



# ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

## 19 March 2024

**Goolgowi Council Chambers  
9-11 Cobram Street, Goolgowi**

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## Definitions

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## Council's Vision & Goals

### Motto

Council's Motto is:

***"Promoting our future through diversity"***

### Vision

Council's vision reflects what we are trying to achieve:

***"Carrathool Shire Council's VISION is to have a connected and thriving community enjoying active and fulfilling lives while protecting and appreciating our environment and unique way of life."***

The vision is the long term planning focus of Council.

### Mission

Council's mission reflects what we will do to achieve the vision:

***"Council's MISSION is to provide the community of Carrathool Shire with cost effective works, services and planning."***

Council's mission is Council's medium term planning focus.

### Values

We value:

- Honest, open, objective and accountable decision making;
- Our diverse communities;
- Responsiveness to community needs
- Open, fair and practical business relationships;
- Cost effective and commercially competitive service delivery, and
- Continuous improvement and best value in everything we do

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL TO BE HELD**  
**AT THE GOOLGOWI COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM**

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**1. Present**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflicts of Interest**

Section 451 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that if a Councillor or member of a Council or committee has a pecuniary interest in any matter before the Council or committee, he/she must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable and must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting, when the matter is being discussed, considered or voted on.

A pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss (see sections 442 and 443 of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

A non-pecuniary interest can arise as a result of a private or personal interest which does not involve a financial gain or loss to the Councillor or staff member (eg friendship, membership of an association, or involvement or interest in an activity). A Councillor or staff member may elect to leave the Council Chambers during consideration of the matter.

**4. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes**

Ordinary Council Meeting 20 February 2024

**5. Business Arising**

**6. Motions & Questions (notice given)**

**7. Presentations/Public Addresses (where scheduled)**

**Parts of the Meeting that can be Closed to the Public**

Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that a Council, or a Committee of the Council of which all the members are Councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:

- a) The discussion of any of the matters listed below, or
- b) The receipt or discussion of any information so listed

**Matters & Information**

- (a) *Personnel Matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).*
- (b) *Personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.*
- (c) *Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*
- (d) *Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
  - (i) *Prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or*
  - (ii) *Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or*
  - (iii) *Reveal a trade secret.*
- (e) *Information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.*
- (f) *Matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council Staff or Council property.*
- (g) *Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.*
- (h) *Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of aboriginal significance on community land.*
- (i) *Alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.*

A Council or Committee of the Council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

A meeting is not to remain closed during the discussion of anything referred to in the above list except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret - unless the Council or Committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The grounds on which part of the meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The grounds must specify the relevant provision of Section 10A(2), the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting, and the reasons why part of the meeting is being closed.

## 8. Mayoral Report

### 8.1 Mayors Report

GOV:MCCC:MRPC

Author: Mayor Darryl Jardine

Purpose: To inform Council of the Mayor's activity since the meeting held 20 February 2024.

#### Background

The RAMJO Board meeting was held in Albury on Friday 23 February 2024. Unfortunately I was unable to attend on the day and the General Manager participated via zoom.

The main topic of conversation on the day was the potential water buy backs within the Murray Darling Basin. Presentations were made by Rose Jackson MLC, NSW Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, Youth and the North Coast, and also Mrs Helen Dalton the Independent Member for Murray.

Mrs Jackson as Minister spoke about alternatives to the Federal Government water buyback proposal as well as the infrastructure needs and training of staff to manage water infrastructure throughout the state.

Mrs Dalton spoke about the buybacks, indicating she believed they were not needed and the Federal Government had other options available to them.

The Lake Woorabinda Festival was held on March 9 following from the inaugural event last year.

The day commenced earlier than last year with the days proceedings opening with a gathering of local women coming together to celebrate NSW Women's week.

There was a constant stream of people throughout the day availing themselves of the markets and food stalls provided by our local people.

Entertainment was provided for children throughout the day by Dr Nincompoop, Folk U also provided easy listening music, followed by the Baker Boys who provided music later in the evening.

The day culminated with launching of the lanterns on the lake and the fireworks display.

I would like to thank the staff for their efforts in organizing the day, all participants and our community for their appreciation and attendance.

#### Recommendation:

**That Council note the Mayors report to the March 2024 meeting.**

**9. Delegates Report**

**10. General Managers Report**

**10.1 Ongoing Action from Previous Business Papers**

GOV:MCCC:CR

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To update Council on ongoing action from previous Business Papers

**Background**

**1045/20.08.19 – Hillston Common**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council renegotiate with the Department of Industry regarding the water licence of 972ML currently held by the Hillston Common Trust, being transferred to Council should it resolve to become the land manager of the land under the <i>Crown Lands Act 2016</i> .	Advised by Minister for Lands, water licence will not be transferred. (August 2023).  Local Member seeking assistance from Minister, has had some discussion further information to be provided to minister.

**0483/ 18.04.23 – Electric Vehicle Destination Feasibility Assessment**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. request Council staff provide a further report and submission on the installation of EV charging stations at Goolgowi and Hillston when funding opportunities are available.	Report April 2024.

**0508/ 16.05.23 – Umbrella Creek Bridge (Motions & Questions)**

**Responsible Officer: DIS**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Council increase the width of the culvert bridge over the Umbrella Creek on the Mossgiel Road by two culvert widths being approximately 2.5 metres.	Refer to status report
2. Council staff bring a costing back to the June Council meeting giving the approximate cost expected in undertaking the work, and	

**0619/ 15.08.23 – Creation of Shovel Ready Project List**

**Responsible Officer: CDO**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council determined that all projects listed in the report be developed, costed and scoped for an inclusion in a "Shovel Ready" List.	Work in progress. Project costing being developed.

**0766/ 20.02.24 – Ongoing Action Additional Resolution**

**Responsible Officer: WSM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
2. investigate the possibility of topping up the lake from the abandoned bore on Lachlan River Road using solar power.	Pending – report to be provided.

**0773/ 20.02.24 – Application for Road Closure – Event**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
3. request the proponent to discuss with the General Manager alternate proposals that may be acceptable to Council that do not involve such a degree of restriction on traffic movement.	Proponent has been in contact with DIS.

**0780/ 20.02.24 – Hillston Eastern Levee Feasibility Study – Update**

**Responsible Officer: DIS**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
3. staff bring a further report to Council in relation to the scope of the new grant application.	Pending – report to be provided.

**0781/ 20.02.24 – Hillston Boat Ramp Options**

**Responsible Officer: DIS**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
2. approve staff to further develop costs and design to bring back to Council for consideration.	Report Pending.

**0712/ 21.11.23 – Local Unsealed Road Pavement Stabilisation Trial**

**Responsible Officer: DIS**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Note the report on the stabilisation trial and a further report be presented to Council after further monitoring has occurred.	Pending – report to be provided.

**That Council note the update on action report for March 2024.**

**10.2      Precip of Correspondence**

GOV:MCCC:MRPC

Author:    General Manager

Purpose:    Matters for consideration by Council.

Information Items: 10.2.1 – Hillston Swans Football & Netball Club

**10.2.1    Hillston Swans Football & Netball Club**

Congratulating Council on a successful Australia Day event and expressing appreciation for being awarded the community group award.

Also thanking Council for improvements made to the lighting at the Stan Peters Oval.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the letter of thanks from the Hillston Swans Football & Netball Club.**

**10.2.2    Hillston Junior Basketball – Request Assistance**

Stating the association caters for children aged between 4 – 20 who are interested in playing and learning to play basketball.

The association uses the hall for approximately 3 hours a week on a Tuesday afternoon and the current hall hire charges are \$38.00 per hour. Further stating they play during term one and will pick up again in term 4, and each programme will be for seven weeks.

Asking Council for a subsidy towards hire of the hall.

**Recommendation:**

**For Council determination.**

**10.2.3    Rankins Springs P & C Association – Donation Request**

Informing Council that the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Day will be held on Saturday 6 April 2024, with proceeds going to the Rankins Springs Public School and requesting sponsorship from Council.

Sponsorship packages are available for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100.

In 2023 Council resolved to provide \$500 sponsorship.

**Recommendation:**

**For Council determination.**

**10.3 Tabbita Speed Reduction Proposal**

RDS:SR:MR80S

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of issues at Tabbita regarding concerns about the school bus stop.

**Background**

Council has previously contacted TfNSW regarding a reduction in speed on the Kidman Way at Tabbita. The reduction was refused by TfNSW and recently several community members have raised concerns with Councillors who feel the matter should be looked at again.

**Issues**

On 24 January 2023 Council received an email from Mr Greg Minehan stating he had travelled the road with the then manager who assessed the speed reduction request due to concerns about the school bus stop location. The response stated an inspection took into account the road environment, crash history and usage. The request for a speed reduction was then denied. Transport for NSW at the same time provided a copy of their document "Advice for choosing informal school bus stops".

Given the concern within the community it might be appropriate to again write to TfNSW regarding the issue and also seek support and representation from our local state member to ensure the issues are brought to the attention of the relevant minister rather than being routinely dealt with by the bureaucracy.

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Risk Implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. **again write to TfNSW expressing its concerns about the safety of the school bus stop at Tabbita.**
2. **request a reduction from 100km/h to 80km/h in the area.**
3. **seek representation from our local state member to the minister for a reduction in the speed zone.**

**10.4 Infrastructure Report**

RD:IR

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To Summarise Infrastructure Services Activities for February 2024

Attachment: Register of Roads Maintenance

**Background**

**Reporting Period 20 January 2024 to 1 March 2024**

The Infrastructure Report is provided for Council’s information.

**Maintenance Reporting**

**Local Roads**

A summary of the capital works and maintenance activities on Council Local Roads is listed below:

Potholes (each)		Maintain Unsealed Shoulders (shldr kms)		Maintenance Grading (cl kms)	
Lachlan River Road	30	Euratha Road	3.4	Cannards Road	5
Roto Road	8	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.4</b>	Flanagans Road	1.1
Molesworth Street	10	<b>Guideposts (each)</b>		Melbergen Road	2
Bryon Street	5	Cahills Road	8	Norwood Lane	2.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	Erigolia Road	7	Reids Road	4.2
Temporary Pavement Repair (m <sup>2</sup> )		Melbergen Road	12	Wiltshire Road	2
Bringagee Road	70	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.1</b>
Cahills Road	40			Gravel Resheeting (m <sup>2</sup> )	
Carrathool Road	80			Euratha Road	60,000
Erigolia Road	105			Flanagans Road	65,800
Lachlan River Road	20			Melbergen Road	5,100
Murrumbidgee River Road	610			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130,900</b>
Walker Lane	30				
Molesworth Street	85				
Charles Street	40				
Regent Street	40				
Molesworth Street	10				
Herrick Street	200				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1330</b>				

**Regional Roads**

A summary of the capital works and maintenance activities on Council Regional Roads is listed below.

Description	244R Tabbita Lane	321R Rankins Springs Rd	368R The Springs Rd	501R Lachlan Valley Way	80R Mossgiel Rd	371R Lake Cargelligo Rd
Pothole (each)		23	6	16		
Temporary Pavement Repair (m <sup>2</sup> )		73	35	290		50
Mowing/Slashing/Spraying (hect)			4			
Litter and Amenity Maintenance (job)				4		
Guide Posts (ea)	10	7	5			
Heavy Patching (m <sup>2</sup> )		4,182				
Maintenance Grading (cl kms)				26.4	15.5	

**Urban Maintenance**

Parks and Garden Maintenance ongoing as required and as permitted due to wet weather. Aerodrome Inspections have been completed.

The following table represents the total man hours spent on each of the listed activities in each town.

Description	Activity	Carrathool	Goolgowi	Hillston	Merriwagga	Rankins Springs	Total Hours per Activity
Patching	1110/ 1150		16.50	24	3		43.50
Footbridge Maintenance	1200						0
Drainage & S/Water	1510						0
Sign Maintenance	1610						0
Sign Replacement	1620			4			4
Resealing	4000						0
Mowing	5100	41.50	171	73	20	134	439.50
Slashing	5200	63.75	10	172.50	8.50	52	306.75
Spraying	5300	4	2.50	65.50	3	2	77
Tree Maintenance	5400	8.50	24.50	55	3	8.50	99.50
Tree Removal	5410			1			1
Watering	5500		7.50	101.50	13.50	55	177.50
Weeding	5600		14	64.50		26	104.50
Mowing – Stan Peters Oval	5710			17			17
Slashing – Stan Peters Oval	5720						0
Spraying – Stan Peters Oval	5730			4.50			4.50
Watering – Stan Peters Oval	5740			26			26
Weeding – Stan Peters Oval	5750			17.50			17.50
Playground Equipment	5800						0
Litter Collection	6100	0.50	3.50	20	1	30	55
Street Sweeper	6200		7.50	66.50			74
Hand Broom Gutters	6300		5	11			16
Toilets	6400	2	4	33	1.50	1	41.50
Footpath Maintenance	7100		9.50	5			14.50
Clear Culverts	7100	4		23			27
Street Maintenance	7200		20	15			35
Miscellaneous Items	7500			1			1
Playground Inspection	7510						0
Office	7520						0
Town Improvements	7530						0
Graffiti Removal	7540						0
Park Furniture/Fences	7540			21.50	10		31.50
<b>Total Hours per Town</b>		<b>124.25</b>	<b>295.50</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>63.50</b>	<b>308.50</b>	<b>1613.75</b>
<b>Town % of Total Hours</b>		<b>7.70%</b>	<b>18.31%</b>	<b>50.94%</b>	<b>3.93%</b>	<b>19.12%</b>	

**Sewer Maintenance**

Description	Mainline Choke	Service line Choke	Pump Station Fault	Pressure Sewer Fault	STW – Screen Unit Fault
Hillston			6		2
Goolgowi					
Rankins Springs Sullage					
<b>Totals</b>			<b>6</b>		<b>2</b>

**Water Maintenance**

Description	Mainline Breaks	Service line Breaks	Water Meter/Tap Leaking	Pump Station Faults	Telemetry Faults	Replaced Meter	New Connection
Hillston		1	1	1	1		1
Langtree (Langtree Bore/Merriwagga/Goolgowi)				5	1		
Yoolaroi/Goolgowi Rural (Palmyra to Y4 & Y5/Y6)	3			3	1		
Bunda/Goorawin	1			2			
Carrathool							
Merriwagga Village							
Goolgowi Village Raw							
Goolgowi Village Potable							
Rankins Springs Potable							
Rankins Springs Raw Town							
Rankins Springs Rural	1			1		1	
Melbergen	2						
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Project Updates:**

Flood Recovery:

TfNSW staff are still progressing the flood submissions made by Council. The final claim (\$8,267,612) has had partial approvals up to the value of \$5,339,198. Several projects totalling \$821,136 have been denied, with the remainder \$2,107,278 still being assessed.

Hillston River Bank Stabilisation:

All works completed except for linemarking and wheel stop installation at the Council Office carpark.

Cameron's Road:

Gravel haulage commenced on Monday 11 March 2024 from Power's Pit. The works started at the Southern end of the 13.1km and will continue North until all of the gravel is expended. The trucks will then haul material from Pickersgill's Pit to complete the works up to the Tabbita Lane intersection. As raised at the last Council meeting, a set of RRJ450 culvert pipes have been installed on Cameron's Road to facilitate water to flow under the road pavement towards the swamp. These works are in addition to the previously funded works.

The Springs Road and Lachlan Valley Way (West):

The Springs Road was sealed on 11 March 2024 with linemarking remaining to complete the construction project. The linemarking contractor has been approached to set up a date to complete both the above roads and close out these projects.

Umbrella Creek Widening:

- Council allocated \$245,000 from the block grant funding for regional roads. Following receipt of all the quotations below together with timing issues most work will be completed this year apart from installations of the guard rail and sealing of the roadway. It is anticipated there will be an additional expense of approximately \$25,000 required from the 2024/25 allocation.
- The detailed structural design for the culvert widening has now been completed.
- The concrete culverts have been delivered.
- Quotes have been received and a contractor engaged to undertake the works.
- Physical works to commence during March/April 2024.
- Guardrail quotes have been received and currently being assessed.

This allows for most works to be completed before the end of financial year as per Block Grant funding requirements.

IWCM strategy:

Review of various water and sewer scenarios along with present value analysis has been returned to Council for comments by the Manager Water & Sewer.

Telemetry Replacement:

Hillston Water and Sewer Network are now transferred across to the new telemetry system, including Carrathool water, with some cosmetic work underway by the Aquamonix team. Further works to be planned in coming weeks due to contractor availability.

Additional water storage tanks at Hillston Aerodrome (Bore-4):

Additional gravel has been delivered on site to commence base preparation to place the water tank into position. Once the tank is positioned, stainless steel pipe work and associated items will be undertaken with the help of Contractors. This project is expected to reach completion by mid-May 2024.

Rankins Springs WTP and Cruickshank's Generator:

Cruickshank Pump Site generator work is now completed. Electrical work to connect generators to the main junction box at Rankins Springs depot is completed with testing and commissioning to be done in coming days.

Hillston Water Mains Construction:

The Council are waiting on final Geo-Tech investigation report to be able to submit to UGL for a final approval.

Melbergen/Yoolaroi Water Mains Replacement:

1500 meters of PVC water main replaced and commissioned successfully, while planning is underway to commence Yoolaroi water main replacement work.

Bunda Water Mains Replacement and Vegetation Clearing:

This project was approved under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4. All quotations have been received and are under review, work is expected to commence over the next few months.

Rankins Springs Urban Water Mains Replacement:

Work is well underway to replace 130 meters of 100mm and 50 meters of 150mm old A.C (Asbestos Cement) pipes at Rankins Springs village. This section supplies water to majority of gardens on the main street, community hall, caravan park and public toilets and was prone to leaks.

**Issues**

Nil

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 2 – Accessible and Connected

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the Infrastructure Report for the period 20 January 2024 to 1 March 2024.**

ATTACHMENT

<b>Register of Local Road Maintenance</b>					
<b>Road Hierarchy Number</b>	<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Date Last Maintenance Grading Carried Out</b>	<b>Quantity (cl km)</b>	<b>Total Length of Road</b>
2	Alexanders Road	102	21/08/2023	3.00	3.08
6	Altys Road	103	27/06/2023	4.50	4.46
6	Andersons Lane	105	31/10/2023	3.00	12.46
6	Andersons Road	104	8/09/2020	1.50	6.32
7	Arcadia Lane	106	16/10/2023	15.43	15.43
6	Audrey Lea Road	107	22/08/2019	22.60	30.79
6	Avondale Road	108	4/08/2023	31.00	31.56
2	Back Hillston Road	109	29/05/2023	71.80	71.14
4	Bakers Road	110	3/01/2023	4.40	4.46
	Bales Avenue	101	23/10/2019	4.00	1.54
2	Bandys Road	204	17/07/2023	2.00	2.22
6	Barrys Road	112	31/08/2023	3.00	4.83
4	Barrys Scenic Drive	113	23/11/2023	4.80	8.05
7	Belaley Road	114	22/07/2023	4.00	7.55
7	Berangerine Road	115	25/01/2023	2.80	8.39
4	Billings Road	116	3/04/2023	16.00	9.85
3	Black Stump Road	118	19/10/2021	35.00	15.60
6	Blackgate Road	117	10/11/2023	6.50	7.92
3	Booligal Road	119	1/09/2023	3.00	36.43
4	Boorga Road	120	26/07/2023	6.00	15.39
7	Bretags Road	122	4/04/2023	4.00	15.04
7	Brewer Road	123	4/09/2023	1.20	5.81
6	Bunda North Road	125	17/06/2023	4.50	6.60
2	Bunda Road	126	24/08/2023	14.40	13.04
6	Burchers Road	127	7/11/2023	7.00	7.69
7	Burgess Lane	128	22/07/2020	3.00	2.71
3	Cameron Road	130	18/04/2023	12.00	15.51
7	Campbell Lane	240	2/09/2021	0.80	7.08
6	Cannards Road	133	1/03/2024	5.00	20.39
6	Carnells Road	132	29/08/2023	17.00	7.32
7	Carrego Lane	135	22/07/2019	9.00	8.20
	Chedburgh Road	136	19/12/2022	1.00	1.08
6	Clare Road	111	1/08/2023	25.00	7.49
7	Coates Lane	137	29/09/2020	1.40	1.85
6	Coombie Road	138	28/09/2023	56.00	40.26
2	Crows Nest Road	139	6/12/2023	5.00	17.60
5	Darts Road	140	12/08/2023	8.90	5.56
6	Dirrung Road	141	18/05/2023	7.20	7.79
6	Dumossa Road	142	23/10/2023	2.00	18.62
6	Eight Mile Tank Road	143	12/01/2023	14.50	5.74
6	Euratha Road	146	10/08/2023	10.00	9.66
7	Five Oaks Road	147	22/08/2022	12.50	12.29
6	Flanagans Lane	148	14/02/2024	1.10	5.18
2	Foys Road	149	15/07/2023	3.00	3.24
7	Gandys Road	150	24/10/2023	1.46	1.46
2	Garrong Road	151	31/10/2022	3.00	7.87
7	Girdlers Road	153	13/12/2022	3.00	7.08
6	Goorawin East Road	154	9/09/2023	10.40	12.75
6	Goorawin Road	155	8/08/2023	11.10	10.22
5	Greenhills Road	156	13/10/2023	11.60	18.66
6	Grieves Road	157	6/12/2023	6.00	5.67
2	Gullifers Road	158	19/10/2023	4.00	23.99
7	Gunbar Road	159	11/08/2023	18.00	34.62

7	Halcyon Park Road	160	9/03/2022	3.00	3.28
6	Heaths Road	161	28/09/2023	0.30	6.14
5	Higgins Lane	162	22/08/2023	10.50	8.02
6	Hillmans Lane	163	9/05/2023	15.40	5.23
6	Holdens Road	164	19/06/2023	9.00	9.51
6	Huxleys Road	165	28/04/2023	17.00	8.55
2	Ilkadoon Road	166	30/10/2022	5.50	11.66
6	Jardines Road	167	2/08/2023	12.00	24.08
6	Jennings Road	168	25/05/2023	10.60	8.33
6	Johnstons Road	169	4/01/2023	4.00	11.30
5	Jones Road	170	28/07/2023	10.00	12.99
6	Killara Road	171	5/09/2023	2.30	2.30
6	Kites Road	172	13/11/2023	5.60	5.48
2	Langtree Road	174	3/05/2023	29.70	12.14
2	Lowlands Road	175	6/05/2023	16.00	44.68
6	Luelfs Road	176	7/02/2023	9.90	78.00
2	Mallee Downs Road	177	15/02/2023	8.40	11.32
7	Mallee Point Road	178	23/11/2017	1.50	8.32
6	Matakana Road	179	3/12/2020	10.90	18.11
2	McDonalds Road	180	15/06/2023	7.50	12.16
7	McGills Road	181	8/11/2022	1.00	4.25
7	McKays Road	182	27/04/2023	16.00	6.25
	McKenzies Lane	183	8/06/2021	1.00	7.42
2	McKinley Road	184	30/08/2023	48.50	61.39
2	McMasters Road	185	17/07/2023	9.10	16.19
7	McRaes Road	186	24/01/2018	4.00	2.42
2	Melbergen Road	187	22/01/2024	2.00	43.95
	Mena Road	266	20/03/2012	1.00	0.87
6	Merri Road	152	26/08/2023	52.00	39.77
5	Merriwagga Road	190	3/04/2023	10.50	12.53
4	Merrondale Lane	188	20/09/2022	6.00	8.02
6	Merungi Road	191	16/11/2023	2.00	19.07
2	Merungle Road	192	3/10/2023	2.00	65.47
7	Mitchell Track	189	10/11/2023	3.50	8.30
2	Mitchells Road	193	22/06/2023	31.00	34.22
6	Monia Gap Road	202	5/09/2023	3.90	6.11
7	Moores Road	195	25/09/2023	4.55	4.55
2	Motts Road	196	11/07/2023	4.20	4.20
4	Mount Bingar Road	197	7/11/2023	8.50	4.20
3	Mount Daylight Road	198	8/09/2023	6.00	8.77
5	Mount Grace Road	145	25/05/2023	2.00	32.92
7	Muirheads Road	199	11/09/2023	2.13	2.13
4	Munros Road	200	21/03/2022	7.00	13.42
	Murrumbidgee River Road	201	4/02/2023	2.50	73.97
6	Nancarrow's Lane	203	15/02/2023	7.70	3.75
	Norwood Lane	205	13/02/2024	2.80	8.82
6	OBriens Road	206	17/11/2022	3.50	4.20
7	ODonnells Road	207	20/03/2018	4.00	3.97
6	OKeeffes Road	208	27/03/2023	7.10	14.74
7	Old Gunbar Road	209	22/08/2023	9.50	9.72
2	Parkers Road	210	13/07/2023	12.50	13.81
3	Parrs Road	211	27/07/2023	11.80	18.29
6	Parslows Road	212	28/11/2023	2.50	1.21
7	Parsons Road	213	12/01/2018	1.20	0.84
7	Paton Road	214	9/09/2021	1.80	1.12
2	Peters Road	215	17/05/2023	9.90	10.66
3	Pintebakana Road	216	12/01/2023	18.00	25.31
6	Pleasant Valley Road	217	8/11/2023	13.40	14.83
5	Prestage Road	218	1/06/2023	6.00	6.05
7	Pulletop Road	219	24/08/2022	1.50	9.23

7	Ravenshaw Road	220	4/09/2023	3.50	9.44
5	Redbank Road	221	23/06/2023	15.70	23.64
6	Reids Road	222	22/02/2024	4.20	
6	Richards Road	223	9/08/2023	4.70	4.05
7	Roberts Road	224	14/02/2022	3.00	5.86
PRV	Rothdene Lane	242	8/09/2022	1.60	9.42
2	Roto Road	225	9/08/2023	1.00	50.78
6	Ryans Road	226	25/09/2023	4.10	10.33
	Saleyard Lane	194	12/08/2015	3.00	0.96
6	Sawmill Road	227	12/10/2022	1.00	1.72
6	Schmetzers Lane	228	6/10/2021	6.50	6.36
2	Schneiders Road	229	14/07/2023	8.00	4.16
	Simpkins Lane	231	2/05/2023	4.50	2.00
6	Sloanes Road	232	2/09/2022	7.70	8.00
7	Square Well Lane	233	12/01/2023	1.40	4.17
7	Stackpoole Road	234	22/08/2018	7.00	1.42
7	Stewarts Lane	235	17/06/2023	15.90	13.29
6	Streets Road	236	20/09/2021	8.90	6.23
6	Swansons Road	237	29/08/2023	3.50	3.44
5	Taylor's Road	238	22/06/2023	18.00	6.10
6	The Bluff Road	239	4/12/2023	4.40	11.95
6	Trida Road	241	12/10/2023	13.00	34.42
6	Tyson's Road	243	22/02/2022	2.00	2.60
7	Vaggs Road	244	30/07/2019	7.70	7.71
6	Vearings Road	245	20/07/2023	8.50	13.21
6	Wakefield Road	246	8/09/2023	6.40	6.48
2	Wallanthery Road	247	20/07/2023	25.50	27.80
7	Wandella Road	248	NIL	0.00	4.53
7	Wantwood Road	249	23/11/2023	4.00	3.76
6	Warburtons Lane	230	15/06/2023	3.90	3.83
6	Watkins Road	250	5/09/2023	5.00	15.36
7	Watsons Road	251	19/09/2023	12.20	11.83
6	Weavers Road	252	27/05/2023	22.60	10.00
6	Wee Elwah Road	253	7/02/2022	15.50	23.26
6	Wells Road	254	3/08/2023	11.20	17.97
7	West's Road	255	10/10/2023	6.50	6.50
4	Whealbah Road	256	13/12/2023	18.80	85.32
6	Whitton Stock Route Road	257	14/11/2023	6.20	50.24
7	Wild Horse Tank Road	258	20/09/2023	11.40	9.06
6	Wiltshires Road	259	16/02/2024	2.00	12.68
5	Wollarna Road	260	12/05/2023	63.70	33.79
7	Wongalea Road	261	24/11/2023	4.00	4.92
6	Woods Lane	262	28/09/2021	5.00	4.98
7	Wrights Lane	263	NIL	0.00	0.92
7	Youngs Road	264	24/09/2020	2.30	11.27

	> 5 Years Since Last Mtce Grading
	1-5 Years Since Last Mtce Grading
	1 Year Since Last Mtce Grading
	Nil Record for Mtce Grading
<b>Road Hierarchy</b>	
1	Regional Roads
2	School Bus Routes
3	Link Roads
4	Strategic Link Roads
5	Collector Roads
6	Local Roads
7	Local Roads - Maintenance as Required

**10.5 Local and Regional Roadworks Project Report**

RDS:RR:368R

Author: Manager Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To update Council on the status of funded works.

Attachment: MR321 Photos. Barry Scenic Drive Photos. Cannards Photo

**Background**

Council crews are undertaking capital works from several funding sources and this report is to update Councillors on the status of these works.

**Issues**

**Regional Road – Block Grant**

Council crews have undertaken four projects under this funding. Two construction projects have had a bituminous seal applied and are waiting for linemarking to be done. Once the linemarking is complete, these works will be closed out.

- Booligal Road (MR501) West – 2km have been sealed and linemarking remains to be done.
- The Springs Road (MR368) – 2.2km of new construction has been sealed on the 11 March 2024. Linemarking will be done in conjunction with the Booligal Road new seal works.
- Rankins Springs Road (MR321) – The Heavy Patch Program has resumed and will be completed by June. The rehabilitated patches already undertaken have settled and there are no new defects occurring alongside the repaired patches. The sub-grade material in this segment of the road is of poor quality and the moisture content is high even though the road pavement is elevated and the roadside drains are lower with good flow levels. Please see attached photos of site.
- Umbrella Creek Bridge – Box culvert component have been delivered to site together with gravel and stone. Quotations have been received and are being considered.

**Local Roads**

**Fixing Local Roads Round 4 (FLR 4)**

Gravel resheeting works have been completed on the following roads:

- Wiltshires Road – 2km
- Melbergen Road (West) - 1km
- Merungi Road – 2km

Works remaining to be done are:

- Booligal Road (from Gunbar) – these works will be done once the Camerons Road (LRCI 4) Project has been completed.

**Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Round 4 (LRCI 4)**

Gravel resheeting works have been completed on the following roads:

- Euratha Road – 9.6km
- Melbergen Road (West) – 8.15km
- Merungi Road – 13.86km

Works currently underway are:

- Camerons Road – Stabilising of 13.1km had been completed earlier this year. The stabilisation process has maintained the form and compaction of the road pavement since mid-January. Material from Powers Pit will be hauled to the site with works commencing at the Southern end heading Northwards to Tabbita Lane. Once the gravel from Powers Pit has been fully exhausted, material will be hauled from Pickersgill Pit to complete the project.

Interim Summary of Gravel Resheeting Works 2023/2024

Distance completed:

FLR 4 – 18.00km  
LRCI4 – 31.61km  
**Total: 49.61km**

Distance remaining:

FLR 4 – 2.00km  
LRCI4 – 19.73km  
**Total: 21.73km**

Flood Damage

- Cannards Road twin box culvert installation has been completed and the road pavement repair commenced on 29 February 2024. The road has now been opened after enduring a lengthy period of closure.
- Barry Scenic Drive gully erosion has been repaired whilst crews were installing culverts. The funding for these works were from an approved claim by TfNSW.

Approval for some road damage claims from TfNSW has been received with others still pending.

Council Funded Works

- Barry Scenic Drive – 2 culvert installations have been completed with the drainage system rehabilitated by removing vegetation and reinforcing the structures.

Cannards Road Stabilisation – Road formation and pavement is in good condition since the job was completed. See attached photo.

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Ongoing supervision and monitoring of budgets will ensure works are completed within budget scope.

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 2 – Accessible and Connected

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the status of the various funded projects to 29 February 2024.**

**ATTACHMENT**  
**Barry Scenic Drive**







**Cannards Road Stabilisation**



**MR321 – Heavy Patch**







**10.6 Plant Report**

PES:MTN:PR

Author: Manager Fleet & Town Services

Purpose: Plant Report as per 29 February 2024

**Background**

PLANT NO	HOURS KMS	TYPE	DETAILS
2069	379,201 kms	Kenworth Prime Mover	Replace front engine mount. Replace all torque rod bushes.
2073	279,764 kms	Kenworth Prime Mover	Replace rear axle hub seals.
2588	7 yrs old	Plant Trailer for Mini Excavator	Replace all hanger brackets and suspension bushes.
3527	5,821 hrs	Cat 150m Grader	Replace air conditioning blower fan.
2077	521,490 kms	Kenworth Prime Mover	Replace leaking air conditioning hose and regas. Repair lights for registration. Repair wiper motor.
2585	6 yrs old	Triaxle Tipper	Replace left hand front brake caliper. Replace brake pads. Repairs to rollover tarp system.

**Issues**

Nil

**Financial implications**

Repairs made from existing budget.

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

If repairs are not made safety issues would remain.

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the Plant Report as at 29 February 2024.**

**10.7 Plant Replacement**

PES:AD:CRRPD

Author: Manager Fleet & Town Services

Purpose: Plant Replacement Report for March 2024

**Background**

The following vehicles were replaced during March as per the adopted replacement schedule for 2023/2024.

**Plant No.1592 Isuzu 2WD single cab Utility (45,000km) – Maintenance Officers Vehicle**

Budget \$702.00 under 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
<b>Successful Supply</b>		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu 4x2 Single Cab Utility	32,479.91
<b>Successful Purchase</b>		
Pickles Auctions	36 Nagle Street, Wagga NSW	25,000.00
<b>Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)</b>		<b>7,479.91</b>

**Plant No. 1889 Isuzu 4x4 Dual Cab Utility – (42,000km) – Manager for Infrastructure Vehicle**

Budget \$1,924.55 under 2023/2024 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
<b>Successful Supply</b>		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu 4x4 D Max Dual Cab Utility	47,248.55
<b>Successful Purchase</b>		
Blacklocks Motors	587 Wagga Road, Lavington NSW	40,809.10
<b>Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)</b>		<b>6,439.45</b>

**Issues**

Nil

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the Plant Replacement report for March 2024.**

**10.8 Development Applications – March 2024**

GOV:MTG:CR

Author: Manager Building & Regulatory Services

Purpose: Development Applications & Determinations – February 2024

**Background**

Lodgements

Type/No.	Name	Address	Development
DA2024/024	Makita Martin	6 Moira Street Goolgowi NSW 2652	Manufactured dwelling
DA2024/025	Gary Hutchison	2-6 Molesworth Street Hillston NSW 2675	Garage
DA2024/026	Kelly Hewett	232 High Street Hillston NSW 2675	Manufactured dwelling
DA2024/027	Crown Lands	2753 Coombie Road Roto NSW 2675	Ablution block
DA2024/028	Peter & Meegan McCarten	14 Forest Street Rankins Springs NSW 2669	Garage with carport
DA2024/029	L & F Hutchison Pty Ltd	10 Aidan Street Hillston NSW 2675	Subdivision
DA2024/030	Carrathool Shire Council	61 Burns Street Hillston NSW 2675	Alterations and additions to an existing preschool
Total Estimated Value of Works			\$940,207.00

Determination: Approved

Type/No.	Name	Address	Development	Processing Time
DA2023/030	Ben and Jody Procter	797 Pleasant Valley Road Binya NSW 2665	Extractive Industry- Quarry	218
DA2024/017	Blue Gums Enterprises Pty Ltd	175-183 Cowper Street Hillston NSW 2675	Unmanned truck fuelling facility (24/7 Operation)	57
DA2024/023	Australian Frozen Foods Pty Ltd	2877 Tabbita Lane Tabbita NSW 2652	Machinery shed	15
DA2024/024	Makita Martin	6 Moira Street Goolgowi NSW 2652	Manufactured dwelling	10
DA2024/025	Gary Hutchison	2-6 Molesworth Street Hillston NSW 2675	Garage	9
DA2024/026	Kelly Hewett	232 High Street Hillston NSW 2675	Manufactured dwelling	7

**Issues**

Nil

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That the Determinations for Development Applications received for February 2024 be noted.**

**10.9 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – February 2024**

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Statement of Bank Balances – February 2024

**Background**

The reconciliation of Council’s main bank account with the cash book controls within Practical (council finance software) for the month of January 2024 is complete as shown in the table below:

<b>Statement of Bank Balances as at 29 February 2024</b>				
<b>CASHBOOK SUMMARY</b>				<b>Data for February 2024</b>
<b>Balance As at 01/02/2024 (Consolidated Funds)</b>				<b>\$255,726.84</b>
		<b>Add For February 2024</b>	<b>Total for 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024</b>	
Rates/Water/Debtor Receipts	\$5,699,153.59	\$1,020,544.29	\$6,719,697.88	
Investments Recalled	\$20,899,982.32	\$3,617,539.58	\$24,517,521.90	
RMS - RMCC, Block, Repair	\$2,314,373.60	\$825,000.00	\$3,139,373.60	
RMS - Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RMS - Flood Damage	\$17,600.00	\$0.00	\$17,600.00	
RMS - Regional Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grant - Roads to Recovery Program	\$61,940.00	\$0.00	\$61,940.00	
FAG - General & Local Roads	\$245,144.00	\$122,572.00	\$367,716.00	
All Other Misc Grant Payments	\$9,956,897.27	\$962,248.58	\$10,919,145.85	
Planning Receipts	\$175,656.00	\$15,630.00	\$191,286.00	
Plant / Property Trade-Ins & Sales	\$829,352.00	\$160,873.00	\$990,225.00	
Other Receipts	\$4,895,021.97	\$673,893.41	\$5,568,915.38	
<b>Sub Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$45,095,120.75</b>	<b>\$7,398,300.86</b>	<b>\$52,493,421.61</b>	<b>\$7,398,300.86</b>
<b>LESS PAYMENTS</b>				
		<b>Add For February 2024</b>	<b>Total for 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024</b>	
Wages (Net of PAYG & Other Deductions)	(\$4,142,451.11)	(\$1,537,846.38)	(\$5,680,297.49)	
Plant Acquisitions	(\$2,249,446.45)	(\$38,971.80)	(\$2,288,418.25)	
Invested	(\$20,121,000.00)	(\$4,500,000.00)	(\$24,621,000.00)	
Other Creditors Payments	(\$18,868,798.96)	(\$1,478,310.66)	(\$20,347,109.62)	
<b>Sub Total Payments</b>	<b>(\$45,381,696.52)</b>	<b>(\$7,555,128.84)</b>	<b>(\$52,936,825.36)</b>	<b>(\$7,555,128.84)</b>
<b>Cashbook Balance 29/02/2024</b>				<b>\$98,898.86</b>
<b>BANK STATEMENTS</b>				
<b>Opening Balance 01/02/2024 (CSC's CBA Main Transaction Account)</b>				<b>\$285,372.33</b>
Less Bank Payments				<b>(\$7,247,580.40)</b>
Plus Bank Receipts				<b>\$7,105,406.27</b>
<b>Total As Per Bank Statements</b>				<b>\$143,198.20</b>
Plus Unpresented Deposits				<b>\$4,527.52</b>
Less Unpresented Cheques				<b>(\$48,826.86)</b>
<b>Reconciliation Cash Book Balance to Bank Statements 29/02/2024</b>				<b>\$98,898.86</b>

**Issues**

Nil

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

*Local Government Act (1993)*

*Local Government General Regulation (2021)*

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the Statement of Bank Balances as at 29 February 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$7,555,128.84.**

**10.10 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – February 2024**

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Schedule of Investments – February 2024

**Background**

Details of Council’s investments as at 29 February 2024 are provided below:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS - 29 FEBRUARY 2024							
Last Month @ 31/01/24	Financial Institution	Date Raised	Interest Rate	Duration (Days)	Maturity Date	Current Month @ 29/02/24	Change
\$537,104.69	CBA	27-Feb-24	4.79%	90 Days	27-May-24	\$546,172.64	\$9,067.95
\$531,158.13	CBA	19-Feb-24	4.80%	91 Days	20-May-24	\$537,536.39	\$6,378.26
\$529,117.35	CBA	26-Feb-24	4.79%	91 Days	27-May-24	\$534,743.77	\$5,626.42
\$1,035,573.48	CBA	27-Nov-23	5.08%	120 Days	26-Mar-24	\$1,035,573.48	\$0.00
\$2,847,776.44	CBA	Recall IBD \$2,847,776.44 + \$47,000.01				\$0.00	(\$2,847,776.44)
\$534,743.77	CBA	26-Feb-24	4.79%	91 Days	27-May-24	\$542,246.56	\$7,502.79
\$538,907.26	CBA	31-Jan-24	4.91%	120 Days	30-May-24	\$538,907.26	\$0.00
\$529,597.62	CBA	12-Dec-23	4.93%	90 Days	11-Mar-24	\$529,597.62	\$0.00
\$516,822.89	CBA	07-Nov-23	4.91%	120 Days	06-Mar-24	\$516,822.89	\$0.00
\$536,099.14	CBA	31-Jan-24	5.04%	180 Days	29-Jul-24	\$536,099.14	\$0.00
\$529,904.27	CBA	28-Nov-23	5.07%	120 Days	27-Mar-24	\$529,904.27	\$0.00
\$535,150.87	CBA	31-Jan-24	5.04%	180 Days	29-Jul-24	\$535,150.87	\$0.00
\$526,968.74	CBA	27-Feb-24	4.79%	90 Days	27-May-24	\$533,309.69	\$6,340.95
\$533,678.33	Bendigo Bank	07-Dec-23	4.80%	368 Days	09-Dec-24	\$533,678.33	\$0.00
\$100,007.45	Bendigo Bank	03-Jan-24	4.05%	182 Days	03-Jul-24	\$100,007.45	\$0.00
\$25,980.37	Bendigo Bank	12-Oct-23	4.20%	183 Days	12-Apr-24	\$25,980.37	\$0.00
\$532,998.92	Westpac	04-Dec-23	4.97%	91 Days	04-Mar-24	\$532,998.92	\$0.00
\$0.00	Westpac	29-Feb-24	5.06%	151 Days	29-Jul-24	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
\$2,250,000.00	Westpac	30-Nov-23	5.17%	182 Days	30-May-24	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,000,000.00	Westpac	19-Dec-23	5.05%	122 Days	19-Apr-24	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,250,000.00	Westpac	30-Nov-23	5.15%	152 Days	30-Apr-24	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00
\$510,956.16	Westpac	27-Dec-23	5.01%	121 Days	26-Apr-24	\$510,956.16	\$0.00
\$1,044,367.34	Westpac	29-Jan-24	5.00%	121 Days	29-May-24	\$1,044,367.34	\$0.00
\$553,381.28	NAB	31-Jan-24	5.00%	90 Days	30-Apr-24	\$553,381.28	\$0.00
\$525,700.79	NAB	01-Feb-24	5.00%	90 Days	01-May-24	\$532,052.41	\$6,351.62
\$516,522.40	NAB	Recall IBD \$516,522.40 + \$6,290.86					(\$516,522.40)
\$505,917.81	NAB	27-Feb-24	5.00%	90 Days	27-May-24	\$512,092.78	\$6,174.97
\$505,917.81	NAB	12-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	11-Mar-24	\$505,917.81	\$0.00
\$1,000,000.00	NAB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	18-Mar-24	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,000,000.00	NAB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	18-Mar-24	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00
\$518,618.16	NAB	18-Dec-23	5.00%	91 Days	18-Mar-24	\$518,618.16	\$0.00
\$0.00	NAB	26-Feb-24	5.00%	91 Days	27-May-24	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
\$0.00	NAB	26-Feb-24	5.03%	126 Days	01-Jul-24	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
\$0.00	NAB	29-Feb-24	5.03%	123 Days	01-Jul-24	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
\$531,595.65	NAB	20-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	19-Mar-24	\$531,595.65	\$0.00
\$2,057,962.89	NAB	29-Jan-24	5.03%	121 Days	29-May-24	\$2,057,962.89	\$0.00
\$532,314.73	NAB	11-Dec-23	5.00%	91 Days	11-Mar-24	\$532,314.73	\$0.00
\$542,482.26	NAB	14-Dec-23	5.00%	90 Days	13-Mar-24	\$542,482.26	\$0.00
\$529,436.74	NAB	04-Dec-23	4.85%	91 Days	04-Mar-24	\$529,436.74	\$0.00
\$1,592,545.53	IMB	01-Nov-23	5.00%	121 Days	01-Mar-24	\$1,592,545.53	\$0.00
\$541,543.96	IMB	15-Dec-23	5.00%	122 Days	15-Apr-24	\$541,543.96	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	IMB	19-Dec-23	5.00%	122 Days	19-Apr-24	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
\$518,878.68	IMB	01-Dec-23	5.10%	124 Days	03-Apr-24	\$518,878.68	\$0.00
\$2,058,561.27	IMB	29-Jan-24	4.90%	92 Days	30-Apr-24	\$2,058,561.27	\$0.00
\$2,321,000.00	IMB	30-Nov-23	5.25%	182 Days	30-May-24	\$2,321,000.00	\$0.00
\$551,999.98	IMB	13-Oct-23	4.90%	152 Days	13-Mar-24	\$551,999.98	\$0.00
\$526,976.04	IMB	03-Nov-23	5.00%	123 Days	05-Mar-24	\$526,976.04	\$0.00
\$528,240.07	IMB	21-Nov-23	5.00%	120 Days	20-Mar-24	\$528,240.07	\$0.00
<b>\$38,436,509.27</b>						<b>\$39,619,653.39</b>	<b>\$1,183,144.12</b>

ON CALL INVESTMENTS							
\$1,768,604.29	CBA	Variable	4.35%	N/A	On Call A/c	\$2,571,741.86	\$803,137.57
	Movements On Call Funds		CBA				
	01-Feb-24	Interest	\$3,137.57				
	During Month	From On Call	(\$200,000.00)				
	During Month	To On Call	\$1,000,000.00				
	On Call - Net Change for Month		\$803,137.57				
\$1,768,604.29						\$2,571,741.86	\$803,137.57
\$40,205,113.56						\$42,191,395.25	\$1,986,281.69
I certify that the above Investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Regulations thereunder and Council's Investment Policy.							
Signed copy held in Council records			Robert Rayner				
			Director Corporate Services				

**Analysis – Opening and Closing Balances:**

INVESTMENT TYPE	OPENING 1/2/24	CLOSING 29/2/24	VARIATION FEBRUARY
IBDs	38,436,509.27	39,619,653.39	1,183,144.12
On Call Funds	1,768,604.29	2,571,741.86	803,137.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,205,113.56</b>	<b>42,191,395.25</b>	<b>1,986,281.69</b>

**Analysis – Change During Month:**

	VARIATION – FEB 2024
ADD – Interest Incorporated in IBDs Rolled Over	47,442.96
ADD – New IBDs	4,500,000.00
LESS – IBDs recalled	(3,364,298.84)
ADD – Interest from On Call Funds	3,137.57
LESS – On Call Funds recalled	(200,000.00)
ADD – Funds applied to On Call Funds	1,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL VARIATION</b>	<b>1,986,281.69</b>

**Funds Held on Behalf of Other Organisations:**

The Schedule of Investments includes one separate deposit that Council is holding in trust.

- IBD with Bendigo Bank – Ref No. 173016924 (matures 04/2024) \$25,980.37

**Compliance with Policy Limits:**

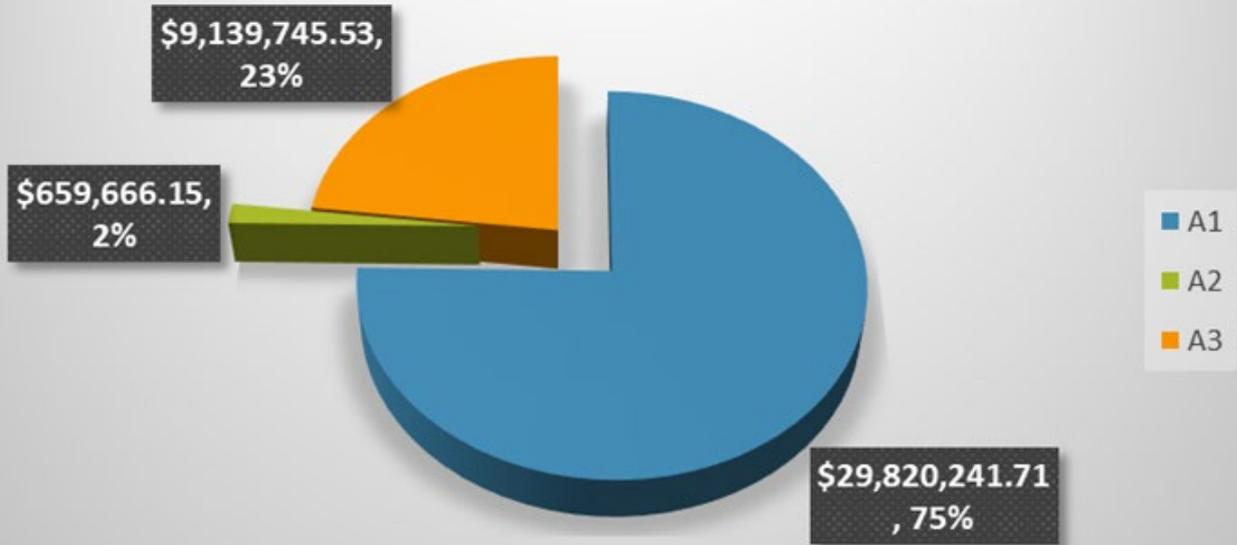
Council Policy 019 – Investment of Surplus Funds limits the exposure of invested funds to an individual organisation by the credit rating of the organisation so that single entity exposure is limited as detailed in the table below:

S&P Long Term Credit Rating*	S&P Short Term Credit Rating*	Portfolio Maximum
AAA Category	A1 +	50%
AA Category or Major Bank** (see note below)	A1	50%
A Category	A2	30%
BBB Category	A3	30%
NSW Treasury Corp Hour Glass Facility	Unrated	30%
Unrated Authorised Deposit Taking Institution	Unrated	10%

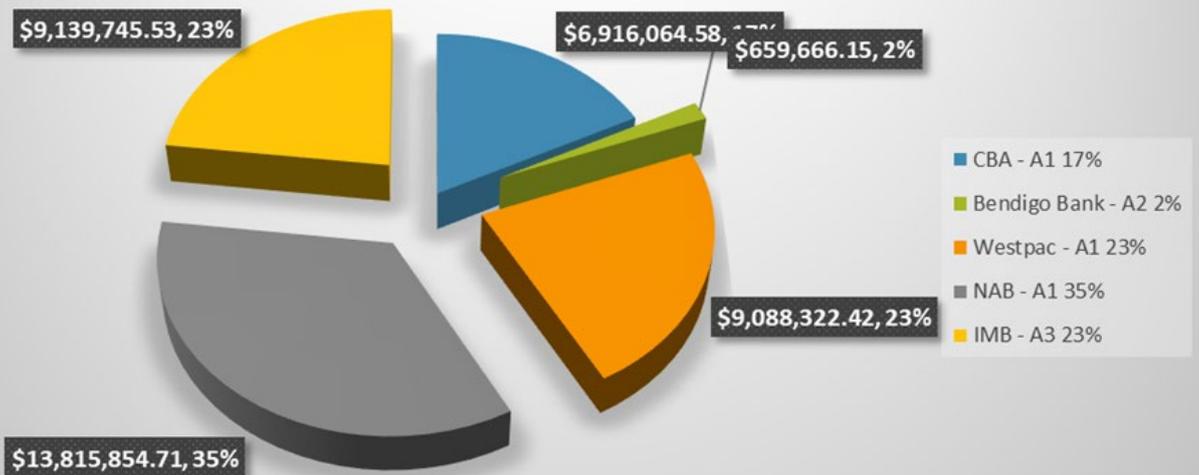
\*Moody's/Fitch equivalent

\*\*ANZ, Commonwealth Bank, National Australia Bank & Westpac including their subsidiaries and brands (eg St George). Where the institution is a major bank, the portfolio maximum may be increased to 70% should a significant benefit to Council be identified

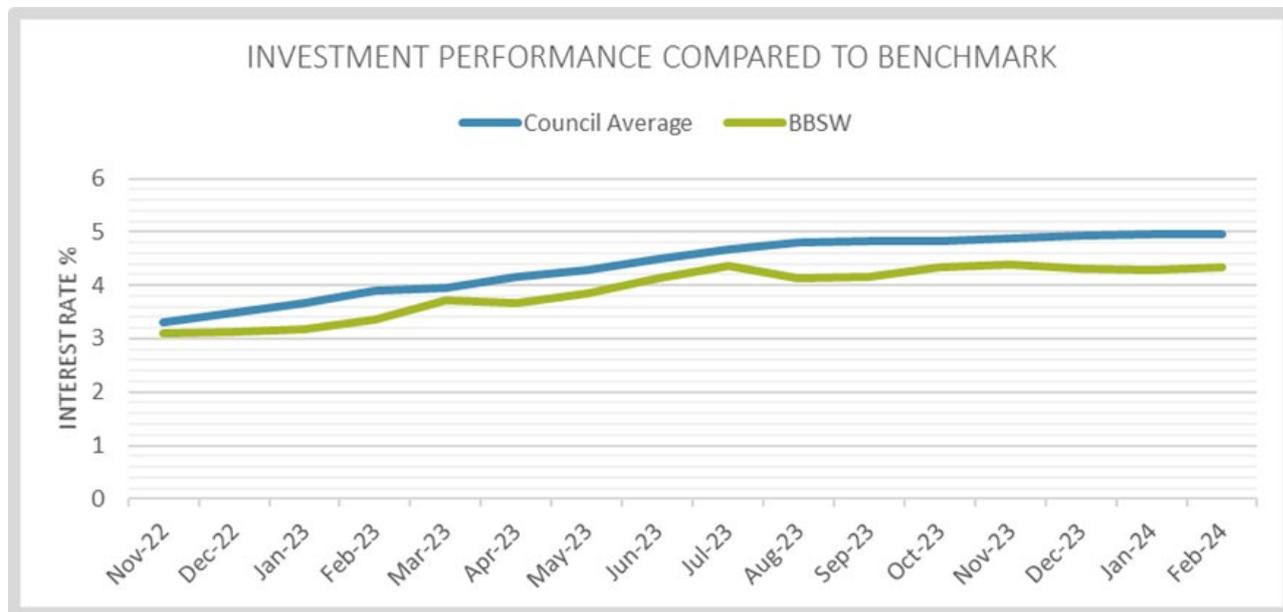
### Invested Term Deposit by Rating



### Invested Term Deposits by Institution



The graph below details the performance of Council’s investment portfolio against the standard comparative – the Bank Bill Swap Rate.



**Issues**

Lack of diversification within the investment portfolio has the potential for higher risk to Council.

**Financial implications**

Council’s investment portfolio provides funding for some projects identified in the Operational Plan.

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

*Local Government Act (1993) s625*  
*Local Government General Regulation (2021) Reg 205*  
*Ministerial Investment Order (2011)*

**Policy implications**

Council Policy 019 - Investment of Surplus Funds

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership & Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the investment report as at 29 February 2024 and in accordance with clause 212 paragraph (1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, it can be certified that the investments listed have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council’s Investment Policy.**

**10.11 Draft 2024/25 General Rate Levy**

RCV:NOT:REP

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: To provide the proposed 2024/25 rating structure showing the impacts on individual rating categories.

Attachment: Summary Proposed 2024/25 Rating

Information Item: Sample Proposed Farmland Categories 2024/25

**Background**

Rates and charges represent the process whereby Council recovers the cost of providing its services within the boundaries of the local government area. With ordinary land rates, the rate increase must not be above the limits set by the Minister for Local Government (unless a special variation to general income has been approved). For 2024/25, it is proposed that Council adopt the 5.5% rate peg set by IPART.

The rate peg is the maximum amount by which a council can increase its general income in a particular year. It is open to Council to increase its general income by less than the rate peg. Where that is the case, Council may 'catch-up' on the shortfall in general income over any one or more of the next 10 years. It is a matter for each Council to decide how it spreads this catch-up over that period. Council has an allowable 'catch-up' of \$20,799 and it is proposed that \$7,795 of this amount be incorporated in the rate levy for 2024/25.

In the case of water, sewer and tipping charges, proposed price increases reflect the cost of providing these services following a user-pays philosophy. Proposed charges for these services will be addressed within the proposed fees and charges in the draft 2024/25 Operational Plan.

The proposed rating structure is detailed in the table below:

Rate Type	Category	Sub-category	Ad Valorem Amount (c in \$)	Minimum Rate \$	Approximate Rate Yield 2023/24 \$
Ordinary	Farmland	General	0.1279906	560.00	1,992,212
Ordinary	Farmland	Irrigable S6A(3) Land Valuation Act	0.1711109	560.00	1,260,318
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland West	0.1240406	560.00	24,006
Ordinary	Residential	General	1.3613895	420.00	405,280
Ordinary	Residential	Rural	0.5984476	420.00	31,908
Ordinary	Business	Hillston	2.9120569	560.00	98,190
Ordinary	Business	Hillston/Main	4.6392027	560.00	99,820
Ordinary	Business	Goolgowi	2.6400142	560.00	12,558
Ordinary	Business	Villages	2.6392623	560.00	5,726
Ordinary	Business	Rural	1.7055377	560.00	55,018

The proposed total rate yield for 2024/25 is \$3,985,036 which represents an increase of \$215,139 over the rate yield for 2023/24. The proposed rate yield is \$13,004 below the maximum yield allowable after implementing the 5.5% rate peg set by IPART together with the allowable prior year catch-up.

The attachment to this report shows detailed projections for each rates category as well as a summary report with comparisons to the 2023/24 general rate levy.

#### **Issues**

The rates and charges detailed in both this report and the draft 2024/25 Operational Plan are designed to provide the net source of income after allowing for loans, contributions and government grants to complete the programs and initiatives identified in the operational plan. If rate levy amounts are reduced, some Council programs and projects may require reduction and/or postponement.

#### **Financial implications**

The draft 2024/25 General Rate Levy as proposed, results in an increase in general rate revenue of approximately \$215,139.

#### **Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

The rating structure adopted by Council must comply with the *Local Government Act 1993*:

s494 – ordinary rates must be made and levied annually

s497 – detailing how rates may be calculated

s506 – specifies the use of the rate peg amount as determined by the Minister

#### **Policy implications**

Nil

#### **Risk implications**

Nil

#### **Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage our resources to ensure that Council is financially sustainable over the long term.

#### **Recommendation:**

**That Council adopt the rating structure for inclusion in the draft Operational Plan, noting the increase as approved by IPART will be 5.5%.**

**ATTACHMENT**

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL									
PROPOSED GENERAL RATE LEVY 2024/25									
Description	Assess. Nos.	Land Value	Ad Valorem Rate	Ad Valorem Value	Minimum Rate	Minimum Rate Amount Value	Notional Income Yield	Rate Yield Percentage	Average Income Per Assessment
Farmland - General	449	\$1,472,961,410	0.1279906	\$1,885,252.15			\$1,885,252.15	47.31%	\$4,198.78
Farmland - General (Minimum)	191	\$23,294,150			\$560.00	\$106,960	\$106,960.00	2.68%	\$560.00
Farmland - West	6	\$18,902,000	0.1240406	\$23,446.15			\$23,446.15	0.59%	\$3,907.69
Farmland - West (Minimum)	1	\$149,000			\$560.00	\$560	\$560.00	0.01%	\$560.00
Farmland - Irrigable (Sec. 6A [3])	235	\$717,241,000	0.1711109	\$1,227,277.53			\$1,227,277.53	30.80%	\$5,222.46
Farmland - Irrigable (Minium)	59	\$7,727,980			\$560.00	\$33,040	\$33,040.00	0.83%	\$560.00
<b>Farmland Total</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>\$2,240,275,540</b>		<b>\$3,135,975.83</b>		<b>\$140,560</b>	<b>\$3,276,535.83</b>	<b>82.22%</b>	
Residential - General	282	\$15,022,900	1.3613895	\$204,520.18			\$204,520.18	5.13%	\$725.25
Residential - General (Minimum)	478	\$8,778,950			\$420.00	\$200,760	\$200,760.00	5.04%	\$420.00
Residential - Rural	25	\$3,647,420	0.5984476	\$21,827.90			\$21,827.90	0.55%	\$873.12
Residential - Rural (Minimum)	24	\$948,400			\$420.00	\$10,080	\$10,080.00	0.25%	\$420.00
<b>Residential Total</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>\$28,397,670</b>		<b>\$226,348.08</b>		<b>\$210,840</b>	<b>\$437,188.08</b>	<b>10.97%</b>	
Business - Hillston	47	\$3,352,600	2.9120569	\$97,629.62			\$97,629.62	2.45%	\$2,077.23
Business - Hillston (Minimum)	1	\$5,390			\$560.00	\$560	\$560.00	0.01%	
Business - Hillston Main	40	\$2,139,600	4.6392027	\$99,260.38			\$99,260.38	2.49%	\$2,481.51
Business - Hillston Main (Minimum)	1	\$8,910			\$560.00	\$560	\$560.00	0.01%	\$560.00
Business - Goolgowi	11	\$306,000	2.6400142	\$8,078.44			\$8,078.44	0.20%	\$734.40
Business - Goolgowi (Minimum)	8	\$127,700			\$560.00	\$4,480	\$4,480.00	0.11%	\$560.00
Business - Villages	1	\$26,000	2.6392623	\$686.21			\$686.21	0.02%	\$686.21
Business - Villages (Minimum)	9	\$103,100			\$560.00	\$5,040	\$5,040.00	0.13%	\$560.00
Business - Rural	22	\$2,043,800	1.7055377	\$34,857.78			\$34,857.78	0.87%	\$1,584.44
Business - Rural (Minimum)	36	\$341,220			\$560.00	\$20,160	\$20,160.00	0.51%	\$560.00
<b>Business Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>\$8,454,320</b>		<b>\$240,512.43</b>		<b>\$30,800</b>	<b>\$271,312.43</b>	<b>6.81%</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>\$2,277,127,530</b>		<b>\$3,602,836</b>		<b>\$382,200</b>	<b>\$3,985,036.34</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	



**10.12 Cost Shifting from State Government to Local Councils**

RCV:NOT:REP

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: To provide details of the recently released LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/22 financial year

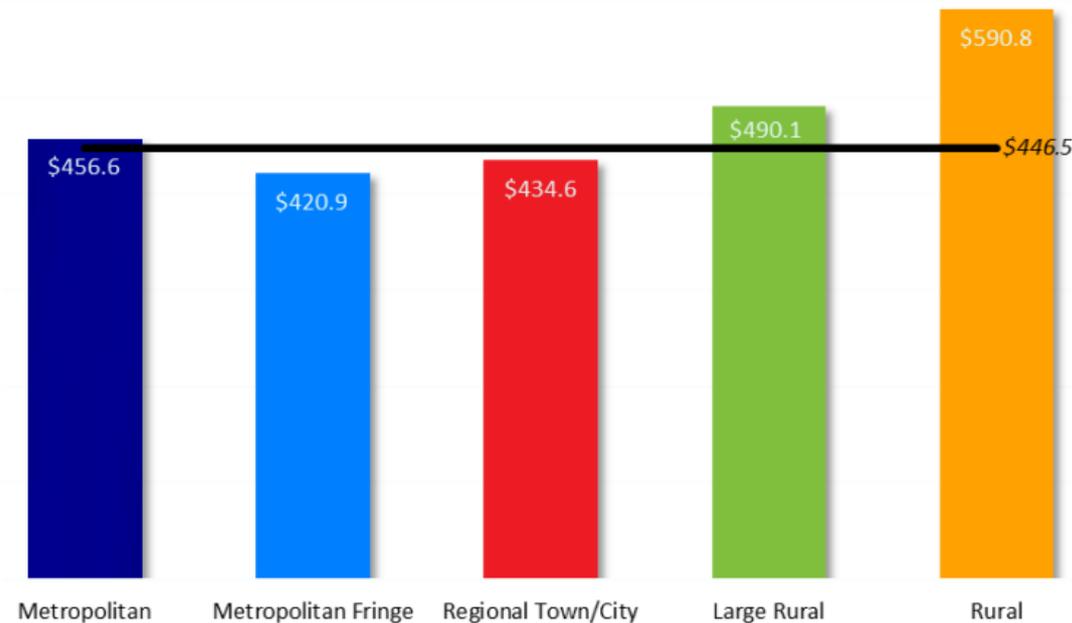
**Background**

Cost shifting is when state or federal governments transfer, or ‘shift’ responsibility for providing a certain service, concession, asset or regulatory function to councils. The attached report prepared for LGNSW by consulting firm Morrison Low has found that local government ratepayers are funding more than a billion dollars of state government obligations.

The report found that an amount of \$1.36 billion of expenses were passed on to councils to fund in the 2021/22 financial year. This was an increase of \$540 million since the previous cost shifting survey undertaken in 2017/18 and represents lost services, lost opportunity and lost amenity for all our residents and businesses.

On average, this represents an additional cost of \$460.67 for every ratepayer across the state. With councils having to fund this ongoing subsidy for the State Government every year, it means our communities get less or go without. They go without better roads, they go without better parks, they go without important community services that only councils provide and they and the ratepayers are effectively paying hidden taxes to other levels of government.

In fact, the report indicates that rural councils such as ours have seen a greater impact with rural councils experiencing cost shifting amounting to \$590.80 for every ratepayer as shown in the graph below which displays the cost shift per ratepayer by council classification:



Source: LGNSW Cost Shifting Report prepared by Morrison Low

Primary examples of cost shifting impacting our shire include:

- emergency service contributions – through the emergency services levy, councils are required to fund 11.7% of expenditure
- rates exemptions for government owned property
- inadequate or reduced funding for services required to be delivered by Council – for example libraries (State Government originally funded 50% of costs but this has reduced over time to be approximately 8% in 2021/22)
- pensioner rebates required to be provided by Council but with only 55% subsidised by the State Government leaving ratepayers to subsidise the remaining 45%
- provision of services usually provided by other levels of government is particularly an issue for rural councils. Examples include aged care services and medical services.

The table below provides actual data for the financial year 2021/22 which demonstrates a minimum cost to the ratepayers of Carrathool Shire of \$1,146,470 as a consequence of cost shifting by other levels of government. Our local government area has 2,634 rates assessments. Of these assessments, 700 are exempt from paying rates leaving the other 1,934 to absorb the impacts of cost shifting. This equates to an actual cost of approximately \$592.80 per ratepayer. There are additional expenditures such as those for crown land reserve management where it is difficult to reliably estimate a cost to Council

<b>CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL COST SHIFTING DATA</b>	
<b>COST DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NET COST TO COUNCIL (AFTER GOVT SUBSIDY)</b>
Emergency Services Levy	244,023
Pensioner Rebates	56,908
Library Operations	227,830
Companion Animals	30,156
Noxious Weeds (as control authority)	45,488
Development Applications (non-recoverable)	17,829
Additional Governance (new legislative requirements)	22,000
Medical Services	170,736
Rate Exemptions: government owned properties	289,680
Rate Exemptions: non-government owned properties (example – churches)	31,620
Rate Exemptions: community housing	10,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,146,470</b>

Carrathool Shire Council takes our responsibility to ensure sustainable financial management seriously and cost shifting by the state government seriously undermines our proactive approach to ensure our long-term financial viability while still delivering the infrastructure, programs and services our community expects and deserves.

**Issues**

The financial pressure on Council to continue to provide services of appropriate standards to our community is increasing. The continued growth of cost shifting to councils, coupled with rate pegging is increasingly eroding financial sustainability in local government and this is risking the capacity of Council to deliver tailored, grassroots services as well as to maintain and deliver vital local infrastructure.

**Financial implications**

Increasing levels of cost shifting may impact the number of projects that Council is able to accommodate in its annual budget.

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Impacts all goals within the Community Strategic Plan.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2021/22 financial year.
2. place a copy of the Cost Shifting report on the Council website so that it can be accessed by the community.

**10.13 Council Public Halls**

CP:MNT:CCH

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: To provide a report on the operational income and expenditure for Council's Public Halls

**Background**

Council at its last meeting on 20 February 2024, while discussing fee waiver requests received for the Hillston Community Centre, requested that Council staff prepare a report on operational income and expenditure for all public halls.

Of the seven halls, Council controls three - Carrathool, Gunbar and Hillston. The remaining halls are managed by Council's 355 committees. The committees manage the hall, take bookings, and collect and retain the income. Committee members also clean when required, complete minor maintenance and pay the electricity accounts.

Council staff have requested that a number of committees provide last year's financial reports for Council audit. These are the committees that rarely provide information to Council. If any information is forthcoming prior to the Council meeting, it will be tabled during the meeting.

**Issues**

The tables below show Council income and expenditure for all halls for the financial year 2022/23 and for 2023/24 to 28 February. In 2022/23 total expenditure of \$70,293 exceeded total income of \$5,831 by \$64,462. To date in 2023/24 total expenditure of \$67,400 has exceeded total income of \$3,373 by \$64,027.

PUBLIC HALLS INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2022/23							
	CARRATHOOL	GOOLGOWI	GUNBAR	HILLSTON	MERRIWAGGA	RANKINS SPRINGS	WALLANTHERY
<b>INCOME</b>				5,831.01			
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	2,974.91		1,303.31	2,750.49			
<b>INSURANCE</b>	3,334.22	3,567.14	1,310.10	10,113.54	3,602.49	5,643.35	1,599.50
<b>R&amp;M</b>	4,776.62	1,230.05	62.32	7,430.01	668.09	2,349.20	
<b>RATES/CHGS</b>	679.00	2,205.24		6,800.58	867.00	742.80	
<b>CLEANING</b>				6,282.69			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,764.75</b>	<b>7,002.43</b>	<b>2,675.73</b>	<b>33,377.31</b>	<b>5,137.58</b>	<b>8,735.35</b>	<b>1,599.50</b>

PUBLIC HALLS INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2023/24 (TO 28/2/24)							
	CARRATHOOL	GOOLGOWI	GUNBAR	HILLSTON	MERRIWAGGA	RANKINS SPRINGS	WALLANTHERY
<b>INCOME</b>				3,372.75			
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	593.30		290.96	6,241.48			
<b>INSURANCE</b>	3,739.13	4,004.22	1,470.64	11,346.34	4,042.54	6,339.67	1,630.35
<b>R&amp;M</b>	4,511.15	875.07	967.97	5,134.56	280.00	80.00	
<b>RATES/CHGS</b>	694.00	2,321.81		6,796.77	881.00	758.47	
<b>CLEANING</b>				4,400.06			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,537.58</b>	<b>7,201.10</b>	<b>2,729.57</b>	<b>33,919.21</b>	<b>5,203.54</b>	<b>7,178.14</b>	<b>1,630.35</b>

**Financial implications**

Historically expenditure is always higher than the income received but Council continues to fund the variation from its general revenues, as the halls are categorized as a community service obligation according to Council's fees and charges where fees are set on the basis of partial cost recovery.

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

355 Committee Manual is not followed by some of the committees, especially in relation to the provision of minutes and financial information.

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 1 – Thriving and Living Communities

Goal 4 – Reliable and relevant services

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the report detailing the income and expenditure of the public halls.**

**10.14 Hillston & Goolgowi Water Supply**

WS:FCW

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: To provide a report on the position of the Hillston & Goolgowi water supply schemes.

**Background**

At the December 2022 meeting, Council considered a report on the operational and financial status of the Carrathool water supply (CWS) scheme and a further report regarding charges for the service was provided to the March 2023 meeting.

Council requested an audit of the CWS scheme with Council staff undertaking a physical review of all properties within the Carrathool village. Further reports for other town water supplies were requested at the May 2023 meeting.

A report on the Hillston and Goolgowi schemes was provided at the August 2023 meeting detailing the financial impact of an increase in access charges for meters greater than the standard meter size. Council requested a further report for consideration prior to setting the fees and charges for 2024/25.

**Issues**

Hillston Water Scheme (HWS)

Council 's projected cash position for the current year and the next four years including capital expenditure for the HWS supply is as follows:

<b>HILLSTON WATER</b>					
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>
Opening Bank Balance	974,057	1,035,372	1,157,014	1,291,088	1,433,204
<b>Add</b> Income	597,645	609,598	621,790	634,226	646,910
	<b>1,571,702</b>	<b>1,644,970</b>	<b>1,778,804</b>	<b>1,925,314</b>	<b>2,080,114</b>
<b>Less</b> Operational Expenditure	423,545	432,016	440,656	449,469	458,459
	<b>1,148,157</b>	<b>1,212,954</b>	<b>1,338,148</b>	<b>1,475,845</b>	<b>1,621,655</b>
<b>Less</b> Capital Expenditure	205,000	150,000	143,000	140,500	152,500
<b>Add</b> Back Depreciation	92,215	94,060	95,940	97,859	99,816
Projected Year End Balance	<b>1,035,372</b>	<b>1,157,014</b>	<b>1,291,088</b>	<b>1,433,204</b>	<b>1,568,971</b>

The HWS cash at bank as at 1/7/2023 was \$974,057.29. Whilst this cash position is reasonable this balance has been eroded over the last three years with capital renewals, from a balance of \$1,595,699.23 on 1/7/2020.

It would be prudent financial management to ensure funds are accumulated to meet future capital renewals.

Generally, councils adopt charges on larger pipe sizes based on a multiple of the standard service i.e. 20mm diameter. Council has not adopted this practice for any of the towns or villages. For the 2023/24 financial year Council adopted the following access charges for the various meter sizes:

<b>NO. OF METERS</b>	<b>METER SIZE</b>	<b>ACCESS CHARGE (\$)</b>	<b>MULTIPLE FACTOR</b>	<b>INFERRED COST (\$)</b>
557	20mm	509	1.0	509
41	25mm	573	1.56	794
33	40mm	589	4.0	2,036
14	50mm	610	6.25	3,181

The current usage charges for potable water in Hillston are \$1.17/KL. Last year Hillston used approx. 228,000 KL The table below provides water usage charge pricing comparisons for other shires during 2022/23 financial year when Council's water usage charge was \$1.14/KL. The information demonstrates that the majority of listed Councils charge higher rates for potable water usage.

COUNCIL	USAGE CHARGE PER KL	NOTES
Berrigan Shire	0.66	
Murrumbidgee Shire North	0.91	0.60 for the first 125 kls
Murrumbidgee Shire South	2.97	2.17 for the first 250 kls
Federation	2.70	1.80 for the first 450 kls
Lachlan Shire	4.35	3.10 for the first 600 kls & minimum usage account \$32.00
Balranald Shire	2.55	1.70 for the first 400 kls
Narrandera Shire	1.26	
Cobar Shire	5.60	2.95 for the first 550 kls
Yass Valley	4.90	3.70/kl if under 5kl/day average over the billing cycle
Goldenfields Water	2.52	Residential

### Goolgowi Water Schemes (GWS)

Council 's projected cash position for the current year and the next four years including capital expenditure for the GWS supply is as follows:

<b>GOOLGOWI WATER</b>					
	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>
Opening Bank Balance	1,226,834	1,328,571	1,457,612	1,647,612	1,942,732
<b>Add</b> Income	895,021	912,921	931,180	949,803	968,800
	<b>2,121,855</b>	<b>2,241,492</b>	<b>2,388,792</b>	<b>2,597,415</b>	<b>2,911,532</b>
<b>Less</b> Operational Expenditure	897,841	914,184	930,831	947,787	965,059
	<b>1,224,014</b>	<b>1,327,308</b>	<b>1,457,961</b>	<b>1,649,628</b>	<b>1,946,473</b>
<b>Less</b> Capital Expenditure	273,176	254,984	203,342	107,750	8,000
<b>Add</b> Back Depreciation	377,733	385,288	392,993	400,854	408,870
Projected Year End Balance	<b>1,328,571</b>	<b>1,457,612</b>	<b>1,647,612</b>	<b>1,942,732</b>	<b>2,347,343</b>

The GWS cash at bank as at 1/7/2023 was \$1,226,834.41. This cash at bank has been gradually increasing, however the above figures also include the rural water schemes attached to the Goolgowi pipelines.

The Goolgowi access charges and the usage charge for potable water are the same as the charges for Hillston. In Goolgowi there are only four 25mm meters, one 30mm and one 40mm meter. The difference between Goolgowi and Hillston is that Goolgowi has a dual water system and Goolgowi residents pay two water access charges. The raw water access charges are different to the potable water and they are detailed in the table below:

NO. OF METERS	METER SIZE	RAW ACCESS CHARGE (\$)	MULTIPLE FACTOR	INFERRED COST (\$)
155	20mm	483	1.00	483
4	25mm	552	1.56	753
1	30mm	552	2.25	1,242
1	40mm	573	4.00	1,932
3	50mm	589	6.25	3,019

The current water usage charge for raw water in Goolgowi is 72 cents/KL. The following figures are comparisons of usage charges from other shires during 2022/23 financial year when Council's charge was 70 cents per KL. Again, Carrathool Shire's usage charges are low in comparison to 60% of the sample councils.

COUNCIL	USAGE CHARGE per KL	NOTES
Berrigan Shire	0.50	0.77c with stage 4 restrictions
Murrumbidgee Shire South	1.14	
Lachlan Shire	2.10	
Balranald Shire	1.55	1.05 for the first 600 kls
Narrandera Shire	0.62	

#### Carrathool, Merriwagga and Rankins Springs

Carrathool water supply has three 25mm meters and the impact of any proposed fee increases on their income will be minimal.

Merriwagga has no non-standard meters and will not be impacted by any proposed changes to water charges.

Rankins Springs has one 25mm and one 40mm meter and consequently any fee changes will have minimal impact on their income.

To keep the fees and charges consistent across the meter sizes, the new structure, if agreed, should be applied to all urban schemes.

#### **Financial implications**

HWS has been impacted by recent asset replacements, with cash at bank being reduced by over \$500,000 in three years. It is recommended that Council consider increases in the access and usage charges with a view to move towards best practice and to provide for future asset replacement and improvements in the HWS. Changes as identified in this report to the access charges would provide an additional \$92,806 in income, dependent on how it is implemented.

As an example, an increase of 10 cents per KL for potable water usage charges in Hillston would equate to nearly \$23,000 in additional income per annum.

A change to access charges for Goolgowi village both in potable and raw water would amount to an \$12,996 increase in income.

#### **Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

#### **Policy implications**

Water & Sewer Subsidy Policy No.36

#### **Risk implications**

Council may receive some backlash from the community in relation to the increased water charges. Council should undertake community consultation to provide information and to alleviate community concerns. Options could also be given to reduce the size of the meters on properties dependent on the customers' requirements.

#### **Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 4 – Reliable and Relevant Services

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

Objective 5.2 – Manage resources to ensure Council is financially sustainable over the long term.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council consider increasing access charges and usage charges for all urban potable water schemes in the 2024/2025 financial year.**

**10.15 Hillston Water Tower Mural Project**

GS:PGM:SCCF5-0133

Author: Community Development & Projects Manager

Purpose: To present Council the design endorsed by the Water Tower Mural Advisory Committee for consideration.

Attachment: Endorsed Water Tower Design

**Background**

At the February 2024 meeting of Council four designs from the preferred artist were considered by Council. It was resolved that Council seek further designs for consideration and that issues raised by Council be conveyed to the artist.

**Issues**

Feedback was provided to the artist resulting in another design being presented to the advisory committee which met on 11 March to consider the new design.

At the committee meeting the design was endorsed and it was recommended the artwork be forwarded to Council for consideration at the March 2024 meeting. It was considered the design was more representative of the district while still suitable for the constraints of the background and “canvas” which is a narrow tall water structure.

**Financial implications**

Project is grant funded under Round five (5) of the Stronger Country Communities Fund

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Council will need to progress the project to meet the program expectations, 30/06/24

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities

**Recommendation:**

**That Council endorse the design as recommended by the committee and commence the project.**

ATTACHMENT



**10.16 Regional Drought Resilience Plan**

GS:PRO:GP

Author: Community Development and Projects Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of Upcoming Consultation

**Background**

The NSW Government is funding programs to develop drought resistance plans that can be implemented by Councils to manage future drought risks. The program is available from 2022-2024 to support local government consortiums to develop the Regional Drought Resilience Plan. February 2023 Council noted that Carrathool Shire Council will be in a consortium with Hay Shire Council throughout this process.

**Issues**

The consortium has engaged Next Economy to prepare the resilience plan within the time frame set by The Department of Regional NSW. The process to develop the plan will require consultation with stakeholders in both Hay and Carrathool Shire Council LGA's this includes primary producers, local business and members of the communities.

Consultation is commencing in the coming weeks beginning with a focus on primary producers. Workshops will be held by Next Economy in Hillston and Goolgowi on Monday the 25 March and at Hay the week of 8 April (date to be decided). Other stakeholders will be engaged over the next two months.

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 3 – Resilient and welcoming

Goal 4 – Reliable and relevant services

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note that consultation to inform the Regional Drought Resilience Plan will be taking place over the next two months.**

**10.17 Community Development Officer Report – March 2024**

ED:TOUR:TEP

Author: Community Development Officer

Purpose: To advise Council of recent activities of interest undertaken by the Community Development Officer

**Background****Youth Development Officers Network**

The CDO has joined this network, which has been formed by the Department of Regional NSW, Office for Regional Youth to connect Council's across the Riverina Murray. Many Council's in this area do not have dedicated Youth Officers within Council and this group offers networking opportunities and the sharing of ideas.

A grant writing workshop has been planned by this group for 21 May 2024 in Griffith.

**Autumn Holiday Break Program**

Council has received funding through this program to host 2 roller disco events. The Goolgowi event on 18 April 2024 will be open to all ages with the Hillston event split into 2-time frames – Under 12's 5-6pm and over 12's 6.30pm – 8.30pm on 19 April 2024. Goolgowi Hall Committee and the Hillston Central School P & C are the hosts for these events.

**Youth Week 2024**

Youth Week funding application has been successful, and planning has commenced for Youth Week 2024, the theme is Express, Empower. Get Loud

A number of events are being planned including a Trivia Night to be held in Hillston on 18 April, Town Scavenger Hunt in Hillston on 17 April which will include the inaugural Lachlan River Duck Regatta (subject to the blue algae alert). Consultation with members of the Student Representative Council at the Hillston Central School are planned in the coming weeks.

**Kidman Way Promotional Committee**

The Kidman Way Promotional Committee met on 22 February 2024. Sue Couttie Media has been engaged by the Committee to produce the Kidman Way Story which will encompass all 5 Shires and will be used in the next Kidman Way Brochure to be updated in the coming months.

**Lake Woorabinda Festival 2024**

The 2024 Lake Festival consisted of markets, live music, the Leeton Lions Train, jumping castles, various food options, large scale processional lanterns, box lanterns, a lantern parade, fireworks and live music throughout the day and evening.

Due to the blue green algae alert the planned pedal boats from Go Adventure Nagambie were unable to go ahead.

A verbal report will be given at this meeting. A more detailed report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

**International Women's Day – NSW Women's Week**

Melbourne Comedian Tracy Bartram is bringing her "Laughaholics" Experience to the Lake Woorabinda Festival. This event is funded through the NSW Women's Week and will include morning tea provided by the Hillston CWA. This event will commence at 11am under the marquee at the Lake Woorabinda Festival.

**Information Distributed to the Community**

- Qantas Community Grants
- FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities Fund
- Telstra Connected Communities Grants
- Laughter at the Lake Workshop

- Lake Woorabinda Festival
- Live Music Australia Round 8
- Bulk Nutrients Community Grants
- Energy Efficiency Grants – Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

**Financial implications**

Existing CDO budget and grant funding.

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

Nil

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implication**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities

Goal 3 – Resilient and Welcoming

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the Community Development Officers report for March 2024.**

**11. Committee Reports**

**12. Closed Council Reports**

**12.1 Real Café – Cordatos Building Status**

CP:AD:PLB / CP:MNT:OCRC

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To seek Council input to the future of the building.

**Background**

Council is asked to consider this report Real Café – Cordatos Building Status in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business in relation to the following:

- (c) *Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council resolve into closed Council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

**12.2 Woods Lane Erigolia – Request to Close Road**

RDS:LRD:WDSL

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the result of discussion with Mr Paul Glyde regarding the road closure.

**Background**

Council is asked to consider this report Woods Lane Erigolia – Request to Close Road in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

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- (c) *Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council resolve into closed Council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

**12.3 Carrathool Shire Scholarship Scheme**

PSL:ES:SCH

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To determine the successful applicants under the 2024 Carrathool Shire Council Scholarship Scheme for Charles Sturt University.

Separately Circulated: 2024 Scholarship Applications and Ranking Form

**Background**

Council is asked to consider this report Carrathool Shire Scholarship Scheme in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business in relation to the following:

- (c) *Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Nil

**Recommendation:**

**That Council resolve into closed Council pursuant to Section 10A(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

**12.4 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges**

RCV:NOT:SLOR

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: To provide an update on a property to be sold by private treaty under the sale of land for overdue rates and charges undertaken in August 2023.

**Background**

Update on a property to be sold by private treaty

**Issues**

Council is asked to consider this report on Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges in Closed Council under the provisions of section 10A (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Financial implications**

Nil

**Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)**

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- (c) *Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**Policy implications**

Nil

**Risk implications**

Nil

**Community Strategic Plan**

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance

**Recommendation:**

**That Council resolve into closed Council pursuant to Section 10A (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**

**13. Next Meeting**

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Hillston District Office** on **16 April 2024** commencing at **10.00am**.