



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

19 November 2024

**Hillston District Office
139-145 High Street, Hillston**



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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 HILLSTON DISTRICT OFFICE
TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

Recording of Meeting

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Please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices are turned off or are in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

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

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5. Business Arising

6. Motions & Questions (notice given)

7. Presentations/Public Addresses (where scheduled)

9.30 for 9.45 Start – Citizenship Ceremony for 5 conferees:

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11.45 Doctor Albert Ng

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 the Council of the Mayor’s activity since the meeting held on 15 October 2024.

Background

In company with the General Manager, I met with a representative from the Crown Lands on Wednesday 23 October to discuss water issues relating to the Common and Lake Woorabinda. It would appear there may be some way forward to being granted additional water for the lake of around 300 ML per annum depending upon the allocation along the Lachlan River each season. The General Manager is following up and hopefully we will be able to obtain some of certainty of water, allowing Council to move forward with infrastructure improvements in that precinct.

RAMJO held its board meeting at Hay on 8 November 2024, unfortunately I was unable to attend and my thanks to Cr Furner for attending the meeting – no doubt it was enlightening.

Cr Furner has provided the following information that will be of interest to Council.

Election of Chairperson

Cr Ruth McRae was elected chair of the board for the following two year period. Cr McRae received eight votes with Cr Kevin Mack receiving three votes.

Deputy Chair

Nominations were received from Cr Doug Curran and Cr Julia McKean from Berrigan Shire. Cr Curran was elected eight votes to three.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Mayor’s report to the November 2024 meeting.

9. Delegates Report

Nil

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> .	Further information to come from Crown Lands.

0619/ 15.08.23 – Creation of Shovel Ready Project List

Responsible Officer: CD&PM

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.	Report December Meeting.

0780/ 20.02.24 – Hillston Eastern Levee Feasibility Study – Update

Responsible Officer: DIS

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
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

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. approve staff to further develop costs and design to bring back to Council for consideration.	DA Lodged – waiting on any comments.

0829/ 19.03.24 – Real Café – Cordatos Building Status

Responsible Officer: CD&PM

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Staff provide a cost of the demolition of the building beyond the rear of the two smaller shops.	Quotes and estimates being sought.
2. Obtain prices for additions to provide for shop space on the original footprint of the larger shop, steel and lined construction.	Tender document prepared.

0860/ 16.04.24 – Goolgowi Residential Land

Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. General Manager obtain firm costings and time frames for the potential development and report this back to Council	Report December meeting.

0862/ 16.04.24 – Water Issues – Purchase Additional Supply

Responsible Officer: GM / MW&S

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Purchase 200ML of water from the Lachlan River that can be used by Council for its operations along the length of the Lachlan River within the Carrathool Shire Council area. Such purchase to be funded from Councils Development Reserve Funds.	Active order placed with Water Broker.
2. review the internal restrictions and unallocated cash at the end of this financial year with a view to identify sufficient funds to purchase 200ML of Murrumbidgee Water.	Report December meeting.

0887/ 21.05.24 – Flood Damage and Restoration Works

Responsible Officer: DIS

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. instruct staff to prepare a scope and costing for the additional works on Lachlan River Road to incorporate these works with other restoration works.	Updated report this meeting.

0935/ 16.07.24 – Flood Damage

Responsible Officer: DIS

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. Complete as a priority all floodworks prior to December 2024.	Pending

0899/ 25.06.24 – Roads to Recovery – Advice of Funding (1.07.2024 to 30.06.2029)

Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. consider projects at the December 2024 meeting for current and future financial years.	December 2024 meeting review.

0942/ 16.07.24 – Carrathool Village Unmanned Caravan Park

Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. provide a dump point and necessary gravel works to access the dump point as proposed from funds surplus to 2024/25.	Dump point installed.

0025/ 15.10.24 – Development Applications – October 2024

Responsible Officer: MB&RS/DIS

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
2. a site inspection be carried out on the driveway intersection with Tabbita Lane to ensure compliance with the conditions of the recent DA – 2024/14 approved by Council and a report be brought back to the Council following this inspection.	Report to the December meeting.

That Council note the update on the action report for November 2024.

10.2 Precis of Correspondence

GOV:MCCC:MRPC

Author: General Manager

Purpose: Matters for consideration by the Council

Information Items: 10.2.2 – Minister for Water NSW

10.2.3 – Emily Hale

10.2.1 Local Government NSW – Annual Report

Providing Council with a copy of the Annual Report for 2023/2024. Of interest to Council will be the advocacy highlights which provides information to member Councils on the broader policy objectives and government collaboration.

Recommendation:

That Council note the tabling of the Local Government NSW Annual Report for 2023/2024.

10.2.2 Minister for Water NSW – Lachlan River

Responding to the Councils concerns regarding water releases from Wyangala Dam and potential impact on the Lower Lachlan in regard to flooding.

Stating the releases are necessary to provide airspace at the dam and to provide environmental benefit.

Further stating that airspace releases from Wyangala dam have now ceased.

Recommendation:

That Council note the tabling of the Local Government NSW Annual Report for 2023/2024.

10.2.3 Goolgowi Riverina Children’s Preschool Van Committee – Request Donation

Emily Hale on behalf of this organisation requesting a donation of pool season passes as prizes in their fundraising raffle.

Further stating the group is operational two days per week to provide activities for preschool age children.

(A family season ticket is \$140).

Recommendation:

For Council determination.

10.3 Office of Local Government Council Financial Comparisons 2022-2023

GR:SL:SG

Author: General Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the release of the Office of Local Government data, measuring performance for NSW Councils.

Background

Each year the Office of Local Government (OLG) releases comparison data for NSW Councils. It is possible to look up any Council in NSW at the website www.yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au. The publication for Carrathool Shire is included for Council information.

Issues

The report contains information regarding rates, charges, demographics and Council facilities. Of interest is also the Council Performance data that is used by the Office of Local Government to analyse Councils sustainability. These are detailed below along with a brief description of what ratio means to financial performance. This will also provide Council with an overview of its financial position.

Our Source Revenue

Carrathool Shire 32.1% Group Average 36.5%

This measures Councils reliance of external funding given such as grants and contribution own source revenue includes rates and charges and user charges. The benchmark for the ratio is 60% - difficult to achieve unless Council has quarry product, roadwork contracts or parking income.

Council will note that for the group average (rural Councils) the average is well below the benchmarks. Carrathool Shire had a grant and contribution rate of 67.6% compared to the group average of 63.3%

Operating Performance Ratio

Carrathool Shire 26.4% Group Average 14.7%

This ratio measures Councils performance in containing operating expenditure within operating income. In essence the ratio is obtained by subtracting operating expenses from the operating revenue divided by the total continuing operating revenue. The benchmark for the ratio is 0% or greater – meaning expenses are less than revenue on an operational basis.

Unrestricted Current Ratio

Carrathool Shire 10.6 Group Average 6.0

This ratio is the ability of Council to meet unrestricted current liabilities from unrestricted current assets. In Councils situation there are \$10.60 current assets to meet each \$1.00 of current liability. A ratio of 1.5 is considered not satisfactory and would be an indicator of some financial risk. It is calculated by dividing unrestricted current assets by unrestricted current liabilities.

Outstanding Rates and Charges

Carrathool Shire 10.2% Group Average 9.7%

This ratio assesses the impact of uncollected rates and charges on liquidity and the efficiency of Councils debt recovery. While Council may have arrangements in place to collect rates these outstanding amounts are still included in the ratio.

Debt Service Cover Ratio

Carrathool Shire 31.2 Group Average 38.1

This ratio measures the operating cash available to service debt, interest principal and leave payments. The benchmark is 2-0. With the above ratio Council has 31.2 times as much financial assets as they do to borrowings.

Cash Expenses Cover Ratio

Carrathool Shire 25.9 months Group Average 16.6 months

This ratio measures the number of months a Council can continue to pay immediate expenses without any cash inflow. The benchmark is set at 3 months. The ratio is calculated by dividing the current cash and equivalents by cash flow operating expenses multiplied by 12.

Debt Service Ratio

Carrathool Shire 2.2% Group Average 2.2%

This ratio measures the proportion of general income use to pay debt and interest. The benchmark is above 0% and below 20%. The ratio is calculated by dividing the cost of debt service by continuing operating revenue. For the 2022-2023 financial year Council paid \$88,000 in interest charges.

Financial implications

The information contained in the report is gathered from various resources including annual financial statements. Comparisons can be made by the NSW Government, Council and the community as to how that Council compares on a financial basis to others.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Benchmarks have been set by the Office of Local Government as to Councils operations and it is expected that they provide solid guidelines to operational outcomes.

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Ratios determined by the Office of Local Government can be considered on early warning signal as to sustainability issues that may be relevant to Councils.

Community Strategic Plan

Theme 5 - Leadership & Governance

When viewed in its entirety the report gives an indication as to the Councils direction and management of the organisation compared to like Councils.

Recommendation:

That Council note the information provided by the Office of Local Government in measuring Councils performance and comparative information of Councils for the 2022-2023 financial year.

10.4 Infrastructure Report

RD:IR

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To Summarise Infrastructure Services Activities for October 2024

Attachment: Register of Roads Maintenance

Background

Reporting Period 28 September 2024 to 25 October 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:

Clear Surface Drains (m)	
Whealbah Road	53,000
Munros Road	675
TOTAL	53,675

Maintain Shoulders (shldr kms)	
Back Hillston Road	1.4
Melbergen Road	11
Whealbah Road	55
TOTAL	67.4

Maintenance Grading (cl kms)	
Andersons Road	3
Back Hillston Road	8
Gullifers Road	8
Ryans Road	0.5
Tysons Road	1
Whealbah Road	19.5
TOTAL	40

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
Temporary Pavement Repair (m ²)						
Heavy Patching (m ²)		1828				
Litter and Amenity Maintenance (job)				4		
Clear Surface Drains (m)		242	3			
Maintenance Grading (cl kms)						
Potholes (ea)						
Replace Signs (ea)						
Servicing Signs (ea)						
Slashing (m ²)						
Spraying (m ²)						
Traffic Counters (ea)						

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						
Footbridge Maintenance	1200						
Drainage & S/Water	1510						
Sign Maintenance	1610						
Sign Replacement	1620						
Resealing	4000						
Mowing	5100	40	47	43.5	51	70	251.50
Slashing	5200		6	146.50		44	196.50
Spraying	5300		7	8.5		3	18.5
Tree Maintenance	5400	23	8.5	32		4.5	68
Tree Removal	5410	13					13
Watering	5500	5	5.5	67.5	7.5	33	118.50
Weeding	5600		23			4	27
Mowing – Stan Peters Oval	5710			18.5			18.5
Slashing – Stan Peters Oval	5720						
Spraying – Stan Peters Oval	5730						
Watering – Stan Peters Oval	5740			2			2
Weeding – Stan Peters Oval	5750			11.5			11.5
Playground Equipment	5800						
Litter Collection	6100	9	7	28.5	4	20	68.5
Street Sweeper	6200			39.5			39.5
Hand Broom Gutters	6300		5	2			7
Toilets	6400	10	20	30	5	10	75
Footpath Maintenance	7100			4.5			4.5
Clear Culverts	7100			3			3
Street Maintenance	7200			6		14	20
Miscellaneous Items	7500						
Playground Inspection	7510						
Office	7520						
Town Improvements	7530			2.5			2.5
Graffiti Removal	7540						
Park Furniture/Fences	7540			10.5			10.5
Total Hours per Town		100	129	456.50	67.5	202.5	955.50
Town % of Total Hours		10.47%	13.50%	47.77%	7.06%	21.20%	

Sewer Maintenance

Description	Mainline Choke	Service line Choke	Pump Station Fault	Pressure Sewer Fault	STW – Screen Unit Fault
Hillston	1	2		2	
Goolgowi					
Rankins Springs Sullage					
Totals	1	2	0	2	0

Water Maintenance

Description	Mainline Breaks	Service line Breaks	Water Meter/Tap Leaking	Pump Station Faults	Telemetry Faults	Replaced Meter
Hillston	1	3	1	1		
Langtree (Langtree Bore/Merriwagga/Goolgowi)		1	3			
Yoolaroi/Goolgowi Rural (Palmyra to Y4 & Y5/Y6)				5		
Bunda/Goorawin	2					
Carrathool			2			
Merriwagga Village		1	3			
Goolgowi Village Raw		1				
Goolgowi Village Potable	1	1	10			
Rankins Springs Potable						
Rankins Springs Raw Town	2	1	3		1	
Rankins Springs Rural					2	
Melbergen						
Total	6	8	22	6	3	

Project Updates:

Mossgiel Road

Physical earthworks are completed on the next 2-kilometre upgrade of Mossgiel Road. The bitumen sealing has also been completed and Linemarking contractors engaged.

The Springs Road

Physical earthworks are completed on the next 2-kilometre upgrade of the Hillston end of The Springs Road. The bitumen sealing has also been completed and Linemarking contractors engaged.

Watkins Road Culvert Upgrade

The culverts and headwalls have been ordered for this project and are expected to be delivered to site before mid-December. Works are not planned to commence prior to March 2025 due to current planned culvert installations throughout the shire.

Hillston, and Carrathool Boat Ramps

Hillston, and Carrathool Boat Ramp development applications have been placed on the website, and in the Hillston Spectator and Area News respectively on Public Exhibition for public comment. Hillston Boat Ramp will close November 13, 2024. Carrathool Boat Ramp will close December 4, 2024.

The DA will then be considered by Council under delegated authority. Following approval, Council can apply for annual license with Crown Lands to construct, maintain and operate this facility. The Local Land Services being the manager of this land will also be required to provide concurrence with this facilities operation in addition to the Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council.

NSW Clubgrants Category 3 Fund – Community infrastructure is currently open for submissions. These project meets the eligibility criteria, and the Hillston boat ramp submission will be lodged before the cut-off date of 25th November. Council can only submit one application each round and plan to submit the Carrathool boat ramp in next years round. Successful application will receive 50% funding for projects valued between \$50,000 and \$250,000.

Hillston Water Mains Breaks

At the October 2024 meeting, the Council asked for an update on the status of the Hillston water mains breaks. Hillston's water supply comprises 23 km of water mains, ranging from 250mm to 90 mm diameter, made of PVC (13.83km), AC (0.947km), and Poly (8.3kms) pipes, serving more than 600 residential and commercial customers.

Since July 2023, the Council has recorded eighteen (18) water mains breaks, which spread across the whole network, with no specific area/section being a matter of concern. All breaks occurred on PVC/AC pipes and may occur due to ageing, temperature and pressure fluctuations, ground settling/shifting, sudden starting and stopping pumps/valves/hydrants, excavation near water mains, etc. The Council has replaced 1,401 meters of old water mains in the last three years, and further replacement is ongoing under the capital works program.

IWCM Strategy

Council officers reviewed various scenarios presented by Public Works for feedback. The final scenario will be adopted for a draft of the IWCM strategy, which is expected to be completed by the end of June 2025. This project is externally funded and has a completion deadline of 31 December 2025.

Telemetry Replacement

Aquamonix expects to undertake a first site visit before December 2024 for some hardware installation work, followed by a second visit in March 2025 to test and commission the new telemetry system. This project is internally funded and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2025.

Hillston Water Mains Construction

The draft licence agreement was reviewed by the Council's solicitor and signed by the Council for UGL execution. Construction of the works is currently being planned, with the under-boring of the rail corridor likely to occur in February/March. This project is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Bunda Water Mains Replacement and Vegetation Clearing

The second phase of the remaining water mains replacement work is well underway. Works may be completed before December 2024; however, this project is externally funded and has a completion deadline of June 2025.

Molesworth Street Water Mains Replacement

Work is well underway to replace the old water mains on Molesworth Street. Work is expected to be completed before December 2024; however, this project is externally funded under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 and has a completion deadline of June 2025.

Carrathool Pump Station Solar Panels

Work has commenced to install solar panels. The work may be completed before December 2024; however, this project is externally funded and has a completion deadline of June 2025.

Generator (Y2)- McIntyre Hill Pump Station

The shed has been built. The generator was received at the Goolgowi depot, and installation and commissioning work will commence soon. Works may be completed before December 2024.

Material Storage Shed (Goolgowi Dam)

Shed building work is completed. Rankins Springs's additional potable storage tanks site clearing, tank placement, and stainless-steel pipework have been completed, and pipework to connect to the existing reticulation network is planned.

Hillston Sewer Mains Relining

Initial cleaning and inspection have been completed, and 208 meters of sewer main have been relined. Relining work on post-CCTV and property junctions will commence soon. Work is expected to be completed by November 2024.

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.

ATTACHMENT

Register of Local Road Maintenance					
Road Hierarchy Number	Road Name	Road No	Date Last Maintenance Grading Carried Out	Quantity (cl km)	Total Length of Road
2	Alexanders Road	102	21/08/2023	3.00	3.08
6	Altys Road	103	27/06/2023	4.50	4.46
6	Andersons Road	104	9/05/2024	1.50	6.32
6	Andersons Lane	105	31/10/2024	3.00	12.46
7	Arcadia Lane	106	23/05/2024	6.50	15.43
6	Audrey Lea Road	107	13/09/2024	20.00	30.79
6	Avondale Road	108	4/07/2024	2.80	31.56
2	Back Hillston Road	109	25/10/2024	8.00	71.14
4	Bakers Road	110	19/08/2024	6.30	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	22/05/2024	8.50	7.92
3	Booligal Road	119	28/05/2024	6.40	36.43
4	Boorga Road	120	26/07/2023	6.00	15.39
7	Bretags Road	122	5/04/2023	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	23/05/2024	1.50	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	6/03/2024	4.30	20.39
6	Carnells Road	132	29/08/2023	17.00	7.32
7	Carrego Lane	135	20/06/2024	30.00	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	17/09/2024	2.00	7.79
6	Dumossa Road	142	19/07/2024	18.50	18.62
6	Eight Mile Tank Road	143	2/08/2024	8.00	5.74
6	Euratha Road	146	25/05/2024	2.10	9.66
7	Five Oaks Road	147	3/07/2024	2.00	12.29
6	Flanagans Lane	148	20/08/2024	4.00	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	10/09/2024	12.30	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	8/12/2023	2.80	5.67
2	Gullifers Road	158	2/10/2024	8.00	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	23/05/2024	2.00	6.14
5	Higgins Lane	162	22/08/2023	10.50	8.02
6	Hillmans Lane	163	8/08/2024	7.50	5.23
6	Holdens Road	164	19/06/2023	9.00	9.51
6	Huxleys Road	165	5/08/2024	1.50	8.55
2	Ilkadoon Road	166	21/03/2024	11.50	11.66
6	Jardines Road	167	2/08/2023	12.00	24.08
6	Jennings Road	168	16/08/2024	12.00	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	24/05/2024	16.90	44.68
6	Luef's Road	176	3/08/2024	3.00	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	20/09/2024	8.50	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	2/05/2024	9.50	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	29/08/2024	34.50	65.47
7	Mitchell Track	189	10/11/2023	3.50	8.30
2	Mitchells Road	193	13/06/2024	23.20	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	14/08/2024	32.30	32.92
7	Muirheads Road	199	11/09/2023	2.13	2.13
4	Munros Road	200	7/08/2024	5.00	13.42
	Murrumbidgee River Rc	201	24/09/2024	7.00	73.97
6	Nancarrows Lane	203	16/09/2024	2.00	3.75
	Norwood Lane	205	13/02/2024	2.80	8.82
6	OBriens Road	206	26/08/2024	6.00	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	17/09/2024	1.00	10.66
3	Pinteebakana Road	216	9/05/2024	9.00	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	24/05/2024	1.50	9.23

7	Ravenshaw Road	220	4/09/2023	3.50	9.44
5	Redbank Road	221	26/06/2023	1.00	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	25/10/2024	0.50	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	21/08/2024	5.70	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	21/08/2024	6.00	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	Tysons Road	243	21/10/2024	1.00	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	17/09/2024	0.50	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	Wests Road	255	10/10/2023	6.50	6.50
4	Whealbah Road	256	8/10/2024	19.50	85.32
6	Whitton Stock Route Road	257	25/07/2024	12.00	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	Wollarma Road	260	12/05/2023	63.70	33.79
7	Wongalea Road	261	24/11/2023	4.00	4.92
6	Woods Lane	262	1/08/2024	4.50	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	
Road Hierarchy		
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 Flood Restoration Works Update

GS:PGM:DAFD22

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

Purpose: To provide a status update on the Flood Restoration Works.

Attachment: Flood Restoration Status Table.

Background

Carrathool Shire Council received Natural Disaster funding following a flood event in October 2022. Works have commenced and as per funding guidelines, Council has to June 2025 to complete the agreed works.

Issues

The 41 projects over 22 roads are listed in the attached table. The table shows that 24 of the projects are completed and a further 3 projects only require sealing before they as well are completed. Works have commenced on a further 11 projects and only 3 projects (all on Mossgiel Road) are yet to start.

Individual Active Project Updates:**Avondale Road:**

Only sealing of the intersection with the Cobb Highway is yet to completed. This will occur now the Council jetpatcher has returned.

Booligal Road:

Only sealing at the cattle grids is yet to completed. This will occur now the Council jetpatcher has returned.

Bringagee Road:

Works on has commenced on the edges and heavy patches.

Cahills Road:

Only the final seal of the patches is yet to completed. This will occur now the Council jetpatcher has returned.

Jacksons Bridge:

Murray Constructions, a bridge building contractor has provided an acceptable offer to re-cast the approach slab on the Hillston side of the bridge.

Lachlan River Road:

Works has commenced of the patches in conjunction with Councils' culvert installation.

Lowlands Road:

The culvert work is yet to be completed.

Mossgiel Road:

Project planning for this works has commenced and set-out of the heavy patching is still planned for November.

Murrumbidgee River Road:

Works have commenced.

Roto Road:

Roto road works have commenced.

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 status of the Flood Restoration Works.

ATTACHMENT

Project ID	Status
Arcadia Lane (Unsealed Works)	Completed
Audrey Lea Road (Unsealed Works)	Completed
Avondale Road (Culvert)	Completed
Avondale Road (Reconstruct)	Awaiting Sealing works
Avondale Road (Unsealed)	Completed
Barry Scenic Drive - DM01700	Completed
Barry Scenic Drive - DM01701	Completed
Blackgate (Unsealed)	Completed
Booligal Road (Reconstruct Road)	Awaiting Sealing works
Booligal Road (Unsealed Works)	Completed
Bringagee Road (Edge Repair)	Work Commenced
Bringagee Road (Pothole Repair)	Work Commenced
Bringagee Road (Reconstruct Road)	Work Commenced
Cahills Road (Reconstruct Road)	Awaiting Sealing works
Cahills Road (Reconstruct Unsealed Shoulder)	Completed
Cannards Road (Single Cell Culvert Floodway)	Completed
Cannards Road (Twin Pipe Culvert)	Completed
Cannards Road (Unsealed Works)	Completed
Carrathool Road (Pothole)	Completed
Carrathool Road (Reconstruct Road)	Completed
Erigolia Road (Reconstruct Road)	Completed
Jacksons Bridge	
Lachlan River Road (Reconstruct Road)	Work Commenced
Lachlan Valley Way (Pothole)	Work Commenced
Lachlan Valley Way (Reconstruct)	Completed
Lowlands (Culvert)	Work Commenced
Lowlands (Unsealed)	Completed
Mossgiel Road (Reconstruct Road)	
Mossgiel Road (Unsealed Works)	
Mount Grace Road (Unsealed Works)	Completed
Munros Road (Reconstruct Road)	Completed
Munros Road (Unsealed Works)	Completed
Murrumbidgee River Road (Pothole Repair)	Work Commenced
Murrumbidgee River Road (Edge Repair)	work Commenced
Murrumbidgee River Road (Pavement Reconstruction)	Work Commenced
Rankins Spring Road (Edge Repair)	Completed
Rankins Spring Road (Reconstruct Road)	Completed
Roto Road (Edge Repair)	Work Commenced
Roto Road (Reconstruct Road)	Work Commenced
Tabbita Lane (Pavement Reconstruction)	Completed
Whealbah Road (Unsealed Works)	Completed

10.6 Plant Report

PES:MTN:PR

Author: Manager Fleet & Town Services

Purpose: Plant Report as of 31 October 2024

Background

PLANT NO	HOURS KMS	TYPE	DETAILS
3053	1,933 hrs	Bomag Stabilizer	Reinforce drum with Bisalloy steel plates. Replace broken drum teeth and adaptors.
4533	2,561 hrs	Padfoot Roller	Replace air conditioning high-low pressure switch and clean air conditioning condenser and evaporator.
2065	349,764 kms	Kenworth Prime Mover	Replace shuttle valve to Hydraulic PTO.
2076	4 yrs old 16,286 kms	Street Sweeper	Replace left hand side gutter broom pneumatic ram.
4531	1,492 hrs	Padfoot Roller	Build up pad feet and hard face pads. Replace damaged air conditioning hose and regas 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 of 31 October 2024.

10.7 Plant Replacement

PES:AD:CRRPD

Author: Manager Fleet & Town Services

Purpose: Plant Replacement Report for November 2024

Background

The following vehicles will be replaced during November as per the adopted replacement schedule for 2024/2025.

Plant No.1351 Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid 2WD Wagon (40,000km) – Community Project Officers Vehicle.

Budget \$2,699.55 over 2024/2025 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Owen Toyota	Toyota Rav 4 4x2 Hybrid Wagon	38,347.19
Successful Purchase		
Blacklocks Lavington	587 Wagga Road, Lavington 2641 NSW	31,283.64
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		7,063.55

Plant No.1596 Isuzu 4x2 Manual Single Cab Utility (65,000km) – Goolgowi Storeman’s Vehicle.

Budget \$978.18 over 2024/2025 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu D Max 4x2 Single Cab Utility	37,625.73
Successful Purchase		
Blacklocks Lavington	587 Wagga Road, Lavington 2641 NSW	23,374.55
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		14,251.18

Plant No.1896 Toyota Hilux 4x4 Dual Cab Utility (45,000km) – Northern Overseers Vehicle.

Budget \$5,219.09 under 2024/2025 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu 4x4 Dual Cab Utility	48,598.91
Successful Purchase		
Burgess Farms	Hillston	43,000.00
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		5,598.91

Plant No.1898 Isuzu MU-X 4x4 Wagon (42,000km) – Manager Building and Regulatory Services Vehicle

Budget \$955.72 over 2024/2025 budget estimates.

		Amount \$ (excl GST)
Successful Supply		
Leo Franco Motors	Isuzu MUX 4x4 Wagon	50,592.26
Successful Purchase		
P Burgess	Hillston	43,636.64
Changeover cost (after GST adjustment)		6,955.72

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 November 2024.

10.8 Development Applications – November 2024

GOV:MTG:CR

Author: Manager Building & Regulatory Services

Purpose: Development Applications & Determinations – October 2024

Background

Lodgements

Type/No.	Name	Address	Development
DA2025/004	Certane CT Pty Ltd	'Yilgah' 2990 and 3065 Roto Road Hillston NSW 2675	Flood mitigation works - Levee
DA2025/005	Excel Farms Pty Ltd	654 Back Hillston Road Tabbita NSW 2652	Manufactured dwelling
DA2025/006	Excel Farms Pty Ltd	654 Back Hillston Road Tabbita NSW 2652	Manufactured dwelling
DA2025/007	Excel Farms Pty Ltd	654 Back Hillston Road Tabbita NSW 2652	Prefabricated office building
DA2025/008	Trisha and Nick Eckermann	'Woronora' 10798 Mid Western Highway Rankins Springs NSW 2669	Rural worker dwelling (Manufactured dwelling)
DA2025/009	Terrance and Jenneffer Porter	151 High Street Hillston NSW 2675	Skin penetration business
Total Estimated Value Of Works			\$2,828,593

Determination: Approved

Type/No.	Name	Address	Development	Processing Time
DA2025/003	Kiewa Park Pty Ltd	Kidman Way Goolgowi NSW 2652	Four (4) above ground metal silos	17
DA2025/005	Excel Farms Pty Ltd	654 Back Hillston Road Tabbita NSW 2652	Manufactured dwelling	10
DA2025/006	Excel Farms Pty Ltd	654 Back Hillston Road Tabbita NSW 2652	Manufactured dwelling	10

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 October 2024 be noted.

10.9 Planning Proposal – Merriwagga

LUP:PLA:LEP

Author: Manager Building and Regulatory Services

Purpose: To inform Council of the status of the Merriwagga Planning Proposal.

Background

Around 12 months ago Council submitted a planning proposal to the Department of Environment and Planning to rezone some land from RU1 Primary Production to RU5 Village and reduce lots sizes within this zone from 4,000 square metres to 1,000 square metres.

Council has received advice from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the proposal should proceed subject to conditions.

Issues

The delegate to the minister has determined the Gateway proposal can proceed subject to the following conditions.

1. Council place on public exhibition the proposal in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
2. Consultation is required from the following public authorities.
 - Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water
 - Transport for NSW
 - Crown Lands

The above agencies have been informed and have 30 days to comment on the proposal.

Council must have the changes to the LEP finalised by 5 August 2025.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Compliance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and with the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines*.

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Gateway Planning Approval for the Merriwagga Planning Proposal – subject to the conditions imposed by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

10.10 Planning Proposal – Rankins Springs

LUP:PLA:LEP

Author: Manager Building and Regulatory Services

Purpose: To inform the Council of the status of the Rankins Springs Planning Proposal.

Background

As with the Merriwagga Planning Proposal the Rankins Springs proposal was submitted to the Department of Environment and Planning over 12 months ago. The passage of the proposal has met with many challenges over this time and while not unconditionally approval would appear to be close to finalisation.

Issues

Much of the planning proposal has been impacted by potential biodiversity issues and possible costs associated with development of this area of the shire. Council has negotiated with the department of planning to get to what is possibly the most advantageous position for all stakeholders.

The delegate to the minister has determined the Gateway proposal can proceed, however it is subject to more onerous conditions to Merriwagga and still subject to ministerial review when further information is provided from other agencies.

Prior to placing the proposal on exhibition Council is required to:

1. (a) provide detailed discussions on the nature of potential flooding hazards for the subject land and provide an assessment of flooding under the Minister Direction under section 9.1 of *The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
(b) update mapping to refer to the digital maps rather than PDF maps.
2. Prior to exhibition again consult with Rural Fire Service and take into account comments made.
3. Prior to exhibition the revised planning proposal is to be sent to the Department for review and approval.
4. The following public authorities are to be consulted and given 30 working days to comment on the proposal: -
 - NSW Department of Climate Change Energy, the Environment and Water – Biodiversity, Conservation and Science and Flooding teams.
 - Crown Lands.

After completing all the above public is then required. A public hearing is not required.

Financial implications

Nil

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Compliance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines and specific directions contained within the Gateway Determination.

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

That state government bureaucracy and regulation may prevent the completion of the planning proposal due to the financial cost of state government compliance imposing unreasonable costs on any housing development in Rankins Springs.

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 1 – Thriving and Liveable Communities.

Recommendation:

That Council note the status of the Rankins Springs proposal and the additional compliance obligation placed on the development by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in order to obtain state government approval for housing development opportunities in Rankins Springs.

10.11 Finance Report – Statement of Bank Balances – October 2024

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Statement of Bank Balances – October 2024

Background

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

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 October 2024				
CASHBOOK SUMMARY				Data for October 2024
Balance As at 01/10/2024 (Consolidated Funds)				\$200,145.19
		Add For October 2024	Total for 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025	
Rates/Water/Debtor Receipts	\$3,241,680.09	\$244,317.39	\$3,485,997.48	
Investments Recalled	\$12,118,132.46	\$2,870,164.38	\$14,988,296.84	
RMS - RMCC, Block, Repair	\$840,500.00	\$0.00	\$840,500.00	
RMS - Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RMS - Flood Damage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
RMS - Regional Roads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Grant - Roads to Recovery Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FAG - General & Local Roads	\$329,919.00	\$0.00	\$329,919.00	
All Other Misc Grant Payments	\$335,618.07	\$265,369.13	\$600,987.20	
Planning Receipts	\$141,184.00	\$52,714.00	\$193,898.00	
Plant / Property Trade-Ins & Sales	\$319,617.00	\$218,626.32	\$538,243.32	
Other Receipts	\$1,286,703.69	\$513,666.87	\$1,800,370.56	
Sub Total Receipts	\$18,613,354.31	\$4,164,858.09	\$22,778,212.40	\$4,164,858.09
		Add For October 2024	Total for 01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025	
LESS PAYMENTS				
Wages (Net of PAYG & Other Deductions)	(\$1,804,179.73)	(\$698,795.13)	(\$2,502,974.86)	
Plant Acquisitions	(\$654,826.17)	(\$94,957.91)	(\$749,784.08)	
Invested	(\$11,000,000.00)	(\$1,200,000.00)	(\$12,200,000.00)	
Other Creditors Payments	(\$5,071,806.80)	(\$2,150,327.32)	(\$7,222,134.12)	
Sub Total Payments	(\$18,530,812.70)	(\$4,144,080.36)	(\$22,674,893.06)	(\$4,144,080.36)
Cashbook Balance 31/10/2024				\$220,922.92
BANK STATEMENTS				
Opening Balance 01/10/2024 (CSC's CBA Main Transaction Account)				\$209,998.57
Less Bank Payments				(\$3,804,373.03)
Plus Bank Receipts				\$3,823,750.99
Total As Per Bank Statements				\$229,376.53
Plus Unpresented Deposits				\$1,278.90
Less Unpresented Cheques				(\$9,732.51)
Reconciliation Cash Book Balance to Bank Statements 31/10/2024				\$220,922.92

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 31 October 2024 and confirm payment of accounts as summarised in the reconciliation statement totalling \$4,144,080.36.

10.12 Finance Report – Investments Schedule – October 2024

FM:FR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Schedule of Investments – October 2024

Background

Details of Council’s investments as at 31 October 2024 are provided below:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS - 31 OCTOBER 2024							
Last Month @ 30/09/24	Financial Institution	Date Raised	Interest Rate	Duration (Days)	Maturity Date	Current Month @ 31/10/24	Change
\$561,431.98	CBA	27-Sep-24	4.84%	123 Days	28-Jan-25	\$561,431.98	\$0.00
\$550,399.61	CBA	20-Aug-24	4.69%	92 Days	20-Nov-24	\$550,399.61	\$0.00
\$557,468.50	CBA	27-Sep-24	4.84%	123 Days	28-Jan-25	\$557,468.50	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	CBA	29-Aug-24	4.72%	120 Days	27-Dec-24	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
\$553,939.28	CBA	28-Aug-24	4.69%	90 Days	26-Nov-24	\$553,939.28	\$0.00
\$1,619,027.73	CBA	30-Sep-24	4.83%	120 Days	28-Jan-25	\$1,619,027.73	\$0.00
\$548,685.96	CBA	09-Sep-24	4.81%	91 Days	09-Dec-24	\$548,685.96	\$0.00
\$548,209.66	CBA	27-Sep-24	4.84%	123 Days	28-Jan-25	\$548,209.66	\$0.00
\$533,678.33	Bendigo Bank	07-Dec-23	4.80%	368 Days	09-Dec-24	\$533,678.33	\$0.00
\$102,021.53	Bendigo Bank	03-Jul-24	4.00%	184 Days	03-Jan-25	\$102,021.53	\$0.00
\$26,526.62	Bendigo Bank	14-Oct-24	4.00%	185 Days	17-Apr-25	\$27,062.95	\$536.33
\$553,069.61	Westpac	04-Sep-24	4.91%	91 Days	04-Dec-24	\$553,069.61	\$0.00
\$510,466.58	Westpac	29-Oct-24	4.89%	92 Days	29-Jan-25	\$516,874.12	\$6,407.54
\$2,336,508.57	Westpac	30-Aug-24	4.89%	91 Days	29-Nov-24	\$2,336,508.57	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	Westpac	29-Aug-24	4.89%	92 Days	29-Nov-24	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,058,654.89	Westpac	19-Jul-24	5.02%	123 Days	19-Nov-24	\$2,058,654.89	\$0.00
\$1,600,000.00	Westpac	Recall IBD \$1,600,000.00 + \$20,164.38				\$0.00	(\$1,600,000.00)
\$508,406.30	Westpac	29-Aug-24	4.89%	92 Days	29-Nov-24	\$508,406.30	\$0.00
\$2,336,894.43	Westpac	30-Aug-24	4.98%	153 Days	30-Jan-25	\$2,336,894.43	\$0.00
\$528,338.34	Westpac	29-Aug-24	4.89%	92 Days	29-Nov-24	\$528,338.34	\$0.00
\$1,074,763.78	Westpac	29-Aug-24	4.95%	183 Days	28-Feb-25	\$1,074,763.78	\$0.00
\$567,117.32	NAB	28-Oct-24	4.95%	\$92.00	28-Jan-25	\$574,081.21	\$6,963.89
\$547,761.00	NAB	02-Sep-24	5.00%	153 Days	02-Feb-25	\$547,761.00	\$0.00
\$500,000.00	NAB	29-Aug-24	5.00%	153 Days	29-Jan-25	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
\$527,141.06	NAB	27-Sep-24	4.95%	122 Days	27-Jan-25	\$527,141.06	\$0.00
\$524,938.90	NAB	09-Sep-24	4.95%	91 Days	09-Dec-24	\$524,938.90	\$0.00
\$1,029,348.66	NAB	18-Jul-24	5.10%	183 Days	17-Jan-25	\$1,029,348.66	\$0.00
\$1,600,000.00	NAB	01-Jul-24	5.05%	154 Days	02-Dec-24	\$1,600,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,067,967.47	NAB	19-Aug-24	4.98%	90 Days	17-Nov-24	\$2,067,967.47	\$0.00
\$538,190.29	NAB	16-Sep-24	4.95%	91 Days	16-Dec-24	\$538,190.29	\$0.00
\$514,762.56	NAB	27-Sep-24	4.95%	122 Days	27-Jan-25	\$514,762.56	\$0.00
\$3,087,251.40	NAB	24-Sep-24	4.95%	122 Days	24-Jan-25	\$3,087,251.40	\$0.00
\$514,750.36	NAB	30-Sep-24	4.95%	122 Days	30-Jan-25	\$514,750.36	\$0.00
\$512,342.37	NAB	02-Sep-24	4.95%	90 Days	01-Dec-24	\$512,342.37	\$0.00
\$544,784.30	NAB	17-Oct-24	4.95%	90 Days	15-Jan-25	\$553,888.92	\$9,104.62
\$2,117,816.27	NAB	27-Aug-24	5.00%	90 Days	25-Nov-24	\$2,117,816.27	\$0.00
\$562,726.53	NAB	09-Sep-24	4.95%	91 Days	09-Dec-24	\$562,726.53	\$0.00
\$549,214.22	NAB	02-Sep-24	4.95%	90 Days	01-Dec-24	\$549,214.22	\$0.00
\$1,657,911.30	IMB	29-Aug-24	4.75%	91 Days	28-Nov-24	\$1,657,911.30	\$0.00
\$557,186.47	IMB	16-Oct-24	4.75%	92 Days	16-Jan-25	\$563,997.88	\$6,811.41
\$514,376.35	IMB	18-Oct-24	4.75%	91 Days	17-Jan-25	\$520,596.08	\$6,219.73
\$1,600,000.00	IMB	01-Jul-24	4.95%	126 Days	04-Nov-24	\$1,600,000.00	\$0.00
\$2,118,117.60	IMB	30-Aug-24	4.80%	129 Days	06-Jan-25	\$2,118,117.60	\$0.00
\$2,409,948.92	IMB	28-Aug-24	4.75%	92 Days	28-Nov-24	\$2,409,948.92	\$0.00
\$548,899.88	IMB	05-Sep-24	4.75%	90 Days	04-Dec-24	\$548,899.88	\$0.00
\$545,501.01	IMB	17-Oct-24	4.75%	120 Days	14-Feb-25	\$552,169.57	\$6,668.56
\$44,366,545.94						\$42,809,258.02	(\$1,557,287.92)

ON CALL INVESTMENTS							
\$1,870,693.99	CBA	Variable	4.20%	N/A	On Call A/c	\$1,829,795.88	(\$40,898.11)
	Movements On Call Funds		CBA				
	01-Oct-24	Interest	\$9,101.89				
	During Month	From On Call	(\$1,250,000.00)				
	During Month	To On Call	\$1,200,000.00				
	On Call - Net Change for Month		(\$40,898.11)				
\$1,870,693.99						\$1,829,795.88	(\$40,898.11)
\$46,237,239.93						\$44,639,053.90	(\$1,598,186.03)
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 1/10/24	CLOSING 31/10/24	VARIATION OCT
IBDs	44,366,545.94	42,809,258.02	(1,557,287.92)
On Call Funds	1,870,693.99	1,829,795.88	(40,898.11)
TOTAL	46,237,239.93	44,639,053.90	(1,598,186.03)

Analysis – Change During Month:

	VARIATION – OCT 2024
ADD – Interest Incorporated in IBDs Rolled Over	42,712.08
ADD – New IBDs	0
LESS – IBDs recalled	(1,600,000.00)
ADD – Interest from On Call Funds	9,101.89
LESS – On Call Funds recalled	(1,250,000.00)
ADD – Funds applied to On Call Funds	1,200,000.00
TOTAL VARIATION	(1,598,186.03)

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 04/2025) \$27,062.95

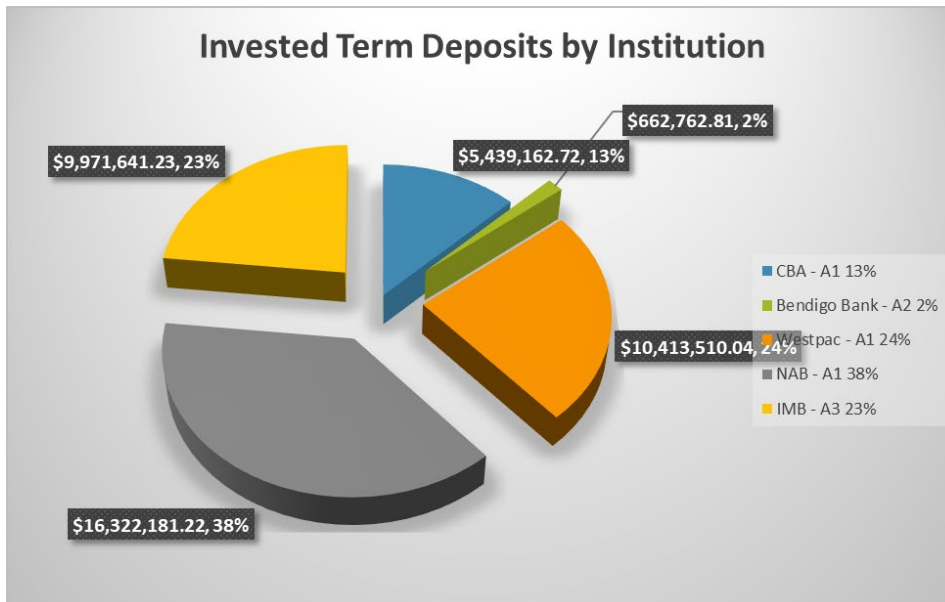
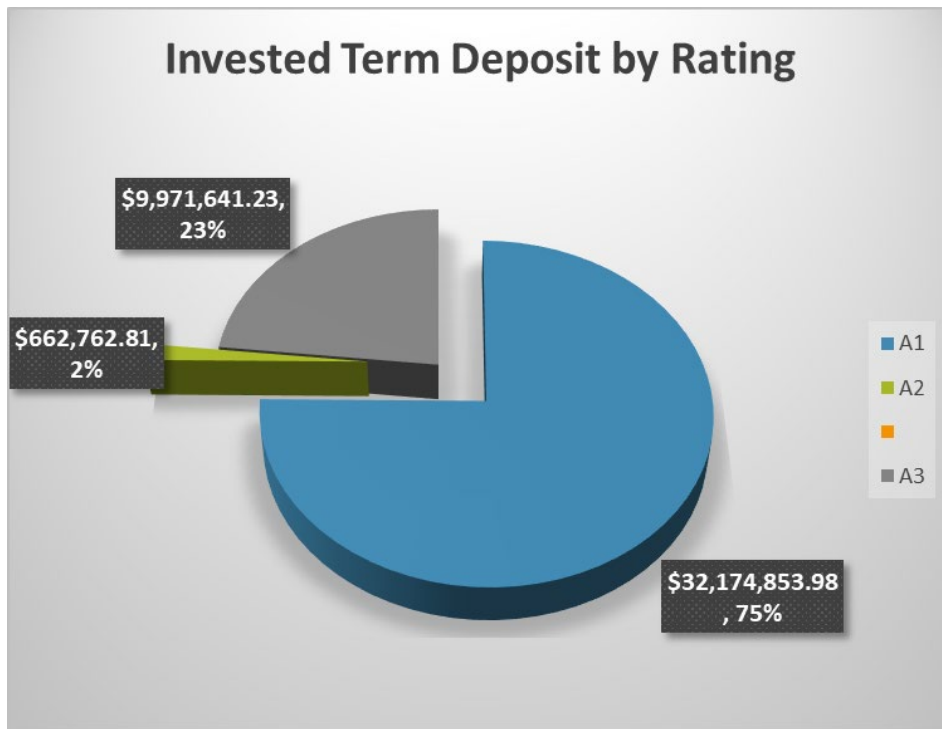
Compliance with Policy Limits:

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:

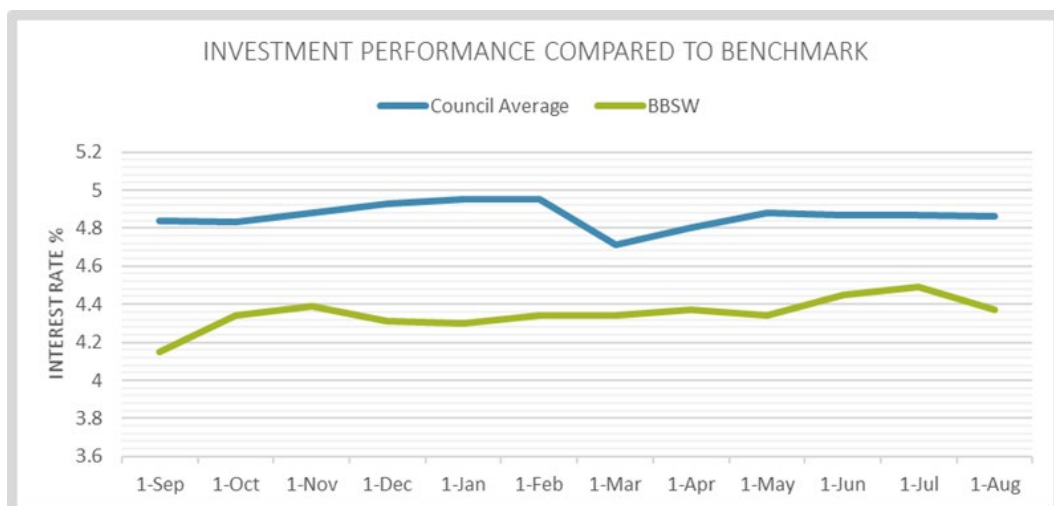
S&P LONG TERM CREDIT RATING*	S&P SHORT TERM CREDIT RATING*	PORTFOLIO MAXIMUM
AAA Category	A1 +	50%
AA Category or Major Bank** (see note below)	A1	50%
A Category	A2	30%
BBB Category	A3	30%
NSW Treasury Corp Hour Glass Facility	Unrated	30%
Unrated Authorised Deposit Taking Institution	Unrated	10%

*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



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 31 October 2024 and it be noted that 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 Regulation and Council's Investment Policy.

10.13 Community Strategic Plan Review

CM:PLA:DSCBP

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Direction for the review of the existing Community Strategic Plan

Background

Section 402 Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to develop a Community Strategic Plan (CSP) with a minimum ten-year timeframe identifying the main priorities and aspirations of the community for the future of the local government area.

The CSP must be reviewed every four years, and each newly elected Council must complete the review by 30 June in the year following local government elections. A minimum ten-year horizon must be maintained for the reviewed CSP.

Issues

The current community strategic plan was developed following the 2021 local government elections and endorsed by Council in May 2022 following a 28-day public exhibition period where no submissions were received.

An extensive and comprehensive program of community consultation was undertaken in late 2021 across all towns and villages in the local government area to determine whether community priorities and objectives remained the same or whether there were any significant changes that would impact Council strategies.

Overall, the feedback from more than 500 community participants was positive and consistent with current service levels provided by Council. The new CSP developed following this community engagement has been in place for a shorter than usual period. Council may wish to consider the form that the 2024/25 review of the CSP will take given the currency of the existing document. There will be opportunities for the community to consider the plan and make submissions or comments prior to Council making a final consideration.

A new Delivery Program will be developed. This document will be designed as a single point of reference for all the principal activities undertaken by Council during its term of office. Should Council be satisfied with the direction of the CSP, the delivery program will be developed from the goals contained within the current document.

Financial implications

There will be costs involved in undertaking community consultation dependent on the determination of Council

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Office of Local Government – IP&R Guidelines 2021

Policy implications

Nil

Risk implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Complete Community Strategic Plan – Towards 2032 our vision, our plan.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- 1. note the status of the Community Strategic Plan.**
- 2. review the plan at the February 2025 meeting of Council.**
- 3. hold an open day at the Goolgowi and Hillston Offices to allow the community to provide input or ask questions regarding the plan.**

10.14 Annual Report – 2023/2024

IM:PUB:AR

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: To present the 2023/2024 Annual Report

Separately Circulated: [Annual Report 2023/2024](#)

Background

Under the provisions of Section 428 *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to prepare an Annual Report by 30 November each year reporting on its achievements during the previous financial year against objectives and performance targets set out in the Community Strategic Plan – Towards 2032, together with any other information required by clause 217 *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* or the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines provided by the Office of Local Government.

Issues

The Annual Report is a key point of accountability between council and the community.

In this Annual Report, Council details its achievements in implementing both the Delivery Program and Operational Plan and the effectiveness of its principal activities in achieving the objectives contained in the Delivery Program. The Annual Report contains comprehensive information on all key initiatives and recurrent programs/projects undertaken during 2023/2024.

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government Act 1993 section 428

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 clause 217

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance.

Objective 5.3: – Encourage our community to be engaged and informed, and active in shaping our shire's future.

Objective 5.3.3: – Where appropriate, share transparent and high-quality information with our community and stakeholders.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the 2023/2024 Annual Report.

10.15 Audit Report on Annual Financial Statements for 2023/2024

FM:AUD:CASA

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Purpose: To present the audit reports for the 2023/24 annual financial statements. Separately Circulated: [Independent Auditor Reports](#)

Background

Council's Annual Financial Statements for 2023/24 have been finalised and submitted to the Office of Local Government in accordance with statutory requirements.

In accordance with Council's standard arrangements, both the NSW Audit Office and their contracted auditor, Crowe Australasia, have been invited to formally present the audit report for 2023/24 to Council. This year, Mr Brad Bohun from Crowe Australasia will provide a presentation detailing the audit outcome.

Copies of the audited financial statements incorporating the independent auditor reports have been available for inspection at the Hillston District Office, the Goolgowi Council Chambers, the WG Parker Memorial Library and on Council's website since Monday 4 November.

In accordance with section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to Council's audited financial statements or the audit reports. Any submissions were required to be lodged with Council by 4.00pm Friday 15 November 2024.

A copy of the Annual Financial Statements 2023/24 will be tabled at the meeting and a summary is provided below:

	2024 \$ '000	2023 \$ '000
Income Statement		
Total income from continuing operations	39,141	36,782
Total expenses from continuing operations	25,383	24,317
Operating result from continuing operations	13,758	12,465
Net operating result for the year	13,758	12,465
Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	7,717	8,876
Statement of Financial Position		
Total current assets	50,059	42,640
Total current liabilities	(5,170)	(6,484)
Total non-current assets	293,820	274,083
Total non-current liabilities	(5,057)	(5,253)
Total equity	333,652	304,986
Other financial information		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	17.29	10.59
Operating performance ratio (%)	23.14%	26.35%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	29.81	31.25
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	7.48%	10.23%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	127.82%	105.82%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	33.12%	32.10%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	25.44	25.95

Issues

Nil

Financial implications

Financial results determine Council's ability to provide goods, services and facilities and to carry out activities appropriate to the current and future needs of the local community.

Statutory implications (Governance including Legal)

Local Government Act 1993

Australian Accounting Standards and Professional Pronouncements

Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

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 2023/2024 independent audit reports on the annual financial statements.

10.16 First Quarter Budget Review 2024/2025

FM:BUD: REV

Author: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose: Review Revenue & Expenditure Projections – 1st Quarter of 2024/25Separately Circulated: [Consolidated Budget Review Statement – 1st Quarter 2024/25](#)**Background**

In accordance with Clause 203 (Budget Review Statements and Revision of Estimates) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:

- (1) Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a Council must prepare and submit to the Council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the Council's Revenue Policy included in the Operational Plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.
- (2) A budget review statement must include or be accompanied by:
 - (a) A report as to whether or not the responsible accounting officer believes that the statement indicates that the financial position of the Council is satisfactory, having regard to the original estimate of income and expenditure; and
 - (b) If that position is unsatisfactory, recommendation for remedial action.

In accordance with Clause 211 (Authorisation of expenditure) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:

- (1) A council, or a person purporting to act on behalf of a council, must not incur a liability for the expenditure of money unless the council at the annual meeting held in accordance with subclause (2) or at a later ordinary meeting:
 - (a) has approved the expenditure, and
 - (b) has voted the money necessary to meet the expenditure.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) presents a summary of Council's financial position at the end of the first quarter for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

The quarterly budget review process is the mechanism through which Council and the community are informed of Council's progress against the Operational Plan (annual budget), together with recommendations for changes and reasons for any budget variations.

The QBRS provides a global analysis of actual revenue and expenditure for the 1st quarter of 2024/25 and includes the following summaries:

- General Fund Operational Summary by Function
- General Fund Operational Summary by Business Unit
- General Fund Project Expenditure (includes capital)
- GF Operational/Capital Variation Commentary
- Water & Sewer Schemes Financial Summary
- Water & Sewer Schemes Variation Commentary
- Water & Sewer Schemes Operational/Capital
- Movements associated with External & Internal Restrictions on Cash & Investments

Financial Implications

GENERAL FUND – ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE ANALYSIS

The adopted Operational Plan for the general fund showed a surplus budget of \$142,284 for 2024/25. The net vote variations proposed for the 1st quarter of 2024/25 result in a surplus of \$383,682.

This improved surplus primarily results from the removal of LRCI 4 expenditure included in both the original budget and the revoted budget from 2023/24 (\$225k). Insurance budgets completed for 2024/25 across all business areas have been amended to match actuals resulting in a net expenditure reduction of \$31,684. Rates income has been amended to reflect actual amounts following the issue of 2024/25 rates notices resulting in increased income of \$35,200. Other major amendments include the following:

- Construction of RFS brigade station at Rankins Springs (\$930k) offset by matching grant funding
- Construction of Goolgowi school crossings (\$200,332) funded under the Get NSW Active grant program
- Culvert installation program (\$297,158) funded from the roads reserve
- Increased Block Grant funding (\$31k) matched by an increase in the regional roads maintenance budget
- Increase in the FAGs General Component budget (\$105,343) transferred to the development reserve
- Decrease in the FAGs Roads Component budget (\$58,615) offset by a matching reduction in the local roads maintenance budget
- Increase in s7.11 contributions income budget to better align with Q1 actuals (\$200k). As required this amount has been transferred to the externally restricted s7.11 reserve
- Request for \$47k to be funded from general revenue for the Lake Woorabinda Festival 2025. Staff will continue to actively seek grant funding for the festival.

Council has been allocated Roads to Recovery funding of \$12,819,101 for the five-year funding period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029. Council will again be able to determine the projects on which this funding will be spent and when these projects will be delivered over the life of the program. Council has not included any funding under this program in the 2024/25 budget.

WATER – ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE ANALYSIS

The adopted Operational Plan for the combined water funds showed a cash budget surplus of \$52,451 for 2024/25. The net vote variations proposed for the 1st quarter of 2024/25 result in a surplus of \$30,451.

Changes for this quarter all relate to capital works projects. Due to recent water mains breakages in the Yoolaroi scheme, additional mains replacement works were undertaken while the contractor was on site to ensure minimal additional costs (\$16.5k). Five new stop valves were replaced within the Carrathool scheme instead of the 4 included in the original budget (\$2.5k). Equipment prices increased relating to the upgrade of the Melbergen switchboard upgrade works from the time the original budget was prepared (\$3k). Carry forward works for additional water storage at the Hillston aerodrome were not included in the August report to Council (\$21,477). These works were funded within the Hillston water scheme.

SEWER – ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE ANALYSIS

The adopted Operational Plan for the combined sewer funds showed a cash budget surplus of \$257,510 (including telemetry) for 2024/25. There have been no vote variations proposed for the 1st quarter of 2024/25 and consequently the result remains unchanged as a surplus of \$257,510.

CONTRACTS

The following table provides details of contracts entered into by Council during the September quarter:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL		QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 SEPT 2024		
CONTRACTS BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT NEW CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO DURING THIS 1 ST QUARTER				
CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT DETAIL & PURPOSE	CONTRACT VALUE	START DATE	BUDGETED (Y/N)
Bruce Rock	Tri-Axle Side Tipper	170,248	01/07/2024	Y

Notes:

1. *Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 – whichever is the lesser.*
2. *Contracts listed are those entered into during the reporting quarter & exclude contractors on Council's preferred supplier list.*
3. *Contracts for employment are not required to be included.*

CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES

Details of consultancy and legal fees paid are shown in the table below:

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL		QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 SEPT 2024	
CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT CONSULTANCY & LEGAL EXPENSES OVERVIEW			
EXPENSE TYPE		YTD EXPENDITURE (ACTUAL DOLLARS)	BUDGETED (Y/N)
Consultants*		0	
Legal Fees – Debt Recovery		1,974	Y
Legal Fees - General		765	Y

** A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high-level specialist or professional advice to assist decision-making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.*

CASH & INVESTMENTS HELD AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Funds have been invested in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Council’s Investment Policy and Council meeting resolutions.

The Cash at Bank figure has been reconciled to Council’s physical bank statements. The completion date of this bank reconciliation is 30 September 2024.

Cash at Bank (All Funds)	\$200,145.19
<u>Investments (On Call & Term Deposits)</u>	<u>\$46,237,239.93</u>
Cash & Investments – as at 30/9/24	<u>\$46,437,385.12</u>

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 – Clause 203 & Clause 211

QBRS Guidelines, Office of Local Government 2010

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 the Budget Review for the 1st quarter of 2024/2025 be noted and the vote variations as listed in both the budget review statement and this report be approved.

10.17 Community Development Officer Report – November 2024

ED:TOU:TEP

Author: Community Development Officer

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

Attachment: Initial Design – Art Wall Lake Woorabinda

Background**EV Charger Installation**

Council was successful with a funding application for installation of EV Chargers at Goolgowi Caravan Park and Hillston Library Car Park. The Chargers have now been installed and are operational. Costs are as per quoted prices.

Council's website and tourism advertising is being updated to include the availability of EV Charging in Goolgowi and Hillston. Tariffs for the use of the chargers has been set in line with current electricity prices for the locations.

Goolgowi Pump Track

Made possible by the NSW Governments Places to Play program and additional funding from Council the Goolgowi Pump Track construction is now complete. The pump track is now open for use by the community and a plaque will be installed at the site recognising the funding bodies contribution to the project. Staff are looking at opportunities to turf the surrounding track area.

Stronger Country Communities Round 5 – Lake Woorabinda Beautification

An artist has been engaged to prepare a design for the art wall and amenities building at Lake Woorabinda.

The attachment shows the locations for the art and the initial design for the art walls. The flora shown in the design is local to the area with the background showing blue for the lake and pink for the sunset. If this design is approved by Council a further design for the amenities wall will be created.

The Riverina (Visit Riverina)

Council Officers attended the Canberra Caravan and Camping Show as part of the Visit Riverina Tourism Group. The weekend was a great success and as part of the promotion of the Riverina area the group promoted a "Taste the Riverina" stand which included Hillston Black Garlic products being promoted.

Kidman Way – Backtrack to the Outback Tourism Brochure

Council as a member of the Kidman Way Committee have engaged a graphic designer to finalise the new Kidman Way tourism brochure. We are hoping to have the brochure finalised and printed for distribution in the coming months.

Grant Applications

- TfNSW, New School Bus Stop Shelter, Goolgowi – Pending
- Create NSW, Swimming Pool Murals – Unsuccessful
- Festivals Australia, Lake Woorabinda Arts Workshop – Pending
- Australia Day Council, Hillston Live Music Event – Successful
- Growing Regions Program, Hillston Arid Zone Botanic Garden - Pending

Information Distributed to the Community

- Clubgrants Category 3 funding
- ANZAC Community Grants Program
- Crown Reserves Improvement Fund
- Local Sport Defibrillator Program
- Australia Day Award Nomination Forms

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 November 2024.

ATTACHMENT

Initial Design – Art Wall Lake Woorabinda



— Locations of art wall and mural

10.18 Regional Drought Resilience Plan

GS:PRO:GP

Author: Community Development and Projects Manager

Purpose: To inform Council of the progress with the Regional Drought Resilience Plan (10 Year Economic Resilience Roadmap)

Separately Circulated: [Hay and Carrathool Regional Drought Resilience Plan Summary Paper 2024](#)

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.

The consortium 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 included consultation with stakeholders in both Hay and Carrathool Shire Councils primary producers, local business and members of the communities were all invited to contribute to the plan.

Issues

The Regional Drought Resilience Plan is nearing completion with the final round of community consultation conducted in September. Attached to this report is the Summary Consultation Paper which summarises the key strategies and actions from the full Hay and Carrathool Regional Drought Resilience Plan. The full plan was delivered to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment at the end of October.

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 the Hay and Carrathool Regional Drought Resilience Plan Summary Consultation Report, dated October 2024.

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – Chairman’s Report

FM:AUD:INT

Author: Chairperson Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Mr John Batchelor

Purpose: To inform Council of the endorsement of the Draft Annual Financial Statement for 2023/2024.

Background

Carrathool Shire Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee

Chairperson’s Report – ARIC Meeting 16th October 2024

The Chairperson welcomed ARIC members together with non voting members, Council’s Internal auditor, and staff who were in attendance.

Being the first meeting of the newly formed Committee the Chairperson introduced himself and gave an overview of his background and experience, and his desire for the Committee to develop a good working relationship with Council’s General Manager and staff, Councils Internal and External auditors , and the NSW Audit Office.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider and review the 2023/24 Draft Financial Statements. The Committee reviewed the Financial Statements and focused on a number of key areas as listed below –

- *Income Statement – net operating result (Consolidated and for each fund)*
- *Statement of Financial Position – (Consolidated and for each Fund)*
- *Assets and Depreciation*
- *Borrowings*
- *Grants and Contributions*
- *Material Budget variations*
- *External and Internal restrictions*
- *Level of Unrestricted Cash*
- *Infrastructure Property Plant and Equipment*
- *Contract Liabilities*
- *Commitments for future years*
- *Performance Measures and Ratios*
- *Report on Condition of Infrastructure Assets as at 30 June 2024*

As a result of discussions the following Recommendation was passed by the Committee –
That the ARIC notes the 2023/24 Draft Financial Statements as presented and endorses their presentation to Council and the NSW Audit Office.

Appreciation was extended to Council’s finance staff involved in the finalisation of the Statements in a timely manner.

The Chairperson also expressed his appreciation in receiving comprehensive and detailed responses to finance matters, operational and capital projects, financial issues currently before Council and a number of items contained in the Financial Statements.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held in early December 2024

John Batchelor
Chairperson

17th October 2024

Issues

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications (Governance including Legal)

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Implications

Nil

Community Strategic Plan

Goal 5 – Civic Leadership and Governance.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Carrathool Shire Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Chairpersons report from the committee meeting held 16 October 2024.

12. Closed Council Reports

Nil

13. Next Meeting

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of Council will be held at the **Goolgowi Council Chambers** on **17 December 2024** commencing at **10.00 am**.