog	\$147.00	\$0.00	\$147.00
Vet check &/or Euthanasia plus Collection fee			
Surrender of Cat	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Vet check &/or Euthanasia plus Collection fee			
Pound and Sustenance - if impounded by other Council	As per Fees Charged on release by other LGA		
Sustenance of Impounded Animal (Cats/Dogs) (per animal per day)	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
Late fee - additional fee if a permit is not paid for by 28 days after the permit requirement takes effect	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
This additional fee is applicable for all registrations and permits if not paid for by 28 days after the registration requirement of 6 months of age.			
Dog Annual Permit Fee - Dogs of a restricted breed (or declared to be dangerous) - in addition to lifetime pet registration fee	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
Dog Registration Fee: Purchased from eligible pound or shelter	No Charge		
Dog Registration Fee: Not Desexed or Desexed (after relevant age)	\$262.00	\$0.00	\$262.00
Dog Registration Fee: Not desexed (with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed)	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00

Name	Fee (excl. GST)	Year 25/26 GST	Fee (incl. GST)
ANIMALS [continued]			
Dog Registration Fee: Not desexed (owned by registered breeder who is a member of the Royal NSW Canine Council or a Recognised Breeder Body under Clause 3(1) of Companion Animals Regulation 2008)	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00
Dog Registration Fee: Desexed (by relevant age)	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00
Registration fee for a dog desexed by six months of age.			
Dog Registration Fee: Desexed (by relevant age) owned by a pensioner	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Dog Registration Fee: Not desexed (owned by an eligible pensioner with written notification from a vet that the dog should not be desexed)	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Microchip Implanted by Murray River Council (Dog/Cat) - before impounded dog will be released	\$68.18	\$6.82	\$75.00
Dog Registrations Fee Exemption (proof required): A person who trains or keeps a dog, for use as a guide or assistant for a person who is blind or partially blind, or who is deaf or partially deaf			No Charge
Microchipping & registration required			
Dog Registration Fee Exemption (proof required): Trained assistance dogs owned by a person who is blind, partly blind, deaf or partly deaf			No Charge
Dog Registration Exemption (proof required): A person who uses a dog for working rural properties or for driving stock			No Charge
Microchipping or registration NOT required			
Dog Registration Exemption (proof required): Greyhounds registered under the Greyhound Racing Authority Act 1985			No Charge
Cat Permit Late fee - additional fee if a permit is not paid for by 28 days after the permit requirement takes effect	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
This additional fee is applicable for all registrations and permits not paid for by 28 days after the registration requirement of 6 months of age.			
Cat Annual Permit - cats not desexed by 4 months of age (in addition to lifetime pet registration fee)	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$96.00
Cat Registration Fee: Not Desexed	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Not desexed (with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed)	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Desexed	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Not desexed (owned by an eligible pensioner with written notification from a vet that it should not be desexed)	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Cat Registration Fee: Cat (owned by an eligible pensioner)	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$34.00
Cat Registration Fee: Non-desexed (owned by a registered breeder who is a member of the NSW Cat Fanciers Assn, Waratah State Cat Alliance or a recognised Breeder Body approved under Clause 3 (1) of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008)	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$68.00
Cat Registration Fee: Desexed (purchased from eligible pound or shelter)			No charge

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

IMPOUNDED ARTICLES

Impounding of Signs: First Offence (per sign)	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$77.00
Impounding of Signs: Release (per sign)	\$137.00	\$0.00	\$137.00
Impounding of Signs: 2nd & Subsequent Offences (per sign)	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Ranger Attend Wandering Stock: First Occurrence	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Ranger Attend Wandering Stock: 2nd & Subsequent Offences	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$218.00
Impounding Farm Animals (Bovine/Equine/Ovine/Swine)(per animal – up to 4 animals)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Plus \$10 per Animal after 4 Animals			
Stock Impounding Notification Fee	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Stock Impounding Advertising Fee	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$218.00
Conveyancing Farm Animals (Bovine/Equine, Ovine, Swine) - 5+ animals		Cartage Fee plus 15%	
Sustenance Farm Animals (Bovine, Equine, Ovine, Swine) (per animal per day)		Cost plus 15%	
Release of Impounded Large Animals (Bovine/Equine) (per animal)	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Release of Impounded Small Animals (Sheep / Goat / Pig) (per animal)	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00
Impounding of Abandoned Vehicle	\$191.00	\$0.00	\$191.00
Impounding of Abandoned Vehicle: Towing	Tow charge plus \$100.00 handling fee		
Release of Impounded Vehicle	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

HEALTH

FOOD PREMISES INSPECTIONS

Food Premises Inspections/Re-inspections: High Risk	\$218.00	\$0.00	\$218.00
Food Premises Inspections/Re-Inspections: Medium Risk	\$191.00	\$0.00	\$191.00
Based on risk class and time spent			
Food Premises Inspections/Re-Inspections: Low Risk	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Based on risk class and time spent			
Application Fee: Mobile Food Vendors	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Food Premises Inspections/Re-Inspections: Mobile Food Vendors	\$192.00	\$0.00	\$192.00
Food Premises Inspections: Statutory Improvement Notice (Section 66AA (1) Food Act)	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Annual Administration charge - 5 or fewer FTE food handlers	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$390.00
Annual Administration charge - more than 5 but no more than 50 FTE food handlers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Annual Administration charge - more than 50 FTE food handlers	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Compliance Re-Inspection: Regulated Premises (Public Health Act) eg. Skin Penetration Premises	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Compliance Inspection: Public Swimming Pools, Spas, Water and Splash Parks (Public Health Act)	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Public Health Premises Notification: New business (Public Health Act)	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Swimming Pool Inspections: Exemption Application (Clause 12 Sec 22 Swimming Pools Act)	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Compliance Inspection: High Risk	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Compliance Inspection: Low Risk	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Swimming Pool Inspection: Certificate of Compliance - First Inspection (Sec 18A Swimming Pools Act)	\$136.36	\$13.64	\$150.00
Swimming Pool Inspection: Certificate of Compliance - Subsequent Inspection (Swimming Pools Act)	\$90.91	\$9.09	\$100.00
Annual Administration fee: Cooling Towers	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS

Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) Inspections (UPSS Regulation)	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$273.00
Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) - Follow Up Inspection (UPSS Regulation)	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$273.00

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

ENVIRONMENT

WEEDS & PEST CONTROL

Utility & Spray Equipment Hire: Wet (No chemicals) (per hour)	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$231.00
Roadside Shoulder spray: Operator, Truck and Spray Equipment, No Chemical (per hour)) - No Chemical	\$231.00	\$0.00	\$231.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

WASTE MANAGEMENT

LANDFILL GATE CHARGES

General Waste - Commercial (per tonne) Minimum charge \$30.00)	\$204.55	\$20.45	\$225.00
General Waste - Domestic (per tonne) Minimum charge \$10.00)	\$168.18	\$16.82	\$185.00
General Waste (per cubic metre) - at all sites other without a weighbridge	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
General Waste: 120/140 litre (per unit)	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00
Contaminated Soil: with Clearance Certificate (per tonne) (Moama Landfill site only)	\$213.64	\$21.36	\$235.00
Cover Material: Not Suitable for Clean Cover (per tonne)	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$33.00
Cover Material: Suitable for Clean Cover (per tonne)			No charge
Green Waste (per tonne) Moama Landfill site only - Minimum charge \$5.00	\$59.09	\$5.91	\$65.00
Green Waste (per cubic metre) at sites without a weighbridge	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00
Regulated Waste: Asbestos (per tonne) Minimum charge \$150.00) - Moama Landfill site only	\$418.18	\$41.82	\$460.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Concrete (per tonne) - Moama Landfill site only	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Waste - Clean Bricks (per tonne) - Moama Landfill Site only	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Concrete and Bricks (per cubic metre) - Barham and Moulamein only	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Solar panels (per unit)	\$4.55	\$0.45	\$5.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Mattresses (per unit)	\$30.91	\$3.09	\$34.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Fridges / Air Conditioners (per unit)	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Recyclables: Scrap Metal			No charge
Recyclables: Automotive Batteries (domestic quantities only)			No charge
Recyclables: Automotive Oil (domestic quantities only)			No Charge
E-Waste: Computers, Monitors and Peripherals			No charge
Community Recycling Centre (CRC) Material (domestic recyclables)			No charge
Recyclables: Domestic (Comingled)			No Charge
Recyclables: Domestic (Cardboard)			No Charge
Miscellaneous Waste: Car/Motorbike Tyre (per tyre)	\$10.91	\$1.09	\$12.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Small Truck Tyre (per tyre)	\$18.18	\$1.82	\$20.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Truck Tyre (per tyre)	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Super Single Tyre (per tyre)	\$74.55	\$7.45	\$82.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

LANDFILL GATE CHARGES [continued]

Miscellaneous Waste: Small Tractor Tyre (up to 1.0m diameter) (per tyre)	\$136.36	\$13.64	\$150.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Large Tractor Tyre (1.0 -1.5m diameter) (per tyre)	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Earthmoving Tyre (per tyre)	\$363.64	\$36.36	\$400.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Car tyre on rim (per wheel)	\$22.73	\$2.27	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Waste: Contaminated tyres (per tonne) Minimum charge \$390	\$354.55	\$35.45	\$390.00
Miscellaneous Waste - Gas Bottles (9kg or less) (Non CRC collection site)	\$4.55	\$0.45	\$5.00
Miscellaneous Waste - Soft Furnishings (couches, lounge suites etc)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Sale: Crushed Concrete/Brick (per tonne)	\$42.73	\$4.27	\$47.00
Sale: Crushed Concrete/Brick (per cubic metre)	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Sale: Mulch (per cubic metre)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bio Waste: Small animals (sheep, goats, pigs etc) (Moama Landfill only)	\$23.64	\$2.36	\$26.00
Bio Waste: Large animals (cattle, horses etc includes machine hire (Moama Landfill only)	\$185.45	\$18.55	\$204.00
Per hour			
Bin Replacement: Waste Bin – 140L (red lid)	\$111.00	\$0.00	\$111.00
Bin Replacement: Recycle Bin – 240L (yellow lid)	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Bin Replacement: Green Waste Bin – 240L (green lid)	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY CARE

Home Maintenance/Modifications (per hour + materials at cost)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
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SOCIAL RESPITE (SAM)

Social Respite Support (Groups): Full Day Support Contribution (per person)	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00
Social Respite Support: Half Day Support Contribution (per person)	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Social Respite Support (Group): Transport (per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Social Respite Support (Individual)(per hour) - after first hour	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Social Respite Support (Individual): Transport (per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

In cases of financial hardship Service Users can request assistance. Please ask the Community Services Co-Ordinator for more information.

Individual Transport: Within Wakool township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Albury	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Barham	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Bendigo	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Cohuna	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Deniliquin	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Echuca	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Kerang	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Shepparton	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Individual Transport: Wakool to Swan Hill	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Within Barham township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Albury	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Bendigo	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Cohuna	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Deniliquin	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Echuca	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Kerang	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport - Barham to Melbourne	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Shepparton	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Barham to Swan Hill	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Within Moulamein township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Albury	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Balranald	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Barham	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Bendigo	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Cohuna	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Deniliquin	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT [continued]

Individual Transport: Moulamein to Echuca	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Kerang	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Shepparton	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moulamein to Swan Hill	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Within Tooleybuc township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Balranald	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Bendigo	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Mildura	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Nyah West	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Tooleybuc to Swan Hill	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Albury	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Bendigo or Shepparton	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Deniliquin	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport - Moama to Melbourne	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Moama to Rochester or Kyabram	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual transport: Within Moama township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Albury	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Bendigo or Shepparton	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Deniliquin	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport - Mathoura to Melbourne	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Moama	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Individual Transport: Mathoura to Rochester or Kyabram	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Individual Transport: Within Mathoura township	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Albury (adult per person)	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Albury (minor (under 18) per person)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Bendigo (adult per person)	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Bendigo (minor (under 18) per person)	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$11.00
Group Transport: Moama to Deniliquin (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Moama to Deniliquin (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT [continued]

Group Transport: Mathoura to Deniliquin (adult per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Group Transport: Mathoura to Deniliquin (minor (under 18) per person)	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00
Group Transport: Mathoura to Moama (adult per person)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Group Transport: Mathoura to Moama (minor (under 18) per person)	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Rochester or Kyabram (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Moama/Mathoura to Rochester or Kyabram (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50
Group Transport: Moulamein to Swan Hill (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Moulamein to Swan Hill (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50
Group Transport: Barham to Swan Hill (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Group Transport: Barham to Swan Hill (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50
Group Transport: Barham/Wakool to Deniliquin (adult per person)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Group Transport: Barham/Wakool to Deniliquin (minor (under 18) per person)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$5.50

Delivered Meals

Frozen Meal Delivery: Main (per meal)	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$9.00
Frozen Meal Delivery: Soup (per meal)	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$5.50
Frozen Meal Delivery - Dessert (per meal)	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$2.50

COMMUNITY CARE

Mathoura Retirement Village: Low Rental Unit Fee (paid fortnightly)	25% of Income		
Mathoura Retirement Village: Standard Unit Ingoing Fee (one off)	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Mathoura Retirement Village: Standard Unit Maintenance Fee (per quarter)	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Moama Lions Community Village: Standard Unit (per month)	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$260.00
Moama Lions Community Village: Low Rental Unit (paid fortnightly)	25% of Total Income		
NSW Department of Housing requirements			
Moama Lions Community Village: Low Rental Unit Lawn Maintenance Fee (per fortnight)	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION

TOWN PLANNING

Planning Proposal - Scoping Report - Basic and Standard	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Planning Proposal - Scoping Report - Complex and Principal	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Domestic Waste	\$393.00	\$0.00	\$393.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Community Facilities (per equivalent tenement)	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$208.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Stormwater	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Open Space (per equivalent tenement)	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Car Parking (per equivalent tenement)	\$874.00	\$0.00	\$874.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Roads (per equivalent tenement)	\$2,358.00	\$0.00	\$2,358.00
Section 7.11 Contributions: Barham Service Area	Public Open Space \$654.50, Community Services \$410.50, Roads \$290.00, Stormwater \$427.50. Total \$1,782.50		
Section 7.11 Contributions: Koraleigh and Murray Downs Service Areas	Public Open Space \$303.00, Community Services \$416.50, Roads \$297.00, Stormwater as required. Total \$1,016.50 plus stormwater as required.		
Section 7.11 Contributions: Moulamein Service Area	Public Open Space \$625.50, Community Services \$395.00, Roads \$278.00, Stormwater as required. Total \$1,298.50 plus stormwater as required.		
Section 7.11 Contributions: Tooleybuc and Wakool Service Areas	Public Open Space \$610.00, Community Services \$385.00, Roads \$270.00, Stormwater as required. Total is \$1,265.00 plus stormwater as required.		
Section 7.12 Contributions: Cost >\$200,000	1% of DA Development Cost		
Section 7.12 Contributions - \$100,000 to \$200,000	0.5% of DA Development Cost		
Planning Certificate (s10.7(2))	\$70.60	\$0.00	\$70.60
Under Sec 290 (3) EP&AR			
Planning Certificate (s10.7(2)&(5))	\$177.65	\$0.00	\$177.65
Under Sec 290 (3) EP&AR			
Planning Certificate (s10.7) - Urgent Service (3 working days)	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$85.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

TOWN PLANNING [continued]

LG Act & EP&A Act Combined Certificate	\$153.00	\$0.00	\$153.00
Determining Flood Height (Finished Floor Level)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Public Notice for Development Applications	\$1,471.55	\$0.00	\$1,471.55
Development for which an Environmental Planning Instrument or Development Control Plan (DCP) Requires Notice to be Given	\$1,471.55	\$0.00	\$1,471.55
Giving of Notice for Designated Development	\$2,956.85	\$0.00	\$2,956.85
Maximum Fee - In accordance with EP&AR			
Amusement/Entertainment Device Approvals: Application Fees (devices at designated site)			At cost
Amusement/Entertainment Device Approvals: Application Fee for Temporary Structures (includes inspection of structure - Sec 68 D3)	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$190.00
Amusement/Entertainment Device Approvals: Inspection & License/Insurance check (per device)			At cost
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Up to \$5,000	\$72.90	\$0.00	\$72.90
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Base Fee	\$113.90	\$0.00	\$113.90
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part of the estimated cost)	\$1.50	\$0.00	\$1.50
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Base Fee	\$666.30	\$0.00	\$666.30
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$250,000 of the estimated cost))	\$0.85	\$0.00	\$0.85
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$948.80	\$0.00	\$948.80
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$500,000 of the estimated cost)	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,314.40	\$0.00	\$1,314.40
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$1,000,000 of the estimated cost)	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): More than \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$6,310.00	\$0.00	\$6,310.00
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division x8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1-7.4 of EP&A Reg: More than \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part above \$10,000,000 of the estimated cost)	\$0.27	\$0.00	\$0.27

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

TOWN PLANNING [continued]

Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Not Involving Erection of Building, Carrying Out of Work or Demolition	50% of Original Fee	
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Dwelling-House < \$100,000	\$252.85	\$252.85
Under Division 8.2 EP&AA (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&AR)		
Application to Review Development Application Determination under Division s8.2 EP&A Act: (Schedule 4, Part 7, Section 7.1 - 7.4 of EP&A Reg): Additional Fee if Notice of Application Required to be Given under s8.3 of EP&A Act	\$825.75	\$825.75
Application to Modify a Consent for Local Development: Minor Error, Misdescription or Miscalculation (s4.55(1))	\$94.55	\$94.55
Maximum \$89 In accordance with Section 8.3 of EP&AA (Schedule 4, Part 4 EP&AR)		
Application to Modify a Consent for Local Development: Involving Minimal Environmental Impact and the Development to which the Consent as Modified Relates Substantially to the same Development as the Development for which the consent was Originally Granted (s4.55(1A) or s4.56(1))	\$858.80 or 50% of Original DA Fee, whichever is the lesser	
Application for Modification, which is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Fee for the Original Application < \$100 (no notice required)	50% of the Original Fee	
Application for Modification, which is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Fee for the Original Application <\$100 (additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) of the Act)	\$886.00	\$886.00
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Not Involving Erection of Building, Carrying Out of Work or Demolition (no notice required)	50% of Original Fee	
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Not involving Erection of Building, Carry Out of Work or Demolition (additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) of the Act in accordance with EP&A Reg)	\$886.00	\$886.00
Application for Modification which is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Erection of a Dwelling-house <= \$100,000 (no notice required)	\$252.85	\$252.85
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Erection of a Dwelling -house \$100,000 or less (additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55(2) or 4.56(1) of the Act in accordance with EP&A Reg)	\$886.00	\$886.00
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Up to \$5,000	\$72.90	\$72.90
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Base Fee	\$112.75	\$112.75
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$5,001 to \$250,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$5,000)	\$1.50	\$1.50
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Base Fee	\$666.30	\$666.30
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$250,001 to \$500,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$250,000)	\$0.85	\$0.85
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$948.80	\$948.80

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

TOWN PLANNING [continued]

Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$500,000)	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,314.40	\$0.00	\$1,314.40
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000)	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: More than \$10,000,000 - Base Fee	\$6,310.05	\$0.00	\$6,310.05
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: More than \$10,000,000 - Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, by which estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000)	\$0.27	\$0.00	\$0.27
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Additional Fee for Referral to Design Review Panel (Schedule 4 Part 4 EP&A Reg)	\$3,995.60	\$0.00	\$3,995.60
Application for Modification, which in the opinion of the consent Authority, is not of Minimal Environmental Impact: Additional Fee for Modification Application that is Accompanied by Statement of Qualified Designer	\$1,012.60	\$0.00	\$1,012.60
Section 64 Contributions: Filtered Water - Moama and Mathoura	\$3,986.00	\$0.00	\$3,986.00
Section 64 Contributions: Raw Water - All Areas	\$437.00	\$0.00	\$437.00
Section 64 Contributions: Filtered Water - Barham, Koraleigh, Moulamein, Tooleybuc, Wakool & Murray Downs	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Section 64 Contributions: Sewer - Moama and Mathoura	\$1,856.50	\$0.00	\$1,856.50
Section 64 Contributions: Barham	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$5,460.00
Section 64 Contributions: Moulamein, Tooleybuc, Wakool and Murray Downs	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Sewerage not applicable for Koraleigh			

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Additional Processing Fee for Applications Requiring Concurrence Under Schedule 4, Part 3, Section 3.2 EP&AR 2021	\$186.80	\$0.00	\$186.80
Additional Processing Fee for Applications that are Integrated Development Schedule 4, Part 3, Section 3.1 EP&AR 2021	\$186.80	\$0.00	\$186.80
Concurrence (for Concurrence Authority) (Schedule 4, Part 3, Item 3.2 EP&AR 2021)	\$426.00	\$0.00	\$426.00
Approval Body (Integrated development) (Schedule 4, Part 3, Item 3.1 EP&A Reg)	\$426.00	\$0.00	\$426.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION [continued]

Assessment for Dwelling Houses under s4.2A LEP	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Application for the Removal or Pruning of Trees	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Under Chapter 2 of the Biodiversity Conservation SEPP 2021			
Designated Development (Additional Fee)	\$1,225.55	\$0.00	\$1,225.55
Maximum under Schedule 4, Part 3, Item 3.3 EP&AR 2021, in addition to Other Fees Payable			
Regionally Significant Development - Additional Fee	\$1,225.55	\$0.00	\$1,225.55
Management Statements & Development Contracts: Standard Development Under the Community Land Development Act 2021	\$2,075.00	\$0.00	\$2,075.00
Management Statements & Development Contracts: Complex and Detailed Development under the Community Land Development Act 2021	\$3,495.00	\$0.00	\$3,495.00
Management Statements & Development Contracts: Strata Development Contract / Strata Management Statement under the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015	\$1,884.00	\$0.00	\$1,884.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Initial Assessment	\$4,914.00	\$0.00	\$4,914.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Advertising and Notification fee	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Preparation of LEP	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Mapping	\$2,730.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
Minor (Basic & Standard) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Requires DCP Amendment	\$3,276.00	\$0.00	\$3,276.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Initial Assessment	\$4,914.00	\$0.00	\$4,914.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Advertising and notification fee	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Preparation of LEP	\$2,184.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Mapping	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Major (Complex & Principal) Amendments to Murray (2011) and Wakool (2013) Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Requires DCP Amendment	\$6,552.00	\$0.00	\$6,552.00
Administrative Cost of Preparing and Giving Clean Up Notice (PEO Act s94)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00
Administrative Cost of Preparing and Issuing Prevention Notice (PEO Act s100)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00
Administrative Cost of Preparing and Giving Noise Control Notice (PEO Act s267A)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00

SALES & SERVICES

Swimming Pool Resuscitation Chart	\$25.00	\$2.50	\$27.50
Murray or Wakool Development Control Plan (DCP)	\$32.75	\$0.00	\$32.75
Each Chapter			

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SALES & SERVICES [continued]

Murray or Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Document (excl. Maps)	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
Murray or Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Document w/Maps	\$99.00	\$0.00	\$99.00
Murray or Wakool Local Environmental Plan (LEP): Murray River Council Development Strategy	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00

SUBDIVISION

Subdivision Certificate Application: Minimum Fee	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$273.00
Subdivision Certificate Application: Additional Fee (per lot)	\$54.60	\$0.00	\$54.60
Subdivision Certificate Pre-Application Assessment	\$1,092.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.00
Subdivision Development Application - Involving Creating a Public Road: Minimum Fee	\$885.00	\$0.00	\$885.00
Subdivision Development Application - Involving Creating a Public Road: Additional Fee (per each additional lot as per EP&A Regs)	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Subdivision Development Application: Not Involving Creating a Public Road: Minimum Fee	\$439.65	\$0.00	\$439.65
Subdivision Development Application: Not Involving Creating a Public Road: Additional Fee (per additional lot as per EP&A Regs)	\$53.00	\$0.00	\$53.00
Subdivision Development Application: Strata Sub-division: Minimum Fee	\$439.65	\$0.00	\$439.65
Subdivision Development Application: Strata Sub-division: Additional Fee (per additional lot as per EP&A Regs)	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value up to \$100,000 - Base Fee	\$155.00	\$15.50	\$170.50
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value up to \$100,000 - Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$100,001 - \$250,000 Base Fee	\$658.64	\$65.86	\$724.50
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$100,001 - \$250,000 Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.32	\$0.03	\$0.35
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$250,001 - \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,102.50	\$110.25	\$1,212.75
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value \$250,001 - \$1,000,000 - Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.22	\$0.02	\$0.24
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value over \$1,000,000 - Base Fee	\$1,500.00	\$150.00	\$1,650.00
Application for Subdivision Works Certificate - Value over \$1,000,000 - Variable fee (per \$100)	\$0.15	\$0.02	\$0.17

CEMETERIES

For the purpose of this Schedule "interment" includes the sinking of the grave, placement of coffin or ashes therein, backfilling the grave, removal of debris. In 2021/2022 Council aligned the cemetery fees across the council area.

Interment Levy - Burial	\$156.00	\$15.60	\$171.60
Interment Levy - Ash Interment	\$63.00	\$6.30	\$69.30

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

CEMETERIES [continued]

Perpetual Interment Right Fee (payable on first interment and reservation only)	\$520.00	\$52.00	\$572.00
Order for Interment	\$158.00	\$0.00	\$158.00
Lawn Cemetery - First Interment	\$1,566.36	\$156.64	\$1,723.00
Monument - First Interment	\$1,566.36	\$156.64	\$1,723.00
Cremated Remains Interment - First Interment	\$55.45	\$5.55	\$61.00
Reservation - All Interments	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Transfer Interment Right	\$127.00	\$0.00	\$127.00
Lawn Cemetery - Second Interment	\$1,326.36	\$132.64	\$1,459.00
Monument - 2nd Interment	\$1,326.36	\$132.64	\$1,459.00
Tombstone/Slab - Second Interment	\$603.64	\$60.36	\$664.00
Cremated Remains Interment - Second Interment - into existing site	\$118.86	\$11.89	\$130.75
Cremated Remains Scattering	\$69.09	\$6.91	\$76.00
Single Plaque - 6 lines	\$530.00	\$53.00	\$583.00
Dual Conversion Plaque - First Interment	\$663.64	\$66.36	\$730.00
Detachable Plate - Second Interment	\$271.82	\$27.18	\$299.00
Desk for Rose Garden Plaques - Moama	\$186.36	\$18.64	\$205.00
Permission to Perform Monumental Work	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Memorial Plaque		Price on Application	
Memorial Bench Seat		Price on Application	
War Grave Administration Fee	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$145.00
Lawn Cemetery Burial - Weekend or Public Holiday Surcharge	\$1,207.27	\$120.73	\$1,328.00
Cremated Remains - Weekend or Public Holidays Surcharge (per hour)	\$131.82	\$13.18	\$145.00
Lawn Cemetery Burial - Midweek After Hours Interment Surcharge (per hour)	\$440.91	\$44.09	\$485.00
Exhumation		Price on Application	
Private Burial Site - Administration		Price on Application	
Private Burial Site - Interment		Price on Application	

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)

WATER SERVICES

SALES & SERVICES

Water Meter Supply: 20mm (smart meter) - Filtered	\$327.60	\$0.00	\$327.60
Other Sizes by Quotation			
Water Meters Supply: 20mm (smart meter) - Raw	\$327.50	\$0.00	\$327.50
Water Meter Supply: Sizes other than 20mm		Price on Application	
Water Meter Read: On Site (at customer request)	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Back Flow Prevention Device Inspection	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Standpipe Supply: Filtered Water (per kilolitre)	\$3.25	\$0.00	\$3.25
Standpipe Supply: Raw Water (per kilolitre)	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Damage to Council Assets		Actual Cost + 10%	
Fire Service usage fee (for use other than firefighting) - assumed read for usage		At current standpipe rate	

CONNECTION & DISCONNECTION

Water Service/Meter Upgrade: New Developments			Owners Cost
Water Service/Main Extension			Owners Cost
Water Connection: Single - 20mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$764.00	\$0.00	\$764.00
Water Connection: Single - 25mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$983.00	\$0.00	\$983.00
Water Connection: Single - 32mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$1,911.00	\$0.00	\$1,911.00
Water Connection: Single - 40mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$2,730.00	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
Water Connection: Single - 50mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00
Water Connection: Single - 80mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)		Price on application	
Water Connection: Single - 100mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)		Price on application	
Water Connection: Dual - 20mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$1,092.00	\$0.00	\$1,092.00
Water Connection: Dual - 25mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$1,638.00	\$0.00	\$1,638.00
Water Connection: Dual - 32mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$3,822.00	\$0.00	\$3,822.00
Water Connection: Dual - 40mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$4,095.00	\$0.00	\$4,095.00
Water Connection: Dual - 50mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)	\$6,552.00	\$0.00	\$6,552.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	Fee (incl. GST)

CONNECTION & DISCONNECTION [continued]

Water Connection: Dual - 80mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)			Price on application
Water Connection: Dual - 100mm (simple connection only, meter cost additional)			Price on application
Water Connection: Complex Connections			Price on Application
Water Service Disconnection	\$436.75	\$0.00	\$436.75
Water Service Reconnection	\$437.00	\$0.00	\$437.00
Wakool Fee for Rural Scheme - Town	\$2,985.00	\$0.00	\$2,985.00
Wakool Fee for Rural Scheme - Farm	\$11,139.50	\$0.00	\$11,139.50
North Barham Pipeline	\$4,083.65	\$0.00	\$4,083.65

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SEWER SERVICES

LIQUID TRADE WASTE

PLEASE REFER TO COUNCIL'S LIQUID TRADE WASTE POLICY 2017 (POL301.V5)

Trade Waste Application Fee: Category 1	\$163.75	\$0.00	\$163.75
Trade Waste Application Fee: Category 2	\$245.75	\$0.00	\$245.75
Trade Waste Application Fee: Category 3	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
Trade Waste Re-inspection Fee	\$131.00	\$0.00	\$131.00
Septic Tank Waste Disposal Charge: Effluent/Sludge (per kilolitre)	\$43.50	\$0.00	\$43.50
On-Site Wastewater Management System: Approval Fee (Industrial/Commercial only)	\$819.00	\$0.00	\$819.00
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: BOD (per kilogram)	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Suspended Solids (per kilogram)	\$1.42	\$0.00	\$1.42
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Oil and Grease (per kilogram)	\$2.02	\$0.00	\$2.02
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (per kilogram)	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$0.25
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Ammonia Nitrogen (per kilogram)	\$3.25	\$0.00	\$3.25
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Phosphorus (per kilogram)	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: Total Dissolved Solids (per kilogram)	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$0.11
Trade Waste Pollutant Fee: pH	\$0.65	\$0.00	\$0.65
Charge (\$/KL) = 0.43 x (actual pH-approved pH) x 2 (actual pH-approved pH)			
Waste ID - Account disconnect/reconnect/service call out	\$80.00	\$8.00	\$88.00
Waste ID - New tag	\$40.00	\$4.00	\$44.00

GENERAL

Sewer Diagram Copy	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Private Sanitary Drainage Plan	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Sewerage Compliance Inspection	\$174.75	\$0.00	\$174.75

PUMP OUT STATION

Sewer Pump Out: Annual Charge - Private Vessels	\$218.50	\$0.00	\$218.50
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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

PUMP OUT STATION [continued]

Sewer Pump Out: Discharge Charge - Commercial Vessels (per kilolitre)	\$21.75	\$0.00	\$21.75
Sewer Pump Out: Key Charge (per key)	\$69.55	\$6.95	\$76.50
Sewer Pump Out - Account disconnect/reconnect/service call out	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00

CONNECTION & DISCONNECTION

Sewer Connection Fee: Barham, Moulamein, Wakool, Tooleybuc, Murray Downs, Mathoura & Moama	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$546.00
Sewer Connection Fee: Tooleybuc (contribution to CEDS development only)	\$2,457.00	\$0.00	\$2,457.00
Sewer Connection Fee: Murray Downs – Low Pressure Sewerage	\$2,457.00	\$0.00	\$2,457.00
On-site Wastewater Management System: Connection Fee (includes 1 inspection)	\$382.25	\$0.00	\$382.25
Sewer Connection: Alteration	\$218.50	\$0.00	\$218.50
Sewer Connection: Alteration to On-Site WWMS	\$218.50	\$0.00	\$218.50
Sewer Connection: Connect to Common Effluent Drainage Systems	\$327.50	\$0.00	\$327.50

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

COMMUNITY HALLS

Hire of Equipment, where applicable, by negotiation with facility Management Committee.

Barham

Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$63.64	\$6.36	\$70.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Groups & Agencies (per hour)	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Barham Community Services Hub Meeting Room: Client Room			No Charge
Barham Community Centre: Meeting Room Hire - School of Arts, Ground Floor (up to 3 hours)	\$12.73	\$1.27	\$14.00
Barham Community Centre: Main Hall Hire - hall only (per day or part)	\$149.09	\$14.91	\$164.00
Barham Community Centre: Main Hall Hire - Hall+PA system+lighting+change rooms (per day or part)	\$244.55	\$24.45	\$269.00
Barham Community Centre: Main Hall Casual Hirers (subject to conditions)			Price on Application
Barham Community Centre: Reception Room & Kitchen Hire - incl. Kitchen Equipment & Utensils (per day or part)	\$183.64	\$18.36	\$202.00
Barham Community Centre: Hall, Reception Room & Kitchen Hire - incl. Kitchen Equipment & Utensils (per day or part)	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Barham Community Centre: Reception Room Hire - for Meetings only, no Kitchen Facilities (per day or part)	\$70.00	\$7.00	\$77.00
Barham Community Centre: Cleaning & Damage Deposit (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$268.00	\$0.00	\$268.00
Barham Community Centre: Reception Room Power Charge - Heating and/or Cooling (per hour through coin operated meter system)	\$8.18	\$0.82	\$9.00
Barham Community Centre: Booking Deposit (refundable only if cancellations are more than 30 days from the booking date)	\$59.09	\$5.91	\$65.00

Goodnight

Goodnight Public Hall: Hall Hire (per day or part)	\$49.55	\$4.95	\$54.50
Goodnight Public Hall: Hall Hire (per day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Goodnight Public Hall: Hall Hire for Meetings (up to 3 hours)	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Goodnight Public Hall - Hire of Supper Room	\$13.64	\$1.36	\$15.00

Koraleigh

Koraleigh Hall: Main Hall Hire (per half day)	\$29.77	\$2.98	\$32.75
Koraleigh Hall: Main Hall Hire (per day)	\$49.55	\$4.95	\$54.50

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

Koraleigh [continued]

Koraleigh Hall: Supper Room Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$12.27	\$1.23	\$13.50
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Mathoura

Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St, Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St, Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$61.82	\$6.18	\$68.00
Mathoura War Memorial Building (19 Lawrence St, Mathoura): Groups & Agencies (per hour)	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura -21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Weekend/Public Holiday Hire (per day)	\$129.09	\$12.91	\$142.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Weekday Hire (per day)	\$74.55	\$7.45	\$82.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura) - 1/2 day hire (Weekdays)	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$55.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura) - 1/2 day hire (Weekends)	\$75.00	\$7.50	\$82.50
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura) - Hourly Hire (per hour on weekdays)	\$15.00	\$1.50	\$16.50
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Hire Bond (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$698.90	\$0.00	\$698.90
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Key Deposit (refundable on return of key)	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
Murray Shire Hall (Mathoura - 21-25 Conargo St, Mathoura): Set up/Cleaning Fee	\$45.45	\$4.55	\$50.00
Additional to Function Charge if use of Hall is required outside the abovementioned times			
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Not-for-Profit - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per hour)	\$25.77	\$2.58	\$28.35
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Not-for-Profit - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per day)	\$76.36	\$7.64	\$84.00
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Commercial - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per hour)	\$50.91	\$5.09	\$56.00
Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre: Training Room Hire Commercial - includes Data Projector & Whiteboard (per day)	\$200.91	\$20.09	\$221.00

Moama

Moama Seniors Community Centre: Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$14.55	\$1.45	\$16.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$25.45	\$2.55	\$28.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$58.18	\$5.82	\$64.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Community Groups	\$6.36	\$0.64	\$7.00
Moama Seniors Community Centre: Client Room			No Charge

Name	Year 25/26		Fee (incl. GST)
	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

Moulamein

Moulamein Business Centre: Office Space Hire - no use of equipment (per day)	\$86.36	\$8.64	\$95.00
Moulamein Business Centre: Individual Client Room			No Charge

Noorong

Noorong Community Centre: Hire (per half day)	\$73.64	\$7.36	\$81.00
Noorong Community Centre: Hire (per day)	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00
Noorong Community Centre: Hire for Recreational Activities (up to 3 hours)	\$13.18	\$1.32	\$14.50

Tooleybuc

Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per 2 hours)	\$16.36	\$1.64	\$18.00
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per half day)	\$31.36	\$3.14	\$34.50
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per day)	\$61.82	\$6.18	\$68.00
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Groups & Agencies (per hour)	\$7.27	\$0.73	\$8.00
Tooleybuc Community Services Room: Individual Client Room			No Charge

Wakool

Wakool Memorial Hall: Hall & Kitchen Hire (per day or part)	\$158.18	\$15.82	\$174.00
Wakool Memorial Hall: Kitchen Hire Only (per day or part)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Wakool Memorial Hall: Kitchen Space Hire as a Meeting Room (up to 3 hours)	\$12.27	\$1.23	\$13.50
Wakool Memorial Hall: Hall Hire Only (per day or part)	\$118.18	\$11.82	\$130.00
Wakool Memorial Hall: Gas Heating (per hour)	\$16.82	\$1.68	\$18.50

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Public Swimming Pools: Adult Entry	\$5.91	\$0.59	\$6.50
Public Swimming Pools: Child Entry	\$2.73	\$0.27	\$3.00
Public Swimming Pools: Season Family (maximum of 2 adults & 2 children)	\$105.45	\$10.55	\$116.00
Public Swimming Pools: Season Single	\$67.27	\$6.73	\$74.00

LIBRARIES

Lost/Damaged Library Items - Item Replacement	Replacement Value		
Lost/Damaged Library Items - Processing fee	\$11.00	\$0.00	\$11.00
Internet Browsing	No Charge		

OPEN SPACES

Council Open Spaces - Beaches, Parks etc. (up to 3 hours)	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
Kerrabee Sound Shell: Commercial Hire (per day or part)	\$286.36	\$28.64	\$315.00

GENERAL

Issue/Re-issue Electronic Access Key - all relevant facilities	\$30.45	\$3.05	\$33.50
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SPORTS FACILITIES

Hire of equipment, where applicable, by negotiation with facility Management Committee

Moama Sporting Complex: Facility Bond (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Moama Sporting Complex: Facility Hire (per day)	\$347.45	\$34.75	\$382.20
Moama Sporting Complex: Facility Hire (per hour)	\$44.55	\$4.45	\$49.00
All Recreation Reserves: Bond (refundable after clearance of Council inspection)	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Mathoura Football Netball Club (per annum)	\$3,390.91	\$339.09	\$3,730.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Mathoura Tennis Club (per annum)	\$522.73	\$52.27	\$575.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Ground and Pavillion Hire (per day or part)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Ground and Pavilion Hire (Half Day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SPORTS FACILITIES [continued]

Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Key Deposit (refundable on return of key)	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Mathoura Recreation Reserve: Events	Price on Application		
Includes Bond			
Moama Recreation Reserve: Echuca-Moama Cycling Club (per annum)	\$2,386.36	\$238.64	\$2,625.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Echuca-Moama Little Athletics (per annum)	\$3,336.36	\$333.64	\$3,670.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Anglican Grammar School (per annum)	\$13,650.00	\$1,365.00	\$15,015.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Cricket Club (per annum)	\$7,254.55	\$725.45	\$7,980.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Football Netball Club (per annum)	\$11,550.00	\$1,155.00	\$12,705.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama-Echuca Border Raiders Soccer Club (per annum)	\$6,228.18	\$622.82	\$6,851.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama-Echuca Touch Association (per annum)	\$2,386.36	\$238.64	\$2,625.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Junior Football Club (per annum)	\$3,581.82	\$358.18	\$3,940.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Stadium (Oval & Pavillion) Hire (full day)	\$381.82	\$38.18	\$420.00
Payable 2 Weeks Prior to Use, 50% Deposit Required on Booking			
Moama Recreation Reserve: Stadium (Oval & Pavillion) Hire (half day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Payable 2 Weeks Prior to Use, 50% Deposit Required on Booking			
Moama Recreation Reserve: Events	Price on Application		
Moama Recreation Reserve: General School Utilisation	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Jack Eddy & Brick Alley (Oval & Pavilion) hire (Full day)	\$318.18	\$31.82	\$350.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Jack Eddy & Brick Alley (Oval & Pavilion) hire (Half day - up to 4 hours)	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Moama Echuca Community Botanic Gardens Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$336.36	\$33.64	\$370.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion - No Use of Grounds (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion - No Use of Grounds (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Moama Recreation Reserve: Small Meeting Room Hire (per hour)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Kyalite Recreation Reserve: Hall Hire (per day or part)	\$27.27	\$2.73	\$30.00
Kyalite Recreation Reserve: Hall Hire (per day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Kyalite Recreation Reserve: Supper Room Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$7.73	\$0.77	\$8.50
Barham Recreation Reserve: Cricket Club	\$795.45	\$79.55	\$875.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Polo Club	\$795.45	\$79.55	\$875.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

SPORTS FACILITIES [continued]

Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve - Hall Hire (Per Day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Complex Hire Football & Netball Clubs - excl. Cleaning (per day)	\$2,700.00	\$270.00	\$2,970.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Tennis club	\$581.82	\$58.18	\$640.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Gym	\$631.82	\$63.18	\$695.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Complex Hire Moulamein Working Sheep Dog Club - excl. Cleaning (per day)	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Pavillion Hire (per day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Pavillion Hire (per half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Cleaning Charge	\$37.27	\$3.73	\$41.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve: Key Deposit (refundable on return of key)	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Moulamein Lakes Boat Ramp: Annual Fee	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Moulamein Lakes Boat Ramp: Casual Hire: (per day)	\$22.73	\$2.27	\$25.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Hire for Shows		11% of Gate Takings	
Barham Recreation Reserve: Koondrook Barham Football Netball Club (per annum)	\$3,390.91	\$339.09	\$3,730.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Rent of Caretaker's Cottage (per week)	\$190.91	\$19.09	\$210.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Hire of Faulkner Pavilion - Commercial - excl. sound and lighting (per hour)	\$22.73	\$2.27	\$25.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion Hire (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Multi Purpose Pavilion Hire (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Small Meeting Room Hire (up to 3 hours)	\$31.82	\$3.18	\$35.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Grounds & Pavilion Hire (full day)	\$318.18	\$31.82	\$350.00
Barham Recreation Reserve: Grounds & Pavilion Hire (half day)	\$159.09	\$15.91	\$175.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve & Hall: Hall Hire - Football Club (per annum)	\$3,390.91	\$339.09	\$3,730.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve: Cricket Club	\$795.45	\$79.55	\$875.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve & Hall Hire (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve & Hall Hire (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Koraleigh Recreation Reserve - Pavilion Hire (Per Day)	\$47.73	\$4.77	\$52.50
Mallan Recreation Reserve: Hall Hire (half day)	\$40.00	\$4.00	\$44.00
Moulamein Centenary Reserve: Race Club and Polo Club (per annum)	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Moulamein Centennial Reserve - Hire of Multi-purpose Shelter (Per Day)	\$227.27	\$22.73	\$250.00
Mallan Recreation Reserve: Tennis Courts (per day or part)	\$29.77	\$2.98	\$32.75

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

SPORTS FACILITIES [continued]

Wakool Recreation Reserve Hire (full day)	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Wakool Recreation Reserve Hire (half day)	\$104.55	\$10.45	\$115.00
Wakool Recreation Reserve: Main Pavilion Hire (per half day)	\$54.55	\$5.45	\$60.00

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION

Long Service Levy	0.25% of Value of ALL Building work \$250,000 or more
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BUILDING

Assessment of CDC eligibility - Class 1A and 1B	\$545.45	\$54.55	\$600.00
Assessment of CDC eligibility - Class 2 - 9	\$545.45	\$54.55	\$600.00
Assessment of CDC eligibility - Class 10A and 10B	\$272.73	\$27.27	\$300.00
Complying Development Certificate - 1A and 1B	\$1,818.18	\$181.82	\$2,000.00
Complying Development Certificate - 2 - 9	\$2,727.27	\$272.73	\$3,000.00
Complying Development Certificate - 10A and 10B	\$1,090.91	\$109.09	\$1,200.00
Complying Development Certificate - Minor Change	\$113.64	\$11.36	\$125.00
Complying Development Certificate - Major Change (Maximum Fee: \$1000)	50% of original CDC fee or \$1,000 whichever is the lesser		
Complying Development Certificate - Demolition of Building	\$454.55	\$45.45	\$500.00
Construction Certificate: Assessment of Performance Solution, BCA Classes 1 and 10	\$1,568.19	\$156.82	\$1,725.00
Construction Certificate: Assessment of Performance Solution, BCA Classes 2 through 9	\$2,354.55	\$235.45	\$2,590.00
Construction Certificate: Value Up to \$100,000: Base Fee	\$184.55	\$18.45	\$203.00
Construction Certificate: Value Up to \$100,000: Variable Fee (per \$100)	\$0.59	\$0.06	\$0.65
Construction Certificate: Value \$100,001 to \$250,000: Base Fee	\$721.82	\$72.18	\$794.00
Construction Certificate: Value \$100,001 to \$250,000: Variable Fee (per \$100)	\$0.33	\$0.03	\$0.36
Construction Certificate: Value \$250,001 to \$1,000,000: Base Fee	\$1,155.45	\$115.55	\$1,271.00
Construction Certificate: Value \$250,001 to \$1,000,000: Variable Fee (per \$100)	\$0.22	\$0.02	\$0.24
Construction Certificate: Value Over \$1,000,000	Price on Application		
Construction Certificate: Order to be issued on behalf of Private Certifier	\$477.27	\$47.73	\$525.00
Construction Certificate: Order to be issued on behalf of Private Certifier Follow-up Action (per hour)	\$239.09	\$23.91	\$263.00
Construction Certificate: Appointment of Council as replacement Principle Certifier (excluding inspections)	\$328.18	\$32.82	\$361.00
Miscellaneous building/plumbing inspection and report	\$442.73	\$44.27	\$487.00
Construction Certificate: Miscellaneous on-site meetings with Building Surveyors, rural location	\$385.91	\$38.59	\$424.50
Construction Certificate: Miscellaneous on-site meetings with Building Surveyors, non-rural location	\$262.73	\$26.27	\$289.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

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Construction Certificate: Minor Change	\$263.64	\$26.36	\$290.00
Construction Certificate: Major Change (Maximum Fee: \$1500)	50% of Original Fee or \$1,500 whichever is the lesser		
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of Construction Certificate	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of Complying Development Certificates	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of Certificates of Compliance & Occupancy	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00
Registration of Principal Certifier Documents (Privately Certified): Registration of a Subdivision Certificate	\$44.00	\$0.00	\$44.00

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Development Application (EP&A Reg) - Up to \$5,000	\$146.90	\$0.00	\$146.90
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$5,001 to \$50,000: Base Fee	\$225.50	\$0.00	\$225.50
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$5,001 to \$50,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$50,000)	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$50,001 to \$250,000: Base Fee	\$469.25	\$0.00	\$469.25
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$50,001 to \$250,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$50,000)	\$3.64	\$0.00	\$3.64
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$250,001 to \$500,000: Base Fee	\$1,544.50	\$0.00	\$1,544.50
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$250,001 to \$500,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$250,000)	\$2.34	\$0.00	\$2.34
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$500,001 to \$1,000,000: Base Fee	\$2,324.70	\$0.00	\$2,324.70
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$500,001 to \$1,000,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$500,000)	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$1.64
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000: Base Fee	\$3,483.05	\$0.00	\$3,483.05
Development Application (EP&A Reg) \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$1,000,000)	\$1.44	\$0.00	\$1.44
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - More than \$10,000,000: Base Fee	\$21,145.55	\$0.00	\$21,145.55
Development Application (EP&A Reg) More than \$10,000,000: Additional Fee (per \$1,000 or part, above \$10,000,000)	\$1.19	\$0.00	\$1.19
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - Erection of a Dwelling with an Estimated Construction Cost of \$100,000 or less	\$605.95	\$0.00	\$605.95
Maximum under Schedule 4, Part 2, Items 2.1 - 2.3 EP&AR 2021			
Development Application (EP&A Reg) for the purposes of 1 or more advertisements -: Base Fee	\$379.30	\$0.00	\$379.30
Development Application (EP&A Reg) Advertising: Additional Fee per additional advertisement	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$93.00
Development Application (EP&A Reg) - Development Not Involving the Erection of a Building, the Carrying Out of Work, the Subdivision of Land or the Demolition of a Building or Work (Schedule 4, Part 2, Item 2.7)	\$379.30	\$0.00	\$379.30
Additional Planning Application Fees - Exhibition Administration Fees (as applicable)	\$65.50	\$0.00	\$65.50

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION [continued]

Additional Planning Application Fees - Record Retrieval Fees (applicable for records prior to 2016)	\$76.50	\$0.00	\$76.50
Additional Planning Application Fees - Additional Development Fee for use of Existing Development Erected without Required Consent	\$579.00	\$0.00	\$579.00
Lodgement of amended plans during DA assessment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Pre-Lodgement Meetings - First Meeting (up to 1 hour - no advice issued)			No Charge

SECTION 68 APPROVAL

On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Alteration to Existing Approval to Operate Existing OSSM	\$185.63	\$0.00	\$185.63
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Application for Approval to Operate Existing OSSM	\$185.63	\$0.00	\$185.63
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Registration of Existing Approved OSSM	\$96.25	\$0.00	\$96.25
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Compliance Certificate (Inspection)	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - Application	\$484.00	\$0.00	\$484.00
On-Site Sewerage Management System (OSSM) - On-site Water Treatment System – Inspection of Existing Systems	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$220.00
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - Up to \$5,000	\$157.30	\$0.00	\$157.30
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - \$5,001 to \$100,000: Base Fee	\$407.55	\$0.00	\$407.55
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) \$5,001 to \$100,000: Additional Fee (per \$100 above \$5,000)	\$0.62	\$0.00	\$0.62
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - \$100,001 to \$250,000: Base Fee	\$657.80	\$0.00	\$657.80
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) \$100,001 to \$250,000: Additional Fee (per \$100 above \$100,000)	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$0.33
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - More than \$250,001: Base Fee	\$1,101.10	\$0.00	\$1,101.10
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) More than \$250,001: Additional Fee (per \$100 above \$250,000)	\$0.20	\$0.00	\$0.20
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - Inspection Fees (each)	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Install Moveable Dwelling (other than in a Caravan Park or Camping Ground) - Other eg D2, De, D5, D6, E1, E2	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Initial Application Fee for Approval to Operate (per site)	\$18.15	\$0.00	\$18.15
Minimum Fee \$70			
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Fee for Approval to Operate	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Re-Inspection due to Non-compliance at Initial inspection relating to Approval to Operate (per site)	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
Minimum Fee \$70			

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

SECTION 68 APPROVAL [continued]

Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Renewal or Continuation of an Approval (per site)	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Application for Approval to Install a Manufactured Home, Removable Dwelling or Associated Structure	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
(S68 A1 Local Government Act 1993)			
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Certificate of Completion Final Inspection and Letter Allowing Occupation	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Inspections Relating to Section 68 A1 Approvals Additional Inspection Fee	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Additional Inspection Fee			
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Re-Inspection fee for Non-Compliance	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Issuing Replacement Approval (Name of New Proprietor)	\$262.50	\$0.00	\$262.50
Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds & Manufactured Home Estates - Caravan Park/Manufactured Home Estate	\$245.70	\$0.00	\$245.70
Final Inspection per Unit/Dwelling			
Solid Fuel Heater: Application & Inspection on Completion w/Certificate	\$354.90	\$0.00	\$354.90
Plumbing and Drainage: Approval Permit (inc installation and operation of OSSM)	\$484.00	\$0.00	\$484.00
Includes Approval, One Inspection Fee and Compliance Certificate			
Plumbing and Drainage: Approval Permit (minor alterations and repairs)	\$139.75	\$0.00	\$139.75
Includes Approval, Inspections and Compliance Certificate Issue			
Plumbing and Drainage: Additional Inspection	\$215.00	\$0.00	\$215.00
For Inspections Relating to Approvals Under S68 LGA			
Construction Certificate: Objections to application of regulations and local policies (Section 82 LG Act 1993)	\$924.00	\$0.00	\$924.00

STRUCTURAL INSPECTION

Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Risk Assessment Certificate: Standard Bushfire Assessment	\$1,818.18	\$181.82	\$2,000.00
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BUILDING

Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: Outside Council Area - Base Fee	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: Outside Council Area PER HOUR	\$250.50	\$0.00	\$250.50
Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: within Council Area	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

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	Fee (excl. GST)	GST	

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Inspection of Dwelling to be Relocated: Bond/Bank Guarantee	\$8,190.00	\$0.00	\$8,190.00
Critical Stage Inspection Fees (each) including Occupation Certificate Inspection	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Critical Stage Inspection: Re-Inspection (each) including Occupation Certificate re-inspection	\$225.45	\$22.55	\$248.00
Occupation Certificate: Swimming Pool	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$220.00
Final Inspection			
Occupation Certificate: Council Register Swimming Pool on Owners Behalf (s30B(2))	\$9.09	\$0.91	\$10.00
Building Information Certificate: Copy of Building Certificate	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
Under Clause 262 EP&AR 2000			
Building Information Certificate: Class 1 or Class 10 Building	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$330.00
Each Dwelling Contained in the Building or any other Building on the Allotment, in accordance with EP&AR			
Inspection Fee	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Building Information Certificate - Class 1 or 10 (base amount + \$1.10 per m2 of floor area)	\$1.10	\$0.00	\$1.10
Building Information Certificate - Class 2-9	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Building Information Certificate - Class 2-9 (base amount + \$0.10 per m2 of floor area)	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.10
Building Information Certificate: All Other Classes - Application relating to part of Building or without Floor Area	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Building Information Certificate: All Other Classes - Additional Inspection Fee	\$141.96	\$0.00	\$141.96
Engage in a Trade or Business on Community Land Sec 68 D1: Application (e.g. footpath dining, display goods for sale, portable signage)	\$196.56	\$0.00	\$196.56
Includes One (1) Inspection Fee			
Engage in a Trade or Business on Community Land: Annual Review for Existing Approval	\$54.60	\$0.00	\$54.60

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

CULVERT CONSTRUCTION

Note: Additional Access will be Double the Rates Below. Additional Width At Cost

Culverts for Rural Property Access - First Access	Price on Application
Culverts for Urban Property Access (incl. Headwalls) - First Access	Price on Application

CROSSING - IRRIGATION

Irrigation Supply: Road Opening Permit	\$163.80	\$0.00	\$163.80
Irrigation Supply: Road Opening Application	\$148.91	\$14.89	\$163.80
Irrigation Supply: Road Opening Security Deposit (refundable on inspection & clearance by Council)	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$5,460.00

ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Road Closure Permit: Administration Fee	\$620.55	\$0.00	\$620.55
Roads Act: Inspection Fee (per visit)	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Roads Act: Section 125 - Outdoor Dining Permit, Section 138 - Driveways & Crossover Permit, Section 139 - Road Opening Permit. Note: Road Opening Permit may also fall under Section 138.			
Roads Act: Permit Fee	\$164.00	\$0.00	\$164.00
Roads Act: Section 125 - Outdoor Dining Permit, Section 138 - Driveways & Crossover Permit, Section 139 - Road Opening Permit. Note: Road Opening Permit may also fall under Section 138.			
Restoration of Footpath Opening	Cost plus 10%		
Seal or Asphalt or Concrete (Quote for other surfaces other than the abovementioned)			
Footpath Opening: Traffic Guidance Scheme	\$496.36	\$49.64	\$546.00

SALES & SERVICES

Rural Addressing Post: Supply only	\$268.05	\$26.80	\$294.85
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Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

PRIVATE WORKS

Aggregate (per cubic metre loaded)	\$188.64	\$18.86	\$207.50
Crushed Rock (per cubic metre loaded)	\$178.68	\$17.87	\$196.55
Concrete Sand (per cubic metre loaded)	\$103.64	\$10.36	\$114.00
Red Sand/Garden Loam – per cubic metre loaded	\$90.91	\$9.09	\$100.00
Sand Bags (per unit)	\$1.73	\$0.17	\$1.90
Sand / Gravel (Prior Stream Gravel) (per cubic metre)	\$15.91	\$1.59	\$17.50
Plant Hire: Grader Heavy (per hour)	\$234.55	\$23.45	\$258.00
Plant Hire: Grader & Laser (per hour)	\$248.18	\$24.82	\$273.00
Plant Hire: Crane-Chamberlain Proline (per hour)	\$252.95	\$25.30	\$278.25
Plant Hire: Roller - Large (per hour)	\$234.55	\$23.45	\$258.00
Plant Hire: Backhoe Loader (per hour)	\$264.55	\$26.45	\$291.00
Plant Hire: Excavator - Mini (per hour)	\$168.18	\$16.82	\$185.00
Plant Hire: Tractor (per hour)	\$209.09	\$20.91	\$230.00
Plant Hire: Attached Implements – Linkage only (per hour)	\$59.55	\$5.95	\$65.50
Plant Hire: Attached Implements – Linkage & PTO (per hour)	\$69.50	\$6.95	\$76.45
Plant Hire: Mowers: Tractor/Slasher (per hour)	\$286.36	\$28.64	\$315.00
Plant Hire: Low Loader & Truck – Travelling (per hour)	\$186 per hour Plus \$6.60 per km		
Plant Hire: Truck: 5 - 7 tonne (per hour)	\$153.68	\$15.37	\$169.05
Plant Hire: Confined Space Trailer - with 2 operators (per hour)	\$273.00	\$27.30	\$300.30
Plant Hire: Loader (per hour)	\$184.23	\$18.42	\$202.65
Plant Hire: Road Reclaimer (per day)	\$6,272.73	\$627.27	\$6,900.00
Plant Hire: Sewer Jetting Machine (2 operators) (per hour)	\$397.09	\$39.71	\$436.80
Plant Hire: Truck Haulage - Truck only (per hour)	\$187.27	\$18.73	\$206.00
Plant Hire: Truck Haulage - w/Trailer (per hour)	\$268.18	\$26.82	\$295.00
Plant Hire: Water Truck (per hour)	\$198.55	\$19.85	\$218.40
Plant Hire: Stand-down & Transportation (other than self-propelled)	Stand down or transportation rates (other than self propelled) will be 50% of the corresponding rates for each plant item.		

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

PRIVATE WORKS [continued]

Plant Hire: Miscellaneous Plant	Price on Application
Plant Hire: Additional Cost for after hours (per hour)	Additional 100% of Standard Rate
Plant Hire: Mowing of Allotments	Price on Application

Name	Year 25/26	
	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)

RATES & ANNUAL CHARGES

Please refer to Revenue Policy for General Rates and Annual Utility Charges

9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.3.1 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE****File Number:** -**Author:** Jan Donald, Executive Administration Officer**Authoriser:** Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the DRAFT minutes of the Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

DISCUSSION

At the meeting of the Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee held on Wednesday 7 May 2025, the following actions were noted:

1. Formal speed zone request to TfNSW for Maude Road Moulamein.
2. V-Line and local bus company to be included as part of the Meninya Street design consultation.
3. Determine frequency of parking along Echuca Street Moama.
4. Nomination of speed reduction request on Barmah Road Barmah.
5. Investigate placement and installation of signage warning of farm vehicles crossing at the Yorta Yorta Nation Corporation farm.
6. Prepare letter of response to Yorta Yorta National Corporation with an update of actions.
7. Formal request for speed reduction along Twenty-Four Lane Moama.
8. The following event was approved:
 - 8.1 Run Echuca Moama (formerly Johnno's Run) August 2025 (subject to receiving the updated CoC).
9. Bunnaloo Primary School Bike Ride 2025 – send advice to school principal in relation to insurance requirements for the event.
10. Contact Campaspe Shire Council, Dept of Transport (Vic) and / or National Heavy Vehicle Regulator regarding truck route and heavy vehicle access from Victoria.
11. Review site distance and requirements of installing a Stop Sign at the intersection of Merool Road and Perricoota Road.
12. Open Street Program grant application (market) confirmation of location submitted was for Blair Street.
13. Request for additional speed signs in Lignum Road from NSW Police.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **DRAFT - MRC Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 7 May 2025** [↓](#) 



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Minutes

Meeting title	Local Traffic Committee		
Date	Wednesday 7 May 2025	Time	10am – 11.30am
Location	Microsoft Teams / Gulpa Room, MRC Moama Office		
Invitees	Daniel Hughes – MRC Interim Director Infrastructure (DH) <i>Chair</i> Cr Kylie Berryman – MRC Councillor (KB) Ken Spence – Murray River Council (KS) Mick Fuller – NSWPOL (MF) Rob Mayo – NSWPOL (RM) Trisha Suckling – TfNSW (TS) Ricki Thompson – Murray River Council (RT) Jan Donald (minute taker) (JD)		
Apologies	Cr Gary Pappin – MRC Councillor Denise Crouch – TfNSW Frank Schofield – Local Representative		

- No. Description**
1. **Minutes of previous meeting of 4 December 2024 for confirmation**
 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 December were accepted as written.
 2. **Review of action sheet / business arising:**
 - 2.1 Purpose of the Local Traffic Committee - noted
 - 2.2 Moulamein Traffic Update (Heavy Vehicle 12-Month Update) - A review of traffic counts on Maude Road has been conducted. Between 2 September 2024 and 6 December 2024, traffic counts captured seasonal variations, averaging 195 vehicles per day, with a 30% heavy vehicle component and an 85th percentile speed of 98 km/h. There are plans to request a speed zone review on a section of Maude Road near Tchelery Road following rehabilitation construction works.
 - 2.3 Moama Regional Bus stop relocation update - The V-Line bus (PTV) and the local bus service between Echuca & Moama utilise the bus stop at the old Meninya Street Council Offices. Consultation would be required with operators pending final plans of the Meninya Street site. Council will ensure that V-Line and the local bus service is consulted as part of the Meninya Street design.
Action: Ensure V-Line and local bus company is included as part of the Meninya Street design consultation (MRC - MS)

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- 2.4 Review of “No Stopping” signs Echuca Street Moama – vehicles are still parking in the no stopping signed area along Echuca Street. Further investigation required to determine frequency of parking (noting that Alpha Tyres have relocated).

Action: Determine frequency of parking along Echuca Street (MRC - KS)

- 2.5 Echuca Moama Cycling Club updated CoC has been received – *closed*
- 2.6 Nomination of speed reduction on the NSW side of Barmah – TfNSW in conjunction with Vic DoT is undertaking a review of speed limits along this area of Barmah Road. In addition, Council received correspondence from Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation requesting safety improvements on Barmah Road for the crossing of their farm vehicles. MRC Road Safety Officer has reviewed the area in question and does not believe, and due to the distance from the 60km area, this would not qualify for a speed change, however signage advising farm vehicles crossing may be an option.

Action: Investigate placement and installation of signage warning of farm vehicles crossing (MRC – KS)

Prepare letter of response to Yorta Yorta Nation Corporation (MRC – JD)

Send formal request on speed reduction to TfNSW (MRC – RT)

- 2.7 Update on review of Twenty-four Lane speed reduction request – formal request to be submitted to TfNSW by MRC.

Action: Send formal request for speed reduction (MRC – RT)

3. Parking issues / Special events:

- 3.1 Run Echuca Moama (formerly Johnno’s Run) - August 2025
- 3.1.1 Application for an Event
 - 3.1.2 Emergency Management Plan
 - 3.1.3 Event Management Plan
 - 3.1.4 Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan
 - 3.1.5 Site Map
 - 3.1.6 5km Event route and marshalling points
 - 3.1.7 10 & 21km route and marshalling points
 - 3.1.8 MRC Casual Hire Application
 - 3.1.9 TMP (to be provided)
 - 3.1.10 CoC (expires June 2025)

Approved subject to receiving the TMP and updated Certificate of Insurance. Certificate of Insurance to include MRC, NSWPOL & TfNSW as interested parties.

- 3.2 Bunnaloo Primary School Bike Ride 2025 - In 2023 the Bunnaloo Primary School ran a school bike ride on local roads with minimal traffic volumes. The Primary School is seeking guidance on the process of applying to run this bike ride this year. Previously, NSW Education would not include MRC, TfNSW and NSWPOL on their CoC as interested parties. The Local Traffic committee suggests that the school



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investigate the option of applying for the insurance under the Parents' Club Committee.

Action: Advise Bunnaloo Primary School of the insurance recommendation (MRC)

4. Traffic Control Plans / Safety Issues:

- 4.1 Nicholas Drive / Cobb Highway Safety Concerns - Update from TfNSW on Preliminary Investigation Works – Survey teams from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) are currently collecting data to assist in developing design concepts. The concept designs are expected to be finalised in the 2026 financial year, and the appointed consultants will coordinate with Council when they are prepared to advance to the next phase.

Statistics indicate that there have been four accidents at this location over the past five years. A camera trial monitoring near misses has recently been completed, and the Council is currently reviewing the footage. Additionally, the Council is considering the implementation of barricades or chicanes to ensure bicycles remain on the paths and prevent riders from entering drains and accessing the roadway.

5. General Business (Informal items):

- 5.1 Meninya Street project update – Council has been working on a masterplan for this precinct for a number of years. Recent decisions to progress this work include maintaining angled parking and the removal of the right-hand turning lane into Echuca Street. *(Note - This is currently used by heavy traffic and would require heavy traffic to utilise the new bridge and travelling up to Cobb Hwy to gain access via Francis Street.)* An updated design will be prepared and presented back to Council for approval followed by a 28-day public consultation period.

Action: MRC to contact CSC, DoT or NHVR to request update regarding the truck route and heavy vehicle access (MRC – RT)

- 5.2 Perricoota Road roundabouts update – Recommendations from a traffic study proposed roundabouts at the intersection of Perricoota Road and Lignum Road and Perricoota Road and Merool Road. Design works have been completed and staged works are planned (pending funding) with Lignum Road as the first priority due to the 200 additional lots being constructed followed by Merool Road.

Action: Provide site distance and requirements of installing a Stop Sign at Merool Road intersection at next LTC meeting (MRC – KS)

- 5.3 Speewa Road speed reduction – TfNSW to provide details to Council and authorisation for speed signage to be updated.

- 5.4 Maude Road Speed Limit - Road Rehabilitation Construction

Action: Submit formal speed reduction request to TfNSW (MRC – RT)

Discuss request internally and advise KS (TfNSW – TS)



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- 5.5 Meninya Street Market Request
NSW Police would not support the use of Meninya Street for the market due to road safety issues.

Action: Confirm with EcoDev on application for Blair Street (MRC – JD)

- 5.6 Lignum Road additional speed signs request

Action: Install additional speed signs (MRC – RT)

- 5.7 National Road Safety Week – 12-18 May 2025 – social media resources available.
“Light up the sky yellow in memory of Sarah”

6. Next meeting:

Tuesday 14 October 2025

7. Meeting closed:

Meeting closed at 10.55am

9.3.2 DRAFT COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS POLICY**File Number:** -**Author:** Matthew Sherman, Acting Manager - Project Management Office**Authoriser:** Daniel Hughes, Interim Director Infrastructure**RECOMMENDATION**

That the DRAFT Community Infrastructure Project Policy be adopted and placed on public display.

BACKGROUND

Murray River Council is responsible for the planning, delivery, and maintenance of a wide range of community infrastructure that supports the wellbeing and development of our towns. As a custodian of public assets and resources, Council plays a critical role in managing projects that respond to community needs.

In addition to projects initiated by Council, proposals and requests from community groups and Section 355 committees are regularly submitted to Council to undertake construction of new, or upgrades and renewals to existing Council assets. These proposals often reflect a strong local interest, a solution to an identified risk or issue, or an upgrade to meet growing service demands. However, these projects present governance, financial, operational and risk considerations for Council. Inconsistent approaches to planning, approval, delivery and funding, can result in unclear project responsibilities, unexpected costs, assessment management challenges or unintended long-term impacts to stakeholders involved.

DISCUSSION

To ensure that all community infrastructure projects are assessed transparently, align to Council's adopted Community Strategic Plan and are governed by Council's policies and procedures, a clear Community Infrastructure Projects Policy is required. The proposed Draft Community Infrastructure Projects Policy intends to provide support, approval and funding guidance to community projects that require approval or support from Council. The draft Policy aims to guide project stakeholders on how and when to seek approval for projects and offers further guidance on funding and support for these projects.

Additionally, the draft Policy aims to ensure Council provides a consistent approach to respond to project requests and supports the development of projects that align with strategic priorities and form part of financially sustainable capital works and maintenance budgets.

The Objectives of the draft Policy are to:

- ▶ Ensure that community infrastructure projects seeking Council support have strategic justification and relevant supporting documentation;
- ▶ Ensure that financial requirements for community infrastructure projects are approved prior to any commitments;
- ▶ Ensure that community infrastructure projects are responsibly planned, managed and delivered;
- ▶ Ensure that risks associated with community infrastructure projects are identified and appropriate mitigation measures put in place;
- ▶ Increase community satisfaction with Council's community engagement process;

- ▶ Improve understanding of Council financial limitations and how the community can contribute to financial sustainability; and
- ▶ Identify community priorities for future infrastructure requirements.

The Community Infrastructure Project Policy will be underpinned by the Community Infrastructure Project Proposal Guidelines which will provide clear guidance and resources to assist in gaining a decision on proposed project ideas. The guidelines will consist of guidance information, a project bid form and a flow chart/procedure to provide a clear overview of the process for all parties.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.1 Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles – Sports and recreation facilities and spaces.

3.2 Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles – Public Buildings.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary implications as a direct result of the adoption of this Policy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Adoption of the Policy will resolve inconsistencies in the management and governance of Community Infrastructure Projects.

- **How can it happen?**

By not approving this draft Policy, inconsistencies will remain in the review and approval of projects.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Moderate.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Possible.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Supporting the draft Policy to proceed to community consultation is a key step to resolving inconsistencies in project governance for community projects. The draft Policy and supporting documentation have been developed collaboratively and now requires further input and comment from the public before final adoption.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Thorough discussion of the potential implications for Council of any proposed change to the draft prior to adoption.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council endorse the draft Policy and that it be placed on public display. The adoption of the Community Infrastructure Policy will greatly assist Council and community groups such as Section 355 Committees with a transparent and consistent process.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **DRAFT Community Infrastructure Projects Policy (POL-317)** [!\[\]\(8c4dca64662d21542001ca0ed7eeb688_img.jpg\)](#) 

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS POLICY

(POL-317)

1. INTRODUCTION

Community groups or committees often seek support, approval, and funding guidance from Murray River Council (Council) for projects aimed at delivering new, replacement or upgraded community infrastructure.

The purpose of this Policy is to provide support, approval and funding guidance to community-driven projects that require approval or support from Council. It guides project stakeholders on how and when to seek approval for projects and offers further guidance on funding and support for these projects.

Additionally, the Policy ensures that Council provides a consistent approach to responding to project requests and supports the development of projects that align with strategic priorities and form part of financially sustainable capital works and maintenance budgets.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Policy are to:

- ▶ Ensure that community infrastructure projects seeking Council support have strategic justification and relevant supporting documentation;
- ▶ Ensure that financial requirements for community infrastructure projects are approved prior to any commitments;
- ▶ Ensure that community infrastructure projects are responsibly planned, managed and delivered;
- ▶ Ensure that risks associated with community infrastructure projects are identified and appropriate mitigation measures put in place;
- ▶ Increase community satisfaction with Council's community engagement process;
- ▶ Improved understanding of Council financial limitations and how the community can contribute to financial sustainability; and
- ▶ Identify community priorities for future infrastructure requirements.

3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to projects across the whole of the Murray River Council Local Government Area (LGA) that impact Council owned infrastructure assets and land.

4. LEGISLATION

- ▶ Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
- ▶ Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (NSW)

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is responsible for infrastructure assets and land that are utilised by community groups and committees.

Community Infrastructure Projects are to be aligned to Council's Community Strategic Plan and have the capacity to be funded (including any ongoing Council contribution to operating costs) from within the Long Term Financial Plan or through external funding sources.

It is essential that any projects proposed for new, replacement or upgraded community infrastructure are strategically justified, informed by Council asset owners, adequately planned and can be sustainably funded.

Potential projects are to be developed in accordance with the Guidelines outlined in the Guidelines for Community Infrastructure Projects. (G317-001) - Appendix 1



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Council will provide employee resources and allocate funds annually through Council's Budget process to support this Policy.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibility
Council as a whole	Council will ensure awareness of relevant employees and Councillors of their responsibilities and the process for organisations seeking external funding for Community Infrastructure projects.
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	To lead employees (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this Policy and related Procedures.
Directors, Managers and Supervisors	To communicate, implement and comply with this policy and related Procedures.
All Council Employees	To be aware of and ensure compliance with this Policy.
Council Committees	To be aware of and adhere to this Policy.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Project Office to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as needed, whichever comes first.

8. NON-COMPLIANCE

Non-compliance may result in a breach of the Code of Conduct Policy and/or lead to disciplinary action including dismissal.

9. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

External:

Nil

Internal:

- ▶ MRC Plan - Asset Management Strategy
- ▶ MRC Plan - Asset Management Plans
- ▶ MRC Plan - Community Strategic Plan
- ▶ MRC Plan - Long Term Financial Plan
- ▶ MRC Guidelines - Community Infrastructure Projects Proposal Guidelines (G317-001) – Appendix 1
- ▶ MRC Form - Community Infrastructure Projects – Project Business Case Form (F317-001) – Appendix 2
- ▶ MRC Chart - Community Infrastructure Projects – Approval Process Flow (C317-001) – Appendix 3

Definitions and Aconyms:

Term	Definition
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Infrastructure	Means systems, services and structures required for the effective functioning of the Council. This may include, but not limited to: Buildings, recreation reserves, road network, footpaths, waste facilities, skate parks, bridges, essential services – water and sewerage.
LGA	Local Government Area

10. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Version No.	Details	Dates	CM9 Reference	Resolution No.
1	Initial Issue	DRAFT	VF/25/271	TBA

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time
This Policy is scheduled for review in before 2029.

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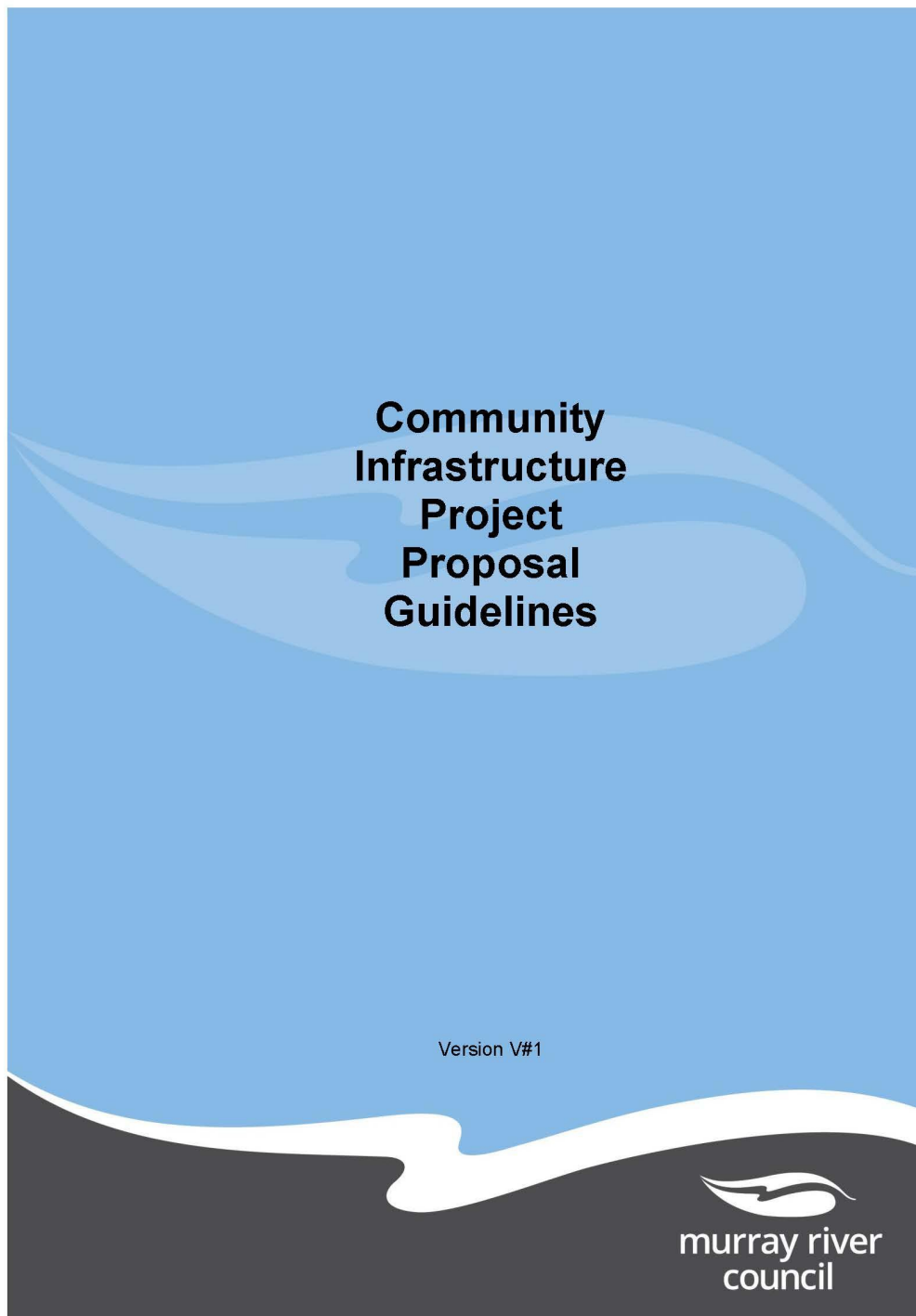
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Appendix 1: Community Infrastructure Projects Proposal Guidelines (G317-001)





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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Associated with the Community Infrastructure Projects Policy (POL-317)

Council will ensure that all community infrastructure projects seeking Council approval, support or funding guidance are responsibly planned, managed and delivered. Strategic justification, relevant supporting documentation and financial capacity are to be met and approved by Council prior to its involvement in a project.

1. PROJECT IDEA

A Committee or Community Group may identify an infrastructure project (located at a Council asset) that will require Council support to be progressed.

The Committee or Group should document some concept level information about the project which could include:

- ▶ Details of the submitting Committee or Group.
- ▶ Project description and purpose proposal with supporting justification in relation to what need or issue it is addressing. Supporting information such as Feasibility Study, Business Cases, Master Plans, Community Plans, relevant Australian Standards or guidelines that the project will meet etc.
- ▶ The status of the project. For example, is it just a concept or have components of the project such as a design or site plan already been developed.
- ▶ Identification of the current owner of the land or facility associated with the project. If this is not Council, evidence of support from the land or facility owner is required.
- ▶ Identification of the project type (New Asset, Upgraded Asset or Renewal/Replacement of an Asset). Maintenance projects that are over \$5,000 in value can also be raised through this process.
- ▶ Detailed Cost estimates for the project costs with supporting quotes.
- ▶ Cost estimates for ongoing costs (for example cleaning, repairs, utilities) that will result from the project.
- ▶ Proposed funding arrangements including contributions required from the Committee or Group, Council and external grant funding. Evidence is required of the organisation's capacity to fund their required contribution.
- ▶ Proposed project delivery arrangements. This should identify if the Committee or Group is seeking Project Management support from Council or is proposing to deliver the project themselves. If the Committee or Group is proposing to deliver the project, the capacity and skills within the This should include identifying the capacity and skills within the Committee or Group to deliver the project if this is proposed.
- ▶ Proposed timing for the project if Council support and funding arrangements are confirmed.

The Committee or Group is encouraged to discuss the project with Council during development of the concept.

A Project Business Case Form which is (included in these guidelines as Appendix 1) can be used to document the concept level information.

Note: that this Form is intended for a more detailed business case submission and Committees or Groups may not have information for all sections at the project idea concept stage.

Once a concept for the project idea has been sufficiently developed the Committee or Group is required to move a motion to support the project.

After the motion to support the project has been endorsed, the Committee or Group are to submit the project idea through the online form.

Project ideas for Council to review can be submitted at any time of year, however supported proposals will generally only be developed into Project Bids in the period between October and December. This is to enable input to the annual Council budget submission and approval process.



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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Associated with the Community Infrastructure Projects Policy (POL-317)

Project ideas for emergency works or urgent asset replacements to address a compliance or functionality issue can be made and assessed at any time. These projects must be submitted in writing to the relevant Asset Owner within Council to escalate the assessment process.

Where the project does not require a financial contribution from Council either upfront or for the ongoing operation and maintenance of infrastructure, project ideas can be submitted and assessed on a monthly basis.

2. INITIAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Council will review the submitted Project Idea Concept with a focus on:

- Alignment with the Community Strategic Plan
- Alignment with current Asset Management Plans for the land, facility or asset class.
- Alignment with Financial Sustainability objectives and the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Where Council assesses that sufficient alignment exists for the project to progress further, Council will contact the applicant and request that the full Project Business Case Form is completed and submitted.

If the project is not supported, feedback will be provided to the applicant in relation to areas where the project did not achieve adequate alignment with Council plans.

3. PROJECT BUSINESS CASE

The Committee or Group is to complete the full Project Business Case Form and submit to Council.

Council will provide advice on any particular information that was not provided as part of the initial assessment that should be a focus for the full Business Case.

For some projects the level of information provided at the Project Idea Concept stage may be adequate and this step may not be required.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT BID

Council will assess if adequate information has been provided in the Project Business Case Form for a Project Bid for funding to be developed.

The Project Bid will be prepared by the relevant Asset Owner within Council and presented internally for approval. The level of approval will depend on the value of the project and available funding within approved Council budgets and will be in accordance with Council financial delegations.

As noted above, Project Bids will generally be developed in the October to December period each year. For emergency or urgent items or where a financial contribution from Council is not required, Council will consider development of bids outside of this period.

Council may request additional information from the applicant as part of the development of a Project Bid.

Council will assess the proposed project delivery arrangements and the risks associated with delivery. For large or complex projects, Council may require that Project Management be undertaken by Council or a suitably qualified resource such as an Engineering consultancy firm.

Council will assess the proposed approach to sourcing any grant funding. Where funding application requirements are low risk and not complex, Council will generally support the Group or Committee making their own grant application. This will also apply where there is a financial advantage for the project in the Committee or Group making the application. For higher risk or complex applications, Council may take responsibility for the grant application.

Council may consider the need for the project to be split in stages. For example for large projects, complex projects, projects with cost or timing uncertainty or projects requiring extensive approvals, separate planning and design and construction stages may be established in the Project Bid.



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Once a Project Bid has been approved, the applicant will be advised of the approved funding and timing for the project and any conditions associated with the approval.

For Project Bids prepared in December each year, an outcome for the applicant will be available in the following June as part of the annual Council budget approval process.

5. PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

5.1 External Grant Funding

Where an external grant amount forms part of the approved project funding, projects may only proceed once the grant is confirmed in full.

If a partial grant amount is awarded, the Committee or Group will be given the opportunity to nominate alternative options for the funding gap. This could include an increased contribution from the Committee or Group.

Where an increased contribution is requested from Council to cover any external grant funding gap, an updated project submission will be required and the project will need to be reassessed by Council.

If the grant submission process is managed by the Committee or Group, Council is to receive copies of all correspondence associated with the submission and be kept updated on the submission process.

5.2 Committee or Group Contribution

Where the approved project funding amount includes a contribution from the Committee or Group, an agreement will be required in relation to this contribution.

The agreement will include:

- ▶ The amount to be funded.
- ▶ If Council is managing the project, the timing for the contribution to be provided to Council. This will include any payment schedules and linking of payments to project hold points.
- ▶ If the Committee or Group is managing the project:
 - The evidence to be provided to Council that the Committee or Group has provided their contribution.
 - The timing required for any Council financial contributions including any payment schedules and linking of payments to project hold points.

6. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 General

The Project Bid document will identify a Project Board that will be formed to provide oversight for each supported project. This will include Council representatives and representatives from the Committee or Group and other project stakeholders if required.

6.2 Project Management

Where the Committee or Group will be managing the implementation of the project, the following aspects of project delivery (where applicable) are to be discussed and agreed with Council before the project can commence:

- ▶ Project delivery program
- ▶ Project hold points
- ▶ Procurement of goods and services



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- ▶ Contract conditions
- ▶ Work health and safety requirements
- ▶ Insurances
- ▶ Asset standards
- ▶ Asset Information to be provided at project completion

Council can provide advice and support to the Committee or Group in relation to any of these aspects.

Council may request that specific information or reviews be undertaken at hold points. For example, provision of risk assessments and safe systems of work documentation from any contractors before commencing work will be a hold point.

6.3 Project Quality Assurance

A Council representative will have a quality assurance role on the Project Board for input and advice.

A Council representative must attend nominated hold points for the project and provide approval to proceed beyond a hold point. A minimum of 2 working days notice is required for Council to attend hold points.

A Council representative must attend any final inspection of completed assets and provide approval that the assets can be accepted.

6.4 Project Completion

At the completion of a project the following is to be provided for the project to be closed out and assets accepted by Council:

- ▶ Provision of as constructed plans and drawings (where applicable). Plans and drawings must be in the format requested by Council.
- ▶ A detailed cost breakdown for each asset which accounts for the full project costs. This must be in the format requested by Council.
- ▶ Provision of any commissioning details, operating manuals, instructions or other information that is associated with the completed assets.

7. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Adopted by the CEO under Delegated Authority:

Version No.	Details	Dates	CM9 Reference	Resolution No.
1	Initial Issue	DRAFT	VF25/271	N/App
This policy was adopted by the Chief Executive Officer, Stacy Williams			Date:	

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this procedure at any time.

This procedure is scheduled for review in line with the Community Infrastructure Project Policy.

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Appendix 2: MRC Form - Project Business Case Form

 PROJECT BUSINESS CASE FORM (F317-001) Associated with the Community Infrastructure Projects Policy	
<p>For submission of project ideas to Council for improvements and/or upgrades to assets or facilities for Council to consider in accordance with Council's internal Project Management Framework. Completing this form does not guarantee approval of your project.</p>	
SECTION A:	
PROJECT LEAD:	
Contact Name:	
Name of Committee/Group:	
Email:	
Contact Phone Number:	
Are you a User Group of a Section 355 Committee? (Tick one of the boxes)	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please give details
Are you a Section 355 Committee?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please give details
Has your project been approved in a motion at a meeting of your Committee or Group?	No <input type="checkbox"/> (cannot proceed further) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a copy of the minutes
Has your project gathered support from the community?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, provide details (eg: letters of support, petitions, community consultations).
PROJECT DETAILS:	
Project description (What does the project involve? Provide a clear summary.)	
Project Type - is this project: (Tick the most relevant option.)	<input type="checkbox"/> A New Asset <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded to an Existing Asset <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal or Replacement of an Asset <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance or Repairs of an Asset
Is the total project valued at:	<input type="checkbox"/> Under \$5,000 – (Complete all of Section A) <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$5,000 – (Complete all Sections A & B)
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PROJECT BUSINESS CASE FORM

SECTION A: (continued)	
Land Ownership - Does Council own/manage the Land?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Project Purpose & Need - Why is this project needed? (Choose one or more)	<input type="checkbox"/> Addresses a safety or compliance issue. <input type="checkbox"/> Improves or replaces an asset that is in poor condition. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports community needs or enhances service delivery. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Provide details.)
Project Benefits: (What positive impacts will this project bring? List specific benefits.)	
Project Timeline: (Provide estimated timeframes for completion.) The Project Lead/Committee/Group should take into account timeframes that will be required for funding approvals.	
Critical Dates: (Are there any deadlines, such as events or grant closing dates?)	
Are there any ongoing costs or impacts? (For example, maintenance costs or increased operational costs.)	
Who will cover ongoing costs? (E.g., Council, Committee, external funding.) Outline any contribution required by Council or other funding partners	
Is this project supported by any existing plans or strategies? (E.g., master plans, feasibility studies - attach if available.)	
Site Plan (Is there a site plan?)	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Please attached

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PROJECT BUSINESS CASE FORM

BUDGET:	
Project Cost Estimate: (Provide a breakdown of costs.)	
How was this cost estimate developed? (E.g., based on quotes, previous projects, expert advice.)	
How will the project be funded? (List sources, including Council contributions, grants, and community fundraising.)	
Provide a list of the ongoing costs (ie. Maintenance, Cleaning, repairs, utilities)	
Expected lifespan of the asset: (For new or upgraded assets.)	

FUNDING:	
Have you previously sought any grant funding?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, was the application successful? (Provide details of funding program?)
Are you aware of grants that could support this project?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes – Provide details of the grant opportunity
Who will submit the grant application?	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee/Group <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Do you require a letter of support from Council?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes – (For which funding program?)



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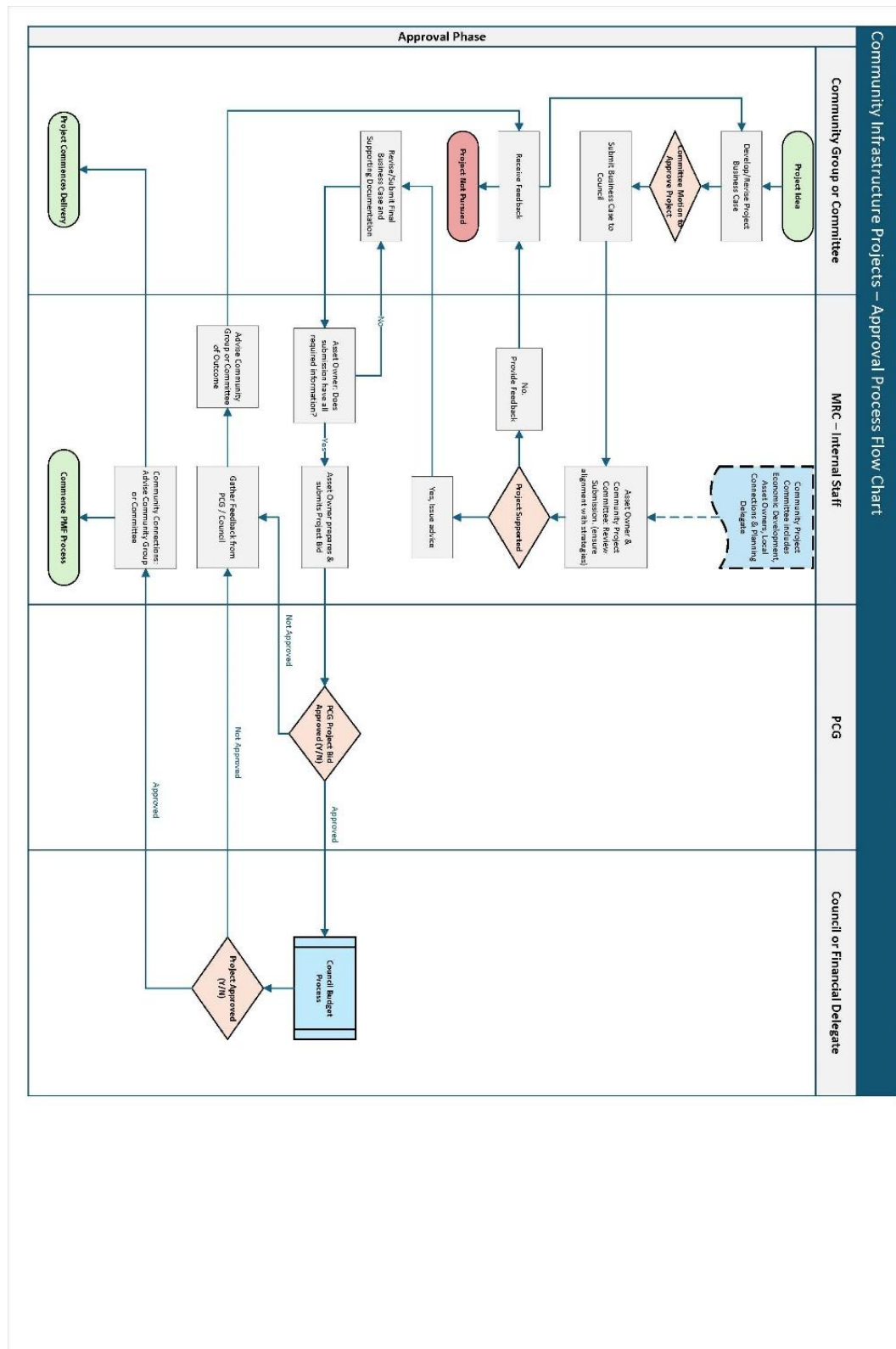


PROJECT BUSINESS CASE FORM

SECTION B:	
Project Approach & Options for Delivery	
Project Options Considered: (Have alternative solutions been explored? Why was this option chosen?)	
Design Status (Are designs or plans completed? Attach if available.)	
Project Implementation: (Who will manage the project—Council or Committee?)	
Risks & Challenges: (Identify risks such as safety, contractor availability, price changes, or impact on the community.) -	
Project Stakeholders	
Stakeholders: (Who else should be involved or consulted?)	
Who from the Committee or Group is proposed to be included on the Project Board?	

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Appendix 3: MRC Chart - Community Infrastructure Projects – Approval Process Flow



9.3.3 RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF MOAMA FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

File Number: -

Author: Matthew Sherman, Acting Manager - Project Management Office

Authoriser: Daniel Hughes, Interim Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council having considered the Draft Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan and submissions received during its exhibition:

1. Adopt the recommended responses to the issues raised in those submissions as summarised in the Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan, and
2. Adopt and publish the Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

BACKGROUND

Campaspe Shire and Murray River Councils were allocated funding by their respective State Governments to conduct flood studies to update flood information for Echuca and Moama, focussing on the urban and growth areas affected by riverine flooding. The North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) was also allocated funding for a flood study of the Torrumbarry section of the Murray River to establish the value of levee banks in that area. In November 2017 both Councils and the NCCMA resolved to undertake a joint flood study lead by Campaspe Shire Council involving the Murray River from Barmah to downstream of Torrumbarry together with the lower reaches of the Goulburn and Campaspe Rivers.

The project comprises two components:

1. The Flood Study (refer to Attachment 1) which models behaviour of the flood plain in its current state of development under the standard 'design' events (i.e. 20%, 10%, 5%, 2%, 1%, 0.5% and 0.2% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) events and Probable Maximum Flood event) in terms of extents, depths and risks posed by those events. This report was exhibited and adopted by both Councils in March-April 2024.
2. The Flood Plain Risk Management Study and Plan to which this report relates. It assesses and recommends various mitigation options including physical works, development controls and flood warning systems and provides important intelligence for responding agencies. The Risk Management Plan comprises separate NSW and Victorian documents relating to Murray River Council and Campaspe Shire Council respectively due to differing State requirements but are similar in intent.

This project has been undertaken in accordance with the Victorian Flood Plain Management Strategy, NSW Floodplain Management Program and associated State guidelines. A Community Reference Committee was established specifically for the project and wider community input has been openly sought throughout the project including extensive consultation with the broader community seeking details of flood prone locations and suggestions for mitigation works to supplement those identified by the flood engineers.

DISCUSSION

The Draft Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan (MFRMS&P) was reported to Murray River Council April Ordinary Council Meeting, receiving approval to commence formal public consultation via exhibition for a period of 28 Days. Exhibition commenced on the 30th April and

concluded on the 28th May at 4:00pm resulting in a total of three (3) written submissions via the “YourSay” page with further submissions made via a community drop-in meeting, and via email and meetings with Council staff including Councillors. Three late submissions were made, which have been included into the MFRMS&P.

All submissions are included and responded to in Appendix B – Responses to Community Exhibition Comments (Page 75). A summary of the feedback and items are included below.

Moama Town, Tindarra Resort:

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) advised Council of a need to notify via referral under Clause 49 and/or 63 of the Murray Darling Basin Agreement for any works which could impact Water Quality. MDBA also welcomed any planning discussions on land use.

Bartlett Street:

Suggestion to construct a levee along Bartlett Street, Moama to protect an existing caravan park and properties.

Kiely Road / Cobb Highway:

Community drop-in session comment that flood water had previously come from Kiely Road / Cobb Hwy intersection and flowed west toward Perricoota Road.

General:

Submission outlined a drainage pit is ‘backing up’ during heavy downpours and recommended an upgrade.

Chanter Street:

Submission relates to Chanter Street which forms a part of the Moama town levee bank system and whether any upgrades are planned to reduce reliance on temporary flood mitigation measures such as sandbags as used in 2022 Flood Event.

Kiely Road:

Submission relates to Kiely Road which forms part of the Moama Town Levee System and whether any upgrades are planned to reduce reliance on temporary flood mitigation measures such as temporary levees or sandbags.

Deniliquin Railway Line:

Submission relates to the Moama Town Levee where it crosses the Deniliquin Railway Line seeking information on whether any upgrades (such as an engineered solution to reduce mobilisation and demobilisation times) are planned.

Tindarra Resort:

Submission outlined support for the inclusion of a levee near Tindarra Resort but identified concerns for the proposed alignment as it could impact existing infrastructure and future development. Feedback outlined an alternative alignment to balance flood protection whilst avoiding disruption to current operations and long-term plans.

Benarca Waterholes:

Feedback outlined issues with supporting evidence of natural waterways and gullies being blocked by development at the Benarca Waterholes.

General Feedback made via meeting with Council Staff and Councillors:

A meeting occurred with a landowner who provided general feedback relating to the Echuca Moama Flood Study (2024) and Draft MFRMS&P. Feedback included several items:

- Concerns regarding the delays to the Echuca Moama Flood Study (2024) and management of the project.
- Design flows for the Flood Study are different to the older SKM (1996) estimates, and the original design estimates by WMA Water earlier in the project (2019).

- Concerns raised regarding the need to make adjustments to the model of between 200 to 400 mm, and that these adjustments indicate inaccuracies in the model.
- Raised questions of why a new flood study was needed given the landowners perception that the SKM (1996) study is accurate.
- Raised concerns that a single person from Water Technology has reviewed and approved the majority of versions of the report, and questioned the governance and quality assurance processes of the consultant.
- A discrepancy was highlighted between the Kooyong Park levees in different sections of the report and queried why one sections says the levee is described as sufficient for the 2022 event but that it is later shown to be inundated.
- The reports shows Old Deniliquin Road inundated in 2016 event but local observations stated this was not the case.
- Concerns regarding Figure 5-5 highlighting the recommended levee upgrade now protecting the township, indicating that currently the levee doesn't protect the town and that this could negatively impact insurance premiums and property values.

Responses and outcomes for all feedback submissions are included in Attachment 2 (Appendix B – Responses to Community Exhibition Comments).

Council staff and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) identified revisions to the MFRMS&P however, were primarily related to wording, terminology or resolving minor grammatical or spelling errors. DCCEEW also identified changes to achieve a stronger alignment to New South Wales Floodplain Management Guidelines. Council staff identified minor updates to achieve alignment with policies and procedures such as flood management documentation and strategic planning instruments including the Development Control Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Theme 3: A Place of Liveable Communities

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

No budgetary implications are associated with the adoption of the Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan. Failure to adopt the documentation, will however result in financial consequences to grant applications targeting flood risk mitigation infrastructure as outlined in the MFRMS&P.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NIL.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

• What can happen?

The MFRMS&P assesses and recommends various mitigation options including physical works, development controls and flood warning systems. It also provides important intelligence for responding agencies. Failure to adopt the document will leave Council exposed to identified risks and restrict Councils ability to seek external funding to undertake necessary infrastructure upgrades.

• How can it happen?

Failure to adopt the Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan will leave Council exposed to identified risks as part of the Echuca Moama Flood Study (2024)

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Financial.

Infrastructure and property damage.

Disruption to essential services.

Harm/Injury and in severe cases loss of life.

Isolation/loss of access.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

The Echuca Moama Flood Study (2024) identified several areas that are at risk of Riverine Flooding in a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) event.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Existing flood mitigation infrastructure has been identified as insufficient and requires upgrades as per the recommendations contained in the Draft MFRMS&P.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Adopt Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

CONCLUSION

The feedback received during the public exhibition period has been incorporated into a Final Moama Flood Risk Management Study & Plan. This provides a sound basis for Council to manage the flood risk to Moama and is recommended to be adopted as final.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Moama Flood Risk Management Study and Plan (under separate cover)**
2. **Echuca Moama Flood Study (under separate cover)**

9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.5.1 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AT MAY 2025

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the May Section 355 Committee Report

BACKGROUND

Council has 18 x Section 355 committees. These committees are delegated by Council to oversee the day-to-day management of facilities owned by council and provide advice to Council about such facilities.

The committees are made up of community volunteers who contribute freely to Council operations.

Councils Section 355 Committees are to provide minutes of each committee meeting to keep Council informed of the committee's activities.

DISCUSSION

It is vital to ensure that volunteers are well supported and managed from recruitment right through to execution of delegated responsibilities.

The role of Manager Local Connections is responsible for working collaboratively with committees to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Committee's Meeting Minutes are attached to this report for Council's information.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.5 - Continue to be a trusted and ethical leader that leads by example - Leadership that is trusted, capable and collaborative.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of Committees financial transactions vary

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Council & Committee fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, and financial reporting

Council has a responsibility to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Volunteers are a vital part of Councils operations and contribute immensely to Councils resources.

Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Moderate

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees.

The role of Manager Local Connections was created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Steps will be taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Through the Manager of Local Connections, Council should continue to support these committees and note the minutes of meetings attached.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall Committee** [↓](#) 
2. **Barham School of Arts - Meeting Minutes - May 2025** [↓](#) 
3. **Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee - Meeting Minutes - May 2025** [↓](#) 



**Koraleigh Hall and Rec. Reserve Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date/time of meeting	21/05/2025 7.05 pm
Location of meeting	Koraleigh Rec. Reserve
Attendees	Brian Hoare Mary Hoare Cassie Andrews Liam Hoare Peter Thompson Sandra Andrews Sue Russell Gina Bailey
Apologies	Nerida Hoare Bev Thompson Teresa Williams Danny Ledwidge Travis Andrews MRC Manager Local Connections Karen Buckley Greater Wakool Ward Cr Neil Gorey
Guests	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Moved: Cassie Andrews Seconded: Liam Hoare

Business arising from previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Netball post erected May 1 and in use. * April 30 Treasurer received a bank reference number for Return of Funds for the incorrect deposit from Resilience NSW. * BR Electrical have been to check out Tennis Court lights but couldn't open Coin Box, so nothing done, even with exposed wires on pole in court. Were asked to contact Committee so someone could be on site. Cassie will try again. * Message sent to SnapSendSolve App for exposed wires- Powercor, but not their concern. * Karen Buckley informed us that Volunteer Week dinner had been cancelled. * Cr Neil Gorey informed Brian that meeting to discuss MRC's decision on LEP smaller block subdivisions held on May 21. * MRC CEO & Mayor meeting with RFS zone manager regarding Koraleigh Community Centre Masterplan in late May. Cr Neil Gorey will keep us updated. <p>Moved: Peter Thompson Seconded: Liam Hoare</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>Hall A/C Balance \$10,566.46 Interest +6.91 AEC Hire +300 Donation + 100 Rec Reserve A/C Balance \$42,975.69 Interest +6.07</p> <p>Moved: Cassie Andrews Seconded: Mary Hoare</p>
Email Correspondence	<p>IN 28/04/25: Luke Keogh asked contractor to contact Committee regarding netball pole installation. 10/05/25: Nerida meeting apology. 20/05/25: Karen Buckley/Cr Neil Gorey meeting apology. 21/05/25: Teresa & Danny meeting & dinner apology. 21/05/25: Karen informed us that Volunteer Week dinner cancelled.</p> <p>OUT 26/04/25: email to Luke Keogh asking if Committee could Contact netball post contractor. 26/04/25: meeting minutes to Committee.</p> <p>Moved: Mary Hoare Seconded: Sandra Andrews</p>

General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* CWA invited Cr Gary Pappin to June 3 meeting to discuss Koraleigh Hall toilet/kitchen upgrades.* Luke Keogh has been to Hall to check placement of toilet- to be external but close to hall with covered ramp access.* Thanks to Ray Bailey for mowing Koraleigh 'oval' area.* MRC Glen Hagley mowed and watered Rec Reserve and around RFS shed. Thank you.* The Koraleigh RFS raised the flag half mast respecting the death of past member and long time Koraleigh resident Alan Marshman.* The original flagpole needs to be replaced so we can better remember Community Residents that have passed.* Koraleigh community organised a raffle at the Hall AEC voting and donated the proceeds to the Hall funds.* Luke Keogh will be included in all Committee correspondence.
Meeting Closed	7.47 pm
Next Meeting	Date: Wednesday June 18, 2025 Time: 7pm Venue: Koraleigh Rec Reserve

Section 335 LGA Barham School of Arts Hall Report 12th May 2025.

Commenced: 8-17pm.

Chair: R Daws.

G Barker, J Boyd, R Dooley, B Campbell, P Williamson, R Millar, A Millar, M Hatty, B Rash,
D Agelakis, G Cook, J Whelan, A Mathers, R Lynas, G Minnis, T Barker.

Apologies: J Carney, S Carney, E Brain (MRC).

J Boyd* Hall-Council donation towards maintenance of Hall and Reception Room due, everything seems to be working well.

Yoga* Jo Hearn has moved the Yoga into the Reception Room due to the cooler weather.

M Hatty* Hiring charges for the Hall and Reception Room are going up.

G Barker* In the past he and John Boyd met with Council prior to any increase in the hire fees.

Moved: A Mathers **Seconded:** B Rash **“That our Lions Club request a meeting with Council to discuss the increase in fees and charges”. Carried.**

Financial Report: See attachment.

Finished:8-28pm.

David Dundee – Still Rec reserve contact

**Minutes of General Meeting of the
Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Thursday the 14th May 2025**

Meeting commenced: 8.07pm

Present: Amy Barnes, Belinda James, Karen Buckley, Debbie Scott, Doug Scott, Robert Caldwell, Caz Shirley, Annie Peat, Stuart Peat, Gerard James

Apologies: Ryan Vagg

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting 13th June 2024

Moved: Doug Scott

Seconded: Robbie Caldwell

Carried

Business Arising:

AED 3 – Quote \$3970.90 – AED grant successful for \$3000 and balance of total was paid from the operating account. AED is installed and Hall committee to cover maintenance cost.

Hall committee has been advised that they need to cover the cost of the curtains and blinds but maximum spend should be approximately \$1500. Karen Buckley has requested that the committee access two quotes and to put a proposal to Glen Bulmer the facilities and buildings manager at Murray River council. Belinda James to arrange quotes

Karen Buckley confirmed that any major infrastructure plans or works needs to be presented to asset management at Murray River Council for approval. Karen Buckley confirmed that David Dundee was still the recreation reserve contact for the executive committee.

Oval maintenance update. Due to limited upkeep of oval and surrounding lawns Karen Buckley advised that when holding an event ensure that email and phone correspondence are sent through to parks and gardens team well in advance to ensure maintenance is completed before event. Karen Buckley can be cc'd in to ensure maintenance of ovals and ability to liaise with Parks and gardens team.

Ryan Vagg unable to confirm if the leaking windows have been repaired. Gerard James will follow up.

Amy Barnes will run cycle on dishwasher to see if issue is resolved after maintenance and report to Gerard James president.

Amy Barnes will liaise with Murray River grants officer to access potential grant for BBQ area and will report back to executive committee.

Playground safety and parking plan to be followed up by Karen Buckley with Luke Keogh on safety and compliance of the playground. Also requested an update for potential relocation and appropriate soft fall to support playground safety with relation to vehicles and parking plan.

Gerard James speak to road maintenance team for grading entry and access roads.

Correspondence:

Out – Email communication with Murray River Council for grant application

In – Reply from Murray River Council for Grant application

Treasurers report: Delivered

Income:

Building Account: \$28424.06

Operating Fund: \$24274.97

Moved: Doug Scott

Seconded: Amy Barnes

Presidents report:

NIL – absent

General Business:

President Gerard James thanked Ryan Vagg for his work standing as president on the committee since 2014 and Doug and Debbie Scott for being active committee members and Doug as treasurer since 2013.. All members of the meeting were in agreeance.

Concerns were raised that the current cleaners are not regularly cleaning the Hall and members of the committee and community had been called upon to clean the Hall prior to the mobile children's team setting up on a Friday weekly. Karen Buckley has offered to follow up on the current contract and can report back to Executive Committee on current cost and if the Hall is being cleaned. Currently Bunnaloo Public School is using Joss services and the cleaner is also looking for additional hours in the area. We know the cleaner for the school is in regular attendance each day so we may be able to coordinate change to ensure Hall is being cleaned.

Test and Tag with OHS compliance was raised and Karen Buckley to liaise with executive committee on last test and tag completed at Bunnaloo Hall.

Karen Buckley proposed signing of 355 management committee agreement. Committee president Gerard James signed on 14/05/2025. This agreement and report will be tabled at the June Council Committee and Karen Buckley will report back on outcome.

Karen Buckley proposes Bunnaloo Recreation reserve to arrange a committee email address. All parties present were in agreeance and a Bunnaloo Hall and recreation reserve email will be created.

Caz Shirely nominated to to set up email and whats app group to streamline communication between Executive committee.

Discussion occurred on reviewing the price of the fees for some of the users of the Hall including the River Country Kids group who use the Hall weekly on a Friday. Further discussion was had that the Hall committee didn't want to make the fee cost prohibitive and risk losing the service. Amy Barnes to contact River country kids and confirm their contract dates and requirements of the service to meet needs of service provider.

Motion was raised and moved in the AGM to arrange for all banking to be moved to online from its current cheque book arrangement. Caz Shirley and Dous Scott to arrange transfer of signatories to new executive committee and change to online banking.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Next meeting: July 23rd 7pm

9.5.2 OLD MOULAMEIN COURTHOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**File Number:** -**Author:** Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Director**RECOMMENDATION**

That That Council;

1. Agree to the formation of the old Moulamein Courthouse Management Committee
2. Request council officers to seek nominations from community members to become members of the committee.
3. Provide a further report to council with a list of nominated persons for Councils endorsement.
4. Elect two councillors as delegate and alternate delegate to the committee

BACKGROUND

The Old Moulamein Courthouse boasts a rich and remarkable history, having been in operation since at least 1848. As the oldest courthouse in the Riverina, it once saw prisoners brought from as far away as Albury to stand trial.

Today, the courthouse serves a new purpose—preserving Moulamein's heritage. It houses a treasured collection of historical memorabilia, considered essential to understanding the town's past. Both locals and visitors are drawn to the courthouse, eager to explore its exhibits and connect with the stories that shaped the region.

DISCUSSION

In recent years, the Courthouse has been managed by a subcommittee of the Moulamein Men's Shed, operating as a Section 355 Committee. However, this committee relinquished its delegation at the group's request, as their capacity to continue in the role had diminished.

Currently a band of council volunteers open the Courthouse periodically to enable access to the site and the collection.

This group of volunteers have now made a request to become a delegated committee of Council to manage the day-to-day operations of the Courthouse under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The formation of the committee will enable members of the local community, who have a strong interest in local history and community capacity, to have input into the day-to-day operations of the Old Moulamein Courthouse and the associated historical collection.

The group will enter an Instrument of Delegation to guide the tasks they will undertake. The committee will be subject to the provisions of council's s355 Committee Policy and Guidelines.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
NA
- **How can it happen?**
NA
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
NA
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
NA
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
NA
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
NA

CONCLUSION

The formation of a s355 committee at Moulamein will provide Council with a local presence enabling input into the management and future of the Old Moulamein Courthouse and provide an increase in the level of community engagement with council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Letter to request formation of s355 Committee** [!\[\]\(8ba0a8bc08cfb681721719303df69bb8_img.jpg\)](#) 
2. **Moulamein Community Development Inc. Courthouse letter** [!\[\]\(630eff6382b86f77a4b5cf981ec06d32_img.jpg\)](#) 

Friends of the Old Court
House Moulamein.

C/- P O Box 107

Moulamein NSW 2733

9th June, 2025

Chief Executive Officer & Councillors

Murray River Council

P O Box 906

MOAMA NSW 2731

We are a group of Council Volunteers, with a strong interest in the Old Moulamein Courthouse.

The old Moulamein Courthouse has an amazing history, operating since at least 1848 and was the oldest court house in the Riverina, in fact prisoners were brought to Moulamein from as far away as Albury to be tried. It was destroyed by fire in 1890 and rebuilt later that year. It houses a vast collection of memorabilia that is vital to the preservation of Moulamein's history.

Presently our role consists of opening the Courthouse periodically for locals and or visitors to our town who are interested in the history of our area.

We are writing to you today to request Council consider delegating the friends of Old Moulamein Courthouse authority to act as a Section 355 committee to Manage the Day-to-Day operations of the building. This would include opening of the Old Courthouse for visitors, cleaning and minor maintenance.

As community minded volunteers we seek Councils support in maintaining our history and would appreciate your consideration of our request.

Yours Faithfully

G Lewis

(Committee Member)





To Whom it May Concern

The Executive of Moulamein Community Development Inc met with Sarah Ryan of Murray River Council in 2024, and discussed the long term lease arrangements of Moulamein Heritage Village.

At that time Sarah also discussed the need for the ongoing management and custodianship of the Moulamein Court House.

MCD Inc's view is that the community of Moulamein want the Court House to stay where it is on the Billabong Creek , and they would not want the Court house moved to the MHV site.

MCD Inc feel that the establishment of a local committee is the best way to ensure the Court house is looked after, and kept open for the many tourists and visitors to Moulamein, who are interested in viewing the courthouse.

The historic Courthouse accessed by the footbridge, is of significant heritage value, and highlights the role Moulamein played as the oldest town in the Riverina.

MCD Inc would liaise with this committee to ensure the Court house, along with the Wharf, and the Moulamein Heritage Village, are accessible and promoted, to all visitors to Moulamein.

Yours sincerely,

Drew Harris
President
MCD Inc
0427 875 223

9.5.3 AGM MINUTES - BUNNALOO RECREATION RESERVE S355 COMMITTEE

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council revoke existing members of the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 193 appoint new committee members nominated at the May 2025 AGM as listed in this report.

BACKGROUND

The Annual General Meeting of the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve S355 Committee was held on May 14th 2025. Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report.

DISCUSSION

The Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee is a Section 355 (s355) Committee of Council, tasked with overseeing the day-to-day management and operations of the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve.

Regular users of the reserve include:

- River Region Early Learning, which provides a weekly early childhood day care service.
- The Bush Bus, offering a weekly mobile playgroup.

Both services play a vital role in supporting the Bunnaloo community. In addition to these regular users, the reserve is also used casually by various individuals and groups throughout the year.

The committee is responsible for duties such as:

- Cleaning the facilities
- General maintenance of the buildings and grounds

At the Annual General Meeting of the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve s355 Committee, elections were held to appoint all committee members and office bearers.

Present at this meeting were:

Amy Barnes, Belinda James, Karen Buckley, Debbie Scott, Doug Scott, Robert Caldwell, Caz Shirley, Annie Peat, Stuart Peat, Gerard James.

All positions were declared vacant, and the following elections were held:

President: Gerard James

Secretary: Amy Barnes

Treasurer: Caz Shirley

General Committee: Doug Scott, Debbie Scott, Robert Caldwell, Ryan Vagg, BJ James, Stuart Peat, Annie Peat, Racheal Vagg.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.1 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Sports and recreation facilities and spaces.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

As part of their responsibilities as a s355 committee, the Bunaloo Recreation Reserve Committee provides Council with information regarding their financial status.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS**What can happen?**

Council & Committee fail to meet their obligations.

How can it happen?

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, and financial reporting.

Council has a responsibility to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations.

What are the consequences of the event happening?

Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

Volunteers are a vital part of Councils operations and contribute immensely to Councils resources.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act

What is the likelihood of the event happening?

Likely

Adequacy of existing controls?

Moderate

Treatment options to mitigate the risk?

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees.

The role of Manager Local Connections has been created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Steps will be taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Advice of committee members has been received, and Council should endorse the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee's new committee members nominated at the May 2025 AGM.

Through the Manager of Local Connections Council should continue to support this committee in regard to its delegation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve S355 Committee - Membership Return - 2025 - Confidential**
2. **Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve S355 Committee - AGM Minutes - May 2025** [!\[\]\(f15d3c54be60b4fd0ce1da9fb3f67256_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7bf135d42c40a6430c927b2fd03d7659_img.jpg\)](#)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Bunnaloo Hall and Recreation reserve Committee
Held on Wednesday 14th May 2025

Meeting commenced: 7.55pm

Present: Amy Barnes, Belinda James, Karen Buckley, Debbie Scott, Doug Scott, Robert Caldwell, Caz Shirley, Annie Peat, Stuart Peat, Gerard James

Apologies: Ryan Vagg

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting read.

Moved Amy Barnes **Seconded Gerard James**
-that the minutes and apologies be accepted. **Carried**

In the absence of President Ryan Vagg, Vice president Gerard James chaired meeting declaring all positions open and handed over to Karen Buckley called for nominations.

President: Gerard James
Nominated by Doug Scott
Seconded by Amy Barnes
Accepted

Secretary: Amy Barnes
Nominated by Robert Caldwell
Seconded by Annie Peat
Accepted

Treasurer: Caz Shirley
Nominated by Doug Scott
Seconded by Belinda James
Accepted

Was agreed in the meeting that the bookings contact would now be streamlined and facilitated by the treasurer.

Motion raised that all banking be moved to electronic banking.

Motion moved: Belinda James
Motion seconded: Doug Scott

Meeting closed: 7.57pm

9.5.4 BUNNALOO RECREATION RESERVE - SIGNED DELEGATION DOCUMENT

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the delegation of authority document signed by the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee, formalising the delegation from Council to the Committee to manage the Reserve on Council's behalf. This delegation is made in accordance with sections 355 and 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 and will remain in effect until such time as it is amended or revoked by Council.

BACKGROUND

It is important that Committees operate with a full understanding of their roles and responsibilities, particularly in areas such as Work Health and Safety, operational protocols, procurement, financial management (in accordance with the Local Government Act), and reporting. Council faces significant pressure to meet its obligations in overseeing and managing Section 355 Committees under the Local Government Act and other relevant legislation.

The lack of adequate resources has hindered Council's ability to provide the necessary support and guidance, affecting the committees' comprehension of their responsibilities and their ability to fulfil obligations effectively.

Furthermore, there has been ambiguity around the division of management tasks between the committees and Council, leading to uncertainty and potential risks to governance, risk management, and the long-term sustainability of the committees.

To address this, a (Committee specific) delegation document has been developed in consultation with each committee to clarify the division of tasks and responsibilities. After each Section 355 Committee's Annual General Meeting (AGM), the document will be reviewed and provided to the incoming committee for signing, confirming their understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

DISCUSSION

The Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee is a Section 355 committee of Council, tasked with managing the Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve.

The Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve consists of a hall, sports grounds including oval hard courts and tennis facilities. Regular users of the Recreation Reserve are the River Region Early Learning who provide weekly early learning day care services, and the Bush Bus who provide a weekly mobile play group. The facilities are used by other casual hirers throughout the year.

The signed Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee delegation document, which acknowledges the Committee's understanding of their roles and responsibilities, is attached for Council's information.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.8 - Achieve community driven results through collaboration and engagement (community and stakeholders) - Community and Council collaboration.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Noting the attached delegation Instrument has no budgetary implications.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
- Committee and Council fail to meet their obligations
- **How can it happen?**
- There has been a lack of clarity regarding the division of management tasks between committees and the council, leading to uncertainty and posing risks to governance, risk management, and the long-term viability of these committees.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
- Council faces significant pressure to meet demanding obligations regarding the oversight and management of Section 355 Committees under the Local Government Act (and other relevant legislation). Council will not meet its obligations under the Act.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
Likely
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
Moderate
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
A Management Agreement will provide clarity to both committee and council regarding roles, and responsibilities.

CONCLUSION

Negotiations with Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve Committee has resulted in a signed delegation document, acknowledging the Committee's understanding of their roles and responsibilities. This document will guide the committee and council and will be reviewed in 12 months' time, as a part of the delegation review process.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Management Agreement - Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve May 2025**  



Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve

Management Agreement Section 355 Committee

Version #1

Section 355 Committee Management Agreement



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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), Murray River Council shall create a Section 355 Committee (the Committee) by way of a resolution to provide community input and guidance into the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee.

The Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve) is located Caldwell Line Road Bunaloo.

The purpose of the **Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee** is to undertake the following functions as delegated by Council:

- To provide input into the management of the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve grounds and facilities of Murray River Council that reflect local views and issues of the user groups.
- To provide recommendations to Council on future plans
- To provide support for agreed activities

2. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

Membership of the Committee is open to any member of the local community who reside in the Murray River Council local government area.

Committee members will contribute to both local and technical knowledge about issues that are relevant to the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve and provide representation for the different stakeholder's who may have an interest in the project.

Specifically, the Committee will:

- Focus on its purpose for being established
- Provide input, advice and recommendations to Council.
- Review and comment on all documents associated with the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve
- Ensure that the views and interests of the local community are represented and that relevant stakeholders are engaged;
- Provide an active and positive contribution to the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve and
- Adhere to Council's Section 355 Committee Guidelines.

Limitations on the Committee and its members:

- they have no delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of Council, they can only refer matters or make recommendations to Council for its consideration.
- they must not directly approve expenditure of money, purport to employ or direct Council Officers, communicate on behalf of Council or purport to issue any policy on behalf of Council.
- they do not have approval to authorise or run events on behalf of Council, without prior approval and coordination with Council staff (all events must comply with Council's Event Management Application process); and
- they must at all times adhere to all relevant Council policies and procedures in carrying out its approved functions and activities.

The Committee does have a bank account. This arrangement is to be reviewed by Council annually following the Committee's AGM, or at any time in the discretion of Council, to ensure the Committee is able to function efficiently and to comply with Council's financial and procurement standards and processes.)

The Committee may be dissolved at any time by a resolution of the Council.

Section 355 Committee Management Agreement**3. SCOPE**

Council authorises the Committee, within the scope of its role and responsibilities to:

- ▶ Make recommendations to Council on the overall concept/masterplan of the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve
- ▶ Request any information it needs, through the nominated Council Officer or external party that will assist in their assessment and analysis of project documents;
- ▶ Request the attendance, through the nominated Council Officer of any other Council Official or external party to a Committee meeting; and
- ▶ Recommend obtaining external legal or other professional advice considered necessary to meet its responsibilities.

4. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

The Committee will consist of:

4.1 Members (voting)

The Committee primarily comprises of the following:

- ▶ No less than six and not more than twelve members;
- ▶ A maximum of two representatives from each user group with one vote per user group on decisions being made. User groups will be determined at the AGM; and
- ▶ Representatives from different interest groups and technical knowledge from the local community, local businesses and others that have knowledge and experience that can assist the Committee.

Each member or delegate is entitled to one vote.

4.2 Invitees as advisers (non-voting)

The Committee maybe assisted by:

- ▶ A Delegated Councillor
- ▶ A nominated Council Officer

4.3 Invitees for specific agenda items (non-voting)

The Committee has the authority to co-opt/invite other persons that can provide assistance or technical support to the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve

These invitees may include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Representatives of any external contractors;
- ▶ Representatives of Government departments; and/or
- ▶ Other Council Officers.

The members of the Committee, taken collectively, will have a broad range of skills and experience relevant to the operations of Council.

Members of the Committee will be endorsed at an ordinary meeting of the Council on inception and then annually for the term of the Committee.

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The Committee has no executive powers, except those expressly provided by Council.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee must at all times recognise that primary responsibility for management of the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve rests with Council and the CEO.

The responsibilities of the Committee may be revised or expanded by Council from time to time. The Committee's responsibilities are to review:

- whether the Committee has considered all the current and projected risks involved at the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve

Members of the Committee are expected to:

- Contribute the time needed to participate fully in the management of the facility;
- Apply good analytical skills, objectivity and good judgement;
- Focus on the Committee's purpose for being established.
- Keep Council informed of Committee activities.
- Express opinions, frankly, ask questions that go to the fundamental core of issues, and pursue independent lines of enquiry; and
- Understand or acknowledge the relevant legislative and regulatory requirements appropriate to the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve

Note: The list below is a standard list of responsibilities for committees.

Responsibilities	Council	Committee
Governance / Safety / Risk		
Attend most Committee meetings	✓	✓
Participate in meetings – this involves reading all agenda papers; being on time; sticking to the agenda; contributing to the discussion where appropriate; being objective, listening to others' views; volunteering to do some of the necessary tasks required.	✓	✓
Support the office bearers in carrying out their roles.	✓	✓
Assist in organising the Annual General Meeting.	✓	✓
Ensure the safety of the patrons, contractors and volunteers.	✓	✓
Supervise volunteers and keep a volunteer register.	✓	✓
Comply with Council policies and all relevant legislation.	✓	✓
Provide input into the overall management of the facility / committee function.		✓
Comply with Council's adopted fees and charges, Work, Health and Safety and other legislation relevant to the operations of the facility.	✓	✓
Facilitate and convey effective communications between all user groups together with the involvement of all user groups in the on-going management processes.		✓
Capital Works / Major Improvements		

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Provide recommendations to Council for improvements and/or upgrades to the facilities for council to consider in accordance with the Project Management Framework.	✓ ²	✓
Assist with the implementation of development plans and any associated capital projects.	✓	✓
Event Management / Promotion / Fundraising		
Plan and undertake approved fund-raising activities as required and in accordance with Council's event management policies.	✓	
Identify relevant grant funding opportunities for Council's consideration.	✓	✓
Day to Day Facilities Management / Minor Maintenance Refer Schedule A		

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**6.1 Term**

The term of office for office bearers will be 1 year, any of whom who can be re-elected for a further twelve (12) month term at the next Annual General Meeting.

6.2 Meetings

The Committee will meet at least four (4) times per year for the duration of the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve

The Committee shall schedule its ordinary meetings, including its next AGM, immediately following each AGM, and propose these dates to Council.

The Chairperson, in consultation with the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve members, can amend the date of a scheduled meeting or call for any additional meetings, where necessary, and must notify all Committee members with at least two (2) weeks notice.

At any time, an individual Committee member may request a meeting with the Chairperson of the Committee.

An Extraordinary Meeting may be called by two (2) members of the Committee, by notice to the Secretary, to discuss urgent business and matters outside the scope of an Ordinary Meeting.

The Secretary must call an Extraordinary Meeting when notified in accordance with the proceeding paragraph and must give at least two (2) weeks notice to each Committee member with the Extraordinary Meeting Agenda.

Only items on the Extraordinary Meeting Agenda are to be discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting.

6.3 Venue

The location and time of the meetings will be determined by the Committee and notified to each member by the Secretary with at least two (2) weeks notice.

6.4 Election of Officer Bearers

The Committee members must elect from their members the following positions (as a minimum) :

- ▶ Chairperson;

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- ▶ Secretary; and
- ▶ Treasurer (if the Committee is handling funds)

Office Bearers will serve for a term of twelve (12) months and elections for these positions will be held annually at the Annual General Meeting. There is no restriction on the number of terms that can be served either concurrently or separately.

Chairperson

A Chairperson will be appointed at the first meeting of the Committee and will be responsible for ensuring the Committee operates efficiently, effectively and according to this Terms of Reference.

The Chairperson is responsible for chairing meetings and representing/advocating on behalf of the Committee and its work.

The Chairperson will act to ensure that all members are given equal opportunity to contribute.

In the event of the absence of the Chairperson from a meeting, members present have the authority to nominate one of their members to act as Chair.

Secretary

The Secretary will be nominated by the Committee.

The Secretary will assist the Chairperson with the preparation and circulation of the agenda for each meeting and supporting papers and will take the minutes of each meeting.

Treasurer (if the Committee is handling funds)

The Treasurer will be nominated by the Committee.

The Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an effective financial system for the Committee.

The Treasurer will present a financial report to each meeting and send quarterly and annual reports Council.

The Treasurer may be required to send invoices for facility hire

6.5 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting must be held every twelve (12) months at a date set by the Committee.

The Committee will report on its activities for the preceding twelve (12) month period and a report will be made available to the public.

This will include the Audited Financial report.

6.6 Attendance at meetings and quorums

A quorum, will consist of half of the elected members of the Committee plus one. Should a quorum of members not be in attendance 30 minutes after the notified starting time, the meeting must be adjourned and rescheduled for a later date.

Meetings can be held in person, by telephone or by video conference.

Any member of the public is entitled to attend a committee meeting of the (name of the Committee). However, they will have no voting rights.

Members of the public must issue a request to the Chairperson in advance if they wish to address the meeting. The Chair's decision is final on whether an address is able to be scheduled for the meeting.

The Committee may limit the length of any address by a member of the public, however, must not limit an address to less than five (5) minutes.

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The Secretary, together with the Chairperson, are responsible for preparation and circulation of meeting agendas and attachments.

The agenda and attachments will be distributed by the Secretary at least five (5) working days prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Agendas will be approved by the Chairperson prior to release.

6.8 Minutes

Minutes of meetings will be recorded and prepared and circulated to all parties – voting and non-voting members of the Committee. The minutes will be circulated as a draft seeking comment / amendments within ten (10) business days following the meeting.

Requested amendments will be incorporated into the final minutes for circulation. Minutes will be accepted at the beginning of the subsequent meeting.

6.9 Decision making

Members must follow Council's Code of Conduct policy in their decision-making, including but not limited to, provisions concerning conflict of interests, gifts and benefits and general conduct.

The Committee will strive for decisions based on agreement.

When agreement cannot be reached, a decision will be made by a majority vote. Where the vote is equal, the Chairperson will have the deciding vote. A decision supported by a majority of the votes at a meeting with a quorum of members, is a decision of the Committee.

The Committee may elect to vote by either a show of hands or by secret ballot (depending on the issue being discussed).

6.10 Nominations

On the retirement, resignation or removal of a member of the Committee, the Committee will call for expression of interests to fill positions within one (1) month of the event.

A nomination and/or resignation must be recorded in meeting minutes and Council must be advised, for any changes to be made to the Committee.

6.11 Vacancies

Vacancies may arise during the term of the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve. If a vacancy does occur, the Committee may invite an individual to join the Committee that has expressed an interest previously or seek new expressions of interest to fill the vacancy.

A nomination and/or resignation must be recorded in meeting minutes and Council must be advised, for any changes to be made to the Committee.

A person shall cease to be a member of the Committee if the:

- ▶ Committee is dissolved by Council;
- ▶ A member resigns from office by notification in writing to the Committee;
- ▶ A member is absent without leave from 3 consecutive meetings of the Committee;
- ▶ Council passes a resolution to remove the person from the Committee;
- ▶ Council may remove a person from the Committee due to a breach of Council's Code of

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Conduct Policy;

- ▶ Member is convicted of a criminal offence under the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW); and/or
- ▶ Member is prohibited from managing a corporation under Companies Act 1981 (Cth).

6.12 Dissolution of the Committee

Council may dissolve the Committee at any time in its absolute discretion.

Council will dissolve the Committee where:

- ▶ the function/purpose of the Committee, as set out above, are completed; and/or
- ▶ If in the opinion of Council, the Committee is not fulfilling the role and purpose for which it was established; and/or
- ▶ 75% of the members entitled to vote at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee convened to consider dissolution vote in favor of dissolution; or
- ▶ the Committee membership is reduced to less than four (4) persons (unless Council specifically resolves otherwise).

If the Committee is dissolved, all records (minutes, correspondence, financial records) must be returned to the Council immediately following the dissolution.

6.13 Financial Management

The Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve does hold or manage funds on behalf of Council.

The Committee must elect a Treasurer and manage any funds in line with Council's guidelines.

A report must be presented, on the financial position of the Committee, to each meeting. Substantiating records must be retained, and all moneys received receipted.

The Chairperson and at least one other Committee member must be signatory to any accounts, with the provision that two (2) signatories must sign at all times.

Council will audit the Committee's books as at the 30 June annually.

6.14 Insurance

As members of a Committee of Council, all members when acting in their role as a member of the Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee will be covered by Council's insurance cover.

This cover only applies to recognised and endorsed activities – eg Committee meetings

6.15 Work Health and Safety

Council has an obligation under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth & NSW) and the Regulations 2017 (NSW) to ensure that all personnel working for Council (in a paid or voluntary capacity) are safe whilst undertaking their duties.

Council will endeavour to meet these obligations at all times, which includes providing an environment free from unreasonable behaviours such as bullying and harassment.

6.16 Conflict of interests

Committee members, invitees and advisors must comply with the applicable provisions of Council's Code of Conduct Policy (POL-100) in carrying out the functions as Council Officials. It is the personal responsibility of Council Officials to comply with the standards in the Code of Conduct Policy (POL-100) and regularly review their personal circumstances with this in mind.

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Each member of a Committee will be provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct Policy (POL-100) and will be required to sign an acknowledgement form indicating their acceptance of such.

Committee members must declare any conflict of interests at the start of each meeting or before discussion of a relevant agenda item or topic. Details of any conflict of interests should be appropriately minuted.

Where members or invitees at Committee meetings are deemed to have a real or perceived conflict of interest, it may be appropriate they be excused from Committee deliberations on the issue where the conflict of interest may exist. The final arbiter of such a decision is the Chairperson of the Committee.

Council may revoke Committee membership if a member fails to disclose any conflict of Interest in any matter with which the Committee is concerned and takes part in the consideration, discussion or votes on any question relating to the matter.

6.17 Grievance Procedures

If a Committee member has a grievance about any aspect of their tasks, other volunteers or Council staff, the procedure outlined in the S355 Committee Guidelines should be followed

6.18 Confidentiality

Members of the Committee are required to maintain the integrity and security of confidential information in their possession or for which they are responsible.

6.19 Use of Information

It is important that the community has confidence that any information gathered by Council and its Committee members is used only for Council purposes and for the purposes for which it was collected.

Privacy Statement: The privacy of your information that you have provided to Council is vitally important to us. Please refer to our Privacy Statement by clicking on www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/privacy-statement

7. REPORTING

Minutes of Committee meetings will be provided to Council, after clearance by the Chairperson, and within 10 days following each committee meeting.

Recommendations for Council approval are to be separate recommendations in the covering Council report on the draft minutes of the Committee.

Recommendations of the Committee that are considered to have significant bearing on the general management of the facility will be reported to Council.

8. PRECEDENCE

This Agreement shall take precedence over any other instrument, agreement, or other document relating to the management and/or activities of the Section 355 Committee, including but not limited to any memoranda of understanding, constitution, terms of reference, minutes and/or other records ('prior instrument'), notwithstanding any effect the prior instrument may previously have had.

9. LEGISLATION, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

Legislation:

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Local Government Regulations 2000 (NSW)
- Companies Act 1981 (Cth).
- Crimes Act 1900 (NSW)
- Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (NSW)
- Work Health & Safety Act 2011 (Cth & NSW)
- Work Health & Safety Regulations 2017 (NSW)

Associated Documents:

- MRC Policy – Code of Conduct Policy (POL-100)
- MRC Policy – Code of Meeting Practice Policy (POL-101)
- MRC Policy – Section 355 Committee Policy (POL-119)
- MRC Guidelines – S355 Committee Guidelines

Definitions:

Term:	Definition:
Project Team	Council Officers involved in the project
Project Manager	Council Officer in charge of delivering the Project

10. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Version No.	Details	Dates	Council Resolution	CM9 Reference
1	Initial Issue	DRAFT		

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I acknowledge that the committee has properly considered and understood the above terms and its members agree to act at all times in accordance with the provisions herein.


[enter name]

Gerard James

[enter position] on behalf of

Bunnaloo Rec Res.

Signature:



Date 14/5/2025

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Schedule A

ITEM	MANAGEMENT ENTITY RESPONSIBILITY	COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY
This schedule is completed as an example and should be completed in negotiation with the Management Committee Bunnaloo Hall & Recreation Reserve:Committee		
Administration Responsibilities		
1. Bookings	All Bookings, invoicing and receipting of fees are managed by Management Committee's Booking Officer	No responsibility
2. Collection of Fees, including cleaning fees and bonds	Fees are collected by Management Committee as per Councils fees and charges schedule. Bonds are returned to Hirer after satisfactory inspection is completed by Committee. Fees collected are deposited into Committees' bank account within 7 days.	No responsibility
3. Payment of Utilities, Electricity, Gas & Water		Council pays utilities and invoices committees as per User Agreements
4. Cleaning	Committee is responsible for cleaning or committee engages and pays regular cleaning contractor. After Casual events: Committee inspects facility and refunds bond as per casual user agreement. If required, committee engages cleaning contractor and pays fee. Bonds are not returned.	Annual Asset inspections.
Maintenance responsibilities		
5. HVAC - (Heating/Ventilation/Air conditioning/Cooling (including hot water service))	Regular cleaning of filters, repairs when required.	Annual inspection and servicing, Replacement when item reaches end of life.
6. Building Alterations/Additions	Must seek prior approval from Council. Must fund installation, ongoing maintenance and removal (if required). Obtain relevant permits and pay related costs and fees. All relevant documentation forwarded to council for record.	For assessing all requests submitted and if approved by Council, ensuing satisfactory completion of work by the responsible parties. Final sign off and official acceptance of works and verification of compliance and quality.
7. Curtains and Blinds	Cleaning, repair and replacement if damaged by misuse	Replacement when item reaches end of life
8. Ceilings	Repairs due to incidental damage or misuse.	Major repair and/or replacement due to structural faults
9. Doors (including cupboard doors and door fittings).	Regular cleaning and repair of all doors due to incidental damage or misuse.	Replacement due to structural fault.
10. Electrical wiring and fittings in building.	Repair and replacement due to misuse. Test and tag all electrical appliances and equipment in accordance with Australian Standards. Maintain a register on site and make available for inspection upon request.	All building wiring from main supply to and including the switchboard, power points, switches and light fittings. Annual & 6-month Essential Safety Measures testing of exit and emergency lighting systems in accordance with Australian Standards.

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11. Additional Fittings, furniture and equipment	Service repair and replacement all fittings, fixtures, furniture and appliances owned or installed by the Committee.	No responsibility. Will remove any unsafe or unapproved items, cost will be charged to the Management Entity.
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12. Floor surfaces and coverings.	All regular cleaning & maintenance.	Replacement when flooring reaches end of life
13. Glass	Keep clean and replace all internal and external breakages in accordance with building regulations.	No responsibility
14. Flyscreens	Supply, clean and replace when required.	No responsibility.
15. Vandalism	Repair/replace minor damage caused by vandalism.	Repair major structural defects as determined by Council.
16. Keys, Locks	Maintaining a key register to be available for inspection upon request	Responsible for locking system. Keys issued by Council.
17. Security	Responsible for the security of the building at all times. If a system change (reissue of keys) is considered necessary by the Committee, they will meet the cost and advise Council who will make change.	Responsible for locking systems. Keys issued by Council.
18. Security System		Purchase, installation, service and maintenance. At Councils discretion.
19. Light Globes and Fittings Internal/External	Replacement of blown globes.	No responsibility
20. Plumbing and Fixtures	Cost of repairs due to misuse, vandalism and any add-on fixtures not standard within the building. Replacement of tap washers, leaks, other minor plumbing requirements. Clean and maintain internal plumbing in a hygienic state.	Replacement at end of life
21. Service pipes, plumbing waste pipes and drains.	Keep them clear of foreign objects, mud etc. and clear if blocked by these materials. Cost of repairs due to misuse Report potential and actual maintenance problems to Council.	Repairs due to major blockages.
22. Other Permanent Fixtures	Regular cleaning of all fixtures and repair/or replace if due to misuse.	Replacement or repair due to structural/mechanical fault.
23. Hygiene	Keep all areas in a clean and hygienic state.	No responsibility.
24. Pest Control	Inspect and report any signs of pest activity to Council.	Annual pest inspection Eradication and removal of any major infestation of pests. Repair of any damage resulting from pest infestation (except if the infestation is caused by negligence of the management entity).
25. Painting	Refinish all internal surfaces & external painting damaged through general wear and tear and/or misuse.	Paint at end of life
26. Roofs	Report potential and actual maintenance problems to Council.	All maintenance and repair as required.

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27. Gutters	No responsibility	Clean and maintain gutters
28. Skylights	Report potential and actual maintenance problems to Council.	All maintenance and repair as required.
29. Walls	Regular cleaning and repair if damaged through general wear and tear and/or misuse of internal walls Repairs or replacement due to incidental damage or misuse.	Structural maintenance only.
30. Building External including property security	Keep all areas in a clean state, service, repair and replace all fittings, fixtures added by the Committee. Repair or replacement due to incidental damage or misuse.	Structural maintenance only. No responsibility of Committees fittings/fixtures installed during duration of agreement.
31. Signage	Installation of, maintenance and replacement of facility/business identification signage approved by Council	Replace Council signage at end of life
32. Gardens and surrounds	Keep entry/exit areas clear, free of rubbish and sweep regularly. Maintain grounds by cutting grasses, pruning, weeding, replacing trees, bushes, grassed areas, flowers and paths as required. Remove any graffiti. Provision repair and replacement of sand, mulch and stone as required. Remove dead foliage. Cost and maintenance of hoses, sprinklers/systems if applicable. Repair all fences (except boundary). Any additions/alterations to be documented and make submission to Council. Obtain permits and pay any related costs and fees.	As Negotiated
33. Sportsfields & Hard Courts		
34. Food Handling areas and equipment	Comply with the relevant Health Acts and maintain equipment required under the Food Act 2003, Food Regulation 2004 and the Food Standards Code (the Code).	No responsibility.
35. Fire Extinguishers, hydrant hoses, smoke alarms and other firefighting equipment	Advise Council who will replace extinguishers if stolen and fill extinguishers if accidentally discharged. Replace batteries in smoke alarms according to manufacturer's specifications	Annual inspection, maintenance and replacement as required. Regular essential safety measures testing in accordance with Australian Standards.
36. Exit/Emergency Lighting	Report problems to Council.	For annual inspection, maintenance and replacement as required.
37. Other Emergency Equipment – First Aid Kits – AED (defibrillator)	Responsibility of equipment owner (user group)	No responsibility

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Regular User Groups of Facility		
Name of Group	User group agreement completed	Public Liability Insurance requirements met

9.5.5 SOUTHERN RIVERINA DROUGHT RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

File Number: -

Author: Sarah Ryan, Director

Authoriser: Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note this report.

BACKGROUND

In February 2023, Murray River Council, in partnership with Berrigan Shire, Edward River and Federation Councils, was successful in securing \$560,000 in grant funding through the *Future Drought Fund*, a joint initiative of the Australian Government and NSW Government.

This funding enabled the co-design and development of a Regional Drought Resilience Plan, overseen by a Project Control Group comprising representatives from all four councils and the Department of Regional NSW. The Plan aimed to:

- Collate region-specific drought impact data;
- Engage stakeholders from all levels of government and community;
- Identify actions to strengthen resilience to drought events across the Southern Riverina region.

Following public exhibition and feedback across all four LGAs, the final Plan was adopted by Councils and submitted to the Department of Regional NSW and the Commonwealth Government. It was officially approved in December 2024.

DISCUSSION

This report provides an update to Council on the progress of the second phase of the Southern Riverina Drought Resilience Plan (the Plan), which involves the formal commencement of the implementation phase.

The implementation project is fully funded through the Commonwealth Government's Future Drought Fund, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. As with the planning phase, Berrigan Shire Council remains the lead agency on behalf of the four participating councils: Berrigan, Murray River, Edward River, and Federation.

The Final Plan was submitted to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) on 4 September 2024 for joint State and Federal approval. Despite regular follow-up, formal approval was not granted until 20 December 2024.

Following approval, Berrigan Shire Council was advised that the grant portal had been reopened to allow the consortium to apply for a variation of \$350,000, the balance of funds allocated for implementation under the original \$560,000 deed. Due to CEO changes across the partner councils and the level of work required to prepare a comprehensive variation submission, the application was not submitted until 4 February 2025.

A meeting to discuss the variation request with DPIRD was held on 10 March 2025, delayed due to staff and structural changes within the Department. At this meeting, Berrigan's CEO clarified that the only variation sought was an extension of the delivery timeframe for Milestones 5 and 6 covering implementation. The new agreed completion date is 30 November 2025.

Given the compressed timeframe, Berrigan's CEO requested approval to directly appoint the Western Murray Land Improvement Group (WMLIG) to deliver the implementation project. WMLIG had played a key role in developing the Plan and had authored the draft implementation strategy

submitted with the funding variation. The funding body approved the direct appointment of WMLIG, recognising the urgency and continuity benefits.

However, as this approach did not comply with standard local government procurement procedures, all four partner councils agreed to and signed a joint Procurement Exemption to formally enable the direct engagement of WMLIG. This exemption was deemed necessary to avoid significant delays, estimated at a minimum of two months, had the project gone to open tender.

The final funding deed, reflecting the revised milestone dates, was provided by DPIRD on 1 April 2025. While no new deed was issued, the original deed was confirmed to remain in effect, supported by updated milestone dates communicated via official correspondence.

Key governance documents are appended to this report for reference.

The contract with WMLIG has now been executed. While it remains confidential, it is available for councillor review upon request. The total funding held in trust by Berrigan Shire Council for project delivery is \$350,695, which includes \$695 in unspent funds from the planning phase.

To ensure oversight and transparency, regular bi-monthly progress reports will be provided to each of the partner Councils throughout the implementation phase.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with this program. The project has a total of \$350,695 in trust with Berrigan Shire Council. \$695 was rolled into the total as it was a saving from the initial stage of the project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of the Southern Riverina Drought Resilience Action Plan supports Murray River Council's commitment to regional collaboration, environmental sustainability, economic resilience, and community preparedness.

While the project is fully funded through the Commonwealth Government's Future Drought Fund, the appointment of Western Murray Land Improvement Group (WMLIG) to deliver the implementation phase was made through a joint procurement exemption endorsed by all partner Councils. This decision was taken to ensure the project could start without delay and be completed within the required timeframe.

Under normal circumstances, a project of this size would go to public tender. However, due to the short delivery window, the proven experience of WMLIG, and their role in developing the original Plan, all partner Councils agreed it was in the region's best interest to proceed with a direct appointment. This approach was approved by the funding body and formally documented.

Council is committed to ensuring that all procurement decisions remain transparent, accountable, and in the public interest. Regular progress updates will be provided, and strong governance arrangements are in place to ensure the project stays on track and within budget.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NIL

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

The Plan does not reflect the needs or generate tangible outcomes for our communities.

- **How can it happen?**

Community engagement is not as extensive as needed.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

The Plan may not deliver relevant, tangible outcomes for the community.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Possible.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Genuine community engagement will be undertaken during the Plan's implementation.

CONCLUSION

Given the increasing frequency and severity of drought and flood events, the Southern Riverina Drought Resilience Program represents a proactive and collaborative effort to strengthen long-term climate resilience across our region. The Final Plan, endorsed by all partner Councils and approved by both the NSW and Australian Governments, provides a clear roadmap for building regional capacity and economic adaptability in response to climate variability.

With implementation now formally underway, the partner Councils—led by Berrigan Shire and guided by the Project Control Group—are committed to delivering the agreed actions by 30 November 2025. The direct appointment of Western Murray Land Improvement Group (WMLIG), approved through a joint procurement exemption, ensures timely delivery and continuity from the planning phase.

Murray River Council's continued involvement will help drive informed and inclusive engagement with local industries and communities. Regular reporting will ensure the project remains transparent, accountable, and aligned with its key milestones and outcomes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **RDRP - Executed Funding Deed - Confidential (under separate cover)**
2. **Procurement Exemption - Confidential**
3. **Terms of Reference SRDRP Implementation PCG - signed - Confidential**
4. **Project Plan** [!\[\]\(15cb01d00100e773a50f80002909e9a5_img.jpg\)](#) 
5. **SRDRP Milestones** [!\[\]\(ce2e1352a90071ca4ea4a7fe9e1defae_img.jpg\)](#) 

Southern Riverina Drought Resilience Action Plan. [Southern Riverina](#)
Note plan framework has been adapted from Southern Riverina DRP Pg 61-62.

Draft Action Plan Considerations for Consultant							
Theme	Outcomes / Priority	High level indicator / metric	Timing	Specific Actions	Budget	Other / Key actions & implementation steps	Pillars of Resilience / Key Outcomes / Measures of success / High level Indicator - Metric. (Note that red text - WMLIG added signifies that the information wasn't included in the original DR Plan).
Theme 1 Prosperous agricultural landscape and water security		Year 1: Completion of consolidated existing social and economic studies including consultation with First Nations.	Short-term to deliver Priority action. Other actions to be commenced in the short-term but would be ongoing to deliver	No further Action: Project Control Group (PCG) meeting 21/1/25 suggested not doing a 'plan for a plan' as there is already good information provided in existing Regional Economic Development Plans, RDA Murray, Adapt NSW Riverina- Murray Enabling Adaption Report, RAMJO position paper etc. and Socio-economic studies such as Sefton report to reference. Original FDF funding for a Regional of \$100-150K out of budget of \$300-350K does not leave funding for	\$ -		
Water	(FDF) Sustainable and improved functioning of agricultural landscapes. (FDF) Partnerships and engagement is built between stakeholders managing natural resources.	Consultation with external agencies to confirm approach to investigating water bank completed.	Other actions to be commenced in the short-term but would be ongoing to deliver.	Regional Water Bank Project Officer: Work with MIL to set up a water bank so water can be leased to farmers in the region as part of a Community Foundation investment portfolio. Environmental / cultural water could also be part of the water portfolio (via philanthropic donations) that integrates cultural and social pillars (Pg. 45-46). Water lease business collateral was developed by WMLUG & RGA via previous funding from Murray LLS and Cooperatives Foundation (and Farming Together Program). Consultation work was done by ThinkAgri & RMCG. Water Bank lease product and management (maybe part of Murray Connect / Regional Community Foundation). Need additional funding to re-engage stakeholders, consult with MIL, external agencies. Revisit & update water lease structure and costings, and the benefits & drawbacks of a community water bank (Pg. 46 of SRDRP), develop marketing material and seek community feed back etc.	\$ 10,000.00	Theme 1 Other Actions: (pg. 45) 7. Consider the benefits of 'water banks' to keep water in the local area rather than losing water to other regions. Investigate reconnecting River Country projects that improve connectivity for fish and environmental water to key assets like wetlands. Other Actions: (pg. 46) 4. Research the benefits and drawbacks of a community water bank. Make findings available to the community.	Theme 1 Pillars of Resilience: (Pg 47): • Social - Use of a common language and understanding of drought impacts and indicators of when the region is moving into drought. • Social: Increased access to resources that support planning and delivery of mental health services. • Environmental: Improved outcomes for agricultural properties and the river(s). Measures of Success: (WMLIG Added) • RGA / WMLUG meet with MIL who are developing Water Bank and exchange previously developed information. • Progress is made with water bank development • Waterbank idea / findings shared with the community • Community investment & benefits scheme considered and build into Waterbank strategic goal & mission
Agriculture	Greater understanding of the impacts of reduced water. (FDF) Primary producers and businesses have improved access to new and existing knowledge and technology to enable more effective responses to risks such as drought. (FDF) Primary producers' awareness of new and existing NRM practices is increased, and lessons from experimentation are shared.	Year 1: Job brief developed and funding secured for Regional Climate Change Co-ordinator position	Engaging a service provider can be short-term but would be an ongoing action.	Regional Climate Change Coordinator (RCCC) (pg. 47-78). The Need: <i>Theme 1 - Prosperous agricultural landscape and water security): Increasing resilience in agriculture will be supported by improving the exchange and distribution of information within the sector, along with supporting leaders to foster connections within the community to provide better knowledge sharing.</i> <i>Theme 5 - Good governance, knowledge sharing and skills development). One of the main themes voiced by the community was the challenges faced in co-ordinating and connecting all the innovative drought work that is being conducted in the region. This will mainly be addressed by the co-ordinator role in Theme 1. However, there are many other opportunities to improve knowledge sharing and increase local skills base.</i> <i>(See Job description and linkages to plan in separate worksheet tab)</i>	\$ 85,000.00	Theme 1 Priority Action: (Pg. 47): See Worksheet Regional CC Coordinator. Implementation Steps: 1. Secure funding and develop job brief. 2. Appoint someone to the role. 3. Conduct evaluation on effectiveness of position. 4. Assess whether to continue position. Other Actions: 3. Establish and strengthen working relationships with external agencies. Theme 5 relevance: Actions: 2. Seek opportunities to collaborate on initiatives and actions with various organisations that benefit the region. 3. Promote business and social networks within the community. 5. Investigate (partner with research organisations) how best to engage with the community post COVID where more people may want a combination of in-person and online engagement or digital formats such as podcasts. 6. Support and help build the network of community connectors, encourage place-based work and explore how to incorporate more First Nations roles within the region. 7. Investigate ways to increase partnerships with local professionals and businesses such as career talks and internships to demonstrate to the next generation future opportunity and career progression available by remaining in the region.	Theme 1 Key Outcomes: • Other actions will increase the understanding of access to water and support improved relationships with other groups and agencies. Pillars of Resilience (Agriculture): (Pg. 47): • Social - Use of a common language and understanding of drought impacts and indicators of when the region is moving into drought. • Social: Increased access to resources that support planning and delivery of mental health services. • Economic: Will assist the community with financial planning and improve farmers understanding and access to financial support Key Outcomes: • Develops trust between the community and local government which improves social unity within the community. • Demonstrates innovative and cohesive leadership across Councils to solve challenging community issues. • Builds expertise and skills within the region and increases community strength and education. Measures of Success: • Partners to be surveyed on the benefit created from the role. Theme 5 Pillars of Resilience: (Pg. 58) • Economic: Increased efficiency in use of Council resources through collaboration; this also provides some buffer against harder times. • Economic: Increased opportunity within the region through support of connectors; more diverse jobs and economic base. Measures of Success: (Pg. 58) • Report on number of joint initiatives progressed by the consortia in the calendar year. • Reported number of joint training programs supported by the consortia each year. • Increased engagement in Council activities / events. <i>See Regional CC Coordinator tab for further Measures of Success information</i>
	(FDF) Innovative and profitable agriculture sector		Engaging a service provider can be short-term but would be an ongoing action.	Devolved funding for capacity building activities / needs analysis surveys using Murray Landcare Collective and producer groups across the Southern Riverina Regional DRP footprint to focus on drought resilience initiatives (e.g. storing silage produced from good years for drought years, stock containment areas / budgeting), and delivering activities such as workshops to extend previous drought resilience learning workshops and other themes such as ag-tech (Theme 4). Alignment with other Drought Hub streams resilience workshops include: * Early Insights for More Resilient Communities – This project is focused on developing tools that will allow us to identify changes in community resilience sooner so support services can tailor solutions where they are needed to assist individuals, groups and communities to work through change. * Preparing with Hindsight – Case studies of reflections of real farmers and communities from before, during and after drought. * Capturing the Value of AgTech Innovation On-farm – This project addressed one of the barriers to AgTech adoption by developing a tool producers could use to see the costs and benefits of AgTech as it applies to their operation – either by using their own farm data or by using calculations built into an online platform. Needs analysis survey work used to inform Southern Riverina RDRP future plan revision as suggested by CSIRO (e.g. plausible future scenarios). Landcare and producer groups collect needs analysis data to support community workshop needs (e.g. via use of relevant subject matter experts). \$20K per LGA (\$80K), \$20K project coordination and reporting (WMLIG).	\$ 100,000.00	Theme 1 Implementation Steps / Priority Actions (Pg. 50): 1. Develop the program with the assistance of a consultant or council resource (if available). <i>In addition, Murray Landcare Collective and in-kind from Murray LLS.</i> 2. Form partnerships with providers and establish the relationships with other collaborators. Other Actions: 1. Listen to and provide support to volunteers and committees 2. Survey community interest and conduct needs analysis. 3. Investigate sources of funding and resources to implement programs. Theme 4 Actions: 1. Raise the community's awareness of alternative telecommunications and Internet connectivity options for the region. 3. For the agricultural sector, encourage construction of silage storage facilities and work with partners to promote new technology / efficiencies in infrastructure. 6. Investigate water augmentation ideas for further off river storage. (WMLIG added - Deliver SME information on cost - benefit analysis related to on-farm water storage) • WMLIG Other themes: Ag tech, Continue drought resilience workshop initiatives conducted by SNSW Drought Hub / FDF etc.	Theme 1 Pillars of Resilience: (Pg. 50) • Social: Improves community connectedness and supports positive health outcomes. • Social: Reduces isolation and provides skill development in the community. Strengthens community mental health to improve overall resilience to stress. • Economic: Encourages local spending on community events. Theme 4 Pillars of Resilience (Pg. 56) • Economic: Improvements in infrastructure, services and investor activity will improve stimulation of the economy. Attraction of new investors results in business diversity and improved community resilience Measures of Success: • Lower levels of de-stocking during drought. • Increased use of community facilities. High Level Indicator / Metric: (Theme 5) • Report on capacity building joint initiatives progressed by the consortia in the calendar year • Report on community survey and drought resilience (before / after workshops) & needs analysis. Measures of Success: (WMLIG added information - Ref from Loddon Campaspe DRP) • Impacts of drought on the economies of region are known and prepared for. • Businesses are identifying, managing and planning for the business risks associated with drought.
				ESG / Environmental Market Prospectus: Develop with Murray Landcare Collective members and Research / Government agencies such as LLS DPI&RD etc. for bringing in biodiversity and carbon projects to the region. Case study & learnings to be shared with regional stakeholders. Graphic Designer / Marketing / handout material: Budget \$20,000.	\$ 20,000.00	Theme 1 Other Actions: • Utilising the information from the priority action, investigate means by which to support communities to understand and adapt to the future state of the region. Theme 4 Implementation Steps (Theme 4 section): • The economic diversification strategy (see Theme 3) will provide an opportunity to identify infrastructure and service improvement opportunities for the region.	Theme 1 Pillars of Resilience (Water): (Pg. 45 & 48) • Social: Better mental health outcomes from improved water security. • Social: Integrates cultural awareness of First Nations People's connection to water and the environment. • Economic: Seek opportunities for environmental markets to support natural capital improvement. As stewards of the land, farmers can access environmental markets to diversify incomes, even during adverse events. • Water (Environment): Improved outcomes for agricultural properties and the river(s). Pillars of Resilience: (Agriculture): • Environment: Provides greater sharing of knowledge on agricultural management practices that improve biodiversity and natural resource management. Theme 4 Pillars of Resilience alignment: • Economic: New investor activity has the potential to create positive environmental outcomes as investors seek to balance infrastructure investments with improved social licence and ESG commitments (offsets create business opportunities for farmers). Measures of Success: (WMLIG added info.) • Short term: Environmental Market ESG Prospectus completed with stakeholder buy in. • Short term: Prospectus promoted to Business and philanthropic organisations • Medium-long term: Non-Government investment in Biodiversity and carbon projects on private property to diversify income streams, especially in times of adverse events such as drought.

Theme 2 Connected people, cultures and improved community wellbeing	Community that remains socially connected and supported. (FDF) Stronger connectedness and greater social capital within communities, contributing to wellbeing and security. (FDF) The number of, and participation in, local networks and programs to enhance drought resilience increases.	Year 1: Confirm lead Council and Develop Resilience Program scope / brief.	Short-term to commence developing program components and fund those that are 'shovel-ready'. Medium term to develop and expand the program, build partnerships and implement delivery	RGA Agricultural and Wellness Coordinator (facilitate 3 meetings per year via an established – albeit in recess group that was ran by RGA). See worksheet tab on Aims, Objective, ex members and Purpose of Group. (Pg. 49-51 short term goals).	\$ 10,000.00	Theme 2 Priority Actions: (Pg. 49-50) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify and develop relationships with health and well-being service providers including but not limited to Active Farmers and the Red Cross.Partner with agencies and service providers to provide mental health first aid training to supporting industries.Improve collaboration and connection with local health providers such as the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and the work being undertaken by the Southern Innovation Hub on "identifying mental health indicators and service structures that can be sustainable for small communities" can be capitalised in the region.Develop and promote a program of events for the region that can be drawn upon during times of hardship to promote social connectedness.Publish and share information (<i>via group reps</i>) with the community on the health support options accessible to them.Publish and share (<i>via group reps</i>) the community events information and community groups such as the Men's Shed to demonstrate opportunities available within the region for people to become involved. Provide support for co-hosting family wellbeing days.Promote (<i>via group reps</i>) the existing work of external organisations providing support services e.g., mental health services, programs for farmers (tackling tough times, agritech innovations, drought resilient species, innovation/diversification strategies). Implementation steps (Pg. 50): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Form partnerships with providers and establish the relationships with other collaborators Theme 5 relevance: Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Seek opportunities to collaborate on initiatives and actions with various organisations that benefit the region.Promote business and social networks within the community.Support and help build the network of community connectors, encourage place-based work and explore how to incorporate more First Nations roles within the region.	Theme 2 Pillars of Resilience (pg. 50): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Social: Improves community connectedness and supports positive health outcomes.Social: Reduces isolation and provides skill development in the community.Social: Strengthens community mental health to improve overall resilience to stress. Theme 5 Pillars of Resilience: (Pg. 58) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Economic: Increased opportunity within the region through support of connectors; more diverse jobs and economic base. Measures of Success: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Report on number of joint initiatives progressed by the consortia in the calendar year.Reported number of joint training programs supported by the consortia each year.Increased engagement in Council activities / events.
Theme 3 Diverse and resilient local businesses and regional economies	(FDF) Agricultural communities are resourceful, adaptable and thriving.	Year 1: Development of stakeholder engagement approach / plan and commence consultation for the Regional Economic Diversification Strategy.	Short-term to develop the Regional Economic Diversification Strategy.	Regional Community Foundation Project Officer and Infrastructure. WMLIG could provide regional services (admin / governance / investment) to support smaller community foundations being established as a result of Transgrid & renewable energy projects (pg. 51-53) and change to the regulatory environment to incentivise community foundation governance and investment environment. Community Foundation Project Officer (\$35K), infrastructure (marketing material / website presence etc. - \$15K)	\$ 50,000.00	Theme 3 Priority Actions: (Pg. 53) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigation and planning for where potential funding from green energy projects investment would best benefit building resilience in the community.Exploration of where there is potential to value-add to existing industry and business. This may be place-based investment projects with other impact investors and venture capital. Key Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes the community voice in creating the future vision of the region.Supports good governance and decision-making in the region.Demonstrates the desire for ownership and input into the region's future. <i>Note that the water bank could provide income as part of a community foundation investment portfolio.</i> Theme 4 Implementation Steps (Theme 4 section): <ul style="list-style-type: none">The economic diversification strategy (see Theme 3) will provide an opportunity to identify infrastructure and service improvement opportunities for the region.	Theme 3 Pillars of Resilience: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Social: These actions will increase regional collaboration with Councils and community through a joint vision.Outcomes are seeking to grow regional populations and provide for more community activities and opportunities that will increase resilience through challenging times.Economic: Growing the regional economy and making it more prosperous, through new business and increased tourism.Diversifying the economy is an important step in building overall community resilience. Theme 5 Pillars of Resilience: (Pg 58) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Economic: Increased opportunity within the region through support of connectors; more diverse jobs and economic base. Measures of Success: (WMLIG added) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meetings held with community groups (seek support of Community Foundations Australia or similar Representmative).Regional Community Foundation registered.Community Foundation infrastructure completed including a website presence and marketing material.Meetings held with community groups
	Local produce and businesses are highlighted and local community has a strong voice in future vision for the region		Medium to long-term to implement actions from the plan and seek additional funding.	Food Producers Group Coordinator: Support WMLIG to establish the cross-border– direct to market opportunities via on-line sales platform etc. National growth rate for on-line produce is 18%+ and disrupts supermarket power.	\$ 25,000.00	Theme 3 Priority actions: (Pg. 53) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Exploration of where there is potential to value-add to existing industry and business. This may be place-based investment projects with other impact investors and venture capital. Implementation steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify regional economic and employment generating opportunities with cross border localities.Identify regional economic opportunities based on agriculture and value add manufacturing.Continue to grow and support the regional tourism industry through local economic initiatives.Promote the cultural heritage and character of the region. i.e. Murray River, agricultural sector. Theme 4 Implementation Steps (Theme 4 section): <ul style="list-style-type: none">The economic diversification strategy (see Theme 3) will provide an opportunity to identify infrastructure and service improvement opportunities for the region.	Theme 3 Pillars of Resilience: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Social: These actions will increase regional collaboration with Councils and community through a joint vision.Outcomes are seeking to grow regional populations and provide for more community activities and opportunities that will increase resilience through challenging times.Economic: Growing the regional economy and making it more prosperous, through new business and increased tourism.Diversifying the economy is an important step in building overall community resilience.Environmental: Sustaining and promoting local cultural heritage. Theme 5 Pillars of Resilience: (Pg 58) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Economic: Increased opportunity within the region through support of connectors; more diverse jobs and economic base. Measures of Success: (WMLIG Added) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Murray Region Food Producers Group meeting held with interested farmers / Barham micro abattoir representatives with a geographic footprint extending to cross-border producers.Registration of formal Food Producers Group.Media / Marketing material developed and circulated to regional producers.Investigate On-line trading platform and storage & logistics considerations / Landholder agreements produced between trader and farmerInvestigate social enterprise / cooperative or mutual business model.
Theme 4 Built infrastructure and technology improvements (workshops on improvements in Agtech).	Adapting and repurposing infrastructure to meet the needs of the community, driven by community voice. (FDF) Improved access to, and greater utilisation of community infrastructure	Year 1: Review of existing infrastructure (its usage, potential other uses) and new infrastructure needs identified. Review of maintenance and improvement works across the region undertaken.	Short term.	Funding for activities related to ag tech built in to workshop budget outlined in Theme 1 - agriculture	\$ -	See action: Devolved funding for Capacity building activities / needs analysis surveys	
Theme 5 Good governance, knowledge sharing and skills development	(FDF) Communities better understand their resilience to drought. (FDF) Communities implement transformative activities that improve their resilience to (FDF) Communities build their local leadership, networks and	Year 1: Research partner for community engagement identified. Report on number of joint initiatives progressed by the consortia in the calendar year	Short to medium-term.	Some actions addressed via FDF identified in actions listed above.	\$ -	Some actions addressed via FDF identified in actions listed above.	

Milestone Budget																	
	April		May		June		July		August		Sep		Oct		Nov		Total \$
Regional Water Bank Project Officer	\$ 1,000.00	Appoint Water Bank Project Lead	\$ 2,000.00	WMLIG planning - engage with Rice Growers Association / Murray Irrigation Limited	\$ 2,000.00	Work on waterBank project with RGA & MIL	\$ 2,000.00	Work on waterBank project with RGA & MIL	\$ 2,000.00	Progress is made with water bank development. Waterbank idea / findings shared with the community		Waterbank idea / findings shared with the community. Community investment & benefits scheme considered and build into Waterbank strategic goal & mission	\$ 1,000.00	Final report completion			\$ 10,000.00
Regional Climate Change Coordinator (RCCC)	\$ 12,000.00	Appoint a RCCC. Conduct monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities	\$ 12,000.00	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities	\$ 12,000.00	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities	\$ 12,000.00	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities	\$ 12,000.00	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities	\$ 12,000.00	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities	\$ 13,000.00	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities. Collect and disseminate data from consortium partners as per Measures of Success: (Pg. 58) • Report on number of joint initiatives progressed by the consortia in the calendar year. • Reported number of joint training programs supported by the consortia each year. • Increased engagement in Council activities / events. See Regional CC Coordinator tab for further Measures of Success information	\$ -	Monthly meeting with SRDRP Council representatives, conduct actions as per Regional Climate Change Coordinator position description activities. Complete final reporting as per measures of success	\$ 85,000.00
Devolved funding for capacity building activities / needs analysis surveys	\$ 5,000.00	Engage Murray Landcare Collective and producer groups across the Southern Riverina Regional DRP footprint to focus on drought resilience initiatives. Complete sub contracts for delivery partners aligned to program requirements	\$ 60,000.00	Finalise invoicing and payments to delivery partners for devolved funding activities. Conduct event activity planning with delivery partners based on drought resilient initiatives, and previous work on drought resilience (Preparing With Hindsight and Early Insights for More Resilient Communities). Develop standardised survey to cover pre & post learning. Review CSIRO SRDRP feedback and plan with Councils and delivery partners.	\$ 5,000.00	Planning, promotion and delivery of workshops across Southern Riverina.	\$ 5,000.00	Attendance, Support delivery of activities	\$ 5,000.00	Attendance, Support delivery of activities	\$ 10,000.00	Final payment to delivery partners upon completion of final reporting of project outcomes / survey information etc. Collect and disseminate data for final report	\$ 10,000.00	Completion of final report aligned to SRDRP Measures of success / outcomes: Measures of Success: • Lower levels of de-stocking during drought. • Increased use of community facilities. High Level Indicator / Metric: (Theme 5) • Report on capacity building joint initiatives progressed by the consortia in the calendar year • Report on community survey and drought resilience (before / after workshops) & needs analysis. • Impacts of drought on the economies of region are known and prepared for. • Businesses are identifying, managing and planning for the business risks associated with drought.			\$ 100,000.00
ESG / Environmental Market Prospectus:	\$ 2,000.00	Appoint a WMLIG facilitation / labour resource, Murray Landcare Collective, Regional Landcare Coordinators, Murray Local Land Services to provide overview of the project	\$ 7,000.00	Finalise invoicing and payments to Murray Landcare Collective (\$1000 each x 6 groups) delivery partners for co-design of marketing material with a marketing company	\$ 2,000.00	Circulate draft prospectus and refine with stakeholders	\$ 4,000.00	Design, print final copy, market, circulate prospectus.	\$ 4,000.00	Print final copy, market, circulate prospectus.	\$ 1,000.00	Conduct a pilot pitch to Councils for awareness raising and feedback. Final pitch to business to fund a pilot environmental market / biodiversity project. Final reporting, promotion					\$ 20,000.00
RGA Agricultural and Wellness Coordinator	\$ 1,000.00	Meet with RGA. Develop and prosecute contract for works	\$ 7,000.00	Invoice generated and payment made to RGA to plan / initiate meetings and surveys				Hold meeting with group members				Hold meeting with group members	\$ 2,000.00	Final report completed by RGA for WMLIG consolidated reporting			\$ 10,000.00
Regional Community Foundation Project Officer and Infrastructure	\$ 5,000.00	Appoint a project lead. Liase with Community Foundations Australia and start project planning	\$ 5,000.00	Conduct planning meetings and provision of Community Foundation information to communities within Southern Riverina DRP footprint.	\$ 5,000.00	Conduct planning meetings and provision of information to communities within Southern Riverina DRP footprint. Liase with renewable energy project proponents and communities considering establishment of a Regional Affiliates Foundation, work with Murray Connect Board on establishing a local community Foundation for Barham as a pilot to determine lessons learned for knowledge sharing	\$ 7,500.00	Stakeholder engagement (on-line meetings and workshops), feedback and development of marketing material for a Regional Affiliates Foundation (\$15K) in conjunction with stakeholders. Circulate draft information for feedback. Provide monthly reports on project status etc. Work with Murray Connect, Community Foundations Australia and Barham community to establish / register a local Community Foundation	\$ 15,000.00	Stakeholder engagement and feedback. Register a Regional Affiliates Foundation. Complete marketing material and publish, create website etc.	\$ 5,000.00	Completion of information and regional marketing / information sharing / pitch for investors.	\$ 2,500.00	Final report for WMLIG consolidated reporting	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
Murray Region Food Producers Group Coordinator	\$ 5,000.00	Appoint Murray Region Food Producers Group Coordinator and circulate project proposal with established Food Producers Group members.	\$ 5,000.00	Conduct planning meetings and provision of information to communities within Southern Riverina DRP footprint. Investigate On-line trading platforms and report on pro's and con's. Investigate transport & logistics.		Conduct planning meetings and provision of information to communities within Southern Riverina DRP footprint. Liase with renewable energy project proponents and communities considering establishment of independent community foundations. Appoint casual worker to conduct pilot packaging and delivery service.	\$ 5,000.00	Conduct packaging and on line sale and delivery to customers. Develop website and promotional material for stakeholder review and feedback.		Conduct packaging and on line sale and delivery to customers. Refine website and promotional material	\$ 5,000.00	Continue trials. Draft report , lessons learned		Final report for WMLIG consolidated reporting and report to Southern Riverina stakeholders	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
Total:	\$ 31,000.00		\$ 98,000.00		\$ 26,000.00		\$ 35,500.00		\$ 38,000.00		\$ 33,000.00		\$ 28,500.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00

9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

File Number: -
Author: Sheryl Mudaliar, Executive Services Coordinator
Authoriser: Stacy Williams, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

DISCUSSION

Due to the volume of correspondence that Council receives from Government Agencies, each Councillor has been forwarded the emails directly. As per resolution 290921 at the September 28, 2021, Council meeting, incoming emails from Government Agencies will not be included in this report unless by exception, only outgoing correspondence to Government agencies and general correspondence is recorded in the report.


INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Update to the 2024/2025 Council allocation - NSW Rural Fire Service

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Update - Murray River 2024 to 2025 Council Allocations - RFS [↓](#) 



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21 May 2025

Emailed: admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

Dear Terry

I am writing to provide an update on the 2024/25 NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund Allocation letters sent in September 2024.

The safety of its firefighters is the highest priority of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS).

So far in 2024/25, the RFS has delivered over \$15.1m in new firefighting and personal protective equipment for firefighters including new breathing apparatus, bush fire and structural firefighter helmets and second sets of personal protective clothing.

The RFS continues to roll out new and refurbished firefighting vehicles. Since July 2020, 1,220 vehicles have been replaced and/or upgraded to meet the relevant standards – including 790 firefighting appliances, with 233 being delivered to Brigades so far in 2024/25.

The fleet renewal program is targeting the replacement of appliances that are older than 25 years as a priority.

The RFS refurbishment program for tankers at 10-15 years as well as addressing manual handling, ergonomics and lighting, brings the older vehicle fleet up to today's standards in vital crew safety systems. Currently 1,304 trucks (21%) are yet to meet the updated safety standard with 442 to be refurbished and an additional 862 to be replaced.

A total of \$168.8 million will be provided across 2024/25 and 2025/26 to produce more than 520 new and refurbished vehicles continuing the build program valuable work to ensure our firefighters have the vehicles they need to respond quickly, effectively and safely.

The Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) project is progressing with 2,939 MDTs installed in appliances to date. The MDT program provides two-way, real-time sharing of operational information between members in the field and Incident Management Teams (IMTs) or the Operational Communications Centre via touchscreens mounted in fire appliances.

These devices ensure our firefighters have critical information (eg maps and incident action plans) readily available when needed. The MDTs also will allow for simplified data collection and display within vehicles and better pre-incident preparation and real-time decision-making.

Complementing the MDT program is the 'Vehicle as a Node' (VaaN) satellite communications technology. The VaaN solution has been developed in collaboration with the NSW Telco Authority to ensure a comprehensive upgrade that will benefit communities across New South Wales, particularly in high-risk or remote areas.

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This technology will enable RFS vehicles to remain connected through Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite services, 4G/5G routers, and enhanced communication tools, such as radios and mobile devices, ensuring operational effectiveness and safety even in the most challenging environments.

By eliminating communication blackspots, this upgrade will greatly improve the coordination and effectiveness of RFS operations, supporting crews in their crucial role of protecting communities during emergencies. VaaN will also provide satellite communication links to community members during emergencies, which was demonstrated during deployments to recent storm and flood disasters which proved the technology to be reliable and effective.

The VaaN project will significantly enhance the communication capabilities of RFS vehicles by equipping them with advanced VaaN technology, utilising Starlink satellite services as a critical component of this capability.

It was originally planned to commence the installation of the Starlink terminals, as part of the VaaN project in 2024 however due to delays in contract finalisation the program of installations is commencing in quarter 2 of 2025 and will progress over the next 3 years.

To progress the installation of the Starlink terminals the RFS is distributing them to the relevant Councils as they are a serialised asset and fall within the vesting arrangements under *s119(2) of the Rural Fires Act 1997*, to be retro fitted by RFS installation teams to existing operational vehicles. In future this equipment will be installed in new vehicles prior to delivery to Councils.

To facilitate an efficient rollout, the Starlink Terminals will be held by our technology integration partners on your behalf prior to being fitted to fire appliances and operational vehicles by the RFS installation teams. Attachment A provides a schedule listing the Starlink assets distributed to you to be fitted to the operational vehicles within your Council RFS fleet, for your recording purposes each terminal has a value of \$3,340.

The RFS is committed to providing our emergency services volunteers with well-equipped and resourced building facilities for their vital work to protect the community. This includes brigade stations, centres for the coordination of bush fire and other emergency operations and facilities such as the Aviation Centre of Excellence.

We have invested \$53.2m in 2024/25 for 82 capital works projects – 33 are new builds for Brigade Stations and 7 are Fire Control Centres, 32 are upgrades to Brigade Stations and 10 are upgrades to Fire Control Centres.

Bush Fire Management Committees in Rural Fire Districts across the State have proposed hazard reduction work treating 377,290 hectares providing protection to more than 104,184 properties for 2024/25.

Prolonged wet weather and extreme flooding over the past three years and persistent above-average rainfall this year has hindered vital hazard reduction and mitigation works.

All agencies have taken advantage of favorable weather recently, treating more than 37,758 hectares, providing protection to more than 104,308 properties so far, this financial year.

Council land is a key component of these works and Councils across the State have proposed, for 2024/25, to treat 7,758 hectares providing protection to more than 101,308 properties, achieving to date 2,556 hectares providing protection to more than 35,866 properties.

The RFS has provided Councils with \$7.4m in mitigation grants facilitating the completion of 1,627 activities in 2024/25.

Your attention to completing and claiming reimbursement for the approved hazard reduction works during 2024/25 is requested. It should be noted that there is no guarantee that unclaimed funds will be carried forward.

Councils will continue to receive ongoing additional support for their Rural Fire Districts including:

- › *Training and Volunteer Support*
Costs associated with volunteer relations, including the cadets program, Work Health and Safety programs for volunteers, Critical Incident Support, Chaplaincy, learning and development, volunteer training and competency.
- › *Fire Mitigation Works*
Bush fire mitigation works, including the Mitigation Crews that operate across Local Government Areas, completing mitigation works, fire trail and hazard management works.
- › *Insurances*
Volunteer workers compensation insurance and other insurances (excluding red fleet insurance which is provided through TMF).
- › *Radio Communications*
Costs associated with communication assets, the Private Mobile Radio network, the paging network and the Government Radio Network.
- › *Emergency Fund*
Costs associated with responding to bush fire emergencies, including out-of-area assistance.
- › *Aviation, heavy plant and Other Operational Support*
Provision of the State Air Desk and aviation resources for emergency events, training and support of volunteers in aircraft operations. Provision of heavy plant for emergency events, training and support of volunteers in heavy plant operations. Other operational support services such as Neighborhood Safer Places, Rapid Aerial Response Teams and vulnerable communities' support.
- › *Engineering and Other Infrastructure*
Design and development of mobile infrastructure, including tankers, other vehicles and firefighting equipment. Development of designs and standards for the construction of brigade stations and fire control centers.
- › *Communications and Public Awareness*
Management of media and corporate communications, including community advertising and awareness campaigns, social media monitoring and provision of emergency messaging in emergency events.

NSW has experienced a string of unprecedented natural disasters and emergencies over the past five years, with devastating consequences for our communities and environment.

The RFS has maintained a heightened operational tempo throughout these events, sustaining ongoing services to assist and protect communities around the state. This has tested the resilience and courage of our dedicated members and placed a significant operational load on the organization.

I am proud of what we have achieved so far and am committed to continuing delivering these initiatives, which will help support our partner agencies, including councils, and the people of our state. I have outlined some of our achievements to provide your council with vision of our work to support you and your residents, businesses, infrastructure, environment and other valuable assets.

Should you require any further information regarding this update please don't hesitate to contact Director Finance & Procurement (CFO) Myles Foley, myles.foley@rfs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 8741 5523.



Commissioner Rob Rogers AFSM
NSW Rural Fire Service

Attachment A – Starlink Terminal Schedule

CC: RFS Area Commander
RFS District Manager

Attachment A - Starlink Terminal Schedule

Assigned Council	Serial Number	Material Description
Murray River	KITP00208134	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208147	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208148	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208236	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208237	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208238	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208241	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208242	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208248	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
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Murray River	KITP00208250	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00200506	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00200515	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207892	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207903	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207930	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207932	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207936	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207937	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208110	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208121	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208122	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208123	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
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Murray River	KITP00208133	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208142	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00208143	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
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Murray River	KITP00207899	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
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Murray River	KITP00207902	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
Murray River	KITP00207904	Starlink Flat High Performance Type 2
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9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

9.7.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 1 May 2025 through to 31 May 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

DISCUSSION

The **Mayor, Councillor John Harvie** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

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- 01 May 2025 – Hosted a Murray Darling Association – Region 2 Meeting – Moama
- 02 May 2025 – Met with the principal of Moama Anglican Grammar – Moama
- 05 May 2025 – Attended 25th Anniversary meeting of Twin Rivers Probus Club – Echuca
- 05 May 2025 – Met with Economic Development officers and proponent of New Years Eve event proposed for Echuca Moama – Moama
- 07 May 2025 – Met with proponent of New Years Eve event proposed for Echuca Moama – Echuca
- 07 May 2025 – Travelled to Sydney for the LG NSW Rural and Regional Summit – Sydney
- 08 May 2025 – Attended the LG NSW Rural and Regional Summit – Sydney
- 09 May 2025 – Attended the quarterly meeting of the NSW Country Mayors Association – Sydney
- 12 May 2025 – Addressed a meeting of the MRC Executive Leadership Team (ELT) – Moama
- 12 May 2025 – Met with Swan Hill Rural City Mayor Cr Stuart King and CEO Scott Barber regarding the Swan Hill Saleyards – On Teams
- 12 May 2025 – Met with Interim Director of Planning and Environment, Gary Arnold and CEO – Moama
- 13 May 2025 – Council Extraordinary Meeting and pre-briefing session
- 13 May 2025 – Attended RAMJO Transport Sub-committee meeting via Zoom
- 15 May 2025 – Attended RAMJO strategic Planning Workshop – Jerilderie
- 16 May 2025 – Attended RAMJO Board meeting – Jerilderie
- 18 May 2025 – Attended NSW Rural Fire Service Medal presentation ceremony – Deniliquin
- 19 May 2025 – Met with Economic Development officers and proponent of New Years Eve event proposed for Echuca Moama – Moama
- 21 May 2025 – Meeting with RFS Superintendent Tony Whitehorn, Manager Mid Murray Zone and tour of the emergency management centre – Deniliquin
- 21 May 2025 – Attended Draft Moama Flood Risk Management Study drop-in session – Moama
- 26 May 2025 – Attended meeting of the Murray Regional Strategy Group via Zoom

- 26 May 2025 – Met with Shetland Drive residents regarding Kiely Road Walking Track - Moama
- 27 May 2025 – Councillor Pre-briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council
- 27 May 2025 – Hosted a Welcome Dinner for CEO Stacy Williams
- 28 May 2025 – Met with Committee for Echuca Moama regarding proposed New Years Eve event.
- 29 May 2025 – Attended the ‘Skilled Migration Pathways Workshop’ MRC Event – Moama
- 29 May 2025 – Weekly meeting with CEO
- 29 May 2025 – Met with MDBA for general introductions and update on all things water
- 30 May 2025 – Attended ‘Southwest Arts’ Funding Model Forum - Deniliquin

The **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Neil Gorey** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 6 May 2025 - Moulamein Recreation Reserve Committee meeting
- 12 May 2025 - Online Meeting with SHRCC re-saleyards
- 13 May 2025 - Pre-Briefing and Extra Ordinary Meeting.
- 19 May 2025 - Moulamein Flood Risk Committee
- 27 May 2025 - Meeting Moama
- 27 May 2025 - Council Pre-Briefing & Council Meeting

Councillor Bianca Hurn reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 1 May 2025 - Murray Darling Association Ordinary Meeting- Moama
- 7 May 2025 - Moama Anglican Grammar Foundation Day Assembly
- 9 May 2025 - Coolabah Turf “Open Day” 2025
- 13 May 2025 - Extra Ordinary Council Meeting- Moama
- 26-28 May 2025 - Destination & Visitor Economy Conference- Kingscliff

Councillor Gen Campbell reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 9 May 2025 - EMFM Radio interview with Ron Wood
- 13 May 2025 – Pre-Briefing and Extra Ordinary Meeting.
- 21 May 2025 - Liquor Accord Meeting
- 27 May 2025 - Council Pre-Briefing & Council Meeting

Councillor Kylie Berryman reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 7 May 2025- Local traffic committee meeting
- 9 May 2025 - Coolabah Turf open night
- 13 May 2025 - Extraordinary council meeting & workshop
- 13 May 2025 - Meeting with CEO Stacy Williams
- 27 May 2025 - Council Pre-briefing & council meeting
- 27 May 2025 - Welcome dinner for CEO

Councillor Joy Allan reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 6 May 2025 - Meeting with CEO Stacy Williams
- 13 May 2025 - Pre briefing and Extra Ordinary Council Meeting
- 20 May 2025 - Mathoura Retirement Village Meeting
- 27 May 2025 - Pre briefing and Ordinary Council Meeting
- 27 May 2025 - Welcome Dinner for CEO Stacy Williams

Councillor Dennis Gleeson did not supply a report on his attendance to meetings and functions for this period.

Councillor Geoff Wise did not supply a report on his attendance to meetings and functions for this period.

Councillor Gary Pappin did not supply a report on his attendance to meetings and functions for this period.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at [Enter time](#).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

11.1 Refund of Water Access Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at [Enter time](#).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council brings forward the resolutions from Closed Council into Open Council and these be read aloud.

12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING